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## Beware of fake vaccine offers

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

**THE GROSSE POINTEES** — In today's rapidly evolving technology world, with every new situation come creative new scams. Nearly every week without fail there is at least one Grosse Pointer who files a police report as the victim of unemployment fraud.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation, Food and Drug Administration and Federal Trade Commission now are warning the COVID-19 vaccination process is at risk of exploitation, as reports of scammers attempting to steal personal information or asking for a fee through fake vaccine offers slowly are beginning to surface.

With only four reports of scams offering the vaccine for a fee in Michigan as of last week, according to the Michigan Attorney General's office, the focus currently is on proactive education to prevent a widespread issue.

"People should be extremely vigilant and wary of vaccination offers that don't come from trusted sources like their doctor, healthcare provider or local health department," said Bob Riney, president of healthcare operations and chief operating officer of Henry Ford Health

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## New agreement considered for seawall

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE FARMS & SHORES** — A Hubbell, Roth and Clark engineering study, involving boring samples and a topographical survey, on the three-mile stretch of Lakeshore seawall between Warner Road and the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club

concluded in September and led to the recommendation to drive metal sheet piling in front of the current existing seawall and tie it back, along with raising certain sections in anticipation of rising lake levels, as an approximately \$25 million fix to the chronic deterioration.

The \$72,000 work was funded through an intergovernmental

agreement where Wayne County covered half the cost and the Farms and Shores equally split the other half.

Following a Thursday, Feb. 4, conference call meeting — which included Farms and Shores officials, HRC representatives, Wayne County Commissioner Tim Killeen, engineers from the Wayne

County Public Services department and the county federal lobbyist, as well as representatives from Sen. Debbie Stabenow's, Sen. Gary Peters' and Congresswoman Brenda Lawrence's offices — to discuss HRC's recommendations and the opportunities for federal

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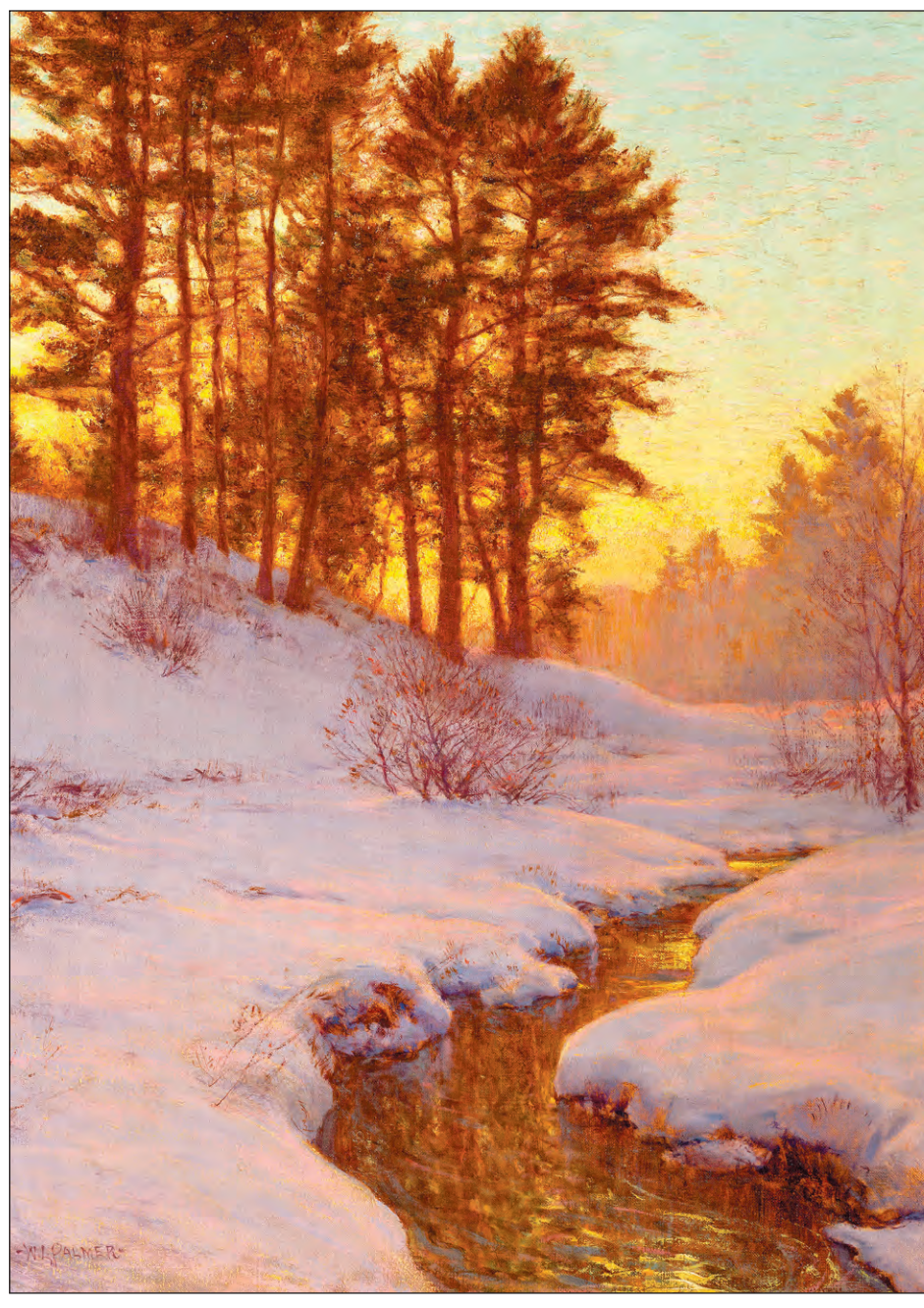


IMAGE COURTESY OF SEAN COTTON

Walter L. Palmer's "The Golden West" fills us with warmth during this cold spell and reminds us to dream of warmer days ahead.

## Arts center plans progress

By Kate Vanderstelt  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE PARK** — The A. Paul and Carol C. Schaap Center for the Performing Arts and the Richard and Jane Manoogian Art Gallery has been a project in the works since 2012. The long-pondered vision is soon to become a reality as the project team aims to break ground in fall 2021.

The center will be placed in the Park on Jefferson, in front of St. Ambrose Catholic Church and next to the public safety and city hall buildings.

The Schaap Center for the Performing Arts is set to include a 424-seat theater, an orchestra pit with

a lift, state-of-the-art lighting and world-class acoustics.

The theater is more than just functional. The project team has crafted the ceiling of the theater to appear as the night sky.

"The top space is not a ceiling," said Theresa Selvaggio, Grosse Pointe Theatre's director of development. "We refer to it as a sky. ... The starry night is art-inspired, concealing lights, rigging, cables, catwalks and all of the dense equipment."

The Schaap Center will be home to the Detroit Concert Choir, Grosse Pointe Community Chorus, Grosse Pointe

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## Residents get involved in master plan update

By Kate Vanderstelt  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE PARK** — Grosse Pointe Park is in the process of updating its master plan and in doing so hopes to emphasize the importance of resident engagement. Tuesday, Feb. 9, the city held a master plan virtual visioning session via Zoom for residents, to initiate a project of engagement the city hopes will continue until the master plan is finalized. The master plan project is estimated to take one year to complete.

The current master plan was reviewed and

adopted in 2012. The plan discussed things like housing, recreation and the business district.

As the city renews the master plan, it looks to improve the same types of things. At the visioning session, residents were given the opportunity to express feedback to members of the planning commission and a representative from MKSK, a planning organization with which the Park has chosen to collaborate in the update process.

The visioning session

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## City purchases new rubbish truck

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

**CITY OF GROSSE POINTE** — Among other matters discussed during the City's second council meeting of the year Monday, Feb. 8, were the needs for a new rubbish truck and an upgraded surveillance system in Lots 2 and 3, as well as

the over-budget reconstruction project on the Neff Park parking lot.

The motions on all passed unanimously.

### Lot reconstruction over budget

Final construction costs for the fall 2020 Neff Park parking lot reconstruction, bid out as part of the 2020 street

resurfacing project, have come in \$47,602.94 over budget.

"Basically in a nutshell what happened in the Neff Park parking lot," Director of Public Services Pete Randazzo explained, "... there were areas that were over-paved through the years.

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**Lanna Young**  
Home: City of Grosse Pointe  
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An interior rendering of the proposed building.



A rendering of the building's exterior.



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A rendering of the proposed art gallery.

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Symphony Orchestra and Grosse Pointe Theatre.

The Richard and Jane Manoogian Art Gallery will surround the Schaap Center in the building on Jefferson. It is planned to include fine art exhibition space, private per-

manent art collection and rotating exhibits.

Those involved with the project believe the center will have a positive impact on the community, not only culturally, but also with the economic revenue it can bring in for surrounding restaurants, wine stores and florists.

With a potential groundbreaking in fall 2021, the center should open in spring 2023. The overview of the project, as well as donation opportunities, may be found at [schaapcenter.com](http://schaapcenter.com).

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# Home invasions committed by South American Theft Group

By Kate Vanderstelt  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE PARK & SHORES** — Grosse Pointe Park detectives confirmed the Feb. 1 home invasions in the Park and Shores were committed by members of the FBI-investigated South American Theft Group.

The group has been responsible for countless home invasions and thefts across the nation in past years. It is believed to be composed of Chilean citizens who come to the United States and overstay their 90-day visa until they get arrested.

The Park and Shores

home invasions were connected to a case in Ohio, just outside of Cleveland.

“The detective I’ve been talking to in the Gates Mills Police Department, he called me,” Park Detective Sgt. Mike Narduzzi said. “Coincidentally enough, there was a resident of Grosse Pointe that was visiting and called him and told him (to contact Narduzzi).”

The suspects involved in Grosse Pointe were responsible for invading one home in Gates Mills and two homes in Moreland Hills, both in Ohio. The suspects’ van, found in Grosse Pointe Woods, was seen on traf-

fic camera footage in Ohio. The license plate was attached to the vehicle in Ohio, then later taken off and found inside the van when it was left in the Woods.

Pieces of the puzzle are still missing, as the investigation is ongoing. Questions like how the suspects got away after leaving their van in the Woods are yet unanswered. The biggest question remains: How many members of the South American Theft Group are out there?

“That’s the million-dollar question,” Narduzzi said. “How many members are in this ring, this gang, this organized crew?”

## Cold catch

Davis Gryzenia, left, and Will Gryzenia tried their luck ice fishing at Pier Park on Feb. 11.



PHOTO COURTESY OF ANNE GRYZENIA

## House fire at Windmill Pointe

The smell of smoke awoke a resident and her adult granddaughter in the 15000 block of Windmill Pointe at 5 a.m. Monday, Feb. 15. The two exited the home and called 911.

Crews arrived to find smoke rising from the basement of the home. According to Lt. Jim Bostock, Grosse Pointe Park and City public safety officers took an aggressive approach to

the inside of the house and were able to limit damage mostly to the basement.

The fire appeared to have started in the mechanical room of the basement. The source was determined to be an overheated faulty boiler, which caught its surroundings on fire.

No one was injured in the fire.

— Kate Vanderstelt

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included interactive discussion on topics such as pedestrian friendliness, bike friendliness, park improvements and business district improvements. Many residents expressed interest in parking, housing and childcare opportunities.

“So far we have had thorough discussions and know the best is yet to come, and that starts tonight,” City Manager Nick Sizeland said. “No matter if we agree or disagree on the future direction of the city, we have tremendous opportunity, untapped potential, and I know the best and brightest ideas will be incorporated into this plan because we all love

Grosse Pointe Park.”

As the master plan update comes to fruition, the city will continue to ask residents for input. The website [gppmasterplan.com](http://gppmasterplan.com) was launched for the project. Input from residents may be made on the website via an upcoming online survey, as well as by using an interactive mapping tool, where residents may use a map of the Park to voice their opinions.

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# Courthouse could be complete in April

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

**CITY OF GROSSE POINTE** — With the City's new courthouse on Maumee approaching the last phase of construction, council unanimously approved an \$8,700 surveillance camera system through Pointe Alarm, during its meeting Monday, Feb. 8. This will be routed to the Park's public safety monitoring system and replace a 15-year-old surveillance system in the building.

The courthouse and council chambers are being built within the old public safety building.

As the final project under a voter-approved bond that also included the construction of the City's new public safety and public works build-

ings, construction is now expected to be complete and ready to be furnished the first week of April.

"If there ever was a time to have a pandemic where you couldn't have public meetings and you needed to rebuild your meeting room," City Manager Pete Dame said, "then this was a perfect case."

However, the pandemic also was not without its negative impacts on the construction process. The completion date was pushed back a couple weeks, Dame reported, because getting materials has taken about twice as long as normal due to the stress of the pandemic on both manufacturing and item transportation.

Delayed supplies included ceiling grid and materials, which nor-



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

**Interior work is nearing completion on the City's new courthouse and council chambers.**

mally can be found in-stock and shipped next-day; metal and glass for doors; glass for the reception desk; and carpeting.

"What would normally be next-day delivery (is)

taking a couple weeks," Dame said. "Things that should take a couple weeks have taken six to eight weeks."

The City has accommodated the delays by ordering needed materials far

in advance and much of the behind-the-scenes work — HVAC, electric wiring and conduits, plumbing and ventilation — is well underway. Most recently, partition walls have been placed to show

the layout of hallways and rooms in the space.

The finishing steps still needed include drywall, floors and carpeting, painting, bathroom fixtures and signage.

"I hope that we'll actually be able to meet in public in it at some point soon," Dame said.

Because the project only has the funding of the bond amount approved by voters, it is guaranteed to come in at or below the guaranteed maximum price in the construction contract.

To ensure the project fit within the remaining budget, adjustments to the original plan were made, such as reducing the number of windows and reusing a few rooms on the first floor instead of tearing them out and rebuilding.

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funding, the Farms, Shores and county likely will move forward with a second intergovernmental agreement.

The agreement, anticipated by Killeen to be in place within two months, would be to fund HRC's development of a basis of design report. This would essentially turn HRC's current recommendations into a fully engineered plan, which could then be presented to the federal offices in order to flesh out specified funding.

Before the agreement is in place and the basis of design work begins, the parties plan to meet with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers within the next month to discuss the current recommendations and get the organization's input from the onset.



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**The deteriorating Lakeshore seawall is the subject of a second intergovernmental agreement.**

"Ultimately, anything that's done on the seawall would require approval from several agencies, including the Army Corps, EPA and other agencies," Farms City Manager Shane

Reeside explained. "So obviously, we want to make sure they're part of the discussion early on, so what ultimately is recommended is something that they're in agreement with."

Because the Army Corps has an interest in returning seawalls to natural shorelines, federal funding under that policy could be available if the Lakeshore seawall fix were to take that

route; however, because of the pounding wave action along this stretch

of the shoreline, HRC engineers do not feel that approach is applicable.

It's too early in the process to know what entity will be hired to make the fix, but the Army Corps is one option. If it was the case and the project were funded and approved today, Killeen said, the Army Corps has said it would be two to three years before completion.

"Since there hasn't been any major structural engineering work on that wall since it was built back around 1930, the deterioration is accelerating out there," he said, "so we're to the point where it needs to be prompt."

Continued deterioration, he added, will continue to raise the cost of the fix.

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The assumption was that it was three inches and it turned out to be that some areas had nine inches, 10 inches of asphalt that had to be removed."

Specifically, the "L" portion of the lot to the right of the entrance, where leaf pick-ups are dumped, was of concern.

"If they were going to pave over the existing conditions, the asphalt wouldn't have lasted very long," Randazzo said, "especially when we're dumping in the fall time."

While the parking lot project came in more than the contracted amount, he reported, the overall 2020 street resurfacing project came in under budget.

Along with this, Randazzo added, although the additional amount was not budgeted, the capital projects fund has a significant balance available to cover the extra work.

### New rubbish truck

Following its last purchase of a rubbish truck in April 2019, the City now is replacing a 2005 truck with a 2021 model of what was purchased two years ago. The truck's functions include rubbish collection, leaf pick-up and snow plowing.

"The actual (2019) truck has been great," Randazzo said. "We had a couple hydraulic problems, but those have been remedied. Fredrickson's been pretty good about the warranty portion of that, but the actual truck has been phenomenal."

The purchase includes a \$95,866 Freightliner cab and chassis from Wolverine Freightliner through a purchasing co-op led by Rochester Hills; a \$95,168.40 Leach rear-loading packer body through Fredrickson Supply Co., of Grand Rapids; and a \$13,133.75 snow plow from Santoro of Detroit.

Originally, \$210,000 was budgeted for the project in the capital projects fund.

### Increased parking lot surveillance

Since replacing the gated system in City Lots 2 and 3 with pay station kiosks at different areas of the lots instead of at the entrances and exits, the City has seen the need to reconfigure the current security camera system to capture the pay stations and more than just the entrances and exits.

"Pointe Alarm has been providing the cameras that we currently have and the monitoring of those cameras," Randazzo said. "They worked with us to come

up with a nice, comprehensive plan to put cameras in place to make people feel secure and (to enable) the ability of covering both lots completely.

"Pointe Alarm has an extensive knowledge with the current system and the infrastructure, the wiring and the conduits in the ground already," he added.

With the cost coming out of the parking fund, the City will pay \$9,300

for the setup in Lot 2 and \$7,750 for Lot 3.

With a lifespan anywhere between five and eight years, the cameras will have the ability to be monitored by officers in the Grosse Pointe Park dispatch center, as well as by City parking staff on their phones.

"These cameras are much better than the ones that are there now," City Manager Pete Dame said. "It's a much clearer picture."

## The Week Ahead

### MONDAY, FEB. 22

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods City Council meeting, 7 p.m.
- ◆ Registration opens for Grosse Pointe Woods Egg Stroll.

### TUESDAY, FEB. 23

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Park Diversity and Inclusion Initiative meeting, 6 p.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Planning Commission meeting, 7 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY, FEB. 24

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Park Sustainability Committee meeting, 5:30 p.m.

### THURSDAY, FEB. 25

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Library Board of Trustees meeting, 6:30 p.m. via Zoom.

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# Strengthening the community, one project at a time

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

Helping each other in small ways that can make a big impact is exactly the sentiment that led Lanna Young to join the board of Pheomale, a nonprofit created by women for women, four years ago. A combination of the words “phoenix” and “female,” Pheomale works with local shelters to identify women who are victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, homelessness or human trafficking and help them rebuild their lives and thus, rise from the ashes.

The organization’s biggest project each year, House into a Home, focuses on women who live in a home in less than livable conditions, where

work needs to be done but can’t be afforded.

“We help women who are at a roadblock and if they don’t have this help, then they’re not going to get to the next step,” Young explained. “... If that roadblock can be removed, which is where we come in, then they can continue to grow and prosper.”

While each project is different depending on the needs of the home, previous projects have included placing a new roof on a home where water was leaking into the attic, repairing a porch that was falling apart, electric and structural repairs, bringing in new furniture and painting. Local contractors often volunteer their time to bring these projects to

fruition.

Because of the generosity of Grosse Pointers’ donations, the organization also is able to help women through the year with smaller projects, such as providing funds to catch someone up on an overdue utility bill and purchasing used cars for women who need transportation to work.

“You hear the stories of each of the women and you just want to do what you can to help,” Young said. “... We’ve bought a used car for \$5,000, but a woman was taking three buses and it took her two hours to get to and from work, yet we bought her a used car and it takes her a half hour and she now has more time to spend with her family or can spend more time at her job and get promoted and just improve her overall quality of life.”

As the owner of Savvy Chic Boutique in The Village, even before joining the Pheomale board, Young supported its efforts by collecting donated items for the organization in her store and holding shopping events where a percentage of the proceeds would go to Pheomale.

With an extensive career in corporate retail, including Neiman Marcus and smaller specialty stores, Young was inspired to open the boutique nearly six years ago after moving to the City of Grosse Pointe from Chicago, where she regularly would shop at boutiques near her home.

“After a few years of staying home with my kids and learning the



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Savvy Chic Boutique, started by Lanna Young six years ago, is located at 17118 Kercheval.

area because I’m not from here, I thought there was a niche in small boutiques that were trending and affordable and offered something new all the time to the customers,” she said.

It is thanks to the loyalty of Grosse Pointe community members and the collaborative efforts of all The Village shops, she added, that Savvy Chic has been able to make it through the pandemic.

“Of course it’s been a struggle,” she said, “but this community is so supportive and our customers are so loyal that as

soon as the pandemic hit, I was getting emails and phone calls asking what they could do.”

As a member of the newly formed Main Street Grosse Pointe Board, Young also is doing her part to support her fellow small business owners through efforts to revitalize The Village, create events and bring the community together.

“It’s going to be a lot of work,” she said, explaining the pandemic has set a slow start. “We’re going to need volunteers to help us, but it’s really going to preserve the history of the downtown

area, yet really revitalize it. (We) really hope to make it a destination for people who live in Grosse Pointe, as well as other communities surrounding us.”

Those interested in donating to Pheomale and/or in keeping up with its current projects and needs, may do so through the organization’s Facebook page and website, pheomale.org, where there is an option to subscribe to its email list.

Information about the boutique and its offerings may be found at savvychicgp.com.



Young pitching in on a House in a Home project.

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System, in a press release. “The plain fact is that there is no charge to receive the COVID-19 vaccine, which is being paid for by the federal government. You can’t pay to put your name on a list to get the vaccine, or to get early access, and you don’t need to provide sensitive personal information over the phone. Anyone promising that is trying to steal your personal or financial information and, very likely, your money.”

Watch out for warning

signs of a scam, Riney advised, including advertisements or offers for early access to a vaccine upon payment of a deposit or fee; requests asking for payment out of pocket to obtain the vaccine or put your name on a COVID-19 vaccine waiting list; offers to undergo additional medical testing or procedures when obtaining a vaccine; offers to sell and/or ship doses of a vaccine, domestically or internationally, in exchange for payment of a deposit or fee; unsolicited emails, telephone calls or texts from someone claiming to be from a medical office, insur-

ance company or COVID-19 vaccine center requesting personal, financial and/or medical information to determine eligibility to participate in clinical vaccine trials or obtain the vaccine; claims of FDA approval for a vaccine that cannot be verified; ads for vaccines through social media platforms, email, telephone calls, online or from unsolicited/unknown sources; and phone calls or emails telling you the government or government officials require you to receive a COVID-19 vaccine.

Scammers also could pretend to be a healthcare worker.

“Our team members would never call to ask for your sensitive personal and financial information,” Riney said.

Suspected scams should be reported online at reportfraud.ftc.gov or consumer resources.org, which is the consumer website of the National Association of Attorneys General.

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A team of suspects crashed through into the BP service station at Mack and Rivard in the City of Grosse Pointe.

# Extensive damage to Mack BP in robbery

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

**CITY OF GROSSE POINTE** — Barely 10 minutes after the suspects had left the scene, a City officer on patrol discovered the front door open to the BP service station on Mack and the entire northeast section of the building destroyed after a robbery Saturday, Feb. 11, causing losses of \$3,507 in cash from the safe, \$2,500 worth of tobacco products and an estimated \$50,000 in damage to the structure of the building.

“Information is being shared and (we’re) working with other agencies to try to see if there’s a connection with other (breaking and entering crimes of a) similar type that have the same MO,” Detective Sgt. Joseph Adams reported, “but that’s still all in the pending stages right now.”

According to the police report, surveillance footage shows a maroon or burgundy Chevrolet Silverado, carrying five Black male subjects wearing masks and gloves, arriving at 3:27 a.m. Entering the building by prying open the front door with a crowbar, they were unsuccessful in obtaining money from the cash drawers, because all cash had been locked in a safe that was bolted to the ground on the north end of the building.

As they left the building, the suspects gathered \$2,500 in tobacco prod-

ucts in a trash can to take with them.

At 3:31 a.m., the footage shows the pickup truck beginning to ram the northeast section of the building. After seven strikes, the wall was breached and the safe knocked loose. Within two minutes, the suspects had dragged out the safe, containing \$3,507, and drove away.

Tire tracks indicated the truck drove east out of the lot and then across the median and westbound on Mack.

A dark-colored van also was captured on footage acting as a lookout vehicle during the entire crime.

The patrol officer arrived on scene at 3:42 a.m.

“A lot of these crimes happen in the middle of the night,” Adams said. “... If you have a hunch that (something) doesn’t sound normal, just call us. ... We’d rather you call us, us check the area and it be fine, then you not call us and us get there saying, ‘If somebody would have just called.’”

Current evidence includes a possible license plate for the truck captured on the surveillance footage and broken pieces of a tail light found where the truck backed into the building.

“My hunch (is) that these possibly were the same people that came three years ago, because we had the same business get hit three years ago,” Adams said, “but I don’t know. ... (We’re) still trying to look into that.”

# Chilly Fest takes to the streets

By Kate Vanderstelt  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE PARK** — Grosse Pointe Park’s fifth annual Chilly Fest is being moved out of the parks and onto the streets this year in an effort to support local businesses and enhance safety for residents.

On a typical year, Chilly Fest is held at

Windmill and Patterson parks with trolleys running between the two. Because of the coronavirus pandemic and to help local businesses, the event has been moved to Kercheval Avenue and Charlevoix Street.

Chilly Fest will be held from 2 to 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27.

More than 25 local businesses plan to be

involved in the event. Food and drink samples and raffle prizes will be offered, and activities will include beauty treatments, carriage rides and mobile axe throwing, among others. Signup for the activities went live Friday, Feb. 12, on [grossepointepark.org](http://grossepointepark.org). Characters, including

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## City of Grosse Pointe

### Unemployment fraud

A 66-year-old Grosse Pointe man discovered he was the victim of identity theft after receiving a letter from the Unemployment Insurance Agency stating he is eligible for benefits, for which he did not apply.

### Eager arrest

After driving through a stop sign at Neff Road and Mack Avenue at 9:42 p.m. Friday, Feb. 12, a 30-year-old Detroit man was pulled over. He stepped out his vehicle with his hands up and began to approach the scout car, before admitting his license was expired and he had been drinking.

A preliminary breath test showed his blood alcohol content to be .104 percent and he was arrested for operating under the influence and driving while license suspended.

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

## Grosse Pointe Farms

No crimes to report per dispatch.

— Laurel Kraus  
Report information about crimes to Grosse Pointe Farms Public Safety, (313) 885-2100.

## Grosse Pointe Shores

### Drinking and speeding

After being pulled over for driving 55 mph on Lakeshore Road, a 28-year-old Fraser woman was arrested for operating with a blood alcohol content of .17 or more and speeding at 11:11 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13.

A preliminary breath test showed her blood alcohol content to be .19 percent.

# PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

## Serial suspensee

A 31-year-old Detroit woman was arrested for driving while license suspended at Lakeshore and Provencal roads at 9:44 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 14, when several suspensions showed on her record.

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

## Grosse Pointe Park

### Kicked out

A 38-year-old Detroit man was arrested at 1:55 p.m. Monday, Feb. 8, for breaking the glass door of a Detroit Department of Transportation bus at Maryland and Jefferson.

The bus driver told the man to exit the bus, as it was the end of the line. The man got upset and kicked out the glass door after exiting.

## Neighborly theft

A Park resident in the 700 block of Middlesex

reported Friday, Feb. 12, that a 42-year-old Park woman had stolen numerous checks from her over several months and cashed them.

### Operating while intoxicated

A 37-year-old City of Grosse Pointe man was arrested in the 1400 block of Maryland Friday, Feb. 12, for being at fault in a car accident.

Public safety units responded to a two-car accident at 10 p.m. The at-fault driver was arrested for operating while intoxicated.

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

## Grosse Pointe Woods

No crimes to report per dispatch.

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Report information about crimes to Grosse Pointe Woods Public Safety, (313) 343-2400.

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## OUR VIEW

## November filing deadline looms

It is not even spring yet and we are already writing about the November general election. Give us a break, you say? Not so fast. The deadline to file to run for office on Nov. 2 is April 20 ... just two months away!

Why so soon? We are not sure. If the municipalities need to hold a primary election — more than twice as many candidates running for office than open seats — then the local primary election date, according to the Grosse Pointe Park, City and Farms clerks' website, isn't until Aug. 3.

Perhaps this early deadline in April explains why more new people don't run for local office. Who's thinking about the November election in February, March or April?

This November's general election will be important. We have four mayors running for re-election, not counting Harper Woods, and no fewer than 14 seats are open among the five Grosse Pointe city councils. We also have two municipal court judges running for re-election.

So it will be as crucial as ever for citizens to step up to do their civic duty and run for office, but getting on the ballot cannot be a last-minute decision. Candidates need to file the proper paperwork with their city clerks and/or Michigan Secretary of State.

In the Farms, for example, candidates for mayor and city council must file nominating petitions with signatures of not less than 50 or more than 75 of qualified registered electors of the city of Grosse Pointe Farms. Grosse Pointe Farms municipal judge candidates require the same number of signatures, but from qualified registered electors of the city of Grosse Pointe Farms and/or Grosse Pointe Shores. Candidate packets are available in the Farms, according to the clerk's website.

The other Grosse Pointe municipalities have similar requirements and would-be candidates are encouraged to contact their clerks today. Municipal clerks can be reached at:

**City:** city@grossepointecity.org

**Farms:** Derrick Kozicki, assistant city manager/clerk, dkozicki@grossepointefarms.org

**Park:** Jane Blahut, finance director/clerk/treasurer, blahutj@grossepointepark.org

**Shores:** admin@gpshoresmi.gov

**Woods:** Lisa K. Hathaway, city clerk, lhathaway@gpwmi.us

**Harper Woods:** Leslie M. Frank, city clerk, lfrank@harperwoods.net

## Postal woes

Once again last week, the U.S. Postal Service let us down. This time in 48236. Blame it on COVID-19, not your regular carrier.

We realized something was amiss when we continued getting calls on Friday from readers who still did not get their paper in the mail.

Our printer, whose mailroom deals with the Detroit facility, reached out to their contact on Friday. Here is the postal service's response:

"Thanks for contacting me with this concern regarding this mailing. The Postal Service is experiencing unprecedented package volume increases and limited employee availability due to the impacts of COVID-19. I am communicating with the appropriate USPS team members for assistance in locating this mailing. I will contact you as soon as I have more information. We appreciate your patience as we are committed to delivering all mail and packages as soon as possible. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to serve you in the Business Service Network!"

Of course, there was no mail on Monday, President's Day. We apologize to our readers on behalf of the USPS, and we encourage you to take advantage of our website, grossepointenews.com, during these difficult, unpredictable times.

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## Pure Grosse Pointe

Grosse Pointe Park resident Dick Ruzzin captured this photo along Lakeshore, where he spotted a gaggle of geese taking to the ice on Lake St. Clair. "Driving by I saw them," he wrote in an email. "Some were just flying off, so I drove on and then thought about what an extraordinary scene that it was and how it was so special in representing Lakeshore and the Pointes. So I turned around and went back. I parked between the boulevards and walked over for the picture. Two mallards were just landing within the group if you look closely. It was a glorious scene!"

## OUR VIEW

## Seawall gets fed's attention

Michigan's congressional delegation now has the start of the information it needs to work on federal funding for a new seawall along Lakeshore Road. They must make it as much a priority as it is for the many people — residents and non-residents alike — who appreciate the ability to drive along Lake St. Clair.

The 1930s-era seawall is rapidly deteriorating. With funding divided among Grosse Pointe Farms, Grosse Pointe Shores and Wayne County, an engineering study and other work has finally led to a recommendation on the best solution: a project to put metal piling in front of the old seawall and tie it back.

The cost is currently estimated at \$25 million.

Earlier this month, representatives of the county and the two cities began the task of finding money for the seawall by filling in the federal elected officials who serve the area: U.S. Rep. Brenda Lawrence, based in Southfield, and U.S. Sens. Debbie Stabenow and Gary Peters.

History suggests the seawall was initially a county project as it built out Lakeshore Road, which remains under county jurisdiction. In that view, it's a transportation project and the county's responsibility.

The road — in this case a wide street with landscaped medians — also is a way drivers can appreciate

ate this area's piece of the Great Lakes. Lake St. Clair, though not a Great Lake in itself, remains a pretty good lake, as the saying goes; Lakeshore Road, as it runs through the Farms and part of the Shores, provides views of freighters and neighboring Canada that prove the lake's place in a huge international system of shipping and fresh water.

From that point of view, the seawall project might qualify for some funding from federal Great Lakes programs. The drawback: Most of those projects are geared toward softening the shoreline, not maintaining a hard edge. (A more natural shoreline provides better fish habitat, among other factors.)

Multiple steps remain, including bringing in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, one of at least a couple of agencies that must approve the project. The Farms, Shores and county need to agree on how to fund the final design work to be done by the engineering firm they have worked with so far, Hubbell, Roth and Clark. The two cities each have a part of the affected roadway and have each paid a quarter of the initial engineering costs, with Wayne County picking up the rest.

Although the cities have helped out, the seawall fix is clearly a county responsibility. It's just as clear that federal help is going to be essential to meet the price tag — and that it needs to happen sooner rather than later.

## PONDERING IN THE PARK By Greg Theokas

## Park art center makes sense

To better understand the above headline, we have to go back to the early 1980s. At that time, the gateway to our city — both sides of Jefferson, between Alter Road and Lakepointe — was seriously blighted.

The area was populated by, among other things, gas stations, old car dealerships, bars, a laundromat, a Steak and Eggs, the Esquire Theater, a funeral home, an aged multistory apartment building, and a Detroit bus turnaround. All had seen better days. There were shootings at the theater and prostitution on the streets.

The mayor and council (and their successors) realized that it would take years — in fact, decades

— to assemble these properties, demolish them, and repurpose them to a community-based use. A "campus" was the phrase that was coined to describe the long-term goal.

It has taken almost 40 years to bring the "campus" setting to fruition. Slowly, inexorably, the city acquired virtually every parcel in the area — the Deck Bar, Brosnan's Bar, Ewald Chevrolet, the Esquire Theater, Steak and Eggs and others. Sometimes a "straw" person was used to keep the price from escalating (if the buyer knew that the city was involved).

In the case of the Ewald dealership, the city acted quickly and bought the property before it was listed and sold for a use that was inconsistent with the campus concept. Acquiring the Detroit bus turnaround took years of negotiation. Often, the key was to act quickly when properties became available. Another important factor was the willingness of donors to donate land or to fund its purchase.

So, what has changed as a result of this 40-year quest. On the south side of Jefferson there is a new office building and a green space. On the north side there is an upgraded city hall, the Ewald Library (which received a \$1 million donation from the Ewald family), a new condominium complex and an addition to the Henry Ford Eye Center.

It took considerable lobbying to convince the library board to build a branch at the Ewald site. The Esquire Theater site required a bitter and

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## LETTERS

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I SAY By Kate Vanderstelt

# Make every day Valentine's Day



It is now mid-February. The gray days of winter trudge on. Valentine's Day has come and passed. I have always loved Valentine's Day: the pink, the hearts, the joy and romance.

This year I was feeling particularly Grinch-y toward the holiday. The day before Valentine's Day, I was attempting to dye a white rose black while explaining to my family that I wanted to be very anti-Valentine's Day this year.

My younger brother said to me, "It's just another day, there's nothing special about it." This kind of offended me, because I usually love the holiday, so I

scoffed, and said, "I love holidays; I love celebrating things."

He meant that nothing should be different about Valentine's Day — that love should be felt year-round.

"Valentine's Day should be every day if you're with the right person," he said.

The boy is 18 years old, yet suggested an idea that I (and many others, I hope) will hold dear. I turned to my dad

and congratulated him on raising a son who would form such a sentence.

I have always believed that love is the greatest thing to exist. To love and to be loved is a universal desire. Almost every famous person has a quote on love documented somewhere and almost every author has written some kind of love story. We crave love as one of our most basic necessities — love and

belonging are included in Maslow's hierarchy of needs.

Imagine if every day we went out of our way to complete an act of love for someone and in return we received an unexpected act of love from someone. The world would feel much smaller and we would all feel more connected. Especially now, in a time when many people are feeling isolated and alone due to pandemic

restrictions, this little piece of love could make all the difference.

Send flowers for no reason. To a significant other or a best friend or an acquaintance from long ago. Send "I love you" texts to friends, just to remind them that someone is there. Not everyone has someone checking on them. Sometimes, being that person for someone can turn any random, gray day into Valentine's Day.

## OUR VIEW

### Mutual aid, mutual training

The City of Grosse Pointe's new capacity as a training facility looks like it can pay dividends for the entire community.

The safety departments of the five Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods already have a mutual-aid agreement. Now they've negotiated an agreement to train at the City of Grosse Pointe's new public safety building, which includes a fire training tower and an upgraded firearms training system.

The three-floor tower has equipment to generate a smoky environment and the capacity to provide scenarios for different types of fires. Multiple police situations also can be simulated. A smart dummy can be programmed to call out for help and its temperature can be set to practice the use of thermal imaging.

The VirTra computer system, used for firearms training, will come due for an upgrade in five years. That's a \$10,000 cost which all six mutual-aid departments will share. Their new agreement also includes how to divvy up costs when city personnel are involved in training sessions and for supplies, for example.

The cost-sharing provisions allow for times when a department is training alone and when a mutual-aid situation is being simulated.

Extensive cooperation among cities "has become the landmark of Chief Poloni's career," said Peter Dame, Grosse Pointe's city manager, referring to former City Public Safety Director Stephen Poloni. Mr. Poloni, who held the title of public safety director simultaneously in Grosse Pointe Park, is now Grosse Pointe Shores city manager.

"With the opening of our new facility ... we do plan on having an increased presence of training," he said. And that can benefit everyone, as a convenient training location should help keep all the public safety departments well prepared — whether working alone or in concert with each other.

(At press time, the agreement was awaiting only Harper Woods' approval.)

## YESTERDAY'S HEADLINES

### 1946

75 years ago this week

**FOOD CHAIN PRESENTS STORE OF TOMORROW:** The "Supermarket of Tomorrow" will be opened by A&P Food Stores in Grosse Pointe next week at 17120 Kercheval. The store is the first "postwar" model to be unveiled in the Detroit area, the company said.

**THUG CAPTURED IN GUN BATTLE:** The Park police figured in an old-fashioned gun battle with bad men in the early morning hours Tuesday. A phone call was received at police headquarters from a citizen at 3:40 a.m. The informant said there was some sort of disturbance in progress at the Grosse Pointe Park Cafe, 15222 Charlevoix.

### 1971

50 years ago this week

**E COLOGY AROUSING GREAT INTEREST:** Ecology is arousing much interest in The Pointe. Each of the administrations has received a letter from the City of Wayne referring to the non-returnable

problem, local students are currently running a bottle drop center and the Health Education Council of Grosse Pointe has sent out a flood of letters to each of the Pointe mayors asking for legislation governing the sale of phosphate detergents.

**RESIDENTS, SCHOOL AGREE ON TENNIS COURT CONSTRUCTION:** After almost six months of negotiation and discussion, residents surrounding the Liggett campus of University-Liggett School have agreed to approve of the conversion of parking spaces on the Liggett campus to three fenced-in tennis courts. All that remains is for the Woods council to grant permission to University-Liggett to build the courts.

**Obituaries:** Monica Weadock Forter, Leafea Straley, Victor P. Koeplin, Anna Papst, Frank X. Meier, Dr. Leslie G. Joy, Dr. Victor J. Taylor, Robert M. Rodger, Wanda M. Holmes, Eugene P. Grummel

### 1996

25 years ago this week

**STUDENTS, EDUCATORS PREPARE FOR NEW**

**MEAP:** The new HSPT is no MEAP. That's good news to educators and bad news to students. The good news is that teachers and administrators are hopeful that the new High School Proficiency Test will challenge students and be used as a yardstick to measure their knowledge. The bad news for some students is that tests will take more time and promise to be more complex and challenging than the multiple-choice Michigan Educational Assessment Program tests.

**VALET PARKING TO SERVE ALL HILL SHOPPERS:** Parking on the Hill in Grosse Pointe Farms has been a problem for the past few years, but now someone is doing something about it. The Farms City Council unanimously approved a license request by Vantage Valet Inc., to provide valet parking service on the Hill.

**Obituaries:** Nick L. Relich, William Craig Keith, Rita L. Reeside, Charles B. Murphy, Mary Y. Hakim, John A. Boll, Sandra H. Gregg, Maria Roumell, Mary Alice Vann, Andre Dutoit, Robert F. Sharrow Sr., Helen C. Katros, Anthony Licata

### 2011

10 years ago this week

**KLEIN TO RETIRE AT YEAR'S END:** Suzanne Klein put her heart into her career, so it's only fitting she announced her retirement on Valentine's Day. With that heart now heavy, she will leave her post as superintendent of the Grosse Pointe Public School System Dec. 31, more than 41 years after her career started there.

**PARK SENDS DOGS PACKING:** Grosse Pointe Park officially locked the gate on a park for the city's four-legged residents. The idea, proposed by Councilman James Robson, was not on the city council agenda, but considerable discussion ensued last month when several residents spoke in opposition of the park. The parks and recreation commission was asked to step in and make a recommendation to council.

**Obituaries:** Catherine Rieman Axe, William A. Stieber Sr., Raymond Eugene Buck M.D., Barbara Nadeau, Walter Terese Ebner, Anthony Joseph Spada, Samuel Addison Ellis, Joyce W. Lockhart

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costly condemnation proceeding.

Meanwhile, the nearby Merit Academy has been substantially improved and the stunning St. Ambrose basilica is finally visible from Jefferson. Today, the only undeveloped parcel is the land on the north side of Jefferson, between Maryland and Alter.

Two major donors and Park residents — the Schaaps and the Manoogians — have stepped forward, along with others to provide \$35 million to fund the art and performing arts center. It will host the Grosse Pointe Theatre and the Grosse Pointe Symphony. There will be other performers, as well as many classes for Grosse Pointe and Detroit residents.

Detroit has approved the construction on its border. The Park now awaits the construction of the new DPW building, at Mack near Alter. After that, the current DPW building will be demolished and construction on the art center will begin.

This site had been offered for sale in the past. Only a few interested parties emerged. One was Tim Horton's. The other, a developer who wanted to construct a 40-unit apart-

ment building. No offers were received.

There is some opposition to the art center, which seems based on the possible need for smaller multifamily housing units. That use may well serve the community, but it is best situated on the vacant Kercheval land between Alter and Wayburn. Housing units at that site would be within walking distance of the Kercheval shops. And they would blend well with the pending upgrade of the four-story apartment building at Alter.

The art center is the final piece in the "campus" puzzle. It will provide many new patrons for sorely hurting restaurants and businesses in the Park and Detroit. And it will be enjoyed for generations to come.

Greg Theokas is a past mayor and councilman in Grosse Pointe Park.

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# Wendy's scammer accepts plea offer

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE FARMS** — A 22-year-old Harper Woods man who made headlines in December after being arrested and charged with stealing credit card information by scanning customers' cards as they paid for food at the Wendy's on Mack Avenue, pleaded guilty to one of his charges and accepted a plea offer during a pre-trial before Judge Mariam Bazzi in the Wayne County

Third Circuit Court Thursday, Feb. 11.

Derick Lancaster had been facing charges of stealing/retaining a financial transaction device without consent, possession of a financial transaction device and illegal sale/use of a financial transaction device.

Through the Feb. 11 deal, Lancaster pleaded guilty to the first count, which carries a maximum penalty of four years, and counts two

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# Inland district one step closer to partial sewer separation

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE FARMS** — Partial separation of the Farms inland district combined sewer system is looking more like a reality, with the first council vote on the matter last Monday night, following an in-depth work session on the topic two weeks ago and two months of meter studies.

By unanimously approving a \$161,220 basis of design report by Hubbell, Roth and Clark, the city is moving toward project plans for separation of the systems north of Moross; a storm interceptor down Chalfonte; a force main down Moross; a stormwater pumping station at the corner of Moross and Chalfonte, which is one of the lowest elevation points in the inland district and was purchased by the city in August 2019; and separations of the systems on Mount Vernon, McMillan and McKinley.

"During a specific rain event — in fact, in this case I believe, less than a 5 percent chance of annual return rain event — we see that this sewer on Mount Vernon specifically surcharges locally and thereby causes the potential for that water to back up through the lead of the home and into the basements, depending on the elevation of the specific basement," Jesse VanDeCreek of HRC explained. "So that is the reason why local separa-

## CHILLY:

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Princess Anna and Captain America, will be roaming Kercheval and Charlevoix to greet residents throughout the event.

The Park has crafted a few festivities leading up to the event to get residents in the spirit.

A "treasure hunt" for children ages 13 and younger takes place in the coming weeks. Little, fuzzy penguins will be placed around town at different businesses. Kids who find the penguins may fill out a form online to keep track of their search. A completed form enters the child in a chance to win prizes. The "Fuzzy Penguin Hunt" takes place through Saturday, Feb. 27.

Residents also will see life-sized snowmen in front of businesses. On

Saturday, Feb. 20, families who have signed up to decorate the snowmen will take to the streets to bring them to life.

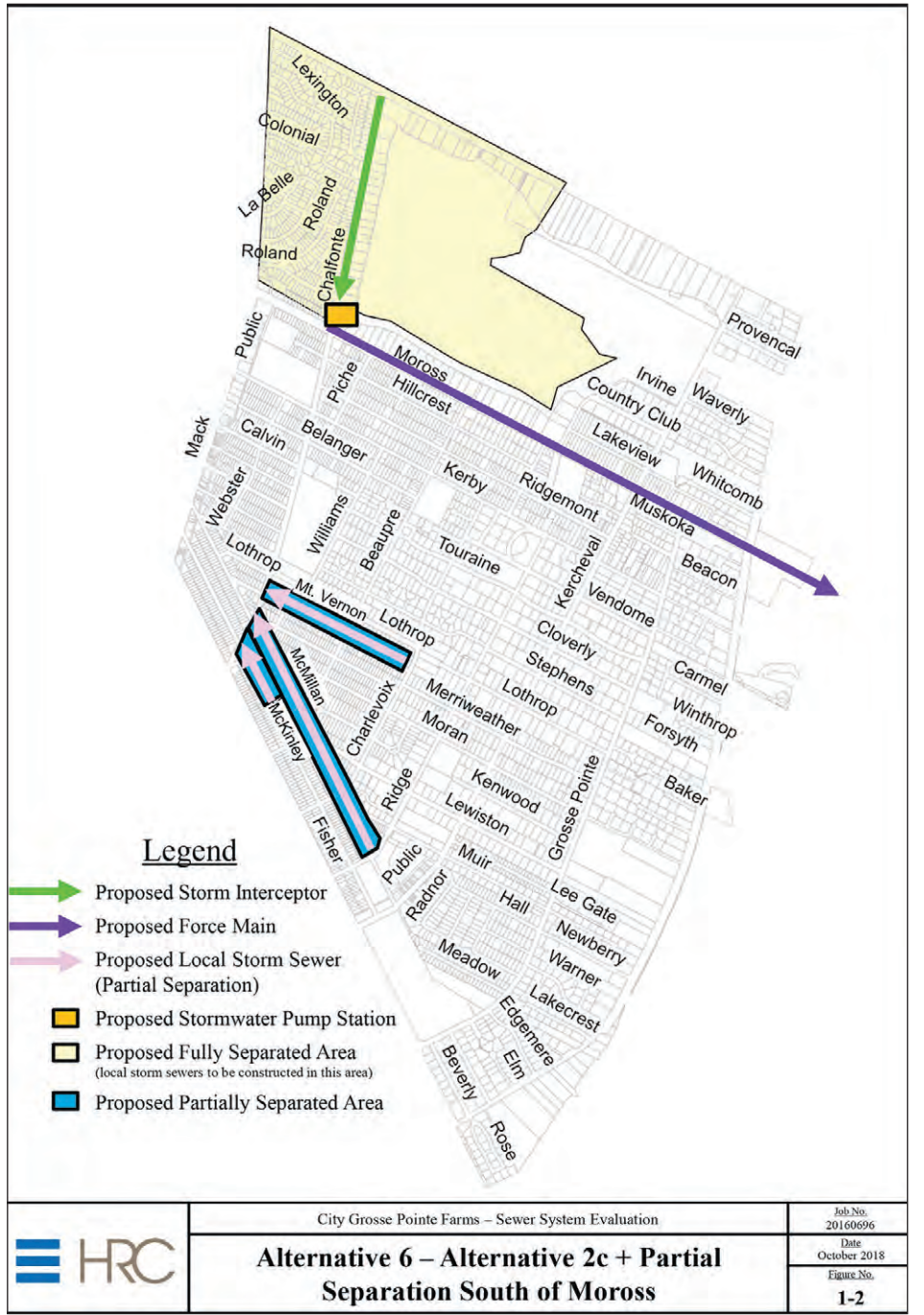
Due to the pandemic, the Park will forego the typical chili cook-off portion of the event.

"We didn't want to set up an area where there were a lot of people gathered to sample things," Parks and Recreation Director Chad Craig said. "The event really is chilly as in cold, not as in chili."

Craig said he is looking forward to providing residents of all ages something to get out of the house.

"You don't have to be a family just to come to it," Craig said. "I think anybody is OK with getting out for just about anything."

Participants are asked to wear masks when appropriate as they roam the streets.



City Grosse Pointe Farms – Sewer System Evaluation  
**Alternative 6 – Alternative 2c + Partial Separation South of Moross**

DESIGN MAP COURTESY OF HRC

The map shows the areas of focus for the recommended sewer separation project in the inland district.

tion is recommended in the southern portion of the inland district and in particular why it's proposed on Mount Vernon."

The basis of design report will focus on providing council with three options of the least disruptive and most economically beneficial configurations for the pump station and force main, as well as on reviewing options for future expansion of the pump station and force main in case the city were to decide to separate other areas of the inland district in the future.

"We would be presenting at least up to three alternative evaluations that would include route and course, plan view, a profile view, pros and cons and estimated costs for proceeding," VanDeCreek said prior to the vote.

Specifics included within the basis of design

report will be field surveys/investigations; preliminary specification outlines; preliminary cross-sections, profiles, figures and schematics; the determination of applicable permit requirements such as through federal, state, county and city; a project schedule and refining the costs; up to four workshops with city officials; reviewing the report with the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy, and the Great Lakes Water Authority; up to two meetings with city and Country Club of Detroit officials; up to two council presentations; one community roll-out meeting; and the development of a one-page public education flyer.

Anticipated to take about six months, the basis of design report should be complete around Sept. 1.

"I think that invest-

ment of \$161,000 in furtherance of this basis of design is a great investment for the residents in the city of Grosse Pointe Farms," Councilman John Gillooly said. "It is very preliminary and ... this project, from beginning to end, is going to be conducted in such a way so as to minimally interfere with traffic flows (and) keep (the project area) clean as it is the gateway to our great city."

The next steps in the timeline are 18 months of design, to be completed around March 1, 2023; three months for the bid and award process, to be completed around June 1, 2023; and 24 months for construction, bringing the entire project to completion approximately June 1, 2025.

Preliminary estimates place the total project cost at \$21 million to \$27 million.





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# Social distancing, air quality among union concerns

By Peggy Walsh-Sarnecki  
Staff Writer

Teachers would like more input into the plans to open school for face-to-face learning in March, the Grosse Pointe Education Association said in a statement last week. The union and district officials planned to meet the week of Feb. 22, to help resolve any concerns.

"The union's paramount concern remains students' learning conditions and the teachers' working conditions," union president Chris Platt said in an email last week.

A plan to open schools

to full in-classroom education was unanimously approved by the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education during its Feb. 8 meeting. That plan calls for students returning to full-time school March 1, and March 15 for all older students.

Social distancing is the union's major concern, Platt said.

Grosse Pointe's older schools, with their older ventilation systems, mean the ventilation solutions vary from building to building. Each building's air quality system is a little dif-

ferent, depending on the age of the building and the various modifications that have been made over the years.

The district is investigating supplementing ventilation with air quality purifiers, but wants to make sure they are appropriate and the noise does not interfere with instruction.

The district has taken several steps toward improving ventilation and the school board expects to hear recommendations on further steps during the Feb. 22 meeting.

Schools have been checked to make sure the balance of outside air

and indoor air is at its maximum potential. Repairs and maintenance are being addressed as quickly as possible, air filters have been replaced and outside air flow has been increased to the maximum possible for each building.

The union would like more involvement with these decisions.

"The decision to return full-time face to face ... was made solely by the Board of Education and the administration. The Grosse Pointe Education Association was not asked to bargain over this specifically and has not had any input over

when students go back or what mode they go back in," the union said in a statement.

"Teachers have asked to be included in the discussions and late Thursday, February 12th an offer to meet with Association representatives was extended to the union for the week of February 22nd by District administration. We appreciate the offer and look forward to the meeting," the union's statement said.

District officials pointed out the administration has been meeting with unions regularly throughout the last year to work out pandemic

issues.

This includes working with unions on the GPPSS Return to School Task Force, designing the hybrid school system of part virtual learning and part face-to-face learning, and working with the teachers' union's concerns about a plan to help students who missed school due to COVID reasons, among other instances, said Assistant Superintendent John Dean in an email.

"Communication can always be better," Dean said in an email. "We will continue to partner and communicate with our employees."

# PRIDE OF THE POINTES

Grosse Pointe Woods student **Jonathan Stander** was named to the Albion College Dean's List for the fall 2020 semester. Stander is majoring in psychology and German and a member of the Prentiss M. Brown Honors Program. He is the son of Douglas and Debra Stander and a graduate of Grosse Pointe North High School.



Sarah Stovall



Claire Koeppen

Grosse Pointe Woods student **Tyler White** was named to the Albion College Dean's List for the fall 2020 semester. White is majoring in biology with a minor in psychology. He is the son of Michael White and Lynne Zablocki-White and a graduate of Grosse Pointe North High School.

Honors Program and a graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School.

**Payton Mercer** of Grosse Pointe was named to the fall 2020 Dean's List at Missouri State University.

**Claire Koeppen** of Grosse Pointe Farms and **Hadley McSunas** of the City of Grosse Pointe were named to the Dean's List, and **Adam Ebenhoeh** of the City was named to the Dean's Honor List, for the fall semester at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

**Jeffrey Lieder** of Grosse Pointe Woods recently earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in communication and information sciences from the University of Alabama.

**Ryan McWood** of the City of Grosse Pointe

recently earned a Bachelor of Science degree in kinesiology and health from Miami University.

**Meredith Wenzler** of the City of Grosse Pointe recently was named to the fall 2020 President's List at the College of Charleston. She is majoring in German.

**Zoe Bessert** of Grosse Pointe Woods was among the more than 7,400 undergraduate students at the University of Iowa named to the Dean's List for the 2020 fall semester. Bessert is a student in the university's College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

**Elijah Rollerson**, a senior at Bethel University, has been named to the Dean's List for the fall 2020 semester. He is the son of Terrance and Michelle Rollerson of Grosse Pointe Woods.

# Survey to help find new superintendent

The public is going to get their say in the search for a new superintendent for the Grosse Pointe Public School System.

School district residents can share their ideas for the next GPPSS superintendent by participating in an online survey, posted in the News section of the school district's website, or by going to [surveymonkey.com/r/9B7SFHQ](https://surveymonkey.com/r/9B7SFHQ).

Responses may be made up until the close of business March 5, and the

results will be shared with the public.

The school board also discussed holding community focus groups, during a planning workshop for the search Feb. 8. The groups could include parents, high school students, teachers, community members or others.

Advertising for the superintendent position began the week of Feb. 8, with the goal of identifying five to seven semifinalists. The semifinalists' names will be confidential.

— Peggy Walsh-Sarnecki



Hadley McSunas



Meredith Wenzler



Zoe Bessert

**Brenna Finley** of the City of Grosse Pointe and

**Julia Hudson** of Grosse Pointe Farms were named to the Dean's List at the College of William & Mary for the fall 2020 semester.



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Merchant's Fine Wine & Spirits in Grosse Pointe Woods will undergo repairs after a Woods resident drove his SUV through its walls.

## Impaired driver crashes into wine store

**GROSSE POINTE WOODS** — At 8:04 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 9, the Grosse Pointe Woods Public Safety Department received a call that a vehicle had hit a building.

When an officer arrived at the scene, he found a vehicle crashed into Merchant's Fine Wine & Spirits at 21034 Mack Avenue. According to Public Safety Director John Kosanke, the driver had left the roadway, struck a tree, hit a large garbage can, hit a park-

ing meter and then ran into the building.

The driver of the vehicle, a 62-year-old Woods man, was reportedly confused. He told officers he was on his way home from work.

"He claims he left work at 4:30 (p.m.)," Kosanke said. "He said he consumed a couple of beers before leaving work."

Kosanke pointed out there was quite a gap between his leaving work and when the crash occurred.

The driver failed a preliminary breath test and a field sobriety test at the scene. He was taken to the station and given a Breathalyzer test, which he failed as well.

Officers found alcohol in the car and there was a single-shot bottle of Tito's vodka found outside the car on Roslyn.

The driver was arrested. He was released on a \$500 cash bond later the same night.

— Kate Vanderstelt

## PLEA:

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and three were dismissed.

"The people and defense would agree to a sentence of probation with restitution and any other terms and conditions set by the court," Bazzi said before the offer was finalized.

Sentencing is set for March 12, before Bazzi.

According to Farms Detective Roger Wierszewski, at the time of his Dec. 2 arrest, Lancaster admitted to scam-

ming 100 to 200 customers of the Wendy's on Mack between August and December.

Upon his arrest, a search of his home, vehicle and a rental vehicle turned up a card scanner; credit card blanks, from which he was charged with making his own credit cards with stolen information; 45 receipts of purchases with different credit card numbers on them; and some of the purchased items.

Lancaster also is facing a pending investigation for the same type of case out of Macomb County.

# Friends, family host fundraiser

Super Bowl Sunday, Feb. 7, family and friends of Herman Wang gathered for a fundraiser in his honor.

Wang was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer last summer. In response, his loved ones ramped up efforts to fundraise to help find a cure.

To raise funds, Grosse Pointe Park residents Helena Wang Flores, an emergency room doctor at the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor, and her husband, Alfonso Flores, an



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

Alfonso Flores, Herman Wang's brother-in-law, fries and plates an order of lumpia.

emergency room nurse at Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe, as well as six other family members hand-wrapped 3,375 pieces of pork wonton and lumpia, a Filipino appetizer made of ground pork, carrots and onions wrapped in an egg roll wrapper.

Flores promoted the food orders on her Facebook page, asking people to place their orders for Super Bowl Sunday.

People were able to

pick up their food at Cornwall Bakery in Grosse Pointe Park. Owners Freeman and Megan Gunnell offered to let the family use their kitchen for the event.

Each order was wrapped in cellophane and tied with a purple ribbon to raise awareness for pancreatic cancer. Tied to each order was an envelope with a purple heart and purple ribbon, along with a card with information to support the Purple Panda team, a group of supporters that plans to walk during Detroit Purple Stride in May.

Wang passed away Tuesday, Feb. 9, two days after the fundraiser.

To honor Wang and his family, his neighbors placed sandbags with candles, luminaries and candles along the walkways to their houses to light up the night Friday, Feb. 12, the day of Wang's funeral.




Daphne Irby and Katie Bennert brought orders to customers waiting in their cars.



Helena Wang Flores hands an order of lumpia to Megan Gunnell to be packaged.

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## Ewald construction a wrap Curbside service resumes at Park building

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

It may have taken longer than expected, but interior renovations at the Ewald branch of the Grosse Pointe Public Library were well worth the wait.

“We’re pretty pleased with how it turned out,” Library Director Jessica Keyser said. “We’re looking forward to when we can welcome everyone into the new space.”

The overhaul included a refresh of all interiors, including new carpeting; lighting was replaced with energy-efficient LED lights; and overall finishes were upgraded throughout the building.

Those touches give the library a crisp, updated look, but what may be more distinguishable to patrons is a new open seating area where the circulation desk used to be.

“We moved the circulation desk and made that area at the entrance into a more casual lounge seating space with a living wall of greenery,” Keyser said, noting a coffee bar will be added when the building opens to the public. The living wall, she said, “made its way into the plans pretty early in the process.”

The greenery helps improve air quality in the building and provides a “nice sense of freshness,” Keyser said.

The circulation desk was combined with the reference desk toward the center of the building to improve lines of sight.

“Now there’s one central service point in the center of the library, so there will be better collaboration between circulation and the library staff on duty,” Keyser said. “It’s open, so there are much more clear sight lines throughout the library,” which provide a better sense of security



The children’s area got a new paint job, as well as new artwork above the window and new seating.

for staff, she added.

The addition of new furniture, as well as some refinished pieces, adds more seating for guests.

“People wanted more places to sit and relax,” Keyser said, noting additional power stations were added, so patrons have more plug-in options throughout the building too.

The renovations also include adjustments to the acoustics. Some patrons felt self-conscious in the children’s area, Keyser said, “because the barreled ceiling acted as a microphone,” amplifying conversations beyond the area.

“The architect added suspended round ‘cloud’ pieces that hang from the ceiling that absorb noise and improve the acoustics in the building,” she explained.

Construction on the site began in August and initially was estimated to take eight to 10 weeks. Delays caused by the COVID-19 pandemic prolonged its completion.

Though all three GPPL branches remain closed



Located where the circulation desk used to be, this new lounge area has a living wall of greenery, as well as lots of plugs and pendant lighting for reading or doing homework.

to the public, they all now offer curbside service. No date has been set for reopening, Keyser said, but the library is “closely monitoring the situation.”

The health and safety of patrons and staff is an ongoing priority, she said.

All three library branches have undergone capital improvements in recent months. The Ewald renovation officially completed Phase 1; Phase 2 is in the

design stage, Keyser said.

“We’re expecting designs to be completed in August,” she added. “Then the board will assess whether to execute them right away or how else they’d like to proceed.”

The renovations were

part of the library’s Space Needs Assessment, which was approved by the GPPL Board of Trustees in 2019.

Architects Quinn Evans worked with the library, along with McCarthy Smith and the Roy Company.



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

The main seating area features refinished beams that give the room a polished look.



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The new two-sided fish tank, new furnishings and new finishes with sound-absorbing acoustical “clouds” will welcome the children to explore, read and have fun.

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# The Rivers goes with the flow

## Residents, staff adjust to COVID-prompted changes

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

After 2020 dealt the world a lemon of a year, The Rivers Grosse Pointe is making lemonade.

Despite visitor restrictions, as well as the suspension of communal dining, gym therapy, group activities and use of common areas, administrators have adapted programming to ensure residents are engaged and entertained.

The Rivers, which offers independent and assisted living, as well as memory care and physical rehabilitation services, has followed federal and state mandates since they were imposed. But even before such restrictions, the team reacted swiftly early on to keep residents, their loved ones and staff healthy and safe.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF THE RIVERS

**Independent Living Activities Director Sydney Bishop, left, and The Rivers resident Gloria Smith offer an "I Love Lucy" door-to-door cart with chocolate and wine.**

"It has been a very difficult year," The Rivers CEO Richard Levin said.

"It's been especially difficult for our residents and their families and friends in regards to visitation and knowing how everybody is doing."

Changes to The Rivers' day-to-day operations were implemented from the start of the pandemic, including enhanced cleaning and disinfecting, especially in public areas. All employees were required to wear face masks, as were residents using public areas; employees were screened at the start of their shifts; and, when they became available, COVID tests were administered.

Additionally, visitation was restricted.

"Visitation has been one of the most difficult and emotional consequences of this pandemic," Levin said. "It's been difficult for us to see and watch. We want to permit it, but we haven't been able to."

Though Levin admits The Rivers has been conservative in keeping people apart, the goal still is for residents to have fun and keep smiling, even during the challenges of social distancing and self-isolation.

The pandemic, he added, has refocused staff efforts on maintaining residents' safety while providing extra care and attention.

"Activities are a part of life here at The Rivers," Executive Director John Toupin said. "We had to be creative in how to provide activities in a different format that's safe for everyone."

Toupin credited the staff with coming up with creative ways to show residents they care. One such activity is a themed room-to-room cart, which could include anything from Valentine's Day crafts to "pub drinks" for happy hour.

"They're activities that allow staff to engage, in a one-on-one setting, with residents in the doorway of their room," Toupin said. "We've been creative in how we're doing different things within the community."

The swimming pool, he added, is open by appointment.

Additionally, Balcony Bingo has become a popular new game, with residents from all three floors seated along the inward-facing balcony overlooking the atrium, from which bingo numbers are called.

Despite changing policies and limited interactions, residents have expressed thanks to administrators and staff for taking such strong measures.

"We tried to provide as much communication with residents so they would understand what was happening," Toupin said. "We tried to be the voice of reason. No matter what changes were made in our policies, our residents were extremely grateful and their families were extremely

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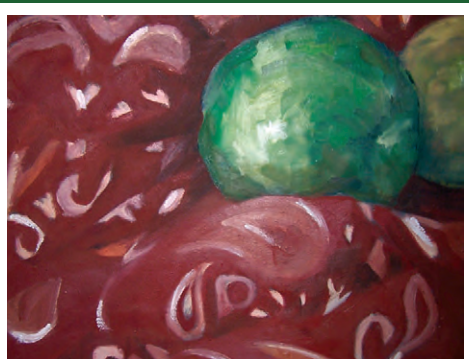
**The Rivers resident Robert Wayland at the COVID vaccine clinic, celebrating his first dose.**



**The Rivers resident Pat Nurse offered a door-to-door "Camp Rivers" cart with drinks, S'mores and pigs in a blanket.**


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## AREA ACTIVITIES

### GPAA

The Grosse Pointe Artists Association's exhibition, "The Challenge: Try Something New," is displayed in its gallery at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, with extended hours. Visitors are welcome to view the exhibition 2 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays through March 9, and 1 to 4:30 p.m. Thursdays, March 4 and 11. Reservations are requested for timed visits. Register at [grossepointeartcenter.org](http://grossepointeartcenter.org).

### Library

The Grosse Pointe Public Library hosts the following virtual programs:

◆ Read, Rhyme & Play on Zoom, 10:30 to 11 a.m. Tuesdays.

◆ Storytime with Miss Jane, all day Thursday, Feb. 18.

◆ Nonfiction Book Club, 7 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 18. The group will discuss "When They Call You a Terrorist," by Patrisse Khan-Cullers.

◆ Storytime with Miss Melissa, all day Tuesday, Feb. 23.

◆ In Cold Mug Book Group, 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 23. The group will discuss "Flow" by Mihaly Csikszentmihalyi.

◆ Storytime with Miss Rachel, all day Wednesday, Feb. 24.

◆ Storytime with Miss Jane, all day Thursday,

Feb. 25.

◆ Thoughts to Action Book Club, 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 25. The group will discuss "Caste," parts 4 and 5.

◆ Spice of the Month, 11 a.m. to noon Saturday, Feb. 27. February's spice is cayenne.

Register on [grossepointelibrary.org](http://grossepointelibrary.org) or call (313) 640-4775.

### Gilda's Club Lake House

Gilda's Club's Lake House location, 23500 Pare, St. Clair Shores, hosts the following virtual programs:

◆ Family Bereavement, 5:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 22.

◆ Gentle Mat Yoga, 4 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 23.

◆ Chair Yoga, 6 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 24.

Register at [gildasclubdetroit.org/events/calendar](http://gildasclubdetroit.org/events/calendar).

### Blood drives

The American Red Cross hosts the following blood drives:

◆ 1 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 24, Jefferson Masonic Lodge, 22000 E. 11 Mile Road, St. Clair Shores.

◆ 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, Feb. 24 and 25, Henry Ford Medical Center—Cottage, 159 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

◆ 7:15 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26, Ascension St. John Hospital, 22101 Moross, Detroit.

Register at [redcross](http://redcross)

[blood.org](http://blood.org).

### Rotary

The Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe hosts its next meeting virtually at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 24. Cindy Eggleton of Brilliant Detroit speaks. Visit [grossepointerotary.org](http://grossepointerotary.org) for information. Those who wish to join the meeting via Zoom should email [grossepointerotary@gmail.com](mailto:grossepointerotary@gmail.com).

### The Helm

The Helm at the Boll Life Center, 158 Ridge, Grosse Pointe Farms, offers the following programs.

◆ The movie "Judy" is shown at 12:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26. Cost is \$2 for members, \$3 for nonmembers, and includes snacks.

◆ Medicare counseling, free to members and nonmembers, via telephone or videoconferencing. Email [mfrench@helmlife.org](mailto:mfrench@helmlife.org) to schedule an appointment. Those without access to email should call (313) 649-2110 and leave a message; calls will be returned within 48 hours.

◆ Carryout lunches, 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. weekdays. Cost is \$7 for members, \$10 for nonmembers. Reservations close at 10 a.m. each morning. Register by calling (313) 882-9600 or emailing [mcooper@](mailto:mcooper@)

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# Outgoing zoo director thankful for Grosse Pointe support

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

In nearly three decades as head of the Detroit Zoological Society, Ron Kagan has been a part of many changes.

He's been credited for helping develop conservation programs, expand the education division and create attractions such as the Arctic Ring of Life. He's also had a hand in developing many of the Detroit Zoo's special attractions, programs and initiatives. Under his leadership, visits to the zoo have doubled and memberships have quadrupled.

Kagan knew the zoo was a special place when he hired on as executive director and CEO 28 years ago.

"One of the reasons I came was I saw the very illustrious history of this organization," he said. "I was so impressed during the recruitment process with the history and the potential here. I think we've clearly been working on realizing that potential and there's still a lot to do."

Kagan is quick to praise the tremendous support over the years by many great civic leaders, a lot of them residing in the Grosse Pointes.

"Grosse Pointe has been hugely important in

the past," he said, "and continues to be important."

When Kagan joined the organization, Grosse Pointe resident Ruth Glancy was chairman of the board.

"She and (her husband) Al were legendary in terms of being a civic couple so engaged in so many important community efforts," he recalled. "For Ruth, the zoo was a big passion for her. She was incredibly important for raising critical resources for us. The same is true these days for so many others in Grosse Pointe as well."

Kagan also recalled the dedication of former board chairman Gail Warden and his wife, Lois, who were involved in many endeavors "that were good for the entire community," he said. "Gail was an extraordinary board chair and helped guide us through our separation from the city of Detroit."

In 2005, Warden and Kagan began negotiating a transfer of zoo operations from the city to the zoological society. The transition, he said, received support from the philanthropic community as well as public sources, including a successful millage passed in all three counties it serves.

Warden was succeeded



COURTESY PHOTO

**Executive Director and CEO Ron Kagan, who plans to retire this summer, said he's grateful to the Grosse Pointe community for its continued support of the Detroit Zoological Society.**

by Lloyd Semple, who is the longest-serving board member of the DZS, Kagan said.

"With incredible wisdom, he helped us through so many challenges," he added.

Apart from outstanding leadership, the Detroit Zoo has benefitted from the generosity of the communities it serves.

"In addition to the millage, we've had many

major donors," he said.

Kagan praised several Grosse Pointe residents for their support of the zoo, including Edsel and Cynthia Ford, and Keith and Mary Kay Crain. Kagan recalled a dinner the two couples hosted.

"They invited three cultural institutions' CEOs and their spouses over for dinner; it was lovely," he said. "It was nice that we were all dining together.

Then they said, 'We want you to know why you were invited to dinner. We want to grow old with you.'

"This was 25 years ago," he continued. "I can't imagine a more generous sentiment to be shared. I feel so fortunate to grow old with Cynthia, Edsel, Keith and Mary Kay. They're such amazing people."

"Grosse Pointe, in my

view, is filled with so many terrific civic leaders and wonderful human beings."

Among them, Kagan said, are Matt and Karen Cullen, Bob and Sandy Riney, Rick and Diane Platt, Gene Gargaro, and Richard and Jane Manoogian.

"When we were discussing a permanent fine art gallery at the zoo, to help people gain insight into how different cultures view animals over time, (the Manoogians gave an) extraordinary gift in an endowment for something that doesn't exist in other zoos," Kagan said.

Support has come from "a cast of hundreds," he added, "not just when times were difficult for us, but when we suggested the zoo could be a leader in conservation, in education, in animal welfare. The tradition here has been fantastic."

Not only does the Detroit Zoo provide recreation for families, it also offers a unique scientific and educational opportunity in which the community is invested. Kagan said he hopes that support carries on after his retirement this summer.

"Hopefully the community will continue to invest and benefit from that

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## The Helm names two to Board of Trustees

The Helm at the John A. and Marlene L. Boll Life Center elected two area residents to its Board of Trustees at its board meeting Dec. 19.

The new members are Terence Thomas of the City of Grosse Pointe and Cheryl A. Wesen, M.D., FACS, of Grosse Pointe Farms.

"We are pleased to welcome Terence and Cheryl to our board of trustees," said Peggy Hayes, executive director. "Their professional experience, as well as understanding of our community, will help The Helm continue to provide quality services and activities for older adults in Harper Woods and the Grosse Pointes. We are tremendously excited and fortunate to have such remarkably talented volunteers willing to donate their time."

Thomas is co-founder of Thomas Group Consulting Inc., a community engagement, receivership services and business services company headquartered in Detroit. Actively involved in the community, he is a member of City of Grosse Pointe City Council and



Terence Thomas



Dr. Cheryl Wesen

serves on the boards of St. John Hospital Foundation, Loyola High School and Covenant House of Michigan, as well as the Board of Advisors for the University of Detroit Jesuit High School and Academy.

He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from

Albion College and a juris doctor degree from University of Wisconsin Law School.

Wesen is the medical director of the breast program at Ascension St. John Hospital. She is active in the community as a board member on the St. John Foundation and as a vestry member at Christ Church Grosse Pointe. She has served Ascension St. John Hospital in a number of roles, including president and past president of the medical staff, and interim chief of the department of surgery. She is a clinical associate professor at Wayne State University School of Medicine and is involved in numerous professional organizations.

She earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Cornell University, a Master of Science degree in nutrition from University of Maryland and a medical doctor degree from Temple University. She received her general surgery training in the U.S. Army, where she served 16 years and was honorably discharged as a lieutenant colonel.

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ping or appointments. Call (313) 343-2580.

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# OBITUARIES

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## Herman Wang

Grosse Pointe Park resident Herman Wang, 51, died Tuesday, Feb. 9, 2021.

Herman was the beloved husband of Elizabeth; proud and loving father of Jacquelyn; dearest son of Eastman and Chi Wang; dear brother of Howard Wang (SookTien) and Helena Wang-Flores (Alfonso Flores); brother-in-law of John Sossi (Donna), Michael Sossi, James Sossi, Thomas Clark and Robert Sossi (Lela); dear uncle of Justin, Alyssa, Patrick, Michael, Pamela, John, Adem and Aydin; and best friend of John Martuscelli. He also is survived by his faithful companion, Indigo.

Herman was director of global business development for Parker Hannifin Co.

He was an active board member of the Grosse Pointe Gators and Grosse Pointe Park Mutants swim team.

In addition, Herman was an avid boater, wonderful chef, world traveler and adventurer.

A funeral service was held Feb. 12, at St. Blase Catholic Church in Sterling Heights.

Donations may be made to Team PurplePanda, support.pancan.org/goto/PurplePanda, with proceeds benefiting pancreatic cancer research.

Share memories with the family online at guestbook.wujekcalca terra.com.

## Norman Gerald DeFauw

Longtime Grosse Pointe Farms resident Norman Gerald DeFauw, 89, passed away Saturday, Feb. 6, 2021, at Ascension St. John Hospital. He was born Sept. 30, 1931, in Detroit, to August and Marie (nee Ameal) DeFauw, both now deceased.

Raised in Detroit, Norman graduated from Denby High School in 1949. Thereafter, he joined the U.S. Naval Reserve and went on to earn a bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Detroit.

After college, Norm accepted a position at

DTE Energy, where he spent the entirety of his career.

Norm enjoyed watching the Detroit Tigers and playing handball. His favorite pastime was swimming. He also enjoyed spending many fine sunny days at Pier Park in Grosse Pointe Farms.

An all-around family man, he liked spending time with his grandchildren.

Norm was the loving husband of the late Judith DeFauw; Judith passed away in 2020. He will be missed dearly by his children, grandchildren and all who knew him.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Feb. 15, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church in Grosse Pointe Farms.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, cskdetroit.org; or Forgotten Harvest, forgottenharvest.org.

Share a memory at verheyden.org.

## Gary Anthony Ferrari

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Gary A. Ferrari, 74, passed away peacefully Saturday, Feb. 6, 2021, at his home, due to cancer. Gary's second recurrence of esophageal cancer was diagnosed in early fall 2020.

Born and raised in Detroit, he graduated from Pershing High School. Gary earned an associate degree before he enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps in 1966. He honorably served his country as a member of the Third Marine Division in Vietnam from March 1967 to April 1968, where he saw combat during the opening months of the Tet Offensive. He was a recipient of the Purple Heart for wounds sustained in battle.

After serving in Vietnam, Gary joined the Detroit Police Department. His 12 years of service there, cut short by injuries sustained on duty, were full of merit. Gary loved being a DPD helicopter pilot.

He met his future bride, Mary Caine, while on duty with the DPD. Married 48 years, his beloved wife passed

away in 2018.

He leaves behind two daughters, Jennifer Ferrari (Ron Coste) and Kristen McLeod (Derek McLeod); and four grandchildren, Madeline, Devin, Christian and Benjamin.

Gary will be fondly remembered for his love of antiques, history and books, his kind and gentle spirit and love for his family.

Visitation will be held from 2 to 8 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28, at A.H. Peters Funeral Home, 20705 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Gary's honor may be made to the Semper Fi Fund, semperfi fund.org/donate; or Puppies Behind Bars, puppiesbehindbars.com/make-a-donation.

## Earl Krentzin

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Earl Krentzin, 91, passed away Tuesday, Feb. 2, 2021, at home.

Born Dec. 28, 1929, in Detroit, to Harry and Anna Krentzin, he was a former resident of Lawrence, Kan., Madison, Wis., Tallahassee, Fla., and London, England.

A 1947 graduate of Cass Technical High School, Earl earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from Wayne State University in 1952. He earned a Master of Fine Arts degree from the Cranbrook Academy of Art in 1954. A recipient of a Fulbright Grant, he performed post-degree work at the Royal College of Art in London from 1957 to 1958, and was awarded a Tiffany Grant in 1966.

Earl was a sculptor at the Marshall Fredericks Studio in Royal Oak from 1954 to 1956. A lecturer at the University of Wisconsin from 1956 to 1957, and 1959 to 1960, he also was a professor at the University of Kansas from 1965 to 1966, and a visiting professor at Florida State University in 1969. Earl was a self-employed silver sculptor in Detroit from 1961 to 1964, and 1967 to 2021. He was represented by the Kennedy Galleries in New York City.

Earl's artwork was part of private and public collections across the coun-



Herman Wang



Norman Gerald DeFauw



Gary Anthony Ferrari



Earl Krentzin



Robert Anthony Sensoli



Stephen A. Coticchio II

try, including the Cranbrook Museum, Detroit Institute of Arts Museum of Contemporary Crafts, St. Paul Art Center, Philadelphia Museum of Art, Jewish Museum in New York City and Smithsonian in Washington, D.C. His work appeared in one-man shows and group shows for a period that spanned more than 50 years.

Earl is survived by his dear wife, Lorraine, and son, Alex Krentzin. He was predeceased by his siblings, Pauline Beckman, Etta Tuber, Nathan Krentzin and Lewis Krentzin.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, memorial plans are incomplete.

## Robert Anthony Sensoli

Grosse Pointe Shores resident Robert Anthony Sensoli, 70, passed away peacefully Thursday, Feb. 11, 2021, at home.

Robert was the beloved husband of Lois Kovalchick, D.D.S.; cherished father of Stephen and Robert; and brother to Sandra.

He graduated from the University of Michigan, where he earned a bachelor's degree in engineering. A research engineer at Ford Motor Co. nearly 40 years, Robert was responsible for many patents, including one displayed at The Henry Ford.

Consequently, Robert had a love for cars. Almost every weekend, he and Lois together attended car shows. He also was known as the "doctor of

motors," as he knew exactly what was wrong with a vehicle just by listening to the motor. One of his favorite places to visit was the LeMay Car Museum in Tacoma, Wash.

Robert loved spending time with his wife, Lois. They loved to travel where they could take long walks on the beach. Robert enjoyed boating locally as well on Lake St. Clair. He also loved spending time with the family dog, Oliver.

Donations may be made to the Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society, gpaas.org.

Services were entrusted to A.H. Peters Funeral Home.

## Stephen Alan Coticchio II

Former Grosse Pointe Woods resident Stephen Alan Coticchio II died Monday, Nov. 2, 2020, at his home in South St. Louis County, Mo. Born Oct. 31, 1989, in Detroit, to Stephen A. and Patricia Coticchio, he was 31.

Steve graduated from Grosse Pointe North High School in 2008. He was a member of the U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps in high school, through which he earned a scholarship to Loyola University in Chicago. After five years in the Windy City, he relocated to St. Louis with his girlfriend, and later wife, Jennifer Halez.

With a lifelong interest in cars and motorcycles, Steve obtained a position in St. Louis as a freelance liaison for owners of spe-

cialty BMWs and classic cars and motorcycles.

He enjoyed watching and following the Detroit Red Wings, Ohio State Buckeyes and St. Louis Cardinals. He also enjoyed constructing objects with Legos, drawing and reading.

Steve is survived by his wife, Jennifer Halez-Coticchio; mother and stepfather, Patricia and Jeff Szymanski; sister, Natalie A. Coticchio; maternal grandmother, Judith D. Roginski; and step-grandparents, Andy and Lori Szymanski. He was predeceased by his father, Stephen A. Coticchio; maternal grandfather, Paul D. Roginski; and paternal grandparents, George W. and Marilyn Coticchio.

A celebration of Stephen's life will be held this spring or summer.

## Paul Tatti

Grosse Pointe resident Paul Tatti, 94, died Monday, Jan. 25, 2021. He was born Feb. 10, 1926, in Detroit, to Thomas and Julia Tatti.

Paul was predeceased by his wife, Harriet; siblings, Robert Tatti, Tom Tatti (Ida) and Palmer Tatti; and parents, Thomas and Julia Tatti. He is survived by his children, James Tatti and Julie Peters (Eric); grandchildren, Eric, Daniel and Amelia; and many extended family members and friends.

A memorial Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 20, at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, 22412 Overlake, St. Clair Shores.

# Park girl a semifinalist in international singing contest

By Kate Vanderstelt  
Staff Writer

Pierce Middle School eighth-grader Charlotte Van Arragon, a resident of Grosse Pointe Park, was named a top 10 semifinalist of the Hammerstein International Youth Vocal Solo Competition.

Aside from being part of the Pierce choir, Van Arragon is involved with One Voice, an all-girls community choir, and takes private voice lessons. She said her private voice teacher, Dr. Sloane Artis, told her about the competition and encouraged her to enter.

This was the first year of the Hammerstein



COURTESY PHOTO

## Charlotte Van Arragon

International Youth Vocal Solo Competition. The

competition was open to singers ages 5 to 23, and

split into categories of elementary school, middle school, high school and college.

"The process began, I think about four weeks ago," Van Arragon said. "... It just began with (Artis) telling me about it. We had to choose a song that would fit my voice and my range and one that I liked."

Artis recommended a few songs to Van Arragon, of which she chose to sing Jerome Kern's "Make Believe," from the musical "Show Boat" by Oscar Hammerstein II.

After picking the song, she had to research it so she could interpret its meaning correctly in her

performance.

"It's a love song," Van Arragon said of "Make Believe." "It's sort of a sad song, actually, because it's about how the singer is really in love, but they can't be together. She's singing about how they can make believe that they can be together, because in reality they can't."

Van Arragon was tasked with performing the song via video, which was then posted to the competition site. Submitted videos were judged by a panel and 10 semifinalists were chosen from each of the four categories.

Van Arragon was chosen as a semifinalist in

the middle school category.

"I was kind of surprised, actually, because there were a lot of people in this competition," she said. "I didn't expect to get into the top 10."

Though Van Arragon was not named a finalist in the competition, she sees herself continuing to progress with music. Though she does not plan to join Grosse Pointe South High School's choir when the time comes, she does intend to continue with private lessons.

"I think I'll continue singing," she said. "Right now, I'm hoping to write my own music. I think that would be fun to do."

# Fundraiser supports restaurants, East Side Youth Sports Foundation

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

Since its inception, the East Side Youth Sports Foundation has honored its mission to help young people discover the joy of playing sports. Through ice hockey, soccer, football, baseball, lacrosse and other activities, the organization promotes good citizenship, as well as builds sportsmanship and physical well-being among local youth.

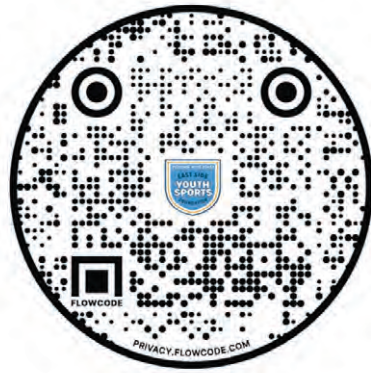
Now the nonprofit is enlisting the community's help to show support beyond the sports realm,

setting its sights on the arena of local restaurants.

The foundation's Pay It Forward campaign kicked off less than a month ago and already has seen success.

"We partnered with City Kitchen and Trattoria Serventi," said Lisa Francis, foundation administrator. "We're selling \$100 gift certificates to each location. Of that, \$90 goes to the restaurant up front and the other \$10 goes to the foundation. The restau-

rants are getting the money now, when they need it." Francis said the time is



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right to support local restaurants, which have been struggling throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

Following the recent re-opening of restaurant dining rooms, "Everyone is dying to go out to eat anyway," she said. "We thought it's not a bad idea if the restaurants are game."

The foundation selected City Kitchen and Trattoria Serventi for their moderately priced menus, as well as their locations —

one closer to the northern end of the Pointes, the other located more centrally. She hopes the campaign will help draw business to the area.

"We're a community fixture, so we want to support other people within the community because they support us, too," Francis said. "It's what we do — try to help people who need help. The more people we can bring into the community, the better."

While most of the money raised through the Pay It Forward campaign benefits the restaurants, the foundation's

percentage will be designated for its Try Hockey For Free program for underprivileged children. The program is one of several the foundation and its partner organizations offer.

Pay It Forward runs through the end of March; gift certificates may be purchased online at [esysf.networkforgood.com/events/25927-pay-it-forward-campaign](https://esysf.networkforgood.com/events/25927-pay-it-forward-campaign).

"Just go online, purchase a gift certificate and we will email it back to you, so it's contactless," Francis explained.

For more information, call (586) 343-8360.



Pictured are Caroline Stafford; Michael Hartt; Sean Guibord; Connor Troost; Paul Ciaravino; Jonathan Byrne, English teacher and SA Advisor; Caty Vernier, assistant principal; Geoffrey Young, assistant principal; Kate Murray, principal; Michelle Davis, athletic director; Lauren Huizdos; Cece Doerr; Eliza Ellery; Emily McCloskey; Ada Johnson; Sophia Gerling.

Krzysztof and Amy Pennar, Jake's parents, go through a box of donated toys and reminisce about how Jake loved LEGOs.



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

## Lots to love Toys collected, donated in boy's memory

Nine-year-old Jake Pennar, who was a student at Monteith Elementary School, lost his battle with cancer last month.

Two weeks later, the community honored him by donating toys to Children's Hospital in his memory. Grace Community Church and Grosse Pointe North High School served as collection sites. A total of 2,021 toys were collected; it was one of the largest single donations the hospital has ever received.

"Despite Jake's own illness, he always had a heart for other children at the hospital," said Amy Pennar, Jake's mother. "The tremendous support for the toy drive is a beautiful reflection of the impact Jake had everywhere he went. Even after meeting Jake

only one time, or reading words he spoke, people all over the community, country and world were moved to action. Jake's character and love influenced others to love.

"This toy drive brought our son's heart to our community," she continued. "We had support from Whistle Stop Hobby and Toy, Grosse Pointe North High School, Grace Community Church. His heart tilted our community's heart to serve the children he cared about and wanted to serve despite his circumstance. Now over 2,000 children will make it through a rough day or a rough stay at the hospital thanks to how one boy, our son, impacted our amazing Grosse Pointe community and the world. We are grateful Jake's life can be honored in this way."

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grateful.”

Today, The Rivers is continuing efforts put in place nearly a year ago, Toupin said, and continues to modify its approach to keeping residents safe.

“We’re meeting all requirements imposed by federal and state authorities,” Levin added. “It’s been a challenge. It can be hard for people to understand. But we continue to comply and have distancing and have measures to keeping people safe.”

As a result, staff regularly assists residents with different ways of staying connected to their loved ones, from phone calls to electronic visits to seeing loved ones through windows.

“Our hope is, as we continue to see employment of the vaccine ... some of the restrictions on visitations are pulled back a little,” Levin said. “Our goal is to get back to some semblance of normal ... to resume to where we were pre-COVID.”

Of the residents and staff who have chosen to receive the vaccine, most already have gotten their second doses; those who haven’t should receive it by week’s end, Toupin said.

While The Rivers has experienced few cases of the coronavirus, such cases were addressed swiftly, Levin said. As part of its COVID protocol, The Rivers has a dedicated isolation unit for residents who show symptoms of the coronavirus.

“We’re saddened by any losses to



**The Rivers resident Barbara Grogan went door to door with a “Peanuts” cart featuring popcorn, snacks and drinks.**

families affected by this disease,” Levin said. “But we are happy to report no positive cases in the building as we speak.”

Enriching residents’ lives with care, compassion and dignity remains a focus at The Rivers, even in the midst of the pandemic. Families whose loved ones need the assistance The Rivers can provide are welcome to reach out.

“We know this can be challenging,” Levin said. “We will work with families to make the transition as smooth as possible.”

Added Toupin, “Not only for the residents in our building, but for the community, life goes on. The need for what we provide to enhance lives, that need hasn’t changed. We’ve moved people into our building safely, because life continues on. We’re here to provide the necessary resources so people can continue to live with dignity. We’re here to enrich their lives.”

Levin thanked The Rivers residents and their loved ones for their support and understanding during the pandemic and also thanked the staff for going above and beyond.

“The dedication of our staff and caregivers” has been outstanding, he said. “They’ve never given up. They’ve maintained an incredible attitude. They truly are heroes who are dedicated to the safety and well-being of residents throughout The Rivers.”

For more information about The Rivers and its services, call (313) 885-5005.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF THE RIVERS

**The Rivers residents Margaret Strachan, left, and Joanne Maxson celebrated Oktoberfest door to door with beer and pretzels.**

# Documentary to stream for U.S. viewers

Since its back-to-back, sold-out screenings at The War Memorial in October 2019, the documentary “As if They Were Angels” has gained many metro Detroit fans. Now, thanks to ongoing requests from those fans, the film is making its way to a wider audience.

For the first time, “As if They Were Angels” is available to rent on-demand on Amazon, Apple, VUDU and Google.

“The U.S. debut for the film was in Grosse Pointe,” said Phoebe Wall Howard, a Grosse Pointe native who served as its associate producer. “It is now available all over the country, but back-to-back sellouts at The War Memorial — still touted by those folks as a huge success — is the foundation” for the film’s success.

“As if They Were Angels” tells the story of the February 1942 shipwreck of two Navy ships — USS Truxtun and USS Pollux — and the heroic efforts of the miners and fishermen in two small Newfoundland towns to save the lives of American sailors.

The film was directed by Terry Strauss, whose father was among the sailors rescued from the shipwreck —

one of the worst non-combat disasters in the history of the U.S. Navy and one of the greatest rescues in military history.

More than 200 sailors perished in the disaster, but 186 were rescued by the efforts of townspeople in Lawn and St. Lawrence.

“This is a little-known story of courage, tenacity and heroism that should be celebrated,” Strauss said prior to The War Memorial screenings. “While it’s a story of disaster and tragedy — two American Navy ships broken apart in the frozen seas off the cliffs of Newfoundland — it’s also a story of great heart, especially the heart of miners and fishermen from two small towns, who risked their lives in that brutal storm, to rescue American sailors. My father was among those rescued American sailors. This is, he always said, a story of man’s humanity to man.”

It took Strauss 30 years to bring the film to fruition.

Streaming of the film started this month, marking the 79th anniversary of the tragedy, Wall Howard added.

— Jody McVeigh

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investment,” he said. “And I hope the institution continues to be innovative and a leader ... and get support for that innovation.”

“And I really hope the young generation will realize their parents and grandparents were responsible for having nurtured so many important cultural institutions — not just us — in this region,” he continued. “I hope they, too, will want to lead and invest.”

One such family tradition is being carried on in the Cotton family, Kagan said.

“We’ve received incredible support from the

Cotton family over the past 10 or 20 years,” he added, noting the literal change of landscape thanks to the family’s contributions, including the development of the Cotton Family Wetlands and Cotton Family Wolf Wilderness.

More recently is the major investment by the three Cotton brothers — Jon, Sean and Michael — in the creation of KidZone, expected to be developed over the next two years. The seven-acre experience will integrate children’s play space with animal habitats; support children’s developmental needs at each stage of life; and help children deepen their understanding of animals through close

observation, imitation play and opportunities for imaginative play.

Kagan has nothing but praise for all of the Grosse Pointers — and those from other communities — who have helped lead and support the zoo during his tenure.

“I’d love to send gigantic thank-you to the people of Grosse Pointe,” he said, adding praise to those currently invested in the organization’s success. “We have terrific people — staff, board members, volunteers. That’s a recipe for any great endeavor. They’re innovators — a lot of passionate, smart people very focused on delivering on our mission of celebrating and saving wildlife.”

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**Project Description:** The Grosse Pointe Public School District’s Board of Education is accepting Sealed Bids to provide reconstruction to the running track & field events at Grosse Pointe North High School. Proposed work includes site work, asphalt, drainage field event construction, and track surface.

**Architect & Project Contact:** Foresite Design, Inc.  
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Berkley, MI 48072

(248) 547-7757 Bruce Lemons [blemons@foresitedesign.com](mailto:blemons@foresitedesign.com)  
*Questions addressed ONLY to Foresite Design during Bidding Period. Failure to follow instruction may lead to rejection of Bid.*

**Bid Documents:** Bid Documents including Bid Forms may be obtained directly from Foresite Design. Please email Christy O’Berry at [christy@foresitedesign.com](mailto:christy@foresitedesign.com) for access. Bid Documents may also be obtained from local plan rooms (GRBX, CAM, etc.). *Bid Documents will be available on or after February 12, 2021*

**Bid Due Date:** 2:00 p.m. (EST), Monday, March 1, 2021.

Each Bid shall be submitted in duplicate on the forms provided and must be completed in full. The Bid shall be sealed and marked with the name of the Bidder and Project name. Bids are to be addressed and delivered to:

**Grosse Pointe Public School System  
: Rich Van Gorder  
389 St. Clair Avenue  
Grosse Pointe, MI 48230**

**Public Bid Opening:** Sealed Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Grosse Pointe Public School System Administration Building (389 St. Clair Ave., Grosse Pointe, MI 48230) on **Monday, March 1, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. (EST)**. Bid opening may be viewed virtually via the following link: <https://gpschools.zoom.us/j/94690051859?pwd=RVZ6WjR3QWtldXaldBmHA4dU5wZz09#success>

*The Board of Education will not open, consider, nor accept a Bid received after the date and time specified. All late Bids will be unopened and made available to the respective Bidder for pick-up, at their sole cost and expense for a period of two (2) weeks.*

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### CITY OF HARPER WOODS WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN SYNOPSIS: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Valerie Kindle at 5:00 P.M.

**ROLL CALL:** All Councilpersons were present.

#### MOTIONS PASSED

- 1) To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held January 4, 2021.
- 2) That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

#### RESOLUTION PASSED

- 1) to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: (1) approve the Accounts Payable/Payroll Vendor listing for Check Numbers 121088 through 121201 in the amount of \$668,634.45 as submitted by the City Manager and Finance Director, and further, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing. (2) approve payment to Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick, Inc. in the amount of \$16,173.94 for professional services during the month of December 2020 for the following projects: Kelly Rd Pedestrian Crossing, #180-208; Beaconsfield Resurfacing, #180-231; 2020 Emergency Storm Sewer Repair, #180-229; Ridgemont Sewer Repair, #180-247; Stormwater Asset Mgmt, #180-202; MCI Metro Fiber, #180-245; Everstream GPW Connector, #180-237; Eastland Development, #180-244 and the City Hall Roof Replacement, #180-236. (3) approve payment to SafeBuilt, Inc. in the amount of \$27,732.80 for the contractual building department services performed during the month of December 2020. (4) approve payment to Simplified Business Solutions in the amount of \$9,503.97 for the email hosting, security and backups of our computer system for the month of November/December and for IT support services for all departments. (5) approve payment in the amount of \$11,198.27 to Grosse Pointe Woods for the City’s pro-rata portion of the operating and maintenance of the Torrey Road Pump Station for the period July 1 through December 31, 2020. (6) approve payment in the amount of \$11,198.27 to Grosse Pointe Woods for the City’s pro-rata portion of the operating and maintenance of the Torrey Road Pump Station for the period July 1 through December 31, 2020
- 2) approve the Urban County Cooperative Agreement for the Federal Community Development Block Grant Program for a term of November 2020 to June 30, 2024, and further to authorize the acting City Manager to sign the agreement.
- 3) approve the employment agreement modifications with the recommended wage adjustments for the Public Safety Director, and further to authorize the Acting City Manager and the Mayor to sign the agreements
- 4) approve the employment agreement modification with the recommended wage adjustments for the Acting City Manager/Finance Director/Treasurer until at least 30 days following the return of the City Manager and further to authorize the Acting City Manager and the Mayor to sign the agreements.
- 5) approve the one time performance bonus for the DPW Superintendent, the Recreation Director and the Economic and Community Development Director, and further to authorize the Acting City Manager and the Mayor to sign the agreements.

Valerie Kindle, Mayor

Leslie M. Frank, City Clerk



# LIFE & ENTERTAINMENT

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## The Finer Pointes: meet Linda Boyle

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

This series profiles the finalists of the Grosse Pointe News' "The Finer Pointes" art contest. Due to a tie, 11 finalists have been selected to compete for a \$5,000 prize. Artwork must be submitted by April 30, at which time Grosse Pointe News subscribers will have the opportunity to vote for their favorite entry.

Grosse Pointe Park resident Linda Boyle is a member of the Detroit Society of Women

Painters & Sculptors and the Grosse Pointe Artists Association. She has a bachelor's degree in landscape architecture from Michigan State University and a graphics design certificate from Specs Howard School of Broadcasting Arts.

Boyle is proficient in oil, acrylic and pastel painting, as well as palette knife painting, illustration and sketching. Her work has been featured in several juried art shows; she received an honorable mention in the 2019 "Small But Mighty"

### The Finer Pointes finalists

In alphabetical order

- Linda Boyle
- Scott Brown
- Callie Lewicki
- Sue Majewski
- Jane McFeely
- Kathleen McNamee
- Hugh O'Connor
- Rachel Quinlan
- Leslie Rabaut
- Sarah Stahl
- Basil Zaviski

exhibit of the Detroit Society of Women Painters & Sculptors and third place in the "Think Small" exhibit at the Lawrence Street Gallery.

Boyle, whose background is in architectural design, currently works as a freelance artist and independent consultant graphic designer and illustrator.

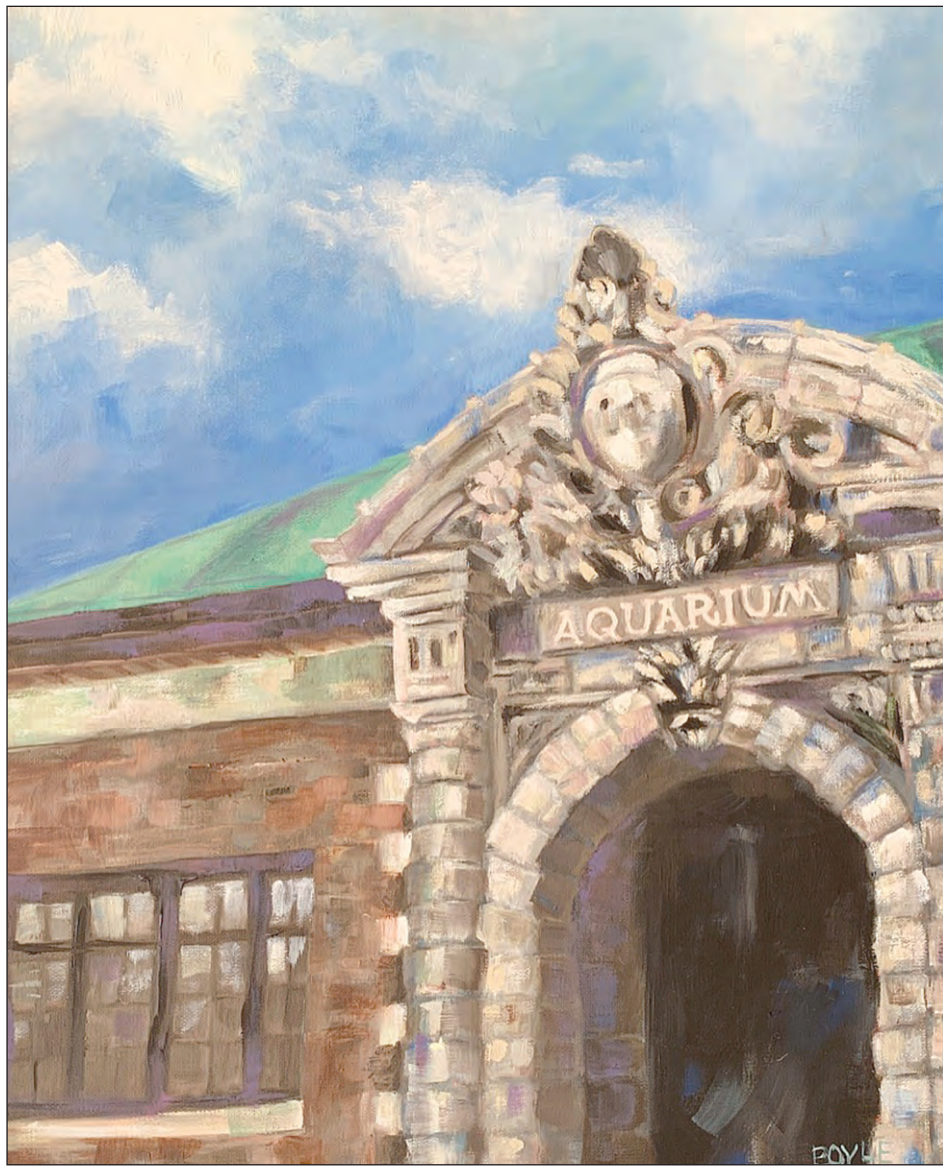
"I love that the Grosse Pointe News is supporting fine arts," Boyle said, "and I definitely wanted to be a part of that. I want the further exposure of my art and to expand my painting career."

Boyle said she's inspired by bright, bold colors, as well as the works of other artists.

"I'm still trying to find my voice," she said. "I used to do architectural illustrations; I gravitate to architecture. That's what drove my sketch. I love what they're doing downtown to become more modern."



An example of Linda Boyle's work.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF LINDA BOYLE

### Boyle's "1 Fish, 2 Fish."

For "The Finer Pointes" art contest, Boyle plans to more fully develop a sketch she created featuring a Detroit streetscape.

The sketch "illustrates the great strides Detroit has made to become a

very vibrant and active community," she wrote as part of her contest entry. "The lithium battery-run Qline rail next to the inefficient older automobile can be interpreted as the diversity and improvements

Detroit has made to evolve with the times. The two modes of transportation display a bit of irony."

Boyle plans to create her vision as a large-scale oil painting on canvas.

## Calling all junior artists

### 'The Finer Pointes' expands to include youth

In recognition of the talented young people in the community, the Grosse Pointe News has expanded its "The Finer Pointes" art contest to include a junior contest for students in eighth through 12th grade.

Students grades 8-12, and who reside in one of the five Grosse Pointes, Harper Woods or St. Clair Shores, are invited to submit one original entry.

Artwork in any visual medium — painting, drawing, textiles, sculpture or relief — is accepted, as long as the piece is no longer than six feet in any direction and weighs no more

than 300 pounds. Ceiling-suspended pieces will not be accepted, nor will artwork containing profanity, nudes or adult subject matter.

Entries are due by 5 p.m. Thursday, March 18, and must include a clear photograph of the work, a completed biography of the artist and a parental permission form. An artist's statement and description of the submitted work also are required.

Artwork will be voted on by Grosse Pointe News subscribers. A winner and runner-up — as well as honorable mentions — will be noti-

fied Friday, March 26. All finalists will be announced in the Grosse Pointe News Thursday, April 1.

The winning artist will be awarded \$500. One runner-up will receive a selection of art supplies from Rainy Day Art Supplies valued at \$250, or a gift card to the store for the same amount.

Selected works may be published in the Grosse Pointe News and on [grossepointenews.com](http://grossepointenews.com).

For more information, including applications and parental consent forms, visit [grossepointenews.com/art/jr](http://grossepointenews.com/art/jr).

— Jody McVeigh

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# The Science Advice Goddess

by Amy Alkon



## Stare way to heaven

I'm a girl in my early 20s, and I recently started dating a guy I met in college. I'm very happy, except for one issue: For as long as I've known him, he's followed Instagram accounts of attractive women with provocative photos (ranging from half-naked to entirely naked), and he'll "like" these pics. This really bothers me; however, I don't want to be the overbearing girlfriend. Why does he do this, and does it matter?

— Disturbed.

There's a certain kind of man who's drawn to the sight of half-naked pert breasts, and it's the kind whose eyes have yet to be plucked out by crows.

This does not change when a man is in a relationship, even if he really, really loves the woman he's with. But many women believe that the eyes of a man in love wouldn't wander up and down other women and that being in a relationship should limit where

eyeballs are allowed to travel: basically, "You can't have your cake and look at other cake, too."

Men have perhaps 15 to 20 times the testosterone women do, and this seems to play a major role in how visually powered male sexuality is. An episode of NPR's "This American Life" featured Griffin Hansbury, who was born female and lived as a lesbian and then underwent sex reassignment surgery. Transitioning began with testosterone injections. Before starting testosterone, Hansbury would see a woman on the subway and think: "She's attractive. I'd like to meet her. What's that book she's reading?" With the testosterone injections, even noticing nice ankles on a woman flooded Hansbury's mind "with aggressive pornographic images. ... It was like ... a pornographic movie house in my mind. And I couldn't turn it off."

It's important to note that Hansbury overdid it on the testosterone injections

at first, giving himself two to seven times the testosterone of the average male. So, the 24-hour porno mind Hansbury describes is probably seriously extreme compared with what goes through your boyfriend's mind. However, a general idea of what men experience points to why strip clubs for men are big business, while the few strip clubs for women are funny business: places they go not to get turned on but to haze a bride-to-be, laughing in her face at the giant flashing plastic vagina hat they've made her wear.

Ask a man why he eye-humps a woman, and if he's honest, he'll tell you it's because she's hot. But there's an underlying (subconscious) reason: "Evolution makes me do it." Because men only get pregnant in women's revenge fantasies, they evolved not to seek committed "providers" as partners as women do, but to prioritize physical attractiveness. We all like

a nice view, but there's more to this preference than aesthetics. The features men find beautiful in women -- youth, smooth skin, pillowy lips, "neotenous" (aka child-like) features like big eyes, and an hourglass figure -- are correlated with fertility and health. In other words, men evolved to be drawn to women who look like really great candidates for passing on their genes.

Men's brains motivate them to stare at sexual eye candy in ways women's brains do not. In brain imaging research by psychiatrist and neuroscientist Hans C. Breiter and his colleagues, heterosexual men viewing attractive female faces showed increased activation in the brain's "reward regions": areas involved in the anticipation of reward (also activated by food, drugs, and money). The message to the man: "That's rewarding! Go get it!"

The good news is we

are not mental robots, slaves to our urges. In most men, the brain's "go get it!" message simply leads to more looking, not nooners with the hottierellas of Instagram. Some women consider looking cheating, and they tell their partner he's not allowed to eyeball other women. Chances are this doesn't stop the looking; it just turns men into sneaks and liars and their partner into the enemy they have to keep secrets from. You don't say that when your boyfriend's with you he goes rude and unloving: stops talking midsentence while his eyes hike up some underdressed woman's boobs. So, maybe you can use the strong biological and physiological basis of men's girl gawking to keep yourself from taking his Instagram sighting personally.

Consider that the guy set aside another strong evolved male preference -- the longing for sexual variety -- to be with you. In other words, being

with you means a lot to him. Sure, he still spends time browsing in the online mall of naked and half-naked women, but browsing isn't buying. Assess whether he seems to be a good person, a person of character, and a guy who consistently shows you he loves you and has your back. If so, your best bet might be staying out of his browser history and recognizing that a little eye-humping doesn't mean there will be eye-penis coordination.

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## At Work

by Lindsey Novak

### Copycat behavior is not flattery

**Q:** Imagine having a co-worker who sits next to you copying everything you wear. We are 35+ years old medical professionals who see the same patients. The difference between us is that she comes from a rural area and wants to fit into a more sophisticated background. It's fine with me that she wants to improve herself and feel more comfortable in her work environment. It is not OK that she has started duplicating everything about me. It's irritating and not flattering to have her buy everything I own, down to my sweaters, shoes and hair-

cut from my hairstylist.

What I've done over the past year is to stop sharing details of my things, but she already owns every piece of clothing I have, and we look like twins on most days. I love my job, but her clingy behavior is draining because I have to work with her daily. I've tried to maintain a distance, but she has become clingier. I think her behavior is toxic and intrusive even though I only see her at work.

How do I handle a co-worker who imitates me to this extent?

**A:** Oscar Wilde wrote,

"Imitation is the sincerest form of flattery that mediocrity can pay to greatness," but this copycat has gone too far. Karen Koenig, a licensed psychotherapist and author, says: "There are a couple of factors to consider before handling this issue. First, look into your coworker's reason for copying your wardrobe, including your hairstyle. You astutely note that due to her growing up in a rural area, she wanted to fit into a more sophisticated milieu, so she is not likely to be a psychopath engaging in stalking-type behavior. Instead, she's probably

suffering from heightened insecurity in an unfamiliar environment, along with low self-esteem and self-trust. In seeing you as her guidepost or model for a modern and attractive appearance, she is probably unaware that copying your entire 'look' is unusual and bothersome.

"Second, reflect on why her copycat behavior so greatly upsets you. You may feel she's crossed a boundary from wanting to be like you to wanting to be you. Keep in mind her living and working in a new location is an unfamiliar situation, and some people do not easily adjust to change.

Your temperament will, in part, determine how you experience and respond to what she's doing. Some people could laugh it off, while others could become severely anxious."

You have several options in responding to the situation. One is to pay no more attention to

your co-worker's copycat behaviors and let it go, though this may leave you feeling unsettled. A second option is to speak with her. Gently and privately ask her why she bought duplicates of everything you've worn to work. This will tell you whether she is aware of her insecurity and desire to feel accepted. She may become uncomfortable or even defensive, so be prepared for this possibility. If she opens up to you, though, you may learn more about her upbringing and reasons for copying you.

Generally, when a person admires someone's article of clothing, she may shop to find something similar without buying the exact piece. Her lack of ability to create her own stylish wardrobe may stem from growing up where stores and styles were limited, and dressing up was a luxury, not a necessity.

A third option is to privately talk with other coworkers who may know

something about her you don't. As long as you don't allow the conversation to cross over into ridicule and gossip, it can help to hear comments from others who know her.

A final option is to speak with your boss about the situation. This, of course, depends on your boss's ability to be sensitive and to understand your motivation for wanting to report the situation. Explain you do not want to hurt her feelings in any way. For more information on what to do in this predicament, go to the WikiHow article "How to Cope With Someone Copying You."

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### Crabby distant relative is an unwelcome freeloader

**DEAR ABBY:** My husband is an amazing guy. We have a very nice life except for an older sort-of family member who is living with us.

"Nathan" has been living in the house for years, but he isn't a blood relative. He's my husband's late stepfather's brother. Nathan is a several-times-divorced curmudgeon who was living in a shed. He was allowed to stay here to get on his feet and, partially, out of respect for the stepfather.

Nathan refuses to help out in any way. He comes and goes as he pleases and is living rent-free. We pay the mortgage and all the bills. Nathan buys

food and stuff for himself, but then will eat the household food my mother-in-law buys.

I'm tired of the garbage he makes. He smokes in his room, and he's nasty, rude and demanding. He needs to move out or pay up, but my husband doesn't want to do anything. Advice? -- UNHAPPY AT HOME

**DEAR UNHAPPY:** Just this. Realize that nothing will change until your husband is finally willing to put his foot down and insist on some changes, or the freeloader leaves this earthly plane for the next. I would have used the phrase "goes to heaven," but it appears

Nathan is already experiencing heaven right here on Earth, so do not expect him to move on his own.

**DEAR ABBY:** I was recently informed that my best friend of 10 years, "Darlene," planned to ghost me as soon as she got pregnant. I'm shocked that she would say such a thing or plan to do it. I always thought I was a good friend.

But now Darlene and her husband are getting a divorce, and she has been all chummy. I have a sour taste in my mouth. Do I stay friends and get over it, or give her her wish and disappear? -- UNFRIENDED IN THE



## Dear Abby

by Abigail Van Buren

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**DEAR UNFRIENDED:** Are you sure the person who informed you about her plan is credible? Could they be jealous of the close friendship you have with Darlene? Frankly, it would be incredibly stupid for a person planning to ghost someone to tell a mutual friend who might leak it before the fact. Talk to Darlene! Do not end the friendship unless you are absolutely certain what you were told was the gospel.

**DEAR ABBY:** My

82-year-old mother made a special request of her visiting relatives on Christmas Day. She asked everyone to hand over their cellphones for the entire celebration upon entering or "don't come." She said she would return them as we left.

Certain family members had major meltdowns because of her request. My mother, as always, provided hors d'oeuvres, dinner and gifts for all 23 people. Do you think this was a fair request? -- NOT A BIG DEAL

**DEAR NOT:** Your

mother wanted to encourage more than superficial communication. As she indicated, if anyone felt her request was too much of an imposition, they were free to refuse her invitation. The oldest rule of entertaining is: The host makes the rules. Of course it was a fair request!

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at [www.DearAbby.com](http://www.DearAbby.com) or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

**Dear Ann Landers:** I am 40 years old and recently divorced. I was married for 20 years to a man who was abusive physically, emotionally and mentally. It took a lot of strength for me to leave him, but I finally did it. My 19-year-old daughter just moved into her own apartment, and my teenage son lives with his father.

My kids were very understanding at the time of the split and quite supportive. It's been six months now, and I have met someone new. This man is kind and loving and respects me. I haven't been this happy in a long time. He has asked me to move in with him, and I have agreed. It means, however, that we will be moving to a nearby state. When I told my daughter about our plans, she became upset and laid a major guilt trip on me.

Ann, I love this man and want to be with him, but I desperately need my children's approval for my own peace of mind. Their father is seeing someone, which seems fine with them, but evidently, it is NOT fine for me. What should I do? -- Troubled in Florida

**Dear Florida:** Don't move -- just yet. Visit for several weekends, and see how it works. You will then have a better idea of what life with Mr. Wonderful would be like on a full-time basis. If you take your time, your children will be much more accepting. Their support could be a big plus, but don't let their approval be the deciding factor on what kind of social life you are going to have.

**Dear Ann Landers:** Many years ago, my daughter asked me to co-sign a loan for a new car. She was

## Classic Ann Landers

young and just starting out, so my wife and I agreed to co-sign. After making only a couple of payments, she defaulted. By then, my wife and I had divorced, and I had remarried. My new wife and I ended up paying \$246 a month for almost four years in order to pay off that loan. We did it because we felt it was important to maintain our credit rating, as well as our daughter's. My ex-wife refused to help in any way.

Our daughter is now engaged to a fine young man. When we divorced, my ex-wife and I agreed to share the cost of a wedding whenever our daughter

decided to marry. Since my ex did not contribute one cent to paying off that auto loan, I do not feel obligated to contribute to a future wedding and have said so.

My daughter, with her "good credit rating," just bought a new car and took a nice vacation. She has never offered to pay back one red cent of the money I laid out for her first car. The young man is wonderful and had nothing to do with this mess. I feel uneasy about backing out on the wedding expenses, but I still think I'm justified in doing so. What do you say? -- Still Hurting in Levittown, New York

**Dear Levittown:** Sorry, I don't agree. You are mixing apples and oranges and coming up with lemons. Years ago, you and your ex-wife agreed to share the cost of your daughter's wedding "whenever she decided to marry." Well, Dad, the time has come, and you are honor-bound to keep your word.

**Dear Ann Landers:** I was invited to the wedding of a close friend last fall. Instead of giving my friend and her husband money, I commissioned a local artist to make a gift for the couple. The artist told me it would take about a month for the work to be completed. I wrote my friend a note apologizing for the delay and explained that I was having something special made for them.

It has been three months, and the work is still not finished. I spoke to the artist,

but he won't give me any answers. Should I give the couple a check, apologize again and tell the artist to forget it? Please tell me what to do. -- West Orange, New Jersey

**Dear W.O.:** Write a letter to the artist giving him a two-week deadline to complete the picture or the deal is off. Send a copy of the letter to the newlyweds. If "Rembrandt" doesn't make the deadline, ask him to return your deposit. Then, buy the couple a gift.

Planning a wedding? What's right? What's wrong? "The Ann Landers Guide for Brides" will relieve your anxiety. To find out more about Ann Landers and read her past columns, visit the Creators Syndicate Web page at [www.creators.com](http://www.creators.com).

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## 10 great whites for spring

The snowstorm that blanketed New York City and much of the northeast in recent weeks notwithstanding, there is good reason to think about the white wines we want to drink when the warmer weather of spring finally arrives. For one thing, nothing says spring like the move to daylight saving time, no matter what the thermometer of the back porch is telling you.

With warmer days in mind, I've put together a wish list of 10 white wines that offer a range of flavors and interesting complexities without being overwrought or heavy. In other words, perfect for spring sipping. In alphabetical order:

### Baileyana 2014

Grand Firepeak Chardonnay, Edna Valley (\$28) shows the skill of winemaker Christian Roguenant with a grape that is easily abused. Roguenant, French by birth, approaches chardonnay with European sensibilities. This one is richly layered without losing its nery acidity. The use of oak aging is well measured, with everything in perfect balance.

### Cakebread 2014

Chardonnay, Napa Valley (\$37) is the preference of many over the winery's more expensive reserve chardonnay. That's because it has a lighter touch of oak and is crisper on the palate. This well-balanced beauty is one of the most elegant chardonnays produced in the Napa Valley. It may not have the heft of the Cakebread Reserve, but it is every bit as satisfying.

### Colome 2016

Torrontes, Estate, Salta, Argentina (\$15) is light and refreshing with floral aromatics and an exceptional persistence on the palate for such an easygoing

wine. Torrontes was once an unimpressive wine that seemed to have little character save for its nose of jasmine and lilacs. Better care in the vineyard and the winery have made this a distinctive wine that now looms as Argentina's finest white.

### Eberle 2015

Viogner, Paso Robles (\$26) is consistently one of the finest Viogniers produced in California. It's loaded with aromas of fresh peach and apricot, with a touch of spice and a subtle floral note. Unlike many other Viogniers made in California, it is structured and refreshing despite its obvious richness.

### Handley 2015

Gewurztraminer, Anderson Valley (\$22) offers up notes of spice, honeysuckle and rose petal, with mouthwatering acidity and outstanding persistence of flavor through the finish. This is one of my favorite wines with sushi. It's an excellent example of the success of the Alsace grape varieties in the cool Anderson Valley.

### J Vineyards 2015

Pinot Gris, California (\$18) is a crowd-pleaser that offers up notes of citrus and stone fruits with mouthwatering acidity and a clean finish that begs another sip. Remarkably well-balanced and always inviting, it's the closest thing I have to a house white wine in the spring and summer months.

### Navarro Vineyards 2015

Riesling, Anderson Valley (\$19.50) is right up your alley if you are looking for superb complexity without going down the heavier path of chardonnay. Navarro's dry riesling exhibits juicy acidity combined with inviting minerality and luscious fruit aromas. One of

California's finest rieslings in this style.

### Pieropan 2015

Soave DOC, Italy (\$20) is a fantastic example of the strides made by Soave producers over the past two decades. With refreshing acidity and inviting notes of citrus and stone fruit, this is a beautifully balanced Soave that will make every spring day seem more refreshing. I'm old enough to remember drinking Soave that was so thin it was like drinking water. No more. This wine is a world-class white.

### Ranchero Cellars 2015

'Chrome' Grenache Blanc, Paso Robles (\$28) isn't the easiest wine to find because winemaker Amy Butler has developed quite a following for her Rhonestyle wines from Paso Robles. She usually sells out of everything quickly. This is the finest grenache blanc around, lush, well-balanced and complex, with green fruit notes of pear and citrus.

Zocker 2015 Gruner Veltliner, Paragon Vineyard, Edna Valley (\$20) is another stunning wine from the Frenchman, Christian Roguenant. Gruner is an Austrian grape variety not widely planted in the United States, but the Zocker would seem to be evidence that it has tremendous potential here. It's known for its firm acidity and peppery notes, with hints of green fruits.

Follow Robert on Twitter at @wineguru. To find out more about Robert Whitley and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate website at [www.creators.com](http://www.creators.com).

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## Weeknight dinner hack Courtesy of Mombeau's Table

Sheet pan dinners are fast, easy and so versatile. This one uses salmon. I finally got the nerve to ask the lady at the fish counter to portion out the salmon and skin it. She gladly agreed. The greens are cooked at a high temperature by themselves for a bit until you add the salmon. The end result is tender, crispy and bright. I've had my fair share of tartar sauce on the East Coast. But this is my version of Detroit meets Boston, inspired by the classic Maurice Salad. I used the USA Pan from Atelier GP ([ateliergp.com](http://ateliergp.com)) and basically just had to wipe it down. Don't forget the baguette!

Sheet Pan Salmon with Crispy Green

(Serves 4)

1.25 lbs Salmon, skinned and filleted into 4 equal portions

1 ½ cups Brussel Sprouts shredded

2 cups Green Cabbage shredded

2 cups Tuscan Kale shredded

4 whole scallions washed and trimmed

2 tbsp Olive Oil

1 tsp salt

½ tsp pepper

Salmon Rub

1 ½ tsp Chili powder

1 tsp Onion Powder

1 tsp Garlic Powder

2 tbsp Brown Sugar

1 tsp Salt

½ tsp Cayenne Pepper

and roast for 7 minutes. Take out and toss everything around. Place the salmon fillets and top and roast for another 13 minutes. Douse in sauce and indulge in good bread!

Mombeau's Tartar

1 hard boiled egg chopped finely

¾ cups mayo

2 tbsp vinegar

2 tbsp chopped scallion

2 tbsp chopped dill pickle

1 tbsp capers

1 tbsp sugar

1 tbsp parsley

1 tbsp dijon mustard

Juice from half a lemon

Mix together and let sit for at least 20 minutes.



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## No need to be skeptical about emissions tests

BY RAY MAGLIOZZI

Dear Car Talk:

You recently had a column about roadside emission test stations. I live in an area where our cars are required to be tested every two years to renew license plates. The testing stations here are mostly along interstate highways, and I drive by them frequently. I seriously doubt with thousands of cars going by and with the wind blowing that they are able to test emissions and somehow determine which car the exhaust came from.

I recently received my notice and am required to take my car to a testing facility and pay \$25 for the privilege. The whole deal is nothing more than a revenue source for the state and does nothing to take polluters off the road. --Ed

As I would often say to my brother when he said something off the wall, "Au contraire, piston puss." I can tell you're a skeptic, Ed. But I think your information is a little bit out of date.

You're thinking of the old days when your emissions were checked by sticking a probe up the tailpipe. Kind of like taking a kid's temperature. The mechanic would insert a metal probe with a hose on it in the tailpipe, and it would suck exhaust gasses into the analyzer. That would tell

us how much carbon monoxide and unburned hydrocarbons you were putting out.

But that's not how it's done anymore. Now, the vast majority of emissions tests are done by tapping into the car's computer directly. We have a device that we plug into the car's diagnostic port, and it gives us readings from the car's own internal sensors. It tells us, for instance, the composition of the exhaust before it goes through your catalytic converter, and after it goes through. And from that, we can tell whether the converter is doing its job.

We can also tell if, for instance, there are too many unburned hydrocarbons going into your converter, which means the problem is in the engine, not the emissions equipment. And because it's all measured deep inside the exhaust system, nothing nearby will affect the reading, not a car idling in the next bay, not a passing FedEx truck, not even my brother puffing on one of his 25-cent stogies.

Now, there may still be places in the country where they use a probe. Emissions testing requirements are determined by the states, in order to meet the Environmental Protection Agency's clean air rules and collect their fair share of federal

highway funds. But since the computer diagnostic method is quicker, easier, more accurate and provides more useful diagnostic information, I'd be surprised if there are many emissions probes still being used out there.

So we can accurately determine whether individual cars are polluting more than they should. That means we can require that those cars be fixed. Sometimes, those fixes are covered by warranty, since the feds mandate that certain emissions equipment is guaranteed for eight years or 80,000 miles. California requirements are even more pro-consumer.

And fixing those cars really does make the air cleaner for us all to breathe. That means less asthma, less lung disease and less soot spoiling your pristine vinyl siding. And sure, it also means an extra \$25 for the repair shop in your area. But we don't make any money on those emissions inspections, Ed. It's those new catalytic converters we clean up on.

Got a question about cars? Write to Ray in care of King Features, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803, or email by visiting the Car Talk website at [www.cartalk.com](http://www.cartalk.com).

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## F-150 Rocket League Edition set for launch as Ford blasts into gaming collaboration

DEARBORN, Mich., Feb. 10, 2021 –

The all-new 2021 Ford F-150 is available with a wide array of features, but thanks to a collaboration between Ford and video game maker Psyonix, a new virtual version comes complete with a rocket booster. This animated pickup truck comes as part of the popular Rocket League multiplayer video game where vehicles take center stage to compete in soccer matches.

The Ford F-150 Rocket League Edition will be available as an in-game purchase Feb. 20-28. The F-150 bundle also includes a chairman decal, two sets of F-150 wheels, F-150 Rocket League Edition engine audio, F-150 boost and F-150 player banner.

F-150's appearance in Rocket League continues Ford's wider push into gaming after successful sponsorships with other titles, such as Forza. Ford worked collaboratively with Psyonix, a critically acclaimed video game developer, to create the truck. Ford also will produce commercial shorts narrated by actor Bryan Cranston aimed at gamers.

To ensure the F-150

Rocket League Edition in-game vehicle maintains the real-world styling cues and Built Ford Tough DNA of the iconic pickup, the F-150 design team collaborated with designers at Psyonix, maker of Rocket League.

The athletic-looking F-150 that appears on screen is based on the all-new 2021 F-150 and features signature C-clamp headlight design, rounded wheel arches, drop-down windows and "F-150" stamped in the tailgate.

Kaoud, chief designer, Ford trucks. "F-150 is already the most popular truck in the real world, and this F-150 Rocket League Edition is poised to be the most popular truck in the gaming world, too. It's Built Ford Tough meets gaming."

Ford will sponsor the Ford + Rocket League Freestyle Invitational, a judged competition where select players show off their best in-game moves and tricks – with one lucky contestant winning a real 2021 F-150.

The crossover between the real world F-150 and the virtual reality of the Rocket League follows Ford's collaboration in Europe between Team Fordzilla, the company's

e-sports team, and the gaming community there, which led to the creation of the P1 Project virtual race car in 2020.

According to the Entertainment Software Association, a gaming industry trade association, more than 214 million Americans play video games and three-quarters of all U.S. households have at least one gamer in the home.

The Rocket League Championship Series Winter Majors Driven by Ford continues every weekend in February and can be viewed on both Rocket League's Twitch and YouTube channels. View the remaining schedule below:

- South American Winter Major: Feb. 13-14
- European Winter Major: Feb. 20-21
- Ford + Rocket League Freestyle Invitational: Feb. 24 and Feb. 28
- North American Winter Major: Feb. 27-28

The Ford F-150 Rocket League Edition will be available for purchase to new and existing Rocket League players. The game recently expanded and is free to play on all major gaming platforms. Visit [rocketleague.com](http://rocketleague.com) to play or to learn more.



A baby born today has a Sun in Aquarius until 5:44 a.m., when the Sun enters Pisces, and a Moon in Taurus.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** for Thursday, Feb. 18, 2021: Magnetic, philosophical and empathic, you follow the beat of your own drum. This year, however, you embark on a project with others that proves very successful. Hire a manager to look after the mundane details of life, and you'll be enriched. If single, you feel cut off from others, and this year it's not likely you'll commit. If attached, utter bliss, as you've found your twin.

**CANCER** is as sensitive. The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19)

You'll be thinking about security and stability. Purchase supplies for projects. You find arts and crafts or other items you make or build a source of pleasure and profit. A true transformation begins today. Tonight: No need to worry; just don't be careless.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20)

You'll attract a great deal of attention today. Push yourself forward; believe in yourself. This is the time when almost anything could happen. Your warmth and confidence will lead to a new opportunity coming up. Tonight: What you make of your potential.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20)

You'll be more reserved than usual. Control worries. Be aware of how your mind-set creates the world you live in. Holistic healing is helpful if someone close to you has a health problem. Tonight: The well-being of family

members is the focus.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22)

You will have new insights into friendships and will see how the people you're attached to are growing and changing. You will get in touch with personal goals and wishes, deciding on which priorities are really important. Tonight: A profound night.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22)

You can turn a tense situation into a chance to shine and strengthen your position if you study it carefully. Everyone seems to be noticing you. Make the most of this by projecting a polished, dignified image in all situations. Tonight: Relax.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

The pace quickens. You get some new opportunities and lucky breaks today through friends, and possibly through a foreign-born friend. You'll be confident and courageous about exploring new ideas as well as new surroundings. Tonight: You could do some (remote) public speaking.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Today tempts you to overindulge. Try not to stray too far from your diet or budget. Complete errands or really important work before relaxing. It's easy to procrastinate a bit. That's fine if you don't go to extremes. Tonight: Your determination and confidence are renewed.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

You can settle any legal matters amicably. Be aware of how others are advising you, and balance their advice with your own insights. File documents; complete

paperwork and forms. An oddly satisfying day. Tonight: Go out on a real date!

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

You will pursue work and will expect a great deal of yourself and of your associates.

Communication is essential in helping them materialize. Don't overload your schedule. A little recreation will actually improve your performance. Tonight: Get some extra sleep.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

There can be a sudden romantic attraction. Maintain balance and get to know the new friend a bit better. You'll be adventurous and can gain experience following some type of speculation or risk-taking. Tonight: Young people make you aware of your priorities.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

A family member who has been out of touch calls, writes or visits. Analyze habits and patterns for insights into domestic decisions. It's a good day to add beauty to your surroundings. There is a sense of déjà vu with relatives. Tonight: New home furnishings.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20)

You won't enjoy solitude today, preferring action to tranquility. You'll be more confident, goal-oriented and doing some extra neighborhood trips. Others see you as a role model. Your vitality is high, and you can accomplish a great deal. Tonight: Catch up with a sibling or neighbor.

**BORN TODAY**

Editor Helen Gurley Brown (1922), writer Toni Morrison (1931), actor John Travolta (1954).

## Contract Bridge

DETECTIVE WORK WORKS WELL

North dealer.

North-South vulnerable.

**NORTH**

♠ A 10 8 2  
♥ Q 8 5  
♦ 9 4 2  
♣ J 6 3

**WEST**

♠ Q 6 5  
♥ J 7 4  
♦ A K 10 5  
♣ Q 7 2

**EAST**

♠ —  
♥ 10 9 6 2  
♦ Q J 8 7 3  
♣ K 10 8 4

**SOUTH**

♠ K J 9 7 4 3  
♥ A K 3  
♦ 6  
♣ A 9 5

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
Pass	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
2 ♠	Pass	4 ♠	

Opening lead — king of diamonds.

Bridge is not what you'd call a guessing game. When you have a problem, there is usually a way to figure out the right answer. There are very few guessing situations in bridge where there isn't at least a smidgen of a clue to steer you in the right direction.

Take this case where South is in four spades and West leads the K-A of diamonds. Declarer ruffs and notes that he will almost certainly lose two

clubs, so that to make the contract he must avoid losing a trump trick.

This doesn't look like much of a chore, since the trumps are likely to be divided 2-1, but if South is by nature a cautious soul, he makes allowance for the possibility of a 3-0 trump division. This matter cannot be ignored, since if the spades are actually divided 3-0, the trump loser can still be avoided by initiating the suit correctly.

Thus, if West has the Q-6-5, the lead of the king exposes the situation and wipes out West's potential trump trick, while if East has the Q-6-5, starting the trumps by cashing the ace first similarly overcomes the potential trump loser.

How does declarer resolve the question of whether to play the king or ace first? Obviously, he doesn't just mentally toss a coin; he starts by looking for clues instead.

There is a strong indication that West is unlikely to have a spade void. With the A-K of diamonds and one or two of the other missing honor cards, plus a void in spades as well, he might have overcalled or doubled for take-out at his first turn to bid.

Declarer therefore plays the king of spades at trick three and is rewarded for his caution when East shows out, rendering West's queen worthless.

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by Steve Becker

# Puzzles and

## UNIVERSAL Sudoku Puzzle

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	2					7	8	
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Complete the grid so every row, column and 3 x 3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.

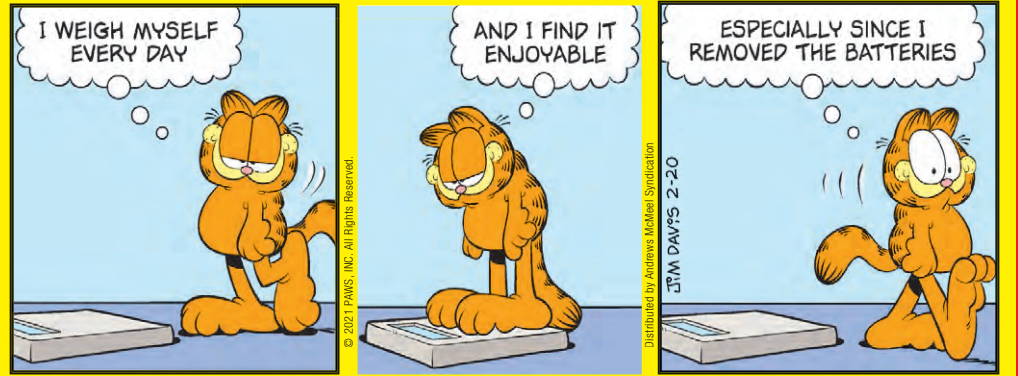
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## Garfield

Jim Davis



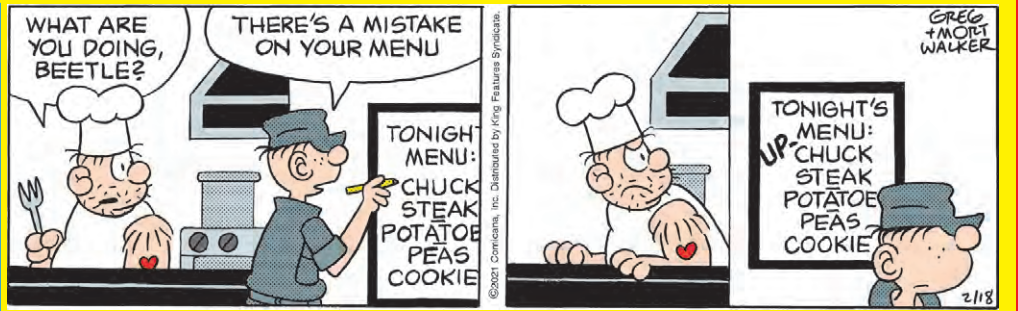
## Dilbert

Scott Adams



## Beetle Bailey

Greg and Mort Walker



## Blondie

Chris and Dean Young



## Over The Hedge

Michael Fry and T. Lewis



## Andy Capp

Reg Smythe



## Wizard of Id

Created by Brant Parker and Johnny Hart. Currently by Mason Mastroianni



## Carpe Diem

Niklas Eriksson



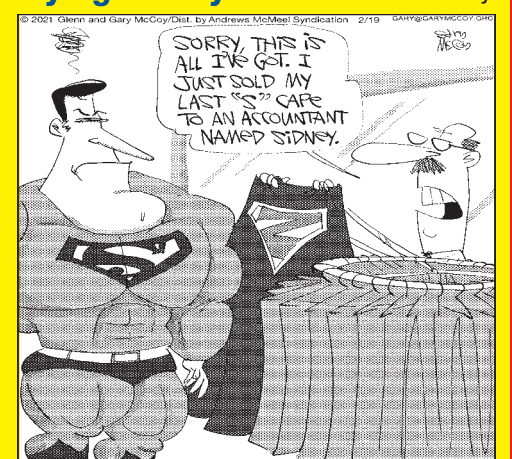
## Ziggy

Tom Wilson



## Flying McCoys

Glenn McCoy



## Universal Crossword

Edited by David Steinberg February 18, 2021

- ACROSS**
- 1 Irish dance
  - 4 Ready for a fruit salad
  - 8 Econ branch
  - 13 401, in Roman numerals
  - 14 People who review apps
  - 16 Sneeze sound
  - 17 "Solo" director Howard
  - 18 What you may lack after walking up to the tenth floor?
  - 20 Outer limits
  - 22 Nickname hidden in "Lisa Leslie"
  - 23 Ceases to function
  - 24 More tear-inducing
  - 27 Medieval castle's liquid asset
  - 29 How origami is made?
  - 34 Otherwise
  - 35 Prefix for "adjusted"
  - 36 Spanish snacks
  - 37 Spacious vehicle
  - 38 Fixes added to 18-, 29-, 46- and 59-Across?
  - 41 Letters between two names
  - 42 Remove all traces of
  - 44 Acad. or univ.
  - 45 Uno + uno + uno
- DOWN**
- 1 Clothing chain whose name has an initial initial
  - 2 "Mercy me!"
  - 3 Spiced cookie
  - 4 Country associated with onion domes
  - 5 Web connection co.
  - 6 Spherical legume
  - 7 Goes wrong
  - 8 Damage
  - 9 Cold coffee alternative
  - 10 Hot coffee alternative
  - 11 Parrot's learning style
  - 12 Admiring sounds
  - 15 Sordid
  - 19 Allied group of voters
  - 21 Foil relative, in fencing
  - 25 Squalor who dated Count Olaf
  - 26 Harvest
  - 28 Painting and pottery
  - 30 Longtime fashion designer Bill
  - 31 Building units?
  - 32 "Mercy me!"
  - 33 Spanish for "those"
  - 34 At any time
  - 38 Behind
  - 39 Weapon in a silo, briefly
  - 40 Zeus' mother
  - 43 Catchy phrases
  - 45 Care for, like a garden
  - 47 Singer Leroy or Vikki
  - 48 Earlier-born
  - 49 Venetian market district
  - 52 Country next to Tibet
  - 53 Half a fl. oz.
  - 54 Bay (Silicon Valley's region)
  - 55 German denial
  - 57 Person from Edinburgh
  - 60 Susan of "L.A. Law"
  - 61 In the past
  - 62 Chair or table part

### PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

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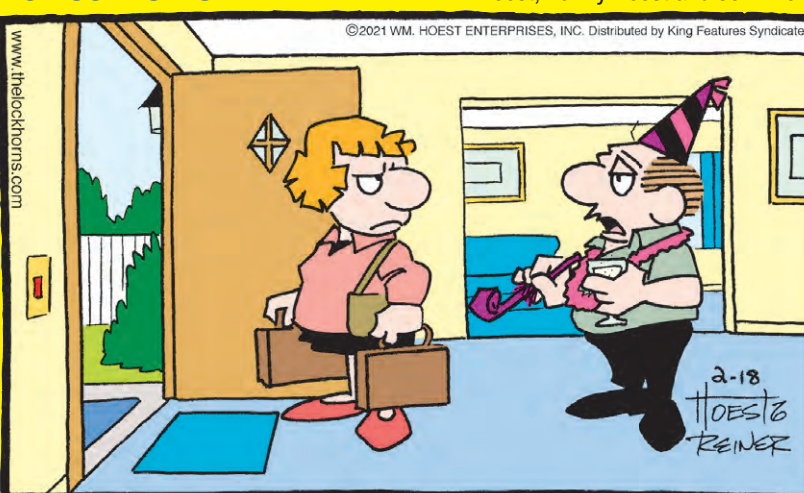
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## Binary Re-representation by David Alfred Bywaters

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## The Lockhorns

Bill Hoest, Bunny Hoest and John Reiner



"OKAY... MAYBE I'M A LITTLE HAPPY YOU'RE GOING TO VISIT YOUR MOTHER."

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# Comics

## Peanuts

Charles M. Schulz



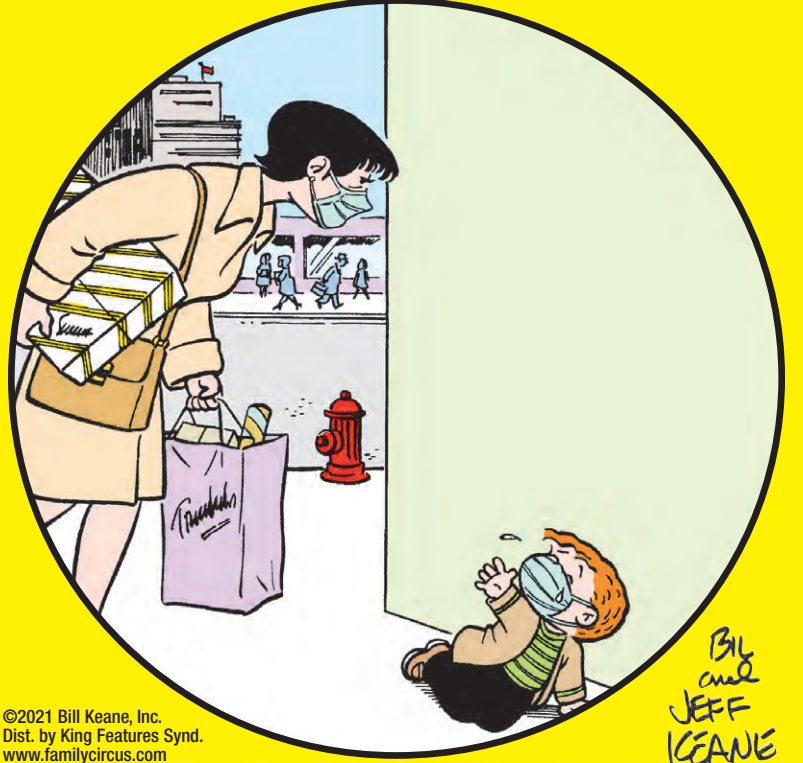
## Hagar The Horrible

Dick Browne and Chris Browne



## Family Circus

Bill and Jeff Keane



## Crankshaft

Tom Batiuk and Dan Davis



## Crock

Created by Bill Rechin and Brant Parker



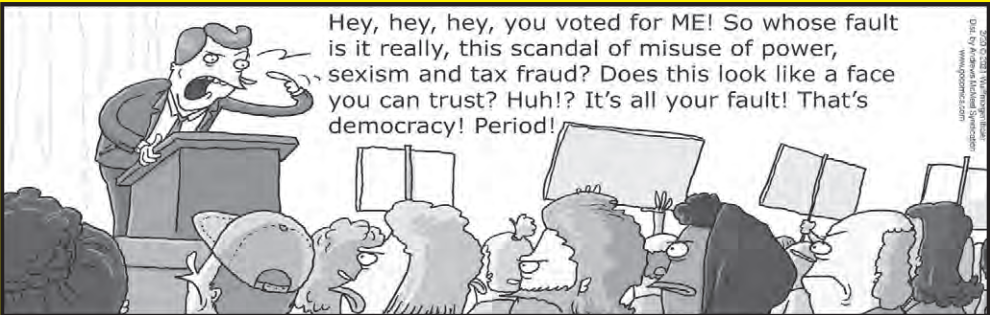
## F Minus

Tony Carrilo



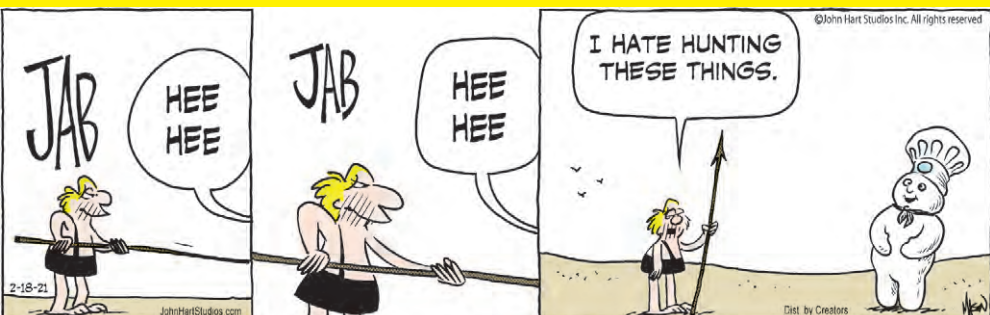
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Mikael Wulff and Anders Morgenthaler



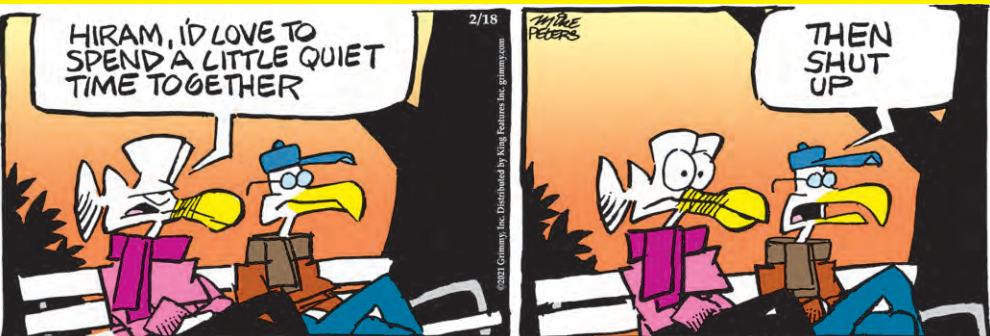
## B.C.

Johnny Hart and Mason Mastroianni



## Mother Goose and Grim

Mike Peters



## Reality Check

Dave Whamond

## Bizarro

Dan Piraro and Wayno



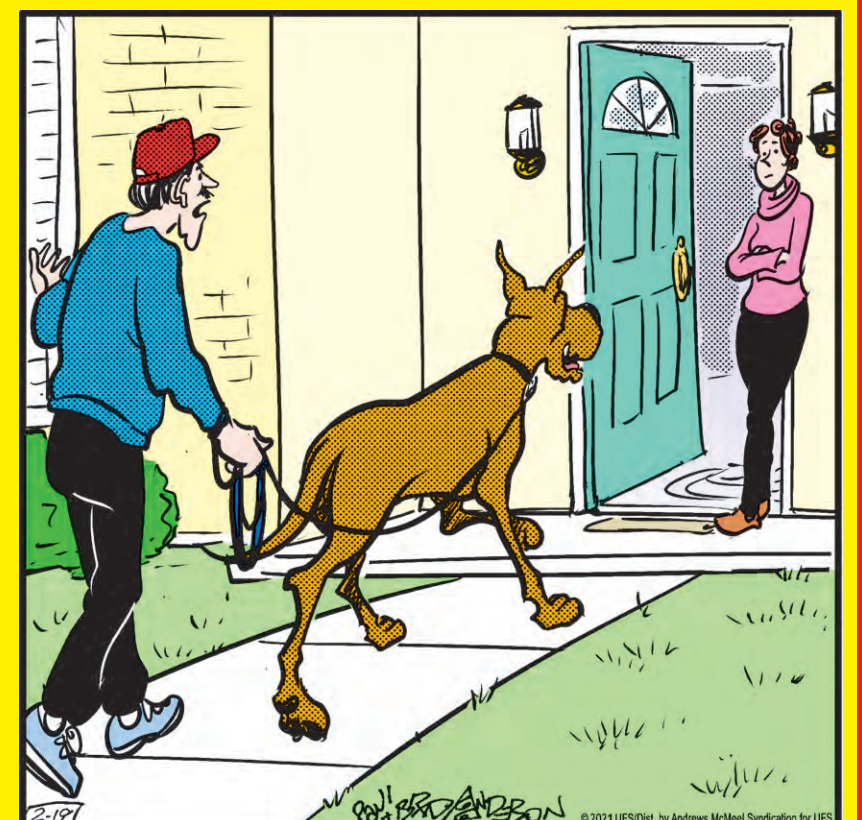
## Close To Home

John McPherson



## Marmaduke

Paul & Brad Anderson



"Marmaduke never fails to stop and smell the roses. And the bushes, And the trees and the fire hydrants."

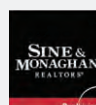
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South senior Sarah Rogers attempts a pass to teammate Kathryn Skupien.

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## North outlasts South in overtime

By Mike Adzima  
Sports Reporter

Trailing by eight points entering the fourth quarter on Monday night against Grosse Pointe South, Grosse Pointe North coach Gary Bennett knew the game had reached a turning point. "When it got to 27-19 and they went up, I said to the kids, 'It's either going to go to 20 points or you're going to get yourselves back in the game,'" Bennett said. "They really dug in and got themselves back in the game. They played their best basketball at that point."

Bennett's Norsemen went on an 8-0 run to start the fourth quarter, tying the game at 27. The final quarter of regulation went back and forth. It was North senior Madeline Kohler who managed to tie the game 34-34 and force overtime. North's defense halted the Blue Devils in OT as the Norsemen edged out a

37-34 win. "Our kids battled," South coach Kevin Richards said following the overtime loss. "We got the shots we wanted; they didn't go in. ... I don't feel like we lost the game. Every day that we play is a victory in itself."

South senior Alexa Downey led all scorers with 13 points. North's Annabel Ayrault and Sophia Borowski both tallied 11. Bennett said he was proud of his team's perseverance in what was a close win.

"On a night when we weren't our best, we found some way to compete," Bennett said. "It's a good win, but it wasn't a pretty win. ... I was just proud that they dug in and competed."

Bennett and the Norsemen now prepare to face Eisenhower High School and Port Huron High School this week. The Blue Devils hit the road for a couple of games to take on Port Huron and Dakota.

## Liggett dominates North in President's Day matchup

By Mike Adzima  
Sports Reporter

Just more than 6 minutes into the first period of Monday's boys' hockey showdown between University Liggett School and Grosse Pointe North High School, Liggett senior Alec Leonard lifted a shot from the point just over the shoulder of North goalie Robert Cassar to open the scoring. The Knights didn't look back from there as they went on to defeat the Norsemen 7-0 in a dominant performance.

"We've been working on, in the last couple of weeks, puck possession and time in zone," said Liggett coach Mike Maltese after his team's commanding victory. "We work on a lot of cycle play, try to get pucks to the net and just try to control the pace of the play."

The Knights did control the pace of play much of the game, outshooting North 33 to 18.

Liggett junior forward Doug Wood tallied five points with one goal and four assists. He filled up the score sheet alongside sophomore Campbell Marchal, with two goals and one assist, and senior Tommy Gebeck with two goals.

With Liggett controlling the pace of play and sustaining pressure in the Norsemen zone much of the game, a strong performance in net by Knights goalie Grant Lindsay definitely contributed to the victory. The senior netminder turned away all 18 North shots on goal en route to a shutout.

"This season you've got to have a short memory regardless of if you're doing well or doing poor. You've just got to make sure you improve on it every day," Maltese said. This week, the Norsemen take on De La Salle and Detroit Catholic Central. The Knights return to CHSL play Thursday as they host Madison Heights Bishop Foley.



The University Liggett Knights celebrate their first win of the season over Cranbrook Kingswood.

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## A great week of girls high school hockey in Grosse Pointe

By Alexis Bohlinger  
Staff Writer

It was a great start to the girls high school hockey season this past week with all three Grosse Pointe teams coming away with their first win. After waiting months to begin competition, the girls were eager and excited to take the ice and their enthusiasm showed in their performance.

The University Liggett Knights walked away from their home opener with their first victory versus the Cranbrook Kingswood Cranes on Friday, Feb. 12, at McCann Ice Arena. The final score was 4-0 with freshman goalie

Brooklyn Peshl earning her first high school shutout. Senior Captain Gabrielle Anusbigian scored two of the four goals for her team.

Liggett head coach Greg Paddison believes this win was a team effort.

"I was really impressed with the way we started," he said. "We've tried emphasizing getting a fast start and putting our opposition on their heels from the get-go and I feel like we were able to accomplish that."

The following evening, the Knights earned a 9-2 victory in their home arena against Regina/Lutheran North United. Paddison was eager to work his younger players into the lineup.

"It's a thrill as a coach hearing the entire bench erupt when our players who don't see as much ice get scoring opportunities," he said.

The Knights are featuring 10 new players this season, most of whom made their high school debuts this past weekend.

"I was really proud of our players who were seeing their first high school hockey action," Paddison said. "It's also great to hear our players who we expect to be our top point-getters talking after games about team statistics rather than individual statistics, which tells the coaching staff that the girls are really buying into the 'team first' mentality."

Just a few blocks away the same evening, the Grosse Pointe South Blue Devils took the ice at ESH Ice Arena for their first win versus a new team in the league, the St. Catherine of Siena Academy Stars. Having lost 2-1 the evening before to the Mercy Marlins at Eddie Edgar, the Blue Devils came out ready to put pucks in the net. The final score of the game was 9-0 with sophomore Elise Harr earning her first shutout of the season.

"Getting a lot of goals is always good for morale," said Blue Devils head coach Hailee Craig. "We even had a few girls score their first career

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Liggett sophomore Drew Fallon brings the puck into the attacking zone.

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Knights coach Solomon Spann rallies his team while trailing at halftime.

# Liggett survives physical battle with Detroit Cristo Rey

By Mike Adzima  
Sports Reporter

After a season-opening loss on the road to Cranbrook, the University Liggett School boys basketball team was determined to notch its first win of 2021 in the first game back on its home court. In a back-and-forth, physical battle against the Wolves of Detroit Cristo Rey on Saturday, the Knights fought to a 65-48 win.

Frustration was mounting amongst the home fans as the Knights

reached 10 first-half fouls less than 2 minutes into the second quarter. Liggett persevered through foul trouble in a second quarter that saw several lead changes. It was Cristo Rey who would take a narrow 26-25 lead into halftime thanks to a buzzer-beating three-pointer from sophomore guard Jayden Wilson.

“The main thing was just to understand the physicality of the game,” Knights coach Solomon Spann said he told his team while trailing at

halftime. “That’s a scrappy team. They’re going to scrap and claw and fight. They have a lot of heart, so (it’s important) for us to focus on our advantage, which is moving the ball and getting the ball inside.”

Spann’s halftime adjustments resonated with his team. Liggett’s Alex George knocked down the first shot of the second half from beyond the arc to put the Knights back ahead. From that point, the Knights would hold the lead on the way

to their first victory of the season.

“It’s been awesome. It’s been a long time coming,” Spann said at the conclusion of his team’s long-awaited first week of play. “These kids have waited for such a long time through the pandemic. ... We didn’t get off to a great start, but were able to bounce back with the home victory tonight and I’m very proud of them.”

Up next for the Knights are contests against Parkway Christian and Everest Academy.



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

Liggett’s Giorgio Malkoun finished the game with 17 points and six rebounds.

# Blue Devils fall to Highlanders

By Mike Adzima  
Sports Reporter

To close out a hard-fought first week of competition, the Grosse Pointe South Blue Devils boys basketball team found itself in a back-and-forth battle against Rochester Adams Saturday night. In a game that came down to the final moments, the Blue Devils couldn’t hang on as the Highlanders won it 58-52.

“The way the season is right now, there’s no time to think about what happened tonight anymore,” said South coach Steve Benard after the close loss.

Rochester Adams took a four-point 25-21 lead into the halftime locker room. The Blue Devils managed to quickly tie the game at 25 early in the third quarter, which was the first of many ties and lead changes in an exciting second half.

With the score tied at 52 with just a minute left in the fourth quarter, the game was decided by a series of successful free

throws by Adams junior Justice Mims. Mims led all scorers with 18 points. Anthony Benard finished with 16 points, making him the leading scorer on the night for the Blue Devils.

“We’re struggling right now shooting the ball from the field,” Benard said of his team’s offensive struggles in this tight matchup. “If we don’t knock down our threes, then that’s going to be a problem for us. We need to be able to score.”

The Blue Devils only made three shots from beyond the arc during Saturday’s loss, two of which were made by senior Jordan Johnson. Benard believes his squad’s strong defensive effort was a major help while the team struggled to shoot.

“If we’re in the game at the end, shooting the way we’re shooting, it’s hats off to how hard our team plays defensively,” Benard said. “Normally we make a lot of those shots and that’s a team that if we make our shots we should beat them.”



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

Sophomore Anthony Benard led the Blue Devils with 16 points.

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high school goals in this game,” including Kamryn Schocker, Ryleigh O’Donoghue and Gabby Vosburg.

The following evening, the Blue Devils once again took the ice at ESH for another high-scoring victory, 10-1 versus the

Plymouth-Canton-Salem Penguins. Major contributors were Schocker with five goals and one assist, Liv Livingstone with three goals and three assists and Ellie Smith with five assists. Harr had another great performance in net, saving at least four breakaways.

“We’ve got a great group this year and once we nail down our systems and get more comfortable playing together there won’t be much these girls can’t do,” Craig said.

The Grosse Pointe North Norsemen also had an exciting home opener Friday, Feb. 12, beating the Livingston United Knights 2-1 with a winning goal from freshman Ella Dobbs, with just one minute remaining in the game. Senior Erin Murphy scored the first goal for North.

Upcoming games will feature the Norsemen playing Washtenaw United on Wednesday, Feb. 24. The Blue Devils will face the Livonia Knights on Sunday, Feb. 21, and Liggett will attempt to keep their undefeated streak alive Wednesday, Feb. 17, versus Ann Arbor Huron-Skyline.

City of **Grosse Pointe Woods**, Michigan

**NOTICE OF REVIEW OF THE 2021 ASSESSMENT ROLL:** Notice is hereby given the Board of Review of the City of Grosse Pointe Woods, Wayne County, Michigan, will be in session for reviewing the 2021 Assessment Roll. Sessions will be held by video (Zoom) and telephone conference in accordance with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services restrictions on indoor gatherings and the City of Grosse Pointe Woods City Council Resolution adopted November 16, 2020, establishing rules for remote attendance pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, as amended. This notice is being provided to ensure that those wishing to participate in the meeting have an opportunity to do so.

**TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 2021**  
10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

**TUESDAY, MARCH 16, 2021**  
6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

**TUESDAY, MARCH 23, 2021**  
9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Appointments to appeal to the Board of Review may be made beginning March 1, 2021, by calling the Assessing Department at (313) 343-2435. Information to appear by Zoom will be posted on the date of the scheduled appointment at <http://www.gpwmi.us/aboutus/communityCalendar.html>. Resident taxpayers must appear or send an agent to appeal their assessment.

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Personal property	1.000

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Eric Dunlap  
Assessor

City of **Grosse Pointe Farms**, Michigan

**BOARD OF REVIEW**

Meetings for the purpose of reviewing the 2021 Assessment Roll for the City of Grosse Pointe Farms, Wayne County, Michigan, will be held by the Board of Review on:

**TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 2021**  
From 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
and  
6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

and

**MONDAY, MARCH 15, 2021**  
From 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
and  
1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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

Hearings will be scheduled by appointment. Please contact City of Grosse Pointe Farms at (313) 640-1618. You may also petition the Board in writing through the mail if you cannot make the hearing dates. These letters HAVE TO BE IN THE OFFICE BY FRIDAY, MARCH 12<sup>TH</sup>.

G.P.N.: 02/18/21; 02/25/21; 03/04/21; 03/11/21

**CITY OF HARPER WOODS  
BOARD OF REVIEW  
MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
HARPER WOODS, MICHIGAN 48225  
PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN the City of Harper Woods Board of Review for March 2021 will be meeting at 19617 Harper Avenue on Monday, March 8, 2021 from 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., and on Monday, March 22, 2021 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. to consider appeals on property assessment and exemptions. Property owners may obtain a Petition to the Board of Review from the Assessor’s office or on line at [www.harperwoodscity.org](http://www.harperwoodscity.org). or [www.michigan.gov/taxes](http://www.michigan.gov/taxes); Property Taxes; Forms-Instructions; Board of Review

Residents who are unable to attend this meeting may submit their appeal in writing/ letter to the Assessor’s office at 19617 Harper Avenue, Harper Woods, MI 48225 on or before March 22, 2021 until 3:00 p.m. No postmarks are accepted. For information please call 313.343.2500.

The tentative ratios and the estimated multipliers for each class of real property and personal property for 2021 are as follows:

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**Leslie M. Frank**, City Clerk

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PHOTO COURTESY OF MIRANDA FREEDMAN

Miranda Freedman will join the fencing team at Ohio State after graduating from South this spring.

## South senior to join Buckeyes fencing team

By Mike Adzima  
Sports Reporter

As a kid, Miranda Freedman wasn't even the first person in her family to try fencing. Her younger brother, Samuel, became interested first; a few years later, Freedman decided to give it a go. At 12 years old, she won her first competition. Now in her senior year at Grosse Pointe South High School, Miranda Freedman has committed to join the fencing team at Ohio State.

"From the second they put a foil, which is the weapon that I use, in my hand I kind of fell in love with it," Freedman said, reflecting on the beginning of her fencing career. "It was a sport but you had to think, so it was like the best of both worlds because I was really into school."

Since then, Freedman has competed in national and international fencing competitions while training out of the Troy-based Renaissance Fencing Club. The combination of athletic skill and quick thinking that helped shape Freedman's interest in fencing has become, she believes, the aspect of the game where she succeeds most.

"Fencing is kind of all about a back-and-forth exchange between actions that

you set up and actions your opponent sets up," Freedman said. "I have, in my opinion, a really good ability to analyze actions. ... I know what the other person's going to do and therefore I'm able to adjust what I'm doing."

While competing at a high level, Freedman still learns a lot from her younger brother when it comes to fencing. As she gets ready to move on to the college level, Freedman

hopes to see her brother follow in her footsteps.

"I would love for him to go to college for fencing and get a scholarship. I think he will," Freedman said. "I coach him when our coaches are with another teammate and he coaches me when I'm competing."

Freedman will graduate from Grosse Pointe South in the spring and plans to study international relations.

### City of Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan

#### 2021 MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW

The City of Grosse Pointe Park will be conducting the 2021 March Board of Review and will convene in the City Hall at 15115 East Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan 48230.

The regular Board of Review schedule is as follows:

**Organizational Meeting**  
March 9, 2021 1:00 PM

**Appeal Hearings**  
March 9, 2021 1:30 PM to 9:00 PM  
March 23, 2021 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Other hearing dates and times may be scheduled as needed. In person hearings are by appointment only and write in petitions will be accepted. COMPLETED 2021 BOARD OF REVIEW PETITIONS (L-4035 FORMS) ARE NECESSARY, and must be filled out entirely prior to your appointment or petition drop off. The deadline for submitting petitions for all persons wishing to appeal before the Board of Review is by Tuesday, March 23, 2021.

A resident or non-resident taxpayer may file a petition with the Board of Review without the requirement of a personal appearance by a taxpayer representative. An agent must have written authority to represent the owner and it must be submitted to the Board of Review on the form prescribed by the Assessor's office. Written petitions must be received by the Assessor's office end of day Tuesday, March 23, 2021 to be reviewed by the Board. **Postmarks are not accepted.**

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

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

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

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PHOTO COURTESY OF COURTNEY HAMIDI

Kate Ennis, left, and Cate Gagnier celebrated senior night with their teammates and a victory.

## Gymnasts victorious on senior night

By Mike Adzima  
Sports Reporter

The Grosse Pointe Varsity Gymnastics team was victorious against Birmingham Unified last Wednesday in a night to celebrate seniors. Senior captains Cate Gagnier from Grosse Pointe North and Kate Ennis from Grosse Pointe South played major roles in the team's fourth victory in league competition.

"We held our senior night as early as possible this year to ensure that these very deserving seniors were able to be recognized," coach Courtney Hamidi said.

Gagnier was the all-around team leader, scoring 9.0 or higher in three of four events. "Senior night was an unforgettable night," Gagnier said. "It was amazing to see our four years of hard work paying off. I'm glad that our team has been doing so well and I'm thankful for all the amazing memories that were made."

Ennis scored an 8.75

on the vault, 8.95 on the floor exercise and 8.625 on the beam.

"It's really great to be able to have a senior season after so many months of uncertainty," Ennis said. "Celebrating our senior year together with our coaches and teammates by our side was a very fun experience and getting the win as well made it that much better."

"Kate and Cate have been huge contributors towards our program for the four years that they have been on our team both as leaders and as very dedicated and talented gymnasts and they will be incredibly difficult to replace next year," Hamidi said.

Other notable performances on the night include South sophomore Ava Rogowski, whose 8.9 on the vault was the highest of the night in that event. The Grosse Pointe Varsity Gymnastics team will host the league championship meet March 4, at Fraser High School.

### ADVERTISEMENT FOR REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Grosse Pointe Public School System (GPPSS) will receive sealed Proposals for:  
**2021 Move Management Services**

**Until 11:00 a.m., local time, Monday, March 1, 2021,** electronic proposals will be received by Richard Van Gorder, Manager of Buildings and Grounds, Grosse Pointe Public School System, [GPPSSMoveMgmt2021@docs.e-builder.net](mailto:GPPSSMoveMgmt2021@docs.e-builder.net) at which time, all Proposals will be opened and read aloud virtually via Microsoft Teams. Proposals received after the above stipulated date and time will not be opened, considered or accepted. Grosse Pointe Public School System is not liable for any delivery or postal delays.

On or around Friday, February 12, 2021, Request for Proposal (RFP) documents can be obtained at:  
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Please contact Robert Stempien if you have any questions regarding obtaining this information.

All interested firms are requested to attend a non-mandatory pre-Proposal meeting on Wednesday, **February 17, 2021 beginning at 9:00 a.m.** at the Administration Building located at 389 St. Clair, Grosse Pointe, MI 48230. It is strongly suggested that interested Proposers make arrangements to attend.

All Proposals must be submitted on forms furnished by Plante Moran Cresa and comply with the requirements of the RFP.

All Proposals must be accompanied by a sworn and notarized statement disclosing any familial relationship that exists between the Proposer or any employee of the Proposer and any member of the Board of Education or District Administration, a signed and notarized statement to comply with the Iran Economic Sanctions Act of 2012, and the Criminal Background Affidavit. No Proposal shall be accepted that does not include these signed documents.

GPPSS reserves the right to accept or reject any or all Proposals, in whole or in part, to waive any irregularities therein and accept that Proposal, which best serves GPPSS' interest.

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### VILLAGE OF GROSSE POINTE SHORES, A MICHIGAN CITY 2021 BOARD OF REVIEW SESSIONS

The Assessments for the Village of Grosse Pointe Shores in Wayne and Macomb County has been completed for 2021. The Board of Review will hear petitions on the following dates:

**ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING 1:00 P.M.**  
**MONDAY, MARCH 8TH**  
**COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**795 LAKE SHORE RD.**

**MONDAY, MARCH 8, 2021**  
**1:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.**

**MONDAY, MARCH 15, 2021**  
**9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

The Board will meet in the Grosse Pointe Shores Municipal Building (first floor), 795 Lake Shore Road, Grosse Pointe Shores. **Following COVID-19 CDC Guidelines, facemasks and social distancing is required.** All property owners wishing to appeal their assessments must make an appointment or file a write in appeal. Either appeal method must be accompanied by the petition form (L-4035) provided by the state of Michigan ([http://www.michigan.gov/documents/l4035f\\_2658\\_7.pdf](http://www.michigan.gov/documents/l4035f_2658_7.pdf)). Appointments may be made by calling 881-6565. **Petitions by mail must be received by the Board PRIOR to the last session (3/15/21) so they may be reviewed in a timely manner.** You may call 881-6565 for an appointment.

If there are any questions please contact the Assessor's Office at 313.881.6565 or email [pbierzynski@gpshoresmi.gov](mailto:pbierzynski@gpshoresmi.gov).

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