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## Advertising awards

The Grosse Pointe News advertising department garnered two awards in the Advertising & Promotions 2005 contest held by the Suburban Newspapers of America.

The top award received was a first place for Best Single Ad. The ad was for Edmund T. Ahee Jewelers.

The News also earned a third place in Best New Special Section for its Women in Business 2005 publication.

"We congratulate our advertising staff and our loyal advertisers for earning this North American award," said John Minnis, editor and general manager. Advertising is often overlooked as part of a good newspaper's overall content mix. It is good to see it earn the recognition it deserves as an important source of information."



Photo by Robert McKean

Amid fanfare, the new Village Ace celebrated its grand opening Tuesday with a ribbon cutting, games, food and prizes. From left are Gary Dingman, Ace director of corporate sales, City Manager Michael Overton, Mayor Dale Scrace and store manager Randy Costa.

## Village Ace the place

By Bob St. John  
 Staff Writer

Ace was the place to be Tuesday in the Village shopping district.

After weeks of intense work to refurbish and restock the old Damman Hardware that occupied the building, Ace Hardware officials

unveiled the new-and-improved store.

"This is an exciting day for everyone," the City of Grosse Pointe Mayor Dale Scrace said. "We want to make it (Village Ace Hardware) the best of the seven that opened today. It's an

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## 93% register for school; 600 remain

By Ann L. Fouty  
 Staff Writer

Some 93.5 percent of the Grosse Pointe Public school population has had its residency verified.

There was a steady trickle of residents stopping in late afternoon on the last day of registration, Thursday, Aug. 4.

"The last day we expected a crush. It's been a steady trickle," said Chris Cullen, one of the registration coordinators and volunteer coordinator. "We had 10 people in line on Tuesday and that was our longest line."

Al Ludvigsen, who has a student at Trombly, said he had to wait until the last minute because of vacation and receiving original copies of his bills.

Original copies of utility bills, property tax statements, mortgage papers or

rental agreements were required to verify registration.

Rosemarie DiRita of Harper Woods was traveling during the month of July, thus eliminating most opportunities to make the trip to North High School.

Both DiRita and Ludvigsen said the procedure of about 10 minutes went smoothly.

"It was smooth as silk and efficient," DiRita said. "It went fine."

They also agree that the idea of registering is a good idea to keep out those who don't pay property taxes in the district.

Cullen said the idea wasn't to deny any child an education, but to assure a quality education to all Grosse Pointe students and provide

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## WEEK AHEAD

### Friday, Aug. 12

Participants in the Youth Summer Reading program of the Grosse Pointe Public Library will present a program at 11 a.m. at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial's Fries Auditorium, 32 Lakeshore. September Productions will perform three short plays. Free tickets are available at the Youth Reference Desk at any of the three libraries.

### Sunday, Aug. 14

The City of Detroit's Benefit, a motorcycle ride and party, "Let's Ride 4 CHD Kids," begins at noon at the Wolverine Harley-Davidson in Clinton Township and ends at CHD's Grosse Pointe Woods campus, 900 Cook. A post-ride event at the Cook Road campus runs from 2 to 5 p.m. It includes a display of the motorcycles in the event, a raffle, entertainment and refreshments. For more information, call (313) 710-5450.

### Monday, Aug. 15

The Grosse Pointe Board of Education meets at 8 p.m. at Maire Elementary School.

The Grosse Pointe Woods city council meets at 7:30 p.m. at 20025 Mack Plaza.

The City of Grosse Pointe council meeting begins at 7 p.m. at City Hall, 17147 Maumee.

The Grosse Pointe Farms-City Little League board of directors meets at 6 p.m. at the Neighborhood Club.

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## Dog Days contest

Gerri Farrar from Clinton Township and her dog, Heidi, are ready for the dog/owner look-alike and costume contests.

The Pet contest Dog Day of Summer was held Aug. 6 at the Children's Home of Detroit. The event was hosted by the Soroptimist International of Grosse Pointe and the Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society to benefit the Children's Home of Detroit — Youth Assistance Services.

See the News Extra page for contest winners and more photos.

## Developers woo City for Village

By Brad Lindbert  
 Staff Writer

The paper chase is on.

Three business days to develop a parking lot in the Village, 23 responses had been delivered to City of Grosse Pointe headquarters.

The farthest came from a company in North Carolina, indicating news travels fast when profit is likely.

"The development community has kept a close eye on our Village and Grosse Pointe in general," said Mayor Dale Scrace. "It could be a very significant project, no question."

City officials want to increase density in the

Village by, in part, transforming a municipally-owned 1.2-acre parking lot into a multi-use complex.

The lot is located between Kercheval between Notre Dame and St. Clair

Preferred uses include combinations of retail, commercial, residential and office space.

"My hope is we're ready to start (construction) by spring 2006," Scrace said, adding that such a timeline represents a best case scenario. "It would be my wildest dream."

Under the city's updated master plan, buildings in

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## POINTER OF INTEREST

### Raymonia Dale

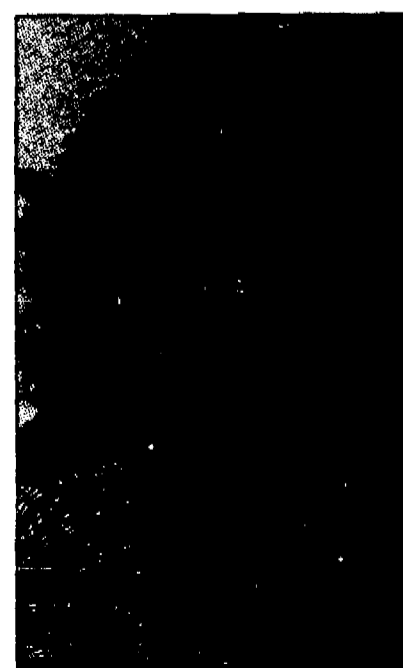
Home: Grosse Pointe Park

Family: Daughter, Miranda, 14; son James, 11

Occupation: Works for SEMCOG; attends University of Detroit Mercy, working toward a degree in legal administration

Quote: "Martin Luther King Jr. said, 'I don't want to be judged by the color of my skin, but by the content of my character.'"

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Raymonia Dale

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## yesterday's headlines

### 50 years ago this week

■ The number of elm trees in Grosse Pointe Woods infected with Dutch elm disease totals 233. The figure is a four-fold increase over last year at this time.

Grosse Pointe Shores reports 32 cases this year compared to only three by August of last year.

The City has 19 more cases for a total of 22. Farms figures show a gain of two, or a total of 27. The Park is holding its own with 33 cases in 1954 and 33 this year.

■ Judging by the weakened condition of many trees knocked down by last week's big storm, the Grosse Pointe

community needs to take better care of its urban forest.

Criticism comes from Civil Defense representatives.

"Most of the trees that toppled were defective in some way," says Harry Furton, secretary of the local Civil Defense unit. "Had expert tree men repaired them, they could have been doctored or felled."

■ Three cases of polio are disclosed in the Pointe during July, according to a monthly report by the Grosse Pointe health commissioner.

### 25 years ago this week

■ Property at 123 Kercheval on the Hill in Grosse Pointe Farms, having gone through a number of transformations and owners through the years, will once again open its doors this fall as a new restaurant under ownership of the same people who previously had the Bronze Door at the location.

■ Matthew Patterson, mayor of Grosse Pointe Park, says his community is pursuing establishment of its own district court.

The revelation comes a month after a plan to combine all Grosse Pointe municipal courts into a one-

## 50 years ago this week



### Woods Little Leaguers win Pointe championship

Champs of the Pointes' Little Leaguers, the jubilant Woods Tigers, hold statues received after defeating the Farms Indians 5-3 to capture the first annual Grosse Pointe Little League baseball tournament Aug. 3 at Ghesquiere Field. Behind the champions are, from left, Lars Anderson, president of the Woods league; Manager Charles Johnson, who is receiving the trophy from Elmer Van Tiem, president of the Park league and tournament director; and coaches John LeBlond and Ray Steffers of the Tigers. (Photo by Fred Runnells. From the Aug. 11, 1955 Grosse Pointe News.)

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judge, one-court district system fell through when local officials failed to meet a deadline with the Detroit office of the State Court Administrator.

■ A two-hour parking restriction is enacted on a short section of Chalfonte between Hillcrest and Moross in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Residents have been complaining that the area is used as a concentrated parking area for commuters using the bus system.

### 10 years ago this week

■ Grosse Pointe Woods planning commissioners approve variance and zoning requests needed for Assumption Greek Orthodox Church to construct senior housing.

Church officials are planning 65 housing units on property located spanning the border between the Woods and St. Clair Shores.

■ The Grosse Pointe Farms-City Major League all-star team beats Bay City Southern 4-1 in the state championship game at Blissfield.

■ Grosse Pointe Park's 11-year-old all-star team wins the District 6 Little League championship with a 3-1 victory over the Grosse Pointe Woods-Shores National squad.

Justin Delk of the Park drives in all of his team's runs in a 3-2 victory.

### 5 years ago this week

■ An estimated 1,500 Grosse Pointe Park residents attend the city's first-

ever Summer Gathering at Patterson Park.

The family-oriented event features games, a temporary putt-putt golf course, water activities and free food.

■ Greg Theokas, a Grosse Pointe Park councilman, returns from the Republican National Convention where he discussed campaign strategy with his former Yale University classmate and current GOP presidential candidate George W. Bush.

"Everyone believes it will be a tight race," Theokas says.

■ Pier Park beach remains closed in Grosse Pointe Farms.

The beach was closed around the Fourth of July because of three consecutive high E.coli bacteria counts.

— Brad Lindberg

## Ace

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exciting time to be mayor with everything positive that is going on here in the Village."

Ace Hardware's other grand openings took place in St. Clair Shores, Bloomfield Hills, Clarkston, Milan, Rochester Hills and Royal Oak.

Store manager Randy Costa, who worked at Damman Hardware for 18 years, will stay with Ace Hardware and run the show.

"I am very excited to be here since everyone worked so hard to make this day happen," Costa said.

"Everyone worked hard, and it shows."

The Village Ace Hardware occupies 23,800 square feet and offers customers everything they need for their home improvement projects.

In addition, the Village location is within walking distance for many of the loyal customers who frequented Damman Hardware.

"Renewed greatness is our motto here in the City," City of Grosse Pointe city manager Mike Overton said. "The best days are still ahead."

Village Ace has the opportunity to be the most successful of the seven that

recently opened, thanks to the location, which handles a lot of foot traffic, and which attracts people of all ages due to the shopping district's store diversity.

"Randy (Costa) has helped by putting everything together," Village Association president Ellen Durand said. "We're excited that you're here."

Jeff Baars and Gary Dingman, Ace Hardware directors for corporate sales, along with Jenny Applegate, Ace Hardware advertising manager, were also present to ring in the new Village Ace.

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## Retired detective wants police in schools

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

Retirement sometimes means having to leave unfinished work behind.

For a detective on the job since his early 20s, that constitutes a couple of important loose ends.

Two things Mark Brecht would have liked to tie up before retiring from the Grosse Pointe Farms public safety department include solving a double homicide and increasing safety in the district's high schools.

Brecht, 55, stepped down last week as head of the Farms detective unit.

His biggest investigation was the O'Brien arson case, a double murder dating back two decades for which no one has been caught.

"It was the case I worked longest and hardest on," Brecht said.

Arson of a house off Lakeshore killed a husband and wife.

"We worked the case for the better part of a year," Brecht said. "Seven years later the FBI wanted to reopen the case."

They never solved it either.

"We had a suspect," Brecht said. "We picked his garbage, did surveillance and talked to his friends."

Leads dried up. A hopeful line of investigation ended when a potential witness committed suicide.

Brecht began his 31-year law enforcement career in 1974 at age 23. He was hired to work in the Pointes' now

defunct Youth Service Bureau. His duty included blending in with students at North High School.

"That's where I got the nickname Mark the Nark," Brecht said.

He worked under cover as a hall monitor while tracking down drug dealers and breaking up weekend underage drinking parties before they started. When it became obvious to everyone he wasn't actually a student, his role at school broadened into a public safety liaison.

"I remember a young female student at North came to me saying a guy was pressuring her to sell drugs," Brecht said.

The coed operated out of her hall locker.

"She was his mule,"

Brecht said. "The guy had her selling drugs to students. She was scared to death, thinking if she didn't do it, he would kill her. We set up a sting and arrested him."

Brecht worked at North two years. As school wound down each spring, he was summoned to an administrator's office to dispose of illegal narcotics that school officials had confiscated but not reported to police.

"(The administrator) opened his desk drawer," Brecht said. "It was stuffed with marijuana. The school handled everything in-house."

Brecht said having public safety representatives on campus made the district safer.

"The school system needs to get somebody in the high schools as liaison officers," he said.

A few years ago he researched a federal grant that would have paid to reinstate the program.

"The school board didn't want any part of it," Brecht said.

As a detective with the Farms, Brecht said each day was different. One winter he chased a kid stealing hub-caps about 400 yards onto ice-covered Lake St. Clair. "Mark was always in top physical condition," said

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## Register

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a census.

Registration ran three days a week for five weeks beginning in early July. Times were staggered to accommodate various schedules. On Tuesday, Aug. 2, 400 families came in; more than 200 showed up on Wednesday, Aug. 3, and by 4:30 p.m., 133 had registered.

When the numbers were crunched and data input, 450 families, or about 600

(6.5 percent) students, have yet to be registered.

"We're pleased by the outcome," said assistant superintendent for business affairs Chris Fenton.

Those who have not registered may still show the appropriate paperwork at 389 St. Clair during regular business hours.

The school used several sources to notify parents, including material sent home at the end of the school year, banners, local media and phone trees.

With three more weeks before school opens, individual families will be receiving a call asking for them to come in.

Two Grosse Pointe employees who didn't want to be identified said they had been on the job 14 of the 15 days. They were the final stop in the registration process, and both agreed it had gone smoothly with people in and out in about 10 minutes. Tuesdays and Thursdays were the busiest days with most people pleas-

ant and upbeat, and they estimated that about 60 percent who came in were women.

Registration supporter and volunteer Jeannie Lizza said people would bring books and knitting to work on while in line but never had the chance to get their things out. Likewise, small children who accompanied their parents didn't get enough time to work on puzzles and squash Play-Doh in a corner while parents attended to paperwork.

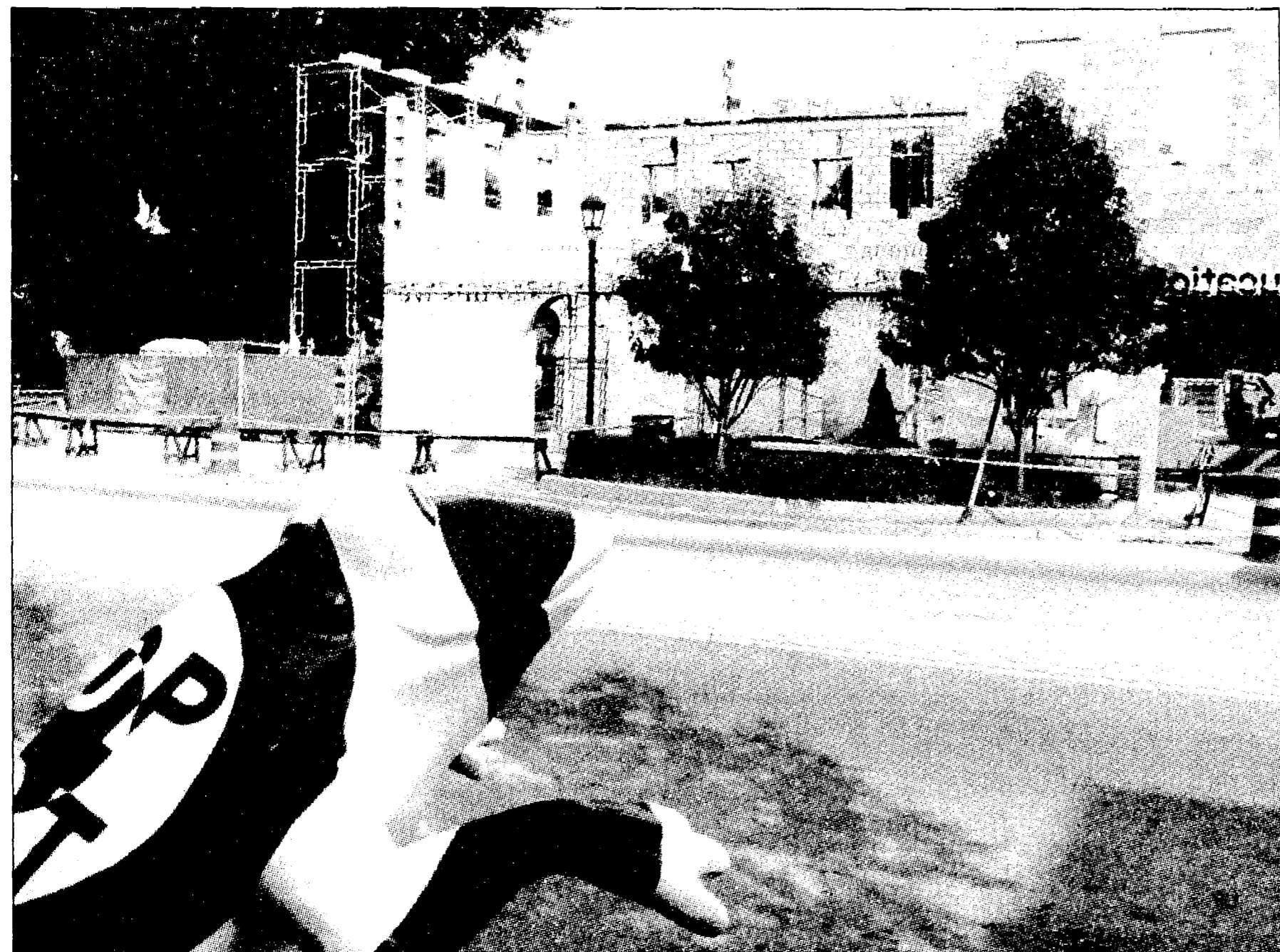


Photo by Brad Lindberg

The Hop Art frog on Kercheval in the Village smiles about the pace of construction on Flagstar Bank, one of many projects either under way or being planned for downtown City of Grosse Pointe.

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the Village can reach four stories.

First-floor space must be retail to reinforce the district's pedestrian atmosphere.

Second floor space can be used for retail, office and services. Third floors can have office or residential space. Fourth floors must be residential and set back from the third story facade.

Developers eyeing the parking lot must be prepared to maintain existing parking capacity and provide adequate parking space for whatever usage is proposed.

Aside from those general parameters, City officials didn't hamstring potential bidders with undue specifics.

"We've given developers the opportunity to be creative," Scrace said.

The goal is threefold: increase density in the downtown area, promote a variety of uses and prevent a single category of usage from dominating the district.

"The overarching principle of this project will be to provide a complementary mix of new land uses that will effectively intermingle with the existing historic structures," said Mike Overton, city manager.

Proposals must be received at city hall by Thursday, Sept. 8, at 3 p.m.

At that time city officials will whittle down the number of bidders and schedule interviews.

"At the end of that process we select a developer, then create a development agreement that captures all the legalese," Scrace said. "There will be public hearings along the way."

Scrace is familiar with the process. He's an architect and construction project manager.

The North Carolina inquiry came from Fresh Market, which Overton described as a "very upscale fruit and vegetable produce store."

Fresh Market would partner with a developer to submit a proposal. The company has 51 stores, mainly in

the south and southeast, with 13 in Florida.

"They are looking for six locations in Michigan," Overton said.

A Fresh Market representative has already visited the City and used computer modeling to give Overton a virtual tour of a typical store.

"It's beautiful," Overton said. "I'm sure it would do very well here."

The parking lot deal is one of several actions in the Village.

Sunrise Development has shown area residents revised plans for a three-story senior citizen condominium structure off St. Clair south of Kercheval. The site is currently a parking lot.

CVS Pharmacy on Kercheval will be remodeled and expanded into the former Hickey's-Walton Pierce location (which has moved across the street). Work includes installing a pharmacy-only drive-through window off a rear alley.

Flagstar Bank is building a branch at the corner of Kercheval and Cadieux.

Morley Candy Makers is opening a Sanders store next to Cavanaugh's Office Supplies and Gifts, the original owners of which recently reacquired the company and saved it from closing.

A few storefronts away, Initials personalized gift store is being stocked for opening.

Bruegger's Bagels has designed a new facade.

Krogers will remodel its nearly block-long grocery store, Scrace said.

Village Ace Hardware, which stepped in to takeover the bankrupt Damman's Hardware, is expected to renovate its facade.

Two restaurants, Sy Thai and City Kitchen (the latter owned by a City resident), are preparing to move into the Village.

The vacant Jacobson's building remains a target for development. Cullan Meaths of Grosse Pointe Farms announced last month his intention to purchase the building and put it to use.

"There's a lot going on," Scrace said.

Photo by Brad Lindberg  
An allegedly drunken 19-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods woman missed the turn from East Warren to Mack and made a special delivery of herself into the side of the U.S. Post Office in Grosse Pointe Farms.

## Driver crashes into post office

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

Grosse Pointe Farms police said a 19-year-old Woods woman driver had been drinking when she failed to turn from East Warren to Mack and crashed into the U.S. Postal Service building.

The woman was thrown halfway from her black 2003 Volkswagen Jetta when it knocked over part of a brick retaining wall, bent a steel pole, spun into the Post Office parking lot and hit the side of the building.

The crash occurred Saturday, Aug. 6, at 10:50 p.m.

Medics took the woman to a local hospital. Police logged the incident as

drunken driving. "The vehicle had extensive damage to all sides and both front and side air bags deployed," police said.

Officers said the driver admitted drinking. Her father reportedly told police she was coming home from for a sorority party at University of Michigan-Dearborn.

Two adult witnesses saw the crash.

"Witnesses said the vehicle did not turn onto Mack," police said. "Instead, it crossed Mack and impacted the wall of the Post Office."

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# Park mother praises open, supportive neighborhood

By Margie Reins Smith  
Assistant Editor

Raymonia Dale remembers the day, two years ago, that she and her children moved into a house on Wayburn in Grosse Pointe Park. One of their neighbors stopped in, introduced herself and offered Dale a plate of homemade cookies.

"This is great," Dale said. "Then my next-door neighbor brought dinner for us."

Dale was pleased by the friendliness of her new neighbors and grateful for their help on a hectic moving day.

Since then, she said, her initial perception of the neighborhood as welcoming, open and supportive has only been reinforced. Again and again.

"I moved to Grosse Pointe because the schools are excellent," she said. Her daughter, Miranda, will be a freshman at Grosse Pointe

South High School next month, and her son, James, will be a sixth-grader at Pierce Middle School.

"I've never had a problem. My children had no trouble making friends. They're involved with sports at the Neighborhood Club. My neighbors help with carpooling, people go out of their way here to help each other, the teachers in the Grosse Pointe schools are genuinely concerned and care about their students. I love it."

Dale grew up on Detroit's east side in an open, caring community. She was raised by her grandmother, Josephine Davis, who she said was a strong woman.

"She (Davis) insisted, 'If you treat people right, then you'll be treated right.' My grandmother had a strong belief in God," Dale said, "and she said if you believe, God will take care of you."

"Most of the women in my

family are strong," she added. "They have faith and courage and I'm proud of that."

Dale graduated from Detroit's Denby High School. She worked in several secretarial jobs, then got a job selling make-up at the downtown Hudson's store.

"I moved to New York City in the 1980s," she said. "I pounded the pavement for a while, looking for modeling jobs."

She landed a job modeling for Essence magazine, a lifestyle publication for African-American women.

"It was exciting in New York. It's a fast city. You have to like people because it's so crowded. I like people."

Dale met her husband in New York City. They married and moved to California in the 1990s. She changed careers.

"I worked for the Rev.

Robert Schuller in the law department at the Crystal Cathedral and on Schuller's executive staff and in human resources."

She moved back to Michigan in 2003 to take care of her mother, who had breast cancer.

After her mother died in 2004, Dale, Miranda and James stayed.

"I am amazed that Detroit has a race problem," she said. "This is not what Martin Luther King Jr. died for."

Dale now works for the Southeast Michigan Council of Government (SEMCOG) and she attends the University of Detroit Mercy at night, working toward a bachelor's degree in legal administration. She expects to graduate in about two more years.

She's a staunch member of Immanuel Lutheran Church on Chandler Park Drive, where she works with others in the congregation for the good of the community.

"I have a strong faith. My faith in God has gotten me through lots of ups and downs."

"I believe in changes. That's why I like working for SEMCOG. It's making changes for the better in Michigan."

Asked to name a mentor or someone she admires, Dale said, "Martin Luther King Jr. He was a great, a strong leader. In his 'I Have a Dream' speech, he said something I believe in. He said 'I don't want to be

## POINTER OF INTEREST



Photo by Margie Reins Smith

Raymonia Dale is a former model for Essence magazine and a former employee of the Rev. Robert Schuller at the Crystal Cathedral in California. She now lives in Grosse Pointe Park with her two children, where she said her neighbors are wonderful, supportive and caring.

judged by the color of my skin, but by the content of my character."

"Wouldn't it be terrible if someone died today and he didn't know his or her neighbor across the street because

of the color of the neighbor's skin?"

Dale said she keeps in mind another quote: "To the world, you might be one person, but to one person you might be the world."

## Ford Family instrumental in shaping Jefferson Avenue

The Milk River on the border of Grosse Pointe Shores and St. Clair Shores dates back to the 1700s when early settlers spoke about it.

The strip of land at the mouth of the Milk River was named Point a Guignolet for a grape-like berry that the French fermented into brandy. It later became known as Gaukler Point.

The 1702 map of Lac Sainte Claire, attributed to Detroit founder Antoine de la Mothe, Sieur de Cadillac, shows an Ottawa village near the Milk River. This is the earliest documented settlement at the point.

As early as 1796 some 30 French families lived in the same vicinity. Well into the nineteenth century, the Milk River settlement was called L'Anse Creuse (Deep Bay). At one time part of Erin Township and later Lake Township, the community was incorporated as the vil-

lage of St. Clair Shores in 1925 and became a city in 1951.

The river once drained a swampy area so thick with vegetation it was called the Black Marsh, and to this day it flows backwards, once a week.

It is a muddy, slow river that is at times a whitish-brown color, which the French settlers said looked like milk, and which is how it got its name.

Indians and French settlers used to canoe through the Milk River to get to the Detroit River.

Automobile legend Henry Ford I came to Grosse Pointe Shores in 1911 looking for land on which to build an estate. He came to the Milk River area because of its abundance of lush forest and cozy feel.

Ford bought 21 parcels of land in this area from Jacob Gaukler and his neighbors, and later he gave this land to his son, Edsel.

In 1927, Edsel and Eleanor Ford established their beautiful estate and built their magnificent mansion on this property near the Milk River.

The estate stretched inland, and in 1931 Edsel Ford paid for a new bridge to be built over the Milk River so residents and other people from surrounding communities could come view

the area's natural beauty.

The Jefferson Avenue Bridge, built in 1931, is eligible for the National Register for its association with the Ford family.

It is also eligible as an aesthetically pleasing design. This bridge is significant for its association with the Fords, especially Edsel Ford, who gave the bridge to Macomb County.

Lakeshore Drive was rebuilt with a center boulevard or "parkway," which was continued across the bridge. The Moran & Teetaert Construction Company were responsible for erecting the bridge. The distinguishing design feature of the bridge is its heavy concrete lattice railing.

To enhance the bridge's aesthetics and conceal the utilitarian structure, the outside stringers were faced with concrete, which blends with the railing above in a unified appearance. Some of the original concrete has suffered deterioration and spooling along the railing and the stringer facing, but this does not compromise the structure's integrity. In 1959, the bridge was rehabilitated, according to the bridge plate, but this work respected the 1931 design.

Special thanks to Robert Selwa for providing some of the information.

## Corrections

Corrections will be printed on this page every week. If there is an error of fact in any story, call the newsroom at (313) 882-0294.

Last week on page 1, the name of the wife of last week's Pointer of Interest was misspelled. Her name is Cherie DiDio.

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By Paul G. Donohue, M.D.

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## Booster seat bills are now in effect south of Michigan

Michigan motorists planning a trip that takes them through Indiana or Illinois may want to consult local child passenger safety laws before departure, AAA Michigan warns. Effective July 1, a mandatory booster seat law took effect in Indiana. Illinois has had a similar law in effect since Jan. 1, 2004.

In Indiana most child passengers between the ages of 4 and 8 must be restrained in a booster seat if appropriate for their size and weight. Violators of the Indiana law will be fined \$25, which can be waived if they prove they've purchased a booster seat within 30 days of the infraction.

In Illinois, any child passenger under 8 years of age must be properly secured in an appropriate child restraint system, which includes booster seats. Penalties for noncompliance are \$50 for the first offense and \$100 for second or subsequent offenses.

In Michigan, a recently introduced package of state senate bills (183, 262, 313, 314 and 491) would strengthen existing child passenger safety laws and would include a mandatory booster seat requirement for children under age 8 or less than 4 feet 9 inches in height. Other features of the package:

- No exemptions would be given for the safety belt or safety seat requirements for children under 16 years of age.

- Fines associated with booster seat noncompliance would be waived if the individual can provide evidence that he or she acquired a booster seat prior to the appearance date on the citation.

- The legislation would assess a fine of \$10 for failure to secure a child under 16 years of age in an appropriate safety restraint system. A \$100 fine is associated with a second or subsequent violation of child passenger safety laws. The money would be used to fund state child safety education efforts.

- The existing exemption that allows removal of an infant from a safety seat for nursing would be eliminat-

ed.

Currently, 30 out of the 50 states have some type of booster seat requirement. Numerous studies suggest that mandatory guidelines for the proper use of booster seats would result in substantial declines in the death rate for child passengers.

Nearly 3,300 children nationwide ages 4 to 7 died in motor vehicle crashes between 1994 and 2002, according to the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration. Since 1999, approximately

569 children between the ages of 0 and 15 have been killed on Michigan roads.

The Journal of the American Medical Association has reported that booster seats reduce injuries to children by nearly 60 percent. Despite this fact, only about 15 percent of the 4 to 8 age group actually uses booster seats.

To contact a state representative about Michigan's child passenger laws, visit the Michigan State Legislature Web site at michiganlegislature.org.

## Woods Zoning Board votes 'No' to variance

By Bob St. John  
Staff Writer

Sympathetic feelings didn't get in the way of Grosse Pointe Woods' Zoning Board of Appeals during the July 18 city council meeting.

Everyone on the board wanted to pass a use variance that would allow homeowners Michael and Kelly Zilli to lease their home at 1875 Hawthorne to Brian Fossee, owner of e-Med Management Solutions.

However, the board had to unanimously vote no because the Zillis didn't meet the criteria focusing on unnecessary hardship, which allows an owner to carry out a particular use (variance) that is otherwise prohibited.

It didn't meet the requirement that the plight of the owner is due to unique circumstances and not to general neighborhood conditions.

Fossee's business is located only a couple of blocks north of Hawthorne, but it is quickly becoming too big for the upper floor it occupies.

"I saw the Zillis were interested in leasing the home, and it would be perfect for the expansion of my business," Fossee said. "I have only a handful of employees, and our hours are 9 to 5. We don't have any traffic coming in or out of the residence; so it would be perfect."

The Zillis had Woods

building inspector Gene Tutag come by the home to inspect it, and in order to meet the zoning criteria, a door would have to be constructed on the Mack side (the side of the home) because all businesses on Mack have to have the entrance face that street.

"They are almost there, but not quite," Tutag said. "Our new master plan should be in place near the end of the year, and hopefully that would allow the Zillis to lease the home to Mr. Fossee."

"But until then, there is nothing we can do because it doesn't meet the criteria."

Michael and Kelly Zilli don't want to live in the home because they have small children, and they are afraid something bad could happen if one happened to ride too close to Mack, or the family pet got loose and ran into Mack.

They had several offers to lease the home for business purposes, but they chose Fossee because it would be very productive for the city, and it would be a quiet company that would allow neighbors to continue to function without hindrance from a noisy business.

"I really like the idea of Mr. Fossee's business going into the home, but it just doesn't meet the unnecessary hardship criteria," Mayor Robert Novitke said.

# VILLAGE FOOD MARKET

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\$5 Local Grocery Delivery Service

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	CORNISH GAME HENS	\$2.25 EA
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	GROUND TURKEY	\$2.69 LB

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	LAMB KABOBS	\$8.99 LB
	MARINATED CHICKEN BREASTS	\$2.99 LB
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	FRESHLIKE FAMILY SIZE FROZEN VEGETABLE CUT BROCCOLI, CUT GREEN BEAN	\$1.89
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	KENDALL-JACKSON SAUVIGNON BLANC	\$9.49
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	AINDEMAN'S CHARDONNAY CABERNET MERLOT	\$9.99

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	SWEET SLICED HAM	\$4.79 LB
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	MESQUITE SMOKED TURKEY	\$4.99 LB
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	FOUR BEAN SALAD	\$1.99 LB
	CORD N BLEU HEAT 'N' SERVE	2/\$4
	HAM	\$3.99 LB

## CHEESE

	MONTEREY PEPPER JACK	\$3.99 LB
	DOMESTIC SWISS	\$3.49 LB

## BAKERY

	APPLE PIE	\$5.99 EA
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	YODER'S COTTAGE CHEESE LOW FAT, REGULAR	\$1.79
	BERNE'S REGULAR LOW FAT, FREE	\$1.59
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**Ace Hardware  
Grand Opening**

**COLORING CONTEST  
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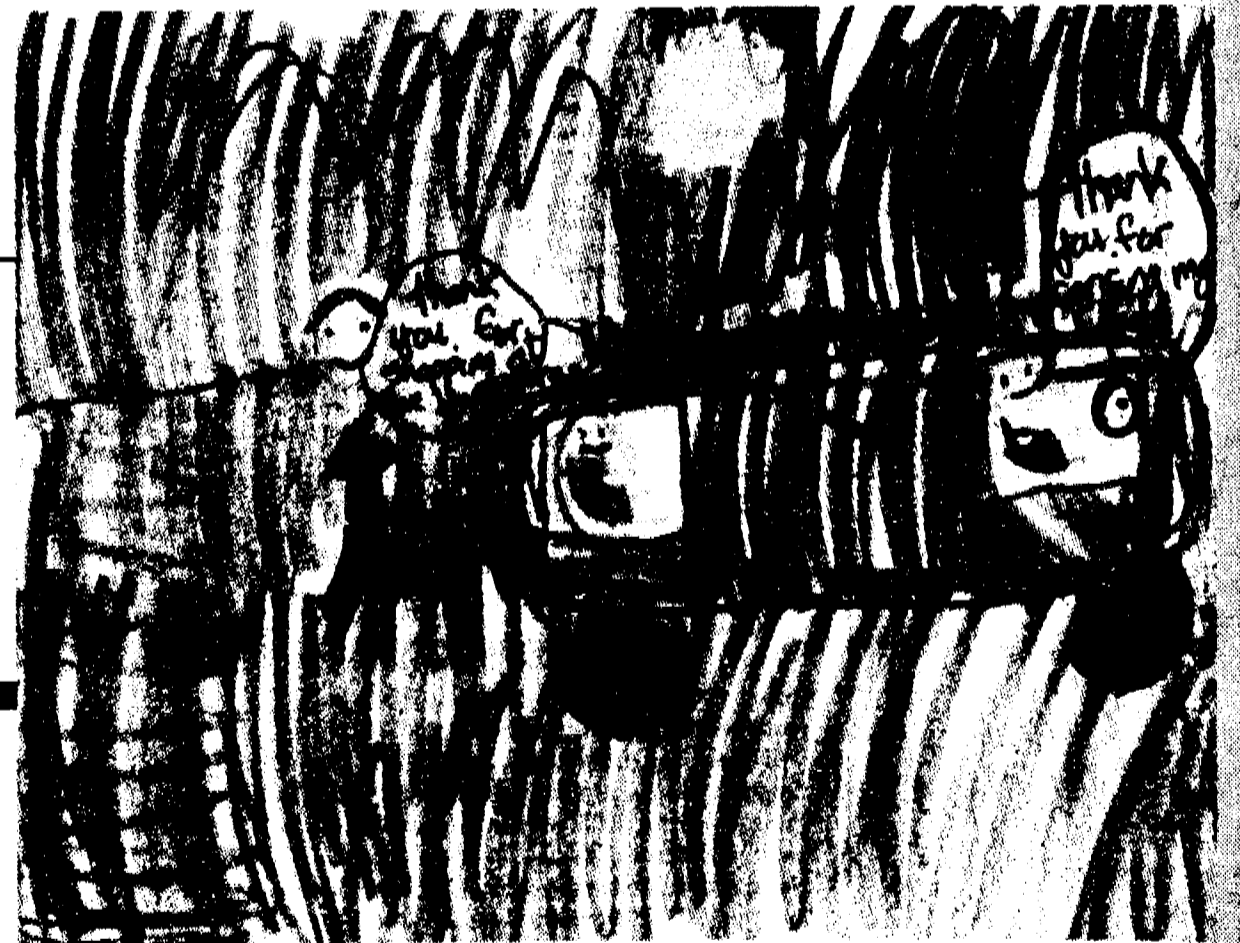


**GRAND PRIZE WINNER**

In The 3-6 Age Group  
**Samuel Stafford, Age 5**  
Wins The Motorized Truck

**GRAND PRIZE WINNER**

In The 7-10 Age Group  
**Ariane Troschinetz, Age 7**  
Wins The Huffy Bike



**GRAND PRIZE WINNER**

In The 11-13 Age Group  
**Jacob Centala, Age 12**  
Wins The Sony Playstation



ACE Village Hardware would like to thank all of the participants of our Grand Opening Coloring Contest. You made it a success with your wonderful drawings!

COME VISIT YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD ACE HARDWARE TODAY!

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- St. Clair Shores

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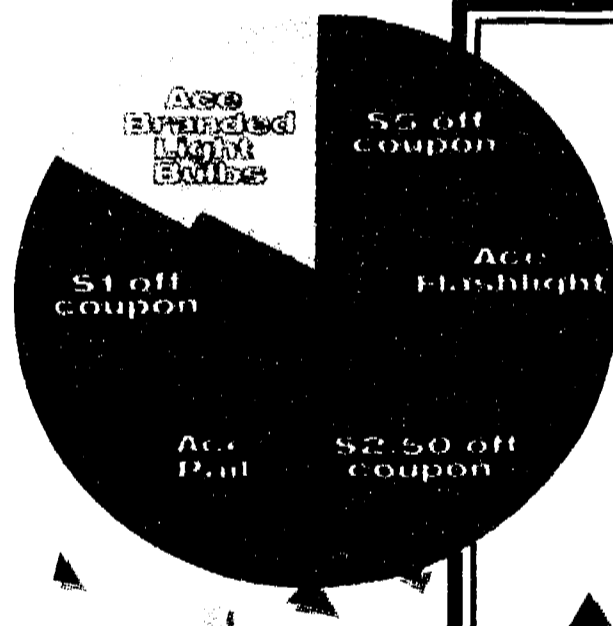
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**super hotbuy!**  
august 8th - 14th



**saturday**  
august 13 only  
shop early!

# FREE!

5 gallon Ace bucket to the first 250 customers, plus receive 20%\* off everything that fits in the bucket.



**sunday**  
august 14 only  
shop early!

# \$10 off

a \$30 or greater purchase\* to the first 250 customers



**super hotbuy!**  
august 8th - 14th



# Ace is the place in the Village

Tuesday was a festive day in the Village shopping district of the City of Grosse Pointe.

Amid a carnival atmosphere with games, grilled hot dogs, pop, cake and grand prizes, Mayor Dale Scrace manned the oversized shears for the official ribbon cutting ceremony Tuesday morning.

Officials on hand included the mayor and Councilmen Richard Clark, Stephen Sholty and John Stempfle.

Gary Dingman, Ace director for corporate sales, led the ribbon-cutting ceremonies. Other Ace representatives present included Jeff Baars, director of corporate sales; Rusty Palm, corporate store regional manager; Jenny Applegate, Ace advertising director; and, of course, Randy Costa, store manager.

"I am very happy to be here," Mr. Costa told onlookers. "I'm very excited, and I think you all know that. I just want to thank all of you for coming."

The Tuesday ribbon cutting kicked off a week-long celebration for Ace and the Village.

The Damman Hardware in the Village began suffering in recent years due to corporate bankruptcy; many took the store's empty shelves as indicative of problems in the Village. But Ace acquired six of the failing Damman stores and gave them rebirth.

"The shelves are again full, as you promised," Mayor Scrace acknowledged. "It's an exciting time to be mayor and a councilman or councilwoman." ("It's also an election year," he quipped.)

Even though Michigan continues to be mired in a lackluster economy, there are positive signs, and Ace Hardware's opening in Grosse Pointe and of six other southeastern Michigan locations is positive news.

Other good news coming out of the Village is that the City has received 23 inquiries and/or responses to its request for proposals for developing parking Lot 2 between Notre Dame and St. Clair. Should a mixed development of residential and retail occur at Lot 2, that may definitely be a plus

for longterm viability of the Village.

One of the Lot 2 inquiries came from Fresh Market, a "very upscale fruit and vegetable produce store" out of North Carolina. Fresh Market would most likely find a developer/partner to submit a proposal. Fresh Market has 51 stores, mainly in the South and Southeast, with 13 in Florida.

Lot 2 is one of several developments under way or imminent in the Village, as reported in a story by Brad Lindberg in this week's Grosse Pointe News.

Sunrise Development has plans for a three-story senior citizen condominium project off St. Clair below Kercheval. The site is currently a municipal parking lot.

CVS Pharmacy will be remodeled and expanded into the former Hickey's-Walton Pierce location. (The clothier moved across the street.)

Flagstar Bank is building a branch at the corner of Kercheval and Cadieux.

Morley Candy Makers is opening a

Sanders store next to Cavanaugh's Office Supplies and Gifts, which the original owners recently reacquired and saved from closing. Some storefronts down, Initials, a personalized gift store, will soon open.

Bruegger's Bagels has a new facade, and Kroger will remodel and expand.

Two restaurants, Sy Thai and City Kitchen, are preparing to move into the Village.

The vacant Jacobson's building remains a target for development. Cullan Meathe of Grosse Pointe Farms announced last month his intention to purchase the building and put it to use. He reportedly will close on the deal this month.

Also, Frogs•Fur•Friends, the organizer behind the frog public art exhibition throughout the Pointes to benefit the Children's Home of Detroit and the Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society, will sell frog merchandise — posters, T-shirts, hats, canvas bags, cookies, coloring books and, soon, note cards — in its own store, "Toadily Frogs," located in the old Lauren Ashley space across from Ace Hardware in the Village. Because it will be staffed entirely by volunteers, the store will have limited hours on Thursday from 6 to 9 p.m. and Saturday from noon to 5 p.m.

Truly, things are hopping in the Village. Now if we can just do something about the overall economy...

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# Letters

## Casting stones

**Letter to the Editor:**

I am surprised and dumbfounded that the Grosse Pointe News ran a story last week on Ace Hardware by John St. John, and throughout the article Damman's Hardware was spelled incorrectly as "Damon."

Damman Hardware has been in the Grosse Pointe community for 35 years. It was truly a wonderful store where the products and customer service were exceptional.

How could the Grosse Pointe News not proofread the article by John St. John? How could the store's name be erroneously spelled over and over throughout the article? I think an apology to your readers and the Damman family is in order.

**Mimi Sullivan**  
St. Clair Shores

*Editor's note: The reporter's name is Bob St. John.*

## Chill out and move on

**To the Editor:**

The question posed in the advertorial "Points about the Pointes" (Grosse Pointe News, Aug. 4) — "The chilling effect of the School Board recall... did it kill our access to exceptional talent?" — was quite puzzling when one considers that in the elections of 2005 and 2004, only three people ran for two seats. And if my memory serves me, in the elections of the past five years, incumbents ran unopposed in two of them.

There were no recall petitions at issue. So, what "chilled" the exceptional talent of this community before a recall petition was ever filed?

Many have felt the "chill" of the board's response to those who appear for public comment. Those who wish to speak are reminded they must follow the chain of command, and to limit their comments to three minutes. The public is expected to behave as if visiting the Wizard of Oz.

It's not a question of whether such time limits are appropriate (they are) but they are hardly presented to the public in a manner

that encourages public participation or demonstrates board interest. For those who were watching this past spring, speakers openly complained about feeling disrespected and ignored.

One wonders whether such board response has "dampened" the interest of the "exceptional talent of this community" from wanting to come forward with their ideas let alone consider running for office.

Though no community member should question the time spent or commitment of our current school board or its dedication to maintaining a high-quality school system, it might well be that those with business acumen don't want to participate in a process that appears to discourage individuals from exercising their rights as citizens by engaging in public discourse or by filing recall petitions. (Even if those actions seem misguided.) Responding to such public participation may seem a waste of time, but it's the cost of doing business in a democracy.

If a candidate or candidates come forth with the desired "business acumen" it will be interesting to see how the board will respond.

In the meantime, let's hope this community does not find it too aggravating or too difficult to educate themselves about those who have expressed an interest to serve out the vacated position and that the community's freedom to express its preferences to the board has not been "dampened" by a concern that they will not be heard.

Let's hope the board does the right thing and takes action on their posturing by selecting a person with the "exceptional (business) talent" they claim we need most and then we can all "chill out" and move on.

**Chris Kaczanowski**  
Grosse Pointe Shores

## Replacement

**To the Editor:**

Soon the Grosse Pointe Board of Education will appoint a replacement for the seat vacated by Joan Richardson.

I'd like to suggest that the credentials of candidates demonstrate a strong knowledge of finance and fiscal

management.

The appointment of a financially savvy candidate will give the board a fuller understanding and stronger resource to deal with the financial realities of the schools' foreseeable future.

**Roy Edmonds**  
Grosse Pointe Park

## Thanks Mr. Hardware

**To the Editor:**

It is with a great deal of satisfaction and gratitude that I am able to write this letter. I live in a condominium in Grosse Pointe, and discovered that a motor in my air conditioner had "died," the replacement of which would have cost at least \$500.

It was suggested that I call Gilbert's Pro Hardware on Harper and 8 1/2 Mile Road. The owner, Blair Gilbert, immediately came to my rescue. He said to bring in the motor and he would see what he could do. I did so, and he discovered it was frozen, as it had never been oiled. He not only oiled it, bringing it back to life, but showed me the process and sold me a couple of small parts and some oil as well, to be used in the future. The total bill was \$7.

Mr. Gilbert was honest, forthright and obviously enjoys his store, his work and his customers. I was aware that his employees were helpful, kind and courteous. He also has a list of "workers" he could recommend should the need arise.

Gilbert's Pro Hardware has been in existence since 1949 and is service-oriented. Kudos to Mr. Blair Gilbert and his competent staff!

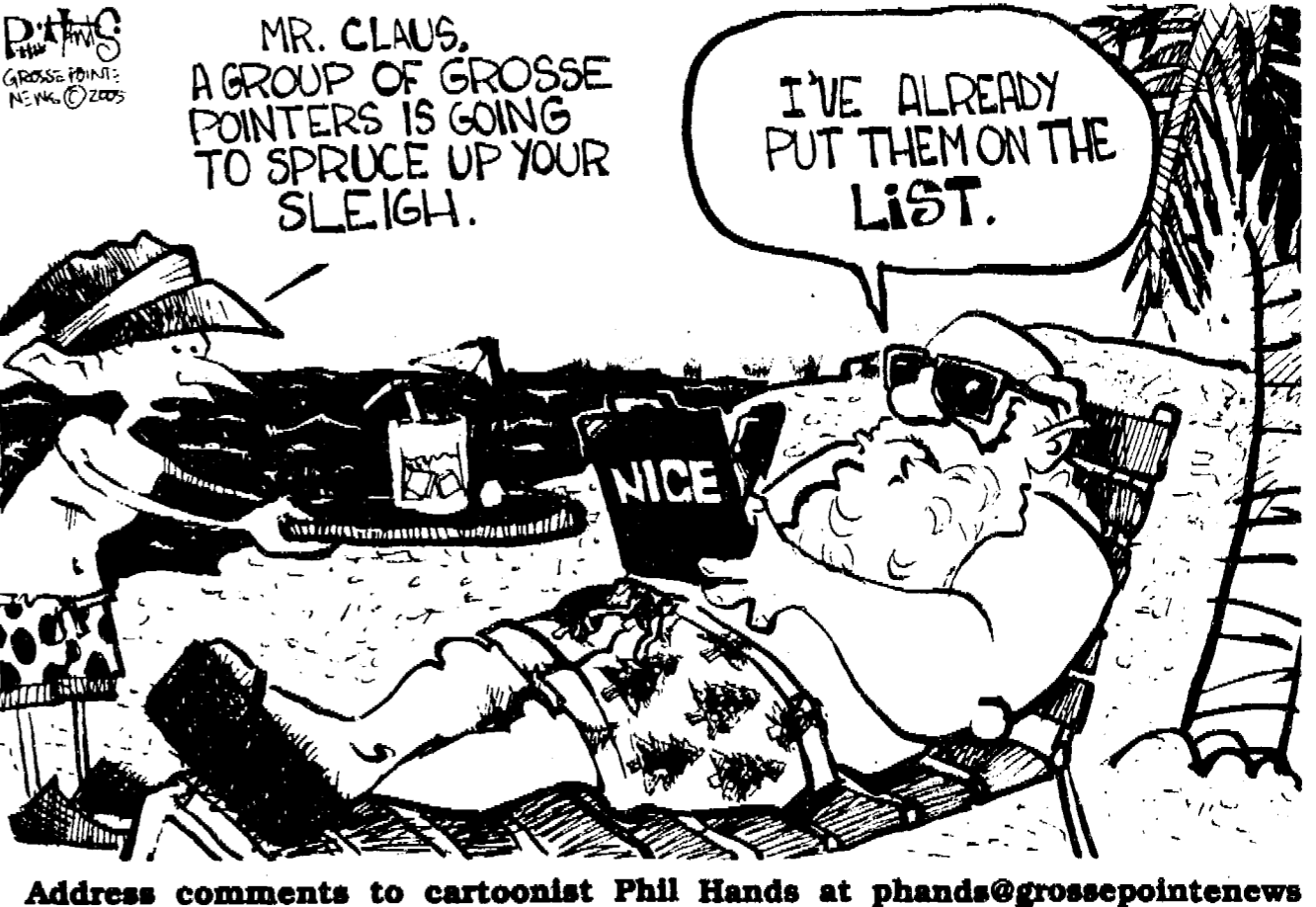
**Sally C. Mackintosh**  
City of Grosse Pointe

## Smoking marijuana

**To the Editor:**

To quote Popeye, "I can't stand no more," as he retaliates to Bluto's harassment. I feel the same way being bombarded by the movement to legalize smoking marijuana for medical use.

I see it as a veiled attempt to remove the stigma from its universal use. This is not your father's marijuana. It now contains



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two to three times the concentration of Tetrahydrocannabinol (THC), the chemical that affects the brain, on average as it did 20 years ago.

I am told that one-half of the people in rehab are there for marijuana abuse. If you need medical marijuana, we have a legal FDA-approved drug, Marinol Tablets. That is the preferred way to go, not from the transmission in the bathtub guy's window box.

The Surgeon General is against smoking marijuana for medical use because of the damage inhaled pollutants present in the smoke do to the lungs.

Hippocrates had it right 2,400 years ago when he said, "When treating the patient, first do no harm." With that in mind he would never support smoking marijuana for medical use.

**Arthur Lambke R.Ph.**  
Grosse Pointe Woods

## Fight world hunger

**To the Editor:**

The devastating impact of the tsunamis in the Indian Ocean region has led to an appropriate and generous outpouring of support from the international community and private citizens.

Even as we respond to the needs of the tsunami victims, we must not forget the people suffering in humanitarian emergencies elsewhere around the world.

Every day, thousands of people die of hunger in situations that do not make the

news or achieve the same level of public compassion as the scenes of tidal waves playing across our TV screens.

The tsunami victims need our help, but so do the hundreds of millions of people living through less visible emergencies.

Let's ensure that our compassion and capacity to fight hunger reach more than those whose tragic stories reach the front pages. A hungry child is a hungry child, wherever they may be in the world.

**Michelle Pickler**  
St. Clair Shores

## Drug misleads

**To the Editor:**

I read with distress the column "Understanding Marijuana's Harm" by Jeff and Debra Jay, printed in the April 14 Grosse Pointe News.

In essence, the column stated a myriad of so-called facts as to the purported danger of marijuana. Among other things, the Jays' cited a "study" from an unnamed source which said people who do not use marijuana have a "higher quality of life... achieved a higher education level... and earned more money."

They also cited the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) study which claims that treatment for marijuana addiction has "increased 162 percent between 1992 and 2002."

The facts, however, are the polar opposite of this col-

umn's misinformation.

That being said, a recent study of 13,900 Canadians released this year by Health Canada and the Canadian Executive Council on Addictions (Web site, ccsa.ca/pdf/ccsa-00428-2005.pdf) states that "approximately 45 percent of the Canadian population over 15 reported using cannabis in their lifetime. Lifetime cannabis use increased with education and income. Among those with some post secondary education, 52 percent reported having used cannabis. By comparison, among those without a high school degree, only 35 percent reported having tried cannabis. In addition, 55 percent of those respondents within a 'high income adequacy' said they had used cannabis, as opposed to only 43 percent with 'low income adequacy.'"

Among those who reported consuming cannabis, most said they used it infrequently and did not "experience serious harm" due to their cannabis use.

On anecdotal level, successful personalities such as Arnold Schwarzenegger, Al Gore, Newt Gingrich, Justice Clarence Thomas, President George Bush, and billionaires George Soros and Peter Lewis, to name a few, have all acknowledged marijuana use.

As far as the SAMHSA report is concerned, it must be noted that the vast majority of persons seeking treatment in the past decade

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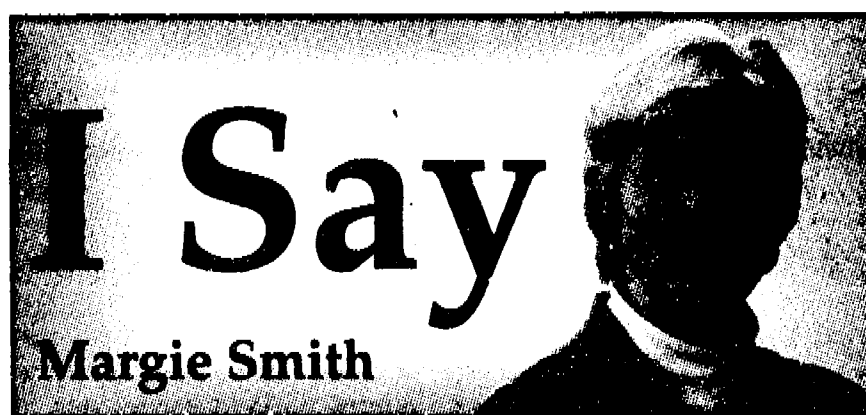


# Eeeeeek! A mouse

Last week, I toted a basket of dirty laundry down to my basement. I set the basket on the floor and turned on the warm water to fill my washing machine. I dumped a load of dark-colored towels into the tub. As I measured detergent and fabric softener into the proper receptacles, I peered idly into the big gray divided laundry tub beside the washer and saw...

**A MOUSE!**  
He was slumped, head down, nose pointed toward a corner of the tub. The sides of the tub were much too high and too slippery for him to climb out. He was fluffed up, looking a bit peaked, but his tail moved now and then, ever so slightly. His whiskers wiggled almost imperceptibly. Truthfully, he was kind of

cute.  
I have been a full-grown responsible, rational, adult woman for many years. I am not the excitable type. I didn't scream; I didn't run; I didn't leap up on a chair; I didn't have heart palpitations or break into a cold sweat.  
I moseyed upstairs and called a friend.  
A man.  
What happened next has confirmed my suspicion — again — that men are different. Definitely.  
"There's a mouse in my laundry tub," I said, as nonchalantly as I could manage. "He's alive. Will you do me a favor and..."  
Sure, he said, chuckling audibly, manfully. "I'll be right over."  
Here's the "men are different" part: It's about the "I'll be right over" declaration. It took this man an hour and a half to "be right over." An hour and a half. That's enough time for a



**I Say**  
**Margie Smith**  
generation of mice to be conceived, born, weaned and begin to look for suitable mates who are ready to conceive another batch of mice.  
While waiting, I paced. I paced vertically — up and down the basement stairs. I checked the mouse's condition about every five minutes.  
Eventually, the rinse cycle of my washer kicked in. Soapy, dirty water squirted into the laundry tub, and I had a vision of my mouse's little legs churning. I had a vision of him swimming frantically as the water rose. Then I had a vision of him

leaping over the edge of the laundry tub to return to his family somewhere in my basement.  
I shouldn't have worried. This mouse was either too exhausted to save himself or, perhaps mice can't swim.  
At any rate, an hour and a half later, my friend moseyed over to my house ready to assist with the capture and disposal of my uninvited guest.  
During that hour and a half, I think he probably made some phone calls, took a nap, went to the grocery store to buy a jar of salsa, read a magazine and

watched cars drive around and around an oval track on the speed channel for a half hour.  
Dead rodents — dead animals of any kind — don't bother him. In fact, he surrounds himself with weird dead stuff. He has zip-lock bag with three dead cicadas in his refrigerator, on the door right next to the mustard and ketchup. Why?  
"Just in case somebody wants to know what kind of bug makes that shimmery hissing on hot summer days," he explained. "I can show him one."  
He has a mummified sparrow in his den. Why?  
"It was tangled up in a discarded fishing line. It's exactly as I found it, desiccated. It's a reminder to fishermen that they should discard leader line properly. You can't just pitch it."  
This same man sits for hours in swamps, waiting for a chance to shoot defenseless ducks. Then he

hangs the hapless ducks upside down on his porch for two weeks. Why?  
"They have to cure."  
This man also sits for hours in wintry woods, waiting for a chance to shoot a deer. Then he flings the deer, tongue lolling, eyes glassy, on top of his car for a triumphant ride to the meat packer.  
When he finally got around to attending to my crisis, my mouse's fur was wet and slick, and the little guy was very, very still. I'm quite sure his little lungs were full of soapy water.  
Since then, I have set a half dozen mouse traps in a circle around my laundry tub. They're baited with peanut butter.  
A week and a half has passed. No mice.  
I have two possible conclusions. 1. My mouse was a lonely rogue bachelor, looking for love in all the wrong places, or 2. mice prefer crunchy peanut butter.

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# The Op-Ed Page



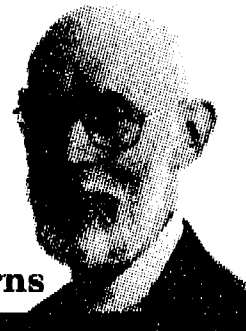
## Mosul reunion

Iraq seems like an unusual place for Grosse Pointers to hold a reunion, but strange things happen in a war.  
**Maj. J. Gordon Flowers**, '81, and **Maj. Mary Proffit**, '82, are Grosse Pointe South graduates, and **Col. Robert Brown**, '77, graduated from Grosse Pointe North before going on to West Point. The trio was part of a brigade commanded by Brown when the picture was taken. Flowers is the deputy commander, and Proffit was the civic affairs officer.

While Flowers and Brown

**fyi**

by Ben Burns



are still in Iraq. Proffit has since returned to the United States and her home in Washington State where the Stryker Brigade is headquartered at Fort Lewis. These are some excerpts from a letter Proffit wrote to her family, provided by her brother, **Tim Proffit**, who still

lives in the Pointes.  
"A lot of sad things have happened since the last time I wrote. Some of you received an urgent call for prayer from me about 10-12 days ago, and that has not been the only day of violence. It seems that the terrorists' weapon of choice lately is the suicide car

bomber. They have somehow convinced quite a few people to give up their lives driving a car full of explosives into whomever they are targeting at the time. It isn't always Americans. They are also attacking the newly reforming Iraqi Police Force as well as the Iraqi Army.

"All in all, a lot of people have been hurt or killed lately. As for those I asked you to pray for, we lost one soldier and one interpreter; one more soldier is in critical condition and is still fighting for his life hanging on by a thread.

"The others are all recovering, some with loss of limb, paralysis, broken bones, burns and more. It was a really rough week for all of us, and the infantrymen especially because they head out there every day seeking out the soulless maniacs causing all this devastation to get them off the streets.

"The terrorists also were stupid enough to detonate car bombs in populated areas of the city. I have been on the scene at three separate explosions in recent weeks, one on a busy street, and fortunately no one was hurt; another one was right in front of a school, and some children were hurt by shrapnel, and one was right on a residential street where children were killed and severely wounded.

"When such devastation occurs, we try to help as much as we can; soldiers on the scene when it happened immediately provided first aid to the civilians until the Iraqi ambulances arrived.

"Yesterday I visited the home of two families where children were killed in the blast. The men were at the cemetery burying the dead, but the women, along with neighbors, relatives and tribal members, were at the house. In one house, there must have been about 60 women and an equal amount of children. The women were all sitting in a circle while the mother was wailing and crying.

"I came into the home asking which one was the mother (several were crying), and she stood up and came to me, and I told her how sorry I was and that as a mother I understand how powerful her love is for her lost child. She was so touched that we Americans came to offer our condolences. She said that she never expected that. At the next house, the grandmother, aunt and mother of the

dead child all were hugging me and crying. I was crying too. It was horrible.

"I told them that these terrorists have no soul, bringing their violence to such a populated, poor street. They, of course, invited me in for tea, which I had to decline. My team and I made our way up and down the street, offering money to help with the cost of broken windows, damaged cars and other injuries. This is a part of our job that we don't like, but we all felt like it was good for the local people that we were there sharing in their shock and grief. We will be going back in a few days to check in on the families.

"Good news? Well, I am seeing the fruits of some of our labor. We received within the last week the first six generators that I have purchased; each one of these will be able to provide power to a whole neighborhood of homes. By this weekend, three of them should be up and running in areas that previously only had the national electricity on for a few hours at a time. These generators should give them an additional 8-10 hours of electricity, which will be very important... when the temperatures get up into the 110-120 degree range.

"We also discovered that the new Iraqi government is making progress in some areas as well. I have been providing short-term employment opportunities to several hundred people in the city and looking to expand that figure. My contact at the employment

agency (that woman who I have mentioned before) told me today that the Ministry of Labor has decided to do an on-the-job-training program. They will pay half of a new employee's wages for the first six months of their employment, while the employer pays the other half. After that first six months, the employer will pay the full wage. This gives an employer incentive to hire more workers, who can then increase productivity, allowing the employer to pay their wages and make more profit. This is a great step forward, and we are going to place all the people I have employed into this category so I don't have to fire them when my program is over.

"Our interpreter, **Anna**, is doing a great job. She has fit into our team as an equal member and is wonderful when translating for us. She is very smart and has a great memory, which really helps since I have a terrible memory! We have fun working together, and she understands what I am trying to say or what information I am looking for, which makes my job much easier.

"Every day is a new adventure. We feel comfortable (yet always vigilant, Dad!) in the city and know our way around most of the neighborhoods. We continue to meet new and interesting people.

"Please continue your prayers for our wounded and the families of those killed. They need all the support they can get. And also include our interpreter

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# Streetwise

## Question of the Week:

Are you looking forward to going back to school?



Mandy Caruso

"Yes, I don't know about anyone else, but it's fun for me!"  
— **Mandy Caruso, 10**  
**Grosse Pointe Woods**  
**Ferry**



Alex Dean

"Yes! I'm going to kindergarten and I think it's going to be fun. I'll learn reading, science, art."  
— **Alex Dean, 5**  
**Grosse Pointe Woods**  
**Monteith**



Matthew Hidalgo

"No, I'm having too much fun this summer."  
— **Matthew Hidalgo, 9**  
**Harper Woods**  
**Poupard**



Laura Hidalgo

"Not really. I'm starting the sixth grade. It's going to be much bigger and more classes."  
— **Laura Hidalgo, 11**  
**Harper Woods**  
**Parcells**



Laura Yascott

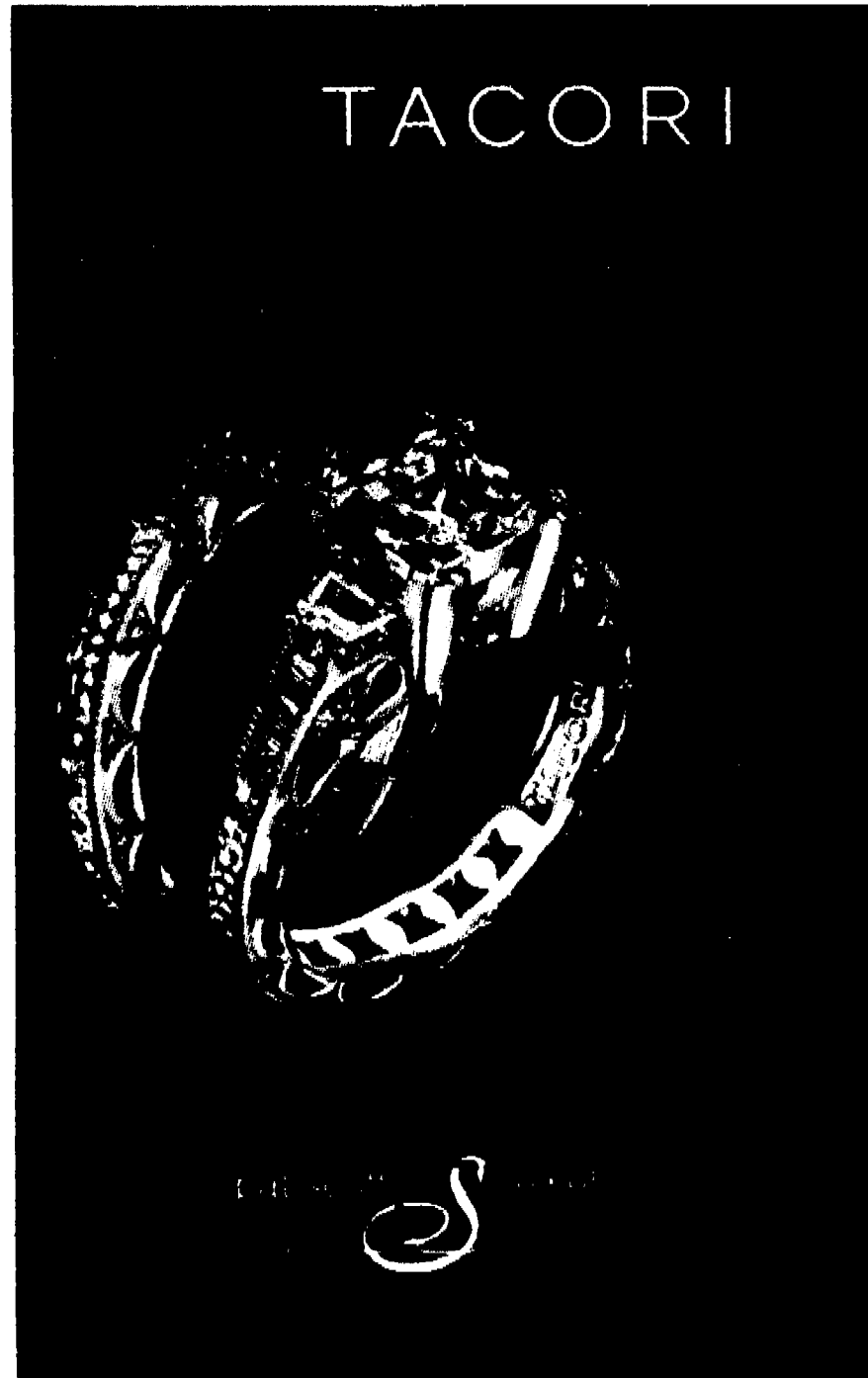
"Yes, I'm looking forward to seeing all of my friends!"  
— **Laura Yascott, 13**  
**Grosse Pointe Woods**  
**Parcells**



Victor Aguilera

"Yes! And so is my sister Katie. I'm anxious to know who my teacher is and I like the subject of math."  
— **Victor Aguilera, 9**  
**City of Grosse Pointe**  
**Richard**

If you have a question you would like asked, drop us a note at 96 Kercheval on The Hill in Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236 or email to editor@grossepointenews.com



## Michigan incentives: Bad food at a good price?

By Jack P. McHugh

Whenever the use of targeted tax breaks to attract or retain businesses in Michigan is criticized, some public officials inevitably point to particular employers who supposedly would have departed or never located here were it not for such incentives. This is intended to demonstrate the need for selective tax preferences, but in reality it only shows Michigan's failure to transform itself into an attractive place to do business.

The defenders of targeted tax breaks should expand their vision and concentrate on making Michigan such a good place to live and do business that companies rush to get in, without needing special "incentives." This means low taxes, an absence of excessive regulation, a good quality of life, good schools, and a workforce that has a solid work ethic and no "entitlement" mentality.

If this state is lacking in those qualities, the correct question is "Why?" and, "What can we do to fix it?" It is not, "What kind of special discount can we provide to make a particular employer stay, even though we fall short in one or all of these factors?"

As an analogy, imagine a restaurant with second-rate food, surly waiters, slow service and high prices. When the manager sees a customer getting restless, he rushes over and offers a 15 percent price cut. He also stands on the sidewalk offering discounts to potential customers who look as if they might walk on by.

At the end of each day this manager sends glowing reports to the owner describing how many sales he "saved" by offering "incentives." He spends his free time thinking up new incentives that might persuade underwhelmed customers to buy mediocre meals.

Isn't it obvious that this is

not a viable business plan, and that this manager shouldn't spend another minute dreaming up new "incentives," but instead should focus on making the food better, the service more pleasant, and the prices lower for everyone? The restaurant's owner, employees and diners would be much better off if the place were so attractive that customers stood in line to get in, and the thought of targeted discounts never entered the participants' minds.

The same applies to Michigan's use of targeted tax breaks to prevent particular employers from leaving, or entice a handful of new ones to come.

These incentives are no different from the targeted discounts our restaurant manager hands out, whether the incentives come in the form of Michigan Single Business Tax credits offered by the Michigan Economic Growth Authority,

or as property tax discounts offered by local governments. Officials who defend or brag about such incentives are just as myopic about how to fix Michigan's economy as that restaurant manager about his "business model."

Given this, it's not really surprising that a comprehensive study by the Mackinac Center for Public Policy shows that MEGA's targeted tax break program is also ineffective. Using a time-series econometric model designed specifically to measure the MEGA program's economic impact, the study clearly shows that MEGA did not improve Michigan's per-capita personal income, employment or unemployment rate. It's been a distraction from the really effective work that needs to be done — improving the business climate for everybody. And quite often, it works against itself by granting favors to some firms at the expense of com-

peting Michigan companies that don't get similar treatment.

A restaurant manager who covers up his failure to provide value to all customers by offering discounts to a few of them should probably start looking for another job. At the very least, he shouldn't hold up his targeted incentive "victories" as indications of a successful business model.

Similarly, the extent to which targeted business tax credits and abatements are

defended by state policymakers is a function of their failure over the years to make Michigan an attractive place to do business. Michigan will know its problems are over when so many employers want to locate here that we laugh at the idea of someone seeking special treatment.

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Maj. J. Gordon Flowers, '81, and Maj. Mary Proffit, '82, both Grosse Pointe South graduates, and Col. Robert Brown, '77, from Grosse Pointe North, pictured in May by a Stryker attack vehicle, were all members of the Stryker Brigade, in Iraq.

### FYI

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who was killed; we called him Tommy. He was a very brave Iraqi. One time not long ago, he was with soldiers chasing down some bad guys. They cornered one man who had a grenade. Before he could throw the grenade, Tommy grabbed the fist with the grenade in it, preventing

him from throwing it, while punching the bad guy in the face. He saved soldiers' lives that day."

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### Letters

From page 8A

for "marijuana addiction," did so involuntarily, because they are being increasingly ordered to do so by the criminal justice system.

Of course, excessive use of substances such as marijuana, vodka and chocolate cheesecake can lead to health problems.

No doubt the Jays' are well-meaning persons, but the message their column is

sending to young people is a dangerous one.

When a young person, out of either rebellion or curiosity, experiments with marijuana and the predicted "reefer madness" described in this article does not strike, they are less likely to believe valid warnings about the dangers of hard drugs such as cocaine and LSD.

Tim Beck  
Detroit

### Brecht

From page 3A

George Van Tiem, who retired in 1991 as chief detective. "When everyone else drove to work, he rode his bike."

Brecht credits Van Tiem for teaching him everything he knows about being a detective.

Brecht's wife of 26 years, Mary, is a Pointe school teacher. They have two adult children.

Marriage to a detective meant late-night telephone calls as mark was called to breaking cases.

"That is the one thing he said he's not going to miss," Mary said.

Brecht earned a varsity letter playing golf for Wayne State University.

When Mary retires in about five years, the couple plan to move up north. Their place they've picked is near a golf course.



Photo by Brad Lindberg  
Mark Brecht begins retirement from the Grosse Pointe public safety department with his wife, Mary, on the screen porch at Pier Park.

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## Higher oil prices giving Greenspan a huge headache

The market rally of July and early August pooped out last week, drifting lower on Thursday and Friday.

Crude oil hit a new high Friday, at \$62.63 a barrel, reflecting the death of Saudi King Fahd and repairs at several refineries.

How much does gasoline inflation affect consumer sales? LFS figured an average of two cars per Michigan family, each driven 15,000 miles a year, with average 20 miles per gallon (may be high?). That means \$480-year, or \$40 a month, leaving less for eating out, food and all other consumer products and services.

Interest rates are moving up rapidly. During the four weeks since LFS' last article, three-month T-Bills are up 26 basis points to yield 3.51 percent. (How much does your bank pay?) The 30-year T-Bonds are now 4.58 percent, up 18 basis points. The Treasury announced auction of \$44 billion new 30-year bonds next February as part of its deficit financing. Last Tuesday, the Fed bumped its short-terms rates, as

### Let's talk... STOCKS

By Joseph Mengden



expected.

#### Are you a gold bug?

When everything else fails, the world prefers gold! It won't shrink, dissolve, rust or bleach. Gold is a "base element"; its atomic number is 79; its atomic weight is 196.966, and its symbol is "Au." The purity of gold metal is measured in carats, with 24 carats being "100 percent pure gold," usually too "soft" for industrial or artistic purposes. To increase hardness for jewelry or dental fillings, gold is usually alloyed with other metals to fineness of 10C, 12C or 14C. The higher the "C" number, the higher the cost.

The Canadian "Maple Leaf" 1-ounce gold coin is 99.99 percent pure gold (23.9999 carats), whereas the U.S. "American Eagle"

1-ounce gold coin is only 91.67 percent pure gold.

The "Golden Dome" at the University of Notre Dame was regilded this summer with 23.9 carat gold leaf. Metallic gold is pounded, over and over, into gold leaf sheets to a thickness of less than 3 microns, or millionths of a meter. The total gold leaf used amounted to less than eight ounces of metallic gold, but cost \$109,000, because it is extremely labor-intensive to produce and apply.

Air travelers flying from Chicago to New York, or vice versa, on a clear day can easily see the Golden Dome from 35,000 feet — if the sun is shining, and if they are seated on the correct side of the aircraft.

Two new gold exchange traded funds went public last November and

January: 1) streetTRACKS Gold Trust, listed NYSE, symbol: GLD; and 2) iShares COMEX Gold Trust, listed ASE, symbol: IAU.

These investment trusts only own gold bullion because their objective is for the shares to reflect the performance of the price of gold, less the trust's operating expenses (estimated at 0.4 percent annually). Each share represents 1/10 of 1 ounce of pure bullion gold.

Quotations can be found in Barron's (weekly) Market Week Section, immediately following the NYSE Composite List prices. Look for the exchange traded funds subsection, and then ASE for IAU and NYSE for GLD.

Investors should carefully read the prospectus prior to investing. Gold is a commodity, not an equity interest in a public corporation. Those who say they could never figure out a cat may have difficulty trying to figure out gold price movements.

#### Stock option rules?

What would you call the

"average" of a group of numbers when some of the numbers are deliberately left out?

What would you say if Allstate Insurance decided that two of last year's four Florida hurricanes were "100-year catastrophes" and deleted those losses from its \$26 billion Florida-claims in 2004? Don't get excited: Allstate never let that happen!

But New Constructs' LLC, a specialty equity research firm in Nashville, did just that. Elizabeth MacDonald penned an article about these stock option rule rip-offs in Forbes (Aug. 15).

Headlined, "Numbers Game, A Volatile Game," it seems the FASB, keeper of option cost regulations, didn't mandate very specific rules but left some accounting wiggle room.

New Constructs' rewired the black box of accounting for option pricing models to ease the earnings hits to their clients, chiefly by tinkering with projected volatility assumptions to the underlying stock. Volatility is the degree to

which the price of the shares fluctuates in the stock market.

This tinkering is like if the Weather Bureau, in figuring its "average monthly temperature," were to throw out the five hottest days last month!

That's how New Constructs' 210 client companies were able to reduce their 2004 "earnings surgery" from \$5.8 billion to \$4.8 billion, or about 25 percent!

One client, Echo Star Communications, shaved its "earnings hit" by 50 percent, from minus 8 cents a share down to minus 4 cents, saying "that unadjusted historical experience is a relatively poor predictor of our future expectations of volatility." So Echo stripped out the "extraordinary events" that had rocked its stock in the past and without any disclosure.

If the SEC permits this tinkering with "reported earnings", you can expect a groundswell of additional distrust in the honesty of published financial statements, beyond the present substantial doubts!

## Protecting your family from joules

Readers and a couple of experts have come through for me on the subject of computer surge protectors and their flaws. But, first, let's look at electrical measurements.

The joule is named for English physicist James Prescott Joule (1818-89).

The joule is the System International unit of work or energy. One joule is the amount of work done when an applied force of one newton moves through a distance of one meter in the direction of the force.

Got that? You may now totally forget that definition.

As far as surge protectors go, the common rating system is in the amount of joules (spikes) a power strip can handle without allowing too much current to pass. Some of the cheaper power strips can only handle 50 to 100 joules, while some of the better quality, and expensive, power strips can handle upwards of a 3,000-joule spike.

Now a bit of advice from Rob Splane at Abel Electronics in St. Clair Shores. A direct lightning-strike close to your home can produce upward of one billion joules. No power strip on the market can protect your equipment from a direct lightning strike, like the one I had on the transformer behind our house.

Our computers survived because I shut down and unplugged our family computers during a storm. However, our three modems were fried because I did not unplug the telephone land lines (before cable). Insurance covered the loss. Bottom line is surge suppressors are designed to prevent a fraction of the current from a direct strike

from passing through to your equipment.

Here is what Splane "splained" to me. (Didn't see that one coming, did you, Lucy.)

"The surge protector should protect against nearby lightning strikes, but it cannot protect against direct lightning strikes. Some do not protect against either," Splane said. "The surge protector should offer insurance to cover the loss of properly attached equipment."

Side note: My three fried modems were covered by our homeowner insurance. But every piece of data from 20 years of computing would have been lost. This is why even casual users should back up their data at least once a week. Do it on a CD and throw it in the car or in your office. Now back to Splane.

"If you have a regular dial-up-service modem, your surge protector strip should have an R-11 telephone jack where you can hook up your telephone line. (Now he tells me!)"

"If you are using a cable modem, your surge protector should also accommodate your television/Internet cable," Splane said.

Now, if you're confused, what he means is the strip should have a place to plug in your telephone or cable lines coming into the house, and then you can run a line or cable from the surge protector to the computer or modem.

If you're not afraid of lightning, there is another reason to have a surge protector strip. The electricity coming into your house or business is never stable. Think about what the monitor or the lights do when

the air conditioning or refrigerator starts up. That voltage drop-off is immediately followed by a momentary electrical surge.

Space limits me here, but I thought this quote from Moon-Howler said it quite well.

"To think that the 25 cents worth of silicon in your power strip will protect your computer from a direct strike on your home is fun stuff," he said.

That will make more sense if you substitute "crazy" for "fun."

So I guess I'll keep crawling under the desks and backing up the computers. A little rug burn on the knees never hurt anybody.

I have time for one quick question, and it's from Anne. It has to do with the Anti-Spyware and cleaner programs

"Hello! (Hello, backatcha.)"

"I downloaded Windows Anti-Spyware as recommended. Will it work for all the users on my XP? (MS-XP operating system). Is there anything I have to do to start it up after downloading?"

"I have four users, and I understand that I have to run Ad-Aware and Spybot in each user. What about other stuff like Norton and defragging and that cleaner utility? Is there a way to combine users?"

Microsoft Anti-Spyware does a decent job of getting all users, but it's a good idea to run it once in a while on each user's profile. Also, Ad-Aware *does* handle each user at once, but Spybot doesn't. Norton and defrag work for all under any user.

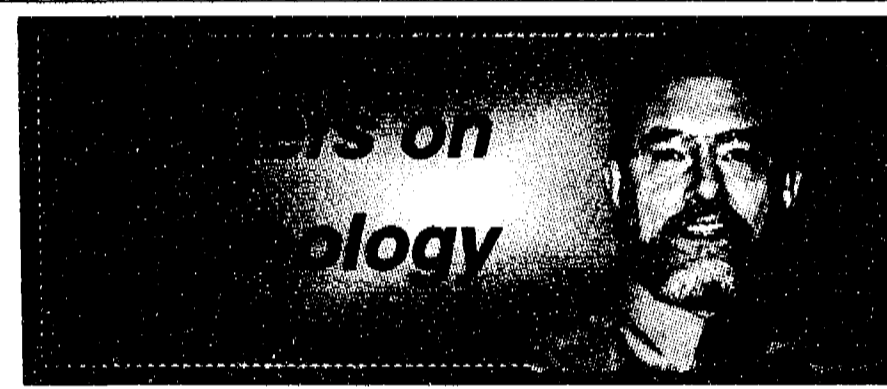
Mark Shook at the PC Clinic added this, "Microsoft Anti-Spyware will remove any KaZaa folders including

the one with downloaded music. Not a good idea to run KaZaa, but, if you have some downloads from it, move them to the "My Music" folder.

And last, our Web site of the week comes from Mojo. It's www.bellsnwhistles.com. It contains everything you need to build your Web site.

And with that we say, Good night, Lucy. Good night, Rickie.

Have a tech question or subject you would like addressed in this column? Want to comment or add your two cents worth? My e-mail address is mtmaurer@comcast.net.



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## Business People

**Emanuel Tanay, M.D.**, Clinical Professor of Psychiatry at Wayne State University, will accompany a group of graduate students to Germany, Czechoslovakia, and Poland, as Scholar in Residence.

The students, who are from all over the United States, will visit sites of various atrocities and commemorative monuments concerning the Holocaust and genocide studies.

The "Lest We Forget" tour has been organized by the Richard Stockton College of New Jersey. The Holocaust and Genocide Studies Department in that institution is under the leadership of the legendary Rev. Franklin Littell and his wife

**Dr. Marcia Littell.**

All of the participants have studied the recently published book, "Passport to Life — Reflections of a Holocaust Survivor," written by Dr. Tanay.

Dr. Tanay was a longtime Grosse Pointe resident prior to his retirement.

**Phoebe Weinberg** was featured as one of America's top travel specialists by Conde Nast Traveler magazine.

Weinberg, CTC and president of Greatways Travel, was featured in the magazine's annual August issue listing the Top Travel Specialists in the world. Weinberg is a Grosse Pointe Farms resident.

## Mes Amies Salon has new owners

**Rita LaCroix and Monique Agbay-Oltersdorf** are the new owners of Mes Amies Salon.

The building is located at 19609 Mack, and the telephone number is (313) 881-0010.

"Our goal is to provide services and products that meet or exceed our clients' expectations," LaCroix said.

## Correction

Damman Hardware was misspelled in last week's Grosse Pointe News.

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## Dog Day of Summer

The pet contest "Dog Day of Summer" was held Aug. 6 at the Children's Home of Detroit.

A doggie parade was held in the afternoon. Awards were given to dogs for best costume, longest tail, friendliest, and look-alike.

The event included doggie bags, ice cream, a moon walk, bake sale, Polaroid pet pictures, dog agility demonstrations and an "Ask the Vet" booth and Pet Adoption Day. It was hosted by the Soroptimist International of Grosse Pointe and the Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society to benefit the Children's Home of Detroit — Youth Assistance Services.

The winners at left, top to bottom are:

**Friendliest:** No. 1. Scout, a golden retriever, owned by Donna Cilla; No. 2. Sandy; and No. 3. Darcey, a border collie, owned by Alex Dean.

**Look-alike:** No. 1. Sandy, a golden retriever and owner Mary Parsigian; No. 2. Prince, a Brittany and owner Lori Jones; and No. 3. Heidi, a wire fox terrier owned by Geri Farrar.

**Longest Tail:** No. 1. Alex, a border collie, owned by Judy Murray; No. 2. Sandy, a golden retriever, owned by Mary Parsigian; and No. 3. Nikki, a yellow Lab, owned by Hannah Hodges.

**Best Costume:** No. 1. Nikki, in a purple bikini, owned by Hannah Hodges; No. 2. Willow, in a pink tutu, owned by Miranda Caruso; and No. 3. Peanut, in a Harley outfit, owned by Alicia Finazzo.

Below: Chloe, age 1, and her mom, Dawn Power, get acquainted with little Leonburger, a St. Bernard mix puppy. Leonburger will soon grow into a rather large, but cuddly house dog.

Bottom, right: Nancy Berdenski of Detroit has just adopted Bogart, a 1-year-old male beagle. Volunteer Penny Sauve works on the adoption papers with Nancy, discussing veterinary follow-up care, including future immunization shots and neutering.

Bottom center, right: Just in time for the dog/owner look-alike contest; Mandy Caruso primps her mom Jenny's hair so she'll look just like the family poodle Willow.

Bottom center, left: Reno's chin is being judged by little Chico.



# Five file for board of ed vacancy, interviews begin

By Ann L. Fouty  
Staff Writer

Five people are interested in serving on the Grosse Pointe Board of Education. Each would like the seat vacated by Joan Richardson.

Two of the five candidates were interviewed on Monday, Aug. 8.

Patrick Burke, Grosse Pointe Farms, and Lois Valente, Grosse Pointe Park, appeared before the board for a scheduled interview. Brendan Walsh of Grosse Pointe Park and Fred Minturn of Grosse Pointe Shores are scheduled to be interviewed on Monday, Aug. 15. Minturn is to appear for an interview at 6 p.m., and Walsh follows at 6:30 p.m. Anthony Ambrogio will be out of town during the interview weeks and requested his merits be evaluated on his application.

Ambrogio has been a resident of the Pointes for 14 years. He has one daughter who graduated from the Grosse Pointe school system and a second who is now attending the public schools. He has both a bachelor's and master's degree from Wayne State University. He is self-employed as an editor/writer. Ambrogio has participated in two millage campaigns, as well as school board candidate campaigns. According to his statement, Ambrogio's specific interest is the "prevention of cut-

backs to art and other non-academic classes." He said he would devote about 20 hours per month to board issues.

"I am a consensus builder who truly seeks to unite people for the common good," he said in a prepared statement to the board.

His reasons for seeking a board seat are stated in the following comment: "I worry about the increasing fractionalization of the board and the community. At a time when schools are facing enormous challenges due to a ragged economy and constant cutbacks in educational spending, and when increasing diversity of the Grosse Pointe neighborhoods requires adjustments and rational thinking, we should be coming together to confront and overcome the challenges rather than engaging in rhetoric that merely inflames issues."

Promoting sensible policies that preserve the academic excellence of the district is Ambrogio's goal should he be selected as a board member.

Burke has three children in the school system: a senior and a sophomore, both at South and a Brownell seventh-grader.

"The district is facing many challenges, and I am confident I will be able to utilize the experience I have, to play a key role as a member of the board," he said in his letter of interest.

He has been an active PTO member and served on the Program Advisory Committee for three years. Burke has a Bachelor of Administration degree from Michigan State University and is the president of a consulting firm.

Burke, who has been chair of the Support the Millage Committee and chair of the Renew, Renew and Restore Committee, believes the board needs to be better at communicating, and suggested improved use of the Internet and Web site, thus providing instant information. "We need to do more town hall meetings," he said. "We need to do a better job of bragging." The district also needs to increase its information output to households without children.

Burke sees the recent efforts involved in registration and the recall petition as a basis for getting parents more involved. "Reach out to those parents," he suggested.

Addressing the financial issues, Burke said he believes educational programs need to be protected, but in light of declining revenues, his suggestion to balance the budget would be to ask for input from staff at each building staff about cuts.

"It's the board's job to be fiscally responsible," he said. "As a board member it is our responsibility to oversee the district and spend

money" wisely.

"The administrators, they are professional educators. They have the responsibility to educate our kids. We need to give them that opportunity and oversee them to ensure they are doing their job," he said.

There are five areas Burke said he brings to the board: working within the budget, discipline, responsibility of thinking about the big picture, the opportunity to work with a large group and his experience as a consultant. He would devote 12 to 16 hours per month in meetings, plus outside activities.

A PTO volunteer, Valente has three elementary-aged children enrolled in three different elementary schools.

In her letter of interest, Valente said, "Although each child's educational goals may vary, the underlying theme is the same — provide an educational experience that is both robust and well-focused in order to provide the opportunity for that child to be a successful, self-confident, lifelong learner."

She is a graduate of Sterling Heights High School and has a bachelor's degree from Wayne State University. Her job at the Sandy Corp. in automotive account development was downsized this summer.

Valente has served on PTO boards, the Maire

Parent Advisory Committee, and the Strategic Planning Committee and was director of the Student Services Selection Committee this year.

Applying for the position, Valente said that community service is both important to her and is her way of life. "It's a part of who I am. I want to make a contribution."

As a board member she would like to see everything discussed at the table with respect. She described herself as a team player and has the ability to make the difficult decisions in the board's fiduciary role. "Administrators deal with the day-to-day (issues). The buck stops at the board. The board is the public face to the community," Valente said.

Valente, too, noted that communications between the administrators, board, parents and community need to be improved, as well as getting more people involved in school programs.

Improving communication is one of the issues which Valente said should be addressed.

"Communication is missing. We need more proactive communication and in a timely manner and making it relevant. We need to open thought processes."

She also believes that money needs to be spent on the students and the inclusion of cutting edge teaching methods in the special edu-

cation classrooms which will transfer to regular education classrooms.

An empathic listener, Valente noted that the budget is a big issue and affected by declining revenues, possibly declining enrollment. The board's challenge would be to look at school financing at both the national and state levels and to tap into local talents to seek out grant money.

Valente suggested the board create a grant committee to capture additional money to support various programs. She noted there are many people in the community who could be snagged to write grants. "Harness people on committees. Tap into the community," she said.

One question presented to Valente was concerning the inconsistencies between the high schools on standardized testing. Before suggesting a corrective method or funneling money to resolve the problem, she said she would like an analysis of whether the curriculum goals are the same at each school and is the delivery the same. Devoting money to cure the discrepancies should be based on head count and cost effectiveness.

To the district's credit, Valente said she was pleased with the quality of education. "We do a good job of reaching out to kids in a personal way. To know that children are wanted and desired."

## District's strategic plan makes first hurdle

By Ann L. Fouty  
Staff Writer

Four pieces of the Grosse Pointe Public School District's strategic plan have been approved by the board of education.

Mike Wilmot, who heads the strategic plan task force, and the team have completed the mission, vision, guiding principles and indicators of success segments of the plan. Nearly 70 people met for six months to update these portions of the plan which can be seen on the school's Web site.

The board's endorsement of work completed will guide the work still ahead for the task force, Superintendent Suzanne Klein said.

The common thread which runs through the completed segments brings together the students, staff, parents and community. The strategic plan points to creating an environment to help the

student achieve his or her best by providing a safe environment under the guidance of attracting and maintaining a high-quality staff. The staff will be provided with tools to maximize the potential for each student and encourage students to be lifelong learners.

The need for a strategic plan, Klein explained, is that it focuses on items that matter the most. It sets goals and targets, the strengths and weakness which in turn shape the vision and mission of where the school district is headed.

The task force is cognizant that the community is a stakeholder in the school and addresses such in the guiding principles. The strategic plan notes that the school district will offer programs and services to meet the needs of the district in a financially responsible way and at the same time enhance the reputation of

the community. It is also asking for community feedback to adequately reflect the needs of the Grosse Pointes. Compiling the information means tweaking what has already been set in place, ever mindful of how the goals can be incorporated into the district's budget.

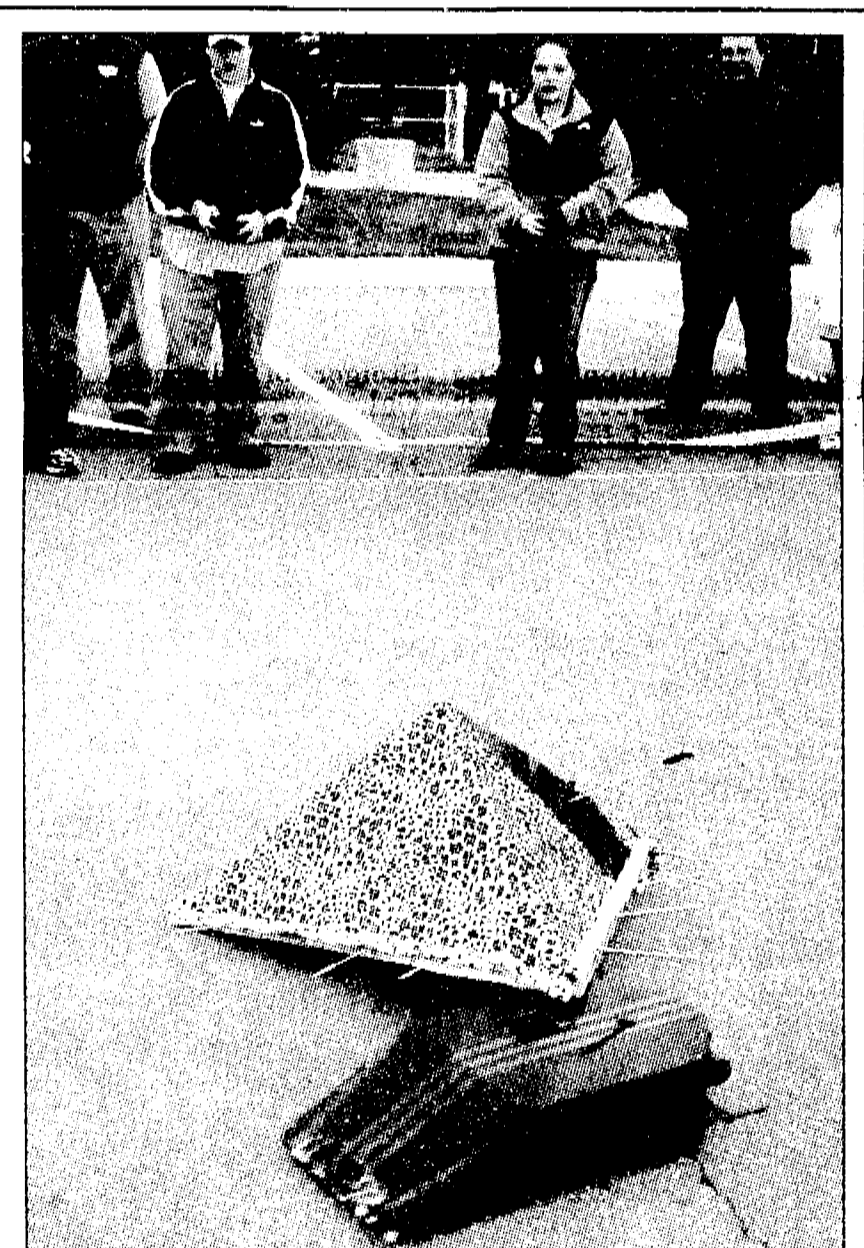
The draft mission statement says, "The Grosse Pointe Public Schools, in partnership with students, staff, parents and community, will be at the forefront of education. An evolving curriculum and the highest standards of instruction and learning in every class, every day, will ensure that each student is challenged to fully develop individual abilities, skills and character to succeed in life."

"We are committed to creating an environment that cultivates knowledgeable, responsible, and caring citizens who embrace life's pos-

sibilities with a passion for continuous learning."

Just as children are graded on their achievements in the classroom, the strategic plan has put in "indicators of success." These indicators are as follows:

- Partnerships
  - The district's accolades, rising from the accomplishments of our students and staff, reflect and validate the collaborative contributions of the entire community and create a sense of pride," the strategic plan said.
  - Staff development
  - Student learning through curriculum, instruction and assessment
  - Finance
  - Human resources
  - Technology
  - Student services/learning environment
- The bottom line of the plan is student excellence.



### Battle bots

Eighth-grade students at Our Lady Star of the Sea School in Grosse Pointe Woods constructed remote control vehicles for the annual "Battle Bot" competition on May 3. Lindsay Astalos of Grosse Pointe Shores, right, with controller, guides her team's leopard-skin rig against the ultimate winner, the blank tank, controlled by Nick Hinz of Grosse Pointe Woods.



### Stormy weather

The Grosse Pointe North High School Jazz Band appeared on the stormy night of June 9, along with Grosse Pointe South Jazz Band to kick off the 2005 season of "Music at the Plaza." The 28-member ensemble, under the direction of David Cleveland, recently returned from a festival and competition at Cedar Point where they received high ratings, attesting to the students' hard work and dedication. North senior and vocalist Ben Lupu joined the group to provide some Frank Sinatra type "crooning" rounding out the performance.

There were three featured soloists.

## Graduates get together for reunions

**Assumption Grotto Grade School** in Detroit will have a class reunion for those who graduated between 1955 and 1965. Residents from "the old neighborhood" are also invited to the Saturday, Aug. 13, reunion, which begins at noon in Dodge Park on Utica in Sterling Heights.

For more information, call Cindy at (586) 247-2854.

**Lakeview High School, Class of 1970** will hold its 35th class reunion on Saturday, Oct. 1, at Hall of Fame Billiards, 13 Mile and Mound.

For more information, go to [www.classmates.com](http://www.classmates.com) or call (586) 795-3004 or e-mail Carla Reeb at [creeb@rfd.org](mailto:creeb@rfd.org).

**Denby High School's Class of 1970** will gather for a 30-year reunion on Saturday, Nov. 5, at Zuccaro's Holiday House, 20400 S. Nunneley, Clinton Township.

Cocktails will be at 6:30 p.m. A strolling dinner will be held between 7:30 and 9:30 p.m.

There will be a DJ, and after-five attire is requested.

For more information and cost, call Linda Bahr at (313) 881-0920. The deadline for reservations is Sept. 30.

**Southeastern High School's classes of 1930 through 1955** will observe their "annual multi-class reunion luncheon" on Thursday, Sept. 22.

This luncheon is open to all Southeastern High School alumni who graduated more than 50 years ago.

For more information, location and reservations, call (313) 884-0527 or (586) 772-2611 or e-mail [skardas@prodigy.net](mailto:skardas@prodigy.net).

**Hamtramck High School 60th Class reunion** for the January and June 1945 classes will gather on Wednesday, Sept. 14, at The Gazebo, 31104 Mound Road, Warren.

For those who graduated in January and need more information, call Mary (Makushik) Haifleigh at (248) 547-4906.

June graduates who need more information should call Bill Hapiuk at (313) 937-3228.

### North's jazz band receives superior rating

Grosse Pointe North Jazz Band was awarded a superior rating for its performance at the national Music in the Park Festival, held at Cedar Point.

The 27-member jazz band performed "Moonlight Serenade," "Birdland," and "Caravan" for a panel of university-level adjudicators. The band was given the highest numerical score in the jazz band division and one of the highest scores for the entire festival.

There were three featured soloists.

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## Names in the news

**Adam Kudla** and **Gabriela Jones** were named outstanding soloists during the Music in the Parks Choral Festival, held in Cedar Point on May 14. The two are part of the Pierce Middle School seventh-grade choir.

**Daniel J. Sheppard** of Grosse Pointe Woods, is a graduate of The Gunnery and has been appointed to the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis.

**Kevin Yaklin**, son of Kathy and Bill Yaklin of Grosse Pointe Park, has been awarded the Gauss Radio Club Award, the Outstanding Non-commissioned Officer Medal and the American Legion General Military Excellence Medal as a cadet at Howe Military School.

The radio award was given for Yaklin being an outstanding member of the Radio Club.

The American Legion Award was sponsored by Post 215 of the American Legion of LaGrange, Ind., and is in recognition of military excellence and is presented to the cadet who is in the top 25 percent of his academic and JROTC classes and demonstrates outstanding qualities in military leadership, discipline and citizenship.

Yaklin is a 10th grader at Howe and also made the headmaster's list for the sixth six weeks grading period of the 2004-05 school year. He received his award by attaining at least a 3.0 B average.

**Lindsey Ellen Kurtz**, a senior at Grosse Pointe North High School, was appointed to serve as a district representative for the National Honor Society during the State Student Council Association meeting held in April 2005. She is the daughter of Harry and Lynn Kurtz of Grosse Pointe Shores.

Twenty-two students from Grosse Pointe South High performed well in the state Distributive Education Club of America. Of that number, 10 finished in the top of their event. Seven students achieved finalist status by finishing in the top five in the state at the international level. Those five included **Robert Arcand**, **Katherine Buchholz**, **Kyla Moran**, **Emily Samra**, **Chelsea**

**Simmons, Liz Trexler** and **Julie West**. Samra finished in the top 20 for her event at the international tournament.

The club is coached by Bill Cayo.

**Maria Saliccioli**, a student at Grosse Pointe North, and **George Tecos**, a Grosse Pointe South student, each received the one time \$750 Michigan First Credit Union scholarship.

Winners were selected based on scholarship, involvement in extracurricular activities that demonstrate a special talent, leadership skills and social responsibility. Awarded scholarships are applied to the student's first year of college.

**Alex Smith** of Grosse Pointe, a 10th-grader at Phillips Exeter Academy, earned high honors for the spring term. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Smith and is in his first year at the independent secondary school in Exeter, N.H.

**Dustin Meldrum** of Grosse Pointe Woods, is a semifinalist in the Ayn Rand Institute's 2005 The Fountainhead essay contest and will be awarded a cash prize of \$50.

More than 4,800 students from around the world entered this year's contest geared toward high school juniors and seniors.

Participants choose one of several topics dealing with the characters and themes presented in the novels. The contests are designed to promote critical thinking and writing skills. Essays are judged for both content and style.

**Jane Steiger**, the daughter of Patricia Steiger of Catonsville, Md., and Jon Steiger of Sherman Oaks, Cal., graduated from Randolph-Macon Academy Middle School on June 2.

She is the granddaughter of Dr. John and Mrs. Joan Sadler of Baltimore, Md., and Mr. and Mrs. F. Robert Steiger of Grosse Pointe Farms.

**Maxwell King Getz** of Grosse Pointe Farms was named to the Deerfield Academy's spring term honor roll. He is a freshman at the Massachusetts independent secondary school.

**Anthony Altovilla** of Grosse Pointe recently participated in the Writing and Thinking Workshop at Lake Forest College in Lake Forest, Ill. The workshop is a two-week residential program for high school students interested in developing and refining their writing and thinking skills. He is a junior at Grosse Pointe South.

**Iyla O'Connor** of St. Clair Shores was crowned National American Miss Michigan in the 4-6 age bracket during a state pageant on July 22 and 23 at the Marriott Hotel in Troy.

O'Connor also received the Spirit of America Trophy, was third runner-up in the photogenic division and received a participation trophy and a talent ribbon for advertising and casual wear modeling. She is the granddaughter of James and Mary Ellen O'Connor of Grosse Pointe.

**Robert Batten** of Grosse Pointe Farms was among 112 students selected to attend Washington and Lee University's Summer Scholars Program, held in July. Students from 29 states, Turkey, Bulgaria and Canada attended the four week program.

The program offers students a choice of eight curricula each comprised of three courses.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Batten.

Grosse Pointe South senior honor student **Colleen Cirocco** of Grosse Pointe Farms will participate in the National Student Leadership Conference in Chicago. While here, she will have the opportunity to study and develop the skills that define a leader in the study of the arts.

She has played the piano since the age of 8 and the violin since she was 9.

Cirocco is a member of South's symphony orchestra and Tri-M, the national honor society of music students. She recently received a superior plus rating for piano from the Michigan Federation of Music Clubs.



Colleen Cirocco



Photo courtesy Grosse Pointe Academy

## International games

The Grosse Pointe Academy gave its traditional field day a twist this year as event organizers, physical education teachers **Cheryl Carroll** and **Sasha Ovshinsky**, chose games representing different countries. This culminated activity for the year long, all-school theme, "Journey Around the World," took place on Friday, May 27. The international events included a spaghetti and meatball relay, Bocce ball, a kangaroo hop, tug-of-war, hockey in Canada, and SoGo soccer. Here sixth graders demonstrate a Portuguese and South American volleyball game for the rest of the students.

## ULS scholars receive recognition

University Liggett School ninth-grader **Andrew (Drew) Amato** is the recipient of this year's **James Robb Baubie Community Scholars Fund** scholarship.

It is given annually to a Grosse Pointe resident who excels academically and contributes athletically. The award will be applied throughout Amato's upper school career. He and his parents, **Thomas** and **JoMarie Amato**, live in Grosse Pointe Woods.

"Drew's academic record and accomplishments at University Liggett School's middle school predict that he will make tremendous contributions to our upper school," said Head of School **Matthew H. Hanly**. "We are pleased to award him the



Left, **Andrew Amato** and **ULS Director of External Relations Patrick Roberts**.

**James Robb Baubie Community Scholarship**, and we look forward to the upper school successes that we are certain he will attain."

A graduate of Tulane University and the University of Michigan, **Baubie** was president of Legend Valve Fitting, a company that he founded in 1988. Baubie died of cancer in July 2000. Following his death, generous donations in his memory from family members, classmates and other ULS alumni and friends led to the establishment of the scholarship fund in his name.

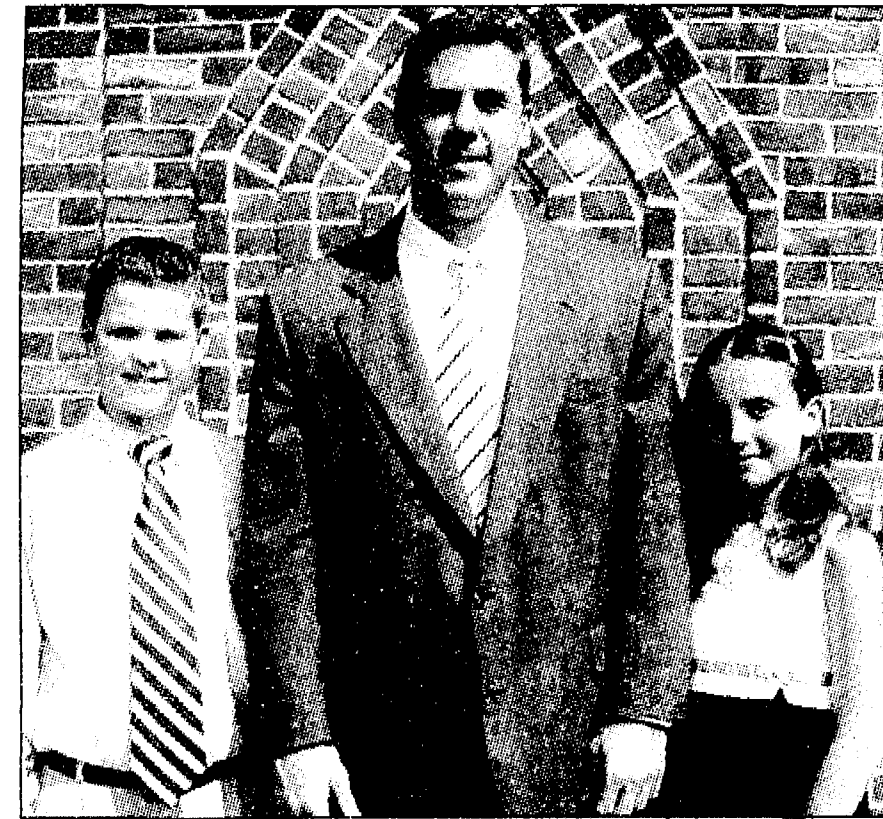
**Joshua Meadows** of Clinton Township and **Janine Puleo** of Grosse Pointe Woods have been awarded the **James Robb Baubie Memorial Scholarship** for the 2005-06 school year.

"We deeply appreciate the generosity of the Shammass family," said **Patrick Roberts**, University Liggett School's director of external relations. "Janine and Joshua are exceptional students. We're pleased to recognize their hard work with this scholarship."

Incoming eighth-grader **Meadows** is an accomplished pianist, competes in roller hockey, and loves to read.

**Puleo**, who recently completed fifth grade at Monteith Elementary School is involved in drama, singing, dancing and playing tennis, volleyball and soccer.

The Shammass family of Grosse Pointe Woods established this gift in the name of their late daughter, **Nicole**. The scholarship is part of the school's need-based financial assistance program; recipients of the scholarship must show an interest in the performing arts.



From left, **Shammass Scholarship recipient Joshua Meadows**, **University Liggett School Director of External Relations Patrick Roberts**, and **Shammass Scholarship recipient Janine Puleo**.

## South band, orchestra again perform well

Grosse Pointe South High School Band and Orchestra performed outstandingly in the recent Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association competition.

Four South students earned All State honors including **Gillian Markwick**, All State Orchestra, **Peter Sabino**, All State Band, **Shami Entenman** and **Suzanne Wrobel**, both All State solo finalists.

First division ratings were earned by **John Barbour**, **Nensi Bakiu** in the concert orchestra; **Lee Brooks**, **Wyneth Daywalt**, **Hyunje Cho**, **Wrobel**, **Gillian Markwick** and **Ann Nowosad** in symphony orchestra; **Rachel Fentin** and **John Malefyt** in concert band; **Megan Hoban**, **Patricia Lawlis**, **Sabino**, **Cory Stanton**, **Julia AnderleDeSylor** and

**Entenman** in symphony band; **Jenny Evans**, **Hoban**, **Sabino**, **Matt Smith** and **Michael Hoban** in woodwind quintet; **Anderle DeSylor**, **Melissa Dominquez** and **Muna Danish** in flute trio.

**Victoria Caragy** received a second division in concert orchestra.

**Dane White**, **James Gross** and **Dean Doss** are the band and orchestra teachers.

## South's freshmen need to attend orientation

On Wednesday, Aug. 24, incoming Grosse Pointe South High School freshmen should participate in an orientation program.

Ninth-grade students should report to the main gym (entrance off Grosse Pointe Boulevard) at 8:30 a.m.

The program will end about 11:30 a.m.

The Class of 2009 will have the opportunity to hear from administrators and student leaders and become familiar with South's environment before freshmen registration on Thursday, Aug. 25.

In addition, an evening freshmen parent orientation program (for parents only) will take place in South's

main gym at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 24.

At that time freshmen parents will be welcomed by administrators, counselors and student leaders of South.

Additional information will be delivered relative to student registration and the freshman high school experience.

## Filling school board vacancy

Filling the vacancy of Grosse Pointe Board of Education member **Joan Richardson** must be done within 30 days of her resignation. She resigned effective July 31.

A new board member will be selected in August following interviews of the five who submitted letters of interest. That person will serve until June 2006. The final year of the term will be filled by a candidate who is elected by the people during the regular May 2006 school board election.

Elected to the board in 1999, **Richardson** resigned her position last month citing professional obligations.

## Correction, clarification

Grosse Pointe Board of Education member **Joan Dindoffer** is also a Certified Board member and has been since 1998. She also earned the MASH Award of Merit in 2000.

In the July 28 issue of The Grosse Pointe News it stated that **Colleen Livingston's** father, **Tim**, had been laid off from his job. His lay-off notice was dated July 18 with an effective lay-off date of July 29. He was called back to work on July 21.

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**Dorothy R. Caramagno**

Dorothy R. Caramagno, 79, died on Monday, Aug. 8, 2005, at her home in Grosse Pointe Shores.

Mrs. Caramagno was born on June 2, 1926, in Detroit. She and her husband, Joseph, were married for 57 years.

She was an active and dedicated volunteer for more than 20 years at Bon Secours Hospital.

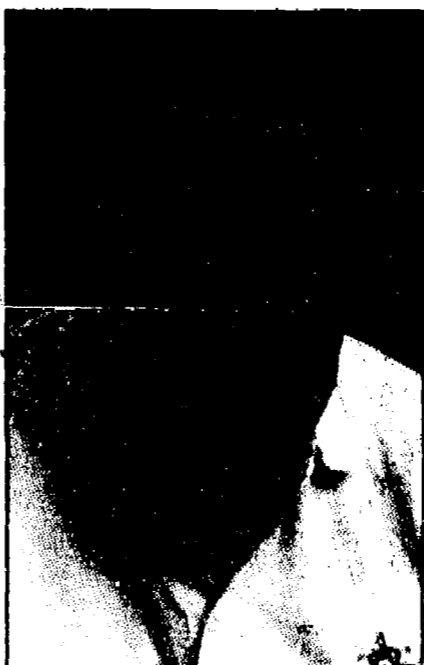
She is survived by her husband, Joseph A. Caramagno; her daughters, Claudia (Dennis) David, Laura (Gary) Clark and Dorothy (Craig) Shetler; her sons, Joe (Cher), Dan (Lisa), Ken (Anne) and Martin (Teresa); her 24 grandchildren; and her six great-



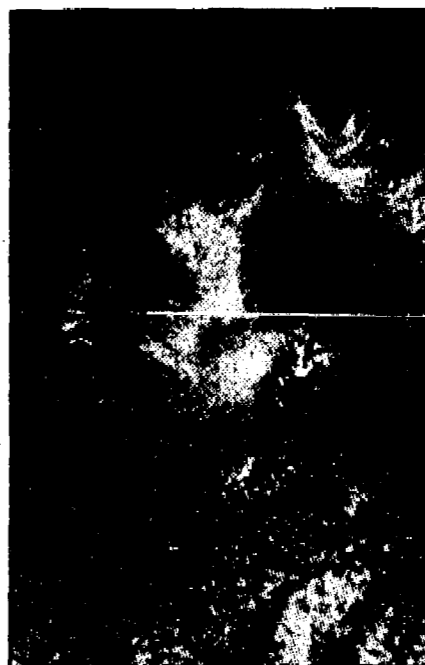
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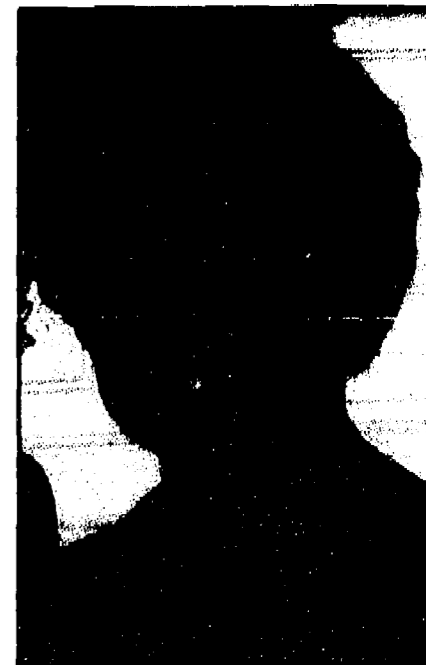
Marjorie Magdelene Kilgus



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grandchildren.

Visitation will be held on Friday, Aug. 12, from 5 to 9 p.m. at A.H. Peters Funeral

Home, 20705 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. A funeral Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, Aug. 13, at 11 a.m. at St. Lucy's Catholic Church, 23401 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, P.O. Box 50, Memphis, TN 38101-9929.

**Marjorie****Magdelene Kilgus**

Marjorie Magdelene Kilgus, 87, died on Wednesday, Aug. 3, 2005, at her home in Grosse Pointe Woods.

She was born on June 19, 1918, in Detroit to Herbert F. and Margaret Oberman Siewert.

She was a high school graduate and a homemaker. She was the loving Nana to her grandchildren and the cherished G.G. to her great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Kilgus is survived by her son, Frederick E. (Lynne) Kilgus; her two grandchildren, Todd B. Kilgus and Kathy (Todd) Driscoll; and three great-grandchildren, Lucy K., Mackenzie M., and T. Maxamillian.

She was predeceased by her husband, Donald C. Kilgus.

A memorial service was held on Friday, Aug. 5, at A.H. Peters Funeral Home,

Grosse Pointe Woods.

Memorial contributions may be made to Henry Ford Hospice, 131 Kercheval, Suite 95, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236.

**Donald McPhail**

Donald "the Moose" McPhail, 77, of Grosse Pointe, died of heart disease on Wednesday, Aug. 3, 2005, at his second home in Delray Beach, Fla.

Mr. McPhail was born and raised in Grosse Pointe and was a football player at Grosse Pointe High School. In 1950, he received a degree in history from the University of Michigan.

After graduation, Mr. McPhail began a career as an automotive supply salesman. Over the years, he worked in the material-handling division of a steel company, was director of sales at Clark Equipment Corp., and was a manufacturer's representative in the industrial filtration industry.

He was a member of the Detroit Athletic Club, Grosse Pointe Hunt Club, Indian Village Tennis Club, Otsego Ski Club, University of Michigan Victors Club and the past president of the former University Club of Detroit.

Mr. McPhail and his wife, Jane, loved to go skiing together until his illness restricted his activity.

Mr. McPhail was diagnosed with heart disease in 1995, and underwent a heart bypass procedure in 2000. That year, the couple began dividing their time between summers in Michigan and winters in Delray Beach.

He was known for having

a warm personality that would put anyone at ease.

"He was kind, friendly and warm to everyone," said his son, Dean McPhail. "From the valet car parkers to the presidents of companies, he treated everyone with respect."

In Florida, Mr. McPhail managed to establish friendships with everyone he met, all while staying close to his old friends.

"He was always calling all over the country, checking in with people," Janet McPhail said. "He remembered everything, their birthdays, how many kids they had, you name it."

Mr. McPhail is survived by his wife; sons, Dean and Scott McPhail and David Dillon; his former wife, Doreen Kohr, and a sister.

A memorial service was held on Saturday, Aug. 6, at St. John's Episcopal Church of Detroit.

Memorial contributions may be made to Bon Secours Hospital in Grosse Pointe or to a charity of one's choice.

**Bernice Ross**

Bernice J. Ross, 95, a longtime resident of Grosse Pointe, died on Sunday, July 31, 2005, at Alterra Wynwood in Utica.

She was born Sept. 11, 1909, in Arden, Ark., to Claude F. and Mary Hodges Jones.

Mrs. Ross was employed as an assistant to Professor Sherman Willson, the former director of the Visual Auditory Department of Wayne State University. She retired in the 1970s.

She attended the University of Missouri where she met her future

husband, Dr. Woodburn O. Ross, while he was a teaching fellow at the college. Later, they would come to Michigan, where her husband would be co-founder and dean of Monteith College, a college within Wayne State University.

She was past president of the university's Faculty Wives Club, worked with the Girl Scouts of Detroit and many other volunteer organizations. She was an active member of Christ Church Grosse Pointe.

She was fluent in French, and traveled widely with her husband in Europe and Asia.

Her friends and family will remember her as a gracious hostess, gourmet cook, artist and the personification of elegance.

Mrs. Ross is survived by two daughters, Gretchen (Raymond) Glime of Clinton Township and Judith (Robert) Weston of North Carolina; four grandchildren, Victoria, Elizabeth, Matthew and Rebecca; and four great-grandchildren, Ross, Claire, Carly and Shane.

She was predeceased by her husband, Dr. Woodburn O. Ross.

A memorial service will be held at a later date in the Rose Garden of Christ Church Grosse Pointe. ~~Funeral services will be placed with her husband's.~~

**Barbara Jean Ryszewski**

Barbara Jean Ryszewski, 65, of Williamston, died on Sunday, Aug. 7, 2005.

She was born on July 19, 1940, and graduated from Dominican High School in Detroit.

She had been office manager for her late husband in his pediatric medical practice and was a member of St. John's Student Parish.

She was a very active member of her community, having been treasurer of the Sparrow Guild, past chairperson of the Sparrow Children's Miracle Network and a volunteer in the Sparrow gift shop. She was also a volunteer for Meals On Wheels and Radio Talking Books.

She is survived by her three children, Julie (Rick) Meno of Ohio, Sheri (Keith) Russell of Minnesota, Jim (Kim) Ryszewski of Grosse Pointe; seven grandchildren, Hayley and Griffin Meno, Alena and Maysen Russell, Meghan, Madison, and Molly Ryszewski; her mother, Magdalene Schlachter; her sisters, Joyce (Dan) Chapman and Marlene Clark; her brothers, Art (Betty) Schlachter, and Dale Schlachter; and many nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her husband, Dr. Richard Ryszewski, who died on June 22, 2005, and her father, Virgil Schlachter.

A funeral Mass was celebrated on Wednesday, Aug. 10, at St. John's Student Parish in East Lansing.

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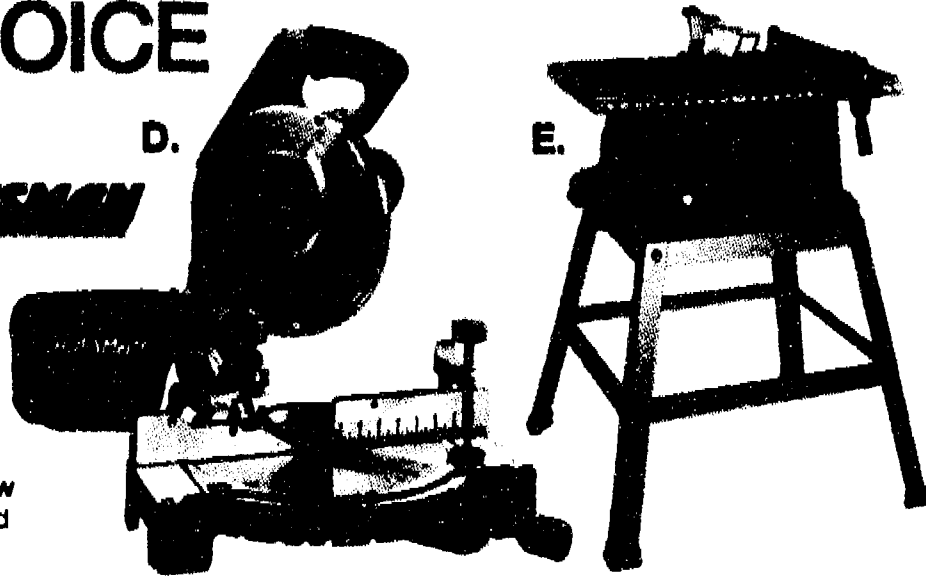
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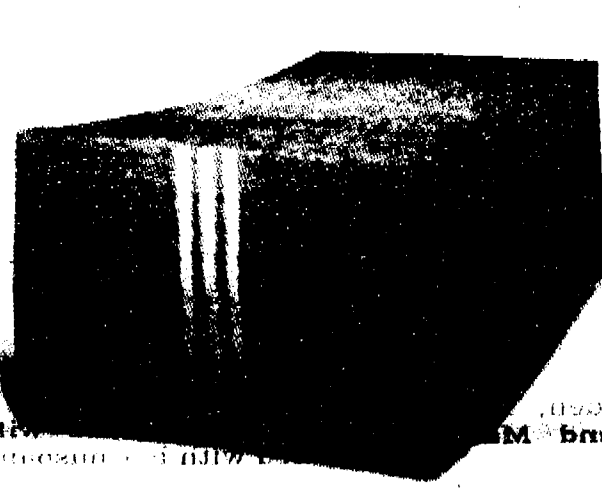
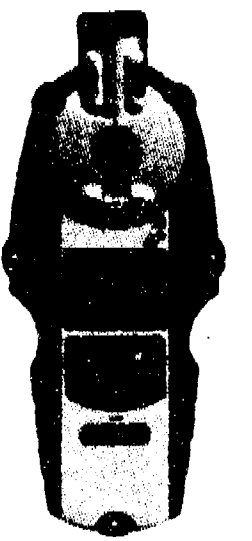


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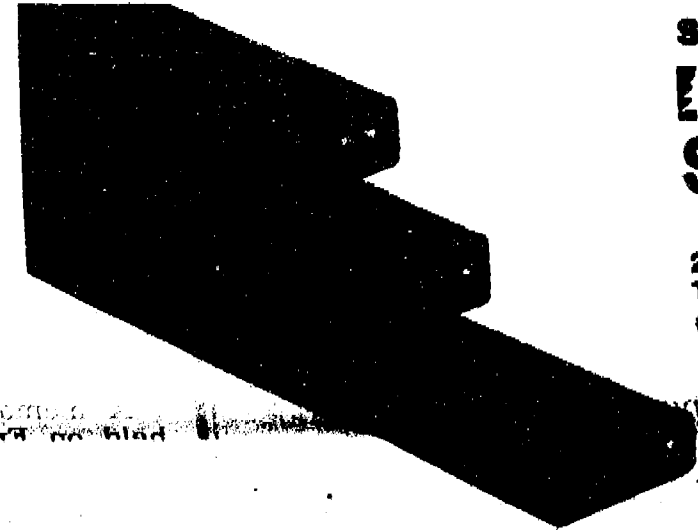
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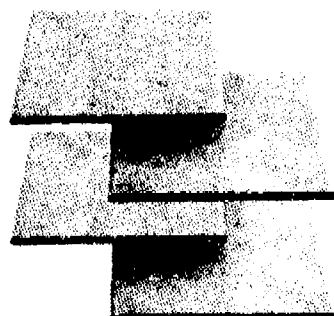
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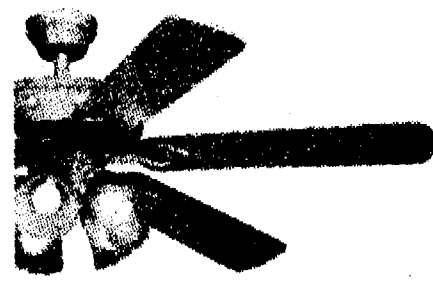
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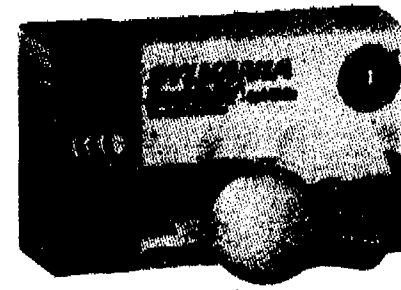
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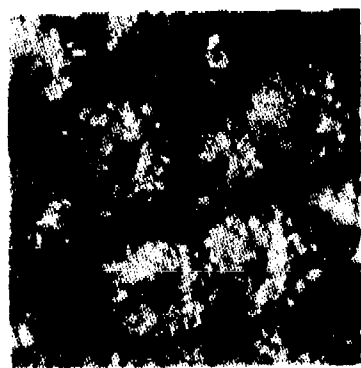
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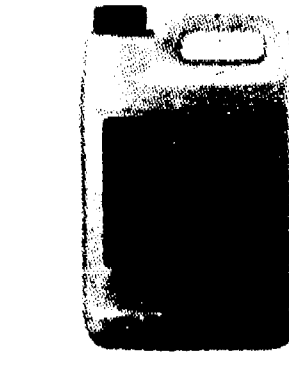
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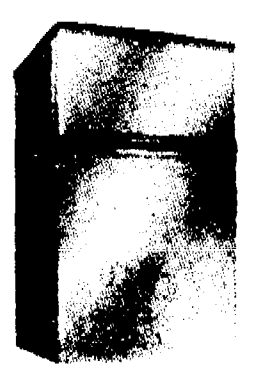
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## Excellence found at Concours d'Elegance

**By Richard Wright**  
In the very brief period that the Concours d'Elegance at Meadow Brook has been in existence — this summer's event was the third — it has already established an outstanding tradition of excellence.

Despite a heavy overcast, threats of storm and actual thunderstorms and cloudbursts, the show went on marked by a dazzling collection of classic cars, most notably of European classics.

For this third annual Concours, General Motors was presenting sponsor, Marvin Towns Jr., presi-

dent and CEO of the event, said the diversity of the brands on display was remarkable.

"Local entries from southeastern Michigan — this is the Motor City after all — were particularly strong," Towns said. "But we also have vehicles from 22 states and from eight

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A strong feature of the Concours was a display of European classics, headlined by a 1907 Rolls-Royce Silver Ghost AX-201. Regarded by many experts as the world's most valuable car, this was the original Silver Ghost (so named for its color and quiet ride).

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There were two entries from Grosse Pointe: a 1928 Isotta Fraschini Tipo 8AS Landaulette and a 1936 Bugatti Type 57, both belonging to LaVerne and Marlene Johnson of Grosse Pointe Park.

The Italian Isotta Fraschini was created by Cesare Isotta and Vincenzo Fraschini, who began production in 1903. In 1921 Fraschini passed away, and shortly afterward Isotta departed from the company. The company was sold in 1932 to Gruppo Caproni.

Other notable entries on

See CONCURS, page 19A

## Hi-tech summer road trip

(ARA) — The Automotive Association of America predicts a record number of Americans will travel this summer, and 84 percent of these travelers will go by motor vehicle. As more Americans spend more time on the road, they're fueling a trend toward integrating their favorite gadgets and technologies into their vehicles.

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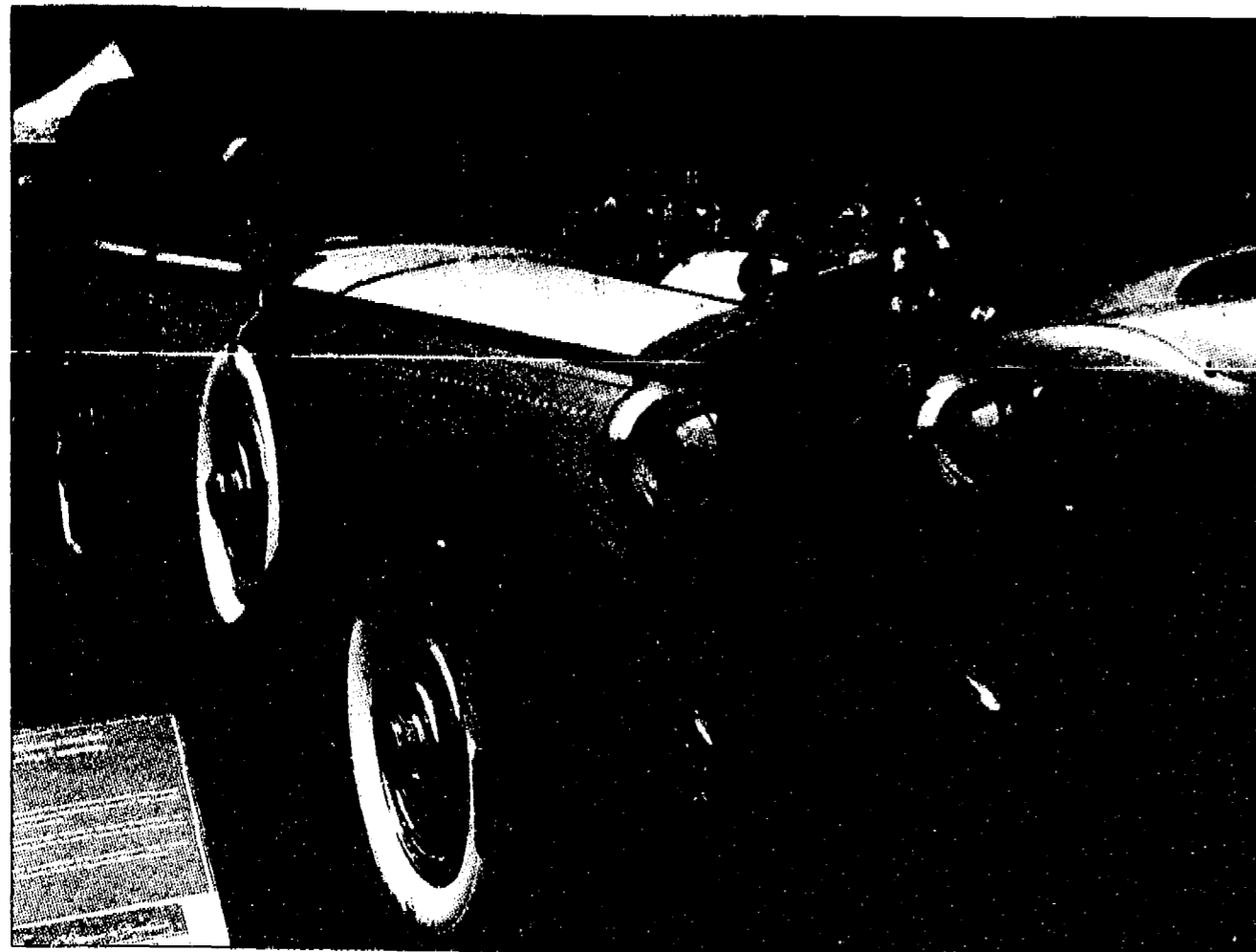
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This 1928 Isotta Fraschini Tipo 8AS Landaulette belongs to LaVerne and Marlene Johnson of Grosse Pointe Park. The Italian car was created by Cesare Isotta and Vincenzo Fraschini, who began production in 1903. In 1921 Fraschini died, and shortly afterward Isotta left the company. The company was sold in 1932 to Gruppo Caproni.

## Concours

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display included the following: a 1929 Duesenberg wood-bodied Northport speedster; a 1935 Mercedes-Benz 500K cabriolet; a series of spectacular race cars that have run in the famous Mille Miglia (1,000 Mile) road race in Italy, including a 1930 Alfa Romeo 1500 Testa Fissa, winner of its class in 1934; a rare 1935 Amilcar Pegase roadster entered by Connecticut collector Malcolm S. Pray Jr.; a famous 1914 Rolls-Royce wood-bodied roadster, entered by Joseph C. Cassini III; and a 1939 Delahaye V-12 165 convertible coupe by Figoni & Falaschi, built as the display car for France at the 1939 New York World's Fair.

Induction of three collectors into the Car Collector Hall of Fame was announced at the show.

They were Arturo Keller of Mexico City; Peter W. Mullin of Los Angeles; and Malcolm S. Pray Jr., of Greenwich, Conn.

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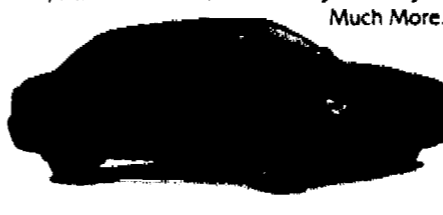


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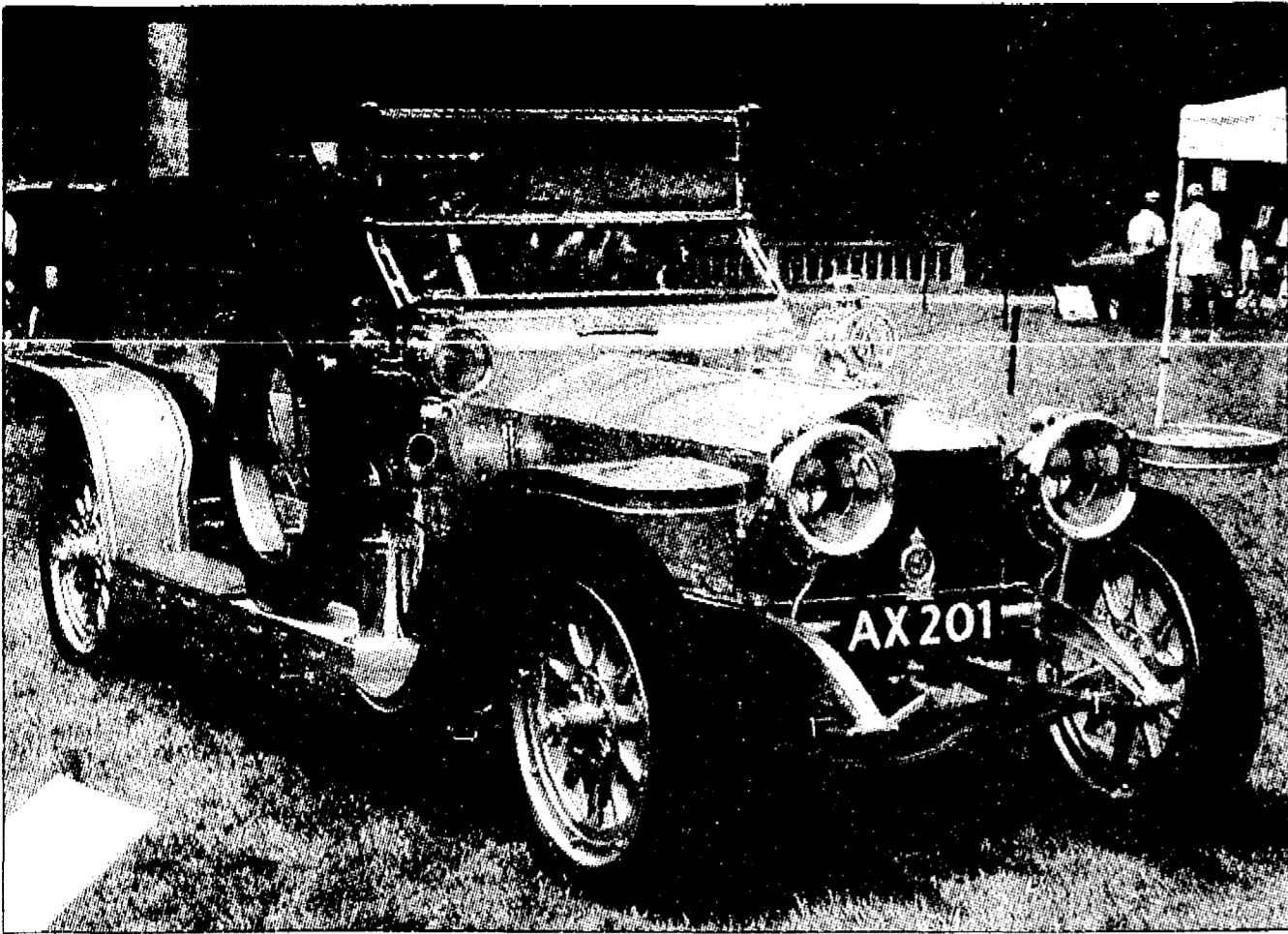
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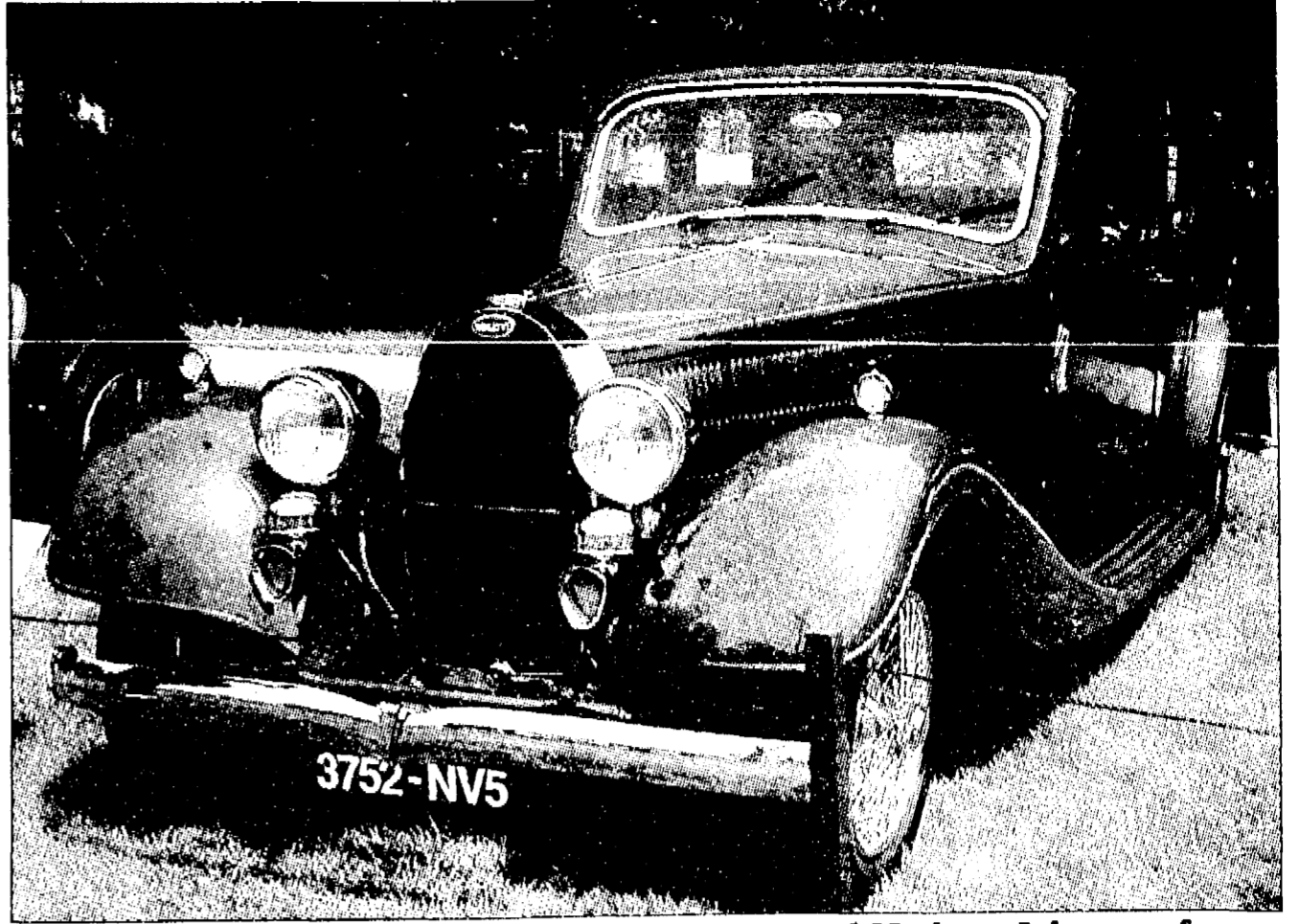
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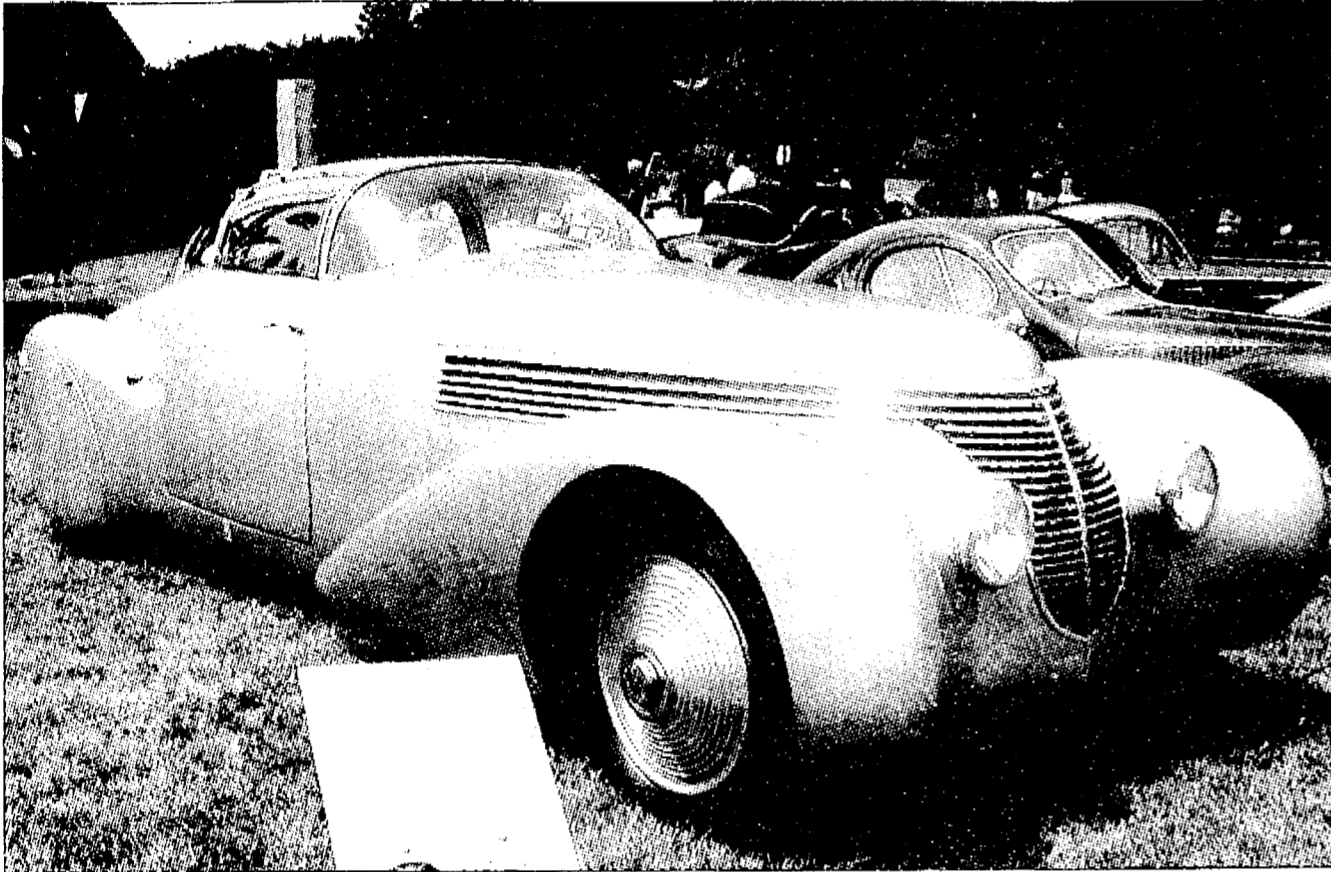
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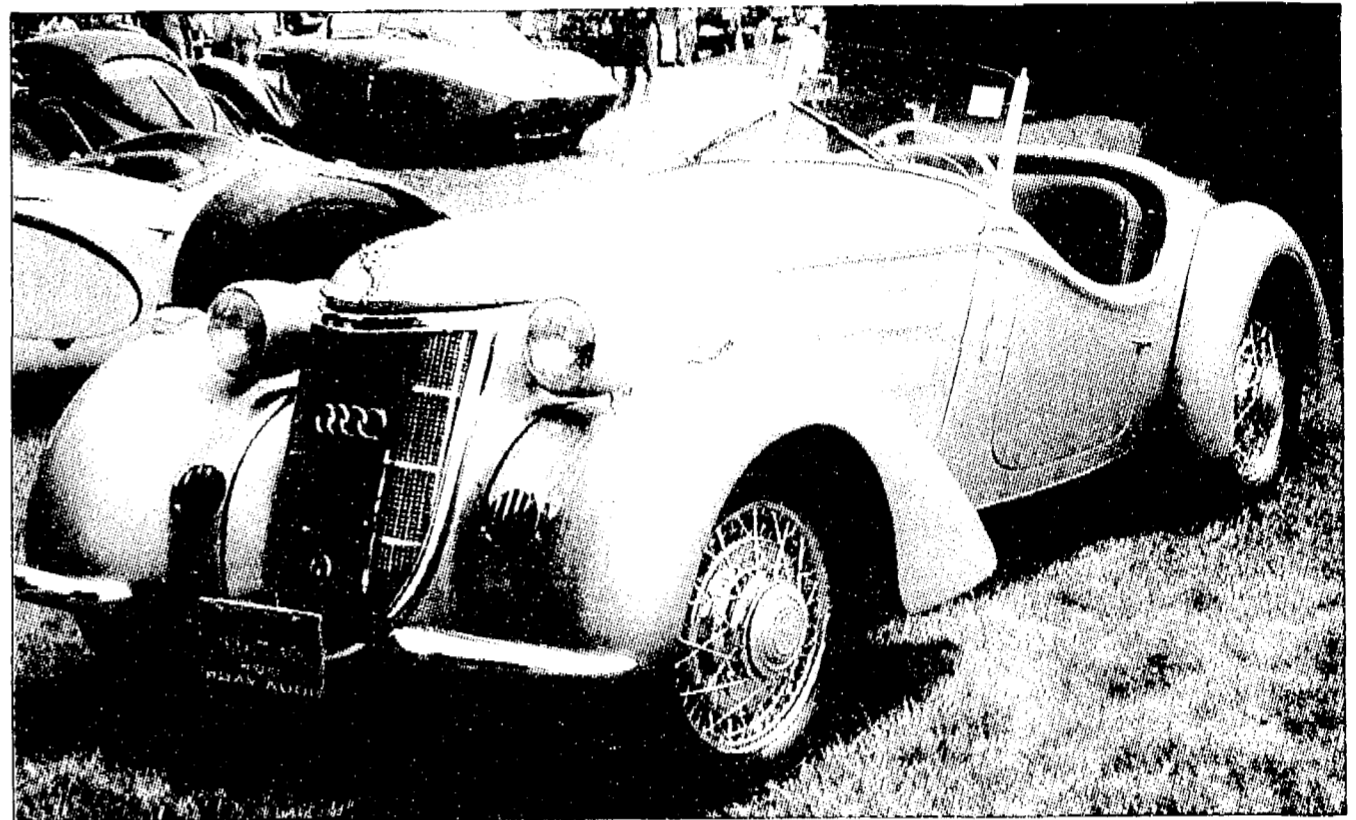
This 1907 Rolls-Royce Silver Ghost AX 201, the prototype for this venerable automobile, regarded by many observers as the world's most valuable car, is owned by Bentley Motors, Crewe, England.



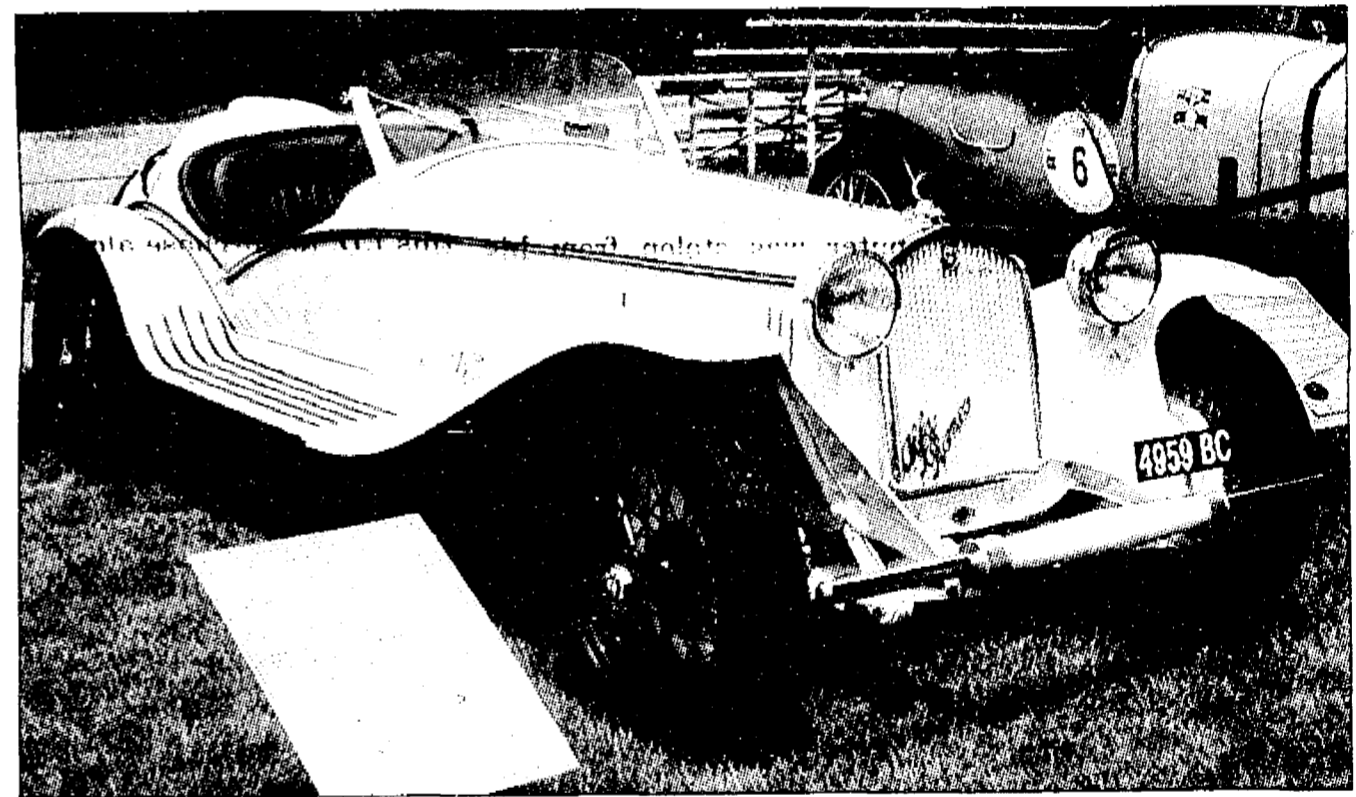
This 1936 Bugatti Type 57 belongs to LaVerne and Marlene Johnson of Grosse Pointe Park. Although founder Ettore Bugatti was born in Italy, the automobile company that bears his name was located in Molsheim, in the Alsace region of France. The original Bugatti failed with the advent of World War II, but has been resurrected twice, most recently under the Volkswagen Group.



Rare 1938 Dubonnet Hispano-Suiza Xenia Saoutchik Coupe is owned by Peter Mullin of Los Angeles. Built on a Hispano-Suiza H6B chassis with coachwork by Saoutchik, the car was built to showcase the suspension system designed by Andre Dubonnet of the family that had amassed a fortune from the sale of aperitifs and cognacs.



Rare German classic 1936 Auto Union Wanderer W25K belongs to Malcolm S. Pray of Greenwich, Conn.



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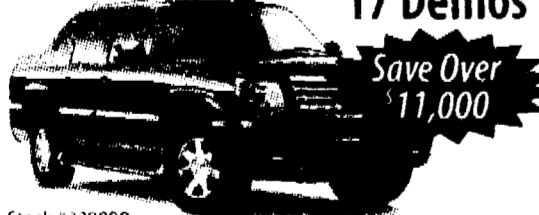


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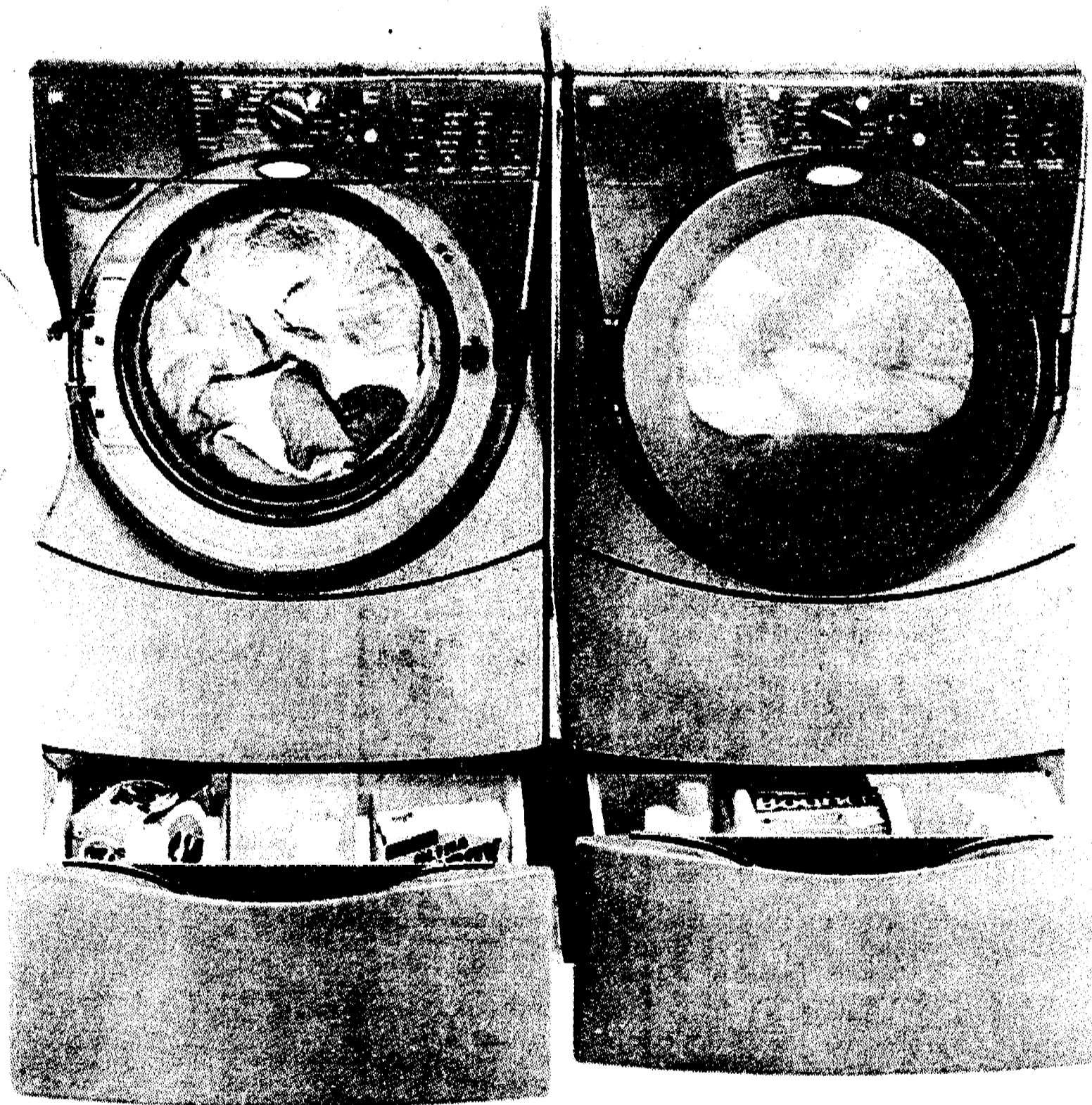


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## Cowabunga

### Fairgoers are in hog heaven

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

Tony Neme's feet were killing him. "But it was worth it," he said.

He'd spent a day at the Michigan State Fair.

"It comes only once per year," he said.

It's been coming once per year for 157 years.

For at least the last 15 of those years, Neme and his mother have spent a day together at the fair.

Walking from a flower arranging class to a honey bee display, from horse riding competition to a juggling show, from food vendors to the longest ponytail contest.

They've watched teams of Clydesdales in the draft horse competition. They've seen calves stand on wobbly legs. They've petted day-old lambs, wool soft as cotton.

It was a tradition when Neme was a boy and it's a tradition now that he's grown, married and managing his family's Lochmoor Ace Hardware in Grosse Pointe Woods.

"We spend the whole day from when it opens to closing," Neme said. "We don't miss a beat."

This year's fair opened yesterday and runs through Sunday, Aug. 21.

Entry is from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Midway rides operate until 11 p.m. weekdays and midnight on weekends.

Admission remains the same as last year: \$9 for adults, \$4 for children ages 2 to 11, and free for children 2 and younger.

Parking in lighted, fenced-in and guarded lots on fairground property is \$5.

There will be 60 rides on the midway, a catch-and-release fishing pond, art shows, craft classes, pie tasting contests, racing pigs, a demolition derby, big-name concerts and baby goats.

Most likely, though, Neme and his mother Julie from Grosse Pointe Shores will focus on the agricultural wares Michigan adds to the nation's kitchen cupboards and refrigerators.

"We go to the fair mostly to see the agricultural products Michigan has to offer that people in the urban environment don't really have any concept of," Neme said.

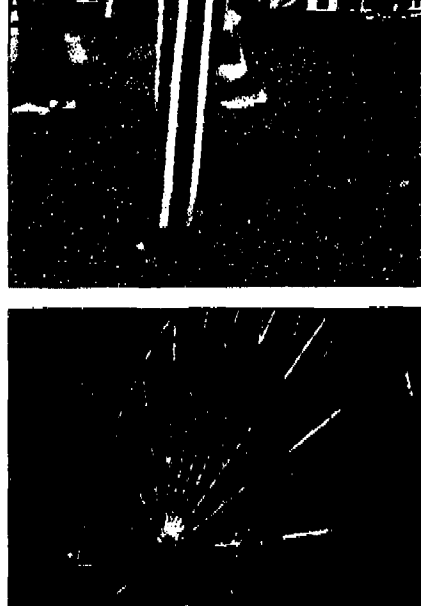
"There isn't anything more traditionally American than a state fair," said John Hertel, in his 13th year as fair general manager.

That tradition began in Michigan.

"We're the longest continuously running state fair in the world," Hertel said. "We celebrate our common roots at a state fair."

From 1849 until 1905, the fair traveled to cities throughout the state.

Beginning a century ago, the fair stayed put on more



than 150 acres at the corner of Eight Mile and Woodward in Detroit donated to the state by J.L. Hudson, the department store baron.

"When the state fair was started in Michigan 157 years ago, the idea was to bring people together from various parts of the state, have them rub elbows and learn about each other," Hertel said.

His cultural melting pot includes:

- Rural people such as Sarah DeKoninck, 18, of Fowlerville. She won the 2004 state fair showmanship champion for knowledge of ducks and chickens.

Do ducks have teeth? "Sort of," DeKoninck said, wedging her finger in the bill of a 4-week-old duckling. "See the ridges on the inside of the bill? Those are like teeth."

- Urban people such as Herbert Mullen, a gospel singer with the Men of Grace.

"We're affiliated with Grace Gospel Fellowship and Grace Centers of Hope," Mullen said.

The group performs harmony-filled concerts free of charge at the Family Stage Friday, Aug. 19, at 4:30 p.m.; Saturday, Aug. 20, at 7 p.m., as warmup for the free Impressions concert in the coliseum; and back at the Family Stage at 7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 21.

- Suburban people such as Matthew Dosmann of the Renaissance Fencing Club in Ferndale.

Club members will demonstrate fencing at the Family Grove on Friday, Aug. 12, at 6 p.m., and Saturday, Aug. 13, at noon.

"People will get to watch us whack each other with swords," Dosmann said.

- Hometown people such as Grosse Pointe Park brothers Derek and Brad Jendza. Their rock band, Proper Villains, opens for Alice Cooper at a free concert Aug. 21.

"It's meat and potatoes rock 'n' roll," Derek Jendza said. "The vibe we want is Alice in Chains meets the Black Crows meets AC/DC."

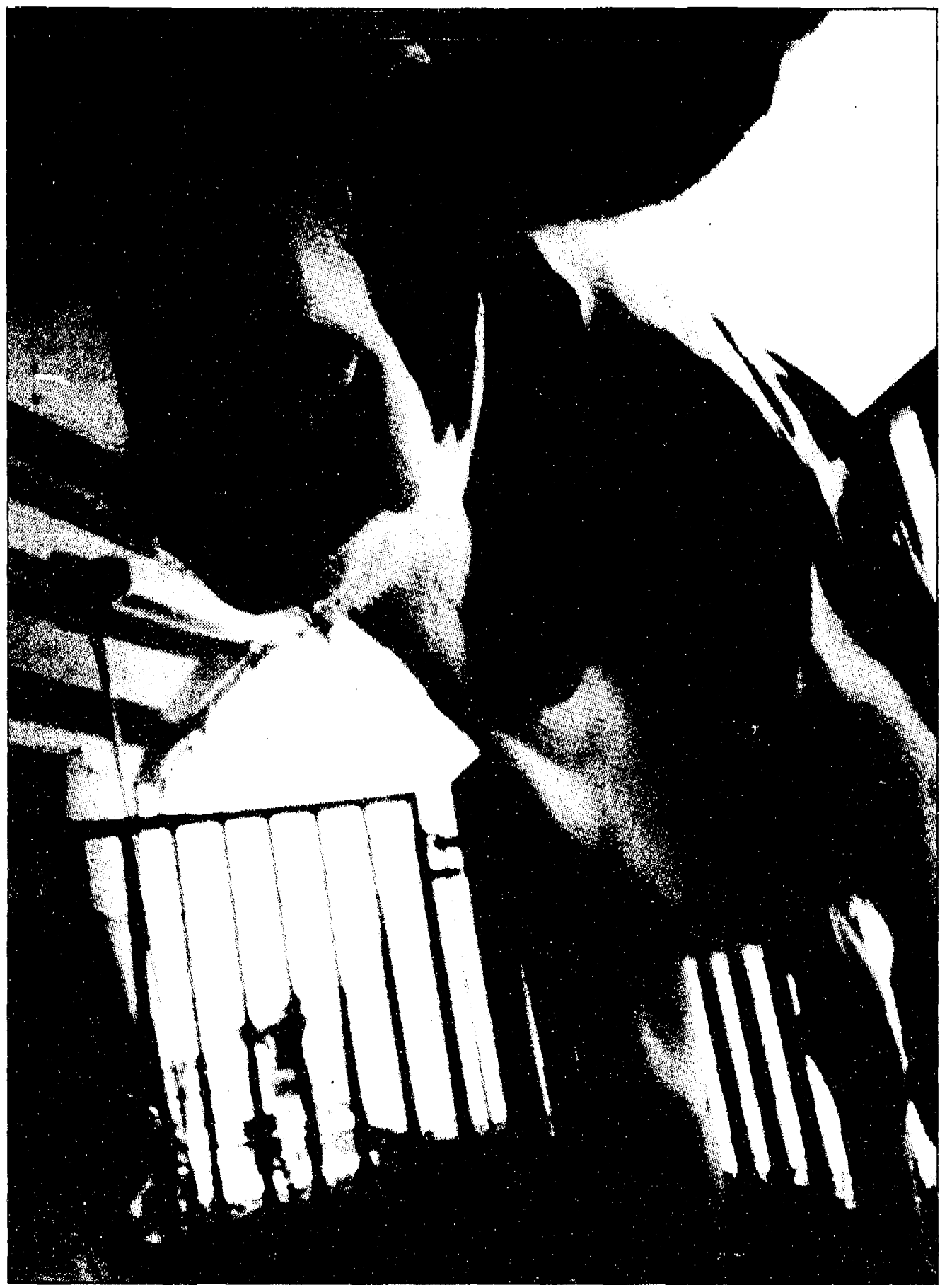
The human recipe makes for a flavorful fair.

"Instead of sitting in front of a TV screen or computer screen by themselves, people (at the fair) are enjoying humanity and having an opportunity to learn about each other," Hertel said.

"That's the most important thing they can take away from this place."

New to the fair this year is the Pork Chop Review. Hertel said it features smart pigs.

The fairground's horsepower heritage was scheduled to be commemorated yesterday (after the Grosse Pointe News deadline) with the unveiling of a Seabiscuit statue outside the coliseum. The hearty



Photos by Brad Lindberg

underdog race horse began his winning ways with the 1936 Governor's Handicap at the fairgrounds.

Horsepower of a different kind returns to the fair for the first time since 1964. Helldrivers stunt team, a

demolition derby, motorcycle shows and monster

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## Frogs • Fur • Friends

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Lucy the Lifeguard Frog</b> Location: Lakefront Park</li> <li>2. <b>Art on the Frog</b> Location: 1100 Lake Shore Drive</li> <li>3. <b>Commodore "Boll" Frog</b> Location: Grosse Pointe Shores Park</li> <li>4. <b>Flora Frog</b> Location: 20485 Mack Ave</li> <li>5. <b>Leaperace</b> Location: 20139 Mack Ave</li> <li>6. <b>Colonial Frog</b> Location: 20025 Mack Plaza City Hall</li> <li>7. <b>ChAD the Frog Prints</b> Location: 900 Cook Rd</li> <li>8. <b>Fashion Frog</b> Location: 376 Kercheval</li> <li>9. <b>View in a Pond</b> Location: Joy Bells Park</li> <li>10. <b>Flopsy's Flora Frog</b> Location: Grosse Pointe Farms City Offices</li> <li>11. <b>Glitter Frog</b> Location: Cottage Hospital</li> <li>12. <b>Confetti</b> Location: 123 Kercheval Ave</li> <li>13. <b>la grenouille fleurée</b> Location: 117 Kercheval Ave</li> <li>14. <b>Monet</b> Location: 91 Kercheval Ave</li> <li>15. <b>Diversity</b> Location: The Gazebo on the Hill</li> <li>16. <b>Starry Starry Frog</b> Location: 66 Kercheval Ave</li> <li>17. <b>Money Frog</b> Location: 63 Kercheval Ave</li> <li>18. <b>Sparty</b> Location: 21 Kercheval Ave</li> <li>19. <b>Maizen Blu</b> Location: 21 Kercheval Ave</li> <li>20. <b>Lord Frogerick</b> Location: 1 Kercheval Ave</li> <li>21. <b>Fabulous Faux Finish Frog</b> Location: 130 Kercheval Ave</li> <li>22. <b>Back Splash Frog</b> 128 Kercheval Ave</li> <li>23. <b>One Frog Day</b> Location: 120 Kercheval Ave</li> <li>24. <b>Native American Frog</b> Location: 100 Kercheval Ave</li> <li>25. <b>Viva la France</b> Location: 82 Kercheval Ave</li> <li>26. <b>"Lily" Pad</b> Location: 74 Kercheval Ave</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>27. <b>Jardin de France</b> Location: 72 Kercheval Ave</li> <li>28. <b>Mod Graphic Frog</b> Location: Grosse Pointe Central Library</li> <li>29. <b>Frog Daze of Summer</b> Location: 375 Fisher</li> <li>30. <b>Ambassador</b> Location: 355 Fisher</li> <li>31. <b>Garden Frog</b> Location: Moran at Mack Ave</li> <li>32. <b>Frog Flux</b> Location: 18332 Mack Ave</li> <li>33. <b>Hot Frogger</b> Location: 17677 Mack Ave</li> <li>34. <b>Fly Fish'n Frog</b> Location: Inside Border's Bookstore</li> <li>35. <b>DIG IT! Frog</b> Location: Kressbach Place</li> <li>36. <b>Peripatetic Colorist</b> Location: 16919 Kercheval St</li> <li>37. <b>Great Things Come in Small Packages</b> Location: 16837 Kercheval St</li> <li>38. <b>Bull Frog</b> Location: 16835 Kercheval St</li> <li>39. <b>Peaceable Kingdom</b> Location: 17116 Kercheval St.</li> <li>40. <b>Designer Frog Jumpsuit</b> Location: Kercheval &amp; St. Clair</li> <li>41. <b>Metro Frog</b> Location: 17000 Kercheval St</li> <li>42. <b>Cabbie</b> Location: 17000 Kercheval St</li> <li>43. <b>Kercheval Place</b> Location: 17000 Kercheval St</li> <li>44. <b>Hop Art</b> Location: 16824 Kercheval St.</li> <li>45. <b>Norby</b> Location: 17350 E. Jefferson</li> <li>46. <b>Tour de Frog</b> Location: 15215 Kercheval St.</li> <li>47. <b>Fruity the Frog</b> Location: 15200 Kercheval St.</li> <li>48. <b>Purple Reign</b> Location: 15175 E. Jefferson</li> <li>49. <b>Leap for the Stars</b> Location: Pemberton &amp; E. Jefferson</li> <li>50. <b>Freestyle Freda</b> Location: Windmill Pointe Dr at Barrington</li> <li>51. <b>Furry Friends Frog</b> Location: Find it!</li> </ol>
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## Pastor's Corner

### 'Liberal religion'

By the Rev. John Corrado  
Grosse Pointe  
Unitarian Church

I call the religion that I practice and preach a "liberal religion." Just what does "liberal religion" mean?

There are two basic approaches or philosophies of religion. One is liberal. The other is its opposite, literal.

Literal religion is what we generally refer to as "fundamentalism." The literal approach to religion (whether that religion is Christianity, Islam or any other spiritual path) is that any Scripture, any description of religious experience, any description of God is literally true. Some people put it this way: "It's in the Bible. God said it. I believe it. That's the only way. Case closed!"

Liberal religion is open rather than closed. It sees words as symbols of something beyond and greater than themselves. It sees Scriptures as luminous, i.e., glowing with more truth than any one person can see. It also sees Scriptures as opaque and nuanced, allowing continual insight and interpretation.

Liberal religion is an approach to religion that sees more than literalism

allows. St. Paul wrote, "(The letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life." (2 Corinthians 3:6). The liberal approach to religion chooses the letter. Liberal religion — in whatever faith or denomination it is found — chooses the spirit.

While literal religion sees matters in terms of good/bad, yes/no, right/wrong, the saved/the unsaved.

Liberal religion, with its openness, recognizes that life, human interaction and decision making tend to have more nuance than either/or thinking admits. Life, human interaction and decision making are sometimes both/and.

The liberal approach to religion is not building walls that divide people. It is about building bridges that connect people of good will — whether they be liberal or literal in their approach to the religious pilgrimage.

It has been said that a liberal is a person with his feet planted squarely on both sides of an issue. Sometimes that's true. Liberal religion isn't easy — if you do it right.

You don't have answers at the back of the book. Sometimes you have to be strong enough to look at the vast moral landscape between "either" and "or."

You have to go beyond the letter to get the spirit of it.

## Bishop Rimbo resigns from Southeast Michigan Synod

Bishop Robert A. Rimbo resigned from the Office of Bishop of the Southeast Michigan Synod on July 18. He accepted a call as pastor of The Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity in New York City. Rimbo was serving a second six-year term as bishop of the Southeast Michigan Synod when the call was extended on June 26. He has been with the synod since 1998.

In the August edition of his newsletter, "On The Way Together," he said: "With this call, I feel strongly that this is where God wants me to be at this time. I realize that the Southeast Michigan Synod extended a call, most recently at the May 2004 Synod Assembly with your

re-election of me on the first ballot. That weighed heavily in my discernment of this new call. I have found some degree of comfort in thinking that this is God's Call to Holy Trinity and not a call away from this Synod. It is with very real regret that I am leaving. But God continues to open new doors and I look forward to serving in this new play and in this new way."

Rimbo has served the church in a variety of capacities, some of which include: pastorates in Michigan, New York and New Jersey; director of music in several parishes; and executive assistant to the project director for the "Lutheran Book of Worship." He has



Bishop Robert A. Rimbo

also served as chaplain, editor, adviser and coordinator for a number of boards and projects relating to worship and parish ministry.

To mark this transition,

the public is invited to join Rimbo at Holy Eucharist at 4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 28, at Antioch Lutheran Church, 33360 W. 13 Mile, Farmington Hills. A reception will follow.

Rimbo is married to Lois, a reading and language arts specialist for Grosse Pointe public schools. They are the parents of two adult children, Deborah and Justin.

The Southeast Michigan Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America is a community of 136 congregations, 223 rostered leaders and 70,000 members. The synod has congregations and other ministry centers in the 11 counties in southeastern Michigan.

## New St. Paul principal glad to be back with students

By Ann L. Fouty  
Staff Writer

Mary Miller missed reading to children. She missed reading "Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day" and the Lemony Snicket books to elementary-aged students.

The St. Clair Shores resident wanted to be back in a direct educational setting, surrounded by children, parents and staff.

After careful consideration, Miller decided to leave the Detroit Archdiocese and return to school as St. Paul Catholic School's principal.



Photo by Ann L. Fouty

Mary Miller is the new principal at St. Paul Catholic School. She comes to the school on Lakeshore after nearly 20 years as an educator at St. Isaac Jogues in St. Clair Shores and after spending a year with the Archdiocese of Detroit as its associate superintendent developing a consortium and a technology plan for the schools in the archdiocese. Upgrading the math and language arts curricula are two of her goals for the school.

"I missed being in school. I missed the kids, the parents, the teachers," she said. "I wanted to be back in school."

Miller is looking forward to greeting nearly 500 children in the fall.

"This is an outstanding school with a highly experienced staff and new teachers with a stable enrollment. The test scores are outstanding, in the top 10 percent in the nation. And it's a 15-minute drive from home," she said.

"What we offer is a faith-based education. The academics are strong and solid. You can get that in the Grosse Pointe schools, but faith is a critical part of my life, and I want to share it."

She brings a unique set of skills having been the associate superintendent of the Archdiocese of Detroit, focusing on developing a consortium of the schools and developing a technology plan.

"It's (technology) a wonderful resource," she said and has set a goal to integrate more technology into St. Paul's classrooms.

Additionally, Miller will be upgrading the math and language arts curricula.

The school, located on

Lakeshore, offers a highly rated preschool program, a young fives class, morning, afternoon and full-day kindergarten classes and two sections each of first through eighth grades. Class sizes are generally about 24 and no more than 26.

Miller comes to St. Paul after having served as St. Isaac Jogues principal for nearly 20 years.

Her husband, David, is a colonel in the Michigan Air National Guard, and they have two daughters. Julie attends Eastern Michigan University and is working on a master's in speech and communication.

Megan is working on a degree in business administration at Central Michigan University.

Miller is a student as well and is working on her doctorate from Wayne State in educational leadership and policy studies.

She is a certified teacher with a secondary teaching certificate in English and history and an elementary endorsement for kindergarten through fifth grade. Her bachelor's and master's degrees were also earned at Wayne State.

## Coming events

**Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church**, 17150 Maumee, City of Grosse Pointe, hosts Zsombor Zoltan during the Sunday, Aug. 14, 10:30 a.m. worship service.

The topic is "Prometheus." Music will be provided by Larry LaRue.

No child care is planned; however, the Gallery can be used as a "crying room" where children can play, and parents can see and hear the service.

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# Michigan State Fair cleans up its act

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

When the governor calls, you answer the phone.

In 1993, Republican Gov. John Engler crossed party lines to reach out and touch John Hertel, then Democrat head of the Macomb County Board of Commissioners.

Engler asked Hertel to run the Michigan State Fair.

Hertel, owner of prize draft horses, couldn't have been blamed if he'd run for the hills.

"The place was a wreck," Hertel said of the 135-acre fairgrounds on Woodward just below Eight Mile. "I'd been showing horses here for 15 years. This place was dirty and run-down. On top of that, this fair had gotten away from its agricultural roots."

The annual exposition of Michigan's agricultural and household products had become more of a carnival.

"A pretty seedy carnival," Hertel said.

Attendance withered to a 30-year low. Engler was sick of taxpayers supporting an event that lost millions of dollars annually.

"The governor said you have just a few years to get this back together and you're going to have to make it profitable," Hertel



Photos by Brad Lindberg

**Gov. Jennifer Granholm tours the Michigan State Fair with general manager John Hertel. More agricultural attractions, smaller midway and cleaner fairgrounds have helped revive the fair, which dates to 1849. For this year's fair, the popular Miracle of Life birthing exhibit, where last year 18 lambs were born, right, has been expanded.**

said.

In three of the last four years, the fair met its mark. The only loss came in 2003 when Michigan fell victim to the multistate power failure.

"Last year the fair made the largest profit, \$304,000, since 1966," Hertel said.

Hertel turned things around by cleaning up the fairgrounds, enforcing rules of conduct and returning to basics.

"Now we have a carnival that is clean and run properly, but it's been reduced by one-third," Hertel said. "We've added agricultural things as much as possible. We also added the Outdoor Zone where you catch a fish. This year you can learn about archery safety, Michigan's environment and so forth."

He said there hasn't been a "criminal incident" at the fair in 11 years.

"When people come here and see how safe and clean it is, we don't have any trouble getting them to come back," he said.

Success required standing up to competition.

The fair lineup includes evening musical concerts. But with numerous compet-



ing venues in southeast Michigan, the fair had to offer something special at low cost. This year there are 11 acts — six are free, only one costs \$20, the others are either \$5 or \$10. All are moved indoors to the coliseum.

"We think it's going to be a lot more comfortable for people," Hertel said. "The acoustics ought to be tremendous."

Dierks Bentley was scheduled to kick things off last night with songs from his top-10 album "Modern Day Drifter." Tickets cost \$10. Tickets for his show next week in Iowa are priced at least \$18.

Tonight, Boyz II Men brings their doowop-influenced rhythm and blues harmonies to the fair for free. They played last week in Las Vegas for \$38 per seat.

Tickets to the Aug. 17 concert by ZZ Top, the rock 'n' roll trio from Texas, cost \$20. If you don't like the price, see them two days later at the Iowa State Fair for \$28.

Alice Cooper ends the fair for free on Sunday, Aug. 21. His warmup act is a band formed by two Grosse Pointe Park brothers, Derek and Brad Jendza.

Hertel said the fair is the best entertainment bargain in Michigan.

"It's a place where you can do three vacations in one day," he said. "You can go on 60 rides. That's almost like going to Cedar Point. You can go to the agricultural activities we have, most of which are free. That's like going to your great-uncle and aunt's farm. Our concerts are like going to DTE Energy Center, except the majority of our concerts are free."

Last year the fair became leaner, dropping from 18 to 12 days. The starting date was moved up to avoid competition with Arts, Beats and Eats in Pontiac.

"By going to 12 days, our weekday attendance more than doubled and some days more than tripled," Hertel said. "Every day at the fair seemed like a weekend in the previous time period."

With success comes respect. Now on its feet and off the taxpayers' backs, the fair has been removed from control by a state agency to become an independent authority with an 11-member board of directors.

Hertel looks forward to



capitalizing on newfound freedom.

"We don't have as much bureaucracy to deal with," he said. "That allows our board and employees to concentrate more on creating the best fair we can create."

Success breeds friends.

This year's fair is being shored up by more than \$600,000 in cash donations and more than \$500,000 in-kind contributions.

Profitwise, all Hertel said

he cares about is making \$1 to comply with Engler's challenge.

"I feel this place deeply and personally," Hertel said. "I don't care about this fair being a profit center. I want as many people to be able to afford to come here as we can."

Twelve years ago Engler told Hertel to fix the fair.

"We've done that," Hertel said. "We hope to continue to do that."

## E for Elvis

Elvis is in the building.

On Tuesday, Aug. 16, his spirit will be at the Michigan State Fair.

The Big E, an Elvis impersonator, takes the stage for a free concert at 7 p.m. in the coliseum.

The Big E headlines Elvis Fest, new to the 157th fair, the oldest continuously running (except during World War II) state fair in the nation.

Elvis Fest includes the King's Ransom, a collection of more than 500 items Elvis Presley owned.

Thankyouverymuch.  
— Brad Lindberg

## Fair

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trucks lead to more than 200 race cars arriving Aug. 19-21 for a nationally sanctioned midget race.

In the coliseum on Saturday, Aug. 20, at 10 a.m., the U.S. Postal Service will unveil sports car stamps in conjunction with the Woodward Dream Cruise.

"You will only be able to get the first-day postmark here at the fair," Hertel said.

A dog agility competition is scheduled Wednesday, Aug. 17, at 2 p.m., in the north arena. All breeds of dogs will compete in more than 50 classes.

Not everything is new. "Although we add things every year, there's a backbone of this fair that doesn't change," Hertel said.

The free circus is back. So is an expanded Miracle of Life. Last year nine calves, 18 lambs, 47 piglets, 179 chicks and more were born at the Miracle of Life tent, presented by the Michigan State University veterinary school.

*The Michigan State Fairgrounds are located at the southeast corner of Woodward and Eight Mile in Detroit. Parking is available for \$5 at lots accessible off Woodward and State Fair, one block south of Eight Mile.*

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# War's toll includes PTSD, addiction problems

March 19 marked the second anniversary of the Iraq War. Thousands of families continue to send their courageous sons, daughters, husbands, wives, fathers and mothers to the uncertainty of guerrilla warfare, where more than 1,665 U.S. troops have been killed and over 11,000 injured.

"This war has gotten up close and personal and a lot more stressful," said Don Elverd, a Hazelden psychologist and a combat veteran wounded in his tour of duty in Vietnam. "Sometimes there are just four or five soldiers walking down an alley, not knowing what to expect."

The physical costs of war are great, but it is more difficult to gauge the mental and emotional toll it takes on soldiers and their loved ones. A July 2004 study in *The New England Journal of Medicine* found that up to 17 percent of troops returning from Iraq were already suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) or other readjustment problems.

Preliminary data from an ongoing Veterans Affairs (VA) study suggest that female soldiers appear even more vulnerable to PTSD than their male counterparts. Of the mental health problems diagnosed at VA hospitals, PTSD was most common among Iraq veterans, followed by alcohol or other drug abuse.

Despite its being a Muslim country, U.S. soldiers in Iraq report having access to drugs and alcohol, which many use to numb feelings of homesickness, fear and grief.

Many return home with emotions shut down or ready to explode with hair-trigger anger. Many complain of sleeplessness and hypervigilance — still perpetually on guard as they were in Iraq. In an attempt to "turn off their brains" and rid themselves of flashbacks or other PTSD symptoms, too many try to self-medicate with drugs and alcohol.

The National Center for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (NCPTSD) says that people with PTSD are more likely than others with similar backgrounds to have alcohol use disorders. An alarming 60-80 percent of Vietnam veterans who seek PTSD treatment have alcohol disorders, and experts who work with Iraq veterans are already reporting a high incidence of substance abuse among their clients.

As any recovering alcoholic can tell you, any respite drugs and alcohol may offer is temporary, and, as addiction overtakes your

life, you risk losing your job, family and self-worth.

Fortunately, mental health experts have gotten a lot smarter about PTSD. Prior to deployment, troops and families learn how to manage stress and what they might experience when soldiers return. During deployment, mental health units are embedded in Iraq to help deal with trauma when it occurs. Experts like Elverd sometimes meet with these teams to ready them for what they might experience. Because so many of today's troops are not "regular" military, they may be less prepared for the trauma of combat, Elverd said. "Many are guardsmen with families, jobs, kids and mortgages who go to a war zone with a lot of emotional baggage."

Unfortunately, fear of being labeled weak, cowardly, or a danger to their comrades keeps some soldiers from seeking assistance in a war zone. Although the VA is working diligently to change things, the fear of being stig-

matized can also follow soldiers home, preventing them from getting help for PTSD and other problems while they are still in the military.

Elverd said many people experience an acute stress reaction immediately after a traumatic event, but that usually diminishes in one month. If stress symptoms worsen, go on for long periods of time, or interfere with job performance or other aspects of life, it is important that the individual get evaluated for PTSD.

In Elverd's ideal world, our troops would have a follow-up "check-in" six months after they return from combat in addition to the other information they receive.


Because coexisting PTSD and alcohol use disorders exacerbate one another, it is best to seek help from a PTSD specialist who has expertise in treating addictive disorders. According to the National Center for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, addiction relapse

prevention should include tools to cope with PTSD symptoms.

The NCPTSD Web site ([www.ncptsd.org](http://www.ncptsd.org)) contains extensive information about trauma, grief, stress and related problems with alcohol dependency. Specific information is available on how to help returning Iraq War veterans. In addition, Military OneSource ([www.militaryonesource.com](http://www.militaryonesource.com)) — (800) 342-9647 is described as a "one-stop," 24-hour resource for all branches of the service.

*This health column offers information to help prevent and address addiction and substance abuse problems. It is provided by Hazelden, a nonprofit agency based in Center City, Minn., that offers a wide range of information and services on addiction and recovery. For more resources, call Hazelden at (800) 257-7800 or check its Web site at [www.hazelden.org](http://www.hazelden.org). Direct your inquiries to [mduda@hazelden.org](mailto:mduda@hazelden.org).*

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Dr. Kevin Prush, D.D.S.



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3. The cap/crown which cements on top of the post.

Usually extra bone needs to be grafted prior to implant placement and the entire treatment may span over 4-6 months. Under certain circumstances, implants may be placed immediately after a tooth is removed! In that case, the treatment time span is shortened considerably. Nevertheless, implants are an excellent option to replace a tooth/teeth.

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**Know Your Skin**  
by Lisa A. Manz-Dulac, MD



Male Baldness. While there are many possible causes for hair loss in men, the most common is heredity, known clinically as male pattern baldness or androgenetic alopecia.

Hair loss that matches others in your family is most likely due to male pattern baldness. (If not, you should see a physician to determine if there are other underlying causes to hair loss such as medications, infections or high fevers.)

Unfortunately, there is no definitive treatment for hereditary baldness and thinning hair. Nevertheless, there are treatments which do help some people control unwanted hair loss. The best known hair loss medications include minoxidil (Rogaine), and for men only, finasteride (Propecia). Minoxidil is a solution that is available over the counter in formulations for both men and women. Finasteride is a tablet that is available only by prescription which is taken once each day. Patients can choose to use either or both treatments which are FDA approved to halt hair loss, and possibly restore hair growth, remembering that results vary by patient using these medications.

In addition to these medications, hair transplantation is an excellent treatment option for patients experiencing hair loss due to heredity.

To learn more about treatment of male pattern baldness, contact your dermatologist, or call us at Eastside Dermatology, Dr. Lisa A. Manz-Dulac and Associates. *Eastside Dermatology has offices in New Baltimore and Grosse Pointe. You can reach them at (313) 884-3380 or (586) 716-1291.*

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### Domestic Violence

Presented by the Rev. Dr. Raafat Hanna, a Bon Secours Cottage chaplain, this group is intended for individuals who are affected by domestic violence. Learn what domestic violence is, why it should be stopped, and how you can set limits and stop it.

This free support group meets the first Monday of each month from 7 to 8 p.m. in the third floor chapel, Bon Secours Hospital.

The group is confidential and open to individuals and families. For more information or to register, call (313) 343-1656.

### Alcoholics Anonymous

Meetings take place at 1 p.m. Sundays in Connelly Auditorium at Bon Secours Hospital.

For more information, call (313) 885-1888.

### Al Anon

Meetings take place at 10:30 a.m. Saturdays in Conference Rooms 1-4, first floor, at Cottage Hospital. For information call (313) 242-0300 or (248) 706-1020.

### Families Anonymous

The public is welcome to attend this 12-step, anonymous, family support program for parents, grandparents, relatives and friends who are concerned about and affected by substance abuse or behavioral problems of a loved one. Meetings are held from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. every Thursday at Cottage Hospital, Grosse Pointe Farms, lower level Boardroom B.

Preregistration is not necessary. For information, call (313) 882-1921.

### Emotions Anonymous

Emotions Anonymous meetings take place at 7 p.m. on Tuesdays at Cottage Hospital, Boardroom B. Emotions Anonymous follows a 12-step program similar to Alcoholics Anonymous, but is intended for those recovering from

emotional difficulties. Individuals suffering the effects of depression, anger, grief, low self-esteem and other emotional issues are encouraged to attend.

The group's purpose is to help members become well emotionally.

Registration is not necessary. For additional information, contact Rosemary at (586) 776-3886.

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Community caregivers are invited to attend monthly sessions that focus on coping with these debilitating conditions and place emphasis on caregivers "caring for themselves." Meetings are held from 10 to 11:30 a.m. the second Monday of each month in the In-Service Room. For information, call (586) 779-7032.

## St. John offers breast MRI

St. John Hospital and Medical Center now offers enhanced breast cancer detection capabilities with breast magnetic resonance imaging (B-MRI). Mammography, the standard for breast cancer screenings, is highly effective for detecting most breast cancers. Research has proven that properly done, mammography can reduce breast cancer mortality by at least 32 percent among women age 40-69.

Despite this, not all cancers are detected by mammography. Used as an

adjunct to mammography, especially for women identified as high-risk for breast cancer, B-MRI provides unparalleled accuracy in screening and diagnosis.

"We know that among women having a 25 percent or greater lifetime risk of breast cancer, breast MRI will detect more cancers than mammography," said Dr. Christine Watt, SJHMC Chief of Imaging Services. "It can also detect more occult, or 'hidden' cancers."

B-MRI is invaluable to women with newly diagnosed breast cancer, and is used to determine the local extent of disease, more accurately pinpoint tumor location, identify residual cancer after lumpectomy, assess tumor response to chemotherapy and detect suspected recurrence.

It is also used as a sensitive diagnostic tool, able to distinguish between scarring and recurrent cancer, to assess patients who have had abnormal mammogram results.

In some women, a genetic mutation puts them at a much higher risk of developing breast cancer. Detected by a blood test, BRCA I and II can carry an 80 percent lifetime risk of breast cancer, with tumors that often develop these malignancies at an early age.

"We recommend that all women have a baseline mammogram at age 40," Watt said. "But we know that in certain populations, mammography should be done much earlier."

"For these women, a breast MRI used with a mammogram provides the most advanced cancer detection available."


For more information on breast cancer screenings, call (313) 647-3300.

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## Vintage Tennessee Williams: 'Orpheus Descending'

In one of the most searing performances on the Stratford Festival's stage in recent years, Seana McKenna voices a key recurring theme of all of Tennessee Williams' plays: The anguished struggle to rise above the bigotry and brutality that drag us down.

The play, "Orpheus Descending," is an early work that succeeded on

Broadway only after being extensively rewritten over a 17-year period. It is nonetheless vintage Williams.

McKenna's role as Lady Torrance is a figure reappearing in similar guise in all of Williams' plays, though never more ardently or tragically. Set in the kind of small Mississippi town where Williams grew up, this story is peopled by

characters trapped in their own issues of extreme prejudice and Southern provinciality.

On the one hand are the few free spirits whose unconventional behavior threatens the status quo of the local majority.

Jonathan Goad in the role of Valentine represents the mythical Orpheus. He is a handsome, sexy, traveling blues singer with a guitar

autographed by such famous performers as Leadbelly. By virtue of his virile appeal to all women, he is a threat to the men when he appears in town. He is trying to put the womanizing behind him, but when the sheriff's wife Vee Talbot (Sarah McVie) adopts him and shares her visionary folk paintings, he finds himself in the same old difficulty.

Another compromising acquaintance he makes is the young, rebellious Carol Cultrere, played by Dana Green. To Valentine, she is both sympathetic and unwanted. Having been frustrated in her first mission as social reformer, she has taken up an activity locally known as duking.

Duking means driving around, meeting men, drinking and whatever that might lead to, much to the discomfort of her brother and his wealthy socialite wife. They are prepared to take any measures to control her or keep her out of town. For Carol, Valentine is irresistible.

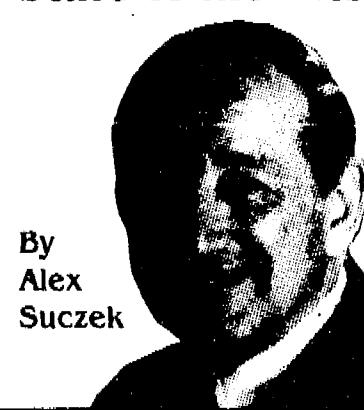
Icon of the free spirits is Lady Torrance, with a tragedy in her past that pushed her into a grim marriage and a heart that hungers to recover her enthusiasm for life and love.

Meeting Valentine and hiring him to work in the store-restaurant that she runs for her dying husband launches an awkward courtship that only Williams could envision.

The ritual dance of the two — yielding to mutual attraction and trying to deny it — is played out by McKenna and Goad with a realism and smoldering passion that is stimulating, frustrating and often funny.

As they become increas-

### State of the Arts



By Alex Suczek

ingly at risk of retribution by the town and by the maliciously jealous and vindictive Sheriff (Tom Marriott), the suspense is intense.

On the grim side are the sheriff along with his rough deputies, and Lady's husband, Jeb Torrance (David Francis) who appears to be destroying himself as much with his mistrust of his wife as the cancer that is consuming his organs.

The nearest thing to comedy is provided by Beulah and Dolly (Fiona Reid and Brigit Wilson) as they work in the Torrance emporium and function almost like a chorus, gossiping about everyone and everything. Quaint and funny as they are, their roles are destructive, too.

A wonderfully chilling figure is Nurse Porter (Michelle Giroux) who comes to look after the mortally ill Jeb Torrance and radiates a vicious scorn for Lady's obvious estrangement as Jeb's wife. Giroux manages to project the aura of a grim reaper.

This outstanding cast and the brilliant direction by Miles Potter bring the tension to a fever pitch as Valentine, fearing for his life, tries to say goodbye to Lady, while the seemingly dying Jeb revives enough to accuse his wife of wanting

him dead and revealing to her a devastating act committed by him and affecting her.

In the midst of all this, the dramatic contrast is heightened by the arrival of a calliope hired by Lady to publicize the opening of a confectionery parlor attached to the store in memory of a wine garden once operated by her late father. As she breaks through her tough reserve, she reveals the difficulties of her life and her frustrated hopes and dreams in a passionate monologue that climaxes the play.

With the scream of the calliope intensifying the impact, McKenna mesmerizes the audience with the play's overwhelming resolution, one that Williams has never topped for tragic outcome.

Williams' portrayal in "Orpheus Descending" of all the things about his early life in Mississippi that he held in contempt, is as fascinating and gripping as any of his plays, but it is especially interesting to recognize ideas and images etched here in stark detail and which are softened and handled more subtly in his later works.

With "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof" also in this summer's Stratford Festival repertoire, the opportunity to gauge the development of the playwright's style is tempting.

"Orpheus" is presented in repertory at the Tom Patterson Theatre through Sunday, Sept. 25. Call (800) 567-1600. Any theatergoer between 18 and 29 should keep in mind the availability of a pair of \$20 tickets. Visit the box office or go to [www.stratfordfestival.ca/pla](http://www.stratfordfestival.ca/pla) . The user of the second ticket may be of any age.

## Blueberries are 'in'

Blueberries are plentiful and cheap. For the next few weeks, you'll want to get them while they're available in abundance. The little blue rounds have turned out to be one of the healthiest summer fruits you can pop into your mouth.



À LA ANNIE  
By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff

I searched for a recipe that everyone would enjoy, would be easy to prepare and would keep the berries lined up in the healthy column.

This Good Housekeeping recipe starts with a gingersnap cookie crust and is served chilled. Perfect for summer.

### Double Blueberry-Gingersnap Pie

- 1 2/3 cups gingersnap cookie crumbs (about 25 cookies)
- 5 tablespoons butter or margarine, melted
- 2 tablespoons plus 1/2 cup sugar, divided
- 2 tablespoons cornstarch
- 2 tablespoons cold water
- 3 pints fresh blueberries (rinsed)
- Whipped cream (optional)

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Place the cookie crumbs in a 9-inch glass pie plate. Add the melted butter and 2 tablespoons of the sugar and mix, using a fork, until combined and moist.

Using your hands, press the mixture evenly over the bottom and up the side of the pie plate. Bake at 375 degrees for 8 minutes. Cool on a wire rack.

Meanwhile, in a 2-quart saucepan, blend the cornstarch and the water until smooth. Add half (3 cups

of the blueberries and the remaining 1/2 cup sugar to the cornstarch mixture.

Cook and stir over medium-high heat, pressing the berries against the side of the pan with the back of a spoon. Bring the mixture to a boil, stirring constantly for just one minute.

Remove from heat and stir in remaining blueberries. Pour the blueberry filling into the cooled crust and spread evenly up to the tip of the crust. Cover with plastic wrap (pressed onto the surface of the pie) and refrigerate until thoroughly chilled, (5 hours or overnight).

Serve double blueberry-gingersnap pie with homemade whipped cream (or the stuff from a can or tub).

Use a food processor to crush the cookies into crumbs or place the cookies in a large plastic bag, seal it and crush them with a rolling pin.

The not-too-sweet pie filling allows the flavors of the berries to come through.

## Pride of the Pointes

George L. Murphy, son of Martha Murphy of Grosse Pointe Farms and Peter Murphy of the City of Grosse Pointe, was named to the president's honor roll at Rice University.

The following Grosse Pointers received academic awards at a recent Honors Convocation at Albion College:

**Christina Anderson**, daughter of Dennis and Nancy Anderson, received a Robert B. Hetler/Pricewaterhouse Coopers Accounting Scholarship. She is majoring in music and economics and management; **Lisa Leverenz**, daughter of John and Catherine Leverenz, earned the Maynard Artis Award for outstanding scholarship in economics and management. Leverenz was also inducted into the college's chapter of Phi Beta Kappa. She graduated, with honors, with a degree in French and economics and management; **Frederic Moore**, son of Donald and Sandra Moore, was recognized as a new member of Mortar Board, a national honorary society for students who have shown outstanding scholarship, leadership and service.

**Brian Christopher Killian** of Grosse Pointe Park graduated, with honors, from Michigan State University's Eli Broad College of Business. He is the son of Tom and Nikki Killian.

**Kathryn Louise Baxter** earned a Bachelor of Science degree in elementary education from Kansas State University.

**Kelsey Collins** of Grosse Pointe Farms placed in the top 10 in an international competition at the Delta Epsilon Chi International Career Development Conference. Competitive events included interviews,

tests, role-plays, online simulations and written project reports which were used to evaluate students' marketing and management skills.

**Charlotte Zimmerman** of Grosse Pointe Farms earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in studio art from Providence College.

The following Grosse Pointe students were placed on the dean's list for the spring term at Western Michigan University: **Erin O'Donoghue**, **Michael Lutz**, **James Van De Putte**, **Daniel Grunewald**, **Christopher Monette**, **Courtney Angell**, **Joseph Champine**, **Timothy Lariviere**, **Gillian Rabbitt**, **Lauren Semak**, **Laura Secord**, **James Ray Macon**, **Renee Thoma**, **Erika Fell**, **Joseph Karam**, **Brian Kellett**, **Ryan Kramer** and **Jennifer Rose**.

**Lauren Rose Mardrosian** of Grosse Pointe Park earned a Bachelor of Science degree, magna cum laude, in mechanical engineering and a Bachelor of Arts degree from the College of Art and Design in industrial design, both from the University of Michigan.

**Paul Mardrosian** of Grosse Pointe Park received the Outstanding New Member - Michigan Leadership Award from the University of Michigan for his volunteer work with The Detroit Project. He is a junior at U of M and is majoring in urban studies.

**Julian J. Danko**, son of Danuta and Jack Danko of the City of Grosse Pointe, recently completed the personnel clerk course at personnel administration school, Marine Service Support Schools in North Carolina. He was promot-

ed to Marine Lance Corporal and is currently training with squadron HMM-365 for future deployment to Iraq.

**Patrick Griffith**, son of Bill and Debbie Griffith, formerly of Grosse Pointe Farms, graduated from the University of Michigan. His major was philosophy.

Albion College named the following Grosse Pointers to its dean's list for the spring semester 2005: **Christina Anderson**, **Christopher Henes**, **Janice Kronner**, **Lisa Leverenz**, **Erin MacLeod**, **Megan McCaughey**, **Frederic Moore**, **James Perry**, **John Salvador**, **Katherine Seymour** and **Stephen Zmyslowski**.

**Charles A. Sizemore**, son of Thomas Sizemore and Suzanne Fleming of Grosse Pointe Park, was named to the dean's list at Champlain College. He is enrolled in the college's applied psychology program.

**Cadet Andrew N. Sweeny** of the City of Grosse Pointe, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald N. Sweeny III, was recently named to the dean's list for outstanding academic achievement at The Citadel, the Military College of South Carolina.

**Devin Porter** of Grosse Pointe Shores recently worked behind the scenes as a master electrician for Valparaiso University's production of "Accidental Rapture." He is the son of Thomas and Ann Porter and is a senior majoring in chemistry.

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4:30 pm Young View Pointes	
5:00 pm Positively Positive	
5:30 pm Watercolor Workshop / Senior Men's Club	
6:00 pm The Legal Insider / Consumers Corner	
6:30 pm Who's in the Kitchen?	
7:00 pm Vitality Plus (Tone Exercise)	
7:30 pm Things to do at the War Memorial	
8:00 pm Positively Positive	
8:30 pm Young View Pointes	
9:00 pm Vitality Plus (Step/Kick Boxing)	
9:30 pm Pointes of Horticulture	
10:00 pm The John Prost Show	
10:30 pm Inside Art	
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## SOC Options

### Lower your risk of stroke by changing lifestyle

**By Sharon Maler**  
SOC Executive Director  
Services for Older  
Citizens (SOC) is working  
with Bon Secours Cottage  
Health Services to provide  
seniors with life-saving  
information about stroke.

Stroke ranks as the third  
leading killer in the  
United States.  
A stroke can be devast-  
ating to individuals and  
their families, robbing  
them of their independ-  
ence. It is the most com-

mon cause of adult disabil-  
ity. Each year more than  
700,000 Americans have a  
stroke, with about 160,000  
dying from stroke-related  
causes.  
Stroke occurs when  
blood circulation to the  
brain fails. Brain cells can  
die from decreased blood  
flow and the resulting lack  
of oxygen.

Two key steps you can  
take will lower your risk of  
death or disability from  
stroke: Know stroke's  
warning signs and control  
stroke's risk factors.  
Warning signs are clues  
your body sends that your  
brain is not receiving  
enough oxygen. If you  
observe one or more of  
these signs of a stroke or  
"brain attack," don't wait;  
call a doctor or 911 right  
away!

- Sudden numbness or  
weakness of face, arm or  
leg, especially on one side  
of the body

- Sudden confusion,  
trouble speaking or under-  
standing

- Sudden trouble seeing  
in one or both eyes

- Sudden trouble walk-  
ing, dizziness, loss of bal-  
ance or coordination

- Sudden severe  
headache with no known  
cause

Other danger signs that  
may occur include double  
vision, drowsiness, and  
nausea or vomiting.  
Sometimes the warning  
signs may last only a few  
moments and then disap-  
pear. These brief episodes  
are sometimes called  
"mini-strokes."

Although brief, they  
identify an underlying  
serious condition that isn't  
going away without medi-  
cal help. Unfortunately,  
since they clear up, many  
people ignore them.

Don't. Heeding them can  
save your life.

A risk factor is a condi-  
tion or behavior that  
occurs more frequently in  
those who have, or are at  
greater risk of getting, a  
disease than in those who  
don't. Having a risk factor  
for stroke doesn't mean  
you'll have a stroke. On  
the other hand, not having  
a risk factor doesn't mean  
you'll avoid a stroke. But  
your risk of stroke grows

as the number and severi-  
ty of risk factors increases.

Some of the most impor-  
tant treatable risk factors  
for stroke are:

- High blood pressure.  
Also called hypertension,  
this is by far the most  
potent risk factor for  
stroke. If your blood pres-  
sure is high, you and your  
doctor need to work out an  
individual strategy to  
bring it down to the nor-  
mal range. Some ways that  
work include maintaining  
proper weight, avoiding  
drugs known to raise blood  
pressure and cutting down  
on salt. Eat fruits and veg-  
etables to increase potassi-  
um in your diet. Exercise  
more. Your doctor may pre-  
scribe medicines that help  
lower blood pressure.

- Cigarette smoking.  
Cigarette smoking has  
been linked to the buildup  
of fatty substances in the  
carotid artery, the main  
neck artery that supplies  
blood to the brain. Blockage of this artery is  
the leading cause of stroke  
in Americans. Also, nico-  
tine raises blood pressure;  
carbon monoxide reduces  
the amount of oxygen your  
blood can carry to the  
brain; and cigarette smoke  
makes your blood thicker  
and more likely to clot.

- Diabetes. You may  
think this disorder affects  
only the body's ability to  
use sugar, or glucose. But  
it also causes destructive  
changes in the blood ves-  
sels throughout the body,  
including the brain. Also, if  
blood glucose levels are  
high at the time of a  
stroke, then brain damage  
is usually more severe and  
extensive than when blood  
glucose is well-controlled.  
Treating diabetes can  
delay the onset of compli-  
cations that increase the  
risk of stroke.

Kathy Jackman of Bon  
Secours Cottage Health  
Services will present  
"Stroke Talk" at 11:30  
a.m., Monday, Aug. 15.  
The presentation is part of  
SOC's Food and  
Friendship program which  
includes lunch at 11:15  
a.m. Lunch is \$1.50.  
Advance reservations are  
not necessary.



### Pointer Bridge Club

The Pointer Bridge Club continues to celebrate  
its 30-year anniversary by preparing for a trip to  
the Windsor Casino on Thursday, Aug. 25.

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Grosse Pointe War Memorial parking lot. Mem-  
bers may bring friends.

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tions, call (313) 886-7595.

Among those who planned the event, from left,  
are Reggie Lesinski, Sandy Kabbush and Evelyn  
Bogan. Not shown, is Mary Volaric.

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sive services for seniors in  
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### St. John Hospital's hip, knee pain seminar location changed

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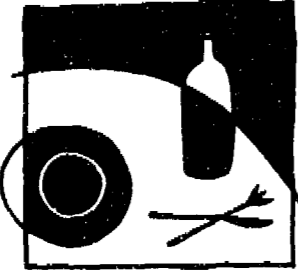
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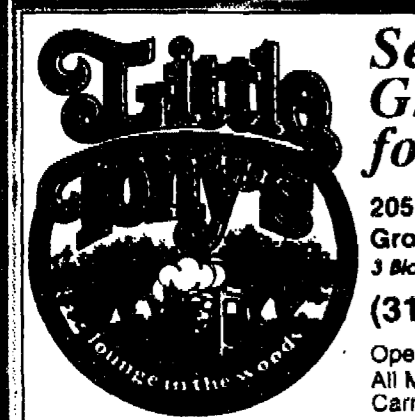
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## Woods-Shores wins district; has strong state tourney run

The Grosse Pointe Woods-Shores Little League 11-year-old all-star team was the best team in District 6, and one of the four best teams in the state this season.

The Woods-Shores team won the District 6 championship with a 6-3 victory over Grosse Pointe Park.

It followed that accomplishment with a third-place finish in the state tournament, losing 8-6 to Adrian in the semifinal round.

Woods-Shores started the district tournament with a 10-5 victory over Harper Woods and a 12-1 romp over Clinton Valley in a game halted by a mercy rule after four innings.

Grosse Pointe Park handed the Woods-Shores its only loss in district play, 4-1, but the Woods-Shores bounced back with a 12-1 four-inning victory over L'Anse Creuse.

The second-place finish in pool play gave Woods-Shores a berth in the semifinals against Grosse Pointe Farms-City and the Woods-Shores posted a 13-1 victory to earn a rematch with the Park in the championship game.

Woods-Shores took a 1-0 lead in the second inning when Andrew Haubert sin-

gled and eventually scored on a groundout.

Andrew Shaheen's two-run single in the third increased Woods-Shores' lead to 3-0.

Woods-Shores starter Zach Popovich blanked the Park through the first three innings, while striking out four. After giving up a two-out, RBI single in the bottom of the fourth, Popovich worked out of a bases-loaded jam to end the inning.

Center fielder Cam Gibson triggered a three-run outburst in the fifth with a leadoff double. Mikey Abiragi followed with a single to drive in Gibson. Shaheen delivered again with a two-run homer to give Woods-Shores a 6-1 lead.

The Park collected three consecutive hits to score a run in the bottom of the fifth, and Shaheen relieved Popovich. After another RBI single, Gibson caught a fly ball for the first out and threw to catcher Michael Andary, who tagged out the runner trying to score from third. Shaheen got the final out on a ground ball.

He then pitched a scoreless sixth inning to earn the save with some help from third baseman J.P.

Lucchese. Lucchese made two excellent defensive plays in the inning, including a diving catch for the final out.

With the district championship, Woods-Shores became one of 15 teams that advanced to the state tournament.

Woods-Shores began pool play in Midland with a tough 2-1 loss to South Portage, but facing elimination, Woods-Shores regrouped and beat Jackson West County 10-7 behind strong pitching performances from Popovich and Nolan Rozich.

In another must-win game, Woods-Shores beat Midland Northeast 8-4 to advance to the quarterfinals.

Gibson, who homered in both of the pool victories, slammed a two-run homer to cap a seven-run, fourth-inning rally by Woods-Shores against Midland Northeast.

Moments before Gibson's homer, Lucchese broke a tie with a two-run single.

Haubert struck out 10 in pitching a complete game.

In the quarterfinals, Woods-Shores used an 18-hit attack to beat Hudsonville 13-3.

Gibson went 4-for-4, including his third homer in three games, and scored three runs to lead the offense. Abiragi, Shaheen, Haubert, Popovich and Rozich each had multiple hits, while Jack O'Neill, Andrew Astalos and David Cadieux also contributed timely hits.

Cadieux's defensive play at catcher was solid

throughout the state tournament.

Popovich went the distance to pick up the victory.

Woods-Shores' state tournament run came to an end in its fifth game in five days, but not without a fight.

Trailing Adrian 8-2 in the bottom of the sixth inning, Dylan Balicki's two-run homer triggered a four-run rally that eventually

brought the tying run to the plate.

But that was as close as Woods-Shores would get as Adrian escaped with an 8-6 victory.

Taylor Northwest beat Adrian 2-1 in the state championship game, while Woods-Shores finished in a tie for third place with Marysville.



Photo by Bill Bogle Jr.

Grosse Pointe Woods-Shores won the 11-year-old District 6 Little League baseball championship. In front, from left, are Dylan Balicki, Michael Andary, Andrew Astalos, Mikey Abiragi, Cam Gibson and David Cadieux. In back, from left, are Andrew Haubert, coach John Haubert, Jack O'Neill, manager Gary Stark, Zach Popovich, J.P. Lucchese, coach Tim O'Neill, Nolan Rozich and Anthony Shaheen.

## Bulldogs bite foes in state Babe Ruth Baseball tourney

The new Babe Ruth Baseball format for the Grosse Pointes couldn't have worked out better for the Grosse Pointe Bulldogs 14-year-old all-star team.

The Bulldogs defeated Niles 9-1 to win their second straight state Babe Ruth championship.

"The Grosse Pointe Babe Ruth Bulldogs would like to thank the Babe Ruth League, most notably John Hoben and Earl Koester, for their support of the Bulldogs this year," said manager John Hackett.

"The Bulldogs were able to play in both the Babe Ruth league in the travel

division and participate in federation tournaments throughout the year. The schedule worked out great for the Bulldogs team."

Grosse Pointe opened state tournament play with a 13-1 victory over L'Anse Creuse. The Bulldogs then faced Niles and rolled to an 11-0 win.

The Bulldogs then waited for a team to come out of the losers bracket for the championship game, and it turned out to be Niles.

"The team played solid defensively behind the Bulldogs' strong pitching performances," Hackett said. "The bats started out

on fire and stayed that way through the entire tournament. It was a great all-around effort for the entire Bulldogs team."

The Bulldogs advanced to the Ohio Valley Regional tournament in New Castle, Ind.

The Bulldogs players were Chris Vens, Chase Hall, Johnny Hackett, Joey Lambers, John-Michael Guest, Mark Karam, Andy Wybo, Jake Chrumka, Max Pearson, Clarke Dirksen, Tommy Carion, Aaron Cisco, Jordan Sharon and Mike Cunningham.

Mike Hackett and Bill Carion were the coaches.



The Grosse Pointe Bulldogs won the 14-year-old Babe Ruth Baseball state championship. In front, from left, are Chris Vens, Chase Hall, Johnny Hackett, Joey Lambers, John-Michael Guest and Mark Karam. In back, from left, are coach Mike Hackett, manager John Hackett, Andy Wybo, Jake Chrumka, Max Pearson, Clarke Dirksen, Tommy Carion and coach Bill Carion. Not pictured are Aaron Cisco, Mike Cunningham and Jordan Sharon.

## DBC rowers do well in two major summer regattas

A busy summer of practice on the Detroit River has paid off for Grosse Pointe high school rowers who represent the Detroit Boat Club.

The local rowers made an excellent showing at two of the summer's major regattas — the USRowing National Championships in

Indianapolis, and the Royal Canadian Henley in St. Catharines, Ontario. The Canadian Henley is the largest regatta in the world.

Grosse Pointe South sophomore Lauren Shook had an outstanding performance at the USRowing Nationals. In the women's Junior B singles, she won all

of her heat races and finished a close second in the final.

Katherine Bucien, a sophomore at Columbia University, won the women's Senior B singles event.

Jason Koch was fourth in the men's Junior B singles. The women's Junior A

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Lauren Shook of Detroit Junior Rowing finished second in women's Junior B singles at the US Rowing National Championship regatta.

## RedHawks' teams to hold tryouts for 2006

The Grosse Pointe RedHawks will field two federation baseball teams for the first time in 2006.

Tryouts for the two teams will be Saturday, Aug. 20. Players interested in playing for the RedHawks should attend the tryouts and contact the team's manager.

Tryouts for the 14-year-old team will be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at St. Veronica in Eastpointe.

Manager Mark Riashi can be contacted at (313) 821-8671 or dmr872@aol.com.

Thirteen-year-old team tryouts will be from 5 to 7 p.m. at St. Veronica. Manager John Hartman can be contacted at (313) 882-5157.

The older team will consist of players who turn 14 after April 30, 2006. The younger team will be made up of players who turn 13 after next April 30.

The RedHawks compete in the Macomb Amateur Baseball Federation (www.mabf.com) and also play in several regional baseball tournaments each year.

## Rowing —

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doubles boat, rowed by Megan Peters and Caroline Sweeny, also made it to the finals where it placed third.

The Junior men's four plus rowed by coxswain Kelsey Hartung, Brennan Brophy, Michael Sonneken, Brian Boll and David Macon finished second.

All of the Junior girls boats that participated in the week-long event in St. Catherines made it to the finals.

The Junior B four plus rowed by Sweeny, Shook, Elizabeth Kalina and Clare Vandelinder and coxed by Emma Peck won its heat and just missed finishing first in the finals.

The Junior B women's eight rowed by Sweeny, Shook, Kalina, Vandelinder, Kathryn Switalski, Mackenzie Largan, Laura Kovacek, and Clare Hubbard and coxed by Peck finished first in its heat race and second in the final.

Shook and Sweeny placed sixth in the Junior B women's double final.

Bucien was third in the women's Senior B Lightweight single. Shook was fifth in the Junior B women's single.

Rob Heide, rowing in Senior men's singles, won his heat and was fourth in the final.

Others rowing in men's singles were Macon and Koch.

Rowing in men's doubles (two rowers with two oars) were Koch and Eric Jorgenson and Heide and Colin Edwards.

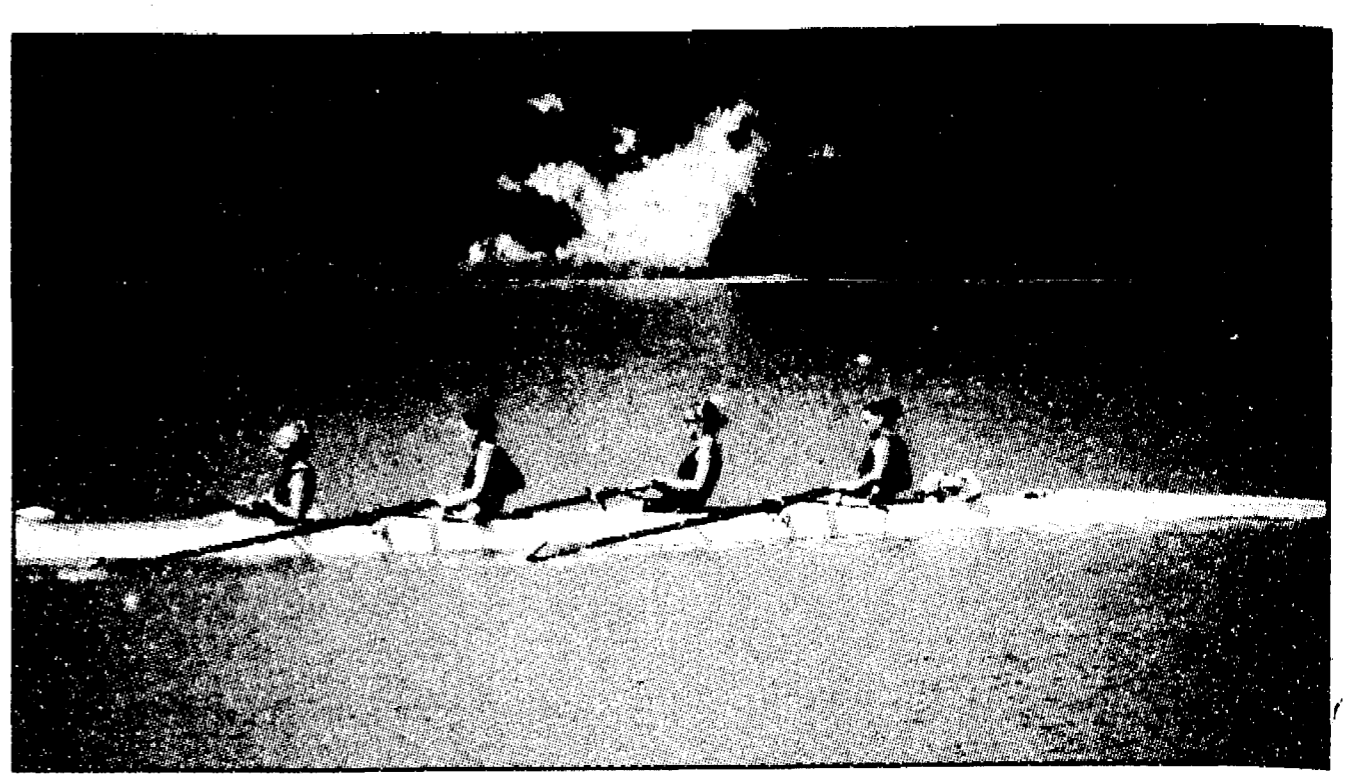
Rowing in men's pairs (each rower has one oar) were Hunter Freeman and Rob Bashara. In boys four plus were Freeman, Bashara, Chris Cullen, Jorgenson and coxswain Hartung.

The high school rowers will now focus on a busy Head Race season. Among the fall events are the Head of the Charles in Boston and the Head of the Schuylkill in Philadelphia.

Detroit Junior Rowing is sponsored by the Friends of Detroit Rowing. High schools represented are Grosse Pointe North, Grosse Pointe South, De La Salle, Regina, University Liggett School and University of Detroit Jesuit.

Coaches are Dr. Richard Bell (men's varsity) and Hans Doerr (women's varsity).

For more information on the upcoming fall programs, visit the Friends of Detroit Rowing website at dbcjuniors.com



The Detroit Junior Rowing women's four plus coxswain boat lost a close race in the women's Junior B finals at the Royal Canadian Henley regatta. Rowers are Caroline Sweeny, Clare Vandelinder, Elizabeth Kalina, Lauren Shook and coxswain Emma Peck.



Photo by Cathy Leverenz

## Undefeated champs

The Grosse Pointe Bears were undefeated in winning the Oakland-Wayne Connie Mack League championship. In front, from left, are Matt Leverenz, Jeff Remillet, Jamie Sheppard, John Casazza, Drew Casazza, Alex Barnett and manager Bud Casazza. In back, from left, are coach Matt Wysocki, Matt Lombardi, Pete Stoepker, Will Owen, Nick Buss, Tom Ziemiecki and assistant coach Gary Lombardi. Not pictured are Alex Amicucci, Christian Conroy, Tom Remillet and Tim Smolenski.



## Record relay

The St. Paul boys 1,600-meter relay team broke a school record for the event at the Catholic Youth Organization City Championship track and field meet. Team members, from left, are Eddie Stewart, D'Angelo Walker, Joe Dempsey and Patrick Vaughn. St. Paul's Mary Leone took a first place in the girls 400 dash at the CYO meet.



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## Kostiuk wins South's Wagner Scholarship

Stephanie Kostiuk, a June graduate of Grosse Pointe South, is this year's recipient of the Bob Wagner Scholarship.

Kostiuk will attend Miami University in Oxford, Ohio.

The scholarship is given

annually to a South student who excels academically, athletically and in community service.

Past winners of the Wagner scholarship are Mike Dunaway, Brian Gatliff, Charlie Mackinnon and Matt Vanderpool.



Stephanie Kostiuk

## Mariners to hold tryouts

The St. Clair Shores Mariners will hold open tryouts for a 14-year-old Federation baseball team on Aug. 13 and 14 at Kyte Monroe Field in St. Clair Shores.


Eligible players cannot turn 15 before May 1, 2006.

In a change in player cut-off dates, players who played as 14-year-olds in 2005 are eligible to play as a 14-year-old again in 2006 if their birthday falls between May 1 and July 31.

For field numbers and try-out times contact Tino Giordano [ghouse5@wowway.com](mailto:ghouse5@wowway.com) or Ed Malak at [edmalak@madsion-heights.org](mailto:edmalak@madsion-heights.org).

## Shores golfer 19th in tourney

Samantha Troyanovich of Grosse Pointe Shores shot a three-round total of 258 to finish 19th in the 34th annual Mission Inn Florida Junior Golf Invitational. She is a junior at University Liggett School.



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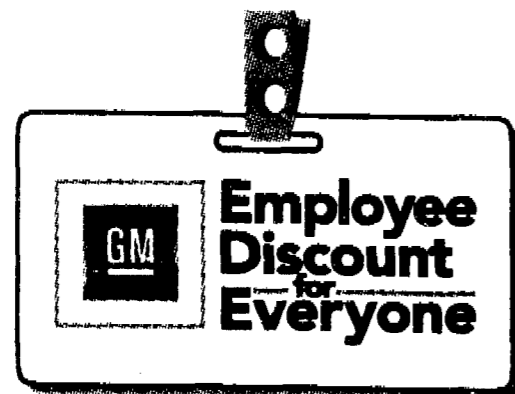
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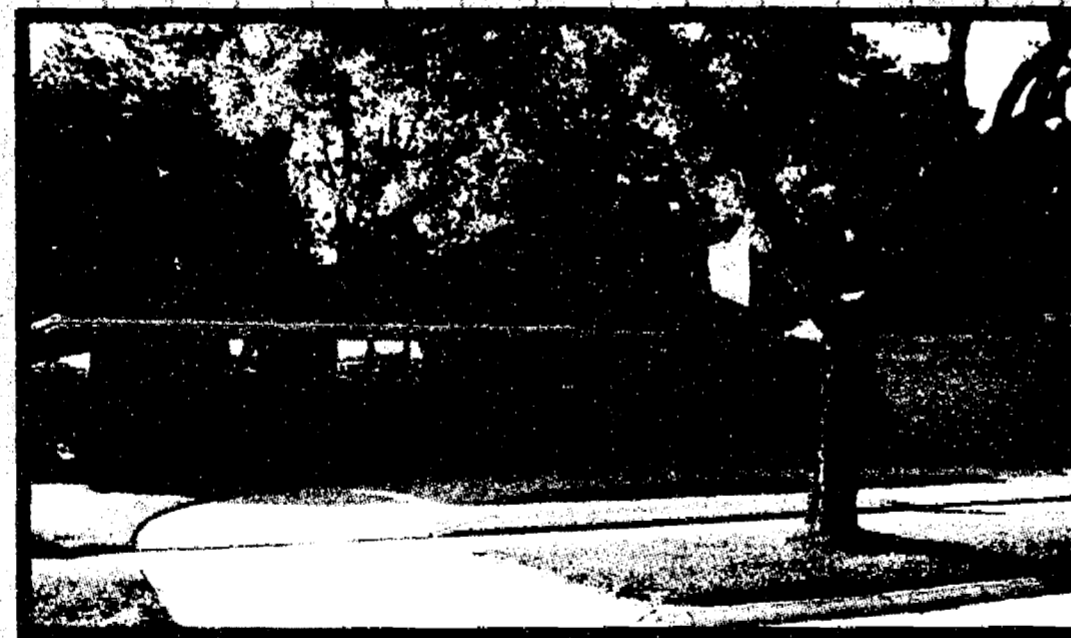
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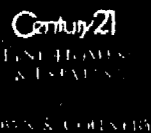
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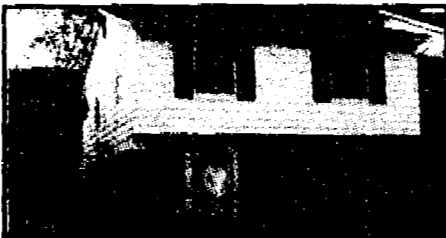
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(LGP67TOU) 313-886-5040 \$232,900



**GROSSE POINTE** Spectacular  
Beautifully mastered Tuscan style kitchen/ gathering room. Silestone counters, fireplace, plenty of seating at the table or family room area. Beauty continues throughout with elegantly appointed and generously sized rooms!  
(LGP09RIV) 313-886-5040 \$474,900



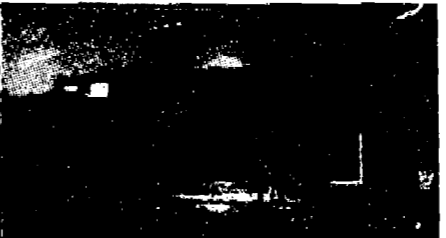
**GROSSE POINTE SHORES** Sprawling  
Wonderful opportunity awaits the buyer of this gently lived in ranch. Priced to allow for updating. This home offers huge rooms, two fireplaces, vaulted ceiling, family room, marble floored entry, attached garage. Super lot placement!  
(LGP95SED) 313-886-5040 \$350,000



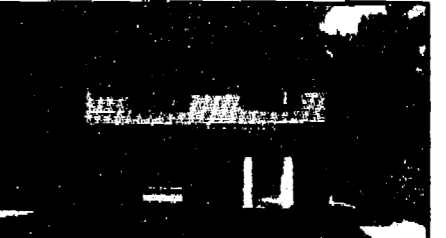
**GROSSE POINTE PARK** Two Family  
New condominium conversion located South of Jefferson. Entire building can be purchased or condominiums can be sold separately. Each unit has two bedrooms, fireplace, central air, one and one half baths.  
(LGP13HAR) 313-886-5040 \$300,000



**GROSSE POINTE FARMS** Cape Cod  
Beautiful three bedroom Cape Cod. Hardwood floors refinished. Newer carpeting in all bedrooms. Alarm system, freshly painted, natural fireplace. Central air. Wiring updated. Ceramic tile in kitchen. Loads of updates. A must see.  
(LGP49MOR) 313-886-5040 \$299,900



**GROSSE POINTE WOODS** Cape Cod  
Lovely location and condition. Beautiful pecan kitchen with built-ins, wonderful glassed family room with built-in bar. Park-like lot, freshly painted, newer furnace, windows, carpet, library, master suite with full bath and adjacent sitting room.  
(LGP60REN) 313-886-5040 \$459,900



**GROSSE POINTE FARMS** Exceptional  
Five bedrooms, three plus car garage, two and one-half baths, fireplace, spa in outdoors four seasons room, Pella windows, newer kitchen with Pewabic tile, all appliances stay, newer furnace and air, all the amenities.  
(LGP30ROL) 313-886-5040 \$359,000



**GROSSE POINTE** Spacious  
Spacious three bedrooms, two and one-half baths, two car garage, two fireplaces, finished basement, library, Florida room, rear deck, air conditioning, fenced yard, corner lot, occupancy at closing. Home Warranty.  
(LGP66CAD) 313-886-5040 \$279,900



**GROSSE POINTE WOODS** Updates Galore  
Enjoy the fine parks and schools Grosse Pointe has to offer by moving into this three bedroom Colonial located east of Marter. Numerous updates include roof, windows, garage and driveway. Central air, gas fireplace.  
(LGP58HAM) 313-886-5040 \$200,000



**MACOMB** Exceptional  
Rare, spacious ranch in prestigious Cornerstone Village. It's all in: central air, lawn, landscaping, sprinklers, stamped concrete walkways/patio. Features Pella windows, vaulted ceilings, first floor laundry, great room.  
(LGP21KEN) 313-886-5040 \$299,500



**MACOMB TOWNSHIP** Spacious  
Wonderful four bedroom, three and one half bath split level. Huge kitchen with ceramic floor and pantry. Gorgeous master bath with ceramic whirlpool bath. Beautiful wood windows and trim throughout. Awesome finished basement.  
(LGP00STA) 313-886-5040 \$359,000



**MACOMB TOWNSHIP** Scrumptious  
Beautiful inside and out, with all the amenities you would expect. Recent updates include fabulous kitchen with cherry wood cabinets, granite counters and wood flooring. Master bath with Jacuzzi tub. Library, first floor laundry. Warranty.  
(LGP66RUS) 313-886-5040 \$312,000



# The importance of being earnest (money)

**Q.** As first-time home buyers are we obligated to provide an earnest money deposit with our offer to purchase? — Joe, Harper Woods.

**A.** Let us start with a hypothetical to help understand the concept and practice of why earnest money is such an integral and important part of virtually all purchase agreements.

By most forms of giving a seller a deposit, you as a buyer want to convey a sense of sincerity and seriousness when you say you are going to buy something. Sellers want to know that a buyer is serious, and when you put a substantial amount in escrow toward the purchase of the home, you are giving the seller a good reason to trust your willingness to complete the transaction.

Imagine this: You are now the seller of a house, and someone wants to buy it. You accept the offer, and the house is now "pending" (the closing of the sale). The house is in effect off the market



By Steve Aiuto

for maybe a month or two while the buyers secure a mortgage, and closing documents are prepared and so on.

While the sale is pending, no more marketing, showings, and so forth, are conducted.

But a day before the closing, the buyers choose to move to Aruba to live on the beach with a transcendental, guitar-playing, beatnik poet. If they have given you no deposit, you have no way, other than litigation (good luck), to seek compensation for your financial loss as you continued to make payments on your existing house,

and you went and bought another home, and you lost potential buyers because the then available buyer pool thought the house was sold.

Do you see how a seller could feel victimized here? Therefore, the idea behind earnest money is that it helps to prevent individuals from entering into agreements with recklessness.

The importance of earnest money is that if you fail to perform on your purchase agreement, you run the likely risk that a seller can put a "claim" on that money. What that means is that a seller can reserve the right to take legal, or other, means to "win" all or part of the earnest deposit for what amounts to "nonperformance." Whether they would win it or not involves other issues, but the point is that earnest money is a deposit that can be forfeited by an insincere buyer who knowingly and willfully fails to dutifully perform on the terms of the agreement.

As to whether buyers need to provide an earnest money deposit, the answer is "no." If a seller wants to accept an offer without a deposit, that of course is his or her prerogative. However, very seldom do offers get accepted without at least some earnest money.

How much of an earnest deposit should you provide? In general, it depends on the value of the home. The usual benchmark is somewhere around 1 to 5 percent of the sale price, but earnest money is a negotiable term of the agreement and so the amount of the deposit is between the buyer and the seller.

As a buyer, you and your agent may want to make the deposit as least intrusive to your finances as possible, and so you may want to attempt to negotiate a smaller deposit. Conversely, savvy sellers and their agents know the risks involved in taking a home off the market and the financial implica-

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**NEW OFFERING**



**FARMS FAMILY HOME** near the lake four bed, two and one half bath, large family room overlooking private yard, attached garage, eat-in kitchen, sprinkler system, hardwood floors, new roof, new central air, and finished basement with wine cellar and wet bar. Outstanding private location. #12

**NEW OFFERING**



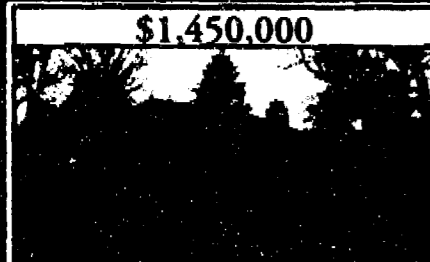
**CLASSIC COLONIAL** featuring three bedrooms, one and one half baths, huge family room (22 x 20) with cathedral ceiling and fireplace, new kitchen with appliances, new two and one half garage, updated baths, formal dining room, and finished basement. Priced to sell great value. #13

**NEW OFFERING**



**BEAUTIFUL** Three bedroom ranch in Grosse Pointe Shores. Meticulously maintained throughout. 2,500 sq. ft. Wonderful open floor plan. New kitchen - 2005. New tear off roof, gas forced air furnace and central air in 2000. First floor laundry. Two car attached garage. Private yard. #14

**\$1,450,000**




**CLASSIC MICOU BUILT** - Farms! Every room a designers jewel - featuring a spectacular 23 x 21 Kitchen - new in 2001 from The Blake Company. Five fireplaces including Master Suite, Dining Room and Family Room. Features six bedrooms, five baths, central-air throughout and second floor laundry. This combines the classic design features of a renowned Grosse Pointe builder and updates that have truly enhanced this fine home - even more! #15

**\$995,000**



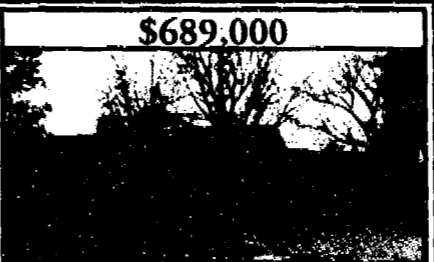
**GRACIOUS** newer Farms Colonial on private dead-end street. Large family room with fireplace and western red cedar panelling overlooks beautiful yard and patio. Spacious oak panelled library, new kitchen with top-of-the-line appliances. New master bathroom and powder room! Large entrance foyer. #16

**\$950,000**



**10 WOODLAND SHORES.** Exceptional custom built home just steps from the Lake. Lovingly maintained by original owners for the last 28 years. Dramatic entrance foyer with travertine marble and sweeping staircase. Three fireplaces including one in the master suite. Floor to ceiling windows. Oversized three car side entrance garage, ample driveway parking. Huge finished basement. Private patios and courtyard. Quick occupancy. #17

**\$689,000**



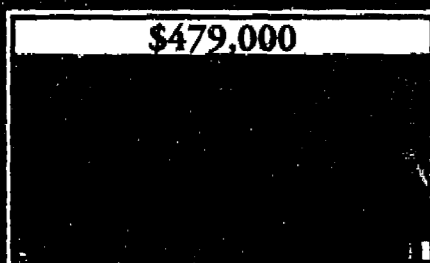
**CAPE COD** on prestigious Lochmoor Boulevard. Five bedrooms, three and one half baths. Family room and library. Master bedroom suite with Jacuzzi, heated tile floor, walk-in closets. Three fireplaces, central air, sprinklers, finished basement and attached two car garage. 3,800 square feet. #18

**\$499,000**



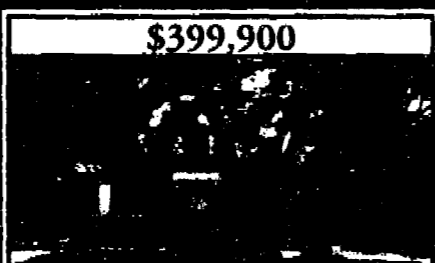
**SHORES RANCH,** nearly 3,000 square feet, first floor laundry, large Family Room off Mutschler Kitchen, circular drive, hardwood floors and three full baths. Best value in Grosse Pointe Shores. #19

**\$479,000**



**BEAUTIFUL TUDOR** on popular Park street. Tremendous character, condition and function. Arched entry, Pewabic tiles, natural woodwork. Large family room overlooking rear deck and yard. Spacious eat-in kitchen. Central air, newer windows. #20

**\$399,900**



**GREAT CENTER ENTRANCE** Colonial in a wonderful Park location. Beautiful hardwood floors, six panel doors, lots of closets, open kitchen and special floor plan for family entertaining. #21

**\$379,000**



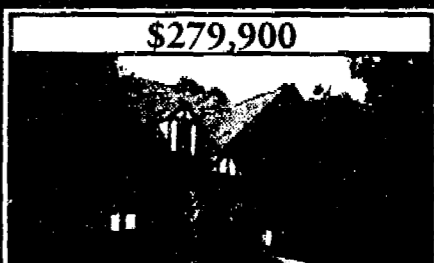
**UNIQUE AND CUSTOMIZED** Cape Cod type home ready for your family! Wallside and Andersen windows, beautiful granite kitchen, GLITZA floors, fabulous family room with stone fireplace, three incredible bathrooms, second floor laundry and so much more. #22

**\$315,000**



**NEWER CONSTRUCTION** near the Village. Kitchen with granite new 2003, all stainless appliances, hardwood floors, family room with fireplace and cathedral ceiling opens to deck, first floor master bedroom and baths, two story foyer. #23

**\$279,900**



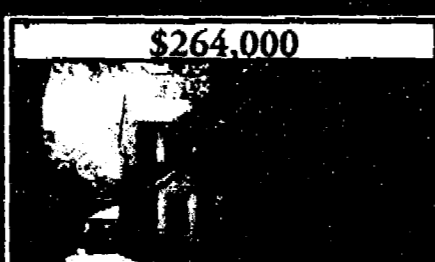
**MAKE YOUR DREAM** house come true. Great location, beautiful yard, lots of amenities already done for you... newer windows, newer furnace, air condition, glass block windows, cobblestone walk-way, and again location, location. #24

**\$269,900**



**WONDERFUL** three bedroom one and one half bath home with an attached garage, two family rooms, all new appliances, a new furnace and central air, a new roof, new sewer main and much more. #25

**\$264,000**



**FARMS - MAST BUILT** with nice family room, hardwood floors, deeper lot, newer kitchen, central air, six panel doors, recreation room, great floor plan and lots of quality finishes. #26

**\$255,000**



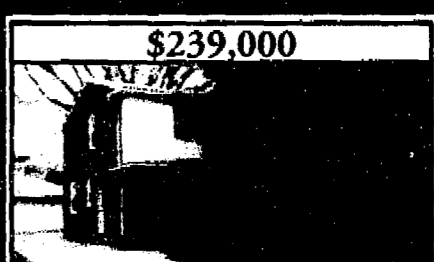
**CUSTOM RANCH** - attached two car garage, "barrier free" one floor living - open floor plan. Spectacular improvements include new GRANITE KITCHEN with island counter, cherry cabinets, all new windows, new designer bath, garden room opens to special patio. #27

**\$239,900**




**UNUSUALLY SPACIOUS HOME** in wonderful condition. Five bedrooms, three and one half baths in Grosse Pointe Woods. Completely renovated and updated, including new kitchen with granite counter-tops, new master suite with plenty of closets. Call for an appointment to see this beautiful home... you won't be disappointed! #28

**\$239,000**



**CUL-DE-SAC** in Grosse Pointe Woods, includes 21 foot kitchen, three large bedrooms with spacious closets, beautifully decorated throughout, large finished basement, two car garage, new windows. #29

**\$189,900**




**VERY WELL MAINTAINED** Farms bungalow with updated electrical, eight year old roof, newer deck, coved ceilings, natural woodwork and partially finished basement. #30

**\$188,500**



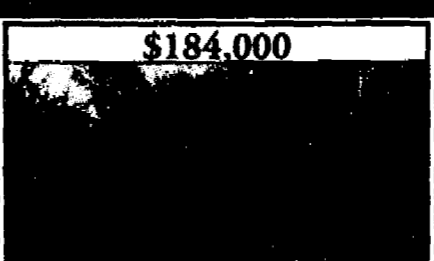
**CHARMING** three bedroom bungalow with hardwood floors and leaded glass windows. Many updates include: new windows, furnace, air conditioning and driveway. New oversized garage on a spacious lot. Beautiful natural woodwork. Natural fireplace. #31

**\$184,900**



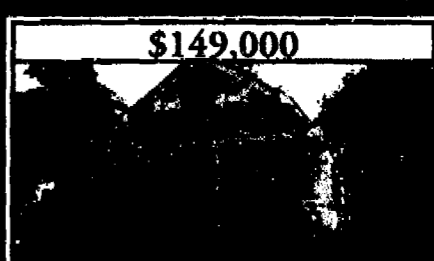
**WONDERFULLY MAINTAINED** brick ranch on quiet tree lined street in Grosse Pointe Woods. New windows throughout. Newer kitchen, driveway, furnace/ central air. Open floor plan with spacious living room with natural fireplace. Neutral décor and hardwood floors. Deck for outside living. Finished basement. #32

**\$184,000**



**A RARE OPPORTUNITY!!** Updated three bedroom brick home with a large (18x11) family room. Home features a large eat in kitchen with newest appliances, updated full bath, newer windows and roof, hardwood floors, finished basement with half bath, and new paver patio and landscaping. Home has large bedrooms and excellent closet/ storage space. #33

**\$149,000**



**CHARMING FARMHOUSE** with-in walking distance to "The Village" and schools. Private yard with patio and lush gardens. Large covered porch, quaint office and generous storage. #34

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**781 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores**  
 Sharp split-level with beautiful lake views, steps from Grosse Pointe Shores lakefront park and Grosse Pointe Yacht Club. Gorgeous new Mutchler kitchen with top end appointments. Great for entertaining. Four bedrooms, three full baths, two lavatories, newer gas forced air/central air. \$1,150,000.



**742 Shelden, Grosse Pointe Shores**  
 Lake Shore Vernier area. Picture perfect four bedroom, three and one half bath Colonial. Newly renovated kitchen and bathrooms, second floor laundry room, service stairs, three and one half car garage. Circular driveway, wonderful water views. Attractively priced at \$1,295,000.



**17 Oxford, Grosse Pointe Shores**  
 Located on one of Grosse Pointe Shores finest streets. Five bedrooms, four and one half baths, newer family room, gorgeous marble entrance foyer, master bedroom on separate wing. Four car attached garage, beautifully decorated and appointed. Attractively priced at \$1,399,999.



**281 University, Grosse Pointe**  
 Spectacular Manor home featuring beautiful dual staircase, in a grand main entrance hall beyond foyer. Four car garage with carriage house. Third floor in home offers four bedrooms and bath. A fabulous home that must be seen!!! \$2,490,000.



**1124 Berkshire, Grosse Pointe Park**  
 Gorgeous English Tudor on one of Grosse Pointe Park's most desirable streets. Large lot-excellent expansion possibilities if desired. Great lower level family room 20 x 12 with natural fireplace. Floor to ceiling picture window overlooking rear grounds. Great block. \$675,000



**2207 Allard, Grosse Pointe Woods**  
 Two bedrooms, one bath, new furnace, central air, plumbing, new roof, attached one car garage, dry wall finished basement with bath. A MUST SEE!!! \$184,900. Call Andrew Kesteloot for information.



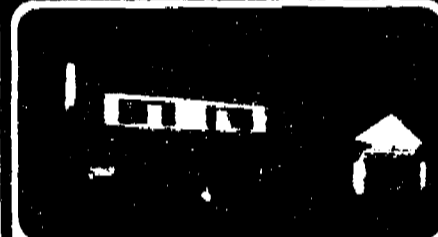
**1136 Three Mile, Grosse Pointe Park**  
 Four bedroom, four and one half bath completely renovated center entrance colonial. Master suite with cathedral ceilings. Great room with state of the art kitchen. Library, family room, formal dining room, powder room. \$969,000.



**70 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Shores**  
 Custom built home by John Smedes in 1979 featuring first floor laundry, den, family room, large kitchen, four bedrooms, two and one half baths, professionally landscaped. Bi-level deck, circular driveway. Bring your fussiest buyers, very clean. \$525,000.



**1617 N. Renaud, Grosse Pointe Woods**  
 Great three bedroom, three bath semi-ranch. First floor master bedroom with private bath. Family room, full wall picture window overlooking breathtaking rear grounds. Natural fireplace, new roof, new windows, updated kitchen. Attached garage, circular drive. \$350,000.



**552 Thorntree Rd, Grosse Pointe Woods**  
 Terrific location! Five bedrooms, two and one half baths. Gorgeous first floor master suite with a Jacuzzi tub, stall shower and double glass doors that lead onto a brick paver patio. Remodeled kitchen, beautiful sunken living room with marble fireplace. \$575,000.



**962 Pemberton, Grosse Pointe Park**  
 Classic center entrance Colonial. Four bedrooms, two and one half baths, family room, sitting room off of bedroom. Fabulous new kitchen. Two car garage, third floor walk-up expansion attic. Natural fireplace. \$479,900. Owners Transferred!! Make Offer!



**855 Hidden Lane, Grosse Pointe Woods**  
 Three bedroom, two bath brick ranch in prime location. Breathtaking cathedral ceiling family room leading to rear deck overlooking park-like grounds. Attached garage, full basement, new roof and furnace. Attractively priced. \$395,000



**8162 Jefferson, Detroit**  
 Detroit's premier address on the water front. Classic 1920's complex for the rich and famous. Two bedroom, two and one half baths, library, natural fireplace, 24 hour security. Only \$395,000 to be "pampered" like you live in Chicago & New York.



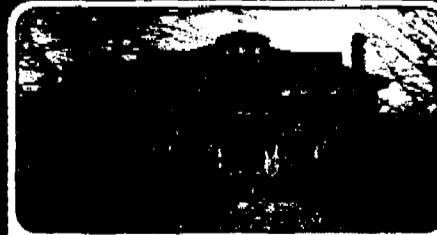
**80 Woodland Shore, Grosse Pointe Shores**  
 Impeccably maintained Colonial. Four bedrooms, one that features a master suite with new bath and dressing room. Two full bath and two half baths, family room, home office, updated kitchen, three car attached garage, new brick paver patio. \$699,900.



**1567 Sunningdale, Grosse Pointe Woods**  
 This wonderful home is on one of the most sought after streets. Excellent floor plan, eating area, good size classic kitchen and a sunken family room with natural fireplace. Finished basement and first floor master bedroom. \$565,000.



**1033 North Brys, Grosse Pointe Woods**  
 Three bedroom, one and one half bath ranch. Updated open floor plan, freshly painted, new kitchen, new windows, newer gas forced air with central air, hardwood floors, underneath new carpeting. Attached two car garage. \$277,000



**806 Westchester, Grosse Pointe Park**  
 Lots of storage and closet space. One bedroom has fireplace, natural wood throughout the home, ornate wet plastering, leaded glass doors. Updated kitchen with built-in appliances and island. Finished basement, central air on the second and third floors. 1/2 bath in basement, corner lot, enclosed porch. \$650,000.



**824 Neff, Grosse Pointe City**  
 Condominium conversion opportunity. Two bedrooms, great location, walking distance to "village", schools, park and restaurants. Generous room sizes, gas forced air furnace three years old. Nice curb appeal. Appliances included. Separate utilities. \$169,900



**769 Shelden, Grosse Pointe Shores**  
 Spacious brick ranch is located on a large park-like lot. Marble tiled foyer, hardwood floors, large living room natural fireplace, formal dining room, large custom kitchen with eating area. Newer roof, huge basement with natural fireplace, half bath and cedar closet. \$475,000.



**1011 Somerset, Grosse Pointe Park**  
 Move right in. All new updates, roof, kitchen, bathrooms, windows, patio, driveway, landscaping, siding, furnace and central air. New brick doorwall to brick paver patio, wood second floor balcony, new plumbing, glass block windows in basement. \$299,900.



**1030 Lake Shore, Grosse Pointe Shores**  
Gorgeous!!! Custom built in 2000!! Vaulted ceilings, great room, multiple natural fireplaces, lower level basement with high ceilings. Beautiful "black" pool overlooking the lake. First floor master suite, panoramic views of the water. \$3,995,000.



**693 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores**  
Spectacular full views of the Lake. Built by Jim Scott. Four very large bedrooms each with their own private bath. Impressive foyer, paneled family room, two fireplaces, custom kitchen and first floor laundry room. Gorgeous landscaping. \$1,795,000. Call Sandy Azar for a private showing



**646 Lakepointe, Grosse Pointe Park**  
Meticulously maintained Classic English Tudor. Beautiful plaster details, unique cove/ icicle moldings. Slate roof, hardwood floors, multiple fireplaces, newer kitchen and family room, beautiful grounds with sunken gardens. Quality, style and detail throughout. \$699,900.



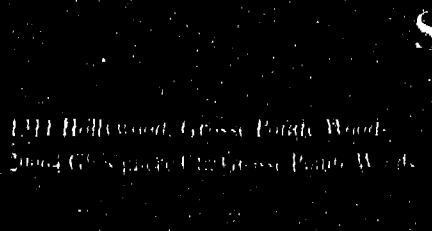
**644 Middlesex, Grosse Pointe Park**  
Superb Tudor near Windmill Pointe (lake St. Clair) and two waterfront parks! Four bedrooms, two full baths (wonderful master), two lavs. Cozy family room with natural fireplace, garden room and stunning library with cathedral ceiling, skylights and incredible views of rear gardens, pond and waterfall.



**1428 Yorkshire, Grosse Pointe Park**  
Wonderful Tudor with old world charm! This six bedroom, three and one half bath home is loaded with classic features. Sculpted plaster, natural wood, leaded, beveled and stained glass door and windows. Recreation room. Now priced at \$449,000.



**538 St. Clair, Grosse Pointe City**  
Fabulous location. Walk to the Village or the waterfront park. Huge lot, five bedrooms, two baths, fabulous oak family room, two natural fireplaces. Central air, updated kitchen. Attractively priced at \$395,000.



**1311 Hollywood, Grosse Pointe Woods**  
2064 Glenpark Ct, Grosse Pointe Woods

**379 Kerby, Grosse Pointe Farms**  
2266 Wildwood, St. Clair Shores  
742 Sheldon, Grosse Pointe Shores  
1617 N. Rossmore, Grosse Pointe Woods



**379 Kerby, Grosse Pointe Farms**  
806 Westchester, Grosse Pointe Park

**538 St. Clair, Grosse Pointe City**  
874 Westchester, Grosse Pointe Park  
693 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores  
2286 Poplar Beach, St. Clair Shores



**552 Thontrce Rd, Grosse Pointe Woods**  
1386 Devonshire, Grosse Pointe Park

**646 Lakepointe, Grosse Pointe Park**  
20040 Woodside, Harper Woods  
20324 Woodside, Harper Woods  
1567 Summitdale, Grosse Pointe Woods



**475 Belanger, Grosse Pointe Farms**  
Just bring your suitcases. The sitting room on the first floor could be used as a fourth bedroom, lots of nice updates. Newer roof, newer windows, the master bedroom and bathroom have their own under floor heating system. \$209,900.



**2064 Glenpark Ct, Grosse Pointe Woods**  
Beautiful Cape Cod with center natural fireplace. Gorgeous lower level family room in the basement, great court location, hardwood floors, attached garage. Newer windows (Pella), central air. \$279,500.



**379 Kerby, Grosse Pointe Farms**  
Where else are you going to find a Grosse Pointe Farms home with three bedrooms, family room, and living room with a natural fireplace, hardwood floor throughout and a three car garage??? Updates include: central air, furnace, roof, and more. \$192,000



**885 St. Clair, Grosse Pointe City**  
A real cutie with the lowest price in Grosse Pointe City \$129,900!! Great starter home on a huge lot! This one won't last.



**1311 Hollywood, Grosse Pointe Woods**  
Located near Marter Road. Fabulous cathedral ceiling family room with natural fireplace and hardwood floors. Three bedrooms, one and one half baths, updated kitchen two car garage, recreation room in basement. Attractively priced at \$269,000.



**2307 Alford, Grosse Pointe Woods**  
Perfect four bedroom, one and one half bath, bungalow. Freshly painted interior and exterior, with many improvements, new cement driveway, new garage door, family room with new gas furnace, tear off roof on house and garage. Remodeled kitchen. \$199,900.



**22831 Newberry, St. Clair Shores**  
New oak hardwood floors in kitchen, foyer hallway and stairway, refinished hardwood floors in dining room and living room. Newer roof, air and windows. Updated kitchen, family room. Four bedrooms including master with full bath. Recreation room with sliding doors to patio. \$299,000



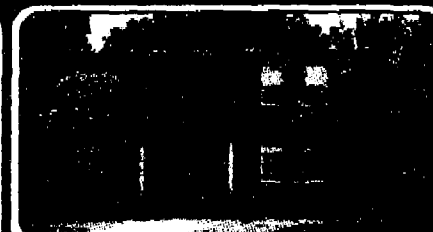
**22666 Wildwood, St. Clair Shores**  
Wake up to totally unobstructive views of Lake St. Clair. Three bedroom, three bath home with three natural fireplaces including master suite. Plus canal to dock your boat. Attractively priced. \$535,000



**22816 Poplar Beach, St. Clair Shores**  
Must see this unique updated Colonial. Four bedrooms with possible first and second floor master bedrooms. Two full baths, two half baths as well as first and second floor laundry rooms. Multiple fireplaces. \$249,900



**25300 Winton, St. Clair Shores**  
Fabulous three bedroom two bath ranch. New construction Master suite with den and bath and extra closet. Huge oak Kitchen with center isle. Natural fireplace in living room, first floor laundry off garage. Full deep basement. \$249,900



**20916 Beaconsfield, St. Clair Shores**  
This one won't last! Eating space in kitchen-lots of storage-large private basement area with your own washer / dryer. Carport one car with extra space. Maintenance fee \$182,000 includes-heat, water, insurance and outside maintenance. \$63,000



**28324 Woodside, Harper Woods**  
Super clean ranch home that features spacious living room, natural fireplace with gorgeous natural wood trim mantle. Formal dining room and a well maintained kitchen. Three comfortable size bedrooms, wood floor throughout. \$149,900.



**20904 Kenmore**  
This four bedroom brick one and one half bath home has been exceptionally maintained. Natural fireplace, beautifully finished recreation room. Grosse Pointe schools, gas forced air/ central air, new roof, new windows, waterproofed. 20 x 12 deck. \$159,900.



**20400 Woodside, Harper Woods**  
Beautiful brick ranch home that is superbly maintained, large living room with hardwood floor underneath carpeting. Three generous size bedrooms. Den with skylight that can be converted to a fourth bedroom. Kitchen has been totally updated. \$163,900.



**3477 Bedford**  
Great value. Three bedroom (possible fourth in second floor heated sunroom), one and one half bath Colonial. Brand new ducts, new basement glass block, newer roof, hardwood floors under carpet. A must see. \$105,000



**11035 Roxbury**  
Sharp brick Tudor Colonial on beautiful street. Nice upgrades including bright newer kitchen with new cabinets / flooring. Breakfast room, freshly painted, neutral carpeting, large living room with natural fireplace. First floor bedroom or den. Basement recreation room. \$105,000

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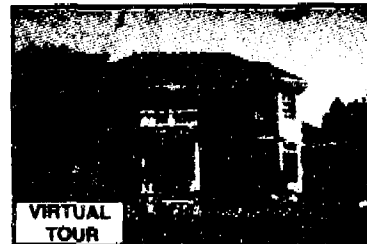
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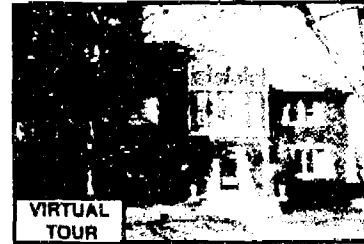


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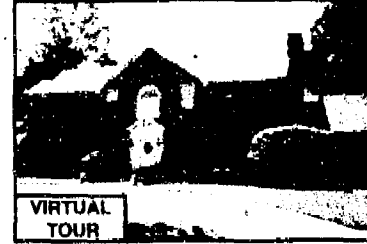
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VIRTUAL TOUR

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**NEW PRICING**

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4 bedrooms, 2 full, 1 half bath.



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**917 Westchester • \$499,900**  
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**1261 Edmondton • \$378,000**  
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**301 Hillcrest • \$319,900**  
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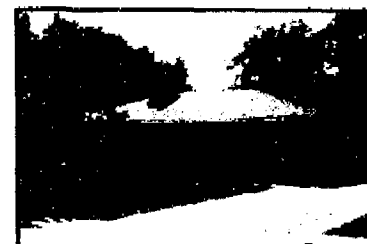
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**874 St. Clair • \$248,500**  
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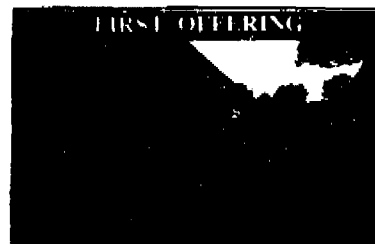
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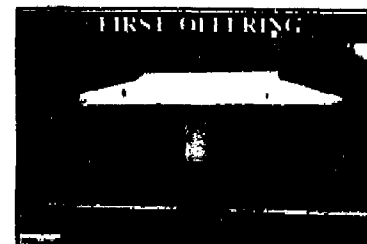
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**132 Muir • \$163,000**  
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# Bigger fuses could cause electrical fires

Mr. Hardware's favorite electrical questions:

"If I keep blowing 15 amp fuses, why can't I just put in a 20 amp fuse and be done with it?"

"There were 30 amp fuses in the panel when I moved in. Why can't I leave them in?"

"Is it dangerous if my extension cord gets warm at the ends?"

Forcing more electricity through a wire (by overloading it) will make the wire get hot and possibly start a fire!



By Blair Gilbert  
Gilbert's Pro Hardware

The real potential for fire can be at any connection. Heat can be

generated wherever connections are loose. When connections are not firmly attached, the electricity must force its way through the weak connection causing that area to get hot.

Tip: Always firmly secure all connections to a device because an improper connection will become a weak link for the flow of electricity. The weak link can become a hot spot causing heat and reducing the flow of electricity.

Tip 2: Do not use the quick con-

nect holes in the back of a receptacle or switch. We track most open circuit problems to one where the installer used quick connects that loosened over time.

When it comes to finding a large fuse pre-existing in a fuse box, do not trust the person before you. What makes you think he had a clue about electricity? If you are capable of removing the cover to the fuse box, you may be able to see if a wire going to that fuse is larger than the rest. Do not get your hopes up if you live in a house built in the 1950s or earlier.

The only solution to blowing fuses is to add more circuits and possibly a new panel. Homes did not have the electrical appliances in the 1950s that we do now. The largest increase in electricity use is in the kitchen with toaster ovens, electric skillets, microwaves, and bread makers. Is your bread maker as dusty as mine?

When in doubt about an electrical problem call in a professional and let them check out your situation. Protection is important with electricity because fires in walls and ceilings can start unnoticed.

Send your questions to: Mr. Hardware c/o Gilbert's Pro Hardware at 21912 Harper in St. Clair Shores 48080; call (586) 776-9532, e-mail [staff@mrhardware.com](mailto:staff@mrhardware.com), or visit [www.mrhardware.com](http://www.mrhardware.com) to view past columns.

## Electrical safety precautions during storms, floods

The Electrical Safety Foundation International (ESFI) warns consumers to beware of the dangers storms and floods cause when water comes in contact with electricity.

"Electrical safety guidelines are always important. During clean-up following a flood, electrical safety precautions can help avoid further loss and tragedy," noted Anne Mayberry, ESFI program manager.

To protect against the hazards of the aftermath of storms and floods, ESFI offers this safety advice:

- Take care when stepping into a flooded area, and be aware that submerged outlets or electrical cords may energize the water, posing a potential lethal trap.

- Do not use electrical appliances that have been wet. Water can damage the motors in electrical appliances, such as furnaces, freezers, refrigerators, washing machines and dryers. For those that have been under water, have them reconditioned by a qualified service repairman.

- Take special care with portable

electric generators, which can provide a good source of power, but if improperly installed or operated, can become deadly.

- Do not connect generators directly to household wiring. Power from generators can backfeed along power lines and electrocute anyone coming in contact with them, including lineworkers making repairs. A qualified, licensed electrician should install your generator to ensure that it meets local electrical codes.

- Make sure your generator is properly grounded.

- Keep the generator dry.

- Do not plug appliances directly into the generator.

- Make sure extension cords used with generators are rated for the load, and are free of cuts, worn insulation, and have three-pronged plugs.

- Do not overload the generator.

- Do not operate the generator in enclosed or partially enclosed spaces. Generators can produce high levels of carbon dioxide very

quickly, which can be deadly.

- Use a ground fault circuit interrupter (GFCI) to help prevent electrocutions and electrical shock injuries. Portable GFCIs require no tools to install and are available at prices ranging from \$12 to \$30.

Electrical safety tips are available at the foundation's Web site, at [www.electrical-safety.org](http://www.electrical-safety.org), or call (703) 841-3229.

Founded in 1994 through a joint effort between Underwriters Laboratories Inc. (UL), the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and the National Electrical Manufacturers Association (NEMA), the Electrical Safety Foundation International (ESFI) is North America's only non-profit organization dedicated exclusively to promoting electrical safety in the home, school and workplace.

## Ernest

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tions of a buyer bailing on the deal; so they would lobby for a more substantial amount.

Fear not; a deposit is returned if, say, you cannot obtain a mortgage. It's not your fault that you tried and could not obtain financing. Again, the few times that a good faith or earnest money deposit is challenged is when buyers willfully and recklessly, and almost always without good reason, end their commitment to purchase the home.

Certainly, you should speak to your agent about the role of earnest money when you put your offer together, and if you have

other questions, consult a real estate attorney as to the legal implications of your earnest money deposit.

In general, earnest money means exactly what it sounds like: You as a buyer are earnest, serious and sincere in your desire to fulfill all the terms of the purchase agreement of which you signed. If buyers reflect on their decision to buy before they act, the deposit seldom if ever becomes an issue.

Steve Aiuto is a licensed Realtor living in Grosse Pointe Park. He can be reached at [steveaiuto@hotmail.com](mailto:steveaiuto@hotmail.com).

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Those successfully passing the certification examination will receive a certificate and wallet card, from the ACI acknowledging their accomplishment. Individuals certified through this program have their names registered with ACI, published in the MCA Directory of Certified Technicians, and listed on the ACI Web site at [aci-int.org](http://aci-int.org). If someone tells you that he is ACI certified, don't just take his word for it; visit the ACI Web site and see if he is listed as a Certified Finisher or Technician.

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By the Michigan Concrete Association

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The Michigan Concrete Association is at 3130 Pine Tree Road in Lansing. The association was established in 1952 as a forum for the state's ready-mixed concrete industry and as an educational resource for consumers. For more information, call (800) 678-9622, or visit its Web site at

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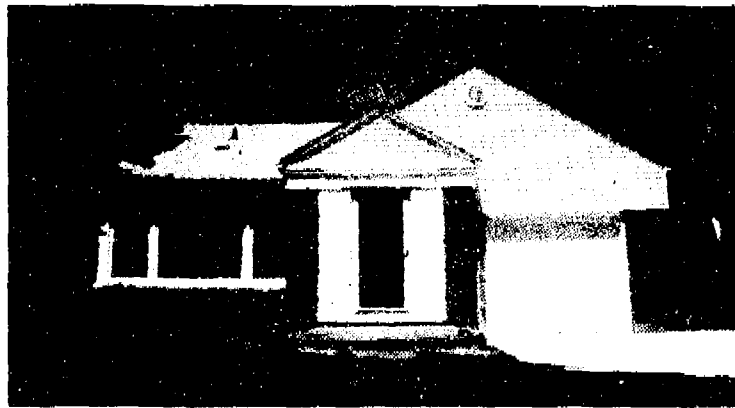
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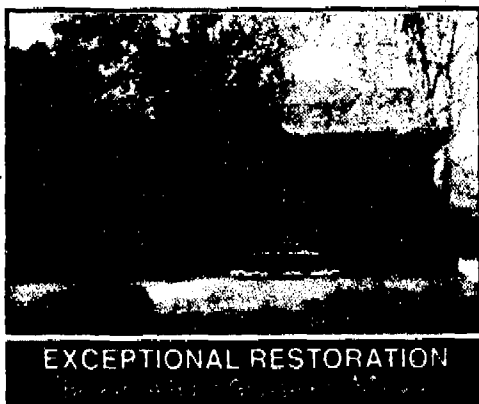


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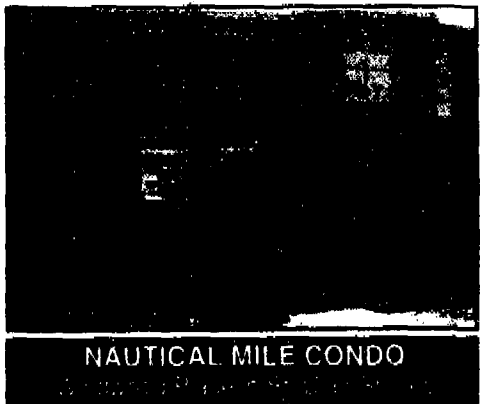
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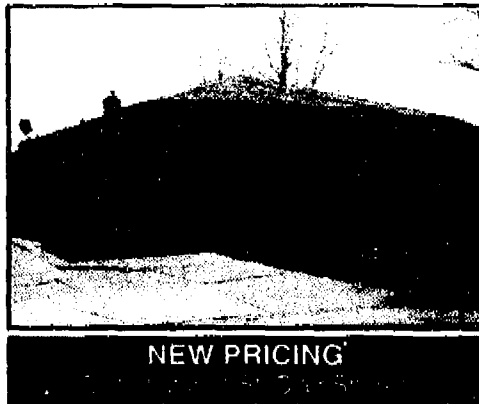
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**NEW \$214,000**

**GROSSE POINTE WOODS**  
Immaculate and spacious colonial featuring gorgeous hardwood floors throughout, one and one half updated baths, large bedrooms with more than ample closet space and kitchen with eating space.

**NEW \$279,900**

**GROSSE POINTE WOODS**  
Spacious three bedroom brick ranch with hardwood floors, eat in kitchen, all appliances included, partially finished basement with half bath. Good lot size 85 x 135.

**NEW \$334,900**

**GROSSE POINTE PARK**  
Beautifully detailed Tudor on quiet cul de sac in Grosse Pointe Park. Hardwood floors, wet plaster walls, lead glass windows and beveled French doors. Large living room with natural fireplace, formal dining room overlooking lovely backyard.

**NEW \$334,900**

**GROSSE POINTE PARK**  
Attractive 3 bedroom, one and one half bath colonial. Updated kitchen with ceramic counters and island. Updated plumbing, electric, most windows. Fourth bedroom is walk thru with skylight and cedar closet.

**NEW \$357,000**

**GROSSE POINTE PARK**  
Everything updated: just drop your bags and move in! No exaggeration, the updates are too numerous to note them all. Over \$150,000 in updates over the last couple of years from the inside and out. Maintenance free for years.

**NEW \$399,000**

**GROSSE POINTE SHORES**  
Elegant and well maintained brick ranch four houses from Lakeshore Road. Ready to move into, this home has a marble entrance foyer, multiple fireplaces and fabulous kitchen cabinetry. Two large bedrooms, each with private baths.

**NEW \$535,000**

**GROSSE POINTE WOODS**  
Beautiful new construction. Four bedroom, 2500 square foot Colonial with a two story entry hall.

**NEW \$637,000**

**GROSSE POINTE PARK**  
Magnificent English Tudor with exquisite detailing. Newer kitchen, baths, furnace and central air. Wonderful room sizes, two and a half car attached garage. Finished third floor has 24 x 22 room—great for work-out room, playroom, home office or ???.

**\$219,900**

**GROSSE POINTE WOODS**  
Well maintained bungalow east of Marter. Living room with natural fireplace and formal Dining Room. Large upper bedroom with wet plaster walls and plenty of closet space. Attached garage and deep yard. Nice floor plan, updated bath.

**\$239,000**

**GROSSE POINTE FARMS**  
Charming Colonial in the Farms with hard to find two-car attached garage. Large bay window with plantation shutters and natural fireplace in living room. Formal dining room is spacious and opens to the sunny family room. Just move in!

**\$259,000**

**GROSSE POINTE WOODS**  
Three Bedroom Colonial on beautiful street in Grosse Pointe Woods. Wood floors throughout, new windows, Florida Room, finished basement, new landscaping and beautiful concrete patio.

**\$279,500**

**GROSSE POINTE FARMS**  
Oversized one and a half story home in move-in condition. Features include Wood Mode paneled den with built-in bar. Year round heated Florida room with fireplace overlooking deck and yard. Two full baths. Formal living room with natural fireplace.

**\$399,900**

**GROSSE POINTE FARMS**  
Spacious Colonial with great floor plan. Large master bedroom with master bath, paneled den, family room and finished basement with natural fireplace.

**\$554,900**

**GROSSE POINTE**  
Opportunity awaits in this newer construction property in the "heart" of Grasse Pointe. Bright, open and spacious describe the floor plan and room layouts throughout. Walk to the Village, schools, churches, and shopping. Minutes to downtown.

**\$574,900**

**GROSSE POINTE**  
Handsome Colonial with attached garage. Beautiful kitchen with spectacular granite countertops and new stainless steel appliances. Gracious double door entryway opens to large foyer. Open floor plan with family room and den.

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**GROSSE POINTE FARMS**  
Beautiful views of Lake St. Clair from this private cul-de-sac estate. First floor master bedroom with an additional master bedroom on the second floor with sauna and private bath. Marble foyer with turning staircase. High kitchen with eating space.

**\$995,000**

**GROSSE POINTE FARMS**  
Updated kitchen, granite counter tops and built in appliances. Open floor plan with hardwood floors. Family room with natural fireplace and wet bar. Living room with natural fireplace. Formal Dining room and Library. Master suite with walk-in.

**\$329,000**

**GROSSE POINTE WOODS**  
Located on a beautiful cul-de-sac with wider rear yard. This home has many recent updates and improvements including furnace, air, windows, siding, roof, freshly painted throughout. Family room with fireplace and finished basement.

**\$289,900**

**GROSSE POINTE WOODS**  
Center entrance Colonial. Newer kitchen with granite countertops, updated half bath on first floor, refinished hardwood floors, newer driveway, tastefully decorated throughout, newer furnace, cozy den, Florida room and finished basement.

**\$279,900**

**GROSSE POINTE FARMS**  
Hard to find four bedroom, 2 and one half bath Colonial in Grosse Pointe Farms. Large family room off of kitchen with natural fireplace and doorwall to backyard. Updated kitchen with breakfast nook. Living room with natural fireplace.

**\$148,000**

**HARPER WOODS**  
Fully updated three bedroom bungalow. Everything has been updated: kitchen, bath, plumbing (partially), carpet roof, windows, wood blinds. Home Warranty offered.

**\$189,000**

**GROSSE POINTE WOODS**  
Three bedroom, bath and a half brick ranch with nicely finished basement, upgraded baths, large eat-in-kitchen and freshly painted interior. Kitchen appliances will remain. Newer furnace and central air. East of Mack Avenue.

**\$349,900**

**GROSSE POINTE FARMS**  
The perfect home on the perfect street. This home features a gracious entry foyer, excellent floor plan for entertaining, updated kitchen with cherry cabinets, granite counter tops, built in appliances, and hardwood floors.

**\$359,000**

**GROSSE POINTE PARK**  
Classic center entrance Colonial in great Park location. This home has been lovingly maintained and has many features to offer: an attached garage, great floor plan, four bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, a paneled den with bay window.

**\$449,000**

**GROSSE POINTE**  
Outstanding English Tudor with beautiful natural woodwork throughout. New kitchen, refinished hardwood floors, new carpet. Freshly painted. EVERYTHING HAS BEEN DONE.

**\$294,900**

**GROSSE POINTE WOODS**  
Beautiful Colonial located on quiet cul de sac. Master bedroom with updated bath. Newer kitchen leads into family room. New furnace, electric and finished basement with recreation room. Newer windows, neutral décor.

**\$238,000**

**GROSSE POINTE**  
Wonderful English Colonial in very good condition. Newer roof, furnace and central air conditioning. Living Room with artificial fireplace, formal dining room. Attractive décor throughout. Large full ceramic bath with vanity. Family Room.

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**\$158,000**

**GROSSE POINTE WOODS**  
Great location for this two bedroom brick ranch with a one car attached garage. In 2005 basement walls waterproofed (lifetime warranty), new electrical panel, half bath in basement. Add your decorating touches and enjoy living in this terrific location!

**\$259,500**

**GROSSE POINTE FARMS**  
New kitchen with new microwave oven, granite countertops and ceramic tile floor, completely redecorated, beautifully refinished hardwood floors, family room, natural fireplace, central air. Almost new condition with immediate occupancy.

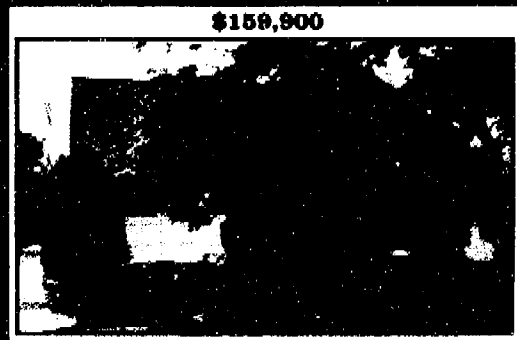
**\$236,900**

**GROSSE POINTE FARMS**  
Amazing in every way. Open concept great room ranch with beamed vaulted ceilings. Beautiful gourmet kitchen, built-in appliances, huge butcher block island—every cooks dream! Master bedroom with vaulted ceilings and full bath.

**\$169,000**

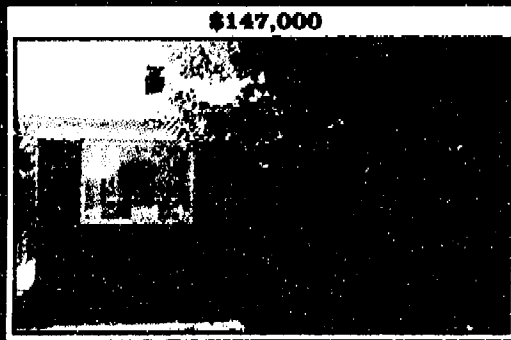
**HARPER WOODS**  
Close to new construction - on the inside. Brand New, kitchen with glowing maple cabinets, granite counters, tumbled stone backsplash, ceramic tile flooring and new GE appliances. Freshly refinished hardwood floors and just painted walls.

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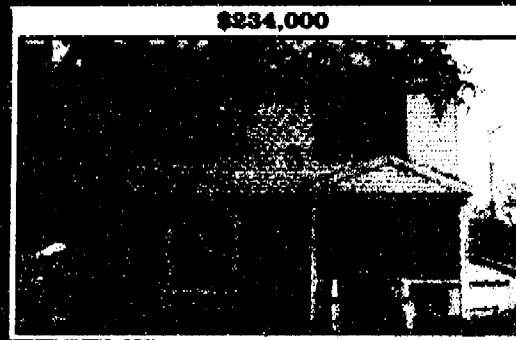
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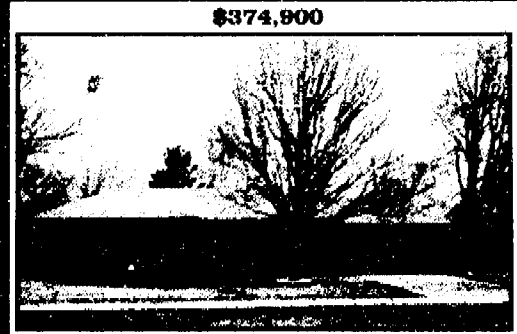
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ALLARD  
GROSSE POINTE WOODS



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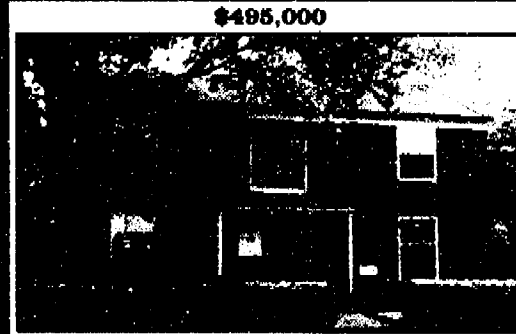
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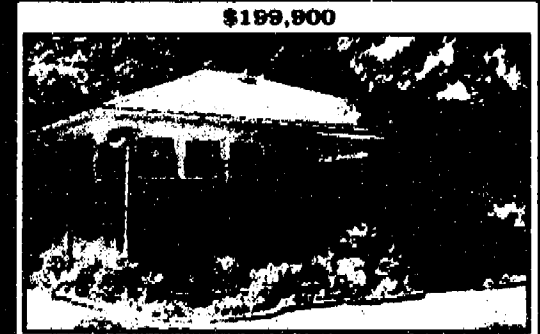
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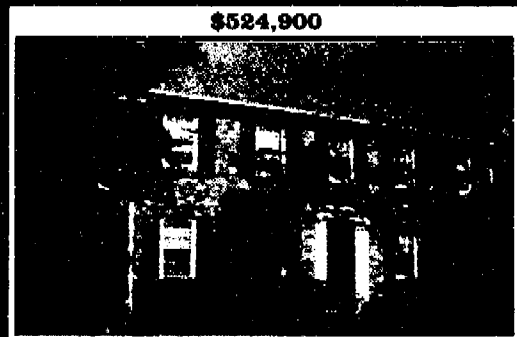
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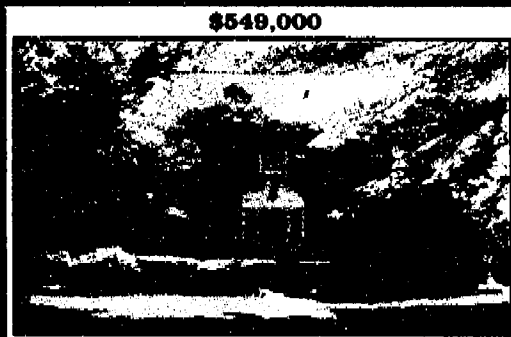
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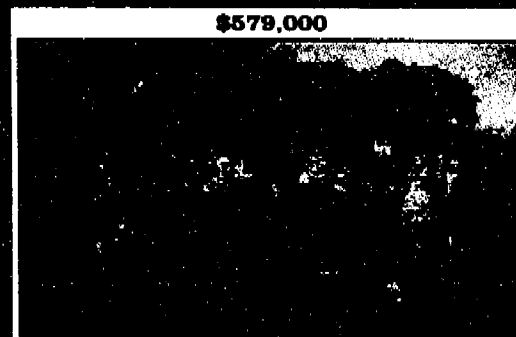
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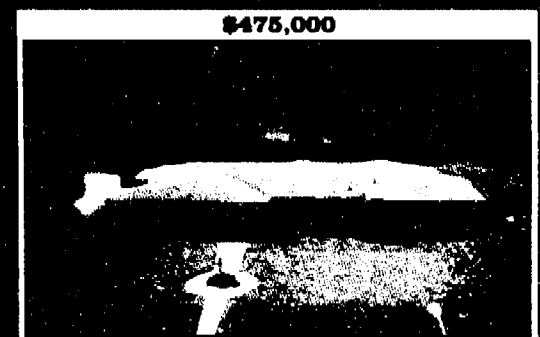
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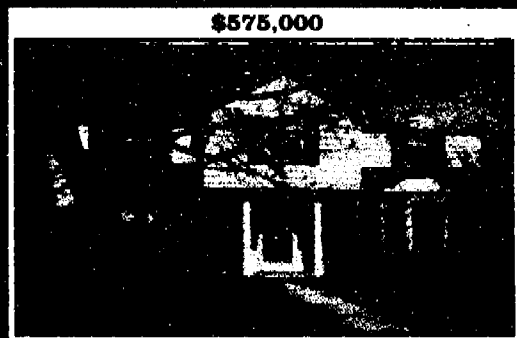
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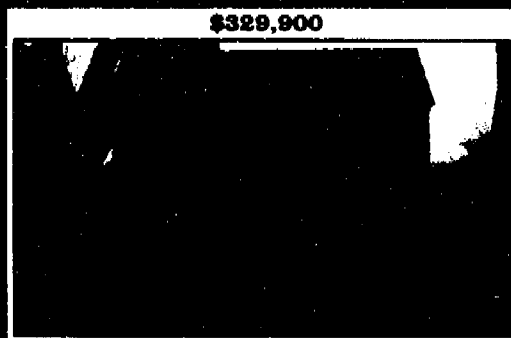
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BERKSHIRE  
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WESTCHESTER  
GROSSE POINTE PARK



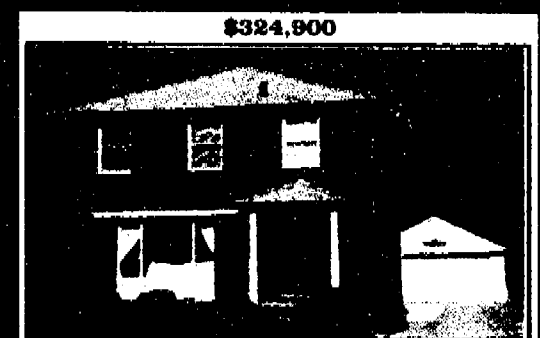
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MORAN  
GROSSE POINTE FARMS



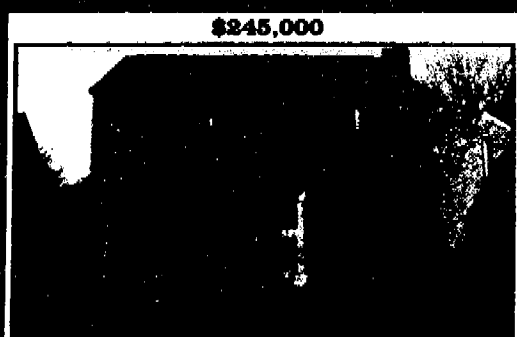
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ST. CLAIR  
GROSSE POINTE CITY



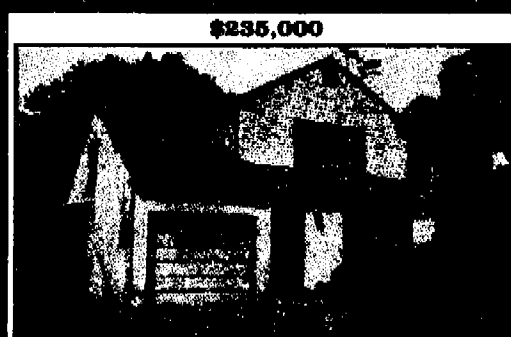
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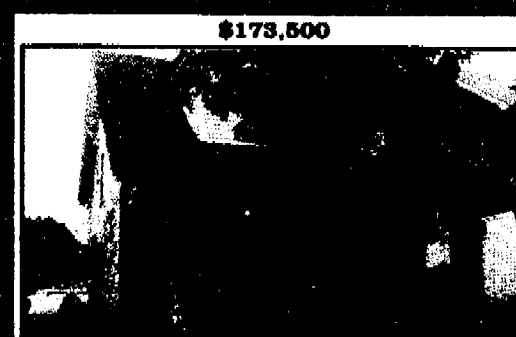
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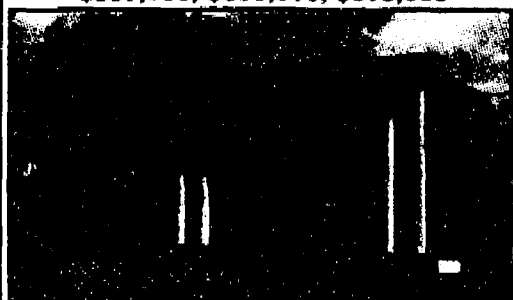
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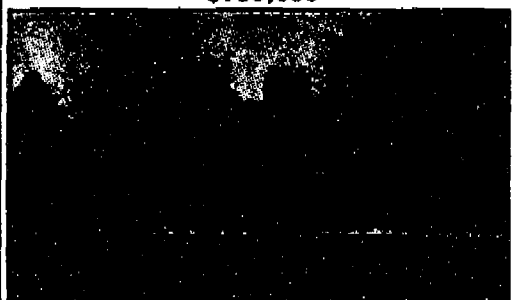
UNIVERSITY  
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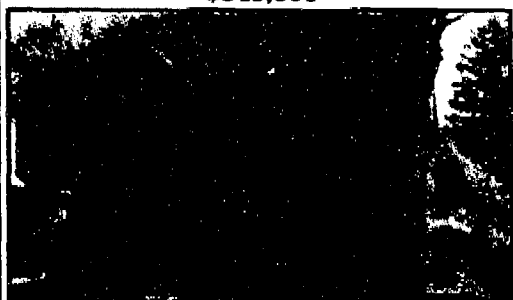
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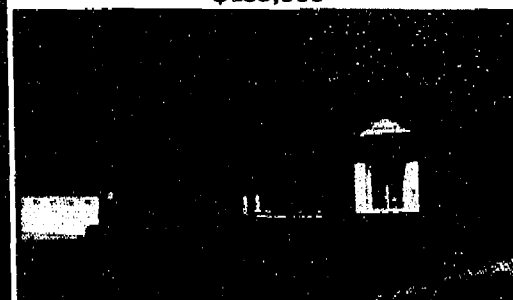
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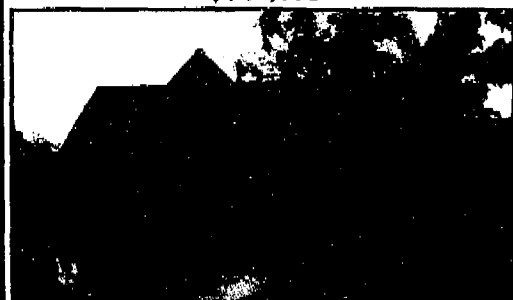
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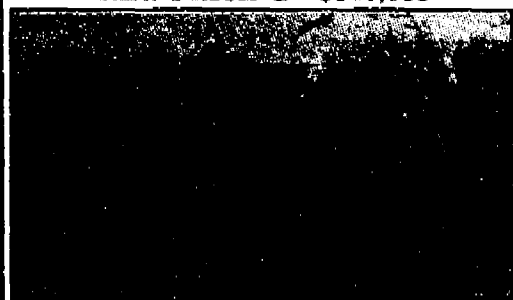
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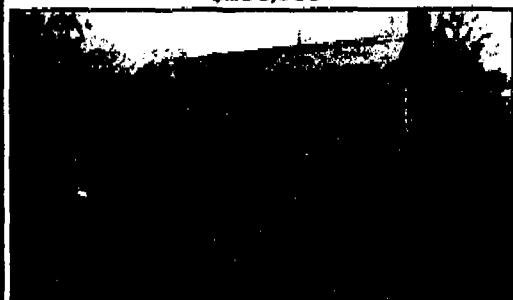
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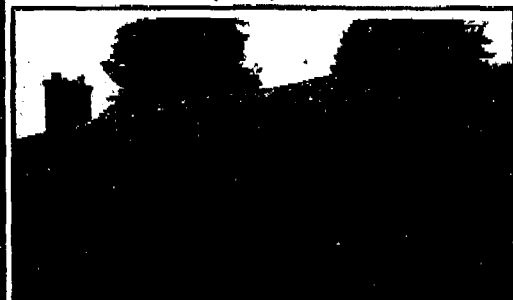
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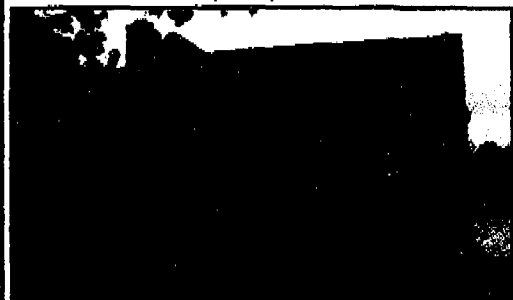
ROLAND  
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**655 LAKESHORE  
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Landmark estate! Waterfront sophistication! Majestic and elegantly appointed, this home is a dream come true! Set on a deep, prime Lakeshore double lot, perfectly manicured, it captures magnificent views. Five bedrooms, five full baths, two powder rooms, four car attached garage, 7,306 sq. ft.



**30 OXFORD  
GROSSE POINTE SHORES**

Yesterday's splendor intertwines with all the luxuries of today in this authentically, totally renovated English Tudor estate - Nestled on an impressive 1.3 acre double lot it features unbelievable updates! Five bedrooms, five full baths, three powder rooms, three and a half car attached garage, 8,466 sq. ft.



**35 WINDEMERE  
GROSSE POINTE FARMS**

Sophisticated Windemere Condo, set on a very private wooded lot. Fabulous first floor master suite including a natural fireplace, large dressing area and his and hers walk in closets. It features high ceilings, professionally decorated with exceptional finishes. A carefree, calming retreat! Three bedrooms, three full baths, one powder room, two car attached garage, 3,788 sq. ft.



**862 SUNNINGDALE  
GROSSE POINTE WOODS**

Outstanding English Manor on quiet Sunningdale Rd, exuding European charm through it's beautiful design and craftsmanship. Updated kitchen, large family room with stone fireplace, leaded glass, intricate mouldings. Exquisite gardens, circular drive, newer roof. Reflects extreme pride of longtime same ownership. Six bedrooms, four baths, three car attached garage, 3,922 sq. ft.



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**GROSSE POINTE FARMS \$1,450,000**  
Among the most charming residential settings in Grosse Pointe, this new England style cape cod has been completely renovated with exceptional attention to detail and the best material. An over 600 sq. ft. master suite on each floor make this home perfect for down-sizing or a growing family. Seller is a licensed Realtor.



**GROSSE POINTE WOODS \$599,900**  
Elegant brick Colonial in wonderful quiet area, east of Morningside. Sparkling clean, meticulously maintained and completely updated, this four bedroom home has all the amenities a family could wish for, from a perfect kitchen with granite and top-of-line appliances, to a light and airy new family room/great room, and a lower level that has it all! Floors are marble, inlaid hardwood and ceramic. Doors, roof, furnace, hot water heater, windows, closets are all recent. Fabulous master bath!



**GROSSE POINTE FARMS \$484,000**  
Charming, comfortable and spacious New England Colonial on quiet street, just a short walk to the lake and Farms waterfront park and beach. Open kitchen/great room concept is perfect for today's living. Four bedrooms include large master suite with dressing room, sitting room and bath. Crown moldings, recessed lights, handsome wood deck.



**GROSSE POINTE WOODS \$438,000**  
A wonderful family home located in the heart of Grosse Pointe Woods. This home has been completely updated, featuring large open rooms, hardwood floors throughout, and an elegant and functional kitchen. The second floor master retreat includes a dressing room, walk-in closet, full bath, and nursery or sitting room. Agent Owned.



**GROSSE POINTE WOODS \$364,900**  
Spacious custom built Colonial, "move in" ready, features a modern kitchen and adjacent family room with doorwall to picturesque new deck. First floor laundry room and master bedroom with private bath. A very special home. Four bedrooms, two bath, one powder room, two car attached garage, 2,418 sq. ft.



**GROSSE POINTE FARMS \$269,500**  
Sparkling clean ranch home with desirable split bedroom floor plan. Bright and airy, it boasts a newer kitchen, covered porch, a large lot, two car attached garage. Ready for occupancy. Three bedrooms, two bath, two car attached garage, 1,536 sq. ft.

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3723 RIVERVIEW TERRACE, EAST CHINA (South of St. Clair, Off M-29) This Waterfront Gem Sparkles with great St. Clair River views. 4,112 square feet with 4 bedrooms, 3 full, 2 half baths, a deck & a lower level patio, 2 fireplaces, 2 kitchens, 2 great rooms.

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GOLFSIDE SUBDIVISION

Executive home located on the 12th tee of St. Clair Country Club Golf Course. 4 bedroom brick, 4 bath, 2,965 sq. ft. with over 2,100 in finished lower level.

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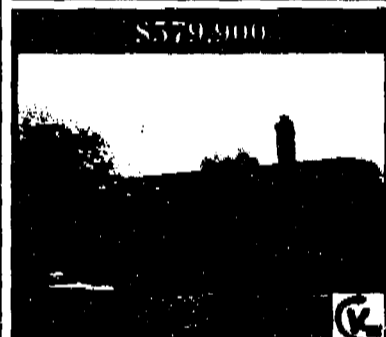
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E. CHINA WATERFRONT

FIRST OFFERING A whole lot of house. Great big view of the St. Clair River, 2,500 square feet, 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, unfinished lower walkout level & an extremely open floor plan. Oak hardwood floors, 2 way fireplace, some vaulted & elevated ceilings.

ML#30301676

GP-3438



\$579,900

ST. CLAIR TWP WATERFRONT

Every room has a view of the St. Clair River!! 2,588 square feet. 3 Bedrooms, 2 bath waterfront, 2 story with unique location at the waters edge. 2 story great room & brick fireplace, C/A, dock, covered boat well.

ML#30289637

GP-3393



ST. CLAIR TOWNSHIP

Home is like new. Only lived in on weekends. Panoramic view of St. Clair River. Very close to water's edge, dock, boat hoist & steel seawall. Two decks to look at those wonderful big boats called "freighters".

ML#30280879

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EAST CHINA WATERFRONT

Stunning and breathtaking, only partially describes this fabulous waterfront property. 4 Bedrooms, 2.5 baths, room to roam on this large lot & fabulous 4 car garage. This has it all for every member of your family. Did I mention a dock & hoist?

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CHINA TWP

SPECTACULAR LOG HOME on 6.5+ wooded acres with pond. Hand crafted, chinked log construction. Reclaimed heart pine flooring, 20+ ft. stone fireplace. Two large outbuildings.

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GP-3379



\$497,000

ST. CLAIR RIVER VIEW

BEAUTIFUL home in St. Clair across from the River features 4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths. Main floor master suite opens to screen porch which overlooks spacious yard. Two fireplaces. Many upgrades.

ML#30279007

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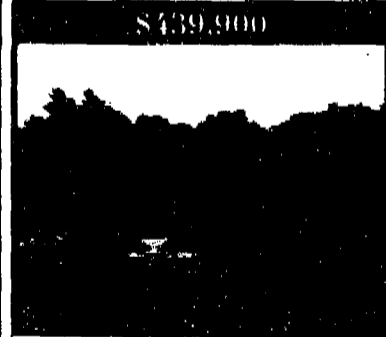


COLUMBUS TWP

FIRST OFFERING Secluded, wooded, 10 acres setting surround this 2340 square feet LOG HOME featuring 4 bedrooms, 3 baths. central air, walkout basement, 36 x 64 pole barn, 100 x 200 pond, 6-7 min to I-94, move-in condition for the fussy buyer.

ML#30301185

GP-3434



\$439,900

ST. CLAIR TOWNSHIP

Country lovers don't miss out on this one! Near 2700 sq. ft. ranch with secluded 10 acre wooded setting. Featuring 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, cherry cabinets, granite countertops, deck gazebo with hot tub, stocked pond with fountain and beach.

ML#30299819

GP-3429



\$400,000

GOLF COURSE PROPERTY

PRICE REDUCED This home has very popular location in newer Golfside Subdivision on No. 15 hole of the St. Clair River Country Club. It is unique, open, and bright & features 2,700 square feet with 3-4 Bedrooms & 2.5 baths.

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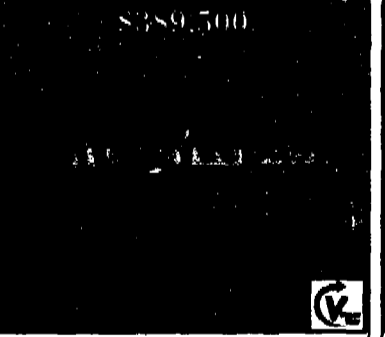
\$399,900

ST. CLAIR WATERFRONT

Spectacular view of St. Clair River! "Riverfront" room contains living, kitchen & dining areas! 1718 square feet, 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath, Steel seawall, roof, furnace, windows & C/A new 2001. Enjoy million dollar view for less than half the price.

ML#30238732

GP-3208



\$389,500

ST. CLAIR RIVER VIEW

PRICE REDUCED Spacious 3,350 square feet custom brick Victorian Colonial, 4 Bedrooms, 2 full and 2 half bath, formal wraparound front porch with St. Clair River view, full basement, rare 1 acre parcel close to city limit of St. Clair.

ML#30254855

GP-3266



\$359,900

ST. CLAIR RIVER VIEW

Beautiful Colonial on large lot with St. Clair River view in front and Alice Moore Nature Reserve in back. Updated 1999 with fabulous kitchen and master suite. Second floor laundry.

ML#30245956

GP-3234

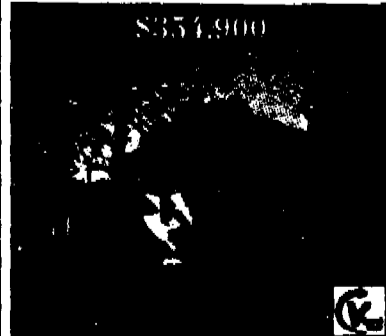


BLACK RIVER FRONTAGE

PRICE REDUCED - Unique secluded 4 Acres on the Black River Ravine in Clyde Township. 4 acres, City Water, Granite countertops, Custom Cherry Kitchen. Great view.

ML#30215150

GP-3096



\$354,900

MARINE CITY WATERFRONT

PRICE REDUCED - Unique St. Clair River Waterfront home featuring 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths. Updated kitchen, hardwood floors, 3 car attached garage. Beautifully landscaped. Former Detroit Edison sub-station. A must see!

ML#30243740

GP-3327



\$340,000

RICHMOND

CAR COLLECTORS This home offers 3 Bedrooms, 2 full baths, formal dining room, full finished basement with wet bar and barn 45 x 95 with cement floors, electric, 2 furnaces and a car hoist. Located on 3 and one half acres.

ML#30278112

GP-3349



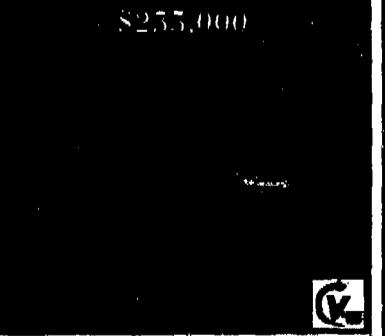
\$280,000

ST. CLAIR VICTORIAN

Classic Queen Anne Victorian built in 1840 across from St. Clair Inn with some river views. Many updates & renovations with original, natural woodwork. 3-4 Bedrooms, 2.5 baths, 2500 square feet, newer kitchen & baths.

ML#30257658

GP-3373



\$255,000

ST. CLAIR WATERFRONT

PRICE REDUCED Fantastic St. Clair River Home! Hardwood floors, walkout basement, 2 decks, private dock. Second kitchen and living room in basement, lots of storage.

ML#30275044

GP-3335



\$248,800

ST. CLAIR CONDO

FIRST OFFERING! The Pinery Condo. Prime location-2 Bedrooms, 2 Baths, many upgrades-Marble, granite, 4 sky lights and much more. Builder finished lower level with half bath, GE Profile appliances. 3 season room backing up to woods. End unit.

ML#30302886

GP-3443



\$229,000

CANAL FRONT

Beautiful Canal Front Condo minutes from North Channel, premium end unit with boat well included. Deep water luxury harbor, use as cottage or live year round, open floor plan, fireplace, wet bar, Whirlpool tub, boat well just steps from your deck.

ML#30291865

GP-3399

# Natural light boosts grade performance

(MS) — Finished attics and bonus rooms, among the most used spaces in many homes, are often not as appealing and healthy as they could be. With additional natural light and fresh air, those spaces become more functional whether used as a study area or

playroom for children or as an inviting, productive workplace or relaxation hideaway for adults.

Children in learning situations are particularly affected by natural light, according to a 1999 study by Heschong Malone Group that tracked test scores of 21,000 stu-

dents in California, Colorado and Washington. Researchers reported that learning rates were 26 percent higher in reading and 20 percent higher in math in rooms with the most natural light.

And there are economic considerations as well. "Whether as a study

area, playroom, home office or extra bedroom, a finished bonus room may be the highest value, yet lowest cost per square foot option you can choose," says Joe Patrick, product manager for skylight manufacturer VELUX America.

Patrick says that converting upstairs areas with energy-efficient skylights and roof windows makes expensive dormer windows unnecessary.

"Labor and material costs can be reduced," he says, "and finished attics and bonus rooms typically appraise at 100 percent of the value of other living space, while basements typically do not."

Denver-based architect Doug Walter, AIA, observes that many property owners dismiss the idea of a conversion on the grounds that the space available seems too small.

"In their search for suitable areas, particularly for children," Walter says, "they should reconsider. Children don't require large areas with soaring ceilings. On the contrary, the sloping ceilings of small attics and the little hideaways they make are particularly appealing to youngsters."

Patrick points out that another reason to consider skylights is that they admit 30 percent more light than vertical windows in dormers and provide the drama of a sky view that you can't achieve with vertical windows.

"And skylights, which can be fitted with interior blinds and shades or exterior awnings, offer much more privacy than vertical windows," he says.

There are also skylights available with electrochromic glass that can be tinted electronically by remote control to control light and heat gain while still allowing the view to the sky, Patrick points out.

For more information on the benefits of natural light and skylight selection call (800) 283-2831 or visit [www.veluxusa.com](http://www.veluxusa.com). For government information on window and skylight energy efficiency visit [www.energystar.gov](http://www.energystar.gov), and for independent agency information, visit [www.nfrc.org](http://www.nfrc.org) or [www.efficientwindows.org](http://www.efficientwindows.org).

## Listen up and never lose with lesson

By Anita Gold

**Q.** With all the ongoing scams, schemes, and corporate scandals bilking people out of their life savings (including my grandfather) can you please repeat the old-fashioned lessons from long ago that appeared in your column some time back?

— Paul W., Green Bay, Wis.

**A.** The best advice was written in 1874 and appeared in the *Journal Business Advice*.

1. Never buy anything that was intrinsically not worth the money paid for it, and to never have important transactions with an unlucky man.

2. If you would win success be punctual, courteous, honest, economical, agreeable in your personal habits and regardful of your health.

3. Be exceedingly careful in the formation of business partnerships.

4. Give close personal supervision to every department of your business: "the master's eyes are worth both his hands."

5. In selecting employees be governed by their fitness.

6. To make good bargains, you

must be well posted in regard to the market value of the articles you wish to buy or sell and their quality and condition.

7. Pay your bills promptly and collect the bills due you closely.

8. Avoid going security and making small loans.

9. Don't neglect to insure your real and personal property.

10. In making an investment, take care that your principal is perfectly secure.

11. Keep a sharp lookout for swindling devices. Their name is legion.

12. Never lend money to strangers.

13. Beware of outside speculation. Your best chance of making money is always connected with the business you best understand.

14. Never sign a paper unless you have read it and fully understand it.

15. Use your credit sparingly. It may serve a useful temporary purpose, but payday is sure to come, and you should endeavor to be always prepared for it.

16. Always live within your income.

17. In selecting a business, be

governed to some extent by your natural tastes and abilities, but do not neglect any opportunity that affords fair advantages, unless it makes requirements that are positively repulsive.

18. In seeking a situation, remember that the right kind of men are always in demand, and that industry and capacity rarely go empty-handed.

19. Neither overrate nor under-rate your capacity, but strive to estimate your powers at their just value.

20. Never fail to take a receipt for money paid, and keep copies of your letters.

21. Do your business promptly, and bore not a businessman with long visits.

22. Caution is the father of security.

23. He who pays beforehand is served behind hand.

24. Do not waste time and useless regrets over losses.

25. An hour of triumph comes at last to those who watch and wait.

26. Speak well of your friends — of your enemies say nothing.

27. If you post your servants upon your affairs, they will one day rend you.

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## Correction

The *Antique's Ambience* article published in the July 14 *YourHome* section of the *Grosse Pointe News*, "Collecting Shirley Temple," should have read Shirley Temple Black was born on April 23, 1928.

### bc BRUSHWOOD CORPORATION

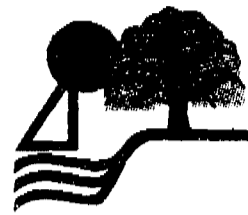
627 WASHINGTON  
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A unique Mediterranean Colonial built in the 1920's. You are greeted into the home by its spacious living room with barrel ceiling and columns which separate living and dining areas. European charm and architectural details gives this house a must see. Agent owned. 3,000 square feet. Four bedrooms, two and one half baths. Two and one half car garage.

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**Provencal Road.** Well designed colonial overlooking The Country Club Golf Course. Good floor plan for entertaining and family activities. All family bedrooms have private baths. Capacious kitchen overlooks 29 foot family room. Newer Pella windows throughout. Large lot. Six bedrooms, five baths and two lavs. Three car garage could be expanded. #1



This Wallace Frost designed house is fabulous in every regard. Perfect for elegant, as well as casual entertaining. Guests stay in their own apartment with separate entrance. Six bedrooms, six full and two half baths. Impressive new family room overlooking bluestone terrace and private yard. #2



**LOCATION! LOCATION!** Situated on a private lane one house from Lake St. Clair, this home boasts 4,000 square feet of living area. Featuring a spacious kitchen & family room with a natural fireplace overlooking a private yard. Panelled library, master suite with a fireplace & an attached garage. All for only \$895,000. #3



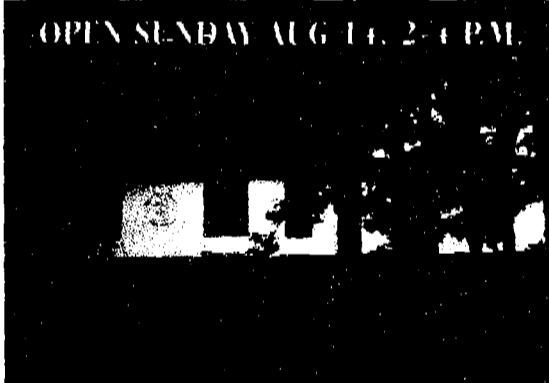
Superb French Regency built by Micou. Features first and second floor master bedrooms. Lake views from most rooms. Mutschler kitchen with granite island. Paneled library has a gas fireplace and wet bar. Fabulous second floor master bath features dressing room, Jacuzzi tub, double sinks and three skylights. #4



OPEN SUNDAY AUG 21, 2-4 P.M.

Stunning Colonial situated on a rolling lot in a prime area of Grosse Pointe Farms. Huge kitchen/gathering room with center island & wet bar. Charming paneled library with fireplace and a glorious sunny family room overlooking the terraced yard. \$549,000 #5

192 CHARLEVOIX



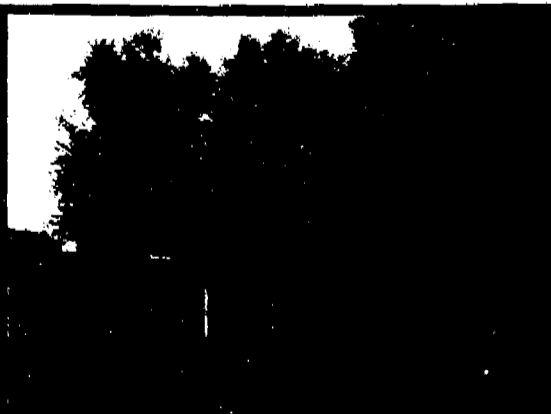
OPEN SUNDAY AUG 14, 2-4 P.M.

**LIVE THE LIFE OF LEISURE** in this fabulously renovated condominium townhouse within walking distance of the Village shops & restaurants. Stunning décor, kitchen and baths. Call today for a private showing. \$449,000 #6

35 CRANFORD LANE



Great family home offering five bedrooms, three and one half baths, and a large family room leading to a lovely raised wood deck. Situated on a 75x156 lot, there is plenty of lawn for the kids to romp and an attached garage too! \$535,000 #7



**WORDS OF WISDOM SAY PURCHASE THE LEAST EXPENSIVE HOME ON THE BLOCK!** Here it is and priced at only \$415,000. Situated on a 100' lot, this home offers three bedrooms, two and a half baths and a beautiful yard. Call us today on this prime property. #8



**GROSSE POINTE FARMS** well located three bedroom, two bath ranch on a large lot. Living room with fireplace and cozy library. Needs updating. \$410,000 #9



This Farms Colonial is loaded with attractive features. Updated kitchen w/pewabic accents, hardwood floors, newer boiler, electric and copper plumbing. Professionally decorated. Finished recreation room w/Pergo and recessed lighting. Updated powder room, custom closets. Beautiful perennial gardens. A must see! #10



Charming Townhouse Condo offers character and updates. Newer kitchen with granite countertops and Sub-Zero. Three floors of living space with six bedrooms and three and a half baths. Central air, hardwood floors, living room with natural fireplace. One car garage and secluded courtyard. Immediate occupancy. \$375,500 #11



## THE GONG RATE

### Mortgage Rates as of August 5, 2005

	Phone Number	30 Yr. Fixed	Points	15 Yr. Fixed	Points	1 Yr. ARM	Points	Other Progs
1st Choice Mortgage Lending	(734) 459-0782	5.625	0	5.25	0	3.5	0	JB
A Best Financial Corp.	(800) 839-8918	5.25	1.875	4.75	1.875	4.5	1.125	JB
A Family Mortgage	(800) 538-5947	5.625	0	5.25	0	4.875	0	JB/VF
ARI Financial	(877) 234-0800	5.625	0	5.25	0	NR	NR	J
America's Premiere Mortgage	(800) 585-8730	5.625	0	5.25	0	4.75	0	JB/VF
Amnetplus Mortgage Corp.	(248) 740-2323	5.625	0	5.25	0	4.25	0	JVF
Bay Pointe Mortgage Corp.	(248) 652-3598	5.375	2	5	2	3.75	0	J
Brighton Commerce Bank	(810) 220-8648	5.875	0	5.5	0	5	0	J
Brinks Goldstar Mortgage	(800) 785-4755	5.25	1.75	4.75	1.75	3.25	1	JB/VF
Capital Mortgage Funding	(248) LOW RATE	5.625	2	5.25	1.75	NR	NR	J
Capiva Group Mortgage Co.	(248) 682-8643	5.625	0	5.25	0.125	3.375	0	JVF
Centabrook Mortgage	(248) 851-4150	5.5	0.5	5.25	0.125	3.75	0	JB
Charter One Bank	(800) 342-5336	6	0	5.625	0	NR	NR	JVF
Client Services by Golden Rule	(800) 599-8805	5.25	1.825	4.75	1.825	2.5	1	JB/VF
Co-op Services Credit Union	(734) 466-6113	5.5	2	5	2	NR	NR	J
Community Bank of Dearborn	(734) 951-0222	5.875	0	5.5	0	4.25	0	JVF
Dearborn Federal Savings Bank	(313) 565-3100	5.625	0	5.375	0	3.25	2	JB
DFCU Financial	(800) 739-2770	5.5	2	5	2	NR	NR	J
eREFI.com	www.eREFI.com	5.875	0	5.5	0	5.125	0	R
First Third Bank	(800) 792-8530	6	0.125	5.825	0	NR	NR	VF
First Alliance Mortgage Co.	(800) 292-7357	5.75	0	5.375	0	NR	NR	JB/VF
First International Inc.	(248) 258-1584	5.825	0	5.25	0	NR	NR	JB
GMAC Mortgage Corp.	(800) 888-4622	5.5	3	5.375	1.5	4.125	0	JB/VF
Golden Rule Mortgage	(800) 785-4735	5.125	1.875	4.625	1.875	2.25	0	JB/VF
Goldstar Mortgage	(800) 784-1074	5.625	0	5.25	0	3.125	0	JB/VF
Group One Mortgage	(734) 953-4038	5.875	0	5.825	0	4.75	0	JB/VF
Home Federal Savings Bank	(313) 873-3310	5.5	1	5.25	1	NR	NR	J
Home Finance of America	(800) 358-5626	5.625	0	5.25	0	4	0	JB
Horizon Financial Group	(866) 538-7887	5.375	2	4.875	2	NR	NR	J
JMC Mortgage Corp.	(248) 489-4020	5.375	3	4.75	3	NR	NR	JB
Keystone Mortgage	(800) NEW FREE	5.25	2	4.75	2.5	3.25	1	JB
Lira Financial	(561) 228-0900	5.625	0	5.25	0	3.125	0	JB/VF
Mazorb Schools & Gov. CU	(561) 253-8800	6	0	5.825	0	4.25	0	J
Mainstreet Mortgage	(800) 900-1313	5.75	0	5.375	0	NR	NR	JB/VF
Manufacturers	(561) 777-1000	5.5	1.25	5.125	1.25	NR	NR	JB
Mortgages by Golden Rule	(800) 991-9922	5.375	0.875	4.875	1.125	2.5	1	JB/VF
National City Bank	(800) 825-0825	5.5	1.875	5.125	1.875	4.375	0.5	JB/J
Northlawn Financial	(248) 988-8488	5.625	0	5.25	0	NR	NR	VF
Pathway Financial LLC	(800) 738-2274	5.825	0	5.25	0	3.75	0	JB
Peoples Mortgage	(313) 730-5040	5.625	0	5.25	0	NR	NR	J
Prescott Mortgage	(800) 822-1448	5.825	0	5.25	0	3.875	0	J
Premiere Mortgage Funding	(248) 358-2600	5.625	0	5.25	0	2.75	0	J
Plains Financial Corp.	(248) 288-7010	5.825	0	5.25	0	NR	NR	VF
Shore Mortgage	(800) 678-6663	5.125	2.75	4.625	3	2	3	JVF
Standard Federal Bank	(800) HOME 800	5.5	2	5.125	2	3.125	2	JB/VF
Sterling Bank & Trust	(800) 926-LOAN	5.75	0	5.375	0	3.875	0	JF
United Mortgage Group	(800) 286-9300	5.825	0	5.125	0.375	4.625	0.25	JB/VF
York Financial Inc.	(888) 839-9675	5.625	0	5.25	0	4.5	0	JB
Average of Rates and Points		5.68	0.74	5.19	0.72	3.77	0.48	

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## Mutual funds offer safety

By David Uffington

Mutual funds offer the beginning investor a relatively safe way to invest. A mutual fund is a pool of money handled by an investment company, with the investments spread across a diversified portfolio. It's the diversity that decreases the overall risk: If one portion of the investment fails, the others will cushion the loss. Similarly, it's the diversity that helps increase profits.

Mutual funds are registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission and must distribute 90 percent of the capital gains each year. Investors realize a gain through dividends or a rise in value of the shares.

There are many types of mutual funds:

- **Money Market Funds** invest in short-term debt from interest-bearing securities. The interest rates can generally double what you get from your savings account. The best part of money market funds is the instant liquidity you have in case of an emergency. It's as easy as writing a check.

- **Bond funds** invest in the debt instruments of the government, municipalities and corporations. While the return isn't especially lucrative, the funds are stable.

- **Stock (equity) funds** are risky but tend to do well over long periods.

Sector funds concentrate in a

given segment of the market, such as health care, technology and utilities.

- **Index funds** invest in the same companies as an index, such as the S&P 500 or the Nasdaq. As a rule, the costs associated with index funds are low because the fund manager doesn't have to analyze potential stocks.

Here are some things to consider when choosing a mutual fund:

- **Order and read a prospectus** for every fund you consider. A prospectus, which is free for the asking, will tell you the objectives, fees and operating expenses for the fund.

- **Check the fund's record** for the past five years.

- **Look for a fund with the same manager** for the past five years.

- **Go with a no-load fund.** A load is the cost associated with investing in mutual funds, similar to a sales charge. Over time, loads can eat into your profit.

- **Loads can be front-end** (you pay up front) or **back-end** (you pay when you sell your shares.)

- **Invest in a variety of instruments.**

- **Invest at regular intervals.**
- **Don't try to make a quick profit.** Invest for the long term.

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## Home Tips

By JoAnn Derson

- **Duct tape** comes in all sorts of colors and designs. I recently gave new life to a flowerpot by giving it a quick wraparound with hot-pink duct tape. It looks great and is easy to wipe clean.

- **Denture tablets** are great for cleaning tough stains in the toilet bowl. Just drop a couple in the bowl, and let it sit overnight before flushing.

- **To give stuffed animals** new life, wipe clean with a damp rag, and then fluff in the dryer for 10 minutes with a fabric softener sheet.

- **"Popsicle sticks** can be used to label herbs in a flowerpot garden.

Mine are on my windowsill; so I don't have a lot of space. The Popsicle sticks take up barely any room in the pot, and they are basically free."

— M.L. in Texas.

- **"We have a copier/scanner** at home now, and we have started making a copy of our local newspaper's crossword puzzle. My husband and I work on it at the same time. It's turned into a little game to see who can finish first."

— C.G. in Georgia.

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**22640 LAKELAND**

ST. CLAIR SHORES/LAKEVIEW SCHOOLS. Lovely 4 bdrm brick home, just 1 driveway away from private park area on Lake St. Clair. Has lrg great rm, lrg oak kit w/appl., walk-out backyard from lower level, 2 full baths, 2.5 car garage, 1yr home warranty policy. Keys at closing. \$234,900



**15501 SOUTH PARK**

EASTPOINTE. Very large 2300 sq ft., graceful central entrance brick colonial has 4 bdrms, 2 totally remodeled baths plus 2 half baths, fireplace in living rm, formal dining rm, gorgeous sunroom, den/library, bsmt, C/A, 2.5 car garage, warranty policy. \$219,900



**18565 OLD HOMESTEAD**

HARPER WOODS. Lovely lrg 4 bdrm brick ranch on a huge lot, has see thru fp between living rm & dining rm, 1st fl lndry rm, half bth & walk in closet off mstr bdrm, fin. carpeted bsmt w/full bath, 2.5 car att. gar w/opener, C/A, 1yr home warranty policy & more. \$199,900



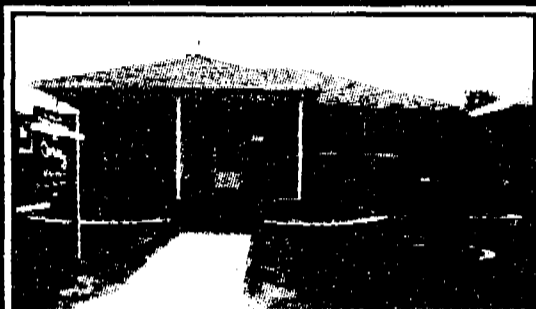
**2352 ALLARD**

GROSSE POINTE WDS. Gorgeous 3 bdrm brk has formal din rm, fireplace, deck off fam rm, remodeled kit w/dishw, stove & fridge, lav in semi-fin bsmt, newer furn, C/A, newer roof, half bath off large 2nd fl bdrm, garage, warranty policy, more. \$193,900



**46855 HIGH MEADOWS**

MACOMB TWP/CHIPPEWA VALLEY SCHOOLS. Beautiful 3 bedroom condo, large kit. W/dishwasher, stove, & fridge, formal dining rm, 1st fl laundry rm w/washer and dryer, 2.5 baths, C/A, master bdrm w/full bath, bsmt., attached 2 car garage w/opener, warranty policy. \$178,900



**20806 REVERE**

ST. CLAIR SHORES/LAKEVIEW SCHOOLS. Extremely nice, 3 bdrm brick ranch has c/a, French door to nice family rm, brick paver walkway, 2.5 car brick garage w/opener, glass block windows in bsmt. 1yr home warranty policy & more. stove, fridge & pool table stay. Keys at closing. \$154,900



**21624 FRAZHO**

ST. CLAIR SHRS./LAKEVIEW SCHOOLS. Very lovely, clean, well decorated 3 bdrm brick ranch has newer kitchen w/built-in dshwr, stove & fridge, nice brwd flrs, vinyl windows, large bathroom, fin bsmt w/half bath, C/A, garage, 1yr home warranty policy & more. Move in at closing. \$154,900



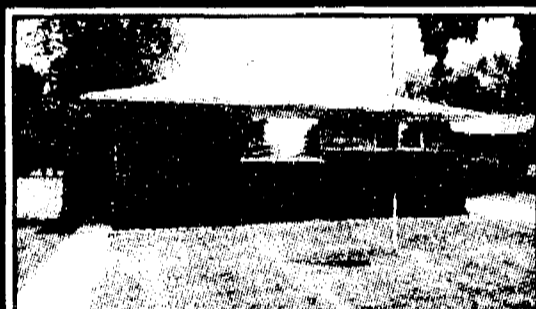
**20846 HUNT CLUB**

HARPER WOODS/GROSSE PTE. SCHOOLS. BEST DEAL IN TOWN! Lovely updated 3 bdrm brick home in Grosse Pointe Schools has newer windows & roof, formal dining area, master bdrm with w/walk-in closet, C/A, bsmt, garage, warranty policy, kitchen appliances stay. \$154,900



**31900 COURTLAND**

ST. CLAIR SHRS./LAKESHORE SCHOOLS. Seller is a licensed real estate broker. Sharp 3 bdrm brk ranch has new vinyl windows & C/A (apx. 1yr), 2 car gar. w/opener, hrdwd flrs, new roof (apx 2yrs), remod. kit w/brand new counter top, fin. bsmt w/full bath & kit & more, 2 stove, 2 fridges, freezer, washer, & dryer all stay, warranty policy. \$149,900



**29806 GREATER MACK**

ST. CLAIR SHRS./LAKESHORE SCHOOLS. Nice lrg 3 bdrm brick ranch on lrg lot, has formal dining rm, lrg kit, C/A, large 2.5 car garage, hrdwd flrs, fin bsmt w/lav, circuit breakers, 1yr home warranty policy & more. Stove, fridge, washer & dryer all stay. Keys at closing \$149,900



**22109 GRAND LAKE**

ST. CLAIR SHRS./SOUTH LAKE SCHOOLS. Very lovely, 2 bdrm brick ranch has, hrdwd flrs, fireplace in living rm, remod kit, w/wd flr, built-in dishw & light oak cabinets, lrg family rm, w/fireplace, newer tear-off roof (apx 5yrs), newer c/a (apx 9yrs), 1yr home warranty policy & more. Stove, fridge, washer/dryer stay. \$134,900



**29248 GALLOWAY**

ROSEVILLE. Lovely 3 bdrm ranch has very lrg new kit., ceramic tile flr in den/office, first floor laundry, lrg work rm off art. Garage, security system, newer dimensional roof, lrg park-like lot & backyard & more. High end stainless steel stove, fridge, and microwave stay. Washer & dryer also stay. \$129,900



**68182 ROSEWOOD LANE**

RICHMOND. Absolutely immaculate, move-in condition 2 bdrm condo has 1.5 baths, new paint & neutral carpet, finished dry walled bsmt, C/A, attached garage, stove, fridge, washer, & dryer stay. \$117,900



**116 COUNTRY CLUB**

ST. CLAIR SHORES. Lovely end unit condo with absolutely great view has 2nd floor balcony, 2 bdrms, new vinyl windows (except kitchen), new carpet & paint thru, master bdrm w/full bath, formal DR, att garage, lndry rm & more. \$155 monthly assn fee includes outside maintenance and building insurance. Stove, fridge, washer & dryer all stay. Pets 30 lbs. and under allowed. 1 yr home warranty policy inc. Asking \$136,900



**19006 ELKHART**

HARPER WOODS. Very nice totally updated 2 bdrm ranch has kit w/bay window & new built-in dshwshr, c/a, new tear-off roof, new windows, bsmt has been waterproofed, 1yr home warranty policy & stove, fridge, washer/dryer stay. \$83,900



**20811 EASTLAWN**

ST. CLAIR SHRS./SOUTHLAKE SCHOOLS. Very nice, 2 bdrm condo has, nice deck, C/A, private storage area in bsmt, kit w/dshwshr & microwave, 1/5 baths, 1st fl laundry area, carport & more. \$200 mo. maintenance fee incl. heat & water. No pets allowed. Move in at closing. \$64,900



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## THE GOING RATE

### Mortgage Rates as of August 5, 2005

	Phone Number	30 Yr. Fixed	Points	15 Yr. Fixed	Points	1 Yr. ARM	Points	Other Progs
1st Choice Mortgage Lending	(734) 459-0782	5.625	0	5.25	0	3.5	0	JB
A Best Financial Corp.	(800) 838-8918	5.25	1.875	4.75	1.875	4.5	1.125	JB
A Family Mortgage	(800) 538-5947	5.625	0	5.25	0	4.875	0	JB/V/F
ARI Financial	(877) 234-0600	5.625	0	5.25	0	NR	NR	J
America's Premiere Mortgage	(800) 585-8730	5.625	0	5.25	0	4.75	0	JB/V/F
Americus Mortgage Corp.	(248) 740-2323	5.625	0	5.25	0	4.25	0	J/V/F
Bay Pointe Mortgage Corp.	(248) 652-3598	5.375	2	5	2	3.75	0	J
Brighton Commerce Bank	(813) 220-8646	5.875	0	5.5	0	5	0	J
Brinks Goldstar Mortgage	(800) 785-4755	5.25	1.75	4.75	1.75	3.25	1	JB/V/F
Capital Mortgage Funding	(248) LOW-RATE	5.625	2	5.25	1.75	NR	NR	J
Captive Group Mortgage Co.	(248) 682-8643	5.625	0	5.25	0.125	3.375	0	J/V/F
Centabrook Mortgage	(248) 851-4150	5.5	0.5	5.25	0.125	3.75	0	JB
Charter One Bank	(800) 342-5336	6	0	5.625	0	NR	NR	J/V/F
Client Services by Golden Rule	(800) 589-8805	5.25	1.875	4.75	1.875	2.5	1	JB/V/F
Co-op Services Credit Union	(734) 466-6113	5.5	2	5	2	NR	NR	J
Crossroads Bank of Dade	(734) 981-0022	5.875	0	5.5	0	4.875	0	J/V/F
Dearborn Federal Savings Bank	(313) 565-3100	5.625	0	5.375	0	3.25	2	JB
DFCU Financial	(800) 738-8770	5.5	2	5	2	NR	NR	J
eREFI.com	www.eREFI.com	5.875	0	5.5	0	5.125	0	R
First Trust Bank	(800) 792-8838	6	0.125	5.625	0	NR	NR	V/F
First Alliance Mortgage Co.	(800) 292-7357	5.75	0	5.375	0	NR	NR	JB/V/F
First International Inc.	(248) 250-1834	5.875	0	5.25	0	NR	NR	J
GMAC Mortgage Corp.	(800) 888-4622	5.5	3	5.375	1.5	4.125	0	JB/V/F
Golden Rule Mortgage	(800) 785-4755	5.125	1.875	4.625	1.875	3.25	2	JB/V/F
Goldstar Mortgage	(800) 784-1074	5.625	0	5.25	0	3.125	0	JB/V/F
Group One Mortgage	(734) 858-8888	5.875	0	5.625	0	4.75	0	JB/V/F
Home Federal Savings Bank	(313) 873-3310	5.5	1	5.25	1	NR	NR	J
Home Finance of America	(800) 358-5826	5.625	0	5.25	0	4	0	JB
Horizon Financial Group	(866) 538-7887	5.375	2	4.875	2	NR	NR	J
JMC Mortgage Corp.	(248) 489-4020	5.375	3	4.75	3	NR	NR	JB
Keystone Mortgage	(800) 452-7855	5.25	2	4.75	2.5	3.25	1	JB
Lira Financial	(562) 228-0900	5.625	0	5.25	0	3.125	0	JB/V/F
Marshall School & Gov. CU	(562) 283-8800	6	0	5.625	0	4.25	0	J
Mainstreet Mortgage	(800) 900-1313	5.75	0	5.375	0	NR	NR	JB/V/F
MortgageOne	(562) 777-1000	5.5	1.25	5.125	1.25	NR	NR	JB
Mortgages by Golden Rule	(800) 991-9922	5.375	0.875	4.875	1.125	2.5	1	JB/V/F
National City Bank	(888) 825-0825	5.5	1.875	5.125	1.875	4.375	0.5	JB/B
Northlawn Financial	(248) 988-8488	5.625	0	5.25	0	NR	NR	V/F
Pathway Financial LLC	(800) 738-2274	5.875	0	5.25	0	3.75	0	J
Peoples Mortgage	(313) 730-5040	5.625	0	5.25	0	NR	NR	J
Platinum Mortgage	(800) 822-1448	5.875	0	5.25	0	3.25	0	J
Premiere Mortgage Funding	(248) 358-2600	5.625	0	5.25	0	2.75	0	J
Prime Financial Corp.	(248) 289-7918	5.875	0	5.25	0	NR	NR	V/F
Shore Mortgage	(800) 678-6663	5.125	2.75	4.625	3	2	3	J/V/F
Southern Federal Bank	(800) 412-0550	5.5	2	5.125	2	3.125	2	JB/V/F
Sterling Bank & Trust	(800) 926-LOAN	5.75	0	5.375	0	3.875	0	J/F
United Mortgage Group	(888) 283-8888	5.875	0	5.125	0.375	4.625	0.25	JB/V/F
York Financial Inc.	(888) 839-9675	5.625	0	5.25	0	4.5	0	JB
<b>Average Rates and Points</b>		<b>5.68</b>	<b>0.74</b>	<b>5.18</b>	<b>0.72</b>	<b>3.77</b>	<b>0.48</b>	

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## Mutual funds offer safety

By David Uffington

Mutual funds offer the beginning investor a relatively safe way to invest. A mutual fund is a pool of money handled by an investment company, with the investments spread across a diversified portfolio. It's the diversity that decreases the overall risk: If one portion of the investment fails, the others will cushion the loss. Similarly, it's the diversity that helps increase profits.

Mutual funds are registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission and must distribute 90 percent of the capital gains each year. Investors realize a gain through dividends or a rise in value of the shares.

There are many types of mutual funds:

- **Money Market Funds** invest in short-term debt from interest-bearing securities. The interest rates can generally double what you get from your savings account. The best part of money market funds is the instant liquidity you have in case of an emergency. It's as easy as writing a check.

- **Bond funds** invest in the debt instruments of the government, municipalities and corporations. While the return isn't especially lucrative, the funds are stable.

- **Stock (equity) funds** are risky but tend to do well over long periods.

Sector funds concentrate in a

given segment of the market, such as health care, technology and utilities.

- Index funds invest in the same companies as an index, such as the S&P 500 or the Nasdaq. As a rule, the costs associated with index funds are low because the fund manager doesn't have to analyze potential stocks.

Here are some things to consider when choosing a mutual fund:

- Order and read a prospectus for every fund you consider. A prospectus, which is free for the asking, will tell you the objectives, fees and operating expenses for the fund.

- Check the fund's record for the past five years.

- Look for a fund with the same manager for the past five years.

- Go with a no-load fund. A load is the cost associated with investing in mutual funds, similar to a sales charge. Over time, loads can eat into your profit.

- Loads can be front-end (you pay up front) or back-end (you pay when you sell your shares.)

- Invest in a variety of instruments.

- Invest at regular intervals.

- Don't try to make a quick profit. Invest for the long term.

Write to David Uffington in care of King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475 or send e-mail to letters.kfws@hearstsc.com.

## Home Tips

By JoAnn Derson

- Duct tape comes in all sorts of colors and designs. I recently gave new life to a flowerpot by giving it a quick wraparound with hot-pink duct tape. It looks great and is easy to wipe clean.

- Denture tablets are great for cleaning tough stains in the toilet bowl. Just drop a couple in the bowl, and let it sit overnight before flushing.

- To give stuffed animals new life, wipe clean with a damp rag, and then fluff in the dryer for 10 minutes with a fabric softener sheet.

- "Popsicle sticks can be used to label herbs in a flowerpot garden.

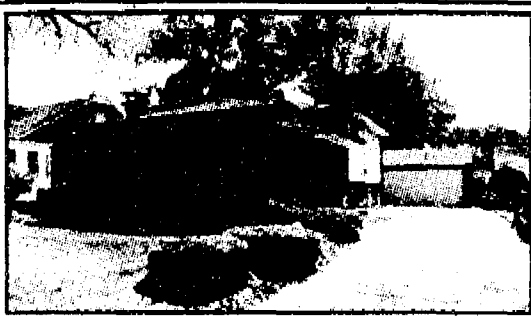
Mine are on my windowsill; so I don't have a lot of space. The Popsicle sticks take up barely any room in the pot, and they are basically free."

— M.L. in Texas.

- "We have a copier/scanner at home now, and we have started making a copy of our local newspaper's crossword puzzle. My husband and I work on it at the same time. It's turned into a little game to see who can finish first."

— C.G. in Georgia.

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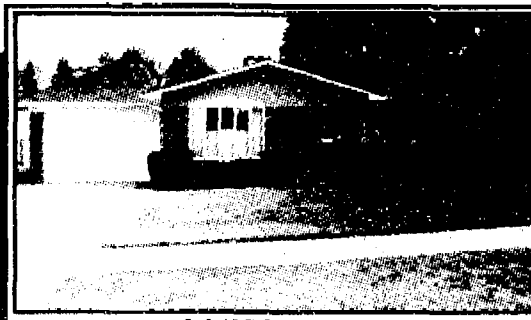
**22640 LAKELAND**

ST. CLAIR SHORES/LAKEVIEW SCHOOLS. Lovely 4 bdrm brick home, just 1 driveway away from private park area on Lake St. Clair. Has lrg great rm, lrg oak kit w/appl., walk-out backyard from lower level, 2 full baths, 2.5 car garage, 1yr home warranty policy. Keys at closing. \$234,900



**15501 SOUTH PARK**

EASTPOINTE. Very large 2300 sq ft., graceful central entrance brick colonial has 4 bdrms, 2 totally remodeled baths plus 2 half baths, fireplace in living rm, formal dining rm, gorgeous sunroom, den/library, bsmt, C/A, 2.5 car garage, warranty policy. \$219,900



**18565 OLD HOMESTEAD**

HARPER WOODS. Lovely lrg 4 bdrm brick ranch on a huge lot, has see thru fp between living rm & dining rm, 1st fl Indry rm, half bth & walk in closet off mstr bdrm, fin. carpeted bsmt w/full bath, 2.5 car att. gar w/opener, C/A, 1yr home warranty policy & more. \$199,900



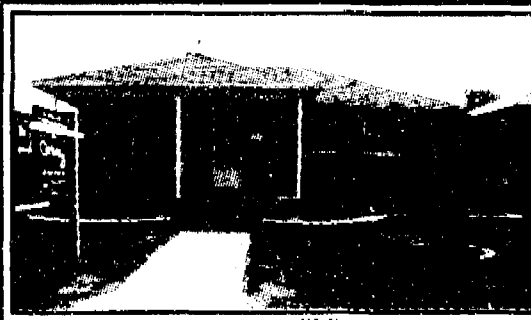
**2352 ALLARD**

GROSSE POINTE WDS. Gorgeous 3 bdrm brk has formal din rm, fireplace, deck off fam rm, remodeled kit w/dishw, stove & fridge, lav in semi-fin bsmt, newer furn, C/A, newer roof, half bath off large 2nd fl bdrm, garage, warranty policy, more. \$193,900



**46855 HIGH MEADOWS**

MACOMB TWP/CHIPPEWA VALLY SCHOOLS Beautiful 3 bedroom condo, large kit. W/dishwasher, stove, & fridge, formal dining rm, 1st flr laundry rm w/washer and dryer, 2.5 baths, C/A, master bdrm w/full bath, bsmt., attached 2 car garage w/opener, warranty policy. \$178,900



**20806 REVERE**

ST. CLAIR SHORES/LAKEVIEW SCHOOLS. Extremely nice, 3 bdrm brick ranch has c/a, French door to nice family rm, brick paver walkway, 2.5 car brick garage w/opener, glass block windows in bsmt. 1yr home warranty policy & more. stove, fridge & pool table stay. Keys at closing. \$154,900



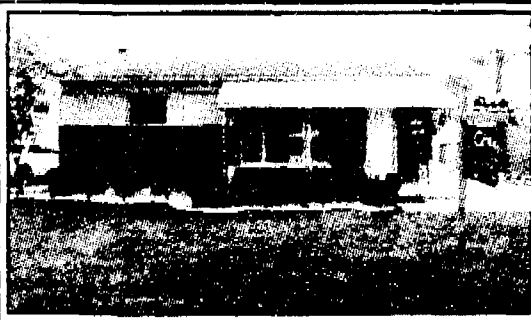
**21624 FRAZHO**

ST. CLAIR SHRS./LAKEVIEW SCHOOLS. Very lovely, clean, well decorated 3 bdrm brick ranch has newer kitchen w/built-in dshwr, stove & fridge, nice hrdwd flrs, vinyl windows, large bathroom, fin bsmt w/half bath, C/A, garage, 1yr home warranty policy & more. Move in at closing. \$154,900



**20846 HUNT CLUB**

HARPER WOODS/GROSSE PTE. SCHOOLS. BEST DEAL IN TOWN! Lovely updated 3 bdrm brick home in Grosse Pointe Schools has newer windows & roof, formal dining area, master bdrm with w/walk-in closet, C/A, bsmt, garage, warranty policy, kitchen appliances stay. \$154,900



**31900 COURTLAND**

ST. CLAIR SHRS./LAKESHORE SCHOOLS. Seller is a licensed real estate broker. Sharp 3 bdrm brk ranch has new vinyl windows & C/A (apx. 1yr), 2 car gar. w/opener, hrdwd flrs, new roof (apx 2yrs), remod. kit w/brand new counter top, fin. bsmt w/full bath & kit & more, 2 stove, 2 fridges, freezer, washer, & dryer all stay, warranty policy. \$149,900



**29806 GREATER MACK**

ST. CLAIR SHRS./LAKESHORE SCHOOLS. Nice lrg 3 bdrm brick ranch on lrg lot, has formal dining rm, lrg kit, C/A, large 2.5 car garage, hrdwd flrs, fin bsmt w/lav, circuit breakers, 1yr home warranty policy & more. Stove, fridge, washer & dryer all stay. Keys at closing \$149,900



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**SHORES-** near Lake, large lot. 4,900 sq. ft. Marble, Terrazo. \$995,000. (313)882-9431

**GROSSE** Pointe Woods, 2065 Hunt Club Drive. Don't miss this opportunity to see a beautiful 3 bedroom colonial with an updated kitchen and a new family room in 2001. Other updates include: new roof, 2005 (complete tear-off); new hot water heater, 2005; new carpet in basement, 2005; new furnace & AC, 2004. This house is priced to sell at \$215,900. Call (313)682-1477.

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**GORGEOUS** Grosse Pointe Shores French chateau, six houses from Lake St. Clair. (and 1 block from Shores Park) 3,600 sq. ft., 5 bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths, 3 fireplaces, finished basement with wet bar, granite kitchen, pond with extensive landscaping with pond and waterfall in backyard. \$795,000. (313)886-7837

**800 HOUSES FOR SALE**

**853 Canterbury,** Grosse Pointe Woods. Beautiful, updated 3 bedroom ranch on large corner lot in lovely Woods neighborhood. Neutral decor throughout home. Approximately 2,100 sq. ft. First floor laundry room. Formal dining room and spacious living room. Master suite with multiple closets, large master bath, and office/ changing room. Main bathroom completely remodeled. Two half baths. Newer tear-off roof (2002). Finished basement. (313)303-1431

**800 HOUSES FOR SALE**

**589 Lakeland,** City of Grosse Pointe. 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths. Great location! Cozy library, newer family room with fireplace & custom built-ins. Updated kitchen with eating area, hardwood floors, CAC, humidifier & air cleaner. Large beautifully landscaped rear yard with large brick paver patio. 2 1/2 car garage. Approximately 2,600 sq. ft. Immaculate condition! \$549,900. Shown by appointment only. (313)885-1343

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**GRACIOUS** 3 bedroom, 2 bath home in Grosse Pointe Farms, close to schools, shopping and walking distance to lake, first floor master bedroom, bath has shower, eating area in kitchen, formal dining room, sun porch and paneled den. Stone patio in private setting and detached 3 car garage. Priced to sell! (313)882-2774

**2003** custom home, Grosse Pointe Woods. 3,800 sq. ft. Large lot. 15th fairway. By owner. \$1.5 mil. Inquiries. (313)715-6767

**800 HOUSES FOR SALE**

**304 Lothrop.** Major renovation just completed on this fabulous Farms colonial. 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 baths. \$489,000. 313-549-0260

**ST. Clair Shores-** beautiful 4 bedroom, 2 bath bungalow. Updated kitchen with built-ins, central air, fresh paint and new carpet throughout. \$139,500. Stieber Realty (586)775-4900.

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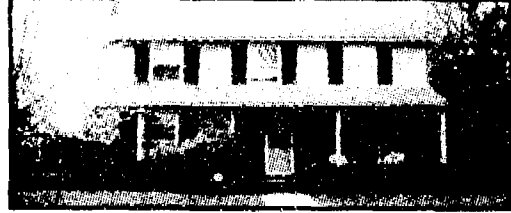
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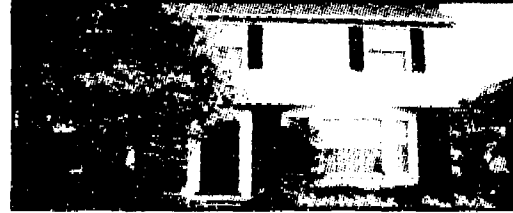
Unique townhouse style 2 family w/ 3 bedrooms, 1,600 sq. ft., 1 full, and 2 half baths per unit! Close to Patterson Park. Enjoy all the amenities the park has to offer. Finished basement w/ fireplace and bath. New carpet. Updated kitchen and bath. Garage, driveway parking. **\$450,000.**

**861 LAKELAND • GROSSE POINTE**



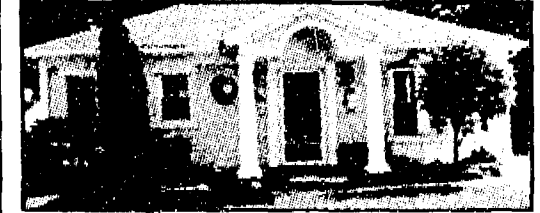
Outstanding four bedroom, two and one half bath updated Colonial with 2,800 square feet. A three car attached garage, nicely updated kitchen with new appliances, family room with skylights, doorwall to patio. New roof, refinished wood floors. **\$499,000**

**1516 HOLLYWOOD • GROSSE POINTE WOODS**



3 bedroom brick Colonial with the following recent updates; furnace and central air, windows, roof, plumbing, electric. All appliances will stay. Large lot (60' x 127'). Patio, attached garage, natural fireplace. 1 1/2 bath, family room. **\$249,000.**

**19030 VERONICA • EASTPOINTE**



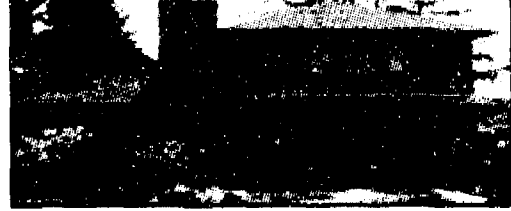
This is an almost new custom built home by Apex builders (completed in 2000). No expense was spared in the remodel of this unique and fantastic home. If you want something extraordinary, than this is the home for you. A huge addition added a family room, master suite and bath (doubling the sq. ft.). Updated kitchen with island, vaulted ceilings with skylights. Custom exterior and roof. The home owner/ builder went way over the top on this place and is now yours to enjoy. Southlake schools 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2,000 sq. ft. **\$220,000. Open Sunday 1-3**

**69 HAMPTON • GROSSE POINTE SHORES**



A very spacious ranch in the Shores. This house is extremely clean-pride of ownership shows. House sits on a large lot with room to expand. Newer furnace, air conditioning, roof. A beautifully finished basement with fire place. Covered patio to enjoy the summer nights. Great location in the shores. **\$469,900**

**857 ROSLYN • GROSSE POINTE WOODS**



Pride in ownership! Extremely clean three bedroom house with new kitchen, granite tops new appliances, tile floor. Hardwood floors throughout. New h20 furnace, A/C, windows, roof. Has been professionally landscaped with deck. Many updates! Move in condition. Call for appoint. **\$324,900**

**21644 NEWCASTLE • HARPER WOODS**



Brick, 3 bedroom, ranch in prime Harper Woods location. Newly painted and new carpet throughout. Newer furnace, AC and hot water heater, glass block windows in basement. Appliances included. New concrete drive and patio. New windows. Nice. **\$142,000.**

**19011 VERONICA • EASTPOINTE**



Ideal Eastpointe location with Southlake schools. Sprawling brick 3 bedroom ranch with 2 full baths. Formal dining room. Den with fireplace. Family room with door to covered patio and door to 2 car heated garage with electric. Huge corner lot with circular driveway. All appliances stay including refrigerator, stove, dishwasher, washer, and dryer. Central air. Plaster walls and hardwood floors (under carpet). Alarm system, sprinkler system, attic fan. **\$160,000**

**19625 WOODMONT • HARPER WOODS**



Super sharp! New on market! All brick 3 bedroom bungalow absolutely spotless. Updated windows, roof and central air. Freshly painted, tiled basement with glass block, 1/4 bath. Large 2 car garage, very nice above ground pool with sun deck. Very nice oak entertainment center surrounds natural fireplace. Nice drywalled second floor bedroom with skylight. I can go on! Home warranty. Don't miss out! **\$144,900**

**17225 E. JEFFERSON AVE. • GROSSE POINTE**



Stunning 1,312 sq. ft., 2 bedroom, end unit townhouse across from Grosse Pointe City Park. Updated windows, roof, electrical, insulation, carpet, Pergo floor in kitchen and dining room. Newer hot water heater, central air. Carport, lots of storage space. Semi finished basement can be used as office or rec. room. Low assoc. fee includes water, insurance and outside maintenance. **\$199,900.**

**913 NOTTINGHAM • GROSSE POINTE PARK**



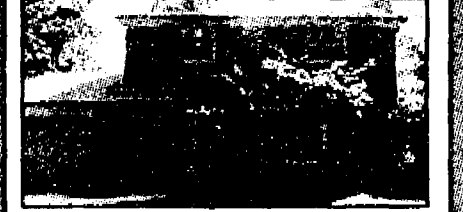
6 bedrooms, 3 bedrooms per unit, nicely updated large brick 2 family with many fine architectural features. Driveway, garage and wonderful porches complete the package. Both units are tenant occupied. Glass block basement windows. **\$195,000**

**724 HAWTHORNE • GROSSE POINTE WOODS**



Great location just one block from Lake St. Clair. Real hardwood floor throughout the first floor. Huge master bedroom with cathedral ceilings. Lots of extra storage and playroom for kids! Finished basement-easily converted for other uses. Large unique backyard. 4 bedroom, 1,800 sq. ft. **\$275,000.**

**1172 BEDFORD • GROSSE POINTE PARK**



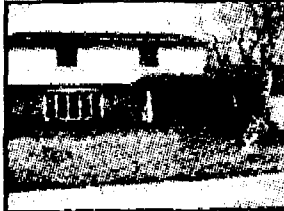
Pristine and Class best describe this 4 bedroom 1960 built home. Gorgeous brand new kitchen w/ pantry and center island. Eat in kitchen and formal dining room. New windows, roof, H2O tank, and garage door. Pergo flooring on main floor. Florida room opens to dining room, is heated year round w/ doorwall that leads to private backyard w/ wrought iron fence. All baths have new vanities. 2 fireplaces. Large finished basement and SO MUCH MORE!! **\$429,900**

**20211 WOODLAND • HARPER WOODS**



New on market! Great 3 bedroom home loaded with character. Large country lot almost a park. Three car garage, large dock. Inside offers all original ceramic bath with stall shower and tub. Formal dining room. 2nd floor offers bedroom with 1/2 bath, extra sitting room or 4th bed. Finished basement with gas fireplace and 1/4 bath, laundry room and extra room. Looking for a very nice unique piece of property? This is it! Home Warranty. **\$189,900**

**22407 LAVON • ST. CLAIR SHORES**



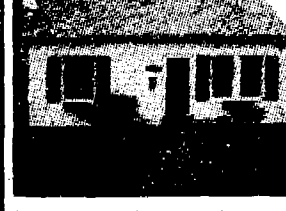
Pride of ownership shows with this very spacious 2,150 sq. ft., 4 bedroom home on one of St. Clair Shores most desirable streets. Deep canal with steel sea wall. Large eating space in kitchen. Open floor plan with finished basement. Large family room and living room make this the perfect home for you! Don't miss out on this one. 2 1/2 baths. Doorwall leads to a large patio with hot tub (included). **\$415,000.**

**2157 VERNIER • GROSSE POINTE WOODS**



Very sharp four bedroom brick bungalow. Two full baths with tubs. Remodeled kitchen, hardwood floors, natural fireplace in living room. Semi-finished basement. Newer roof and most windows. Very tastefully decorated, great location. **\$175,000**

**2230 HOLLYWOOD • GROSSE POINTE WOODS**



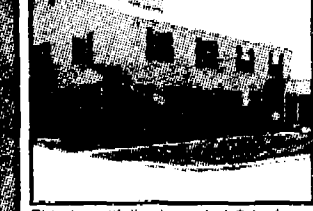
Huge updated kitchen for entertaining. Two full baths, repainted and ready to go. Thermal windows, newer boiler. Ceiling fans and window air units. All appliances included (Refridgastove, washer, dryer). Affordable GPW home with room, three bedrooms, two baths. **\$129,900.**

**978 BEACONSFIELD • GROSSE POINTE PARK**



2 family, clean and spacious 1,200 sq. ft., 2 bedrooms per unit located across the street from the new Grosse Pointe Park library. **\$182,000.**

**24362 MEADOWBRIDGE • CLINTON TOWNSHIP**



This beautifully decorated 2 bedroom condo features like new (2005) carpet on main floor. Gorgeous oak kitchen with wood perg flooring (2005) and all of the updates including stove, fridge, microwave. Finished basement has been freshly painted. Separate laundry work area with washer and dryer included. Doorwall to private patio. Association fee includes insurance, ground maintenance and water. A true gem. Home warranty included. **\$114,900**

**50414 BAY RUN SOUTH • CHESTERFIELD TOWNSHIP**



Very clean end unit 2 bedroom condo. Great location in complex offers neutral decor. Ceramic tile, his and her walk-in closets. Appliances included. Separate garage with opener. Doorwall off living room with private patio. Immediate possession. Don't miss out! **\$101,900.**

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**1141** Torrey, Grosse Pointe Woods. New offering. Open Sunday 1pm- 5pm. Spacious 2 story brick home, four bedrooms, 2.5 baths. Hardwood floors, lots of closets and attic storage. Mutschler kitchen, stainless built-in appliances, Subzero refrigerator, large finished basement. Updated furnace, air, roof, electrical, windows, sprinklers, freshly painted in & out. Beautiful parklike setting, large 2.5 car garage. One owner. Immediate occupancy. \$364,900. (313)885-0174

**1641** Broadstone, 3 bedroom colonial. Newly renovated, new kitchen-granite. \$269,999. (313)343-0622

**2008** Ridgemont, Grosse Pointe Woods, ranch on double lot across from park. New Bath. \$118,800 (248)909-8810

**346** Mt. Vernon Ave. Great location, close to schools, 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath, den, finished basement, natural fireplace, central air, sprinkling system. A must see! Open Sunday 2- 4pm or call for appointment, (313)884-8730

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411 McKinley	\$269,000	2-4pm	By Owner	586-530-7740
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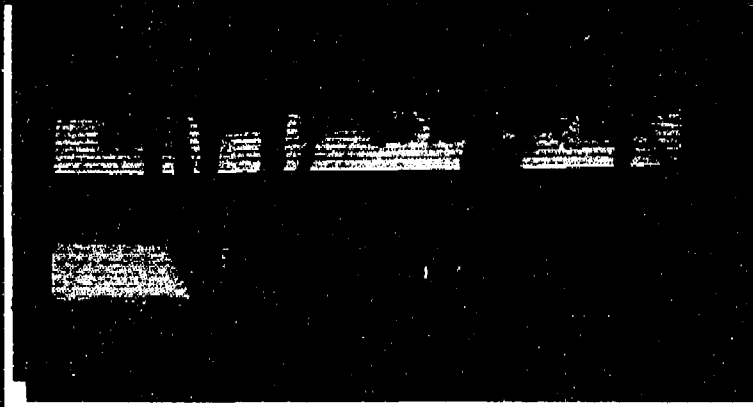


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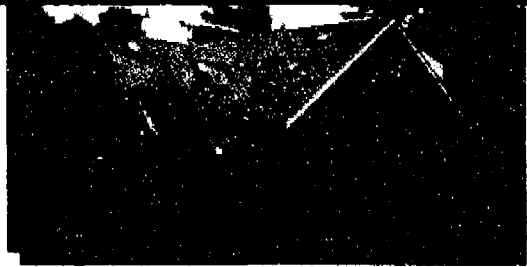
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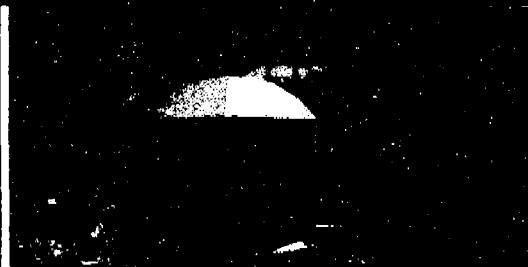
**FERRIER PLACE  
GROSSE POINTE WOODS**  
AN ABSOLUTE 10! This Scott built home has been completely remodeled. Updated kitchen with pantry and oak floors. Fantastic large master suite with fireplace and new bath with shower/steam sauna, plus half bath and balcony. Family room with hardwood floors and natural fireplace. New roof, sprinkler system and privacy fence. Brick circular driveway and patio. Ready to move in. \$499,500.

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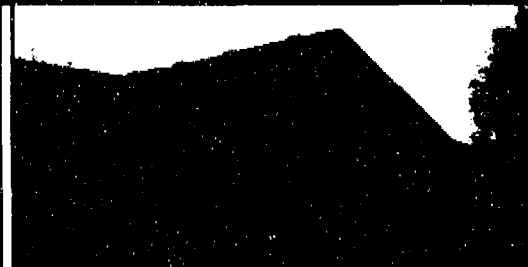
**LANCASTER, GROSSE POINTE WOODS**  
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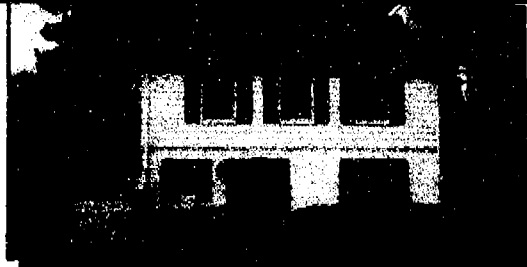
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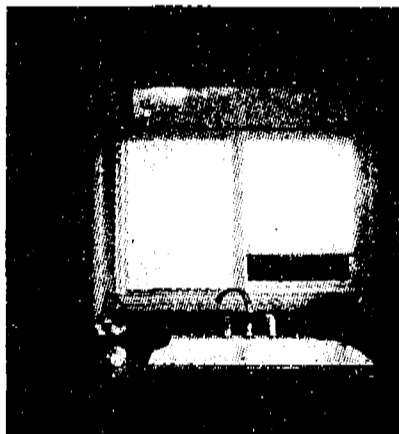
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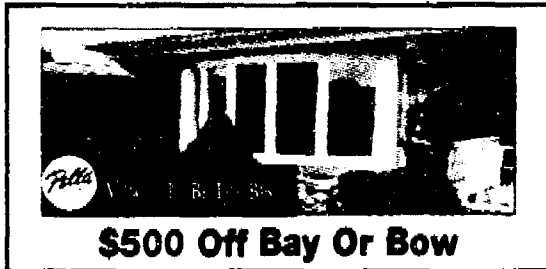
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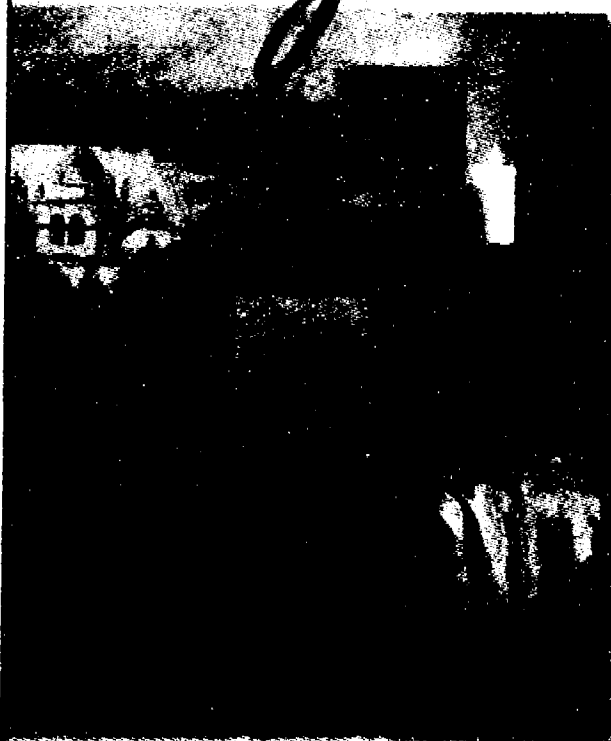
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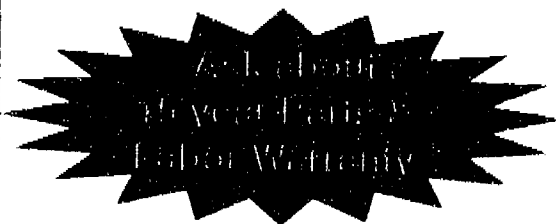
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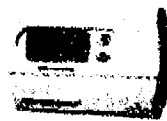
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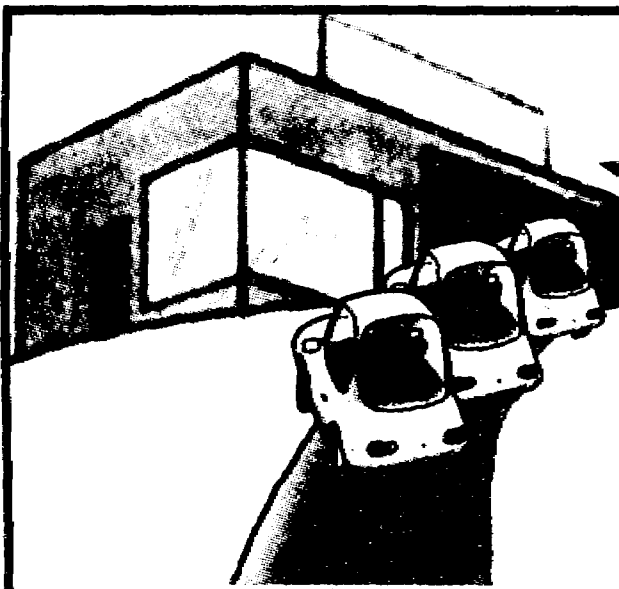
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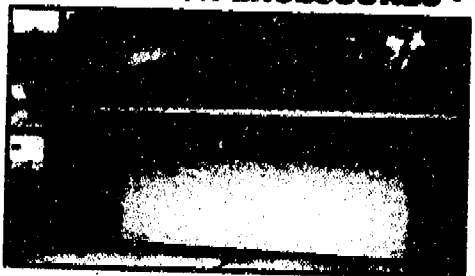
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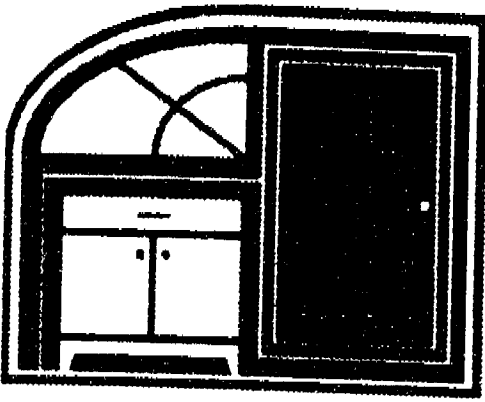
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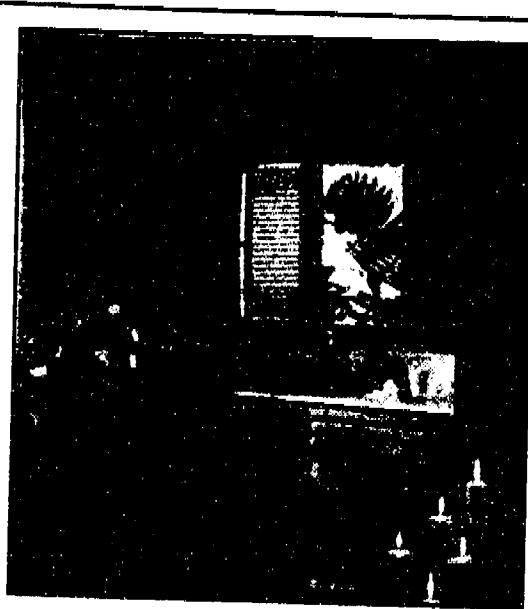
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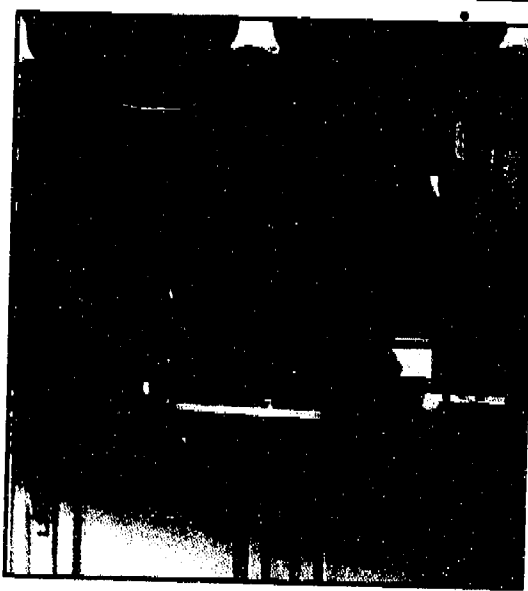
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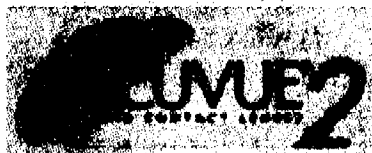
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