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Complete news coverage of all the Pointes

Deeplands plans tabled 30 days

By Brad Lindberg
 Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — Beth Case and her husband are counting the seasons until they move on. “We’re going to retire in three years,” she said. “We’ve already built a retirement home.” They don’t want their

nest egg devalued by a proposed 18-lot subdivision abutting their backyard. “When I have to sell my house, because of this development I’m going to have to sell it for significantly less than what it was appraised a couple years ago,” Case said. “People think this is just my problem. But the

moment I sell my house for less than it was valued two years ago, it’s a ripple effect.” The Cases’ property on Sheldon is part of the southern boundary of the Stackpole estate. The estate, built in 1941, has been vacant three years. It had a Lakeshore address decades ago until

whittled down to 7.83 acres presently designated 55 South Deeplands. The original front lawn overlooked Lake St. Clair until subdivided during the 1950s into such things as Case’s house. Remaining grounds are loaded with wildlife-luring gardens and 347 trees of at least 5-inch caliper.

There’s peace, quiet and one of the community’s last touchstones to a nearly extinct era of even grander estates that generations ago began succumbing to the economic pincer of income taxes, rising costs of domestic help and granddad’s dwindling endowment. Wrecking crews and surveyors cleared new

ground for a 1950s generation of “ranch houses and cracker-box Colonials” that offended gentry of the time, as characterized in W. Hawkins Ferry’s chapter in “Tonnancour.” A group of Grosse Pointers eyeing the estate for development see its
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Laura VandePutte and her daughter, Anna, play checkers.



Family fun

Trombly Elementary School hosted its third annual Family Game Night March 3, as a way for families to have fun in a relaxed setting. Many families played games such as life-sized Jenga, Twister, Candy Land and checkers, as well as competed in Family Feud. Left, Alex Cline and his dad, Matthew Cline, play Twister.

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Avalon Bellamy watches as her mom, Joanie, and sisters, Pepper and Iris, play Candy Land.



No change in Hampton bus routing pattern

By Kathy Ryan
 Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — In spite of promises from city officials that new routing would be in place by March 1, Maryland residents say buses from the Detroit Department of Transportation continue to use Hampton as a turnaround lane. City Administrator Dale Krajniak at the Feb. 13 city council meeting told residents he negotiated new routing with Detroit officials and the practice of Detroit buses using narrow residential

streets for turnaround would cease as of March 1. According to Park resident Sarah Boyd, the March 1 date came and went with no change in bus traffic. Boyd and other residents in the area took their concerns over bus traffic on Hampton between Maryland and Alter to the city council beginning last fall when bus traffic dramatically increased under a new route. According to Boyd, a DDOT bus drove down Hampton every 15 minutes and with Hampton being a resi-

dential street, problems ensued. At the February council meeting, Krajniak said a new route had been developed, which included removing parking meters and posting “No Parking” signs along Jefferson to accommodate buses turning on Jefferson. He said DDOT officials would have drivers trained in the new routing by March 1. Mayor Pro Tem Dan Clark praised Krajniak at the February meeting for his work on the new
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Crime takes a nosedive

By Brad Lindberg
 Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — Grosse Pointe gendarmes often put tongue in cheek when attributing the jurisdiction’s law abiding reputation to crime being outlawed in the community. In the City of Grosse Pointe, Chief Stephen Poloni credits officer initiative for knocking down overall reported crime 15 percent last year while arrests increased 7 percent. “More arrests, yet less crime shows proactive work by our police department,” he said. “Younger officers we hired are taking a more proactive approach to patrols,” said Lt. Al Gwyn. “They’re stopping a lot of alleged violators that have turned up with warrants or have suspended (driver’s licenses) and are taking them off the street.”

“As the (city) prosecutor, I’m appreciative of hiring the chief has done over the last couple years,” said Charles Kennedy III. “You have a growing group of enthusiastic, dedicated officers.” “If you’ve been in the Village and on Fisher (Road), you’ve seen officers every day walking the beat and talking to residents,” Poloni said. “We’ve gotten a lot of compliments from business owners and residents that have noticed that change. I can’t be any more proud of this group.” Crime totals come from the 2016 public safety department annual report released this month. “Serious crime in the City decreased in 2016 by 17 percent,” Poloni said. “Less serious crimes decreased 16 percent.” The big majority of incidents was and
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Fiber boxes coming

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — Eagle-eyed admirers of communications infrastructure will swoon over additional AT&T equipment cabinets at three roadside locations of the city.

“One’s a U-verse cabinet, one’s a regular copper-line cabinet and the third one will be fiber (optic cable),” said Gary Huvaere, City of Grosse Pointe public services director.

City officials approved AT&T installing a new cabinet on three municipal roadside rights-of-way.

Locations are:

◆ Charlevoix between

Neff and St. Clair, ◆ Maumee between St. Clair and Notre Dame and

◆ Jefferson between Lakeside Court and Elmsleigh Lane.

“Cabinets will provide access to their new, 100 percent fiber network,” Huvaere said. “This is the fastest internet service AT&T delivers to homes, apartments and small business locations.”

Cabinets will be screened by vegetation.

AT&T must post \$3,000 for restoration work not completed to the city’s satisfaction.

— Brad Lindberg



Helping hands

Services for Older Citizens hosts a blanket-making class at 10 a.m. most Wednesdays at SOC, 158 Ridge, Grosse Pointe Farms. All are welcome to work alongside other volunteers making the no-sew blankets. SOC’s spring goal is making 500 blankets for Blanketed With Love, which then gives the finished blankets to various charities. From left, Elizabeth Smith, Laurie Coplin, Miranda Xhacka and Mary Dempsey work on a blanket.

PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT



From left, Clara Graham and Noreen Szymborski get help from Grosse Pointe South High School volunteers, freshman Cece Diehl, junior Courtney Diehl and junior Sophie Leslie. The teens said they wanted to help over winter break for fun.



From left, Joan Puscas, Shirley Whelan and Mary Kay Fiorentino hold up a finished blanket.

Water contractors get taste of Shores

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — Contractor bids to improve the water distribution network are being reviewed.

“We had a mandatory pre-bid meeting (Monday), Feb. 13, which is unique to bid practices, but I like our contractors to see what they’re bidding on and get a taste for Grosse Pointe Shores,” said Brett Smith, director of public works.

Construction extends a water main from South and North Duval

north to the city limits and 87-acre Edsel and Eleanor Ford Estate.

“We have a 12-inch main there and a lot of it has deteriorated,” Smith said. “We’re going to make repairs and loop our system, which will improve redundancy and supply more water to the Ford House.”

Water meters

In related water department activity, crews continue swapping analog meters for the remote sensing

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Bonding water main work

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — Citywide water system upgrades are scheduled over the next two years.

They’re being funded by \$2.2 million worth of capital improvement bonds to be sold next month with a 20-year payback.

“These bonds will not have any impact on prop-

erty taxes of City (of Grosse Pointe) residents,” said Peter Dame, city manager. “Bonds would be paid back from the water and sewer fund.”

The fund is separate from the general fund and consists of revenue from City water and sewer customers.

“The estimated impact on an average user’s water bill is approximately \$3 per month,” Dame said.

Water main work is scheduled through 2018

on the following streets:

◆ Cadieux from Kercheval to Charlevoix, ◆ Maumee from Roosevelt to Washington, plus valve replacements at various locations,

◆ Washington from Maumee to St. Paul,

◆ Washington from Waterloo to Chalfonte,

◆ Notre Dame from the alley to the start of the 700 block and

◆ Washington from Chalfonte to Mack.

Construction involves laying 3,975 feet of pipe ranging from six to 12


inches in diameter for a combined estimated cost of \$2,089,550.

“Most work is intended to complete the creation of an improved water circulation system with a large-diameter looped main,” Dame said. “This will increase water pressure for property owners and fire fighting purposes.”

Bonds are tax exempt.

“Tax-exempt bonds carry a lower interest rate and reduce the cost

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In the interim, we will proceed with board-approved plans to make necessary capital improvements to the aging infrastructure of the 1962 Fries building to ensure basic safety and accessibility standards for our guests. We expect this process to take 12 to 18 months.

Given the above, the Town Hall meeting for March 13 and the City Council work session scheduled for March 29 have been canceled.

Our mission remains the same: to honor the legacy of our veterans and the freedoms they’ve provided us by providing a culturally-diverse portfolio of traditional and contemporary arts, entertainment and educational experiences that our broader community can benefit from, enjoy and support.

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remains against property — no murders last year, just one robbery and three cases of aggravated assault.

Among crimes rated most serious by the FBI, larceny led the way, as it has for years. Last year’s tally of 71 reported cases represents 76 percent of all serious crime during the period, down 7 percent from 2015.

Eight cases of home invasion during 2016 compare with 13 each during 2015 and 2014, all down from 20 cases reported in 2012.

“That’s the lowest number we’ve had in five years,” Poloni said of the 2016 total.

Overall arrests last year totaled 141 versus 132 in 2015. The five-year average is 117.

Calls for service, which account for officers responding to anything from false alarms to investigations ending

with convictions, increased 10 percent during 2016 to 5,716.

There were fewer fires, down 18 percent from 2015. Yet, flames consuming a commercial building at the corner of Mack and Cadieux contributed to nearly \$2.7 million in property losses.

Beaumont Transportation continues providing City emergency medical response.

“Those requests decreased 17 percent,” Poloni said. “There were 163 requests for an ambulance with an average response time of 4 minutes, 21 seconds.”

Breakdown

A list of the most numerous offenses during 2016 compared with 2015 is:

◆ larceny down 16 percent to 71 cases,

◆ fraud, including falsified auto insurance, unchanged at 32,

◆ drunken driving down 27 percent to 27,

◆ malicious destruction of property down 5 percent to 19,

◆ narcotics down 29 percent to 12,

◆ non-aggravated as-

sault up 22 percent to 11,

◆ burglary and home invasion down 38 percent to eight and

◆ auto theft up 66 percent to three.

There were no reports of sexual offenses, arson or weapons violations. Nor will City Prosecutor Kennedy need to brush up on the Sherman Act as there were no reported antitrust violations.

Support

Members of the city council have the backs of officers on the front line of public safety.

“My compliments,” Mayor Dale Scrace told Poloni.

“We have a nice, tight ship now,” added Councilman Christopher Boettcher. “You’ve built a nice team.”

“They’re out there all the time,” said Councilman Don Parthum. “I see them talking to kids. It’s nice and refreshing.”

“There’s a noticeable difference in our field officers,” added Councilman Andrew Turnbull. “You see the level of activity. It’s great.”

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Budget adjusted to reality

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — Bookkeeping requires housekeeping.

Not the dusting and vacuuming kind, but housekeeping in the accounting sense — adjusting accounts to reconcile totals with projections made six months ago at the start of the fiscal year July 1.

Councilman Bruce Bisballe, chairman of the Grosse Pointe Shores

finance committee, called them, “New-year course corrections.”

More adjustments are due in a few months as the fiscal year ends June 30.

“Come May or June, I will be presenting more amendments as the financial numbers are coming in,” said Rhonda Ricketts, finance director. “This is a routine item at the six-month mark.”

“The overall thing is we’re increasing expenditures by about \$140,000 over the initial budget,”

Bisballe said.

Spending as of Dec. 31, 2016, increased slightly in almost every category of the general fund except sanitation, which is \$31,206 higher than forecast, and public works, a \$2,127 decrease. “We’ve had no surprises in terms of expenditures,” Bisballe said.

Corresponding revenue adjustments consist mainly of \$151,356 proceeds from the sale of a lot plus a combined \$40,000 increase in permit and inspection fees,

court fines and miscellaneous revenue.

“(Public Safety Director John Schulte) has in his drug forfeiture fund \$22,000 that wasn’t budgeted,” Bisballe said. “It has to be spent for public safety functions.”

The bulk of forfeiture money came from the traffic stop of a man possessing drugs, weapons and cash.

“Wayne County wanted the money,” said Mayor Ted Kedzierski.

“Too bad,” Schulte said.

Rape suspect arraigned, held on \$100,000 bond

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — A 17-year-old Harper Woods resident faces four felony counts related to an alleged rape said to have occurred Tuesday, Jan. 31, at the Woods branch of the Grosse Pointe Public Library.

Javeil White was arraigned on the charges Wednesday, March 1, in Woods Municipal Court. He has been charged with one count of criminal sexual conduct — first degree, a felony punishable by up to life in prison; kidnapping, a felony punishable by up to life in prison; criminal sexual conduct — third degree (force or coercion), a felony punishable by up to 15 years in prison; and interfering with a crime report — committing crime/threatening to kill or injure, a 10-year felony.

Judge Ted Metry ordered White held on a \$100,000 bond.

According to the lead investigator on the case, Woods Detective Ryan Schroerlucke, White and the victim, also 17, both attended Grosse Pointe North High School, where they were acquainted with each other but were not friends. The victim was at the library approximately 3:30 p.m. when she used the unisex bathroom. White then entered the bathroom, allegedly prevented the victim from leaving and forced her to perform a sex act on him. The victim left the bathroom, returned to the

table where she had been studying and said White followed her, sat down and told her she was not to tell anyone about the incident. If she did, White told her a friend of his who had just been released from jail would rape and kill her.

The victim told a library employee about the assault and was picked up by her father. She went to school Wednesday, Feb. 1, and told North Principal Kate Murray. Murray notified police.

On the advice of police, the victim and her mother went to St. John Hospital where a rape kit was completed.

Schroerlucke questioned White Feb. 3. He said the sex act was consensual and the victim texted him about meeting at the library. He denied threatening her with retaliation. Police were able to review surveillance video from the library which appeared to corroborate the victim’s account of the events leading up to the alleged assault, including a video showing White followed her into the bathroom. Cellphone records also are being reviewed by police.

On Tuesday, Feb. 28, the Wayne County Prosecutor’s Office authorized charges to be brought against White and he turned himself in to Woods police Wednesday, March 1.

Metry scheduled a probable cause hearing for 1 p.m. Wednesday, March 8, and a preliminary examination Thursday, March 16.

Funding set for Fisher streetscape

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — Increased state and municipal antes for Fisher Road commercial streetscape enhancements, due to start mid-June, reduce the amount of money the district’s landowners must kick in through a special property tax assessment.

Even so, the largest of eight property owners in the streetscape zone from St. Clair to Maumee, Farms Fresh Market proprietor Nabro Holdings, is paying nearly 40 percent of a \$60,034 total assessment.

The total would be higher if City of Grosse Pointe officials hadn’t boosted the municipal buy-in by \$50,000 and convinced the state to raise its share to \$384,000.

“We didn’t just recklessly spend

city money,” said Councilman Chris Walsh. “What we did was leverage money from the state.”

The \$627,000 streetscape is being paid three ways:

◆ Michigan transportation department, \$384,000, or 60 percent, up from an anticipated 40 percent.

◆ City of Grosse Pointe: \$183,000, or 30 percent and

◆ Fisher commercial district landowners, \$60,000, or nearly 10 percent, spread over six years.

The special assessment was pegged at \$160,000 last October. Assessments are based on the width of lots fronting Fisher.

“There were a lot of bumps along the way for the Fisher streetscape, but it bore fruit,” said Councilman John Stempfle.

“The percentage property owners are paying is pretty much mir-

roring what we’ve done on other projects,” said Mayor Dale Scrace, referring to a 10 percent special assessment on Mack Avenue property owners for streetscape work in 2015.

Because Grosse Pointe South High School is across from the Fisher work zone, construction is being held off until the end of the academic year.

Enhancements include, but are not limited to:

- ◆ lighting,
- ◆ trees,
- ◆ paving materials,
- ◆ parking lot screening,
- ◆ bicycle racks,
- ◆ areas for seating, gathering, planting and outdoor cafes.

Work is being coordinated with construction of Fresh Farms Market’s new and larger \$14 million building close to Maumee.



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Above, 6-year-old Eva Grose, a first-grader at Trombly Elementary School, and Josie Danley, a preschooler at the Neighborhood Club, stopped at the Ewald branch to look for books, see a movie and make a snowflake craft. Right, Grose holds up her finished snowflake.

Getting creative

During winter break, the Grosse Pointe Public Library offered activities for children. Wednesday, Feb. 22, Ewald library led children through a snowflake craft.



Lakeshore sewer flows smoother

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — A large but as-yet undetermined quantity of debris was removed from the Lakeshore interceptor during cleaning this year.

“It’s amazing the change it made on how our system works,” said Brett Smith, director of Grosse Pointe Shores public works.

Improved operation consists of smoother flows and more in-pipe capacity to temporarily

store rainwater during heavy downpours.

“Remember (two weeks) ago Saturday we got an all-day rain?” Smith said. “The system took it quite well. I did not have an ounce of sweat on my brow when the rainstorm came.”

Cleaning also disclosed the cause of problems at a pump station on Lakeshore near the Grosse Pointe Farms city limits.

“We found it being overwhelmed with

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route, citing a new spirit of cooperation with Detroit officials.

“We have been enjoying real cooperation from Detroit and they have been very receptive to our concerns,” Clark said at the February meeting. “This issue has been resolved quickly. I might even say it moved at a bureaucratic speed of light.”

Not so, according to Boyd, who on Monday, March 6, said buses continue to come down Hampton every 15 minutes. She emailed Krajniak with her concerns and he responded via email saying DDOT “would implement (the new turnaround) next week and would also undertake a few runs on

the Jefferson loop to acclimate some of the drivers this Thursday.”

When contacted by the Grosse Pointe News, Krajniak said DDOT drivers were being notified of the change “this week,” and the change in routing will begin March 13.

“I do not anticipate any delays with implementation,” Krajniak said in an email. “Overall, while we hoped to expedite the change, DDOT officials have been proactive in assisting us with and developing a solution which suits both communities.”

Boyd said she and other residents are frustrated.

“We have been pressing the city since last fall,” she said, “How much longer should this take?”

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Where the heart is

Shores woman dedicated to educate, protect

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Variety certainly has been the spice of life for Angela Aufdemberge. The Grosse Pointe Shores resident has held numerous positions at various companies in various locations.

Aufdemberge, whose family moved to Grosse Pointe in 1975, attended Brownell Middle School and graduated from Grosse Pointe North High School before heading off to attend Wayne State University, where she earned a bachelor's degree in business administration and a master's degree in industrial relations and organizational development.

After graduation, she worked in human resources at General Motors Corp. before pursuing something different.

"I was drawn to the area of labor relations, which was unusual for a female in the '80s," Aufdemberge said. "I wanted to look at how to

resolve conflicts with a win-win approach."

Eventually she was recruited by organizations looking to embrace and collaborate with unionized workers. They looked to Aufdemberge to help them build a better environment.

With her jobs came relocation, she said.

"Job and family took me away for a while, then brought me back (to Grosse Pointe)," she said.

She took positions with Visiting Nurse Association and Delta Dental Plan of Michigan before moving back to the area to join Seco Tools. Her collective job experience to that point added human resources, labor relations, home health care, insurance and manufacturing to her resume.

She then moved on to Entertainment Publications, with posts in human resources, operations and sales development and support.

"When we moved back a friend came from an

agency — Vista Maria — and said you're good with people, good at strategic planning. Would you like to volunteer?" she said. "It was 1995-96. I knew nothing about Vista Maria and the work they did at that time. I found out about the work they do to help young people heal, restore and help fulfill their dreams and keep families intact as much as possible. I was drawn to it."

Aufdemberge brought her corporate America skill set to the nonprofit world and began using the variety of what she'd learned to give back. She served as a consultant, then board advisor and board director.

"In 2011 when the CEO left, the first phone call I got from the board chair was, do you want to be the CEO? I said no," she said. "Then over the months of them doing a search and me considering, I realized this was the right next place for me to be."

Aufdemberge has been president and CEO of

Vista Maria for more than five years and wouldn't trade it for the world. (For more on the organization, see page 1B.)

"It moved from my passion after work to my fulltime passion," she said. "The 25 years before that was prepping me for this."

She said the jobs, experience and learning at for-profits have made things better at Vista Maria, of which she loves "the intersection of helping all the Vista Maria employees who have a variety of different competencies and expertise to offer — the environment and tools and resources — so they can be the best they can be to serve children and families. The other part of the intersection is delivering for the organization partnerships and new programming that delivers unmet needs and services to children and families and communities."

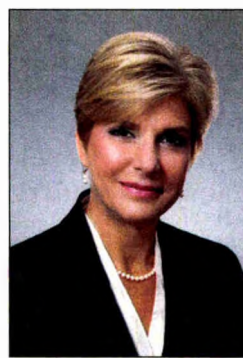
The mother of three boys — Ian, 23; Phil, 20

and William, 15 — is married to John. She is involved with a program at WSU that helps former foster youth successfully get through college. She also is active in her church, Trinity Lutheran in Clinton Township.

The family has lived in the Shores since July and spent 19 years in Grosse Pointe Woods before that.

Aufdemberge said she couldn't think of a better place to raise her children.

"I owe a lot to the Grosse Pointe community in terms of helping me be who I am," she said. "When I was in high school at Grosse Pointe North, there was an opportunity to become a co-op student. I would leave school at noon to go downtown and work at a law firm my senior year. I took advantage of things from Rotary clubs and Kiwanis and different organizations that supported the development of young people. That set me on a path that caused me to think outside the



Angela Aufdemberge

box as a woman and what I wanted to do as a career, as a profession."

She said she encourages her children to use the resources available in the community, "especially from the great school districts in Grosse Pointe and businesses, individuals and professionals in faith-based organizations who wrap their arms around young people and encourage them to be all the things they can be. I appreciate that."

"I chose to move back to Grosse Pointe. When you've been away, you think about what to do for your kids, for your family. Grosse Pointe has good public schools, opportunities, a strong-knit community. There's a price you pay, but it's well worth it."

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variety.

"Over 50 percent of our water meters have been replaced or upgraded," Smith said.

Installation began a couple years ago.

Remote-sensing meters eliminate the need for employees to walk property to property documenting household water consumption.

Other B&E have other suspects

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — Although two men being prosecuted for home invasion on McKinley aren't accused of committing all comparable crime in Grosse Pointe Farms, one of the suspects may have something to do with stripping

metal from vacant dwellings in Grosse Pointe Woods.

The question came up during a hearing in Farms Municipal Court for McKinley suspects Brian John Patterson, 40, and Anthony Edward Marino, 35, of Roseville.

"Are they connected to other home invasions?" asked Judge Matthew

Rumora.

"We don't think these are the serial home invaders we've been looking for," answered Detective Lt. Richard Rosati, head of the Farms detective division.

Investigators from the five Grosse Pointes are pooling information and seeking leads on a series of break-ins.

"Nobody has them as possible suspects in home invasions, although Marino's a person of interest for taking copper out of vacant homes in Grosse Pointe Woods," Rosati said.

Reported break-ins include:

- ◆ an occupied house,

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debris," Smith said. "We may have to get on a schedule, maybe every

five years or so, for station cleaning."

The interceptor, so-called because it collects flow from smaller, feeder lines under sidestreets, is part of a regional network funneling wastewater to southwest Detroit for treatment.

DTE Energy contrac-

tors, preparing the first phase of underground gas line replacement throughout the community last spring, discovered partial blockages of the sewer during video surveys.

Low-bidder United Resource won a \$148,013 contract to clean the

interceptor. Engineering costs raised the total to \$180,000.

"Even with all the heavy cleaning, I still expect the project to come in at or near budget," Smith said. "With a project of that size, we were spot on the money."

Facing a \$280,000 municipal budget limit for water system repairs during the fiscal year, Shores officials obtained a \$600,000 state grant for cleaning and other system improvements.

This was the first time the interceptor was cleaned in 25 years.

"In other words, the sewer was extremely dirty," Smith said.

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I SAY By Jody McVeigh

A new perspective

I have a granddaughter, Giana. She turned 2 in January and already is a force to be reckoned with. From Play-Doh to dolls to LEGO blocks, she's into one thing and on to the next, continuously, during every visit.

In just the span of a few hours, I'm ready to collapse and she's ready for juice and pretzels and dancing and Barney and chasing my cat around the house.

This whole experience is so incredibly new to me. I've never carried or delivered a child. Never tore myself from a sound sleep to change a diaper or warm a bottle. Never worried over a fever or tummy ache. Never planted a quarter — or is it \$1 these days? Maybe \$5? — under a pillow for the Tooth Fairy. Never took a toddler for a first haircut or first day of day care — or any firsts, for that matter.

I'm not sure if I've missed out on something by electing not to be a parent. I certainly don't regret the decision. I've been a part of my stepsons' lives since they were teens. I've given my fair share of car rides and laundry hints. I think I may have even helped with homework once or twice.

Through my oldest stepson, I am able to experience the joy of having a youngster around — one who eagerly takes my hand to show me her latest clay creation, loves to be held and lay her head on my shoulder, greets me at the door with a boisterous "Gramma Jody!"

Over the weekend, she rambled around my house, doll in one hand, pretzels in the other, only settling down when Barney was on television. At one point she asked for a magnet from the refrigerator and I said no. When she looked at me with those big brown doe eyes and said, "pweeeeee," I melted.

The magnet was hers.

When it came time to leave, her dad helped her put her socks back on — a chore with which she did not cooperate. From the other room, after her father's gentle pleas to be still, I heard her say, "Daddy, I just can't."

She melts my heart.

We find out next week the gender of our second grandchild, who will join us this fall. My youngest stepson and his wife are hosting a gender reveal party — our first! — and I am counting the days to find out more about Giana's new playmate. She'll be a great big cousin. And I'm looking forward to being "gramma" once again.

SUSPECTS:

Saturday, Dec. 17, and Tuesday, Dec. 20;

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400 block of Allard, Farms, overnight Friday, Dec. 9 — a neighbor saw a roughly 6-foot-tall, "well-spoken," woman wearing tight pants and a black jacket possibly with fur cuffs standing close to the entry site;

◆ an unoccupied house, 300 block of Moran, Farms, between

◆ a house in the 200 block of McKinley while the residents were away Thursday, Dec. 22

— roughly the same time two unknown black men were seen trespassing in backyards in the lower 200 block of Fisher and

◆ an occupied house in the 200 block of Lincoln, City of Grosse Pointe, overnight Thursday, Dec. 22.

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Residents may see these words, 'Dump No Waste, Drains to Lake,' posted on various storm drains around Grosse Pointe. The message is a reminder for residents of the importance of not dumping anything down a storm sewer as they drain directly into the lake.

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Change the focus

Schools, businesses and countless other entities have been successful in their missions when they focus on what unites their members. In fact, focusing on uniting principles and the task at hand is a time-tested

method for success. How about this approach for promoting acceptance across all the barriers the Grosse Pointe Public School System Diversity Plan seeks to erase? These barriers of "race, ethnicity, culture, religion, ability, socioeconomic status, sex and

gender identity" are diminished by focusing on what unites students and are regrettably enhanced by focusing on what divides them.

Again, one sure way to unify a school body is to focus on what everyone has in common. While elementary and secondary education delivers the academic canon, strong leaders, such as our principals and teachers, can take the lead on setting the tone and culture of their schools. The GPPSS Strategic Plan points the way: it recommends character development at all grades. Traits like kindness, honesty, determination and integrity are common character virtues. Promoting these positive

traits from the earliest level of education in our schools will bring about a civil student population that won't need instruction on all the barriers. If children learn about the importance of kindness, they won't need instruction on anti-bullying or racism or any kind of otherism.

Also, why does the diversity plan and forum focus on raising global leaders? Let's raise American leaders by teaching the great American ideas and stories that unite us as a distinct people with a shared noble past. Freedom and opportunity for all.

KELLY BOLL
Grosse Pointe Park

GUEST OPINION By Bill Heller Jr.

A little etiquette goes a long way

I am fortunate my profession has afforded me the opportunity to travel this fine country and many countries around the world. In the 1980s, my first experience with Japanese food was in Japan, where I became a fan of its taste, appearance and healthy ingredients. My next experience was in California, where Japanese food first became popular in the United States. I quickly learned being seated at the "bar" is a privilege which comes with expected social graces. My favorite sushi restaurant at that time had a limit of one hour at the "bar." At 61 minutes, if you weren't off your seat, you were reminded of the limit. If one couldn't accept this policy, you simply weren't admitted again.

Unfortunately, it appears with the interest of Japanese food arriving in Detroit, the social norm of etiquette expected in Japanese restaurants didn't find

its way here for some patrons. Here, when some patrons won't accept the standards of etiquette, they overreact and completely misbehave with demonstrations of unprofessionalism and lack of understanding that class is knowing what to say, when to say it and when to stop.

Very simply, in my opinion, the three ladies causing an unnecessary scene at BluFin on Feb. 18 could not have been more wrong. They owe an apology to all residents of Grosse Pointe on every social media outlet. They owe an apology to BluFin ownership, employees and patrons the night of Feb. 18. They owe an apology to Officer Reygaert for questioning his need for the standard police practice of requesting identification during any incident.

Another disappointment with the egregious misbehavior of the three people in the BluFin inci-

dent is the reporting of the two major newspapers. Neither writer took the time to research what a "bar" consists of in a Japanese restaurant. They assumed the "bar" in a Japanese restaurant is the same thing as a cocktail bar in most restaurants. If they had done a proper job of reporting, they would have learned the "bar" is a prime spot to sit while enjoying the food and watching it being prepared. Further, they would have learned and reported nearly every Japanese restaurant, including BluFin, has a time limit for being seated at the "bar." The same lack of observation pertains for anyone protesting this restaurant.

While I have never had the occasion to dine at BluFin, I intend to become a regular patron.

Heller is a resident of Grosse Pointe Farms.

GUEST OPINION By Dr. Glenn Mollette

Would the kind people please stand up?

I'm missing people.

In recent years I have eulogized my wife's father's funeral, as well as her mother's funeral this past January. This weekend I will do the funeral service for my mother-in-law from my first marriage. My first wife died in 2002.

My mother and father have passed on, along with all of my aunts and uncles, with the exception of one living aunt, Lucille. This reminds me that I hope to see her at the family reunion in May.

Recently my sister's daughter who lived beside my Kentucky home passed, after a lifelong battle with diabetes, at the age of 53.

One of my dear friends died a couple of years ago from cancer and another dear friend is apparently suffering from dementia and unable to communicate much anymore. I miss laughing with these guys. I keep trying to make new friends. However it seems like my old friends are dying off quicker than I can make new friends.

We were driving from Baltimore,

Md., to Charleston, W.Va., and we were somewhat amazed by our drive. One guy made a point of pulling in front of us and slamming on his brakes. I guess we hadn't been driving fast enough in the fast lane for him, but 76 mph was more than we should have been going. Another guy was coming up the exit ramp and I couldn't pull over to give him all the room he wanted so he just started honking and giving me the finger. This reminded me of the 5-mile stretch of highway I drive a lot in Indiana where I get the finger a couple of times a week from kind motorists in the Hoosier state.

Sadly, kindness is just not in vogue today it seems and I don't like it. I still can't believe elected political people did not have the decency and human kindness to stand up for the widow of slain Navy Seal Ryan Owens at President Trump's address to Congress Feb. 28. Regardless of your politics and however you view Trump's reasoning, there

should be respect for the slain Navy Seal, Ryan Owens, his widow, Carryn Owens, and all those who serve and have served.

A lot of leadership people today are teaching us how to act and live. More and more it's all about trash talk, rude comments and crude behavior toward others. If we want kids across America to show some respect to each other and demonstrate kindness to others, it must be jumpstarted anew and afresh by the big people who are seen and heard throughout our country.

I miss a lot of people from days of old who have passed on. I am especially missing those who knew and understood kindness and how to treat others. So is most of America. I know there are millions of kind people still in America. They just need to stand up.

Mollette is a syndicated columnist and author. Contact him at Gmollette@aol.com.

The opinions expressed in letters and guest columns are not necessarily views shared by the Grosse Pointe News.

City of Grosse Pointe

Fight about food

An argument between a 60-year-old woman and son, 29, about a piece of steak on the floor became physically violent, according to police.

She called officers to the scene in the 700 block of Loraine at 1:21 p.m. Saturday, March 4.

"I observed bite marks on his right hand," reported an officer.

Police arrested the woman for domestic violence.

"I noticed a strong odor of intoxicants coming from (her)," added the officer.

They said her blood alcohol level measured .161 percent.

Knock it off

Early birds caught grief last week at a house in the 200 block of Roosevelt Place.

Shortly before 9 a.m. Saturday, March 4, two contractors sanding a second story floor found themselves facing a female neighbor complaining of noise.

She admitted to police entering the residence without permission, which prompted the contractor's call to public safety headquarters.

"(She said) it's common practice to walk into her neighbors' houses," reported an officer.

Police held off making an arrest until contacting the homeowner and trying to sort things out.

Unwelcome

A 30-year-old woman from Bloomfield Hills was arrested last week for entering a residence in the 800 block of St. Clair without permission and vandalizing the male owner's bicycle in the kitchen.

The owner's adult son reported being asleep on a first-floor couch until awakened at 3:45 p.m. Monday, Feb. 27, by the woman's noise.

"(The son said she) dropped her bong and left the residence after getting into a small argument," reported a public safety officer. "(The son) never gave (her) permission to enter."

—Brad Lindberg
Report information about these and other crimes to City of Grosse Pointe Public Safety, (313) 886-3200.

Grosse Pointe Farms

Small teeth, big bite

A lionhearted lap dog with steel-trap jaws chomped long and hard on the leg of a 9-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods boy during his post-school walk from Ferry Elementary to his grandmother's house in the 300 block of Piche.

A patrolman responding to the bite complaint at 6 p.m. Friday, March 3, learned the boy stopped a few houses short of his destination to pet a puppy running loose in a front yard.

"While paying attention to the puppy, he felt pain on his lower leg," reported the officer. "When he looked down, (a 7-year-old Maltese) named Spike was clenched onto his leg. (The boy) used a stick to pry Spike off."

The animals' 40-year-old male master said they

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ran outside when he opened the door to enter.

Memorial damaged

Two War Memorial employees reported damage to the property Tuesday, morning, Feb. 28.

They told police an exterior rear staircase and four-foot section of PVC pipe were damaged sometime during the last couple of weeks.

"They are in the process of getting surveillance cameras for the area," reported a patrolman.

B&E attempt

Police investigating the suspected attempted burglary of a house in the 200 block of McKinley Tuesday, Feb. 28, found pry marks near the damaged handle of a rear sliding door.

"Damage appeared fresh," said an officer.

The homeowner reported being gone from the property 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Officers on road patrol are giving the house special attention.

Beyond limit

A drunken driver swerved "all over" eastbound Lakeshore from Warner in the Farms to Clairview in Grosse Pointe Shores before obeying orders to pull over, according to the arresting officer from the Farms.

A motorist reported the suspect, a 58-year-old Grosse Pointe Park man, operating a red 2001 Toyota Tacoma erratically shortly before 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 27.

"I observed the vehicle strike a curb with its tires," said a pursuing officer.

Shores police helped make the stop.

During roadside questioning, the man registered a .23 percent blood alcohol level, which is 2.875 times the legal maximum to operate a motor vehicle in Michigan.

Converter cut

Someone severed the catalytic converter from a 2002 Buick LeSabre parked overnight Sunday, Feb. 26, in the 400 block of Colonial Court.

A 16-year-old male resident discovered the theft about 8:30 a.m. the next day.

"When he started the

engine, he immediately noticed the muffler had been damaged," reported a patrolman. "His father went under the car and discovered the catalytic converter had been cut off."

Regarding Henry

A black-and-white cur reportedly fresh from an animal shelter attacked a woman's yellow lab causing puncture wounds, lacerations and more than \$900 in veterinary bills, she told police last week.

The woman let her dog, Henry, run loose on the grounds of Brownell Middle School, 260 Chalfonte, about 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 25, when a middle school-aged boy approached westbound on Chalfonte walking the leashed mix.

"According to (the woman), the child stated his dog was a rescue and didn't know if it was friendly," said a public safety officer. "At this time, the rescue dog pulled toward Henry. Bystanders assisted in separating the dogs. The owner of the black and white rescue is unknown at this time."

—Brad Lindberg
Report information about these and other crimes to Grosse Pointe Farms Public Safety, (313) 885-2100.

Grosse Pointe Shores

Weaving

A patrolman assisting at a traffic stop on Lakeshore shortly after 9 p.m. Friday, March 3, responded to another motorist reporting someone driving a Cadillac erratically eastbound toward St. Clair Shores.

"(I) witnessed the vehicle run into curbs several times between 1100 Lakeshore and Marter (in St. Clair Shores)," reported the officer. "(I) witnessed the vehicle cross into the center turn lane on Jefferson between Marter and 9 Mile."

The patrolman intercepted the suspect, a 59-year-old St. Clair Shores man, near the intersection of Jefferson and 9 Mile.

"Alcohol consumption was ruled out," the officer reported. "(He) is on oxygen and connected to an empty oxygen tank."

Police cited the man for violating a suspended operators' license and careless driving.

—Brad Lindberg

Report information about this and other crimes to Grosse Pointe Shores Public Safety, (313) 881-5500.

Grosse Pointe Park

With friends like that

Monday, Feb. 27, a Wayburn resident asked a friend, known to her only as Kimberly, for a ride home. While inside the car with Kimberly and a male driver, the driver pointed a gun at her and demanded money. The victim turned over \$132 and notified police.

Not exactly 'Employee of the Month'

A business owner in the 15000 block of Mack reported to police on Saturday, Feb. 11, a former employee, a 27-year-

old Detroit resident, had not returned a company-issued computer laptop or iPhone.

Porch poacher

A homeowner in the 1200 block of Nottingham at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 1, witnessed an unknown male steal a package from a front porch and called police. According to the resident, a black male, 6 feet tall, 18 to 24 years of age, got out of a green Dodge Caravan, ran to the porch, grabbed the package, jumped back in the van and took off. The package contained a range hood fan.

No magazine

More residents have come forward to tell the police they paid for magazine subscriptions they never received. Residents in the 1200 block of Harvard and the 1000

block of Buckingham notified police checks they wrote to a 23-year-old Detroit resident were cashed but no magazines were sent.

MDP

A resident in the 1300 block of Balfour reported to police that sometime overnight Monday, Feb. 27, a rear window in his 2017 Chevrolet Equinox was broken.

—Kathy Ryan
Report information about these and other crimes to Grosse Pointe Park Public Safety, (313) 822-7400.

Grosse Pointe Woods

Impaired driving

While on routine patrol at 3:30 a.m. Sunday, March 5, an officer noticed a car weaving in and out of lanes on Vernier near Mack and pulled the car over. The 35-year-old driver appeared dazed with a slow reaction time and

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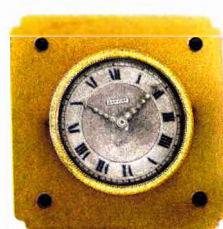
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present form lacking in nothing except a worthwhile future.

"There haven't been any viable proposals put forth in nearly three years that consider less than 18 dwellings," said Christopher R.W.D. Stroh, one of three Pointe residents agreeing to buy the land for sub-development. "It's understandable that nobody wants to live next to a construction site. But, other alternatives aren't viable."

The trio's purchase agreement with Comerica Bank, owner, is subject to municipal approval of the subdivision site plan.

"Those (new) homes are going to be (worth) anywhere between \$1 million to \$1.5 million, which doesn't bring a negative effect to the surrounding neighborhood," said Kay Agney, owner of Higbie Maxon Agney Realtors in Grosse Pointe Farms, marketing the estate with John DeWald, former Shores city clerk.

Case's husband, John, claiming to represent Stackpole neighbors during preliminary site plan

review at a Shores planning commission meeting Tuesday, Feb. 28, opposes the development's density of 5,300-square-foot houses and 15,500-square-foot lots.

"This plan does not preserve the character of the neighborhood," John Case said. "There's no need to build 18 lots on this property."

Tabled 30 days

Commissioners, wanting more details before advising the city council to approve or deny the plan, tabled consideration for 30 days.

Discussion resumes at the planning session 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 28, in council chambers, 795 Lakeshore.

"After that meeting, we'd still have another meeting before it goes to the council," said Mary Matuja, commission chairwoman.

"At that point, if you have all the points covered, you could approve or deny," said Brian Renaud, city attorney.

Long & short of it

A schematic shows the subdivision accessed by an L-shaped cul-de-sac

off South Deeplands.

Houses line the dead end, to be named Deeplands Lane, extending 860 feet to a circular turnaround on the Sheldon side.

"My property is located right off this cul-de-sac," John Case said. "There's going to be headlights pouring into my backyard."

"My concern is the number of properties on this development," said Dennis Perkins, a 40-year South Deeplands homeowner. "This (lane) is too long and narrow."

Municipal officials and their consultants agree.

It's the length of the dead end plus narrow diameter of the turnaround that either exceeds or doesn't measure up to municipal codes, respectively, not the number of houses or lot sizes.

Referring to lot sizes, lot coverage, density et al., Matuja said, "They are within our ordinance."

Yet, municipal codes limit dead ends to 600 feet, at least 25 percent shorter than proposed. Turnarounds must be at least 120 feet in diameter, nearly twice that cur-

rently proposed.

Longer dead ends, such as Sheldon and nearby Fordcroft, are allowed because they predate limits.

Richard Russell, of The Russell Company and a Shores resident, is coordinating with the estate's new owners to build houses in size and style fitting with the neighborhood.

He said he'll revise plans to include a wider turnaround, but not a shorter lane.

"We've demonstrated we cannot do it any other way," Russell said.

"We've created a site plan and subdivision that meets all your ordinances, but for this one deviation we've requested," Williams Gilbride, an attorney representing the partners, told the commission.

"How about building 14 (houses) instead of 18?" Matuja asked Russell.

"The street would be the same length," Russell answered.

"I don't see where anybody would be happy with any number," said Jennifer Peck, Russell's wife and member of the ownership team.

"Right now, the property has an assessed value of \$1.5 million," Russell said. "If we build 18 new homes, the average assessed value (of each) would be \$500,000. That brings the assessed

value of the property up to \$9 million."

The development would boost Shores annual property tax revenue from roughly \$28,000 now to \$170,000, he said.

"The main problem is the cul-de-sac is deficient," said R. Donald Wortman, principal of Carlisle-Wortman Associates, the Shores planning consultant.

Next time

"Based on the information put forth here tonight and the additional deviation, I don't know how we can approve in any fashion this application right now," said Councilman Robert Gesell, council liaison to the commission. "A lot of new material needs to be submitted."

"If the code doesn't allow a piece of property in the city to be developed fully, which is our right under the Land Division Act, maybe there's a problem with a portion of the code," Russell said.

At next month's planning meeting, Russell is expected to provide:

- ◆ additional landscaping, including cul-de-sac screening and tree preservation information.
- ◆ a sidewalk design.
- ◆ details on the subdivision's conformance to city engineering standards, including grading,

collecting and disposing sanitary sewage, storm-water drainage and detention, location of utilities infrastructure and installation of a looped water main.

- ◆ architecture of proposed houses and
- ◆ detailed workings of an underground storm-water detention system.

"The onus is on the developer to demonstrate that post-development discharge conditions don't exceed redevelopment rates," said Jesse VanDeCreek, a partner and vice president of Hubbell, Roth & Clark, the Shores' consulting engineers. "The method of detention proposed has been theoretically shown to accomplish that objective. Verification still needs to be demonstrated."

Gesell doubts a cul-de-sac is Russell's sole option.

"I believe he could put in a U-shaped street," Gesell said. "He's coming back and answering all the questions in terms of water, sewer, fire hydrants, sidewalks — everything else. But, he still wants the deviation (on dead end length) and that will be an up-or-down issue in 30 days."

"Ultimately," said Mayor Ted Kedzierski, viewing from the audience, "the development has to be a win-win for the community."

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smelled of alcohol. She failed a field sobriety test and a Breathalyzer test revealed a blood alcohol count of .23, nearly three times the legal limit. Her car was impounded and during a search of the car, a small amount of crack cocaine and marijuana was discovered, along with prescription medicine. The

driver also had no license. She was arrested.

Not a good time to hit a pole

While exiting Interstate 94 at Allard, a Harper Woods police officer saw a car run the red light on the Allard overpass and strike a pole in the Amvets Hall parking lot. Not only did he witness it, the entire incident was recorded

on his dashcam. When Grosse Pointe Woods officers arrived, they noticed a passenger in the car who was incoherent and lying in the reclined front seat. He also had a bag of marijuana in his hand. He was arrested along with the driver.

— Kathy Ryan
Report information about these and other crimes to Grosse Pointe Woods Public Safety, (313) 343-2400.

MAIN:

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of borrowing to municipalities," Dame said.

He outlined three specific advantages of funding the project with bonds:

- ◆ construction costs are spread over a long period of time.
- ◆ borrowing costs are at or near historically low levels and
- ◆ cost savings are expected to result from combining segments of the project into one con-

tract. While soliciting water main bonds, city officials intend to refinance bonds issued to fund construction of the Village parking structure.

"That will cut the cost of issuing this new bond in half," Dame said.



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WHAT EVERY PARENT SHOULD KNOW

Presentation tackles tough topic: human trafficking

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

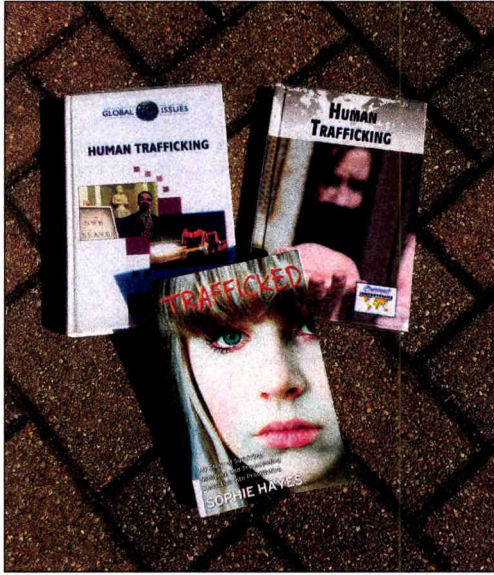
The mission of Vista Maria is to “deliver innovative care, support, treatment and education to vulnerable youth so that they heal, believe in their worth and build the skills needed to succeed.”

Another aspect of its mission is raising awareness among the general community about the myths, dangers and realities of human trafficking.

Vista Maria President and Chief Executive Officer Angela Aufdemberge — along with Michigan State Police First Lt. Denise Powell and Detective Sgt. Sarah Krebs — share that message during “Sexual Victimization of Our Youth: On and Off-line,” presented by the Family Center 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 21, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

The program is in partnership with the Grosse Pointe News and The War Memorial as part of its This Americana series.

“Our work (at Vista Maria) goes hand in hand with all the work the Michigan State Police does to track/monitor and rescue predomi-



nantly adolescent victims of human trafficking throughout the state of Michigan,” Aufdemberge said. “We hope to make parents aware of what trafficking is and raise awareness of ways in which traffickers entice.”

The program also will discuss signs to look for and what parents should do if they suspect their child or their child’s friend is being trafficked.

Signs aren’t as obvious as they may seem, Aufdemberge said.

“We have young people who go to school every day and seemingly are going home every

night,” she said. “They tell their parents they’re going out with friends, but they’re going to a party.”

At such parties, she continued, girls — or sometimes boys — stay in a room where adults pay to have sex with them.

“We’ve seen invitations to parties through the internet where kids are enticed or intentionally set up to start recruiting,” Aufdemberge said.

“There are some cases where kids are picked up at the mall. Maybe they’re skipping school and are in places they

shouldn’t be, getting approached. It’s subtle. Most adults don’t understand this is not a kidnap situation. This is months and months of grooming. It’s a process.”

Aufdemberge said enticement often begins as befriending, with possible promises of fame or running away together. Sometimes it’s connected with drugs, “but not as often as one might think.”

“There are conditions that make the child potentially attracted,” she said. “Maybe it’s a youth who replies to an email or text about modeling. Or a Facebook post about joining a chat group with topics related to meeting others — some kind of vague topic.”

“The trafficker may have photos of her and she’s trying to win them back,” she continued. “There’s coercion — a lot of shame, psychological manipulation.”

Treatment for a formerly trafficked person can include 12 to 18 months of psychiatric therapy. Often, children have post-traumatic stress disorder or attachment disorders.

“Most people don’t understand the average age of enticing is 12 to 14 for girls and 9 to 12 for boys,” she said. “When they’re that young with boys, it’s generally a family member. It’s short circuiting their natural development, pushing a young person into that realm before they’ve even formed.”

“It’s not easy to talk about,” Aufdemberge concluded. “One of Vista Maria’s other efforts is educating teens so they notice tactics before they happen so they can retaliate. A tactic perceived is no tactic at all.”

To register for this free program, call (313) 432-3832 or visit familycenterweb.org.

MORE ON THE MSP

Denise Powell, commander of the Metro South Post that operates MSP functions in Wayne County, also is an advisor to the board of Vista Maria. Her interest in the program started while she was a detective sergeant in the detective bureau, where she was a team member of Southeast Michigan Crimes Against Children. She also is past commander of the Special Investigation Section, which supervised human trafficking complaints.

“I hope parents will get some information from this to prevent and protect their children from trafficking predators,” she said.

Sarah Krebs began her career as a MSP trooper and is a member of the MSP Forensic Art Unit. She works in the Missing Persons Coordination Unit and is the AMBER Alert coordinator and Missing Children’s Clearinghouse manager for Michigan. She has served on the International Association for Identification Forensic Art Subcommittee, the FBI’s ViCAP National Advisory Board and is the founder of the Missing in Michigan Association, a charitable organization assisting families of missing persons in Michigan.



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Marie and Nino Pacini hope to win a social media contest that will help fund a trip to Europe.

Blind couple enter national social media challenge

Voting ends March 15

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

If you drive down Mack Avenue certain times of the day, you may catch a glimpse of Nino or Marie Pacini out for a stroll.

The couple, Grosse Pointe Woods residents, are both blind, but have never let that stop them from taking the next step.

The Pacinis currently are hoping for help undertaking their next adventure — bike riding across Europe.

They’ve entered a social media contest for adventurous blind people. Applicants were

asked to post videos of 90 seconds or less online to vie for the \$25,000 James Holman Award, presented through the San Francisco Lighthouse. Nearly 200 submissions were posted.

“Later this month, 10 semifinalists will be selected to move on to the next round,” Pacini wrote in a Facebook post. “One of the 10 will get in purely because the video received the most likes on YouTube.”

The Pacinis currently are in second place, 400 votes behind No. 1.

Voting ends Wednesday, March 15. The James Holman

Award is named for a blind adventurer, who in 1832 traveled to all seven continents.

The Pacinis decided to enter the contest “at the last minute,” Marie Pacini said, as biking across Europe has been a longtime goal of theirs. Logistically, however, it’s cost-prohibitive.

“We’ve always wanted to ride in Europe,” Nino Pacini said. “We’re very avid bike riders, tandem and triple. We will ride with anyone who qualifies to ride in front.”

“But it’s very costly,” he continued. “The \$25,000

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Quilting demo, show slated at War Memorial

An opening reception takes place 3 to 5 p.m. Sunday, March 12, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, for a quilt exhibition organized by the Great Lakes African American Quilters' Network and presented by the Grosse Pointe Artists Association. The Sunday reception includes demonstrations and a talk about story-telling quilts by members of the Quilters' Network. The exhibition runs through Friday, March 24, at The War Memorial then moves to Services for Older Citizens, 158 Ridge, Grosse Pointe Farms, through Friday, April 21.

COURTESY PHOTO

This quilt by Toya Thomas is part of the show.



The Lake House hosts open house March 14

The Lake House, a nonprofit helping those touched by cancer, has moved into the former Pare Elementary School, 23500 Pare, St. Clair Shores. The organization opens its doors to the community during an open house 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 14.

"We owe our successful move to the community," said Madeline Bialecki, executive director. "Over 50 people volunteered to make our move possible, five local businesses contributed resources from paint to moving trucks and over 100 hours of hard work have resulted in a comfortable, safe environment to benefit people who have been touched by cancer."

The space totals 5,200 square feet — a 2,400-square-foot

upgrade from its prior location — with dedicated spaces for its offerings, including yoga, support groups, crafting and more.

The evening includes a brief program, during which a member of The Lake House will share their cancer journey and experience. Bialecki and board President Rosemary Tokatlian also will speak.

The event is free, but donations are welcome. To RSVP, call (586) 777-7761 or email programs@milakehouse.org.

"The (South Lake) school system has been very welcoming to The Lake House," Bialecki said. "We're very thankful for our new home and we're delighted that many additional nonprofits and entrepreneurs are interested in finding a home at the school as well."

Jardinieres

La Societe des Jardinieres meets at noon Thursday, March 9, at the home of Pat Hays,

with co-hostess Mary Lou Smith. The program is "Forty Shades of Green," which includes discussion of Ireland's perfect climate for growing lovely gardens and beautiful landscape. An Irish lunch will be served before the presentation.

Veterans

The Grosse Pointe War Memorial Veterans Club Inc. meets at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 9, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Retired Lt.

AREA ACTIVITIES

Col. David T. Fries, U.S. Air Force, speaks about the Stryker vehicle ground operation. Admission is free and guests are welcome. Call John Bates at (313) 881-4125 or Larry Sullivan at (313) 881-8631.

BNI

Business Network International meets 7 a.m. Friday, March 10, at Christ the King Lutheran Church, 20338 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. Call Ryan Marier at (313) 638-7526.

Ecumenical Breakfast

The Grosse Pointe Men's Ecumenical Breakfast meets 7:45 a.m. Friday, March 10, at Christ the King Lutheran Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Reservations are not

required; all are welcome. Breakfast is \$7. Call (313) 882-5330.

Assumption

Assumption Nursery School presents "Science and Art Exploration Day," 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday, March 11, at the school, 22150 Marter, St. Clair Shores. Topics include biology, color mixing, chemistry, life science, motion and robotics. To register, call (586) 772-4477.

Libraries

Central branch, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms (313) 343-2074

◆ 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 11, Write On Pointe, local authors fair. Authors of all genres are showcased during this marketing and networking event.

◆ 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 16, The Striped Circus, a comedic circus-style variety show for all ages. Registration is required.

◆ 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 21, Magician Tom Plunkard. Registration is required.

◆ 6:30 to 8 p.m. Friday, March 24, Tween After Hours, for ages 10 to 13.

Ewald branch, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park (313) 821-8830

◆ 1:30 p.m. Thursday, March 16, "Solving Mysteries with Facebook's 10,000+ Genealogy and History Links," with genealogist Katherine R. Willson.

◆ 6 p.m. Thursday, March 16, "How to Grow Cut Flowers," with Tom Milano and Nancy Weigandt from Detroit Abloom. Registration is required.

◆ 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 22, "An Evening with Patricia Abbott," author of the thriller, "Shot in Detroit." Registration is required.

◆ 7 p.m. Thursday, March 23, Classic Book Lecture Series with Assistant Professor Christopher Hill, who lectures on "Snow Country" by Kawabata Yasunari.

Symphony

The Grosse Pointe Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Joe Striplin, presents its March concert at 3 p.m. Sunday, March 12, at

Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church, 467 Fairford, Grosse Pointe Woods. Charles Greenwell will give a pre-concert talk at 2 p.m. Tickets are available online at gpsymphony.org or at the door.

Garden Center

The Grosse Pointe Garden Center invites the community on a journey through time to the "Summer of Love — 1967," the 2017 Trial Garden theme. Monday, March 13, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, Richard Thomas takes a retro turn in discussing garden designs, ideas, tips and plant materials based upon the theme. Registration begins at 7 p.m. Admission is \$5 for members, \$10 for non-members. Call (313) 499-0743 or email gpggardencenter@outlook.com.

We GP

The We GP Immigration Task Force, Pointes for Peace and the Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church and Grosse Pointe Memorial Church social justice committees co-sponsor the forum, "A Look at Immigration Policy Through a Local Lens: The Human & Economic Impact," at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 14, at Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe

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Bicknell lectures return

The Grosse Pointe Historical Society's Dr. Frank Bicknell Lecture Series warms up for springtime with "The Detroit Symphony Orchestra: Grace, Grit and Glory," at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 15, at the Cook Schoolhouse, 25025 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods, with author Laurie Lanzen Harris.

Now one of America's finest orchestras, the DSO began in 1887 as a small ensemble of around 35 players in a city just emerging as an industrial powerhouse. This is the first history of the DSO to document the orchestra from its earliest incarnation in the late 19th century to its current status as one of the top orchestras in the country. This is the story of the organi-

zation — the musicians, the musical directors, the boards and the management — as it strove for musical excellence and the consistent funding and leadership to achieve it in the changing economic and cultural landscape of Detroit.

Harris, an author and book editor, is president of Favorable Impressions. She previously was director of the Literary Criticism Series at Gale and editorial director of Omnigraphics.

The series continues at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 19, at Cook with the lecture, "The Detroit Public Library (Main Branch): An American Classic," with author Barbara Madgy Cohn.

For the last century, the main library has ranked as one of the most beauti-

ful buildings in Detroit, an important landmark as well as a significant monument serving generations in metro Detroit. Its design was Cass Gilbert's Early Italian Renaissance-style vision.

This book honors Gilbert's work with a chronological and photographic timeline of the conception and building, completed in 1921, the 1963 Cass Avenue addition (designed by Gilbert's son) and the library as it is today. The book goes through the library's transformative years, documenting the contributions of local and national artists such as Mary Chase Perry Stratton, Gari Melchers and John Stephens Coppin, and includes photographs of the rooms they decorated

with murals, mosaics, painted windows, bronze works, architectural elements and ornamentation.

Cohn, a registered nurse, has a Bachelor of Arts degree in art history and has been a docent at the Detroit Institute of Arts since 2008. She created "Discover the Wonders of the Detroit Public Library: An Art and Architectural Tour" and continues to serve as director of the tour program.

The final lecture of the spring series, "Henry Ford II: A Centennial Historical Perspective," takes place Wednesday, May 17, at the Country Club Of Detroit, 220 Country Club Drive, Grosse Pointe Farms.

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Henry Ford Health System partners with car designers

The Detroit Institute of Ophthalmology has launched a short online film, "Vision & Visionaries," which illustrates the contributions of car designers to researchers and clinicians working to restore some level of vision to the blind.

The Grosse Pointe Park-based DIO is a division of Henry Ford Health System's Department of Ophthalmology.

Designers from around the world gather twice a year to help fund this groundbreaking research — at the EyesOn Design Awards during the North American International Auto Show and the EyesOn Design car show in June.

Henry Ford's commitment to developing visual prosthetics includes device research and hosting the world's leading research congress, The Eye and The Chip. The congress brings together more than 30 internationally renowned scientists from across the United States, Europe, Asia, Australia and the Middle East to collaborate and discuss their advances and challenges in the global pursuit of artificial vision.

The institute hosts two biennial world research congresses. In alternate years, The Eye, The Brain and The Auto addresses issues related to vision and safe driving.

"This three-day congress is the world's leading meeting on artificial vision," said Philip Hessburg M.D., medical director of the DIO. "The gathering enables the exchange of scientific advances among international researchers. The collaborative relationships created help to advance research at a faster pace."

"Vision & Visionaries" highlights how leading automotive designers and manufacturers have supported the research initiative more than 30 years. Jack Telnack, retired vice president of design, Ford Motor Co.; Michael Simcoe, vice president, global design, General Motors Corp.; and Mark Trostle, director of Dodge and SRT design, FCA North America, discuss their involvement with EyesOn Design.

The film first was shown at the EyesOn Design Awards at the NAIAS and now can be seen on YouTube or at henryford.com. It was produced by Brophy with contributions from local car collectors.

"Through the contributions of global automotive manufacturers, automotive suppliers and so many others, Henry Ford can tackle the big ideas in healthcare that will truly transform people's lives," said Peggy Burns, senior vice president of development, Henry Ford Health System.



COURTESY PHOTOS

Garden Center news

The 2017 annual meeting and election of officers of the Grosse Pointe Garden Center took place Jan. 27, at The War Memorial. Officers for 2017, back row, from left, are Adrienne Gregory, recording secretary; Wendy Jennings and Richard Thomas, co-vice presidents of programs; Marion Vesely, vice-president of membership; and Jean Azar, corresponding secretary; and front row, Martha Barrette, assistant treasurer; Robin Heller, president; and Sarah Flynn, treasurer.



The guest speaker at the Grosse Pointe Garden Center's 2017 annual meeting was Julia Hofley, front row, right, who presented the program, "Drama in the Shade; A Love Affair with Ferns." Seated to her left is Robin Heller, Grosse Pointe Garden Center president. Also present, back row, from left, were Richard Thomas and Wendy Jennings, co-vice presidents of programs.

COUPLE:

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seems like a lot of money, but that's not a luxury tour. That doesn't go far, but it's a lot better than not going at all or having to pay for everything.

"We saw this and at the last minute said we're going for it," Marie Pacini said.

A friend used her iPhone to record the video entry, available at youtu.be/OWnechY0udw.

"We're going to go with it and have fun with it," Marie Pacini said, encouraging users to "look, like and share."

The planned trip is the latest of a long list of accomplishments for the Pacinis, who are in their 50s.

"I have personally known Nino and Marie for years from an event called Michigan Ski for Light where visually impaired people get the chance to cross country ski up at Higgins Lake with sighted guides for a weekend in January," friend Matt Barranca wrote in an email. "They are the most active and adventurous couple I've ever met. They are both great people, who are very active in their local community."

Through Michigan Ski for Light, the Pacinis are active in guide training and skier encouragement. The event, they said, helps break down barriers and is wonderful fitness.

"For a lot of people after they've lost vision, being active is kind of scary," Marie Pacini said. "It can be hard to deal with. Ski for Light helps with that."

Watch, like and share at youtu.be/OWnechY0udw

Added Nino Pacini, "It helps improve your life to help others, no matter how small or insignificant it might seem."

Apart from their efforts with Michigan Ski for Light, the couple volunteers for the Detroit Institute of Ophthalmology.

"Not only do we help with their support groups for the visually impaired, but each year we participate in judging a class of vehicle by touch at the EyesOn Design car show at the Edsel and Eleanor Ford estate," Nino Pacini said.

In addition, both teach spinning classes, he at Pointe Fitness, she at Next Level Fitness. They

take myriad classes, too, including stretching and yoga.

"Being fit is not separate from having a health plan," Nino Pacini said. "We believe being active goes hand in hand with fitness, which goes hand in hand with health. The more active you are, the more positive you are."

The couple's blindness, "only impairs to the degree that we can't and don't do things that are visual," Nino Pacini said. "We do what we want, when we want, to the ability that we want. We're enjoying what we do and doing what we want to do."

Which is why they're asking for the communi-

ty's help getting overseas.

Should they win the grant, the Pacinis plan to start their trek in Paris and ride to Romania, covering 750 to 1,000 miles in three to four weeks.

They're hoping the trip takes less than 30 days, not only for financial reasons, but because for the Pacinis, home is where the heart is.

"That's long enough," Nino Pacini said. "We love living here. We don't want to be gone that long."

"It's friendly, it's walkable," added Marie Pacini. "Grosse Pointe is the greatest place to live."

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PASTOR'S CORNER By the Rev. Andrew Kowalczyk

My Lent

As Mardi Gras becomes a distant memory — calories from paczki burned with sweat from our workouts and ashes from our foreheads washed — we find ourselves in the first week of Lent. Always a challenging time, and perhaps even unpleasant, filled with giving up and cutting down, battles with vices and habits, deserts of our lives and relationships to be watered, stones to be turned over, mountains to climb, thirsts to be quenched and tombs to be opened. Ugh, lots of work, all good stuff and necessary, but I am sweating just thinking about it.

A week ago our community lost a young man to cancer. Again, the harsh reality of life. We only have so much time and energy. On many different levels we can only sustain so much: suffering, abuse, negativity,

resentment and outrage. We are drained and dissatisfied with small progress when battling our temptations, tempering our ego and pride. The time and energy we spend being upset or angry is time and energy we drain from love, hope, charity, our interests, joy, callings and things of which God made us the stewards.

So I was thinking, since I only have limited time and energy, why not take this Lent and do something different. Make it a positive and intentional Lent, a time to capture or recapture blessings, hope, faith, love, joy, new life, abundance, tenderness, courage and trust. Why not take another look at the world that surrounds me: my situation, relationships, family, work, church, etc., and see it as a place where I am nourished, sustained, inspired and

supported. A place where I can choose to make a difference, say good words of support, love, be positive and be the vehicle of the Good News.

I would like to invite you, as I try myself, to be on the lookout for the images, signs and moments where you see God at work, carrying and restoring, loving and inviting; the images, signs and moments where you see people offering hope, being a blessing to each other, signs and images of the good and positive. I invite each reader of this column to see themselves as being such and doing such. After all, we are in his image and likeness created. Lots of work, all good stuff, but want to do it.

Kowalczyk is the pastor of St. Clare of Montefalco, Grosse Pointe Park.

CHURCH EVENTS

Our Lady Star of the Sea

The Magic Carpet Theater presents "The Parable Project: Take Two" at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 14, at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church, 467 Fairford, Grosse Pointe Woods. Innovative actors bring to life Christ's parables using improvisation, humor and drama to experience scripture in a fresh way. All ages are welcome.

An afterglow with the actors follows in The Pointe area of the church. Freewill donations are accepted.

Memorial

Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, hosts O.W.L.S. (Older, Wiser, Learning-Still) at noon Wednesday,

March 15, to discuss "The Accidental Birder." Kathy Rogers, assisted by her husband Jack Howes, will share personal experiences watching birds and suggest ways to further enjoy our feathered neighbors. Register for this potluck by calling (313) 882-5330.

The church hosts Kids Coalition Against Hunger noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 18, to package 75,000 meals. More than 450 volunteers are needed, 150 for each two-hour shift. Email suebuckler@gmail.com for details.

Unitarian

Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church, 17150 Maumee, City of Grosse Pointe, hosts "Saturdays at 7:30," featuring saxophonist Carl Cafagna and pianist Ron Pietrantoni in concert 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 11. The musicians combine jazz, classical, show tunes and original music by Cafagna for an entertaining evening.

Tickets at the door are \$20 for adults, \$15 for students and seniors 60 and older.

Call (313) 881-0420.

St. Ambrose

St. Ambrose Catholic Church, 15020 Hampton, Grosse Pointe Park, presents the film series "Catholicism: The Pivotal Players," 9:45 to 11 a.m. Sundays. March 12 learn about St. Thomas Aquinas. March 19 learn about Michelangelo. March 26 learn about St. Catherine of Siena. April 2 learn about G.K. Chesterton. April 9 learn about B.L. John Henry Newman.

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A: Well first of all, there is no such thing as a perfect schedule. Relax.

Being a SAHM (stay-at-home mom) and Mompreneur (mom entrepreneur), I had to learn that not every day will look the same. The schedule I had Monday might not work Tuesday. I had to learn to be flexible with myself, my business and my family. I had to redefine what "doing it all" meant to me.

When moms come to me with this question, I lay out my four foundations of time mastery:

- ◆ Start with knowing how you want to feel each day and incorporating those feelings into your day.

- ◆ Enforce your boundaries and spend less time yelling and repeating yourself.

- ◆ Reduce your distractions by brainstorming what activities are nonessential to your day and reduce or eliminate them.

- ◆ Redefine your task list. Each day you should have no more than five items on your task list. Remember less is more. Leave space for life to happen and for you to breathe.

Be sure to communicate any shifts with your family so they can support you. Don't try this alone and then expect everyone to read your mind.

Remember, creating harmony with your schedule doesn't happen overnight. Give yourself some grace and be willing to support you.

Charmaine Johnson-Fuller has been supporting moms for more than five years by guiding them to create harmony between self and family. She has served with the Special Education Action Committee for the State of Michigan, was the Wayne RESA Parent Advisory Committee representative for



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Grosse Pointe and currently supports mompreneurs by showing them how to create harmony between family and business. Visit fullerpotentials.com for more resources and support opportunities. Johnson-Fuller is a member of the Family Center's Association of Professionals.

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Past presidents honored

The Grosse Pointe Woman's Club at its Feb. 15 meeting honored its past presidents. Pictured from left are past and current president Pam Zimmer, Frances Ahee, Patricia Wilson, Mary Ann Schwartz, Janet McConkey and Jean Buhler. The club has been in existence 67 years and raises money each year to award scholarships to students from Grosse Pointe North and South high schools. Meetings occur monthly at The War Memorial. For information, call Peggy Hickey at (313) 407-1842.

SameAddress, SOC provide expanded in-home care for seniors

SameAddress — a program of the Area Agency on Aging and provider of services seniors need to age in place — and Services for Older Citizens — a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization dedicated to helping seniors of the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods maintain their lives in independence and dignity — recently announced a partnership, allowing SOC to expand its offerings to older adults in the communities it serves.

One of the core services SOC has always offered is trusted referrals for enhanced daily living support services. Through the new partnership with SameAddress, SOC will be able to provide another valued resource

option — including chore services, transportation, home and lawn maintenance, housekeeping and more — as well as home modification, repair and maintenance by Certified Aging-in-Place Specialist contractors and in-home personal and health care assistance.

"SameAddress is a program of the Area Agency on Aging, which has been a trusted local resource in senior care for more than 40 years," said Garry Cole, vice president of SameAddress. "We're thrilled this new partnership will allow us to better connect SameAddress' expertise, resources, services and technology with the individuals in the Grosse Pointe and Harper

Woods communities served so expertly by SOC."

"We know our seniors want to remain living in the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods community — in the homes they know and love — for as long as possible," said David Dieter, executive director of SOC. "Our long-term vision for creating a comprehensive age-in-place solution for our older adult population will be made possible through important partnerships like this one with SameAddress."

More information about SameAddress is available at sameaddress.com. Seniors and caregivers of older adults in the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods may contact SOC at (313) 882-9600 or socservices.org.

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Henry Ford II, the oldest grandchild of Henry Ford I, was released from the Navy after his father, Edsel Ford's, passing in 1943 to help run the family company. He was named president of Ford Motor Co. Sept. 21, 1945, three weeks after his 28th birthday. He went on to surround himself

with talented managers and worked hard, putting the business first and foremost as he led the company the next 35 years, remaining a board member and chair of the finance committee until his death in 1987. Ford, as a founder of New Detroit Inc., led efforts to identify and eliminate racial disparities by building economic equity, social justice and racial understanding.

The program is led by Mike Skinner, a Detroit and Ford history buff and past president of the Dearborn and Grosse Pointe historical societies. He has a Bachelor of Science degree in labor relations and Master of Business Administration degree in human resources from Wayne State University.

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Heidelberg Project announces new leadership

Detroit's Heidelberg Project announced new leadership as the organization continues toward its new vision, Heidelberg 3.0. Jenenne Whitfield will serve as president and chief executive officer.

"The time is right for Jenenne to lead the Heidelberg Project and take this organization to the next level," said Tyree Guyton, artist and creator of the Heidelberg

Project. "Community organizing, building local and national partnerships and helping to build a dynamic board are just a few of Jenenne's strengths that make her the best candidate for the job. I look forward to watching our vision of creating a self-sustaining cultural village unfold."

Guyton last August announced he would begin a multi-year pro-

cess of dismantling the outdoor installation as part of this new direction. Heidelberg 3.0 will open doors for new ideas and new energy while keeping art, diversity and equity at the forefront. As Guyton continues taking down the art installation, he will pursue new creative opportunities, including new exhibitions across the world. In October, the Heidelberg Project

launched its first step toward Heidelberg 3.0, with a campaign to renovate the Numbers House, one of only two original houses remaining.

"Tyree has given 30 years of his life to this project and to Detroit," Whitfield said. "I'm honored that he has entrusted me to go full throttle to build on the foundation that he has so passionately and persistently laid. We're

going to be a model for how a neighborhood can rebuild itself from the inside out and a destination where a new generation of artists and innovators go for inspiration."

"In this new role, Whitfield will govern the Heidelberg Project site as well as the organization," said Board Chairman Andrew Sturm. "With this new phase, we are honoring

what Tyree has accomplished, preserving his legacy and creating opportunities for new artists to come in, engage with the community and learn from what Tyree has done."

Whitfield, a lifelong Detroit, previously served as executive director of the Heidelberg Project for 23 years, after a successful career in commercial banking.

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Farms. Confirmed panelists include Jennifer Ward-Batts Ph.D., Wayne State University assistant professor of economics; Alan Reiter, immigration attorney; Adonis Flores, Michigan United, immigration organizer and Thomas "TJ" Rogers, program manager, Freedom House.

Senior Men

The Grosse Pointe Senior Men's Club meets 11 a.m. Tuesday, March 14, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Woman's Club

The Grosse Pointe Woman's Club meets noon Wednesday, March 15, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. After a light lunch, Lori Stefek of Stefek Estates and Appraisals will appraise several items and will bring an item for auction with proceeds benefiting the club. A small item or picture of an item may be brought for her input. Guests are welcome. March only, guest lunches are \$6. To reserve a seat, call Peggy Hickey at (313) 407-1842 by Saturday, March 11. For information, call Pam Zimmer at (313) 926-6726.

Family Center

The Family Center presents "High Vibration Living! Living a Healthier, Happier, More Empowered Life," at 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 15, at Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms. Participants learn five steps for setting and achieving health and wellness goals, making lasting lifestyle changes and more during this free program. Call (313) 432-3832.

Garden Club

The Men's and Women's Garden Club of Grosse Pointe's March meeting takes place 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 16, in the Brownell Middle School cafeteria. Cheryl English, Advanced Master Gardener, will present information on native trees, shrubs and vines ranging from deciduous to evergreen species for the Michigan garden. Guests are welcome and coffee and doughnuts are served. The parking lot and entrance are behind the school.

GPAA

The Grosse Pointe Artists Association presents "Acrylics with Al Sonnenberg," 1 to 4 p.m. Thursdays, March 16 to April 6.

SOC

Services for Older Citizens, 158 Ridge, Grosse Pointe Farms, offers the following programs:

◆ French for the Traveler, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Fridays, March 17 to April 28.

◆ TED Talks, "How Play Leads to Great Inventions," 12:30 to 1 p.m. Monday, March 20, with facilitator Katie Arms-Faber.

For more information, call (313) 882-9600.

Blood drive

The American Red Cross hosts a blood drive 11:30 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. Tuesday, March 28, Grosse Pointe Woods Community Center, 20025 Mack. Visit redcrossblood.org.

Woods Community Center

The Grosse Pointe Woods Community Center, 20025 Mack, offers the following activities:

◆ Crafty Afternoons at the Cook Schoolhouse 1 p.m. the second Wednesday of the month. April 12, make a sea glass wire-wrapped pendant. May 10, make a wine cork wreath or candle ring. Cost is \$7 for Woods residents, \$8 for non-residents. Space is limited to 10.

For information on any of these events, call (313) 343-2408.

Belle Isle

The Daffodil Luncheon, raising funds for the purchase and planting of daffodil bulbs on Belle Isle, takes place Wednesday, April 19. The event features Jenny Rose Carey of the Pennsylvania Horticulture Society's Meadowbrook Farms, The Peacock Room of botanically inspired accessories and clothing, a reissue of Daffodil Day tiles in a new color and more. Tickets are \$45. Visit <http://bit.ly/2lbCkJg>.

Reunion

The Grosse Pointe North High School class of 1997 hosts its 20-year reunion 7 to 11 p.m. Saturday, June 10, at the Bayview Yacht Club. Tickets may be purchased online at bit.ly/2zgedatC.

Genealogy workshop set

Facebook is quickly becoming a favorite resource among genealogical researchers for its vast networking capabilities. With the formation of many thousands of regional and surname-specific genealogy groups, Facebook is breaking down walls that have blocked researchers for years - often within 24 hours of posting a query.

Genealogist Katherine R. Willson will introduce using Facebook as a genealogy tool during "Solving Mysteries with Facebook's 10,000+ Genealogy and History Links," at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, March 16, at the Grosse Pointe Public Library's Ewald branch, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

Willson also will guide participants through the

creation of an account while maintaining privacy, as well as teach about joining groups, managing notifications and efficiently using Facebook for specific genealogical needs.

The program is free of charge but seating is limited.

Register on the library's online calendar at gp.lib.mi.us or call (313) 343-2072.

Lauren Marantette memorial celebration a success

Sky Foundation's fundraising event at Bayview Yacht Club Saturday, Feb. 25, in memory of Lauren Marantette, raised \$50,000 for the Lauren Marantette Fellowship Award for Pancreatic Cancer Research. This grant will be used to support a pre-doctoral trainee at the University of Michigan studying

how to enhance the effectiveness of immunotherapy for treating pancreatic cancer patients.

Pancreatic cancer is estimated to be the second most deadly cancer in the United States by 2020, yet it ranks eighth for receipt of federal research funds. Sky Foundation helps fill that gap.

Sky Foundation is a 501(c)3 dedicated to raising awareness of pancreatic cancer and funding research for early detection and treatment of the disease.

Sheila Sky Kasselmann, a pancreatic cancer survivor, established the organization in 2008.

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BASKETBALL

Tested team wins district

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North girls' basketball team headed into its Class A district championship game the underdog against a St. Clair Shores Lakeview squad riding a 21-1 record.

The Huskies, champions of the Macomb Area Conference Blue Division and of the MAC Blue/Gold Division Tournament, entered the final after blowing out East Detroit 78-11 and Lake Shore 72-28.

Would the Norsemen's tough regular season schedule pay dividends?

North used a 20-point fourth quarter, sparked by a true team effort to pull off the mild upset, beating Lakeview 63-48. It was the Norsemen's first district title in several years.

"There were effort plays from everyone," head coach Gary Bennett said. "You have to play with a sustained effort and as a team and the girls did that tonight. This was a tough year for them because they are so young. I am very proud of them."

The Norsemen won the first quarter 12-8 and each team scored 14 points in the second quarter and 17 in the third to make it 43-39

with eight minutes left in the district final.

The lone senior, Katie Snow, picked up her third foul in the second quarter, but she was instrumental in helping the Norsemen pull away in the fourth quarter. Snow scored 10 of her game-high 24 points in the fourth quarter, plus grabbed eight rebounds.

Snow also had three straight three-point baskets near the end of the third quarter and to open the fourth quarter as the Norsemen turned the four point lead to 10 at 55-45.

Sophomore Julia Ayrault nearly had a triple-double. She finished with 17 points, 11 rebounds and seven blocked shots. The Huskies had no answer for Ayrault at either end of the court, and Snow's energy was too much for Lakeview.

Sophomore Rachel Sexton played more minutes with Snow in foul trouble. She responded with eight points, while sophomore Evelyn Zacharias had five points, freshman Michelle Bodnariuk had four, sophomore Meghan Gallagher had three and junior Josie Ciaravino had two.

Sophomores Madeline Mills and Ava Stander didn't score, but their



PHOTOS BY BOB BRUCE

North senior Katie Snow, center, played an instrumental role in helping the Norsemen beat two tough teams in a Class A district tournament.

defensive contribution was solid. They helped keep the explosive Huskies offense in check.

Lakeview finished with 19 turnovers to only 11 for North, which improved to 12-10 overall. Lakeview ended its banner season 21-2.

North had a tougher semifinal game against host Roseville.

After playing a lackluster first half and falling behind 31-28, the Norsemen turned on the jets in the second half en route to a 58-43 victory.

They outscored the Panthers 13-3 in the third

quarter and led 49-43 before they used several turnovers to get transition baskets.

"One big adjustment was switching Katie Snow to the point position for the second half," Bennett said. "She was determined not to lose and her energy and effort both on offense and defense set a great example for the rest of the team."

"At halftime we talked about upping our defensive intensity and the girls responded well. We were definitely more aggressive on defense in the second half and this was a huge difference maker."

Everyone contributed a little of this and a little of that in the win. Even though some of the girls didn't fill the stat sheet, everyone made a play or two to thwart a good Roseville squad.

Snow led the way with a 22-point performance, despite picking up two fouls in the first quarter. Ayrault had 19 points and seven rebounds, while Bodnariuk had 11 points.

A key to the win was free-throw shooting. The Norsemen made 17 of 20 and forced 23 turnovers, while they only had 13 turnovers.

Zacharias had four points and Ciaravino rounded out the scoring with two points.

Norsemen avoid sweep

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

After losing the first two games to city rival Grosse Pointe South, the Grosse Pointe North boys' basketball team had to make a statement in order not to get swept in the season series.

It was a close game throughout the first three quarters as the Norsemen led 16-14 after one quarter and 27-26 at the half. South surged ahead 39-34 after three quarters.

In the fourth quarter the Blue Devils had all the momentum and a nine-point lead. North stormed back and used a 27-point fourth quarter to beat South 61-55. The home team won the final frame 27-16 in a wild fourth quarter dominated by seniors Steven Levick and Dillon Webb.

"Energy in the fourth quarter was huge for us and it helped us win this big game against our rival," North head coach Ron Kochan said. "They had more energy in the third quarter and they took the lead, but I told our guys it came down to wanting it more than them and I thought our kids did in the fourth quarter. It's a big win for us."

South used momentum sparked by its senior duo of Brennen Buszka and Zane Draper to take a 49-40 lead. The South crowd was into the game and the players felt the momentum shift.

Kochan called a timeout and a couple of minutes later, it was 49-46 and pressure mounted. It was 51-49 South before Webb converted consecutive layups to give the Norsemen a 53-51 lead. Helping the Norsemen's cause were three straight missed free throws.

It was 53-53 after South senior Noah Davey drained two free throws, but North went ahead 56-53 on a Levick three-point play with 57.3 left in the game. Levick made two more free throws to make it 58-53 after a missed bas-

ket on South's possession.

"Those missed free throws and shots were the difference," South head coach Troy Glasser said. "We played pretty well for three quarters and into the fourth."

Sophomore Ryan Webb made two more free throws for a 60-53 lead and it was game over. Each team exchanged points in the final 15 seconds before the final horn sounded.

Levick led the Norsemen with 26 points, followed by Dillon Webb with 14 and junior Sheldon Cage with eight. Senior guards Marvin Amerson and Sam Cross ran the offense well, especially in the fourth quarter when the Norsemen made the comeback.

For the Blue Devils, under head coach Troy Glasser, Buszka had 16 points, followed by Draper with 10, senior Hank Wilson with eight and sophomore Ryan Downey with seven.

North concluded its regular season with a 71-65 home loss to Detroit Loyola.

State playoffs

South played a Class A district first round playoff game Monday evening at home against Detroit Western International and lost 73-60.

The host Blue Devils were competitive in three of the four quarters, scoring 49 points to the Cowboys' 50.

However, a 23-11 second quarter was the key to the defeat.

The Blue Devils trailed 38-22 at the half.

"That second quarter did us in," Glasser said. "We had a tough opponent and had to play a good game to win."

Buszka finished with another double-double, scoring 18 points to go with 14 rebounds. Downey was second on the team with 13 points and Draper finished with 10.

Grosse Pointe South ended its season 10-11 overall.



North players and coaches celebrate after beating Lakeview in a Class A district championship game.

GIRLS HOCKEY

South, Liggett earn needed victories

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The local girls' high school hockey teams had big games ahead of them with playoff implications on the line.

University Liggett needed to beat Warren Regina to have any chance to make the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League Division 1 playoffs.

The Knights' game with Regina was billed Paint the Rink Pink as

players from each team competed in honor of a loved one touched with cancer. Event coordinator Suzanne Francis and assistants helped raise \$1,500 for cancer research.

As for the game, the Knights won 4-3 as Kate Birgbauer had the winning goal at the 6:50 mark of the third period. She received a perfect pass from Olivia Yates and buried the puck in the back of the net.

In the final minute, the Saddlelites had scoring

chances, but goaltender Eve Bournias made the saves and senior Kara Francis was able to freeze the puck in the corner as the clock wound down to zero.

Francis scored the first two goals.

In the second period, Haley Malewicz scored to tie the game 3-3 after the Saddlelites scored early in the stanza to grab a 3-2 lead.

With the win, Liggett finished league play 4-7-1-1 for 10 points. The top eight make the Division 1

playoffs, so the Knights had to wait and see if they made it.

The other big game was Grosse Pointe North against Grosse Pointe South.

Visiting South used a seven-goal third period to beat North 10-3, thus clinching second place in the MMGSHSL.

It was a tight game after two periods, tied at 3, but the Blue Devils' depth was too much for the Norsemen. Ironically, the two teams might meet in the first round of

the state playoffs.

The Norsemen grabbed an early 2-0 lead on goals by Kylee Banaszewski and Clare Murphy, but Lauren Kramer and Kelsie Francis tallied two minutes apart early in the second period to tie it 2-2.

Banaszewski scored again to give the Norsemen a 3-2 lead, but Carson Dennis scored at the 5:59 mark of the second frame to knot the game 3-3 heading into the second intermission.

In the third period,

Kramer scored the game-winner in the first 30 seconds and Dennis followed with a goal 90 seconds later to make it a 5-3 game.

Shannon McKenna scored to make it 6-3 and following with goals were Kramer with two, Addy Hamel and Erin Brannagan.

Grosse Pointe South finished 11-1-0-1 in the division, while Grosse Pointe North was 5-8 to grab the No. 7 slot.

Liggett finished as the No. 9 seed.

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Boys hockey

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Battle of top teams goes to BR

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe South vs. Brother Rice boys' hockey Division 2 regional final was penciled in on everyone's calendar a year ago.

Two of the top teams in the state playoffs squared off with the winner moving to the quarterfinals and the loser packing their bags and getting ready for spring sports.

Unfortunately for the Blue Devils, a slow start doomed them in a 6-3 loss. They finished the season 21-3-1-1.

"They got those three goals and they won the little battles," head coach Bobby McKillop said. "There was a five-minute stretch that really put us in a hole we couldn't get out of."

"Despite the deficit, our guys didn't panic and they stayed strong and positive on the bench. We made it a game, but that fourth goal they scored to make it 4-2 really hurt."

The game was played at Oak Park Arena, home of Brother Rice. With a standing-room only

crowd watching, the Warriors led 1-0 after one period and extended it to 3-0 midway through the second period.

The Blue Devils got two quick goals within 15 seconds of each other. Andrew Vyletel scored at the 5:42 mark of the second period and Jack Flynn tallied at the 5:27 mark to make it a game again. The Blue Devils had all the momentum and it prompted a Brother Rice timeout.

Evan Theros had the lone assist on the first goal, while Adam Pitters assisted the second. Both goals came with each team having four skaters on the ice.

The biggest goal of the game came with each team still skating 4-on-4 and it was the Warriors lighting the lamp at the 4:30 mark to make it a 4-2 game.

The Blue Devils got one back on the power play as Garrett Bollenbacher tipped Adam Cervone's shot into the back of the net to make it a 4-3 game heading into the second intermission. Pitters and Cervone had the assists. The goal was set up by



PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

South's Devin Naidow makes one of his 11 first-period saves in the Blue Devils' regional final against Brother Rice.

a perfect pass from Patrick Bourke to Pitters, who gave a nice pass to Cervone who delivered the shot on net.

"I'm proud of each and every member of this team," McKillop said. "They fought for each other and they were a tight group of guys. We just didn't do the little things it takes to win this game against a good team like Brother Rice."

Early on the Warriors had several quality scoring opportunities, but goaltender Devin Naidow came up with the saves to keep it a one-goal game.

It was still a 4-3 game

and nearly 4-4, but Pitters hit the goal post with a shot at the 3:53 mark. One inch to the right and it is a 4-4 game. The Warriors put the game away with an empty net tally at the 1:19 mark and they scored again at the 1:05 mark.

In a pre-regional game, South blanked Utica 13-0.

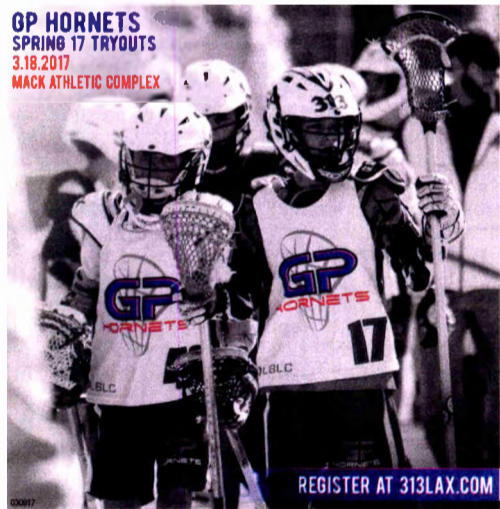
McKillop loses a dozen seniors, Pitters, Cervone, Naidow, Flynn, Jack Liagre, Markus Minanov, Noah Morris, Liam Kavanaugh, Michael French, Jacob Brauer, Bourke, Jack Jordan and Jake Fillmore.

Boys basketball

LIGGETT

Knights ousted in first round

The University Liggett finished its regular season last week, losing two



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road games. The Knights fell 68-57 to Madison Heights Bishop Foley as junior Anthony George scored 20 points to lead the team.

"We didn't play very good defense at all," head coach Chris Housey said. "They had a lot of open looks and they shot well from the field."

Two nights later, the Knights played a tight game until the final minute of a 51-41 game at Warren Fitzgerald.

"It was close throughout as we played much better than the previous game," Housey said. "They like to run and we were able to defend pretty well and slow

down their transition game."

Senior Jackson Walkowiak had 21 points to lead the Knights.

They had a couple of good practices before battling Detroit Pershing in the first round of a Class C district tournament at Detroit Edison High School.

"They're fast and athletic, so we have to defend that, get back and not get an up-tempo game," Housey said. "I feel good about the guys moving forward. We have a tough draw."

Liggett lost 82-35 to Pershing to finish the season 8-13 overall.

— Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Wrestling

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Solid effort

Grosse Pointe South senior Tyler Thompson ended his high school career by competing in the Division 1 state finals tournament at The Palace last weekend.

He lost his first match 10-1 (major decision) to Grand Ledge's Jack Snauko and was eliminated after losing a hard-fought 9-8 decision to Oxford's Garrett Tyrrell.

Despite the losses, Thompson reached his goal of making the state finals and had a final record of 44-10 on the season.

Thompson earned some big victories during the past couple of years under the tutelage of coaches Patrick Salazar and Tony Cimmarrusti.

— Bob St. John
Sports Editor

LIGGETT

Pilots end Knights' year

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Head coach Mike Hamilton said his University Liggett boys' hockey team had to slow down Warren DeLaSalle's potent offense.

He also said his offense could get some chances against the Pilots' defense.

Hamilton was right on both ends as the Knights played a solid all-around game against top-10 ranked DeLaSalle in a Division 3 pre-regional final at Mount Clemens Ice Arena.

However, things didn't go their way as Liggett lost 3-0 to end its season.

The Pilots scored a goal in each period and outshot the Knights 25-20.

The biggest goal of the game came with only 1:49 left in the second period when the Pilots tallied on the power play.

They made it a three-goal game with a goal 35 seconds into the third period.

Andrew Doppke suffered the loss in net, stopping 22 of 25 shots.

Liggett finished the season 10-16-1.

Gymnastics

GROSSE POINTE UNITED

Ladies just miss finals

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe United gymnastics team just missed making a return trip to the state finals.

The top three teams in last weekend's state regional meet advanced to the finals and Grosse Pointe was fourth.

Farmington won the regional with 146.225 points, followed by Port Huron with 141.200 and Troy/Avondale with 138.725.

Grosse Pointe earned 136.575 points and Birmingham Unified was fifth at 136.000.

Two individuals did earn a spot in the state finals Saturday, March 11, in Plymouth.

Senior Isabelle Nguyen and her sister, freshman Amanda Nguyen, qualified with their solid regional scores.

In other recent action, it was fitting senior Isabelle Nguyen won the all-around competition

in the ladies' final gymnastics meet two weeks ago, earning a score of 37.150.

After all, it was senior night for the Grosse Pointe United gymnastics team and Nguyen is the only senior on the squad.

She scored a 9.300 on the vault, 9.725 on uneven bars, 8.900 on balance beam and 9.225 on floor exercise.

There were several competitors breathing down her neck in the all-around standings, but they couldn't get the extra points needed to beat Nguyen.

As a team, Grosse Pointe lost 145,000-138,650 to Canton, which features several Division 1 caliber gymnasts.

Head coach Kristin Remillet had other ladies compete in all four events, Amanda Nguyen, Maggie Bowers and Elizabeth Byarski, who had all-around scores of 33.000, 31.925 and 34.875, respectively.

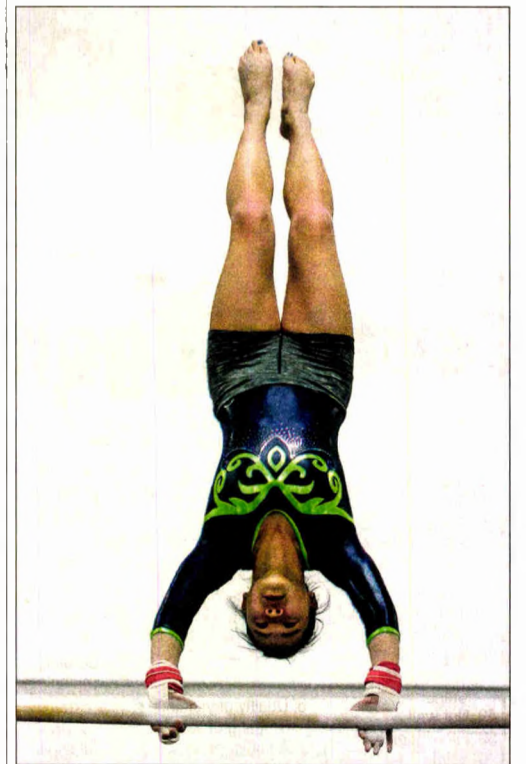


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Grosse Pointe United senior Isabelle Nguyen, shown at a previous meet, qualified for the individual state finals.

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SCHOOLS

Bee champ

Parcells student advances to National Spelling Bee PAGE 3

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They're creepy and they're kooky North presents 'The Addams Family'

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

They're creepy and they're kooky and they're coming to Grosse Pointe. They're the Addams Family, the weirdest, most macabre family in the neighborhood and they're being brought to the stage by Grosse Pointe North High School in its production of the musical comedy "The Addams Family."

The story is based on characters created by Charles Addams, whose cartoons, sketches and drawings stretched over six decades. The lovably morbid family inspired multiple television series, motion pictures and, most recently, the most popular musical produced by high schools throughout the country, according to director Sean Kifer.

"The Addams Family" opens Thursday, March 9, at the Christian A. Fenton Performing Arts Center. Kitty Clark plays Wednesday Addams, the ultimate princess of darkness, who has grown up and fallen in love with a sweet, smart young man from a respectable family, Lucas Beineke, played by Sam Salisbury. Wednesday confides in her father, Gomez Addams, played by Demetri Gritsas, who must keep the secret from his wife, Morticia, played by Lolly Duus. Sam's parents are played by Andrew Hallam and Lindsey Hoshaw.

"Wednesday tells her dad she's in love with this normal boy and chaos ensues," said Soula Burns, producer.

Gritsas, a junior, said he has watched all the old Addams Family cartoons and movies to prepare for his role. He also is working on "being more outward, which is not usually me" and has channeled a character from "My Big Fat Greek Wedding" into playing Gomez.

While many of the actors



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT
From left, Demetri Gritsas as Gomez Addams, Clarissa Kam as Grandma, Lolly Duus as Morticia Addams, Sam Salisbury as Lucas Beineke and Kitty Clark as Wednesday Addams.

are veterans of the stage, Salisbury, a sophomore, is new to the acting scene.

"I love singing and playing the guitar also," Salisbury said. "The last few years I'd been encouraged to try out for musicals, but I'd never really gotten into acting It's been different going from just singing to singing and acting." He said he attended a workshop before auditioning. "I've learned to channel into a character instead of pretending it's just me. It's not Sam on stage — I've got to be Lucas on stage," he said, adding he also has learned to be a little more exaggerated — not to overact, but to give "a little more than I would in everyday life."

Burns said the premise of the show is to challenge what is normal. For example, senior Hoshaw plays Lucas' mother, Alice.

"She's supposed to be the normal mom from Ohio, but she's definitely got a lot of her own quirks," Hoshaw said, adding Alice makes a dramatic and dark transformation.

Senior Duus said her character, Morticia, is her

complete opposite.

"I'm very outgoing and I would hope people say that I'm friendly. Morticia is the complete opposite of me. She's kind of sexy and she's subtly dramatic, which is also very different from me. Her comedy is very subtle as well. She's just super cool. It's fun to play a character that's so different from myself so I can kind of explore the emotions that Morticia would have."

"They've definitely been the most self-driven cast I've ever had," said Kifer. "I show up and they're already rehearsing, which is very unusual, but wonderful." Kifer described "The Addams Family" as one of the smoothest shows he has ever directed. He and Ben Henri, music director and Noah Zingas, orchestra conductor, selected the show partly due to its popularity and partly because "it fit the kids we have and we knew it was in their range of talents. It fit what we were looking for. We wanted something that was modern and also school appropriate, which can be a challenge."

Finally, Kifer liked the

show's message.

"I think the overall message of acceptance of differences and that love ultimately wins out in the end is timely," he said.

The show features a cast of 52 student actors as well as music performed by a student orchestra. Cori Callahan is the choreographer and the music features a Latin feel, including a Tango.

Many of the lead actors have performed together since their middle school years at Parcells and several through Grosse Pointe Theatre's Youth on Stage program.

"It's like a big family," Hoshaw said. "They're not kidding when they say the Addams family."



Top, Sophie Leszczynski transforms herself into her character, Pugsley. Above, purple lip gloss adds the final ghoulish touch to Uncle Fester, played by Jonas Gee.

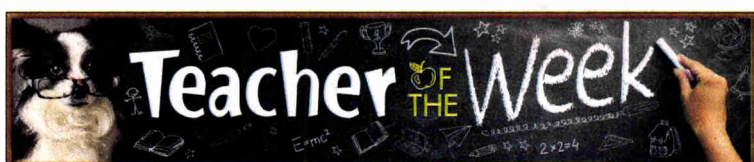
About the show

Dates and Times: Thursday and Friday, March 9 and 10, 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, March 11, 1 and 7:30 p.m.

Where: Christian A. Fenton Performing Arts Center, 707 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods

Tickets: Available at the door one hour before each performance or at Wild Birds Unlimited, 20281 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods

Cost: \$15 main floor reserved, \$10 balcony general admission, \$10 students and seniors (60 and older) main floor reserved. Gold cards welcome



Joette Liamini

School: Our Lady Star of the Sea

Years at OSOS: 26

Grade/Subject: Third grade

Nominated by: Julie Aemisegger, principal

Principal's quote:

"We have been privileged to have Mrs. Joette Liamini teaching third grade at Our Lady Star of the Sea for the past 26 years. Each student will tell you that he/she has at least one favorite fact or story which ties him/her to Mrs. Liamini. Not only does Mrs. Liamini know her own students, she knows and greets the most every elementary school student by name each morning as they enter school. Mrs. Liamini is a great teacher, she loves teaching, and she loves to share all her wonderful experiences at Our Lady Star of the Sea School. Mrs. Liamini is the first person to arrive at school each morning — sometimes I believe it is just so she can plan her next practical joke." **What do you enjoy most about teaching?**

I love the children! I enjoy filling their lives with humor, wisdom, the love of learning and the unexpected. Children grow up too fast, so I strive to keep the magic in their lives. There is nothing better than seeing a child enter your classroom each morning with a huge smile, a morning hug and the big question, "What are we doing today?"

Describe a teaching accomplishment you're proud of or a "teachable moment" you experienced.

I am most proud of the 49 years that I have given to Catholic education. I have loved every minute of every day. I have worked with amazing principals, outstanding teachers, dedicated parents and the most wonderful children in the world. I have been touched by so many lives and each one has impacted the person I am today.

Name a book that has inspired you.

I have always loved children's books. One of



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my favorites is "Mrs. Spitzer's Garden" by Edith Pattou. Mrs. Spitzer is a wise teacher who knows about gardens and about children and how similar they are. In this book you learn that gardens and children will both grow, bloom, and flourish if tended lovingly. With each new year comes a new pack of seeds and the magic starts all over again.

Favorite quote:

"Every child deserves a champion — an adult who will never give up on them, who understands the power of connection and insists that they become the best they can be."

— Rita Pierson



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Mentoring lunch

Second-grader Jhamari Campbell anticipates Bill Roche's next move in a close game of checkers. Grosse Pointe Rotarians met weekly with students from Poupard Elementary School for a mentoring/board game lunch through the month of February.

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Sweet home St. Paul

Friends of St. Paul Catholic School came out to support the 30th annual Auction Saturday, Feb. 4, at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club.

Attendees, donors, sponsors, advertisers, patrons and volunteers all contributed to the "sweet success" of the 2017 Auction: Sweet Home St. Paul. Event chairwoman was Amber Kimmel with Mitch and Beth Reilly serving as honorary chairmen and John and Gretchen Doyle as patron chairmen. Paul W. Smith was master of ceremonies and Bob DuMouchelle was auctioneer.

Net proceeds exceeded \$170,000. The money raised enables the school to continue to provide a well-rounded, faith-based education for students at St. Paul Catholic School, according to organizers.



From left, Msgr. Patrick Halfpenny, St. Paul Catholic School Principal Tina Forsythe and the Rev. Joseph Kirkconnell, associate pastor.



Right, Jeff Moyer watches as Shallene Moyer bids on a Laser Jet Pro printer for Carla Schultz's sixth-grade classroom.



Left, Christiana Scheibner, a sophomore at Grosse Pointe South High School, played piano during the auction. Scheibner also teaches piano and is on South's sailing team.



Above, Auction coordinator Therese Schueneman, left, and 2017 auction chairwoman Amber Kimmel.



Above, handmade art by first- and third-grade classes was available in the silent auction. Top, David Gardey uses his cell phone to bid on a watercolor painting.

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Third-grader Anthony Kaminski celebrates at the Destination Imagination awards ceremony when he learns his team, the Banana Busters, has qualified for the state competition.

Five for five Trombly DI teams find success

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

Five out of five Destination Imagination teams from Trombly Elementary School that competed at the Region 2 competition at Henry Ford II High School in Sterling Heights Feb. 25, will move on to state competition April 8. To qualify, teams place among the top three in their division.

DI is a creativity and teamwork competition. Teams prepare a presentation in engineering, fine arts, improvisation, scientific, technical or project outreach. They also compete in instant challenges, which consist of on-the-spot problem-solving.

"Sometimes you might

be the best builder, but half the challenge is negotiating with the other members of your team and coming up with the best solution in a short period of time. It's kind of a high-pressure situation," said volunteer coach Renee Jakubowski.

Teams that place first through third are eligible for the global competition in Knoxville, Tenn.

"It's kind of like the Olympics for creative kids," Jakubowski said.

DI teaches 21st century skills and STEM — science, technology, engineering and math — principles to kindergarten through university level students through creative and collaborative problem-solving challenges.

The teams that qualified were:

◆ Banana Busters — Paul Kaminski, Anthony Kaminski, Parker Kinsley, Hannah Piccolo, Seely Troffkin and Madison Turnbull

◆ Unicyle Unicorns — Lilly Brieden, Thomas Brieden, Devon Clark, Alex Cline and Anthony DeLuca

◆ Nerdy Narwhals — Berk Boyer, Rosey Cowart and Mary Drouillard

◆ Ticklish Turkeys — Eva Buchanan, Tommy Caulfield, Alyssa Flores, Matt Jakubowski, Dailey Jogan, Aiden Liefef and Jackson Rybicki

◆ M a g i c a l Marshmallows — Nina DeLuca, Jack Grider, Avery Jakubowski, Ana Kozak and Georgia Krieter.



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North presents spring concert

Grosse Pointe North High School hosts its band and orchestra spring concert 7 p.m. Thursday, March 16, at the Christian A. Fenton Performing Arts Center, 708 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Works include "Call to Victory March" by Karl King, "Russian Folk Fantasy" by James Curnow, "Last Ride of the Pony Express" by David Shaffler, "Impromptu Op. 90 No 2" by Franz Schubert, "King Cotton March" by John P. Sousa, "The Seal Lullaby" by Eric Whitacre and "Variations on a Korean Folk Song" by John Barnes Chance.

Donations of any amount will be accepted at the door.

Contact David Cleveland at dave.cleveland@gpschools or (313) 432-3322 for more information.

Week Ahead

FRIDAY, MARCH 10

◆ Monteith Elementary School's PTO invites community members to Ladies Night Out 6 to 9 p.m. at Lochmoor Club, 1018 Sunningdale, Grosse Pointe Woods. This shopping event includes complimentary hors d'oeuvres, a cash bar and silent auction, with 40-plus participating vendors offering items for a tin-can raffle. Local businesses will provide services such as manicures, makeup applications and psychic readings and Rainy Day Art Supply presents painting with a twist. Admission is \$5 and tickets are available at the door or in advance at mkt.com/monteith-elementary-pto-spirit-store. For more information, call Natalie Thompson at (313) 570-2412.

City of Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan 2017 March Board of Review

The City of Grosse Pointe Park will be conducting the 2017 March Board of Review and will convene in the City Hall at 15115 East Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan 48230.

The regular Board of Review schedule is as follows:

Organizational Meeting
March 14, 2017 9:00 AM

Appeal Hearings
March 14, 2017 9:30 AM to 5:00 PM
March 28, 2017 1:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Other hearing dates and times may be scheduled as needed. Hearings are by appointment only. COMPLETED 2017 BOARD OF REVIEW PETITIONS ARE NECESSARY, and must be submitted to the Assessor's Office, prior to your appointment. The deadline for submitting petitions for all persons wishing to appeal in person before the Board of Review is Tuesday, March 28, 2017.

A resident or non-resident taxpayer may file a petition with the Board of Review without the requirement of a personal appearance by the taxpayer or a representative. An agent must have written authority to represent the owner and it must be submitted to the Board of Review on the form prescribed by the assessor's office. Written petitions must be received by Tuesday, March 28, 2017 to be reviewed by the Board. Postmarks are not accepted.

Copies of the notices stating the dates and times of the meetings will be posted and published in the local newspaper.

All Board of Review meetings are open meetings in compliance with the "Open Meetings Act".

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Assessor's Office at (313) 822-6200.

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Above, handmade art by first- and third-grade classes was available in the silent auction. Top, David Gardey uses his cell phone to bid on a watercolor painting.

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City of Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan

BOARD OF REVIEW

Meetings for the purpose of reviewing the 2017 Assessment Roll for the City of Grosse Pointe Farms, Wayne County, Michigan, will be held by the Board of Review on:

TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2017
From 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
and
6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

and

TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 2017
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 17TH.

Timothy E. O'Donnell
City Assessor

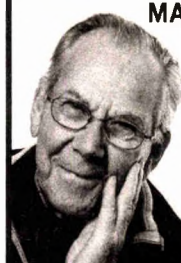
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Regional bee spells success for Parcels eighth-grader

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

Between 2001 and 2007, five students from Parcels Middle School qualified for the Scripps National Spelling Bee, according to English teacher Dan Bens.

"It was a good run," said Bens, who coordinated the annual school bee during that run, as well as today.

A new streak may have begun. After winning the Parcels school bee Jan. 17, eighth-grader Luca Varanelli went on to compete in the Macomb County regional bee Feb. 25. After 24 rounds, he emerged the champion, qualifying him for the national competition.

"Luca was a rock up there," said Bens, who attended the regional bee at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History in Detroit. "He said he was nervous afterwards, but I'm telling you, you sure couldn't tell."

Bens, who has taught Varanelli since he was in seventh grade, described him as "a quiet kid, very composed, very smart. Not just with spelling. He's an awesome kid and a wonderful student."

Varanelli said he prepared by studying a list of words his teacher gave him.



Macomb County regional spelling bee champion Luca Varanelli appears with Channel 7 meteorologist Keenan Smith, left, and action news reporter Ann Marie LaFlamme, right.

PHOTO COURTESY OF JEFF VARANELLI

he knew something," Bens said. As it turned out, he did, spelling the word correctly and beating out 36 other Macomb County school winners for the trophy.

The Grosse Pointe Shores resident, who said he likes math and science, does Tae Kwon Do year-round and, in the summer, plays baseball and swims for the Shores swim team. He will attend the 2017 Scripps National Spelling Bee May 28 to June 3, in National Harbor, Md. His parents, Jeff and Jeanette, and twin sister, Julianna, will accompany him, along with his grandparents.

Bens, too, hopes to be there, cheering him on from the audience, as he has done for students in the past.

"It's so exciting as an English teacher to be there," Bens said. "It's an amazing thing to see."

The National Spelling Bee began in 1925 when nine newspapers joined together to host a spelling bee to promote literacy. Today it is one of the nation's oldest and most iconic competitions, according to its website.

Its purpose is to help students improve their spelling, increase their vocabularies, learn concepts and develop correct English usage that will help them all their lives.



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Hakuna matata

Our Lady Star of the Sea's musical drama class presents "The Lion King Jr." 1:30 and 7 p.m. Thursday, March 9 and 7 p.m. Friday, March 10. Tickets are \$5. The gymnasium is located at 467 Fairford, Grosse Pointe Woods. Call (313) 884-1070 for more information.

National merit finalists named

The National Merit Scholarship Corporation named the finalists eligible for National Merit Scholarships to be offered in 2017. They are Annelise Hofmann, Lindsey Hoshaw and Adam Schreck from Grosse Pointe North High School; Jack Borgoyne, Kurt Huebner, David Scupholm and Kara Semanion from Grosse Pointe South High School; and Lucille

Alpert, Amelia Doetsch and Andrew Wu from University Liggett School.

National merit finalists are awarded from 16,000 semifinalists named in 2016. The selection of some 7,500 Merit Scholarship winners from the group of more than 15,000 finalists is now in progress.

Scholarship offers are mailed beginning in March.

North student recognized

Grosse Pointe North High School student Maxwell Murray was selected for membership by The National Society of High School Scholars. NSHSS recognizes top scholars who have demonstrated outstanding leadership, scholarship and community commitment. NSHSS Founder and Chairman Claes Nobel, senior member of the family that established the Nobel Prizes, announced the scholars Jan. 25.



COURTESY PHOTO

Maxwell Murray

Murray, a senior, received an academic scholarship to DePaul University and St. John's University and was accepted at Howard University and Western Michigan University as well. A captain on North's varsity soccer team, he was named to the Macomb Area Conference 1st team in the white division, Michigan High School Athletic Association all-district team and all-regional team. He was also a MHSSA All-State Honorable Mention.

Murray serves as a mentor for North's freshman assist program and writes for the school newspaper, North Pointe. He attends Jamison Temple Baptist Church, where he participates with the Young Officers Ministry.

NSHSS members automatically become lifetime members. Formed in 2002, the society helps advance the goals and aspirations of its scholars through learning experiences, scholarships, internships, international study and peer networks.

For more information, visit nshss.org.

Ferry celebrates heroes

After completing their hero information reports in class, fourth-graders in Anne Flanagan's class at Ferry Elementary School dressed up as their historical figures for Heroes Night.

Families were invited to attend and guess what figures the students portrayed, asking such questions as, "Are you alive?" "Did you grow up on a farm?" "Are you an author?"

Famous figures ranged from Eleanor Roosevelt to Walt Disney.

Guests recorded their answers on an answer sheet. At the end of the guessing time, students revealed their identities.



Left, Shay and Greg Miller ask Quinn Shaydak questions about her hero. Shaydak dressed as Malala Yousafzai, the youngest person to win a Nobel Peace Prize. Below, Monica Hoffman and her son, Peter, question Marissa Ford. Her identity was later revealed to be Laura Ingalls Wilder.



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

Above from left, Maya Harb dressed as Amelia Earhart, while first grader Penelope Routsis participated in the fourth-grade project by dressing as Princess Leia to provide a clue for her brother, Christos, a.k.a. George Lucas.

South presents Art Fest

Grosse Pointe South High School art students present ArtFest 2017 Wednesday to Saturday, March 22 to 25. This annual juried art show draws more than 2,000 visitors from Grosse Pointe and surrounding communities to view and purchase art by 500 student artists. Students may win cash prizes sponsored by local businesses as well as college

scholarships. This year's Art Fest showcases a new display system purchased by a grant from the Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education and private donations. The event is held in South's multipurpose room and is open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday to Friday and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. Awards night is 5 to 7 p.m. Friday.



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Lisa Kay Hathaway
City Clerk

G.P.N.: 3/9/2017

City of **Grosse Pointe**, Michigan

2017 March Board of Review

The 2017 March Board of Review will convene in the City Hall at 17147 Maumee Avenue, Grosse Pointe, MI 48230.

The meeting is scheduled as follows:

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
March 20, 2017 @ 1:00 PM

APPEAL HEARINGS
March 20, 2017 @ 1:30 PM to 9:00 PM
March 21, 2017 @ 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Other hearing dates and times may be scheduled as needed. Hearings are by appointment only. COMPLETED 2017 BOARD OF REVIEW PETITIONS ARE NECESSARY, and must be submitted to the Assessor's Office, prior to your appointment. The deadline for submitting petitions for all persons wishing to appeal in person before the Board of Review is Tuesday, March 21, 2017.

A resident or non-resident taxpayer may file a petition with the Board of Review without the requirement of a personal appearance by the taxpayer or a representative. An agent must have written authority to represent the owner and it must be submitted to the Board of Review on the form prescribed by the assessor's office. Written petitions must be received by Tuesday, March 21, 2017 to be reviewed by the Board. Postmarks are not accepted.

Copies of the notices stating the dates and times of the meetings will be posted and published in the local newspaper.

All Board of Review meetings are open meetings in compliance with the "Open Meetings Act".

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Assessor's Office at (313)885-5800.

GPN: February 23, March 2, March 9, 2017

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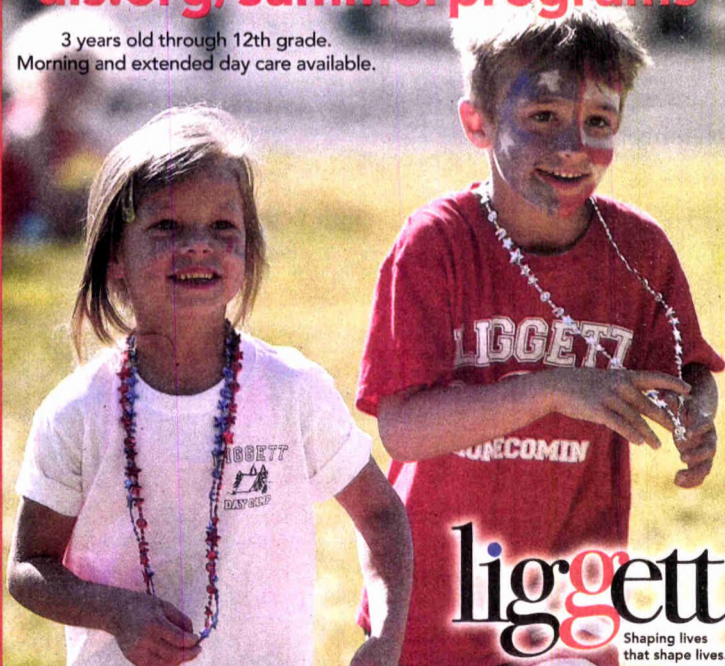
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