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Complete news coverage of all the Pointes

Bond comes down to vote

By Joe Warner
Editor

THE GROSSE POINTES — All the debates at board meetings, through letters published in this newspaper and all over social media come to an end with next week's vote.

Or do they just begin? On Tuesday, Feb. 25, voters in the Grosse Pointe Public School System district will decide the fate of a \$50.2 million, 10-year bond proposal.

The issue has divided the Pointes. Some feel the district is right on with the

proposal that includes technology, security and infrastructure improvements.

Others feel a "no" vote will send the administration and board of education back to the drawing board for a plan less taxing, literally.

In an interview with the Grosse Pointe News, Superintendent Tom Harwood said the proposal is what's right for the district to move forward.

Only one board of education member voted against putting the issue on the February ballot.

Cindy Pangborn said voters deserve to be part of the process.

"It's way too much," she said. (see related story, page 3A).

The debate continues to brew with letters to the editor on pages 6A, 7A, 8A, 9A, 7B and 8B.

On page 4C, the official proposal is published. Also on 4C, more of the technology bond questions are answered by the school district.

The website grossepoin-tenews.com will feature any breaking stories regarding the bond issue

through Feb. 25.

Election results will be available on the same site Tuesday night after the votes are tabulated, while press deadlines will be held for the story to be published in next week's Grosse Pointe News.

Voters can visit several websites for information, including:

gpschools.org
gpsresponsiblespending.com

gptechyes.org
Facebook and Twitter accounts are set up for both sides of the issue. See websites above for info.

Former president against

By Joe Warner
Editor

THE GROSSE POINTES — John Steininger is emotional when he talks about the technology bond election Feb. 25.

The Grosse Pointe Farms resident has lived his whole life in the Pointes, graduating from Grosse Pointe High School in 1968. He has a Bachelor of Science degree in education from Wayne State University and is founder of Grosse Pointe Moving & Storage.

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Bashara: Attorney, trial date change

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

DETROIT — It may be late summer before Bob Bashara goes to trial for the murder of his wife, Jane, as the judge presiding over the case granted his request for a new attorney.

Wayne County Circuit Judge Vonda Evans on Tuesday granted Bashara's request that attorneys from the Public Defenders Office be removed from his case and that the court appoint noted criminal defense attorneys David Cripps and Gabi Silver to represent him.

Bashara was scheduled to go to trial March 3. The trial will be delayed.

At the hearing, Evans read a let-

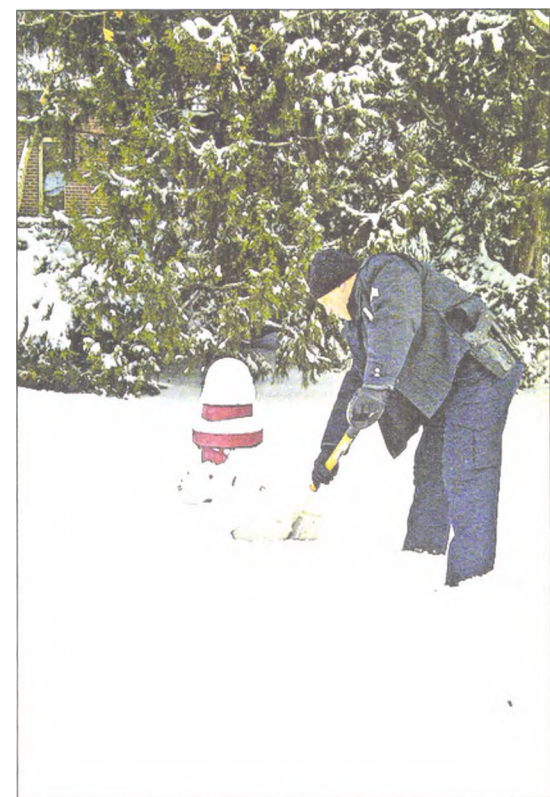
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Lake walking

The never-ending snow and cold made for a scenic walk on the Lake St. Clair ice in Grosse Pointe Shores. Thursday's forecast calls for rain and then temperatures will fall back below normal next week.



Hydrant duty

Doug Fraser, a sergeant in the Grosse Pointe Shores public safety department, shovels snow from around a fire hydrant. Heavy snow fall and public works street plowing often buries the hydrants, requiring officers to clear the snow to maintain accessibility in the event of a fire. Officers are working daily to clear snow from fire hydrants in the village. Residents are asked to assist the department clear snow from hydrants in front of their property, but only if they are physically able to do so. Residents with snow removal services could also ask their contractors to clear a small area in front of the hydrant. Residents also are reminded about warm-up vehicle thefts. Vehicles shouldn't be parked and left unattended while running unless equipped with a device that disables the vehicle if anyone should enter the car and attempt to move it without the ignition key.

Three blamed for car break-ins

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — Thieves take what they can get.

Sometimes, police do, too. Investigators are settling for misdemeanor charges against three men suspected of breaking into parked cars this winter along Mack.

Although there isn't enough evidence to charge them with all of the break-ins, police are putting them through the ringer on a single, lesser crime of receiving and concealing stolen property worth under \$1,000.

"They're pretty seasoned criminals. They wouldn't admit to

anything except what they got caught with," said Detective Lt. Richard Rosati, of the Grosse Pointe Farms public safety department.

Police arrested them at about 8:15 p.m. Monday, Feb. 10, for possessing a laptop computer reportedly stolen minutes earlier from a Detroit woman's car parked behind a store in the 18300 block of Mack.

"We didn't catch them for larceny from auto, but they know we're on to them," Rosati said.

Arrested were:
◆ Rodney Allen Sutton, 25, of Detroit,

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Pangborn: ‘It’s like a Pentagon toilet seat’

By Joe Warner
Editor

Cindy Pangborn blames the technology bond debate on a lack of communication between the board of education and administration with the voters in the Grosse Pointe Public School System district.

On Tuesday, Feb. 25, voters will decide to reward a \$50.2 million, 10-year bond proposal or send the district back to the drawing board.

Pangborn, who has served the board of education from 1995-99 and since 2009, said technology is needed, but this proposal has too many extras.

“The reason why we’re at these crossroads is because the community was not involved in the process,” she said in an interview the Grosse Pointe News last week. “Let’s get a committee of experts from the community to help us with these decisions. And why do we want to just catch up? Let’s be a leader in technology.”

Pangborn, a Realtor, grew up in Grosse Pointe, graduating from Grosse Pointe High School in

1964.

“This community is important to me,” she said. “We raised our children here. Our grandchildren go to school here. To me, this is the most important election we’ve had.”

Pangborn believes the bond is for too much and for too long. She would like to see a 7-year proposal with the total emphasis on technology.

“There are plenty of red flags here,” said Pangborn, the only member of the board to vote no on putting the Feb. 25 proposal before voters. “This is too much. It’s like a Pentagon toilet seat.”

Pangborn said cloud technology works for the city of Houston, the University of Michigan, Amazon and the city of Minneapolis.

“Why can’t it work for us?” she said. “They have thousands using it at the same time. I don’t think enough time was put into finding answers here. This high tax may tie the hands of the municipalities and could stop growth in the Pointes.”

If the proposal fails, Pangborn said there will be some choices to make,

but there is time to come forward with a slimmed-down proposal that addresses the technology needs.

“The board didn’t stay on task,” she said. “To have a bond issue that is all or nothing backs people in a corner. This holds the community hostage. The sky’s not falling. Our students will go to good colleges, armed services and trade schools. We need to do what’s best for the community.”

Part of doing what’s best, Pangborn said, is forming partnerships with residents who own businesses that would help reduce the cost of upgrades.

“I’m sure there are partnerships out there,” she said. “We can put a proposal out there no one will question. One that makes sense. We need to take the extras out. This is way too vague for \$50 million.”

AGAINST:

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Steininger was elected to the board of education in November 2007 and served a term as president. He didn’t run for re-election in 2011, so he could focus his efforts on his business.

He blames the school district’s issues on the economy, which took a hit at the beginning of his term.

“It was a perfect storm of issues,” Steininger said. “Costs were rising while house values were dropping. The pension fund commitments and the cuts in 20j funding all made it a perfect storm.”

While the proposed bond won’t be supported by Steininger, he doesn’t blame the administration, especially Superintendent Tom Harwood, hired during Steininger’s term on the board of education.

“There is a lot they need to look at,” he said. “The administration is offering a solution, but

we have some options here. I don’t put the blame on Harwood.”

What Steininger would like to see is a fight to restore the section 20j funding “and a good hard look at HR costs.”

“We have to ask Gov. Rick Snyder and we haven’t done that. There’s a surplus in this state. Some of that should go back to education. See if we could get matching funds for technology. Our governor understands technology and he knows it’s important to educate our children. What about a matching grant program?”

Steininger said the board and administrators have to live within their budget.

“Employees have gone through cuts, they really have,” he said. “People move here and stay here because the schools are so good. But we can’t ask people to forgo their own futures. Our schools have to operate within their revenue stream and come to the voters after all other options have been looked at. We can’t

tax people to death.”

Relying on the community a little more is one way Steininger sees the opportunity to turn things around.

“We have some viable options based on the strength of our community,” he said. “We have some movers and shakers here that have access to Gov. Snyder. We need to look at everything.”

Steininger said the public debate has been healthy in working toward a solution.

“I think we all understand the need for technology upgrades,” he said. “We can’t shoot the messenger, we have to find a solution. The superintendent and board have said ‘this is where we are.’ Now we have to be responsible and work together.”

Steininger grew emotional as he talked about how special the Pointes and its school district are to him.

“This is a great city and we have great schools,” he said. “I think we have to go back to the drawing board. I’d be shocked if it passes.”

The Week Ahead

THURSDAY, FEB. 20

◆ Theresa Tinkle discusses Chaucer’s “Knight’s Tale” at 7 p.m. in the Grosse Pointe Public Library, Ewald branch. The event is free.

MONDAY, FEB. 24

◆ Grosse Pointe Board of

Education meets at 7 p.m. in the Brownell Middle School multi-purpose room.

◆ Grosse Pointe Woods city council meets at 7:30 p.m. in council chambers, 20025 Mack Plaza.

TUESDAY, FEB. 25

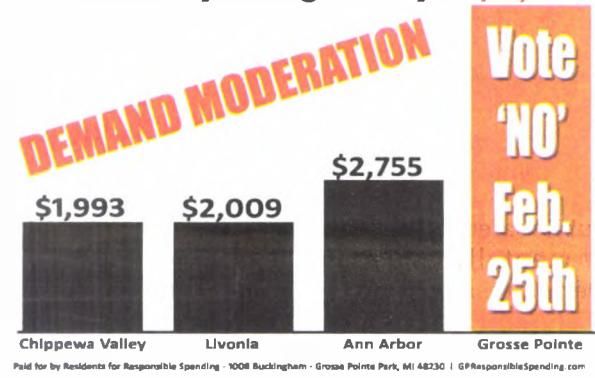
◆ Polls are open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. for voters to cast a ballot on Grosse Pointe Public School System’s technology bond.

THURSDAY, FEB. 27

◆ Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours is from 5:30

to 7 p.m. at Blue Bay Fish & Seafood, 19531 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.
◆ Grosse Pointe Library Board meets at 7 p.m. in the Ewald branch, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park. The agenda is available at gp.lib.mi.us.

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Senior Men’s Club

The Senior Men’s Club of Grosse Pointe lunch is at 11 a.m., Tuesday, Feb. 25, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe

Farms. The cost is \$10. The speaker is Gary G. Abud Jr., Grosse Pointe Public School System instructional coach and 2013 Michigan Teacher of the Year. For information call Charlie Rutherford at (313) 885-1823.

Women’s Connection

“Your Mouth Says it All” is the topic presented by Jehan Wakeem D.D.S. at the 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 27, Women’s Connection meeting at the Grosse Pointe War

Memorial. Wakeem explains how a mouth examination can detect health problems.

For reservations or information, call Jan Baumann at (586) 243-2241.

Family Center

The Family Center of Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods holds a free multi-program night beginning at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 27, with “Kindergarten Essential Ensuring a Successful Transition for Your Child,” at Barnes School, 20900 Morningside, Grosse Pointe Woods.

At 7 p.m. “Infant Massage: Learning the Language of Touch,” Experience Family Yoga” and “Building Better Brains - Teaching Strategies that Work for Dyslexic and ADD Students.”

◆ Completed entry forms for the fourth annual LEGO contest must be in by Friday, Feb. 21. The fee is \$10.

For more information on either event or to register, call (313) 432-3832.



Know Your Skin

By Lisa A. Manz-Dulac, MD

Though we often joke about it, there are people who really are allergic to winter.

Winter itch, or cold urticaria as it is more correctly called, is caused by the skin’s allergy to cold temperature. Upon exposure to cold temperatures, skin swells up, turns red and can feel like it is burning or itching. This happens because the skin, trying to defend itself against the cold, produces histamines. For most, these hives only appear on the areas exposed to the cold. In more severe outbreaks, hives can spread over the entire body, producing enough histamine to cause patients to faint or become quite ill.

Outbreaks of cold urticaria usually subside once the skin becomes warm. Over the counter oral antihistamines are often helpful to relieve the

symptoms. If you are prone to winter itch, taking antihistamines before exposure to the cold can limit the potential for hives to appear.

In severe cases, oral or topical steroids may be required to relieve symptoms. In addition, cold urticaria may indicate the presence of underlying diseases, for which your physician may recommend lab tests.

To learn more about the care of cold urticaria, contact your dermatologist, or call us at Eastside Dermatology, Dr. Lisa Manz-Dulac and Associates.

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North's 'Oliver!' a community event

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

While the musical "Oliver!" tells the story of an orphan, the March production of the musical at Grosse Pointe North is definitely a family affair.

With a script calling for a cast full of young pickpockets, Sean Kifer, North's drama director, looked to students from Parcels, Mason, Ferry and Monteith elementary schools to fill the roles.

And he didn't have to look much further than siblings of several North cast and orchestra members.

In all, the production has nine groups of siblings and when the word started to spread among the younger students, several of their classmates joined in. This is the first time in North's history younger students have been included in a school play. With about 50 cast members from several schools, the production is truly a community event.

"It's been fun to watch all the different ages come together," said Debbie Hoshaw, a North



PHOTO BY KATHY RYAN

Oliver! director Sean Kifer addresses the cast before a recent rehearsal.

parent of two cast members, who is assisting with costumes and keeping some semblance of order backstage.

As the cast assembled for instructions from Kifer at a recent rehearsal, the younger students settled in with their older brothers and sisters, and sibling rivalries turned to sibling support as Kifer put the young "pickpockets" through their paces.

Among the sibling groups are Shannon McEnroe, a North stu-

dent and her brother, Liam, a fifth grader at Ferry; Caitlin Mayernik, an eighth grader at Parcels and her brother, Michael, a Mason fifth grader; Nathan Doss, a North junior and his sister, Claire, a Ferry fourth grader; Francesca Florance, a North junior and her brother, Joe, a Parcels eighth grader; Olivia Hoover, a North sophomore and her sister, Brooke, a fourth grader at Mason; Peter Gritsas, North junior and his brother, Demetri,

Parcels eighth grader; Emily Hoshaw, North junior and her sister, Lindsey, North freshman; Clarissa Kam, North freshman, and her sister, Audrey, North sophomore; and Ann Marie Nicholson, North junior and her sister, Charlotte, a Parcels seventh grader.

For the younger students, being in a high school production is something they always wanted to do, even before they started middle school.

"I want to be in the drama club when I go to Parcels next year," said Ferry fifth grader Ashley Sexton. "I used to wonder if I would like it, but now I know that I will."

Ferry fourth grader Sarah Lawlis seemed to speak for all the little pickpockets when she said, "I'm amazed at how much fun it is."

"Oliver" will be performed March 6-8 at 7:30 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe North Performing Arts Center. Tickets may be purchased at Wild Birds Unlimited or online at gpndramaclub.webs.com or at the door the night of the performance.

Park enters policing pact

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — The city has entered into what has been described as an "historic" agreement that will bring sensitivity training to the Park's Public Safety Department.

The training will come through a partnership with the United States Justice Department, the Michigan Department of Civil Rights and other local groups.

The agreement, signed at a press conference Wednesday, Feb. 12, by Mayor Palmer Heenan and Police Chief David Hiller, sets the groundwork for training public safety officers in effective community policing.

Under the agreement, the Park "agrees to develop a Cultural Competency customer service and racial profiling training program for all police personnel where public contact is required." As noted in the agreement, the training is "intended to improve cultural awareness, sensitivity and overall public safety customer service to persons with disabilities or special needs irrespective of race, color, national origin, gender, gender identity, religion or disability."

entire shift, including command officers, was reassigned.

"We had a situation where actions were taken that needed to be dealt with," said Hiller at Wednesday's press conference. "We have worked with the Department of Justice and the Department of Civil Rights to move forward."

The non-binding agreement calls for the department to meet no less than three times in a year with "disability advocacy and disability service provider organizations such as the Northeast Guidance Center, to discuss concerns, issues of safety, and recognizing cognitive disabilities."

The agreement, signed by Heenan and Hiller, was witnessed by Daedra A. Von Mike McGhee, Conciliation Specialist with the DOJ.

Also in attendance were Rev. Tim Pelc, pastor of St. Ambrose Church and Marcia Fairrow, owner of Higher Grounds Coffee Café on Mack, and former pastor of the Grace Community Church.

The agreement, under the formal name "City of Grosse Pointe Park and Concerned Citizens of Grosse Pointe Park, St. Ambrose Church and the Michigan Department of Civil Rights" is described as a "Memorandum of Agreement on Community Trust, Respect and Civil Rights."

In addition to that agreement, Heenan signed a proclamation asserting that Grosse Pointe Park "will respect and treat with dignity all persons, resident or visitor — regardless of race, color, national origin, gender, gender identity, religion or disability — in all aspects of community life or service."

Stating the Park "at all times welcomes all ethnic groups, races, cultures and religions and values their contributions to our community."

BASHARA:

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ter Bashara had written to her requesting the change in representation, then questioned Bashara to make certain he understood if Cripps and Silver were appointed, he would not be going to trial in March. Bashara assured the judge he understood.

Bashara also assured the court he had been satisfied with the representation by public defenders Mark Procida and Nancy Shell. However, he said the removal of another public defender, Renee

Cooper, from his case had "caused me great consternation."

In addition to appointing Cripps and Silver, Evans said she would appoint another attorney to assist them.

"They will have another attorney to do the handy work," Evans said.

At a hearing last month, Evans said she had procured \$200,000 from Wayne County to pay Bashara's legal fees.

Bashara initially requested that Cripps be appointed to supplement the work of his public defenders, but instead Evans ruled that the public defenders will be removed and Cripps and Silver will become attorneys of record.

Then Bashara asked Evans to allow Procida and Shell to remain on the case to assist Cripps and Silver.

"If I might put an asterisk to my request, your Honor, it would be a way for them to work with Cripps and Silver in order to allow for a smooth transition," Bashara said. Evans denied his request.

Procida said he would turn over all files and discovery materials to the new attorneys.

While the prosecutors did not formally object, they did question how fast a trial date could be established. Assistant Prosecutor Lisa Lindsey

questioned that with Cripps' and Silver's busy trial schedules, it could be October or November before they could be ready for trial.

Evans said she thought a date of June, July or August could be established.

Bashara, along with his new attorneys, will be back in court for a pre-trial hearing Tuesday, March 11.

Bashara faces seven counts, including first-degree murder, conspiracy to commit murder, witness intimidation, solicitation to commit murder, suborning perjury during a capital trial, obstruction of justice and felony firearm.

THREE:

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◆ Marcus Lamont Dockery, 32, of Highland Park, and

◆ Omar James Allen, 28, of Detroit.

Sutton is wanted in Harper Woods on unspecified charges, according to police.

Dockery is on probation for shoplifting and wanted on an unspecified \$350 warrant from 36th District Court, they added.

The misdemeanors are being prosecuted in Farms municipal court instead of circuit court.

"That sometimes works in our favor because we have more say about what happens to the individuals," Rosati said.

Judge Matthew Rumora arraigned the trio Wednesday, Feb. 12. He set bond for each at \$5,000 cash.

"They thought it was excessive," Rosati said. "They only know about fairness to themselves."

The lesson may be sinking in.

"Back in the cell (after arraignment), we gave them something to eat and use of the telephone on the condition that they don't break into cars in our city any more," Rosati said. "One guy gave us a thumbs up."

The arrest

Farms Sgt. John Bruno caught the men within minutes of the car break-

in. Because the crime was similar an earlier incident after which the suspects fled to a parking lot behind businesses on Mack near Moross in Detroit, Bruno went straight to that location.

He spotted three men sitting in a black 2000 GMC sports utility vehicle.

During questioning, Bruno noticed a black laptop, as reported stolen, protruding from the storage area behind the SUV's front passenger seat.

"None of the occupants

stated they knew who the laptop belonged to," Bruno said.

Grosse Pointe Woods officers provided backup. A search of the vehicle also reportedly found:

◆ three cell phones,

◆ a box containing a Cross pen,

◆ a Korg guitar tuner and

◆ a prescription bottle containing suspected Hydrocodon. The bottle wasn't in the name of any of the suspects.

"I took possession of the laptop and conducted a show-up with the victim," said Farms Officer

Thomas Dionne. "(She) positively identified the laptop as hers and powered it up to confirm with her log-in and password."

Dionne also helped her place plastic over the shattered front passenger window of her 2013 Ford Focus.

At headquarters, Officers Matthew Hurner found five pills in one of Omar's pants pockets.

"(He) stated they were Vicodin and he does not have a prescription," Hurner said. "He advised that he has foot pain and gets the pills on the street."

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An unknown suspect fraudulently charged a \$94.87 purchase on Monday, Feb. 10, at a Shoppers Best store in Mississauga, Ontario, Canada, to a City of Grosse Pointe woman.

— Brad Lindberg
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Grosse Pointe Farms

Touchy

A Detroit woman claims her bankruptcy attorney, of Grosse Pointe

Farms, is behaving inappropriately.

She told police last week that the attorney hugged, kissed and patted her during a meeting in his office on Friday, Feb. 7.

“(She) said (he) did this two times after this incident, but they happened in Detroit in the federal building,” according to Farms police. “(She) said she tried to do something federally, but they declined her request.”

Asserts rights

A 17-year-old Farms man reportedly objected to being arrested last week for possession of marijuana.

“(He) stated multiple times that he does not consent to a search of his person and that he is a minor and that his rights were being violated,” said a public safety officer.

The arrest developed from a traffic stop on Provençal and Lakeshore shortly before 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 13.

A patrolman pulled over a 17-year-old Farms woman operating a black 2013 Mercedes Benz GLK350 for disobeying a stop sign on eastbound Kercheval at Provençal.

The car smelled of burnt marijuana, accord-

ing to the officer.

“(The driver) stated she was not in possession of marijuana,” said the officer. “(She) stated that a passenger earlier in the evening was in possession prior.”

Police reportedly found .05 ounces of the drug in the man’s right front pants pocket.

“(He) was non-cooperative with the investigation and pulled his right arm away from the grasp of (an officer) as he was attempting to handcuff (him),” said an officer.

Has drugs

During a traffic stop at Mack and Moross at 10:12 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 11, police arrested a 23-year-old Detroit man for possession of marijuana.

Officers reportedly found the drug in his right front pants pocket.

The investigation was prompted by the man operating a 2012 Honda Civic with its bright lights on, according to police.

The Honda was owned by the father of a 22-year-old female passenger from Grosse Pointe Park, according to police.

— Brad Lindberg
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block of northbound Lakeshore for driving a 2003 Ford Taurus erratically.

Police said he was exceeding the Lakeshore speed limit by up to 15 mph, and was weaving the car in and out of the left lane.

Asleep at wheel

At 1:46 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 15, a patrolman awoke a man and woman sleeping in a 2010 Chevrolet Camaro parked on northbound Lakeshore near Deeplands.

The woman, 22, of Warren, was in the driver’s seat, police said. She had a .113 percent blood alcohol level, they added.

The 21-year-old male passenger lives in Detroit.

Frosted

The southern-most outer gate to the Osius Park parking lot couldn’t be swung open during the morning of Sunday, Feb. 16.

Frost buildup in the ground caused the blacktop to rise, blocking the gate.

A public works employee cleared snow from the north gate, allowing public access to the park.

Helps Woods

Shortly before 3:30 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 11, a Grosse Pointe Shores patrolman helped Grosse Pointe Woods officers catch a suspect on behalf of Michigan State Police.

Woods officers caught the subject, whom troopers sought earlier, in the area of Lochmoor and Fairway, according to police.

— Brad Lindberg
Report information about these or other crimes to the Grosse Pointe Shores Public Safety Department at (313) 881-5500.

Grosse Pointe Park

Arrest

At 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 15, a 40-year-old male was observed looking into vehicles in the 1300 block of Lakepointe. When police arrived, the subject ran, but was caught and taken into custody. A small amount of change was found on the suspect, and the owner of a car that was found with a door open reported money missing from the car. The suspect was arrested.

Larceny from autos

Overnight Wednesday, Feb. 12 a 1996 Jeep Cherokee parked on Barrington was entered and a small amount of change was taken. The door lock was pried to gain entry, but the vehicle was equipped with a Club anti-theft device.

Overnight Friday, Feb. 13 a 1995 GMC Jimmy parked in the 1100 block of Maryland was entered and professional hair trimmers were removed. Entry to the vehicle was gained by breaking a window.

Attempted car thefts

A 2003 Dodge Dakota parked in the 700 block of Westchester suffered damage to the steering column and ignition sometime overnight Wednesday, Feb. 12. The vehicle was not locked.

The same night, a 2013 Ford F150, parked in the 800 block of Harcourt, sustained damage to the driver side door lock and a rear window. No entry was gained.

— Kathy Ryan
Report information on these and other crimes to Grosse Pointe Park public safety at (313) 822-7400.

Grosse Pointe Woods

High dollar chase

At 3:15 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 11 police received a report from Michigan State Police that they were in pursuit of a Bentley driving at a high rate of speed on Lakeshore. The chase was eventually called off, but shortly after that, Woods patrol officers spotted the Bentley on Mack. A short chase followed, but the driver eventually stopped at Lochmoor and Fairway. Inside the Bentley police found a loaded shotgun and a baseball bat. The driver told the police he was an undercover DEA agent on his way to Detroit to “make a drop.” He also admitted to being bi-polar. The driver was taken into custody and the car impounded.

Home invasion

A Roslyn resident called police on Tuesday, Feb. 11 to report a home invasion. He said he came home that afternoon and found the backdoor had been pried open. He reported a strongbox missing from an upstairs bedroom, as well as another strongbox being pried open. Credit cards and cash were reported missing.

— Kathy Ryan
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“Why All the Household Dust?”
I’m Keith Meadows, owner and operator of American Power Vac, Inc. For years, I’ve been improving our community’s health one family at a time. By now we’ve all heard the statistics: 50% of all illness is a direct relation to dirty indoor air and our indoor air is up to 90 times more polluted than outdoor air. Yet, 90% of the calls I receive everyday are from desperate people complaining about dust. They tell me they dust the TV on Friday, but by Sunday they are pushing the dust out of the way again so they can watch Dancing with the Stars, and none of them know exactly where it’s coming from. Well, I’m here to tell you that it’s not because you’re a bad housekeeper, I tell people that by simply having your ducts cleaned will drastically reduce household dust, and the reason is, your cold air returns.
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Grosse Pointe Shores

Unplugged

All unnecessary electronic equipment in the Osius Park guard shack was unplugged last weekend until an electrician says the wall outlet is safe to use.

At about 11:30 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 16, a park employee working in the shack told police of a burning odor coming from the cord of a space heater.

An officer unplugged the heater, noting minor charring to the plug end of the cord and discoloration around the outlet.

A power strip attached to the plug powered two space heaters, a television, rechargeable flashlight and a microwave.

Drunken driving

A 44-year-old Detroit man registered a .149 percent blood alcohol level prior to being arrested for drunken driving at about 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 15.

A patrolman pulled him over in the 1100

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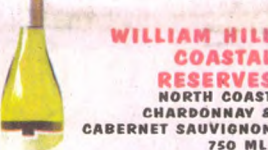
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Another proposal

To the Editor:

The Grosse Pointe schools provide children with outstanding instruction and support, even as the technology stands now.

I support upgrading the technology, but another proposal must be drafted that is fiscally responsible.

This proposal will fund not only technology upgrades for classroom instruction, but adds millions of dollars of non-essential building improvements.

"No plan is perfect," we're told. No, but this proposal is not the modern, forward-thinking solution that 21st century learning requires. The Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education failed to consider the potential of "moving to the cloud," citing limitations and security concerns that do not reflect reality.

They dismissed a "Bring Your Own Device" program, citing IT difficulties, which have been refuted by IT experts themselves.

Taxpayers should not fund devices for every child in grades three through 12, when many already own one — or two.

Districts all over the nation have implemented voluntary, successful BYOD programs. Yet this proposal's number of desktops, laptops and

devices translates into more than 1:1 ratio at a cost of \$17 million.

If 1:1 is the goal, does every school then require a computer lab, a media center, advanced classroom media, as well as devices? It's excessive.

One Tech YES proponent said the bond should be \$60 million because her children's "education is worth every penny." The Grosse Pointe school district will owe nearly \$100 million if this proposal passes.

Vote "No." Demand that the board of education submit a proposal that includes modern, forward-thinking technology solutions, while respecting the financial reality of this community.

KATHY DARROW
Grosse Pointe Farms

Mega-million \$

To the Editor:

The Grosse Pointe community should be outraged regarding the one-sided push for a mega-million dollar bond.

The administration, our PTOs and the League of Women Voters, have refused to have an open forum for discussion of this proposal.

Never have I witnessed in my 40 years of school involvement and three elected terms to the board, such an effort to shut out opposing voices.

Parents of school-age children should be ques-

tioning the lack of dialogue and the scare tactics. The sky is not falling.

The enormity of the cost and duration of this bond will affect small businesses, young families and community government. Our municipalities have been frugal in their expenditures, waiting for real estate prices to increase before they will propose higher taxes or other financial initiatives.

This bond will severely limit the ability to improve roads, lakefront parks and daily operating expenses. We need to think of the well being of our entire community.

Last night's school board meeting reflected the turmoil that has been fermenting in our district. The lack of confidence in our administration, the exclusion of community involvement and inadequate planning, undermines the progress that we need to make.

We need technology, but not at this price. Vote "No" on Feb. 25 and send the message to the board to bring a comprehensive, cost effective technology plan back to the voters.

CINDY PANGBORN
Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education Trustee

Anti waste

To the Editor:

For 25 years, I have listened to members of the Grosse Pointe "anti-tax" movement rail-on about high taxes — school, library, community and even such necessary taxes as sewer separation bond taxes.

Imagine my surprise when I received a telephone call from the leader of the anti-tax movement asking me to support a new property tax — a regional tax to support the Detroit Institute of Arts. When I pointed out the movement's anti-tax history, I was advised the movement wasn't anti-tax; it was "anti-waste."

The DIA regional tax passed. Today, the anti-waste crowd continues its mission by opposing a millage to support technology in Grosse Pointe schools.

What an irony: The Detroit News recently published an expose of lavish wage increases and self-dealing loans by the

executives of the DIA.

Meanwhile, it is important to note neither the staff nor the administrators at the Grosse Pointe Public School System received a 17 percent increase in their compensation. None of the administrators at the Grosse Pointe schools is paid \$455,000 per year; and nobody at the Grosse Pointe schools received a \$103,000 annual bonus or a personal loan from the district for \$155,000.

It would seem the anti-tax / anti-waste movement has been looking for waste in all the wrong places.

If there is anything that has been wasted in the Grosse Pointes, it is the credibility of the anti-tax/anti-waste movement.

CLINTON R. ANDREWS
Grosse Pointe Park

Issued warning

To the Editor:

It was painful. We were at Monday's Feb. 10 Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education meeting until midnight.

After 21 speakers came to the microphone and diminished school superintendent Thomas Harwood as a failed administrator, the board had the nerve to go along and put on their scheduled dog and pony show. A slide show accompanied nine teachers and four students as they all gave technology testimonials.

It was really insulting and a massive waste of time to all of us in the audience whose gripe is not about technology in the schools. People in the audience peeled away. It was a calculated maneuver to kill the momentum and try to diminish our effectiveness as we protest the district's excessive spending.

At 10 p.m. "Madame President" asked for a motion to continue with the 31 speakers who had come to comment on non-agenda items. It was granted. We were there until midnight.

Meantime the Grosse Pointe schools had the craftiness to have their "Partners in Learning" flyer delivered to every doorstep over the weekend.

I hope people get out and vote "No." Of course, the real craftiness was in the "Tech Yes" speeches where the "opposition" was accused of disingenuous activity, taking advantage of the hostility toward Dr. Harwood and convincing those parents to vote "No" to punish him.

How sad. At the very least, our group of Residents for Responsible Spending and its supporters will have issued a warning.

If the bond passes with taxpayers and the Grosse Pointe municipalities ending up in a fiscal mess, and separately if Harwood is retained, we will have called their bluff.

KELLY BOLL
Grosse Pointe Park

Bond dismay

To the Editor:

I am writing to express my dismay over the current technology bond proposal scheduled for vote on Feb. 25.

I originally thought, "tech bond, great" — until I read the proposal. So much in it has nothing to do with technological improvements and upgrades in the classrooms.

If this truly were a technology bond, the numbers would be much smaller and there would not be this opposition.

Most of the people in opposition are not against technology and do believe technology definitely needs to be improved, computer labs replaced — I don't even have a problem with providing computers/iPads to students.

But, nowhere in the proposal does it state what will be bought, how these items will be used and exactly how it will help the curriculum. And, why are infrastructure, building upgrades and maintenance costs — doors, generators, televisions, telephones, furnaces, lighting, flooring, etc. — a large part of this proposal, not covered in the sinking bond millage?

We are already one of the highest taxed school districts in the state. We have highly paid teachers and students who score well above the state average. In good faith we voted for a millage increase to cover those types of needs and yet we cannot cover those costs?

Also, the implication from proponents of this bond that somehow the residents opposed to this technology bond are ignorant, do not care about the quality of education, property values or the safety of our children couldn't be further from the truth.

We have also been told we just do not understand the numbers, the issues and are playing politics. I can assure you that we understand all too well the numbers and the issues.

Most of us have worked tirelessly over the past decade, raising funds for our schools. When budgets were cut for athletics and the arts, we understood. We paid to play and didn't think twice. We formed and joined booster clubs. We have worked to help supply funds, hundreds of thousands of dollars, to supplement the failing budget and its questionable management.

We have also voted consistently to support millage bonds for building maintenance and upgrades. And, we trusted the school board to come up with the best use of the funds they had been given.

They did not do their job and another \$50 million is just too much.

ELLEN KENNARY
DOYLE
Grosse Pointe Farms

Opposition

To the Editor:

I am writing to express my opposition to the Grosse Pointe Public School System's \$50,280,000 technology bond proposal that will be on the Tuesday, Feb. 25, ballot.

The proposed bond is intended to be used for technology and security equipment and infrastructure improvements over a 10-year period.

In my opinion, the bond amount is ridiculously excessive — it equates to spending over \$6,000 per student for technology and security equipment and infrastructure. Many information technology professionals in the community have pointed out technology and security equipment and systems can be improved at significantly lower costs. And who among us would ever spend an equivalent amount of money on computers, networks, phones and security equipment for our homes and businesses? Not me or anyone I know.

I also object to the broad wording of the bond proposal. It states that the bond may be used for "remodeling, equipping, furnishing, re-equipping and refurbishing existing school district buildings" — it could and obviously will be spent on a lot of things other than technology and security.

The Grosse Pointe schools has been running deficits for the past five years in a row. And the bond rating for the schools has been downgraded. And the school's bond rating hurts the bond ratings of all of the Grosse Pointe communities.

Grosse Pointe homeowners already pay a significant amount of property taxes to the Grosse Pointe schools. About one-third of my property taxes go to the schools. And we currently are carrying about \$46 million in school debt from the 2002 bonds that will not be paid off until 2027.

The Grosse Pointe schools revenue has been stable in the last few years and the revenue is over \$12,000 per student — one of the highest in the state. And the schools still cannot figure out how to make ends meet.

No one is talking about the long-term financial health of the Grosse Pointe schools — only about this giant bond proposal. And there is no plan for how the Grosse Pointe schools will pay the operating costs for the new technology/security systems.

All of this new equipment does not take care of itself and the bond money cannot be used for operating costs.

It appears to me the Grosse Pointe schools simply want a big pot of money to use for technology/security upgrades and to plug the operating budget holes as it sees fit — including using the bond money to pay for all sorts of equipment, maintenance and repair items that are normally paid for in operating budgets.

The Grosse Pointe schools prefer to ask for more money from the taxpayers in the form of new debt rather than to make the difficult choices that are fiscally responsible.

If this bond proposal passes, our taxes will go up for years and years to come to cover current operating shortfalls. And what happens when this bond money runs out in 10 years or so? Do we just keep adding debt to cover operating shortfalls?

It is clear the schools need new technology, but not at this cost and not in this manner. Please vote "No" on the technology bond proposal. Tell the See LETTERS, page 7A

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TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2014
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TUESDAY, MARCH 18, 2014
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Grosse Pointe schools to get back to work on solving the long-term operating budget issues and to develop a reasonable technology/security bond proposal.

KAREN RIDGWAY
City of Grosse Pointe

History repeats
To the Editor:

In the Feb. 6 Grosse Pointe News article, "Harwood believes bond is right for schools," superintendent Tom Harwood said, "This would make our schools competitive again... We're always compared to Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills and we're expected to compete."

I have been attending school board meetings for the past 14 years — when trustees were named Ryan, Brennan, Konrad-Wilberding and Matthews — and I have a little history to share about the Grosse Pointe Public School System's previous bond and sinking fund proposals.

"Our community demands that we maintain a quality school system to be competitive with other school systems around the area," said Chris Fenton in a July 18, 2002 Grosse Pointe News article, "G.P. athletics desperate for \$13.5 million in improvements," discussing the need for a \$62 million dollar capital improvement bond. "Board members took into account the suggestions of parents, teachers, administrators and committee members when they formulated the list of projects needed in the community."

Sound familiar?

Included on that list of projects voters were told about in that news article in 2002 was a new pool at Grosse Pointe South High School, projected to cost approximately \$4 million. Everyone in the community agreed the swimming pool at South needed to be replaced.

So voters passed that bond in 2002 and a 1 mill sinking fund in March, 2004 which was worded as being for "construction or repair of school buildings...and the acquisition and installation of furnishings and equipment." At the time former school superintendent Suzanne Klein wrote in a Partners in Learning publication, "We aren't competitive with other districts, we're losing ground, we have cut our budget to make ends meet because of school aid cuts."

And so with a \$62 million bond and a 1 mill sinking fund good for six years, the swimming pool for Grosse Pointe South that voters were told would have a price tag of \$4 million grew to a near \$12 million price tag. It was described in an Aug. 23, 2007, letter to the Grosse Pointe News, "Mike Moore rebutted," written by Fundraising Coordinators, Friends of the New Pool at South, as "not just a pool, but a

complex that will house a pool, a gymnasium, a new fitness facility, meeting rooms, a concession area, bathrooms, locker rooms, a coaches' office and spectator area...Whether we like it or not, we live in a community fighting to maintain its excellence. We're fighting for dollars. ...It — demands — we keep competitive with other communities like Ann Arbor, Chippewa Valley, Livonia, Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills."

Something voters were told in 2002 would cost \$4 million swelled to \$12 million in 2006.

That is a lot of money that could have been spent on addressing the technology needs of our schools. The bond and sinking fund ballot language voters approved each time, which is similar to the language we are being asked to approve on Feb. 25, was sufficiently vague enough to permit the then-sitting school board to spend money on technology improvements, but the then-sitting board swam in another direction.

School board members come and go. And while the seated school board is telling voters they will responsibly review the contracts for technology improvements we all agree need to be made,

the vaguely-worded bond language guarantees nothing.

I have seen how the contract made with the voters in 2002 was broken by 2007. So I will vote

"No" on Feb. 25, because I don't want history to repeat itself. I don't want to trust any school board with this much money. I don't want to wind up funding a technology

complex when something much less costly can work. And to any residents who have reservations about what to do on Feb. 25, I say: "Remember See LETTERS, page 8A

City of Grosse Pointe Farms,
Wayne County, MichiganCODE NO. 6-01
AMENDMENT TO VEHICLE CODE
ORDINANCE NO. 387

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 370, ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT BY REFERENCE THE MICHIGAN VEHICLE CODE AND TO AMEND THE UNIFORM TRAFFIC CODE ORDINANCE, CODE NO. 6-01".

THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE FARMS ORDAINS:

Section 1. Amendment to Vehicle Code

To the extent not inconsistent with the provisions of the Michigan Vehicle Code, as adopted by reference in the City of Grosse Pointe Farms by Ordinance No. 370, the following provisions shall govern the parking of vehicles within the City of Grosse Pointe Farms:

(1) A vehicle shall not be parked, except if necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with the law or the directions of a police officer or traffic-control device, in any of the following places:

(a) On a sidewalk.

(b) In front of a public or private driveway.

(c) Within an intersection.

(d) Within 15 feet of a fire hydrant.

(e) On a crosswalk.

(f) Within 20 feet of a crosswalk, or if there is not a crosswalk, then within 15 feet of the intersection of property lines at an intersection of highways.

(g) Within 30 feet of the approach to a flashing beacon, stop sign, or traffic-control signal located at the side of a highway.

(h) Between a safety zone and the adjacent curb or within 30 feet of a point on the curb immediately opposite the end of a safety zone, unless a different length is indicated by an official sign or marking.

(i) Within 50 feet of the nearest rail of a railroad crossing.

(j) Within 20 feet of the driveway entrance to a fire station and on the side of a street opposite the entrance to a fire station within 75 feet of the entrance if properly marked by an official sign.

(k) Alongside or opposite a street excavation or obstruction, if the stopping, standing, or parking would obstruct traffic.

(l) On the roadway side of a vehicle stopped or parked at the edge or curb of a street.

(m) Upon a bridge or other elevated highway structure or within a highway tunnel.

(n) At a place where an official sign prohibits stopping or parking.

(o) Reserved.

(p) In front of a theater.

(q) In a place or in a manner that blocks immediate egress from an emergency exit of a building.

(r) In a place or in a manner that blocks or hampers the immediate use of an immediate egress from a fire escape conspicuously marked as a fire escape providing an emergency means of egress from a building.

(s) In a parking space clearly identified by an official sign as being reserved for use by disabled persons that is on public property or private property available for public use, unless the individual is a disabled person as described in section 19a of the Michigan Vehicle Code or unless the individual is parking the vehicle for the benefit of a disabled person. In order for the vehicle to be parked in the parking space the vehicle shall display 1 of the following:

(i) A certificate of identification or windshield placard issued under section 675 of the Michigan Vehicle Code to a disabled person.

(ii) A special registration plate issued under section 803d of the Michigan Vehicle Code to a disabled person.

(iii) A similar certificate of identification or windshield placard issued by another state to a disabled person.

(iv) A similar special registration plate issued by another state to a disabled person.

(v) A special registration plate to which a tab for persons with disabilities is attached issued under this act.

(t) In a clearly identified access aisle or access lane immediately adjacent to a space designated for parking by persons with disabilities.

(u) On a street or other area open to the parking of vehicles that results in the vehicle interfering with the use of a curb-cut or ramp by persons with disabilities.

(v) Reserved.

(w) In violation of an official sign restricting the period of time for or manner of parking.

(x) In a space controlled or regulated by a meter on a public highway or in a publicly owned parking area or structure, if the allowable time for parking indicated on the meter has expired, unless the vehicle properly displays 1 or more of the items listed in section 675(8) of the Michigan Vehicle Code.

(y) On a street or highway in such a way as to obstruct the delivery of mail to a rural mailbox by a carrier of the United States postal service.

(z) In a place or in a manner that blocks the use of an alley.

(aa) In a place or in a manner that blocks access to a space clearly designated as a fire lane.

(2) A person shall not move a vehicle not owned by the person into a prohibited area or away from a curb a distance that makes the parking unlawful.

(3) A bus, for the purpose of taking on or discharging passengers, may be stopped at a place described in subsection (1)(b), (d), or (f) or on the roadway side of a vehicle illegally parked in a legally designated bus loading zone. A bus, for the purpose of taking on or discharging a passenger, may be stopped at a place described in subsection (1)(n) if the place is posted by an appropriate bus stop sign, except that a bus shall not stop at such a place if the stopping is specifically prohibited by the Director of Public Safety or his designee.

(4) A person who violates this section is responsible for a civil infraction.

Section 2. Coordination with Other Ordinances

This Ordinance shall supplement the provisions of other ordinances governing the lawful parking of vehicles on public or private property within the City of Grosse Pointe Farms and, except to the extent of any inconsistency, shall not supersede or impair the effectiveness of such other ordinances.

Section 3. Partial Invalidity

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

Section 4. Effective Date

This Ordinance is declared necessary for public health and safety and shall take immediate effect.

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infrastructure through the past several years of economic recession.

But now, no one can or will deny the time has finally come to tackle this unparalleled challenge head-on, without reservation or further hesitation. There is no other alternative. In fact, not even the staunchest proponents of the proposed technology plan and budget, amortized over 10 years, deny we have a monumental problem that will only get far worse without immediate corrective action — the equivalent of major constructive surgery.

The only question before us is whether or not the overwhelming majority of our duly elected, virtually unpaid school board; and heretofore, highly unpopular, extremely incompetent administration; together with a group of consultants, who have questionable credentials; as well as teachers; students and parents, all working hand-in-hand, for well over a year, actually know what they're talking about. And whether they truly have the best interests of our children and community at heart.

I say they don't know what they're doing and they don't, in fact, have the best interest of all our current and future students' absolute best interests in the forefront of their hearts and minds. It's time to stop the bickering and arm-chair quarterbacking. We finally have a definitive 10-year bankruptcy plan, incomprehensible road map and unfunded budget to work with for 15 facilities. Contrary to the supporters' overblown, enthusiastic claims, the plan is infeasible, cuts our district's downgraded bond rating further and is

not well-thought-out. It is predicated on having the approval of the community to increase our district's \$47.8 million of rated general obligation unlimited — plus \$1.9 million of unrated general obligation limited — tax debt outstanding by \$50.3 million over the next decade.

This will allow for Moody's Investors Service — which downgraded our general obligation bonds from Aa1 to Aa2 on Aug. 27, 2013, and assigned a negative outlook for our district (refer to: moodys.com; or search online for: moodys.com/research/Moodys-downgrades-Grosse-Pointe-Public-Schools-MI-to-Aa2-negative--PR 281058) — to successfully downgrade our bonds from Aa2 to Aa3 and assign a more negative outlook for our schools.

It would be irresponsible for this community to ignore the changing world around us. Our children deserve an education from a school system that is not bankrupt.

Let's put our political differences aside and get on board with the program. Vote "No to Tech," the future needs of our students and the viability of this remarkable community, on Feb. 25.

NATALIEN. WALTON
Grosse Pointe Shores

Focus on schools

To the Editor:
The fine tradition and excellent reputation of the Grosse Pointe Public School System began in 1921. Over the ensuing decades, a symbiotic relationship between school and community has enhanced our identity as an enviable place to live and raise our children.

The recent clamor created by those who oppose the bond has gained momentum. Their focus is not centered on the

schools, but on the money. This despite the extensive efforts by our school personnel, outside experts and a board of education elected to act in our best interests.

We must consider as well, the message a defeat will impact on our past success recruiting the most highly qualified teaching candidates.

The salaries and benefits we offer are in a state of decline with no end in sight. How many of the aforementioned will request an application when greener pastures can be found elsewhere.

It seems ironic that, with exceptions, Grosse Pointers are perhaps most able to afford the increase requested.

Let us not let the mind set of those voting no lead us to cutting corners and just getting by when there is no reason to do so.

DAVID JOHNSON
Grosse Pointe Shores

Failed schools

To the Editor:
After having personal experience with Grosse Pointe Public School System Superintendent Thomas Harwood in regard to being verbally assaulted on school property at Mason Elementary School by a volunteer, I can absolutely attest to him having failed parents and students within the school district.

I, and other parents, told Mason Elementary School Principal Elaine Middlekauff of this man's unprovoked angry verbal outbursts on school property in front of our children and nothing was done. One parent described this person as "out of control" to the principal I finally requested a meeting with Dr. Harwood and the principal over the incidents, when I no longer felt safe at Mason — I would have to call the

school before I went in and ask that he not be in the office — and my child had anxiety over seeing this man at his neighborhood school.

Dr. Harwood, disregarded my child feeling safe, and flat out told me the volunteer, whom has no children at Mason, would be allowed to continue to be on school property. This was extremely disappointing as my child is a hard working, kind student, who was even selected for student counsel. My husband then requested our son be immediately transferred to a school that did value not only our son feeling safe, but good citizenship and respect and decency for of all. And his response was he would have to check his numbers.

As not only a mother, but a person who holds two master degrees in both teaching and educational leadership, I can attest that Dr. Harwood has failed miserably. We did get our transfer from M. Jon Dean, deputy superintendent of educational services, but will still be moving out of the district as a result of the lack of leadership within the Grosse Pointe Public School System. It is unfortunate as we moved here from Ann Arbor, specifically because of Grosse Pointe's wonder reputation.

In my personal experience, Dr. Harwood has proven himself to not advocate for the best interests of students within Grosse Pointe. And seems to be OK with wonderful families choosing to leave the Pointes because of this.

CHRISTINE THIGPEN
Grosse Pointe Woods

Reprehensible

To the Editor:
I wish to offer some clarity on a matter brought up at the Grosse Pointe

Public School System Board of Education meeting last week, Feb, 10, which I watched via the LiveStream.com broadcast.

As you know, I am very grateful to be serving the district this year in a special assignment as an instructional coach. Additionally, I am the 2014 Michigan Teacher of the Year and hold an advisory seat on the State Board of Education, where each month I give a report showcasing my work in the Grosse Pointe schools. In my role this year, I work to support teaching and learning in our district classrooms, but I also strive to showcase the Grosse Pointe public schools at the state and national level.

The Feb. 4 Grosse Pointe Public School System Student Technology Showcase was one such event this year, which I co-ordinated in the district, to highlight what we are doing in our schools. Other events this year included Community Technology Learning Night in October, the GPNspire Talks Conference in November, and the 4th Annual Cardboard Boat Regatta just last week. I was the lead organizer for these four events and I oversaw every aspect of each event from start to finish.

One of these four events, the student technology showcase, was referenced in last week's school board meeting during a board member's comments, four hours and 40 minutes into the meeting, when the event was called "appalling" and "an insult to the community." It was also purported during these remarks the students at the event were "scripted" in what they said during their presentations. The insinuation behind these comments degraded the

entirety of the event and directly called into question my personal and professional integrity, as I organized the event.

To say the least, my work was derided and I felt completely admonished by these callow judgments. The audacious suggestion that students were scripted implies there was a coordinated effort to hijack student voice and puppeteer a group of nearly 100 children from our schools for two straight hours in the presence of the community.

Allow me to give you a brief chronology of the sequence of events that made the student technology showcase a reality.

Last summer, Grosse Pointe South teacher Nick Provenzano and I met to brainstorm some ideas for promoting what goes on in our district. Both Nick and I are involved at the state and national level in education, which frequently allows us to see how others showcase classrooms around the country. Nick and I presented our ideas to our Grosse Pointe school board over the summer during a meeting held at Grosse Pointe North High School. At that presentation, you may recall us talking about a "Technology Petting Zoo" that would allow the community to get a closer look at the technologies our grant programs are putting into some classrooms. Early in September, I met with district administrators to present my event ideas for the coming year. The ideas were supported and we worked together to decide on dates and locations for each event, which included the student technology showcase. As I presented my idea for the showcase, I described how I wanted it modeled after

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We'd like to show you the names of all the Grosse Pointers who have endorsed the Tech Bond, but we couldn't fit them all on one page.

Dr. C. Suzanne Klein
Tija Spitsberg
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Sandra Yarema
Meghan Parent
Danis Houser
Dan Roeske
Elizabeth Tengler
Karen French
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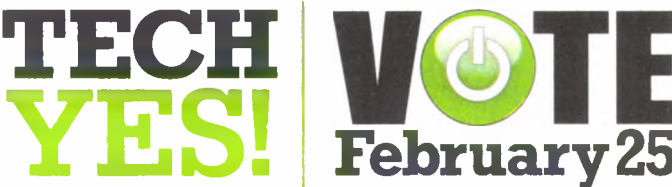
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Diane Richards

To see the complete list, and to add your own name, visit www.gptechyes.org.

Vote YES on February 25 to maintain the excellence in our schools and our community.



Where healing begins

By Joe Warner
Editor

The Salvation Army works in many ways in Southeast Michigan.

More than 80 years ago, the Adult Rehabilitation Center was established in Detroit, offering rehabilitation services and training to help hundreds of men and women who come through their program.

Separate from the bell ringing campaign that supports other great Salvation Army work, the ARC is completed self-funded through 34 thrift stores in Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Monroe, Livingston and Washtenaw counties.

Feeding those 34 stores are eight warehouses.

All of the facilities are under the watchful eye of Jacquelyn Idzior, director of operations for The Salvation Army Southeast Michigan Adult Rehabilitation Center.

She also oversees operation of the two ARC



Housewares are available at The Salvation Army thrift stores.

facilities, the mens building with 300 beds in downtown Detroit and the womens facility with 80 beds in Romulus.

"Donation-wise, this is a tough time of year and this winter weather hasn't helped," said Idzior, a University of Oklahoma alum who lives in Clinton Township with her husband, Bob, and children. "When the economy

got bad, we felt that. Donations went down and have stayed down, so we're looking forward to spring."

The thrift stores offer a variety of clothing and household items, including gently used clothing for men, women and children of all ages and sizes. They also offer housewares "from skillets to candle holders, seasonal

products, small appliances, sports equipment, furniture, shoes and accessories and some jewelry and collectibles," Idzior said.

"We try to test everything and make sure it works. We don't sell items that are broken, ripped or stained."

Area residents are invited to donate lightly used clothing and housewares to the store at 31015 Harper, near 13 Mile Road, St. Clair Shores.

"It's a really good store and people give us some wonderful items," Idzior said. "The store is 30,000 square feet. We moved to a larger store and we want to make sure everybody knows we're there."

The St. Clair Shores store, along with the others in the metro area, has a drop-off spot marked at each building. An employee will help unload the items and a receipt will be given for tax purposes.

Donations are taken 9



Gently-used clothing ready for spring.

a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sundays.

If a donor has a lot of items, Idzior said they may call The Salvation Army ARC facility at (313) 965-7760 to arrange for a pick-up of items. Donors may also visit satruck.org to schedule a pick-up online.

"We'll be happy to come get it," she said. "We appreciate all donations."

Idzior said appliance donations are common when someone remodels their kitchen. Businesses are also welcome to make donations, which are arranged by calling Bob Idzior at (313) 220-0436.

Idzior said the stores fund more than 80 percent of the Christian-based ARC program, which allows men and women to be part of a self-help program that renews the body, regenerates the spirit and rehabilitates the mind.

It's a 6-month volunteer program where attendees obtain counseling, including substance abuse counseling, go to classes and work in one of the stores, warehouses or other facilities.

"It helps give them skills and confidence to head out and succeed," Idzior said. "It's completely free for them and

we receive no government money. We rely on donations and what we make with our stores."

Idzior, who has been with The Salvation Army for 11 years, 4 1/2 as director of operations, said her job is rewarding every day.

"I get out to the stores and visit with the managers and employees," she said. "There's a lot of positive. I love to see the spark in people. People that come through this program are struggling. I've watched people grow and blossom and see the spark. It's the absolute most rewarding part of my job."

Along with store donations, monetary donations are welcome, designated to The Salvation Army ARC. Checks with that designation may be sent to Southeast Michigan ARC, 1627 W. Fort St., Detroit, MI 48216.

Idzior said they are always looking for good people, including truck drivers, diesel and auto mechanics and other employees.

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Books, Bags and Bagels

WANTED: Purses to carry on library services

By Ann L. Fouty
Features Editor

There is a tote big enough to hold a couple chick lit books, a few romantic DVDs, a Barry White CD, a library card, phone, wallet and car keys for sale. Also up for sale is a vintage beaded handbag with just enough room for a tube of lipstick and a cell phone.

These are but two examples of purses available among dozens and dozens to be found at the Friends of Grosse Pointe Library's first ever Books, Bags and Bagels

event set for 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, March 29, at the Woods branch.

To make the event a success, gently used handbags, purses, totes, wallets, coin purses and cell phone covers are being sought for donation through March 22. Donations can be dropped off at any of the three Grosse Pointe library locations during normal business hours.

Like the Halloween costume sale that receives donated costumes to sell for \$5 each, the Books, Bags and Bagels relies on donations from the community.

"Just donate gently used handbags," said Lynne Severini, the library's coordinator of circulation. "There may be a silent auction if we get good bags —" if a

Books, Bags and Bagels

Drop off through March 22
Location: Any Grosse Pointe Public Library branch

SALE

Time: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Date: Saturday, March 29
Location: Woods branch

special item, such as a Prada, is dropped off.

If not, Severini said, she has a stack of purses in her Woods office, along with wallets and coin purses, enough to last at least an hour, if not longer. Purses will be sold from between \$5 and \$30, while the price of \$1 is placed on the smaller items — wallets, coin purses and cell phone cases.

Word of the collection is going gang busters because Severini said she had to replenish the paper fliers announcing the event three times Saturday, Feb. 15, at the Woods branch.

The collection began earlier this month with a donation of 50 handbags.

"A Friend's member's aunt was moving from Michigan and I got 50 right off the bat," she said.

Among the mix, Severini has collected vintage Coach, Brighton, Lucky, Vera Bradley, Kate Spade and Kathy Van Zeeland, Lily Pulitzer summer purses, along with boiled wool purses.

Not only can shoppers pick up a purse, but "chick lit" books will be available, as well, during the event planned by Severini and Friends members Joanne Dennis and Kathy Gaughan.

With a cup of coffee and a bagel, donated by the Detroit Institute of Bagels in Corktown,



PHOTOS BY ANN L. FOUTY

Donate unwanted, gently used handbags to the Grosse Pointe Library prior to the Books, Bags and Bagels sale March 29, at the Woods branch.



Grosse Pointe Public Library coordinator of circulation Lynne Severini would like gently used handbags, wallets and coin purses to be dropped off at any of the three public library sites in preparation for the Saturday, March 29, sale.

women can peruse a selection of books, specifically aimed at women,

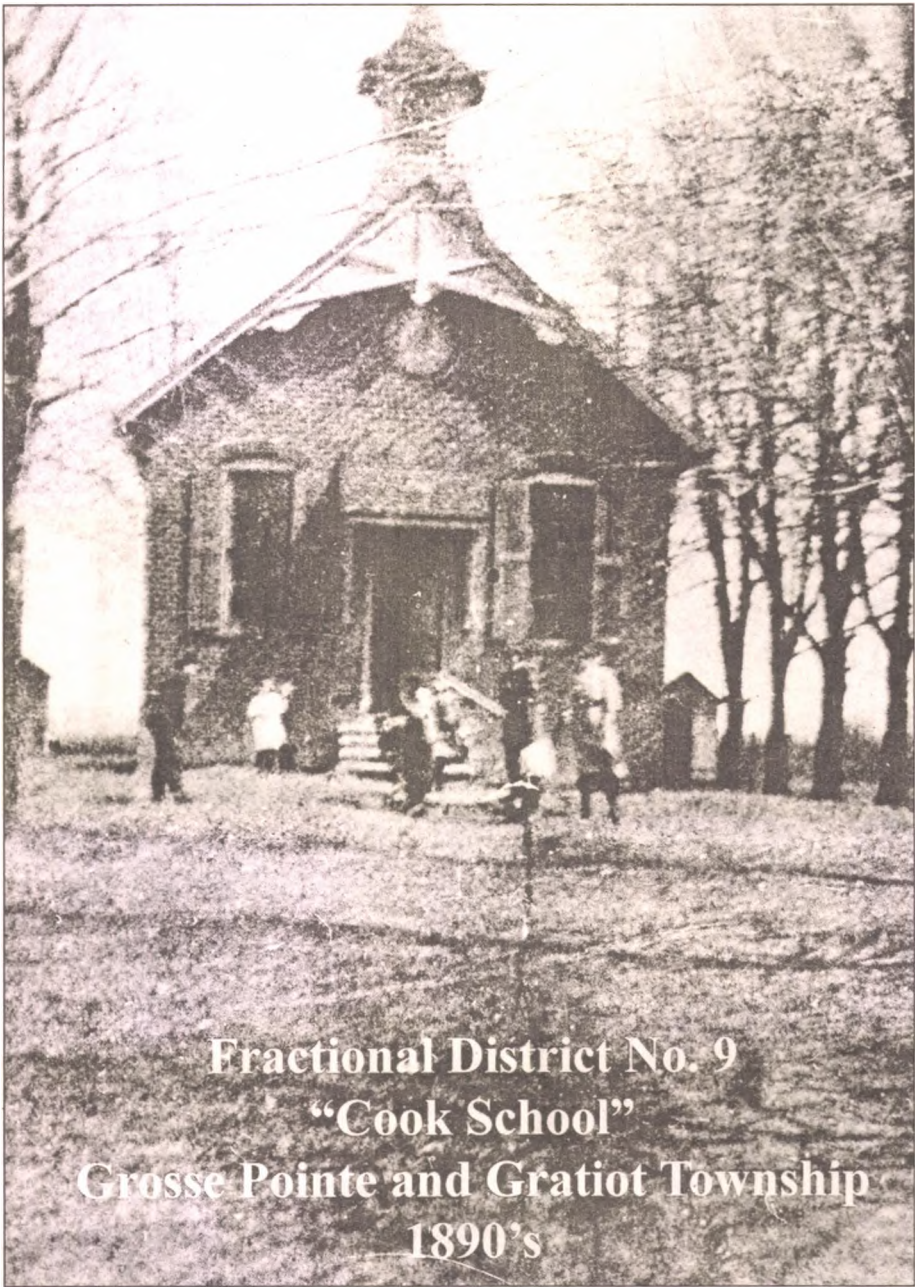
by such authors as Nancy Martin, the author of the Blackbird sisters and Roxy Abruzzo mysteries; Jan Karon, who has written the Mitford years series and the Father Tim novels; and Karin Gillespie, who penned "Dollar Daze," "A Dollar

Short" and "Bet Your Bottom Dollar."

While raising money to benefit the library, Books, Bags and Bagels is intended to encourage a new set of women to join the Friends of the Library. "The Friends are cultivating the younger set, newer members who can donate time to the Friends," she said. "This

might attract some attention from a younger set of women (who would) volunteer time in the bookstore for a couple hours at a time."

Depending on the success of the newest Friends fundraiser, Books, Bags and Bagels could become either an annual or biannual event, Severini said.



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Above, Cook Schoolhouse, built in 1890, had 30 students enrolled in its first year. Its teacher made \$30 a month.



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ASK THE EXPERTS By Laurie Wagner

Building better brains



Q Are children diagnosed with dyslexia destined to struggle with reading their entire lives?
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nizes the brains of struggling readers. Especially effective is the engagement of the visual, auditory, tactile and kinesthetic (muscle movement) learning pathways. When struggling learners are taught to read using direct, explicit, systematic, multisensory phonics instruction, research using functional MRI (fMRI) brain imaging literally

shows us the impact on the brain is significant. In 1998, Sally Shaywitz, a leader in the field of dyslexia and reading, released reading research done at Yale University's Center for Learning and Attention. Observing brain imaging during the reading process through the use of fMRIs explicitly showed skilled readers consistently use specific

portions of the left-brain, with brain activity highly focused in very specific areas during reading tasks. Brain imaging in weak readers shows diffused activity scattered throughout the brain; much less efficient for reading. Furthermore, studies have shown instruction using direct, explicit, systematic, multisensory

phonics actually changes how these weak readers utilize pathways in the brain for reading. This type of instruction significantly enhances students' overall reading accuracy and fluency. The brain activity of the weak readers appears more like the brain activity of the skilled readers. These formerly weak readers are developing focused "reading systems" in their brains that were not present before instruction occurred.

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A LA ANNIE

By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff

Worth the effort

Rice is a popular side choice. This week I prepared a south of the border style rice that paired nicely with chicken and black bean enchiladas. The chopping and dicing is a bit of work in this vegetable studded rice, but so worth it. Really.

South of the Border Rice

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 cup diced onion
- 1 cup diced celery
- 1 cup diced carrot
- 6 large garlic cloves, roughly chopped
- 3 tablespoons tomato paste
- 1 1/2 teaspoons whole cumin seed
- 1 1/2 teaspoons paprika
- cayenne pepper to taste
- 3 cups chicken stock
- 1 1/2 cups rice
- 1/3 cup chopped fresh parsley

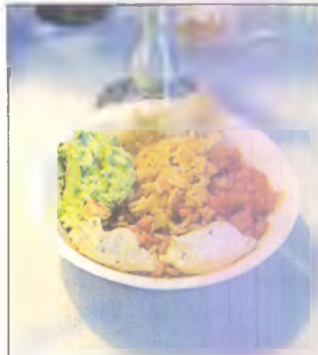


PHOTO BY JESSIE ROULEAU

It's worth the extra effort to make this rice dish.

Heat olive oil in a large pot over medium to high heat. Add onion, celery and carrot and cook for 5 minutes, stirring often. Add garlic, tomato paste, cumin seed, paprika and cayenne and cook for a few more minutes. Add chicken stock and raise heat to high. Bring mixture to a boil, stir in rice, cover then lower to a simmer and cook (covered) for 23 minutes, or so.


Remove pot from stove but don't peak under lid. Let pot rest for at least 30 minutes before serving. The longer you wait to fluff the rice the less likely it will be wet or sticky. Toss in the fresh parsley just before serving.

If you don't have cumin or paprika in your pantry substitute with some chili powder or taco seasoning.

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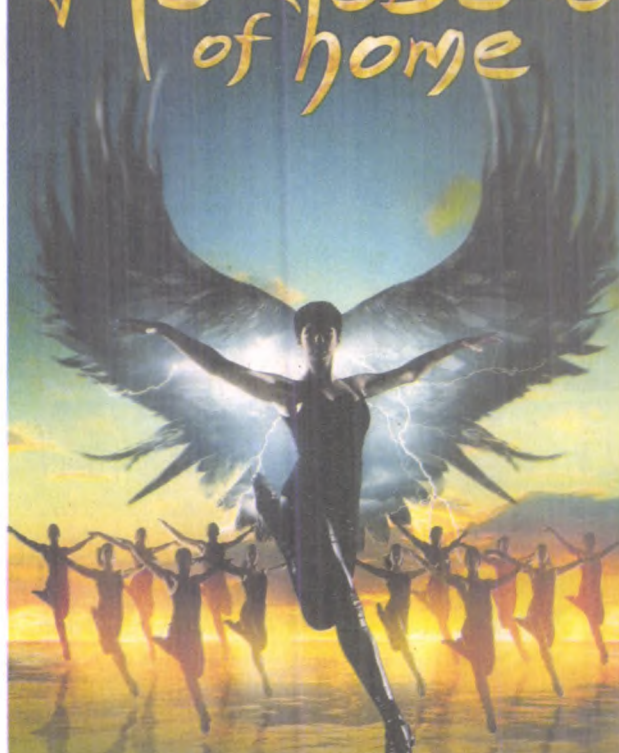
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PASTOR'S CORNER By Rev. Walter A. Schmidt

What is your moral compass?

Have you noticed the rash of "public opinion polls" that have been published lately? It seems every week we read of a new poll on abortion or same-sex marriage or the legalization of marijuana, just to name a few. My point is not to question the accuracy of polls, but I do know when people are polled as to how often they attend worship services, many people say they are at worship more often than they actually are.

Also throughout the years, I have noted a tendency on the part of many politicians to "follow the polls," so to speak, in terms of their public policy. While this causes me some concern, this is not my main point.

To me the real question is: "what is our moral compass?"

What I mean is upon what do we base our opinions or for that matter, upon what do we base our actions? What guides us in our thinking, in our doing, in our speaking, how we feel and how we respond concerning the issues we face in life?

Plus, we can and I believe should, expand the question also taking into account what is best not just for ourselves, what we want, how we feel; but in addition, what is best for our family, our community, our society, our world. We do not live in a vacuum. Our actions have an impact upon others and what others do impacts us.

For those of us who come from the Judo-Christian tradition, our understanding of what we are called upon to believe and how we should live out our lives is directed by scripture. But even here I have noticed over the years less reliance upon God's word and more upon what we want — how we feel, what suits our needs.

As I look at our society today I cannot help but be reminded of the refrain of the book of Judges, which is repeated four times: "In those days there was no king in Israel; all the people did what was right in their own eyes!"

I am very much aware of the dangers of trying to legislate morality and the political in-correctness of suggesting one's lifestyle must conform to a set standard, and I certainly would not want to return to a "Scarlet Letter" time and place. My concern is have we tipped the scales in favor of our "rights," and neglected our "responsibilities."

Being a pastor I am continually drawn to the words of scripture.

I Corinthians 10:23-24 I believe has some very wise words for all of us. St. Paul says, "All things are lawful, but not all things are beneficial. All things are lawful, but not all things build up. Do not seek your own advantage, but that of the other."

In our moral choices have we, are we, turning inward, focusing primarily upon our own needs, what we want and therefore often failing to bear in mind the larger picture of what impact our words and actions might have upon others? Or in the words of St. Paul do we seek our own advantage over that of others?

The simple reality is, as I have already suggested, we do not live in a vacuum and yes, our words and actions do have an impact upon others, near and far.

What do you think? Has the pendulum in our society swung to the side of an over emphasis upon our individual rights and away from looking at what is best for society as a whole, our responsibilities? I suppose we could go off and live alone as some sort of hermit, but in reality we do share this earth and we do share the communities in which we live; thus it seems at least to me, that it would be unwise to fail to take into account the larger picture.

What do you think?

What should be our moral compass that gives guidance and direction to our lives?

Schmidt is the senior pastor at First English Lutheran Church, 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods.

CHURCH EVENTS

Christ Church

Christ Church Grosse Pointe's Schola choir presents "Light Out of Darkness" at 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 23.

These professional singers and advanced treble choristers perform music surrounding the theme of light. Music is by Elgar, Harris, Lauridsen, Whitacre and Rutter.

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The church is at 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms.

church or by calling (313) 882-5330, ext. 123. The evening includes refreshments and a book signing.

Mogel has written "The Blessings of a Skinned Knee" and "The Blessings of a B Minus."

She has served on the scientific advisory board of Parents Magazine and is a research and policy advisor for Challenge Success, a Stanford University School of Education program.

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A free will offering is taken and proceeds benefit parking lot improvements to be undertaken in the spring.

◆ The subject of the Thursday Morning Bible Study at First English Evangelical Lutheran Church, beginning March 13, is based on the New York Times best seller history, "Killing Jesus" by Bill O'Reilly.

The session is from 9:30 to 11 a.m. with a refreshment break and led by Rev. Walter A. Schmidt.

The book is available for purchase.

The cost is \$15.

The public can attend.

For more information, call the church office at (313) 884-5040.

First English

First English Evangelical Lutheran Church's family fun night and chili cook-off is 5 p.m. Saturday, March 1, at the church, 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods.

To register for the cook-off call Jeff Gates at (586) 771-8482. Set-up begins at 3:30 p.m. Prizes for first place and runner-up. Beer and wine are available for purchase.

Activites and games for all ages will be available.

The public can attend to sample a variety of

Correction

Jill McKinney was misidentified in the Jan. 30 issue. She is the interim minister at St. James Lutheran Church in Grosse Pointe Farms and presides as a layperson.

She was an assistant to the bishop in the Southeast Michigan Synod of the ELCA.

NEW ARRIVAL

Andrew Christian Theodore Daudert

Retired Navy Lt. Cmdr. Jeffrey and Kimberly Adams Daudert of Grosse Pointe Woods are the parents of a son, Andrew Christian Theodore Daudert, born Aug. 4, 2013.

William and Cynthia Adams of Grosse Pointe Park are the maternal grandparents.

Paternal grandparents are Jim and Brianna Daudert of Gobles.

The great-grandparents are William and Helen McLean of Perrysburg, Ohio.

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OBITUARIES

Obituary notices are purchased and often prewritten by family or friends. While we try to run obituaries as submitted, we nevertheless reserve the right to edit for accuracy, style and length.

Michael Kosinski M.D.

Michael Kosinski M.D., passed away Thursday, Feb. 13, 2014, at Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe. He was 57.

He was born Aug. 3, 1956, at St. John Hospital in Detroit to John and Mary (nee Bucciero) Kosinski. He graduated from Grosse Pointe North High School in 1974, the University of Michigan in 1978, Wayne State University School of Medicine in 1982 and finished his orthopedic residency in 1987.

Dr. Kosinski practiced medicine at Saratoga Hospital, Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe and St. John Hospital Macomb. He had a private practice in Harper Woods. His family said his bedside manner and medical excellency was well respected by his patients and colleagues.

Dr. Kosinski was an avid supporter of University of Michigan athletics. He was passionate about playing golf and loved the Detroit Golf Club. He loved being involved with the community and was especially active with the Grosse Pointe Rotary. He was known for his unique and original sense of humor.

On Dec. 6, 1986, he married Alice Richardson at the Botsford Inn in Farmington Hills. They were proud of their three children, Stephen, Katherine and Daniel. In addition to his wife and children, Dr. Kosinski is survived by his siblings, John, Kristin, Richard and Deborah and nephews, Nicholas, Charles, Benjamin and Samuel.

He was predeceased by his parents.

A memorial service will be held at 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 22, at A.H. Peters Funeral Home, 20705 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. Gathering begins at 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Donations may be made to the Grosse Pointe Rotary, P.O. Box 36336, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236.

Share a memory at ahpeters.com.

Florence Lucille Leonard

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Florence Lucille Leonard, 101, died Friday, Feb. 14, 2012.

She was born Aug. 28, 1912, in McKinney, Ky., to Zora Porter Smith and Maudie Johnson Smith and was in the first graduating class, 1930, of McKinney High School. She earned a registered nurse degree from the University of Louisville Hospital in Louisville, Ky., and did post graduate work at Women's, now Hutzel, Hospital in Detroit.

Mrs. Leonard was a member of the Grosse Pointe Woods Garden Club and enjoyed hosting the club's annual Christmas meeting. She was a member of Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian church and participated in and volunteered for many of the church's activities crafting classes.

She loved traveling, getting her hair and nails done each week and going out to dinner. She especially appreciated a meal of good fresh fish accompanied by an old fashioned. Her favorite restaurant was The Hill Seafood and Chop House.

Her family said she was known for her sense of humor and making the best applesauce.

Mrs. Leonard is survived by her daughter, Colleen VanGelder (Ted); daughter-in-law, Linda Leonard; grandchildren, Rick Leonard (Linda), Leigh Backon (Steve), Deborah Devnew (Bruce), Jeff VanGelder (Jade), Michael VanGelder (Freda) and John VanGelder (Julie Miller); 18 great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by her husband, Frederick Leonard; son, Dwight Leonard; sisters, Bess Phelps, Hattie Chap, Roxie Barrow and Emma Caldwell and brother, Zenas Smith.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 20, at Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church.

Donations may be made to the American Lung Association at lung.org or the American Heart Association at heart.org.

Robert Scott McRae

Harper Woods resident Robert Scott McRae, 60, died unexpectedly at his home Saturday, Jan. 25, 2014.

He was born July 5, 1953, in Seward, Alaska, to Albert and Margaret (nee Rhone) McRae. He traveled extensively before settling in Detroit, where he became a well-known dog groomer for many years until his death.

A gentle, compassionate and generous friend, his passions included antique collecting, interior decorating, and gardening.

Mr. McRae was predeceased by his parents, Albert and Margaret; partner, Joel and brother, Roger.

Friends are invited to attend a memorial luncheon at 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 22, at Steve's Back Room, 24317 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores.

Arrangements were entrusted to Skorupski Family Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Hampton Twp. Share a memory at skorupskis.com.

Carole Frances Youngblood

City of Grosse Pointe resident Carole Frances Youngblood, 67, died Wednesday, Feb. 12, 2014, at Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak.

She was born July 30, 1946, in Highland Park and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in 1983 from Wayne State University. She earned a juris doctor degree in 1986 from Detroit College of Law. From 1994 to 2012 she served as a judge on the Wayne County Circuit Court.

Ms. Youngblood enjoyed traveling, gardening, cooking and her many long-time maintaining friendships.

She is survived by her husband, Amos E. Williams; daughter, Jennifer Fouche; son, Eric C. Williams and grandchildren, Travis Cooper, Justice Williams and Sydney Williams. She also is survived by her sister, Charlene Osborn (John) and brother, John Youngblood (Kathy).



Michael Kosinski M.D.



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Margaret A. Reno

A celebration of Ms. Youngblood's life will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. Saturday, March 29, at the Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward, Detroit.

Donations may be made to ACLU Michigan, 2966 Woodward, Detroit, MI 48201 or Heifer International, 1 World Ave., Little Rock, AR 72202.

Share a memory at verheyden.org.

Todd Hastings Pike

Todd Hastings Pike, 64, a native of Grosse Pointe, died Sunday, Feb. 9, 2014, from cancer at his home in Boise, Idaho. His sons, Kyle Pike, of San Diego, and Kegan Pike, a U.S. Marine stationed in Hawaii, were with him.

Mr. Pike graduated from Grosse Pointe High School in 1967 and attended Western Kentucky University. He was a 31-year employee of Stein Distributing Company, one of the largest beer, wine and natural beverage distributors in the Northwest and Intermountain market areas.

Mr. Pike will be remembered for his wonderful sense of humor and as an athlete in high school — a pitcher in baseball and a forward in basketball. An avid outdoorsman, he maintained a love for hunting and fishing throughout his life and shared this interest with his sons.

In addition to his sons, Mr. Pike is survived by his sister, Doreen Pike-Lee of Grosse Pointe Woods and brother, James Pike, of Grosse Pointe.

He was predeceased by his parents, Gail and Jack Pike.

A memorial service is planned for the spring in Grosse Pointe.

Margaret A. Reno

Margaret Ann Reno, 90, passed away Thursday, Feb. 6, 2014, with family by her side.

Born and raised on Detroit's eastside, "Peggy" was the daughter of Raymond and Mae Wuellner. A longtime resident of the Grosse Pointes, the past few years she lived at the American House East in Roseville.

A graduate of Dominican High School, she also attended the University of Detroit. She was predeceased by her husband of 61 years, W. Quenby Reno Jr. Together they enjoyed raising and watching their children grow and establish families of their own.

Mrs. Reno is survived by her children, Margaretann Starling of Grosse Ile, William Q. Reno III (Ellen) of Jupiter, Fla., Michael Reno (Janet) of Grosse Pointe Farms, Peter Reno (Meg) of Wilmington, Del., James Reno (Elaine) of St. Clair Shores and Matthew Reno (Mary-Kay) of Grosse Pointe Park; 19 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. She also is survived by her brother, George Bailey of Rochester Hills.

She was predeceased by her sisters, Mary Louise Wuellner and Ruth Dakin.

Upbeat and gregarious, Mrs. Reno was a longtime volunteer for the Christ Child Society and Bon Secours Assistance League. She was a longtime member of St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic Church. She joined the parish in 1941, was married there and proudly raised her children in the parish.

Naturally interested in others, she was masterful in the art of conversation. Her family said she found goodness in everyone and had a gift for bringing out the best in each person she met.

Mrs. Reno loved to cook for her family and to entertain. For many years, she and her husband were active in the Canon Little League, Grosse Pointe Park Little League, Detroit Athletic Club, Grosse Pointe Theatre and Detroit Symphony Pops series. They traveled extensively across North America and Europe.

Throughout her final years, Mrs. Reno built a new life and many friends at the American House East. She found a warm, caring and active environment where she thrived meeting new people, exercising, attending daily Mass and viewing varied entertainment groups.



Amy Andris Rohland

In her last days, Mrs. Reno was surrounded by her children to comfort her and share their love for her.

Donations may be made to St. Clare of Montefalco School, 16231 Charlevoix, Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230.

Amy Andris Rohland

Amy Andris Rohland, passed away peacefully Sunday, Feb. 9, 2014, in her home in Winnetka, Ill. She was 45.

A former resident of Grosse Pointe Farms, she grew up in Grosse Pointe and attended Grosse Pointe North High School. She graduated from Michigan State University where she was a member of Sigma Gamma Sorority. She was a member of the Country Club of Detroit.

Mrs. Rohland was an outgoing and loving person who cherished her family and friends. She loved traveling, entertaining, cooking, music, paddle tennis and golf. She loved her pets, especially her dog, Buster; cats, Jinks and Mr. Peepers and new kitten, Penny.

Mrs. Rohland is survived by her husband, Keith, and daughters, Rachel and Lauren, to whom she was deeply devoted.

She also is survived by her mother, Elizabeth Mitchell (Gary); father, Tom Andris, (Denise); sisters, Debbie Caputo, (John) and Noelle Andris Russow (Brandon); brothers, Marc Andris (Veronica) and Steve Andris (Jenny); parents-in-law, Gunn and Joan Rohland; brother-in-law, Scott Rohland; sister-in-law, Tara Rohland; step-sister, Kelly Barnes; stepbrother, Justin Peruski (Sarah); uncles, Bill Ohrt (Sue) and Bob Andris, as well as many nieces, nephew and cousins.

Mrs. Rohland's family wishes to thank Meaghan, Lisa Centner, Lisa Thams, Kristin, Beth, Heather and Ronnie for their loving support and comfort during her difficult times.

A memorial service was held Feb. 15 at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Donations in Mrs. Rohland's name may be made to a cancer charity of the donor's choice.

'Bartleby' on stage

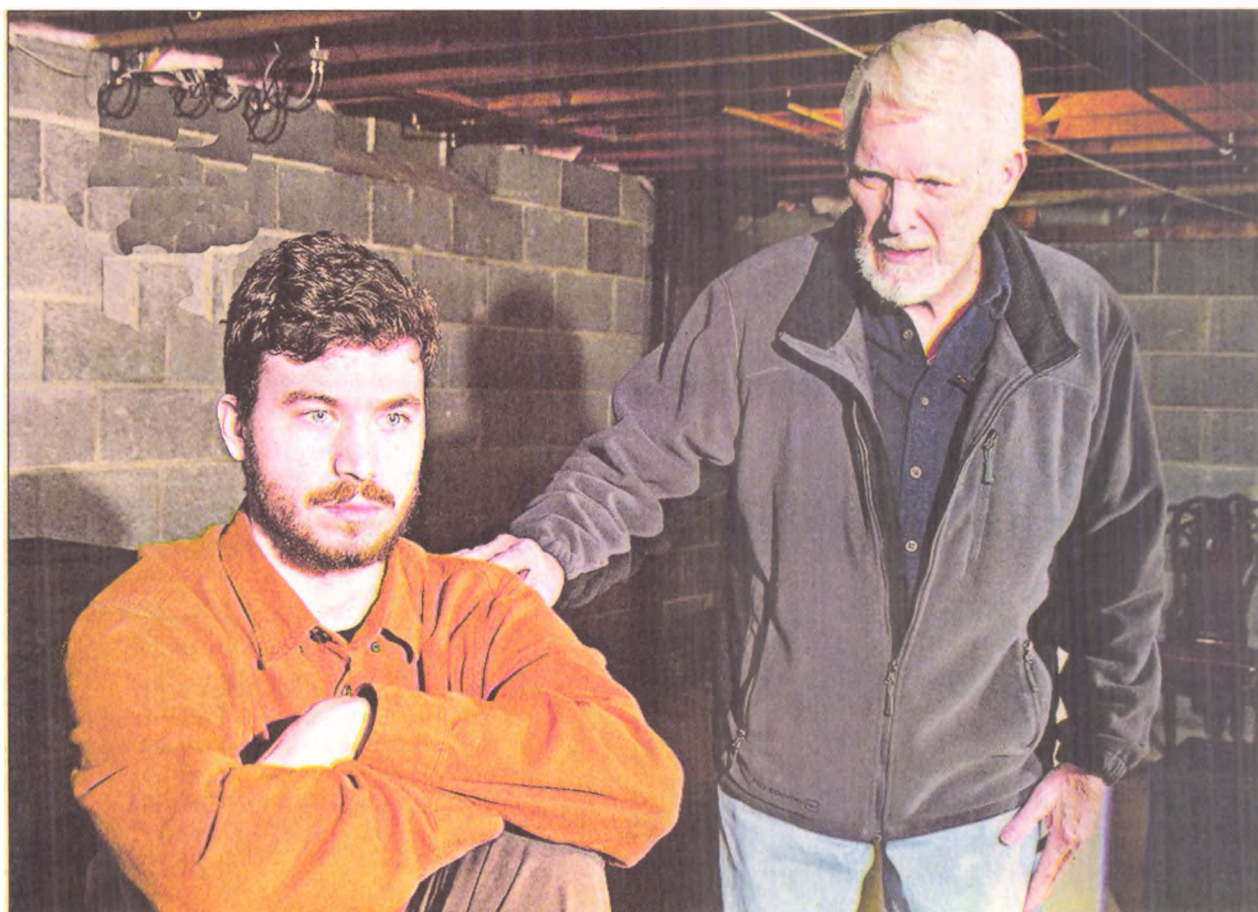


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Left, Robert Daniel and Harry Burkey, both of Grosse Pointe Woods, rehearse for "Bartleby the Scrivener." The show is produced by Grosse Pointe Theatre's Purdon Studio Theatre at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House Visitor Center from Feb. 21 through March 2. Go to gtppt.org or call (313) 881-4004 for show times and tickets.

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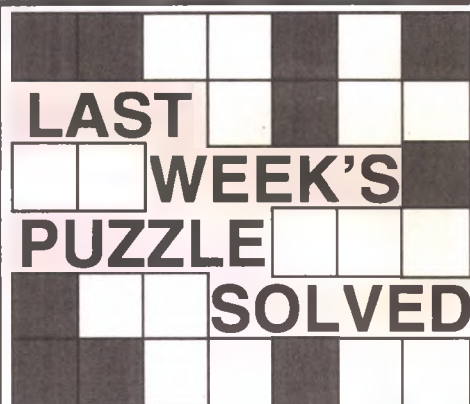
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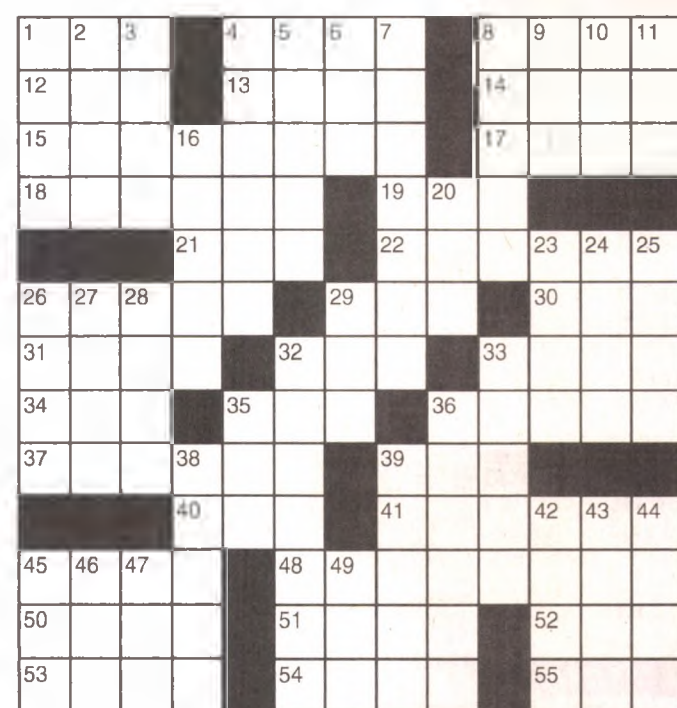
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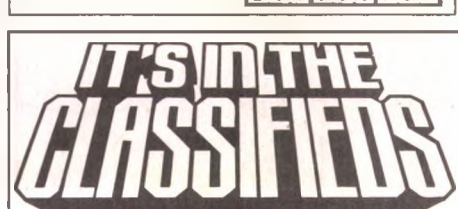
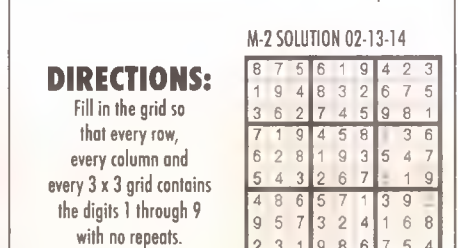
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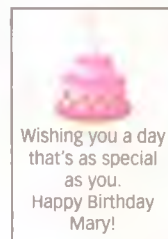
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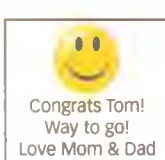
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the state-level event of the same name, which is run at the Michigan State Capitol each fall by the Michigan Association for Computer Users in Learning.

During the fall, I got the venue and date selected for the event, and then I sent out a request for proposals to staff, inviting classrooms impacted by Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education and Parent-Teacher Organization grants to participate. This request specified early January as the deadline for classroom project proposals. During January, I corresponded with each of the classroom teachers, who were selected to participate, instructing them what would be expected for the event and finding out their setup needs.

In each of the classes presenting at the event, the students worked with their own teachers to decide what they would showcase and how they would display their work. Everything that went into making this event a reality was in the best interest of showcasing students' efforts. Think of it like a giant refrigerator where we were able to metaphorically "hang" the kids' projects for all to see.

In late January, I worked with district administration to promote the showcase and drafted an electronic flier for the event. With the help of district administrators, I was able to get food donated by Sodexo for all the kids participating in the event to ensure they would eat, since the event was scheduled during dinnertime. I also coordinated with our district staff to get all the equipment necessary for setting up the event and making it happen without any interruptions to student presenters.

On Feb. 4, I went to Brownell Middle School to oversee the setup of the event and get everything set for the event. During the event I spectated, interacted with guests, but I did not participate in any presentations. After the event, I stayed and helped tear down the event.

This event was intended from its inception to be, and still remains, a successful opportunity to showcase the great things happening in our district classrooms. At no time during the planning of this event did any form of commandeering, scripting or cajoling of student voice take place.

To suggest all of the effort that went into planning this event, and all of the hard work on the part of each of those students and teachers, was a disingenuous attempt at using students as pawns in a political game is beyond insolent — it is reprehensible.

GARY G. ABUD JR.
Shelby Township

Formal survey

To the Editor:

I do not support the bond for the many reasons cited by the group, Residents for Responsible Spending. I am grateful its members have brought this matter to the attention of our community, especially at a time when taxpayers, like myself, were largely unsuspecting of a bond of this magnitude being placed on the ballot for a February vote.

One specific area of concern in the draft of the technology bond proposal is the cost associated with the purchase of computing devices — Draft Proposal Technology Pre-Bond Election Planning Report, page 16. The proposal includes desktops

and laptops to be installed at each school as well as a plan to provide students, grades third through 12th, with a personal computing device for in-school and take home use. The conceptual budget cost forecast to do both is almost \$17 million. Why is it necessary to do both? Pick one; but not both.

Further, with much discussion focused on how long the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education has worked on this proposal and how much time it has taken, it has now been falsely stretched to two years by TechYes supporters, I find it troubling that the board went forward with this plan, without a formal survey of parents.

Before concluding that the proposal should provide a device for every student, wouldn't it have been prudent for the board to survey parents to identify:

- ◆ How many students currently have access to a device that they regularly use for homework and school projects?

- ◆ Percentage of parents willing and able to provide their student with a device for school use?

- ◆ What age parents believe their children should be given devices for 24/7 learning? It is possible that many parents do not support the idea of their third graders working primarily on a laptop or tablet for the bulk of their learning.

The \$50.3 million plan the district proposes is not the right plan at this time. I will vote "No" on Tuesday to send a message to the district that I expect a reasonable plan that includes input from a majority of parents, students and community members. I hope others will join me.

MEGAN PENDY
Grosse Pointe Farms

Slanderous

To the Editor:

Last Thursday, Feb. 13, the Grosse Pointe News printed an article found on page 2A, written by Kathy Ryan titled, "Technology on display." There were over

100 students and parents who attended the showcase. Teachers and administrators attended the event to support the students who presented their use of technology in the classroom.

Much of the work presented was made possible through grants provided by the Grosse Pointe Education Foundation. As one of the many guests that evening, it was my assumption that all who participated and attended walked away feeling nothing but pride in the students' achievements during such an extremely positive event. After last Monday night's Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education meeting, I have learned my assumption was incorrect.

In school board trustee's Cindy Pangborn's closing remarks she alluded something deviant had taken place at the event.

The following quotes are taken in part from her closing remarks during the school board meeting:

"The most toxic thing that has happened in this school district was Tuesday at the Technology Showcase Fair with children. I was there and was saddened by students third, fourth and fifth grade and up being scripted about this bond...To have those kids scripted and talk about politics and our taxes, it was just a shame on our community. So I wanted to say that this should never have happened in our school system...and to have a political agenda and have those kids were supposed to shine with the fabulous things they did and they had to talk about how to do their homework, and how were they going to do it without it passing, and it was just appalling, and it was an insult to the community..."

As the Grosse Pointe Teachers Association president, and a member of this teaching community for 23 years, I believe actually the "insult" is having a school board member make this types of accusation, insinuating our

teachers, administration and parents may have provided scripts for our students in regard to this technology bond, is in my opinion nothing short of slanderous.

The comments made offended every single participant at that event. In a time of constant challenges being brought forth to our system of public education, I cannot believe a board member who is supposed to lead by example would ever be brazen enough to suggest anyone involved would provide "scripts" for students to convince community members to vote yes on the upcoming bond proposal. Not only are Mrs. Pangborn's comments completely unfounded but she has insulted the integrity of every adult and student who participated and attended the showcase.

I believe Mrs. Pangborn owes the entire community an apology for her slanderous comments.

CHERI BURLEY
Grosse Pointe Teachers Association President

Broken devices

To the Editor:

As a concerned resident with two children attending school in the district, I see the need for an updated infrastructure. Why can't my children and all the students of the Grosse Pointe Public School System have access to better technological learning and updated equipment?

While I realize there is a financial commitment from residents, in order for this to happen, I am in full support of the technology bond. I believe the benefits far outweigh what we, as residents, are being asked to pay.

My husband and I chose this community in which

to raise our family because of the excellent school system. We, as residents, pay higher taxes, than neighboring communities because we understand the importance of a solid education. How sad it is to find out other districts are passing us up because of the outdated systems and equipment. What does that mean for our students? Our district? Our property values?

With my teaching experience, in another district for eight years, along with my bachelor's and master's degrees in education, I am well aware of the changing world in which we live. I know what it is like to be a leader and a role model for students. The material taught and the manner in which it is taught is evolving. When

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SUMMARY OF THE MINUTES FEBRUARY 10, 2014

The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. beginning with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present on Roll Call: Mayor Farquhar; Councilmembers; West, Joseph, Theros, Ricci & Waldmeir.

Absent Were: None.

Also Present: Messrs. William Burgess, City Attorney; Shane Reeside, City Manager/City Clerk; Derrick Kozicki, Assistant City Manager; John Lamerato, City Controller/Treasurer; Dan Jensen, Director of Public Safety; John Hutchins, Deputy Director, Public Safety; and Pamela J. Baker, Exe. Assistant/Deputy City Clerk.

Mayor Farquhar Presided at the Meeting.

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on January 13, 2014, were approved as submitted.

Following a Public Hearing, the Council adopted Code No. 6-01 Vehicle Code Amendment, Ordinance No. 387, as presented.

Following a Public Hearing, the Council accepted the Community Development Block Grant Allocation data to be reviewed and considered for adoption on March 10, 2014.

The Council approved the following from the Consent Agenda:

- Board of Review Re-appointment of George Smale of 181 Lakeview for a three-year term.
- Statement of Attorney's Fees for Dickinson, Wright.

The following reports were received by the Council and ordered placed on file:

- Quarterly Financial Report – Six Months Ended December 31, 2013.
- Public Safety Report for January 2014.

The Council approved the request from the Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education for a Charitable Gaming License.

Upon proper motion made, supported and carried, the Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, MARCH 10, 2014 AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 90 KERBY ROAD, GROSSE POINTE FARMS, MICHIGAN 48236. THE MEETING IS PUBLIC, INTERESTED PROPERTY OWNERS AND RESIDENTS OF THE CITY ARE INVITED TO ATTEND. YOU MAY ALSO VIEW THE AGENDA AND MINUTES ON THE CITY'S WEBSITE: www.grossepointefarms.org

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teachers are educating their students, they need to have fully working devices, not old devices that are sometimes broken. Once great lessons are created for teaching, the implementation cannot happen if the system cannot support it.

Since the fall, I have been assisting part time in one of the district's kindergarten classrooms. In the classroom, one day, the teacher asked me to type and print something for the student's language arts lesson — a task that should have taken no more than two minutes. After 16 minutes at one of the classroom computers, I was still not able to access Microsoft Word. Frustrated, I turned off the computer and took the work home to do. That was 16 minutes wasted, time that I was not available to work with the children. This is just one example, from one day, in one classroom.

Our children need to be well equipped to move ahead with updated and working tools. We have

something broken here, and it is our responsibility to help fix it. If we are truly putting our children first, then we not only need to recognize it, but we must act on it, by doing our civic duty and voting "Yes."

I want to do my part to help the students and the teachers of Grosse Pointe schools and that is why I am voting "Yes" on Tuesday, Feb. 25.

REBECCA
VEITENGRUBER
Grosse Pointe Woods

Problem plan

To the Editor:

No one is against improving the technology and security in our schools and maintaining the overall excellence of our Grosse Pointe Public School System.

The problem is the particular plan for accomplishing these goals offered by the school board's technology bond proposal. It is exorbitant and fiscally irresponsible, indefensible and ill-conceived in various other ways.

The debate over the past few weeks has made these points very clear. We need to reject this proposal and tell the board and Superintendent Thomas

Harwood to go back to the drawing board.

HARRY AND ANNE
CARSON
HUGH AND PAT MOORE
Grosse Pointe

Excellent rating

To the Editor:

I read with interest a number of the letters in last week's Grosse Pointe News regarding opinions on the upcoming bond issue. Everyone will have to make his or her own decision on voting "Yes" or "No" for the bond issue. However, that vote should be based upon facts not misinformation.

I am an investment banker specializing in municipal finance. I have spent close to 33 years working with Michigan municipalities and have worked on bond financings at the State level for some of the largest bond issues sold in the state of Michigan and very small bond issues for small school districts. I've personally worked on over \$12 billion of bonds sold in my career and have completed 111 bond financings for Michigan school districts totaling over \$1.6 billion.

One writer, Mr. Walton, raises several concerns about the upcoming bond issue I think are important to address. Grosse Pointe schools does not have \$62 million in bonds outstanding. The district currently has \$45.5 million in voter approved bonds outstanding from the original bond issue sold in 2002. Mr. Walton states these bonds were rolled over for 2007. The bonds were not "rolled over," they were refinanced to reduce the overall interest expense and lower the debt levy for the taxpayers. I have firsthand knowledge of this because I personally presented information to the

school district regarding the opportunity to refinance the 2002 bonds. The refinancing maintained the same repayment schedule as the original 2002 bonds and resulted significant savings to Grosse Pointe residents through a lower debt millage. Many of us have done the same with our home mortgage by refinancing a high-rate mortgage to a lower interest rate and a lower monthly payment. To say the bonds were rolled over implies they were extended which was not the case.

The addition of the new bonds to our tax rolls is not an undue burden in comparison with other Michigan school districts. By the time the first series of bonds estimated at \$35,145,000 are sold this spring we will have a total of \$78.255 million in total voter approved bonds outstanding after paying off \$2.39 million May 1. This is 1.5 percent of the cash value of the district's tax base. Moody's median debt as a percent of cash value for Michigan school districts is 1.3 percent for Aaa rated credits and 2.4 percent for Aa rated credits. We fall very comfortably between the two. By the time the second series of bonds are sold in 2017 the district will have retired another \$7.8 million of the 2007 bond leaving a balance of \$35.245 million. The district is expected to retire \$14.6 million of the proposed 2014 bond by the time the second series of bonds of \$15.135 million is issued in 2017 for a total of \$70,990,000 in debt outstanding in 2017. Which is 1.37 percent of the current cash value of the district's tax base, a very manageable number. All of the exiting bonds are expected to be retired

by May 1, 2027.

Mr. Walton references \$1.9 million of unrated general obligation bonds. The district has \$1,330,000 in limited tax general obligation bonds outstanding. These bonds were sold in 2011 to refinance the 2001 energy bonds. By refinancing the 2001 energy bonds the district saved \$104,000 in debt service. These bonds will be paid in full on May 1, 2015. The bonds were rated AA+ by Standard & Poor's. I know because I was the individual who handled the bond sale for the school district.

For those concerned about the Moody's downgrade, a Aa2 rating is an excellent credit rating. The state of Michigan is rated Aa2 by Moody's and AA- by S&P. Grosse Pointe school's credit rating is the same as the state of Michigan with Moody's and at AA+ with S&P; actually higher than the state rating. Grosse Pointe schools credit rating is excellent and fully capable of handling the additional debt burden of the proposed bond issue without risking a credit downgrade.

Moody's downgraded Grosse Pointe schools as part of an overall update and revision of their credit criteria. From 2009 through 2012, 88 Michigan School Districts were downgraded by Moody's out of 239 they rated. There was another mass downgrade of Michigan districts by Moody's in 2013 which we were a part of.

The primary reason for the downgrade is the small general fund balance of the district. As an investment banker and a resident, I am very concerned about our low general fund balance. A school district should have 10 percent of annual expenditures in its gen-

eral fund balance. We have burned through our significant cash reserves over the last four years, which resulted in the Moody's downgrade. We are in much better shape than most other Michigan school districts to recover because of our unique labor agreement which calls for cuts in employees overall compensation if our fund balance falls below the targeted level. I have not heard of any other district which has this type of agreement with its unions. Our fund balance is projected to increase each of the next four years until we reach an 11 percent fund balance in fiscal year 2017.

It is up to each individual to decide how to vote on the upcoming bond issue but I want to make certain it is based upon facts not misinformation. Grosse Pointe schools have the financial ability to finance these projects without risking a credit downgrade from S&P or Moody's. Our overall debt burden is still low compared to other school districts.

My wife and I moved to Grosse Pointe 22 years ago to raise our family. We moved here because of the excellent school system, proximity to my job in downtown Detroit, and a desire to live in a close-knit community. All of our children have graduated from the district. I for one will be voting "Yes." I have attended more than a dozen board and committee meetings regarding the upcoming bond issue and believe the board and administration have a carefully laid out plan that will enhance the education experience of the children and provide a leg up on the competition. I for one will be voting "Yes."

WILLIAM M. ROCHE
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GIRLS BASKETBALL

South beats North, Ford to win title

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South girls' basketball team earned at least a share of the Macomb Area Conference Red Division championship with its 59-44 road win over city rival Grosse Pointe North last week.

The Blue Devils used a dominating 22-6 first quarter to ride the wave of success to the victory.

"We wanted to establish our tempo and we were able to do that with our press," South head coach Kevin Richards said. "However, I didn't think we played up to our potential. Grosse Pointe North played us tough."

The Blue Devils turned several turnovers into transition baskets. They jumped out to a 10-0 lead, which grew to 17-2 a couple of minutes later.

"I thought South did a great job in transition, especially in the first quarter," North head coach Gary Bennett said. "They went out, took control of the game, and never gave it up."

"That's what good teams do. They are very athletic, have good basketball sense and play with a great deal of confidence. That's a pretty tough combination to play against. We couldn't match them in any of those categories."

The Norsemen settled down and played better basketball in the final three quarters. They out-



South junior Cierra Rice, center, had a season-high 32 points in the Blue Devils' league title clinching win over Ford.

scored the Blue Devils 17-15 in the second quarter and 10-7 in the fourth, while the visitors won the third stanza 15-11.

Both teams had a 20-point scorer with South junior Cierra Rice and North senior Jayla Hubbard leading the charge.

"I thought Jayla Hubbard played and competed with great urgency and efficiency," Bennett said. "It was easily the best game of her

career. I was very proud of her."

Other top scorers for the Blue Devils were junior Aliezza Brown with 12 and senior Bre Andrews with 11.

Defensively, Andrews had eight rebounds and sophomore Benna Ames had nine.

For the Norsemen, sophomore Erin Armbruster had 10 points and sophomore Katelyn Carney had six.

South won the outright

MAC Red Division championship two nights later, defeating Utica Ford 69-60.

"I am disappointed with our lack of defense, especially in the paint," Richards said. "Ford had too many open looks and took it right at us. Teams are in awe of our press and we have to change that before we get to the state playoffs."

The Blue Devils got off to a fast start for a second straight game, leading 18-11. They forced the Falcons into 12 first-quarter turnovers and seemed to have control.

Ford never backed down and stood toe-to-toe with the division champions. They hit several open three-point looks and were able to claw back in the game by forcing the Blue Devils into turnovers.

"Ford came right at us," Richards said. "We didn't play our style of basketball."

The Blue Devils took too many long three-point shots and only made six in the game. They also finished with 19 turnovers and forced the Falcons into only seven more turnovers in the final three quarters.

Things were tight in the fourth quarter until sophomore Anna Carmody made a three-pointer from the far corner and Rice had two baskets in a three-second span to put the game away.

Rice finished with a season-high 32 points



North sophomore Erin Armbruster has put together a solid season for head coach Gary Bennett and the Norsemen.

and Andrews had a double-double with 10 points and 10 rebounds. Brown had 19 points and sophomore Tamira McCoy-Motton had 10 rebounds.

Grosse Pointe South improved to 11-0 in the MAC Red and 18-1 overall.

North-also played last week, beating Ford 55-52 in overtime and Chippewa Valley 37-24.

Against Ford, the Norsemen trailed by nine points in the third quarter, but forged ahead

thanks to scoring efforts of Armbruster, who had 16 points. Hubbard and junior Megan Lesha, who had 12 points apiece.

The Norsemen had no trouble disposing of winless Chippewa Valley as Hubbard had 10 points. Sophomore Lucy Dodge had nine points, followed by sophomore Lauren Lesha with six and Armbruster with five.

Grosse Pointe North improved to 6-5 in the MAC Red and 10-8 overall.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

No. 1 in MIAC

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The University Liggett girls' basketball team clinched its fifth straight Michigan Independent Athletic Conference championship after winning three games last week.

Head coach Omar Ahart and the Knights had their second straight three-game week. Despite playing on the road for two of the three, they still dominated play in each one and improved to 12-1 in the MIAC and 15-3 overall.

Even if the Knights lose their final division game and Roeper wins, the schools would tie for the title, but the Knights would win since they have a better point difference in head-to-head games against Roeper.

"The girls are simply playing better defense and doing the little things it takes to win," Ahart said. "Everyone is buying in to what we need to go as a team to win games. They played a lot of basketball the past couple of weeks and played well."

The little things resulted in wins last week over Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest,



Liggett senior Angelia Evangelista, right, has stepped up her game in recent weeks, helping the Knights capture a fifth straight MIAC title.

56-27, Plymouth Christian, 64-51, and Auburn Hills Oakland Christian, 56-30.

In the Northwest contest, junior Jessica Rotzoll had 13 points, while sophomores Anna Majewski and Kendall McConico chipped in with 12 points apiece.

In the home game against Plymouth Christian, freshman Nia Ahart had 20 points and Rotzoll continued her consistent shooting, netting 13 points. Senior Leah Evangelista had 11 on senior night.

The Knights had no trouble dispersing of one-win Oakland Christian as the victory clinched at least a share of the MIAC title.

Junior Lola Ristovski had 15 points and Rotzoll had 13 points.

The last time Liggett didn't win the MIAC was in 2009 when current University of Michigan sophomore standout Madison Ristovski, a ULS graduate, was a freshman and they lost twice to Oakland Christian.

Next for Liggett is its regular season finale at home Friday, Feb. 21, against Novi Franklin Road Christian.

Liggett hosts a Class C district tournament next week.

Joining the Knights are Detroit Edison, Detroit School of Creative Studies, Detroit Marvin Winans Academy and Harper Woods.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Blue Devils drop 2

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe South boys' basketball team had two tough back-to-back road games last week.

Two wins would put the Blue Devils in the driver's seat in the Macomb Area Conference Blue Division title race and a split would keep them in decent shape.

Unfortunately for the Blue Devils, they lost both by three points, falling 67-64 to Madison Heights Madison and 61-58 to division-leading Warren Fitzgerald.

"Our guys played tough in both games, but didn't come out on top in either one against two very skilled basketball teams

in their gyms," head coach Troy Glasser said. "We had our chances in each one, but came up a possession short."

The Blue Devils trailed Madison by 20 points before roaring back and had a chance to tie the game in the final seconds, but a three-point attempt rimmed out.

It was the opposite scenario against Fitzgerald as the Blue Devils took an eight-point lead in the fourth quarter, 51-43, after trailing 30-19 at the half.

Host Fitzgerald made the comeback, outscoring South 18-7 to win 61-58 and remain unbeaten in the division.

This game was scheduled to be played Jan. 28, but it was postponed due to inclement weather.

Senior Dan Dixon was the Blue Devils' leading scorer in each game, tallying 20 points against Madison and 31 against Fitzgerald.

South returned home to beat Fraser 72-60 as it led 21-14 after the first quarter and 38-25 at the half.

It was 59-40 when the third quarter horn sounded and the home team cruised to the win behind a balanced scoring attack, led by Dixon's 18 points.

Seniors Jabari Burton and Darius Harris scored 10 and nine points, respectively, followed by junior Sam Kingsley with eight.

Grosse Pointe South dipped to 7-2 in the MAC Blue Division and 13-3 overall.

Win snaps streak

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe North boys' basketball team ended its five-game losing streak last week, beating Utica 57-49.

"We needed that, but once again we made more work for ourselves with missed free throws," head coach Matt Lockhart said. "We need to focus a little more."

Justin Kennedy continues to post monster num-

bers in the paint. This time, he had 20 points, 12 rebounds and five blocks.

Darrin Woods also received a starting nod from Lockhart and rewarded the team with 12 points and six rebounds.

Sal Ciaravino had seven points and senior Jacob Zacharias added 14 points, including three three-point baskets, plus he added five rebounds.

It was an even second half, but a fourth quarter

burst from Kennedy at both ends of the court helped the Norsemen grab control of the game and put one in the win column.

Two nights later, North traveled to Warren Mott and lost 88-72.

Kennedy had 23 points, followed by Zacharias with 18 and senior Ricky Watson had 11.

Grosse Pointe North is 2-6 in the Macomb Area Conference White Division and 4-10 overall.

Gymnastics

GROSSE POINTE UNITED

First place

Grosse Pointe United's gymnastics team beat eight other squads last weekend to win the 2014 Fraser Gymnastics Invitational, earning a score of 138.75 points to tie the event record.

With several gymnasts in the starting lineup out of the meet with illness or other conflicts, Grosse Pointe's remaining gymnasts stepped up to lead the team to victory.

Isabelle Nguyen and Maria Nguyen finished first and second in the Division 1 All-Around competition, while Michelle Ellis took the Division 2 All-Around Title.

Isabelle Nguyen also won the vault and uneven bars events with scores of 9.5 and 9.3, respectively, and Maria Nguyen won the floor exercise in Division 1 with a score of 9.55.

Other gymnast placements in the Division 1



Team members and coaches celebrate after winning the Fraser Gymnastics Invitational.

competition were Maria Nguyen, second in vault with a score of 9.475, fifth on bars at 8.525 and third on beam at 8.4; and Isabelle Nguyen, second on floor with a score of 9.45 and beam at 8.7. Isabelle Nguyen's 9.5 in the vault was also a Fraser Invitational record.

In the Division 2 competition, Ellis placed sixth on vault with a score of 8.65, second on bars at 8.05 and third on beam with an 8.1, while Jennifer Gmeiner placed third on bars with a 7.975 and second on beam with an 8.2. Gyanei' Johnson placed seventh on beam with a 7.55 and sixth on

floor with an 8.5.

In addition, Brenna Bromwell scored a 7.8 on floor and Samantha Rogers had an 8.15 on vault for Grosse Pointe.

Grosse Pointe will compete in the Jeanne Caruss Invitational this Saturday at Lakeland High School with 18 other teams from across the state.

Swimming

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils win dual meet title

The Grosse Pointe South boys' swimming and diving team continued its mastery of the Macomb Area Conference Red Division last week, winning another dual meet title with a 144-41 in over Romeo.

Head coach Eric Gunderson watched his Blue Devils win all 12 events as they improved to 4-0 in the MAC Red Division and 7-2 overall.

The 200-yard medley relay team of Connor Mallegg, Robby Koueiter, Jacob Montague and Patrick Waterston won with a time of 1:45.88, and the 200-yard freestyle relay squad of Devlin Francis, Waterston, Sam Wilkinson and Nick Yoo took first with a time of 1:32.89.

The 400-yard freestyle relay foursome of Yoo, Doug Graham, Cam Francis and Montague also placed first with a time of 3:27.52.

In diving, Eric Addy edged teammate Erik Romer, 214.95-211.60, to help the Blue Devils earn 10 out of a possible 15 points.

In other events, Jack Martin won the 200-yard freestyle with a time of 1:53.58 and Wilkinson and Cam Francis were right behind with times of 1:54.72 and 1:58.46.

Yoo and Zach Due played first and second in the 200-yard individual medley, turning in times of 2:12.06 and 2:19.34, and the Blue Devils swept the 50-yard freestyle with Jackson, Devlin Francis and Waterston posting times of 22.79, 23.43 and 23.48, respectively.

Montague, Koueiter and Waterston placed first, second and third in the 100-yard butterfly with times of 55.49, 56.99 and 1:00.05, and in the 100-yard freestyle, Devlin Francis and Graham placed first and second with times of 51.21 and 53.05, respectively.

Cam Francis easily won the 500-yard freestyle, posting a time of 5:16.28, and Andrew Harrison was second at

5:45.03.

In the final two individual events, Jackson and Mallegg took first and second in the 100-yard backstroke with times of 52.80 (new pool record) and 58.59, while Montague, Martin and Warren took the top spots in the 100-yard breaststroke with times of 1:05.01, 1:07.13 and 1:12.29, respectively.

Coming up next for South is the Macomb Area Conference Red Division Swimming and Diving championship meet.

South hosts the meet, which runs Thursday, Feb. 20 to Saturday, Feb. 22.

College news

Senior Matt Mandel was honored with the rest of his upperclassmen teammates at the annual Georgetown Hoya swimming and diving team senior meet Jan. 25 against Drexel University held on campus at the McCarthy Pool.

Mandel, a 2010 Grosse Pointe South graduate and four-year swimmer for the Blue Devils, holds six Georgetown Hoya men's all-time swim records.

A senior co-captain, Mandel graduates in May with a bachelor of arts in government and minors in economics and psychology. He competed for the final time in the Big East Conference Championships, hosted by Villanova University, Feb. 19 to 23.



Matt Mandel, right.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Norsemen win final dual meet

The Grosse Pointe North boys' swimming and diving team finished the dual meet portion of its season with a 102.50-80.50 victory over Macomb Area

Conference foe Eisenhower last week.

Winners for North were Duncan MacAskill in 1 meter diving, John Cobau in the 100-yard butterfly and Danny MacAskill in the 500-yard freestyle.

Head coach Mike O'Connor said season-best performances were recorded in the 50-yard freestyle by Michael Lemanske and Ben Sliwinski; 100-yard freestyle by Anthony Cafagna; and 100-yard butterfly by Daniel Leone.

Grosse Pointe North finished the dual meet season 8-5 overall.

Wrestling

NORTH & SOUTH

Individual and team success

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North's Andrew Lock competed in last weekend's Division

1 individual regional tournament at Walled Lake Northern.

Lock advanced to the state finals after winning a 3-2 decision over

Livonia Stevenson's Connor Vaughan in the finals of the 160-pound weight class.

North head coach Eric Julien has seen Lock

mature as a wrestler and making a strong statement in his senior season has solidified him as one of the state's best grapplers.

Lock wrestles in the Division 1 state finals the weekend of Feb. 27 at The Palace of Auburn Hills.

Earlier in the week, South's team lost to Fraser 70-10 in a regional semifinal. Macomb Dakota went on to win the title after beating Fraser in the finals.

"We had a lot of fun and it's fulfilling to see the kids wrestle hard to get to this point," South head coach Tony Cimmarrusti said. "We were up against a very talented Fraser team in the regionals, but our kids gave it their best shot and that is what I asked of them."

"It was great to see our assistant coaches (Nate Goodall, Patrick Salazar, Sergio Rodriguez and Frankie Pangborn) give the program a lot of dedication which means a lot to me and this program."

Grosse Pointe South finished the season 7-23 overall.

The Blue Devils lose four seniors, Alex Manchester, Colin Brannagan, Caleb Cimmarrusti and Jacob Murray.

Coming back next season should be underclassmen Earl Allard, Martinez Bennerman, John Drew, Cameron Ennis, Jonathan Gough, Matthew Ground, Antoine Herrell, Joseph Kurta, James Nunley, Khalee Simpson and Tyler Thompson.

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Boys hockey

NORTH, SOUTH & LIGGETT

ULS gets split

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

University Liggett boys' hockey team battled city rivals Grosse Pointe South and Grosse Pointe North last week.

The Knights began the two-game trek with a 5-2 loss to visiting Grosse Pointe South. The teams met in December. In that game, the Blue Devils had a 2-1 lead late in the third period before the Knights tied it in the final minute and won in overtime.

Playing without leading defenseman Lordanthony Grissom made the Blue Devils' job a little easier as they were able to put in five goals.

The Knights got on the board first when William Yates tallied, with Brett Abdelnour assisting.

The Blue Devils tied it on Ken Cervone's goal. Andrew Bigham had the assist.

It was all Blue Devils after that as they poured in four second-period goals to take control.

Andrew Hyde scored on the power play, with William Poplawski and Bigham netting assists, but the Knights came back to tie it 2-2 when Jake Jerome scored an unassisted goal.

South's Cameron Mogk scored the next two goals to make it a 4-2 game and Ian Corbett finished off the three-goal flurry with a power play tally late in the second period.

Junior Will Barrett and



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Liggett junior Mason Demsey collects possession of the puck during the Knights' win over

Corbett assisted the first Mogk goal, while Poplawski assisted the second. Bigham and Hyde had the assists on the Corbett goal.

The Blue Devils did take a penalty late in the second period to give the Knights a power-play opportunity and they gave the home team a two-man advantage for a minute early in the third period.

However, McKillop watched his special team unites excel and kill off the two-man advantage and then the ensuing power play to keep it a 5-2 game.

Andrew Wright was in net for the Blue Devils, while Luke Soyka was in net for the Knights.

With the win, its 13th in a row, Grosse Pointe South improved to 18-3-1.

Three days later, Liggett traveled to City Ice Arena to battle Grosse Pointe North.

Norsemen Nick Cusmano scored a fluky goal early in the first period. His innocent shot from center ice somehow fooled Liggett's goalie and it scored.

The visiting Knights came back to score the next three goals to win. The Knights took several penalties, but the Norsemen power play wasn't effective.

Yates scored the first goal, unassisted, while Jerome tallied the second goal, with Abdelnour and junior Jacob Smith assisting. Junior Stephen Campau had the third goal, with Jerome assisting.

Luke Soyka was in net to earn the victory.

North played Plymouth the night before and lost 7-1 as Navetta scored their only goal.

With one week left in the regular season, Grosse Pointe North is 4-19 overall, while Liggett is 16-5-1.

Girls hockey

LIGGETT

Knights beat AA

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

University Liggett sophomore goaltender Olivia Portillo, played well to help the Knights stay alive in the division title race last week, edging host Ann Arbor Pioneer 2-1.

Sophomore Allison Stapleton had two points, scoring a goal and drawing an assist, to lead the Knights, which improved to 12-2 in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League and 14-3 overall.

Senior Ania Dow also had a goal and senior

Mara Hillyer had an assist for the winners.

Liggett is in second place in Division 1 behind Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood.

If the Knights win the rest of their regular season games, they clinch the division title and No. 1 seed in the playoffs.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Norsemen stay hot

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe North girls' hockey team finished 1-0-1 last week in Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League action.

The Norsemen hosted Port Huron and Northville. They tied Port Huron 3-3 and beat Northville 3-0 to improve to 8-8-1 in the league and 10-9-1 overall.

The Norsemen trailed 3-1 as junior Kallin Morris scored for the home team.

The Norsemen battled back to send the game to overtime as sophomore Jen Kusch and junior Kelly LaBarge scored. Kusch finished with a goal and two assists.

The Norsemen hosted a winless Northville squad last weekend, winning 3-0.

The home team got on

the board when sophomore Lindsay Gallagher scored a power play goal, assisted by sophomores Elizabeth Gallagher and Caroline Bock.

The home team put the game away by adding two more goals.

Junior Karina Lucchese scored at the 2:36 mark and at the 2:17 mark Elizabeth Gallagher tallied. Elizabeth Gallagher assisted the first goal and Lucchese on the second.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Shield nets hat trick

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Senior Tenley Shield put on a show to help host Grosse Pointe South edge Livonia Ladywood 3-2 on senior night.

Shield scored all three goals for the Blue Devils, including the game-winning tally in which she gained possession of the puck behind her own net, deeked past three Ladywood players in the defensive zone, then split the Blazers' two defense-

men before lifting a wrist shot over the goalie's shoulder at the 10:18 mark of the third period.

She scored at the 13:44 mark of the second period and at the 3:37 mark of the second stanza as both teams scored twice in the second period after playing a scoreless opening stanza.

After the offense stalling the past few weeks, it has found life with Shield, senior Anne Crowley and sophomore Gennie

Martin provided the best scoring chances during every shift they were on the ice.

South sophomore goalie Bella Strickler was phenomenal in net, stopping several break-away opportunities, including one late in the third period to keep the Blue Devils in the lead.

Grosse Pointe South improved to 8-8 in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League (Division 1) and 9-10 overall.

Cheerleading



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Gold champs

The Grosse Pointe South varsity cheerleading team recently won the Macomb Area Conference Gold Division championship at Warren Woods-Tower High School. This would be the second year in a row the Blue Devils won the MAC Gold champions. Team members pictured above are, top row from left, Coach Lisa Kurtz, Virginia Martin, Melba Dearing, Avery Tucker, Jessica Alexander, Yasmine Kaddouh, Lael Borum, Destiny Chamberlin, Madison Hunter, Camille Gray, Lindsay Rabaut, Abby Turnbull, Catherine Hartz and Coach Alex Stolarski; and bottom row from left, (all seniors) Morgan Murphy, Rachel Montgomery, Miranda Turner, Summer Klein, Carolyn Stolarski, Aynslie Fritz, Carissa Gray, Alex DiCresce, Brianna Harris and Grace Martinez.

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No. 1 at
Pierce

Pierce Middle School hosted its annual All-School Spelling Bee Jan. 31. The school's winner, Liam Walsh, now heads to the Scripps-Detroit News Spelling Bee March 8.

Grosse Pointe Public School System
Technology Bond Proposal

Shall the Grosse Pointe Public School System, County of Wayne, Michigan, borrow the principal sum of not to exceed Fifty Million Two Hundred Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$50,280,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds for the purpose of defraying the cost of:

- remodeling, equipping, furnishing, reequipping and refurbishing existing School District buildings, including security, media center, computer lab, classroom and technology infrastructure improvements;
- acquiring and installing instructional technology equipment; and
- associated site improvements in the School District?

YES

NO

The estimated millage to be levied in 2014 to service this issue of bonds is 2.2839 mills (\$2.2839 per \$1,000 of taxable value) and the estimated simple average annual millage rate required to retire the bonds of this issue is 2.2942 mills (\$2.2942 per \$1,000 of taxable value). The bonds may be issued in multiple series, payable in the case of each series in not to exceed ten years from the date of issue of such series. The debt millage levy required to retire the proposed and outstanding bonds of the School District is expected to be at or below 4.0091 mills.

(Under state law, bond proceeds may not be used to pay teacher or administrator salaries, routine maintenance costs or other School District operating expenses.)

Technology bond
questions and answers

The Grosse Pointe Public School System provided the following questions and answers for the technology bond proposal. The election is Feb. 25.

What do we have and want to keep?

We want to keep our focus on learning and we want to keep our community's trust that we are wisely spending the funds allocated to us to better prepare tomorrow's leaders and to protect our constituents' investments in this community. Property values are directly tied to the quality of our public school system. This is an investment in that quality.

What don't we have and don't want?

While we recognize this is the third of four key questions related to the Japanese principle of "Poka-yoke" a term that means "mistake-proofing," our planning efforts focused on educational, security and business efficiency needs, not a wish-list of unnecessary things.

What do we have but don't want?

We have computers that are older than the elementary students using them. We have a network that cannot sustain the technological demands of today's classrooms. We have to ask for help to move beyond this. It cannot be accom-

plished within our existing general budget.

Will money from the Tech Bond be used to pay teacher salaries and benefits?

No. School districts are not allowed to use funds from a bond issue for operating expenses such as teacher, administrator, or employee salaries. Bond funds must be kept separate from operating funds. Aside from initial purchased services for installation and data transfer, staffing is not a permitted expense. However, the district recognizes the scope of this initiative will require additional GPPSS staff which will be paid for through the general operating budget. We are carefully weighing how many are needed for this to be successful and what budget concessions will be required from other areas in order to meet this need.

Do you have a documented implementation methodology?

We continue to study the recent deployment of similar devices in other school districts (Ann Arbor, Chippewa Valley, Farmington, Fraser, Romeo, etc.) as well as businesses (health systems). We are working with Bruce Umpstead, State Director of the Office of Education Improvement and Innovation and gleaning insight from him and his staff. As described, the

first phase of the bond will focus on infrastructure. During that time we will provide staff development and continue to develop and refine our deployment strategy. Deployment will be tied to the summer student registration process and will include but not be limited to:

- Registration and configuration of devices
- Student and parent signatures on an updated technology code of conduct that includes fiscal and physical responsibility for the equipment and use
- Distribution of equipment
- Opportunity to purchase related optional equipment at reduced prices through economy of scale (cases, headphones, etc. as we do gym uniforms and rental of instruments)
- A written plan with district contact information should there be a problem (loss, damage)

How will you mitigate risk?

We will use good planning to mitigate as much risk as possible and we will learn from each new challenge. We have spent a year analyzing our current hardware, software, network and professional development. We have spent the last three months gathering insight from our own staff, from

experts across the state and country, and from research and site visits. We will spend the next year rolling out the plan we have developed for professional development and our pilot project for hardware with GPPSS.

The budget calls for 1,262 phones for the district, but according to a chart, the district only has 949 staff. What are the 313 extra phones for?

The telephone counts are based on the installed telephones in the buildings. These include classrooms, cafeterias, multipurpose rooms, media centers, offices and conference rooms. Telephones are identified for all instructional rooms and all other rooms in the building as a life safety measure.

VOIP phone servers go for around \$8K to \$10K each. What specification was used to determine a server cost of \$30K each?

Based on past projects, the servers are estimated at \$30,000. The server needs to last for five years. That may require upgrades after three years to meet that 5-year lifecycle. Also included in the unit price are shipping, installation labor, vendor insurance and bonding requirements. In addition, we need to include the operating software licensing and hardware warranty for five years. This is not a unit price to simply purchase a server only.

This section assumes contingency and inflation costs of \$65K. Buying phones and servers shouldn't require a contingency or inflation holdbacks. Why are they included?

For any large project, a contingency is included as a best practice for unknown conditions and owner requested additions. Inflation is a future-proofing effort to counter any inflation during the bond projects. 2. Yes, the spare phones are planned to replace broken or missing phones.

The phones are not budgeted to be purchased multiple times. Why is \$24K in inflation included?

Some telephones may be purchased in future years throughout the 10-year bond. Inflation is a future-proofing effort to

counter any inflation during the bond projects.

What architectural/engineering fees are included for phones? This budget includes \$40K for engineering fees for an off the shelf hardware item?

According to Board Policy and standard operating procedure for school systems throughout the state, a competitive bid process must be conducted. This is not a simple purchase of replacement telephones. This is an entire telephone and messaging system. GPPSS has not purchased a telephone system in over 10 years, the designers (engineers) work on these types of projects continuously. This helps the school system make informed decisions throughout the design, bid evaluation and implementation phases. Specifications and drawings are required to communicate the needs of the school system and provide an apples-to-apples comparison of proposals for the entire telephone messaging system.

How are the number of computers being accounted for?

The budget includes the purchase of 3,806 desktop or laptop computers twice over the ten years. There are 620 traditional classrooms that are planned to each receive a teacher computer and a presentation computer connected to the interactive Smart Boards. So that equates to 1,240. There are 81 computer labs in Grosse Pointe. Assuming 30 student computers per lab that equates to 2,430. An addition 136 computers are designated for non-classrooms including offices, media centers, spares and other areas for a grand total of 3,806 computers.

The 146 laptop/desktop allocated to community campus, miscellaneous locations and tech department are assumed to be spares. Is this correct?

This equates to 73 computers purchased twice over the ten years. That does include spare computers to minimize service interruptions. It also includes computers for the 16 classrooms in Barnes and 5 classrooms at Community Campus. That is 42 computers for those classrooms.

Estimated cost of \$1,200 for a laptop/desktop is more than double what the going rates are (which includes ancillaries such as keyboards, mouse, monitor). What specification was used to develop the budget amount?

A competitive bid conducted in another Wayne County school system in April of 2013 yielded an average unit price of \$1,026 with a 5-year warranty for desktops and 4-year warranty for laptops. These are also commercial/enterprise grade computers, not consumer grade computers sold at Best Buy and other consumer outlets. Also dependent on options selected by Grosse Pointe such as the amount of memory, amount of storage, storage type, ancillary devices and accessories - the price will fluctuate. Also, this is an average price over 10 years. Desktop specifications include fourth generation i7 processor, 8GB RAM, 128GB Solid-State Drive, DVD burner, Windows 7 Professional 64-bit, and 22" wide-screen LED LCD monitors.

How will you define success?

We will define success as we always have - are we preparing students for the challenges they will face in continuing education and the workforce? This is the summative assessment for all we do. Our formative assessments include performance on MEAP, NWEA, classroom and common assessments. We also analyze student engagement through participating in class, attendance, and surveys of teachers, students, parents and community members. We look at acceptance into colleges and universities and are gathering alumni data on how well we prepare students for lifelong learning. This technology bond would provide additional tools for us to meet the 24/7 educational needs of today's student, but does not change our vision: Every student. Every day.

For more information, visit the schools website, gpschools.org under the technology bond quick link. Letters to the editor regarding the proposed bond are found in the first section this newspaper. Results will be published in the Feb. 27 issue of the Grosse Pointe News.

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