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Photo by Brad Lindberg

Officers mourn fallen comrades

PSO John Jabrael of Grosse Pointe Shores secures the flag outside village headquarters to half staff in mourning for two Detroit police officers gunned down last week during a traffic stop. See page 2A.

Just another brick in the wall

People driven up the wall by the stone sculpture at Kercheval and St. Clair can view modified designs during a special session of the City of Grosse Pointe council scheduled for Monday, March 8, at 7:30 p.m. Councilman C. John Stevens said three miniature models will be on hand to indicate how the sculpture can be put in concert with public sentiment. "As a general observation, there is very positive response to do something different," Stevens said. The wall is actually a series of rock and cement blocks that create enclaves where park benches present pedestrians the prospect of respite in the heart of the busy Village shopping district. The cluster was constructed two years ago as the main component of Kressbach Place, a beautification project funded privately by donations to the City of Grosse Pointe Foundation. Stevens, eager to modify the wall, anticipates residents working together toward a new design of more human scale. "I think it's going to work out fine," he said.

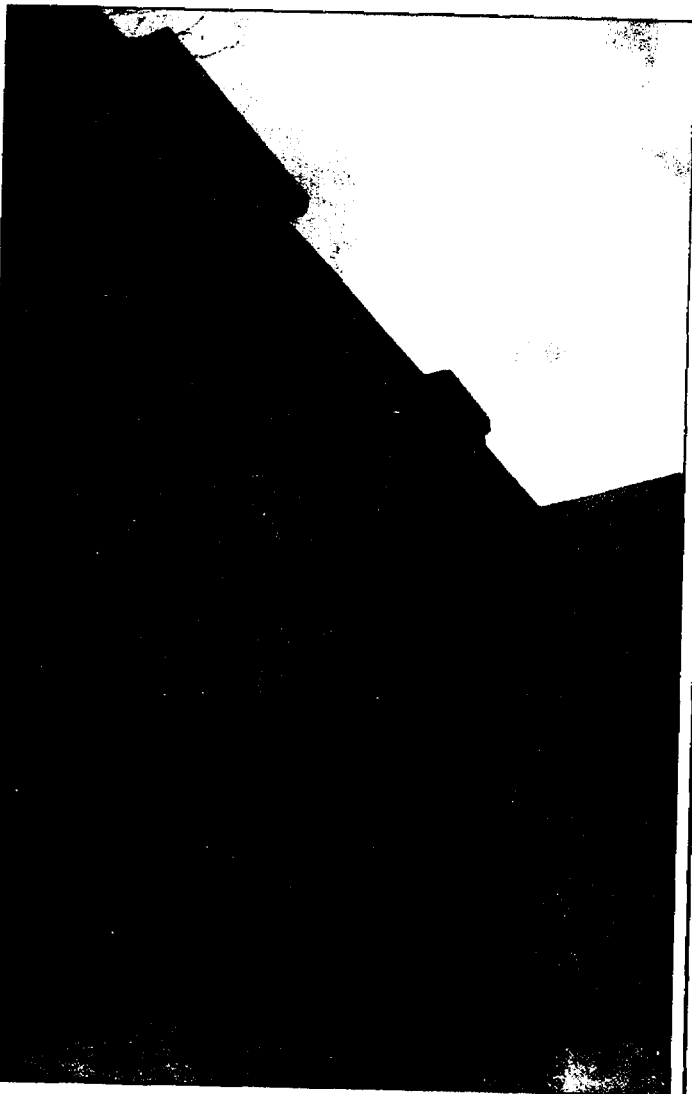


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Ewald family donates \$1 million to library

New Park branch to be named the Carolyn and Ted Ewald Library

By Carrie Cunningham
 Staff Writer

The Grosse Pointe Public Library Foundation announced a major gift of \$1 million from long time Grosse Pointe Farms resident Carolyn Ewald Kratzet at a meeting of the Grosse Pointe Public Library Board on Monday, Feb. 23.

"This is a proud moment for the Grosse Pointe Public Library, and we couldn't be happier," said John Bruce, President of the library board of trustees. "It is very heartening to know that individuals in our town genuinely care about the future of the Grosse Pointe Library system."

The Grosse Pointe Public Library System has been in the process of expanding its facilities throughout the community, with the completion of the new Park Branch scheduled for late 2004, and city council approval in October 2003 of the site for the new Woods Branch. With the planned new facilities, the system will increase to 60,500 square feet, moving Grosse Pointe toward meeting the 85,000 square-foot target, the national standard for library systems, by allowing one and a half square feet for every community resident.

Grosse Pointe Library Foundation Director William Rands indicated the

support for the new initiatives to improve the library system is growing.

"The value of this substantial donation should be celebrated," Rands said. "This is the most ambitious fundraising campaign in our history, and it is the nurturing of relationships throughout the years that will make the difference for generations to come."

Kratzet was delighted to make a contribution to the quality of life in Grosse Pointe.

"My family and I are just thrilled to be giving back to this wonderful area that has given us all so much," Kratzet said. "I am hopeful that this gift allows the Grosse Pointe Library to continue enriching the lives of all in our community."

The Park branch library will be named the Carolyn and Ted Ewald library, Bruce said.

The Ewald family has a long history of beneficial contributions to the Grosse Pointe community. The site where the Park branch is now located at Lakepointe and Jefferson was previously where the Ewald Chevrolet car dealership resided. The H.T. Ewald Foundation awards college scholarships to southeast Michigan high school seniors, and the family was one of the founders of the Campbell Ewald advertising agency.

"I believe it is an honor for the Grosse Pointe Public Library to have a library named after a family that has a wonderful influence," Bruce said.

WEEK AHEAD

Thursday, Feb. 26

Dr. Ralph Williams, a professor of English language and literature at the University of Michigan, will speak on "Dante and the Arts" in the Grosse Pointe South High School library.

The lectures are free to members of the Friends of the Grosse Pointe Public Library. Non-members may purchase tickets for \$10. Prior registration is recommended but not required. Call (313) 343-2074, ext. 204.

Saturday, Feb. 28

The Macomb Area Conference Red Division boys swimming and diving championships will be held today at noon at the Grosse Pointe North High School pool. Grosse Pointe South is the defending conference meet champion, and the Blue Devils also won this season's dual meet title with a 4-0 record.

Monday, March 1

The Grosse Pointe Woods City Council meets at the Woods city hall at 7:30 p.m.

The Grosse Pointe Board of Education meets in the Wicking Library at Grosse Pointe South High School at 8 p.m.

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POINTER OF INTEREST

Robert Southwell

Home: Grosse Pointe Shores

Age: 63

Family: Wife, Sharon; son, Todd; daughter, Lisa, granddaughter, Sarah

Occupation: Semi-retired. Remodels and repairs homes of friends. Does handyman and home improvement projects.

Quote: About the dollhouse he built for his daughter: "I had to figure out how to do each project. That was half the fun."



Robert Southwell

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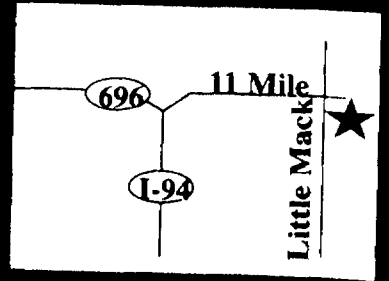
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yesterday's headlines

50 years ago this week

State officials agree to help Grosse Pointe Farms battle Dutch elm disease.

The state's \$50,000 pledge comes a few weeks after Farms officials request funds to help save the community's elm trees.

"While the sum does not appear to be significant, it is in recognition of the importance of continuing the battle against this disease," says Harry Furton, Farms city clerk.

A complete bogging down of Grosse Pointe's Civil Defense program is threatened unless full cooperation can be obtained from all municipalities.

The tenseness of the situation is revealed in a letter sent to all five Pointes by Defense Coordinator George Elworthy. It's no secret the letter is aimed at the Shores and Woods, both of which have been loath to participate in a joint program.

Cook Road in Grosse Pointe Woods is the scene of much activity as the \$1.5 million expansion of the Detroit University School-Grosse Pointe Country Day School rushes along.

Contractors expect to have the enlarged facility ready for pupils by the start of the fall term in September.

25 years ago this week

Workers begin delivering heavy equipment and setting up fences around the site of Grosse Pointe South High School's new \$2 million industrial arts annex.

A tentative construction schedule forecasts work on the building to be finished by late fall. Remodeling of the existing industrial arts

wing is expected to begin this summer with a winter 1980 completion date.

A charge of \$4 is established for a minor home repair program being organized by Seniors Onward for Change, or SOC.

Program directors Mary Aley and Diane Heavner also announce the creation of a SOC telephone hotline.

This month's meeting of the Grosse Pointe Park city council is rescheduled to take place at the Pierce Middle School auditorium.

The switch is made to accommodate growing attendance by residents, in part because of controversy of using federal Community Development Block Grants.

Many residents oppose accepting block grants due to the prospect of latent federal strings attached to the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

10 years ago this week

Two alumni of Vernier School vote with a unanimous Grosse Pointe Shores village council to tear down the 78-year-old building designed by Alfred Kahn.

The decision comes two weeks after a deadline expires for any interested party to raise \$2 million for the structure's renovation and maintenance.

Members of the Grosse Pointe South Mothers' Club and Booster Club host a joint meeting to discuss ramifications of pay-to-play athletic programs.

Of Michigan's 701 school districts, 119 have adopted some sort of pay-to-play policy due to reforms in school financing.

Tape recorded broadcasts of Grosse Pointe Board of Education meetings will air on Grosse Pointe Cable Channel 20.

"This has been a long time coming," says Cindy Pangborn, a Farms resident and advocate of broadcasting board meetings.

Pangborn arranged for a Wayne State University student to tape meetings at no cost by utilizing sound equipment already

in place for meetings, held in Wicking Library at South High School.

Camera equipment will cost the district \$60,000 to \$80,000, according to Superintendent Ed Shine.

5 years ago this week

Sparkey Herbert's ends its 20-year reign as a popular restaurant on Kercheval in Grosse Pointe Park. Owner Darrell Finken cites declining business.

"We love our community and consider our customers to be part of our family," Finken says.

Palmer Heenan, Park mayor, says, "This is a great disappointment. I enjoyed going there."

Dr. Earl Mindell, author of the all-time best-selling book on nutrition, "Earl Mindell's Vitamin Bible," is interviewed by Jeanie McNeil and Liz Aiken, co-producers of "Positively Positive!" cable TV show. The program is filmed at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial and aired on Community Television Services, Channel 5.

Mindell's book has sold nine million copies in 30 languages.

Our Lady Star of the Sea girls take second place in the Scholastic Olympics. The area-wide Catholic schools competition is held at Regina and Notre Dame high schools.

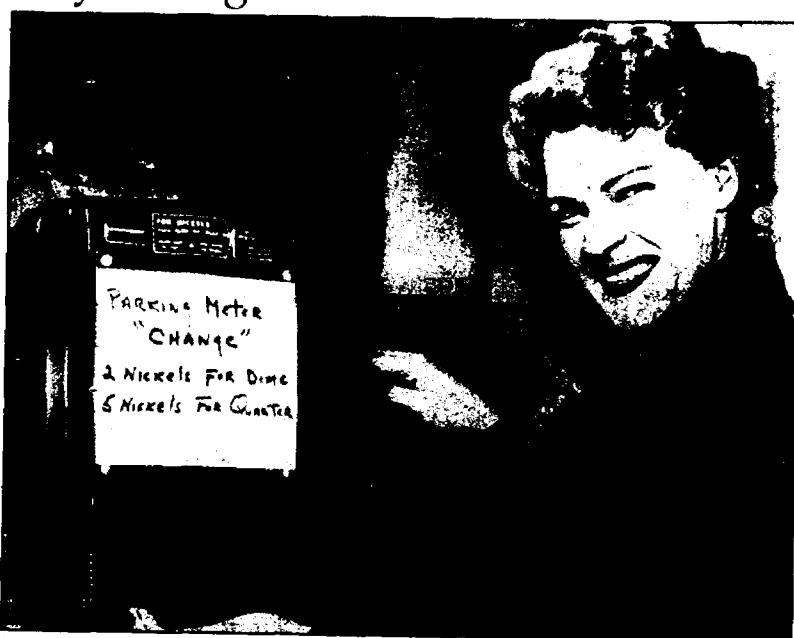
Woods closes gun range

The Grosse Pointe Woods City Council finalized a decision to close its gun range to residents.

The vote Monday night followed a recommendation of the council at its Monday, Feb. 9, work session in which it cited recommendations to close the range to residents by the city's risk manager, insurance company, Parks and Recreation Commission, attorney Don Berschback and Public Safety Director Michael Makowski. The recommendations were primarily based on the city's liability risk.

Voting in favor of closing the range were Mayor Robert Novitke and council members Patricia Chylinski, Allen Dickinson and Vicki Granger. Council members Lisa Pinkos Howle, Dona DeSantis Reynolds and Darryl Spicher cast "no" votes.

50 years ago this week



New convenience for car parkers

The City of Grosse Pointe has made it easy for motorists to obtain nickels for parking meters by installing a change-making machine on the front of the Sanders store on Kercheval in the Village. Phyllis Visk demonstrates how the gadget works. (Photo by Fred Runnells. From the Feb. 25, 1954 Grosse Pointe News.)

Death penalty referendum resurrected by Legislature

'Fry cop killers,' says state Rep. Ed Gaffney

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Eric Marshall's 15 minutes of fame may set the stage for understudies to face the final curtain.

In response to Marshall's alleged murder of two Detroit police officers last week, Lansing legislators are lining up to lift Michigan's ban on the death penalty.

"Fry cop killers," said Edward Gaffney, R-Grosse Pointe Farms.

Larry Julian, R-Lennon, introduced House Joint Resolution W on Feb. 19, three days after Marshall's alleged 2 a.m. gun slinging tallied the latest law enforcement officers killed in Michigan.

The measure, cosponsored by 33 legislators, would amend the Constitution to provide for death penalty legislation in cases of first-degree murder.

Two-thirds support from the House and Senate are needed for the resolution to appear on the ballot. If voters approve, lawmakers would be allowed to craft death penalty statutes.

"Implementation would have to be done by the Legislature," Julian said.

"If a police officer is going to be murdered in the streets, and if the perpetrator is not properly dealt with, you have a breakdown in society."

Gary Mitchell,
Public Safety Director,
Grosse Pointe Shores

Death sentences for any crime are prohibited in Article IV of the 1963 state Constitution.

Julian, a retired Michigan State Police sergeant who spent 27 years in the Flint area, would support actual death penalty legislation only if it applied to clear-cut cases.

"Evidence has to be beyond any shadow of doubt, not just reasonable doubt," Julian said.

He said circumstantial cases shouldn't qualify.

"These are cold-blooded murders where the defendant is standing over the body, his bloody hand with a knife in it, dropping the knife in front of law enforcement and other witnesses saying, 'I killed him,'" Julian said.

Gaffney supports the death penalty for cop killers, but not sweeping capital punishment.

"I'm sick and tired of cops getting killed," Gaffney

said. "People are fed up. Cops take an extra risk. They're protecting us 24 hours per day. I have no use for anyone who would take a shot, let alone kill a cop."

The Pointes' state senator, Martha Scott, D-Highland Park, opposes the death penalty.

"I don't believe in taking a life," Scott said. "There are a number of things we have to do in society. We just can't keep putting people in prison until we address the whole problem."

She cited social injustice, a breakdown of the family and the need for education.

"We have to start treating all people alike and putting resources into communities," Scott said. "We used to have close families. We don't have the kind of extended families we used to have. Throwing more people in prison is costing us so much money when we could be educating our children."

Gaffney said excuses don't matter.

"There are a lot of people who grew up in a terrible existence and poverty and didn't become criminals," Gaffney said. "There's no excuse for it. I'm sickened by the whole damn thing."

"Police officers are your first line of defense against all criminal activities," said Gary Mitchell, director of public safety in Grosse Pointe Shores and a 40-year veteran of law enforcement.

"If a police officer is going to be murdered in the streets, and if the perpetrator is not properly dealt with, you have a breakdown in society."

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Letters

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telling voters where to go to apply for an absent voter's ballot in person, there was no notice concerning where to write for one. Clearly, the people who run our government schools would prefer to keep their election as secret as possible so that only teachers and school activists know of it and exercise their right to vote on the ballot question.

Because I did not know where to address my request for an absent voter's ballot, I mailed it to the school district administration office. It would not surprise me if the powers-that-be handle my request in a manner that prevents me from receiving a ballot and returning it on time to be counted in the election.

Because I am sick and tired of "stealth" elections like this one, I urge my neighbors and friends throughout the Grosse Pointes to vote "No" on the proposed tax increase.

And I urge our state Rep. Ed Gaffney to do everything that he can to support legislation that would establish a limited number of dates upon which any election can be held. That might help to prevent the educational bureaucracy from attempting to sneak up behind me and pick my pocket again.

Justin Moran
Grosse Pointe Woods

School renovation needed

To the Editor:

I am writing in response to an article written by Jennie Miller, in the Feb. 19, Grosse Pointe News, titled "District forced to renovate schools."

I was very confused when I read the quote by Harper Woods School Superintendent Dan Danosky, "We don't have any disabled students in Harper

Woods schools. If a student breaks his or her leg and is on crutches, we move the classroom to the first floor."

I went to the Webster's dictionary and looked up "disabled." Disabled: unable, unfit or ineffective; cripple; incapacitate. From there, I looked up "cripple." Cripple: a person or an animal that is lame or otherwise disabled in a way that prevents normal motion of the limbs or body. Then I took it one more step to "handicapped." Handicapped: those who are physically disabled or mentally impaired.

I'm confused because I have been working with the principal at Beacon Elementary, along with the teachers, social worker and school psychologist for more than a year now in regards to my daughter, a kindergartner, who is disabled. She has cerebral palsy. Beacon is also aware of several other disabled students who attend their school. By no means does disabled only mean a person is on crutches.

I have obtained from OCR, Office of Civil Rights, Chapter 1 — Office for Civil Rights, Department of Education, Part 104 — Nondiscrimination on the basis of handicap in programs or activities receiving Federal financial assistance. Under Subpart A, section 104.3: Definitions it clearly states the many definitions of disabled. By no means have I been, (quoted from Mr. Danosky), "assured that no children are affected by the old school buildings," quite the opposite to be exact.

The old, non-ADA compliance school buildings affect us every school day of our life. The liability alone this puts on the school district is tremendous.

I do agree with the school administrators, that even though only the high school was inspected and cited by OCR, that all the schools buildings need to be improved. This should, by rights, be incorporated into the high school renovation

project immediately.

And for the record Mr. Sherill, this has a huge impact on the "quality of education" for my daughter and all the other mentally or physically challenged children who are in, or will someday be in our school district.

I don't believe for a moment that these infractions have gone unnoticed. They were addressed and unfortunately went unresolved.

I have been advocating this issue with the Harper Woods school district for not only my daughter, but in conjunction with other parents of physically, mentally and learning disabled children. These issues are definitely no surprise.

Kathy (Souvigney) Smith
Harper Woods

Hard choices

To the Editor:

I realize that any old building needs updating, ongoing repair and maintenance. This is costly and must be done carefully to maintain the integrity of a structure, halt deterioration, and preserve it for more years of useful service.

I know all of this because I live in one such building with my family all day, every day. It's my home.

As revenue becomes restricted, I must make hard choices because I do not have unlimited resources. I can choose to conserve existing funds through investment and savings, borrowing someone else's money, or doing without. I don't have the power to require my neighbor to write me a check.

Sometimes these hard choices require my saying "no" to good things, even to proposed tax increases to fund repairs and maintenance to public school buildings.

But in saying no on March 16, I don't believe accomplishment of these good things is blocked — the money is already there.

Just as I must do as a homeowner, the school system will find the resources through careful examination of priorities and reduction/elimination of those deemed less critical.

Jay R. Hackleman
Grosse Pointe Park

Biblical truths

To the Editor:

The Grosse Pointe News Pastor's Corner articles "Bible stories," printed in the Feb. 12 issue, and "The season of goodwill — and gay marriage," printed in the Jan. 1 issue, seem to be saying the same thing — do not believe everything that you read in the Bible. Does that not beg the question "what parts should you believe?"

If the Bible is just literature, to be read for its "truth" but not for facts, or if we are to dismiss certain passages that say that homosexual behavior is a sin, then where do we stop?

Why should we believe that Jesus Christ died for our sins? Just because the Bible said so?

Why should we believe that God loves us? That there is a God?

On the other hand, what if God really created us with free will? What if he established guidelines that, though on the surface may seem to limit us, are actually meant to bring us greater joy?

And what if he loved us so much that, knowing we are all a little rebellious and would not live perfect lives, he really did send his son to die in our place so that he could reconcile with us for eternity?

What if the Bible really meant what it said?

Mark Lubienski
Grosse Pointe Woods

Send contributions to CHD

To the Editor:

It is 11 p.m. on Monday,

Feb. 23. I have just returned home from a Grosse Pointe Woods Council meeting. There were several items of business, but one in particular has prompted this letter.

In 2002, the Children's Home of Detroit, which has been a long-standing and much loved institution in our community, encountered a situation in which their system of underground pipes malfunctioned. This subsequently caused a water bill of some \$21,000 for a two-month period.

Four thousand dollars have been paid, but the remaining \$17,000 are still outstanding. All late fees and penalties have been waived. The Children's Home has paid all the bills since that time, but finds itself in a financial bind to cover the invoice from 2002.

The city of Grosse Pointe Woods had the meter tested, and did an extensive investigation, as did the Children's Home maintenance staff. No cause for the excessive water consumption was ever determined, and the unexplained situation appears to

have corrected itself.

I would like to invite the citizens of Grosse Pointe to assist the Children's Home. If each household would contribute \$2, the financial challenge facing this facility would quickly be resolved. I suggest sending a check to the Children's Home, noting on it the purpose for which the money is intended.

Your act of kindness will surely be appreciated.

Nancy Velek
Grosse Pointe Woods

Letters welcome

The Grosse Pointe News welcomes your Letters to the Editor.

The deadline for letters is 3 p.m. Monday.

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Dollhouse evolves into family's 'labor of love'

By Margie Reins Smith
Assistant Editor

Many little girls dream of dollhouses. Seven-year-old Lisa Southwell was no exception. One day Lisa found plans for constructing a dollhouse in a newspaper article. She showed the plans to her father, Robert Southwell.

"Send for them," he said. "And I'll make a dollhouse for you."

The plans arrived and Southwell began a construc-

tion project that has taken a bit longer than anticipated. Like many construction projects, the finished structure was neither on time nor within budget.

In fact, it took 27 years. Lisa Southwell Kopfer is now 34. She graduated from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in 1991. She is married, lives in a Milwaukee suburb and has a 7-month-old daughter, Sarah.

The dollhouse has evolved

POINTER OF INTEREST

into a miniature version of the exterior of Sharon and Robert Southwell's red-brick colonial in Grosse Pointe Shores. Real asbestos shingles cover its roof. Real mortar joins the exterior bricks. It has real wooden shutters, real hardware, real carved staircase balusters, miniature china and silverware,

collecting furniture."

Lisa's mother, Sharon Southwell, helped decorate the interior of the house with wallpaper and paint and pictures and accessories.

"It became a labor of love for the whole family," Robert Southwell said. "Then I decided to make the exterior into a replica of our own home.

"I had to figure out how to do each project," he said. "That was half the fun."

When he was working full time, Southwell was in sales and marketing, but he calls himself a "frustrated engineer."

"During the Gulf War," Southwell said, "I was working on the dollhouse in the basement, next to a small TV where I watched the war progress. I told Lisa she would be coming home from college to a big surprise. The surprise was that the dollhouse was finally finished. It was her graduation present.

"I told her that when she has a house big enough to properly contain and display the dollhouse, it's hers."

"The whole thing is unbelievable," Kopfer said. "It's breathtaking. It was a labor of love for

Eventually it will be Sarah's. But so much about it is special, I want to be sure it is displayed."

The house opens and closes on piano hinges. The window glass slides out for cleaning. The screened porch has real screens, the bathroom has a tiny roll of toilet paper and a rubber ducky on the edge of the bathtub. The attic is filled with old furniture, a boat motor and empty flower pots, just like real attics. The dentil molding on the exterior below the roof overhang is exactly like the Southwells' house in Grosse Pointe Shores.

Southwell also created a 14-page instruction book telling how he constructed the house, with pictures, arrows and instructions on how to fold it up for transport and how to take it apart, how the electric wiring was installed and more. He said he's also a frustrated teacher and mentor.

"I now call myself 'semi-retired,'" he said. "I'm doing remodeling and repair of homes for some of my friends. I'm sort of a handyman or home improvement person."

He likes the challenges this work presents. "When the children were little, if something was broken, they'd say 'Don't worry. Daddy will fix it.'"

"I have done electrical work, carpentry, wallpaper, plumbing, painting, basements, plasterwork and audio/video sound systems," he said. "I tend to obsess."

He volunteered to repair the weather-beaten nativity scene that has been part of Our Lady Star of the Sea's Catholic Church's Christmas decorations for many years. He brought the pieces home, one at a time, then figured out how to restore and refurbish it. Sharon Southwell touched up the paint on each piece. The project took them four months. Then he construct-



Photos by Margie Reins Smith
Robert Southwell of Grosse Pointe Shores purchased plans for making a dollhouse for his daughter, Lisa, when she was about 7 years old. Some 27 years later, he finished it, just in time for her graduation from college.



Which is the real house and which is the dollhouse? While he was building a dollhouse for his daughter, Lisa, Robert Southwell decided to create a house with an exterior that was exactly like the family's Grosse Pointe Shores home.



double-hung windows with muntins, framed pictures on the walls, fabric tablecloths, doggie chew toys, a canopy bed, upholstered chairs, woven rugs, an old-fashioned wall telephone, electricity, an electric ceiling fan that really works, even a tiny deck of playing cards dealt out for a euchre game and an attic full of stored furniture and unused bric-a-brac.

Once the construction project was under way, Lisa would get an item or two for her dollhouse for Christmas — a little piano one year; a sofa; a tiny Christmas tree with electric lights; a rug.

Her grandparents and great-grandparents also helped equip the miniature house-in-progress.

"We used to go to a cottage in Brighton," Kopfer said. "There was a store there that specialized in dollhouse furniture. Long before the house was complete, I was

him and he's a perfectionist."

The completed house has two Christmas trees with tiny toys scattered underneath, a pool table, an iguana cage, a set of hand-painted dishes for the dining room and a dart board with real darts.

"It's impossible to put into words what it really means to me," Kopfer said. "It will forever be a symbol of my dad and what he's all about. 'It's a little museum.

Southwell was born in Flint, graduated from Western Michigan University, then went to work for Burroughs Corp., where he wound up in the sales and marketing department. He was in charge of sales training. He was transferred to Detroit in 1974.


He joined CMI, a computer leasing company, where he also was in marketing and was involved with training and mentoring.

ed a stable to add to the scene's ambiance.

Southwell's plans for the future include expanding his handyman/remodeling project manager status.

"Also, I have always wanted to repair classic cars," he said. "I've been putting it off because I was too involved in other things. I would like to volunteer at The Henry Ford, too."

"Since the dollhouse is finished, my dad needs a new hobby," Kopfer said.



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New Woods public safety cars get a classic makeover

By Bonnie Caprara
Staff Writer

Like black and white movies, the black and white police car is a classic, and it has returned to Grosse Pointe Woods.

The Woods is rolling out three of the new black and white Crown Victoria Police Interceptors this week.

"Our officers were looking for something different," Public Safety Director Michael Makowski said. "They wanted something our residents will recognize as one of 'their' cars. They also wanted a car that had

high-visibility, which is part of our mission. Plus, it's something different; it's kind of a nostalgia thing."

Even the lettering on the cars, "Police — Grosse Pointe Woods," which stands out with an unembellished boldness, was designed by members of the force.

Makowski said he handed over the design aspect of the cars to the officers because, "That's their office for the day. We want them to be comfortable."

The return to the "panda" design with black fronts and

backs and white doors and tops has already garnered some renewed attention.

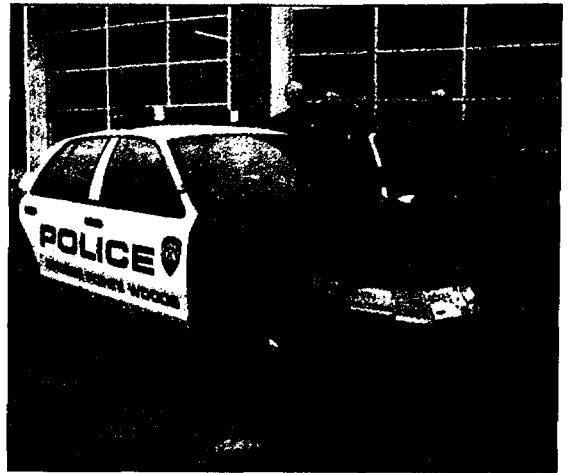
"We've gotten a lot of positive comments," Deputy Director James Fowler said.

"A lot of other departments have been coming by to look at them," Corporal James Lafer said.

Makowski said officers in only about a half-dozen law enforcement departments in the metro Detroit area cruise the streets in "black and whites," although the classic design is seen more often in California.

The new design will be fully phased in next year when the other silver patrol cars will be replaced. The department's radar cars will remain solid colors.

Photo by Bonnie Caprara
The Grosse Pointe Woods Department of Public Safety has returned to a classic style with three of its newest police cars. Pictured with one of the new cars is Deputy Director James Fowler, Corporal James Lafer, PSO Keith Waszak and Director Michael Makowski.



Children's Home of Detroit gets socked with \$18K water bill

By Bonnie Caprara
Staff Writer

If Grosse Pointe Woods residents and businesses are dreading an increase in their water bills in the upcoming months, the Children's Home of Detroit (CHD) has the largest concern of all.

CHD received a little relief when it petitioned the Grosse Pointe Woods City Council for a reduction of a water bill it received in September 2002 for \$20,955.

The anomaly was discovered when the Woods water billing department issued the bill, which historically ran anywhere from \$684 to \$1,253 for the two-month period during July and August.

"It was the biggest water bill I've ever seen," said Joseph Ahee, public works director.

The Woods Department of Public Works went out to CHD to investigate.

"There was clear water running in the sewer," Ahee said. "The belief was that it had been running for some time."

Ahee said DPW employees could not find the source of the water running through one of CHD's two water meters into the sewer. Ahee said the problem could not have been detected like a typical water main break when water gushing from a broken pipe rises to the surface.

Ahee also could not explain how the water stopped running a few days later.

CHD directed its maintenance department and hired a plumbing contractor to investigate the problem. It, too, could not explain the water problem or how it

stopped on its own.

"We have not determined what the problem was; there were no repairs made," said CHD Executive Director Michael Horowitz.

Horowitz speculated the water seen running through the sewer and not into or on the CHD facilities may have been caused by road work being conducted on Cook at that time but that theory could not be supported by either the Woods or CHD investigations.

A new water meter was installed and the old meter was tested by the Woods. Tests could not determine any problems with the old meter.

Because no fault was found, the council authorized to discount CHD's July/August 2002 water bill by 10 percent in November 2002. Horowitz approached the council again at its

Monday, Feb. 23, meeting and asked to split the bill with the city.

"It has presented a budgetary problem for us," Horowitz said.

While sympathetic to

CHD's plight, members of the council refused to budge.

"If we say, 'No, don't pay it,' then we pass the cost onto the residents of Grosse Pointe Woods, or we have to

be prepared to do this for residents (who come to the city with bill disputes)," Mayor Robert Novitke said.

The council unanimously directed city administration to work out a payment plan.

City of **Grosse Pointe Farms**, Michigan
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AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT BY REFERENCE THE MICHIGAN VEHICLE CODE AND TO AMEND THE UNIFORM TRAFFIC CODE ORDINANCE, CODE NO. 6-01, ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT BY REFERENCE, THE UNIFORM TRAFFIC CODE FOR MICHIGAN CITIES, TOWNSHIPS AND VILLAGES AND TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN AMENDMENTS AND ADDITIONS THERETO".

THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE FARMS ORDAINS:

Section 1. Adoption of Michigan Vehicle Code
The Michigan Vehicle Code, 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.1 to 257.923, and all future amendments and revisions to the Michigan Vehicle Code when they are effective in the State of Michigan, are incorporated and adopted by reference. All references in the Michigan Vehicle Code to "local authorities" shall mean the City of Grosse Pointe Farms. The penalties provided by the Michigan Vehicle Code, as amended or revised from time to time, are adopted by reference, provided, however, that the City of Grosse Pointe Farms may not enforce any provision of the Michigan Vehicle Code for which the maximum period of imprisonment is greater than 93 days.

Section 2. Ratification of Adoption of Uniform Traffic Code
The adoption in Ordinance No. 179 of the Uniform Traffic Code for Cities, Townships and Villages, as promulgated by the director of the Michigan Department of State Police pursuant to the administrative procedures act of 1969 (the "Uniform Traffic Code"), is hereby ratified. The Uniform Traffic Code, as previously amended, and all future amendments and revisions to the Uniform Traffic Code when they are effective in the State of Michigan, are incorporated and adopted by reference. All references in the Uniform Traffic Code to a "governmental unit" shall mean the City of Grosse Pointe Farms. The penalties provided by the Uniform Traffic Code, as amended or revised from time to time, are adopted by reference.

Section 3. Coordination and Repeal of Certain Prior Ordinances
Ordinance No. 347, amending the Uniform Traffic Code, enacted October 18, 1999, is hereby repealed. All other amendments and supplements to the Uniform Traffic Code as previously enacted by the City of Grosse Pointe Farms pursuant to Ordinance No. 179, including without limitation Ordinance No. 317 (pertaining to the reimbursement of certain expenses), Ordinance No. 339 (pertaining to permit parking) and Ordinance No. ___ (pertaining to permit parking), shall remain in full force and effect to the extent not inconsistent with the provisions of the Michigan Vehicle Code or the Uniform Traffic Code, as amended or revised from time to time.

Section 4. Publication of Notice
The City Clerk shall publish this Ordinance in the manner required by law and shall publish, at the same time, a notice stating the purpose of the Michigan Vehicle Code and the Uniform Traffic Code and the fact that a complete copy of each code is available to the public for inspection at the office of the City Clerk.

Section 5. Partial Invalidation
If any provision of this Ordinance shall be held invalid, the remainder of the Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

Section 6. Effective Date
This Ordinance is declared necessary for public health and safety and shall take immediate effect.

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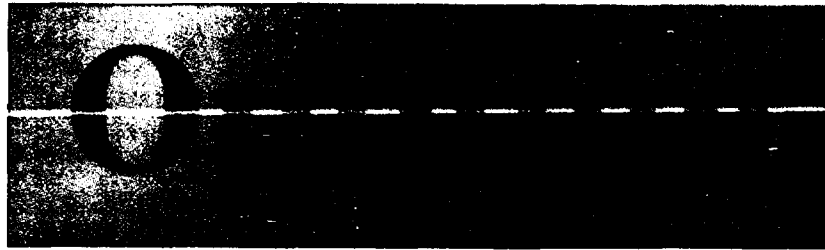
Plus: To the two dozen Grosse Pointe Farms public safety officers who received citations from Mayor James Farquhar, Public Safety Director Robert Ferber and the city council for their dedication and good police and fire work.

Minus: To the Grosse Pointe Farms parking enforcement officer (meter reader) who outdoes Barney Fife when it comes to overzealous civil infraction enforcement.

Minus: To Farms Councilman Louis Theros for criticizing the Grosse Pointe News (see Letters to the Editor) instead of addressing the Barney Fife problem.

Plus: To the other Farms parking officer, Larry Stocking, who brings common sense and courtesy to the job.

Minus: To all the Pointes municipalities for gouging residents by marking up water and sewer rates anywhere from 80 percent in the Farms to 196 percent in Grosse Pointe Woods.



Minus: To Gov. Jennifer Granholm for reneging on her promise to restore state school funding to previous levels. Because of her forked speech via her budget proposal, Grosse Pointe schools face a \$5.2 million budget deficit.

Plus: To state Rep. Ed Gaffney, R-Grosse Pointe Farms, for vowing to fight for school funding for Grosse Pointe, Harper Woods and all the districts in the state.

Minus: To the Grosse Pointe school board for scheduling a millage election in March when many retirees are at their winter homes.

Minus: To the Grosse Pointe Public School System administration for not obtaining absentee ballot lists from the cities and mailing ballots without being asked.

Plus: To Chris Fenton, assistant superintendent for business and support services, for providing financial information in a clear, understand-

able fashion. We don't know what we and the Grosse Pointe school district would do without Mr. Fenton. We hope they have key-man insurance on him!

Plus: To Carolyn Ewald Kratzert and the Ewald family for its \$1 million contribution to the Grosse Pointe Public Library. In honor of the fabulous donation, the new Grosse Pointe Park branch being built on Lakepointe will be called the Carolyn and Ted Ewald Library.

Plus: To Park and library leaders whose foresight and managerial abilities have resulted in the new Park branch being built at lightning speed.

Minus: To the Grosse Pointe Public Library board for deciding in the first place to build new, palace-like edifices when one wonders whether there is a future for libraries, given the presence of on-line computers in every home.

Minus: To Harper Woods schools

superintendent Dan Danosky for saying there are no disabled students in his district.

Plus: To the new Woods City Council members and veteran Councilwoman Patty Chilinsky for having the guts to reevaluate old, we've-always-done-it-that-way issues, such as lavish spending on city parties for volunteers and a self-imposed limit on liquor licenses in the city.

Minus: To congressman John Conyers Jr., D-Detroit, for insisting the United States become embroiled in Haiti's latest round of internal dysfunction while not providing meaningful solutions to Detroit's long-term problems.

Plus: To the City of Grosse Pointe council for addressing the sensitive issue of Kressbach Place, named after a popular, long-term city administrator but featuring an ungainly, imposing, unwelcoming, out-of-scale and just plain ugly series of cold, harsh and bland rock walls.

Plus: To Grosse Pointe Shores department of public works employees for spending time during winter months preparing lawn cutting equipment for the days when warm weather finally arrives, and nature's little growing things need trimming. Keep thinking spring.

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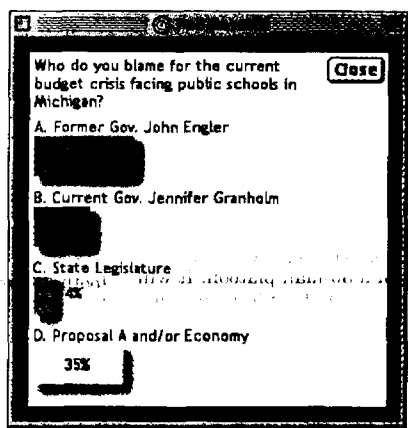
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School funding blame game

Who is to blame for the public schools' funding woes? That's what we asked readers via our Web site poll last week.

In response to the question: "Whom do you blame for the current budget crisis facing public schools in Michigan?" 39 percent blamed former Gov. John Engler; 35 percent blamed Proposal A and/or the Economy; 22 percent blamed current Gov. Jennifer Granholm, and only 4 percent blamed the state Legislature.

If we were to vote, we would blame Proposal A in combination with the lagging economy. Proposal A put school funding largely up to the state, which depends too heavily on sales and income taxes that vary with economic activity.



Whose idea was Proposal A in the first place?



Address comments to cartoonist Phil Hands at phands@grossepointenews.com or go to www.philtoons.com

Letters

G.P. Farms isn't Mayberry

To the Editor:

In the very edition (Feb. 12) of the Grosse Pointe News where your writer Brad Lindberg recounted some of the heroic efforts of Grosse Pointe Farms police officers during 2003, you ran a cartoon mocking the very same police officers by comparing them to Barney Fife. I, and I am sure the vast majority of Farms' residents, respect all functions our police officers perform, including such heroic efforts as jumping into Lake St. Clair to rescue a person who dove into the lake, and successfully (without injury to any person) ending a situation where an officer spent three hours talking to a man who held a loaded gun to his own head.

While the cartoon may be some inside joke that I and most of your readers are not familiar with, your show of disrespect was uncalled for and untimely.

Louis Theros
Grosse Pointe Farms
City Council

Design analysis

To the Editor:

I am a designer who has spent over 40 years designing cars and many kinds of products including exhibits, furniture, graphics, landscaping and other miscellaneous things. I have had a home in Grosse Pointe Park for over 20 years.

I have watched the confusion about the Kressbach Place, especially the overwhelming feelings by the

Grosse Pointe public that they do not like it.

Some defending statements are interesting, especially the one about great art taking a while to be appreciated.

A teacher that I had long ago stated once that "If you hang long enough you get used to it."

We are not there yet. Groundbreaking art always displays something new that is not yet understood by the general public, but they have to live with it.

Design is an activity that all of us participate in daily. We use our intuitive and learned aesthetic skills to evaluate our surroundings and we all are entitled to our own opinions. My experience has been that these intuitive skills, used by serious people, are usually grounded in valid intelligence, as is all admiral art work. History shows that to be true.

I am offering a professional design analysis for Kressbach Place. This is the kind of process used every day by designers, architects and others in the design profession to evaluate the aesthetic and functional attributes in products that they are developing. They then use the resultant information to make improvements.

I think the community has to face it. Kressbach Place does not measure up to the aesthetic quality standard that is present elsewhere in the Pointes. It falls far short and there are many great examples. Perhaps the following analysis will help some better understand what they have been feeling about the aesthetic qualities of

Kressbach Place:

Design analysis of Kressbach Place

Size: The size of Kressbach Place is too large for its allotted space. The high walls prevent the open space around it from being included in the overall impression of it. By comparison, this results in a very dense and crowded environment that is not visually inviting.

Proportion: The proportion of the Kressbach Place walls on the allotted space creates barriers that cannot easily be seen over. The walls are taller than the adult human form. The number of walls also results in a very crowded area compared to its open surroundings.

Walking space: The available walking space inside and through Kressbach Place is narrow and crowded due to the positioning of the walls. There is walking space provided that is next to the street to alleviate the narrow central passageway which could be a safety issue.

Color and texture: The color of the walls is very close to the brick wall that is behind Kressbach Place. This exaggerates its crowded look and height. The size of the stone also is close to the size of the bricks in the wall, also exaggerating the crowded look. The color prevents the observer from separating Kressbach Place from the adjacent building.

Water flow: The water flow is very subtle to the casual observer driving or walking past.

The waters' lack of visual excitement is missed by many and therefore not worth the expense to install, maintain and operate the system. The mission that it has to attract people is not realized.

Actions that can be taken to improve the aesthetics and functionality of Kressbach Place

Size: Removing some walls and lowering others will open Kressbach Place up, making it smaller and more compatible with the surrounding spaces. This will also give the impression of a more inviting environment.

Proportion: A more open space should be created to give the feeling that going through Kressbach Place will be safe and easy. Lower walls will also improve visibility from inside and outside. This will also make the space transition between the Kressbach Place and the adjoining spaces a more comfortable one.

Walking space: The walking space through the Kressbach Place should be more open and inviting. There should be enough space in the center for several people to walk through without going near the street.

Color and texture: Separation should be made between the color and texture of Kressbach Place and the wall of the building next to it. More contrast between the two would highlight it in a positive way and make the space appear less crowded. Glossy reflective surfaces on the walls would heighten contrast to the building next door and diminish the size of the walls.

Water flow: The fact that flowing water is part of the Kressbach Place experience is very understated and missed by most of the people who look at it. Enhancing the visibility of the water flow and sound would make it more exciting.

Dick Ruzzin
Grosse Pointe Park

'Less worse' just got worse

To the Editor:

Recently an editorial in the Grosse Pointe News suggested that the school system's 2004-05 budget might be "less worse" than originally anticipated. One piece of evidence was Gov. Granholm's announcement that she intended to restore K-12 per-pupil funding in next year's budget. For Grosse Pointe that would mean \$750,000 — good news, indeed.

Unfortunately, the governor has excluded 20 "affluent" school districts from her restoration plan. Grosse Pointe is one of them.

Making matters worse, the state recently informed us that retirement costs for the school system will be \$1.1 million higher than what was originally budgeted.

If Rep. Gaffney succeeds in protecting the school system's 2003 categorical amount, that would mean a savings of \$500,000 in next year's budget. But that's a big "if." We hope lawmakers succeed, but until they do, that savings simply does not exist.

Our projected shortfall is now \$5.2 million, not \$3.5 million as the editorial stated. If the sinking fund is approved by voters in

March, the projected shortfall would decrease by \$1.5 million.

We appreciate the Grosse Pointe News helping to explain our financial situation to residents and facilitating discussion about how best to deal with our budgetary problems. Unfortunately, those problems continue to worsen rather than improve.

Christian Fenton
Assistant
Superintendent of
Business and Support
Services
The Grosse Pointe
Public School System

Absentee ballots

To the Editor:

With but one exception, I would have automatically received an application for an absent voter's ballot from the city of Grosse Pointe Woods if any unit of government had scheduled a special election to impose another tax on me.

The one exception: The Grosse Pointe Public School System. If I had not made arrangements to have my copies of the Grosse Pointe News sent to my winter residence, I would not even have known that the money-grabbing government schools had scheduled an election to vote on another tax increase.

I am sure that many of my friends who also choose to escape Michigan's harsh winter weather will never know about the election until long after it has been held.

Although the school district ran an advertisement

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Photo by Carrie Cunningham

Marvelous mentors

Members of the fourth and first grade classes at Poupard Elementary are learning from each other in an activity called Mentor Mates. Members from the different classes are divided into pairs, and they read with each other and get to develop a relationship every Wednesday.

"First graders like to know someone who is bigger," said instructor Molly Festa.

The students rave about how fun the mentor partnerships are, and they like making new friends.

Participants in the program are above from the left: Malik Bruton, Wendell Bush, Gabriele Causley and Nick McDonald. Festa is in the center.



Star of the Sea Penny Bonanza

After collecting over \$3,040 to benefit the St. Vincent de Paul "Pennies for Poverty" program, students at Our Lady Star of the Sea in Grosse Pointe Woods may never look at the copper coin in the same way. Inspired by their success, the Student Council-sponsored event that lasted from Jan. 19-30 will likely become an annual event.

In awe of the number of pennies collected are, clockwise from lower left, Student Council Representatives Mark Karam of Grosse Pointe Woods and Leah Stapleton of Harper Woods, Student Council President Robert Eckert of Grosse Pointe Park, President-Elect Michael Thomas of St. Clair Shores and Representative Christa Bertakis of Grosse Pointe.

Motivational speaker visits St. Paul

Lessons on peer pressure for St. Paul Catholic School junior high students and character and integrity building for the elementary students were themes recently presented by Jerry Jacoby, a singer, songwriter and motivational speaker. He performed at two different assemblies on Tuesday, Jan. 20, for both junior high and high school students, captivating them with his inspiring lessons.

Jacoby engaged the audience by inviting students to participate in skits on stage that elucidated values. In between the role playing, he sang songs with a corresponding theme. He tapped into ideas such as everyone's uniqueness and showing courtesy and respect for others.

Jacoby's enthusiasm, sincerity and sense of humor provided the perfect blend of entertainment and instruction. The show reinforced ways of interacting St. Paul hopes to instill in its students.

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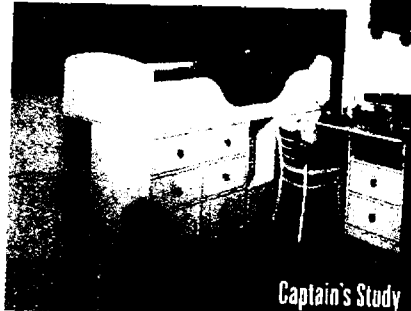


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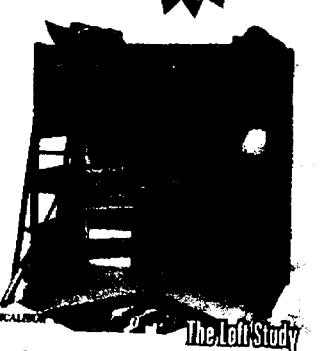
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North alumni thrive at rival academies

By Carrie Cunningham
Staff Writer

One is clad in the characteristic West Point gray coat with a black stripe down the center. The other wears a suit with double rows of gold buttons and gold anchors on his lapel identifying him as a Naval Academy student.

Going to rival schools, West Point and the U.S. Naval Academy, the two boys could be tagged as Army and Navy arch foes, but they are brothers; they respect each other, and they're working hard to become officers in the military in order to serve and represent America.

Eric Mancik will graduate from West Point, located in West Point, NY, in 2007 while Chris Mancik plans to graduate from the Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD this year. They are former Poupard, Parcels and Grosse Pointe North High School students. Both young men will automatically earn a degree in engineering from their respective schools, with Eric hoping to additionally study German and languages and Chris studying political science.

Steeped in the importance of serving one's country as children, the boys are following the example of their father, Frank, who was in the military during Vietnam, and grandfathers who fought in World War II



Frank Mancik is proud of his sons, Eric, who attends West Point, and Chris, who goes to the U.S. Naval Academy. He wore both Army and Navy caps at an Army/Navy Football game to support both sons.

and the Korean War. Patriotic fervor emanates from father Frank and impacted his kids.

"I have tears in my eyes at sporting events (when) you sing the national anthem," Frank said. "It's been in my blood."

The application process to both academies is rigorous and both students were amply prepared. Eric had a 3.8 GPA while Chris had a 3.4 GPA, and they both scored in the 600s on their SATs. They played football, and Chris additionally dove and ran track. Eric was recommended by Senator Carl Levin, and Congressman David Bonior wrote a letter on behalf of Chris.



Eric Mancik, left and Chris Mancik, have adapted favorably to military life at both academies.

The boys like the structure of military life and the ways of the academies. They are required to play sports and have delved into tough academic challenges. They both think North prepared them for the academies.

"They felt those classes kept them on par with these other kids, and they're all bright," Frank said.

The government pays for academy life, with some spare couple of hundred of dollars for spending money.

While the boys have Democratic leanings, they support President George Bush in his role as commander in chief. They are ready to serve the five year

requirement in the military after they graduate and go wherever the military will send them.

As far as an Army/Navy rival, Frank says it is minimal.

"They're not like there's no other college in the world," he said. "There's no envy. They compare notes."

In the Army/Navy football game, Frank donned hats from both institutions to show his support for both his sons.

Frank credits his sons' success in getting into and performing at the military academies to a solid upbringing. Though he divorced from his wife, Marta, about ten years ago, Frank feels he has given his sons a lot, enabling them to have a high self-esteem and respectful attitudes toward the world.

"They grew up extremely polite. They grew up caring about what people thought of them," Frank said.

Frank says between the two boys he can see Eric staying in the military after his five-year requirement. In the near term, Chris is angling for either a naval flight or submarine position after he graduates.

Beaming with pride for his sons, Frank thinks the paths his sons have taken are worthy ones.

"They couldn't have gone to better places," he said.

Mackenzie class reunion

Mackenzie High School class of 1954, January, June and summer school is having a 50th anniversary reunion on July 9 and 10. The deadline to be included in the Memory Book is April 19, 2004. Reservations must be made in advance for the July 10 dinner banquet by April 1, 2004. No tickets will be sold at the door. Call Bev at (248) 435-3743 or e-mail bevheater@sbcglobal.net or call Joyce at (248) 477-4111.

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GP Nursery students uplifted by friendship with builders

By Carrie Cunningham
Staff Writer

Grosse Pointe Nursery School students are constructing a base of knowledge as well as their character via a relationship with builders.

Cynthia Whitten's students of the 50-year-old school have become friends with construction workers from Frank Rewold and Sons, Inc., who are building the Sunrise Community Center on Mack Avenue and Brys nearby the school.

Whitten noticed the construction close to the school and thought valuable lessons could be imparted to her students.

"We observed how they would put tools away and looked out for each other in terms of safety," she said.

In addition to seeing tools, students saw machinery for construction and blue prints for the center which will house the elderly.

"I liked the big crane," said student Christopher Kroll.

The construction fascinated the students. They saw the workers, headed by supervisor Ken Carr, place cement in the foundation and install the various components of the building.

"I liked when they remember to put the pipes in," said student John Paul Messens. The students have devel-



Students in Cynthia Whitten's Grosse Pointe Nursery school have become friends with and learned from construction workers from Frank Rewold and Sons, Inc., who are building the Sunrise Community Center for the elderly. In front from left to right are John Paul Messens, Christopher Kroll, Mitchell Toomer, Tim Korski, Jasmine Zadroga, Nicholas Webb and Serena Kowalski. In back from left to right are Chloe Ribco, Samantha Filer, Ryan Danaher, Leah Webber, John Hryciuk, Erin Burke, Danielle Bennett and Brandon Fekete. Kneeling in the right corner is Whitten.

oped camaraderie with the workers.

"The kids would wave to the group, and the guys would

wave to them," Whitten said. "A real relationship started to develop."

When the workers were digging in November, they came upon clay. They gave it to the students who in turn used it to make Christmas ornaments for them. The students also made Christmas cards for the workers and gave them bagels.

Like any good relationship, the workers came back and gave Christmas stockings to the children filled with goodies.

The relationship has persisted through February. The students made Valentine's cards for the workers, and the workers gave them a basket full of pencils and sweets in return.

"They love us," said Jasmine Zadroga. Liz Roberts, Whitten's assistant, compiled photos of

the children, the workers and the building project on a bulletin board.

Whitten has encouraged discussion about what it means for the center to house the elderly. They discuss things like walkers and wheelchairs and how the old need assistance.

"The kids talk about grandma and grandpa," Whitten said.

The kids saw a woman working at the site one day and were buoyed by her presence.

"I like the lady who said hello," said Brandon Fekete.

The exchange has fostered instruction and growth for the students at the school owned by the Grosse Pointe Baptist Church. The elements of creation are illuminated for the students and mutual affection exists. "It's been so cool," said

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Supercharged '04 Impala SS moves

By Greg Zyla

Chevrolet's 2004 Impala SS offers consumers the best of both worlds: performance and functionality. Chevy introduced the first SS Impala in 1961, joining "Leave It to Beaver" on the tube, Alan Shepard in space and 4-cent U.S. postage stamps.

The big difference between the Impala SS and the other models in the Impala series is Chevrolet's celebrated 240-horsepower supercharged 3.8-liter V-6 sitting under the hood, producing a whopping 280 pound-feet of torque. It may not produce the same horsepower as the 1961 Impala SS 409, but it still moves out pretty well! The 3.8-liter engine is mated to a heavy-duty version of the Hydra-

Matic 4T65-E four-speed electronically controlled automatic transmission.

To help the new SS handle the torque, Chevy added four-wheel independent suspension with MacPherson struts at all four corners, power rack-and-pinion steering, electronic traction control and large-diameter four-wheel disc power-assisted braking with ABS and race-inspired cooling ducts. Putting the power to the ground are high-performance speed-rated tires with 17-inch diamond-cut cast aluminum wheels. The monochromatic black metallic SS, which is the only color available, also features bright stainless steel dual exhaust tips, fog lamps, a six-gauge cluster including boost gauge.

The new Impala SS also offers Chevy's comprehensive safety package, room for five passengers, lots of cargo space and a good record of reliability and durability. Impala earned five stars, the highest U.S. government safety rating, in frontal crash testing for driver and passenger.

Impala SS also features a sportier ride and handling. Spring rates are stiffened in both front and rear. The combination helps reduce body roll in cornering and improves driver feedback. On the road, Impala is comforting and a good handler. Whether merging on a freeway, passing on a two-lane road or just cruising, Impala did everything well. It grasps country road corners, easily negotiates mountain

roadway and offers that certain anugness we've come to expect in the higher echelon GM sport sedans.

Unique styling cues set the SS apart from its siblings and establish a link with other Chevy SS models. Impala SS features color-keyed body side moldings, "SS" badging, unique decklid spoiler and lowered front fascia with integrated fog lamps. Also noteworthy is a unique rear spoiler.

The SS joins two other front-wheel-drive Impala models offered in 2004: a base six-passenger sedan and the sportier five-passenger LS. Similarly, two V-6 engines — 3.4-liter and non-supercharged 3.8-liter designs — offer buyers a choice as to power. The supercharged engine is only

for the Impala SS.

Impala's cabin is still one of the best we've

encountered. Comfort and amenities abound, as Chevy creates more usable interior room by moving Impala's seats, steering wheel and door assemblies outward a bit, resulting in true "big-car" dimensions. All gauges are large and easy to read, and amenity control knobs are within easy reach of both driver and passenger.

Important numbers include 18.6 cubic-feet of cargo space, a 110.5-inch wheelbase and a 17-gallon fuel tank that ensures long drives. The final curb weight

comes in at 3,606 pounds. EPA numbers for the supercharged 3.8 V-6, which needs 92 octane fuel, are estimated to be 18 mpg city and 28 mpg highway, with impressive acceleration to 60 mph in less than seven seconds.

Our SS had a \$900 moon roof and a \$325 XM Satellite radio option added to the \$660 destination fee. The final tally came in at \$29,220. We like Impala SS and rate it a nine on a scale of 10. It's a neat car, as are all the Impala models.

— King Features Syndicate



2004 Chevy Impala SS

How to read the writing on the 'sidewalls'

By Greg Zyla

We've received several letters recently about how to read the "writing of the sidewall" of passenger-car and light-truck tires. Basically, all tires are stamped with traction, temperature and resistance-to-wear grade and ratings to help you choose the right replacement tires for your vehicle. With the exception of a performance car like a Corvette, your vehicle's tires should all be the same size and grade.

Treadwear grade: Treadwear indicates how long the tire's tread will last before wearing out. Grading starts at a low of 100 and goes up to 500, with 500 being the longest-lasting tire wear grade. Tire wear also is determined by tire maintenance, your driving style and where you drive. If you like to spin your tires, forget the rating and expect to replace them sooner.

Traction grade: Traction is followed by the letter "A," "B" or "C," with "A" the best. It rates a tire's ability to stop on a wet road surface. Most quality tires will indicate an "A" grade.

Temperature grade: Temperature is a tire's ability to withstand and dissipate heat. It also is graded "A," "B" or "C," where "C" indicates a minimum temperature grade meeting federal government requirements for passenger-car tires, while "A" and "B" provide a higher level of performance. This can be very critical if you live in a hot climate, like Florida, where road temperatures increase the tire's temperature significantly.

DOT number: This indicates compliance with the Department of Transportation safety standards. The "DOT" will be followed by the tire's identification number, which contains

the manufacturer and plant code, tire size code, optional codes and the date the tire was manufactured. For example, 099 indicates a tire that was manufactured in the ninth week of 1999.

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Truck and SUV mirrors

(NAPSI) — A new kind of mirror is reflecting the current trend for increased safety, plus enhanced appearance on trucks and SUVs. The telescoping mirror can slide outward for improved rear vision while towing.

The mirror assembly features two mirror elements — a large, flat main glass and a separate, wide-view adjustable spotter mirror. They replace a truck's original exterior mirrors and slide outward 4.5 inches, allowing drivers to see past loads 102 inches wide.

Graduation markings on the arm indicate how much telescoping is needed to see past the load. Vehicles with manual mirrors can be upgraded with heated glass, LED turn signal and clearance light options.

The mirrors, developed by Schefenacker Vision Systems, are supplied with polished black covers that can be painted to match the vehicle's body color. Chrome and theme covers are also available.

The mirror increases safety and appearance and can be extended for towing.

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Parcells demonstrates year of goodwill in 2003 via worthy service projects

By Carrie Cunningham
Staff Writer

Service is a way for people to show goodwill for their fellow citizens, particularly for those in need. Teachers and students at Parcells Middle School exhibited exemplary altruism in 2003, reaching into their hearts and giving of themselves via a wide range of projects. The Parcells community broke the myth of self-interested teenagers and offered a model of how to treat each other within a community.

"I believe it is important for our community as a whole to recognize these generous and loving gestures," said Parcells Middle School reading specialist Jodi Harris.

In their own words, here is how the Parcells Middle School community helped our community at large:

Mrs. Linda Fogel: "We donated gifts for a needy family."

Mrs. Nan Sabella: "We collected over 200 coats, hats and gloves for the needy and Campbell soup labels to help Barnard Center (the school at the Children's Home)."

Mr. Scott Cooper: "We adopted a needy family through the Northeast Guidance Center (NEGC) and gave them gifts and money."

Mrs. Cathleen Venettis: "We adopted a family through NEGC and contributed Campbell soup labels to Barnard Center."

Mr. Tim Van Eckoute: "We adopted a family through NEGC and provided gifts from their wish list."

Mr. Ray Pisani: "We adopted a nine-year-old boy through NEGC. We were able to purchase the gifts on his wish list."

Ms. Jodi Harris: "We purchased gifts for two little girls. They will receive hats, scarves, gloves, shirts, pants, Barbie dolls, Barbie clothes, baby dolls, baby doll clothes and a bike."

Mr. Todd Manns: "My advisory participated in Campbell's soup labels. In addition, we adopted a 15 year-old girl, and collective-

ly we had many, many gifts. The families that contributed to our child spent well over \$300 in gifts."

Mrs. Janeane Avery: "My advisory bought gifts for two girls aged 7 and 2. They bought clothes, shoes, coats, pajamas, school supplies, toys, books and food for their families."

Mrs. Carleen Viviani: "Our advisory had a two person family from NEGC and purchased gifts and certificates for our family. We also contributed clothing to another needy family."

Mrs. Linda Letscher: "Our group donated \$70.08 to the Detroit Rescue Mission Ministry to help feed the homeless, and (we gave) gifts to help a needy family."

Mrs. Laura Mikesell: "Our advisory adopted two children from NEGC. One was a 12-year-old girl, and another was a 13-year-old boy. The students either brought in gifts of clothes, toys, school supplies or money spent on two CD players and spent time wrapping and labeling all of them during the week before Christmas. We had two garbage bags full of toys shipped off to the NEGC."

Mrs. Linda Angelilli: "We collected many gifts for two children through the Adopt-A-Family Program. We also collected soup labels."

Mr. Brian Aulph and Mr. Hedelund: "We adopted a family and gave gifts. Both classes contributed well over \$200 on donations."

Mrs. Susie Van Eckoute: "My advisory brought in items for our furry friends at the Humane Society. We had a variety of items including: food, treats, stainless steel food/water bowls, rawhide bones, clorox wipes, dish soap. The kids did a great job. We wrapped boxes, filled them with the goodies and took them to my neighbor who dropped them off at the shelter with items she had from our 'help our furry friends' block party."

Mr. Greg Wolff with Ms. Peggy Van Eckoute: "Our advisories collected gifts for

a needy family."

Mr. Mike Manzella: "We participated in the NEGC Adopt-A-Family, (and we) also collected soup labels."

Mrs. Kathy Heitman and Mrs. Pat Liverance: "Our classes adopted a family of four through the NEGC. Students who participated were very generous and helpful, bringing in paper, ribbon, making cards and shopping. Students brought a bike, helmet (Raymond Day) a Fire Rescue Station, Leap Frog Reading Pad, a remote control truck, pants and shirts. For the grandma, they bought a robe, slippers, watch, sweater, jazz CD and player with headphones. We also had two food baskets. The students were awesome."

Mrs. Linda Khoenle: "We

adopted a family for the NEGC. We helped three boys and their mom have a happy Christmas."

Mrs. Deborah Peck: "Our advisory chose to collect items for Operation AC which send air conditioners, space heaters and other items to our troops in Iraq. We collected 43 pounds worth of shaving cream, tooth brushes and toothpaste, candy nuts, various books, baby powder, baby wipes, magazines (and) gum."

Mrs. Nancy Zens, Mr. Dan Bens and Mr. Scott Cooper: "Our advisories adopted a family of seven. The kids brought in everything on the wish list and then some."

Mr. Dan Bens: "My advisory students made this the

most enjoyable adopt-a-family I have been involved in yet. We shared a family with Cooper's and Zens's advisories. My students committed to purchasing certain things. I did not even have to remind people a deadline was approaching. A couple students brought in soup labels. And my advisory and English classes purchased and brought in new books for kids aged birth to six and donated them to the Gift of Reading Program, which distributes the books to needy children through head start programs. The students' commitment and generosity made me feel so proud of them."

Ms. Tracy D'Hondt: "My advisory collected gifts for the Neighborhood Club

Senior Citizens Dept. They give the gifts to seniors in the Grosse Pointe and the Harper Woods communities."

Mrs. Christine Geerer: "My own advisory adopted two girls, age 12 and 13. We got them clothes, shoes, CD players, Christmas CDs, candy, socks, mittens and lotions. I was very proud of my kids. They brought in wrapping paper too and wrapped everything themselves."

Mrs. Mary Fodell: "We collected food and money for the Humane Society."

With such a cornucopia of service projects in 2003, Parcells seems to have a strong foundation to build on for the coming 2004 year and beyond.

Academy student wins essay contest

Grosse Pointe Academy seventh-grader Paige Simmons was awarded first place in the 2004 Ford Freedom Award Essay Contest during an awards ceremony held at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History on Friday, Feb. 19. She received a \$5,000 U.S. Savings Bond and a replica of the Ford Freedom Medal for her essay entitled "Presenting Mary Church Terrell, A Jewel of the Past, Present and Future."

The essay contest is part of Ford's Freedom Award program, an honor given posthumously to a distinguished individual who dedicated his or her life to improving the African American community and the world in general. This year's Ford Freedom Award recipient is African American educator and


civil rights activist Dr. Benjamin E. Mays. Dr. William H. Cosby was named the 2004 Ford Freedom Award Scholar, an honor bestowed on a living individual who has excelled in his or her chosen field.

Nearly 2,000 students participated in the essay contest, which asks students to write an essay about whom they would choose for the Ford Freedom Award and why. Winners were selected by a panel of educators who convened over a two-day period to review and evaluate each student's entry.

The Ford Freedom Award Essay Contest is sponsored by the Detroit Newspapers in Education Program, Ford Motor Company Fund and Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History.

St. Paul student wins contest


Janice Kulik, an eight-grader at St. Paul Catholic School, was the winner of the Knights of Columbus diocesan level spelling bee held in Utica. She prevailed over the best spellers from schools throughout the diocese and will now go on to compete against the best spellers in the state. This is the fourth year in which she will go to the state level bee.



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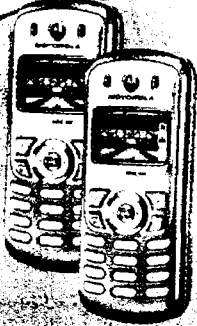
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Shores' Chief Mitchell retires from 40 years on job

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Gary Mitchell's send off took on aspects of a celebrity roast, with himself bearing the best one-liners.

Mitchell, due to retire Feb. 27 as Grosse Pointe Shores director of public safety and chief of police and fire, brightened what could have been a glum goodbye

ceremony by cracking jokes during this month's trustee meeting.

Mitchell launched his best material at friend and successor, Stephen Poloni.

"Steve is a 24/7 man — that's 24 hours per week, seven days a month," Mitchell said.

Upon concluding the evening, Mitchell addressed

scores of well-wishers on hand for his retirement and Poloni's swearing in: "I'll miss you all, but if you need me you can always call 9-1-1 and get Steve."

Poloni is used to Mitchell's upbeat ways.

"He's been a friend and mentor," Poloni said.

Mitchell was touched that so many people marked the end of his 40-year career in law enforcement.

Friends, family, municipal employees and public safety officers from the Shores and sister Pointes overflowed the council chambers. People stood in an adjoining hallway and sat in folding chairs set up for the occasion in the main lobby of village hall.

"It's very heartwarming to see everybody here," said Mitchell, 64. "It makes me proud to see people I've been serving all these years come out and wish me a bon voyage. We're very happy Steve's going to be taking my place."

Mitchell began his career as a patrolman in Grosse Pointe Park. He joined the Shores 34 years ago, attaining chief in 2000.

Lt. Dan Pullen, who hired onto the Shores 18 years ago as a 20-year-old dispatcher, valued the thoughtfulness Mitchell showed those serving at the bottom of the ladder.

"It was Corp. Mitchell at the time," Pullen said. "He was the only guy who worried about the dispatchers to take care of them and get them supplies. He was kind enough to do that. It's been a pleasure serving Gary Mitchell."

Ed Brady, former Shores president, called Mitchell a "consummate professional. I know what it means to have

competent, caring, thoughtful police protection for this village. You epitomize that."

Dr. James Cooper, current village president, called Mitchell's career a "landmark accomplishment."

During the equivalent of an awards ceremony, Cooper presented Mitchell a retirement badge, service revolver and a council letter of appreciation offering "most hearty congratulations."

Mary Matuja, chair of the Shores planning commission and member of the Shores Township Board of Trustees, jokingly gave Mitchell a copy of "Crime and Punishment."

Shores Sgt. William Nicholson presented a certificate of appreciation from the Pointe fire investigation team.

Edward Gaffney, R-Grosse Pointe Farms, arranged for a state proclamation. Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano sent a proclamation.

David Hiller, chief of public safety in Grosse Pointe Park, presented plaques on behalf of the Southeastern Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police, plus another from the Fraternal Order of Police.

"I have always considered you one of the most professional officers I have ever met," Hiller said. "I consider it an honor to call you both chief and my friend."

Dennis Van Dale, deputy director of City of Grosse Pointe public safety, presented a proclamation from Mayor Dale Scrace.

Grosse Pointe Woods public safety director Mike Makowski represented his council's proclamation.

Dan Jensen, the Farms' deputy director of public safety, presented a certificate of appreciation from Director Robert Ferber, who was out of state.

Ferber wrote that Mitchell's "tenure" exemplified the dedicated spirit of cooperation instrumental in public service."

President Cooper gave Mitchell's wife, Liz, one dozen roses on behalf of the village.

Shores public safety enters new era

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

"As one era comes to an end, so another begins."

Thus Dr. James Cooper, president of Grosse Pointe Shores, commended Gary Mitchell upon retiring as director of public safety and invited Inspector Stephen T. Poloni to take the job.

Within minutes the swearing-in was over. On Friday, Feb. 28, Poloni will officially become the Shores' seventh director of public safety since forming in 1911.

"I'm humbled and honored," Poloni said to an audience Tuesday night that extended beyond Shores council chambers.

Poloni promised unsurpassed service while maintaining "integrity, courage and honor."

He thanked the council for its confidence and support.

"I mean that from the bottom of my heart," he said.

Poloni became a Shores public safety officer in 1987. He served five years previously as a firefighter in River Rouge.

Poloni retains fresh memories of his job interview in the Shores. He was asked his priorities in life.

"God was first in my life; my family was second, and if I kept those two right, my third, which is my job, would turn out OK," Poloni said.

Sergeant stripes and lieutenant bars marked a steady rise through the ranks.

When Mitchell made chief in 2000, Poloni earned second-in-command.

"I remember Steve coming into the department 17 years ago," said Mitchell, known to spice conversation with wry humor. "He walked in telling me someday he was going to be chief of police in Grosse Pointe Shores. We should be careful what we wish for."

Poloni credited retired chief Dan Healy, whom Mitchell replaced four years ago, for stressing education.

"He's a great friend whom I owe a great amount of gratitude," Poloni said, adding that Mitchell "has been a friend and mentor."

Poloni gave special thanks to Mike Kenyon, village manager and former public safety officer.

"From the time I started he's been a friend and mentor," Poloni said. "I owe him a lot."

Mitchell called Poloni his "right hand man."

Public safety is a team effort, a tradition which Poloni values.

"I have a great group of guys to work with," he said. "They've helped me along my career. I'm excited and looking forward to the challenges of the future."

Dan Pullen was the next Shores officer hired after Poloni.

Now a sergeant, Pullen and Poloni became friends right off the bat.

"He's a family man, religious and the kind of guy you can talk to," Pullen said. "He's not there to burn you, but would help you move up through the department."

Praise came from high-ranking officers outside the department.

John Schulte, deputy director of public safety in Grosse Pointe Park, said, "Steve Poloni is one of the hardest working executives I've had the privilege of

working with. I've been on the job 26 years. Executives like Steve don't come along very often."

Dan Jensen, Farms deputy director of public safety, rated Mitchell and Poloni as "two of the best guys in the profession. Both are outstanding, dedicated — great guys. You couldn't pick a better replacement for Gary Mitchell than Steve Poloni; great man, wonderful people."

Chief Poloni's Accomplishments

Stephen T. Poloni, new public safety director in Grosse Pointe Shores, has received numerous citations and commendations during his 17 years with the village:

- 1991 Special Recognition Award from the Fraternal Order of Police for his community service efforts, which included helping needy families through the Feed a Family Program. Poloni also worked with children, teaching them about fire safety.

- 1992: Optimist Club Officer of the Year.

- 1993: Mothers Against Drunk Driving award for enforcing drunk driving laws.

Poloni is a graduate of Police Command and

Management School through Eastern Michigan University and Macomb Community College.

He is a graduate and member of the FBI Law Enforcement Executive Development Association.

Poloni has an associate degree in criminal justice and will graduate this spring with a bachelor degree in public business administration from the University of Phoenix.

Poloni is chairman of the Grosse Pointe Harper Woods Mutual Aid Committee. He was appointed to the Wayne County Emergency Management staff.

Poloni is married with two children.

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Carey teaches at Ferry Elementary School. A City resident for 27 years, her interests include landscaping and design.

Girolami is a retired engineering manager for Ford Motor Co.

Carey and Girolami will fill commission vacancies created by the resignation of Ray Bookwalter and James Kuhlman's death.

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Borer

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Agriculture officials speculate that in order to be effective, an ash-free barrier around southeast Michigan would have to be three to six miles wide.

"We have a lot of information so far, but it's too early to tell where the zone would be, how far it would go, how big it would be and what it would look like," Linsmeier-Wurfel said.

Treatments

U.S. and Canadian tree-culling doesn't outlaw a spring campaign in Grosse Pointe Shores to inject 330 village-owned ash trees.

A group of residents offered to bear approximately one-third of the program's \$3,300 cost — \$100 per tree.

Injections must be repeated every year.

"I'm for it 100 percent," said Brett Smith, head of the Shores public works department. "It sure beats cutting down 330 trees."

"We highly encourage people to investigate the option of injecting,"

Linsmeier-Wurfel said. "If someone's willing to spend that money, that's great because it helps knock down the pest population and, hopefully, save trees."

Colter doesn't have the luxury of subsidized treatments. It would cost \$120,000 per year to inject the Park's 1,200 city-owned ash. Colter's budget for tree trimming, clearing storm damage, removing dead trees and replanting is \$124,000.

"This would take up my whole budget every year forever," Colter said.

Removing ash would cost about \$300 per tree for an overall hit of \$360,000.

Other than experimenting with annual injections on select trees at one of his community's lakeside parks,

Colter's naturalist's bent opposes a widespread and never-ending regimen of chemical applications. Plus, fiscal realities helped him adopt an ash borer strategy that seeks a permanent solution to the problem.

"I'm going to start taking down diseased ash trees and replacing them with better species," Colter said. "I don't want to be tethered to annual injections."

Enemy at the gates

Emerald ash borers — half-inch, metallic green flying stowaways — were unknown to American scientists until two summers ago. The bugs have been living free and easy outside the natural constraints of their Oriental homelands.

In Michigan and presumably elsewhere on the continent, there are no known natural predators capable of controlling the bug's estimated 10-fold yearly population growth and relentless territorial expansion.

Experiments begun last year in Grosse Pointe Park proved woodpeckers eat borer larvae, but not enough to wipe out an entire colony, according to Colter.

On the other hand, a two-year campaign of pesticide injections warded off ash borers in select Park trees and all 567 city-owned ash in Grosse Pointe Farms. A similar effort at a Plymouth subdivision brought infested trees back to health.

Upcoming treatments in Grosse Pointe Shores hope for equal success.

Anecdotal results from individual communities foreshadowed a series of coordinated Michigan State University studies confirming the borer-killing efficacy of pesticides containing the chemical Imidacloprid.

Injections have proved to be an affordable tactic for saving manageable numbers of landscape ash. But the problem reaches overwhelming magnitude in the

natural landscape.

"In southeast Michigan, for every shade tree that somebody might be able to pay to have treated, there are 10 to 15 trees in the woods that nobody can treat," said Deb McCullough, an MSU forest entomologist. Her groundbreaking research of emerald ash borer rated her the privilege of helping give the bug its common name.

Eliminating ash trees offers the best odds for eradicating emerald ash borers. Natural predators, from birds to insects, can't solve the problem.

"While biological control is an important method in controlling high levels of populations, or keeping them at lower levels, it's not useful at all when trying to eradicate an insect, such as in the case of emerald ash borer," said Tony Hopkin, a research scientist with the Canadian Forest Service in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario. "All it really does is suppress the population to a certain point," Hopkin said. "The population goes back up."

That rules out letting borers cut themselves to shreds by crawling on trees coated with nature's barbed wire, diatoms.

Diatoms are ancient microscopic, unicellular algae. Fossilized cells are wickedly sharp.

"Diatom cell is made of silica, similar to glass," said professor Rex Lowe, a diatom specialist in the biology department at Bowling Green State University. "They are like small glass shards on a microscopic scale, full of holes and perforations."

Organic farmers often spray crops with diatom solutions.

"Diatoms are completely inert and not poisonous," Lowe said. "Insects crawling over them get their cuticles severed by these sharp little bits of glass and dry out."

Hopkin said the most



Photo by Brad Lindberg
Brian Colter, wearing a tie made of wood slices, shows an emerald ash borer to Joseph Allemon, a member of the Grosse Pointe Men's Garden Club. Allemon has belonged to the club since 1954.

realistic role for biological control is integrated pest management. Natural predators would become just one weapon in an overall anti-borer arsenal.

"That's all it will ever be," Hopkin said. "We'll have to use it plus tree removal, pesticides and whatever options we have at our dis-

posal."

Ongoing field research and wind tunnel tests at MSU reveal borers as capable fliers who don't mind freeloading on wind currents, which may account for their conquering the 2,500-foot-wide Detroit River to Canada.

Despite southeast

Michigan's 13-county quarantine on the transportation of ash wood, however, most researchers blame widespread borer migration on careless shipment of infected firewood.

Contaminated nursery stock has been sent illegally as far away as Maryland.

Garden Center

The annual meeting and luncheon of the Grosse Pointe Garden Center Inc. was held on Jan. 16. The guest speaker was Richard Tuttle of Saguaro Nursery and Gardens. His program was "Ornamental Grasses."

New officers were elected. They are, from left: Sarah Flynn, treasurer; Marie Mainwaring, assistant treasurer; Adrienne Gregory, recording secretary; Janet Hagen, president; Carol Sauter, corresponding secretary; and Betsy Maitland, second vice president-programs. Not shown is Mary Northcutt, first vice president-programs.



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State strikes back at emerald ash borer



By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

United States scientists have joined Canadian allies in declaring a scorched earth defense against invading emerald ash borers.

The policy, akin to the controversial Vietnam War tactic of destroying a friendly village to save it from enemy takeover, mandates cutting down all ash trees within a half-mile strip surrounding borer infestations at a half dozen outstate Michigan sites.

"We start cutting in Saginaw County next week," said Sara Linsmeier-Wurfel, spokeswoman for the Michigan Department of Agriculture.

Canadian officials took steps last week to keep ash tree-killing borers from spreading outside southwest Ontario.

Crews started removing ash trees from a half-mile wide swath along the outskirts of Windsor, Ontario. The line stretches from Lake St. Clair in the north down to Lake Erie.

Canadian officials want ash trees removed from the 200-square-mile corridor by March 31, before dormant borer larvae roust for spring feeding of ash wood.

Sacrificing thousands of local ash trees could save the entire species.

Emerald ash borers have

killed 300,000 ash trees in southeast Michigan since arriving in western Wayne County an estimated six years ago.

An additional 200,000 trees have succumbed in Ontario, according to the Canadian Food Inspection Agency.

Experts guess the bugs infiltrated North America among packing material cradling manufacturing parts shipped from their native Southeast Asia.

Borers kill ash trees by burrowing through trunks and limbs, choking the flow of water and nutrients.

The campaign

Dan Wyant, Michigan agriculture director, authorized the state counterattack in a Feb. 9 resolution:

"Tree removal offers the optimum level of control of emerald ash borer with the least impact on the environment."

Scientists have virtually written off untreated ash trees within southeast Michigan's 13-county core infestation zone, where the borer is most dense.

It's hoped that eliminating ash around smaller, less-established outbreaks will check the borer's regional spread by wiping out its prime source of food, shelter and breeding habitat.

"We'll nail them on the outside (of the state) first, then take care of those 13 counties," Linsmeier-Wurfel said.

The state's 700 million ash trees are at stake. Millions more risk dying throughout North America.

Ash grows naturally in large sections of the United

States and Canada, from Texas to central Saskatchewan and Nova Scotia to Florida. It's a hardy species sometimes overplanted in the urban landscape as a shady replacement for elms lost to Dutch elm disease.

Economically, ash has tough stock used for tool handles, baseball bats, hockey sticks and furniture. Winged seeds nourish many bird species.

Brian Colter, Grosse Pointe Park city forester, doesn't lament that almost every untreated ash in his city is infested.

"They're some of the worst trees in my urban forest," Colter said. "It's a hard wood, but very straight-grained and therefore prone to broken branches. Elm isn't as hard, but due to intertwining grain, is stronger."

Wyant's resolution doesn't order cutting down trees on the 625-square-mile infestation area encompassing metropolitan Detroit.

Not yet, anyway. "As we get further down the road, that may come into play," Linsmeier-Wurfel said. "That's open to more analysis when more data comes in. We're working as quickly as we need to make sure we're making the best decisions based on the best information and science."

Researchers trying to map borer expansion have logged data from more than 300,000 ash trees examined at 50,000 sites spread among 620,000 acres, according to Linsmeier-Wurfel.

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Photo by Brad Lindberg
Members of the Grosse Pointe Men's Garden Club listen to Brian Colter, Grosse Pointe Park city forester, explain the emerald ash borer problem.

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Bishop Bernard Harrington officiated at the 2 p.m. ceremony, which was followed by a reception at

the Perry Hotel in Harbor Springs.

The bride wore a strapless white satin A-line gown with a wrapped bodice. She carried a bouquet of white roses and calla lilies tied with light blue ribbons.

The maid of honor was Amy Bravata of Chicago.

Bridesmaids were Andrea Gerling and Meghann Gerling, both of Boyne City; Molly Lalley of Chicago; the bride's sister, Nichole Paris of Denver; and Katie D'Hondt of Grosse Pointe Shores.

The flower girl was Kelly Ronquist of Petoskey.

Attendants wore teal-length ice blue dresses and carried bouquets of white calla lilies.

The best man was Andrew Bond of New York City.

Groomsmen were Charles E. Stumb III of Sao Paulo, Brazil; Ryan Messacar of Grosse Pointe Park; Peter Messacar of Chicago; and Kevin Messacar of Grosse Pointe Farms.

Ushers and greeters were Michael and Danny D'Hondt of Grosse Pointe Shores and Kyle and Scott Ronquist of Petoskey.

The ring bearer was Blake Messacar of Grosse Pointe Park.

The mother of the bride wore a long strapless dress and jacket.

The groom's mother wore a long seafoam green chiffon dress and a beaded jacket.

The bagpiper at the church was Keith Davis. Readers were the groom's sisters, Rosemary Messacar and Maureen Ronquist.

The bride graduated from Michigan State University. She is a marketing manager with Micromedex of Denver.

The groom graduated from the University of Michigan and U of M Dental School. He is a dentist and

partner in Greenwood Dental of Denver.

The newlyweds traveled to Costa Rica. They live in Denver.

Rolka-Andris

Michael and Cynthia Rolka of Grosse Pointe Farms have announced the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Leigh Rolka, to Stephen Matthew Andris, son of Thomas and Denise Andris of Grosse Pointe Park and Janet Vereecken of Shelby Township.

An August wedding is planned.

Rolka earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in finance from Michigan State University. She is a student at the University of Michigan-Dearborn, pursuing an elementary education certificate.

Andris earned a Bachelor of Science degree in anthropology from Michigan State University and will begin veterinary school in the fall.



Stephen Matthew Andris and Jennifer Leigh Rolka

Spangler-Gehlert

Steve and Christine Spangler of St. Clair Shores have announced the engagement of their daughter, Julia Spangler, to Rick Gehlert, son of Ken and Barb Gehlert of Grosse Pointe Farms.

An August wedding is planned.

Spangler is a dental assistant with a pediatric firm.

Gehlert is a territory manager with Cadillac Coffee Co.



Rick Gehlert and Julia Spangler

Snethkamp-Bierkle

Sally Snethkamp of Grosse Pointe Woods and Mark Snethkamp of Harrison Township have announced the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Snethkamp, to Jason Bierkle, son of Arlene Bierkle of St. Clair Shores and Alfred Bierkle, also of St. Clair Shores. A May wedding is planned. Snethkamp is assistant

sales manager with Bill Snethkamp Chrysler Jeep, her family's business.

Bierkle is general manager of Diversified Data, his family's business.



Jennifer Snethkamp and Jason Bierkle

Babies

Victoria Glenore Roth

Jason and Heather Roth of Grosse Pointe Woods are the parents of a daughter, Victoria Glenore Roth, born Jan. 3, 2004.

Maternal grandparents are Neal and Mary Bauer of Grosse Pointe Farms.

Paternal grandparents are Frank and Bonnie Roth of Grosse Pointe Woods. Great-grandparents are Glenore Bauer of St. Clair Shores and Erma Buckman of Harper Woods.



Meddings

Herb Society

The Grosse Pointe unit of the Herb Society of America will meet at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 10, at the Children's Home of Detroit, 900 Cook, Grosse Pointe Woods, in the first floor Conference Room.

Herbal Bonsai will be presented by Jim Kelly of American Bonsai in Royal Oak. Call (586) 773-6682 for more information.

Inventors' Association

The Inventors' Association of Metropolitan Detroit is an association that assists inventors of all levels.

The group meets on the third Thursday of each month, from September through May, at 7 p.m. in Room 312 of Grosse Pointe North High School, 707 Vernier.

The first meeting is free. New members are always welcome.

Call (586) 776-3658 for more information.

Windmill Pointe Garden Club

The Windmill Pointe Garden Club met on Feb. 4 at the home of Mrs. Brian Juergens for lunch provided by Mrs. George Costakis. The program on floral design was presented by Mary White.

Next month's meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Charles Guy, co-hosted by Mrs. R. Stewart Fleming.

The program, "Circle of the Seasons," will be provided by Jane Kohring.

AAUW

The Grosse Pointe branch of the American Association of University Women will hold its annual meeting at 9 a.m. Saturday, March 13, at Lochmoor Club.

Breakfast will be followed by a meeting and a guest speaker, Mary Stephenson.

Stephenson is a former curator of the Detroit Institute of Arts and currently an art instructor at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. She will discuss women and art.

Grosse Pointe AAUW president is Diana Kryszak of Grosse Pointe Woods.

GPAA

The Grosse Pointe Artists Association will present a free lecture at 7:30 p.m. Monday, March 1, at the Art Center, 1005 Maryland in Grosse Pointe Park.

Stewart McMillin will discuss Detroit sculpture and history.

The community is invited. Ample parking is available in the city municipal lot across the street.

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Get a leg up on vascular disease

By Dr. Tom Davis
Special Writer

It's almost spring, and after the long, snowy winter we just endured, you can be sure people will be eager to take up all their favorite outdoor activities again, like walking, gardening, biking, even washing the car. But if you're among the 8 to 10 million people in America who suffer from peripheral vascular disease (PVD), you may find your pleasure in doing these simple springtime activities is severely limited — maybe curtailed completely.

PVD is a fairly common condition that causes pain, numbness, tingling or weakness in the legs. It occurs when the arteries of the legs become narrowed or clogged by plaque — exactly the same way arteries to the heart can become blocked.

Although 50 percent of people with PVD have no symptoms, others may have numbness, tingling or weakness in the legs. Still others experience painful cramping in their legs or hips after walking a block or more. The pain subsides with rest, but it comes right back after walking about the same distance again.

This happens because exercising increases the amount of blood the muscles need to work, and when the flow of blood to the muscles is restricted by narrowed arteries, the result is claudication, or leg pain.

After claudication, the next symptom of PVD often is rest pain, which is constant pain in the legs and top of the feet that worsens at night. This pain is often mistaken for arthritis. As a result, many people don't seek treatment because they believe the pain is just part of aging. Untreated, the condition can progress to non-healing ulcers, gangrene and even limb loss. In fact, it's estimated that 50 percent of diabetic PVD is responsible for 50 percent of all amputations.

Equally disturbing is that people with PVD are at significantly higher risk for stroke or heart disease, and nearly 40 percent of people under age 55 who have claudication are disabled.

Yet the real epidemic of PVD still lies ahead as the Baby Boomer generation reaches the age of 65 during the years 2011-2030. It's believed that up to 16 million of those people will have PVD, while another 3 million people under 65 also will have the disease.

Those at highest risk of developing PVD are people with high blood pressure, diabetes and high cholesterol, as well as smokers, people over the age of 50 and those who are overweight and sedentary. Claudication is also common in people who already have other narrowed or blocked arteries, particularly the arteries of the heart or brain.

Screening for PVD is simple and painless. A blood pressure reading taken at the arm is compared to a similar measurement taken at the ankle. If the blood pressure is the same in both readings, PVD is not suspected. A difference in the two readings indicates a blockage.

In many cases, PVD can be treated with medications that work to improve the flow of blood through the arteries. Patients who stop smoking also experience a significant improvement in PVD symptoms, as do those who undertake a walking program, control blood pressure and lose weight.

But when the disease is severe, surgical intervention may be necessary. At St. John Hospital and Medical Center we're using a device known as the SilverHawk Plaque Excision System, which is used to clean out large amounts of the plaque that clog the arteries and cause pain. The device has a tiny rotating blade that shaves away plaque from the artery walls, and then it collects it in the nose cone of the device. After the plaque is compressed — in rather the same way a trash compactor works — it can be removed safely from the artery.

The procedure is innovative because the plaque is actually taken right out of the artery. Previously, we treated PVD with angioplasty or stents, both of which stretch arteries and push plaque up against artery walls as a way of improving blood flow through the veins.

This is a more aggressive way to address the buildup of plaque and thus allow blood to flow freely so it can provide more oxygen to the extremities. The result is great relief from pain, relief that can allow you to resume all or most of your normal activities again.

Your cardiologist or primary care physician can screen you for PVD, as can the St. John Leg Pain Clinic in St. Clair Shores (586) 447-5511.

For more about the SilverHawk procedure and whether it's right for you, consult with your cardiologist or physician.

Dr. Tom Davis is an interventional cardiologist at St. John Hospital and Medical Center.

City grants for SOC and audible signals

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

A home repair program that lines up low-cost handymen for local senior citizens could receive at least \$10,000 this year from the City of Grosse Pointe.

Funds will funnel through the City from federal Community Development Block Grants allocated by administrators in the Wayne County department of economic and community development.

Grants to the City this year total \$68,000, down nearly \$8,000 from 2003.

Despite the 9 percent drop, Brian Vick, assistant

City manager, wants to maintain last year's \$10,000 donation to Service for Older Citizens' minor home repair program.

SOC serves seniors in the five Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods. Each community funds the organization.

Seniors pay a token fee for minor home repairs.

"Block grants have given our six cities a chance to help older people who have paid taxes all their lives and are now alone and not very healthy," said Fran Schonenberg, a past SOC president, host of the weekly "The SOC Show" on WMTV-

5 cable TV and former Farms council member.

The repair program is reserved for minor fix-its.

"Any little thing that makes a house safer or more comfortable for a senior," Schonenberg explained. "That includes things like fixing doorknobs and changing a light bulb."

The most visible service is hiring low-bid contractors to cut grass and shovel snow.

"Grants have helped SOC, and the cities take much better care of their residents," Schonenberg said.

John Stempfle, a first-term City councilman, wants increased funding for SOC. He might get his way.

At this early stage in the block grants approval process, city officials are outlining ways of spending the money within federal guidelines. Upon approval by county authorities, Vick will return to the city council with a detailed proposal of how the \$68,000 could be spent.

"Once we have the funds, we can apply to reallocate them," said Mayor Dale Scrace. "We've done that before."

Vick proposed spending the bulk of 2004 block

grants on additional crosswalk signals enhanced for pedestrian safety.

"This is a project the city (undertook) through block grants five years ago," he said. Audible signals were installed in the Village. Chirping sounds alert blind walkers when they have the right of way.

For 2004, Vick has proposed spending \$51,200 block grant money for even more sophisticated signals made by Light Guard Systems of Santa Rosa, Calif.

Such "smart crosswalks" feature flashing lights embedded in roadways along crosswalk borders. Optical sensors trigger lights to warn motorists when a pedestrian is in or about to enter an intersection.

Equipment could be installed at corners near Maire Elementary School.

"This came up as a result of Maire representatives talking about traffic concerns," Vick said.

Ten percent of grant money, or \$6,800, would be used by the city to administer the program.

Program on weight loss is Monday, March 8

A minimally invasive, adjustable and reversible procedure that can make weight loss and better health possible for severely obese patients will be discussed from 6 to 8 p.m., Monday, March 8, at St. John Hospital and Medical Center's auditorium.

Dr. Abd Hawasli, Director of Laparoscopic Surgery and the St. John Minimally Invasive Surgery Center, will lead the program. He is one of the first surgeons in the area to perform the procedure.

Seriously overweight people who have never been able to keep pounds off with diet pills, exercise or other weight-loss programs, can learn about the minimally invasive surgery option that significantly reduces food intake.

Compared to more conventional weight-loss sur-

geries that involve stomach stapling and intestinal rerouting, this approach results in fewer complications and shortened hospitalization and recovery time.

For more information or to make a reservation to attend the program, call (888) 757-5463 or (586) 774-8811 Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Know Your Skin

by Lisa A. Manz-Dulac, MD



Benign lesions. For most, a benign lesion means that no treatment is required. But for some patients, your physician may recommend that the lesion be treated. But, if a lesion is "safe", why should it require treatment?

Common benign lesions include seborrheic keratoses, fibroepithelial polyps (skin tags), lentiginos, hemangiomas and intradermal nevi. On their own, these lesions do not present health risks. However, depending on the size and location of the lesion, they often become irritated, inflamed, or cut. Because of the potential for infection and discomfort, treatment of benign lesions is often medically appropriate.

In addition, what appears to be a benign lesion may actually be something more serious. An intradermal nevus with suspicious coloration or that is changing in size or shape may indicate a potential malignancy. A pimple that

never seems to heal may be an early skin cancer. Simply speaking, if a lesion exhibits suspicious characteristics, your physician may recommend its removal or a biopsy. Every day I caution my patients that if a benign spot bleeds, scabs or grows rapidly, it is absolutely appropriate to bring it to your physician's attention for possible treatment.

If a benign lesion is not causing any problems, it is best left alone. Patients must remember that if there is no medical necessity, treatments may be considered cosmetic procedures and your medical insurance will not cover any of the costs of treatment.

To learn more about benign lesions and when they should be treated, contact your dermatologist, or call us at Eastside Dermatology. Dr. Lisa Manz-Dulac and Associates.

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aids is a thing of the past. In fact, if you're not embarrassed to wear glasses to help you see all the wondrous things of this world, you shouldn't be embarrassed to wear hearing aids to help you hear the sounds you don't want to miss — the voices of your loved ones, or the giggle of a grandchild. Today, hearing aids are a lot less noticeable to wear than glasses.



Dr. Lezotte

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February 26, 2004

Blue Devils first in gymnastics league

Friday the Thirteenth didn't bring Grosse Pointe South's gymnastics team any bad luck.

In fact, it was quite the contrary.

The Blue Devils won their first Great Lakes Conference meet championship in 25 years with a team score of 132.1 points.

A week earlier, South lost its first dual meet to Fraser. The Blue Devils were also without one of their top performers, Regan Wedenoja, who was unable to compete because of a broken hand. South, which had an 8-1

dual meet record, beat Fraser, Grosse Pointe North, Edsel Ford and Trenton in the league meet.

"I was so proud of the entire team," said coach Kelly Darlington. "The way they stepped up to the challenge even after losing one of our team competitors was really awesome."

"Their hard work this season paid off, and it was a nice way to end the season."

South was led by freshman Lindsay Holder and senior Melissa Loveley, who placed first and second, respectively, in the all-

around competition.

Holder was also league champion in floor exercise with a score of 9.05. Holder was third on vault (8.3), and fifth on both uneven bars (7.8) and balance beam (8.7).

Loveley was third on beam (8.85), fourth on vault (8.25) and seventh on both floor (8.55) and bars (7.75).

Liz Davisson had some outstanding performances as she was fifth all-around. She was third on floor (8.75), fourth on beam (8.75) and ninth on bars (7.6).

India Wilson was 10th all-around and earned fourth place on floor with an 8.7.

Jackie Madison had an excellent beam routine that earned her a sixth-place score of 8.6. Kristin Zens had a 7.7 on vault.

"This win was definitely a team effort," said team captain Loveley. "Everyone had worked so hard to get to this point. We really deserved it."

South will compete in the state regional at Rochester Adams on March 6.



Photos by Kerry Pytel

Grosse Pointe South's Melissa Loveley performs her routine on the balance beam during the recent Great Lakes Conference gymnastics meet.

Popov leads HW to tournament title

By Bob St. John
Sports Writer

Harper Woods' boys basketball team didn't play its best in last weekend's Metro Conference Tournament championship game, but it beat Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood 70-54.

"We weren't at our best, and I have to give Cranbrook a lot of credit because it came to play tonight," head coach Loren Ristovski said. "Our guys need a wake-up call because they have not been sharp the past few games. Maybe this team needs to lose a game, and come back to reality."

The Pioneers have won 14 games in a row, and they are perfect in 2004.

"I don't want the guys to think they're the best because if they think like that, someone will beat them when it matters the most, in the state tournament," Ristovski said.

The visiting Cranes gave the Pioneers all they could handle, and then some, as they were tied 13-13 after the first quarter, and the home squad held a 29-28 halftime advantage.

Junior guard James Slago hit two of the biggest baskets of the game, nailing back-to-back three-pointers that helped the Pioneers take a 47-40 lead late in the third quarter.

Ristovski's squad finally played like conference champions in the fourth quarter, using a 9-0 run to lead 57-42 with 5:44 left.

The Cranes cut the deficit to 59-50 with 3:27 left, but the Pioneers were able to hit several free throws down the stretch to claim the tournament title.

Ristovski's team has dominated the Metro Conference during the past three years, going 32-1 with three straight regular season championships and two tournament crowns.

The Pioneers' only loss came to University Liggett School in last year's tournament semifinals.

"We have had a lot of success in the Metro during the past few seasons," Ristovski said. "Winning 32 of 33 conference games is a darn good record, but now it's time for us to think about the state playoffs, and we need to focus more because this team has the potential to go far into the playoffs."

Junior Justin Popov scored 28 points and grabbed nine rebounds to lead the Pioneers, while senior Bruce Mosely had 17 points.

Senior Gilbert Walker scored only four points, but played solid defense, collecting 11 rebounds and blocking five shots.

Junior Jerome Douglas was held without a point, but he grabbed 10 rebounds. Slago finished with 11 points, and senior Rodney Batts had eight.

The Pioneers advanced to

the finals by pummeling Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest 74-43 in a semifinal game.

Mosely had 18 points and nine assists, while Popov had 17 points, and freshman Dexter Jackson had a career-high 14 points.

The Harper Woods basketball team improved to 16-2 overall.

Coming up for the Pioneers is a home game on Tuesday, March 2, against Detroit Martin Luther King.

Ristovski and his squad play its first Class C district game at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 9, against Memphis at Lutheran Northwest.

Volleyball

The Harper Woods girls volleyball team had little trouble disposing of visiting Hamtramck last week, winning 15-7, 15-12.

"The girls went out and played hard, despite not playing a match in a week," head coach Laura Bock said. "Everyone was able to play a significant amount, and everyone contributed."

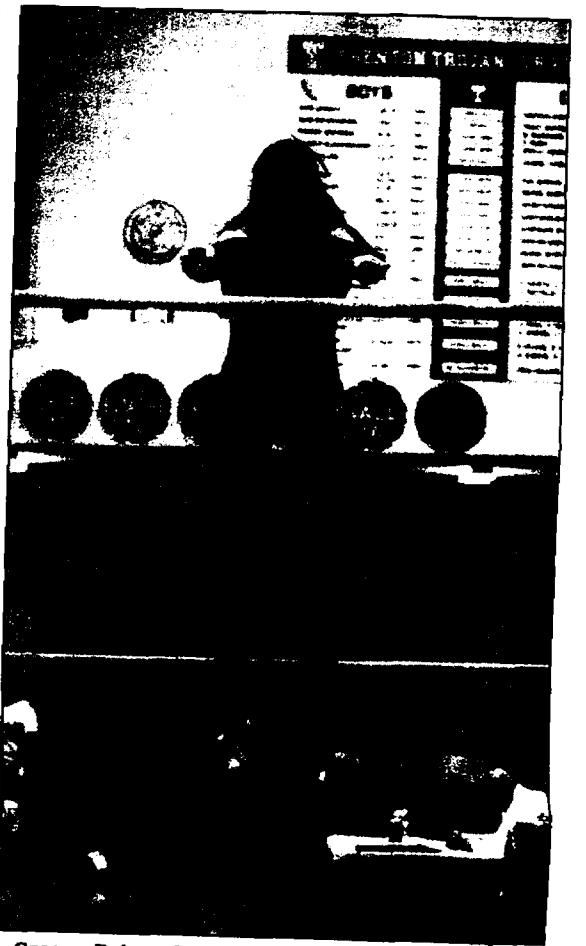
The Pioneers enjoyed a successful evening on their serves as they earned six aces in game one and six aces in game two.

Offensively, junior Jade King had five kills and four service points, while junior Sally Smolinski had two kills and four service points.

Other standouts were seniors Becky Nanni and Angela Wierszewski, and juniors Maria Mahon, Natalie Barranca, Ann Marie Solomon and Bridget Wagner.

The Pioneers never trailed in the first game but found themselves down 8-5 in the second game before rallying to score 10 of the next 14 points to sweep the Cosmos in two games.

"We're gaining confidence as we head into the conference tournament," Bock said. "I think we can compete with any team in our conference if we play up to our potential."



Grosse Pointe North's Kelly Poletis performs on the uneven bars at the conference meet.

Goalie sparkles for South against Pilots

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

Often when a team turns in a solid effort from top to bottom on its roster it's tough to pick the No. 1 star in a hockey game.

That wasn't the case last Saturday night when Grosse Pointe South beat De La Salle 4-1 in a Michigan Metro High School Hockey League game. The victory assured South of at least a tie in the league's East Division.

"If it was Hockey Night in Canada, Mark (goalie Mark Grignon) would have been selected the first star in the game," said Blue Devils coach Bob Bopp.

Grignon made 25 saves, including several outstanding stops when the game was still in doubt.

The toughest might have come early in the second period with South leading 2-0. One of the Blue Devils defensemen fell and three Pilots were converging on the South goal, but Grignon kicked away the shot by Tim Danielak.

Grignon also made a key save on a shorthanded breakaway attempt by De La Salle in the first period that would have tied the game.

"He came up big for them," said Pilots coach Dan Barry, who had coached at University Liggett School for several years before taking over at De La Salle after last season.

"We had some good chances. At times we outplayed them, but (Grignon) wasn't giving us anything."

Michael Barkus finally beat Grignon at 4:35 of the third period after a South turnover, but by that time the Blue Devils had a 4-0 lead.

South, which was coming off an emotional 2-1 victory over Divine Child a couple of days earlier, didn't have a letdown against De La Salle.

The Blue Devils scored at the 33-second mark of the first period when Tom

Porter came down the left wing, took a pass from Joey Parke and beat Pilots goalie Daniel Venet. Pat LaRiviere also assisted.

South made it 2-0 at 11:32 on another nifty passing play. Brian Gatloff sent the puck to Nick Andrew, who fed a centering pass to Anthony DeLaura, who beat Venet on a high shot from the slot.

"We did a nice job of passing the puck on both of those goals and Anthony knows how to finish," Bopp said. "He went to the net without the puck. That's something we've been trying to get them to do."

De La Salle carried the play during the early minutes of the second period, and that's where Grignon came up biggest in goal for the Blue Devils.

South made it 3-0 at 5:35 of the second period. Gatloff won a faceoff in the Pilots' end and beat the goalie with a quick shot.

"That goal was huge because a 3-0 lead is a lot different than 2-0," Bopp said. "When it's 2-0, the next goal is big, no matter who scores it."

Robbie Barrett got South's final goal on a power play at 12:24. Andrew sent the puck toward the net and Barrett redirected it into the goal.

"Our power play was just average, but it has been really good lately," Bopp said of the De La Salle game. "Our penalty killing was once again very good. The players are a very confident bunch now."

"After beating Divine Child, this was really a big game as far as winning the division was concerned. We went into the game knowing that De La Salle had a very strong team, and playing at their rink it was going to be a hard game to win."

"We also had three very good seniors not dressing for this game (Sean O'Brien, Mark Diebel and Paul

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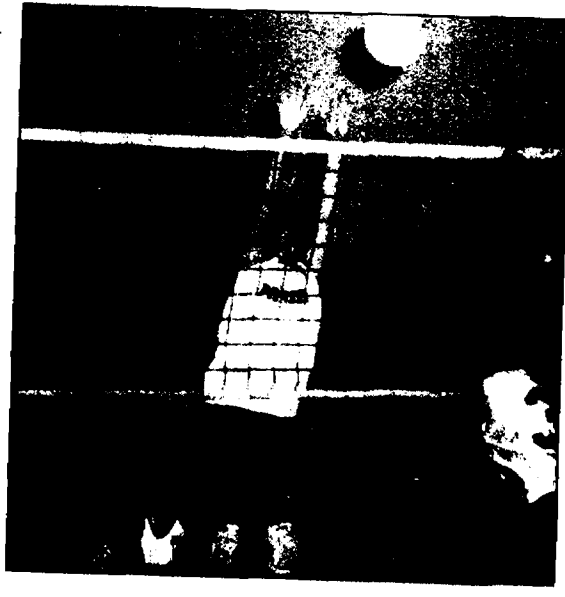


Photo by G. Neal

Harper Woods senior Becky Nanni, right, gets one of her several blocks in the Pioneers' league win over Hamtramck.

ULS beats Trojans in triple overtime

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

After losing a pair of close games in the Metro Conference tournament last week, University Liggett School's basketball players seemed determined not to let it happen again.

"They decided they weren't going to lose," coach Dean Ristovski said after the Knights beat Clarenceville 87-79 in a game that took three overtimes.

"We had intensity, energy, enthusiasm and leadership, which we didn't have when we lost to (Lutheran) East by two last week."

Earlier in the tourna-

ment, ULS dropped a one-point decision to Lutheran Northwest in a game that had a controversial ending because of clock malfunctions.

The Knights beat Clarenceville during the regular season but the Trojans are a young team that has been improving all year.

Clarenceville led by 10 points early in the third quarter, but ULS fought its way back.

"We changed defenses, got a couple of stops and got some easy baskets in the transition," Ristovski said.

With the score tied and a minute remaining in regulation, the Knights worked the ball around for the final shot but missed.

ULS fell behind by five points in the first overtime, but battled back to send the game into a second extra period. The Knights had the last shot in the second overtime, but once again it missed the mark.

In the third overtime, ULS didn't leave anything to chance. The Knights jumped ahead early and maintained their lead with free throws down the stretch.

Ristovski had only eight players available for the game, and each of them made a contribution.

It was the second triple-overtime game of the season for ULS, which lost one at Lutheran Northwest in January.

Maurice Taylor led the way with a triple-double — 32 points, 10 rebounds and

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Squirt champs

The Grosse Pointe Hockey Association Sabres beat the Bullfrogs 3-1 to win the Squirt Division championship at the GPHA Snowball Tournament. The Sabres did all of their scoring in the third period. David Like had two goals, assisted by Cameron Ballew and Kevin Cassidy, and Andrew Addy tallied an insurance goal. Tommy McShane scored the Bullfrogs' goal in the second period, assisted by Kirk Dettloff. In front are Kevin Barrett, left, and Tyler Mogk. In the second row from left, are Andrew Addy, David Like and Danny French. In the third row, from left, are J. Eisey, Kriaru Vikas, Cameron Ballew, A.J. Walworth, Kevin Cassidy, Lucas Funk and Steven Schneider. In back, from left, are coaches Paul Ballew, Jim Like and Gary Negendank. Not pictured are Hayley Altschuler and Gerard Smith.

Shooting fails the Blue Devils

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

It's been said that basketball teams that live by the jump shot often die by the jump shot. Grosse Pointe South knows the feeling. "Because of our lack of an inside game, we've had to rely on our outside shooting," Blue Devils coach George Petrouleas said after South's 68-54 loss to Utica Ford II. "When you have to do that, you develop a lot of inconsistency." When the shots aren't falling, it's tough to win, especially against a team that is on the money like the Falcons were last week. Ford shot 65 percent from the field in the first half as

the Falcons built a 16-point halftime lead, and they finished at just under 50 percent. South, meanwhile, shot only 32 percent. "We competed well," Petrouleas said. "Our record certainly isn't because of a lack of effort." The last time South played Ford, the Falcons used their inside game to beat the Blue Devils. This time it was Ford's perimeter shooting. "It's not like we didn't play defense," Petrouleas said. "We had a hand right in their face on most of those shots they made." It was just the opposite with South's chances. "We had a minimum of five fast breaks where we didn't finish properly,"

Petrouleas said. Petrouleas was pleased with the way several of his players performed coming off the bench. "Zac Hacias was solid off the bench," Petrouleas said. "He was our leading rebounder with nine from his guard position, he had eight points and a couple of assists." "Eric Berschback was also very solid off the bench. We had a couple of players who weren't dressed, so Will Dickson got some playing time. He worked hard and scored five points." Andy Wolkling led South with 12 points and Kyle Bruen scored 11. The Blue Devils' next two games are at home — on Friday against Port Huron Northern and on Tuesday against L'Anse Creuse.

Trinity to face Richard in Catholic League semifinals

By Michael Shelton
Staff Writer

Harper Woods Trinity's basketball team will face Riverview Gabriel Richard today, Feb. 26, at 6 p.m. at Schoolcraft College for a shot at the Catholic League East/West finals. Trinity is the No. 2 seed in the East while Richard has the top seed in the West. The Lancers defeated Richard in their last meeting 57-49 back on Dec. 23. The Lancers advanced with a 54-43 win over Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes in the quarterfinals on Saturday to improve their record to 11-4. "We had a good start, but we played in spurts; so we'll get back to practice and see if we can do it for four quarters," said Ed Banks, Trinity head coach. "Our defense was very hard; that's what I take out of this game." Trinity forced 14 Laker turnovers in the second half and had an 11-point lead in the fourth quarter.

"We played full court man to man; we felt their guards weren't tough dribbling-wise," Banks said. "We figured we'd put some pressure on them, make some turnovers and convert some

easy baskets." The Lancers also went 11-16 from the free throw line in the second half, compared to 0-4 in the first. Trinity was led by Ronald Hildreath with 13 points and 10 rebounds. Lance Caldwell also had 11 points and five rebounds for Trinity. "Lance stepped up big time. He's a junior, hard-worker, and a football player. He has that aggression that I like," Banks said. "I like those types of hard workers. I don't look for scoring; I look for rebounding and defense, and when he scores that's an extra." Antonio Hinton also had six rebounds for Trinity.

Banks told his troops at halftime to finish where they started and play with aggression. The Lancers then caught a break when Lakers forward Kyle Nussbaum fouled out in the third quarter. Kyle Selahowski had 12 points to lead the Lakers.

"I challenged them to pick it up, and they lived up to the challenge; they got a lot of the dirty work," Banks said. "We have to come out and play very hard, play defense and rebound; those are the keys to winning." The Lancers came out with an early 6-0 lead in the first quarter, but the Lakers came back by hitting 7 of 8 free throws in the first half. The Lakers (5-13) had a two-point lead at one point in the second quarter. But Trinity managed to gain a 27-23 halftime lead after Quinton Washington converted a lay-up on a Laker turnover. The Lancers then caught a break when Lakers forward Kyle Nussbaum fouled out in the third quarter. Kyle Selahowski had 12 points to lead the Lakers.

HW grapplers win team district crown

Jurczak wins gold medal

By Bob St. John
Sports Writer

Harper Woods continued its success on the mats last week, beating Detroit Holy Redeemer 60-12 in a Division IV team wrestling district championship match. "Our guys wrestled well, and now we're on to the regionals," Harper Woods head coach Adam Schihl said. "This team really has a chance to get to the quarterfinals because we only have to beat one team." The team regional was held Wednesday, Feb. 24, at Blissfield. The Pioneers earned a semifinal win thanks to Blissfield, which won its regional, but used an ineligible wrestler and had to forfeit its spot. Lutheran Westland and Memphis competed in the only semifinal match. The champs were paced by Bobby Monaghan, Kevin Sparks, Marcus Renwick, Adam DiGiovanni, Jeremy Myers, Ken McBride, Jeff Orjada, Jake Bertges, Keith Neal, Alex Kidd, Antoine Kennedy, Pat Grace, Jeff Bertges, D.J. Anthony and Jibril Showers. In the semifinals, Harper Woods blasted Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest,

while Holy Redeemer beat Lutheran East. Later in the week, the Pioneers and Eagles had five grapplers advance to the regionals.

"We wanted to get a couple of more kids through, but at least we have four going to regionals," Schihl said. Monaghan (119-pound class), Sparks (130 pounds) and DiGiovanni (171 pounds) each placed second, while Kennedy (112 pounds) was third for the Pioneers. The Eagles' senior captain Chris Jurczak won the 112-pound class, giving him one of the top seeds in the individual regional tournament. The Harper Woods wrestling team improved to 23-17 overall; Lutheran East ended its season 3-13 overall.

Coming up for Jurczak, Monaghan, Sparks, DiGiovanni and Kennedy is a Division IV individual regional tournament on Saturday, Feb. 28, at Blissfield. The top four in each weight class advance to the state finals on Friday and Saturday, March 12 and 13. "We're in a very tough regional, but I think we can get a couple of guys through to the finals," Schihl said. "The upperclassmen have experience at this level, which is a big asset in this tournament."

North trio in regional

Three Grosse Pointe North wrestlers placed third in last weekend's Division I individual district tournament at Chippewa Valley High School, and the trio will compete in Saturday's regional, also hosted by the Big Reds.

Ryan Stephens at 171 pounds, Scott Gawel at 189 and Spencer Channel at 215 each finished third in the district. Another North hopeful, Mike Kurdziel, saw his season end because of a knee injury. Kurdziel, who has been wrestling with torn cartilage in his knee since December, had to default at 112 pounds. Kurdziel finished with a 35-4 record. He will have surgery and hopes to be ready for his senior season at North next winter. In the team districts, North beat Grosse Pointe South 60-21, but lost to Roseville 71-12 in the district championship match.

Eagles spikers struggle

By Bob St. John
Sports Writer

Lutheran East's girls volleyball team struggled last week, losing 1-15, 2-15 to rival Macomb Lutheran North. "We're too inconsistent right now," head coach Reay Zoellner said. "The girls are improving, but what I'm looking for is the girls to play with more confidence, and I don't see that all of the time."

The host Eagles had trouble finishing their plays, which allowed the Mustangs to earn points off unforced errors. "We weren't in either game, but our girls did play better the week before," Zoellner said. The Eagles beat Hamtramck in three games and lost to Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest in three games. "We had a shot to get two wins," Zoellner said. "It was a good week for us, and it was something positive to build on for our upcoming conference tournament."

The Lutheran East volleyball team earned the No. 7 seed in the conference tournament, finishing 2-6 in the Metro and is 6-18-3 overall. Coming up for the Eagles is the Metro Conference Tournament on Saturday, Feb. 28, at Lutheran Northwest. Zoellner's squad will face No. 2 seed Livonia Clarenceville in the quarterfinals.

By Bob St. John
Sports Writer

For a second year in a row, the Harper Woods wrestling team finished second to Lutheran Westland in the Metro Conference standings.

"We didn't wrestle very well, and it cost us a shot at the title," head coach Adam Schihl said. Despite the setbacks, Schihl did become a father for the first time when his wife, Jennifer, gave birth on Tuesday, Feb. 10, to 8-pound, 3-ounce Cecilia Frances Schihl, who was born at 11:50 a.m.

The Pioneers began the week by losing 56-18 to Lutheran Westland in a battle of conference unbeaten. "We came out flat but still lost some close matches," Schihl said. "It's disappointing to finish second, and then to finish second again in the conference tournament was another disappointment."

In the dual meet, Jeff Bertges (125-pound class), Jake Bertges (145 pounds) and Bobby Monaghan (119 pounds) won by pin to give the Pioneers their 18 points. At the conference tournament three days later,

Lutheran Westland won with 232 points, followed by Harper Woods with 178. Jake Bertges (145 pounds), Monaghan (119 pounds) and Alex Kidd (135 pounds) won gold medals, while Antoine Kennedy (112 pounds), Adam DiGiovanni (171 pounds) and Jeremy Myers (275 pounds) earned silver medals. Jeff Bertges (125 pounds), Keith Neal (140 pounds), Ken McBride (152 pounds) and Kevin Sparks (130 pounds) captured bronze medals, and Pat Grace (103 pounds) took home a fourth-place medal for the Pioneers.

The Harper Woods wrestling team finished its regular season 5-1 in the Metro Conference and 21-17 overall.

Volleyball

Harper Woods' girls volleyball team beat Center Line 15-10, 15-13 last week. "The girls rebounded nicely after playing a couple of bad matches the week

before," head coach Laura Bock said. "It was nice to see the girls get back on the winning track."

Senior Angela Wierszewski had 11 service points and three aces to lead the Pioneers, while Smolinski and Mahon each had six kills.

King and senior Khara Fox chipped in with three blocks apiece.

Two nights later, the Pioneers lost 10-15, 15-9, 10-15 to Macomb Lutheran North.

"It was the most exciting match we have played this season," Bock said. "Both teams played very well, and unfortunately we had to come up on the losing end. I'm proud of the girls for playing so well against a pretty good team."

Smolinski led the team with seven kills, while King and Mahon added seven blocks and four aces, respectively.

The Harper Woods volleyball team dropped to 2-3 in the Metro Conference and 7-6-3 overall.

Next for the Pioneers is an away match today Feb. 26, against Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood.

City of Grosse Pointe, Michigan

**PUBLIC NOTICE
2004 REAL PROPERTY
ASSESSMENT ROLL**

THE 2004 REAL PROPERTY ASSESSMENT ROLL will be complete and available for public inspection at our Municipal Office, 17147 Maumee Avenue:

MARCH 1, 2004 through MARCH 19, 2004
(Saturdays and Sundays excluded)
During the Hours of 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The estimated State-Equalization factor for 2004 is 1.0000 Residential and 1.0000 Commercial. The Taxable Value increase is limited to 2.3% unless the property was transferred in 2003.

All complaints will be considered by the BOARD OF REVIEW which will convene on Monday, March 22, 2004 and Tuesday, March 23, 2004.

Karen A. Johnson
Assessor

G.P.N.: 02/26/2004 & 03/04/2004

Village of Grosse Pointe Shores

**NOTICE OF ENACTMENT OF
ORDINANCE NOS. 232 AND 233**

Notice is hereby given that at its regular meeting on February 17, 2004, the Grosse Pointe Shores Village Council passed new Ordinance Nos. 232 and 233. These ordinances were ordered to take effect upon the publication of a synopsis of the ordinances in a newspaper circulated in the Village of Grosse Pointe Shores.

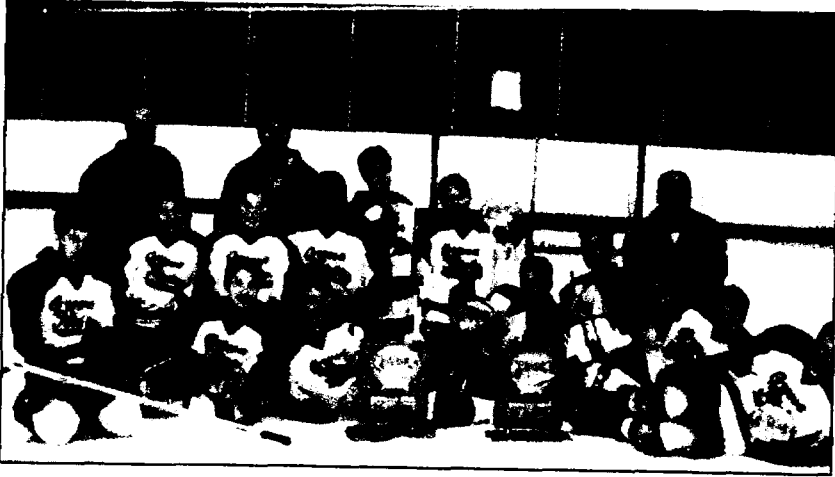
Ordinance No. 232 amends Sections 40-3 and 40-231(c) of the Village's code of ordinances, pertaining to zoning, to define the term "garage door opening;" to provide that garage doors for more than 3 vehicles may be permitted only upon a variance; to provide standards for consideration of such a variance request; and to repeal inconsistent ordinance provisions.

Ordinance No. 233 amends Section 40-62(a)(3) of Village's code of ordinances, pertaining to zoning, to provide that, subject to certain maximum height requirements, the height of buildings shall not exceed the average height of neighboring buildings, plus 25% of that height; and to repeal inconsistent ordinance provisions.

Copies of Ordinance Nos. 232 and 233 are available for public inspection at the Village offices.

Victoria J. Boyce,
Village Clerk

G.P.N.: 02/26/2004



The GPHA Thrashers won the Pee Wee B Division at the Grosse Pointe Community Rink Thanksgiving Tournament. In front, from left, are Evan Ciesliga, Adam Weglarz, Danny Karle, Sam Stevenson, Duncan McDonald, Stephen DuLong and Jeff Graves. In the middle row, from left, are Taylor Graham, Michael McCrackin, Jonathan Roberts, Clayton Carter, Blake Sanford and head coach Rod Heid. In back are assistant coaches Tom Karle, left, and Max McDonald. Not pictured are Mitch Makos and Billy Mestdagh.

Thrashers are Pee Wee champs

The Grosse Pointe Hockey Association Thrashers won the Pee Wee B Division at the Grosse Pointe Community Rink Thanksgiving Tournament. The Thrashers beat the GPHA Wild 6-4 in the championship game. The Thrashers led 6-2 with five minutes remaining on two goals apiece from Jonathan Roberts, who scored the game winner, and Clayton Carter, and single tallies from Sam Stevenson and Evan Ciesliga. Dan Karle had two assists and Blake Sanford, Taylor Graham and Roberts collected one apiece. The strong goaltending of Stephen DuLong kept the Thrashers in the lead, and he made some key saves when the Wild closed to

within two goals. DuLong made some fine saves on Brian Auty, who scored twice for the Wild. The Thrashers began tournament play with a 3-2 victory over the Grosse Pointe Warriors in a close checking contest. Ciesliga had two goals, including the game winner, and Roberts scored the other one. Carter and Stevenson each had two assists, while defenseman Jeff Graves had one. DuLong again played well in goal. The Thrashers' only loss in the tournament was 3-2 to the Royal Oak Ice Dogs. Roberts and Sanford scored the Thrashers' goals. Ciesliga had two assists and Adam Weglarz picked up one. Michael McCrackin played a strong defensive

game for the Thrashers. In the semifinals, the Thrashers rolled to a 7-3 win over the GPHA Maple Leafs. Ciesliga and Roberts each collected two goals and an assist. Karle and Stevenson each had a goal and an assist, and Sanford picked up an assist. The Thrashers' defense-men, who played well defensively throughout the tournament, placed an active role in the offense against the Leafs. Duncan McDonald had a goal and an assist, Graves collected two assists and Weglarz had one. Rod Heid is the Thrashers' head coach, and his assistants are Max McDonald, Tom Karle and Steve Makos.



Grosse Pointe South senior Alyssa Sullivan took first place in NRA International Air Rifle Sectional event.

South senior wins rifle event

Alyssa Sullivan, a senior at Grosse Pointe South, fired a world class score of 570 out of a possible 600 to win the NRA International Air Rifle Sectional held in Jackson on Jan. 10 and 11. This competition included some of the best rifle shooters in the Midwest, and the scores will be combined with the scores from the other sectional matches throughout the nation to determine the national champion. Alyssa, fresh from winning gold in the Michigan Junior Olympics in December and training for the National Junior Olympics in March, was at the top of her game for this event.

The course of fire for the International Air Rifle event is sixty shots in the standing position at a distance of 10 meters. The 10 ring on the target is about the size of the period at the end of this sentence.

Purex will sponsor Buhl again

Purex Detergents will return as the co-primary sponsor of the No. 24 entry fielded by Dreyer & Reinbold Racing in the 2004 IndyCar Series season, team officials announced. It's the sixth consecutive season that Purex will back the team and co-owner/driver Robbie Buhl, a Grosse Pointe Farms native, in the IndyCar Series, one of the longest and most prosperous sponsor-team relationships in the history of the series. Buhl will drive a Dallara/Chevrolet/Firestone package for the team. The continuation of the productive business relationship with Purex is a key to Dreyer & Reinbold Racing's growth plans, team co-owner Dennis Reinbold said.

Captains show South the way in volleyball tournament

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

Team captains are often expected to do a little more than the rest of their teammates.

Grosse Pointe South's volleyball captains are no exception.

"I've praised them all year, and they've deserved every word," said Blue Devils coach Kevin Nugent. He was talking about the efforts turned in by Julianna Burrows, Rachel Sullivan and Liz Ridgway as the three captains helped South finish second in last weekend's Mott Community College Invitational.

"Julianna took her game to a level I hadn't seen from her," Nugent said. "There was a lot required of her and she came through."

"Rachel's our setter, and she's playing through a lot of pain. Her wrists are really sore, but on game day she keeps doing a terrific job. Liz has a sore back and after a match she can hardly

walk, but you'd never know it from the way she plays."

"Our three captains were fantastic all day. We had a lot of challenges throughout the tournament, and they helped us get through them."

Saginaw Heritage beat the Blue Devils 14-16, 15-10, 15-9 in the championship match.

"Heritage was one of the biggest teams I've ever played against," Nugent said.

Although South lost, Nugent was pleased with the way his team competed.

"We were down 13-2 in the third game, and came back to cut the lead to 14-9," he said. "It was a long day, and they were tired. A lot of teams would have mailed it in, but they showed a tremendous amount of moxie."

South finished second in pool play. The Blue Devils split with Yale (15-10, 11-15)

and Davison (14-16, 15-4), and swept Goodrich (15-13, 15-13) and Southfield Christian (15-3, 15-6).

In the Goodrich match South trailed 13-6 in the first game and 12-5 in the second game.

"We needed some people to come off the bench and step up against Goodrich, and Jessica Ogden, Allison Fennel and Brooke Ziehr did a nice job," Nugent said.

In the semifinal round, the Blue Devils breezed to a 15-6, 15-5 victory over Fowlerville.

In its only Macomb Area Conference White Division match last week, South rolled to a 15-3, 15-10 victory over Eisenhower.

"We got down 6-1 in the second game against one of Eisenhower's better servers, but it didn't take us long to get back in control," Nugent said. "Everyone played well."

South is 9-0 in the MAC White and the Blue Devils are 29-9-7 overall.

Lutheran East pulls out win over University Liggett School

By Michael Shelton
Special Writer

What started out as a sloppy basketball game ended up a barnburner as Lutheran East held off University Liggett School 57-55 in a Metro Conference Tournament consolation game.

"Throughout the year we've been playing with intensity and enthusiasm, and tonight we sort of lacked both," said Dean Ristovski, ULS head coach.

"The first time we played them, we were up so much, and they just whittled our lead away," said Joe Beck, Lutheran East head coach. "This time we played a smarter game, didn't turn the ball over as much as last time and came out with the W."

The Eagles (5-11, 3-8 Metro) were led by Robert Carlisle with 17 points. Matt Johnston also had 13, and Andrew Zoellner had 10 for East.

"Rob's been playing well the last couple weeks. I told him he needed to step up, and the other guys have

been feeding off him," Beck said. Carlisle had a layup at the buzzer to give East a 31-27 halftime lead.

Then in the fourth, holding onto a two point lead, the Eagles went on a 9-0 run to swing the momentum in their favor.

The Knights (8-7, 4-6 Metro) were led by Jon Wright with 16 points, with 11 coming in the fourth, and Maurice Taylor with 13.

But ULS ran into foul trouble as seniors Taylor and Barré Mackie both fouled out.

"We lacked intensity and focus. I think our senior leadership kind of disappeared," Ristovski said. "It's been a long year; we've had many games where we've played four games in five nights."

Beck said his team focused on Taylor, Wright and Mackie and forced the Knights to go to their bench.

"We manned those three guys up and played zone with the other two guys so anytime they drove, we'd

have an extra guy to double team them," Beck said.

"We've been stressing defense all year because we're not that great a shooting team. I always tell these guys they're football players trying to be basketball players."

The game started out sloppy with both teams struggling to gain an advantage, and ULS had a 14-9 lead in the first quarter.

The Eagles came back in the second with 8 points from Carlisle and two 3-pointers by Johnston.

ULS sophomore Gary Davis-Headd had a scare in the third quarter after he took an elbow to the face after going for a rebound.

He didn't have a serious injury according to Ristovski.

"He's one of our tough hard-nosed defensive players; the future's looking good for him," he said.

Later in the week, Lutheran East lost 38-33 to Lutheran North in the consolation finals, while ULS beat Livonia Clarenceville 87-79 in triple overtime.



Local sailors who competed in the Junior Olympic Orange Bowl Regatta near Miami are from left, Ali Trost, Mallory Brown, Nick Holton, Carrie Howe, Curt Rozelle, Julie Howe and Andrea Savage.

Local sailors compete in Junior Olympic regatta

Several junior sailors from the Bayview, Crescent Sail and Grosse Pointe yacht clubs participated with sailing teams from around the world in the Junior Olympic Orange Bowl Regatta held on Biscayne Bay near Miami.

Grosse Pointer Carrie Howe, who hopes to make the United States Olympic team that will compete in Athens, Greece, next summer coached the team.

The local team sailed in the Club 420 class. They are boats 4.2 meters long, and are sailed with a two-person crew.

There were 105 boats in the 420 class, and more than 600 boats in the regatta.

Grosse Pointers Mallory Brown and Curt Rozelle finished 17th overall.

All boats used in Junior Olympic racing range from eight to 14 feet long, and are one-design classes with the boats identical in hull shape, rig configuration and speed.

Aerobics class starts March 1

The Fitness Firm will begin an eight-week series of low-impact aerobics classes on Monday, March 1.

Classes will be held on Monday and Wednesday mornings from 9:30 to 10:30 at First English Lutheran Church in Grosse Pointe

Woods, and on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:45 to 7:45 at the JFK Library in Harper Woods.

The cost for the class is \$58. Members may attend any and all classes.

For more information, call (313) 886-7534.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

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RFP-WSFS-01-2004

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Point of Contact: Mark Wollenweber, City Manager, City of St. Clair Shores, 27600 Jefferson Circle Drive, St. Clair Shores, MI 48081-2093, (586) 447-3312.

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