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Complete news coverage of all the Pointes

District receives alternative proposal

By Joe Warner
 Editor

A group of residents has authored and presented an alternative to a bond for funding technology in the Grosse Pointe Public School System.

Led by former board of education member Brendan Walsh, the group includes members of Residents for Responsible Spending, the organized opposition to the 10-year, \$50.2 million bond proposal on the ballot Feb. 25. The bond issue was soundly defeated at the polls. The new proposal lays out a

plan that includes staying within the boundaries of the budget. Walsh said the information should be looked at as an outline to fine tune, not a specific plan.

Walsh based his plan on a study presented by Plante Moran in March 2012, the Basso/Wright Hunter/Ehresman study pre-proposal and the district's financial reports.

The 6-page missive calls for identifying \$8.6 million in general fund budget capacity over the next four years, starting with this year's July budget through June 2018 and using

the sinking fund to complete the necessary WiFi expansion in all district buildings. It also puts the \$83 per pupil increase proposed by Gov. Rick Snyder into the mix, earmarking the funds for technology. It also asks for a four-year pledge of \$1.5 million by the Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education.

The report includes the suggestion to lease "some combinations of PCs, laptops, tablets and/or Chromebooks over a four year period to give all staff members the devices they need while enabling a 2:1 ratio of student to a computing

device of some type."

It also includes funding key infrastructure upgrades, including network switches and routers, telephone system, servers and storage, and completing the WiFi build-out needed in all buildings.

Among the points made in the report, Walsh said:

- ◆ Priority has to be given to areas of most pressing need. The combination of the Plante Moran study, the Tech Bond RFQ and the most frequent bond advocate arguments.
- ◆ The number of devices is reduced relative to the February bond proposal, but

this becomes a more manageable number. With leasing now an option, the district can procure equipment, maintain device/technology flexibility, and avoid financing equipment beyond its useful life.

◆ The number of devices is also lower than the bond proposal because there would not be a refresh within the four year budget view, but the budget would exist in the ensuing four years to refresh this fleet of devices with more current technology.

One scenario to consider: See PROPOSAL, page 6A



PHOTO BY JOHN MCTAGGART

Saves the day

Liggett sophomore goalie Olivia Portillo stops a shot by Cranbrook-Kingswood junior Lucy Dembeck, No. 5, during the Knights' thrilling come-from-behind 4-3 overtime win in the Division 1 state championship game last weekend at McCann Ice Arena. For the complete story, see page 1C.

Consolidation plan B on deck

Maintaining services and reducing costs

By Brad Lindberg
 Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — An alternative strategy to reduce the cost of public safety is on deck.

Or, as the Gen X-ers say, "If plan A didn't work, the alphabet has 25 more letters. Stay cool."

Councilwoman Jean Weipert, of the City of Grosse Pointe council, was more succinct: "You have to have a Plan B."

The council has consensus to cut public safety costs despite an unsuccessful attempt in recent years to contract the service to Grosse Pointe Park, as happened last year with public safety dispatch.

"Whether we can work a deal with Grosse Pointe Farms or Park, I'm concerned with whatever is best for us as a city for both budgetary and public safety concerns," said Councilman Chris Walsh.

Likewise top administrators of the two Pointes on either side of the City.

"If we gain efficiencies and save money, and maintain staff or improve it, it makes sense," said Dale Krajniak, Park manager. "We must assure that foot patrols stay the same or go up." "We'd be interested in hearing what they propose," said Shane Reeside, Farms manager. "We want what's best for

Grosse Pointe Farms, but we also are interested in working cooperatively to do what is best for all the Grosse Pointes. The Farms would be opposed to any reduction in shift strength and officers on the road."

"If you believe we need additional revenue, and I'm leaning in that direction, could you offer possibilities of how we could do this — a bond?."

COUNCILMAN JOHN STEMPFLE,

The economic pincer of reduced property tax revenue and increasing municipal employee healthcare costs have prompted years of cost reductions in the City.

"We've cut everywhere else more than we've cut public safety, but we've also cut public safety, so it ends up being a larger percentage of the budget after the financial crisis we've been through," said City Manager Peter Dame.

"Plan B would be looking at the (department's) internal structure, the organizational chart and equipment," said Councilman Christopher

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Bashara case takes curious turn

By Kathy Ryan
 Staff Writer

DETROIT — The murder trial of Bob Bashara, charged in the January 2012 death of his wife, took yet another curious turn Tuesday when his new court-appointed attorney was unappointed by Judge Vonda Evans.

Evans had appointed, at Bashara's request, noted criminal defense attorney David Cripps during a hearing in January after both Evans and Bashara agreed his public defender, Mark Procida, was not providing adequate counsel.

Bashara told the court he had attempted to hire Cripps, but could not afford him because the

state had seized his assets. Evans told Bashara she had been authorized to spend up to \$200,000 for his defense.

In addition to Cripps, Evans said at that hearing she would appoint Cripps' wife and law partner, Gabi Silver, and a third attorney to be named at Tuesday's hearing, to handle Bashara's defense.

And that's how the hearing began before Evans Tuesday, March 11. Evans introduced Cripps, noting he was an outstanding criminal defense attorney, and introduced attorney Lillian Diallo as the third member of the defense team.



PHOTO BY KATHY RYAN

Bob Bashara in court, flanked by attorneys Lillian Diallo and David Cripps.

Following the introduction of the attorneys, Evans then set the calendar for the trial, which is now scheduled to begin Monday, Oct. 6.

Once the calendar was set, Evans brought the attorneys for both the prosecution and the defense into her chambers.

They met for nearly 30 minutes and when they

returned to the courtroom, Evans announced Cripps was no longer on the case, but that "disclosures will be forthcoming in the court on Friday, April 4."

She provided no other explanation, other than to say Diallo would remain as Bashara's attorney at least until

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Comedy on stage

Grosse Pointe Theatre performers, from left, Sara Shook, Kevin Fitzhenry, Elizabeth Perkin Moen, John Leo, Tim Reinman and Anne Mathers are in the comedy "Fox on the Fairway." Performances can be seen at 8 p.m. March 13 through 15 and 20 through 22 and at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 16, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. Tickets cost \$18 and can be purchased by calling (313) 881-4004 or online at gpt.org or at the door.

Trial begins in Wayburn murder

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

DETROIT — Opening arguments were delivered Tuesday in the murder trial of Myron Williams, who has been charged with the May 2013 murder of Grosse Pointe Park resident Sabrina Gianino. Williams is charged with first degree murder, felony murder and unarmed robbery. If convicted of murder, he faces life in prison without parole. Gianino was found dead in the early morning hours of May 16 by her boyfriend in a flat they shared on Wayburn. She had been strangled with an electric cord and

beaten about the face and head. Williams, who lived next door to Gianino, was arrested after a cell phone belonging to the victim was turned in to Grosse Pointe Park police by a family member of a drug dealer who said he had given crack cocaine to Williams in exchange for the phone and other items belonging to Gianino. Williams lived with his wife and four children in the attic of the house next door to Gianino. In her opening argument, Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor Molly Kettler described how Gianino's boyfriend, Bruce Hunsinger, returned home from

work and found
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Needed: Road bond Question: When?

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — There is no question the roads here need to be repaired. That part was simple. The difficult part for the Woods city council was to agree on when they should put a vote for a bond to the voters and how much that bond should be. Meeting Monday night as a committee of the whole, the council heard Scott Lockwood, the city's engineer, give an assessment of the roads and the projected costs. Lockwood warned the council to keep in mind that costs of concrete and asphalt are up. "Costs have increased, so we are doing less for more money," he said. With that caveat, he said his assessment included driving every street in the city, and ranking them by the immediacy of the needed

repairs. According to Lockwood, seven and half miles of city roads need immediate repair, and the only fix for those roads is reconstruction. Four miles of road will need to be reconstructed in one to three years; two miles of roads can get by with resurfacing; three miles can get by with patching and joint sealing and six miles can be fixed with just joint sealing. "Current construction costs run approximately \$1.4 million dollars a mile," he told the council, breaking it down even further to \$100 per square yard for concrete and \$70 a square yard for asphalt. Lockwood stressed reconstruction was the best answer for nearly 11 miles of roads. "You can pay a lot now, or pay a lot more later," he told the council. Which left the council with the decision of when to put a bond before the voters.

"We need to do something, but the dollars are not there," said Mayor Robert Novitke. "We've cut as best we can, but we can't say 'too bad, we're not doing anything.'" With the council agreeing a bond was the only way to cover the reconstruction costs, the question then arose as to when the proposal should be put on the ballot. Acknowledging that the Grosse Pointe Public School System will have two millage renewal questions on the November ballot, council members agreed putting the roads bond on the ballot during the August primary would be the best time. The council also agreed on the amount of \$10 million over 10 years. "We are beyond putting a band aid on the problem, we need major surgery," said councilman

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Cracking an I.D. theft ring

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — Often on television crime dramas, federal agents and beat cops fight turf wars the likes of Crips and Bloods. In reality, not so much. A recent tag-team by Grosse Pointe Farms police and federal authorities made the first

crack in what could lead to the destruction of a metro-Detroit identity theft ring. "This ring is responsible for at least \$100,000 in losses," said Farms Detective Lt. Richard Rosati. Some \$8,500 of the stolen money belongs to a Farms couple. Surveillance and investigation by Farms officers and an alphabet soup of agents from the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's Homeland Security Investigations resulted in the arrest Monday, Feb. 24, of a man accused of fraudulently taking funds from the Farms couple's bank account. Cohorts of the suspect, Larry Pearson, 58, of Detroit, gave him counterfeit identification to impersonate one of the Farms victims, Rosati said. Prosecution evidence includes bank security video. In May and July,

Pearson allegedly withdrew money from the Farms couple's account three times at two suburban bank branches, none in the Pointes. Although Farms police and federal authorities took turns watching Pearson's westside house, HSI agents held the fort the day an opportunity arose to make the arrest. "(Pearson) said he was waiting for them because he knew he did wrong," Rosati said. Federal authorities turned Pearson over to Farms police for interrogation. "He confessed," Rosati said. "He said he was approached by his son, who asked if he wanted to make some money. He (Pearson) said yes, as long as it's not violent because he's not a violent man. The son said all his father had to do is go to a bank and make withdrawals." "Our investigation into this scheme is still very

much ongoing, with the priority being to identify additional perpetrators and victims," said Marlon Miller, special agent in charge of HSI in Detroit, in a news release. Pearson earned \$50 per \$1,000 theft, Rosati added. "He said he knew it was wrong, but was kind of desperate, so he did it," Rosati said. Pearson was arraigned Wednesday, Feb. 26, in Farms Municipal Court on three felonies: ♦ identity theft, ♦ obtaining money under false pretenses and ♦ using a counterfeit document to obtain money. Judge Matthew Rumora set bond at \$15,000 cash, which Pearson couldn't post at the time and was sent to the Wayne County Jail. Pearson has a criminal record. "He had only two other things on his criminal history," Rosati said. "One, in 1980, for carrying a concealed pistol and, the other in 2002, another weapons violation." The son's alleged behavior dumbfounded Rosati. "Imagine having your son throw you under the bus," he said, mocking the son. "Hey, dad, you want to make some money?"

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Two sides of the same sword

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS — The refined era of the samurai, one of, essentially, Japanese philosopher-warriors honing high battle skills with virtue, ended two generations before their country's moral sinkhole of militarism added to the Axis' inhumanity during the Second World War.

Samurai, meaning "one who serves" and characterized by ornate body armor, sharp swords and a foundational Bushido code of honor and fair play, were officially disbanded 50 years before their descendant's rape of Nanking, Bataan death march and binding prisoners of war as targets for bayonet practice.

Just as the West had its knights, the East had its samurai, and the samurai were cut from two sides of the same sword.

"Military arts are on one side and cultural arts are on the other side," said Birgitta Augustin, curator of "Samurai: Beyond the Sword," at the Detroit Institute of Arts through June 1. "Both sides are equally important."

Westerners seem to know mainly of the military side.

"That's because that's what we see in movies and read about in books," said Augustin, also the museum's associate curator and acting department head of arts of Asia and the Islamic world.

Many samurai exhibitions in recent decades focused on armor and weaponry, offering little connection to the art world.

"We are trying to show both sides," Augustin said.

"To become a samurai, study of the arts and literature was required, along with military training," said Graham Beal, DIA director.

The art of war, thereby, takes new meaning in the nine galleries comprising the show.

Of more than 125 objects displayed, many are from a similar exhibition organized by the Clark Center for Japanese Art and Culture at the Minneapolis Institute of Arts. Others are DIA holdings that haven't seen light for 20 years.

Upon entering the exhibition, patrons encounter a 17th century suit of armor made from riveted iron plates, leather and tightly-wound cord.



Portrait of Warrior, late 1500s, unknown artist, from the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

A face mask has golden teeth, a detachable nose guard and a "bushy gray fur mustache," according to an exhibition label.

The chest plate is inlaid with a silver and gold rendering of a partially coiled dragon.

The helmet sprouts two, 26-inch gold-leaf horns known as "tentsuki," meaning "heaven piercing."

On the artistic side of the show, there are examples of illustrated, multi-panel paper screens containing ink and gold battle images.

One of two portraits of samurai warriors is from the DIA.

"He is shown in a ceremonial robe, a crimson dress with the sword peeking out from one end," Augustin said. "The second portrait, in the last room, is from the Metropolitan Museum of Art."

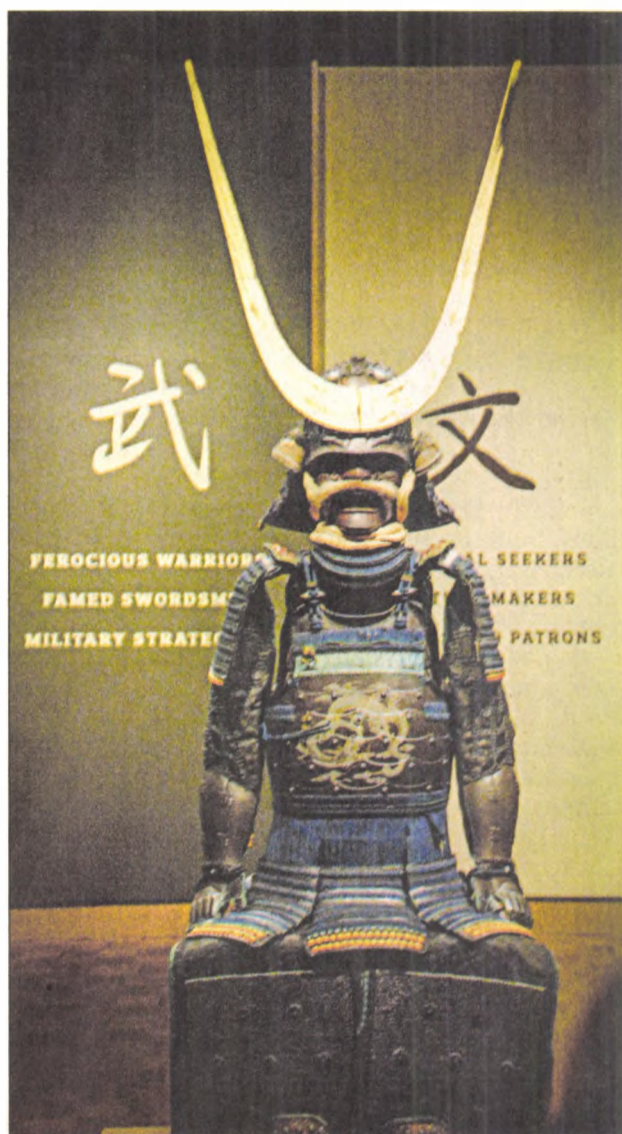
Philosophical tidbits from samurai master swordsmen augment artifacts, conveying the two-sided culture's balance of bu (acts of war) and bun (arts of peace), such as:

"The way of the sword and the Way of Zen are identical, for they have the same purpose; that of killing the ego."

Samurai culture enjoys a mystique born of the unknown.

"Remember, Japan cut itself off from the rest of the world, starting with the shogunate," Beal said. "They became very inward looking."

Not so Megan DiRienzo, a DIA interpretive specialist responsible for making the exhibition engaging to the public.



PHOTOS BY BRAD LINDBERG

Complete set of armor, 1600s, from a private collection.

She consulted the Detroit Japanese consulate about balancing the show's military and cultural arts.

"They helped us hash out what the public might want to learn," DiRienzo said.

Their advice contributed to the installation of interactive features, such as a mirror that helps patrons imagine what they'd look like wearing a samurai helmet.

Separate audio tours are for adults and children, in English and Japanese.

The exhibition is sponsored in Detroit by Toyota, DENSO Intentional American, E. Rhodes and Leona B. Carpenter Foundation, and Yazaki North American, Inc.

"Samurai: Beyond the Sword" is at the Detroit Institute of Arts through June 1. Although general admission to the museum is free to Wayne, Macomb and Oakland county residents and DIA members, tickets to the exhibition cost \$16 for adults, \$8 for youth ages 6 to 17. Gated, guarded parking costs \$5. Museum hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday to Thursday; 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday; and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.



Folding fan for an actor in a female role, 1800s, from the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

Annual Ducks Unlimited dinner set for March 20

The Lac de Sainte Claire Chapter of Michigan Ducks Unlimited presents its 31st annual fundraising dinner at Barrister Gardens Banquet Center in St. Clair Shores Thursday, March 20.

The event begins at 5:30 p.m. with hors d'oeuvres and open bar throughout the evening. A filet mignon dinner is served at 7 p.m.

The evening presents various raffle items, many only available at DU events. Local waterfowl hunts, Lake St. Clair and Lake Erie fishing trips, wine tasting and a custom pet portrait are some of the live auction items.

A firearms table is presented by Michi-Gun of St. Clair Shores with all firearm winners required to undergo the FFL registration that evening.

Tickets are \$65 and

can be ordered by calling Andrew Philbrick at (313) 739-4989 or online at ducks.org/michigan/events/29957/lac-de-ste-claire-dinner.

Ducks Unlimited began during the 1937 Dust Bowl as a group of sportsmen watched waterfowl habitat dry up. Since then, the organization has become the world's leader in wetlands habitat conservation.

Locally, Ducks Unlimited has contributed to the community through research and control assistance of the invasive species of shoreline plants called phragmites.

Phragmites multiply rapidly and grow aggressively reaching heights of 7 feet, often blocking access to and views of lakes and rivers, including near Lakeshore at Moross.

Parking is afoot on Rivard

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — A man living in a dense block of Rivard is tired of neighbors playing cutside with the letter of on-street parking restrictions.

"I've had a couple of issues with people on our street," said Ilya Snyder.

He owns a house in the 300 block of Rivard between Jefferson and Maumee.

The area is characterized by single-family houses, duplexes, rentals, condominiums and congested on-street parking.

A few times this winter, neighbors parked vehicles in front of or near his house for extended periods, blocking snowplows from clearing the curb lane.

"I don't think the first six feet in front of my

driveway has been plowed in the past two months because of parking," Snyder told the City of Grosse Pointe council Monday, Feb. 24.

He thinks the municipal parking ordinance should be toughened to curb motorists who abuse on-street parking.

"That's something that would come back through the city manager to the council for consideration," said Mayor Dale Scrace.

He instructed Public Safety Director Stephen Poloni to follow up.

"There is a 48-hour parking ordinance," Poloni said. "After 48 hours, you have to move your vehicle."

City parking enforcement corresponds to the Michigan traffic code.

Section R28.1814 Rule 814 of the code prohibits parking on any street "for the principal pur-

pose of (e) storage for more than 48 continuous hours."

Enforcement in the city often is triggered by complaints from residents, who usually have better knowledge of how long a car has been sit-

ting in a particular location.

"Normally, we wouldn't know if every car has been there 48 hours, unless there's a snow-covered vehicle that's

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Week Ahead

THURSDAY, MARCH 13

◆ Grosse Pointe authors Anne Marie Aliotta and Suzy Berschback discuss their book, "Legendary Locals of Grosse Pointe," at 7:30 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe Public Library, Woods branch. The program is free and attendees should register at gp.lib.mi.us or call (313) 343-2074, ext. 222.

FRIDAY, MARCH 14

◆ Senior Brigade, a Michigan seniors initiative provides tips to protect yourself when online from 10:30 to 11 a.m. at

the Grosse Pointe Public Library, Woods branch, 20680 Mack. This is sponsored by Michigan's attorney general Bill Schuette.

◆ Grosse Pointe Shores Mayor Ted Kedzierski holds office hours from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. Call (313) 881-6565 for an appointment.

SATURDAY, MARCH 15

◆ The 2014 Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors Home & Garden Expo is from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. The free event is open to the public. More than 70 vendors

showcase the latest home and garden trends and solutions.

MONDAY, MARCH 17

◆ St. Patrick's Day
◆ The Grosse Pointe Board of Education meets at 7 p.m. at Brownell Middle School.

◆ The Grosse Pointe Woods city council meets at 7:30 p.m. in council chambers.
◆ Chat with Wayne County Commissioner Tim Killeen, D-Detroit from 9 to 10 a.m. at Grosse Pointe Park's city hall. For more information, call (313) 224-0920.


TUESDAY, MARCH 18

◆ The movie, "Twelve Years a Slave," is shown at 6:30 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe Public Library, Woods branch. To register, visit gp.lib.mi.us or call (313) 343-2072.

THURSDAY, MARCH 20

◆ First day of spring
◆ Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church, 17150 Maumee, City of Grosse Pointe hosts "2014: How Far Have We Come?" a panel discussion about race and diversity issue in the Grosse Pointes. The public can attend the free event. This is co-sponsored by Pointes for Peace.

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Boettcher.
He wants as much energy spent on the study as has been given to developing the central business district.
"Do we keep our autonomy and have our own police force in the city, or do we move forward with consolidation?" Boettcher said. "The people will ultimately decide which way we're going to go. But, we have to deliver the information to them so they can make an educated decision with us."
"As long as we can keep public safety costs in line longterm, it doesn't matter whether it's done through consolidation or cost reductions, such as legacy costs, which are the primary upward swing, or through increased revenue," Dame said.
Alternative funding options include issuing bonds to pay for public safety, as with road repairs.
"We will have to make a decision that we're either going to the people and ask them for more to keep the service they have, or we would go to them to say they want to be part of something else," Boettcher said.

Dame said he could complete a public safety cost analysis by April or May.
"If you believe we need additional revenue, and I'm leaning in that direction, could you offer possibilities of how we could do this — a bond?" asked Councilman John Stempfle.
"I could bring up options as part of the budget discussion," Dame answered.
Walsh isn't deterred about not reaching terms with the Park.
"I don't think the frustration we've faced on consolidation should hinder us as we go forward," he said.
"When you get into consolidation, if you don't have a willing partner, that's beating a dead horse," said Councilman Donald Parthum Jr.
Although the council agrees to seek lower costs, not every member prefers consolidation.
"I didn't expect unanimity either way on this," said Mayor Dale Scrace.
"We have other issues, such as deteriorating roads," Stempfle said.
"That will require additional funding," Dame said.

Farms library post renewed

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — The city's representative to the public library has been reappointed to another term.
Elizabeth Vogel, initially appointed last spring to fill a vacant term expiring June 30 on the Grosse Pointe Public Library Board, was chosen by the Grosse Pointe Farms council on Monday, March 10, to serve a full, four-year term.
"I'm happy with what you're doing," Mayor James

Farquhar told Vogel.
The eight-member board is comprised of one representative from each of the five Grosse Pointes, one from Harper Woods, an at-large member and the library director.
Vogel chairs the board's policy review committee and serves on the building committee.
In her letter to council seeking reappointment, Vogel said, "The board is

beginning to focus efforts on improving Central Library."
The branch is on lower Kercheval in the Farms.
"Central has received very little attention and almost no improvements," Vogel said. "However, with renewed energy and proper planning, Central can and will be the world-class library it was when built in 1953."
— Brad Lindberg

Applicants sought for 2 library board seats

Two Grosse Pointe Public Library Board of Trustees vacancies expire June 30. The open seats are for those representing City of Grosse Pointe and an at-large position.
Both are four year terms, running from July 1 to June 30, 2018.
The at-large position represents any of the Grosse Pointes or the portion of Harper Woods that

is within the Grosse Pointe public school district and is also a four year position.
Applicants for either of the trustee seats must reside in the represented municipality and be a registered voter.
Board meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of the month.
Applications are available on the library's website gp.lib.mi.us or at the

Central Library Administrative office, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms, and can be obtained between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. They must be turned in before 5 p.m. Thursday, April 10, to the library board's secretary and can be sent to: Secretary of Library Board, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236.

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\$3.2 million would fund a combination of 1,400 PCs, 1,300 tablets, 2,000 Chromebooks (a total of 4,700 devices) and leave more than \$350,000 for management software. That is a ratio of two students per device.
♦ While the figures in

the proposal for General and Sinking Fund spending plans correlate to the defeated tech bond, the numbers are budgetary only. As the technology plan is honed, these figures should be updated to reflect more accurate cost estimates.

Addressing numbers to support the suggested framework, Walsh pointed to:
♦ The Snyder administration has already proposed a Foundation Allowance increase for Michigan public schools including \$83 more per pupil in GPPSS.
♦ Last year the school aid budget was signed by the governor on June 13. Signs look favorable for Gov. Snyder to get what he has proposed. The school aid fund budget should be complete in advance of GPPSS 2014-15 budget approval and thus this framework could be adopted.
♦ The last energy bond payment of \$675,000 annually will be made in May 2015. Three of the last four years could re-purpose that expense to technology investment.
♦ The same longtime

10 percent target remains in effect and achievable.
♦ The district's variable cost (nonhuman resources) is \$12.5 million annually. Examples include Legal fees at \$400,000 annually when, in the past, they've been as low as \$200,000. We spend \$350,000 on licensed software, much of it with Microsoft.
Exploring managed services and cloud options such as Google Apps for Education could yield tremendous cost and efficiency gains. A 5 percent reduction in this spending is about \$625,000 annually. Legal fee and software licensing costs reduction alone could account for half of that. This should not be a hard target.
♦ Given the broad base of support for technology funding, a concerted capital campaign should be

developed by the district that allows for the engagement, generosity and capacity of the community to augment this plan. Ideally it would be managed at the district, not building level, so that equity can be maintained. Also, grant and other funding options could be explored to meet this objective.
♦ If the economics of this plan held, the district could fund a senior technology leader if they do not believe the current personnel meet the Plante Moran suggestion.
♦ As for the sinking fund, obviously the WiFi component is critical and pending more detailed technical review, perhaps it is more critical than some of the other elements proposed here to be funded out of the general fund. Also recall that WiFi can be incremental-

ly achieved. Again, more discussion and analysis is needed. With the election in November, this would need to be sequenced appropriately.
Mickey Shield, who had input on the proposal as a member of Residents for Responsible Spending, said it's important the board looks at the proposal and moves toward a resolution soon.
"It needs to be something the community understands and will support," Shield said. "It also needs to have the support of the full board and by all the teachers. That wasn't the case in February."
The board and administration have been presented Walsh's proposal. More details, along with their reaction, will be in next week's Grosse Pointe News.



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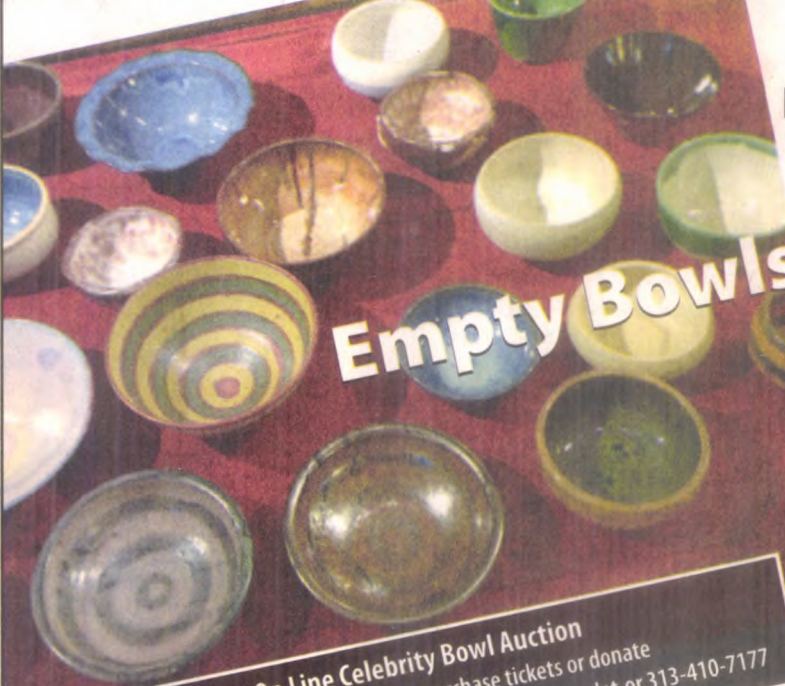
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Oscar night for Farms officers

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — The safest place in town this week was city council chambers during the public safety department's 2013 Merit Awards ceremony, Monday, March 10.

Nearly two dozen Grosse Pointe Farms officers were in attendance to be recognized for outstanding accomplishments last year.

"You do a great job," Mayor James Farquhar told them. "Once you guys catch the bad guys, (Municipal Judge Matthew) Rumora puts them away."

Public Safety Director Dan Jensen presided.

He thanked the council for its municipal stewardship.

"You give us the training, equipment and manpower to keep the city's streets safe," Jensen said. "I'm proud to say we have the most officers on the road at any given time of all the

Grosse Pointes."

Awards and recipients were:

◆ Lifesaving award to Lt. Jack Patterson for saving a fellow municipal employee who had become unconscious with a barely detectable pulse.

Patterson took over rescue breathing on the victim, reviving his pulse before medics took over.

"Reviving the pulse was critical to the victim's survival because lifesaving medicine needed to be intravenously injected into his system," Jensen said. "Patterson's rapid and skillful response to the emergency most certainly saved the victim's life."

◆ Director's Unit award to Lt. Brian Bilinski and Officers Keith Colombo, Vincent Finn, Timothy Harris, Matthew Hurner and Antonino Trupiano.

The six officers assisted the Violent Crimes Task Force in catching a suspect inside

the Detroit border from Grosse Pointe.

The suspect was wanted for drug trafficking and extradited to Ohio on federal charges, Jensen said.

"Another criminal was taken off the streets," he said.

◆ Director's Unit award to Det. Lt. Richard Rosati, Detectives Bryan Ford and John Walko, and Officers Geoffrey McQueen and Stephen Puckett.

The five officers worked together early last year to solve a series of car break-ins and recover stolen property.

McQueen disguised his voice during calls on a recovered cell phone to convince an acquaintance of the suspect to "unwittingly provide the name of the suspect," Jensen said. "A warrant for several counts of burglary was authorized and (the suspect) is awaiting trial."

◆ Director's Unit award to Lt. Andrew Rogers, Sgt. Holly

Krizmanich and Officers Paul Reygaert and Roger Wierszewski.

The officers, on bicycle patrol during a football game at Grosse Pointe South High School, pulled over a motorist on Fisher and found .85 ounces of marijuana, a scale and \$860 cash.

The driver was arrested for possession of marijuana in a school zone with the intent to sell.

"Thanks to the collective effort of these officers, a sizable amount of marijuana was removed from a school zone," Jensen said.

◆ Commendation to Sgt. John Bruno and Officers Keith Colombo and Wesley Kipke.

They recovered a car in Detroit one hour after it was stolen from behind a business on Mack in the Farms. They also arrested two suspects on Detroit's east side.

"Because of the keen observations and communication of the offi-

cers involved, a stolen vehicle was recovered within hours," Jensen said.

◆ Citation to Officer Geoffrey McQueen for tracing a damaged car part to a vehicle operated by a hit-and-run driver.

"McQueen went to the (suspect's) address," Jensen said. "He questioned the resident, who first denied that she knew her vehicle was involved in an accident. After being presented with the overwhelming evidence, the subject relented and confessed."

◆ Citation to Officers Tom Dionne and Richard Rosati for catching a man breaking into a parked car at night, then finding his accomplice in an eastside Detroit neighborhood.

"These officers' quick response and persistence led to the capture of two perpetrators responsible for attempting to steal a car from our city," Jensen said.

◆ Citation to Officer Paul Reygaert for arrest-

ing three people accused of selling drugs in a school zone.

"Confiscated was a fair amount of suspected marijuana along with assorted pills and equipment associated with the sale of drugs," Jensen said.

◆ Citation to Det. Lt. Richard Rosati for solving a series of home invasions, some dating to the summer of 2012.

Rosati gathered evidence linking the break-ins to a parolee working as a window washer.

"(Rosati) obtained a confession in this case (and) six other home invasions and convinced the suspect to reveal where the stolen goods were," Jensen said.

◆ Citation to Officers Tom Dionne and Keith Colombo for putting a drug dealer on the Hill out of business.

With the arrests of two suspects, "a drug deal (was) foiled and the sale of drugs at that location has ceased," Jensen said.

No harbor fishing permitted

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — Anglers could land themselves in trouble by breaking tougher rules at the municipal park.

Penalties for violating fishing restrictions in the harbor include temporary expulsion from Pier Park.

Although initial offenders face little

more than a finger wag, habitual scoff-laws are subject to open-ended banishment.

Grosse Pointe Farms council members approved the new policy this week.

Park staff will notify first-time offenders of the policy and inform them of areas where fishing is allowed.

Staff also will forward the offender's name, address and telephone number to

the park director.

Second-time offenders are expelled from the park for the rest of the day.

Their passes are confiscated and given to the director.

Three-time violators are banned from the park for "at least one week," according to the policy.

"The director of parks may increase the suspension time for more than one week for third-time offend-

ers, provided there is sufficient reason to justify additional time," the policy reads. "Additional disciplinary actions and fines may be enforced as allowed by city ordinance and rules approved by the city council."

Offenders 18 years old and younger can look forward to a joint meeting with their parents and the director.

ROADS:

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Todd McConaghy. "Nine out of 10 e-mails and calls I receive from residents are about the roads. I want to see it on the August ballot."

Councilman Art Bryant agreed.

"There will be mis-truths out there about the issue," he said, "with some wanting to defeat it just to defeat it, without considering what is good for the city. They have started already. But it is important that we get the information out and get this approved."

The city has already funded through grants repairs of Vernier and Marter.

The final language for the ballot question must be determined by mid-May, according to city clerk Lisa Hathaway.



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GUEST OPINION By Charles Hill

Access to information should be a common goal for better government and lives

If you've been watching what goes on in Washington and some statehouses across the country, you might wonder if there's any issue everyone should be able to agree on whether they are conservative or liberal or libertarian, Democrat or Republican, pro-this or anti-that. There is: It's the need for transparency in all levels of government.

As we observe Sunshine Week in Michigan and around the country to encourage openness in government, the Michigan Coalition for Open Government is urging citizens and public officials to seek transparency in the operations of their local and state governments, their schools and universities, their federal government and their courts.

You can do this by supporting Michigan legislation that would amend the Michigan Freedom of Information Act to make government information more accessible by limiting fees and discouraging delays. Or by supporting a bill a Republican lawmaker proposed to create an Open Government Commission to hear FOIA appeals. Or by supporting a bill two Democratic lawmakers proposed to expand FOIA coverage for the legislative branch so it is more in line with the broader coverage that applies to the executive branch.

MiCOG — a non-profit, tax-exempt organization open to citizens, journalists and associations concerned with open government and freedom of information — urges passage of that pending legislation.

You also can make a difference by letting your local officials — from the mayor to school board members — know it's important to you to know how your tax dollars are being spent and how they are making decisions about classrooms, parks, roads, snow removal or trash collection. It's important for you to know this so you can independently judge the soundness of those decisions, suggest your ideas for improvements in programs or government actions, evaluate government officials' performance, and guard against corruption and conflicts of interest.

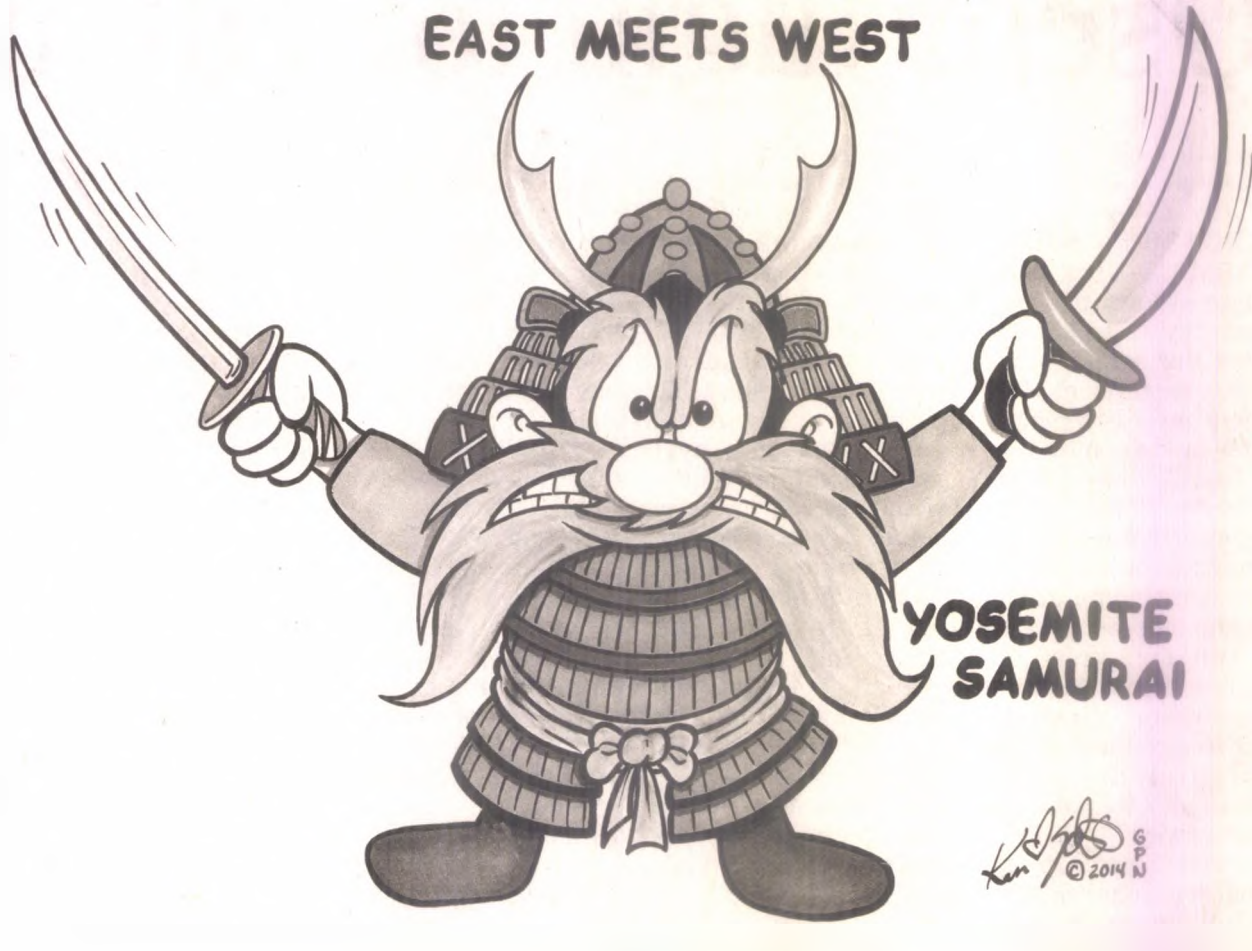
You can help by asking questions of your government officials and by encouraging openness. Politicians and government officials are more likely to take the trouble to create open systems and practices if they know it is important to their constituents. Tell them your assessment of their performance includes their record on open government. Let them know this should not be a partisan issue, and you want information regardless of which party or group is in power. If you're in New Jersey, you don't have to be a Democrat to want to know more about a big bridge closure in that state. In Michigan and Louisiana, you don't have to be a Republican to want information surrounding the corruption charges that resulted in convictions of mayors in New Orleans and Detroit.

Michigan has plenty of tough transparency and accountability challenges ahead, including how courts handle public access and fees for electronic records, whether juvenile criminal records should be public or secret, and how much secrecy should be allowed in new mental health courts, including convict records and data revealing rates of recidivism for the program.

Remember you have a stake in Michigan's freedom of information laws. How much you are permitted to know about your government directly affects the quality of your government, schools, courts, job, freedom and life.

Hill is a member of the board of directors of the Michigan Coalition for Open Government and a former Michigan bureau chief for *The Associated Press*. To join or find out more about MiCOG, visit miopengov.org or follow MiCOG on Facebook at facebook.com/MIOpenGov or Twitter @miopengov.

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Mental health support groups

To the Editor:
The Feb. 27 Grosse Pointe News had an excellent "Guest Opinion by George Gaines, Detroit Wayne Mental Health Authority Board Chairman.

The title was, "Mental illness: stigmas, stereotypes, change;" with the subtitle, "Families and communities need to be educated about mental illness." The words in the title and the subtitle are extremely important ones.

A very important organization that nationally has had, for about 35 years, the mission to educate, help effect change and fight stigma, is the National Alliance on Mental Illness. Its website is nami.org.

For 27-plus years, the NAMI Eastside support groups have been available to families, individu-

als and the community.

NAMI Eastside support groups meet at 7 p.m., every first and third Monday, at Henry Ford Medical Center — Cottage, 159 Kercheval in Grosse Pointe Farms. Contact: Barb, (313) 886-8004.

TOM COLES
President NAMI Eastside Support Group

State project

To the Editor:
My name is Kip Van Winkle and I am the fifth-grade teacher at Faith Christian School in Kearney, Neb.

My class is doing our annual states project in which they are sending letters to newspapers in the state they are studying in hopes that you will print their letter in your newspaper asking your readers to participate in our project.

This is our second year of doing this and we are looking forward to another great turnout

from your state.

The letter asks if the reader would be willing to send them any maps, brochures, souvenirs or anything they think would help them learn about your state.

Anything the students receive will be used in our states fair during the first week of May.

KIP VAN WINKLE
Faith Christian School
Kearney, Neb.

To the Readers of the Grosse Pointe News:

My name is Colby and I am a fifth grader at Faith Christian School in Kearney, Neb. My class is studying the 50 states and I have chosen Michigan as my state.

Our assignment is to find out as much about our state as we can and I was wondering if you would help me out. Would you be willing to send me any information about your state?

Some examples could be maps, brochures, souvenirs or anything else that would be helpful. We will be having a states fair at the beginning of May to display all of our information. Thank you.

COLBY
Mr. Van Winkle's
Fifth-grade Class
Faith Christian School
Kearney, Neb.

State champions

To the Editor:
Last week University Liggett School and

McCann Ice Arena had the privilege of hosting the Division 1 and Division 2 Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League State Playoffs.

Liggett advanced through the tournament to play in the championship game Saturday night. Liggett won, beating Cranbrook in overtime, to become the Division 1 2014 State Champions.

On behalf of the University Liggett School Girls' Hockey Team, we would like to thank the Grosse Pointe community for the support.

Students, alumni, current and former teachers and coaches, parents and players from Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South high schools and other members of the community came out to support our girls.

As the Liggett players skated on to the ice, they were overwhelmed by the standing-room only crowd. It was a great night for girls high school hockey and for the community.

MICHELLE HICKS
University Liggett School
Athletic Director

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University Liggett School
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BETTYANNE HODGES
University Liggett School
Parent

GUEST OPINION By Matthew R. Rumora

Falsely calling 911

Under recent legislation, a person who knowingly and intentionally makes a false police report of a crime to a 911 operator can be prosecuted for a crime.

The law provides that a person who makes a false report of a misdemeanor offense or a medical or other emergency to a 911 operator is guilty of a misdemeanor and can receive up to 93 days in jail and/or a fine up to \$500.

A person who makes a false report of a felony to a 911 operator is guilty of a felony punishable by up to four years in prison and/or a fine of not more than \$2,000.

There are other consequences for falsely calling 911. If the false report results in a response to address the reported crime and a person incurs physical injury, serious impairment of a bodily function or death as a result, the person making the false report is guilty of a felony and can receive five, 10 or 15 years in prison, depending on the severity of the injury or if death results.

The judge can order a person to pay the costs of responding to the false report of a medical or other emergency, including, but not limited to, use of police, fire, medical or other emergency response vehicles and teams.

If the person who is ordered to pay the costs is a juvenile and the court determines the juvenile will be unable to pay all the costs, the parents may be ordered to pay any portion of the unpaid costs. However, the court may not order the parents to pay the costs before giving them notice and an opportunity to be heard in court. The court must also take into consideration the financial situation of the parents before ordering payment of costs.

This law is designed to deter individuals from improperly calling 911 resulting in needless responses by police, medical and other emergency responders.

Recording police interrogations

A new law went into effect March 28, 2013, that requires an audio and vi-

sual recording of an interrogation of an individual in custody of a major felony. A major felony is a crime punishable by life imprisonment, any term of years, or 20 or more years.

The law applies when the person is in a government building that has the appropriate equipment available.

The Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards will receive funds every year from the legislature to distribute to law enforcement agencies throughout the state to enable them to purchase audiovisual recording equipment.

The law requires that the entire interrogation be recorded. This includes the notification of Miranda rights, and the questions posed by the law enforcement official.

Miranda rights are the right to remain silent, that anything a person says can be used against him or her, a right to an attorney and, if the person cannot afford one, an attorney will be appointed at public expense. Contrary to popular no-

tion, Miranda rights are not required if the person is not in custody or if the police officer does not intend to question the person or introduce the statements in court.

Failure to record the interrogation as required by this law does not prevent the law enforcement officer from testifying as to the statement in court if the judge determines the statement is otherwise admissible.

However, the penalty for not videotaping is an instruction to the jury that the law enforcement official was obligated to record the interrogation.

Although a person being interrogated can object to being recorded, the recording can be made despite his or her objection.

This law was designed to prevent false confessions and will serve as protection for both defendants and police agencies.

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Bill Tod smiles as he waits for the movie, "Planes," with his mother, Lora. He decorated the paper wings on his arms to coordinate with the movie's theme.



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Moms and sons

Grosse Pointe Woods hosted a mother and son movie afternoon at the Community Center in February. The event included creating a take-home craft, a goodie bag and watching the animated movie, "Planes." Top, Natalie Klobuchar holds her six-month-old nephew. Klobuchar won a gift certificate to Salon Tresor. Left, Axel Cooper's goodie bag contained stickers, a fruit snack and cookies. His mother, Michelle, is in the background.



PARKING:

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obviously been sitting for several days," Poloni said. "Officers will tag that because we can't plow the street."

"If it's something we need to look at in the ordinances, we'll be happy to do that," Scrace said. Snyder said someone this winter parked a car in front of his neighbor's house for about six days. "With the rain and everything, it ended up in a puddle of water that was freezing," Snyder said. "So, the person moved it in front of my house. It sat there since Friday."

He called public safety officers to make the owner comply with the 48-hour rule.

"The police department was very nice," Snyder said. "They came out and watched the person move it — a foot from where they were. It's still in front of my house, but a foot farther down."

Snyder has no problem with people parking on

the street. "The issue I have, is there seems to be one, two or maybe more people who seem to be parking their cars as though it's a parking lot," he said.

WAYBURN:

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Gianino's body in a spare bedroom. He immediately called 911, and through prompts from the dispatcher attempted to untangle the cord from her neck and began CPR.

Kettler also said Williams knew Gianino and he had been watching her. She said he also admitted to another inmate that he had killed her.

In his opening statement, Williams' attorney, Charles Longstreet II, said there were many unanswered questions in the case, including no signs of forced entry to Gianino's residence, no sign of a struggle and many items in the flat, including jewelry and televisions, were not taken.

"While the police did good work, their case is inconclusive," he said. "The Park police have more investigative work to do."

Judge Ulysses Boykin

BASHARA:

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April 4. While setting the trial for Oct. 6, Evans also said due to the publicity surrounding the case, questionnaires will be mailed to prospective jurors.

She invited the attorneys to submit questions they would like asked by Friday, Aug. 1.

Evans said she will make the final determination on what questions will be included and questionnaires will be mailed to 150 prospective jurors.

She also ordered pre-trial motions must be submitted to the court by May 28, and a hearing on the motions will be held at 9 a.m. Monday, June 23.

Bashara faces seven counts, including first degree murder and conspiracy to commit murder.

If convicted on those charges, he faces life in prison without parole.

is presiding over the trial in Wayne County Circuit Court. The trial is expected to last three weeks, with approximately 40 witnesses being called. Gianino, 36, worked at

Platz Animal Hospital in the Park, where she was affectionately referred to as "the cat lady."

Her mother testified on Tuesday her daughter kept several cats as pets.

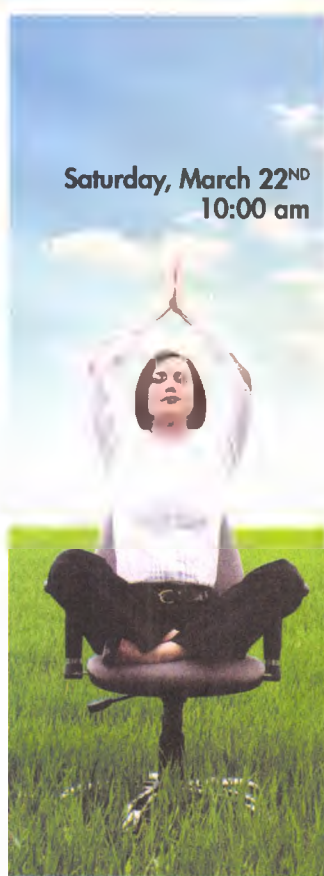
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Vision support group

The Friends of Vision, a low vision support group, meets from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Monday, March 17, and Wednesday, March 19, at the Detroit Institute of Ophthalmology, 15415 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

The group also meets from 1 to 2:15 p.m. Monday, March 17, at St. Lucy's, 23401 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores.

For more information, call Nancy Pilorget at (313) 824-4710, ext. 225.

NAMI

The National Alliance on Mentally Ill Eastside support group meets at 7 p.m. Monday, March 17, at Henry Ford Cottage Hospital, 159 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

For more information, call Barb at (313) 886-8004.

◆ 2014 entertainment books, the premier dining collection, are being sold with \$5 from the sale benefitting the Brain & Behavior Research Foundation. Books can be purchased at The Hill Restaurant.

Woman's club

The Grosse Pointe Woman's Club meets at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 19, in the Crystal Ballroom of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial with speaker Susan Hartz who discusses Grosse Pointe's architecture.

March is "special guest" month during which guests pay \$5,

instead of the usual \$10. A light lunch is served.

Guest reservations can be made by calling Susan Plath at (313) 884-5081.

For more club information, call Peggy Hickey at (313) 407-1842 or Pam Zimmer at (313) 926-6726.

Nursing Unlimited

Nursing Unlimited offers free memory screenings from 10 a.m. to noon Tuesday, March 18, at its facility, 21131 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

To make an appointment, call (586) 285-0300.

Alliance Francaise

The Alliance Francaise de Grosse Pointe holds a day of French fun from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 22, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

The event includes programs, songs, games and activities conducted in French.

Members and students pay \$35 and non-members pay \$45.

Reservations must be made by Wednesday, March 19, by calling Christine Stein at (586) 777-4602 or e-mailing her at cstein44@comcast.net.

Herb society

The Herb Society of America meets at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 20, at Services for Older Citizens, 158 Ridge, Grosse Pointe Farms.

For more information, call Mary at (313) 885-

5575.

Ducks Unlimited

The Lac de Sainte Claire chapter of Michigan Ducks Unlimited hosts its 31st annual fund raising banquet dinner at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, March 20, at Barrister Gardens Banquet Center, St. Clair Shores. Dinner is served at 7 p.m.

The evening includes raffles featuring local water fowl hunts, Lake St. Clair and Lake Erie fishing trips, wine tasting and custom pet portraits. A firearms table will be set up.

Tickets cost \$65 and can be ordered by calling Andrew Philbrick at (313) 739-4989 or by visiting ducks.org/michigan/events/29957/lac-de-ste-claire-dinner.

SOC

Services for Older Citizens hosts "Community Champions" at 10 a.m. Wednesday, March 19, at which the public can talk with local mayors, representatives and celebrities at SOC prior to them delivering meals to the homebound.

◆ Volunteers are needed to set up, serve and clean-up at SOC's 2 to 3:30 p.m. Thursday, March 13, When Irish Eyes Are Smiling tea.

◆ Volunteers are also needed from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 15, to represent SOC at the Home and Garden Expo at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial to discuss

SOC's services, programs and activities.

Call Heidi at (313) 649-2107.

◆ Assistance is needed at the St. Patrick's Day parties from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 12, and at 4 p.m. Friday, March 15, at SOC. Duties include serving food and cleaning up. Contact Heidi at huhlig@socservices.org to volunteer.

◆ SOC's second annual March for Meals, a one or 2.5 mile walk, is Saturday, March 29, in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Registrations begins at 9:30 a.m. and the walk steps off at 10 a.m.

Register with Heidi by Friday, March 21.

◆ Volunteers are needed to assist with packing and delivering meals to Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods' home bound senior citizens at 9:20 a.m. Sunday, April 20.

◆ A volunteer is also needed to coordinate the holiday Meals on Wheels Easter morning, April 20.

To help with either, contact Heidi.

The 12:30 p.m. Thursday, March 20, TED Talk is with Brene Brown whose topic is "The Power of Vulnerability."

Garden club

The Men's and Women's Garden Club of America meets at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 20, in Brownell Middle School's cafeteria.

Family Center

The Family Center of Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods holds its annual ChariTea Bear party from 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday, March 23, at Assumption Cultural Center, 21800 Marter, St. Clair Shores.

This year's royal theme suggests children can dress as princes or princesses to attend the event that helps develop social skills through learning activities including fine and gross motor skills activities, reading, arts and crafts, charitable giving, games and etiquette. Children must be accompanied by an adult and are asked to bring a new, small teddy bear to be donated to a local children-focused nonprofit.

The cost is \$10 and reservations must be made by Monday, March 17. Download a reservation form at info@familycenterweb.org.

◆ Three presentations for mothers and daughters begin with self-defense for mothers and teen daughters, taught by Ian Kinder and is from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, March 20, at Barnes School, 20090 Morningside, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ "Infant Massage: Learning the Language of Touch" with Emily Robson and "Raising a Reader" with Stephanie Cork both begin at 7 p.m. Attendees to the massage session should bring a blanket on which to sit.

◆ To register, visit familycenterweb.org or call (313) 432-3832.

Library

The Grosse Pointe Public Library, with a grant from the Grosse Pointe Library Foundation and in partnership with Wayne County Community College District's School of Continuing Education,

presents the author luncheon Books On The Lake, March 27 and Friday, March 28, at Assumption Cultural Center, 21800 Marter, St. Clair Shores. Speakers are authors Dennis Lehane, Gloria Whelan and Rhoda Janzen.

◆ The \$35 ticket cost includes lunch, the speaker's presentations and book signings in the ballroom of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

◆ A private reception for the Lehane and Whelan will be at the Grosse Pointe Yacht

Club from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday, May 9. A book signing will be available. Tickets cost \$100 and include open bar, hors d'oeuvres, dessert and valet parking.

Raffle tickets prizes such as a trip for two to Chicago are \$100 and only 200 tickets will be sold. The drawing will be held May 10 and the winner need not be present.

War Memorial

Attend a play, learn how to cook Thai or how to turn old furnishings into beautiful objects at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. For reservations and details on these and other programs, call (313) 881-7511.

Coming up in the days ahead:

Come Dine with Us — 6:30 p.m., Thursdays, March 13 and 20; Fridays, March 14 and 21, Saturdays, March 15 and 22. Guests may bring wine. The cost of \$19.95 includes tax and tip. Reserve no later than noon the prior day.

Asian fusion cooking — 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 19. The class combines the best of east and west with Chef Tom Lin. The cost is \$49.

Classical Music — 10:30 a.m. to noon Wednesday, March 26. Instructor Judy Adams details and demonstrates classical music forms. The cost is \$25.

Fantastic Thai Favorites — Wednesday, March 26. Discover Thai cuisine, with instructor Lisa Woodward. Wine will be served. Attendees be 21 years of age. The fee is \$47.

Faux Finish Workshop — 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday and Friday, March 27 and 28. Micki Coles, co-founder of Paint Couture and Finishes, shares her expertise on decorative painting and faux finishes.

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Stealth fire doused

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — Good luck and persistence defeated a smoldering second-story house fire last week in the 300 block of Moross.

Homeowners discovered it during a chance visit to the property while it undergoes partial renovation.

A full crew of firefighters and apparatus responded to the owners' report of smoke at about 6 p.m. Friday, March 7.

"We entered the attic and used pressurized water extinguishers to knock down burning material under the insulation," said Lt. Jack Patterson of the Grosse Pointe Farms public safety department.

That wasn't the end of

it.

"A little, smoldering fire like that is looking for oxygen," Patterson said. "So, you have to continue checking."

Firefighters continued seeing traces of smoke, but couldn't find the source.

A thermal camera, which can miss tiny flames behind thick wood beams, wasn't any use.

"Officer Vince Finn pulled the ceiling down and saw glowing, orange material burning," Patterson said. "We pulled a line off an engine into the house and opened the ceiling more and walls of the closet. It appeared we had knocked everything down."

That still wasn't the end of it.

"We double-checked and saw a little haze of smoke that wasn't going away," Patterson said. "At that point, we brought in a demolition saw and cut away the joist at the top of the closet."

A piece of wood atop the closet door burned like a charcoal briquette.

"The only way to put it out is to cut it out and get it out of the house," Patterson said.

The cause is undetermined, but may be due to a pinched electrical line, he said.

"It was a really dangerous fire because you had to open a lot of ceiling and walls to find it, Patterson said. "We took every precaution to make sure it didn't get away from us, and it didn't."



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Daddy-Daughter Dance is near

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTES — This year's All-Pointe Daddy-Daughter Dance is 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday, March 22, in the main gymnasium of Grosse Pointe South High School.

Tickets cost \$8.

Fathers and daughters age 13 and under may attend.

Although the dance is at a school in the Farms, it's a collaboration of the five Pointes' recreation departments.

"Each Grosse Pointe registers their own residents," said Kara Reynolds, a Farms park administrator.

Participants have until Monday, March 17, to tickets through their respective recreation departments.

The dance is sponsored by Beaumont Health System.

Attire is semi-formal. Each girl receives a rose.

Snacks, "yummy" appetizers and refreshments are included, according to a promotional flier.

For Shane Reeside, manager of the Farms, the dance is a regular date on his 11-year-old

daughter's event calendar.

"The girls love it," Reeside said. "It provides some special time between fathers and daughters."

They've never stepped on each other's feet.

"We practice before we go to the dance," Reeside said.

Grosse Pointe South High School's main gym entrance is off of the Grosse Pointe Boulevard parking lot.

Register per city at:

◆ City of Grosse Pointe:

Online at grossepointecity.org.

Click on the parks section, scroll down to the dance, click and register.

Or, call the recreation department at (313) 843-5256.

◆ Grosse Pointe Farms:

Online at grossepointefarms.org.

Or, call the recreation department at (313) 343-2405.

◆ Grosse Pointe Park: Online at grossepointepark.org.

Click on the "Grosse Pointe Park Communicator," select the most recent edition, Spring 2014, and follow instructions on page one.

Or, call the recreation department at (313) 822-2812, ext. 201.

◆ Grosse Pointe Shores:

Call city hall at (313) 881-6565.

◆ Grosse Pointe Woods:

Online at grossepointe-woods.mi.us.

Click the green and pink notice on the municipal home page and chose course title Daddy Daughter Dance (1100).

Or, call the recreation department at (313) 343-2470.

Making a mark

G. P. SHORES — The latest crop of public safety officers has the department director walking in tall cotton.

"The new officers are progressing well," said John Schulte, chief of Grosse Pointe Shores, regarding three PSOs sworn in last December. "They're very energetic."

They're also triple-trained in law enforcement, fire fighting and emergency medical service.

Two of them worked previously for an ambulance company.

"For the last several years, they were making 12 to 14 advanced runs per day," Schulte said. "These guys have a ton of experience."

—Brad Lindberg

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It's more than point and shoot for members of the Grosse Pointe Camera Club.

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By Ann L. Fouty
Features Editor

Aww, that's a Kodak moment.

This is a phrase incorporated into our everyday jargon meaning a one-time moment to be preserved.

Some of those precious scenes are taken well and others not so much. Help to have more photos in the keeper file than are deleted is just a click away through the Grosse Pointe Camera Club. Its members can help a novice develop into a seasoned photographer.

"Most members are amateurs," said Mike Florian, president of the organization with 27 active members. "However, we do have two professional members and others who do some freelance photography. The backgrounds are quite varied. We have a retired surgeon, a Ph.D. engineer, legal assistant, research chemist, retired risk manager, freelance writer, engineers. About a third of the members are retired; one third are women."

With a background in graphic design, Pat Tapper of Grosse Pointe Farms said she has absorbed so much from members since joining about five years ago.

"I've learned a tremendous amount on how to look at the photo, see if there is an artistic value or a mechanical value," she said.

A mechanical value, as Tapper explained, is the image's points of interest, its color and the sharpness of the image.

"I've learned so much from these guys and gals. It's been a godsend to me joining this club," she said, taking a moment from packing before heading out with other club members to visit caves in Ohio for a photo shoot.

"I don't know what we'll find," Tapper said.

That is one of the club's purposes, Florian pointed out: To provide educational opportunities for members of the community to develop photographic interests and skills. Other goals are to stimulate community interest in photography and to afford members educational and productive associations with people who have common interests in photography.

Since the club's inception in 1937 it has gone from making black and



"In awe" was taken by Cindy Harris for the monochrome category.



Karen Duffy created this nature image titled "Looking Very Pretty."

white prints in home darkrooms to slides and now all digital.

"Most members had their own darkroom and with the help of other members improved their photo techniques," Florian explained in an e-mail. "As time progressed, color slides became a more common way to produce and display photographs. As material and tools improved, club members were able to produce color prints in their own darkroom. The club went totally digital in 2006. We stopped using a slide projector and switched to a laptop and LCD projector. Soon after that, members began making prints using ink jet printers instead of chemicals. In 2004, we had our own web page. The last recent change is the use of an online competition manager. All of the submitted photos are handled by a website that also shows the results of the critiques of the club."

Six-year member John Forest of Warren, who began shooting photos in high school and using the darkroom for processing those photos, said it's amazing how fast novices

learn and become better photographers through the club via feedback from club members' critiques, competitions and advice.

"It's a good place to learn. People are ready to be helpful," he said.

In-house competitions are held twice a month. On a larger scale, the best club photos are submitted to compete against nine other clubs in the Greater Detroit Camera Club Council.

Club members' efforts and improvements are recognized annually.

"GPCC has an honor banquet each year in June," Florian said. "The makers of the best photos are given recognition for their accomplishments. A similar awards banquet is given each year in January when the best images for greater Detroit are honored. The element of competition creates an incentive to improve your images so they will get recognition from your club members and other camera clubs in the Detroit area."

Members submit images in categories of general color, nature and monochrome to be evaluated by judges who are club members and volunteer on a rotating basis.

Members start out competing in the beginner class, earning points and moving through levels to attain the highest class, galaxy.

"I enjoyed the critiquing of the photos and felt it would be good for me to participate in this type of competition," Florian said. "The monthly competitions would keep me engaged in my photography and keep my creative juices flowing all year. Getting ideas and suggestions from other members would be a great bonus. The competitions force me to get better and

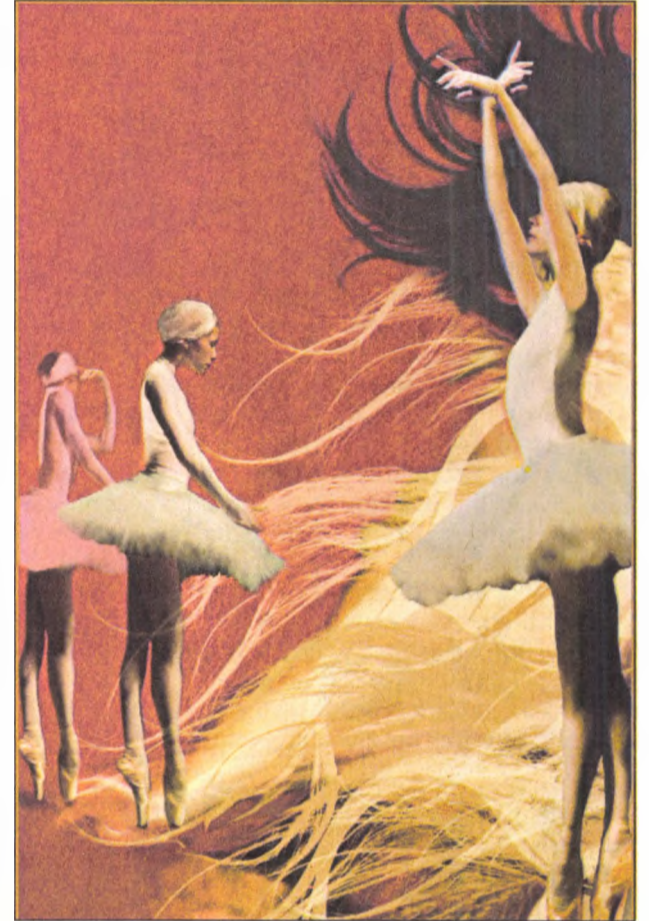
improve my photography."

Change happens

The art of capturing the moment has definitely changed over the past 77 years since the club formed.

"Today more photos are taken with cell phones than any other type of equipment," Florian said. "The major reason for this is that the camera is always with you. However, most of these photos are grab and shots or snapshots. (These are) Often not considered important photos outside of sharing with family and friends. People are definitely taking a lot of photos, but very few are getting printed which may mean they may not be around in 25 or 50 years. No one knows if the computers of the future will be able to display today's photographs. We already know that many files that were created 20 years ago cannot be read by today's computers."

"The club has seen a few photos in competition that were created with a cell phone. However, cell phone pho-



Grosse Pointe Farms resident Pat Tapper created this image of Swan Lake dancers for the color creative category.

tos are often not considered 'serious' photo tools by most serious photographers. However, when used with good technique and a good eye, great photos are possible."

Florian goes on, "In the early years of digital photography, film held the edge in quality, but certainly not with the speed

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Ralph Yakabowski's Wyoming fishing lesson is in the color general category.

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ASK THE EXPERTS By Stephanie Cork

Raising a reader



Q How can I foster a love of reading in my child?

A. One of the more difficult questions I am asked by parents of late elementary through high school children is how can they make their child enjoy reading. Like anything else, a child will not enjoy reading if it is difficult and does not yield any sort of intrinsic satisfaction, therefore, much of the answer lies in the importance of starting early in order to make the reading process easier and more meaningful. Read to your child. Reading to your child at an early age is crucial to the development of phonemic awareness. Phonemic awareness refers to the ability to focus on and manipulate phonemes (sounds) in spoken words, and is a precursor to learning how to

read print. Children with strong phonemic awareness skills, such as rhyming and the ability to isolate individual sounds from whole words, generally are prepared to start reading the printed word. You don't meet too many musicians who have never heard a tune.

Let your child see you reading.

If you are a reader, your child will view reading as important and want to learn to read, and will be more likely to persevere through reading challenges.

Be excited about reading.

Let your child see reading takes precedence in your life. If it doesn't, fake it.

Recognize reading challenges early. Delayed reading skills could be a result of maturation, but the consequences of waiting to find out could be costly, both emotionally and financially. That is generally not a gamble parents are willing to take.

The earlier a reading problem is recognized,

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the less likely your child will prefer a trip to the dentist over reading a book.

Don't make your child read. The "I am going to make my child read until he enjoys it" method went out with parachute pants. Rather, help your child navigate the world of reading. If your child does not like the book he is reading, help him choose one that is more enjoyable, making sure that it is at his reading level.

Will neglecting the above create illiterate, zombie children bent on destroying the written language? No.

Will completing these activities religiously cre-

ate children who voluntarily attend Saturday book discussion groups at the local library? Of course not. This is just a good way to introduce your child to what you hope they will also see as, the beautiful world of reading.

Cork is the director of education for Reading and Language Arts Centers. For more information on the tutoring services, call (313) 640-9472, or visit rlac.com.

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St. John Hospital and Medical Center is one of only two hospitals in Michigan, and the only one in the metro Detroit area, to be recognized for excellence in lactation care by the International Board of Lactation Consultant Examiners and International Lactation Consultant (IBCLC) Association.

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In addition, the hospital demonstrated it has provided recent breastfeeding training for all medical staff who care for mothers and babies.

The hospital also supports multiple activities that help protect, promote and support breastfeeding, like

breastfeeding support groups and breastfeeding clinics. In fact the health system's outpatient breastfeeding clinic is the first physician-led clinic of its kind in Michigan.

"Research has proven that a hospital environment that supports breastfeeding is the most powerful tool to ensure breastfeeding success," said Paula K. Schreck, M.D., medical director of St. John Providence Breastfeeding Support Services. "We strive to provide the most supportive care possible for our mothers and babies."

"However, if breastfeeding issues do arise, our breastfeeding clinics are designed to evaluate and address the problem."

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of getting the photo out to the public. Photo journalists were the first to really use digital because of tight publishing deadlines. Serious art photographers needed much higher quality and stayed with film for a long time. As the digital world continued to improve, more and more art photographers and others who required very high quality slowly began to change to digital.

A digital single lens reflex camera, as most club members use, has become norm

Snapping images rapidly with instant viewing and critiques is followed by the ability to immediately delete flawed images.

To develop the "eye" response of images, the Grosse Pointe Camera Club, that meets from 7 to 9 p.m. two to three Tuesdays a month September through May at Brownell Middle School, offers an open invitation to the public. For more information, visit grossepointecameraclub.org or gpcc.photoservices.com.



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A LA ANNIE By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff

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Monday is St. Patrick's Day. A four-day week-end for the crazies. I'm grilling up Reuben sandwiches to honor the corned beef this year. Instead of the usual

Thousand Island (or Russian) dressing I've stirred up a zesty remoulade sauce with just enough spice to kick up that Reuben (whether corned beef or turkey) or serve alongside a traditional boil dinner.

Make the sauce a day in advance to give all the flavors a chance to marry.

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1 tablespoons finely chopped fresh parsley
1 teaspoon paprika
1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper
1/2 teaspoon garlic powder

Combine all ingredients and allow to chill for at least 4 hours before serving.

You will find countless ways to enjoy this sassy sauce . . . on a lettuce wedge, with grilled chicken or seafood or a dipper for fresh cut veggies.

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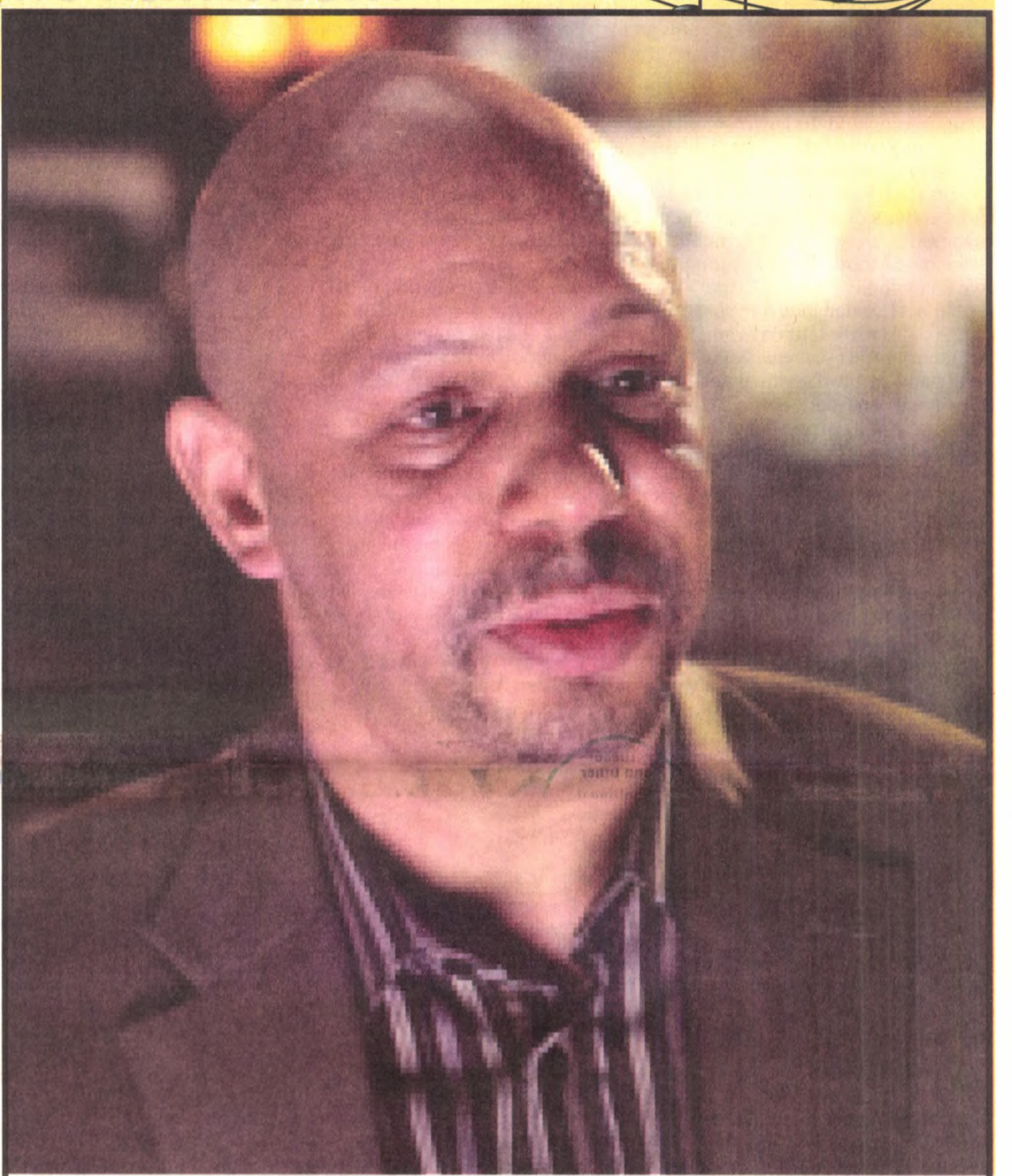
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4B | CHURCHES

PASTOR'S CORNER By Rev. Shelley Page

How far have we come?

How far have we come in honoring and embracing diversity in the Grosse Pointes in the almost 50 years since race took center stage here?

That's the question some thoughtful Grosse Pointers are posing right now in the wake of the disturbing events last fall between the Grosse Pointe Park police and a mentally challenged African American man.

It's a good question to ask as our community steps back to reflect on its past history with racism, and to truthfully look at our current embrace (or not) of diversity.

As my congregation, Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church, celebrates its 75th anniversary this month, I've become very aware of history and our place in it. Our social responsibility committee took a bold stand in the 1960s as it championed open housing here, taking a courageous step toward addressing the systemic racism and classism that pervaded the Pointes at that time. Our minister, Rev. Harry Meserve, served as the chair of the Grosse Pointe Humans Relations Commission and was instrumental in bringing Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. here to speak at Grosse Pointe South High School in 1968. These bold actions by people of faith helped usher in open housing, paving the way for the more diverse community we know today.

Almost five decades have passed since those turbulent days and we wonder how far we have come in honoring and embracing the diversity now firmly embedded in our community. Recently a group of concerned Grosse Pointers declared it's time to continue our community conversation about race — to see where we've been, discover where we really are and aspire to what we would like to be as a people who believe in the worth and dignity of every person.

They brainstormed a good place to start would be an organic grass roots approach to creating positive dialogue about all kinds of diversity with a particular focus on race and socio-economic status.

Their first action is to offer a panel discussion about race and diversity in

the Pointes at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 20. Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church is honored and excited to host this event which will be moderated by WDET's Craig Fahle.

The panel will address topics like whether people of color find respect or obstacles in our community; what can we do to cultivate a vibrant welcoming atmosphere for all; what is the history of social inclusiveness in the Pointes and what have other communities done to encourage diverse, safe and thriving environments?

Our church is committed to honoring the inherent worth and dignity of every person and creating a community where diversity is truly honored and embraced. We know other people in Grosse Pointe share our values and also desire to live peacefully and well among their neighbors.

But just who is our neighbor? It's not just the person next door, but our neighbors on the other sides of Alter and Mack.

We're all in this together. We are all part of the wider community of love and concern.

As King once proclaimed "We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. There are some things to which all of us ought to be maladjusted. Hatred and bitterness can never cure the disease of fear; only love can do that."

The first step toward this love is listening and learning from each other. This important community panel discussion provides a wonderful opportunity for honest reflection, deep listening and the beginning of hope for our community.

Please consider participating in this historic conversation and come prepared to open your heart to listen to the truth of other people's experience. This is a beautiful chance to step back in reflection, and step forward with fresh energy and creative potential to help Grosse Pointe joyfully embrace the diversity that has already arrived.

May it be so.

Page is the minister at Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church.

CHURCH EVENTS

Star of the Sea
Our Lady Star of the Sea hosts a Friday fish fry from 5 to 7 p.m. March 14, in the parish center, located on the corner of Morningside and Fairford, Grosse Pointe Woods.

The cost is \$10 for those 13 years and older, \$5 for children 4 to 12 years old and free for children 3 years and less. Featured on the dine-in menu are four entrees. A take-out menu is also available.

supper from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 19.

Unitarian Church
The Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church observes its 75th anniversary with a special service at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, March 16, followed by a champagne reception.

Make a reservation by calling (313) 881-0420 or e-mailing gpuc@gpuc.us.

◆ The church and Pointes for Peace co-host "2014: How Far Have We Come?" at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 20, at 17150 Maumee, City of Grosse Pointe.

Parking is behind the church.

WDET's Craig Fahle moderates the panel discussion addressing the following questions:

◆ Do people of color find respect or obstacles in the Grosse Pointes?

◆ What can people living in the Grosse Pointes do to cultivate a vibrant and welcoming atmosphere to all?

◆ What have other communities done to encourage diverse, safe and thriving environments?

For more information, visit the Face Book page: DiverseGP.

First English
"Parable of the Wedding Feast" is the topic for the 9:30 and 11 a.m. Sunday, March 16, sermons at First English Evangelical Lutheran Church, 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods.

"To Caesar or to God?" is the topic of the 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Lenten services, Wednesday, March 19.

A free will Lenten buffet lunch is offered following the morning service and a free will 6 p.m. Lenten supper precedes the evening service.

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Anthony P. Caputo

Anthony P. Caputo, 83, died Friday, March 7, 2014, in his home in Lexington on complications of cancer.

He was born Jan. 24, 1931, in Soveria, Italy, to Daniel and Rose Caputo, and immigrated to the United States when he was 5 years old. The family settled in Detroit.

Mr. Caputo attended various Catholic boys' schools in Detroit, including two years at Sacred Heart Seminary. He graduated from the University of Detroit with a degree in philosophy. He was drafted into the U.S. Army and served in Germany during the Korean War. He and Maral Molyneux Belfore married Aug. 24,

1972, in Detroit, and moved to Grosse Pointe Park to raise their combined family.

Mr. Caputo worked in the Cadillac Motor Car Division of General Motors for 31 years. He retired as a consumer relations director. Soon after, he and his wife moved to Clinton Township. They lived there 11 years then moved to their cottage in Lexington in 1998. They also enjoyed a home in Fairfield Glade, Tenn.

Mr. Caputo was a member of St. Denis Church, Lexington; St. Francis of Assisi Church, Fairfield Glade; and the Italian American Chamber of Commerce of Michigan. When his children were younger, he managed the Babe Ruth San Francisco Giants, who won the Grosse Pointe World Series in 1975. While at Cadillac, he played on the company's golf



Anthony P. Caputo

league and was short-stop for its softball team. He continued playing softball on a senior league in Clinton Township. In recent years, he enjoyed growing a vegetable garden, cooking, playing golf and having his children and grandchildren around him.

Mr. Caputo is survived by his wife Maral; children, Dawn Mullens (Ken) of Grosse Pointe Woods, Daniel Caputo (Renee) of Attica, Dean Caputo (April) of Grosse Pointe Woods, Dave Caputo (Jean) of Columbus, Ohio, Tom Caputo (Cathy) of Richmond, Tim Caputo (Nicole) of Livonia, Barbara Belfore (John Hartman) of Grosse Pointe Park, Gary Belfore (Jessica) of Scottsdale, Ariz., and Jill Belfore (Chuck Pappas) of Troy; 21 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. He also is survived by his brother, Victor Caputo of Tucson, Ariz.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 15, at St. Denis Catholic Church, 5366 Main, Lexington. Visitation begins at 10 a.m. the church.

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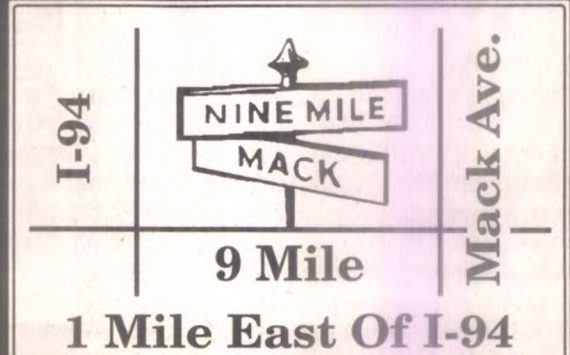
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Cadenza mirrors luxury segment



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The Cadenza near-luxury sedan from Kia upstaged the handsome Optima family sedan when the Cadenza bowed around a year ago. But its reign as Kia's flagship was short-lived. The Cadenza already is about to be overshadowed by the even more upscale K900, which Kia introduced at this year's North American International Auto Show.

You have to wonder why the South Korea-based automaker would eclipse one new vehicle with another in such a short period of time. Perhaps it's just a sign of how business is done in the highly competitive auto industry. The top makers, and Kia is rapidly easing into their ranks, figure

they must cover the gamut with vehicles of all sizes and trim levels.

The Cadenza flirts with the coveted luxury segment both in its equipment levels and its price-tag. Our test Cadenza, with a \$35,100 manufacturer's suggested retail price, also featured two packages, priced at \$3,000 each: a technology and luxury package.

For \$35,100 you get a 3.3-liter V-6 with six-speed automatic, leather seat trim, heated front seats, steering wheel paddle shifters, heated power folding outside mirrors with turn signal indicators, rain-sending windshield wipers and traction and stability control.

The technology package offers advanced smart cruise control, blind spot detection, lane departure warning, hydrophobic front door windows and 19-inch wheels.

The luxury package includes a heated steering wheel, which alone in this

endless winter would justify the package's \$3,000 label. But wait, there's more: a panoramic sunroof with power shade, upgraded leather seats and trim, ventilated driver's seat, heated outboard rear seats and a power rear window sunshade.

Standard Cadenza features include an advanced navigation system with available SiriusXM Traffic and UVO eServices displayed on an 8-inch touch screen. A rear camera display and backup warning system also are standard, along with a 12-speaker audio system with rear surround speakers.

Behind the wheel

January weather short-changed our chance to get well acquainted with the Kia Cadenza. There was at least one day when it could not be driven at all. Other opportunities were hampered by snow-covered and slippery streets. Perhaps we

should make a reservation for a summertime drive.

Kia reports fuel economy from Cadenza's V-6 averages out at 22 miles per gallon and includes 19 mpg city and 28 mpg highway.

The Cadenza is offered in two trim levels, Premium and SX Limited, with a starting MSRP of \$35,100, plus \$800 destination and handling.

The K900 is likely to be priced around \$60,000 and initially available only with a V-8 engine. The newcomer is slated to go on sale next month.

As for the Cadenza, it comes with a complimentary scheduled maintenance. The program covers the first five factory scheduled service appointments and is applicable for 36 months or 37,500 miles, whichever comes first, Kia said.

King is an automotive writer who lives in the City of Grosse Pointe.

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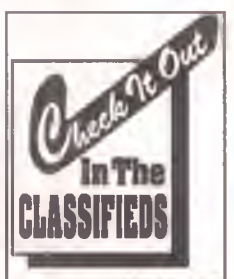
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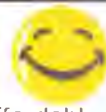
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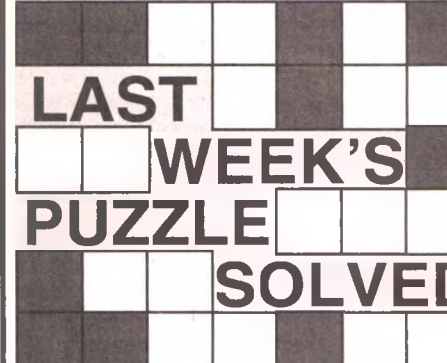
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SPORTS & SCHOOLS

BASKETBALL

Regionals

Liggett girls go out and win a regional crown PAGE 2C

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GIRLS HOCKEY

Liggett upsets Cranbrook, wins state championship

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Host University Liggett girls' hockey team overcame a two-goal third period deficit to pull off a stunning 4-3 overtime upset win over defending state champ Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League Division 1 state championship game last weekend.

Junior Jenalyn Pangborn scooped up a loose puck and buried it in the back of the net to score the winning goal just 1:33 into overtime.

"I saw the puck at my teammate's feet and went for it," Pangborn said. "I saw the puck go into the net and couldn't believe we just won the state championship. This is something I will always remember and we did it as a team."

"If anybody could beat a great Cranbrook team, we could do it because we play as a team," Liggett head coach Cassie Jaeckle said. "We did it before (making a comeback) and we would have to do it again to win this game."

"I knew we could play better and the girls did a great job in the third period and overtime.

They still had a lot of energy and it paid off. This is an amazing feeling and something we have strived for when I came here as head coach three years ago."

Pangborn's shot which eluded Cranes senior goalie Annie Chen and capped off a mad scramble in front of the net. Senior Hannah Hodges had a golden chance to score, but Chen saved her shot.

Cranbrook-Kingswood had a couple of shots on Liggett sophomore goalie Olivia Portillo to open the overtime, but the Knights carried the puck down ice and sent several shots at Chen.

She made the first few saves, but couldn't see the loose puck. Fortunately for the Knights, Pangborn had the puck in her sights, skated into the zone, grabbed the puck and poked it to the back of the net.

The official pointed at the puck, signaling it's a good goal, and the Knights began the celebration in front of standing-room only crowd at McCann Ice Arena. Liggett won each of its three playoff games by one goal and two of the three in overtime.

The Cranes, the No. 1 seed with a 19-1-1 record entering the game, led



PHOTO BY JOHN MCTAGGART

Liggett players celebrate seconds after beating Cranbrook-Kingswood in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League Division 1 state championship game.

1-0 with a power-play goal at the 3:08 mark of the first period.

They made it 2-0 with another power-play goal at the 8:11 mark of the second period, but the Knights cut the deficit to 2-1, scoring a power-play goal at the 7:35 mark when sophomore Allison

Stapleton tallied, assisted by Pangborn.

The Cranes scored, what seemed to be an insurance goal, with only 42.8 seconds left in the second stanza. The power-play goal, their third of the game, made it a 3-1 game and the Cranes had total control

of the championship game.

The Knights gained more momentum in the third period and had more energy compared to the tiring Cranbrook players. Cranbrook head coach Terry Brooks had his best three forwards on the ice all the time and

they looked to tire in the second half of the third period.

Every time either sophomore Lucy DeClerk, the league's leading scorer; junior Lucy Dembeck or senior Leah Israel would get possession of the

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SWIMMING

SOUTH, NORTH & LIGGETT

Nine make All-State

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe South boys' swimming and diving team took home a trophy in last weekend's Division 2 state championship meet at Eastern Michigan University.

Birmingham Seaholm won the state title with 357.5 points, while Dexter was second with 203 and South was third with 196.

"We exceeded expectations and nearly beat Dexter to take second," head coach Eric Gunderson said. "We had some great performances at the state finals and finished strong on Saturday. I'm proud of the guys for working so hard to attain this finish."

South started the season ranked No. 10 and slowly moved up the charts, finishing fifth before the league meet.

"We went under the radar all year and nobody expected us to do this well at the finals," Gunderson said. "Everyone stepped up and did a great job."

Gunderson and his Blue Devils were able to capture nine All-State performances, including the 200-yard medley relay team of Patrick

Jackson, Jacob Montague, Devlin Francis and Nick Yoo, who took second with a school-record and all-american time of 1:34.23.

Montague made All-State in the 200-yard individual medley, taking with a school-record time of 1:53.75, and Jack Martin tied for 12th in the 50-yard freestyle, turning in a time of 22.07.

The Blue Devils had two All-State performances in diving, with Erik Romer and Eric Addy finishing fourth and fifth with 371.05 and 369.80 points, respectively, and Jackson earned another All-State after placing fifth in the 100-yard butterfly with a time of 50.95.

Yoo was 11th in the butterfly, posting a time of 52.11 and Francis was 14th at 53.05.

In the 500-yard freestyle, Samuel Wilkinson was 28th with a time of 5:00.68 to lead the Blue Devil competitors in this event, and the 200-yard freestyle relay squad of Yoo, Doug Graham, Francis and Martin earned All-State by placing fifth with a time of 1:27.21.

The Blue Devils had another All-State performer when Jackson took third in the 100-yard



PHOTO COURTESY OF ERIC GUNDERSON

The Grosse Pointe South state finals competitors finished a surprising third to earn a trophy in last weekend's Division 2 state meet at EMU.

backstroke, turning in a school-record and all-american consideration time of 52.02, and Connor Mallegh was 21st with a time of 56.77. Graham also competed in the backstroke and placed 35th with a time of 59.32. They continued the All-State streak as Montague took fifth in the 100-yard breaststroke with another school-record time of 58.37, and Robby Koueiter was 32nd with a time of 1:04.40.

The 400-yard freestyle relay foursome of Yoo, Martin, Jackson and Montague made All-State by taking third with a time of 3:10.34. The time is also set for all-american consideration.

North, ULS results

The Grosse Pointe North boys' swimming

and diving team finished 24th with nine points in last weekend's Division 2 state championship meet at Eastern Michigan University.

William McNelis placed ninth with 357.60 points and Duncan MacAskill was 23rd with 138.80 points in the diving competition.

They were the only two Norsemen to compete in the state finals.

Liggett also had a state qualifier in the Division 3 state meet at Holland Aquatics.

Stephen Lesha competed in the 100-yard backstroke and placed 21st with a time of 58.01.

In the D3 team standings, Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood won the state title with 297 points, followed closely by Chelsea with 273.33 and East Grand Rapids with 256.83.

GYMNASTICS

GROSSE POINTE UNITED

United gets fourth place

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

In the girls' gymnastics state team meet last weekend, Grosse Pointe United finished fourth with 142.400 points.

Canton won the title with 146.650 points, followed by Grand Ledge with 144.250 and Farmington United with 144.200.

Plymouth High School hosted the meet.

Competing for Grosse Pointe United were Isabelle Nguyen, Maria Nguyen, Jen Gmeiner, Michelle Ellis, Gyanei Johnson, Caitlin Gaitley, Amy Olson and Chandler McClarty.

The first three girls competed on all four events, vault, bars, beam and floor.

Isabelle Nguyen scored a 9.450 on vault, 9.575 on bars, 9.500 on beam and 9.200 on floor, while her sister, Maria Nguyen, had a 9.350 on vault, 8.875 on bars, 9.100 on beam and 9.500 on floor.

Gmeiner scored an 8.525 on vault, 8.925 on bars, 9.100 on beam and 8.275 on floor.

Ellis competed in three events, scoring an 8.500 on vault, 8.050 on bars and a 7.850 on beam, and Johnson scored a 6.900 on bars and 8.375 on

floor.

Gaitley, in her final high school gymnastics team event, scored an 8.650 on vault and 7.850 on floor, and Olson had an 8.200 on beam. McClarty did not compete on any of the four events.

The following day was the individual finals, also at Plymouth High School.

Isabelle and Maria Nguyen were the team's top performers, finishing fifth and 14th in the all-around competition, earning 37.125 and 35.725 points, respectively.

On the vault in Division 1, Isabelle and Maria Nguyen finished seventh and eighth with scores of 9.475 and 9.450, and the duo placed fifth (Isabelle) and 21st (Maria) on the uneven parallel bars with scores of 9.475 and 8.475.

Gmeiner was first on the parallel bars in Division 2, earning a score of 8.925.

On the Division 1 balance beam routines, Isabelle Nguyen was 18th with a score of 8.850 and Maria Nguyen was 24th with a score of 8.500. The two finished off their day in the floor exercise, placing 11th and 12th with Isabelle scoring a 9.325 and Maria netting a 9.300.

Girls basketball

LIGGETT

Knights win regional

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The University Liggett girls' basketball team won its third regional championships in the past five years, beating a gutsy Brown City squad 58-47 in the title game last week played at Madison Heights Bishop Foley.

The Knights had all the opportunities in the world to blow open the game in the first half. They forced a dozen turnovers and had shots in the paint on every pos-

session, but more than a handful of those layups missed and the Knights found themselves down 14-12 after the first quarter and 24-23 at the half.

It was 24-17 Brown City until junior Lola Ristovski canned back-to-back three-point shots to bring the Knights within a point and give them momentum heading into the third quarter.

The Knights outscored the Green Devils 17-12 in the third quarter to lead 40-36 and they had a double-digit lead early in the fourth until Brown City

made its comeback. Within a couple of possessions, the Knights used three-point baskets from freshman Nia Ahart and junior Jessica Rotzoll to open a nine-point lead and essentially end the game.

The Knights made enough free throws in the final two minutes to keep the Green Devils at bay and win the regional championship.

Rotzoll was the player of the game, netting a double-double, with 18 points and 14 rebounds. Ristovski led the team

with 19 points, five rebounds and two blocked shots, while Ahart finished with 12 points and two blocked shots.

Sophomore Kendall McConico had an off-night, scoring just seven points with five rebounds and two blocked shots. The Knights hit nine three-pointers, while Brown City did almost all of its damage in the paint.

Liggett cruised to the Sweet 16 matchup by dismantling host Bishop Foley 61-36.

Liggett is 20-3 overall.



PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE
Liggett junior Jessica Rotzoll, center, had a double-double to lead the Knights to a win over Brown City.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils fall to Mercy

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

In a battle of top five teams, Grosse Pointe

South came out on the losing end of a 73-30 Class A regional semifinal to Farmington Hills Mercy.

The game was played at Farmington High School.

Head coach Kevin Richards' Blue Devils had their hands full with the more experienced Marlins and it was evident from the opening minute they were all business.

The Marlins couldn't miss from the field and opened an amazing 25-11 first-quarter lead and it was 36-24 at the half.

In the first half, the Blue Devils shot less than 40 percent from the field, while the Marlins were better than 50 percent.

The Blue Devils got back in the game, thanks to senior Bre Andrews, who scored 10 of her 15

points in the third quarter as they cut the double-digit deficit to only two points, using a 17-7 run.

Richards' team forced turnovers, shot the ball better and rebounded, which helped them cut the deficit to 43-41. They had all the momentum and their fans got into the game.

The Marlins used a three-point play and three-point basket to open a 49-41 lead, and it was all Mercy after that as it put the game away by scoring 30 fourth-quarter points to only 19 for South.

Andrews finished her high school career with three three-point baskets among her 15 points, while junior Aliezza Brown led the Blue Devils with 19 points and she grabbed five rebounds.

Junior Cierra Rice had a double-double, netting 16 points and 10 rebounds, and sophomore Anna Carmody had five points. Junior Katie Kish had three points and five rebounds.

Grosse Pointe South



PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE
South junior Aliezza Brown, No. 2, is trapped by two Mercy defenders during the Blue Devils' Class A regional semifinal loss to the Marlins.

ended its season 22-2 overall.

College news

Bucknell University freshman Claire DeBoer, a 2013 South graduate, was named Patriot League Rookie of the Year in a vote by the league's head coaches.

According to the school's website, DeBoer, Bucknell's sixth Rookie of the Year honoree and its first since Lindsey Hollobaugh in 2004, has

made her presence felt in the post, leading all freshmen in both scoring and rebounding from the very beginning of the season.

She is currently averaging 9.8 points per game as the Bison's third-leading scorer and 6.8 rebounds per contest as one of their top defensive presences, and has scored in double-digits in 12 of the 25 contests in which she has started.

The forward earned the conference's Rookie of the Week award on eight different occasions in the 2013-14 campaign, tying the Patriot League record held by Army's Kelsey Minato and Bucknell's Hollobaugh.

The rookie became the first Bison freshman to register a double-double since March of 2008 with her 11 point-10 rebound effort at Cornell, and went on to tally four more over the course of the season.

She had one of the most impressive performances of her young career at Holy Cross in January, scoring 20 points and collecting 15 rebounds while also draining a three at the buzzer to send the game, which the Bison eventually won, into overtime.

City of **Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan**

BOARD OF REVIEW NOTICE

The City of Grosse Pointe Park Board of Review will meet at 15115 East Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan on March 4th, to organize and review assessments.

They will hear protests from aggrieved property owners by appointment on 3/11 from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m., 3/13 from noon to 5 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m., 3/18 from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m., 3/20 from noon to 5 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m.

Appointments only. Schedule at (313) 822-5020, (313) 822-4365, (313) 822-4361. Written appeals accepted no later than 3/18/14.

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City of **Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan**

BOARD OF REVIEW

Meetings for the purpose of reviewing the 2014 Assessment Roll for the City of Grosse Pointe Farms, Wayne County, Michigan, will be held by the Board of Review on:

TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2014
From 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
and
6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

and

TUESDAY, MARCH 25, 2014
From 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
and
1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

at City Hall, 90 Kerby Road, Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan 48236.

Hearings will be scheduled by appointment. Please contact City of Grosse Pointe Farms at (313) 640-1618. You may also petition the Board in writing through the mail if you cannot make the hearing dates. These letters HAVE TO BE IN THE OFFICE BY FRIDAY, MARCH 14th.

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City of **Grosse Pointe, Michigan**

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Monday, March 17, 2014 9:30 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Tuesday, March 18, 2014 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.

Wednesday, March 19, 2014 5:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.

Call City Hall at 313-885-5800 to schedule your appointment.

Wendy Moya, Assessor
City of Grosse Pointe

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Boys basketball

LIGGETT

Knights make district finals

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

University Liggett boys' basketball team lost 66-49 to Harper Woods in a Class C district championship game at Detroit Henry Ford Academy.

"The guys played hard, but we had to juggle our lineup due to an injury to T.J. (Thomas Jackson)," head coach Sidney Johnson said. "It was a nice effort, but we lost to a team that played better."

"Despite the loss, it was a nice season and the guys came together."

Jackson injured himself in the district semifinal and his absence was felt as the Knights didn't have enough fire power to upset the Pioneers.

Junior Andrew Lohman led the Knights with 11 points, followed by freshman Jordan Petersen with eight.

In the district semifinal, Liggett trailed by four in the third quarter, but used a 28-11 fourth quarter to beat the home team 70-59.

Lohman once again led the team with 18 points, followed by Petersen



PHOTO BY RENATO JAMETT

Liggett head coach Sidney Johnson, right, and assistant coach Alex Hurley turned a young, inexperienced boys' basketball team into a winner this year.

with 14, senior Ian Clark with 12 and Jackson with 10.

In the opening round, Liggett trailed Detroit Edison by eight points with two minutes left, but rallied to force overtime. The Knights outscored Edison 14-7 in overtime to win 74-67.

Lohman had 17 points, followed by Petersen with 14, Jackson with 13 and Clark with 9.

"It was nice to see the guys battle back and win

a big game," Johnson said. "This was a great way to start the state playoffs for our young team."

Liggett finished its season 11-11 overall and loses only five seniors, Clark, Darryl Lewis, John George, Shawn Fair and Antonio Malkoun.

Returning next season are Jackson, Spencer Ewing, Petersen, Jaren English, Lohman, Caleb Stokes and Samuel Durno.

Youth soccer

GROSSE POINTE SOCCER ASSOCIATION



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Undefeated

The Red Bulls indoor soccer team is unbeaten and in first place in the 2104 U12 boys' second session. The team plays out of Total Soccer in Fraser and this group of Grosse Pointers also played an undefeated season together on the Grosse Pointe Soccer Association U11 Metro League during the Fall 2013 Season. The team is coached by Ron Muccioli and managed by his wife, Denise Muccioli. Pictured above are, from left, Coach Muccioli, Meadow Venet, George Graham, Brennan Hayward, Nicolas Muccioli, Nick Post, Joseph Tedesco, Markie Giesecking, James MacAuley, Kyle MacGillis, Keifer Frank and goalie Jake Tedesco. Not pictured is Zach Rockwell.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Norsemen battle, but fall in semis

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

For three quarters, Grosse Pointe North boys' basketball team was hanging tough with one of the state's top squads, Detroit Southeastern.

It was a Class A district semifinal game and the winner moved to the finals, while the loser ended its season.

The host Norsemen trailed 10-4 after the first quarter, but outscored the Jungaleers 10-6 in the second stanza to cut the deficit to 16-14 after a very slow-paced first half.

The Norsemen trailed 24-22 midway through the third quarter before losing control and in the end, falling 55-37.

"I'm proud of the guys for the great effort they gave tonight," head coach

Matt Lockhart said. "They could have easily given up early, knowing we were playing a team that could win the state title."

"However, they came in with a great attitude and played a good game. This was a nice effort and it's tough to end the season, but it's a little better feeling knowing they gave it their best shot."

The undersized Norsemen fought to stay close, even though they didn't shoot the ball particularly well. They rebounded well enough to hit enough shots to stay within a basket in the third quarter.

Seniors Justin Kennedy and Ricky Watson provided nearly all of the scoring for the home team.

However, in the latter stages of the third quar-

ter and throughout the fourth, Southeastern's dominant size proved too much to handle as 6-foot, 6-inch senior center Daryl Bigham took over.

He scoed several straight points to help the Jungaleers extend their lead to 35-27 after the third quarter and the advantage quickly hit double digits early in the fourth quarter.

The Norsemen never cut the deficit to single digits and it was season over.

Kennedy and Watson each scored 11 points to lead the Norsemen, while seniors Sal Ciaravino and Jacob Zacharias followed with six and five points, respectively.

Grosse Pointe North finished the season 4-16 overall.

Lockhart loses several seniors.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Great season ends in district semifinal

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South entered its Class A district semifinal game thinking it had a chance to upset Detroit East English Village Academy.

First-year head coach Troy Glasser and the Blue Devils came off one of the programs best regular seasons in quite some time.

They had confidence and senior leadership.

East English didn't allow South to gain any momentum after a good

first quarter in which Blue Devil senior guard Darius Harris canned a three-pointer at the horn to bring them within four points, 16-12.

Juniors Sam Hunter and Brian Blanzly made baskets early in the second quarter to tie the game at 16.

That would be the Blue Devils' best shot as the Bulldogs eventually wore down the underdogs and won 76-58.

The Blue Devils were outscored 24-8 the rest of the second quarter, falling behind 40-24 at the

half, and they never mounted a second-half comeback.

Senior Dan Dixon played well in his final high school game, scoring 23 points to lead the Blue Devils.

Harris had 12 points, followed by Blanzly with seven and senior Gordie Post with five.

Despite the loss last week, Grosse Pointe South finished its season 15-6 overall, which was a 10 game improvement from 2013.

Half of the varsity team returns next season.

Baseball

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Register for clinic

Grosse Pointe South hosts its 20th annual Baseball Instructional Camp from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 22. The school is located at 11 Grosse Pointe Boulevard, Grosse Pointe, MI 48236.

Campers receive instruction in hitting, pitching, infield, outfield, catching and sliding techniques.

It is open to boys and girls in grades second to eighth grade, and coaches may observe, take notes or videotape.

Players should bring their own equipment and Grosse Pointe South is not responsible for lost or stolen articles.

Players should report to the main gymnasium 15 minutes ahead of the scheduled start time in proper baseball attire (glove, shorts or sweats,

and tennis shoes). The cost is \$60 per player and coaches are free.

Make checks payable to GPS Dugout Club and send to Dan Griesbaum, Grosse Pointe South High School, 11 Grosse Pointe Boulevard, Grosse Pointe, MI 48236.

All players must be registered by March 21 and no registrations are accepted at the door.

For further information, contact Griesbaum at (313) 884-7834 or

e-mail questions to Dan.griesbaum@gpschools.org.

Players must have parental permission in order to participate.

The front and back of the brochure must be filled out.

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CHAMPS: Pangborn goal wins state title

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puck, they would try to go end-to-end and not set up any type of play. These solo acts played right into Liggett's hands.

The home team drew within a goal at 3-2 when senior Danielle Lorant scored at the 9:57 mark and senior Ania Dow faked out Chen on a break-away, scoring at the 3:14 mark to tie the game 3-3.

Both goalies made big saves down the stretch to send the game to overtime.

Pangborn's heroics capped the comeback and won Liggett its first girls' state championship. Liggett ended its best-

ever season 21-4 overall. Liggett advanced to its first state championship game after a fingernail biting 2-1 win over Ann Arbor Pioneer in the semifinals.

Cranbrook-Kingswood earned its finals berth with a 5-3 win over Port Huron in the first semifinal, setting the stage for another tight battle between Liggett and Pioneer.

Liggett defeated Pioneer by a goal during the two regular season games, winning 2-1 on the road and 3-2 in overtime on home ice.

This semifinal proved to be just as exciting as a packed house watched a great hockey game.

The Knights scored at the 2:17 mark of the first period when Pangborn tallied, with senior Hannah Hodges drawing the lone assist.

Later in the second period, Lorant scored a short-handed goal, with



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Above, Liggett players and coaches are No. 1 after beating Cranbrook-Kingswood in the state title game. Below, sophomore goalie Olivia Portillo makes a save.

sophomore Molly Murphy netting an assist.

Pioneer came back and made it a game, scoring its short-handed goal with only 43 seconds left in the second period as senior Mercedes Reyes lit the lamp.



Sophomore Olivia Portillo, No. 30, skates over to receive her championship medal.



Pioneer had all the momentum in the third period, including enjoying its second 5-on-3 advantage midway through the final stanza.

However, Portillo made a couple of solid saves and the defense did the rest, keeping Pioneer off the board and keep it a 2-1 game.

Portillo made the save of the game midway through the third period, stopping the puck with a skate save when a

Pioneer forward was wide open on the right side of the net. It looked to be a sure game-tying goal, but somehow Portillo quickly moved to her left and made the kick save to preserve the one-goal advantage.

Pioneer had two chances in the final 10 seconds, but both times the Knights' defense was able to gather the puck and send it down the ice as the final horn sounded. This was jubilation and

the first time in Liggett history it made the state championship game.

"Special teams was the key tonight and our girls did a great on the penalty kill for a second straight game," Jaeckle said. "The girls killed off not one, but two 5-on-3 chances and they believed in each other to beat a good Ann Arbor team."

"This is a true 'team,' and they realize it takes an entire team to win championships."



Above, Liggett players hug after the winning goal was scored early in overtime. Below, head coach Cassie Jaeckle, left, talks to her team between the end of regulation and beginning of overtime.



Liggett players hoist the Division 1 state championship trophy with classmates joining them at center ice. This is Liggett's first state championship and the school's fourth in ice hockey since the boys have won three.



LEGO Challenge



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Some 68 LEGO structures were entered by children in grades kindergarten through eighth grade in the fourth annual LEGO Artists Challenge. Some 250 guests viewed the creations. Winners in the kindergarten through second grade were Jacob Haack, Josh Koch and Tommy Meurer; honorable mentions went to Jack Howe, Jackson Montague, Christopher Runk; third through fifth grade winners were Andrew Kolojeski, Matthew Candey and Peyton Stenhebel; honorable mentions were given to Paige Spence and Caleb Welch; winners in sixth through eighth grade category were Tristan Guevara, Teddy Prokop and Nicholas Kramer.

Top left, Matthew Candey took second place in grades three through five at the LEGO Challenge, sponsored by The Family Center of Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods. His "Sweden Ice Hotel," he said, was inspired by watching the travel channel.

Left, Andrew Kolojeski was given first place in grades three through five with his reproduction of the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club.



Liggett's musical

The Liggett Players took to the stage in their final performance last weekend and asked the question: "Do Black Patent Leather Shoes Really Reflect Up?" The musical is an account of John R. Powers teenage life growing up in Chicago's Catholic school system. Among the cast members were seniors Margot Alpert, Roise DeRoo, Jacqueline Diggs, Henry Duhaime and Jewel Evans were in the coming-of age play. Juniors Joe Pas and Jonathan Valente were featured members of the student-organized orchestra, as were seniors Nicholas Wu and Anna Rose Canzano.



Assumption Nursery School hosts exploration day

Assumption Nursery School and Toddler Center hosts a free Science & Art Exploration Day from 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday, March 15, at the school.

The event gives children an opportunity to participate in experiments related to chemistry, physics, nature, scientific art and color exploration.

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For more information, call the school at (586) 772-4477 or visit assumptionnursery.org.

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Sharing their hearts

The 22 Maire Elementary fifth-graders of Donna Bednarczyk's class provided care packages to patients in St. John Hospital and Medical Center's pediatric unit. Students filled red and white sacks with handcrafted valetines, books and rubber band loom bracelets. Drs. Ying Zhang, left, and Paul Padesky, right accept the gift bags from Charlie Rulison and Kate Skupien.

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Readers

Adam Fox and Noah Karchner, eighth grade National Junior Honor Society students, visited first and second grade Maire Elementary School classrooms to read to the students as part of Read Across America. In honor of Dr. Seuss's birthday, the eighth graders read Dr. Seuss books and helped elementary students with various activities.



In second grade, the students heard the story "Green Eggs and Ham." They came up with rhyming words of their own and composed a mini poem. Colin Hoffman, second grader, shares his rhyme with the class.



Community project

Poupard Junior Girl Scout Troop 70426 used the proceeds from a December bake sale, \$100 contributed by Home Depot's manager, Robert Dennison, and the Harper Woods Firefighters Local 1188 to purchase 18 CO2 detectors to be distributed to Harper Woods residents. The troop was fulfilling its year of community projects. In February, the girls made and delivered a Valentine's dinner to the fire station. This month they are putting together goodie bags for a local hospital's pediatric patients. With the Girl Scouts are back left, Dennis, and Harper Woods firefighter Mike Head.



Author visit

Children's author Kimberly Koskos shared her book, "Don't Call Me a Tattletale!", with Maire Elementary children to kick off Reading Month. Koskos is an elementary school teacher and holds master's degrees in educational leadership from Saginaw Valley State University and school and community counseling from Oakland University. She, her husband and three daughters live in Shelby Township.

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WCCCD adds online chat services

Wayne County Community College District's new online chat service provides students interactive, real-time support from a student services professional. Online chat adds another point of contact for students to receive

fast answers to their questions. The district already supports a student services hotline, one-on-one support teams available on each campus, dedicated call centers and its student services staff. Students who need online academic assistance can now access Smart Thinking, a tool that provides real-time online tutoring from educators 24 hours a day from any computer with an Internet connection. Students access the service through their WCCCD-issued web-gate system login. An additional service

allows students to track their progress toward their degree. DegreeWorks allows students to view and print completed credits and requirements, including courses taken or in progress, skills assessment test results, transfer credits and more. A new video-based web service also helps young adults or those seeking to change careers what jobs are available that match their personal interests and passions. Called Candid Career, the site hosts candid interviews with real-world professionals describing their jobs and career paths to help

career seekers determine whether professions are a good fit. Candid Career also provides career advice, networking opportunities, tips for successful resume writing and interviewing, and an inside look at how social and business trends are affecting a variety of fields. WCCCD in 2012 launched financial aid TV, an online video service that allowed students to receive comprehensive financial aid assistance with a couple of key strokes. For more information on these student online tools, visit wcccd.edu or call (313) 496-2600.

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Used baseball equipment needed

Grosse Pointe North High School junior Tommy Burke is collecting new and gently used baseball and softball equipment from 1 to 5 p.m. Sundays, March 23, and March 30. The equipment will be donated to the Police Athletic League. It's time to give back, Burke said in a promotional flier of why he is collecting the equip-

ment. He said he began playing baseball at the age of three and is on a travel team, playing throughout the country during the summer. The Grosse Pointe Shores resident said he intends to continue playing baseball in college. Items needed:
◆ baseball and softball cleats, new and old, rubber or metal, all sizes,
◆ all sizes of gloves for

baseball and softball,
◆ bats,
◆ bags,
◆ practice gear,
◆ balls and
◆ catchers' gear.
Place the items on your front porch at the aforementioned times and call (810) 499-8665 for pick up. PAL serves 11,000 Detroit children who begin their season in May.

South, Pierce music programs earn top ratings

The Grosse Pointe South High Schools symphony orchestra, concert orchestra and Grosse Pointe Pierce Middle School seventh and eighth grade orchestra earned first division ratings at the March 8 Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association District XVI Band and Orchestra Festival at Clawson High School. The orchestras are now qualified for the state band and orchestra festival.

These high school music programs are under the direction of James Gross. March 7, the Pierce Middle School seventh and eighth grade concert band earned a first division in the MSBOA Band and Orchestra Festival at Chippewa Valley High School. The concert band is under the direction of Christopher Takis and long-term substitutes Elizabeth Zachary and Kathy Steklac.