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Thursday, March 23
 Gerald Prokopowicz, curator of the Lincoln Life Insurance Company Lincoln Museum and Collection, shares his perspective on Abraham Lincoln during the Grosse Pointe Historical Society's Dr. Frank Bicknell Lecture, at 7:30 p.m., at the Grosse Pointe Hunt Club, 655 Cook in Grosse Pointe Woods.
 Admission is free but reservations are required. Call (313) 884-7010.

Sunday, March 26
 Grosse Pointe Chamber Music sponsors a concert in the ballroom of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial at 2:30 p.m. The music of Haydn, Mozart and Beethoven are among the works featured.
 Admission is \$6 at the door and free for members. For more information, call (313) 885-4633.

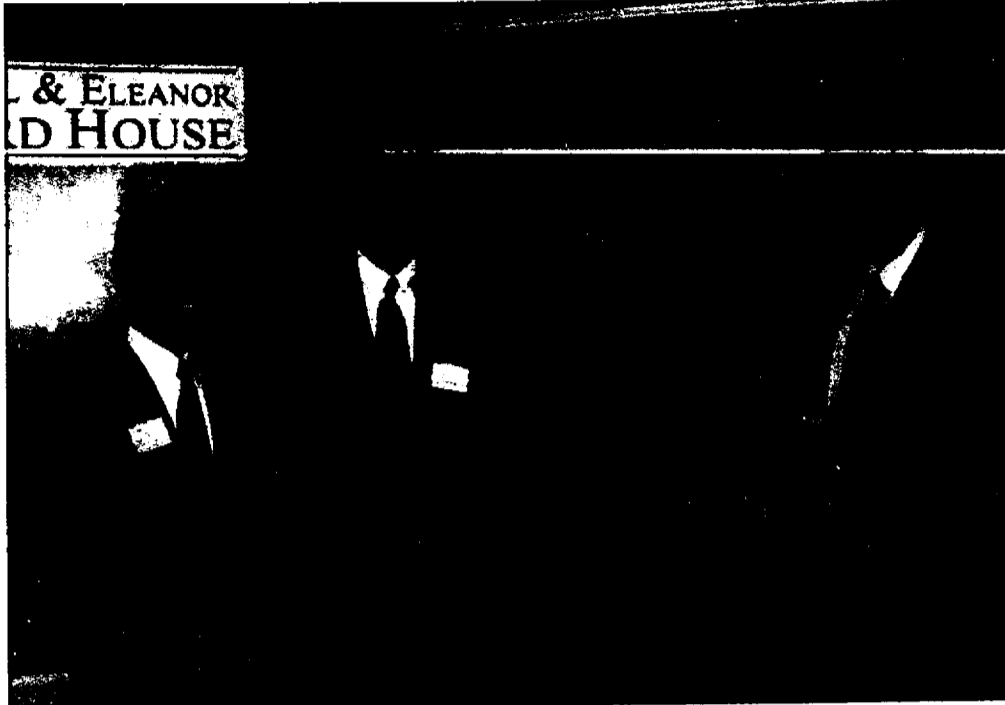
Monday, March 27
 The Grosse Pointe Park City Council meets at 7 p.m. in the Park city hall, 15115 E. Jefferson. The public is invited to attend.

The board of trustees of the Grosse Pointe Public Library meets at 7 p.m. in the Grosse Pointe Neighborhood Club, 17150 Waterloo in the City of Grosse Pointe. The public is invited to attend the meeting.

Tuesday, March 28
 The Grosse Pointe public school system holds a millage election seeking a renewal for three millages — the homestead millage, the technology millage and non-homestead millages. The polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

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Representatives from Ford properties around metro Detroit were on hand on Wednesday, March 15, to receive medallions from the American Society of Landscape Architects, honoring the work of famed landscape architect Jens Jensen, who landscaped the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, Fairlane and Haven Hill.

Edsel & Eleanor Ford House honored for its landscaping

By Jim Stickford
 Staff Writer

The American Society of Landscape Architects paid homage to one of the jewels of Grosse Pointe last week with the presentation of a bronze medallion in recognition of the Jens Jensen landscape at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House in Grosse Pointe Shores.

The society, in honor of its 100th anniversary in 1999, began awarding bronze medallions to recognize and demonstrate to the public that hundreds of America's beloved landscapes are more than fenced off nature preserves. In Michigan 21 sites were selected as medallion winners.

Among the sites picked were the Dow Gardens in Midland, Ludington State Park, the Island and Cedar Bend Park, the Michigan State University 4-H Children's Garden, the Nichols Arboretum, the Isle Royale National Park, as well as two other Ford family properties, the Henry Ford Estate at Fairlane and the Havens Hill Country Retreat in Highland Township.

The Ford properties were selected for recognition because they were landscaped by Jens Jensen, a Danish-born landscape architect who got his start in Chicago in the late 19th Century.

Robert E. Grese of the University of Michigan studied the career of Jensen and spoke at the awards ceremony held at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House on March 15.

"Jensen was known for being in the prairie school of landscaping," said Grese. "Most people are aware of the prairie style of architecture with Frank Lloyd Wright its most famous adherent. The prairie school of landscaping emphasized the use of local plants and a natural look."

Jensen was selected to landscape several Ford properties, including Fairlane and Haven Hill, as well as the Ford House in Grosse Pointe Shores.

It was Grese who nominated the Ford properties for the American Society of Landscape Architects Medallion award. He said Jensen's work for the Ford Family is among Michigan's most valuable landscape design treasures and they represent the best examples of Jensen's residential design work that remain available to the public.



Old ruling means no new taxation for Shores park

By Jim Stickford
 Staff Writer

Thanks to a 10-year-old memorandum from the Michigan State Tax Commission, it appears that Grosse Pointe Shores residents will not have to pay property taxes for Osius Park.

The memorandum, dated Feb. 8, 1990, deals with the valuation of community property in recorded platted subdivisions.

The memo states, "it is recommended that assessing officers review the deed restrictions that are placed on a common element including the duration of the restrictions for any taxable property. It is further recommended in a recorded plat subdivision an assessed value of zero be entered for the types of common elements below when their actual value is reflected as a contribution to the sales prices of the lots in the recorded platted subdivisions."

The memo goes on to list what types of assets that should be considered tax-free elements. First listed was "a park reserved solely for the use of the owners of lots in the subdivisions."

Other listed elements include "a boat ramp or access to a lake or river reserved solely for the use of the owners of the lots in the subdivisions" and "a community building, swimming pool or tennis court built on a lot reserved solely for the subdivisions."

Village manager Mike Kenyon said he talked with a number of Realtors and they all said the same thing, that Osius Park added value to the homes being sold in the Shores.

This particular state tax commission memorandum was brought to the attention of Grosse Pointe Shores officials, said Kenyon, by St. Clair Shores officials. Because many communities besides Grosse Pointe Shores have residential parks and properties, having Grosse Pointe Shores pay taxes on its park could have set a precedent that would lead to other communities paying taxes on their parks.

In a Jan. 14, 2000 memo to St. Clair Shores city manager Mark Wollenweber, St. Clair Shores city assessor Robert Rychlik wrote, "I recently met with Dean Nelson, MAI, president of Dean Appraisal Company. When I asked him about the appraisal problem present in assessing our parks, Dean indicated that he shares the opinion of the state tax commission. He believes a very valid argument can be made that the assessment of private parks is already being reflected in the assessments of every house in our city."

"In other words, a buyer would presumably pay a higher market price for a home that had access to the city parks versus a hypothetical situation where the parks were not present. To assess the homeowners at full value and also to assess the parks at full value would, in a certain sense, constitute a double assessment of property."

So when it came time for the assessing of Osius Park, the tax review board of Grosse Pointe Township, which has the duty of assessing property values for the Village, assessed the park at a value of zero dollars, which was proper, said Village attorney Ralph Houghton.

"The Village of Grosse Pointe Shores consists of several subdivisions," Houghton said. "The use of Osius Park comes with living in these subdivisions and we maintain the value of the park is reflected in the additional value of homes in the Shores. The tax review board heard the argument and saw the supporting documentation and agreed with it."

Local tax authorities, said Houghton, have the authority to make valuation decisions. Such decisions are generally not overturned unless it can be demonstrated that they were arbitrary or capricious.

"With the 1990 memorandum from the state commission being used as the basis of the tax review board's decision, it's my opinion that the board's decision wasn't arbitrary or capricious," Houghton said. "The village board of trustees, as the property owner, has no plans to appeal the local tax"

Moms target big shooters for march

By Brad Lindberg
 Staff Writer

A grassroots effort isn't so grassroots anymore. Following high-level powwows, a march promoting gun safety has the backing of Michigan's senior senator and the state's top cop.

Sen. Carl Levin (D-Mich.) has joined the cause. He pledged last week to take part in the Million Mom March in Washington D.C., on Mother's Day, May 14.

Levin said "America owes a great debt to women across the state and country who are involved in reducing the level of gun violence."

Likewise, Michigan Attorney General Jennifer Granholm said, "Moms unite. The Million Mom March is a terrific idea."

Both officials met recently with march organizers from metro Detroit, including the Grosse Pointe.

"There are some powerful moms in Grosse Pointe," said Granholm, after a meeting that included Susan Brown, a resident of the Park. Brown is the eastside Detroit march coordinator.

Levin and Granholm support the marchers' efforts to keep assault weapons out of the hands of children, mandate trigger locks on handguns and require a three-day background check on people who want to buy a gun. They also want to close a loophole that permits the unlicensed sale of firearms at gun shows.

Levin said, however, the odds "are against us closing the gun show loophole. The National Rifle Association is fighting it like crazy."

Granholm said she endorses "about 90 percent of the march's platform. I have a pause about licensing and registration. There's always been a concern among long-gun owners that it would extend beyond handguns."

Both officials said gun safety laws won't threaten First Amendment rights to gun ownership.

"The courts have ruled that reasonable safety regulations relating to guns are constitutional," said Levin. "Hunting is protected. Sporting weapons and their use are going to be protected. We're not going to permit, I hope, children to have access to guns."



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POINTER OF INTEREST

Gladys Dewey

Home: City of Grosse Pointe
 Age: 95
 Family: Widow, no children
 Occupation: Member of the gift shop guild of the Cottage Hospital Auxiliary
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Gladys Dewey

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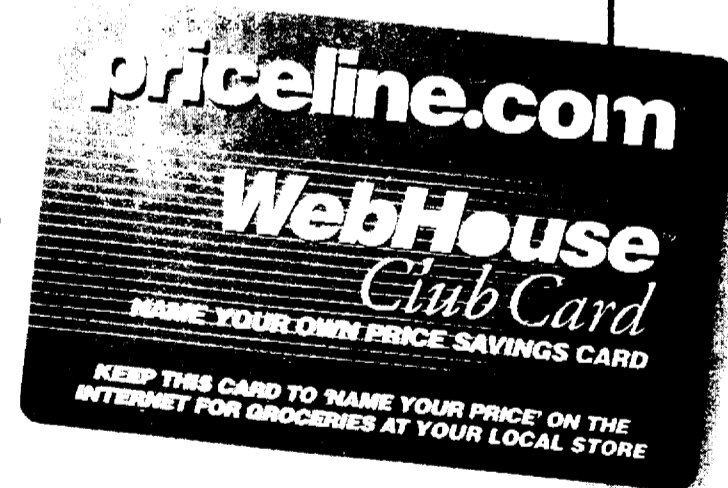
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City's council OKs new plaza, worries about trash

By Jim Stickford
Staff Writer

The City of Grosse Pointe Council approved spending up to \$76,000 for architect's plans for a new festival plaza area in the Village, while at the same time expressing concerns about the current state of the shopping district.

The \$76,000 will go to the architect firm of M.C. Smith and be used to draw the engineering specifications needed to actually build the new festival plaza, said City manager Tom Kressbach. The plaza will be at the corners of Kercheval and St. Clair.

Once the plans are drawn up, the construction is expected to begin sometime in early August with an October completion date. The estimated cost of construction is about \$1 million.

Kressbach said the festival plaza can be considered phase two of the Village improvement project. Phase one was the new streetscape and light poles that were installed last summer.

"This project has the same themes and flavors of phase one," Kressbach said. "For your consideration we have presented a rendering of the project, but right now we need to go beyond rendering and develop the more technical aspects of the plan."

Councilman Dale Scrace said he supported the plan, but questioned the value of spending additional funds on the Village when the area looks filthy.

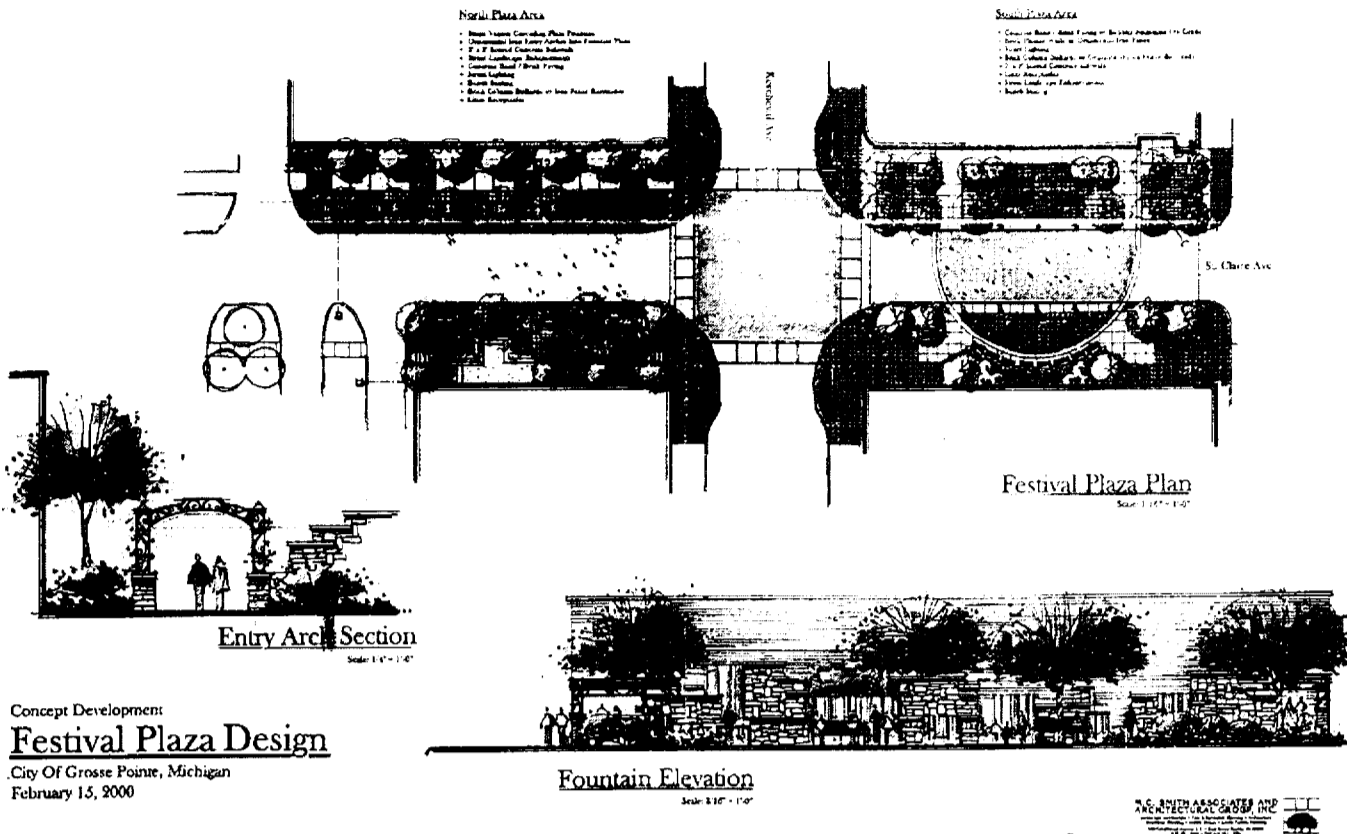
"What have the merchants come back with?" Scrace said. "We promised to spend money fixing up the area and they promised to take care of it. We've done our part, but I don't think they've done theirs."

Scrace went on to say that this winter a number of the Village's merchants didn't do a very good job of clearing snow away. Councilman Patrick Petz said he finds himself looking at litter whenever he comes to the Village and he agreed with Scrace's assessment that the merchants haven't lived up to their end of the bargain.

Kressbach said the City needs to work with the merchants on the problem. He pointed out that this is a transition time of the year. The snow has melted, but the weather hasn't really warmed up and it often rains. This makes cleaning up a little difficult. He said perhaps the solution is to have someone sweep up five times a week, but the Village Association doesn't have the power to tax its members to pay for such a service.

Councilman Peter LaFond said the City should just enforce the regulations it already has on the books. The administration could send out letters to the merchants notifying them of their responsibilities. If they didn't clean up their act by, say, July 1, then the City would start issuing tickets.

Councilman Larry Dowers



Concept Development
Festival Plaza Design
City Of Grosse Pointe, Michigan
February 15, 2000

The City of Grosse Pointe council approved spending up to \$76,000 for architectural firm M.C. Smith to draw the engineering specifications needed to build a new festival plaza, above, in the Village at the corners of Kercheval and St. Clair.

agreed with LaFond, saying this was a process and before the City did anything, the council and the administration needed to show the merchants what that process was.

"We need to put the same energy in keeping our invest-

ment in the Village nice as we did in making that investment in the first place," Dowers said.

The council unanimously approved spending the \$76,000 needed to draw up the more technical and detailed plans for the plaza. Kressbach said that

come June councilmembers can expect to see the plans and will be asked to approve the appropriations needed to bring them to life. It is expected to cost between \$900,000 and \$1 million.

The plaza will be used for

such activities as the Thursday summer concerts, a Taste of Grosse Pointe, the Friday Night Live events as well as other events. The City has worked with the merchants located at the four corners of the intersection.

Woods might not dredge this year due to further lake level drops

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Based in part by a vote of boat owners, officials in Grosse Pointe Woods might delay dredging the municipal harbor at Lake Front Park.

Because water levels in Lake St. Clair are expected to continue dropping, boaters voted recently to hold off depleting the Woods marina fund in what could be a fruitless attempt to deepen the harbor.

"The concern was trying to take into account what will

happen next season," said Ted Bidigare, the Woods city administrator. "We might run into bigger problems next year (in terms of lower water) and are trying to use (the marina fund) the best way we can."

Forecasting "difficult times," for boat owners, Woods Mayor Robert Novitke said lower water means a "brand new adventure in boating."

Bidigare said the channel at Lake Front Park is 4 1/2-feet deep. Falling lake levels have

reduced the depth of boat slips to just over three feet.

Although the lake normally begins a seasonal rise in spring, the overall trend points downward.

"We will be able to accommodate most boaters, but sailboats will have a tough time," said Bidigare. "Any boat with more than a 3 1/2-foot draft will be affected."

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has granted the Woods a permit to dredge up to 8,800 cubic yards of harbor bot-

tom. City officials are waiting for similar approval from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality. Dredging requires the OK of both organizations.

The Woods marina fund has a balance of \$235,000. The money, which is raised from renting the park's nearly 250 boat slips, is dedicated for harbor maintenance and improvements, including dredging.

Although the city probably won't dredge the entire harbor this season, it might undertake

spot dredging, according to council member Patricia Chylinski.

The city has received bids from dredging companies ranging from \$15 to \$31 per cubic yard. The prices reflect whether the dredged material will be recycled by the city or hauled to a landfill.

Chylinski said the city might team up with a nearby private marina to save on dredging costs.

Likewise, Bidigare might assign city workers to dredge parts of the harbor. Employees of the department of public works could also haul the muck away rather than contracting the work to an outside compa-

ny. No matter what happens, Kurt Lyons will be on the water this summer. Lyons, a resident of the Woods, has been boating on Lake St. Clair for 25 years. He's never been happier than at the well he rents for \$650 at Lake Front Park.

"It's the best well I've ever had, by far," he said. But he doesn't know if the lake will be deep enough to handle his sailboat. His 26-foot Cape Dory draws nearly four feet. As a stop-gap, he has a nine-foot sailing dingy.

"If water levels get really bad," said Lyons, "That's what I'll be sailing."

Park curbs speeders, now targets parking

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

When it comes to traffic problems on Harvard, Grosse Pointe Park officials are ready to rumble.

The city council will champion residents who said commuters have turned the 1400 block of Harvard into a rush-hour drag strip. At other times of the day, they said, nearby businesses usurp the street as a no-cost parking lot.

In response, the city gave a message for speeders and parking violators: beware.

Councilman Gregory

Theokas has directed police to "ticket them all. I don't care who they are."

The council will also consider ways to eliminate what Harvard resident Dante Rodino called "contention for the road."

Options range from installing speed bumps to closing the street at Mack.

A city-sponsored traffic study concluded recently that speeding on Harvard near Mack isn't as big a problem as residents thought. But when photos taken by resident Teresa Muniga showed com-

mmercial vehicles hogging on-street parking spots, the council swung into action.

Councilman Stephen Safranek told Harvard residents, "Parking in front of your home is for you and your guests. (On-street parking) is not for commercial vehicles and others visiting commercial sites on Mack."

Safranek said outlawing commercial parking would help eliminate congestion on the block. So would sticker parking for residents.

"Give (the businesses) fair

warning," added councilman Daniel Clark. "If they continue to do it, they will pay a sizable cost."

Richard Caretti, the Park's director of public safety, said his officers are "undertaking a parking study" of Harvard near Mack.

Park police last month stepped up patrols on the north end of Harvard. In addition to monitoring traffic during morning and afternoon rush hours, Caretti said officers clamped down on what few speeders they found.

"We still have a problem," said Rodino, the Harvard resident. The council agreed, but about parking, not speeding.

Moms

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"Firearms have always been regulated," said Granholm. "In the same way the First Amendment protects free speech but you can't scream 'fire' in a crowded theater, gun safety regulations do not prevent owning or carrying guns."

Levin said, "Congress must pass legislation to ensure that guns stay out of the hands of children and criminals."

Levin said gun safety legislation in the Senate would:

- Close the gun show loop-

hole.

- Ban large ammunition clips. "You can't manufacture big clips (domestically)," said Levin, "but you can import them, believe it or not."

- Require gun safety devices.

- Ban juvenile possession of an assault weapon.

- Ban gun sales to juveniles who have a record of violent crime. "That's called the Juvenile Brady Bill," he said.

While the House and Senate are at a stalemate on gun safety legislation, Levin said the

march could prod lawmakers into action.

"(Congress) might pass it (the legislation) if you get enough people to march," he said.

Appealing for a bipartisan effort, he added, "If this is going to happen, it will require some Republican support."

Although Brown said Congressional efforts are "pretty far below our platform," she added, "I'll be happy for any measures to get passed as a stepping stone or starting point."

After meeting Granholm, Miriam Engstrom, a march supporter from the Park, felt "inspired and invigorated," she said. "We agreed, enough children are dying. We must put a stop to it."

Granholm praised march organizers as "a grassroots organization of women who have never been involved in the system before. What a great message of democracy."

Levin said to the moms, "We'll be seeing a lot of each other. It's a good cause."

Tax

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review board's dollar assessment of the park. But because an appeal of the decision might cause the taxable value of the property to increase, I don't see any reason why a Grosse Pointe Shores taxpayer would want to see the taxable value of the park increase. Taxpayers are the ones who would ultimately pay that tax.

Grosse Pointe Shores resident Lawrence Van Til, the

man who originally questioned the state tax commission about the tax status of Osius Park, said that only interested parties — the Village of Grosse Pointe Shores or the village assessor, have the right to appeal the tax board's ruling.

When asked why he originally questioned the park's status to begin with, Van Til said he believes in the law and that everyone has to follow the law regardless of the personal cost.

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It's a busy life for 95-year-old City woman

By Madeleine Socia
Staff Writer

From her honey-dipped hair right down to her fashionable Ferragamos, Gladys Dewey is the picture of an on-the-go Grosse Pointe. She travels, plays bridge, enjoys evenings out with a wide circle of friends and even finds time in her busy schedule to volunteer work.

"She's really chipper and lively and fun," says Dorothy Sweeney, a neighbor and friend who marvels at the pace Gladys keeps.

Though you would never guess it from this retired teacher's bubbly attitude, animated conversation or twinkling brown eyes, there is another fact that astounds many of the people she encounters along the way.

On Jan. 5, 2000, Gladys celebrated her 95th birthday.

Born when Teddy Roosevelt

resided in the White House, ladies' hem lines swished just above the ground and the New York Giants won baseball's "second annual" World Series. Gladys Cathro grew up in a close-knit family of four on Meldrum Avenue on Detroit's near-east side.

Her father's death at the age of 52 meant that Gladys had to help make ends meet by working at the Hosmer Branch of the Detroit Public Library while completing Eastern High School. Just 17 when she graduated, she went on to matriculate from the Detroit Teachers' College.

Gladys began her career teaching the first grade at Detroit's Norvel School in the German neighborhood bordering the Eastern Market, but she soon accepted an assignment that would send a chill down the spine of many a mod-

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ern-day educator. Recalls Gladys, "I ended up teaching an eighth grade class with 52 students. It was tough. I told the principle that I didn't think I could handle those big kids but she said, 'you just snap those eyes of yours and they'll know you mean business!'"

The advice proved sound and Gladys enjoyed a 19-year career before being transferred away from her home on McMillan Road in Grosse Pointe Farms when her husband joined the United States Army Corps of Engineers during World War II.

Gladys married Ralph Dewey, a former pal at Eastern High School, in June of 1929. The couple's "happily ever aftering" could have been cut short by the onset of the Great Depression, just four months after their "I dos." But Ralph, an engineer, was able to land a job as a sales executive with the Celotex Corp. at the then sizable salary of \$250 per month. He stayed with the company until his death, at the age of 62, in 1967. Though fate did not gift the couple with children, it did provide lots of good times and a few interesting adventures over their 38 years together.

The Deweys lived through Prohibition in the Pointes. As Gladys merrily reminisces about one of the area's more notorious night spots, "We used to go to The Pine's for a beer. It was a blind pig run by Al Green and his wife Torchy. He was a racketeer but...we kind of liked him."

Corporate promotions and World War II drew the Deweys away from Michigan to live in Columbus, Ohio; Memphis, Tennessee; and Granite City, Mo., a "crook" infested corner of East St. Louis that Gladys ruefully describes as, "hell on earth!"

Upon their return, the couple purchased a home on Lakeland Avenue in the City of

Grosse Pointe where Gladys lived until moving to a comfortable second-floor condominium in the early 1970s.

Through the years the Deweys enjoyed sailing with friends aboard their sloop, The Gladmar, and playing golf at the Lochmoor Club, which they joined in 1939. Gladys became so good on the greens that she competed in the elite District Golf League, reigned as the Club's Ladies Champion in 1953 and could even boast a hole-in-one!

Gladys also reveled in putting her green thumb to work in her yard and remains a member of the Windmill Pointe Garden Club to this day.

Bridge is another ongoing passion. She challenges friends regularly at the Neighborhood Club, the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, St. James Lutheran Church and plays with fellow Garden Club members as well. Gladys insists that her notable mental acuity can be partially attributed to the game saying, "It's like a puzzle; it keeps your brain active."

Since 1957, she has kept her hands equally active creating and selling merchandise as a member of the gift shop guild of the Cottage Hospital Auxiliary. Volunteering her considerable needlepoint and sewing skills, she has made hundreds of men's bartender vests, aprons, place mats, shoe bags, tally pads, bridge table covers and other items. Though time has shrunken her circle of "boutique ladies" from 20 to four, the group still meets every Monday to work.

During an auxiliary meeting on Monday, Jan. 17, her fellow volunteers showed their appreciation for her talent and dedication with a surprise birthday party. "I received a stack of cards this high and white roses," said the still-thrilled Mrs. Dewey. "I was just overwhelmed!"

"Gladys is amazing," commented Bon Secours Cottage Health Services Vice President of Philanthropy John Danaher, who made a presentation at the event. "The Cottage Hospital Auxiliary is incredibly fortunate to enjoy her devotion and her friendship. In every way, she is our best salesperson."

While Gladys loves her hobbies and volunteer efforts, her greatest pleasure by far comes from visiting her niece Sally Lutz and her husband Del in Dallas. The couple, who recently celebrated their 50th wed-

ding anniversary, makes certain to include Aunt Gladys, along with their extended brood of four children and 11 grandchildren, on family vacations.

Looking back over almost a century, Gladys credits two simple qualities for helping her to overcome adversity and enjoy a long and happy life. "I think a sense of humor is important...that helps a lot. And I think you have to have ambitions too...you have to have a desire to go ahead and better yourself."



Bon Secours Cottage Health Services Vice President of Philanthropy John Danaher presents roses to Cottage Hospital Auxiliary volunteer extraordinaire Gladys Dewey during a recent celebration marking her 95th birthday.

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City of **Grosse Pointe Woods**, Michigan

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council will be considering the following proposed ordinance for second reading and final adoption at its meeting scheduled for Monday, April 3, 2000, at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Room of the Municipal Building. The proposed ordinance is available for public inspection at the Municipal Building, 20025 Mack Plaza, between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 10, ARTICLE IV OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS OF 1997; TO REPEAL SECTION 10-126; TO ELECT TO ENFORCE THE NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE, 1999 EDITION, AND THE RULES PROMULGATED BY THE STATE OF MICHIGAN, DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND INDUSTRY SERVICES, CONSTRUCTION CODE COMMISSION; TO ESTABLISH A CONSTRUCTION BOARD OF APPEALS; TO DESIGNATE THE ENFORCING AGENCY; TO PROVIDE FOR THE COLLECTION OF FEES; TO DECRIMINALIZE CERTAIN VIOLATIONS.

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Two elitist presidential candidates?

As the nation moves toward the national presidential election in November, it increasingly appears that the voting public will be faced by two of the most privileged candidates in history.

Both are Ivy League candidates. Both attended St. Albans, a highly distinguished private prep school in Washington, D.C. And both went to Harvard University.

Both have graduate-school degrees. Both are sons of high government officials. George Bush's father is the former

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president. Al Gore, the vice-president, is the son of a distinguished U.S. senator from Tennessee.

True, they are, as a consequence, among the best educated men ever to seek the presidential position. But they obviously should bring to the presidency trained minds that should ease their transition to the highest office where they must deal with the major problems of the world and the nation.

The question that arises, however, is

whether they are similarly informed about the status and needs of the common man and his family.

In Michigan, for example, was the fact that Arizona Sen. John McCain is a military man the reason he carried the state by a handsome margin?

Did Midwestern voters see him as a man more likely to be friendly to their views than those espoused by the national political parties, which often appear to be dominated by the commercial inter-

ests?

Or was McCain's success more the result of his strong stance for campaign finance reform alone? We tend to think not.

Instead, our contention here is that he appeared more open, more interested in common-man issues and not as limited on his positions as the two men who eventually emerged as the front runners for the presidency.

This viewpoint does not indicate that the writer is a former Farmer-Laborite (because he does come from Minnesota where he was a registered Republican).

Rather, he just wants to emphasize the importance of trying to distinguish between the views of the highly educated pair when the choice faces us in November.

— Wilbur Elston

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A blast from Detroit's past?

A gigantic explosion is going to rock the city of Seattle next Sunday when the Maryland-based Controlled Destruction Co. will bring down the 24-year-old Seattle Kingdome.

The Kingdome will be removed to make room for a new stadium that will rise in its place. However, the contractors face one of the same problems that confronted Detroit when it blew up the old Hudson's building.

The contractors here thought they had protected the rest of downtown quite well before setting off the final blast at the Hudson's building, but they overestimated the power they would need.

As a consequence, the blast here damaged the People Mover so badly it has just recently been able to return to service.

But the Seattle contractors face a bigger problem than did the destroyers of the Hudson's department store building.

The Silverdome is one of the strongest buildings in the world, according to the New York Times. It obviously was built to last a long time. Its dome alone contains 25,000 tons of concrete.

The destruction job is the most complicated of the 7,000 destruction jobs the same company has undertaken. Preparations have been going on for nearly three months for an implosion that will

last no more than 20 seconds — and at a cost of \$9 million.

To reduce the vibrations in the tons of concrete falling as many as 240 feet to the ground, three sections — every other one — will be ignited first in phase one and followed seconds later by the remaining three in phase two.

Overall, 1,000 timing delays will spread the explosion out over 12.8 seconds. As the dome buckles, its enormous weight will pull in the surrounding columns that will have been shattered by another sequence of explosions from five charges per exterior column.

To minimize damage to surrounding buildings, the explosive charges have been wrapped with chain-link fence and thick sheets of fabric that presumably will contain flying chunks of concrete.

"I'm really not concerned," the chief of the wrecking crew has said, "but I'm not saying a few windows won't be broken."

Once the Kingdome is down, about one-third of the concrete debris will be crushed and used in the foundation of a new \$450 million stadium to be built to replace the Kingdome and provide a new home for the Seahawks.

Let's hope the Seattle demolition goes off better than Detroit's destruction of its major department building, which put the People Mover out of commission.

NEWS ITEM: WOODS POLICE DEPARTMENT BUYS EXPEDITION



Letters

Conditional renewal support

To the Editor:
On Tuesday, March 28, the Grosse Pointe community is being asked to approve three millage renewals for the Grosse Pointe School District. I support these renewals, with a few conditions.

The members of the board of education must continue to hold the administration accountable for each budget expenditure. The board must ask, "Is the expenditure necessary to maintain the high level of education the community has come to expect?" Trustees need to be assured that all of the basic student educational and safety needs are being met before considering additional programs and related costs.

The board must also ensure that all employee contract agreements be cost-neutral considering anticipated reimbursements from the state.

The board and the administration must avoid the mindset of "We have the funds, let's spend them." Increasing the "rainy day fund" should be an objective and can be attained through prudent spending.

A separate thought regarding the technology millage. It is common knowledge in the private sector that hardware costs constitute only one-third to one-half of a technology budget. Costs associated with providing current software, adequate technical support staff and upgrades to existing hardware continue long beyond the initial equipment purchase. Although all the schools were equipped with hardware during the last four years, to maintain a quality technology program the district needs and deserves a renewed technology fund.

Let's give the district the funds, but insist the trustees always demand the justification as to how the funds are being used. To do otherwise the board abdicates its responsibility to the taxpayers, the stu-

dents and the community itself.

John Mills
Former Trustee
Grosse Pointe Board of Education

Weary of it all

To the Editor:
Infuriating!
Each time there is a school millage vote, the voters get the same routine: "Give us the money or your home will be near worthless and you'll have dumb, deprived kids!"

No, we don't have to tell you where, how or on what we'll spend our money; just give it to us or face dire consequences.

Lake St. Clair, magnificent churches, beautiful parks, outstanding medical facilities, superb eclectic shops, public safety, etc., have nothing to do with why people move here; "It's the school system — so, send money!"

Get a new script!

J. E. Earl
Grosse Pointe Woods

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Millage renewals for excellence

To the Editor:
It is important for the citizens of Grosse Pointe to support all three of the millage renewals for our Grosse Pointe Public Schools on Tuesday, March 28. Please vote yes.

During my five years on the state board of education I reviewed the academic quality of many school districts across the state. The Grosse Pointe School System has always compared well with other districts. Grosse Pointe has rich offerings in its curriculum, particularly in advanced placement, and the schools have many

very good teachers. Grosse Pointe's MEAP scores are up, it has superior graduation rates, and the students are doing very well on the SAT and ACT tests.

As we begin a dramatic knowledge-based 21st century, technology is an important tool for learning. This knowledge-based society requires an ability both to think conceptually and to use the tools of technology. The technology renewal millage will help.

The mission of the Grosse Pointe schools is to ensure that all of the students learn and apply the knowledge, skills and behaviors necessary to excel in our ever-changing world. The success of this mission depends, in part, on the passage of the three renewal millages: One for operating, one for technology and one as a non-homestead millage.

There is still much needed debate to take place on what makes for a good school, how to create such, how to enhance teaching and learning and how to increase the supply of capital for the education of our students. While this debate for improvement continues, it is important for our Grosse Pointe School System to be able to continue its fine service to our community.

Please vote yes on all three millages next Tuesday, March 28. Thank you for your consideration.

Clark Durant
Former President
State Board of Education
City of Grosse Pointe

Vote to continue commitment

To the Editor:
Our family has been fortunate to raise three children in this community. The community has had a consistent commitment to its children and its school system.

As a result, we have a school system nationally recognized

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Offering from the loft

The PC addiction

Did you know that you can become bankrupt in your own home without having to leave your chair?

Forget about watching your personal portfolio go down the drain, how about becoming addicted to on-line shopping? This allows you to have fun and feel involved in the process of shopping and depleting your bank account. So many choices, so few hours in the day! Then there is the problem of choosing what to buy and when to stop bidding or buying.

Our generation doesn't have to fear being a couch potato any longer. Our enemy is the chair in front of our computer. The computer can be a silent seductress.

First you learn how to communicate with friends through e-mail. You might briefly visit a chat room, become quickly bored, linger over some games, tune into the news or study the stock market. Now you are becoming more comfortable with the gray machine on your desk with the pretty colors and enticing visual effects.

See all the fun things you can do! There are not enough hours in the day to explore all that interests you. If you get bored paying your taxes or writing the great American novel on your PC, you can create your own personalized greeting cards. You can spend hours just playing with labels in different sizes and colors.

With a few clicks you can read any newspaper or magazine, buy groceries, order concert tickets, buy stock or plane tickets, buy a new pet or inquire about the adoption of a child.

You find yourself turning to this machine like a friend seeking comfort at strange hours of the day and night. Does this excite you or frighten you? If you can answer the question honestly, you may learn something about yourself. Some of us use our computers for

work and recreation, others are almost possessed by these machines.

There are well-known physical problems attributed to computer addiction. They range from carpal tunnel syndrome, to stiff neck and fanny fatigue, to mention a few. Headaches and vision problems aren't uncommon.

Still we are drawn to this magnet and stay transfixed by the hour. We can become involved in an auction and be hooked like a gambler in a casino. It's like eating one potato chip. Trust me, don't take the challenge unless you are very disciplined.

One experiments and learns and becomes more intrigued with each hour spent learning the mysteries of technology. Locating information becomes simpler with each attempt; you are exposed to new web sites every day. It is overwhelming and addictive at the same time. You are unaware of the passing of time while you are caught in this web of intrigue.

I've had a great deal of fun with my computer and have loved having it available. I have taken advantage of much that it offers me, yet am still a neophyte in the larger world of this technology.

Basically we use it as a resource vehicle and word processor, but I admit to being excited by each new piece of information I acquire on my journey. A few minutes have often turned into an hour with my mechanical friend.

The grandchildren delight in all the games available to them, and it's fun to send them messages. Like many good things in life, the computer can become addictive. Thank heavens sunny weather is just around the corner and we will be tempted to leave the comfort of our homes, take long walks, smell the blossoms, breathe the fresh air and take a vacation from the mesmerizing hum of our computers. Good luck!

The Stickford Files

I'm going into dangerous territory today. I'm going to write about shopping — from the guy's perspective!

Now I know I'm dealing with averages. There are people who are beyond one standard deviation of the mean. But I'm dealing with bell curve averages here, so my observations will apply to most people. (Who said that expensive graduate-level statistics class I took 10 years ago wouldn't pay off. I just found a fancy way of saying most men don't like to shop and most women do, but there are always exceptions.)

So don't tell me about your cousin Herbert who loves nothing more than to compare fabric swatches for his new couch. Most guys aren't like that. We don't care. Let me say that again — we don't care.

What we men want, on average, is comfort. We want a

comfy chair. We want a chair we can sit in and watch seven straight hours of football. We want this chair to recline and we want it to have lots of buttons we can press.

Hopefully these buttons will do cool things like cause the chair to vibrate or have a small icebox door on the side of the chair pop open so we can grab the beverage of our choice. I've seen chairs like that and all I have to say is cool.

Bulk helps too. If you're going to spend hundreds of dollars on a chair, it's nice to have something substantial, something with heft. You can see where the money went, as opposed to some effete Louis the 14th thing with spindly legs that prevent you from actually sitting on it.

Women on the other hand, seem not to grasp this very simple concept. For them a chair isn't an item they will be sitting on and therefore should be sturdy, comfortable and convenient. No, for them it's a lifestyle statement, an opportunity to test their shopping skills and ability to find the right fabric weave, color and chair style.

I Say

Jim Stickford



Do this, my daughter, and you know you are a woman. Not so with men. We want our chairs sturdy and comfortable. If it doesn't match the surrounding environment, hey deal with it. Did you see the cool buttons and the ice box built in?

This is a true story. Several years ago my mother decided to get rid of a couple of chairs she had in the family's living room. She was redecorating and the chairs were no longer needed. Her son (me) was moving to a new place and she thought why not give the chairs to me?

Granted I didn't like the chairs because while they were nice-looking, they weren't comfortable to sit in. The living room was occupied like three times a year so looks not com-

fort are what counted with those chairs.

The rest of the time the family stayed in the family room where the television was. The chairs and couches there were big, sturdy and comfortable. It was a masculine room.

But my mom wanted to give me the chairs and what was the harm. She even offered to have them reupholstered. Fine, I would take the chairs. Well if they were going to be reupholstered, then I should choose the fabric.

So several weekends in a row my mother and I went to fabric shops around metro Detroit. It was a search for the finest fabric in the land.

For some reason we were on the west side of town. I guess the fabric stores in Grosse

Pointe weren't good enough. So the first store we walk into I see a nice blue fabric. I say this is the one, this is what I want, end of expedition. No harm, no foul.

You'd think so, but it was TOO EASY! I couldn't just walk into a store and in the first five minutes pick a fabric for the chairs. I didn't look at all the fabrics in the land. How did I know that this fabric I chose was the best?

To be fair, I didn't know it was the best fabric in the land. But then I didn't care. The fabric I chose was a nice fabric. It was not garish, it was durable and appropriate for the kind of chair. It was and remains an attractive fabric and does look good on the chair.

If there was a better fabric out there, I didn't care. Because the fabric I picked was just fine, at least in my male mind. But no, my mother did not buy that. So we went to several other stores over the next couple of weekends. That's three Saturdays I'll never get back.

I stuck with my original choice. My mother thought I was being stubborn and by God

we were going to check every store in Detroit in case there was a fabric I would like better. There was no way I could pick a fabric in the first five minutes of the shopping expedition.

It wasn't male rebellion against going shopping for fabric with my mother. Just writing that sentence makes me skeptical of my motives. But really, I just liked the fabric.

That story, in a nutshell, reflects the difference between men and women. We don't care about what we don't care about. Stop trying to make us care about fabrics. We want a couch or chair we can flop down on, spill onion dip and beer on and use as cover in case the forces of evil break into our house and we have to fight them off with heavy caliber automatic weapons.

Our furniture represents a lifestyle of action, not a lifestyle of the mind, even if that action revolves around watching ESPN and drinking a variety of different liquids and eating a host of different foods until the cows come home.

Now don't get me started on decorative pillows on the bed.

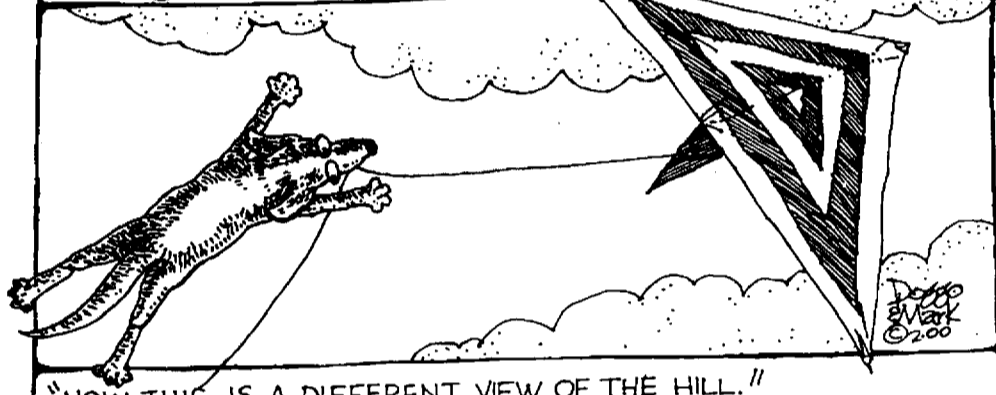
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4 recent 'unspeakable' movies

We are only three months into the new millennium (according to many) and I have seen four rather highly rated movies that touched on the issue of incest. Maybe a few of them were in the last months of 1999, but the concentration of films acknowledging the presence of incest is, if nothing else, remarkable.

The first is "The General's Daughter," in which the general's daughter was on maneuvers with other infantrymen and was gang-raped.

The incestuous quality of the father-daughter relationship was exemplified by father telling daughter to keep this quiet. He did not want to besmirch the reputation of Army training. Instead of consoling her and being empathetic, he relegated her to the role of object. As a result, her life became self-destructive in symbolically repeating the episode, trying to convey the horror of her trauma without using words.

The second is "Cider House Rules," where the teenage orphan learned how to be a doctor from a kindly abortionist. The boy refused to perform abortions, and that decision seemed to be a steadfast resolve. It was until he came across a girl whose life was about to be ruined if she bore a child conceived in incest with her father. The young man took out his medical instruments and delivered her from a tragic fate. The movie was an argument for situational ethics and moral relativism.

The third is "Magnolia," where death-bed confessions led to admission of incestuous behavior which had been a life-long secret. In her aged husband's final moments, his long-suffering wife learned that he had also cheated on her. She quickly came to a realization of why their daughter was so distant from them. Disillusioned and heartbroken, she hated her dying husband.

The fourth is "War Zone," a British film which played this weekend in the DFT (Detroit Film Theater) which is in the DIA (Detroit Institute of Arts).



Dr. Victor Bloom

In this film the incest was graphically represented, in all its sordidness and pain. Reviewers have been unanimous in praising its courage in presenting this taboo theme. Also praised was the quality of the acting performances, such that each person was believable, showing emotions appropriate to an agonizing family situation.

Interestingly, the father was first shown to be a happy-go-lucky guy; that is, until he was confronted with the truth, at which time he became threatening and dangerous. The first impression is almost that of a happy family, comfortable with each other, but that was just the tip of the iceberg.

The fact that the family had moved to a remote area made the setting timeless. The story could have taken place in medieval times, when family members were in a confined dark space together. Isolated from the larger society and social pressure, family members reverted to taboo behavior, especially at the behest of a powerful and unscrupulous father.

In the past there was a smattering of films dealing with or touching on the problem of incest, but nothing like the present concentration.

The Louis Malle movie, "Murmurs of the Heart," depicted an incestuous involvement between an intoxicated mother and son in a lighthearted way. It was an accident. It would never happen again. They would never mention this to anyone. It would be their special secret. The movie was creative because what happened was presented in such a way that it attracted empathy rather than condemnation.

What is the significance, you may be asking, of the numerous attempts of the motion picture industry to present to the paying public stories involving incest?

Incest is not a popular or charming subject. It is one of the more abhorrent universals in the darkest side of the human condition. Freud had an explanation of the origin of the incest taboo in his controversial "Totem and Taboo," in which he conjectured that during the Stone Age, before religion, when the young and strong sons killed the father to have the mother and sisters, they became overwhelmed with guilt. They realized that they had extinguished the most valued member of the tribe, and they were bereft, and so they developed the incest taboo.

According to Freud, this taboo came about long before organized religion, and it is interesting that incest is so taboo that it is not even mentioned in the Ten Commandments.

Psychiatrists know that incest and the molestation of children is far more prevalent than most people believe or would care to think. Basic Freudian thinking goes back to the Greek classic, "Oedipus Rex," about the king who unwittingly killed his father and married his mother. Interestingly, most contemporary playwrights rate the Sophocles' tragedy as the greatest play of all time.

I think Freud's influence on 20th century thinking took a hundred years to soften the defenses of denial and repression, to loosen the tight grip of silence, and generate an audience which now can consider what was formerly unthinkable, unspeakable.

Dr. Bloom is clinical associate professor of psychiatry, Wayne State University School of Medicine. He is a member of the American Academy of Psychoanalysis and on the editorial board of the Wayne County Medical Society. He welcomes comments at his e-mail address, vbloom@compuserve.com.

Letters

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for its academics. Just as importantly, we have a school system that provides a wide variety of cocurricular and extracurricular activities giving each child an opportunity to blossom.

Together the commitment of this community to its children and the strength of its school system create a continued sense of community and attract new families.

On Tuesday, March 28, we have the opportunity to continue that commitment. Please vote yes on all three millage renewals.

Timothy H. Howlett
Grosse Pointe Park

Letter response

To Mr. Frost:

After seeing your letter in the March 16 issue of the Grosse Pointe News, "Wasted gifts," I wanted to write to you on behalf of the board of trustees of the Grosse Pointe Shores Improvement Foundation.

First of all, thank you for your donation this year, and for all of the support you and Susan have given the foundation over the years. Please be assured that despite the recent controversies in our community, the trustees have continued to put your contributions and those of our other members to work to provide tangible enhancements to life in Grosse Pointe Shores.

During 1999, the foundation provided all or a substantial share of the funding for the following: Installation of decorative fencing around the Vernier Road athletic fields, the village's tree planting and replacement program, the salary of a master gardener who maintains the flower beds and other plantings throughout the village, the purchase and display of holiday decorations and the village's participation in the nautical coast clean-up. We have also continued organizing the annual community picnic on the Grandparents' Day, which is a great favorite of many of the residents.

I will acknowledge that the ongoing controversy over construction of an activities building and other issues relating to the Shores park has presented some challenges. As part of our planning process, we undertook preliminary work on projects that would have complemented and enhanced the building, had it been constructed. However, we also addressed the contingency that the construction would not go forward, and are in the process of planning several significant projects for the park that we believe will contribute to the community's enjoyment of that

chance to meet the officers and trustees of the foundation.

Once again thank you for your support and interest, and please call me or any of the trustees should you have questions, concerns or suggestions.

Jonathan T. Walton Jr.,
President
Grosse Pointe Shores
Improvement
Foundation

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on page 9A

Thanks
for seriousness

To the Editor:

I'm involved with a group of residents, that includes grandparents as well as families with children still living at home, who support the concept of an activities building within our park.

Our group campaigned for the plan as proposed in the recent referendum. We lost, despite the fact that surveys have shown over half the residents, not to mention the children, want some type of community center in Grosse Pointe Shores.

Obviously, we are disappointed with the outcome of the referendum, but we are not bitter and we don't hold a

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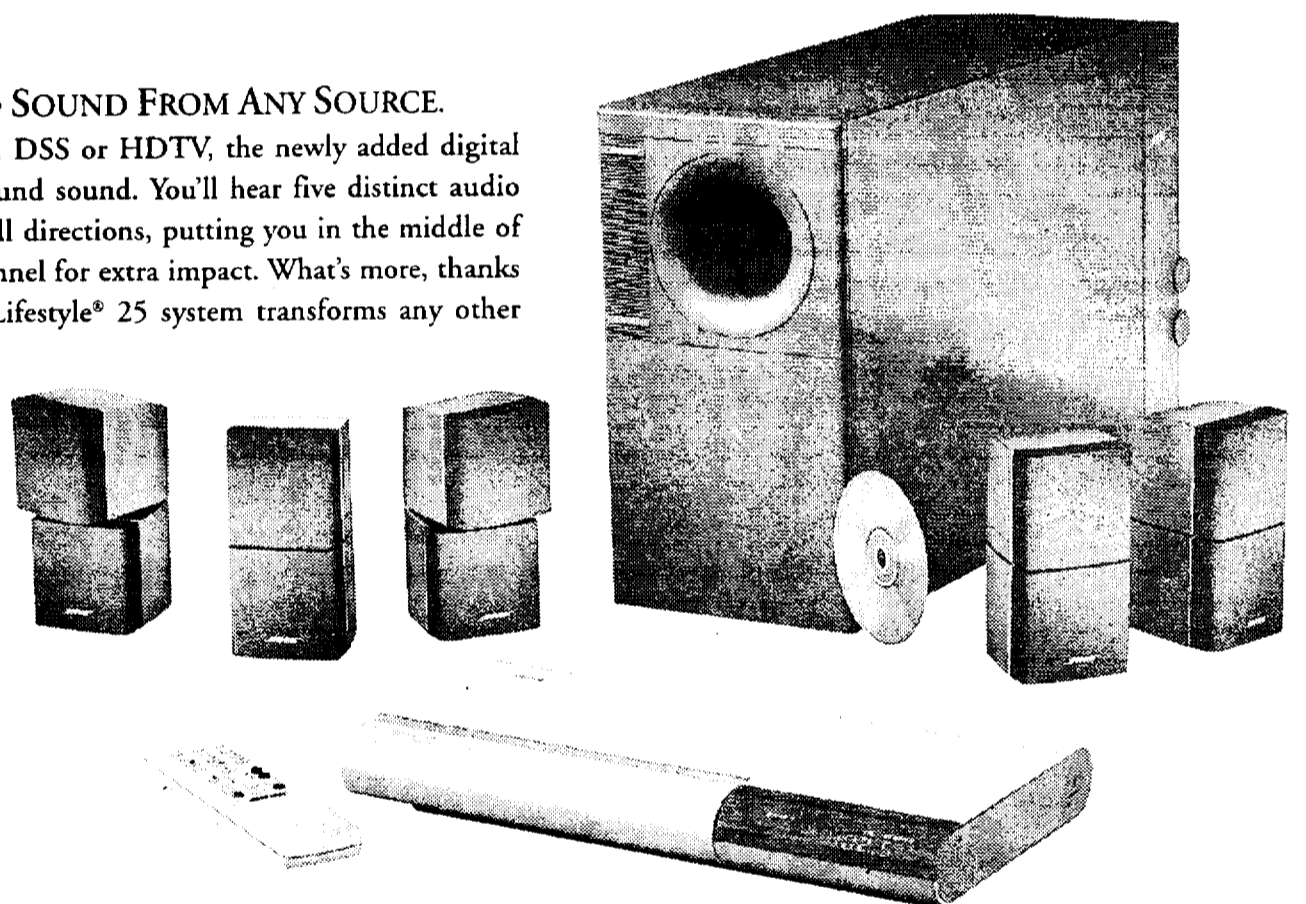
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grudge. We don't intend to sue the village, we don't plan to set up our own web site, send out mass mailings, plot to disrupt future council meetings or attack our dedicated village employees.

In fact, we deeply respect the wisdom of the voters and recognize that this has been a very difficult decision for many of our neighbors to make. In that regard, we would sincerely like to thank the council and the community for giving this proposal such serious study and consideration.

Harry Kurtz
Grosse Pointe Shores

Transportation needs

To the Editor:

In a few weeks our state lawmakers may cast the most important vote of their careers — how to spend almost \$12 billion over the next four years to improve transportation in Michigan. It's also a vote motorists also will feel in our wallets.

When lawmakers vote to reauthorize Public Act 51, they'll decide how to spend all the taxes the state collects at the gas pump and on new car sales, as well as a host of other fees and taxes. Lawmakers need to hear from the public before they make this important vote.

Michigan has a \$12 billion opportunity to repair our failing roads and to combat congestion by offering people choices. First-rate buses and trains and options for bicycling and walking all help reduce traffic on our roads. It's time for the public's voice to be heard and our transportation needs to be met.

But if Gov. Engler and the Michigan Department of Transportation have their way, citizens will have little say on one of the state's biggest spending decisions ever, and the outcome will be left to lobbyists and the road-building industry.

The governor waited a year to appoint a citizen advisory committee to listen to the public, study technical reports and advise lawmakers. Now, MDOT has given the citizen

AARP 2151 to meet

The Grosse Pointe Chapter 2151, American Association of Retired Persons, will meet on Monday, March 27, at 1 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore in Grosse Pointe Farms.

The featured speaker will be AARP member Martha Baetz. Baetz will speak on enameling on copper, and jewelry making.

Refreshments will be served and all in attendance will have an opportunity to have their blood pressure checked by Bon Secours Hospital volunteers. Visitors are welcome.

For more information, call Howard Winter at (313) 881-7209.

committee only 10 days to do its work. The committee already held its only meeting, with little notice and virtually no public comment.

The problems with our roads and the current law are obvious. Gas taxes have been raised yet potholes and traffic are everywhere. MDOT is proposing to pour \$5 billion into new and wider highways, trying to build its way out of congestion. Meanwhile, transit funding lags, citizens are cut out of the process, and MDOT is letting existing roads decay to subsidize new, sprawling development. Public Act 51 needs fixing fast.

But without public input, a lobbyist-driven fix could make things worse. Their agenda is clear. Cut public transit, make some quick fixes to the roads, and put every possible cent of taxpayer money into building new highways and opening up rural lands to development. Our region is poised to grow

and reclaim our long neglected urban core. Our governor's plan for transportation investment on new sprawl-inducing highways frustrates that revitalization.

To counter the proposed road-building binge, we need to make our voices heard now. I know our lawmakers are ready to listen. I urge Rep. Rick Johnson and Sen. Phil Hoffman, who chair of the House and Senate transportation committees, state Rep. Andrew Richner and Sen. Joe Young, to hold hearings around the state including in Detroit before they introduce legislation.

They need to know what transportation improvements people want in their communities, something that MDOT's so-called citizen advisory committee won't be telling them.

Karen D. Kendrick-Hands
Transportation
Riders United
Grosse Pointe Park

To honor veterans

To the Editor:

I often read that the Korean war veterans are known as the "forgotten" veterans. I'm happy to report that the U.S. Navy Memorial in Washington, D.C., has established the "Navy Log" in an effort to honor all naval veterans who have served our country.

The Navy Log includes Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and Merchant Marines. The log has thus far collected the names, service information and photographs of more than a quarter of a million service personnel.

All enrollments form a part of America's enduring naval heritage, a permanent and publicly accessible video register available for reviewing at the Naval Heritage Center next to the Navy Memorial on Pennsylvania Avenue, midway between the White House and the Capitol, or on the

Memorial's Internet web site, www.lonesailor.org.

Write to: U.S. Navy Memorial Log, Dept. A, 701 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Suite 123, Washington, DC 20004-2608

David J. Michael
NCCM (SW), USN (Ret.)
Director, Navy Log

Prevention is the cure

To the Editor:

In the Jan. 20 issue of the Grosse Pointe News, an article, "Farms council approves Cottage cancer center site plans," reported that the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods have a 33 percent higher incidence of breast cancer than the rest of the state and that Michigan has one of the highest of breast cancer levels in the country.

If this is true, mustn't we ask why this is happening and

what action needs to be taken by Grosse Pointe community leaders and our public health officials to protect us and to correct this life-threatening situation?

Is the source of this plague hospital incinerators, uncontrolled industrial emissions, the outdated Edison plant, the inadequately filtered Detroit incinerator, the thousands of gallons of toxic substances sprayed on our lawns and golf courses each year or a combination of these and possibly other causes?

It would seem that to abide and survive in Grosse Pointe today, we may need a cancer treatment center, but may I respectfully suggest that in addition we need faith, hope and prevention and, just now, the greatest of these is prevention!

Ellen Thurber
Grosse Pointe Farms



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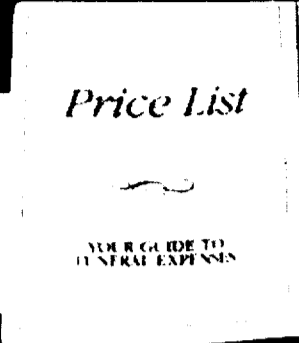
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William T. Beaufait

Former City of Grosse Pointe resident William T. Beaufait, of Sarasota, Fla., died Saturday, March 11, 2000, at Doctors Hospital in Sarasota. He was 75.

Mr. Beaufait is survived by his wife, Betty; a daughter, Roberta Rasmussen; two sons, Christopher and William; five sisters, Donna Gillis, Anita Karpen, Elizabeth Carrier, Roseanna Cahill and Sister Maris Stella, O.P.; and nine grandchildren.

Committal services were held Friday, March 17, at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield. Funeral arrangements were handled by Kaul Funeral Home in Roseville.

Memorial gifts may be sent to Hospice of Michigan, 16250 Northland, Suite 212, Southfield, MI 48075-5200 or Alheimers Association, 17220 Twelve Mile, Suite 100, Southfield, MI 48076.

Katharine Estee Bellovich

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Katharine Estee Bellovich, a 3-year-old student at the Grosse Pointe Academy Early School, died at St. John Hospital and Medical Center in Detroit on Thursday, March 16, 2000.

Miss Bellovich was born in Detroit and was a member of Grosse Pointe Memorial Church and was involved in the church's youth programs.

Survivors include her mother, Deborah; her father, Keith; a brother, Matthew; grandparents, Mary and Mike Bellovich, Glenna Andrejewski and Ron Andrejewski and Len Wilamowski; and great-grandparents, Marie Wilamoski, Mary Timko and Frances



Katharine Estee Bellovich



Robert Charles Cullen

VanDusen. She was predeceased by her grandmother, Shirley Wilamowski.

A funeral service for Miss Bellovich was held Sunday, March 19, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church.

Robert Charles Cullen

Robert Charles Cullen died of complications of pancreatic cancer in his Grosse Pointe Park home Monday, March 15, 2000. He was 65.

Mr. Cullen was born in Detroit. He was a 1953 graduate of St. Ambrose High School, attended Wayne County Community College and was a 33-year employee of General Motors Corp. He also served in the U.S. Army.

Mr. Cullen and his wife were the owners of Detroit's Spanish-speaking movie house, the Stratford Theater, located on Detroit's west side from 1965 to 1977. He also raced motorcycles, enjoyed fishing in Lake St. Clair, hunting and gardening.

Mr. Cullen is survived by his wife of 42 years, Alicia; two daughters, Patricia Cullen-

Sanford and JoAnn Cullen Holland; and four grandchildren.

A funeral service for Mr. Cullen was held Friday, March 17 at Verheyden Funeral Home. Interment is at Resurrection Cemetery in Clinton Township.

Memorial gifts may be sent to Hospice of Michigan, 16250 Northland, Suite 212, Southfield, MI 48075.

Hamilton Herbert Howlett

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Hamilton Herbert Howlett died of complications of a heart attack at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit on Monday, March 13, 2000. She was 80.

Mrs. Howlett was born in Grosse Pointe Farms and was a 1937 graduate of Miss Porter's School in Farmington, Conn.

Mrs. Howlett was a homemaker and was a member of the Junior League of Detroit, the Sigma Gamma Association, the National Society of Colonial Dames in Michigan

and the Mayflower Society. She enjoyed poetry, writing and history.

Survivors include a brother, William P. Herbert, eight nieces and nephews and 16 great-nieces and great-nephews. She was predeceased by her husband, Ames, and a sister, Elspeth Carson.

A funeral service for Mrs. Howlett was held Friday, March 17 at Christ Church Grosse Pointe.

Gus A. Pallas

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Gus A. Pallas died of complications of cancer Saturday, March 18, 2000, at Bon Secours Nursing Home in St. Clair Shores. He was 87.

Mr. Pallas was born in East St. Louis, Mo., was a 1930 graduate of Sanders School in Sanders, Ky., and was a tool and die worker. He was a member of the Senior Men's Club of Grosse Pointe and enjoyed music and baseball.

Mr. Pallas is survived by his wife, Virginia; a daughter, Donna Hinojosa; four sons, James, Richard, Raymond Mazzola and Robert Mazzola; a brother, Harold; 14 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by a daughter, Delores Dudal.

A funeral service for Mr. Pallas was held Wednesday, March 22, at White Chapel Cemetery in Troy.

Walter C. Rose

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Walter C. Rose died of complications of pneumonia on Thursday, March 9, 2000, at Bon Secours Hospital. He was 87.

Mr. Rose was born in Detroit and was the manager of real estate advertising at the Detroit Free Press. He was a

member of the Senior Men's Club of Grosse Pointe. He enjoyed fishing, gardening and his family.

Survivors include his wife, Marion; two daughters, Judith Fowler and Karen Freydy; a brother, James; four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by a son, Thomas.

A funeral service for Mr. Rose was held Saturday, March 11 at A.H. Peters Funeral Home in Grosse Pointe Woods. Interment is at Forest Lawn Cemetery in Detroit.

Memorial gifts may be sent to St. James Lutheran Church, 170 McMillan, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236.

Geneva Wojdacki

City of Grosse Pointe resident Geneva Wojdacki died of

complications of a heart attack at Bon Secours Hospital on Monday, March 13, 2000. She was 77.

Mrs. Wojdacki was born in Dugger, Ind.

She is survived by five daughters, Geri Malone, Sherri Kanan, Terri Maniaci, Karen Weatherwac and Tonyia Winthurst; a sister, Nellie Keene; two brothers, Proctor Howell and Woodrow Howell; and 14 grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband, George.

A funeral service for Mrs. Wojdacki was held Saturday, March 18 at Verheyden Funeral Home. Interment is at Resurrection Cemetery.

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Thank you for your patience and understanding.

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The warning signs of Alzheimer's

By Matilda Charles

The Alzheimer's Association recently conducted a survey which shows that most Americans continue to confuse the memory loss that may be a symptom of Alzheimer's disease with memory loss that may be attributable to aging.

As a result, many people fail to recognize symptoms of the disease early enough to provide treatment that could slow down the progress of the condition and provide some symptomatic relief for the person.

The following are 10 warning signs of Alzheimer's disease provided by the Alzheimer's Association.

Note: The symptoms do not necessarily mean Alzheimer's is present, but their onset should alert people to consult a doctor as soon as possible.

1. Memory loss that affects job skills.
2. Difficulty performing familiar tasks.
3. Problems with language.
4. Disorientation to time and place.
5. Poor or decreased judgment.
6. Problems with abstract thinking.
7. Misplacing things.
8. Changes in mood or behavior.
9. Changes in personality.
10. Loss of initiative.

For a copy of the Alzheimer's Association's informative booklet, "Is It Alzheimer's? Warning Signs You Should Know," call the association at (800) 272-3900 or contact your local Alzheimer's Association chapter.

On a related note, researchers at Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine are studying how antibiotics may help to reduce the mental deterioration in the early stages of the disease.

If this is so, that would make early diagnosis of the disease even more important.

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Seniors

Taking steps to protect your hard-earned pension

By Sen. Spencer Abraham

Too many hard-working Michiganders are facing insecurity as they near retirement age. After paying for years into pension plans that promised to pay them a certain percentage of their last year's pay throughout retirement, they are being forced to choose between joining a new pension plan or "cashing out" their old one at substantially less than its real value. Worst of all, these workers often have to make up their minds with very little information, and in a very short amount of time.

That's not fair. It can and should be stopped.

Oftentimes the new pension plan being offered is actually superior to the old one. For example, "defined benefit" plans — which pay retirees according to their last year's salary — aren't very portable. Workers earn most of their pension benefit in the last few

years of employment. So, if they leave their employer for a better job at an earlier point, they don't get much of a benefit to transfer over to the new employer, and they lose the seniority they've accrued with the old employer. "Cash benefit" plans, to which a number of companies are switching, are much more portable. What's more, workers can earn much more of a retirement benefit earlier in their careers with these plans, and can therefore end up earning much higher benefits than the more traditional defined benefit plans.

So what's the problem? People who have worked for years under defined benefit plans, and are now approaching retirement age, often see their benefits worn away by the switch to the new plans.

When they convert to a cash benefit plan, employers set up individual accounts for each worker. Under current law,

employers can set these balances at whatever level they like. That means that some older workers could lose retirement benefits they've already earned, and only get them back as new payments are made into the plan. In some cases those new payments will still not have brought their benefit up to its old level by the time the worker retires.

This problem applies overwhelmingly to older workers — to those who have already invested decades into their job and their employer. True, these employees do have the option of cashing out of their old plans, but given the fact that they were expecting to earn the largest portion of their retirement benefits in the last few years before retirement, this isn't very attractive — their cash-out benefit will be relatively small. Further, these employees often are not provided with either the information

or the time they need to determine what course of action is in their best interests.

Again, that's not fair, and it should be stopped.

I have joined Sens. Moynihan (D-NY) and Jeffords (R-Vt.) in sponsoring legislation that would help workers protect their retirement incomes during the switch over to a new retirement plan.

This legislation would require that every employee be given 45 days notification of a pension plan switch. Notification would include details of new and old payment formulas, explanation of any potential wear-away of benefits, and examples of reduced benefits.

Furthermore, within 30 days of a request, an employee would be entitled to a detailed individual comparative pension benefit statement.

Under these rules, workers would know whether a new

pension plan would make their retirement more secure or leave them with less for their later years. In addition, I am working with both the Senate Finance Committee and the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pension Committee on changes to the law that would mandate that employers fix their cash balance accounts at a rate at least equal to the lump sum employees have already accrued at the time of conversion. I hope to have that legislation ready within this spring.

In addition, I want to increase the amount employees can put in their own Individual Retirement Accounts to \$5,000 and force the IRS to deal more fairly with lump-sum retirement payments.

No worker who has contributed to a retirement plan should suddenly find his or her retirement benefits unilaterally taken away. By providing increased disclosure and fair accounting rules we can help workers face retirement with confidence and financial security.

Search is on for Michigan's oldest mom

As part of the Michigan Parades Into the 21st Century celebration, Congresswoman Debbie Stabenow is seeking nominations for Michigan's oldest mother.

The 10 oldest mothers nominated will be selected to ride in vintage cars in the 10th Annual Salute to Michigan Mothers to be held on Saturday, May 20. The honored

mothers also will be invited to a celebratory brunch with their families.

"Over the last 10 years, thousands of parade spectators have cheered and honored one of Michigan's most valued and vital resources — our mothers — as part of the annual Michigan Parades Into the 21st Century Parade at our state capitol," said Stabenow.

"We invite families across the state to nominate their mothers for this very special honor."

For the last 10 years each Michigan parade has highlighted a different decade building up to the millennium. This year the parade will highlight Michigan's own — celebrities, legends and leaders native to Michigan. Drawn from communities throughout the state,

the parade includes marching bands, veterans units, clowns, circus units, floats and animals.

To obtain an application, write to Debbie Stabenow at Parade Application, P.O. Box 4945, E. Lansing, Mich. 48826, or send an e-mail to mimothers@hotmail.com. Applications must be postmarked by Monday, May 1.

G.P. Senior Men's Club meeting on March 28

The Grosse Pointe Senior Men's Club will meet on Tuesday, March 28, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore in Grosse Pointe Farms. Lunch will be served prior to the meeting at 11:15 a.m.

The guest speaker will be Thomas L. Eastwood, director of the Michigan district of the IRS.

Eastwood had served with

the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms prior to becoming director of the IRS in 1985. A question and answer period will follow.

Former members as well as

former Grosse Pointe residents living outside of Grosse Pointe are invited to apply or reapply for membership.

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But there are others, so sunk in their own despair, that a bright greeting and well wishes fail to penetrate their helpless gloom.

They are depressed, a condition that is often too lightly dismissed by spouses, relatives and friends.

"Leave them alone." "They'll be all right in a day or two." "Just don't deal with it now." "Something will happen and blue days will turn into happy days."

Sometimes things do work out and the person returns to normal.

The person who is "down" will get a phone call from an

old friend, receive an unexpected present or be invited to a party and the old world will be sunny and bright once more. Unfortunately, this is not always true. It is estimated that 15 percent of the population is seriously depressed and requires professional treatment.

Furthermore, it is most common among older people. The older a person, the greater the likelihood of developing depression.

Dr. Nathan Kline, of Rockland University School of Medicine and author of "Sad to Glad" (Ballantine) warns that depression should not be taken lightly.

He even goes so far as to calling it a "fatal disease."

"We all get depressed from time to time," says Kline. "Outside of that, there are certain individuals who tend to overly worry about their problems. This is not considered too serious. Usually they can be helped by ordinary psychotherapy."

Another type of depression



Prime Time

By Marian Trainor

takes the form of abject lows, alternating with periods of wild highs. Such a person is constantly on the go, boisterous, uninhibited and has delusions of grandeur.

Such periods are usually followed by despondency.

Depression can be a biological disturbance in the brain. It usually is triggered by an external event, like the death of a loved one that the person can't cope with. Only a few cases are the result of an unhappy childhood or an abnormal family relationship.

When does a depressed person need help? According to

Kline, people need help when they are suffering, when depression interferes with productivity or when the person is dangerous to himself or others.

Once the condition is spotted, the next problem is persuading the person that he needs help. Often he will resist. He will insist nothing is wrong or that he is not worth the money it costs for treatment.

The best approach in such cases is to express concern and love and ask him to go to a doctor as a personal favor to keep you from worrying.

It is recommended that con-

cerned relatives be as persuasive as possible, particularly if the depressed individual talks about committing suicide. Don't brush it off as an idle threat or an attention-getting ploy.

"The more precise the person is, the more evidence that he or she has given a lot of thought to it, the more likely that person is to follow through on the threat," warns Kline.

The most vulnerable to suicide are older people, particularly white males who are widowed, divorced and who have moved to another community — which all add up to a collapse of an accustomed lifestyle.

One of the difficulties of persuading severely depressed individuals to see a psychiatrist is their fear of being hospitalized, even for a short period.

Stories of shock therapy and

jail-like treatment centers made more vivid in movies such as "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" and "The Snake Pit" and others may add to that fear.

"The truth is most patients do not need hospitalization," said Kline. There are drugs that effectively treat depression.

In some cases, anti-depression drugs are used until the patients recovers from depression.

In others, the patient who has frequent bouts with depression may be kept on the drug for a longer period of time to prevent recurrence.

Correct dosage is vitally important which puts treatment of depression by drugs in the area of specialists.

The negative results from drug misuse are intensified in older persons. "Prescribed" is the key word.

Stimulating the brain appears to stall Alzheimer's

Recent photographs of Nancy Reagan walking hand-in-hand with former President Ronald Reagan, who has Alzheimer's disease, were touching studies of love and devotion.

According to the president's daughter, Maureen Reagan, her father's ability to remember people and events grows dimmer every day. He may not even recall that he was the president. But Nancy's loving touch and almost constant presence appears to have kept him more alert than most Alzheimer's patients would be at this stage of the disease.

This would bear out observations by Alzheimer's disease specialists that keeping the brain stimulated seems to retard the progress of the condition. In the case of the

Reagans, Ronald reportedly can still respond to Nancy's touch and her smile with a smile of his own.

The Reagans are fortunate that they can be together in their own home where his increasingly demanding physical needs can be met within familiar surroundings. However, for most people who have an Alzheimer's patient or someone with another form of dementia in the family, at some

point that person will have to be sent to another "home" that can provide the needed care. There are many things to consider when choosing the facility.

On a somewhat related note, Nadine, a reader who is caring for her mother who suffers from dementia, says she and her siblings just learned their mom has depleted most of her savings paying premiums on insurance policies for every

member of the family; Nadine and her two brothers wonder if they can get the companies to refund at least part of the payments since they feel their mother was not mentally qualified to sign the contracts.

Any suggestions for Nadine? Please send them to me c/o King Features, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803.

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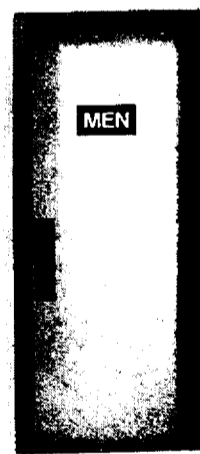
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Crossed wires

Grosse Pointe Farms public safety officers were sent to the 200 block of Country Club Drive at 11 a.m. on Sunday, March 19, to investigate a car fire. The driver of the 1984 Mercedes, a 17-year-old Sterling Heights youth, told investigators that he left the car parked on the street between 9 and 11 a.m.

When he returned to the vehicle he detected the odor of smoke within the car. Investigators discovered that most of the damage was done in the glove compartment and believe the fire went out due to a lack of oxygen. They also found that a heavy gauge wire was spliced to the battery and it traveled through the fire wall into the glove box and finally ended at a ham radio on the front console.

Investigators believe this unusual circuitry contributed to the fire.

Sign of the times

Sometime between 5 p.m. on Friday, March 17, and 8 a.m. the next day, a U.S. Postal Service mailbox and two street signs were vandalized in the area of Kercheval and Provencal.

Police said the mailbox was knocked over, as was a "thru" sign. A nearby "stop" sign was found twisted around from its original position, but was still standing. Police are investigating.

This was no glass house

At 2:25 a.m. on Saturday, March 18, a paving brick was thrown through the front window of a home in the 400 block of Allard in Grosse Pointe Farms. The victim told police that no strange cars or people were seen at the time of the incident.

Fire trouble

The new owner of a home in the 400 block of LaBelle in Grosse Pointe Farms had a near miss with a kitchen fire. On Thursday, March 16, the owner entered the house, which was being worked on, and detected the odor of burnt plastic.

When she entered the kitchen she discovered that a stove burner left on had melted a plastic drop cloth that was being used to protect the stove while the kitchen was being painted.

The fire burned itself out before any serious damage had been done to the kitchen.

Level 3 trouble

Between 8 and 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, March 14, someone forced opened the partially-opened window of a car parked on the third level of parking deck located at the corner of Muir and Kercheval. Among several items stolen from the car was a personal digital communicator.

He was stealing wheelbarrows ...

On Tuesday, March 14, a resident of the 300 block of Moross reported that sometime in the last three weeks someone entered the attached garage and stole several items, including two wheelbarrows, a door frame with 15 panes of glass, three extension cords, a lawn mower and some roof shingles.

Gas costs rising

A clerk at a gas station in the 17800 block of Mack saw a man pump \$12 worth of gas into a car at 11:45 a.m. on Thursday, March 16, and drive off without paying.

The clerk managed to copy down the license plate number, but when police investigated the plate and car turned out to have been stolen from Eastpointe on March 3.

"The thief put stolen gas in his stolen car and just drove off," said City detective Art Maes.

Young shoplifters

Several businesses in the Village had a rash of juvenile shoplifting incidents on Thursday, March 16. Employees of a clothing store caught a 12-year-old Farms youth stealing socks.

The operations manager saw the youth place three pairs of socks in his coat, but the manager stopped the youth before a getaway could be made. The youth was released into the custody of parents. The incident happened at 4 p.m.

Just a few minutes later, at 4:24 p.m., another youth attempted to steal three CDs from a book and music store in the Village. The youth placed the CDs inside a jacket he was carrying. But the would-be shoplifter was foiled by the store's security stands, which went off as he attempted to leave the store.

The youth was confronted by a store employee who asked him what was going on. The suspect replied that the coat he was carrying belonged to a friend and then proceeded to

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— Jim Stickford

hand it over to the clerk. The suspect then beat a hasty retreat out of the store minus the coat, which also contained three unpaid for CDs.

Police describe the coat as fairly new and green in color with a blue fleece lining. In the pockets were \$16 in cash and a house key. It was a Land's End brand coat and so far remains in police custody unclaimed.

Just 30 minutes later, another juvenile, this time a 13-year-old Farms youth, was observed placing a CD in his coat while in the store. An employee saw the incident and the youth saw the employee and proceeded to take the CD out of his pocket and place in on a nearby shelf.

The father of the suspect was contacted by police who were called to the scene. Because nothing actually left the store, no charges were filed.

The nose knows

A tracking dog named Bruiser helped police from Grosse Pointe Park hunt down a Detroit juvenile, who along with two partners, bailed out of a stolen van last weekend.

At about 11 p.m. on Sunday, March 19, a Park officer tried to stop the van for a traffic violation in the 1100 block of Lakepointe. The vehicle sped away, with the three occupants soon to jump out and run.

Police set up a perimeter and asked Eastpointe police for the help of its tracking dog.

Eastpointe officer John Maxey arrived. At the end of a leash stood Bruiser, ears perked. The dog put his nose to the ground and led police to a

suspect hiding near a garage on Maryland. The other two suspects were found elsewhere.

Fire prevented

On Saturday, March 18, at 11:31 a.m., an officer from the Woods helped a man living in the 1500 block of Brys investigate the odor of burning wood.

The men focused their attention on the bin below the fireplace into which ashes are swept. Although the bin was lined on the bottom and sides by concrete, the wooden roof had been charred by hot ashes.

The officer advised the resident to make sure the bin was cleaned out and the roof lined with cement.

Click it or ticket

A 20-year-old man from Macomb Township was pulled over in the Woods last week for violating Michigan's new mandatory seat belt law.

The man presented police with a driver's license that had been cut in half and stapled back together. It turned out his driving privileges had been suspended five times. The man posted \$100 bond and was released at 5:15 p.m.

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License and beer

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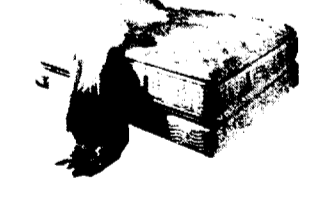


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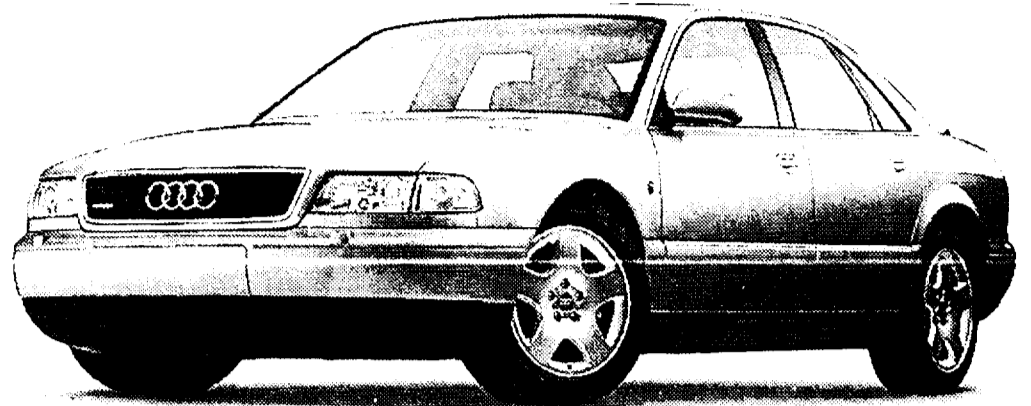
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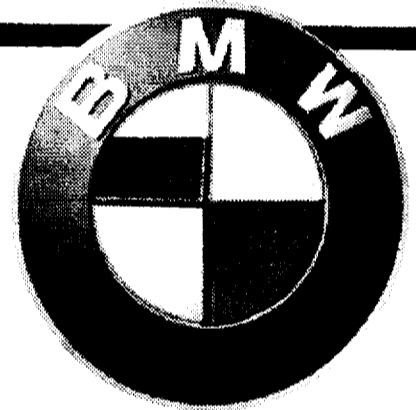
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LS models are powered by GM's award-winning 3800 Series II V-6, which boasts an even 200 horses. Move up to the GS, and you're in a sport sedan equipped with a supercharged 3.8-liter V-6 putting 240 horsepower through a heavy-duty four-speed automatic transmission.

Attractive? With a base price starting at \$25,745, the Regal GS offers a lot of punch for the peso (or the Loonie, as the case may be). Prices for the unsupercharged and less sporty LS start at \$22,900.

The Regal LS has a chrome-accented grille, while GS has a body-colored grille this year, with P225/60 radials on 16-inch alloy wheels.

The comfortable interior features a new split-folding rear seat which opens into the trunk to make hauling long items such as skis and fishing rods easier. I am not a fisherman and I don't think there's much water or snow in southern Arizona (although I'm told there is skiing in the high mountains outside Tucson), so we didn't try the elongated storage capability.

On GS models, heated leather seats are available and if you opt for leather you can also get a side airbag for the driver. What's the connection? I suspect no one knows.

OnStar, an optional mobile communications system formerly available only on Cadillacs, is available on the Regal. OnStar provides a hands-free link to real-time, person-to-person in-vehicle safety, security and information services from GM's 24-hour, seven-day-a-week



The conventional good looks of the 2000 Buick Regal GS contrast with the unconventional weird looks of the denizens of an ostrich ranch north of Tucson, Ariz.

OnStar Center. A three-button system eliminates the need for a separate cellular phone service to access OnStar services.

The Regal GS is equipped with full-range traction control, which uses the ABS and engine controls to reduce traction loss on slippery surfaces. Engine modulation provides traction-control assistance on LS versions. Four-wheel antilock disc brakes are standard on both models. The 3800 V-6 power in the LS and the supercharged V-6 in the GS plus an exceptional array of standard features and option packages in a smart, comfortable package make the Regal a winner among premium

mid-size sedans. Even on the turf claimed by the Toyota Camry and Honda Accord — roominess, safety, reliability and resale value — the Regal is a strong competitor.

The Buick Regal has a basic

warranty of three years/36,000 miles which includes roadside service and a warranty against rust for six years/100,000 miles.

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Autos

By Richard Wright

reasonably well, but am not considered exciting. So the Buick Regal should be just the car for me.

After saying all that, I probably should not admit it, but in fact I liked the car a lot. Its "uninspired design" undoubtedly contributes to its comfort and user-friendliness. I don't bump my head on a stylishly low roof line or trendy rake of the windshield pillar.

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In typical Detroit mind-set, excitement is added to the 2000 Buick Regal in the designation "Official Car of the Supercharged Family," which carries with it new alloy wheels, body-colored grille and two new colors, Gold Metallic and Sterling Silver.

But, you say, what do you mean "Detroit mind-set?" Buick is not a Detroit car, it's a Flint car.

Actually, the Buick Regal is a Canadian car, built at

based street machine, in Mexico. And Volkswagen builds its new Beetle in Mexico for sale in the United States, the country that retained its love affair with the original Beetle long after most of the world had lost interest in it. So much for "Buy American."

But I digress. Don't consider buying the Buick Regal because of where it is or isn't built. Consider instead its comfortable seats, uncluttered styling and its powerful supercharged V-6 engine, its silky smooth automatic transmission, its rigid body structure which results in a quiet, controlled motoring environment.

The 2000 Buick Regal is offered only as a four-door sedan, in two trim levels, LS and GS. This new Regal is classified as mid-size, but it is roomy enough to serve as a family sedan.

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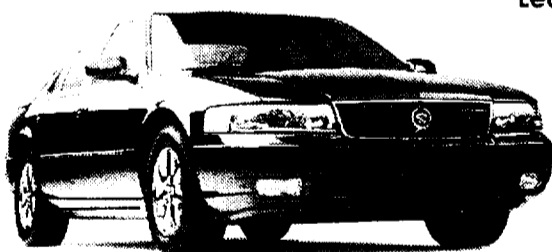
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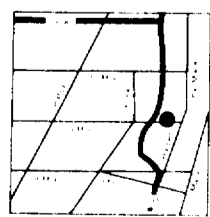
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Brownell's Donald Messing retires after 35 years

By Bonnie Caprara
Staff Writer

An extended spring break will start a bit earlier for Brownell Middle School principal Donald Messing.

Messing will retire March 30 after 35 years with the Grosse Pointe Public School System.

Messing came to the district in 1965, first as a physical education teacher, then as a fifth- and sixth-grade teacher at Ferry Elementary School. He spent the 1976-77 school year as an administrative intern then served as assistant princi-

pal at Grosse Pointe South High School from 1977-82. He was principal at Poupart Elementary School from 1982-85 before taking the helm at Brownell.

Messing said the highlight of his career has been working with the students.

"I feel with every assignment I've had the greatest gratification is to see the students succeed — to see a child change, grow and become ready for the world," said Messing. "In the middle school, we see them come in as elementary school

kids and come out as high schoolers."

Messing said he's also been blessed with good staff members who have helped prepare these kids.

Messing and his wife Nancy, who recently retired as coordinator of the pulmonary rehabilitation program at Bon Secours Hospital, will move to Jupiter, Fla.

Brownell assistant principal John Schafer will take over as interim principal until a replacement has been found. John Pettys will serve as interim assistant principal.



Photo by Bonnie Caprara
Brownell Middle School principal Donald Messing will retire after 35 years with the Grosse Pointe Public School System on March 30.

Pierce student named top youth volunteer

By Bonnie Caprara
Staff Writer

Pierce Middle School eighth-grader Gopaul Trivedi was named one of two top Michigan youth volunteers in the 2000 The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards, a nationwide program honoring young people for outstanding acts of volunteerism.

Trivedi repaired and upgraded 120 obsolete computers to help non-English speaking students learn and work in English. He was inspired by his computer teacher, Bonnie Middeldorf, who suggested he expand his computer knowledge while helping others.

Trivedi encouraged three other classmates, Scott Hummel, Christopher Manion and Ricky Zuidema, to help with the project to carry the outdated computers from the school basement to the computer lab. They then inspected each computer to diagnose problems and replaced all defective parts.

"Some of the computers needed new video cards, new sound cards and new CPUs," said Trivedi. "Others had

crashed hard drives and we needed to reinstall or replace them."

Once the computers were repaired, Trivedi then formatted the hard drives, installed CD-ROMs and loaded each with an operating system.

Most of the modified computers were donated to students who had recently arrived from Albania.

"The English-speaking software was installed with multimedia capabilities and would teach the students by word, sound and video," said Trivedi. "The program also had projects which would help these students become proficient in speaking English."

Trivedi donated the rest of the computers to the school's science and the computer keyboarding labs.

The awards program is sponsored by The Prudential Insurance Company of America in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals. Trivedi will be awarded \$1,000, a silver medallion and an all-



Photo by Bonnie Caprara

Pierce Middle School eighth-grader Gopaul Trivedi, left, has been named one of two top Michigan youth volunteers in the 2000 The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards. He recently shared the recognition with classmates Scott Hummel, Christopher Manion and Ricky Zuidema, who helped him rebuild outdated computers which were donated to non-English-speaking students and to the science labs at Pierce.

expense paid trip to Washington, D.C., in May where he will be considered for national recognition. Trivedi, Hummel, Manion and Zuidema were also recognized by the Grosse Pointe Board of Education at its Monday, March 13, meeting.

City of Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan

NOTICE OF ADOPTION AND SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. 181

On March 13, 2000, the City Council of the City of Grosse Pointe Park (the "City Council") enacted Ordinance No. 181 (the Ordinance) to become effective on March 14, 2000 which Ordinance amends the Uniform Traffic Code as adopted by the City of Grosse Pointe Park to require the use of seat belts and child restraint systems in motor vehicles and to provide for primary enforcement of such requirements.

This summary of the Ordinance is published pursuant to Michigan Compiled Laws Section 117.3(k). True copies of the full text of the Ordinance and any law, regulation, code, or other material adopted by reference in such Ordinance are available for inspection or photocopying at the Office of the City Clerk, City of Grosse Pointe Park, 15115 East Jefferson Avenue, Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan 48230.

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Millage election set for March 28

By Bonnie Caprara
Staff Writer

Voters will go to the polls on Tuesday, March 28, to renew the district's three existing millages: a 6.7655 mill general operating hold harmless home-stead millage, a 1.3129 mill technology hold harmless millage and an 18 mill non-home-stead millage.

Although the Y.E.S. (Your Educational System) co-chairs are confident the millage renewals will pass, they are concerned with voter apathy. In the last millage election in

June 1995, only 17 percent of registered voters came out to vote.

"One thing that isn't going well is voter apathy," said Y.E.S. co-chair Mark Weber. "Our concern is that if people vote, they're going to vote 'yes.' This issue is important to everyone in regards to housing value and the future in the community."

Polls for the district millage election will be open at the following locations Tuesday, March 28, from 7 a.m.-8 p.m.:

- Pierce Middle School,

15430 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Park, for Grosse Pointe Park residents.

• Maire Elementary School, 740 Cadieux, City of Grosse Pointe, for City of Grosse Pointe residents.

• Brownell Middle School, 260 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Farms, for Grosse Pointe Farms residents.

• Parcels Middle School, 20600 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods, for Grosse Pointe Woods residents.

• Grosse Pointe Shores Municipal Office, 795

Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores, for Grosse Pointe Shores residents.

• Poupard Elementary School, 20655 Lennon, Harper Woods, for Harper Woods residents.

Registered voters may pick up an absentee ballot at any district building. Ballots must be returned to Barnes School, 20090 Morningside, Grosse Pointe Woods, by Saturday, March 25 at 2 p.m.

Emergency absentee ballots must be returned to Barnes by Tuesday, March 28, at 4 p.m.

Monteith opens a whole new world

By Bonnie Caprara
Staff Writer

A whole new world of knowledge has opened up recently for students at Monteith Elementary School.

The school held a dedication ceremony for its new computer lab, nicknamed Welcome to our World — A World of Diversity, on Wednesday, March 15.

Not only has the lab opened up new tools of learning outside of the classrooms through computer programs and the Internet, but the design of the lab is divided into hemispheres with each computer named for a different country. The theme for the computer lab was selected from a school-wide contest in which classrooms had to pick a name to be considered.

Teachers also extended the computer lab theme into the classrooms. Each class created

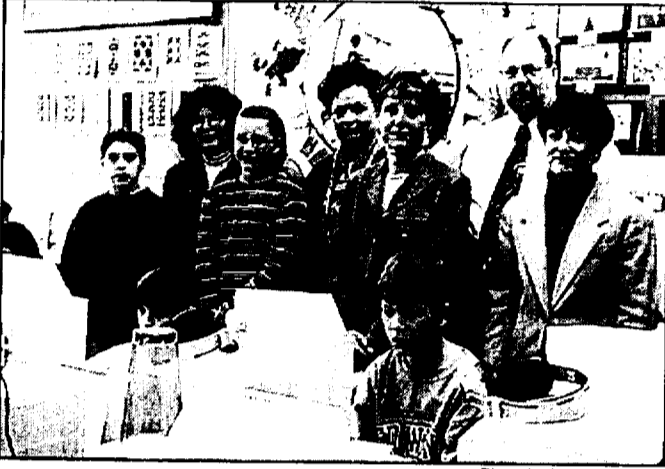
a small display outside of each classroom on a specific country as a class project.

"It's kind of neat to work with a computer named for each country," said fifth-grader Matthew Kingsley, who was a presenter at the dedication ceremony.

"Every child was involved in this lab," said Monteith principal Joan Robie. "It's a teachable moment."

The lab was made possible by a \$37,000 gift from the Monteith PTO, which raised the money through gift wrap, book and Market Day sales. The money was used to purchase 28 computers, a laser printer, a TV/VCR, headphones, tables, chairs, a bookcase and some of the artwork.

The Monteith PTO is also providing Internet and file management classes for Monteith parents.



On hand to celebrate the dedication of Monteith Elementary School's new computer lab Wednesday, March 15, were Grosse Pointe Public School System superintendent of schools Suzanne Klein, Monteith principal Joan Robie and district technology director Jim Frantz, back row; Monteith fifth-graders and dedication presenters Matthew Kingsley and Martha Everet, Monteith PTO president Peg Rohrkemper, and network technician Kathy Glancy, front row; and Monteith fifth-graders Ian Swanson and Jon Chapel, at monitors.

South student wins math award



Murphy

Grosse Pointe South High School senior Prescott D. Murphy has placed in the top 100 among 13,838 participants in the 43rd Michigan Mathematics Prize

Competition.

Murphy was presented with an award on Saturday, March 4 at the MMPC Awards Program at Albion College. The competition is sponsored by the Michigan Section of the Mathematical Association of America and the programs, banquet and awards presentation are being hosted by Albion College this year.

Murphy is currently number

one in the senior class of Grosse Pointe South with a cumulative grade point average of 4.2547.

He has been accepted to study at Yale University and plans to teach mathematics. Prescott's activities at Grosse Pointe South include hockey, tutoring, quiz bowl and summer camp counselor.

More school news on page 23A



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Woods cuffs crime

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Like the flying monkeys in "The Wizard of Oz," swarms of car thieves swooped down on Grosse Pointe Woods last year to snatch the glitter off an otherwise glowing year-end crime wrap-up.

The 1999 public safety report also took a hit from violent students.

But neither felons nor delinquents could keep the Woods from signing off on the century with the lowest crime figures in 10 years.

Crime last year in the city dropped in almost every category for an overall reduction of 2.6 percent from 1998.

Aside from car theft, most crime in the Woods declined. In some cases the drop was significant. Larceny dropped from 241 to 203, a nearly 16 percent reduction.

In cases where crime increased, it often did so in such small increments as to make relative comparisons moot. Robbery and burglary are examples.

Although robbery went up 25 percent, the total number of cases increased from four to five. Burglary increased from 15 to 16.

Students flunk report

Minor assault, on the other

Car trouble

Auto theft was one of the few disappointments. Car thefts doubled in 1999 from 16 to 32, a high not seen since 1993.

"We got hit in two months, January and July," said Mike Makowski, the Woods director of public safety. "Crews hit before we had time to react."

After the July blitz, police fought back.

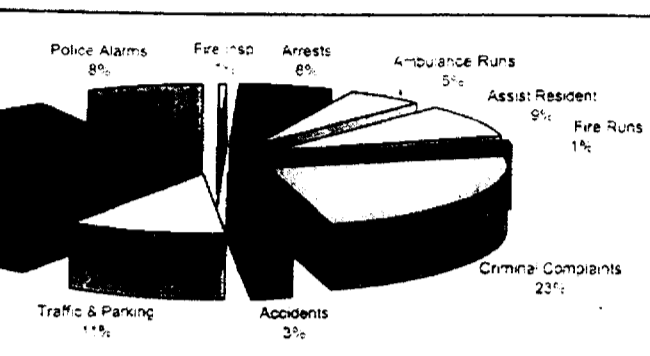
"We started to clamp down on watching suspicious cars," Makowski explained.

He said organized car thieves cruise the community in a single vehicle, then "drop off four people who each steal a car."

The technique is a step up from bicycle thieves who ride double to a bike rack, then hurry away one to a bike.

"They do it with cars, too," said Makowski.

He said his department has made a "concerted effort" to work "with Detroit and Wayne County to go after car thieves and chop shops."



1999 Activity summary for the Grosse Pointe Woods department of public safety. Source: Grosse Pointe Woods

hand, went up 24 percent, from 33 to 41. The figure is less than the 10-year average of 42.

Makowski said the increase in reported minor assault was due to "the (public safety) department working more closely with the schools in reporting and investigating violent or deviant student behavior."

On the other hand, bomb threats at North High "resulted in a considerable amount of time for the department," said Makowski. "Fortunately, the threats have subsided, but the school and department are still working toward a concerted effort of prevention and investigation of such incidents."

He said the Grosse Pointe school system, the five Pointes and Harper Woods are develop-

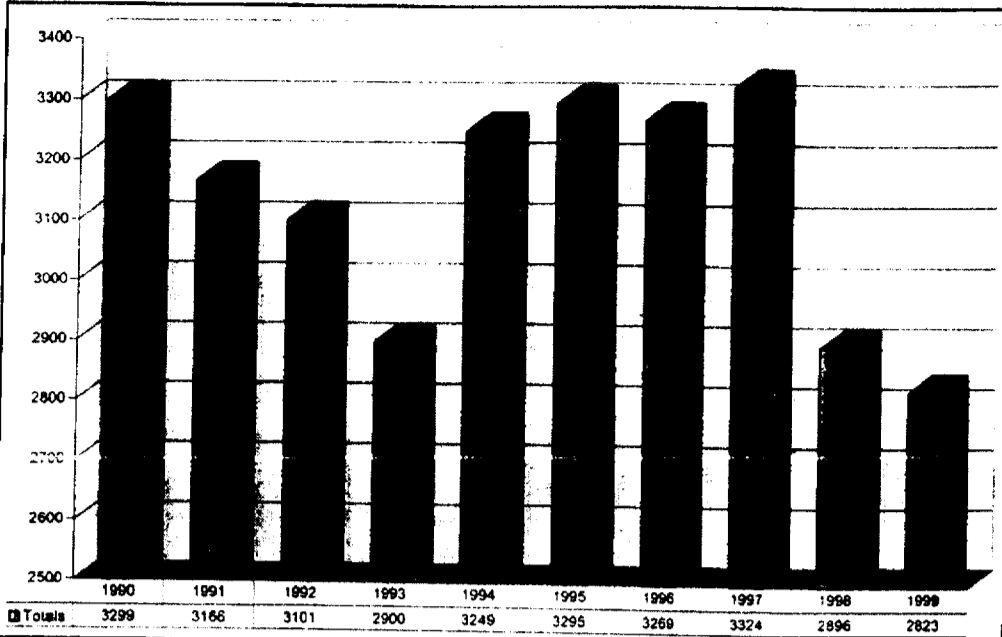
ing a school safety plan to "address violence and criminal behavior in the schools."

Drunken driving

The Woods' high-profile fight against drunken driving netted 60 arrests last year, down two from 1998.

"It's getting tougher to find (drunken drivers)," said Makowski. "The majority (of drivers) are getting the message, but the hard-core violators are still out there. We're putting an effort toward getting those people off the road."

In addition to criminal sanctions, the Woods goes after convicted drunken drivers in civil



The figure "reinforces the department's need to support aggressive traffic enforcement," said Makowski. Crime in Grosse Pointe Woods dropped last year in almost every category for an overall reduction of 2.6 percent from the year before. Source: Grosse Pointe Woods

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Grosse Pointe Power Squadron offers boating safety course

The Grosse Pointe Power Squadron is offering a 10-week Boating Safety Course to be held on Monday evenings beginning March 27 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Grosse Pointe North High School, 707 Vernier, between Mack and Lakeshore in Grosse Pointe

Woods. The purpose of this class is to make the 2000 boating season a fun and safe experience for sail boaters, PWC operators and power boaters alike.

In addition to providing increased boating knowledge

for participants, most insurance companies offer a discount for people who complete safe boating courses.

Topics covered in the course will include rules of the road, marine law enforcement (USCG and Wayne County Sheriff), navigation, charting

on Lake St. Clair using a current lake chart, VHF radio, anchoring, weather, trailering and personal watercraft operation.

Upon successful completion of this course the student will be issued a USPS certificate, a laminated wallet card and a

Michigan DNR card.

Cost for the course is \$30, which includes a USPS student manual, folder, Lake St. Clair Chart No. 14850, and the exam fee.

Additional family members may enroll for \$18. Plotting

instruments needed for chart work are available at an additional cost.

Registration will be held at 7 p.m. outside Room 312 in North High School on the night of the first class session. For more information, call (313) 885-5005.

Crime

From page 15A

On Friday, March 17, at about 7 p.m., police stopped the 45-year-old Detroit woman for driving with illegally tinted windows on Mack near Fleetwood.

A 40-year-old male passenger from Detroit was found to have an open 40-ounce bottle of beer. Both subjects were arrested.

Blackened kitchens

Two kitchen fires last week in the Park caused a lot of concern but little damage.

On Tuesday, March 15, at 1:25 a.m., fire units arrived at a house in the 1000 block of Audubon. They found smoke lingering from a frayed electrical cord.

On Saturday, March 18, at 10:45 p.m., a resident on the 1000 block of Wayburn reported flames coming from beneath the refrigerator. Officers extinguished the fire with a chemical extinguisher.

Alley cat

While patrolling an alley behind Wayburn near Mack on Friday, March 17, at 10:45 p.m., a Park officer came across a suspicious character. A frisk turned up a five-inch knife and drug paraphernalia.

Tried to escape

On Mack near Blossom Lane on Friday, March 17, at 7:45 p.m., Woods police pulled over the driver of a car that had a cracked windshield. The driver, a 24-year-old Detroit man, had no proof of insurance. He was

handcuffed and placed in the backseat of a patrol car.

The subject slipped his cuffed hands from behind to the front and tried to kick out the back window of the police car.

The man was "very irate" and yelling at (the officer) while being taken to the station. A search of the man's car turned up a 24-inch billy club.

Burning bridges

A Park investigation into the Tuesday, March 14 vandalism of rental property in the 1200 block of Maryland has centered on the whereabouts of the landlord's evicted tenants.

Illegal fireworks

Woods police are investigating the Grosse Pointe youths who are suspected of throwing

fireworks at cars while touring the Pointes in a black 1990 Saab 900 four-door during the night of Friday, March 17.

Alerted by cellular phone, the Farms police informed the Woods police that the subjects had been seen heading north on Mack. Officers stopped the boys near Anita and found six packs of Wolf Pack fireworks.

The suspects, aged 16 and 17, live in the City, Farms and Park.

Hydrant blocked

On Thursday, March 16, at 10 p.m., a 20-year-old Woods man parked in front of a fire hydrant while running an errand in the area of Mack and Hampton in the Woods.

A nearby Woods patrolman investigated and found the driver had four driving suspen-

sions.

What's my name

On Tuesday, March 14, at 4:10 p.m., an 18-year-old man from Grosse Pointe Farms had to call his aunt to "find out how to spell his name," according to police from the Woods.

Officers had stopped the man on Hunt Club near Jackson for driving with expired license plates. Police ticketed the subject for not having a driver's license and valid plates.

Jeep stolen

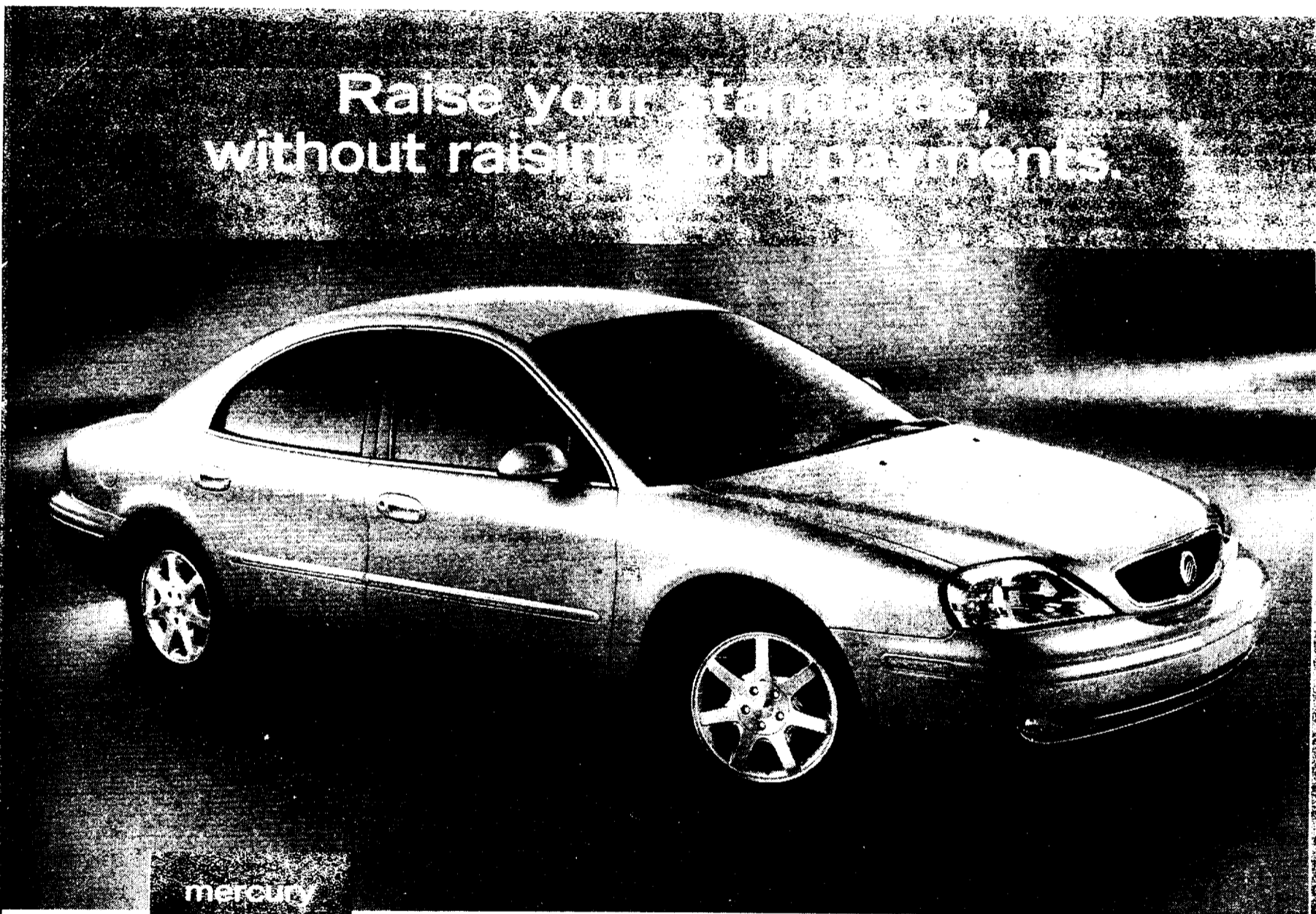
A woman told Woods police on Thursday, March 16, at 12:15 p.m., that her Jeep had been stolen an hour before.

The leased vehicle had been last seen at 10:30 a.m. parked behind the 19600 block of Mack.

A coworker of the woman said the Jeep was missing at 11:15 a.m.

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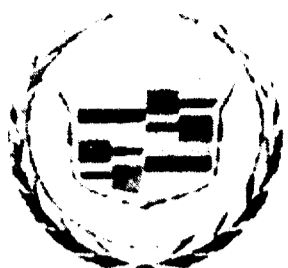
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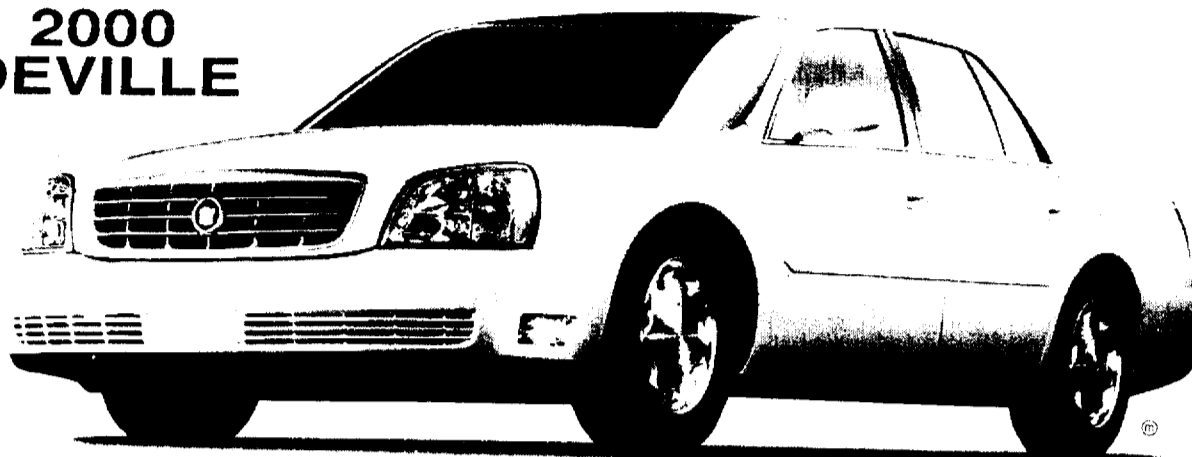
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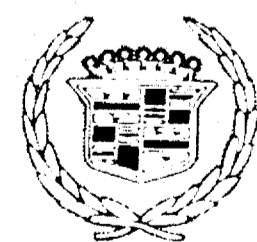
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Three Destination Imagination teams head to state finals

By Bonnie Caprara
Staff Writer

Three Destination Imagination teams from three Grosse Pointe public schools are making their next destination the state finals on Saturday, April 15.

Destination Imagination teams from Brownell and Parcels middle schools and Ferry Elementary School were

three of 84 teams that competed in the Destination Imagination regional competition at Grosse Pointe North High School on Saturday, March 4. Over 540 students took part in the competition.

Destination Imagination is an international organization that teaches life skills and expanding imaginations through team-based creative

problem solving for kindergarten- through college-age students.

The team from Parcels took first place in the team challenge called "Fruit Roller Coaster." In this challenge, the teams are encouraged to learn what happens as transportation systems are designed to go faster and faster by designing a roller coaster for tennis balls that moves the balls through

the course as fast as possible.

The Parcels team is comprised of Steven Aquilina, Mike D'Hondt, A.J. Frantz, Katherine Kovacek and Dan Meyering. Katie Killimas, a student at Brownell, is also a team member. The team was coached by parents Pat and Jim Frantz.

Two Grosse Pointe teams placed second in the "Mixing Apples with Oranges" chal-

lenge. In this challenge, the team is to tell an original story about an unusual adoption that takes place between two different species. The team had to show examples of parenting challenges and present a baby book of the young one's important events or milestones.

Taking a silver medal in this problem at the elementary school level from Ferry were Sarah Adelson, Elissa Bogosian, Maria Daskas, Becky Dennis, Amanda Kildes, Rhocelle Krawetz and Ellen

Palmer. The team was coached by parent Lorraine Krawetz.

Brownell took second in this competition. Team members include Kate Analdi, Robert Arcand, Max Miller, Connor O'Bryan, Rory O'Bryan, Joe Pawlowski and Pierce student Rachel Sullivan. Team coaches were Michael O'Bryan and Karen Sullivan.

The three teams move on to the state tournament to be held at Central Michigan University.

District names Students of the Month

The Grosse Pointe Public School System has announced the Students of the Month for March.

Students of the Month are students with excellent attendance and dedication to their volunteer jobs.

Students of the Month cited for their work in safety patrol include John Hennessy, Defer; Robbie Fisher and Alex Davenport, Ferry; Erika Lundell and Marc

Smale, Kerby; Tom Carion and Alex Zimmer, Maire; Lindsay Cameron and Nicholas Segovia, Monteith; and Hannah Kraus, Trombly.

Safety patrol students are on duty at intersections near schools to help students cross streets safely. They are at their posts every day, before and after classes, in all kinds of weather.

Students of the Month cited for their work in service squad include Stephen Flynn,

Defer; Karl Tech, Ferry; Phil Cackowski and Anna Chavey, Kerby; Jackie Croley and Emily McLaughlin, Maire; Stephanie Driscoll and Kelly Casinelli, Monteith; Jasmine Serrano and Melissa Monacel, Poupard; and Stefan Phachler, Trombly.

Service squad students help with safety rules inside the school buildings and perform other tasks as needed.

Students of the Month cited for their work in library squad include Ben Muer and Jimmy Bretz, Defer; Quinn Wulf and Dana Grimm, Ferry; Patrick Mollison, Maire; Samantha Matthew and Sarah Perry, Monteith; and Melissa Oddo and Nick Ryder, Trombly.

Library squad students assist the school librarian before class by shelving books and distributing audiovisual materials to teachers.

Pierce science students use their brains



By Bonnie Caprara
Staff Writer

Students at Pierce Middle School recently got to pick at brains — literally.

A group of neuroscientists from Wayne State University visited seventh-grade science classes at Pierce Middle School during Brain Awareness Week which is observed March 13-19. The scientists talked about the different parts of the brain and their functions while they led step-by-step instructions for groups of students to dissect sheep brains.

Life science teacher Mary Brecht said the students normally dissect worms and frogs, but said the brains were good because, "they're not as

marshy."

Brecht said that the students prepared for the visit by visiting an on-line WebQuest, a web site with information, links and on-line projects about brains.

"The teachers did a good job prepping the students," said Mike Bannon, Ph.D., a former Pierce parent and WSU neuroscientist who does research on diseases related to aging. "They had lots of good questions about attention deficit disorder, about strokes, about headaches."

Bannon also showed students the differences between a human brain and a rat brain in size, capacity and structure.

Photo by Bonnie Caprara

Wayne State University neuroscientist Mike Bannon, Ph.D., showed Pierce Middle School students the difference between a human brain, left hand, and a rat brain, right hand, during his visit to Pierce Friday, March 17.

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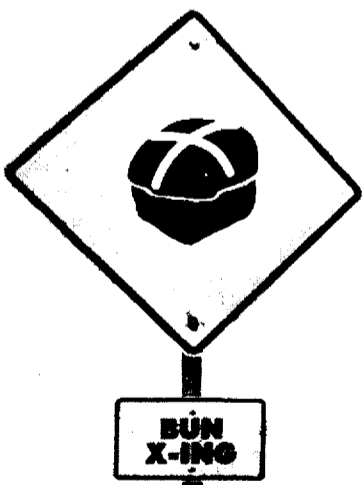
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Experts to speak at critical stress seminar

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Experts with more than 100 years combined experience will take part next month in a free public seminar on how to recover from the emotional fallout of trauma.

From understanding the difference between grief and trauma to coping with violence in schools and workplace, the Critical Incident Stress Management seminar will offer first-hand information from people whose advice has been sought throughout the country.

William Steele will talk about helping kids recover from trauma.

Steele is the founder and director of the Institute for Trauma and Loss in Children, a program offered at the Children's Home of Detroit.

"Incidents include car fatalities, house fires, accidental deaths, even terminal illness can leave family members traumatized," said Steele. "Healing comes from giving children the opportunity to tell their story."

He was part of a crisis team dispatched recently to Flint to pick up the emotional pieces after a 6-year-old girl was shot to death in front of her classmates. He handled a church shooting in Texas and was selected by the Kuwaiti government after Desert Storm to train their newly-formed mental health staff.

"It has been confirmed that kids as young as 3 years old can suffer post-traumatic stress disorder," said Steele.

Robert Rabe, an officer with the Grosse Pointe Woods department of public safety, will discuss the affect of trauma in the workplace.

Rabe has 30 years of law enforcement experience, starting as a military policeman in Vietnam. He is the only law enforcement official in Michigan certified as a trauma specialist by the Association of Trauma Stress Specialists.

He said, "critical incident stress management is cost effective."

"When critical incident stress management isn't brought in, there's a chance of loss of productivity by workers, plus high absenteeism," said

Rabe. "When critical incident stress management is used properly, the rate is lowered tremendously."

Without intervention, which Rabe said includes letting people "vent," companies can lose up to \$45,000 in lost productivity per victim.

"Recovery can take months and years," said Rabe.

He has debriefed coworkers of a Fraser volunteer firefighter who died in the line of duty. Rabe has dealt with shootings

at a Wixom automotive plant and the death of a security guard at Eastland Mall. He responded to the Farms Pier three summers ago after high winds killed five people.

Rabe said the crisis seminar will "knock your socks off."

Judy Jacobs, a health care executive with over 25 years of experience in nursing, health education, quality control, and risk management, will talk about workplace violence. Jacobs developed the first

crisis response team in Michigan used in conjunction with law enforcement agencies. She is the co-author of the newly released book, *The Workplace Violence in Healthcare Tool Kit: A Guide To Establishing a Prevention and Training Program*.

Jacobs will explain how companies should have a plan of action to deal with workplace violence, including plans for medical and psychological help.

"The recovery process for employees can take place much quicker if everybody's prepared," she said. "It's critical that stress debriefing take place within 72 hours of the event. If you do it within 72 hours, it reduces the chance of going into post-traumatic stress disorder. That's a mental illness."

She said symptoms of post-traumatic stress include:

- Shock.
 - Disbelief.
 - Hyper-vigilance, which Jacobs said means "looking around constantly."
 - Decreased trust level.
 - Intrusive thoughts. "They can't get the event out of their mind," said Jacobs. "They replay it and replay it."
 - Avoidance.
 - Disassociation.
- Other speakers include Jon Montschall, a state certified

counselor and police academy instructor; Ralph Selvaggi, a hostage negotiator and member of the Macomb Emergency Response Team; and Michele Seator, an occupational health nurse with more than 20 years experience.

Rabe said, "We're letting people know there is a safety net of different organizations you can call to make people the same way they were before the incident happened."

The City of Grosse Pointe Woods presents the second annual presentation on Critical Incident Stress management on Monday, April 3, from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m., at the Assumption Greek Cultural Center, 21800 Marter Road, St. Clair Shores. Call Assumption at (810) 779-6111 by March 27 for reservations. Admission is free.



Cottage gift shop reopens

Under a dusty sweatshirt and baseball cap, Cher Caramagno looks at home among construction workers during renovations to the Bon Secours Hospital gift shop. Caramagno is a member of the hospital's 400-member Assistance League, an all-volunteer group that operates the hospital gift shop. The shop reopened this week after undergoing renovation since December. Flo Kliber, a member of the all-volunteer league, called the renovations "dazzling." The league donates all profits from the shop to the hospital. Shop hours are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. weekdays; noon to 4 p.m. on weekends.

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Dow spurts 819 points, 8.3 percent, in 2 days

Was the 9,811 level for the Dow on March 13 the bottom for the recent correction or was last week's record-breaking recovery only a false start?

First, the good news. Last week's Dow rally was the third best, percentage-wise, since 1970. (The best was the 16.7 percent bounce off "Black Monday" in October 1987.)

Thursday, March 16, gained 499 points, was the Dow's largest single-day point gain in history.

And Thursday's 1.5 billion share NYSE volume was another record.

Ignoring last Friday's 35-point slide, attributed to "Triple Witching Friday," the Dow is now comfortably above 10,000, closing at 10,567, which is still down 7.8 percent from year-end.

From a historical point of view, the New York Times (March 18) reported that a study by Birinyi Associates covered the Dow's 25 best one-day and two-day gains since 1970 and then checked what the market had done six months later.

Birinyi found that the Dow followed through with an average 12.5 percent gain six months later, for the 25 best two-day Dow performances.

Some were down, some were up over 25 percent, but the six-month gain was 12.5 percent!

Will the Dow be up 12.5 percent on Sept. 16? If you check the technical analysts — some day they are psychics with computers — many are still bearish because the Dow is still below its 200-day moving average.

Other techies say a real turnaround requires a washed-out investor profile, whereas investors were complacent during the early March sell-off of the Dow.

Fed met Tuesday

The Fed Open Market Committee met last Tuesday and Wednesday, and announced its decision whether to raise short-term interest rates for the fifth time since last June.

At press time, last Monday, Wall Street bond analysts were almost unanimous that the Fed would jack-up rates by 1/4 of 1 percent, bringing the Fed Funds (inter-bank) rate to 6 percent, and the Prime Rate to 9 percent.

There's an old saying on Wall Street, "Don't fight the Fed." Overall, higher interest rates are usually negative to the stock market.

Meanwhile, Treasury Secretary Summers' second buy-back of high coupon long-term Treasury Bonds was successfully conducted on March 16, up to \$30 billion of buy-backs are planned this year.

These buy-backs have caused a shortage of available

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Treasury Yield Curve March 17, 2000		
Coupon	Maturity	Percent Yield
6-1/2	3/15-01	6.40
6-5/8	3-15-02	6.49
6-1/2	5-15-05	6.46
6-1/2	2-15-10	6.19
6-1/4	5-15-30	6.00

Source: Mengden & Assoc.

long-term Treasuries, with rising prices and declining yields. Last Friday, the former bellwether 30-year Treasury Bond yielded 6 percent, its lowest level in years.

Because of the Inverted Yield Curve (see LTS, Feb. 3), the 10-year Treasury Note yields more than the 30-year bond (see adjoining table), and is the new bellwether anchor.

But, the highest yields now are available from the two-year notes, caused by Chairman Greenspan's pumping up short-term rates.

Feeling better?

Last week's March Madness on Wall Street also spilled over to Main Street. Many companies operating in Michigan saw their stocks recover 10 percent

or more in several days!

Here are some of the winners, and their weekly gains:

- Detroit Diesel (DDC), about 19 3/8, up 2 3/16;
- Daimler-Chrysler (DCX), about 67 1/4, up 6 15/16 and
- Herman Miller (MLHR), about 27 1/8, up 4.

- Kellogg's (K), about 25 9/16, up 2 5/8;
- Masco (MAS), about 22, up 3 5/8;
- Stryker (SYK), about 62 1/16, up 8 3/4 and

- Wolverine World Wide (WWW), about 12 3/4, up 2.

Bank stocks skyrocketed:

- Bank One (ONE), about 27 5/8, up 3;
- Citizens Banking (CBCF), about 18 3/4, up 2 1/2;

- Comerica (CMA), about 41 1/2, up 7 7/16;
- National City (NCC), about 20 7/16, up 3 3/16 and

- Old Kent (OK), about 30, up 5 5/8.

Many of the above stocks are owned by local investor/readers. How much better do you feel now?

Internet stocks

The initial public offering (IPO) of Internet stocks (any name ending in ".com") creates scarcity by design.

Barron's (March 20) lists all planned IPOs for this week, which include 14 equity IPOs by eight different senior managing underwriters ("the Manager").

The average size of 12 of the 14 IPOs is 5.25 million shares, ranging from 3.2 million to 9 million. The other two issues are 20 million and 40 million shares.

The Manager "runs the books," which means allocating who gets how many shares at the initial price.

The average estimated price range of the 14 expected IPOs is \$12.25 to \$14.25 per share.

Using the midpoint of \$13.25 times the 5.25 million average shares to be offered, each deal would yield about \$70 million, before underwriting fees and expenses, not much by Wall Street standards.

They say that 90 percent of the IPO goes to institutional investors, which means mutual funds, hedge funds, insurance companies, pensions, etc. Ninety percent of the average 5.25 million shares would be 4.725 million shares.

Anything less than 10,000 shares would be an insult to a large institution. So 4.725 million divided by 10,000 means 472 new shareholders.

Of course if Institution XX really likes the stock, they might give the Manager an "unsolicited buy order" before the initial offering date for an additional 50,000 shares "at

the market" after the offering. The Manager just might move up this client to the 20,000 share bracket at the initial offering price if he is assured the secondary market order is not "coupled" to the increased original order. (Coupled orders are illegal when IPOs are involved.)

The other 10 percent of the IPO, or 525,000 shares, are given to VIP individual investors, usually in 25- to 100-share allotments.

If we use an estimate of 50 shares, then 10,500 new shareholders will be created, enough to qualify for NASDAQ listing.

Why do investors — institutions or individuals — buy IPOs, which price-wise are very speculative?

Old-timers have a saying about IPOs:

- 1) If price goes up, sell for a quick profit;
- 2) if price does nothing, sell to prevent loss; and
- 3) if price goes down, sell before bigger loss.

We'll continue the Internet stock discussion next week.

Joseph Mengden is a resident of the City of Grosse Pointe and former chairman of First of Michigan. He is also a member of the Financial Analysts Society of Detroit Inc.

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By Joseph Mengden

Top tax deductions

1. Student loan interest — Many taxpayers can deduct up to \$1,500 of student loan interest during the first 60 months of repayment.

2. Deductible traditional IRA — Married taxpayers filing jointly can deduct up to \$4,000 of contributions to a traditional IRA, if they qualify.

3. Moving expenses — Even though this deduction moved to the front page of Form 1040 in 1994, many taxpayers think they must itemize deductions to write off moving expenses.

4. Home mortgage interest — Interest you pay on your home mortgage is deductible. Interest paid on a home equity loan or refinanced home may also be deductible in certain situations.

5. Charitable contributions — Any donation you make to a qualified charitable organization is tax deductible, including the mileage you drive for charitable purposes (14 cents per mile). Don't forget to count contributions, such as United Way donations, that you make via automatic payroll deduction.

6. State and local taxes — Many taxpayers forget to deduct the amount of state and local taxes withheld on their W-2 forms. Plus, a state tax balance due paid in 1999 can also be used as a deduction.

7. Real estate and personal property taxes — Pay your real estate and personal property tax bills on time. The amounts of both tax bills can be deducted on your return in the year which they were paid.

8. Education expenses — Books, fees and tuition are all deductible if they are needed to improve or maintain your skills in your current job. Even mileage you accrue to attend the classes may be deducted.

9. Medical expenses — Most medical and dental expenses taxpayers paid throughout the year for themselves, their spouses and dependents are deductible to the extent that the expenses exceed 7.5 percent of their adjusted gross income. Medical and long-term care insurance premiums are usually deductible.

10. Gambling losses — Taxpayers can deduct their annual gaming losses up to the amount of their annual winnings. However, taxpayers need to keep detailed records of their gambling activities to take the deduction.

— Bryon Elson,
King Features Syndicate

Business People



Gandelot

Jon Gandelot has been named chair of the Eastern Wayne County committee for Leave A Legacy-Southeast Michigan.

The Leave a Legacy campaign involves financial and legal professionals who encourage planned gifts to charities and cultural institutions through wills, trusts, insurance policies among other.

A resident of Grosse Pointe Farms, Gandelot is an attorney in private practice in Grosse Pointe Woods. He specializes in estate planning and administration.

Two Grosse Pointe residents have been named to offices on the board of directors of St. John NorthEast Community Hospital.

Dr. Shyam Mishra, a resident of the Shores, has been named secretary.

Mishra is a doctor of internal medicine with offices in Sterling Heights. He has been on the hospital's medical staff for 24 years and a member of the board of directors since 1993. Mishra was previously on the board for the Physicians of India and the Bethel Temple.

Thomas Garvey has been named treasurer. A resident of the Farms, Garvey is president of Garvey & Co., a CPA firm in Roseville. Garvey, a CPA, belongs to the Michigan Association of CPAs, the American Institute of CPAs, Greater Detroit Area Health Council and Medical Group Managers Association.

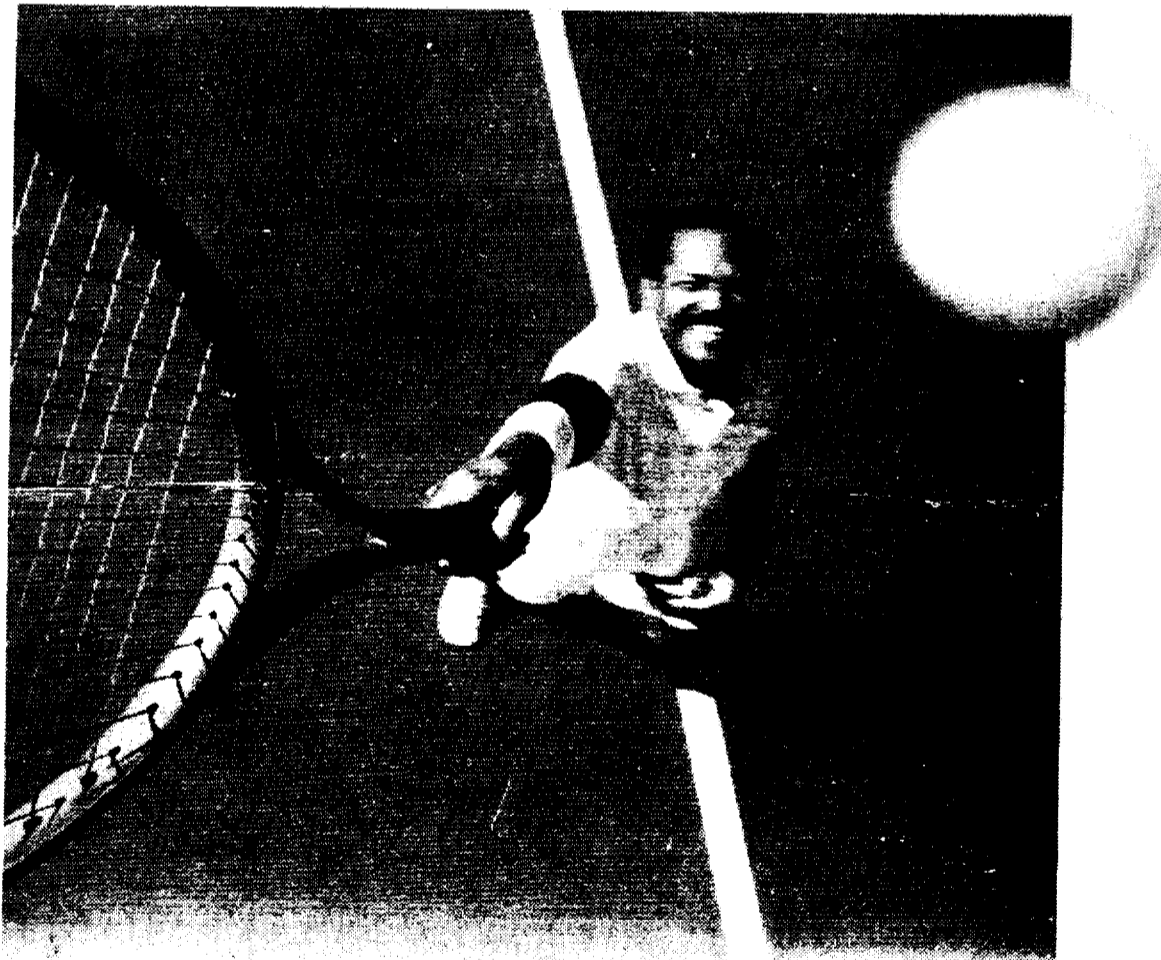
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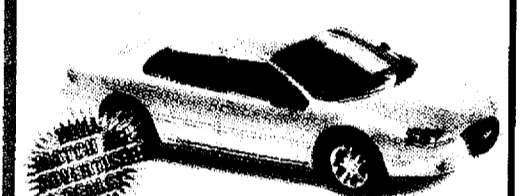


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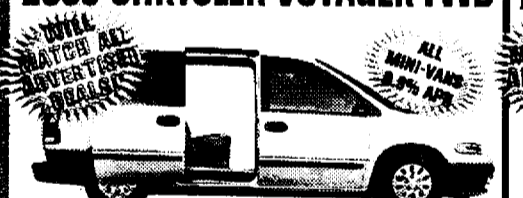


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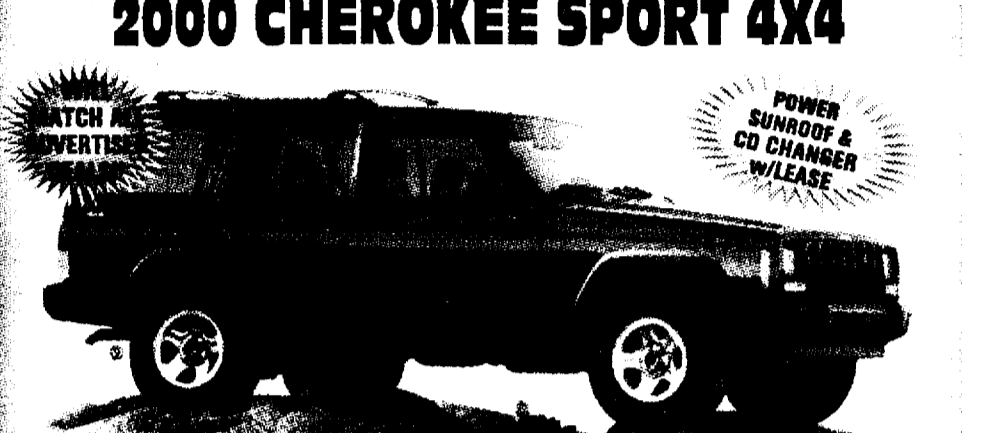
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March 23, 2000

Grosse Pointe kids and adults 'bag it' for hunger

By Bonnie Caprara
Staff Writer

It's that time of year again when Grosse Pointers are being asked "to bag it" — for hunger.

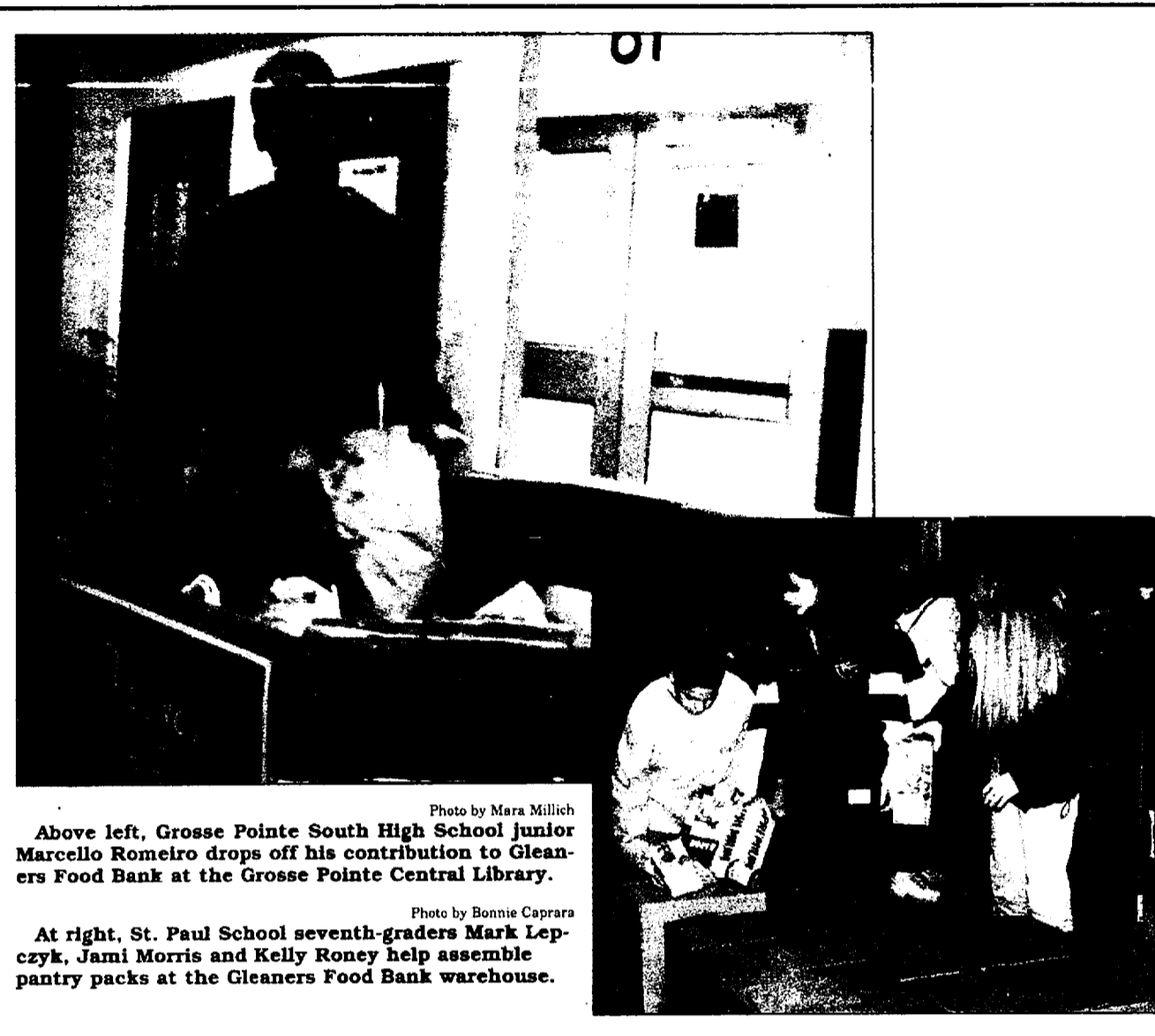
For the 13th consecutive year, the Grosse Pointe News, along with Visteon, the Ronald McDonald House Charities, the Grosse Pointe Public School System, the Detroit Edison Foundation and Ameritech, are sponsoring the Kids Helping Kids program to benefit Gleaners Community Food Bank.

Although several district schools are participating in the annual canned food drive, participation is not limited to children. Paper bags were inserted in the March 16 Grosse Pointe News to be filled for drop off at the Central Library through March 24.

Even before the drive officially began March 16, Trombly Elementary School already turned in 800 pounds of canned food to Gleaners after their three collection bins began to overflow with donations.

"The kids have been wonderful," said Trombly principal Jean Rusing. "Our food drive is set up by the student council and the kids are having a contest. We have a big graph on the wall and the kids follow the donations every day. This is a very generous community and it's very exciting to see the kids follow suit."

About 20,000 pounds of food are donated each year through the Kids Helping Kids drive. "The schools are used to doing it by now and coming in with the bags and boxes," said Gleaners vice president of marketing and special events John Kastler.



Above left, Grosse Pointe South High School junior Marcello Romero drops off his contribution to Gleaners Food Bank at the Grosse Pointe Central Library.

At right, St. Paul School seventh-graders Mark Lepczyk, Jami Morris and Kelly Roney help assemble pantry packs at the Gleaners Food Bank warehouse.

Gleaners provides food to 340 agencies that run soup kitchens and emergency pantries in the Detroit area. It moves about 1 1/2 million pounds of food each month

through its 90,000 square foot warehouse just east of downtown Detroit. Gleaners also recently added a 5,000 square foot warehouse in Taylor to service the downriver commu-

nities. Gleaners itself is not a soup kitchen or a pantry, but acts

as a middleman between donors and agencies that provide food through soup

kitchens or pantries.

Kastler estimated that Gleaners helps provide 20 million meals to the Detroit area's poor every year with half of those meals going to children and seniors.

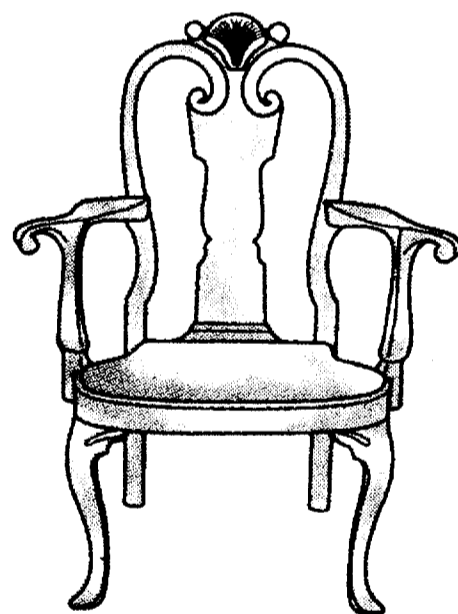
Each week agencies get a shopping list from which they can pick and choose items that they need. About 60 percent of Gleaners' inventory goes out at no cost. Other items which are not donated in sufficient quantities — like corn muffin mix, tuna, beef stew and peanut butter — are purchased at or below cost by Gleaners and sell for 12 cents per pound to agencies.

About 30 percent of the food donated to Gleaners comes from Second Harvest, a liaison program run by the National Association of Food Banks, which works with food manufacturers who want to get rid of surplus or irregular products. "It helps the food manufacturers because they don't have to deal with hundreds of food banks calling them every day," said Kastler.

Another 30 percent of food donations comes from local sources. About 20 percent of food donations comes from the Food Bank Council of Michigan which is run by the Michigan Department of Education. The council reimburses farmers who donate surplus produce. About 10 percent of donated food comes from individual donations like the Kids Helping Kids program.

Although 10 percent seems like a small number in terms of contributions, the number

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Wheeler-Paulson

Sally Wheeler of Grosse Pointe Farms and Bill Wheeler of Shelby Township have announced the engagement of their daughter, Christine Chapman Wheeler, to Gregory Scott Paulson, son of Karen

Bramwell of Minneapolis and Merle Paulson of River Falls, Wis. An August wedding is planned.

Wheeler earned a bachelor of arts degree from Western Michigan University and a master of arts degree in counseling psychology, with distinction, from DePaul University. She is a children's therapist.

Paulson earned a bachelor of arts degree from Augsburg College and a law degree from Mitchell College of Law. He is a lawyer specializing in Native American law.

Prassas-Ziomek

Philip G. and Maureen Prassas of Wilmette, Ill., have announced the engagement of their daughter, Heidi Josephine Prassas, to Jason Alan Ziomek, son of Anthony and Pamela Ziomek of Grosse Pointe Woods. A July wedding is planned.

Prassas is a nurse consultant with Kimberly-Clark-Safeskin Corp. in Chicago.

Ziomek is program manager for Christiana Industries in Chicago.



Jason Alan Ziomek and Heidi Josephine Prassas

Nyenhuis-Peacock

Ken and Beverly Nyenhuis of Grosse Pointe Park have announced the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer T. Nyenhuis, to Timothy E. Peacock, son of Richard and Lucy Peacock of Grosse Pointe Park. An October wedding is planned.

Nyenhuis earned a bachelor



Timothy E. Peacock and Jennifer T. Nyenhuis

of science degree from Calvin College and a master of arts degree in speech language pathology. She works for Wayne State University.

Peacock earned a bachelor of arts degree from Purdue University. He works for Multi-Bank Securities.

Mader-Parikh

George and Sally Mader of Grosse Pointe Woods have announced the engagement of their daughter, Heidi Mader, to Apurva Parikh, son of Rajanikant and Surya Parikh of Bombay, India. An August wedding is planned.

Mader earned a bachelor of science in environmental health from Oakland University. She is an environmentalist with Wayne County.

Parikh earned a bachelor's degree in engineering in India and a master's degree in engineering from Wayne State University. He is a simulation analyst with Ann Arbor



Heidi Mader and Apurva Parikh

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Cooper-Yaklic

Gary and Gayle Cooper of Grosse Pointe Woods have announced the engagement of their daughter, Julie Anne Cooper, to James Joseph Yaklic, son of Joseph and Ann



James Joseph Yaklic and Julie Anne Cooper

Yaklic of Clinton Township. A July wedding is planned.

Cooper earned a bachelor of science degree from Eastern Michigan University. She is a kindergarten teacher with East Detroit Public Schools.

Yaklic earned a bachelor of arts degree in industrial design from Wayne State University. He is employed by General Motors Corp.

G.P. Garden Center offers floral arrangement demonstration

The Grosse Pointe Garden Center will hold its fourth annual Floral Arrangement Demonstration on Wednesday, March 29, at 7:30 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial in Grosse Pointe Farms. Refreshments will be served. The speaker will be Dave

Charvat of Charvat Florist. Charvat will demonstrate arranging techniques using seasonal flowers and plant materials.

This free presentation is given in memory of Sue Abbott. For more information, call (313) 881-4594.

New arrivals

Emersyn Annette Zintzmaster

Dan and Tina Zintzmaster of Grosse Pointe Farms are the parents of a daughter, Emersyn Annette Zintzmaster, born Jan. 29, 2000. Maternal grandparents are Roger and Sandy Ricci of Grosse Pointe Woods. Paternal grandparents are Dan Zintzmaster Sr. of Key West, Fla., and Sally Zintzmaster of Angola, Ind. Great-grandparents are Sally Ricci of Harper Woods, Pat Zintzmaster of Phoenix, Ariz.,

and William Schnepf of St. Petersburg, Fla.

Rebecca Moran MacNeil

Ross and Mandy MacNeil of Troy are the parents of a daughter, Rebecca Moran MacNeil, born Feb. 17, 2000. Maternal grandparents are Skip and Pat Moran of Troy. Paternal grandparents are Gordon and Joyce MacNeil of Grosse Pointe Woods. Great-grandparents are Helen

Weaver of Dearborn and Charles and Lucille Moran of Dearborn Heights.

Kealy Shay Koepsell

Michael T. and Stacy Koepsell of Grosse Pointe Woods are the parents of a daughter, Kealy Shay Koepsell, born Jan. 16, 2000. Maternal grandparents are Evans Telegadas of Grosse Pointe Woods and the late Penny Telegadas. Paternal grandparents are Barbara and the late Donald Koepsell.

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of individuals who volunteer at Gleaners is even more impressive. About 6,000 people donate their time to supplement the work done by the 40 employees who work at Gleaners.

"A lot of times we just need help sorting items from the crates into boxes," said Kastler. "It's not brain surgery, but it has to be done."

One of those groups of volunteers recently was seventh-graders from St. Paul School. On one Thursday morning a

class of seventh-graders came to the warehouse to assemble pantry packs and sort out the first shipment of donations made by the students at Trombly.

"We require our students do at least three hours of community service," said St. Paul grades 5-8 religious education coordinator Judith Jones. "The objective is to make them aware of what's going on in the community. The seventh-graders go to Gleaners and the eighth-graders help out at St. Leo Soup Kitchen. It's a two-

part process. In one they see where the food comes from and in the second they see where it goes.

"They love to think they are of help — that they can come out and make a contribution."

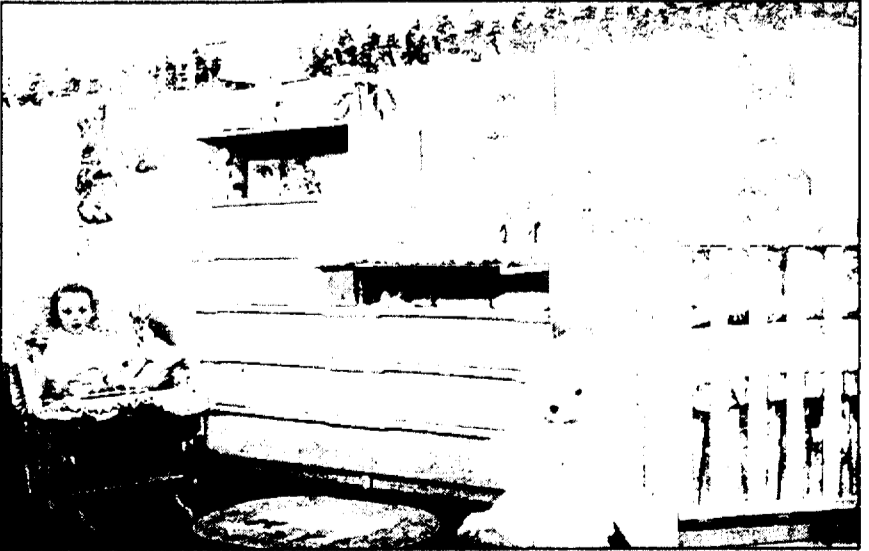
It's not too late for either kids or adults to make a contribution. Kids Helping Kids donations will be continued to be accepted at the Central Library through Friday, March 24. To make a donation or to volunteer at either one of the Gleaners warehouses, call (313) 923-3535.

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St. John Fontbonne to hold annual fashion show April 5

The Fontbonne Auxiliary of St. John Hospital and Medical Center will present its 35th annual fashion show, Image 2000 "fashions for the future," Wednesday, April 5, at Penna's of Sterling. Social hour begins at 5:30 p.m. with dinner at 6:30 p.m., followed by the fashion show and a raffle for cash and valuable prizes.



Fashions will be presented by Somerset Collection, and the show emceed by WDIV-TV's Lila Lazarus. Proceeds from the event will benefit the "Positive Appearance Boutique" in the Van Elslander Cancer Center at St. John Hospital and Medical Center.

Tickets are \$45 per person. To make a reservation or for more information, call 313/343-7586 Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Penna's of Sterling is located at 38400 Van Dyke (between Metro Parkway and 17 Mile Road) in Sterling Heights.

Lorna Zalenski serves as general chair of the event. Jean L. Azar is president of Fontbonne Auxiliary, and Sister Jacquie Wetherholt is director. Leona Liuzzo is senior development officer at St. John Hospital and Medical Center.

P.S.: The Image 2000 fashion show committee members and their cities include:

Grosse Pointes: Michelle Accardo, patron and raffle; Adel Amerman, history; Debra Arnone, acquisitions; Jean Azar, president, Fontbonne Auxiliary; Nancy Breedlove, hostess; Kathy Celinski, 50/50 raffle; Gloria Clark, history; Diane Curis, acquisitions and patrons; Marie DeLuca, history; Judith Dobbins, decorations; Martha Khalidi, hostess; Diane Kratz, hostess; Leona Liuzzo, senior development officer; JoAnn Miller, favors; Liz Mitchell, underwriting; Wendy Kostel Relich, printing; Karen Stefani, program ads; Jan Utter, promotion; and Lorna Zalenski, general chair and seating/reservations.

Harper Woods: Sister Jacquie Wetherholt, director, Fontbonne Auxiliary. Mount Clemens: Nadine Matthew, 50/50 raffle. Roseville: Karen Janssen, raffle (in-house).

Bloomin' preview: "It's a Bloomin' Party," the Detroit area's only "green tie" charity event, will provide the first glimpse of the DTE Energy Detroit International Bloomfest.

Scheduled for 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 5, "It's a Bloomin' Party" will provide guests with a behind-the-scenes preview of Bloomfest, metro Detroit's premier flower show at the Cobo Convention Center, April 6-9. The sneak preview will culminate with an elegant dinner at the nearby Pontchartrain Hotel.

Honorary co-chairs for the event, which will benefit the Michigan Horticultural Society's (MHS) Community Blooms program, are Trudy DunCombe Archer, judge, 36th District Court, and Anthony F. Earley Jr., chairman and chief executive officer of DTE Energy Co.

"This is one of the reasons we got involved in Bloomfest," Earley said. "The work of the Michigan Horticultural Society is really going to have an impact on the youth, horticultural and environmental-relat-

ed education programs in our community. The organizations that receive funding as a result of this event offer young people opportunities to learn, network with mentors and to interact with the community in positive ways."

Groups such as the Detroit Agricultural Network Youth Training Program, the Greening of Detroit TreeKeepers Kids Program and the Southwest Detroit Environmental Vision Project receive financial support through MHS's Community Blooms program. These organizations and their contributions to the community will be showcased during the charity dinner.

"It's a Bloomin' Party" tickets range from \$125 each to a \$500 patron's package. Tickets for the green tie, or "creative garden attire" event, can be obtained by calling MHS, which produces Bloomfest, at (248) 646-2990.

Celebrating its second year in Detroit, DTE Energy Detroit International Bloomfest is the largest indoor flower show in the region and celebrates the metro Detroit's cultural diversity with gardens and healthy lifestyles from around the world. The event covers four acres and also features botanical art and sculpture, an eclectic marketplace, cultural events and programs and an 8,000-square-foot Children's Village, where young showgoers can gain a fun appreciation for the environment.

Show tickets can be purchased in advance at Michigan Kroger locations and Health Smart Drug Stores in Windsor before April 5 or by calling the MHS before March 24. Prices are as follows: \$8, advance purchase; \$10, at the door; \$8, senior ticket (60 and older); Free, children 12 and younger; and \$30, super ticket includes a one-year Michigan Horticultural Society membership and a ticket to opening night.

Other sponsors of DTE Energy Detroit International Bloomfest include Ford Motor Co., DaimlerChrysler Corp. Fund, the Metropolitan Detroit Landscape Association, Bank One, Masco and Spring Newspaper Network.

Spring step: The Mothers' Club of Grosse Pointe South will hold its annual luncheon and fashion show, Steppin' Into Spring, on Wednesday, April 5, at the South gymnasium from 12:30 to 3 p.m. Runway fashions from Bon-Loot, Dawood, Hickey's-Walton Pierce and Cafana Tuxedos will be presented. Entertainment will be provided by the Pointe Singers, Tower Belles and Jazz Band of Grosse Pointe South. There will also be 35 fabulous raffle prizes given away that afternoon.

This event, abandoned for several years, is back by popular demand. "It's a fun, affordable afternoon for moms, teachers, alumnae and friends to gather. Traditionally, some moms invited their senior daughters for a memorable time together before going off to college. That was a fun idea. But we hope everyone will attend," said Jane Fox, chairman with Beth Moran of the Spring Benefit.

All proceeds will go to the

Mothers' Club scholarship, enrichment and preservation programs.

Honorary chairman is Lisa Gandelot, former Mothers' Club president and Grosse Pointe South alumna.

Many wonderful raffle prizes, including an original oil painting by Jane McFeely of the high button shoe logo used on posters and invitations will be awarded during the luncheon. Also, a gold and diamond ring, an antique quilt, ski and golf weekends, painted furniture and beauty salon and restaurant gift certificates and many more items will be given to lucky raffle ticket holders.

Tickets for Steppin' Into Spring cost \$20. Call (313) 886-1308 to reserve your seat.

"We don't have anything else like this. We're looking forward to a wonderful afternoon," said Fox.

Where there's hope: On Saturday, March 4, more than 1,000 people attended the 19th annual Leukemia, Research, Life (LRL) "Evening of Hope" Gala at Laurel Manor in Livonia. The cruise theme was titled, "Destination: Cure." Guests dined and danced with captains Rich Fisher (UPN-50), Lila Lazarus (WDIV-TV-4) and Mark Hayes (WXYZ-TV-7). Luther Ellis, Detroit Lions all-pro defensive tackle, was honorary chairperson.



Attending the Leukemia, Research, Life (LRL) "Evening of Hope" Destination:Cure fundraiser were, from left, Sharon Fromm, of Grosse Pointe, chairperson, Destination:Cure; Luther Ellis, honorary chairperson, Detroit Lions; Lila Lazarus, WDIV-TV; and Sharon Devore, Farmington Hills, LRL public relations.

The charity event's goal of over \$90,000 was reached (98 percent of every dollar LRL raises goes to research).

While dreaming about blue skies and calm seas, guests strolled through a huge silent auction area and dined at an elegant sit-down dinner. The dessert of a Sanders' Hot Fudge Cream Puff (donated by Sanders) was served cruise style to the beat of "Hot, Hot, Hot." Music was provided by the sounds of Vizitor.

In the silent auction, over \$43,000 was raised. Auction items included sports memorabilia, celebrity packages, vacations, hand-painted furniture and fine jewelry.

Lazarus narrated a video, which featured a brave 12-year-old girl undergoing treatment for leukemia along with her mother's hopes and struggles with an uncertain future. The video gave a brief glimpse of five children whose hopes and dreams of a future were shattered when their lives were lost to cancer and what they could have become if given the chance to grow up. The message conveyed was: Cancer is still the No. 1 killer disease of our children and continuing research is our human answer to providing a future for those diagnosed with cancer.



Rotary auctioneers

The Grosse Pointe Rotary Foundation is pleased to announce Art and Mary Ann Van Elslander as honorary chairpersons and Northern Trust Bank as corporate sponsor of the 21st biannual auction scheduled for 5:30 p.m. Saturday, April 8, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. This year's theme is "Helping Us Help Others."

Auction proceeds will purchase four thermal detector cameras for Grosse Pointe public safety departments as well as contribute to the foundation's charities. The 1998 auction proceeds completely renovated Elworthy Park as well as supporting the Children's Home of Detroit, Meals on Wheels, Services for Older Citizens, handicapped children and the YMCA.

Auction tickets are \$75 per person and include hors d'oeuvres, dinner, open bar, silent and live auction. Auction items are still welcome. You can make your tax-deductible donation by calling Kim Towar at (313) 882-0702. For reservation information, call Pat Brinker at (313) 882-6880.

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Choosing an assisted living facility

By Judith K. Smith

Whether you're a member of the "sandwich generation" or an only child, there may come a time in the not-too-distant future when you will be confronted with the need to obtain care for an aging parent or parents.

As you can imagine, this is usually a very emotional task. It's always hard to accept the reality that the parents who cared for and nurtured you may no longer be able to attend to their own needs. But when it becomes impossible to provide all the services an elderly person needs in a home environment, then it's time to consider alternate arrangements that will adequately ensure that person's safety and well-being.



Judith K. Smith

Fortunately, there are a number of care options available today. A person who is still fairly self-reliant may only need in-home services to get the care he or she requires. Others may benefit from an adult foster care environment, or group home, which caters to the needs of a small group of people. Still others may thrive in an assisted living facility that allows the freedom they are accustomed to while their supportive and health-related needs are met consistently.

Obviously, you'll want to choose the situation or facility that suits your parent best. But if your choice is an assisted living facility, here are some suggestions to help make the process of placing your precious parent a little easier.

In Michigan, some assisted living facilities are licensed and some are not. You'll need to do some investigative work on your own to locate the best possible facility. Start by calling any facility you're interested in using and talk with the admissions coordinator about the services provided. Ask for references, then check them out systematically. You also may find it helpful to ask friends or relatives for word-of-mouth recommendations. Often this is the best way to find a reputable facility that will be suitable for your parent.

Services vary from facility to facility, but basically, you can expect the assisted living center to provide comfortable living quarters, three meals per day, 24-hour monitoring, medication assistance and social activities. Assistance with personal care activities such as bathing or dressing generally is also provided. Some may provide laundry services, or have gift shops, beauty parlors or barber shops right on site.

Obviously, personal visits are crucial to making the right decision. Whenever possible, involve the older adult in the decision-making process. Unless there's a total lack of cognitive function, it's not only humane but critical to the person's self-esteem to be consulted. It also will make the person positively predisposed toward the facility once the decision has been made.

Once you've narrowed down your search, take the person to the assisted living residence to observe its daily routine. Arrange to eat a meal with the other residents, and notice the ambiance of the surroundings. Is there a choice of seating? Can residents make menu selections? Are they required to dine at a preset time? Ask your relative whether he or she would feel comfortable with parameters like those found at the residence you are visiting.

Next, look carefully around you. The facility should be immaculately clean with no odors whatsoever. The opportunities for activities should be readily apparent, too. While it's not possible to have an activity going every moment of every day, there should be some kind of newsletter or bul-

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Bon Secours Cottage Health Services offers free community support groups

Bon Secours Cottage Health Services offers a variety of free support groups. Meetings take place at either Cottage Hospital, 159 Kercheval in Grosse Pointe Farms, or Bon Secours Hospital, 468 Cadieux in the City of Grosse Pointe.

• **Alcoholics Anonymous** — meetings take place from 7:30 to 9 p.m. on Tuesdays at Cottage Hospital in Conference Rooms 1-4.

• **Al Anon** — meetings take place from 10 a.m. until noon on Saturdays in the Cottage Hospital conference rooms located on the first floor.

• **Eating Disorders and Recoverers Class** — for information about a support group for family members and friends of individuals with eating disorders, call (810) 779-7900.

• **Manic-Depressive Women's Group** — this group offers support, hope and educa-

tion for individuals challenged with manic depression and depression. Meetings take place from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. the third Tuesday of the month. Call Katherine Blasius at (313) 535-2307 for meeting information and room location.

• **Alzheimer's/Dementia Support Group** — community caregivers are invited to attend monthly sessions which focus on coping with these debilitating conditions and place emphasis on caregivers "caring for themselves." Meetings are held from 1 to 2:30 p.m. the third Monday of each month at the Bon Secours Nursing Care Center, 26001 Jefferson in St. Clair Shores. For more information, call (810) 779-7032.

• **Postpartum Depression Groups** — all new mothers coping with a range of emotional reactions following the birth of a child are invited to attend

monthly support sessions. For more information, call (810) 498-4419 for Monday morning sessions, or (810) 774-0310 for Wednesday evening sessions.

• **American Lung Association Breather's Club** — this is a free educational support group for people with chronic obstructive lung disease such as emphysema, bronchitis or asthma. The group meets from 3 to 4:30 p.m. the third Monday of the month at Cottage Hospital, lower level. Participants may join at any time. For information, call (313) 640-2582.

Bereavement groups

• **Bon Secours Cottage Hospice** — staff from Bon Secours Cottage Hospice facilitate various meetings which take place at 7 p.m. and are directed at anyone who has encountered a death as well as individuals whose spouses

have died.

Any adult who has experienced the death of a loved one is welcome to attend monthly afternoon or evening sessions at Bon Secours Hospital.

For specific meeting dates and locations, call (313) 343-6971.

Health care seminar

A free natural health care and nutrition seminar will be held on Monday, April 3, at 7:30 p.m. at Christ the King Lutheran Church, 20338 Mack Ave. in Grosse Pointe Woods.

The speakers will be Dr. David Jantz, Dr. Richard Sowerby, and nutritionist Ron Kosloff. Topics include Attention Deficit Disorder, impotency and sexual dysfunction.

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Know Your Skin

by Lisa A. Manz-Dulac, MD

Bumps and pimples, coupled with bright red cheeks, nose, or forehead, is evidence of acne rosacea, a separate

disease from adult acne.

March is National Rosacea Awareness Month. Affecting more than 13 million Americans, rosacea is becoming increasingly common.

Left untreated, the symptoms of this disease can become quite severe. In advanced cases, especially for men, the nose can become swollen and bumpy—W.C. Fields' bulbous nose was the result of this condition.

Acne rosacea patients often experience cycles of remission and flaring of

the disease. Flares can be caused by many conditions, with changing weather one of the most widely reported—cited by nearly 9 out of ten acne rosacea sufferers as causing their condition to get worse.

With the assistance of a physician, rosacea can be controlled, though never cured. Patients are prescribed long-term therapies to match their lifestyle and condition that may include oral and topical antibiotics, the use of sunscreens, lasers to remove blood vessels, and other treatments.

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Health

Lupus fools everyone, but it's no joke; it's devastating

Lupus is a devastating autoimmune disease that fools both patients and doctors. Unlike the harmless pranks played on people during April Fools' Day, lupus can have serious consequences. The Lupus Foundation of America (LFA) has designated April 1 as National Lupus Alert Day and urges all Americans to take the Lupus Quiz.

About 1.4 million Americans — mostly women — suffer from lupus, a disease that causes the immune system to attack the body's own tissue. Often

called the great imitator because symptoms mimic other illnesses, lupus also fools its victims by going into periods of remission. Lupus can even fool doctors because there is no single test that can tell if a person has the disease.

Lupus can fool a victim's family because sufferers show few physical signs of this chronic illness. Some people with lupus are accused of being hypochondriacs. Lupus fools some of the best minds in medicine, too. Medical researchers still do not fully understand

what causes lupus, and a cure remains elusive.

The Lupus Quiz consists of 11 questions that can help determine if a person should consult a doctor for closer examination.

Common symptoms of lupus include aching, painful or swollen joints for more than three months; unexplained fever over 100 degrees lasting more than a few days; persistent, extreme fatigue, exhaustion and weakness even after restful sleep; skin rashes, especial-

ly in the shape of a butterfly across the nose and cheeks; sensitivity to sunlight; pain in the chest when breathing deep.

These symptoms may not seem life-threatening. If left untreated, however, lupus can damage vital organs. While there is no cure for lupus, treatments are available. Early diagnosis and treatment of lupus are key to reducing tissue damage and preventing serious organ failure.

A survey by the LFA revealed

that only four of 10 young adults ages 18 to 24 claimed any awareness of lupus, even though the disease often strikes during the childbearing years. The survey also revealed that only one in five adults had even a basic understanding of how devastating this acute and chronic disease can be.

The Lupus Foundation of America is the world's largest organization dedicated exclusively to finding a cause and cure for lupus. The LFA has local chapters and community-

based support groups located throughout the United States. The LFA supports medical research, public education, patient services and advocacy programs.

For a free copy of the Lupus Quiz and a brochure about the disease, call the Lupus Foundation of America's information hotline at (888) 38-LUPUS, or (810) 775-8310 for the chapter serving your community.

For more information, visit LFA's web site at www.milu-pus.org.

Stroke patients recover more quickly with nurses' help

In many instances, researchers say, it's the complications from the stroke — such as pneumonia or infections — that pose the biggest threat to the recovery of patients.

Study results were presented at the American Stroke Association's 25th International Stroke Conference. The American Stroke Association is a division of the American Heart Association.

According to researchers, adding nurse practitioners to a hospital's acute stroke team can dramatically reduce complications, leading to decreased hospital stays, fewer deaths and better patient recovery.

"For years we had people who believed that stroke care was not a priority and there was nothing anyone could do for stroke patients," said the study's author, Patti Vanhook, R.N., of Indian Path Medical Center in Kingsport, Tenn. "A change had to be made. Our nurse practitioners have taken

ownership for caring for patients upon arrival in the emergency room and all the way through their stay at the hospital."

Vanhook said that in December 1995, Indian Path Medical Center — a 300-bed acute care community hospital — changed its method of stroke care from standard physician care to a multidisciplinary team approach facilitated by a nurse practitioner.

To determine the results of those changes, researchers examined medical records of 537 stroke patients who were admitted to the medical center from January 1996 through December 1998.

Vanhook said 50 percent of stroke patients develop a condition known as aspiration pneumonia that occurs when any fluid goes directly into the lungs. Stroke patients who may have problems swallowing can develop aspiration pneumonia, leading to longer hospital stays and added costs.

Nurse practitioners bring in a speech pathologist upon admission to help patients with swallowing, reducing the incidence of aspiration pneumonia.

"Aspiration pneumonia is a good example of a post-stroke condition that can be prevented by getting the patient into therapy immediately," Vanhook said. "By making sure the patient is positioned in the bed correctly and they are being fed in a safe manner, this complication is a rare occurrence with our patients."

Another common complication that increases the death rate and cost is urinary tract infections, which are associated with bladder catheterization. Vanhook said that using the catheter only when needed instead of in routine practice decreases the number of complications.

Before the changes to combat aspiration pneumonia and urinary tract infection were made, the average length of stay for stroke patients was one week. Following the changes, the average length of stay was 3.7 days. Also from a financial standpoint, Vanhook said hospital charges were cut in half.

In the study, Vanhook and her colleagues found that the death rate for stroke patients decreased from 5.7 percent before the changes to 3.8 percent after the changes.

Urinary tract infections were less frequent, dropping from 4 percent to 2.5 percent and instances of pneumonia went from 4.6 percent to 1.9 percent.

Deep vein thrombosis, a condition which results in blood

clots forming in the extremities, was practically eliminated once changes were implemented.

"From the administrative standpoint, we made inroads in reducing length of stay and overall costs," Vanhook said. "More importantly, we helped lower the complication rate and subsequently decreased the number of deaths from stroke."

Along with in-hospital

changes, the stroke team at Indian Path mounted an aggressive community education program. Through those efforts, the average time from onset of symptoms to hospital arrival decreased 41 percent from 15.1 hours to 9.2 hours.

Nurse practitioners coordinate the stroke team and medically manage the patient in the emergency department after initial triage assessment by the emergency physician.

The practitioner completes a medical history and physical exam of the patient, interprets laboratory studies, educates the patient and family about stroke, makes recommendations for discharge and ensures the patient receives care from specialists.

Co-authors are: John G. Stamoulis, Kay Bone, Michael S. Dew, Elizabeth A. Krell, Dan Robertson and Gregory C. Corradino.

Educational program on diabetes offered for adult referral patients

Bon Secours Cottage Health Services offers an educational program to help (non-pregnant) adults with diabetes who are referred by their physicians learn how to eat well while staying on individual meal plans, exercise for fun, prevent long-term problems, control and monitor blood sugar and recognize signs of high and low blood sugar.

A morning session is offered from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, April 11, 13, 18 and 20. The evening session is from 6 to 9 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays, April 25, 27 and May 4. The sessions will be held in the Bon Secours

Cottage Community Health Promotion Classroom located at 22300 Bon Brae in St. Clair Shores.

An individual assessment by a nurse and dietitian, by appointment, is required

before the start of class. The fee is covered by many insurance plans.

For more information or to pre-register, call community health promotion at (810) 779-7900.

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letin board posting available to notify residents of upcoming activities. Equally important is the availability of transportation so residents can attend local events, go shopping, take field trips or get to doctor's appointments. Some residences have medical and dental services available right on site, but it should be relatively easy for residents to see their own doctors as well.

You also should check into whether the facility allows pets. Some places, like the St. John Senior Community in Detroit, has "facility dogs" that live right on site and freely visit its residents. You'll certainly want to check first with the residence to make sure your parent's cherished pet will be welcome, too. If not, look elsewhere.

Finally, there should be a common area residents can use to host small gatherings like family birthday parties. If such an area is available, ask whether it's possible to order catered food from the kitchen, or if visitors can bring in food pot luck-style.

No matter which assisted living facility you choose, it's always advisable to do the ground work mentioned here and make a preliminary decision before an emergency situation forces you to make a snap decision. As soon as you notice your parent's needs are increasing or the ability to take care of himself or herself is decreasing, start making discreet inquiries. Once you've

narrowed down your choices, put your parent's name on the facility's waiting list, then remember to check back periodically to make sure the facility knows you're still interested. That way, when the time comes, you'll be able to settle your loved one into his or her new home with confidence, knowing that he or she will get the best care possible.

Judith K. Smith is vice president of Senior Services for St. John Health System.

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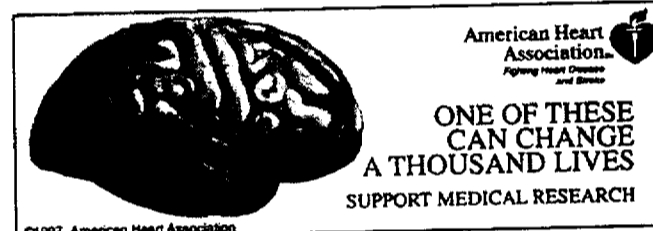
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The Pastor's Corner

The Bible's promise

By a member of the Christian Science Church

Of all the Bible's many promises, there's one that continues to become sweeter and more substantial to me: "These signs shall follow them that believe; in my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; they shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover." (Mark 16:17,18)

The foundation of this promise is the scientific method by which Jesus was able to heal the physical and moral problems of the people who came to him during his ministry.

Jesus encouraged his followers to understand that they also could be healers. He told them, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." (Matt. 28:20)

I accept these promises as assurances we can embrace today, since Jesus pledged them to every believer.

In quick succession after their Master's ascension, the apostles did behold these promised "signs." The book of Acts tells of the time when Peter raised a widow named Tabitha to life. (Acts 9:36-42)

Earlier, on the Day of Pentecost, the disciples literally spoke in "other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance." (Acts 2:4)

Another example is that of Paul's experience following a shipwreck. (Acts 28:3-5) After Paul had thrown a bundle of sticks on the fire, "... there came a viper out of the heat, and fastened on his hand..." And he shook off the beast into the fire, and felt no harm.

In "Science and Health," Mary Baker Eddy gives a wonderfully relevant view of Jesus' promise to "them that believe." She writes: "Jesus' promise is perpetual. Had it been given only to his immediate disciples, the Scriptural passage would read 'you,' not 'they.' The purpose of his great life-work extends through time and includes universal humanity." (p. 328)

Through her discovery of the Science of Christ that frames this promise, Mrs. Eddy has given humanity the means of proving today that the healing Christ can be experienced in all the ways that Jesus promised, including the ability to heal any trouble or sickness that afflicts us.

In my own life I've seen immediate, solid proof of this promise. Through prayer I have been healed of illness and injury. I've overcome grief after losing a parent, have solved difficult employment and financial problems, and have enjoyed the blessing of a close, loving family.

Jesus' promise is forever. And it's ours today.

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Owens family heads to Cameroon

Pastor Paul and Sandi Owens have accepted calls to serve as long-term teaching missionaries with the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Cameroon, West Africa, on behalf of the ELCA's Division for Global Mission.

Pastor Owens was assistant pastor at First English Evangelical Lutheran Church, located at 800 Vernier in Grosse Pointe Woods, in the early '90s where he specialized in ministry to the youth of the congregation.

First English will sponsor the Owens Family, including their three young children, Andrew, 9, John, 6 and Mary, 3, in the church's global missionary support program.

Cameroon, slightly larger than the state of California, is located on the equator at the "hinge" of Africa. The official languages of Cameroon are



Missionaries to Cameroon are the Owens family, from left, Pastor Paul Owens, John, Andrew, Mary and Sandi.

French and English — many tribal languages are also spoken.

Mission work was begun in Cameroon in 1923. Today, the

Evangelical Lutheran Church of Cameroon (ELCC) has 120,000 members in over 550 congregations.

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teaching in ELCC congregations are done by lay people. Paul and Sandi Owens are called to develop evangelical leaders for the church in Cameroon and the surrounding area. Paul will serve as teacher and administrator of the Lutheran seminary in Garoua Boulai, Cameroon.

The Owens Family will live in a cinderblock house with no telephone or television, and that has limited electricity.

The five-year commitment will mean at least one, if not two returns to First English to report on activity, progress and experiences. The congregation prays for success in their mission. First English is served by Rev. Walter Schmidt, senior pastor; and Rev. Barton Beebe, associate pastor. President of the congregation is Dr. Mark Balle.

G. P. Unitarian Church to discuss religion, science

A talk on religion and science will be held on Tuesday, April 11, at 7:30 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church, 17150 Maumee in the City of Grosse Pointe. The public is invited to this free program.

Unitarian Church, who has a degree in history as well as a master's degree in divinity.

For information, call (313) 881-0420.

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Church to hold three-part series

Ecumenical Men's Friday Breakfast at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church has scheduled its lineup of speakers for the rest of March and April.

They are:

March 24 — Father Paul Chateau of Oak Park,

Men's Breakfast lineup of speakers

March 31 — Sister Ruthanne Reed of St. Paul Catholic Church.

April 7 — the Rev. Wayne Uppendahl of Knox Presbyterian Church.

April 14 — Joe Swickard of Christ Episcopal, and

April 21 — the Rev. Dr. Bruce Rigdon of Grosse Pointe Memorial Church.

The breakfasts are held at 7:30 a.m. at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Assumption Greek Orthodox to hold anniversary concert

An Anniversary Concert by The DeHaven Chorale will be held on Sunday, March 26, at 4 p.m. at Assumption Greek Orthodox Church, 21800 Marter Road in St. Clair Shores. A reception will follow the concert.

The program will begin with the motet "Lobet den Herrn," by Johann Sebastian Bach, whose 250th anniversary of his death the world remembers.

The American composer Aaron Copland, in keeping with the 100th anniversary celebration of his birth, is represented with a performance of his cantata "In the Beginning,"

based on the Genesis story of creation. This last work is a very important work of Copland's, and is scored for chorus and mezzo soprano.

Loretta Ryder will be the soloist. Other works by Brahms, Schultz and Durufle will be included.

The DeHaven Chorale is a choir of 35 professional singers and has been heard throughout the Detroit metropolitan area.

Bach's "B minor Mass" will be performed at Christ Church on the evening of Good Friday, April 21.

Tickets are \$10 at the door.

'20/20' at Grace church

Guest speakers Donna and Tom Cole, who were recently seen on ABC-TV's "20/20" news magazine program, will speak about their direct experiences in a presentation, "Genetic or Choice? Homosexuality," on

Thursday, March 30, at 7 p.m. at Grace Community Church.

Free childcare will be provided. The church is located at 21001 Moross Road, near I-94. For more information, call (313) 824-3968.

Meetings

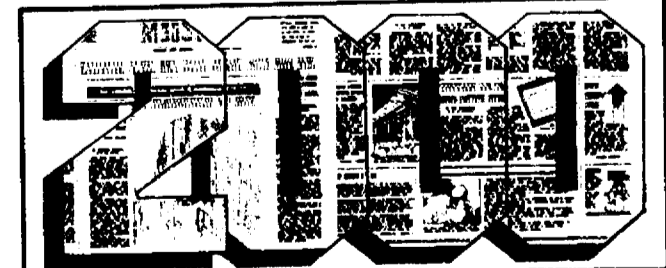
Business Connection

The Business Connection will meet Wednesday, March 29, at 7:30 a.m. at the Grosse

Pointe War Memorial. The guest speaker will be Tom Ingram, a radio, TV and voice-over personality.

Guests are welcome. For more information, call Marlene Harle at (313) 881-9742.

WORSHIP SERVICES			
<p>Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church "Inventing A Life" Jane Whittington, guest speaker 10:30 a.m. Worship Service 17150 MAUMEE 881-0420</p>	<p>First English Ev. Lutheran Church Vernier Rd. at Wedgewood Dr. Grosse Pointe Woods 884-5040 8:30 a.m. Traditional Service 9:45 a.m. Contemporary Service & Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Traditional Service & Sunday School Dr. Walter A. Schmidt, Pastor Rev. Barton L. Beebe, Associate Pastor</p>	<p>OUR 75th YEAR GRACE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST Kercheval at Lakepointe Grosse Pointe Park 822-3823 Sunday - Worship 10:30 a.m. Tuesday - Thrift Shop 10:30 - 3:30 Wednesday - Amazing Grace Seniors every second Wednesday at Tomkins Center Windmill Pointe Park 11:00 - 3:00 COME JOIN US Pastor: Rev. Henry L. Reinewald</p>	
<p>GROSSE POINTE PRESBYTERIAN Church 19950 Mack (between Moross & Vernier) 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. Education Hour Nursery Services Available 886-4301 E-mail: gppwchurch@aol.com</p>	<p>Christ the King Lutheran Church Mack at Lochmoor 884-5090 8:15 & 10:45 a.m. Worship Service 9:30 a.m. Sunday School & Bible Classes Supervised Nursery Provided Randy S. Boelter, Pastor Timothy A. Holzerland, Assc. Pastor</p>	<p>GROSSE POINTE UNITED AFFILIATED WITH THE UCC AND ABC 240 CHALFONTE AT LOTHROP "Right Thinking & Wrong Thinking" 10:00 A.M. FAMILY WORSHIP (CRIB ROOM AVAILABLE) 10:00 A.M. CHURCH SCHOOL Rev. E. A. Bray, Pastor Rev. Scott Davis, Assc. Pastor</p>	<p>St. James Lutheran Church 170 McMillan Rd., near Kercheval Grosse Pointe Farms • 884-0511 Sunday Worship & Communion 10:15 a.m. Sunday School all ages 9:00 a.m. Fellowship 9:45 a.m. Nursery provided Wednesday Lenten Worship 12:00 - 12:30 p.m. 7:00 - 7:30 p.m. Rev. Gustav Kopka Jr., Ph.D.</p>
<p>St. Paul Ev. Lutheran 375 Lothrop at Chalfonte 881-6670 9:00 & 11:15 a.m. Worship 10:10 a.m. Education for All Nursery Available Rev. Frederick Harms, Pastor</p>	<p>ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH 20475 Sunningdale Park near Lochmoor Club Grosse Pointe Woods Sunday 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist 10:15 a.m. Church School 10:30 a.m. Choral Eucharist (Nursery Available) 884-4820</p>	<p>Christ Church Grosse Pointe (Episcopal) Worship Services Saturday 5:30 p.m. Sundays at 7:45, 9:00 and 11:15 a.m. 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:15 a.m. Adult Forum Nursery Care provided 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd. Grosse Pointe, MI 48236 (313) 885-4841 www.christchurchgp.org</p>	<p>Historic Mariners' Church Since 1842 A HOUSE OF PRAYER FOR ALL PEOPLE The 1928 Book of Common Prayer SUNDAY 8:30 a.m. - Holy Communion 10:15 a.m. - Adult Bible Study 11:00 a.m. - Holy Communion Nursery THURSDAY 12:10 p.m. - Holy Communion Mariners' on Hart Plaza at the Tunnel Free Secured Parking • Ford Garage Enter at Woodward & Jefferson The Rev. Richard W. Ingalls, Rector Kenneth J. Sweetman, Organist and Choirmaster 313-259-2206</p>
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You don't have to go without art this Lenten season

As a highlight of this Lenten season, on Sunday, March 26, at 7:30 p.m., the Grosse Pointe Symphony, together with the Wayne State Symphonic Chorus and soloists, will present parts two and three of George Frederick Handel's "Messiah," at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church. Rarely performed, parts two and three of this oratorio are known as the Easter portion of the "Messiah" and include, "Why Do The Nations So Furiously Rage" and "I Know That My Redeemer Liveth." Prior to the musicale, Dr. Jack C. DuBois will present a free lecture at the church featuring the diverse works of Handel. DuBois, professor of humanities and philosophy at Wayne State University and teacher of art history and music at Siena Heights University, is respected in classical music circles for his lectures on opera, symphony, and art. He was the former host of "Detroit Opera House" on WDET. His lecture at the church is scheduled for 6:30 p.m., followed by Handel's "Messiah" at 7:30 p.m. Tickets for the concert are \$12; seniors \$10, and guests under 18

years of age, free. Contact: Laurie Strachan at (313) 882-0077. This outstanding musicale is not to be missed. On Saturday, April 1, the Grosse Pointe Symphony League, formerly the Grosse Pointe Symphony Women's Association (and now open to men and women alike), will present an all-Chopin concert in memory of Lawrence LaGore, renowned maven of the arts in the Grosse Pointe area. Talented pianist Piotr Folkert is the guest soloist at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 3 p.m. Advance registration is required. General admission, \$40; patrons, \$50. Following the concert, champagne and hors d'oeuvres will be served. For more information, call (313) 882-0077. The Great Frame-up, Mack Avenue at Vernier, is preparing for the fourth Creative Self Expression art presentation and awards receptions. The art show showcases works of students from both Grosse Pointe North and South high schools in five categories: painting, drawing, photography, graphic arts and mixed media (three-dimensional art). A reception for the Grosse

Pointe South students' artwork and awards will be held on Wednesday, April 5, 7 to 8 p.m.; the Grosse Pointe North reception and awards is scheduled for Wednesday, April 12, 7 to 8 p.m. Take some time to visit The Great Frame-up and enjoy the creative renderings of some of the very talented teens in the area. For more information, students at Grosse Pointe South may contact Jack Summers; at Grosse Pointe North, Sue Maurer. Or call The Great Frame-up, (313) 884-0140.

The 2nd annual DTE Energy Detroit International Bloomfest will blossom on Thursday through Sunday, April 6 through 9 at Cobo Conference Center, Detroit. The Edsel & Eleanor Ford House will have booth participation at this event to inform guests about its sumptuous gardens and grounds. The largest indoor flower show in the region, Bloomfest 2000 transforms four acres of Cobo into a picturesque, vibrant setting of landscaping and gardening features. A production of the Michigan Horticultural Society, the event will also fea-

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ture tips for healthy living, a children's village, the garden marketplace, garden art, and a series of programs and lectures. Tickets, available at all Kroger stores, are \$8 in advance. For more details, call (313) 341-6810.

Spring events are in full bloom at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, Grosse Pointe Shores. View a wide variety of birds (over 150 different species have been spotted) on the popular Bird Walks, scheduled at 8 a.m. on Saturday, April 15 and May 5, 6 and 13, with guide Rosann Kovalcik of Wildbirds Unlimited. \$5 per

person, per walk. Walk the grounds on a special Spring Tree Walk with Grosse Pointe Park Forester Brian Colter and learn to identify the many types of trees on the estate, April 15, 10 a.m. \$5 per person. Call (313) 884-4222 to make reservations and for further details.

The next Jazz Forum program is scheduled for Wednesday, April 5, 8 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church, 17150 Maumee (at St. Clair, two blocks east of Cadeux, between Jefferson and Kercheval). Featured in this concert are the Teddy Harris Quintet and Judie Cochill. Harris, winner of the prestigious Michigan Jazz Master Award, is joined by Dwight Adams, a rapidly-rising young trumpet star; and veterans Ron English, guitar; Don Mayberry, bass; and George Davidson, drums. Advance ticket, \$10; \$12 at door. Call (313) 961-1714 for reservations.

Calling all fine arts aficionados! The Grosse Pointe Public School System is developing a district-wide, community-ori-

ented Fine Arts Steering Committee and invites all interested to submit ideas and suggestions and also to join in with the efforts of the committee to promote existing and new fine arts programs throughout the community. The committee will focus on providing consistency of fine arts programs, building on current programs, and developing a broad school district- and community-based financial support system for on-going and future programs. Your help is needed to sustain and increase fine arts programs in our community. For more information, contact Margaret Steele, Fine Arts supervisor, Grosse Pointe Public School System, at (313) 417-0469.

Be sure to take a look at GPAC's "Window on the Arts" at Damman Hardware. Check out the calendar listing of upcoming Grosse Pointe arts and cultural events and see a special exhibition of different arts groups in the area. Visit us at our web site: www.gp-arts.org. We're looking for volunteers to help us plan and present some very exciting programs — give us a call: (313) 438-2434.

Pointe native's journey in art started at Academy, led to Big Apple

The course of Nature is the art of God.
— Edward Young (1684-1765)

By Dawn Parker
Special Writer

One of America's brightest young artists is also one of Grosse Pointe's own. Meg Mercier will be show-

ing her home and studio on Martha's Vineyard in Massachusetts.

Mercier is the eldest of five siblings, the children of Peter and Maureen Mercier. All five graduated from Grosse Pointe Academy.

The show's name came about, Mercier said, because her approach to painting simultaneously looks back-

ward and reaches forward.

"I try and combine the best of the new and the old," she said. Mercier believes the appeal of the tradition she follows is universal.

"We are drawn to the moments in our day that are really timeless, the traditional moments that bind us together," she said.

Mercier earned a bachelor's degree in zoology from Miami, and originally intended to pursue a career in medical illustration.

Her aspirations took a radical turn through her studies at Rhode Island School of Design, which she undertook during summer breaks from Miami.

While there, she learned about an opportunity to study with painters in the tradition of the Boston School.

Followers of the tradition believe in painting "en plein (in open air)," and benefiting from the resulting bounty of nature.

Mercier makes evocative use of light in her canvases. In "July Morning," the viewer can almost feel the sunlight through the trees shading the Martha's Vineyard home.

Her eight-year apprenticeship under Paul Ingbreton began in 1985. Mercier describes Ingbreton, a student

of Boston School founder Ives Gammell, as a "true teacher" who willingly shares his expertise in critiques.

"Sometimes it's easier just to pat someone on the back and say you're doing fine, (but) he definitely made me cry," she recalled.

"He gave me hard critiques, but that meant he was really looking at your work and trying to teach you."

Ingbreton's approach to her artistic development — and his

method of teaching painting as an "honest philosophy" — changed Mercier's perspective.

"I realized I really wanted to hear what was wrong. That's how you learn," she said.

Honesty, for one thing, means not painting from photographs.

"I'm very much opposed to using photographs. I use them, but only as a reference, never as the source," she said.

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The 36-year-old Grosse Pointe native, Meg Mercier, a 1981 graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School and a 1985 graduate of Miami University of Ohio, has her home and studio on Martha's Vineyard in Massachusetts.

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BRIDGE BY WOODY BOYD ♠♥♦♣

"Better a thousand times even a swiftly fading ephemeral moment of life than the epoch-long unconsciousness of the stone."
— Edwin Way Teale

This one's a particular pleasure as it's about a magnificent family, and some of the generation that followed. I've known for decades previous to this date.

The Newberrys subdivided a back parcel of their lakeshore land (between Grosse Pointe Blvd. and Kercheval) in 1938. One of the first families to build there (Radnor Park sub-Division) on Handy Road were Clark and Betty Wells. Never a miser family moved to the Farms. A picture perfect three bedroom Colonial could be built for twelve to fifteen thousand. Life was just quiet suburb and the Punch and Judy theater just below Kercheval on the Hill was the main Farms attraction.

The Wells family in time numbered six with the addition of Ann, Tom and the twins, Mary and David. True to mother and dad's pastime and pleasure all the children learned to play bridge. Of course Tom had a Grosse Pointe High School sweetheart named Jan Knost, who in '58 he married. Naturally, Jan was early-on introduced to our game with help from mother and father-in-law, and Tom who became her mentor.

Wayne State and a post-graduate course in Accounting at the distinguished medical school, Johns Hopkins followed. When Tom and Jan came home they'd already started a family which subsequently numbered four, too: Dan, Lee, Bryan and Molly. Both continued to enjoy playing, but raising four young ones and Tom's entrepreneurial business career kept such indulgence in pasteborders to a Saturday night game with family and friends.

In time Jan became quite motivated and spurred by sister-in-law, Ann Roberts and the legend of Grosse Pointe bridge teaching, Win Malchie. By '90 only duplicate would satisfy her competitive challenge for the sophisticated play of modern day and "The Wells Girls," became a formidable partnership. Earlier, Ann had become a Life Master, and four years ago Jan followed suit. Today Mrs. Wells is a much sought after partner who recently became one of our few Bronze Masters (500) Master points.

Naturally, I asked her where she was going from here and her carefully contemplated answer I'm doing over. I love to play and intend to continue forever. It's a monstrous judgmental and technical confrontation, but the love I have for my family and friends will keep my involvement disciplined. Naturally I miss Ann Roberts who spends more time today on the fairways than at the table, but Beverly Fromm, Marge Chariot, Marilyn Whims and Ann Hudson are glorious partners, and there are others. The only consideration that would change that is Tom, who after a 12 year absence, has taken a renewed interest.

If the two of them ever really get involved again, we Grosse Pointers will be at their mercy and I have a hand that they played against yours truly to prove it.

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Don't for a moment think Jan had any pity on me. She didn't want me running to three spades if she whacked me which my partner passed thinking that's what we were playing.

I won Dummy's club ace oblivious of the problems to follow. At worst I had three spades, five diamonds and a club for nine winners, but I had forgotten to never count your hens until mother nature lets you. At trick 2-3 I won Dummy's trump king, jack. Oops, Tom didn't follow dropping a club on the second trump. Trick 4, I switched to the spade nine and Tom followed low in tempo. I knew he had the ace as Jan had shown hardly any HCP. Where was her majesty? The king could cause disfigurement and I was too young to destroy my good looks so I played the jack. Jan won Mother Maude and at trick 5 played her heart eight to Tom's king. At 6-7 Tom played his club king, queen. I ruffed and Mrs. Wells over-ruffed. At trick 8 a heart to the man of the family's ace and I ruffed. Maybe, I prayed, the defense would misplay. They didn't and in all I won a spade, four diamonds, a club, and a heart at trick 13. Minus 200 big ones was a shade below revolting when the field is playing 3 clubs making E/W or making 3 spades N/S.

Tom, go back to the business of making millions. Become a Forbes Four Hundred. You have my total support in that endeavor, but stay away from the table, please!

An observable festive salad

À LA ANNIE
By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff

This week's feature is a recipe that I found a while ago and thought would make a great mid-summer (when the temperature is on the rise) column. Lo and behold, we've already had some temperature on the rise. The heat wave could return without notice and you'll be happy to have this simple recipe on hand. The fact that this dish contains no meat also makes it a Friday choice for those who are observing Lent.

Orzo with Spinach and Feta was pulled from the December '99 issue of Cooking Light magazine. Orzo (OHR-zoh) is a tiny rice-shaped pasta that in Italian means barley. You'll enjoy the flavors that are brought together in this Greek-inspired cold pasta salad.

Orzo with Spinach and Feta

5 cups water (a pot)
2 cups uncooked orzo pasta (about 2/3 of a 1 lb. box)
5 cups finely chopped (or torn) fresh spinach
1 cup crumbled feta cheese
1 tablespoon extra virgin olive oil
1 teaspoon grated lemon rind
1 tablespoon fresh squeezed lemon juice
1/2 teaspoon salt

Bring the water to a boil and add the uncooked orzo. (I throw a little olive oil into the water). Cook the orzo for 10 minutes or until it is cooked throughout. It may take a couple of extra minutes. If the orzo is undercooked, the pieces will be hard in the middle. While the pasta is cooking, wash and cut (or tear) the fresh spinach. Set aside. When the pasta is done drain and rinse it under cold water, then drain again. Transfer the orzo to a large mixing bowl. In a small bowl whisk together the olive oil, lemon rind, lemon juice and salt. Toss the orzo with the spinach and the feta. Lastly, toss in the dressing. Toss well to combine all of the flavors of this fresh pasta salad.

The creative cook will quickly find ways to enhance this recipe. For more dressing, add some kalamata olives — whatever. I recommend that you give this salad a try just the way it is. The lemon bounces off of the spinach and feta leaving the orzo-pasta dancing in the middle.

I used tricolored orzo the last time that I prepared this recipe. As a side dish or a main dish entree, orzo with spinach and feta is light and flavorful. A festive salad indeed.

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Thurs., March 23 Lincoln lecture

Gerald Prokopowicz, curator of the Lincoln Life Insurance Company Lincoln Museum and Collection, will share his unique perspective on the 16th president during the Grosse Pointe Historical Society's Dr. Frank Bicknell Lecture, Thursday, March 23, at 7:30 p.m., at the Grosse Pointe Hunt Club, 655 Cook in Grosse Pointe Woods. Admission is free but reservations are required. Call (313) 884-7010.

Mystery & melodrama

Experience thrills n' chills during The Grosse Pointe Theatre's production of George M. Cohan's mysterious, melodramatic farce Seven Keys to Baldpate, through Saturday, March 25, in the Fries Auditorium of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore in Grosse Pointe Farms. Performances will be offered Thursday through Saturday, at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$13. They can be purchased by calling (313) 881-4004. Performances will be preceded by an elegant buffet in the War Memorial's Crystal Ballroom, Friday and Saturday, at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15. Reservations are required. Call (313) 881-7511.

Friday, March 24 Music for meditation

Dr. David Wagner will play organ music for Lent and Easter during a free Music For Meditation Series program, Friday, March 24, at noon, in St. Paul's Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore in Grosse Pointe Farms. Call (734) 432-5708.

Going! Going! Gone!

Bid on an exciting selection of items during the Metro East Chamber of Commerce Swing Into Spring Auction, Friday, March 24, from 5:30 to 9 p.m., at the Assumption Cultural Center, 21800 Marter in St. Clair Shores. Food stations featuring pasta, seafood, salad, beef tenderloin and sundaes will accompany the live auction. Tickets are \$30. Reservations are required. Call (810) 777-2741.

Sat., March 25 Female fitness

Women can explore healthier lifestyles during St. John Health System's Beyond the Basics: Health, Wealth and Spirituality seminar, Saturday, March 25, from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., in the Athenaeum Suite

Hotel and International Banquet/ Conference Center, 1000 Brush in Detroit. Television personality Mother Love, author Marilyn Hubbard and radio host Mildred Gaddis will be the featured speakers. The fee is \$20. Preregistration is required. Call (888) 757-5463.

Do-si-do

Pick your partner and come on down to the Veterans of Foreign Wars Bruce Post, 28404 Jefferson in St. Clair Shores, when the Blackberry Creek Dancers offer a Country-Western Couples and Line Dance lessons and party, Saturday, March 25, from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. Admission is \$10. Call (313) 526-9432.

Sunday, March 26 Heavenly music

Enhance your spirit by attending the DeHaven Chorale's Lenten Concert, featuring Mezzo Soprano Loretta Ryder, Sunday, March 26, at 4 p.m., in the Assumption Cultural Center. An afterward will follow the program. A \$10 donation is requested. Call (810) 777-2741.

Oscar action

View the Academy Awards at a Hollywood-style, black-tie gala benefiting the Detroit Institute of Arts' Detroit Film Theatre, Sunday, March 26, at 6:30 p.m., in the Roostertail, 100 Marquette in Detroit. Tickets are \$125. Reservations are required. Call (313) 833-7967.

Classical strings

Classical guitarist Rob Bourassa will offer a Concert of Lenten Music, Sunday, March 26, at 4 p.m., in Resurrection Lutheran Church, 20531 Kelly in Detroit. Free-will offerings will be accepted. Call (313) 372-4902.

Messiah concert

The Grosse Pointe Symphony Orchestra and the Wayne State University Symphonic Chorus and Soloists will pair their talents for a presentation of Handel's Messiah Parts II and III, Sunday, March 26, at 7:30 p.m., in Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church, 467 Fairford in Grosse Pointe Woods. The concert will be preceded by a lecture by Dr. Jack DuBois explaining these rarely performed Easter portions of Handel's Messiah. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$10 for seniors

or free for students under the age of 18. Call (313) 882-0077.

Tues., March 28 Heartfelt help

Help to raise \$300,000 for a local woman's heart transplant by attending a benefit at the Channel Marker Restaurant, 25419 Jefferson in St. Clair Shores, Tuesday, March 28, from 5 to 11 p.m. Dave DuPuis will serve as honorary bartender for this event. Call (810) 771-2333.

Thurs., March 30 Tea time

The American Cancer Society's Discovery Shop, 19595 Mack in Grosse Pointe Woods, is seeking donations of tea pots, cups, saucers, hats and costumes for its benefit Madhatter Tea Party, Thursday, March 30, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. All are welcome to donate and attend! Call (313) 881-6458.

Friday, March 31 Beautiful bells

Ring in the season of Easter with a concert by the Classic Bells, Friday, March 31, at 7:30 p.m., in St. Gertrude's Catholic Church, 28839 Jefferson in St. Clair Shores. Tickets are \$5 for individuals or \$15 per family. Call (810) 772-9689.

Mark your calendar... Fabulous fashion

You'll find yourself Steppin' into Spring during a benefit fashion show, sponsored by the Mothers' Club of Grosse Pointe South High School, Wednesday, April 5, from 12:30 to 3 p.m., in South's Gymnasium, 11 Grosse Pointe Boulevard in Grosse Pointe Farms. Fabulous looks will be provided by Hickey's-Walton Pierce, Dawood, Bon-Loot and Cafana Tuxedo. The event also includes entertainment from South's Pointe Singers, Tower Belles and Jazz Band. Tickets are \$20. Call (313) 886-1308.

Live & learn Courses & adventures

Enhance your mind, body and spirit by partaking in the courses and adventures offered by the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. Professor Michael Farrell will launch a series of cultural tours with a visit to the Detroit Institute of Arts' American Galleries, Saturday, March 25, from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The fee, which includes lunch at the Scarab Club, is \$65. Explore the intricacies of Independent Publishing, Monday, March 27, from 7 to 9 p.m. The fee is \$40. Get in shape a fun new way with Kickboxing, Fridays, March 31 to June 2, from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. The fee is \$72. Embark on a metaphysical journey with The Dynamic Divine Self, Wednesday, March 29, from 7 to 9 p.m. The fee is \$20. Registration for all new classes can be charged to your Master Card or Visa, via Fax at (313) 884-6638, Email: www.warmemorial.org, or phone at (313) 881-7511.

Art appreciation

Develop a greater appreciation for art of all kinds through courses and experiences offered at the Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward in Detroit. Playing in the Prentiss Court, through Friday, March 31, is the free video In a Brilliant Light: Van Gogh in Arles. Experiment with a variety of materials during free Portraits Drop-In Workshops, Thursdays, March 23 and March 30, from noon to 3 p.m., or Sunday, March 26, from noon to 4 p.m. Experience modern art in the 1880s during a Van Gogh in Paris, Arles and Auvers Adult Class, Saturdays, March 25 to April 8, from 1 to 3 p.m. The fee is \$30, \$24 for DIA members and \$12 for students. Improve your own artistic skills during a free Drawing In The Italian Galleries Drop-In Workshop, Sunday, March 26, from noon to 4 p.m. On that same date, at 2 p.m., Dr. Carol Zemel, chair and professor of Art History at the State University of New York, will present the free lecture Van Gogh's Self-Portraits:

Picturing a Professional Self. Preregistration is required for most courses. Call (313) 833-4249.

Art alert!

Area artists, working in paint, glass, metal, fiber, ceramics, tile, jewelry design, textiles and other media are invited to submit slides to be juried for inclusion in the area's premier fine art show and family fun event, the 17th Annual Art on the Pointe, by Friday, March 31. Proceeds from this event, scheduled for the grounds of the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, Saturday, June 10 and Sunday, June 11, benefit the community mental health and substance abuse treatment programs of the Northeast Guidance Center. Entries can be mailed to 270 Kenwood Court in Grosse Pointe Farms 48236. Call (313) 882-3220.

Ford House experiences

Experience the grandeur of an Auto Baron lifestyle with a visit to one of "America's Castles," the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House. House tours will be offered, on the hour weekdays and on the hour and half-hour weekends, Tuesday through Sunday, from noon to 4 p.m. The Tea Room will be closed through Thursday, March 30. Tours are \$6 for adults, \$5 for seniors and \$4 for children. Grounds admission is \$3. Call (313) 884-4222.

Exciting opportunities

Take advantage of exciting opportunities to expand your horizons with classes and events at the Assumption Cultural Center. Photographer Rosh Sillars will teach you how to make your pictures perfect, Wednesday, March 29. On that same date, ensure your children's safety with an Infant CPR class. Calm down with a Stress Management Workshop, Monday, April 3. Fees and times vary. Preregistration is required for most programs. Call (810) 779-6111.

Senior review

St. Peter the Apostle Elementary School, 19800 Anita in Harper Woods, presents a series of entertaining and educational options for seniors. Join in the fun of a Movie Review Club, meeting the first Wednesday of each month, from 1 to 2 p.m. Readers can share their views as members of a Book Club, monitored by Harper Woods Librarian Suzanne Kent, on the third Wednesday of each month, from 1 to 2 p.m. Exercise classes for mature adults, as well as people with hip or knee replacements or stroke or heart problems, will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 10:45 to 11:45 a.m. Fees and times vary. Call (313) 343-0771.

On stage & screen DSO notes

The Detroit Symphony Orchestra's Classical Series returns to Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward in Detroit, Thursday, March 30 through Saturday, April 1, when Conductor Libor Pesek and violinist Yuval Yaron, lead the DSO in an All-Czech Concert. The curtain will rise on Thursday and Friday, at 8 p.m. and Saturday, at 8:30 p.m. Tickets range from \$14 to \$66. Call (313) 576-5111.

Modern mythology

The Detroit Repertory Theatre, 13103 Woodrow Wilson in Detroit, revives the spirits of ancient Greek mythology in the form of today's homeless street-dwellers in Jim Henry's The Angels of Lemnos, Thursday, March 30 through Sunday, May 21. Performances will be offered, Thursday and Friday, at 8:30 p.m., Saturday, at 3 and 8:30 p.m. and Sunday, at 2 and 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15. Call (313) 868-1347.

Overtures & encores

The Macomb Symphony Orchestra will present a collection of Overtures and Encores, Friday, March 24, at 8 p.m., in the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, 44575 Garfield in Mt. Clemens.

by Madeleine Socia

Tickets are \$15 for adults or \$12 for students and seniors. Call (810) 286-2045.

On tour

Hear the music of Dvorak, Mendelssohn, Schumann and other classical selections, when Wayne State University's Department of Music hosts the Bohemian Chamber Philharmonic American tour in concert, Tuesday, March 28, at 7:30 p.m., in the WSU Community Arts Auditorium, on the WSU Campus at Cass and Kirby in Detroit. Pointer Kypros Markou will be the guest conductor for this performance which will also feature piano soloist Dorian Ho. Tickets are \$15. Call (313) 577-1795.

Applause x 3

Tennessee Williams' Five by Tenn comes to life on the stage of Wayne State University's Hilberry Theatre, 4743 Cass in Detroit, through Saturday, May 6. Also playing, in rotating repertory, through Sunday, April 8, are Our Town and Breaking the Code. Performances will be offered Thursday through Saturday, at 8 p.m., and select Wednesdays and Sundays, at 2 p.m. Tickets range from \$11 to \$18. Call (313) 577-2972.

Exhibitions & shows At the DIA

From the old masters to the finest in modern art, discover the exquisite majesty of the galleries and exhibitions of the Detroit Institute of Arts. Revel in the beauty of the spectacular traveling exhibition Van Gogh: Face to Face, at the DIA through Sunday, June 4. Tickets are \$16 on weekdays or \$18 on weekends for adults or \$8 for children. The development of early Italian altarpieces is traced through Fragments of Devotion: Early Italian Panel Paintings from the DIA Collection, on display through Sunday, May 28. Don't miss your chance to see an exhibition of more than 70 Drawings by Martin Lewis from the DIA's Collection, through Sunday, June 4. Museum hours are Wednesday through Friday, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Recommended admission is \$4 for adults and \$1 for children and students. Call (313) 833-7963.

Family features Educational adventures

The Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore in Grosse Pointe Farms, offers a full schedule of educational and social adventures for children. Register your little artist, ages 8 and up, by Saturday, March 25, for the annual Pysanky Ukrainian Easter Egg Painting Class, Saturday, April 1, from 10 a.m. to noon. The fee is \$15. Registration for all new classes can be charged to your Master Card or Visa, via Fax at (313) 884-6638 or phone at (313) 881-7511.

Grease 'n' dance

Rock with the Notre Dame High School Drama Club's production of the rousing musical Grease, Friday, March 24 and Saturday, March 25, at 7 p.m., and Sunday, March 26, at 2 p.m., in the Harper Woods High School auditorium. Tickets are \$7. Patrons can enjoy a post-show Sochop, from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., in the Notre Dame Gymnasium. Casino games and refreshments will also be available. Admission is \$5 or free with a Grease ticket stub. Call (313) 885-5500.

Art of fun

The Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward in Detroit, can offer your family an interesting array of creative outlets. Children, ages 5 to 8, accompanied by an adult, can mix and match paints during an Exploring Color Youth Workshop, Saturday, March 25, from 1 to 3 p.m. At 2 p.m., on that same date, the entire family can enjoy a free Storytelling program. On Sunday, March 26, from noon to 4 p.m., those same little artists can make Colorful Kites during a Youth Workshop. The fee for each workshop is \$10 for children and \$8 for adults with a \$2 discount for DIA members. Preregistration is recommended. Call (313) 833-7900.

Mom march

Show your support for common sense gun control by attending a Million Mom March informational meeting, Saturday, March 25, at 9 a.m., in the St. Clair Shores Public Library, 22500 11 Mile in St. Clair Shores. Local organizers will share details about registering for the Mother's Day March on Washington, D.C. Call (313) 821-5357.

Lots to learn

Learn as you play, enjoy live entertainment and watch the stars come out at the Children's Museum of the Detroit Public Schools, 67 E. Kirby in Detroit. Girls and boys, ages 4 through 12, can celebrate National Women's History Month with a Women Who Changed the World Workshop, Saturday, March 25, from noon to 2:30 p.m. The fee is \$2. Planetarium demonstrations will be offered on Saturdays, at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Museum hours are Monday through Friday, from 1 to 4 p.m. and Saturdays, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free. Reservations are required for some programs. Call (313) 873-8100.

Test drive

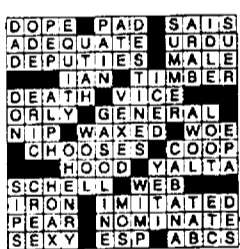
Put your son or daughter in the driver's seat when The Spirit of Ford, 1151 Village in Dearborn, launches its April Environmental Celebration by offering weekend test-drives in an electric Ford Ranger, Saturday, April 1 through Sunday, April 30. Other displays will focus on recycling and the development of alternative fuels and low-emission vehicles. The museum is open daily, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is \$6 for adults, \$5 for seniors and \$4 for children ages 5 to 12. Call (313) 317-7474.

History alive

The Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village, 20900 Oakwood in Dearborn, bring history to life. The Museum's new \$15 million IMAX Theatre is now showing the film Fantasia 2000. Screenings will be offered daily, beginning at 9 a.m., on the hour in the morning and on the half-hour in the afternoon and evening. Tickets are \$10 for adults or \$8 for seniors and children ages 12 and under. Travel through the past 100 years via the special exhibit Your Place in Time: 20th-Century America.

Patrons can also tour the museum's Communications, Lighting, Transportation and Domestic Arts exhibitions. The Village will be closed until Saturday, April 1. The Museum is open daily, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is \$12.50 for adults, \$11.50 for seniors and \$6.25 for children ages five to 12. Call (313) 271-1620.

Last week's puzzle solved



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Mercier

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One painting developed from a photo is "The Gathering," which had its origin in a trip to California's Napa Valley last summer. The people in the painting — a group of strangers — are enjoying a fine afternoon.

"I loved the golden light," Mercier recalled. "And indeed, light is crucial in her work."

"Part of my training is about always working from life, and part is the quietness of the same spot every morning," she said.

"You see the same light, you think you're looking at the same thing every day and working on proportion," she continued. "But you see something on the 16th day that you never even saw on the first day, and you realize how magnifi-

cent it is." Copying the hues and shapes of nature is often a difficult task.

"Painting forces you to really look at it. Nature has infinite colors, and you're trying to copy them with finite colors on a palette," Mercier said.

Summertime finds Mercier outdoors with her portable easel, paints and brushes, perched at the same spot every day for at least a month. Each day yields a 7 a.m., a 10 a.m. and a 2 p.m. composition.

For example, "July Morning" evolved over a six-week stretch of 7 a.m. work.

For variety, she mixes in studies of sunsets, or heads to the water's edge for sketches of people walking or children playing.

Back in her studio, the sketches are developed into larger paintings.

Mercier's 10-year association with gallery owner Diane Jensen, a Grosse Pointe native,

began with a chance meeting in Boston. When she first relocated to Boston in 1985, Mercier and her mother ran into Jensen at Vose Galleries, founded in the 1880s and thought to be the oldest gallery in the country.

An accomplished sculptor in her own right, Maureen Mercier and Jensen were already well acquainted. When Jensen left Vose's employ and established her own gallery, she asked Mercier to bring by some of her paintings.

Jensen put on Mercier's first exhibition, a small show in 1992 at the Country Club of Detroit.

"Mercier is emerging as a preeminent American impressionist," Jensen said.

And yet, everything Mercier has achieved comes in no small part from the atmosphere in which she grew up.

"It all began in art classes on the third floor of the Academy," she recalled. "Mrs. Hall

thought (younger sister) Nell had so much talent, and that she needed private lessons."

Nell was shy, however, and mom sent Mercier along for company. Although she couldn't have known it then, that first art lesson set Mercier on the path to her career.

Today, Mercier said her days at the Academy instilled a sense of beauty.

"I think going to the Academy, even as a little girl, I never took for granted how beautiful the place was," she noted.

"I think there needs to be more spaces in the world like that. People need noble spaces — you can't have noble thoughts in a strip mall."

Her parents also played an important role, notably her mother, who Mercier says has had a "wonderful" influence on her work.

All-Chopin concert slated for April 1 at War Memorial

Piotr Folkert, will perform an all-Chopin concert at 3 p.m. Saturday, April 1 in the auditorium of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

The event is sponsored by the Grosse Pointe Symphony League and the Grosse Pointe Symphony board of directors and is in honor of the late Lawrence LaGore.

David Giori, classical music radio personality, will read a narrative about Chopin's life between musical selections.

LaGore, who died in July 1999, was a concert pianist, music teacher, ensemble player and past president of the Grosse Pointe Symphony Orchestra and the Tuesday Musicales.

LaGore founded the

Saturdays at Four concert series and was a leading presence in several musical and arts societies, including the Pro-Mozart Society, the Grosse Pointe Chamber Players, the Four Octaves Club, Esprit Piano Teachers' Group and the Detroit Institute of Arts.

A reception will follow the concert.

Advance reservations are required. Tickets are \$40, general; \$50, patron; and \$100, benefactor. Make checks payable to Grosse Pointe Symphony League, and mail them to 2 Fair Lake Lane, Grosse Pointe Shores, MI 48236. Tickets will be held at the door.

To make reservations or for more information, call (313) 886-5160.



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March 23, 2000

MAC Red basketball coaches name South's Novak MVP

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

Defeats are difficult for Grosse Pointe South's Adam Novak to swallow.

"His dad told me that sometimes they won't talk to him for 24 hours after he's lost a game," said Blue Devils basketball coach George Petrouleas.

"Adam is really intense. He's a very hard worker, not only in games but in practice, too, and that rubs off on the other players."

The 6-foot-5 senior was not only valuable to South's team this year but he was the MVP of the Macomb Area Conference Red Division as the Blue Devils ran away from the rest of the league, posting an 11-1 record in division play.

"Adam gave us the opportunity to do a lot of things," Petrouleas said. "He exemplified hard work and the ability to recognize what we had to do to win basketball games."

Novak's value to the Blue Devils goes beyond statistics, although the numbers he put up this season were impressive enough. He averaged a little more than 15 points per game and just under nine rebounds per contest.

He shot 56 percent from the field and 67 percent from the foul line.

Novak also drew the assignment of guarding the opposing team's best big man.

"There was never an easy night for Adam," Petrouleas said. Novak has carried on a tradition at South.

"We've been fortunate to have athletes like Mike Gotfredson, Adam Hess and now Adam Novak, who set an example for their teammates and bring out the best in the other players on the team," Petrouleas said.

When Novak first joined the varsity as a junior, Petrouleas didn't envision him becoming the MAC Red's MVP by the time

he was a senior.

"He has worked hard on his game," the coach said. "He has matured both physically and emotionally. His intensity is infectious."

Novak understands the game. He is an excellent passer who can find the open man. He has a nose for the basketball on the offensive boards. One of the things he has improved since joining the varsity is his outside shooting.

"He can hit the three-pointer, but we haven't had the opportunity to let him go outside," Petrouleas said. "You have to keep your leading rebounder underneath."

Consistency was one of Novak's trademarks, but he had several outstanding games during the league season.

In a key victory over Ford II, Novak hit 10 straight free throws and a basket in the fourth quarter as South held off the rallying Falcons.

His best non-league performance was an 18-point, 16-rebound effort in a double overtime victory against Notre Dame.

"He really solidified a lot of things in that game," Petrouleas said. "We had a lot of younger kids on the team and they needed a strong influence like Adam."

Novak also played well in both MAC Red victories against Eisenhower and in an early-season victory over Port Huron Northern.

And when the Blue Devils were heading down the stretch, Novak came up with a 23-point, 14-rebound performance against Sterling Heights that left them a game away from the division title.

"His consistency is remarkable," Petrouleas said. "I call the way he plays 'workmanlike.' You might not think he's scoring a lot of points or getting a lot of rebounds because he isn't flashy, but when you look at the stats after the game he has 15 to 18

points and 11 or 12 rebounds."

Several NCAA Division III schools have expressed an interest in Novak.

"He can play in the right program," Petrouleas said. "His game is a lot like Larry Bird's. The more you see of Adam the more you appreciate him."

Novak was named on the MAC Red all-division squad by teammates Mike Wolking and Brian Berschback. South's John Russell and Adam Buddy received honorable mention.

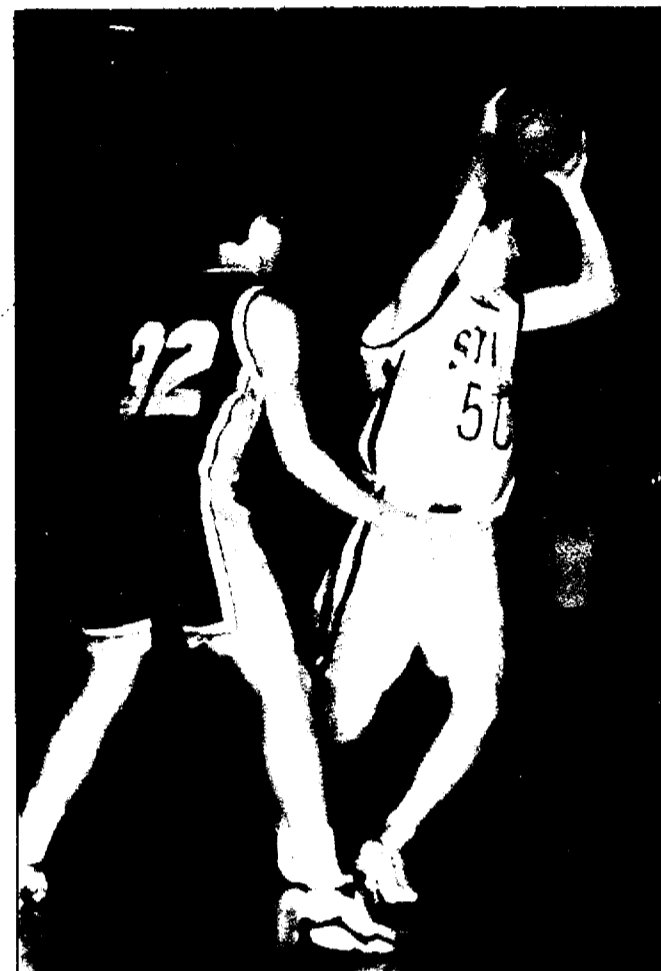


Photo by Beth Sillars
Adam Novak (50) of Grosse Pointe South was selected as the most valuable player by the Macomb Area Conference Red Division basketball coaches.

Knights gain some valuable experience

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

University Liggett School's basketball season was far from successful in terms of wins and losses, but coach Bruce Peltó prefers to measure the Knights' success in other ways.

"The experience they gained this year is so invaluable," Peltó said of his young squad that ended the regular season with a 70-55 loss to Cranbrook Kingswood in the Metro Conference tournament, and then bowed out of the state tournament with an 84-56 loss to Capac in the district hosted by the Chiefs.

"All of the freshmen and sophomores contributed as the season went on. It's just a matter of being able to compete physically and understanding the game. I'm encouraged. I'm already looking forward to next year."

Freshmen Anthony Walker, Leython Williams and Kevin Heaney and sophomore Charles Lowe were all used extensively

this season.

"We were pretty young but we never backed down from a challenge," Peltó said. "They worked hard. Fundamentally, we weren't good enough this year and that's something we have to build on. Next year we could start four sophomores and a junior."

There were some key seniors on this year's ULS squad. Sean Griffin was the team's leading scorer and rebounder, but contributions also came from Jack Elsey, Jim McBride, Andre Watkins and Sean Metry.

"I felt bad for the seniors having to go through a tough season (2-19)," Peltó said. "But they were always ready to play. The family atmosphere helped us get through it. I think we're all stronger people for having experienced this."

In the loss to Cranbrook, ULS fell behind 22-2 in the first

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Sports

Pointe pair played key roles for SUNY-Fredonia hockey team

The hockey team at State University of New York at Fredonia has had a Grosse Pointe flavor for the last four seasons.

But this spring, captains Joe Sucher and Andy Calandro will be graduating.

After four years of practice and more than 100 games against college teams from New York, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin, the two Grosse Pointers will be trading in their pads, sticks and skates for shirts, ties, suits and briefcases.

Calandro, a 5-foot-8 defense-

man, has missed only four of the Blue Devils' games in his four seasons on the team.

The SUNY-Fredonia media guide called Calandro "a player who lives up to the Blue Devils' hockey slogan of 'Desire, Discipline and Dedication.' (He is) a focused and intelligent young man, a natural who leads by example."

Calandro was named an assistant captain for the 1999-2000 season.

Calandro was on the dean's list and had the second highest grade-point average on the team — a 3.93 as a secondary

education/English major. The Grosse Pointe Woods native is a graduate of University of Detroit Jesuit.

Sucher, who was elected captain of this year's Blue Devils team, has missed only five games in his four years on the squad.

He was SUNY-Fredonia's fourth-leading scorer after each of his first three seasons and this year tied for the team lead with 28 points.

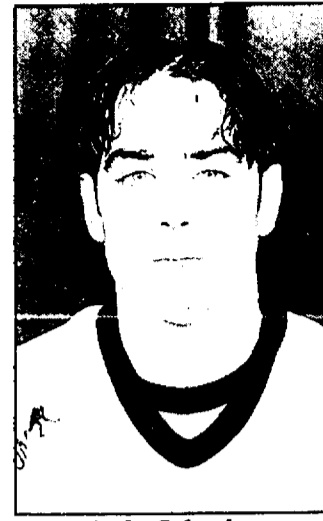
Sucher was named to the ECAC Honor Roll as a sophomore and senior and this year

was selected to play in the college seniors all-star game at Plattsburg State.

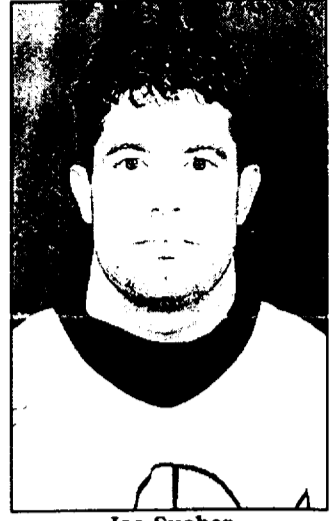
The 5-8 Sucher is also on the dean's list with a 3.43 GPA. He is majoring in business/marketing.

Sucher is a graduate of Grosse Pointe North and played for the Cleveland Barons Junior A team after completing his high school eligibility. He was a member of the North American Hockey League all-star team in 1995-96.

Both Calandro and Sucher played their youth hockey in Grosse Pointe and moved through the house and travel leagues before playing for their high school teams.



Andy Calandro



Joe Sucher



The Hawkeyes won the Grosse Pointe Hockey Association Squirt B playoff championship with a 6-2 victory over the Thunderbirds in the title game. In front, from left, are Greg Jones, Ryan Gallagher, Ben Dueweke, Tony Thomas, John McCarter, Jared Ambrozio, Michael McCoy, Michael Balke and Michael Thomas. In the second row, from left, are Andrew Krebs, Matt Smutek, Nick Hathaway, Max Getz, Evan Skorupski and Alex Weiner. In back, from left, are manager Denise Balke and coaches Brad Eickhorst, Jerry Ambrozio, Steve Skorupski and Bill Balke.

Hawkeyes win Squirt B playoffs

Max Getz scored two goals, Evan Skorupski and Michael Thomas each had a goal and two assists and Jared Ambrozio collected three assists as the Hawkeyes beat the regular-season champion Thunderbirds 6-2 in the Grosse Pointe Hockey Association Squirt B playoff championship game.

The Thunderbirds put on some early pressure but Hawkeyes goalie Anthony Thomas made several excellent saves to keep the game scoreless until Matt Smutek and Getz scored two quick goals for the Hawkeyes.

Skorupski then made it 3-0 on a wrist shot from the point. The Thunderbirds came back with a goal by David VanEgmond and seemed to seize the momentum with the strong play of Robert Rickel, Jon Rambarger, Stephen Beattie and Jimmy Saros.

But the Hawkeye defense, led by Michael Balke, Greg Jones, Michael McCoy, John McCarter and Skorupski, took control of the blue line. Their strong defensive play, along with the aggressive backcheck-

ing of Nick Hathaway and Smutek, shut down the Thunderbirds' highly-regarded offensive attack.

The Hawkeyes also stepped up their offense with goals from Getz and Andrew Krebs. VanEgmond scored his second goal of the game in the third period and Michael Thomas capped the Hawkeyes' scoring with a last-second tally.

Ben Dueweke, Ryan Gallagher, McCoy and Getz each picked up one assist for the Hawkeyes. Jon Ross, Speros Atsalakis, Stefan Phachler and Lee Baumgarten had the assists on VanEgmond's goals.

After the game, the Hawkeyes were presented the GPHA President's Cup by league president Dennis Campbell.

The Hawkeyes reached the championship game with play-

off wins over the Warriors, Penguins and Maple Leafs, a tie with the Sharks and a 6-0 semifinal win against the Senators. The Thunderbirds were 6-0 going into the championship game, including a 3-2 semifinal victory over the Sharks.

The Hawkeyes finished with a 29-14-10 overall record. The Hawkeyes also won the GPHA Squirt B Snowball Tournament, the SportsWeekend Extravaganza Squirt B tournament and were semifinalists in the Cheboygan Challenge Cup.

The Hawkeyes also represented the GPHA in the Squirt B District 3 playoffs.

The Hawkeyes are coached by Steve Skorupski, Bill Balke, Jerry Ambrozio and Brad Eickhorst. Denise Balke is the team manager.

ULS

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quarter and never were able to make up the deficit.

"After that we played them close but to put a team that big ahead on the road is really tough to overcome," Pelto said.

Griffin played an excellent game as he collected 18 points, nine rebounds, three assists and four steals. Elsey scored 10 points and Pelto had nine.

All three freshmen played well.

Williams had two assists and four points. Williams pulled down five rebounds and scored four points and Haney had six points, four rebounds and two assists.

In the quarter game, ULS had a hard time matching up physically against the Chiefs, but they prevailed in the district.

To go along with their physical play, Pelto said, "They were the best shooting team we faced. They had a 43 percent shooting rate and they made eight free throws."

Griffin finished his high school career with 23 points and 10 rebounds. Williams ended his high school career with 10 assists and 10 steals. Williams scored eight points.

City of **Grosse Pointe**, Michigan

ORDINANCE NO. 318

AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL SECTIONS 14-81, 14-82 AND 14-84 OF CHAPTER 14 BUILDING AND BUILDING REGULATIONS AND SUBSTITUTE THEREFOR NEW SECTION 14-81 OF ARTICLE IV OF THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE CONCERNING BUILDINGS AND BUILDING REGULATIONS.

The City of Grosse Pointe ordains:

Article IV. ELECTRICAL CODE:

- That Section 14-81 of Chapter 14 of the city Code is hereby repealed and the following section substituted therefor:

Section 14-81 Adoption

Pursuant to provisions of the State of Michigan Construction Code Act, Act No. 230, of 1972, as amended, the Michigan Electrical Code, updated to December 6, 1999, is hereby adopted by reference. Said code is adopted for the purpose of regulating the installation, alteration, repair, servicing, maintenance and use of electrical equipment and provide practical safeguards of persons and property from hazards arising from the use of electricity in the City of Grosse Pointe.
- Sections 14-82 and 14-84 are hereby repealed.
- The effective date of the within Ordinance #318 shall be ten days after the date of publication thereof.

Susan J. Wheeler, Mayor
Thomas W. Kressbach, City Clerk

Enacted: 03/20/00
G.P.N.: 03/23/00
Effective: 04/02/00

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION
TUESDAY, MARCH 28, 2000
THE GROSSE POINTE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM,
WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF SAID SCHOOL DISTRICT:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Special Election will be held in the Grosse Pointe Public School System, Wayne County, Michigan, on Tuesday, March 28, 2000, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, for the purpose of submitting the following proposals to vote of the qualified electors of the School District.

PROPOSAL 1
GENERAL OPERATING MILLAGE PROPOSAL HOLD HARMLESS (GAP)

This proposal would continue the existing authorization as reduced by application of the Headlee amendment. It would not represent an increase in the school property tax millage rate over that approved by the taxpayers with the passage of the 1995 millage authorization.

"As a renewal of authorization which expired with the 1999 tax levy, shall the limitation on the tax upon taxable homestead and qualified agricultural property in The Grosse Pointe Public School System, County of Wayne, Michigan, be increased by 6.7655 mills (\$6.7655 per \$1,000 of taxable value) for five (5) years, the years 2000 to 2004, inclusive, to provide funds for general operating expenses of The Grosse Pointe Public School System? If approved, this millage would raise an estimated \$13,300,000 for the District in 2000.

PROPOSAL 2
TECHNOLOGY MILLAGE PROPOSAL HOLD HARMLESS

If authorized, the levy would be earmarked to fund the school system's technology plan over the next five years.

"As a renewal of authorization which expired with the 1999 tax levy, shall the limitation on the tax upon taxable homestead and qualified agricultural property in The Grosse Pointe Public School System, County of Wayne, Michigan, be increased by 1.3129 mills (\$1.3129 per \$1,000 of taxable value) for five (5) years, the years 2000 to 2004, inclusive, to provide operating funds for the purpose of acquiring, installing, operating and maintaining technology for the Grosse Pointe Public School System? If approved, this millage would raise an estimated \$2,500,000 for the District in 2000.

PROPOSAL 3
NONHOMESTEAD MILLAGE PROPOSAL

The renewal of authorization will allow The Grosse Pointe Public School System to continue to levy the mills previously levied for general operating purposes on nonhomestead property (business, commercial, rental and seasonal homes) which expired with the 1999 tax levy. The levy of the statutory rate of 18 mills against nonhomestead property is required for the School District to receive revenues at the full foundation allowance permitted by the State.

"As a renewal of authorization which expired with the 1999 levy, shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be imposed on taxable nonhomestead property in The Grosse Pointe Public School System, County of Wayne, Michigan be increased to eighteen (18) mills (\$18.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value) for five (5) years, the years 2000 to 2004, inclusive, to provide funds for operating expenses of The Grosse Pointe Public School System? If approved, this millage would raise an estimated \$4,900,000 for the District in 2000.

Each person voting on the above proposition must be:

- A citizen of the United State of America over eighteen (18) years of age;
- A registered elector of the City of Township in which he or she resides.

The places of voting for the special election to be held on March 28, 2000, will be as follows:

PRECINCT A - All voters in the City of Grosse Pointe Park vote at PIERCE MIDDLE SCHOOL, 15430 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan.
PRECINCT B - All voters in the City of Grosse Pointe vote at MAIRE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, 740 Cadieux, City of Grosse Pointe, Michigan.
PRECINCT C - All voters in the City of Grosse Pointe Farms vote at BROWNELL MIDDLE SCHOOL, 260 Challotte, Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan.
PRECINCT D - All voters in the City of Grosse Pointe Woods vote at PARCELS MIDDLE SCHOOL, 20600 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan.
PRECINCT E - All voters in the Township of Grosse Pointe vote at the GROSSE POINTE SHORES ADMINISTRATION OFFICES, 795 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores, Michigan.
PRECINCT F - All voters in the City of Harper Woods portion of the Grosse Pointe Public School System vote at POUPARD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, 20655 Lennon, City of Harper Woods, Michigan.
ABSENT VOTER COUNTING BOARD - (All absentee voter ballots) Voting place at BARNES SCHOOL, 20090 Morningside, Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan.

Each person voting in this election must be a registered elector in the City of Township within the School District in which the person resides.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the following statements have been received from the Treasurer of Wayne County as to previously voted increases in the constitutional tax rate limitation affecting taxable property in the School District, to wit:

I, RAYMOND J. WOJCIWICZ, Treasurer of Wayne County, Michigan, do hereby certify that as of March 7, 2000, the total of all voted increases in excess of the Constitutional fifteen mill tax limitation and the years such increases are effective are as follows affecting the taxable property of Local Unit:

Local Unit	Date of Election	Voted Increases	Years Increases Effective
County of Wayne	November 3, 1998	1 mill	2000 thru 2001
Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency	August 6, 1974	1 mill	2000 Indefinitely
Wayne County Local	November 8, 1988	1 mill	2000 Indefinitely
The Grosse Pointe Public School System	August 4, 1998	1 mill	2000 thru 2001
	None	None	

Signed: Raymond J. Wojtowicz
Wayne County Treasurer

This Notice is given by order of the Board of Education of The Grosse Pointe Public School System, Wayne County, Michigan.

Dated: March 7, 2000

Joan Dindoffer,
Secretary, Board of Education

G.P.N.: 03/16/00 & 03/23/00

Predators prevail in Pee Wee

The Predators, seeded second in the Grosse Pointe Hockey Association's Pee Wee B division postseason tournament, used a well-balanced offense, a stifling defense and timely goaltending to beat the top-seeded Millennium Force 3-1 in the championship game at City Sports Arena.

The Predators' offense was led by the line of Joey Parke, Nick Frattini and Mike Lewandowski. Parke had two goals and an assist, Frattini collected two assists and Lewandowski had one assist. The other goal was scored by defenseman Will Poirier.

The line of Jimmy Marshall, Derrick Gianino and Dan Tapert created several scoring opportunities, while the line of Mike Crowley, David Hollidge and Jimmy McMillan was strong at both ends of the ice.

Defensemen Poirier, David McCoy, Phil Tomaszewski, Hans Genesch and Robert Dice provided solid play along the blue line to hold the Millennium Force to few quality scoring chances.

And when the Force did have a scoring chance, goalie Billy Szlachta came up with several excellent saves.

Millennium Force's only goal

was scored by Tim Wagner, assisted by Andrew Wendzinski and James Mollison.

In the semifinal round, the Force beat the Flames 7-1 and the Predators blanked the Habs 5-0. In the consolation game, the Flames took third place with a 6-2 victory over the Habs.

The Predators were coached by Marty McMillan, who was assisted by Paul Marshall, Chris Lewandowski and Pete Poirier. Phil Tomaszewski is the team manager.



The Predators won the Grosse Pointe Hockey Association Pee Wee B playoff championship with a 3-1 victory over the Millennium Force. In front, from left, are Nick Frattini, Robert Dice, Billy Szlachta, Mike Lewandowski and Danny Tapert. In the second row, from left, are Jimmy McMillan, Mike Crowley, Jimmy Marshall, Phil Tomaszewski, Joey Parke and Will Poirier. In the third row are Hans Genesch, left, and David McCoy. In back, from left, are coaches Paul Marshall, Pete Poirier and Marty McMillan, Derrick Gianino, manager Phil Tomaszewski and coach Chris Lewandowski.

Knights third at Erie-Mason

University Liggett School's swimming team finished third in the Erie-Mason Invitational, highlighted by a first-place finish from Jeffrey Zens in the 50-yard freestyle.

The Erie-Mason meet is the unofficial state Class C-D championship. The host school took first place and Dundee was second.

Those two squads also have diving teams, which ULS doesn't have.

Detroit Country Day, Ann Arbor Greenhills and Flat Rock followed the three leaders in the team standings.

Zens won the 50 freestyle in a personal-best time of 22.85 seconds. He was second in the 100 freestyle with a season-best effort of 51.44.

Katie Critchell, a senior captain for the Knights, was second in the 500 freestyle with a season-best time of 5:38.97. It was also the highest finish by a girl in any event.

Critchell also turned in a season-best time of 2:08.78 to finish seventh in the 200 freestyle.

ULS also made strong showings in two of the relays. The 200 freestyle relay team of Zens, Erica Stock, Jordan Rossen and Shaka Bahadu was third and the 400 freestyle relay team of Critchell, Lauren Sinclair, John Scholtes and Rossen finished fourth.

Stock, a senior captain, had eighth-place finishes in the 200 individual medley (2:35.8) and the 100 breaststroke (1:16.12). Both of her times were season-bests.

Bahadu was 10th in the 50 freestyle with a personal-best 26.533 and he was 12th in the 100 freestyle in 1:03.02.

Sophomore Clare Burchi was

Ziegler qualifies for Division III swimming meet

Denison University sophomore Adam Ziegler of Grosse Pointe Woods qualified for the NCAA Men's Division III Swimming and Diving Championships at Emory University in Atlanta, Ga.

Ziegler, who swam at Grosse Pointe North, qualified in the 1,650-yard freestyle with a seed time of 16:13.80. His time is the 15th-fastest among this year's qualifiers.

11th in the 200 freestyle with a season-best time of 2:28.19. She also placed 12th in the 100 butterfly (1:25.69).

Several freshmen also did well in the meet.

Rossen was seventh in the 200 individual medley with a time of 2:34.54, six seconds better than his previous best effort. Rossen also set a boys team record with a ninth-place finish of 1:19.13 in the 100 breaststroke, breaking the old mark held by his brother Paul.

Scholtes was ninth in the 200 freestyle (2:22.97) and the 500 freestyle (6:36.64). In the 500 he improved on his previous best time by 22 seconds.

Sinclair was ninth in the 100 butterfly (1:13.22) and the 100 backstroke (1:11.67).

Erica Decker was 16th in the 100 freestyle (1:19.57). Sara Senapole was 13th in the 100 breaststroke (1:36.07) and also swam her best time in the 50 freestyle. Betsy D'Arcy was 14th in the 100 backstroke (1:23.90) and cut six seconds off her previous best. Jenny Hutchinson swam her best time in the 50 freestyle.

ULS, which scored more points than ever before in the meet and finished with a dual meet record of 7-5, is coached by Sandy Smith. She is assisted by Snip Francis.



Undefeated champs

The Grosse Pointe Soccer Association Salvo '85 posted an undefeated record to win its division for the indoor soccer first session at Total Soccer in Fraser. In front, from left, are Tim Ross, Kevin Neill, Sean Berendt, R.J. Scherer and John Rhoades. In back, from left, are Todd Callahan, coach Mike Bannon, Phillip Alber, Tom Osaer, Joseph McKeen, Kevin Krease, Kellen Bannon and Cole VanAssche. Not pictured are Steven Pinterpe, Matt Dansey, Tim Houston and David Lankford.

Some openings remain for South baseball camp

There are still a few openings remaining for the afternoon session of the Grosse Pointe South Indoor Baseball Camp, which will be held Saturday in the school gym.

The second session runs from 1 to 4 p.m. The cost is \$35 per player with proceeds going to the South baseball program.

Camp director Dan Griesbaum said that all campers should arrive 15 minutes before their session is scheduled to start. The morning session begins at 9 a.m. Players are expected to bring their own equipment and to be dressed in proper baseball attire.

To register — there is no registration the day of the camp — or for more information call Griesbaum at (313) 884-7834.



World champ

Defenseman Justin Johnston of Grosse Pointe played a key role recently as the HoneyBaked '86 Pee Wee AAA hockey team took first place in the 41st Championnats Mondiaux 2000 (World Cup) tournament in Quebec City. Johnston's goal tied the semifinal game against Sherbrooke (Quebec) at 4-4 and HoneyBaked went on to post a 6-4 victory. HoneyBaked beat the Michigan Ice Dogs 3-2 in overtime in the championship game.

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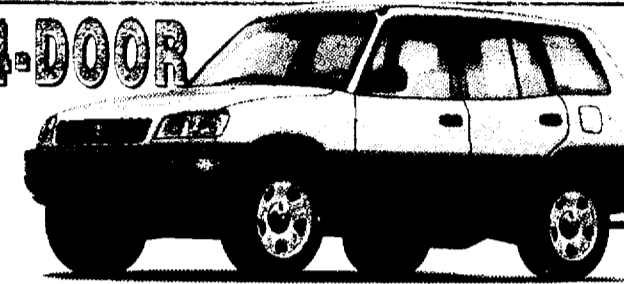
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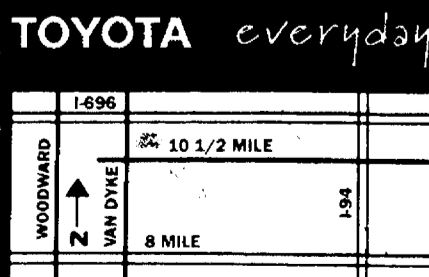
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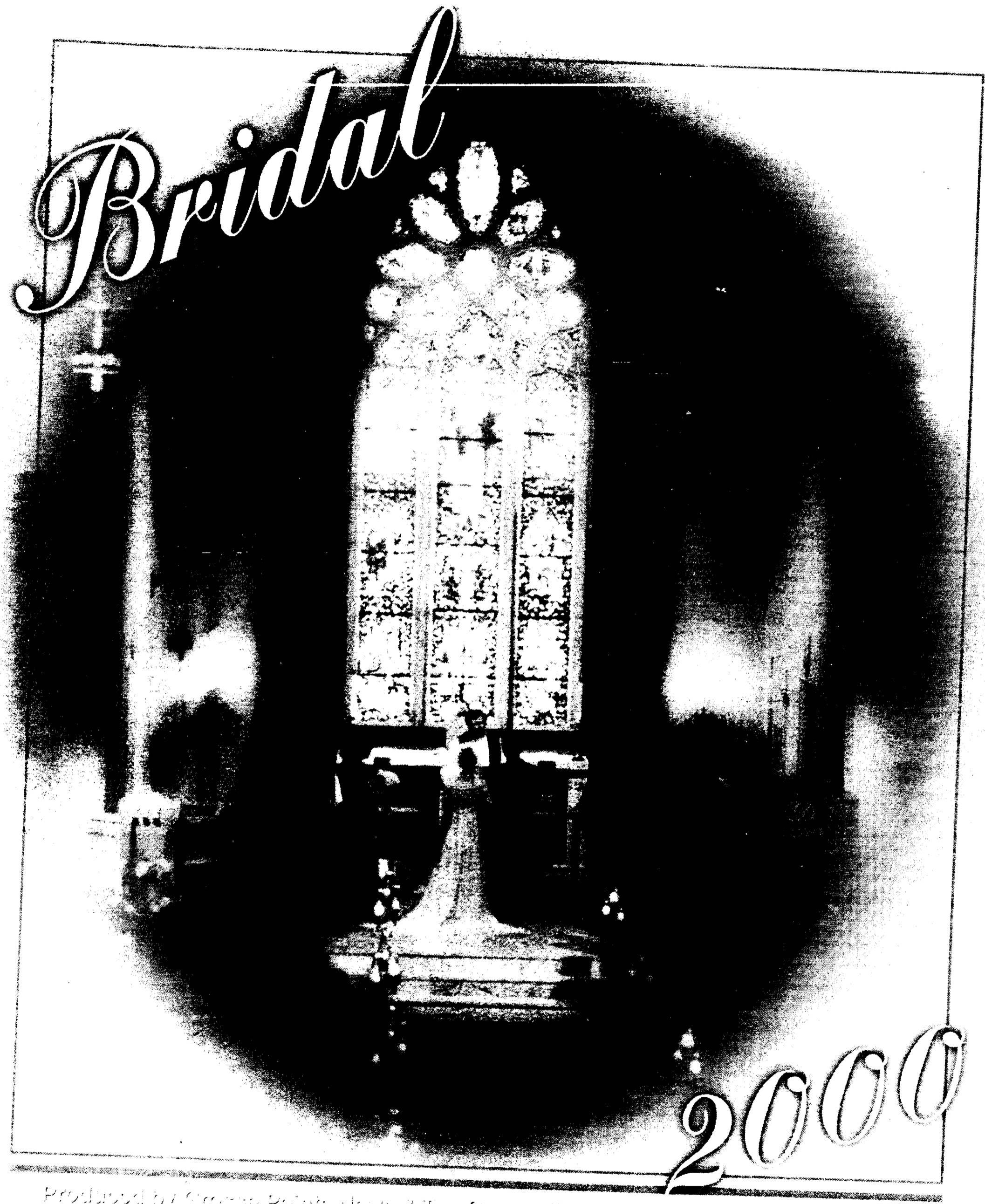
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*H*appily ever after Wedding Advice and Recipes

By Sue Zelickson

First comes love, then comes marriage and then comes the couple with the baby carriage. Well a few things

happen in between, or at least, in most sequences we find the families involved making detailed plans for setting the date, and choosing the

place for the ceremony and the reception. Plus the hotel for the out of town guests and the millions and trillions of minute details that often

make the entire love match become a dueling match between many of the participants.

If everything goes according to the wedding planner books, then you will find the happy couple enjoying what can and should be the most delicious time of their lives. To avoid alterations between the couple and family members, perhaps a few words to the wise might be engraved and initialed even before the first trip to the printer for invitations.

Those wonderful new books by Richard Carlson, Ph.D. could prove to be the first wedding guide you all read, especially the one entitled "Don't Sweat the Small Stuff with Your Family." Then pick up a few detailed wedding planner books and even consult a wedding planner or go to a bridal shop and get all the information you can get your hands on. Libraries and the Internet are also fabulous sources for all the intricate details that you will be encountering after the question of matrimony has been popped.

tion of the wedding plans naturally involves food. Therefore the showers, the bridal dinner, the wedding dinner and the brunches that usually follow the next day get my undivided attention as a planner and as a guest.


Let's take a look at the multitude of options that are available for each wedding couple to choose from. Beginning with the showers, it is up to the bride to decide exactly how many and what kind of showers she and/or her husband will accept from their friends and family. Keep in mind that too many showers which invite the same people is not the way to win friends and keep them. Divide your lists according to compatible groups and try not to overlap guests as one shower per person is plenty, except for your mother, mother-in-law and perhaps close sisters and sisters-in-laws. Couple showers are also fun and get the groom involved and it's a chance to meet more of the family and friends before the wedding.

The food at these showers can be elaborate or plain. Often guests at a recipe shower will bring the recipe for the gift and prepare it for the shower as a pot luck; this usually turns out to be a nice, fun theme that is easy on the hostesses as well.

"No hostess" showers are often done when one person doesn't want to spend a lot to give a shower alone or if too many friends all want to entertain. A letter or call goes out from a core committee to see who wants to pay \$20 or \$25 for gifts and the cost of the luncheon and decor. Then the core committee takes the group money and buys and wraps the gifts, plans the luncheon, and when everyone comes, the entire group becomes the party and gift giver.

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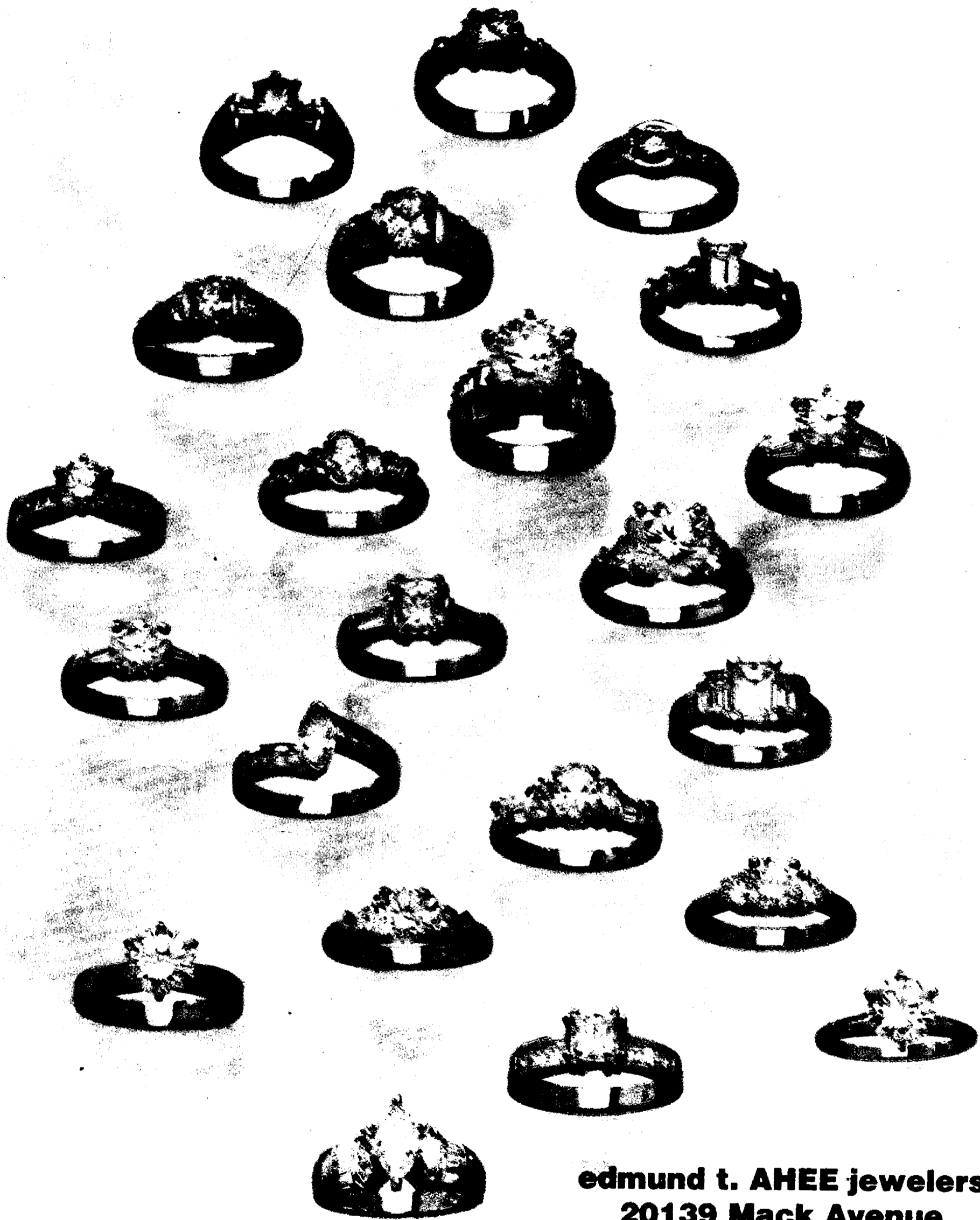
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A diamond is an expression of individuality. Just as love is unique, no two diamonds are alike. Each diamond has its own personality and sparkle. Therefore, when purchasing a diamond engagement ring, it is important to become an informed consumer.

A little knowledge can go a long way to help unearth the best-quality diamond within a budget. Understanding diamonds requires knowledge of the four C's: cut, color, clarity and carat weight. These four variables are key to answering the elusive question as to why two diamonds of equal size may not be of equal value.

- **Cut** — Although diamonds can be cut in several shapes, like oval, marquise, pear or round, it is the quality of the cut that gives the stone its brilliant sparkle. Light is reflected best when all of the facets are perfectly proportioned.

- **Color** — The best color is no color. A totally colorless diamond best allows white light to pass effortlessly through it and be dispersed as rainbows of color.

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Laura's Bridal World & Fashions

Laura's Bridal World & Fashions has been serving the metropolitan Detroit area and its surrounding suburbs for 60 years as a full-service bridal salon. Laura's offers an extensive collection of bridal apparel for the entire wedding party, a complete alterations department, staffed with expert seamstresses, and a staff of knowledgeable consultants.

Laura's caters to all sizes from 4 to 44. They run a full line of accessories for the entire bridal party — from gloves to bags to shoes. They also offer a large selection of special-occasion dresses for the mothers of the bride and groom, and a large selection of flower girl dresses. Prom dresses have been very well-received over the years.

An important part of the family tradition at Laura's is the expert advice given by a large staff of friendly sales consultants. Every sales consultant has the experience and training to be able to select a variety of bridal gowns that would complement each girl's individuality. One-on-one service is provided to each and every bride with or without an appointment. Laura's philosophy has always been, "The bride is always the most important person in the store."

The collection of bridal and bridesmaids gowns are not only the latest styles in the industry, but Laura's

takes into consideration all price ranges so that every girl that comes in the store is able to find her perfect gown.

"We pride ourselves that most of our business come from referrals," says Laura. "That didn't come without a lot of hard work and attention to details, from ordering to checking and rechecking on expected deliveries, to painstaking alterations and everything in between."

Laura's first store opened in Detroit on Gratiot Avenue near downtown Detroit in 1940. In 1955 business partner Laura Arena relocated to a new store on Gratiot Avenue in Eastpointe where she ran a successful store for more than 30 years. In 1990, Laura's daughters, Laura and Nancy, moved to a brand new 4,000 square-foot facility also on Gratiot Avenue, between 15 and 16 mile roads, three blocks south of 16 Mile Road in Clinton Township. Hours of operation are Monday through Thursday, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; and Friday and Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Laura's Bridal World & Fashions is one of a handful of salons that have a full-service alterations department on the premises. Currently, all of the seamstresses have a combined 60 years of experience exclusive to bridal apparel, and Laura's still offers free alterations.

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The best way for a couple to remain calm while planning the big day is to get organized. By making a list of things they need to do, they can allot time in their schedules for each task — and they can feel a sense of accomplishment and relief each time they cross something off the list.

This basic checklist can get them started on their way to a beautiful wedding day.

• **Set the date** — As soon as possible after getting engaged, the couple should select a wedding date and decide on the type of wedding they would like to have. From a traditional ceremony in a church to a surprise wedding, where guests are invited to a "party" that turns out to be a wedding, couples are personalizing the event and planning weddings that reflect their lifestyles and interests.

• **Reserve a location** — The couple should reserve the church or location of the ceremony soon after setting the date to ensure they can get married on the day they want. Then, they need to reserve a reception location. Party houses and halls specialize in party business and feature catering directors who will assist a couple in planning their dream wedding.

• **Select a photographer** — Every photographer has a different style. The couple should choose one who will accommodate their wishes, like taking the types and number of shots they want, attending both the ceremony and reception, and offering the album design they would like. The photographer's personality is very important — the couple will be spending an entire day with this person, so they should choose someone who will make them feel comfortable.

• **Book reception entertainment** — The couple should select a band or disc jockey who will cater to everyone at the reception — both the younger and older generations. The musical selections should be diverse, and requests from the guests should be taken.

• **Arrange wedding transportation**

— Whether it's a Rolls-Royce, stretch limo, horse and buggy, or double-decker bus, the couple should plan for transportation to and from the ceremony and to the reception for themselves and their attendants. They should make reservations early, especially if they want a white car.

• **Order dresses** — Shopping for a wedding dress, headpiece and bridesmaid dresses is one of the most fun parts of the planning for the future bride. She should choose a wedding dress that reflects her style and personality — and makes her look beautiful. When considering dresses for her attendants, the bride-to-be should opt for a style that complements her dress, as well as the women in her party.

• **Choose a florist** — Flowers can add an elegant touch to the wedding day, and every florist has a unique style. The couple should select one whose arrangements they like and who offers them helpful, creative ideas about bouquets, corsages and centerpieces.

• **Decide on a bakery** — The couple should select a bakery based on the flavor of the cakes baked there and the look of previous work. They should ask for a taste of the different types of cake offered, and check if the bakery will be able to create the design that they want.

• **Select formalwear** — Whether it's a basic tuxedo or a top hat and tail coat, formalwear completes the look of the wedding party. The couple should select a formalwear provider who offers the style they want, has a variety of sizes available to fit all of the men standing up, and offers a large selection of bow ties and cummerbunds or vests.

• **Order invitations** — Invitations come in many different styles, so the bride and groom will have a number of books to look through. They should decide on a style that best suits their wedding, based on its formality, the time of day and the wedding colors. The stationery professional can help them with this decision.

With these important decisions made, the future bride and groom only have a few things left to do. They are well on their way to the wedding of their dreams.

Beauty and Meaning

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What would a wedding be without flowers? From the decorations to the table centerpieces to the bride's bouquet, flowers make a wedding memorable — they add beauty, fragrance and even meaning to any affair.

When selecting wedding flowers, consider their special meanings as well as their allure. Following are some favorite blooms and their meanings, courtesy of Roses Inc. (www.rosesinc.org).

Amaryllis — pride, pastoral poetry	Dandelion — faithfulness, happiness	Myrtle — love, Hebrew emblem of marriage	Stephanotis — happiness in marriage
Ambrosia — reciprocated love	Forget-me-not — true love, memories	Orange blossom — eternal love, marriage and fruitfulness	Tulip (general) — perfect lover
Aster — symbol of love	Forsythia — anticipation	Orchid — love, beauty	Tulip (red) — declaration of love
Bells of Ireland — good luck	Gloxinia — love at first sight	Peony — happy marriage	Violet (blue) — faithfulness
Bluebell — humility	Heather (white) — protection, wishes will come true	Poppy (red) — pleasure	Zinnia (magenta) — lasting affection
Cactus — endurance	Holly — domestic happiness	Poppy (yellow) — wealth, success	Zinnia (scarlet) — constancy
Camellia — good luck gift to a man	Hyacinth (blue) — constancy	Rose (bridal) — happy love	Zinnia (white) — goodness
Carnation (solid color) — "yes"	Ivy — wedded love, fidelity, affection	Rose (red) — love	
Cattail — peace, prosperity	Lily (calla) — beauty	Rose (thornless) — love at first sight	
Chrysanthemum (red) — love	Magnolia — nobility	Rosebud (red) — pure and lovely	
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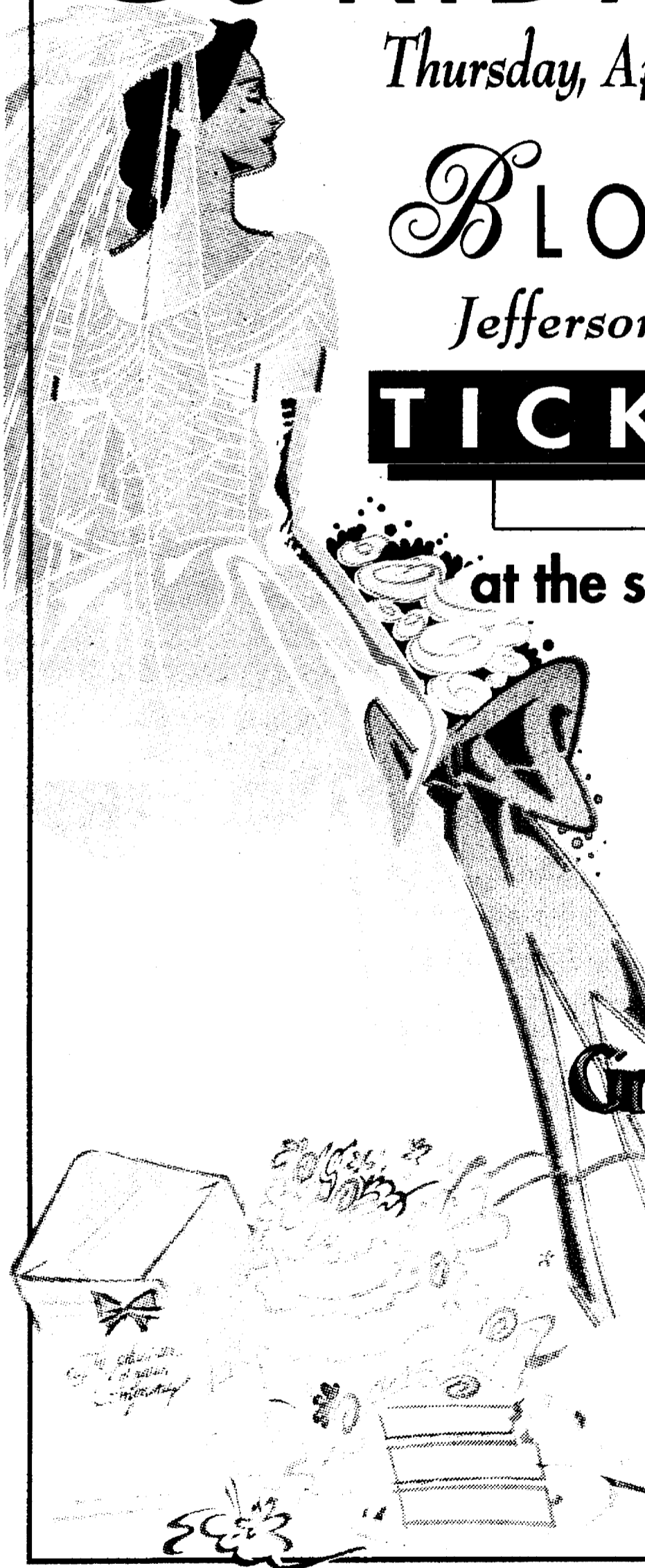
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(MS) — The wedding day is one of the most exciting and memorable days in a couple's life. The bride and groom want everything, from the gown to the flowers to the food served at the reception, to be perfect. Most of all, they want the memories of the big day to be special.

The entertainment provided at the wedding reception is critical in determining the success of

the event. The choice of music for the reception can make or break the entire party. Regardless of whether you use a live band or disc jockey, lively music and a personable bandleader or DJ can help build a mood and play songs that can get the guests dancing.

Hiring the right band or DJ for your wedding can be confusing. Asking good questions, knowing the right answers and getting all guarantees in writing will ensure the selection of reliable, reputable vendors. The following questions and answers, courtesy of Modern Bride magazine, can help you hire the best musicians for the reception.

1. Can I determine the quality of a band's performance by listening to a tape or viewing its video? If you like the sound on the tape and/or the way the band delivers on video, inquire about where you can see the group play at a showcase, an actual wedding or some other place where it is booked.

2. How can I be certain that the band I book will be the one at my wedding? It is essential to get the name of the band in writing on your contract.

3. Does the orchestra have liability insurance? A reputable company will maintain such coverage. Most reception facilities require that the orchestra furnish them with a certificate of insurance.

4. Does the band take breaks? Most bands take a 15-minute break

after a 45-minute set. Taped music can be arranged during the breaks or continuous music (at an extra charge) can be planned.

5. Are there additional charges for traveling time, playing during cocktails and overtime?

Probably. Ask about that at your initial meeting, and be sure that those charges are clearly stated in your contract and understood before you sign it.

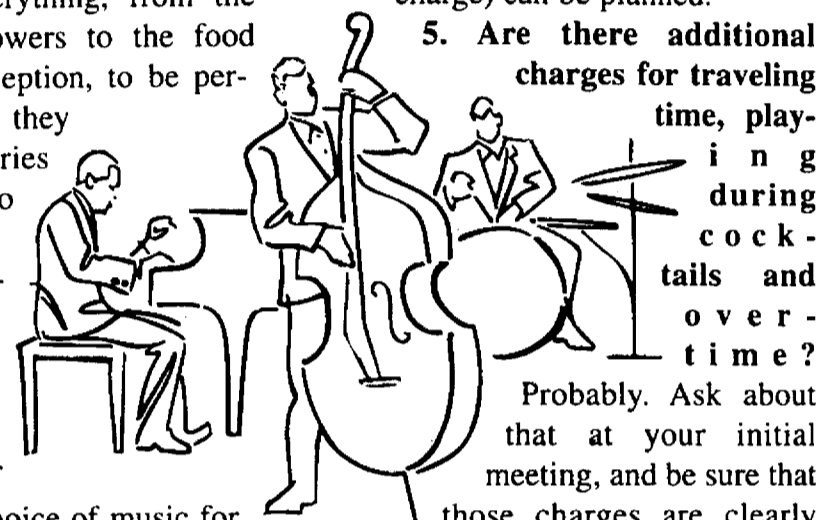
6. Is there a surcharge or sales tax? There is no sales tax on musical services, but there may be some surcharges (i.e. payroll, transportation). Be sure to ask.

7. Does the band have an extensive song list with selections that appeal to a wide range of guests? A good band will be able to play a range of music that spans the decades, from big band to Top 40 to Motown hits, as well as ethnic pieces.

8. Will the band members wear appropriate attire? Unless otherwise noted, and depending on the formality of the wedding, members should wear black tie.

9. Is there a way I can be sure the amplification will not be deafening? Tell the bandleader or DJ of your concern, so if this is not a place where the group has played before, he or she can check out the location to prepare ahead for any acoustical challenges that must be addressed to keep the decibels under control.

10. Does the bandleader or DJ act as master of ceremonies and coordinate the sequence of events at the reception, and if so, should I meet with mine about this before the wedding? The master of ceremonies is usually the bandleader or DJ, and you absolutely should have an in-person meeting to talk over the reception events.



The Final Countdown: Tips to Keep from Going Crazy

(MS) — After all those months, and even years, of planning, your wedding day has almost arrived. However, with the wedding almost one month away, the final details must be taken care of. You may be driving yourself crazy trying to remember everything that needs to be done, so the ceremony and reception will go off without a hitch.

To ease the tension you may encounter during the next month, Modern Bride magazine offers some helpful tips to ensure that all tasks will be completed, so you can relax and enjoy your wedding day.

THE MONTH BEFORE YOUR WEDDING

- Develop an orderly system of tracking guests' responses.
- Discuss the bachelor party with your fiancé. Suggest the event be scheduled at least a week before the wedding day.
- Call the caterer, and finalize the menu. Be sure the cake has been ordered.
- Give your caterer a reliable estimate of the number of guests expected at the reception.
- Confer with the florist to be sure everything is ordered. Confirm the time that flowers will be delivered and decorations will be completed.
- Arrange the transportation schedule for the wedding party.
- Make certain you are insured against damage or loss in transit.

TWO WEEKS BEFORE THE WEDDING

- Set a date with your fiancé to get your marriage license.
- Be sure all clothing and accessories for the bridal party are in order.
- Submit your wedding announce-

ment and photograph to the society editor of your local newspaper.

- Change your name on your bank account, Social Security card, license, insurance and other documents if you are assuming your husband's last name.

- Call guests who have not responded to their invitation to ask if they'll be attending.

ONE WEEK BEFORE THE WEDDING

- Confirm ceremony vocalists and musicians, and recheck your musical selections.
- Present a small gift or note of appreciation to friends and relatives who did special favors and made the planning run smoothly.
- Add last-minute acceptances, and phone your caterer with the final guest count.
- Do a final check on details with your florist, caterer, sexton, clergy, musicians and photographer.
- Finalize your honeymoon plans, and begin packing.

ONE DAY BEFORE THE WEDDING

- Have a manicure, pedicure and even a massage to pamper yourself.
- Attend the rehearsal. Review all important duties with the principals in the wedding party.
- Give ushers the list of guests to be seated in the reserved section.

THE WEDDING DAY

- Rest and thoroughly relax in a nice, warm bath.
- Allow plenty of time to dress — about two hours before the ceremony, if possible.
- Have a wonderful wedding, and enjoy every moment.

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Platinum: The Purest Expression of Love

(MS) — "Something platinum, something new, something borrowed, something blue?" Today's brides are rewriting the traditional wedding rhyme to reflect the increasing resurgence of platinum wedding jewelry.

According to research commissioned by Platinum Guild International USA (PGI-USA), the American marketing arm of the world's platinum mining industry, 25 percent of all women now are choosing platinum over white or yellow gold for their engagement rings and wedding bands. This share is expected to increase to 35 to 40 percent during the next five years.

"Platinum shares many qualities with today's brides," says Laurie Hudson, president of PGI-USA. "It is lustrous, beautiful, fashionable and, like true love, platinum is pure, rare, strong and endearing."

Indeed, platinum is the rarest and most pure of all metals, and today's bride can choose from a wide range of unique new styles and traditional settings. Traditional platinum engagement rings include those with romantic filigree and a heavier emphasis on pave diamonds. Rounded geometrics and retro settings also are selling well, as are playful, innovative romantic settings, including side-set baguettes of colored stones and lovely heart-shaped accents.

Every year, 2.4 million marriages take place and an average of two rings are sold per marriage. Platinum often is the metal of choice for both bride and groom. More and more brides-to-be are selecting platinum engagement rings with bezel settings, Hudson says. "Because of its extraordinary luster, platinum lights a diamond from within, highlighting the rounded modern shape of a bezel setting."

Platinum is perfect for engagement-ring settings because it secures



Precious platinum is the perfect metal for bridal jewelry. Like true love, it is pure, rare, durable and endearing. Photo courtesy of Platinum Guild International USA.

a gemstone like no other, making it far less likely for precious diamonds to loosen or fall from their settings. Rarer and heavier than any other precious metal, platinum offers a more substantial "feel."

Sales of platinum wedding bands with pave accents continue their significant climb, as do sales of complementary platinum wedding bands for men.

The rich, white luster of platinum — which actually grows even lovelier with time — enhances the brilliance and depth of diamonds and color gemstones. Platinum is hypoallergenic and, unlike silver, it never will tarnish.

For more information about platinum bridal jewelry and a free "Platinum Buyer's Guide," write to PGI-USA, 620 Newport Center Drive, Suite 800, Newport Beach, Calif. 92660 or visit www.precious-platinum.com on the Internet.

Bridal Party Gifts Get Personal

The wedding date is set, reception booked, and the bridal party of closest friends and family carefully chosen. What to give your attendants? Whether there is one or a dozen, each member (bridesmaid, groomsman, best man, maid/matron of honor, flower girl and ring bearer) deserves a big thank you and special memento of the wedding day.

Thoughtful and personal are the guidelines to keep in mind when shopping for attendants' gifts, suggests the Silver Information Center. Sterling silver gifts can easily be personalized when they are engraved or monogrammed. Gifts need not be expensive (\$50 for each is average), nor exactly the same. Attendants will appreciate the extra sentiment that goes into selecting individual gifts.

Bridesmaids' Gifts

Traditionally, jewelry is the gift a bride gives her bridal party. Brides wondering what to give — here's the key — choose jewelry or accessories that suit bridesmaids' individual styles — as well as their dresses. Accessories to be worn on the wedding day are particularly appropriate, but choose items that will be used and enjoyed after the festivities are over.

Jewelry designers are pairing sterling silver with white and pastel-colored pearls as well as semiprecious stones like aquamarine, peridot, citrine and amethyst for luxurious looks that are both affordable and ultrafashionable, reports the Silver Information Center.

Surprise the bridal party with delicate silver and stone drop or stud earrings, a classic bangle bracelet or hoop earrings updated with pearl accents, or a simple strand of pearls or beads with a personalized charm. The jewelry can be color coordinated with the girls' dresses. A pearl and silver hair barrette, silver charm bracelet, or necklace with a sweet

flower or monogrammed heart pendant make for endearing flower girl presents.

Some of the best gifts are those special little things that people might not buy for themselves. Here are other meaningful sterling silver gift ideas to say thanks:

- Pamper attendants with sterling vanity accessories. Makeup brushes, hair picks and clips, collectible boxes for jewelry and makeup, a monogrammed compact, and a perfume flacon filled with a favorite perfume are indulgent necessities.
- Bud vases or mint julep cups overflowing with garden-fresh flowers can be used as individual centerpieces and take-home favors at an attendant luncheon or rehearsal dinner.
- An engraved sterling frame filled with a picture of longtime friends or a sentimental poem will be cherished for a lifetime.
- A silver sewing or manicure set, key ring, and business-card case make for useful and impressive travel companions.

Groomsmen Gifts

Like the bridesmaids, each groomsman and best man receives a thoughtful token of the wedding couple's appreciation. Men's sterling jewelry and accessories are back in vogue. Choose from cuff links in classic and novelty themes to compliment individual personalities, link or ID bracelets monogrammed with initials or engraved with a personal message. Other popular gifts include flasks, luxury bar, travel, desk and smoking accessories. Money clips, key rings, collar stays and pocket knives are all traditional choices that are sure to please.

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Six Strategies to Tame Pre-Wedding Jitters

(MS) — He's popped the question, she's accepted and the newly engaged couple instantly hears wedding bells. Now, between spending quality time together, dealing with future in-laws and going about everyday activities, there's a new addition to their "to do" list ... squeezing in time to arrange a wedding. With so much planning, it's no wonder so many brides- and grooms-to-be feel stressed and frustrated.

To help future brides, Mindy Weiss, celebrity wedding planner and a spokesperson for the Sears Gift Registry, shares tips for tackling pre-matrimonial anxieties:

- To invite or not to invite — Deciding on the guest list can be one of the most daunting tasks for a couple. Torn between parental obligations, friends and co-workers of the bride or groom often are left without an invitation. To accommodate all parties involved, divvy up the list so that the bride and groom, the parents of the bride and the parents of the groom each invite one-third of the guests.

- Get moving — A regular exercise routine not only will ease stress and reduce tension, but will make it easier to get a good night's sleep. Also, to alleviate the pressures of the day, take a brisk walk or hit the gym later in the afternoon rather than in the morning.

- Shopping together ... happy together — The registry process can be a harrowing experience for some

couples as the bride and groom will have different ideas on what they need to start a new life together. Sears takes the stress out of registering by providing the widest merchandise selection of any national gift registry source. The Sears Gift Registry ensures the newlyweds will receive the most wanted and needed gifts for their new home, including Kenmore appliances, personal electronics, home furnishings, Craftsman tools, sporting goods, apparel, cosmetics and more.

- Prenuptial hair "do" — Avoid a "bad hair day" on the big day. Schedule a trial run with the actual stylist two or three weeks before the ceremony. Bring the veil and photos of the gown, if possible, to give the stylist an idea of the image being portrayed. Take a snapshot of the run-through hairstyle as a quick reference for the stylist on the wedding day. More importantly, don't get a drastic haircut less than two months before the wedding, since there won't be time to undo the damage.

- Bridal party pampering — For an ultimate stress buster and bridal party thank you, spend the morning of the big day soaking up spa treatments at a local salon. Between appointments with a hairstylist, makeup artist, manicurist or masseuse, there won't be any time to be nervous.

The Sears Gift Registry is available at all Sears full-line stores nationwide. Additional information on Sears is available via the World Wide Web at <http://www.Sears.com>.

It's Your Wedding Day, Why Don't You...

The bride and groom have been pronounced husband and wife. Instead of throwing rice to celebrate the joy of the moment, why don't you give your guests bottles of soap to blow bubbles. For a special added touch, wrap the bottles in fabric, tulle or lace.

or affix personalized labels as a memento of the wedding. Following are a few more alternatives to throwing rice.

Provide guests with:

- Birdseed • Confetti and/or streamers
- Flower petals
- Popcorn
- Potpourri
- Small bells to ring

Rooming Tips To Ensure a Perfect Wedding

A picture-perfect wedding requires a team effort from all of the players involved. While much of the planning traditionally is handled by the bride and her family, the groom also plays an integral part in deciding on the many wedding arrangements.

To help ensure a beautiful wedding for the happy couple, following are some basic task lists for the groom and his team, to make the big day a success.

Groom

- Buy an engagement ring.
- Prepare a guest list and indicate who should be seated in reserved pews.
- Invite friends to be the best man and ushers in the wedding.
- Visit the formalwear specialist to select the wedding attire.
- Choose gifts for the bride, the best man and the ushers.
- Select the wedding ring (this should be done with the bride).
- Plan the honeymoon (this should be done with the bride) in time to assure getting reservations.
- Apply for the marriage license. Check the state and local rules about the time required. This should be obtained several weeks before the wedding and given to the best man

the day of the wedding, along with the clergyman's fee.

- Check to be sure that all of the necessary papers — blood tests, birth certificates, etc. — are complete and available upon request.

Best Man

- Take charge of the ushers; brief them on special seating arrangements during the rehearsal.
- Keep the wedding ring and have it the day of the ceremony, or be sure the ring bearer carries out instructions properly.
- Have the marriage license and clergyman's fee on hand.
- Help the groom get ready for the wedding.
- Call for and escort the groom to the wedding. Be there at least 15 to 30 minutes before the ceremony begins.

Ushers

- Be at the wedding site at least one hour before the ceremony.
- Have a typed list of guests occupying reserved pews. As the guests arrive, ask whether they are friends of the bride or groom and seat them accordingly.
- An usher should escort the bride's mother to the front pew just before the procession.

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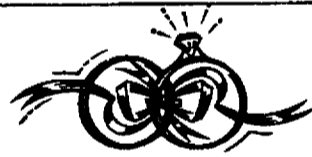
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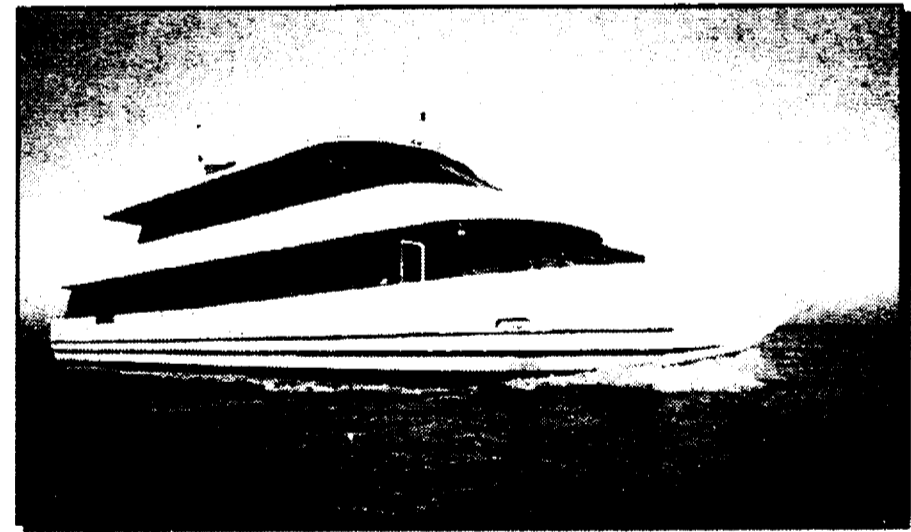
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Ways to Shower the Bride with Fun

Bridal showers are traditional pre-wedding parties, but they don't have to be old-fashioned. These days, anything goes from location to theme to gifts. The best way to create lasting memories for the bride and her close friends and family is to personalize the shower with style and creativity. Since many couples are marrying later, showers to provide the newlyweds with their first linens and dishes may be a thing of the past. Today, a bridal shower is an excellent opportunity to relax, have fun, and show the bride how much you care about her before her special day.

Taking the bride's personality and interests into consideration will guarantee that she will remember the gathering for years to come. You don't have to be a great artist to have fun at a pottery painting shower. Many pottery shops have space that can be rented by larger groups. Guests purchase a piece of pottery, paint it with any design they can imagine, and present the finished work to the bride. She'll always think of you when she has coffee out of the mug you painted with a lopsided rainbow!

Give the bride a book she'll cherish for a lifetime by throwing a scrapbook shower. Craft and scrapbook stores often have workspace to rent, which can include use of equipment and instruction from a scrapbook professional. Guests buy the materials they need to create a page or two celebrating their relationship with the bride and special memories.

Guests can either bring their own photos along to include on the pages or create a wedding or honeymoon page that the bride can fill in later. These pages can be assembled into a special book that the bride can display at the wedding and afterwards

will have a place of honor in her home. It's a tradition that never goes out of style.

Many hotels, restaurants and bed and breakfasts have tea rooms, but it can also be easy and inexpensive to host it yourself, especially if you have a pretty garden or patio. Play some classical music and put out your best china and lacy tablecloths. Books can be found in the cooking section of your favorite bookstore on preparing pastries and sandwiches.

But you don't have to stick with Earl Grey. Try a variety of teas and offer plenty of sugar, lemon, honey and milk according to your guests' tastes. This is a beautiful, soothing background for gifts and conversation.

Is there something the bride has always wanted to learn how to do? A bridal shower is the perfect time to have fun learning something new. Consider a cooking class, make-up demonstration, golf instruction or a flower arranging lesson. Gifts can reflect the bride's special interest and refreshments can follow at the location of your choice.

One of the newest gift registries is the "honeymoon registry." The couple registers with a travel agency for various aspects of their dream honeymoon. If the bride loves to travel, this theme can be carried over to her shower. Serve food inspired by the honeymoon destination; perhaps invite someone who has already traveled there to give a presentation. Gifts can be travel essentials, guidebooks and other necessities for life on the road. The bride is the guest of honor, but you can ensure that all the guests have a great time at a creative and updated bridal shower.

— Courtesy of Article Resource Association
New ways to shower the bride with fun

Champagne Adds Sparkle to Your Wedding Day

Champagne is the most romantic of wines, and it's a time-honored tradition to toast the new bride and groom with a shimmering glass of champagne or sparkling wine.

Wedding planners offer the following tips for selecting and serving just the right bubbly for your special day:

- Figure on one bottle of sparkling wine for every six to eight guests.

- Have the tables set with tulip-shaped glasses or champagne flutes. The wide, shallow glass so often seen at weddings is the worst choice for sparkling wines. A tall, slender glass allows the fine bubbles to rise without disappearing too quickly.

- Consider a California sparkler. These native wines have made great strides in recent years, and wine connoisseurs say the quality of many California sparkling wines is equal to their French counterparts from the famous Champagne region. (Only sparkling wines made in Champagne can be called "champagne," so California wines with bubbles are called "sparkling wines.")

Many of the California wineries are owned by French houses. One of the best is Roederer Estate, the California sibling of the centuries-old firm of Champagne Louis Roederer, makers of the famous Cristal champagne. The Roederer Estate Brut is more affordable than real champagne, but many critics believe it's just as good.

- If budget is a concern, consider a "two-tier" system — buy several cases of a lower-priced sparkler for the majority of your guests and a few special bottles for the wedding party.

- Want to really make a statement? Don't reserve the sparkling wine for just the toast. Instead, serve sparkling wine throughout the entire meal and enhance the occasion's fes-



tive mood.

"The French have long known that champagnes and sparkling wines are perfect partners for a wide range of foods," says Roederer Estate winemaker Michel Salgues. Today's adventurous chefs serve sparkling wines with everything from light fish and poultry dishes with cream sauces to spicy ethnic foods. Ask your caterer for menu suggestions.

- Consider champagne or sparkling wine as gifts for the bridal party and anyone else who helped smooth the way for a perfect wedding day. A bottle of champagne and a champagne bucket will let them relive the happiness of your wedding with their own special someone.

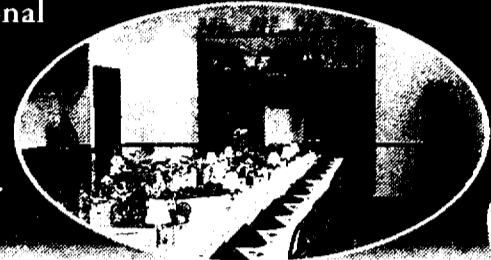
- Give special guests — mom and dad, grandma, and your favorite cousin — corks from champagne popped for the occasion. Mark the corks "Sarah and Mike's Wedding," with the date, for a wonderful wedding memento.

And, when the wedding's over, let the romance live on. Create your own everyday champagne traditions, and keep the sparkle alive!

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"gag" gifts from close friends.

Now let's talk about the bridal dinner, which is usually the night before the wedding and is held in a party room or restaurant or even someone's home. The invitations are sent out to those coming in from out of town, the bridal party and close relatives. The food is usually a well-planned dinner with wine for toasts, appetizers, and either a fancy or casual meal with time for talks and stories and almost a roast of the couple.

One bride recently booked the back room of a family style Italian restaurant that served food just like her future husband's grandmother did at home. It was an old-fashioned, fun-filled evening with lots of nostalgia and melting together of ethnic backgrounds.

The wedding dinners take on the wishes of the bride and groom if their parents listen carefully. If they love chocolate or carrot cake, who is to say that the wedding cake has to be white? No rules allowed in the kitchen. Just make the food plentiful and beautiful and delicious and the entire evening will be perfection.

Martha Stewart has written the bible on weddings and to look through any of her party or wedding books or magazine issues (available at your favorite library) you will get bushels of ideas for decor, menu, presentation, flower arrangements and more on each and every page. The minute you start planning the wedding, keep a notebook to jot down ideas you see at parties or other weddings.

Just walking into a gift shop or glancing in a department store window, or going to a kitchen store will give you ideas beyond your wildest imagination.

Make your wedding something special, just for you, be it with music, flowers, table decor, gifts for the guests, lighting, color of the bridal party and table settings, (which can be rented if the place you choose for your dinner doesn't have exactly what you desire). One last word of caution: make sure there is plenty of space for you guests. It's crucial to have enough room to move around and places to sit down,

especially if you don't have assigned tables.

Nothing makes a wedding fall flat more than guests with plates full of food and no place to sit to eat and enjoy it. And remember to greet as many of the guests as you can personally, to show your appreciation that they took time out of their busy lives to share your special time. This will help you get off to a great start of living happily ever after.

Here are a few perfect recipes that can be included in a shower, a bridal dinner or the wedding itself. And don't forget eggs benedict and mimosas for the brunch the following morning.

To begin with, here are some old-fashioned tea sandwiches from a cookbook called "Heirlooms in the Kitchen: Treasured Recipes from the Turn of the Century," by Joan Hutson.

Watercress sandwiches

Wash watercress and chop coarsely. Season with salt, pepper and a few drops of vinegar. Blend with cream cheese or cottage cheese and spread between two thin slices of white or whole wheat bread. Trim off the crusts and cut into triangles or one-inch strips.

Cucumber sandwiches

Ingredients
 1 cucumber
 1 green pepper
 1 bunch green onions
 mayonnaise

Peel and take out the seeds of the cucumber. Use the onion tops along with the green onions. Grind cucumbers, green pepper and onions together. Drain off juice through a cheesecloth bag. Mix ingredients with mayonnaise, salt and a little sugar to taste. Spread between slices of white or whole wheat bread. Trim off crusts and cut into triangles or one-inch strips.

Here are a few sweets for the teas or for the showers or even the wedding sweet table. These come from Jack Bishop's cookbook,

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Inviting Tips on How to Send the Right Message

It is said that any wedding invitation will get your message across. However, depending on the style of the invitation you select, you can end up making a completely different statement than the one you had intended to make.

When it comes to planning a wedding, selecting an invitation can be the single most complex and confusing aspect of the entire process. Invitations are your guests' first impression of the party, and the style selected often affects their expectations of the reception and choice of attire. Gift-giving also is subject to influence by the invitation received.

According to Encore Studios, manufacturer of fine invitations, stationery and social accessories, selecting an invitation is like creating your own unique recipe. You choose the ingredients and want it to be tasteful. The main ingredients you have at your disposal are the texture, color and shape of the paper, along with style of font and ink color. These can be combined with additional layers of paper, envelope-lining options and calligraphy styles. The finishing touches are wording selection, supplied artwork, a monogram or appliques. There is infinite opportunity for uniqueness.

As you consider these options, be sure that you select the style of the invitation well before the affair. You can base your initial decision on quantity. To do this, take the forecasted number of guests, divide it in half and add an additional 25. This number will factor in the cross sec-

tion of single guests, families and couples.

It is extremely important to order the correct quantity. A big part of the initial cost of printing is to typeset and prepare the press for printing. Reordering invitations creates a large expense, no matter the quantity.

Wait until you have definite times and sites for your ceremony and reception before submitting the wording. Also, reevaluate your guest list while you still have the opportunity to increase or decrease the initial quantity.

Enter your wording on a word processor or computer that has a spell-checker, then print it out. If you do it this way instead of writing your wording by hand, you will decrease the incidence of error significantly.

Frequently, people attempt to print the addresses themselves on their personal computers instead of writing them or hiring a calligrapher. Unfortunately, matching the font and the color lettering used on the invitation is not always possible. Furthermore, the printing is not raised. An envelope addressed with a matching font and ink can enhance that first impression.

Now that you successfully have selected the invitations you want, there is one final step. Be sure to mail them in time — at least four to six weeks before the ceremony.

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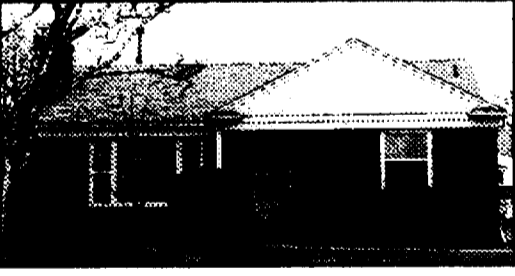
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(MS) —In the weeks prior to the actual wedding ceremony, the bride's house will start to look like it does at Christmas. Packages and boxes of all shapes and sizes from various guests and well wishers will be arriving daily. In this time of excitement, organization is needed to keep track of who sent what gift.

One of the most important tasks is the overwhelming job of writing thank-you notes to all who sent gifts. The job of sending these notes is so time-consuming, because they must be written; a verbal thank you is not enough. The only verbal note that can be sent is a telegram, which can get costly when sending to a large number of guests.

Wedding gifts are given to both the bride and groom. When writing a thank-you note, be sure the signature reflects both of them. Writing the notes is not just the task of the bride, so be sure to put the groom to work. One idea is for the groom to write to his friends and the bride to hers. It is fine to sign only one name, so long as the writer says, for example, "Tad and I thank you for the wonderful toaster."

Make sure the gift is specifically


mentioned in the note, keeping in mind that monetary gifts should never be referred to by dollar amount. A guest should be able to see that the couple appreciated, as well as remembered, the gift that was given to them.

The note should say exactly how the gift will be used. Additionally, if the gift needed to be returned, either because it was a duplicate or it simply could not be used, never inform the sender; a simple thank you is enough.

Be prompt in sending thank-you notes. Although it is perfectly acceptable to send a thank you up to three months after the wedding, couples should start writing before the wedding for gifts received in advance. This eliminates a lot of work and informs guests that the gifts were received and not lost during shipping.

Finally, couples should share any special memories they have of their guest from the wedding. Not only will they be thanking the guest for the gift, but most importantly, they'll be thanking him or her for coming to and celebrating the happy occasion with them.

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"Something Sweet" (Simon & Shuster), where he claims that "Life is short, so eat dessert first!"

Chocolate coconut macaroons

Ingredients:

1 ounce unsweetened chocolate
2/3 cups sweetened condensed milk
3 cups sweetened flaked coconut
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 large egg white

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Grease two large baking sheets. Place chocolate and condensed milk in a large saucepan set over low heat. Stir until chocolate has melted. Remove from heat and stir in coconut, vanilla extract and salt. Mix well by hand. Beat egg white until stiff but not dry. Fold gently into batter. Drop batter by rounded tablespoons onto the prepared baking sheets. Use fingers to shape batter into rough balls. Bake cookies until bottoms and edges are set, about 10 minutes. (The tops will appear moist and shiny.) Cool macaroons on a rack. Makes 24 cookies in about 25 minutes.

Caramel oatmeal lace cookies

Ingredients:

12 tablespoons (1 and 1/2 sticks) unsalted butter
1 and 1/2 cups old-fashioned (not instant) rolled oats
3/4 cup sugar
2 tablespoons flour
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1 large egg lightly beaten

Heat oven to 325 degrees. Line two large baking sheets with parchment paper. Melt butter in a large saucepan. Remove from heat and stir in oats, sugar, flour, salt and vanilla extract. Mix well with a spoon and stir in egg. Drop batter by the tablespoon onto the parchment lined baking sheets, leaving at least 2 inches between cookies. Bake cookies until edges become golden brown, about 13 minutes. Carefully slide parchment from pan to a rack and give cookies two to three minutes to harden before transferring them directly to the rack. Repeat with remaining batter. Makes 24 large or 48 small

flat cookies in 35 minutes.

Lemon poppy seed shortbread

Ingredients:

8 tablespoons (1 stick) unsalted butter, softened
1/2 cup confectioners sugar, plus more for dusting, optional
2 teaspoons finely grated lemon zest
1/2 teaspoon fresh lemon juice
1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
1 tablespoon poppy seeds
1 cup flour
1/4 teaspoon salt

Preheat oven to 300 degrees. Grease an 8-inch square baking pan. Cream butter and sugar in an electric mixer until light and fluffy. Add remaining ingredients and mix until just combined. Press dough into prepared pan with fingers. Bake until shortbread is pale gold in color, 30 to 35 minutes. Cool pan on a rack for five minutes and cut shortbread into bars. If desired, lightly dust with confectioners' sugar just before serving. Makes 16 small bars in 40 minutes.

For that couples shower here is an easy delicious recipe from "Someone's in the Kitchen with Dinah" by Dinah Shore for her Barbecued Spareribs.

Barbecued spareribs

Ingredients:

4 pound spareribs
5 tablespoons sugar
3 tablespoons honey
3 tablespoons soy sauce
2 tablespoons catsup
1 teaspoon salt
1 cup hot chicken broth or bouillon

Mix the ingredients and soak the ribs in this mixture for two hours. Then bake in oven at 300 degrees for two to three hours. Baste every now and then with the sauce. If the ribs are fatty, drop them in boiling water for about five minutes before marinating. Then proceed as directed above. Six servings is typical.

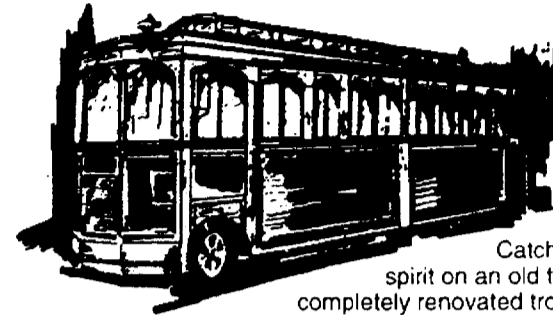
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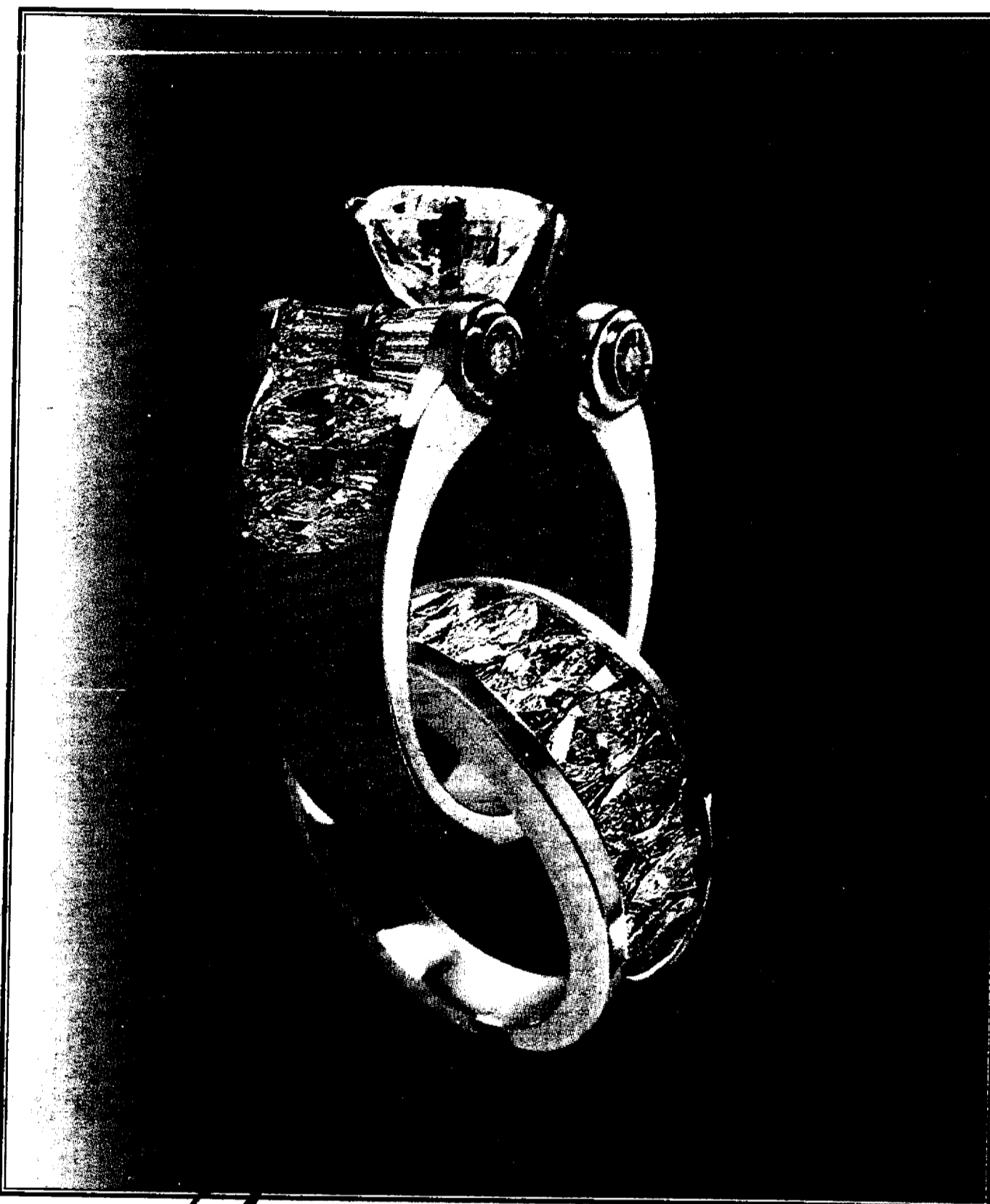


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Opening the garden pond? Follow these timely steps

It looks like the warm weather is here to stay. I hope that is true. I noticed today that my garden fishpond was starting to accumulate algae and that usually means that it is time to start the pump filtering.

The first step to opening up your pond for the season is to skim the leaves from the pond — hopefully there are not too many in your pond. If there is an abundance of debris in the pond you may want to empty some of the water and clean up the bottom of the pond. Once the bulky debris is removed you can install your filter and pump to start circulating the



water. This will filter out the smaller floating algae and debris.

Keep a close watch on the filter since you may have to clean the filter out often when you first start the pond up for the season. Even if the temperature gets cold

again the flow of water from the pump will keep the ice from forming on the surface.

After the pump has been running for a few days and the outside temperatures increase, the pond will clear up. If the water is not crystal clear don't worry, it will clear up more as the plants start growing. There are a few types of enzymes and bacteria formulations that you can purchase to help control the algae in the pond.

If you moved your bog plants to the bottom of the pond they can be repositioned around the shallow areas of your garden pond. New

plants will be available for purchase when all chances of frost are over, usually around mid-to late April. Most of the water plants are grown in the south and they are very sensitive to our chilly spring weather.

Do not start feeding the fish yet. It is not good for them to overeat in cooler temperatures. If the fish are hungry they will eat the algae and plant life in your pond. Pond fish are tougher than most people think.

There have been many new pond products introduced and improved within the last year. Energy-efficient pumps, biological filters, skimmers, new algae controls and man-made realistic waterfalls are just some of the new products.

If you have a pond or are thinking about installing one this season, visit your local garden center for more information on these new products.

David Soulliere is a Michigan certified nurseryman at Soulliere Landscaping and Garden Center, 23919 Little Mack, St. Clair Shores, between Nine and 10 mile. Phone (810) 776-2811 for further information. E-mail at soul- liereg@cs.com.

Consider the pros and cons of home ownership

If you are thinking of buying a home be sure you are ready for the responsibilities of home ownership. Some people are better off renting and should not buy a home. Others should postpone buying a home until they are more established, according to Cheryl Krysiak of the Michigan State University Extension Service.

For example, if you have just graduated, started a new job and moved into a new area, you may not be ready for your own home. If you travel extensively and dislike yard work and house maintenance you may never want to buy a home. On the other hand, if you plan to stay in the area more than a few years, buying a house may be a good idea.

Before you decide to buy a home consider the advantages and disadvantages of home ownership.

Advantages

1. You will have a place of your own — a permanent place to raise your family and become a part of the community.

2. You can hang pictures, take down walls and do other renovations that meet your needs.

3. A house is a good financial investment. Houses usually increase in value if they are properly maintained and the local economy remains stable.

4. As you pay on your mortgage a portion of the payment pays back the loan and every month you own more of your home. You can look at your monthly payment as a scheduled savings plan. You will get your money back when you sell.

5. You have to live somewhere, so why not a place you will own some day? Better to pay yourself than a landlord.

6. Your housing costs will remain the same if you have a fixed rate mortgage. Rent payments increase each year. Some parts of your mortgage payment,

taxes and insurance, may increase causing your monthly payment to go up.

7. You may be eligible for tax savings on your federal income tax returns that are not available for renters. The interest paid on your mortgage and your property taxes may be deductible if you itemize.

Disadvantages

1. Owning a home may cost more than renting. Property taxes and insurance may cost more each year. Plus you will also have additional maintenance and repair costs.

2. Once you have purchased a home you cannot move easily. Be sure you are ready to settle down in a particular area before you buy. Selling a house is as complex a process as buying one.

3. You are responsible for all repair and maintenance tasks. You cannot call the landlord. You must continually repair and maintain your house to protect your investment. When deciding if you should buy consider that your yearly maintenance costs will be about 3 percent of the home's price.

4. You must make your mortgage payments in full and on time. If you do not do so you may lose your home and any money you have invested in it.

• Before you begin searching for a home also ask yourself the following questions:

1. Will your family stay in the area (longer than seven years) to make home ownership a good financial investment?

2. Are you willing to invest the time and money that is needed to keep your house repaired? Do you like yard work?

3. Have you carefully analyzed your financial situation? If you make mortgage payments and maintain your house will you

have enough money left over to live comfortably?

Owning a home is a part of the American dream. If you do your homework when you are deciding if owning a home is for you, you may prevent the dream from turning into a nightmare. For information on home buyer classes offered by MSU-Extension, call (810) 469-6430.

See page 12 of this section for details on a two-part home ownership workshop.



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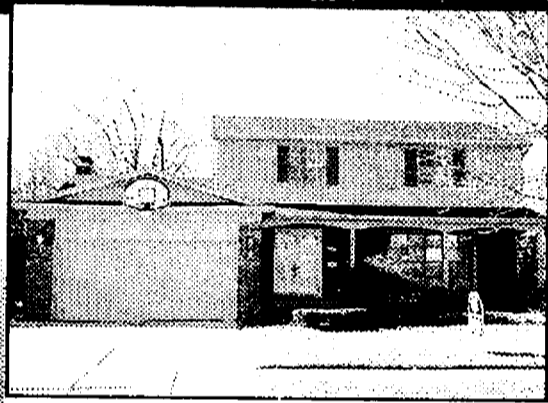
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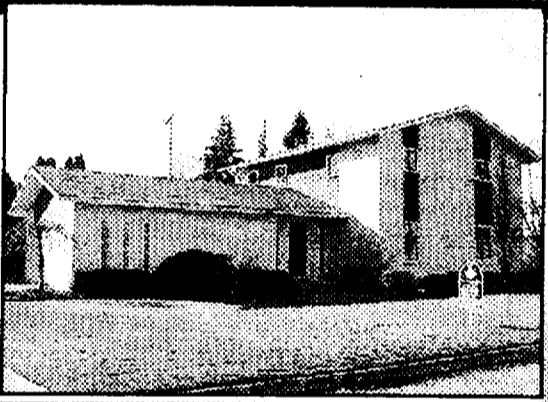
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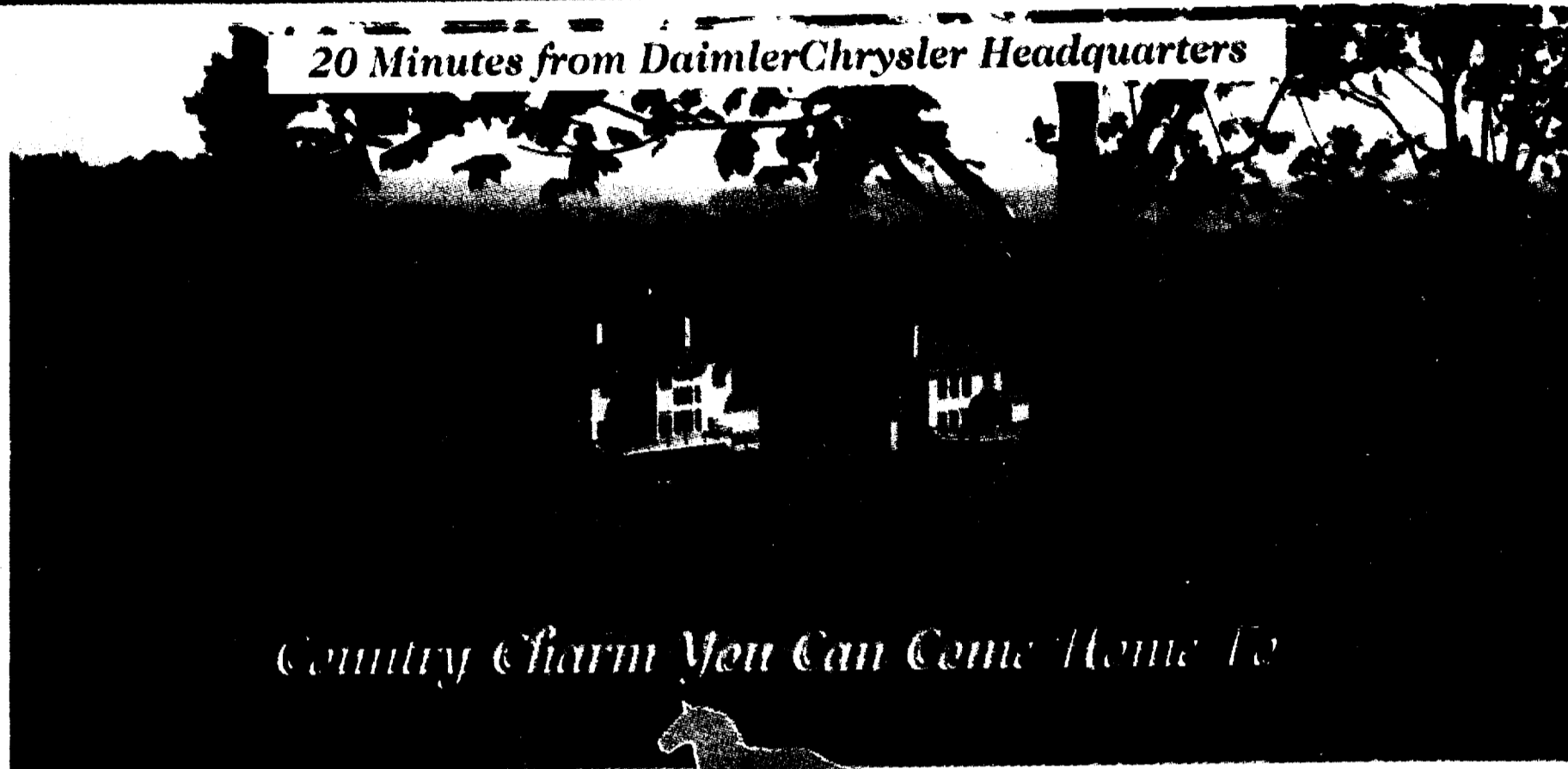
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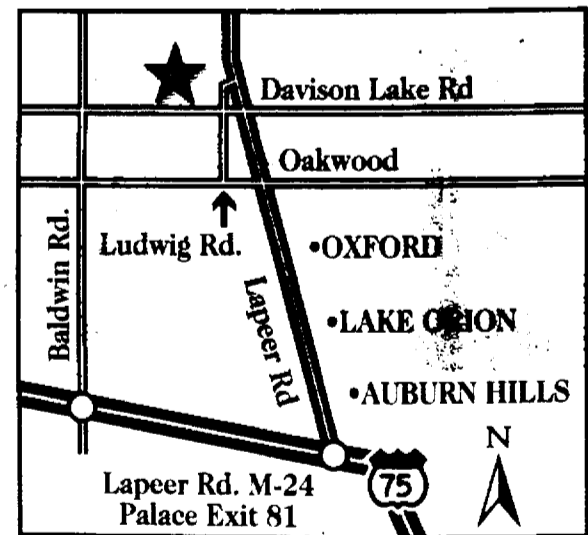
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Q. We have a new computer and are about to go on the Internet. We have decided to get a second phone line and I want to prepare the house for it. What are the chances of doing it by myself? Steve, of St. Clair Shores.

A. Steve, hooking up a phone can be easier than connecting speakers to a stereo because most homes have four conductor phone wires running to one or more locations. Call your phone company and order the second phone line. You will then start this project by checking all the existing phone jacks for loose wires.

First some facts:

- Phone lines are low voltage unless the line is ringing. Don't hold both bare wires while having someone call your house.
- Red and green are the most common colors used for older phone lines. Most old phone wire has four conductors (wires); red, green, yellow and black. That will leave the black and yellow wire free for line two.
- When purchasing phone wire, consider getting "twisted pair" phone cable. It prevents interference from the other phone line and is much better for computer connections.
- The decision for color match-



Ask Mr. Hardware

By Blair Gilbert

ing from green and red on the old wire to blue and light-blue on the new wire isn't critical. Most of the new wire will come in sets of a similar color. Blue and light-blue, orange and light-orange are common colors in new phone wire. Just choose one of the pairs for line one (your current phone number) and another for line two (the computer line).

- Make an inexpensive tester using a phone jack, some wire and two alligator clips. This will simplify testing and make troubleshooting easier. Purchase one extra phone jack and two alligator clips. Attach two wires of several feet in length to the red and green connectors on the phone jack. Then connect the alligator clips to the other end of the wire. Plug your phone in and voila! Now you have a test phone that can be clipped to wires here and there to

check for a live line.

You are now ready to run some wires from the interface box supplied by the phone company, into the basement close to the existing terminal block. When they install a new phone line they usually run the line to a gray interface box mounted to the house. Open the door, plug your phone in line two and check for a dial tone. Chances are only the new phone line is in this gray box. Your old phone line, if you are in an older home, probably runs directly into the basement to the old terminal block.

Note: To prevent a needless phone company charge, you should go here first if you ever have trouble with a phone connection.

In the gray box there are four screws marked red, green, yellow, and black. Hook two wires to the red and green screws and feed it into the basement to the old style terminal block. From here the existing phone wires run to the jacks in the house. If your house was wired with four-conductor wire your job is almost finished.

You should see all the green and red wires connected to two bolts on the block. These run your existing phones. There may also be black wires connected to the

ground post. Once a prehistoric safety measure, these black wires are obsolete because the ground never gets hooked to any of today's phones. They can be removed and twisted together. That should also leave some yellow wires just dangling around up there. Hook the black and yellow wires to the new wires from the interface box.

Wire all the blacks together with one of the incoming wires and the same with all of the yellows. Clip on the test phone and check for a dial tone. If it is clear and allows you to call your own phone you are good to go. But if you have static or no dial tone there is probably a short at one of the jacks. Here the fun stuff begins. Disconnect one set of black and yellow wires from the group until a clear dial tone is heard. Follow the wires that are causing static to their respective locations and open those phone jacks. Check for wires that are shorted out or not spliced together. Make sure all the wires are connected to their matching color. One problem I had was when a staple went into the phone cable

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Antique's Ambience

By Diane Morelli

Some valuations are biased comparing incomes of many sales persons vs. a teacher's or caregiver's salary. The same could be held true for the value placed on antique radios compared to other antiques — their sound and style should be held invaluable.

Though prices vary by the amount of antique/collectible radios found on the East Coast of the United States compared to those scarcely found on the West Coast, not to mention the supply and demand overseas, I can't believe some of these beauties are going so inexpensively. Their various styles do reflect their era — from art deco to nearly primitive.



that electrical impulses travel through space at the speed of light. Numerous innovations led to John Ambrose Fleming's 1904 discovery that vacuum tubes can be used to detect radio signals which led to the introduction of widespread radio broadcasting in 1920, when WWJ of Detroit and KDKA of Pittsburgh made the first regular commercial broadcasts. Unfamiliar radio terms heard back then were "AM," "frequency," "channel," "signal," remote pick-up and wireless. Several radio terms continue to impress us in modern technology.

I bought an old cabinet radio from the 1930s several years ago but sold it for what I thought then was lack of space. In looking back I realize I gave it up because it wasn't as handsome as my father's 1928 Atwater Kent cabinet radio — it never measured up. The radio is depicted above. My father remembers listening to "Hermit's Cave," "The Lone Ranger," the Big Band Sound, football games and Tiger baseball on this 71-year-old radio that was kept in his parents' living room. He said it was a proud home that had a radio in 1928. He says hopefully his Atwater Kent stays in the family forever because it saw a lot of happiness in a good family.

Photo by Diane Morelli

This treasured 1928 Atwater Kent is in complete and original condition. Its unrestored cabinet standard for is in mint condition.

"There is no hard-and-fast standard for evaluating old radios," says Phil Nelson, dealer of antique and collectible radios. "As I see it, a radio's value depends on five factors: scarcity, age, design, electronics and, most important, condition."

The photo top right is taken from a 30-page Atwater Kent 1929 product-line catalog. The catalog is depicted at Phil's Old Radios web site at <http://antiqueradio.org/index.html> — copyright 1995-2000. Nelson's stunning web site offers a large gallery of color photos, free ads for collectors, extensive information about restoration and links to other related sites.

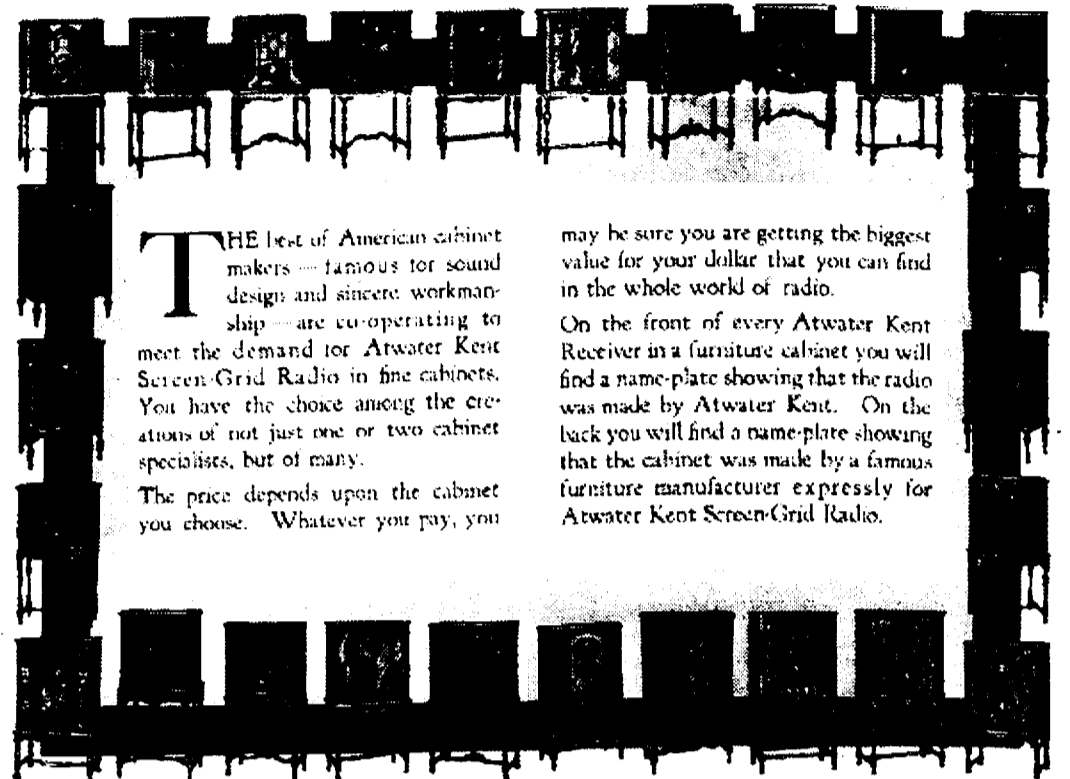
Radio literature is also highly collectible. I learned of longtime family friends who sold a 1940s radio price-guide magazine at auction on the Internet. The magazine was found while cleaning their basement. They originally placed a \$5 value on it — it ended up selling for over \$40.

Radio's firsts go back a long way. The first insight to radio's creation began in 1864 when James Clerk Maxwell discovered

listening to old radios is like an adventure — the new broadcast filtering through in old sound. I found myself feeling the lack of and longing for old-time broadcasting to sound through the speaker. That being impossible I appreciated not having to endure the over-exaggerated sound of a 1930s broadcaster's voice. We no longer require that type of embellishment — newer technology of TVs' imagery set us free from that need.

Some things are appreciated in their own place in time. The

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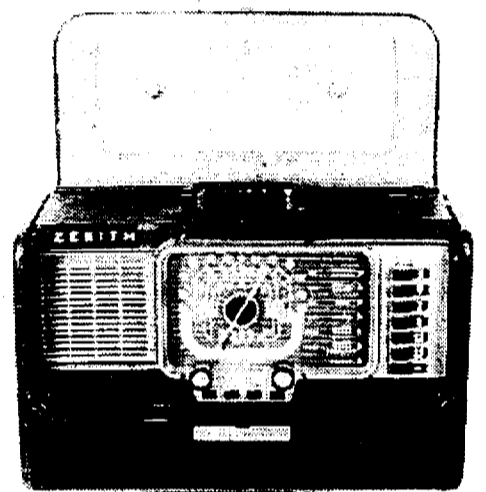
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The photo above is taken from a 1929 Atwater Kent catalog.

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"Kovels' Antiques & Collectibles Price List 2000" lists a Zenith Model H500 TransOceanic radio like this one, right, at \$50 to \$110. Zenith introduced this model in 1951 and stopped producing them in '62.



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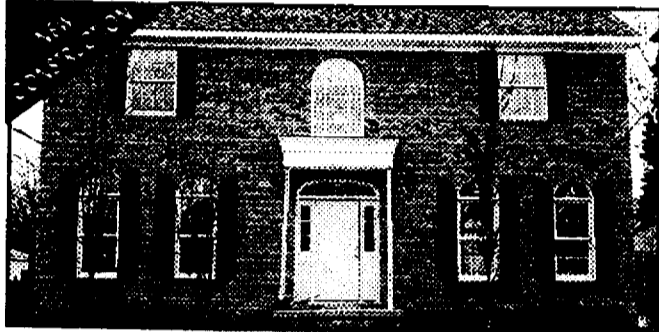
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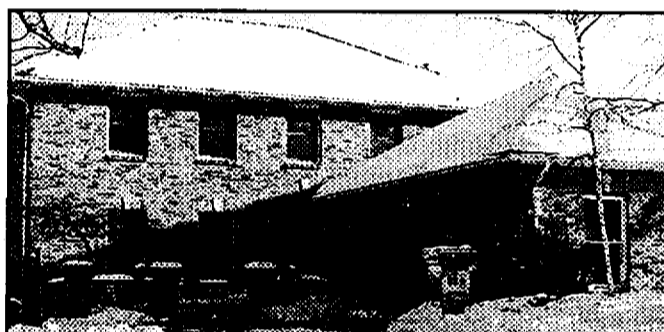
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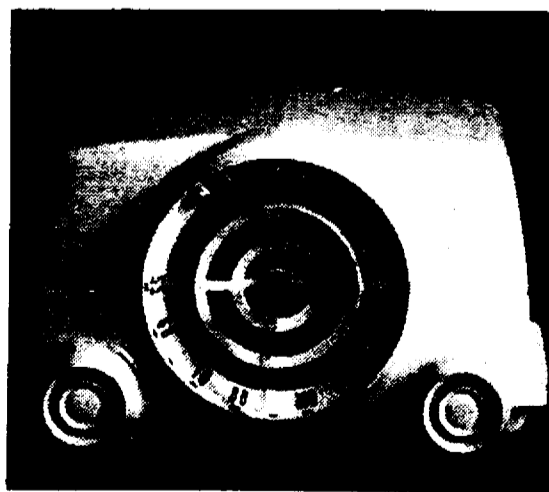
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sound from old radios speak to you of beginnings, firsts, innovations and how we strive for and appreciate enhancement.

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This is a Crosley Model 11-105U Tabletop (1951). This photo is provided by Pete Liekkio from Seattle, a fellow collector and friend of Philip I. Nelson and is depicted on Phil's Old Radios web site. In the early 1950s, Crosley produced several radios with styling similar to auto designs of the time. In the "Bunis Radio Collector's Guide," this Crosley radio is valued at \$125 to \$150. Its color is a "cool" lime green.



antiques and collectibles to; Diane Morelli c/o Grosse Pointe News at 96 Kercheval Ave., Grosse Pointe Farms 48236, fax (313) 882-1585; e-mail dmorelli@grossepointe-news.com.

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Mortgage Rates as of March 17, 2000

	Phone Number	30 Yr. Fixed	Points	15 Yr. Fixed	Points	1 Yr. ARM	Points	Other Progs
A & D Financial	(313) 255-7200	8	2	7.75	2	6	2	JB/V/F
Able Mortgage Group	(248) 932-4040	8	0	7.75	0	6.375	2	JB/V
Aabco Mortgage	(800) 731-0001	8.375	0	8	0	6.625	1	JB/V/F
Aequi-Mutual Mortgage Corp	(248) 526-3088	7.75	2	7.375	2	6.125	2	JB
Allied Mortgage Capital Corp.	(888) 854-2928	8.125	2	7.75	2	7	2	JB/V/F
American Capital Services Inc.	(800) 321-7210	8.125	0	7.75	0	7.125	0	JB/V/F
American Finance & Investment	(800) 962-3482	NR		NR		NR		JB/V/F
Ameriplus Mortgage Corp.	(248) 740-2323	7.625	2	7.25	2	6.875	0	JB
Apex Financial Group Inc.	(248) 273-4000	7.625	2	7.25	2	5.75	2	JB/V/F
Approved Mortgage Inc.	(734) 455-5091	8	0	7.75	0	7	0	JB/F
Banco Mortgage Centre	(248) 258-2842	8.125	0	7.75	0	7	0	JB/V
Bank One	(800) 583-4636	7.9	2	7.55	1.85	6.2	1	JB/V/F
Bay Pointe Mortgage Corp.	(888) LOAN-099	7.75	2	7.25	2	5.75	2	JB/V
Capital Mortgage Funding	(248) LOW-RATE	7.625	3	7.25	3	5.875	2	JB/F
Charter Bank	(734) 285-1900	7.875	2	7.5	2	7.25	2	JB/F
Chase Manhattan	(248) 649-1280	7.75	2	7.375	2	6.375	0.5	JV/F
Citizens Bank	(800) 999-8949	8	2	7.625	2	6.375	1	JB/V/F
Comenca	(800) 292-1300	8	1.75	7.625	2	6.75	1	JB/V/F
Community Bank of Dearborn	(313) 274-1000	8	2	7.625	2	6.75	2	JB
Community Federal Credit Union	(734) 453-1200	8	2	7.5	2	6.375	2	JB
Countryside Home Loans	(248) 282-8500	7.875	2	7.5	1.875	6.125	1	JV/F
Credit Union ONE	(248) 544-1442	8	2	7.625	2	5.75	2	J
Dearborn Fed. Credit Union	(313) 322-6301	8	2	7.5	2	5.75	2	JB
Dearborn Federal Savings	(313) 565-3100	8.375	0	8.125	0	5.625	2	
DFW Financial Services Inc	(800) 367-1502	7.875	2	7.5	2	5.75	2	JB/V/F
Edgecore Financial Group	(800) LOAN-620	7.75	2.5	7.375	2.5	5.5	2	JB/F
Emerald Mortgage Corp.	(248) 555-8000	7.75	2	7.375	2	6.125	2	JB
Fidelity National Mortgage	(800) 251-5104	8.25	1	7.75	1	6.375	2	JB/V/F
First Federal of Michigan	(800) DIAL-FFM	7.75	2	7.25	2	5.375	2	JV/F
First National Financial	(800) 261-0202	8.25	0	7.875	0	6.875	2	JB/V/F
Gallatin Mortgage Co.	(734) 994-1202	7.625	2	7.25	2	5.75	2	JB
Golden Rule Mortgage	(800) 785-4755	7.75	1.25	7.375	1.375	5.625	1	JB/V/F
Group One Mortgage	(734) 953-4000	7.75	2	7.25	2	6.25	2	B/V/F
Home Federal Savings Bank	(313) 873-3310	7.5	2	7.25	2	NR		J
Huntington Mortgage Co.	(800) 538-1812	7.875	2	7.5	2	6.625	2	JB/V/F
JMC Mortgage Corp.	(248) 489-4020	7.375	3.875	7	3.875	6	3.5	JB
Keystone Mortgage	(800) 403-8821	7.75	2	7.5	2	5.75	2	JB
Mainstreet Mortgage	(800) 447-2270	8.375	0	8.125	0	6.75	1	JB
Milestone Mortgage Corp.	(888) 278-1777	8.125	0	7.75	0	7	0	JB
MoneyHouse Mort - Ann Arbor	(888) 913-9678	8.125	0	7.75	0	6.75	0	JB
Mortgage Warehouse	(800) 931-7577	7.5	3.375	7	3.5	7.75	0	JB
National City Bank	(616) 925-8825	7.75	2	7.5	2	6.75	0.75	JB/B
National Future Mortgage	(800) 291-7900	7.375	3	6.875	3	6.25	3	
North American Mortgage	(800) 700-6262	7.875	2	7.375	2	NR		JB/V/F
Paramount Bank	(800) 421-BANK	7.75	2	7.375	2	7.375	0	JB/V/F
Pioneer Mortgage	(248) 344-1544	7.875	2	7.5	2	6	2	JB
Prime Financial Inc.	(248) 203-0100	8.25	0	7.875	0	7.25	0	JB
Presidential Mortgage Co.	(800) 574-3151	8	0	7.75	0	6.5	0	JV/F
Prime Financial Group The	(888) 62-PRIME	7.75	2	7.375	2	5.75	2	JV/F
Quality Mortgage Corp.	(810) 254-8150	7.75	1.875	7.25	2	6.25	2	B
Republic Bancorp Mortgage	(800) 758-0753	7.875	2	7.5	2	5.875	2	JV/F
Rock Financial	(800) 731-ROCK	8.125	1.375	7.75	1.375	7.25	1	JF
Rock Home Loans @ Mich. Nat'l	(800) 713-2119	8	2	7.5	2.375	6.25	2.25	JF
Ross Mortgage Corp.	(800) 521-5362	7.75	2	7.5	2	6.75	1	JV/F
Shore Mortgage	(800) 678-6663	7.5	3	7.25	3	5.875	3	JV/F
Source One Mortgage Corp.	(248) 399-4500	7.75	2	7.375	2	6.25	2	JB/FN/BI
St. Clair Mortgage Corp.	(248) 280-0088	8.375	0	8	0	6.75	1	JB/V/F
St. James Mortgage Corp.	(800) 837-7005	8.375	0	8	0	7.125	0	JB
Standard Federal Bank	(800) HOME-800	7.875	2	7.5	2	5.25	2	JB/V/F
TCF Bank	(800) 334-5253	8	2	7.625	2	5.875	2	JB/V
Washington Mortgage Company	(888) 927-4266	8	2	7.625	2	6.125	2	JB
World Wide Financial	(248) 647-1199	7.75	2	7.5	2	6.375	1	JB
York Financial Inc.	(248) 865-9100	8.125	0	7.75	0	6.5	0	JB
Average of Rates and Points		7.90	1.57	7.52	1.58	6.38	1.39	

Rates subject to change without notice. Rates and points based on a \$150,000 loan with 20% down. Key - NR = Not Reported / J = Jumbo / B = Balloon / V = VA Loan / F = FHA Loan / BI = Bi-weekly Source: Residential Mortgage Consultants based in Brighton - mcreport.com

Builders home show opens March 23 at Cobo

The 82nd annual GMC Builders Home and Detroit Flower Show will be open Thursday, March 23 through Sunday, March 26 at the Cobo Conference-Exhibition Center. The show will be open from 2 to 10 p.m. on Thursday and Friday; 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Saturday; and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is \$6.50 for adults; \$4.50 for seniors; \$4 for children 6 to 12 and free for children under 6. The show is a proud member of the National Home & Garden Show Series.

"Showgoers know why we're called the granddaddy of home shows in the Midwest," said Dave Kellett, Sr., president of Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) and of Kellett Construction Co. of Bloomfield Hills. "We have everything for the home and garden, educational seminars and tips from the pros." The non-profit BIA is sponsor of the event.

First, peek behind the scenes with Ed Feldman and Joe L'Erario, hosts of The Learning Channel's "Men In Toolbelts," "Furniture To Go" and "Furniture On The Mend" for expert home renovation advice and demonstrations as seen on MSNBC, CNN and "Good Morning America."

The blooming and flowering gardens will be embellished with 25,000 spring flowering tulips, daffodils and hyacinths in the Detroit Flower Show themed "Detroit At Bloom," sponsored by Standard Federal Bank. The Green Thumb Theater will help you enjoy your garden. Presenters include America's Flower Man Dale Rohman who brings his

unique talent in floral design to entertain and educate as seen on The Discovery Channel, and Jeff Holper who will hold his Terminator University class on "I Want To Be A Mole Killer" for a mole-free lawn and garden.

Discover fresh ideas at the Flower Creation Station and experience "Return to Classics" sponsored by WNIC Radio with over 100 floral arrangements and vignettes created by Allied Florists Association of Metro Detroit members. Witness a wedding on Friday at the show.

The Georgetown, a completely decorated 2,050 square-foot contemporary ranch by All American Homes, will show off the features of a modular home. The full-size, three bedrooms and two baths home is complete with an owner's suite that has a bay window, walk-in closet and whirlpool tub. The first floor laundry room also acts as a mud room and has easy access to the kitchen.

Detroit Carpentry Joint Apprenticeship School will erect a steel frame, metal stud, 900 square-foot home to show the industry's use of construction materials. Members of the school will be on hand to challenge visitors in a nail-driving contest.

GMC, title sponsor of the show, will feature its six nameplate brand vehicles, outfitted to reflect various home activities such as gardening or home improvement.

National kitchen expert Jim Krengel tells how to make the kitchen functional and enjoyable as seen on CNN and ABC's "Good Morning America," sponsored by Kurtis Kitchen and Bath Centers.

New kitchen and bath products and design trends will be on display at the Michigan Kitchen & Bath Shows sponsored by The Detroit News & Free Press Classifieds.

Showgoers can listen to live broadcasts of WJR's "The Appliance Doctor" Joe Gagnon, "The Garden Show" with Dean Krauskopf, WXYT's "Ask the Handyman" Glenn Haege, "Money Talk" with Rick Bloom and "PC Talk" with Mike Wendland.

Free plan books are available for the Parade of Homes featuring a pictorial display of over 90 new homes sponsored by Standard Federal Bank and BIA.

In addition, Detroit Edison safety experts will demonstrate electrical safety and the need to play it safe around power lines. Homeowners can prepare for outdoor living with patio, yard, garage and garden products and services at the Pool, Spa & Recreation Show. Other exhibitors will offer advice, ideas and innovations for kitchens, baths, doors, windows, yards/gardens, remodeling, spas, furniture, arts and crafts, decorative accessories, electronics, heating, cooling and appliances.

And for fun, homeowners can bring bathroom pictures for the Ugliest Bathroom Contest sponsored by Mathison Supply, WJR Radio and Observer Eccentric Newspapers. Try to estimate the correct number of nails at the WXYZ-TV Channel 7 House of Nails challenge to win \$10,000 worth of windows from Wallside Windows or enter the Treasure Chest contests with daily prizes.

For more information, visit <http://www.builders.org> or call (248) 862-1019.

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Realtors in the News

Eric Goosen with Goosen Realty has been awarded the Accredited Buyer Representation (ABR) designation by the Real Estate Buyer's Agent Council Inc. (REBAC) of the National Association of Realtors (NAR).

Eric Goosen joins more than 18,000 real estate professionals in

North America who have earned the ABRs designation. The requirements for this coveted designation include a comprehensive two-day course in buyer representation, a written examination on legal and practical aspects of client representation, and practical experience in the field of buyer representation.

Home ownership workshop offered

If you have thought about owning a home, but aren't sure you can afford it or are confused by all the financing options, this workshop is for you.

"Home Ownership" — a two-part series — will be held on Tuesdays, April 11 and April 18, at the VerKuilen Building, 21885 Dunham Road in Clinton Township from 6:30 to 9 p.m.

This workshop will be conducted by Michigan State University Extension-Macomb. The mysteries of buying a home — from qualifying for a mortgage to the closing process — will be explained.

The workshop is free of charge but registration is a must. To register or for more information, call MSU Extension at (810) 469-6430.

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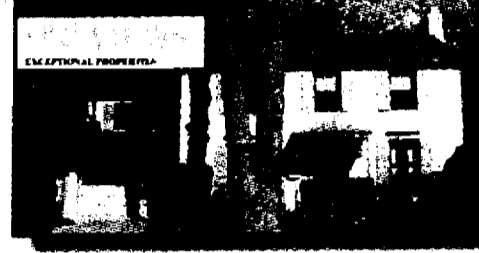
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GROSSE POINTE PARK \$3,100,000
SPECTACULAR WATERFRONT ESTATE situated on a secluded, private lot overlooking Lake St. Clair. The beauty is in the details; moldings, leaded glass windows. Carriage house, three plus car garage. (GPN-GW-50WHI) (313) 886-4200



GROSSE POINTE SHORES \$1,589,000
BEAUTIFUL VIEW OF LAKE. Five bedroom Colonial. Many updates include complete painting of interior, refinished hardwood floors, exterior painted. (GPN-GW-99LAK) (313) 886-4200.



GROSSE POINTE FARMS \$565,000
CHARMING FIVE BEDROOM center entrance Colonial on desirable cul-de-sac. Family room, cozy den, updated kitchen, newer furnace, central air conditioning, custom master suite with bath/dressing room/closets. (GPN-H-70VEN) (313) 885-2000.



GROSSE POINTE FARMS \$535,000
LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION. Elegant Colonial with four bedrooms, three and one half baths. New spacious family room. New landscaping featuring Bluestone walkway and porch. Spacious rooms. (GPN-GW-44DEA) (313) 886-4200.



GROSSE POINTE FARMS \$199,900
ADORABLE CAPE COD! Don't miss this opportunity. Hardwood floors in living and formal dining room. There's definitely room to grow with this one! Beautiful perennials! (GPN-GW-43HIL) (313) 886-4200.



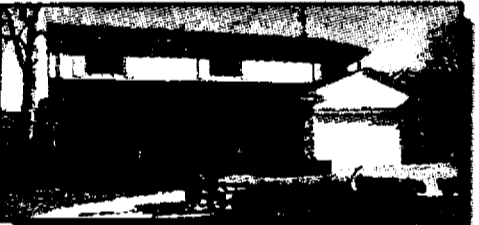
GROSSE POINTE FARMS \$189,900
CONVENIENTLY LOCATED near schools and shopping. Unique opportunity to redo your way. Three bedrooms, attached garage, finished basement, central air. (GPN-H-48C00) (313) 885-2000.



GROSSE POINTE PARK \$289,800
LUXURY CONDO LIVING in this less than two year old residence. Cathedral ceiling in living room and master bedroom, gourmet kitchen with built-ins and polished granite island. Two full baths and cozy den. (GPN-H-92POI) (313) 885-2000.



GROSSE POINTE PARK \$259,000
THINK SUMMER! Make a smart start to 2000 and you can enjoy this delightful home with three bedrooms, fresh decor, hardwood floors and charming bright living room with a cozy fireplace! (GPN-H-22BIS) (313) 885-2000.



GROSSE POINTE WOODS \$360,000
CUSTOM BUILT COLONIAL. The best of both worlds!! Grosse Pointe Woods address. St. Clair Shores taxes, schools and parks. Five bedrooms, family home with inground pool and patio. (GPN-GW-40ROB) (313) 886-4200.



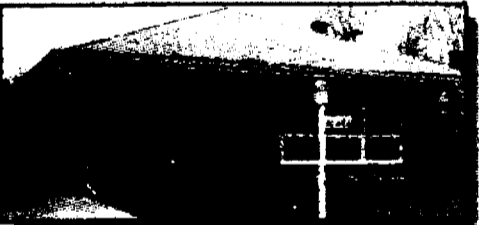
GROSSE POINTE WOODS \$325,000
ENGLISH TUDOR DESIGN Private center entrance, four bedroom, two bath home with formal dining room, natural fireplace in living room, new windows, hardwood floors, central air conditioning, and three and one half car garage. (GPN-H-33HAW) (313) 885-2000



GROSSE POINTE WOODS \$259,900
CLASSIC WOODS COLONIAL. Featuring spacious bedrooms, family room with gas fireplace, formal dining room, living room with natural fireplace and a finished basement. An exceptional home! 1973 SEVERN. (313) 886-4200.



GROSSE POINTE WOODS \$257,000
BEAUTIFUL, PRISTINE COLONIAL. Newer; kitchen with nook, furnace, central air, hot water tank, landscaping, driveway and carpet. First floor lavatory and finished basement with wet bar. (GPN-GW-84SEV) (313) 886-4200.



HARPER WOODS \$164,900
OUTSTANDING BRICK RANCH. With Grosse Pointe Schools-all appliances stay. Within last three years: Look! Furnace, air conditioning, pool, deck, windows, doors, inground sprinklers, glass block windows and more. (GPN-H-28LEN) (313) 885-2000.



HARPER WOODS \$145,900
YOUR PRIVATE PARK! Wonderful brick ranch on a huge double lot...fresh and clean...Natural fireplace, one and one half baths, three bedrooms, large kitchen and dining room. Don't Wait! (GPN-GW-69ANI) (313) 886-4200.



HARPER WOODS \$42,500
OUTSTANDING TWO BEDROOM CO-OP. Updated kitchen with Pergo floor and all new appliances. Newly carpeted. Florida room, second floor unit. Immaculate and ready for occupancy. (GPN-GW-40VER) (313) 886-4200.



DETROIT \$117,900
OUTSTANDING BRICK HOME in prime location. Incredible master bedroom with vaulted ceiling and cedar closets. Also featuring an open floor plan, natural fireplace and hardwood floors. (GPN-H-55HIL) (313) 885-2000.

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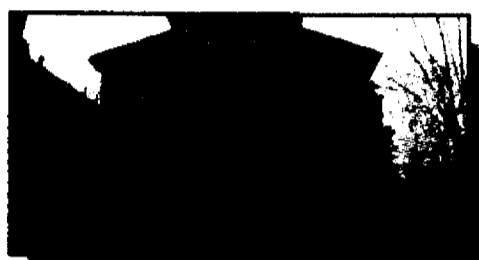
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GROSSE POINTE WOODS \$465,000
CENTER ENTRANCE COLONIAL. In prime Woods location this spacious home features a large remodeled kitchen, family room with natural fireplace, master bedroom with full bath, finished basement and more. **OPEN SUNDAY 2-4. 679 PEACHTREE.** (313) 886-4200



GROSSE POINTE CITY \$304,900
TWO COMPLETELY UPDATED units with newer kitchens, windows, heating and central air. Three bedrooms-one bath, oak floors. Expand into attic. All in incredible location! (GPN-GF-65RIV) (313) 886-5800.



OPEN SUNDAY 2-4
GROSSE POINTE FARMS \$299,999
EXTRAORDINARY FARMS COLONIAL. Professionally decorated with updates galore: kitchen, half bath, foyer floor, freshly painted, window treatments, partially finished basement, wrought iron fence, back porch awning. **371 McKINLEY.** (313) 886-4200.



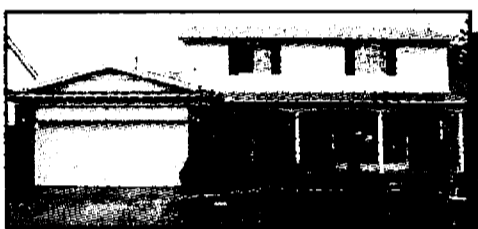
GROSSE POINTE FARMS. \$280,000
FOUR NATURAL FIREPLACES. This is a lovingly cared for one owner home with loads of character; hardwood floors, six panel doors, newer landscaping, large living room and dining room, very open and spacious. (GPN-H-17MCM). (313) 885-2000.



GROSSE POINTE PARK \$169,999
IN BEAUTIFUL CONDITION! This home is great! Newer windows, kitchen, light fixtures, ceiling fans, baths, back door!! Refinished hardwood floors, leaded glass, central air conditioning, five bedrooms, two baths. (GPN-H-39MAR) (313) 885-2000.



GROSSE POINTE PARK \$137,000
NICE BRICK BUNGALOW in quiet park area. Large rooms, hardwood floors, needs some tender loving care, great opportunity for first time buyers to be near schools and shops. (GPN-GF-25LAK). (313) 886-5800.



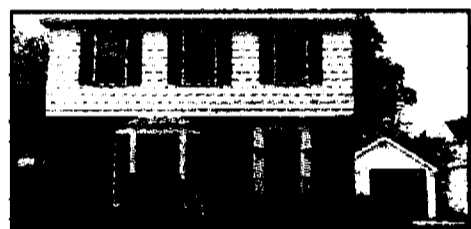
GROSSE POINTE WOODS \$412,000
FOUR BEDROOM COLONIAL beautifully decorated, completely updated family home. First floor laundry, natural fireplace in family room, private master bath and much more. (GPN-GW-23HOL). (313) 886-4200.



GROSSE POINTE WOODS \$360,000
GORGEOUS RANCH. New kitchen with Corian. Newer bath with separate shower and jacuzzi tub. Two natural fireplaces. Finished basement with sauna. Patio and pool. (GPN-GW-42DOY) (313) 886-4200.



GROSSE POINTE WOODS \$239,500
NEW! TOTALLY REMODELED three bedroom, two full bath Colonial. New windows, furnace, central air, kitchen, bath, roof. Two and one half car garage. Hardwood floors, finished basement, wood deck. (GPN-GW-48BRY) (313) 886-4200.



GROSSE POINTE WOODS \$225,000
ROOM TO EXPAND. Lot size and location will sell this home. A three bedroom brick Colonial with natural fireplace, natural woodwork, formal dining room and updated mechanics. (GPN-GW-59HOL) (313) 886-4200.



GROSSE POINTE WOODS \$169,500
CLASSIC CAPE COD brick and vinyl three bedroom home with natural fireplace, hardwood floors, finished basement, one and one half car garage with opener and wood deck. New windows, central air. (GPN-GW-27ANI) (313) 886-4200.



GROSSE POINTE CITY \$345,000
HOME HAS POTENTIAL To be one of Grosse Pointe's grandest addresses, home needs work, plumbing and furnace updated in the past ten years. Generous room sizes, original interior. **OPEN SUNDAY 2-4. 366 RIVARD.** (313) 885-2000.



ST. CLAIR SHORES \$399,900
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ST. CLAIR SHORES \$299,900
SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY GREAT location overlooking Ardmore Bay plans called for original home to be raised and replaced with fantastic 3,700 square foot new home plans available or restore original. (GPN-H-78ARD) (313) 885-2000.



ST. CLAIR SHORES \$136,900
EXCELLENT LOCATION. Four bedroom, plus farm with gas fireplace, newer roof, windows, furnace, central air conditioning and driveway. Open basement with new bath. Great for growing family. (GPN-H-37CAR) (313) 886-4200.



ST. CLAIR SHORES \$129,900
GREAT STARTER HOUSE. Seniors would enjoy walk to Lake Shore Village shopping center. Lake St. Clair one block away. Cozy ranch featuring living room, kitchen with eating area, three bedroom, one bath, full basement. (GPN-H-50DOR) (313) 885-2000.



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Mattress shopping: 10 questions for beginners

If you are intimidated by mattress shopping because you don't know what to ask, take heart. This simple consumer guide from Sealy can take the mystery out of mattress buying, and help assure that you're getting the best bed for your money.

1. How can I tell if I need a new mattress?

Trust your body. Waking up with little aches and pains — some that last all day — is usually a good indication that your body isn't getting the proper rest and support it needs throughout the night.

2. How do I find the most comfortable mattress for me?

Go out and test as many as you can. Compare the different "comfort feels and support," within your price range and find one that is the most comfortable to you. There is no right or wrong feel. The innersprings should distribute weight evenly and gently support your spine to keep it in the same shape as that of a person with good standing posture. Quilting options afford different types of comfort too — with a more open weave offering a more plush feel and a tighter weave, a firmer feel.

3. How do I test a mattress?

You can't judge a bed by sitting on the edge alone. You have to lie down, preferably in the position you go to sleep in. Wear comfortable clothes. Allow enough time on the mattress to settle in and see what happens to the comfort of the mattress after the initial feeling is gone. Bring your partner if you have one, to see if you'll have enough space. Make sure the mattress supports you both without rolling toward the center of the mattress.

4. What should the mattress feel like?

Choose the mattress for the comfortable feel. A mattress doesn't have to be firm or hard to offer correct support. Manufacturers such as Sealy have done extensive product development to ensure that Sealy Posturepedic products have proper support with softer surface comfort as well. Firmer mattresses are also available if that is your preference.

5. What else is new that I should know about?

Sealy Posturepedic Crown Jewel has just introduced the Dual Support System (DSS) and MicroTek Foundation. DSS is the first innerspring system to provide two types of support —

cradling, cushioning — that adjusts to your body, while continuously providing the deep down correct support you need.

The Micro Tek Foundation is the industry's strongest and most durable foundation, featuring a highly-advanced polymer composite material. It is 10 times stronger than any foundation on the market today and nearly half the height of a standard foundation. It is specially designed to work with today's thicker mattresses to make it easier to get in and out of bed, and to show off more of your headboard.

Some new mattresses don't contain the traditional system of coils surrounded by layers of padding but are made of foam, such as the new InfiniLux mattress from luxury mattress maker Stearns & Foster. The core of the mattress is not an innerspring but a 7-inch layer of InfiniLux foam. InfiniLux is similar to latex but it is a synthetic fiber that is more uniform and is less susceptible to breakdown over time. The mattress provides a unique, plush feel.

6. How do I get the most space for my dollar?

A supportive outer edge such as Sealy's EdgeGuard can add 10 percent more sleeping surface. Ask your retailer to show you demonstration units with cut-aways of the inside of the mattresses you are considering, and note the edge support when you are test-resting a new sleep set.

7. Will the new mattress fit into my home?

Many king-size mattresses have inner hinges that temporarily bend around tight corners. The foundation for king-size mattresses typically comes in two parts. Stearns & Foster's foam-encased mattresses can be bent in the middle without damaging the mattress; InfiniLux mattresses bend naturally.

8. What about upkeep?

Once you get your mattress home, rotate it on a regular basis so weight is evenly distributed. Invest in a good mattress cover to prevent soiling.

9. How long will my mattress last?

A good mattress should last eight to 10 years.

10. How much should I pay for a new mattress?

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7 keys to make your home's exterior shine

A spring breeze wafting through a freshly-cleaned home is one of the best feelings in the world. And as you relax in your sparkling clean interior, don't forget that the outside of your home also needs attention.

"Nothing welcomes people to your home like a well-tended exterior," says home-care expert Gerry Luepke. "The patio furniture and yard accessories extend your first greeting. With a little planning and the right products, outdoor spring cleaning will go smoothly and you'll be proud of your results."

It is important to get dirt, mildew and other weathering signs cleaned from the outdoor surfaces such as vinyl, wood, wrought iron and stone.

Springtime usually means window washing and painting as well.

Choosing the right tools and cleaning products is important. "Gather your tools before you start. You will need several soft scrub brushes in different sizes, along with sponges for washing and rinsing, and cleaning cloths or paper towels for drying," Luepke says. All of these can be found at your local hardware store.

Luepke recommends a good all-purpose cleaner, such as Professional Strength Soilax, and plenty of water to get successful results. "Be sure to follow package directions to mix up your cleaning solutions and dissolve all the ingredients well. Always test the surfaces by cleaning a small, inconspicuous area first," Luepke says.

Complete your cleaning kit with several sizes of buckets, household gloves, and maybe a plastic tote basket to keep everything together. There will be no need to make a trip to the store for missing supplies; you'll only stop to admire your handiwork!

Luepke recommends this recipe:

- 1/3 cup powdered laundry

detergent

- 2/3 cup Soilax
- 3 quarts water

NOTE: If mildew is a problem, add one quart 5 percent chlorine bleach.

Vinyl, wood siding, decks, furniture and fencing

Vinyl is a common outdoor surface that is durable and stays looking good with basic care. Wood furniture looks better for longer if it is covered and stored for the winter.

To clean these surfaces, wash with a Soilax solution, using a scrub brush if necessary, and rinse well. A bucket, pump sprayer or power washer may be used to apply the washing solution.

Windows

Sparkling clean windows brighten up the whole house, inside and out. Clean windows on a cloudy day, so they won't dry too quickly and leave streaks. A helpful hint — dry the windows using newspaper to minimize streaking.

To clean screens, wash them with a cleaning solution, rinse well, and let them air dry. Make window washing a team effort, with one person washing the inside and one person washing the outside. This makes it much easier to see that there are no streaks left behind.

Painting preparation

Many people choose spring to do major paint jobs on the outside of houses, garages and sheds. It's important that surfaces be as clean as possible to insure proper paint adhesion. A mixture of cup of Soilax per gallon of warm water can be used because it requires no rinsing and dries quickly.

Wrought iron — furniture and ornaments

Wrought iron adds a touch of elegance to any yard. To clean wrought iron, wash with clear water using a damp cloth or sponge and wipe dry. Adding a protective coat of liquid wax



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makes cleaning easier and guards against rust. Be sure to read all the instructions first. Use a commercial rust cleaner as necessary, following the directions on the container.

Clay pots

Grouping decorative plants on the patio adds a special touch. Using acrylics to paint designs on patio planters is a popular way to liven up the exterior of clay pots. Prepare the pots for painting by cleaning the surface thoroughly. Give previously used "plain" pots a springtime cleanup by scrubbing away the unsightly mineral deposits left by watering on both the inside and outside of the pots. Soak the pots in clear water first to loosen the deposits. Use a washing solution and a scrub

brush to clean the pots. Rinse well.

Stone — pathways, walls, statuary

Stone ornamentation adds special character to the yard. To clean stone, wash with a mild cleaning solution. Rinse well with clear water and let dry.

"Have fun while you get ready for spring. Work outdoors when you can and let the kids help," says Luepke. "When your spring cleaning tasks are completed, treat yourself - fire up the barbecue grill and enjoy."

For more tips and suggestions, call Gerry Luepke at (800) 284-2023.

Mr. Hardware

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and shorted out the black and yellow wires. It took forever to find that little problem.

At this point you can choose to install a single plug wall jack for each line. Simply connect line one wires to the "R" and "G" terminals and line two wires to the "B" and "Y" terminals. You will find these letters stamped next to the wire terminals on the back of the wall jack. You may wish to label the wall jacks line one or line two.

There is no limit to the number of jacks which can be installed. I discovered this when I was 12 and

wired jacks into every room in the house! Junior, are you listening?

One can even purchase a two-line cordless phone and plug the computer into that phone base. Though my second line is mainly for the computer, now I can also call out on that line and keep my main phone line free. Isn't life grand?

Send your questions to; Mr. Hardware c/o Gilbert's Pro Hardware at 21912 Harper, St. Clair Shores 48080; call (810) 776-9532, e-mail staff@mrhardware.com, or visit www.mrhardware.com for a recap of some of my columns.

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Tired of sunburned furniture and replacement?

Replacing a home's decor and furnishings can cost thousands of dollars. The primary cause of premature fading and damage to that decor can be as close as the nearest window. The sunlight that you see outside includes infrared energy (heat), glare, and two types of ultraviolet rays UV-A and UV-B. How each of these UV rays work is a mystery to most people.

Since the 1980s, sunbathers have understood that UV sunscreens with high SPF ratings can protect sensitive skin from sunburns. But only recently have consumers realized that those sunscreens blocked only UV-B, the wavelength responsible for bleaching dyed colors just like they sunburn skin.

By 1999, people learned that their old sunscreens did not block out all of the bad UV. Likewise, in 2000, homeowners are realizing that their windows do not block out all of the sun's damaging rays that can ruin fabrics, painted surfaces, wallpaper and woods.

UV-A is the primary culprit because standard glass windows cannot stop it. Long-term exposure to full doses of UV-A rays can trigger photosensitive reactions or skin disease in people, as well as induce molecular instability in the fibers of carpets and fabrics. UV-A can contribute to prematurely aging beautiful furnishings and flooring. Wood cabinets and flooring can crack from the inside out from years of exposure to UV-A. In a nutshell, if the sunlight can reach something in the room, the UV-A rays can begin destroy-

ing it.

Until recently, the most common line of defense for the homeowner was a traditional window treatment that simply covered the window with shades, shutters, verticals, mini blinds or awnings. Unfortunately these coverings only work to stop UV when they are closed. And then the UV can eat them up because UV is always destructive. If left open by mistake, these window treatments are functionally useless and the UV damage to the home is persistent and cumulative.

To help manage this expensive problem, inexpensive do-it-yourself GILA brand window films are available that reduce up to 99 percent of UV rays.

The best films to reduce fade damage also reduce extremes of light and heat because some fabrics are sensitive to these rays as well. Available in the home decor departments at major home center stores, the GILA Low-E Light films can reduce all three types of damaging rays without blocking your view through the windows.

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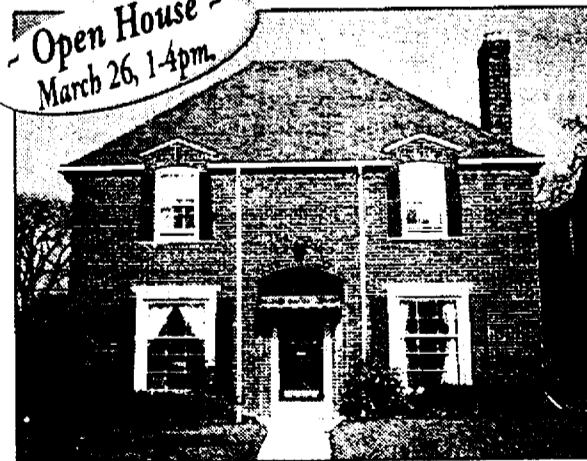
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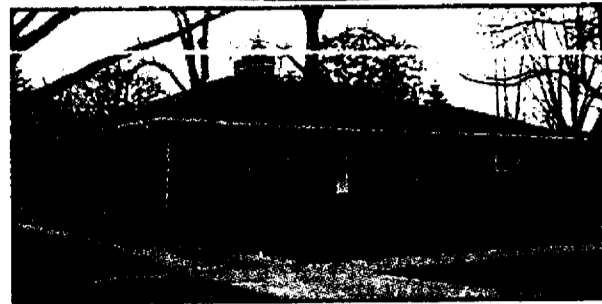
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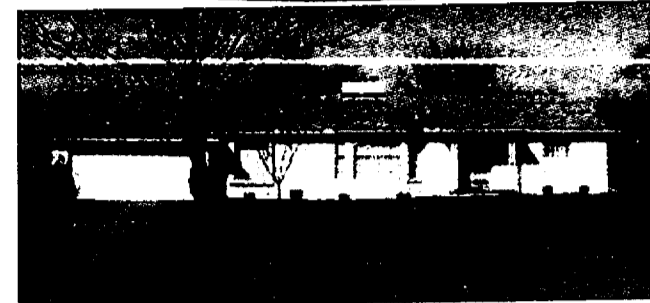
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