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Complete news coverage of all the Pointes

Deeplands: Four years and counting

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — As 2022 begins, work remains ongoing at Deeplands Development in the Shores, a project which began in 2017, and faced

repeated delays spanning city approval, lawsuits, COVID-19 shutdowns and subsequent supply chain issues.

There have been no lots sold to date, Manager of Deeplands Development Rich Russell confirmed, but the development

does have prospective buyers. One such client is meeting with the architect this week.

“It’s kind of who wants to be the first person in the pool,” he said. “... That’s just the way it is. Once you get it started and get the action going

and get two or three homes going in there, then it’s going to take off.”

“We’re on our way,” he added.

In light of rumors regarding financial troubles with the development reportedly filtering through the neighbor-

hood, Russell noted the \$1.8 million payment for the property to Comerica Bank, who was representing the Stackpole Estate, was a cash deal paid via check.

The price point was decreased significantly from an initial \$3.2 mil-

lion after the process to receive plat approval dragged along through the city and county for years.

“Everybody’s been paid with cash,” Russell said. “There’s been no

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COURTESY PHOTO

Burst of color

Manuel J. Tolegian’s “Still Life with Pomegranates” brings brilliant color to a drab and dreary winter week. Let’s keep a positive thought: Less than two months before it’s officially spring!

Crossing crunch

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — A lot of people think the police chief crossed the line nearly two weeks ago when saying he’ll no longer deplete his squad room by deploying patrol officers as school crossing guards.

“Until that point, my sworn staff had covered 440 crossings for a total of over 330 hours, which is about \$22,000 worth of public safety funds,” Bryan Jarrell, director of public safety in Grosse Pointe Park, said last week.

Too many times the demand for guards outpaced the day shift’s roster of seven officers, at most. Often there are only five available, the minimum to patrol the community but not enough to tend six crossing locations for about an hour

before and after school Monday through Friday.

An elementary student can do the math.

“One day, every single one of (my officers) had to go out and cover a crossing,” Jarrell said. “So, for an hour in the morning there was no police protection or patrolling going on at all.”

Although the five Pointes and Harper Woods have a public safety mutual-aid agreement, most also have special obligations of their own during school rush hours.

“If I have a public safety officer stationed at any of the crossings in the city and a call for service, like a crime in progress, medical event or fire comes up, every one of those guys is leaving those posts and leaving them unprotected,” Jarrell said.

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Catalytic converter thefts increase

By Kate Vanderstelt and Laurel Kraus
Staff Writers

THE GROSSE POINTE — As the calendar year turned, the Grosse Pointes fell vic-

tim to three reported catalytic converter thefts in two weeks.

“This is going on down the river and in other cities,” Woods Public Safety Director John Kosanke said of

the thefts, something he says is not just Grosse Pointe specific. “I think it’s a lot more widespread than just here. It’s going on in a lot of places. We just don’t hear about it that much.”

Of the three accounts which have occurred in Grosse Pointe recently, two were from a lot in the 19000 block of Mack in Grosse Pointe Woods

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Build back busted

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTE — It’s Friday afternoon and two people, worlds apart on national politics, are tending domestic affairs.

Conservative Republican Congressman Steve Scalise is in his Louisiana district picking up his son from school.

“This is a great thing I get to do when I’m back home,” Scalise said. “These are the treats of life.”

In Grosse Pointe Farms,



Neil Sroka

liberal Democrat Neil Sroka, a supporter of Bernie Sanders and national spokesman for

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COVID time bank extension approved

By Kate Vanderstelt
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — After debate at a committee of the whole meeting Monday, Jan. 10, Grosse Pointe Woods City Council approved an extension of a COVID-19 time bank for the 2022 calendar year at

a meeting Monday, Jan. 24.

First enacted for the 2021 calendar year, the time bank was intended to give city employees up to 80 hours of fully paid, pandemic-related sick leave. With new CDC guidelines reducing the necessary time of quarantine in case of expo-

sure or a positive test, the newly approved bank will allow for 40 hours of paid, pandemic-related sick leave for the 2022 calendar year.

“(The fund) is going to be very helpful to us,” City Administrator Frank Schulte said of the

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Cops in school, who pays? Police have indirect school presence

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTES

— A goal of education is for students to gauge the consequences of potential action, and police are doing their former teachers proud by thinking through the economic and logistical challenges of a proposal to station a full-time public safety officer at both of the district's two high schools.

Law enforcement and municipal leaders in the five Pointes want greater campus security, yet the long-term cost and staffing issues of putting a patrolman or woman at North and South high schools make the prospect more complicated than one, two, three.

"They're talking about having public safety officers," said John Hutchins, Farms public safety director and 21-year veteran of the department. "If you're going to have someone in a school building for nine months, why do you need someone cross-trained with fire academy training and all the continuing education required every year for fire certification? You're kind of overpaying."

Pensions are costly, too.

"It's a very expensive way to do it, which is what I said in the last

meeting we had with the district," Hutchins said.

There's also the question of what to do with school officers during the district's three-month summer vacation. Hutchins presumes they'd be assigned to public safety departments in the Farms and Woods, hosts to South and North, respectively.

Then what? Hang from the department's neck like the Ancient Mariner's albatross?

"He's been off the road nine months," Hutchins said. "He's out of practice and probably going to need three months to catch up on training. It doesn't seem realistic."

"It probably would be best if Grosse Pointe Farms and Woods had a full-time officer assigned to the schools as their sole duty and the rest of the departments could help support that," said John Alcorn, City of Grosse Pointe public safety director.

"I believe my council is in favor of partnering to put in a school resource officer, but we can't do it by ourselves and we're not going to pick up the lion's share to fund somebody else's employee," Grosse Pointe Park Chief Bryan Jarrell said. "I don't know where it's going to go from here."

"We're not going to

make up for what others aren't going to put in," Hutchins said.

"Our municipal budget is \$6 million," said Grosse Pointe Shores Mayor Ted Kedzierski, an accountant and attorney. "The school board's budget is \$90 million-plus. We just hired two new officers. We had some retirements last year, which puts more pressure on overtime pay for existing officers. I don't know where the resources would come from."

A funding formula whereby each city within the school district — the five Pointes and Harper Woods — plus the district itself contribute \$30,000 annually came up during recent discussions between municipal and school administrators, Jarrell and others said.

"I suggested funding it through a millage, but was told Proposition A prevents any millage from paying salaries," Jarrell said. "So, that defeats that."

"We have a very, very tight budget," said Todd McConaghy, a Grosse Pointe Woods councilman and chairman of the finance and judiciary liaison committees. "We don't have a lot of excess, but if the schools want this, I, as one of seven people (on council), would support."

"I am all for the idea of having more police presence in the schools," Hutchins said. "Our contention is it might be better for the school system to hire their own internal people with whom we can work, than to expect all the Pointes and Harper Woods to share in this cost."

"The city has contin-

ued dialogue with the school system about the potential of having full-time personnel in the high school," said Shane Reeside, Farms manager. "That's something the school system is exploring, including looking at potential grants for that."

Discussions are taking place within clear memory of a mass shooting at Oxford High School.

"As a lawyer, you try to avoid situations where there could be culpability and liability," said the Shores' Kedzierski. "By having somebody stationed at the school, it shows you're trying to preempt any kind of disturbance or worse."

He wouldn't be surprised if the Grosse Pointe district's risk assessment consultants recommend enhanced campus safety.

"Maybe not an officer of public safety, but maybe a retired officer or security guard," Kedzierski said. "There's a major lawsuit against Oxford. Governmental immunity protects against simple negligence. It does not protect against gross negligence."

In the meantime, recruiting officers that meet Pointe standards and a regarding law enforcement, firefighting and medical proficiency is harder than it used to be.

"Job opportunities are enormous because so many people left law enforcement the last two years due to the anti-police sentiment and COVID issues," Hutchins said. "It used to be when we posted a job opening, we'd get a dozen or 18 applicants. We posted three weeks ago and got four. Pickings are slim."

Police have indirect school presence

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTES

— Dan Jensen, who retired recently as director of public safety in Grosse Pointe Farms, never missed a day of classes at Grosse Pointe South High School.

Whether that was due to a love of learning or the lure of female classmates — Jensen transferred in upon the closure of his all-male Catholic school — is academic.

He also discovered the advantages of having police officers on campus.

"The Youth Service Bureau had two officers at both South and North," Jensen said. "All four were employed by Grosse Pointe Woods. The two at South were sworn as officers in Grosse Pointe Farms to give them arrest powers."

Officers weren't there to bust heads. They were there to build relationships, nip bad behavior and be a resource for students seeking confidential advice or protection.

"When officers are in school, they're available and approachable, whether quietly by a note left under the door of their office or in the morning on the way in," Jensen said. "Having cops in schools is the best way to protect kids, the best way to maintain a chain of closeness. Nowadays, kids can be afraid to call the police station

because everything's traceable."

"The school resource officer should be there to assist kids, establish good relationships and let them see police in a friendly manner," said John Alcorn, City of Grosse Pointe chief. "If they come across a kid vaping or smoking, tell the school and let the school handle it. But if, God forbid, something terrible happens, you have someone right there trained to handle things."

Alcorn is terse when stating the role of public safety: "We're in the business of worst-case scenarios. Everyone's worried about active shooters and violence in the schools. We should be. It is very unlikely, but we have to be prepared for it."

"This may become the new normal, the new standard of care going forward," said Ted Kedzierski, mayor of Grosse Pointe Shores. "It's good for students as young adults to interact with our public safety on a daily basis."

"We have great cops," Grosse Pointe Woods Councilman Todd McConaghy said. "They're the most down-to-earth men and women. Maybe I'm looking at this from a Mayberry perspective, but our police officers would be an asset to students."

McConaghy's awareness of the Pointes as a set of small towns

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approved time bank. "Everybody's told, not only here but (at) other businesses in the community, if you're not feeling well, don't come to work and possibly infect a whole bunch of people. It'll be very helpful for that purpose."

According to Schulte, COVID has deeply impacted city staff, at one time leaving just two employees working at

city hall. Without the time bank, city employees are eligible to take one paid sick day per month.

"What Todd (McConaghy) said, too ... 'Everybody's like family here,'" Schulte added, "and I think it shows a lot of positive feedback from council to the employees that they've got support from them."

With perhaps the most qualms displayed during the debate Monday, Jan. 10, Councilman Michael Koester said he ultimately approved the time bank because, even with his hesitations, it was better to have than not.

"Also, and probably more substantially, all the city's employees (independent of vaccination status) are very dedicated to the betterment of the city and that means a lot to me," Koester added via email. "Approving this time bank is a way of acknowledging and recognizing that dedication."

A city employee may use the hours if the employee is subject to quarantine; told by a healthcare provider to self-quarantine; experiencing symptoms and seeking diagnosis; or caring for someone subject to quarantine, all related to COVID-19.

"We want to be able to keep the city services going," Schulte said, "and this helps us do that."

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From left, officers Paul Morang and Derek Wood are sworn in by Mayor Ted Kedzierski Tuesday, Jan. 18.

Shores PS welcomes two new faces

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — A swearing-in ceremony in front of their families and city council Tuesday, Jan. 18, honored the Shores' two newest public safety officers, Paul Morang and Derek Wood.

"This may be one of the best parts of my job, when we go out to find two really good guys and we bring them into our group," Public Safety Director Ken Werenski said. "... It was real important to us during the hiring process to make sure that we bring good people into the city and to work with our community and our residents, and we cer-

tainly were able to find (that with) those two." Morang's first day with the Shores department was Dec. 6, 2021.

Following a six-year career as a paramedic between MedStar Ambulance and Lapeer County EMS, he served as a reserve deputy with the Lapeer County Sheriff's Office for a year before coming to the Pointes.

Morang's interest in law enforcement since he was a kid sparked his interest in EMS in high school, leading him to fall in love with that portion of the job as well.

Aside from long appreciating the beauty of the Pointe communities and kindness of their resi-

dents, Morang was drawn to the opportunity of a job that includes everything he's qualified to do.

"I can do police work, fire fighting, EMS," he explained. "It lets me dive into all of those aspects of the job and it's one of the only places that gives me the opportunity to do that."

With certifications as a critical care paramedic and national advanced EMS instructor, he also has taught as an EMS instructor at Oakland Community College the past three years.

"I want to do well in this new position," he said. "I want to do right by the citizens and hopefully make a difference."

"I look forward to interacting with (residents)," he added. "I look forward to meeting them and getting to know the community and I hope they welcome me. I'm excited to get started."

Wood's first day with the Shores department was Dec. 14, 2021.

Bringing three years of experience working for MedStar Ambulance and the New Haven Fire Department, his long-standing interest also has always been in law enforcement, he said.

"That was the goal to start with and then I kind of got pulled off to go into fire and EMS and I just fell in love with that," he said. "Then I got told that

Flat rate temporary for Hill municipal lot

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — Recent patrons of The Hill may have been surprised to find the implementation of a \$2 flat rate to park in the municipal lot, after an electrical issue at one of the Kercheval restaurants, blew a circuit connected to the lot's entrance gate arm, disabling it.

While repairs for the gate arm have taken longer than expected, City Manager Shane Reeside said, they are anticipated to be completed this week, with the lot returning to its typical rate system.

"In the meantime, we've instructed (the gate attendants) that we're just going to go by the honor system," he added. "When they leave, we're just going to ask how long people were parked and then charge

them accordingly on the regular rates."

Under the \$2 flat rate, those who used the lot to park all day found a bargain with the temporary changes; however, anyone quickly running into Rite Aid to grab an item, felt the opposite effects.

"We have a couple people who just ran into Rite Aid and for five minutes or 10 minutes, normally they'd be charged 75 cents and they were charged \$2," Reeside explained. "So that way it will more accurately reflect what they should be paying."

"... It shouldn't have gone on this long and, in hindsight, I wish they would have gone by the honor system to begin with," he added, "but, anyhow, it's been corrected."

— Laurel Kraus

I could also be a cop and be a fire medic at the same time, so I took the opportunity and it's great."

The positive and proactive culture among the Shores department staff

also played a role in drawing him to the position, Wood added.

"I'd like to have a long, healthy career here (and) see where it takes me," he said.

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doesn't mean they are inherently immune from tragedy, such as school shootings.

"The vast majority of school shooters are in need of mental health," Jensen said. "It doesn't matter if you're from a wealthy community or poor community, a huge school system or small one. Mental illness is mental illness. It affects the child population as well. With the vast majority of these shootings, warning signs were ignored, either by parents, teachers, administrators and kids."

Although the Pointes don't have officers sta-

tioned on campus, the public safety departments have youth officers and others with tasks relating to the school district.

"I taught DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) for five years and recognize the value of having officers in schools," said Bryan Jarrell, Grosse Pointe Park director of public safety. "I saw the tremendous impact it had, not just on kids, but on school staff, parents, teachers, everybody. It was really valuable."

"We have a school resource officer," said John Hutchins, Jensen's successor as Farms chief. "He is responsible for all schools in the Farms. He spends considerable time with

South High because they have more issues than, say, Brownell Middle School. He goes around to all the schools with lectures and teaching scenarios."

"Individual departments and departments collectively will continue to do active shooter training, response to active shooters and things like that," Jarrell said. "We work with the private schools as well."

"We had the PANDA (Protect and Nurture During Academics) program in the City and Park for elementary and middle schools," Alcorn said. "Officers

visited schools to give kids a chance to know the officers."

The program succumbed to social distancing as the COVID pandemic took hold.

"We could still do something like that," Alcorn said.

"I firmly believe the best way to offer protection to students is having two school liaison officers in each high school," Jensen said. "They were headquartered at the high schools, but they took care of the other schools as well. The problem is — as it is with everything — money. Who's going to pay for cops in schools?"

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financing. There's no mortgage on the property. There's no liens on the property for unpaid bills. ... Property taxes are paid. Everything's up to snuff."

Shores City Manager Stephen Poloni confirmed being unaware of any financial trouble with the Deeplands Development.

Final plat approval from Grosse Pointe Shores City Council was reached March 2020, just as COVID-19 shut down much of the state. At a standstill with Wayne County because of the pandemic, Russell was unable to get the plat recorded with the county until October 2020.

With approval for 16 lots on the eight-acre piece of land, construction commenced in December 2020, for a

model home on Lot 2.

With carpenters currently finishing and painters now working, Russell reported, supply chain issues can account for the long timeline of its build. Garage doors, which typically take three to four weeks to order and ship, now are taking four months; window shipments are taking 17 and 22 weeks; the first choice of bricks for the home was out of stock; and the stone for the chimney was delayed.

"Once the carpenters are done, I really can't do anything with the mechanicals inside — which is plumbing, heating and electrical — until the roof's done," Russell explained. "You have to dry the house in, so to speak. You have to have it closed, so if it rains, it's not going to drip all over."

The model home is expected to be fully constructed and ready for showings around Easter.

The Week Ahead

THURSDAY, JAN. 27

◆ Grosse Pointe Library Board of Trustees meeting, 6:30 p.m. at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 2

◆ Grosse Pointe Park Beautification Commission meeting, 7 p.m.
◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Tree Commission meeting, 7:30 p.m.

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◆ Grosse Pointe Park Planning Commission meeting, 7 p.m.

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Africa is home away from home for Pointer

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

As the beneficiary of her parents' enthusiasm for travel from a young age, Phoebe Weinberg long felt a draw toward travel advising, later solidified by a four-month trip around the world as a college graduation gift from her parents.

At 24 years old, she circumnavigated the world, traveling through Japan, South Korea, Singapore, India, Egypt, Jordan, Turkey and all over Europe.

Then, after the youngest of her children reached first grade, Weinberg founded Greatways Travel in 1981.

and to where its advisors personally have been.

Guiding clients through every facet of a trip — flights, hotels, private guides, etc. — the Grosse Pointe Farms resident has built up the business to be rooted in connections she keeps with global contacts on a first-name basis.

"It's that link from here, if you will, to anywhere in the world that we know that we have a trusted ally that will make things happen," she said.

Inspired by traveling with Weinberg growing up, her daughters, Christy Bedsworth and Julie Weinberg, also are travel advisors with Greatways Travel, continuing the cycle their



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Weinberg's family room has souvenirs from many of her trips over the years to places such as Burma, Zambia, South Africa, Singapore, China and Thailand.

sure, the veteran traveler now has visited the African continent 87 times. In February, she hopes to return to Kenya and East Africa.

This love and enthusiasm for the continent has earned her recognition as a Top African Specialist by Condé Nast Traveler 21 years running.

"That was certainly a very honored designation in 2000," she said of the first year she was named, "and that, probably more than anything, engendered people that are now clients calling from all over the United States and England and many parts of Europe."

Among the hundreds of trips Weinberg has taken around the world, she has visited Europe around 35 times, Southeast Asia approxi-

mately 20, South America 12, India more than 10 and Australia/New Zealand three.

"The one continent or place I haven't been to is Antarctica," she said, "and other than that I've been everywhere."

cult to specifically describe, she added.

Stars that seem close enough to touch, sunsets undeterred by pollution and safaris showcasing animals in their natural habitat — and during which one can never be

roles.

"(One client) just came back two days ago," Weinberg recalled, "and she said, 'Phoebe, I just never dreamed it would be what it was. It was so much better than I ever expected. It was so special.' And that's how people feel. It's hard to put into words. And I think that is why it is among parts of the world that are on everyone's bucket list, just because it's such an exceptional experience."

The common thread weaving through the African experiences closest to Weinberg's heart is the people.

On one hand, it includes the passion and commitment of the guides and people in game camps; the joy of forming connections to learn about their lives, goals and dreams; and the local children who love to play barefoot soccer with tourists.

On the other, it features helping clients ship supplies ahead of their vacation to be personally delivered to a Cape Town orphanage in 2019, planning a sundown proposal and arranging camp choirs for client birthdays.

"There's just so many memories and ways that one can touch one's life and that's kind of what Africa does to you," Weinberg said. "It really touches your life, changes your life."



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Weinberg with a white rhino in Kenya.

The agency — with an office on The Hill until the pandemic led to the decision to work from home for the time being — prides itself on offering authentic travel experiences to destinations all over the world

grandparents created. "I feel very blessed," Weinberg said, "because, as I say, the most important strength that one has is your staff, which is a family."

Between business trips and those for lei-



Weinberg in Botswana after a helicopter flight over the Okavango Delta.

What makes Africa the place to which she consistently returns is diffi-

sure what might be seen from one day to the next — certainly play large

The root of clogged sewers

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

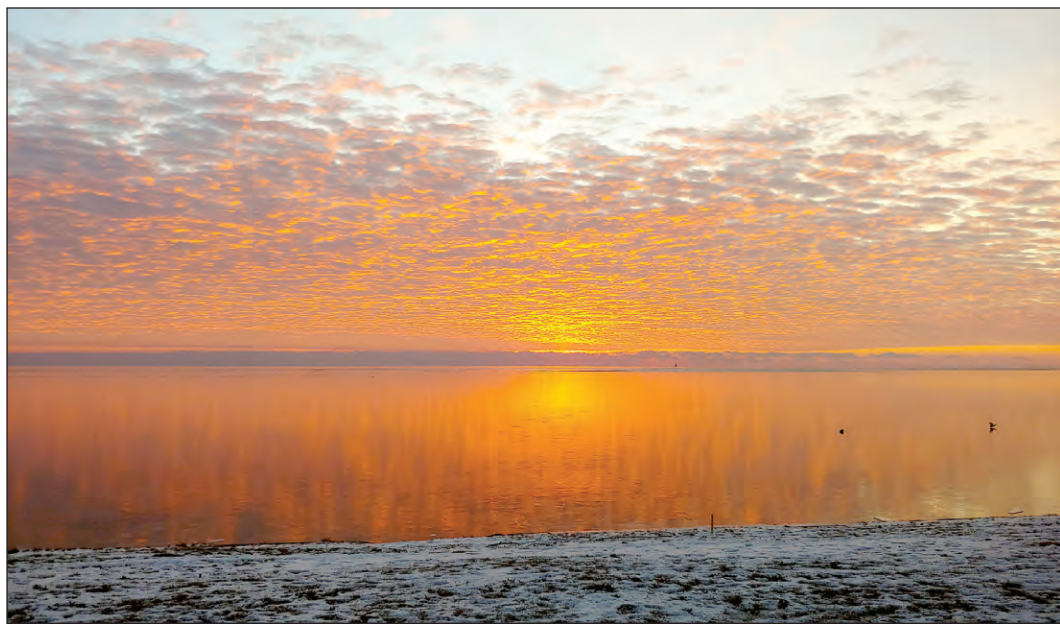
GROSSE POINTE PARK — Although video inspection recently revealed a 78-inch diameter sewer pipe beneath Jefferson to be unobstructed and in good condition, the same isn't true of smaller feeder lines elsewhere in the tree-packed city.

"Several sewers inspected in the north end of the community have significant root growth which is affecting sewer operations," according to a monthly report by Patrick Droze, an engineer with OHM Advisors. The firm was retained after last summer's sewer backups and basement flooding to evaluate

Grosse Pointe Park's sanitary sewer system. Crews were 33,400 feet into the 230,000-foot project as of Jan. 5. Roughly 85 percent of work remains.

"Current efforts are located in the northwest part of the city between Mack and Kercheval," said Nick Sizeland, Grosse Pointe Park city manager. The week of Jan. 13, "work is occurring between Nottingham and Devonshire."

"Root growth is likely attributed to mature trees located in close proximity to the sewer," Droze continued. "This was observed on sections of the sewer system between Balfour and Bedford. Future capital improvement plans should



Perfect timing

Grosse Pointe resident David Kmetz took this breathtaking photo during sunrise on Lakeshore just before 8 a.m. Jan. 8. He said it was amazing timing on his part.

include a root cleaning and lining program that would identify segments with significant root growth."

Roots can be eliminated by mechanical or chemical means.

"Lining of sewers can then help control roots on a long-term basis," Droze reported. "This is accomplished after cleaning by the insertion of cured-in-place, continuous liners that eliminate cracks and joints within the sewers where roots often enter the system."

Lining, which was new technology 20 years ago, is now also a standard way of strengthening old pipes.

"Lining is advantageous for pipes with cracks that affect structural integrity or those that contribute significantly to infiltration," according to Droze. "This is something we'll discuss at (city) council," Sizeland said.

Surveillance also found dirty pipes, not unexpected in sewers.

"After cleaning, lines were generally passable for inspection," according to the report. "A pipe collapse was noted on a 12-inch line within Charlevoix. While the sewer is passing flow, a repair should be completed to help reduce line maintenance and ensure reliability."

Downpours, which prompted basement

backups in the Park, other Pointes and southeast Michigan in June and July, incited multi-jurisdictional redress.

Gov. Gretchen Whitmer established the Southeast Michigan Aging Infrastructure group, involving municipal, state and federal agencies, to assess and recommend improvements to the region's stormwater and sewage infrastructure.

"In response, OHM submitted projects on the city's behalf that included the EERV (extreme emergency relief value) as well as two additional projects," according to Droze.

State permission is required to install the valve, which would direct storm water directly into Lake St. Clair, bypassing

the Great Lakes Water Authority's regional filtration system.

Those other two projects consist of separating storm and sanitary sewer lines in paved alleys and, secondly, installation of backwater valves, which prevent sewer backups into basements.

"We're going to work toward (creating) a sewer system advisory council for city residents that are interested in working with city officials regarding our level of service as we move forward," Sizeland said.

At least two suits have been filed in Wayne County Circuit Court blaming basement flooding on the Park, City of Grosse Pointe, Detroit Water and Sewerage Department, City of Detroit and the Great Lakes Water Authority.

Park officials point to the water authority, which is responsible for providing water and sewerage services to more than 100 communities in southeast Michigan.

"We think the problem begins there," said Jake Howlett, Park city attorney.

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City of Grosse Pointe

Smash, but no grab

Two unknown men in a dark-colored Dodge Charger attempted to gain entry with a crowbar into a business in the 17000 block of Mack Avenue at 4:58 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 19.

Unable to successfully pry open the door, they smashed it and set off the alarm, before fleeing.

The men are believed to be some of the same suspects in recent breaking and entering cases.

— Laurel Kraus

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

Grosse Pointe Woods

Old plates, bad news

A 2007 red Dodge Dakota pickup truck was seen driving with plates that expired February 2021.

The driver was stopped at Allard and Bramcaster at 11:24 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 18. He also had a current suspended license.

The 33-year-old Detroit man was issued citations for driving with license suspended and expired plates. His vehicle was impounded.

Red light means go

A 23-year-old Detroit driver was pulled over at Vernier and Marter for driving through a red light at 1:18 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 19.

The driver was given citations for driving with license suspended, expired plates and no insurance.

The 2016 gray Chrysler was impounded.

Old flame

Sometime between midnight and 8 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 18, the outer pane of a window on a house in the 1700 block of Hollywood was broken, a resident reported. The inner pane was still intact and it is yet unknown how the window was broken.

The resident believes the window-breaker may be related to someone he had been messaging with on Snapchat and Instagram. They were discussing an old girlfriend.

The messages also were sent to all of his LinkedIn account friends.

He received a Snapchat picture Thursday, Jan. 20, of the inside of his home, leading him to believe someone may have

entered his house without permission.

In need of parts

An address in Detroit used a resident's credit card information to order parts from RockAuto at 5:20 p.m. Friday, Jan. 21. The resident's card was charged \$454.72 for the parts.

She obtained a tracking number showing the items were shipped to an address in Detroit.

The telephone number and email address used to make the purchase were unfamiliar to the resident.

She canceled her credit card through her bank.

— Kate Vanderstelt

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

Grosse Pointe Farms

Triple hit

A 30-year-old Detroit woman was pulled over at Mack Avenue and Moross Road at 10:45 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 22, because her vehicle's registration plate was obstructed by a heavily

tinted plastic cover, her registration was expired and also was registered to a different vehicle.

The vehicle was impounded, while the woman was issued a citation for driving while license suspended, improper registration plate and not having insurance.

Driving while license suspended

After being pulled over for an expired registration tab at Mack Avenue and Kerby at 13:49 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 22, a 31-year-old Detroit woman was cited for driving while license suspended and expired registration. Her vehicle was impounded.

Pellet gun

A Harbor Court resident believes his 15-year-old neighbor to be responsible for shattering a glass pane on his ornamental front lawn electric lamp. The boy has been seen using a pellet gun around the neighborhood and to shoot at a hornet's nest.

— Laurel Kraus

Report information

about these and other crimes to the Grosse Pointe Farms Public Safety, (313) 885-2100.

Grosse Pointe Park

Funny money

A wise guy exchanged fooley — counterfeit money to you, rube — for an Xbox a Park man sold through Facebook Marketplace around 2 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 19, in the 1000 block of Wayburn.

The suspect, described by police as a thin, 5-foot, 8-inch 23-year-old black man wearing a red jacket and gray knit hat, left the scene in a red SUV of unknown make operated by an unknown driver.

Porch pirate

There are no suspects in the theft of a package delivered to a porch in the 1400 block of Somerset Saturday, Jan. 22.

The package, delivered by Amazon and containing Lacoste sunglasses worth \$100, was taken between 2:30 and 2:50 p.m., according to police.

— Brad Lindberg

Report information about these and other

crimes to the Grosse Pointe Park Public Safety Department, (313) 822-7400.

Grosse Pointe Shores

Operating while intoxicated

When an officer attempted to pull over a 47-year-old Detroit woman on Lakeshore Road after seeing her get out to observe her flat tire and then continue to drive slowly and swerve, she drove over a curb and nearly struck a light pole at 9:04 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 18.

Although refusing to take a preliminary breath test, the woman smelled of alcohol and stumbled as she exited the vehicle.

She was arrested for operating with a blood alcohol content of .17 percent or more, open liquor transport, resisting officers, obstructing officers, driving while license suspended and a misdemeanor arrest warrant.

— Laurel Kraus

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

THEFTS:

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and one from the lot of an auto shop in Grosse Pointe Farms.

"Any time you leave your car parked somewhere, there's a lot of things that can happen to it," Kosanke added.

Although the Farms theft took place after the owner had dropped off her vehicle at the auto shop, its circumstances made the business not liable for the \$1,200 loss. A representative explained the vehicle was left in the lot after hours and a work order had not yet been placed; if it had, the car likely would have been secured inside the building.

"We didn't have possession at that point and we never had the opportunity to secure the vehicle," he explained, adding the shop offered to repair the vehicle and

only charge the owner for the parts at cost.

According to Farms Deputy Director Andy Rogers, stealing a catalytic converter can take as little as 60 seconds to complete.

"You can patrol and a lot of different things," Kosanke said, "but when a crime takes such a short time, by the time we might get a call from a witness ... that (thief) already is going to be gone."

The payout for the part? Anywhere between \$100 to \$500.

"That's why car thieves go after that," Rogers said. "It's an easy cut out. It's a quick fix. They can do it in under a minute and then they can take it to a scrap yard and the scrap yard dealers are buying it from them."

Replacing the part after it is stolen, on the other hand, ranges from \$950 to \$2,500.

One mitigation effort

is to be deliberate about where one parks. Kosanke encouraged patrons to park as close to buildings as possible when parking in lots.

"That's where more of your foot traffic is going to be, up near the building, because there's people coming in and out of the doors," Kosanke said. "If you're parking your car way off in the corner somewhere, then you're going to make yourself more vulnerable."

He added if cars must be parked in a lot overnight, parking them under street lights is the safest option.

"It's the cars that are kind of tucked off in the dark shadows that your criminals like to prefer," he said.

In terms of residential areas, Kosanke said it's best to keep cars in driveways as close to the house as possible.

Other measures, which could aid in the

recovery of stolen converters or the apprehension of the thieves, include installing doorbell cameras, etching one's license plate number into the catalytic converter and purchasing an anti-theft device.

While the police departments currently do not have any leads on who the thieves may be, efforts include combing security footage and connecting with area departments on similar crimes. Another prominent mitigation tactic, Kosanke said, is simply patrolling the streets.

"That's why we're out there," he said. "That's why you see police cars up and down the road. A lot of times just our visibility will steer criminals out of here. It's a partnership between homeowners and car owners making good choices and then for us keeping tabs on the crime."

CRUNCH:

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The problem may be heading for resolution. Jarrell said his declaration last week was part of the plan.

"I believe my statement last week caused a stir," he said.

The stir totaled at least 260 posts to various social media.

"I'm happy to tell you that today we had three applications for crossing guards," Jarrell said Thursday, Jan. 20. "I think we got the attention of the community, which is what I was hoping to do. Once in a while, if you don't stir things up, everything settles to the bottom of the barrel. You have to stir things up to get it back up to the top again. I'm hoping to get more (applications) as we go further."

Jarrell's tactic echoed Dashiell Hammett's hardboiled Continental Op: "Sometimes just stirring things up is all right — if you're tough enough to survive, and keep your eyes open so you'll see what you want when it comes to the top."

Many of the Park's grade schoolers must travel farther to and from class because the district closed Trombly Elementary School in 2019. Youngsters in its neighborhood were pointed to Defer, across East Jefferson, a busy, four-lane eastside corridor for commuters motoring downtown.

Closure prompted enactment of the Safe Routes to School Program, which directed youngsters from the southside to travel up Westchester, where four-way stops were established at intersections, to a stationed crossing at

East Jefferson.

"State law mandates that crossing guards are the responsibility of the local police department," Jarrell said. "We would

love to have the school participate. I hope they go to their PTAs and find people willing to do it."

The job pays \$18 per hour.

Officers recognized

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day, Jan. 9, fell the day before a Farms council meeting this year and was acknowledged by Mayor Louis Theros.

"We all know that a safe city is an orderly city and we cannot be safe without our public safety officers," he said. "Last year in our nation, nearly 70 police officers died in the line of duty, many unfortunately ambushed by those who favor disorder over a civil society. We have been fortunate that that has not hit our city or region as hard as it hit the rest of the nation."

"That can be attributed to a number of reasons,"

he continued, "one of which is the leadership of the many police departments in our region and at the state level, and another being the respect Michigan citizens have for those who protect our communities."

The nod to officers took place just before promotion ceremonies for Deputy Director Andrew Rogers, Lt. Vincent Finn and Sgt. Matthew Hurner.

"I want to thank each and every one of our PSOs for a job well done," Theros said. "Please know that your hard work is appreciated every day, not just on a national appreciation day."

— Laurel Kraus



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OUR VIEW

Coach Hepner:
Like father,
like son

Congratulations to longtime assistant coach Chad Hepner upon his being named Monday to succeed Tim Brandon as head varsity coach of Grosse Pointe South football.

His appointment is especially pleasing in that he follows in his father's footsteps. Russ Hepner was head coach of the Blue Devils for nearly two decades, 1968-1986.

A 1993 South graduate, Chad Hepner was the first-ever Blue Devils running back to rush for more than 1,000 yards. Like "Welcome Back Kotter," Mr. Hepner returned to his alma mater as a teacher.

He has been a coach in the South football program for 20 years. He even served as interim head coach for the Blue Devils in 2006. He was named Assistant Coach of the Year by the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association in 2014 and made associate head varsity football coach in 2017.

In announcing Mr. Hepner's promotion to head coach, South Athletic Director Brandon Wheeler emphasized the importance of coaches also being teachers. "Being a teacher in the building, Chad has a unique opportunity to forge relationships with players in the classroom and on the field," he said.

We could not agree more. When the best candidate for the coaching position is also a teacher in the school or in the district, it makes good sense.

Congratulations again, Coach Hepner, we look forward to watching you mold upstanding student-athletes — both on the field and in the classroom.

OUR VIEW

Shores
retirees

As Laurel Kraus reported last week, the 20 percent of health care premiums passed on to Grosse Pointe Shores retirees in May 2020 failed to produce the \$2 million liability reduction expected.

Being forced to cover part of their health care premiums created a hue and cry from retirees after having foregone concessions and pay cuts in order to assure health insurance coverage. Residents' yard signs sprouted up declaring, "We Support Our Retirees."

And it appears they had a legitimate beef. One collective bargaining agreement stated if current employees are required to pay part of their health insurance premiums, that requirement would not be passed on to retirees. Clearly, the council's action in May 2020 violated that agreement.

We call on the Grosse Pointe Shores council and mayor to rescind the premium onus on retirees and restore the city's good name as an employer.

Wayne County vaccinations*

As of 1/25	Initiation**	Completions***
Vaccinations	728,176	659,836
% of residents 5+	72.1	65.2
% 5-11 years old	25.7	18.3
% 12-15 years old	54.5	49.2
% 16-64	74.4	67.5
% 65+	92.3	85.4

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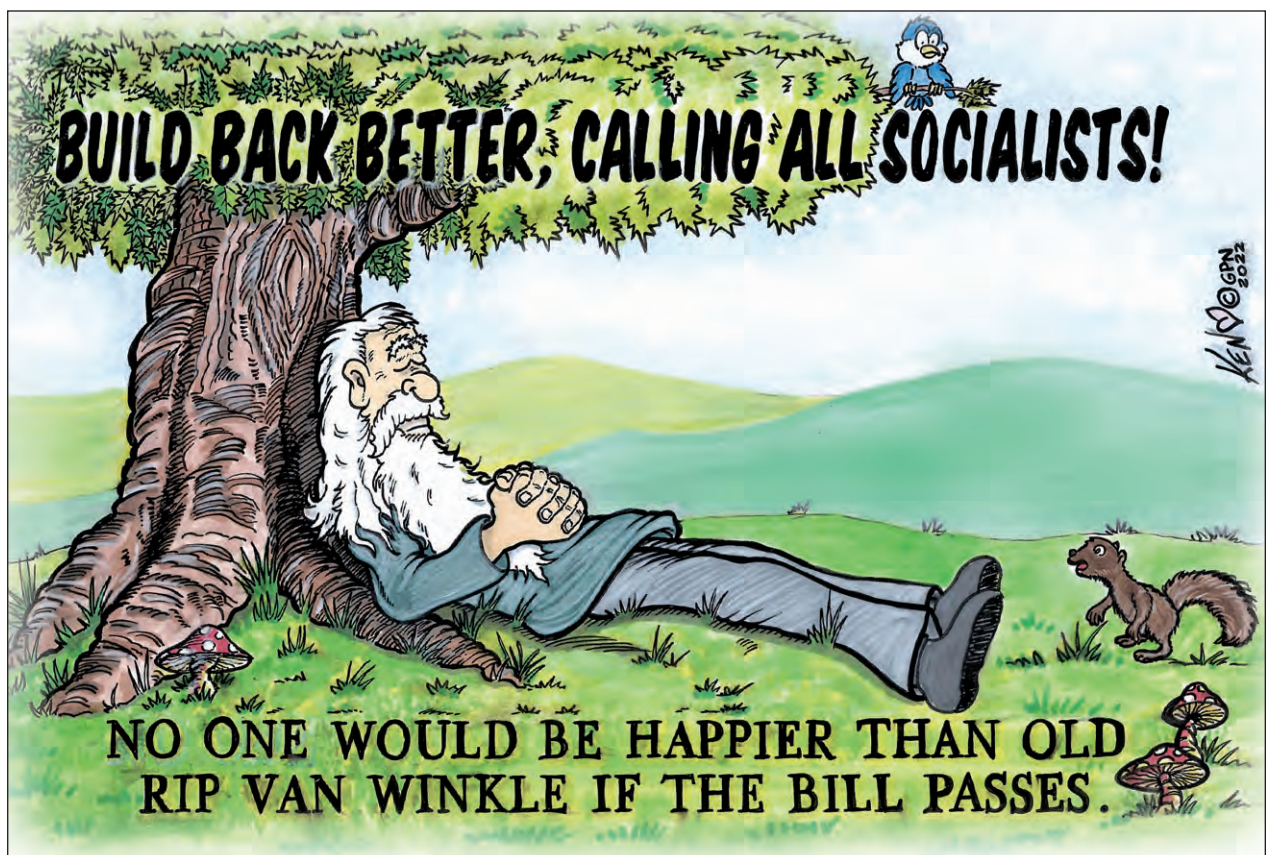


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GUEST VIEW Christopher F. Rufo

The Ghost of Jim Crow

Images from the Jim Crow era in America are seared into the minds of those who lived through it, and of anyone who attended an American history class after the victory of the civil rights movement: side-by-side drinking fountains with signs reading "white" and "colored"; parks and recreation facilities separated into racial enclaves; small-town main streets with whites-only theaters, restaurants, grocers and amenities.

Fortunately, all that ended by the mid-1960s — or so we had thought. In recent years, segregation has been resurrected, but this time under the guise of "racial equity." As I reported in late 2020, government agencies in Seattle, Washington, including the King County Library, King County Prosecutor's Office and the Veterans Administration, began segregating employees by race for diversity training programs, so that whites could "accept responsibility for their own racism" and minorities could be insulated from "any potential harming [that] might arise from a cross-racial conversation."

This year, the new segregation has extended itself into new domains: public education and public-health policy. In Denver, Centennial Elementary School launched a racially exclusive "Families of Color Playground Night" as part of its racial equity programming. In Chicago, Downers Grove South High School held a racially exclusive "Students of Color Field Trip" as part of its own equity initiatives. In the words of Denver Public Schools officials, the administrators implemented the segregated program to "create a space of belonging," which, they said, without a hint of irony, is "about uniting us, not dividing us."

The new segregation also has been implemented in public health-care systems, with state and federal agencies denying COVID vaccines and treatment to individuals based on race. This trend began last year, when Vermont provided the vaccine to all members of racial minorities over age 16, but denied it for whites without specific age or health conditions. Later, New York State, Minnesota, Utah and the federal government adopted health policies that explicitly discriminate against whites, rationing COVID treatments based on race. (After public outcry, Minnesota recently backedtrack on this policy and Utah announced that it is "reevaluating" its policy, but both Utah's and New York's arrangements remain in place as of this writing.)

The most common justification for the new segregation is that racial minorities suffer disparities that must be rectified through "positive" discrimination, which is presented as a solution for America's historical racism. In practice, however, these policies often descend into illogic, cruelty and malice.

Minnesota's recently rescinded criteria, for example, would have prioritized COVID treatment for a healthy 18-year-old black female over a 64-year-old white male with hypertension, who, given the totality of circumstances, faces a much greater risk of serious illness and death. The new politics of race supplants the old science of medicine, with potentially catastrophic consequences for disfavored racial groups.

How is this kind of policy even possible? As legal scholars have made clear, all of these programs are blatantly unconstitutional: they violate the Fourteenth Amendment's Equal Protection Clause and, additionally, the Civil Rights Act's prohibition against racial segregation. Nevertheless, the new segregation is slowly embedding itself in every domain of public policy. The gambit, for the progressives who support it, is to establish a new status quo — so-called "antiracist discrimination" — and to use their superior cultural power to intimidate the majority into acquiescence.

For now, they appear to be succeeding. Conservative groups, such as the Southeastern Legal Foundation and Parents Defending Education, have challenged the new segregation on legal grounds, but those cases will take years to wind their way through the federal courts. In the meantime, progressives are likely to solidify their position and continue to normalize the policy of "segregation for social justice." If they succeed, they will send the country backward, reviving old antagonisms and hollowing out the Constitution's civil rights protections.

Voters of all persuasions should be appalled by this development and work to subvert it. There is, no doubt, a strong majority of Americans who oppose state-mandated racial discrimination. Unless they speak out publicly against it, however, the new segregation will continue to spread through our institutions — threatening the foundations of civil rights law and fundamental principles of American society and government.

Christopher F. Rufo is a senior fellow at the Manhattan Institute.

LETTERS

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School system
experienced
significant
change

To the Editor:
I wanted to clarify a few points made in the Jan. 20 Our View, "2020 Census: Population Little Changed," which asks: "Why is the school district making such a big

deal out of race and diversity? What has changed now vs. 10 years ago?"

It also suggests the Grosse Pointe Public School System is "making race and diversity the pillars of its recently adopted three-year strategic plan."

The GPPSS strategic plan provides a roadmap for the next three years,

with cultivating educational excellence at the heart of our mission.

While race and diversity, accompanied by equity and inclusion, serve as guideposts, the three focus areas below and their accompanying goals and objectives are the pillars, as clearly outlined at www.gpschools.org.

◆ **Curriculum, Instruction & Student Learning** — GPPSS will cultivate a robust and equitable educational community where all learners are empowered to reach their unique potential.

◆ **Global Competency, Real World Literacy & Readiness** — GPPSS will provide learning opportunities that allow students to acquire the attitudes, values, knowl-

edge and skills that prepare them to be contributing members of society in the real world.

◆ **Family & Community Engagement** — GPPSS will develop and nurture strong connections among schools, families and the community to broaden opportunities for student growth and learning.

We are proud of our continuing work around race and diversity, as 21.63 percent of GPPSS students — more than a fifth — represent a minority race (Source: Michigan Department of Education 2020-2021 Racial Census Report).

Moreover, diversity in our school system exists in myriad other forms, including ethnicity,

See LETTERS, page 8A

I SAY By John Minnis

Among 2% to take tree survey!



Not since I got a personally signed letter from Ed McMahon saying I was one among few to be in the final running for Publisher's Clearinghouse Sweeptstakes have I been so honored.

Last week I received an invitation to take the 2022 Michigan Survey from the Arbor Day Foundation. "Only about 2 percent of people are selected," the letter stated.

Since the odds of you getting chosen are minis-

cule, I thought I would share the survey with you.

1. Please describe the immediate area where you live.

- Urban
- Suburban
- Rural
- Other

2. Have you ever climbed a tree?

Yes

No

3. When you were a child, did you ever play under or amongst trees?

Yes

No

4. Did you ever collect leaves, acorns or pine cones for a school project or just for fun?

Yes

No

5. Do you ever relax in the shade of a tree?

Yes

No

6. Do you think the

Eastern White Pine is an appropriate choice as the state tree of Michigan?

Yes

No

Not Sure

7. Do you think in general, residents of Michigan care more about trees than people in the rest of the country?

Yes

No

Not Sure

8. Which one of the following would you say is the single most important function of trees?

Providing shade

Providing oxygen

Being a source of beauty

Removing carbon dioxide to slow climate change

Filtering water

Saving energy by cooling our homes and neighborhoods

Providing habitats for birds and animals

9. Can you identify the trees near your Grosse Pointe Woods home?

Some of them

Almost all of them

None of them

10. How many trees do you have on your property?

0

1-3

4-7

More than 7

11. Have you ever planted a tree?

Yes

No

12. Do you have a bird feeder near your home?

Yes

No

13. How do you think Michigan has done on conservation in the past year?

Very well

Not too bad

Could be better

Poorly

Not sure

14. On a scale of 1-10,

with 10 being most important, how important do you think it is to increase communities' tree canopy?

15. On a scale of 1-10,

with 10 being most important, how important do you think it is to restore forests destroyed by fire?

16. On a scale of 1-10,

with 10 being most important, how important do you think it is to replenish the trees in America's forests?

17. On a scale of 1-10,

with 10 being most important, how important do you think it is to save the Earth's rainforests?

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YESTERDAY'S HEADLINES

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RUBBISH ISSUE SPLITS COUNCIL: The rubbish disposal problem in the City which is pressing with increasing urgency with the approaching loss of its reduction plant at Radnor and Warren, because of the sale of the property to the Augustinian order, came to

a boil Monday night. When the smoke cleared away, Councilman Carpenter, who has been a member of the special salvage committee, had resigned and the City Clerk was directed to start the hunt again to find some better way of getting rid of the City's waste materials.

RINK AT KERBY-CHALFONTE ENLARGED: The demands of Pointers for additional ice skating facilities on safe inland rinks

made some progress with the enlargement of a natural rink at Kerby and Chalfonte in Grosse Pointe Farms.

1972

50 years ago this week

WOODS PASSES UNIQUE LAW: A proposed ordinance to provide for equitable distribution of the number and

type of business, commercial, professional and service establishments within the city was adopted by the Woods council on Monday. The number and type of such establishments would be limited in relationship to the population of the Woods in order to protect "the peace, health, safety, general welfare and economic stability of the community and to further prevent adverse effects upon the community by any such operations."

SOUTH HIGH PLANS FOR PARKING APPROVED: An understanding has been reached between Grosse Pointe Farms and the Grosse Pointe Public School System with regard to the number of on-site parking spaces which the school system will provide on the South High School site following and during the proposed construction of additions, remodeling and renovations to South. Prior to construction there were 308 parking spaces provided; following construction the school system will provide a total of 350 permanent on-site parking spaces.

CHIEF NEARLY HIRED: The search for a new public safety director is near an end. Contract

SHORES OFFICER PRAISES GENEROSITY:

The official reports are in regarding the success of the 1996 "Feed a Family" campaign and Grosse Pointe Shores Police Lt. Stephen Poloni wants to make sure Shores residents know how much brighter they made the holidays for more than 1,000 needy families in the tri-county area. "The bottom line is if it wasn't for the residents of Grosse Pointe Shores, we wouldn't have this program. They are very giving and compassionate," said Poloni, who heads the local charitable effort.

Obituaries: Alexandra L. Stowers, Edward A. Batchelor Jr., Sally M. Schultz, Bruce A. Stork, Jean A. Klozik, Robert T. Elliot, Olga C. Denler, William G. Warren, Jeanne Foley

details are being settled for John Schulte, a 32-year veteran lawman, to replace retiring chief Stephen Poloni. Schulte, himself retired two years ago as assistant director of Grosse Pointe Park Public Safety, was sworn in this week at Shores headquarters.

SCHOOL BOARD TAKES SHAPE:

A new regime materialized Monday, headed by former secretary Judy Gafa, as the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education officially designated member positions during its January meeting. The board contentiously elected for the atypical, with Gafa assuming the presidency following three years as secretary and rookies Lois Valente, vice president, and Dan Roeske, secretary, taking roles typically reserved for more experienced members. Brendan Walsh resumes his role as treasurer, while Tom Jakubiec, Cindy Pangborn and Joan Dindoffer are trustees.

Obituaries: Janet Hohendorf, Luther Anderson Need, Corinne E. Beeby, Sherryl Lynn Smith

GUEST VIEW By Jeffrey D. Brasie

Opportunity for GOP

In a younger life, I had the honor of working for two leaders who went on to become Republican U.S. Senators. They were the late John H. Chafee (R-R.I.) and late John W. Warner (R-Va.).

At the time I served on their public affairs staff when they were Secretary of the Navy. As a young petty officer, I wrote press releases, conducted research for speeches and important forums, and monitored what the media was saying about the Navy and Marine Corps.

Chafee and Warner had amazing attributes interacting with their military members, defense department leaders, the U.S. Congress and Presidential cabinet members. When they appeared before Congress, each offered a well-researched plan for a fiscal year capital and operating budget. They ensured they offered measurable goals.

When Chafee and Warner joined the Senate, I periodically remained in contact with them and their staff. From this interaction and monitoring the media, it was obvious to me they were skilled in crossing the aisle, interacting with a variety of national and international leaders and understanding the U.S. Constitution. They continued to be attuned in offering measurable results.

Within my healthcare CEO career, I carried forward in what I learned from these leaders and others in my life. I established, with a team, a strategic plan, annual operating budget or related topic offering a plan with measurable results in support of the organization's mission.

Where am I going with this saga of my life's history?

In recent years, the National Republican party (GOP) has not offered a platform with measurable results. Rather their efforts focused on the former president.

As reported by the national media,

several weeks ago, a panel of Republican leaders, former Trump staff officials and related leaders conducted a lengthy telephone conference. Their focus was to encourage the establishment of a GOP platform and seek another Republican for the office of the president vs. Trump.

There are a number of current and ongoing Congressional, civil and criminal investigations being conducted against the former president, his family members, close associates and related supporters. Not to overlook the recent U.S. Supreme Court ruling that any and all materials requested must be turned over to the multi-party Congress committee

investigating the Jan. 6, 2021, U.S. Capital insurrection.

It is fully clear to me that these investigations are not occurring as a whim but for a valid reason.

Trump and many of the aforementioned have refused to appear before these investigations either as a request or subpoena. As I reflect, if you have nothing to conceal, it certainly offers logic why would you not appear?

Without a doubt in my mind there is going to be "trouble in River City" with all of these investigations.

As an individual exposed to dynamic and caring leaders, I fully grasp the urgent need for the GOP to establish a platform with a vision. The platform would be designed to serve the nation, democracy, the world and support the U.S. Constitution.

Developing a platform would drive who the best GOP presidential candidate would be for the party, rather than driven by a personality.

America deserves a multi-party system, each with a platform in support of the U.S. Constitution.

Jeffrey D. Brasie is a retired health care CEO who frequently writes historic feature stories and op-eds. He is a former Alpena resident and resides in suburban Detroit.



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Tracks lead out to a pop-up fishing shelter on Ford Cove at the Ford House in Grosse Pointe Shores.

Winter wonderland

Wildlife tracks in the snow along the cove at Ford House.



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The sun came out Jan. 23, creating tall shadows from the trees along the shore across from Bird Island at Ford House.

LETTERS:

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socioeconomic status, gender, sexual orientation, language, culture, national origin, religious commitments, age, (dis)ability status and political perspective.

Most importantly, we believe meeting the needs of every student in the five Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods is best achieved through equitable access and opportunity to our programs and services, from fostering and inspiring intellectual curiosity in our youngest learners, to empowering students of all ages to become leaders.

By “equitable” we mean the process of ensuring that processes and programs are impartial and fair and provide opportunities for every student to reach their unique potential. Inclusion is the practice of ensuring that all students feel a sense of belonging.

While the demographic data for the broader community shared in your editorial may not indicate change, we as educators have experienced significant changes in the last decade. It is our responsibility to keep pace with and embrace those changes as we prepare students for the world outside our school walls and city borders and for the futures that await them.

DR. M. JON DEAN
GPPSS Superintendent

Recalling Dr. King tribute

To the Editor:

Last fall members of the Grosse Pointes & Harper Woods NAACP were pleased to attend the unveiling of a historic marker honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. It recognizes and honors “The Other America” speech Dr. King delivered in 1968 at Grosse Pointe High School.

In addition to highlighting unequal access for blacks to everything from education to housing — problems still lingering today — he spoke to the need for an honest discussion about race and the inability to solve the problem without such a conversation:

“I do not see how we will ever solve the turbulent problem of race confronting our nation until there is an honest confrontation with it and a willing search for the truth and a willingness to admit the truth when we discover it.”

Among the sponsors underwriting the marker at the high school now known as Grosse Pointe South was the Grosse Pointe News. That’s why despite its recent commit-

ment to memorializing Dr. King’s words and history, its editorial last week was offensive and hypocritical.

The editorial, “2020 Census: Population Little Changed,” posits a false premise that so-called discussions about diversity aren’t necessary because the black population in the Pointes hasn’t increased over the last decade. Conversely, the Grosse Pointe News would have us believe that it remains the prerogative of the white majority to determine the standards of dignity and respect. Those values, along with equity and inclusion, must be viewed as foundational principles of our democracy, not some arcane formula that is “tweaked” every 10 years.

Aside from subtle calls for a return to segregation of thought and community, these premises are also childishly flawed. To wit: Should only white people be taught about George Washington?

Shame on this paper for initiating a campaign of fear mongering and falsehoods while at the same time pretending to support the cause. Readers should reject this blatant call for exclusion lest, as Dr. King said, we continue our march to a shameful other America.

CYNTHIA M. DOUGLAS
President, Grosse Pointes & Harper Woods NAACP

Editor’s note: The Our View referenced in this letter did not state that the Grosse Pointe News was against discussions on diversity in the school system. We merely questioned why race and diversity have been made the central pillars upon which the entire public school system’s new strategic plan rests. Apparently such questions make us into fear mongers and segregationists.

A significant platform

To the Editor:

In 1968, after a school board vote and despite substantial opposition, Grosse Pointe hosted Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. who delivered his powerful “The Other America” speech.

Over the “discourtesy of the night” Dr. King expressed appreciation for the invitation to “occupy this significant platform.”

(The historic marker at GPSHS helps us all to remember, thanks to the efforts of the Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors and the Grosse Pointe News.)

Grosse Pointe is indeed a significant platform. With that platform comes rightful pride and responsibility. For example, in our schools it’s always

within students’ reach to do good for themselves, and to do better here and beyond. For each student to fully realize this potential, as Dr. King stated in that Grosse Pointe gym years ago, “...somehow, we must come to see in this pluralistic, interrelated society we are all tied together in a single garment of destiny, caught in an inescapable network of mutuality.”

I reflected on all this last week as we commemorated Dr. King’s birthday and as select census data on racial diversity was raised to question the value of the GPPSS strategic plan that in part looks to build on prior work in diversity, equity and inclusion.

Many here believe our schools can be even better for personal and collective achievement under this strategic plan and see the value in celebrating all aspects of diversity, ensuring equity and working toward true inclusion for every family. Let’s all hearken back to Dr. King’s words from our very own significant platform, “With this faith we will be able to transform the jangling discourse of our nation into a beautiful symphony of brotherhood.”

MAUREN KRASNER
Grosse Pointe Farms

Disheartened

To the Editor:

I was confused and frankly disheartened by your Our View “2020 Census: Population Little Change.”

As a grandmother of two recent GPPSS graduates thriving at top universities and with four grandchildren still to come through the Grosse Pointe Schools it seems really simple to me.

ALL students deserve to feel safe and supported at school. ALL students deserve an education that empowers them to grow to their highest potential. And that is exactly what I see when I see a strategic plan that supports hiring and retaining the highest quality teachers and ensuring every child is valued.

I am perplexed as to why when making an argument about the Grosse Pointe public schools you didn’t use the actual student population data? It’s easily available from the state of Michigan (GPPSS is on page 50).

The wider Pointes data, which includes all age groups and with the glaring omission of Harper Woods, doesn’t reflect the actual STUDENTS served by the district—and that is who matters here.

We should keep the focus on the students and best meeting their needs.

MARIA SIMON
Grosse Pointe Farms

LWV presents virtual panel discussion

The League of Women Voters of Grosse Pointe and the Grosse Pointes & Harper Woods branch of the NAACP sponsor the virtual program, “What U.S. History Do We Teach in Our Schools?”

Learning the country’s story is a crucial part of every child’s education, but which story should be told and who decides?

The League has assembled a panel of speakers to help attendees learn more about the state’s history standards that guide curriculum for all Michigan public schools and, in particular, what children are learning about American history in the Grosse Pointe Public School System.

Panelists include:
◆ David Hales, social studies consultant for the Wayne Regional Educational

Service Agencies, who will explain how the state’s history standards are developed, how they have changed in recent years, what they mean and how districts use them to guide their instruction;

◆ P.J. Palen, lead U.S. history teacher at Grosse Pointe South High School, who will talk about the topics middle and high school students explore in U.S. history courses in eighth and 11th grades; and

◆ a graduate from a Grosse Pointe high school.

The community is invited to register for this event. Questions for panelists may be submitted at the registration link. Register for the program and submit questions at lwvgrossepointe.org.

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Poupard sale moves forward

Michael Hartt
Schools Reporter

THE GROSSE POINTES

— At the Jan. 24 Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education meeting, the board voted 5-0 in favor of a resolution to issue a request for proposal, or RFP, to sell the former Poupard Elementary School building.

Board members Ahmed Ismail and David Brumbaugh were not in attendance.

Prior to the resolution being developed, the GPPSS administration met with representatives from Harper Woods regarding the sale and with Great Northern Consulting Group to split the responsibilities of the RFP.

With the resolution to issue an RFP approved, it will be released early February with proposals due late March. After interviews with prospective developers throughout April and May, an award will be made by the board in May or June. Construction on the site with the chosen developer likely will begin in spring 2023, according to the resolution.

Board member Margaret Weertz responded to concerns from community members regarding the sale of the site possibly altering district boundaries and affirmed the district's commitment to providing an education to students who previously attended Poupard.

"We received a letter to the board about selling

this property and (concerns regarding the) students who buy into that neighborhood, if there were a development there, would be taken out of our school district. And I want to say affirmatively that I would not support that," Weertz said. "I want every single one of our students who belongs in our district to stay in our district. Those students are very valuable to us as people and as resources, and so I just want to make it clear that just because we are selling the building, we will not be changing any of the boundaries and those students would still go to our schools."

BOE members support end to masks

Three GPPSS school board members — Colleen Worden, Margaret Weertz and Lisa Papas — voiced their disapproval of the current district policy to require students to wear masks while in school buildings.

These comments mark the first possible shift in the board's opinion of the matter since a proposal by Papas to end the mask mandate failed last November.

The current rationale for the district policy regarding required masking stems from a Wayne County Health Department mandate requiring students to wear masks in all schools in the county.

The three members suggested they would support conversations with Wayne County to

resolve the issue.

Worden explained she does not think it is necessary for students to wear masks in schools, because of several reasons that make the policy seem illogical.

"It is time for us to get rid of these masks," Worden said. "It seems like everybody you know has COVID now and it seems like it is spreading rapidly and most of these people I know have been mask wearers and vaccinated people. And so at some point we need to have a real discussion with Wayne County about these mandates and get rid of them. I have said this since I have been seated on this board, but the schools seem to be the only place that (are) mandating (masks)."

While several public comments expressed support for the end to a mask mandate, parent Abigail Ward advocated for stricter measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in schools.

"I do not understand why we wouldn't keep stricter guidelines for our kids who aren't yet vaccinated," Ward said. "Especially for kids like my son who are at high risk. With that said, the masks are important, not only to prevent deaths, but also prevent illnesses that are causing kids to suffer long term."

Town hall

GPPSS administration members held a town hall Jan. 20, to address community questions

regarding the district's recently adopted strategic plan. The town hall was held virtually, with participants submitting questions beforehand and viewing the administration members' responses live.

The town hall addressed a wide range of topics, with questions submitted regarding the makeup of the strategic planning committee, the choice of whether or not to include things in the strategic plan and the implementation of the plan.

Some attendees, such as community member Kate Hopper, took issue with the format of the town hall, which they said was not engaging enough with the community.

"I was very frustrated because (the panelists) took the questions ahead of time, came up with their answers and they simply presented their answers without any back and forth with the public," Hopper said. "From what I've seen, many community members have some strong concerns about what the strategic plan is not focusing on. And I was hoping that that town hall would have been our opportunity to discuss these concerns and it didn't turn out that way."

In response to questions about why topics such as school safety and COVID learning loss were left out of the strategic plan, Keith Howell, director of Pre-K and Elementary Instruction, said there are many

things the district continues to work on outside of the strategic plan.

"There are a lot of things that we as a school district really still focus on even if it's not in the (strategic) plan," Howell said. "... Safety (is a topic) that we as a school district take extremely seriously."

Superintendent Jon Dean addressed a question asking why the makeup of the committee was skewed so heavily toward GPPSS staff members.

He said through the selection process for strategic planning members, they considered many recommendations and chose who they thought most holistically represented the district.

"Having done strategic planning now twice in this district and twice in our preceding district, figuring out who is on the team is never easy," Dean said. "So I think the only way to do that is to do it transparently. So as we said before, we (wanted) to make sure we had people from all different buildings. And we also really relied on our board members. We asked every board member to nominate as many people as they wanted to serve on that committee. And then we made sure that we identified people to serve from those lists to be on the committee."

Toward the end of the town hall, Dean specified that although the plan was approved by the board and is actively being put into motion, it will continue to develop.

"We are not done with putting details on that strategic plan. This cannot be a document that is done," Dean said. "It needs to be a plan that is lived and put in place in all of our buildings."

He also encouraged community members to continue sending questions regarding the plan and the administration would answer many of them on the strategic plan page of the district website.

PRIDE OF THE POINTES

Elijah Rollerson of Grosse Pointe Woods recently graduated from Bethel University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology.

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Noah Tylenda of Grosse Pointe Farms recently graduated from the University of Wisconsin—Madison Law School with a Juris Doctor degree.

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Ardian Kelmendi of the City of Grosse Pointe recently was named to the Dean's List Honor Roll for the summer 2021 semester at Lawrence Technological University. Kelmendi is studying computer engineering.

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Salvatore Costa of Grosse Pointe was named to the summer 2021 President's List at Southern New Hampshire University.





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the advocacy group, Paid Leave for the United States, is excited to celebrate his daughter's fifth birthday.

"I was lucky enough to have a job when my daughter was born (that) offered me paid leave," Sroka said. "It's important to say as a straight, white guy in Grosse Pointe Farms, it was really important for me to have that time to feel like a competent parent."

Love of offspring is where the similarity ends. Mother and apple pie weren't part of a conversation focusing on the federal paid leave proposal within the Build Back Better Act.

"The general Build Back bill is a multi-trillion-dollar tax-and-spend bill that would crush millions of jobs in America," Scalise said. "It would also increase inflation. It puts in a number of socialist programs."

Taxpayer-funded family and medical leave is a component of the act as passed through the House of Representatives. It remains a work in progress as the overall legislation is wrangled in the



Steve Scalise

Senate with Sen. Joe Manchin, D-W.Va., bucking his party and bolstering Republican unanimity to achieve majority opposition.

"Earlier in the process we were talking about as much as 12 weeks (paid leave)," Sroka said. "Toward the end of November, it was whittled down to four weeks. His (Manchin's) opposition is not just because he opposes paid family and medical leave. It's because he thinks there is a path to bipartisan legislation separate from the Build Back Better bill because paid family and medical leave is a broadly popular policy in the United States."

Scalise opposes the government paying employed people to step away from jobs, especially when they are free to choose employers offering paid time off

as a benefit.

"One of the big problems we've seen since the pandemic is that the government pushed more inflation by paying people not to work," Scalise said. "Any time you add federal programs that mandate the government pay people not to work, it's going to lead to fewer people working. That also leads to higher prices for families when they go to the grocery store, when they go to a restaurant and see one-third of the tables empty but have to wait an hour to get in because there aren't enough workers."

Inflation is at a 40-year high. Few people of age since the early 1980s have a notion of the economic restrictions imposed by consistently rising prices and paying 12 percent interest on auto loans.

"Big government socialism runs directly head-on into freedoms we enjoy," Scalise said. "Socialist countries all fail. The place they fail the most is taking away the ability for people to live a good-quality life. One of the reasons we've (Republicans) done so well with Hispanic voters is in the last few years many of them fled socialist governments. They don't want to see that

here. Big government socialism is easy to spot and it's devastating to people who love freedom."

Paid leave and inflation are linked, Sroka said, but in ways opposite to Scalise's criticism.

"All economic evidence shows guaranteed paid leave increases productivity of employees, which is a force for trying to tamp down inflation," Sroka said. "I can't get into the specifics of the inflationary impacts of other parts of the Build Back Better Act, but if you're focused on paid family and medical leave, it's a key tool to keep inflation down."

A Google search of Sroka produced a statement on his Twitter account: "For most of the industrialized world, paid leave is guaranteed. Because as rewarding and wonderful as parenthood is, taking care of a newborn is work."

Redefining nurturing as a job warranting government pay disgusts Scalise.

"One of the great joys in life is bringing a child into the world, helping raise them, waking at 3 in the morning to change a diaper," Scalise said. "It's part of the experience of being a new parent. I never expected the government to pay me to change that

diaper. It's ludicrous to suggest the government's got to do that."

The plan

"At some point in your life, you will either have needed care from somebody else or will need to provide care to others," Sroka said.

Paid Leave in the U.S. advocates three categories of leave paid through the federal government for parental, caregiving and personal medical needs.

"The parental is obvious," Sroka said. "It's after the birth of a child, both for the birth-giving parent but also for a partner that's supporting that parent. Caregiving leave is caring for an elderly family member or spouse. Personal medical leave is caring for yourself when recovering from serious illness. It includes dealing with a loved one's military deployment and for those finding safety from domestic violence or sexual assault."

It isn't the same as sick leave.

"Sick leave generally is leave measured in hours," Sroka said. "The kind of leave we're talking about with paid family and medical leave is measured in days or weeks. It works on a sliding scale so the lowest wage workers might receive as much as 80 percent of their weekly wage. The overall wage replacement would be capped at \$4,000 per month."

Everyone is eligible.

"It reaches those who have the least access to it now, that is, people making the least," Sroka said. "This is about making sure we have an equitable leave for all families, all workers across all sectors and sizes of companies. Contractors and 1099 workers would also be covered."

Federal benefits are presented as arriving free to the private sector.

"The plan would have no additional costs for businesses," Sroka said. "It's paid for primarily by taxes on large corporations and wealthy individuals. It's not administered as a social insurance product."

All these free things have a cost, according to Phillip Swagel, director of the Congressional Budget Office.

Upon requests from Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., and Rep. Jason Smith, R-Mo., both ranking members of their respective budget committees, Swagel's office analyzed Build Back Better's spending impact, assuming it would be enacted for 10 years instead of the one to three years as stated in the legislation.

"The Congressional Budget Office and the staff of the Joint Committee on Taxation project that a version of the bill modified as you have specified would increase the deficit by \$3 trillion over the 2022-2031 period," Swagel wrote the pair Dec. 21, 2021.

Build Back also bumps heads with federal Pay As You Go laws, which mandate spending increases be offset by cuts or countered by increased revenue.

Swagel concluded, in a Feb. 25, 2021 letter to Rep. Kevin McCarthy, R-Calif., there isn't enough money in existing or accounts eligible for sequester to offset all of Congress's recent spending: "(The) CBO estimates the legislation would increase deficits by \$1.9 trillion of the

2021-2031 period."

"The public's turned on all these multi-trillion-dollar bills because they see how much they're hurting them in terms of higher costs," Scalise said. "Virginia (where a Republican unseated a Democrat governor) was a big telltale sign that even in a blue state they said enough with spending, enough with government control, parents have a right to be involved with their children's education and they want government to stop all these spending bills that are raising costs, paying people not to work, raising taxes and that are killing jobs. It all ties together."

Leftist hate

Scalise knows more than most about left-wing intolerance.

In 2017, a Bernie Sanders-backing, President Donald Trump hater used a rifle to shoot Scalise and three others attending Republican practice for the annual Congressional baseball game.

Two years later, another leftist, reportedly mad about Trump's anti-illegal immigration enforcement, received five years in prison for leaving threatening voicemail messages with Scalise and a female conservative lawmaker.

"We are going to feed them lead," according to the Scalise message.

"The far left is about canceling everybody who disagrees with their philosophy," Scalise said.

He likened the strategy to totalitarianism.

"Look at third-world nations and tyrants," he said. "The first thing they want to do is shut down people that disagree with them. We are fortunate and blessed to live in a country that cherishes freedom of expression, including disagreeing with other people or your government, and being able to do that without fear of retribution. Yet, they want to cancel anybody who disagrees with the far-left socialist thought."

Back on social media, Sroka doesn't abide Sen. Manchin's support of Republican opposition.

"Joe Manchin is trash. That is all," Sroka posted on Facebook Dec. 19, 2021.

"I stand by everything I've said online," Sroka said. "The way Sen. Manchin has comported himself during this process has been shameful. Paid leave, in particular, would directly help the people of West Virginia that are dealing with the addiction crisis."

Sroka said online posts are at times intemperate, his included, but must be understood in context.

"If Sen. Manchin wants to prove me wrong and stand with the people of West Virginia and deliver on a paid leave program as part of a Build Back Better bill, I'll happily say positive things about his decision to do that," Sroka said.

"Trash" is one of Sroka's go-tos.

"Betsy DeVos is trash," he posted Jan. 7, 2021, upon DeVos resigning as U.S. Education Secretary. "Her resignation ... should not for one second absolve her of what she did proping up the bigot in the White House and attacking public schools, teachers and students."

Scalise said, "If people on the far left aren't coming after you, then you're not doing your job."



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This place is a zoo!



Lou's Pet Shop owner expands to GP Zoology

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Educational presentations and school programs are nothing new to Donnie Cook, owner of Lou's Pet Shop in Grosse Pointe Woods. He's been toting tortoises, snakes and assorted reptiles across the Pointes for 10 of the 17 years he's owned the beloved community pet store.

As a natural progression of his business, Cook recently expanded operations to a second location down the street. GP Zoology, 21151 Mack, allows Cook a private space to highlight the animals he has acquired and plans to acquire, as well as host private parties and presentations.

The most recent addition to his menagerie is Oliver, an 8-month-old Hoffman's two-toed sloth that was orphaned in Central America.

"They are rescued when they get disconnected from their mothers, either through predation or if they fall off the mom's belly," Cook explained, noting the tree-dwelling creatures won't risk their lives against predators to reclaim a fallen baby from the forest floor. "Rescue groups go



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

Top, Oliver, an 8-month-old Hoffman's two-toed sloth, hangs out at GP Zoology. Above, Lou's Pet Shop and GP Zoology owner Donnie Cook provides a perch for Skittles, a panther chameleon.

through and find them, raise them, bottle feed them. But when they're humanized, they don't have a lot of success in the wild."

Oliver was one of two rescued sloths who found homes in the United States this summer. He is active a couple hours a day, potty trained and adjusting to the activity

level at his new home.

"We're super honored and excited to have him here," Cook said. "We let him interact with the kids. They hand-feed him. Now he has an enrichment perch outside of his cage. Eventually we'll have a big tree out front he can hang out on. ... He's doing so well in captivity."

Oliver isn't the only creature hanging around GP Zoology, which has a USDA federal license to have exotic animals. A peek into the business's back room reveals an incubator for reptile eggs, as well as tub upon tub of reptiles, from crusted, micro and chameleon geckos to Rankins dragons.

A "snake wall" also is housed in the back room, featuring a family of green tree pythons, among other species.

"This space is hybrid," Cook said. "It's an educational space and a sanc-



One of several crusted geckos at GP Zoology.

tuary space. We're going to be taking in more rescues and breeding animals. Part of our mantra is being sustainable with pet keeping. We want to produce as many animals as we can. Part of that is utilizing space here to produce pets for kids in the community.

"... We love to work with reptiles," he added. "It's rewarding to see eggs laid, to incubate them properly, see them hatch and raise them up."

The back area also will house a mammal room for breeding hedgehogs and hamsters, including hairless hamsters for children with allergies.

Having animals on hand, Cook said, will allow children to learn about earth science or environmental science with something tangible, "so they can connect to it and see why we think about the things we do."

He also hopes to help all ages become more comfortable with and

knowledgeable about certain animals.

"Part of growing up, for me, I remember walking into pet shops and wanting to touch and feel and hold the animals," he said. "My goal is for kids to get outside the mindset of having a fear of tarantulas and snakes. I want to open their minds a bit about what's out there."

The past year or so, Cook has been working hard to get GP Zoology up and running in a building that sat vacant 30 years after its last tenant, a paint store, moved out. The open floor plan educational space offers plenty of room for private parties and presentations. During construction—and currently—the words "Dinosaur Research Center ..." adorned the front window.

"Reptiles are a big thing we do at Lou's," Cook explained. "I love incorporating historical

ancestry information to the kids on certain reptiles and how they're similar to dinosaurs. Like how they take care of their young. Some people think reptiles are cold-blooded killers, but research shows reptiles take care of their young like dinosaurs took care of their young."

Among the ways Cook plans "to tie in dinosaur history with the living reptiles we have here" is by showcasing a life-sized replica of a velociraptor skeleton in the main room. It's one of many items on his checklist.

"We have so many different ideas forming, like a reading night for kids," he added "... and Science Club, where once a month kids can do science projects relating to animals."

He plans to dot a wall map with QR codes that kids can scan to learn

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Cook cuddles with Arnold, a black-throated monitor lizard.

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Park man hopes to find living-donor match

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

In the weeks since Grosse Pointe Park resident Kenneth F. Casey, M.D., was added to the liver transplant list, dozens of family members and friends have signed up to be evaluated, hoping to be eligible to make a living donation that will save the life of their loved one.

Despite their intentions, no eligible candidate has yet been found.

Yet he and his wife, Martha Casey, remain optimistic a match will be made.

First signs

"In 2019, we were hiking 10 to 12 miles, taking wonderful trips, going on walks through Grosse Pointe," Martha Casey said. "In March 2020, he was working. ... He got COVID the first of April."

Kenneth Casey, a neurosurgeon at Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe, had a lengthy battle with the coronavirus, his wife said.

"He did not need hospitalization, but he had fevers for four months," she noted. "He'd have good days and we'd think he was done, then he'd get a fever. He'd be miserable, extremely lethargic. This lasted until the end of July."

When he started to feel better, he became active again. In addition to regular walks in the Pointes, he was back to work, mainly via tele-health, but also performing the occasional surgery. Things got frustrating



Dr. Kenneth Casey

when procedures — he performs specialty surgery involving cranial nerves — were canceled due to COVID and related limitations.

"Then (in early 2021) he just didn't feel well again," Martha Casey said.

A visit to his family doctor revealed his liver enzymes were a little off. He was referred to a hepatologist at Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak, who ordered more blood work and diagnosed him with hepatitis C.

"After that, he got more lethargic again, but he would sometimes have energy," Martha Casey said. "In July, we went to Pittsburgh."

Kenneth Casey did his residency at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, where Dr. Thomas E. Starzi

became the first physician to perform a liver transplant. The hospital's liver transplant program is one of the oldest and largest in the United States and doesn't shy away from complex cases. When it comes to living-donor liver transplants, it is one of the top and most experienced programs in the country.

"We went there because he was 70 and a number of places we looked into weren't interested in seeing him," Martha Casey said.

During their July meeting, the Caseys were told he wasn't yet a candidate for transplant, though he had enough of an issue that it couldn't be treated with medication.

Two consecutive hospitalizations last fall prompted a return trip to UPMC.

Options

"He went downhill quickly," Martha Casey said. "... I drove him to Pittsburgh, because I thought it would be his best chance of survival."

Doctors "put him through a gamut of tests to see if he was a candidate for a liver transplant," she added. "The day before Christmas, he was put on the liver transplant list."

The Caseys spent Christmas and rang in the new year at UPMC. Once he was stabilized, he was discharged and they spent a week or so in The Family House, a self-described "home away from home" for patients and their families who are in Pittsburgh seeking medical treatment. Thursday, Jan. 10, they began the drive back to Grosse Pointe Park.

"Now his numbers are stable enough so he's not at the top of the list," Martha Casey said. "He's also well enough to get a transplant. His best option is a living donor."

According to the UPMC, more than 14,000 Americans currently are on the liver transplant waiting list. Many of them will wait years, during which time the disease progresses and health declines until it could be too late.

"As time goes on, he will be less able to get rid of the toxins in his body," Martha Casey said. "Twenty-five percent of people on the transplant list die before they get a transplant."

Living donors can be

the life-saving solution to getting people off the waiting list and back to good health. Through living-donor liver transplants, a donor gives a portion of their liver, which is one of the few organs that regenerates. The liver usually is back to full size in eight to 10 weeks; full recovery of the donor generally takes a few months.

Since about one in four people evaluated for living donation are eligible candidates, the Caseys want to spread the word to as many people as possible in hopes of finding a match.

A perfect match in this case is someone between the ages of 18 and 55, who is in good health and has type O blood — positive or negative.

"The easiest thing is living donor registration," Martha Casey said. "Go on upmc.com and sign up. Within 72 hours you'll get a phone call."

"... The University of Pittsburgh does the most living donations," she added. "That's why we're there. The donor and Ken have the best chance, the best statistics there. And the donor's medical expenses are paid by the recipient's health insurance."

In the know

In addition to the ease of living-donor liver donations and the urgency to sign up to donate, Martha Casey said it's important people know about the prevalence of hepatitis C.

"Ask your doctor if you

need to be tested for hep C," she advised. "Most people don't know they have it. ... Hep C can be cured if it's found early enough."

Prior to being diagnosed with hepatitis C, Kenneth Casey was active in several organizations, including the Grosse Pointe Boat Club and Grosse Pointe Men's Club. He and his wife also have served as Special Olympics coaches for years.

Their daughter, Laura, who is developmentally disabled, kicked off her Special Olympics career in 1996, in Pennsylvania.

"My husband and I helped with the (Grosse Pointe/Harper Woods) ski team up until the time there wasn't one," Martha Casey said. "He also coached golf, he coached swimming. We've been super involved over the years with Special Olympics."

Though Kenneth Casey currently isn't offering tele-health or performing surgeries, he has no plans to retire from his neurosurgery career. A new, healthy liver will help him fulfill this mission.

"He still has thoughts of helping patients," Martha Casey said. "And he's really looking forward to kayaking again, because he didn't get to do it last year."

For more information, visit upmc.com/livingdonorliver or call (412) 647-5800.

To register to donate with the UPMC, visit livingdonorreg.upmc.com.

AREA ACTIVITIES

The Helm

The Helm at the Boll Life Center, 158 Ridge, Grosse Pointe Farms, offers a variety of classes and programs. Registration is required at (313) 882-9600 for the following:

◆ Meet the Mayors Breakfast, 9 to 10 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 27.

◆ Detroit Institute of Arts visit, 12:15 to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 8. Cost is \$5 for members, \$10 for nonmembers.

◆ Mindfulness and Meditation, 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Tuesdays, Feb. 8 and 15, with instructor Dr. Lakshmi Saleem. Cost is \$6 for members, \$8 for nonmembers.

◆ Walk with Ease, 1 to 2 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, Feb. 8 to

March 17, with instructor Carolyn Bradt. Participants must register for the entire series.

◆ Fireside Chat with the Housing Experts, 9:30 to 10 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 9. The topic is "Senior Living Options."

◆ On the Gogh Valentine Card Making, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 9, with Michelle Boggess-Nunley. Cost is \$20 for members, \$30 for nonmembers.

◆ Watch "Betty White: First Lady of Television," at 12:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 11. Cost is \$2 for members, \$3 for nonmembers, and includes snacks and the movie.

◆ Valentine's Day Party, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 14.

Cost is \$12 for members, \$18 for nonmembers, and includes lunch, live entertainment, dance lessons with Andreas Browne and more.

Ford House

The Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, 1100 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores, offers the following programs:

◆ Explorers, 3 to 4 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 27, for ages 5 to 8. Cost is \$2 per child.

◆ "Storytime: Love Is ..." at 10:30 a.m. Tuesdays, Feb. 1 to 22.

◆ Talk: Edsel Ford & Diego Rivera, 7 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 10.

◆ Opening reception of "Last Ice: Amy Sacka and Scott Hocking with Michael McGillis," 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 13.

◆ Valentine's Day Love Tour, entry times between 6 and 7:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 14.

For tickets and infor-

mation, visit fordhouse.org.

Blood drives

The American Red Cross hosts the following blood drives:

◆ 1 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 27, Cornerstone Church, 17017 E. 12 Mile, Roseville.

◆ 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 30, St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, 22410 Overlake, St. Clair Shores.

◆ Noon to 6 p.m. Monday, Jan. 31, Bethel Baptist Church, 24600 Little Mack, St. Clair Shores.

◆ 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 3, Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church, 211 Moross, Grosse Pointe Farms.

◆ 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 6, St. Lucy Catholic Church, 23401 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores.

◆ Noon to 6 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 9, Holy

Innocents Catholic Church, 26100 Ridgmont, Roseville.

Register online at redcrossblood.org.

The War Memorial

The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, hosts its Live at the Alger Series Friday, Jan. 28, with a performance by classical and jazz guitarist Elden Kelly. A VIP cocktail reception begins at 6:30 p.m., followed by the concert at 7:30 p.m. Reserve tickets at warmemorial.org.

Cadieux Cafe

Planet D Nonet performs from 4 to 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 30, at Cadieux Cafe, 4300 Cadieux, Detroit. Cover charge is \$8. Visit cadieuxcafe.com.

Library

The Grosse Pointe Public Library hosts a variety of programs. To register for the following, visit grossepointelibrary.org.

◆ Craft-to-Go Instrument: Rattle Drum, all day Monday, Jan. 31,

at Central and Ewald.

◆ Storytime with Miss Melissa, 1:30 to 2 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 1, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ Outdoor Storytime with Miss Rachel, 10:30 to 11 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 2, at Central, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

◆ Cooking with Sticky Fingers, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 2, via Zoom.

◆ Storytime with Miss Jane, 10:30 to 11 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 3, at Central, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

◆ Coding with Boomer, 4:15 to 5:15 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 3, via Zoom.

Rotary

The Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe hosts its next meeting at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 2. John and Susan Mozena's son, John, speaks. Visit grossepointerotary.org for information. Those who wish to join the meeting via Zoom should email grossepointerotary@gmail.com.

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ENGAGEMENTS



Nathan Kinnear and Kelly Langton

Langton—Kinnear

Martha and Russell Langton of Grosse Pointe Park announce the engagement of their daughter, Kelly Langton, to Nathan Kinnear, the son of Holly and Robert Kinnear of Grosse Pointe Farms.

Miss Langton earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in advertising from Michigan State University. She is an experience designer at VMLY&R.

Mr. Kinnear earned a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in sales and marketing from Western Michigan University. He is a mortgage broker at Kin Capital Mortgage.

A June 2022 wedding is planned.



Lauren Lockwood and Dr. Drew Langton

Lockwood—Langton

Susan and Lewis Lockwood of Bloomfield Hills announce the engagement of their daughter, Lauren Lockwood, to Dr. Drew Langton, the son of Martha and Russell Langton of Grosse Pointe Park.

Miss Lockwood earned a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing from Michigan State University and currently is pursuing a Master of Nursing Practitioner degree from MSU, while working as an intensive care unit nurse with Beaumont Health.

Dr. Langton earned a Bachelor of Science degree in human biology from MSU and a doctorate degree in optometry from the New England College of Optometry. He is an optometrist with House of Optical in Clawson.

An August 2023 wedding is planned.



Jessica Conrad and Ethan Madison

Madison—Conrad

Gretchen and Norbert Madison of Grosse Pointe Park announce the engagement of their son, Ethan Parcels Madison, to Jessica Marie Conrad, the daughter of Gloria and Donald Conrad of Denham Springs, La.

Mr. Madison earned a Bachelor of Science degree in physics from the U.S. Naval Academy and a Master of Science degree in the management of IT from the University of Virginia McIntire School of Commerce. He is a strategy and operations consultant at Ventus Solutions in Arlington, Va.

Miss Conrad earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science from the University of Georgia and a Juris Doctor degree from the University of Georgia School of Law. She works in corporate integrity and risk management at Capital One in McLean, Va.

An August 2022 wedding is planned in Huron City, Mich.



Mr. and Mrs. Ohara

Fuller—Ohara

Janna Lisette Fuller and Takuro Ohara were married during an elegant, intimate ceremony Dec. 11, 2021. The wedding and reception took place at a private residence in Atglen, Pa.

The bride is the daughter of Mike and Lisa Fuller of Grosse Pointe Woods. The groom is the son of Tetsuro and Yoko Ohara of Tokyo, Japan.

The bride wore a Paloma Blanca silk gown.

The bride earned Master of Arts and Master of Science degrees from Royal College of Art and Imperial College London. She works in product development for technology start-ups in the Asia Pacific region.

The groom earned a bachelor's degree in economics from Toyo University in Tokyo and accomplished post-graduate studies at University of California, Berkeley. He is the country manager for Japan for a German e-commerce company.

The couple met while working in Manila, Philippines.

They honeymooned in Kyoto, Japan, and live in Tokyo.

WEDDINGS

Schmidt—Mestdagh

Lauren Ayla Schmidt and William Andre Mestdagh III were married Friday, Nov. 5, 2021, in Scottsdale, Ariz., with Dante Rosa officiating. A reception followed at Royal Palms Resort in Scottsdale.

The bride is the daughter of Dr. Edward and Wendy Schmidt of Grosse Pointe. The groom is the son of William and Cathy Mestdagh of Grosse Pointe.

The bride wore an Alyssa Kristin "Kayla" dress, featuring a fitted silhouette with a long, dramatic train and beaded top overlay. She carried flowers in neutral tones with blush, arranged in a Bohemian style.

Courtney Gibbs and Molly McCarthy, friends of the bride, served as co-matrons of honor. Bridesmaids were Courtney Mestdagh and Lindsey Oliver, the bride's sisters-in-law; Hayley Miller, Ashley Gura and Madeline Schmidt, the bride's cousins; and Alexandra Siano, Danielle Crossley, Maria Foley, Ally Karadjoff and Kirstie Kipfmiller, friends of the bride. Ella Cate Schnelker and Caylie Kaess, the bride's cousins, served as flower girls.

The bride's attendants wore dusty blue cowl-neck, tea-length dresses from BHLDN. The flower girls wore floor-length halter dresses and carried flowers by Mint Green Design.

Ian Osborn and Kevin MacConnachie, friends of the groom, served as co-best men. Groomsmen were Andrew Mestdagh, Max Warren, Michael Mestdagh, Jack Warren and JT Mestdagh, the groom's cousins; Mike Oliver and Daniel Schmidt, the groom's brothers-in-law; and Andy VanderSchaaf, William Daudlin and Alex Parker, the groom's friends. Michael Wildner, Nicholas Wildner and Andrew Schnelker, the groom's cousins, served as ring bearers.

The bride earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Michigan State University and is a senior packaging design engineer at Google.

The groom earned a bachelor's degree in sports management from the University of Michigan. He



Mr. and Mrs. Mestdagh

works in business development at Coyote Logistics. The couple reside in Grosse Pointe Park.

BIRTH

Adeline Jane Prociw

Allison and Philip Prociw of Grosse Pointe Woods welcomed a daughter, Adeline Jane Prociw, on Wednesday, Dec. 22, 2021.

Maternal grandparents are Bob and Chris Fraser, of Pentwater.

Paternal grandparents are George and Pauline Prociw, of Chatham, Ontario, Canada.



Adeline Jane Prociw

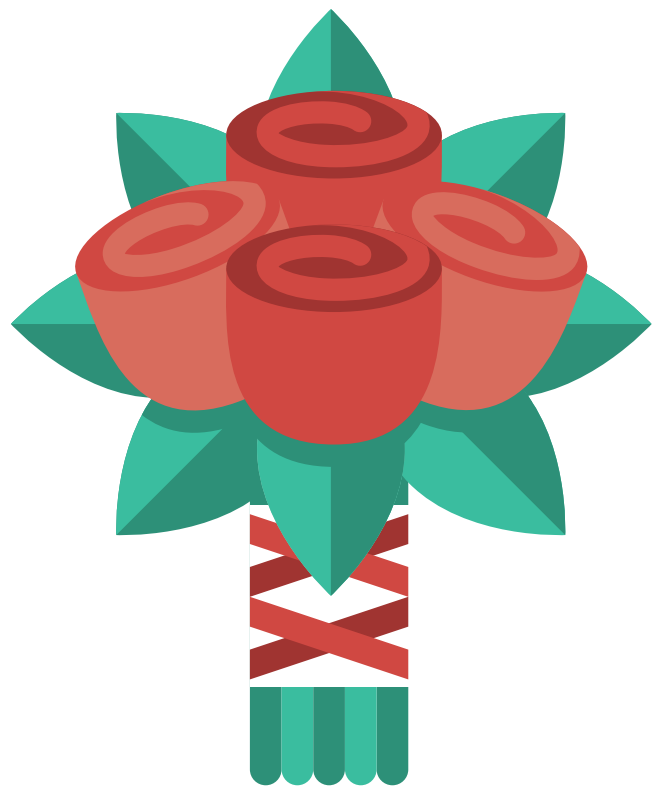
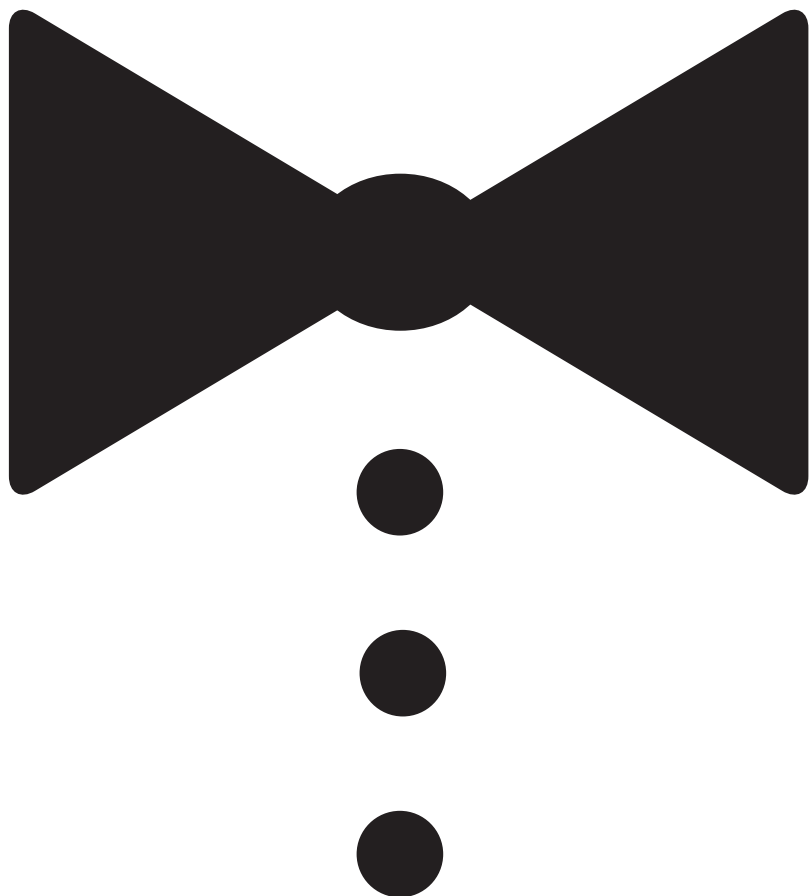
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They're your BFFs, and they've been with you, for better or worse, through some of your most important moments. Now they'll stand beside you once again on the biggest day of your life. How to say thank you to this crew of fun-loving, crazy, loveable and loyal people who have made the past amazing and will make your future even more wonderful with your new plus-one? We've gathered some of the best ideas from Grosse Pointe shops to solve the dilemma of what to give your bridal party. Cheers to a fantastic wedding and genuine smiles in all the pictures!

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FINISHING TOUCHES

Below, the natural variation of Pewabic glazes is on display in this Smoke 2-by-6-foot backsplash. Here, the change in tile layout patterns draws focus to the range where the tiles are installed in a herringbone pattern. By using one glaze color, your eye then travels across the entire space, moving with a sense of ease complimented by the subtle striations in the countertops.



PHOTO BY JIM HAEFNER

At top, this Palm House fireplace features glossy blue and green glazes with metallic iridescent glaze accents. The reflective surfaces of the tiles allow the sunlight to dance across the surface of this grand fireplace. The color palette of this fireplace merges the greenery that surrounds it with the Detroit River just outside this house of glass.

Above, the resurgence in the appreciation for handcrafted ceramics and tile in recent years has led to an increase in the demand for Pewabic pottery and tiles. Pewabic Tile installations produced today range from historically inspired designs, like this Heritage Blend fireplace, to contemporary designs to fit a range of interior styles. This fireplace combines a mix of tile sizes and a range of green glazes to create a striking gathering place.

HOMES WITH
PEWABIC
ACCENTS ARE
IN DEMAND



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*AN OLD
TRADITION
OF DISCOVERING
THE NEW*



PHOTO BY E.E. BERGER

Founder Mary Chase Perry Stratton had a passion for glaze and that tradition continues at Pewabic today. Its newest iridescent glaze, Copper, has been a fan favorite since its release. This is just one of several new Pewabic glazes developed and released in the last few years. Pewabic has always been known for its rich glaze colors and this wondrous glaze does not disappoint.

*ONE-OF-A-KIND
OUTDOOR MASTERPIECES*



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Inspired by a historic fountain at the Detroit Institute of Arts, this garden fountain celebrates the arches of the doorways to create a mesmerizing focal point. This fountain combines round tiles, slab-cut tiles and a ceramic lion's head spout to create a mural-like effect that is sure to be a conversation starter.



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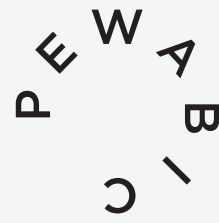
The Hex paperweight was inspired by a historic tile from the Pewabic archives. It was used to show off a range of architectural glaze options to clients. This paperweight tile celebrates a wide range of glazes used in Pewabic Tile installations today.

*NIGHT
LIGHT*

This luxurious bedroom fireplace featuring blue and iridescent glazes is framed by natural light. As the sunlight moves throughout the day, this fireplace transforms as dramatically as the sky.



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OBITUARIES

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

Walter Holly “Wally” Schmitt Jr.

Walter Holly Schmitt Jr. passed away Saturday, Nov. 20, 2021.

He was born May 7, 1948, in Detroit, to Walter Holly Schmitt and Gloria Fletemeyer Schmitt. He was graduated from Duke University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1970, and from National College of Chiropractic with Doctor of Chiropractic and Bachelor of Science degrees in 1974.

He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Anne Luper Schmitt; brother, John R. Schmitt of Raleigh, N.C.; sister, Gloria Joy Aita of Grosse Pointe Farms; nieces, Tammy Meyer, Mandy Moll, Brittany Zilenziger and Amber Lynn Miller; nephew, John A. Schmitt; grandnephews, Silas, Phinehas and Amos Moll, Johnny and Jimmy Meyer and Tanner Zilenziger; grandnieces, Holly Meyer and Maelynn Zilenziger; as well as numerous nieces and nephews “by love,” especially Jordan, Cara and Elizabeth Morantz.

Wally was at home everywhere and made others at home wherever he was. He was blessed with a great smile and eyes that sparkled when he smiled. He was captain of the Duke swimming team and chairman of the Pep Club his senior year. He retained his love of Duke and its athletics with season tickets to football and basketball games, around which he planned his extensive lecture/travel schedule.

He and his family were introduced to downhill skiing at an early age. Skiing was his favorite thing in the world. He planned an annual seminar around skiing, usually in Colorado. Travels and lecturing combined to allow him to ski in Canada, France, Switzerland, Austria and Italy.

Wally traveled extensively. He was privileged to see Komodo dragons, Norwegian fjords, the duomo of Milan, geishas on their way to work in Kyoto, the ruins of Pompeii, Carnevale in Venice, Caribbean beaches, sunrise at Haleakala, the Acropolis of Athens, numerous other UNESCO World Heritage sites, Shinto shrines, Muslim mosques, Hindi temples, Jewish synagogues, lots of cathedrals and Paris — his favorite destination. But for all his travel, he liked to quote Richard Petty: “I’ve never been anyplace that I didn’t find something to like about it, but I’ve never found anyplace that I like as much as I like North Carolina.”

At an early age, Wally knew he wanted to be in a position to help his family and others with their physical issues. He continued learning, studying and enlightening until the day he died. This was his passion and he excelled at it. His honesty, approachability, humility and humor made him a much sought-after speaker. His contributions to the healing arts are immeasurable.

A service of remembrance was held Nov. 24, at his home church of Trinity Avenue Presbyterian in Durham, N.C., officiated by the Revs. Katie Crowe and Tommy Grimm. Burial took place immediately after in Fayetteville (N.C.) Memorial Cemetery.

Lisa Rybicki Heffer

Lisa Rybicki Heffer, the daughter of Benedict and Mary Pat Rybicki, was born May 24, 1960, and passed away Monday, Dec. 27, 2021.

Lisa, the oldest of 24 grandchildren, was a force of nature in a tiny body who could knock a person down with her spirit; she was all heart, her family said.

Lisa went to Catholic grade school at St. Clare of Montefalco, where she was a cheerleader and, even then, had a magnetism that drew people to her. She attended Dominican High School and worked at a law firm, where she could punch out 70 words a minute on a typewriter.

She moved to Flagstaff, Ariz., and graduated from Northern Arizona University with a bachelor’s degree. She went on to get a master’s degree in sociology with an emphasis on criminology. Having lived through personal struggles, it shaped her to be a warrior for others as a probation officer in Denver, Colo.

Lisa was a radical, to-the-bone Denver Broncos and Detroit Red Wings fan. She was hired by the Broncos from a pool of 360 applicants because she told the general manager she was a huge Red Wings fan. He was, too, and she got the job. She also got her father — a diehard John Elway fan — an autographed Elway football. He spent time on the field at Mile High Stadium before many games.

Lisa and her fiancé, Ed Mullen, a rugby player for the Detroit Tradesmen and electrician, moved to Denver in the early 1990s. Tragically, he died in a train accident on the way to work the day she picked up her wedding dress.

After some rough years, she met the second love of her life, Clint Heffer. They brought into the world a strong, loving, meteorite of a man, their son, CJ. Of all the blessings in her life, none of them were larger than her beloved son, CJ. He was the light of her life.

Lisa is survived by her son, CJ; and an army of brothers, aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews and friends, notably Lisa Risher and Susan Landuyt Glover, among others.

A memorial visitation will take place from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4, at Chas. Verheyden Inc., 16300 Mack, Grosse Pointe Park. A funeral Mass will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 5, at St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic Church, 1401 Whittier Road, Grosse Pointe Park.

Share a memory at verheyden.org.

Ann Pear Bird

Ann Pear Bird, 82, of Eastport, passed away peacefully Tuesday, Jan. 18, 2022, in Traverse City.

Ann was born Nov. 24, 1939 — a birthdate she lamented as it was all too often the date of the Michigan-Ohio State football game — in Detroit, to Walter and Charlotte Pear. After graduating from Grosse Pointe High School, she attended the University of Michigan and majored in French.

She met Reginald “Reg” Bird while working as a counselor at Camp Lookout in Arcadia. They were married in 1961, in Grosse Pointe.

After working as a French teacher, she moved to New York when her husband began his long career in advertising. Shortly after the birth of her first child in 1966, Ann boarded a transatlantic ship to move to Brussels, Belgium — beginning a life in Europe that would span three decades.

In 1970, and with two children, the family moved to Geneva, Switzerland. Ann’s fluent French and willingness to speak with almost anyone allowed her to quickly integrate into both the Swiss and expatriate communities.

Ann was the glue of her family. An engaged mother, she applied her meticulous organizational skills to navigating her less-structured sons through school, sports and play dates. She readily deployed creative cursing in French as a child-management tool. Ann usually was good-natured about being the sole female in a very male household.

Beyond her family, she was generous with her time — caring for the blind in Switzerland, working as a hospice volunteer in northern Michigan and always providing an open ear to friends in need.

Ann was appreciated for her many quirks. Whether traveling miles to secure the lowest price for gasoline, viewing sell-by dates on food as “directional,” driving like an aspiring NASCAR racer or sending birthday cards to nearly everyone she had ever met — she kept track in a paper calendar she purchased the early 1980s — Ann was an original.

Though her latter years were marked by ill health related to emphysema, Ann will be remembered as a vivacious mother, grandmother and friend. She was happiest curled up on a couch in one of her well-worn night shirts with a warm cup of tea working her way through a crossword puzzle; or visiting with her best friend, Dori Turner, in Watervale; or simply chatting on the phone with old pals.

She is survived by her brother, David Pear of Rochester, Mich., and sister, Virginia Pear of Corvallis, Ore.; her sons, Adam of Munich, Germany, and Nicholas of Eastport, Mich.; and grandchildren, Spencer, Matthew and Sophie.



Walter Holly Schmitt Jr.



Lisa Rybicki Heffer



Ann Pear Bird



Russell Kazuo Yamazaki

Russell Kazuo Yamazaki

Russell Kazuo Yamazaki died peacefully due to gastrointestinal cancer Monday, Jan. 3, 2022, in the presence of his wife, Jane Yamazaki. He was a 43-year resident of Grosse Pointe Park, as well as a summer resident of Leland for 22 years.

Russell was born Nov. 23, 1942, at Topaz, Utah, an internment camp for Japanese-American citizens. He attended public schools in Wooster, Ohio, through high school where he received numerous scholastic achievement awards. He graduated from the College of Wooster in 1964, with a Bachelor of Arts degree in chemistry. He then attended Michigan State University where he earned a Ph.D. in biochemistry in 1969. His thesis research helped provide the basis for understanding the role of peroxisomes, membrane-bound components of leaf cells, in aiding photosynthesis in plants.

After graduating from MSU, Russell carried out postdoctoral research in biochemistry at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland and then moved to the Department of Pharmacology at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville, Va. He moved to Detroit to Wayne State University School of Medicine in 1978, to join the newly organized Department of Pharmacology. After 32 years and serving as associate chair, Russell retired in 2010.

Russell served as an elder at Fort Street Presbyterian Church, an Anthony Wayne Society member and president of Detroit Physiological Society. Russell also served as president of the Michigan Asian Art Society for a number of years. He was a member of American Society of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, American Chemical Society and American Association for the Advancement of Science. He has an entry in American Men & Women of Science and Marquis Who’s Who in the Midwest.

While attending chemistry classes at the College of Wooster, Russell Yamazaki met Jane Welton, the “love of his life.” They were married in 1966, and spent a lifetime together singing in numerous choirs. Russell especially enjoyed prepar-

ing musical tapes and CDs for rehearsal purposes. Russell also shared Jane’s love of travel in Japan and learning about Japanese history, Jane’s teaching profession.

Russell Yamazaki was predeceased by his parents, William and Sue Yamazaki. He is survived by his wife, Jane; sisters, June Craner and Nancy Leavenworth (Scott); and niece, Holly Leavenworth of Superior, Colo.

In life, Russell felt pride in his contributions to teaching and research, joy in singing choral works with numerous longtime friends and inspiration in being up north in Michigan.

Dr. Robert Sidney Barbosa

A loving father and husband, Dr. Robert “Bob” Sidney Barbosa passed away peacefully Saturday, Jan. 15, 2022, in Grosse Pointe Shores. He was 85 years old. He joins his wife of 60 years, Carmen (nee Espindola) Barbosa, and both of his sons, Sidney Robert Barbosa and Aaron John Barbosa.

Born June 16, 1936, in East Los Angeles, Calif., to Sidney Robert Barbosa and Rita (nee Barrerra) Barbosa, Bob spent his early years of life in California, graduating from Garfield High School, then enlisting in the U.S. Army at age 17. He served as a paratrooper in the 11th Airborne Division for five years, working overseas in Germany.

After his military service, Bob attended California State University, Los Angeles, receiving a Bachelor of Arts degree in chemistry in 1963. He went on to graduate from Des Moines University College of Osteopathic Medicine in 1967. Following his residency in Detroit for orthopedic surgery, he established a successful practice in Phoenix for nearly 10 years. Bob completed a fellowship in micro hand surgery in Louisville in 1982, then returned to Phoenix where he practiced micro hand surgery another 13 years. In 1995, he moved to Grosse Pointe Shores and joined a hand specialist group, where he practiced until his 2013 retirement.

Bob treasured his family, showering them with love, including them in adventure and gathering them in nightly discussions around the dinner table. He is survived by

his beloved sister, Evelyn Rita Barbosa; daughters, Jamille Hendershot (Mark), Jacqueline Carroll (Jim) and Gina Belknap (Frank); daughter-in-law, Lillian Owen; grandchildren, Robert, Sidney, Alex, Sarah, Alexandra, James, John and Aaron; and great-grandchildren, Kaden, Talon, Keegan and William.

A funeral service takes place at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29, at Crosspointe Christian Church, 21336 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Share a memory at ahpeters.com.

Janet A. Dunne

Janet A. Dunne, a longtime resident of Oceanside, Calif., passed away Friday, Jan. 14, 2022, one month shy of her 91st birthday, surrounded by her seven children.

Born to Irish-Canadian immigrants, Patrick J. Burns and Mary Ellen (nee Crowley) Burns, on Feb. 10, 1931, Janet was the youngest of three children. She graduated from St. Agnes High School in Detroit in 1949, and joined the workforce as a receptionist in the loan department at City Bank. After her high school sweetheart, Leo James Dunne, returned from his tour of service in the Army, they married in 1955, and moved to Birmingham to start their large family.

Janet is survived by her children, Deborah Mettenleiter (Bernhard), Mary Jo Finkenstaedt (Timothy), Patricia Kinsman (Mark), Michael Dunne (Merlien), Frances Bauer (Raymond), Timothy Dunne and Julie Dunne (Jennifer). She also is survived by 13 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Janet is predeceased by her parents; siblings, Virginia Burns Grubba and Thomas Burns; daughter, Nancy Lee Dunne; and grandson, Joseph Patrick Dunne Bauer.

Janet was a devoted Catholic and loved celebrating her Irish heritage, especially on St. Patrick’s Day. She cherished her friends and enjoyed playing card games and Scrabble, spending time with her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Elizabeth Hospice, elizabethhospice.org.

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James P. Evans

James P. Evans, 94, passed away peacefully Thursday, Jan. 20, 2022.

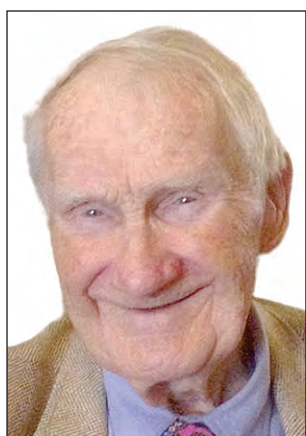
James was born Sept. 2, 1927, in the small coal-mining town of Indianola, Pa., to Russian immigrant parents, Vlas "Alex Evans" Ivanov and Proska "Cora Evans" Pavlov. James was the seventh of eight children: Helen, Agnes, Andrei, Martha, Andrew and Kay, who all predeceased him, and his younger sister, Martha. While his family moved to Hamtramck in 1929, he always talked fondly of his "Pennsy" roots and the cold morning he was born at the family home.

At age 17, James enlisted in the U.S. Navy and spent several months on Destroyer Escort U.S.S. Key (DE 348) in the Pacific, until he was honorably discharged in December 1945. For his service, James earned the Philippine Liberation Medal, American Campaign Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal and World War II Victory Medal.

After returning to Hamtramck, he enrolled at the Michigan State Normal College — now Eastern Michigan University — with dreams of becoming a history teacher, which he gave up to help support his family. In 1950, he became an officer and served 25 years in the Detroit Police Department, where he started walking and then driving his beat and ended as an expert fingerprint analyst.

Despite retiring in 1975, he mentored and modeled how to live to his five grandsons — being with them in their daily lives, taking them to sports games, picking them up from school and sharing with them his love of ice cream, his favorite food.

His greatest gift was his positive influence and deep involvement in the lives of his grandsons. However, James' kindness was not only limited to his family. His presence, wisdom, humility and love were gifts he gave to all. Countless people in the community were fortunate to meet him on his daily walks and through his church involvement, where he made the effort to get to know each one of them. He was a friend to all and



James P. Evans

will be dearly missed.

He is survived by Lucille (nee Tanalska), his high school sweetheart and love of his life, who he married May 29, 1950. James and Lucille were inseparable until the end. Additionally, he is survived by daughters, Judith (James Ritts) and Dr. Lisa (David Thomas); cherished grandchildren, James (Caitlin), Dr. Evan (Dr. Jennifer Ress), Dr. Paul (Dr. Amanda Charney), Christopher Thomas (Katherine) and Jason Smith (Faith); and dearest great-grandchildren, Alexander, Julian, Everett, Nolan and Arlen Thomas, and Gregory, Victoria and Jacelyn Smith.

He was predeceased by his daughter, Karen Smith; and granddaughter, Powell Louise Thomas.

Memorial contributions may be made to Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church, 211 Moross, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236.

Patricia Bryce Cardello

Patricia Bryce Cardello, 82, passed away peacefully at home Friday, Jan. 21, 2022.

Pat was predeceased by her loving parents, Alec and Josephine Bryce; and her devoted husband of 55 years, Jesse Cardello, D.O.

Pat is survived by her loving children, Mark, Kristy, Matthew (Kathleen), Jay and Mimi Bradley (Charlie); and beloved grandchildren, Alec, Lilly, Hannah, Thomas and Liam Bradley, John and Christopher Cardello, and Nicolette and Sabrina Cardello.

Born and raised in Detroit, Pat spent many happy years living in Grosse Pointe Shores, where she and Jesse raised their five children. Pat was a kind, generous and caring person who spent her life in service to her family, her community and her Catholic



Patricia Bryce Cardello

faith. In 2010, she became a Lay Franciscan and was an active member of the St. Bonaventure Secular Franciscan Fraternity, the Capuchins and the Carmelites of Detroit, fulfilling her calling as a joyful missionary disciple for Christ.

Pat was a devoted and tireless volunteer and held leadership roles in various philanthropic organizations in Grosse Pointe and Detroit. She served on the Auxiliary Board of Children's Hospital of Michigan and later enjoyed serving as a precinct election volunteer.

Pat was proud of her Scottish heritage. She was an active member of the St. Andrews Society of Detroit. She also had a special love for Italy and Italian art and architecture. On her many trips to Italy, she became close with Jesse's Italian relatives and was known to her grandchildren as "Nonna." She was eager to learn about the Italian culture and spent one summer in Volterra studying architecture through the University of Detroit, from which she graduated with a bachelor's degree at age 71. She had a love of travel and the arts and shared her passion with her children and grandchildren from an early age.

Pat was an avid gardener and loved to be in nature. She was a founding member of the Grosse Pointe Unit of the Herb Society of America and has been a longstanding member of the Grosse Pointe Garden Club. She also served many years on the Grosse Pointe Shores Beautification Committee. She and Jesse enjoyed creating gardens and entertaining friends and family at their apple orchard in Romeo.

Pat possessed a kind, gentle and generous spirit. She will be deeply missed by her dear friends and family.

A funeral Mass celebrating Pat's life will be held at Gesu Catholic



Regina Coeli Stormes

Church, 17139 Oak, Detroit. Visit ajdesmond.com for further details or to share a memory.

In lieu of flowers, memorial tributes may be made to The Capuchin Center, 1820 Mt. Elliott, Detroit, MI 48207-3496; or the University of Detroit Jesuit High School, uofdjcsuit.org.

Regina Coeli Stormes

Regina Coeli Stormes (nee Bartoszewicz), 58, formerly of Grosse Pointe Woods, passed away peacefully Saturday, Jan. 15, 2022, in St. Clair Shores.

Regina was born May 17, 1963, in Detroit, to Dr. Leonard and Joan Bartoszewicz, both now deceased.

She graduated from Central Michigan University in 1985, then worked as a sales representative for Xerox and EDS. She later became an advertising and sales representative for ADVO. Regina was known as a Jill of all trades at Meijer, where she also worked.

Regina was involved in the Adcraft Club of Detroit and National Alopecia Areata Foundation throughout her life.

She had many interests, including swimming, gardening, singing, dancing, performing and piano playing. She also was a voracious reader and avid candy lover, but above all else loved spending time with family and friends.

Regina was predeceased by her parents. She is survived by her son, C. Trevor Stormes II; sisters, Paula Barth (Cliff), Lisa Shull (Bart), Tecla Sweat (Matt), Andrea Montague (Tony) and Amelia (Harold); and brothers, Dr. Leonard Bartoszewicz (Diane), Lawrence Bartoszewicz and Michael Bartoszewicz (Tanya).

A funeral service will take place at noon Friday, Jan. 28, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church,



Edward T. Gramling

157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Visitation begins at 11:30 a.m.

Memorial contributions may be made to the National Alopecia Areata Foundation, support.naaf.org/give.

Edward Thomas Gramling

Edward Thomas Gramling, 87, passed away peacefully Thursday, Jan. 20, 2022, after a short battle with cancer, with his family by his side. He is survived by his wife, Maureen; nine children; and 36 grandchildren. He lived with his family in Grosse Pointe since 1983.

Ed was born Nov. 22, 1934, in New York City. After graduating from Mount Saint Michael Academy in Bronx, N.Y., Ed served the country he loved for four years in the U.S. Air Force. After being honorably discharged, he earned a bachelor's degree in physics from Saint Peter's University and worked as an electrical engineer until his retirement in 2001.

Ed and Maureen were engaged shortly after meeting and falling in love Labor Day weekend 1959, in the Catskill Mountains, upstate New York, and married Oct. 7, 1961. Their first date was to see The Threepenny Opera, for which Ed did not purchase tickets in advance, so the couple had to sit separately — one of many stories that blessed their 60 years of marriage.

His life was primarily dedicated to and driven by his faith, his family and his love of learning. He was a devoted Catholic who deeply loved the Mass and was a parishioner at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church. The Church was the source of his rich spiritual life and unwavering commitment to his family. He had a gentle and thoughtful way of sharing his faith among those in his family and

beyond, which was manifest in his unending kindness, generosity and understanding. Perhaps best epitomizing Ed's devotion to faith and family were the 22 years of daily walks he took with his granddaughter, Maggy, back and forth to Patterson Park, in almost any weather.

While the Church was his ultimate guide, Ed regularly encouraged others to search and inquire for themselves. He believed education is a lifelong endeavor and the books of philosophy, theology, history and literature overflowing in his library and shared with his children and grandchildren were a critical and defining part of his life. A terrific listener, he guided his loved ones with wisdom, humor, kindness, empathy and without judgment. He also had a natural way of leading by example and displayed a genuine selflessness in his relationships with others.

Ed lived an inspiring life of faith and love. His greatest joy came from his vocation as a husband, father and grandfather. He loved dancing with Maureen, watching his children and grandchildren play sports and listening to his grandchildren's musical performances. He was a wonderful gift to many and he will be dearly missed.

Ed was predeceased by his parents, William and Dorothy; brothers, William and Robert; and daughter, Megan. He is survived by his wife, Maureen; daughters, Erin Savinov (Victor), Jean Snyder (John), Mary Ellen Kaiser and Alana Rossman (Mark); sons, Kevin (Laura), Edward (Bridget), Christopher (Sheila), Timothy (Elaine) and Sean (Erin); and 36 grandchildren.

Memorial visitation for Ed takes place from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 3, at Chas. Verheyden Inc., 16300 Mack, Grosse Pointe Park. He will lie in state Friday, Feb. 4, from 11:30 a.m. until the time of Mass at noon, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Memorial contributions in lieu of flowers may be sent to The Solanus Casey Center, 1780 Mt. Elliot, Detroit, MI 48207; or The Phelan-McDermid Syndrome Foundation, pmsf.org/.

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Douglas Samuel Abood

Douglas Samuel Abood, 81, of Grosse Pointe Woods and formerly of Detroit, died Sunday, Jan. 23, 2022, at Ascension St. John Hospital.

Douglas was born Feb. 16, 1940, in Detroit, to Albert and Marie Abood. He attended St. Anthony High School in Detroit, graduating in 1958, and studied at Macomb Community College.

A U.S. Marine Corps veteran, Douglas also worked for Manpower and Detroit Imaging Group Inc. Additionally, he served as president of the Detroit Executives Association.

Douglas loved playing golf and spending time with family and friends. A movie buff, he even found a niche in commercial acting.

Douglas is survived by his loving wife, Elizabeth A. Abood (nee Bojalad); daughters, Elizabeth Bornoty (John) and Diane Alderton (James); and grandsons, John E. Bornoty and Samuel T. Alderton. He was prede-

**Douglas S. Abood**

ceased by his parents, Albert and Marie Abood; and siblings, Donald Abood (Carole), Diana Russo (the late Phillip), Denise Sidlow (Kenneth) and Dennis Abood (Sharon).

Douglas will lie in state at 10 a.m. Friday, Jan. 28, at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church, 467 Fairford, Grosse Pointe Woods, followed by a funeral Mass at 11 a.m. Interment is at Resurrection Cemetery, Clinton Township.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Tunnel to Towers Foundation, t2t.org; St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, stjude.org; or a charity of the donor's choice.

Jensen a 'Champion for Children'

Racing For Kids awards longtime supporter's efforts

Racing For Kids recently honored former Grosse Pointe Farms Director of Public Safety Dan Jensen with its Champion For Children Award at an event celebrating the 15th anniversary of Racing For Kids to the Hill. Jensen has served 14 years on the steering committee of The Hill event.

"Dan joined our event committee in its second year and provided invaluable expertise with his in-depth knowledge of the community and his 'can do' approach to facilitating anything that needed to be done," Racing For Kids CEO Pat Wright said.

"It was Dan who worked with the city council to get them to allow us to close Kercheval for our event," said Tom Buhl, who has co-chaired the event with Ed Russell since its inception in 2007. "We've had such amazing support and assistance from the city — both the public works and public safety departments — and that



COURTESY PHOTO

From left, Racing For Kids CEO Pat Wright, honoree Dan Jensen and Racing for Kids to the Hill co-chair Tom Buhl.

was all brought about by Dan."

In addition to attending all event-planning meetings, Jensen was instrumental in getting various community members, businesses and organizations involved.

"Dan knows just about everyone in Grosse Pointe and he became a real cheerleader for our event," said Linda Finger, director of events for Racing For Kids. "And he never lost sight of our purpose. He was always saying, 'Remember, it's for the kids!'"

Racing For Kids awards its Champion For Children Award periodically to individuals who have gone above and beyond to assist in its mission to help sick kids get better faster through motorsports.

During the past 15 years, the Racing For Kids to the Hill event has grown dramatically in popularity and raised more than \$1.5 million, which remained in the community, underwriting special pediatric projects at Ascension St. John Children's Hospital,

Henry Ford Health System, Beaumont Grosse Pointe and The Children's Foundation, formerly the Children's Hospital of Michigan Foundation.

Racing For Kids is a Detroit-based national charity that uses the popularity of motorsports to focus public awareness and funding on the health-care needs of children. Founded in 1989 and celebrating its 33rd anniversary this year, Racing For Kids has visited more than 39,000 children in more than 750 children's hospital visits in the United States, Brazil, Canada, Mexico, Japan and Australia. It has raised more than \$7 million for the hospitals visited and other children's health institutions.

Major sponsors of Racing For Kids include TranSystems, Bridgestone Firestone Trust Fund, Douglas E. Fregin, the Cotton family, Wells Fargo and Benson Ford Jr.

Racing For Kids is a charity partner of the IndyCar Series, as well as the official charity of Historic Sportscar Racing. For more information, visit racingforkids.org.

Detroit Garden Center legacy seminar planned

The Grosse Pointe Garden Center will carry on the tradition of the Detroit Garden Center's Winter Seminar Series with a double-header beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 5.

The adoption was sanctioned by the Detroit Garden Center and will be known as the Detroit Garden Center Legacy Seminar, continuing to focus on horticultural education.

During the Feb. 5 lecture, Janet Macunovich will use her 40 years of professional gardening experience to teach how to "Simplify to Keep on Growing." She will give practical approaches to make gardening easier with less time, space and energy.

Next up, Judy Barton presents "Reblooming Iris and Daylily Hybrids," introducing attendees to these beauties that continue to amaze well into autumn.

An open Q&A opportunity for gardening questions will be held during intermission.

Due to the current rise in COVID-19 variants, the seminar will be hosted on Zoom.

The Detroit Garden Center Legacy Series costs \$25 for members, \$35 for nonmembers.

Register for the Zoom lectures at gpgardencenter.org.



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Janet Macunovich

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about individual animals. He'd also like to add a wall of featured animals, as well as a stingray touch tank, and display an Argentine tegu and Madagascar tree boa in the main room. Fiona, a tortoise, also will have a home at GP Zoology.

During a recent visit to GP Zoology, Cook introduced guests to residents from Lou's, including Bubba the toad, Arnold the black-throated monitor lizard and Skittles the panther chameleon, among other well-behaved critters.

"When a human being locks eyes with an animal, there's a chemical release of endorphins in the brain," he continued. "There's a surge of energy, of excitement when you see an animal. Scientists believe there are two reasons for that."

The first reason, he said, is survival; when a person encounters a wild animal, they get a burst of energy that allows them to run away. The second is hunting; the



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Oliver nibbles on zucchini.

burst of energy needed to spear a salmon, for example.

"I believe there's a third reason, too," Cook said. "I believe you connect with a living soul when you look into an animal's eyes. I'm a faithful person. I see God in every creature."

While the brick-and-mortar space is open by appointment only, Cook will continue to share his love and knowledge about various animals throughout the community.

He provides school programs that supplement STEM curricula,

with the new zoology classes at Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South high schools, "to see what their needs might be to offer them a tangible learning experience."

GP Zoology's soft opening has been met with accolades from the community. Cook said he's already booking events into April. He plans on hosting an open house in late February, for which tickets will be sold and a portion of proceeds will benefit charity.

In the meantime, to book a party or find more information, visit gpzoology.com.

**Bubba checks out the scenery at GP Zoology.**

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GPAAS: 'Thank you for being a friend'



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Frank shows off each PayPal donation GPAAS received in less than 24 hours.

Supporters shatter one-day donation record at GPAAS

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

The reach of the late Betty White, a lifelong animal lover and supporter of animal charities, continues to grow after her death last month.

White proved inspirational for donors far and wide during the Betty White Challenge on what would have been her 100th birthday Jan. 17. The challenge, which was formed shortly after her death Dec. 31, encouraged fans to celebrate her

devotion to helping animals by donating to an animal rescue or charity.

While the Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society had no plans to implement the challenge, their friends at Camp Bow Wow had other plans.

"We chose not to post the challenge and ask for more donations as we just finished our annual appeal," said GPAAS founder and Executive Director Corinne Martin. "Unbeknownst to us, Camp Bow Wow posted the challenge and sug-

gested that donations be made to GPAAS — and so it began in a fury."

Throughout the day, supporters contributed \$9,009.92 to GPAAS — completely shattering its one-day fundraising record, said Lauren Feldman, GPAAS social media director.

The funds will be put to use right away.

"These funds will be used to pay for our veterinary bill for the month of January, since veterinary care provided to our animals costs about \$10,000

per month," Martin noted. The generosity didn't end there.

"Many other donations were also brought to our shelter," Feldman added. "Our recent pleas for dog and cat foods plus cat litter were fulfilled, plus many fun dog toys that we were running low on. Our lobby came close to looking like a second storage room while deliveries were pulling in."

The day proved extra special for GPAAS as one of its cats, Woody, gave birth to three healthy kittens — one orange tabby and two calicos.

"The mother ... came to us as a stray with the name tag 'Woody,'" Feldman said. "As you can guess, we assumed Woody was a male, but during the vet checkup, surprise! Woody is a female — and was expecting kittens. Woody's little 'sproutlings' do not have names yet, as we usually wait until we can feel confident with their health status, but I would not be shocked if the trio of names were in honor of Betty."

Martin said she was amazed by the generosity of the community during the Betty White Challenge.

"Never in our 25-year history has anything like this happened," she said. "Receiving so many dona-

tions, monetary and goods, in 24 hours was beyond belief. We printed an entire ream of paper to receive each and every donation sent via PayPal ranging from \$5 to \$300. Other animal welfare organizations also had incredible donations and it would be interesting to know how much money was donated nationally in honor of Betty.

"... This was truly an amazing, once-in-a-lifetime event of love for Betty White, our animals and the generosity of people," she continued. "I am so fortunate to have been here for the experience."



The stocked dog food supply storage room at GPAAS.



Woody and her new kittens the morning after their birth.

ASK THE EXPERTS By Jeff and Debra Jay

Gambling addiction

Q: My husband has a gambling problem and it has created serious financial problems for us. He began by going to the casinos, but now he mostly gambles using his mobile phone. Tens of thousands of dollars have disappeared from our bank accounts. He has promised to quit again and again. I've watched as he deleted gambling apps from his phone. It only takes one quick download and he starts up again. What can I do?

A: Many people believe you can only be addicted to alcohol or other drugs, but process addictions like gambling can be as devastating. When gambling activity moves from an occasional diversion with friends to a compulsive activity — with ongoing negative consequences — recreational gambling has progressed to gambling addiction.

The American Society of Addiction Medicine defines addiction as encompassing both substances and behaviors in its landmark 2011 definition. It reads, in part:

"Addiction is a primary, chronic disease of brain reward, motivation, memory and related circuitry ... reflected in an individual pathologically pursuing reward and/or relief by substance use and other behaviors. Addiction is characterized by inability to consistently abstain, impairment in behavioral control, craving, diminished recognition of significant problems with one's behaviors and interpersonal relationships, and a dysfunctional emotional response."

This definition applies to problems with gambling behaviors. Without proper treatment followed by an active program of recovery, your husband likely will be caught in a cycle of relapse. Good intentions and promises do not have the power to overcome addiction in a consistent manner.

The Michigan Problem Gambling Helpline (1-800-270-7117) offers crisis intervention and trained counselors who can help. It's a good place to start. It provides outpatient treatment referrals in Michigan. In our experience,

however, most individuals addicted to gambling need residential treatment. One of the few high-quality programs in the country is the Vanguard Program at Project Turnabout, in Granite Falls, Minn. Its monthlong residential program is comprehensive and moderately priced.

We conducted a podcast interview with former CEO of Project Turnabout, Mike Schiks, focusing on gambling addiction, treatment and recovery. Mike's insights and experience will be helpful. Listen to the interview on The Best Minds Podcast: <https://lovefirst.net/gambling-addiction-with-mike-schiks/> or by using the QR code here.

If your husband is unwilling to get appropriate help, consider a well-structured, loving family intervention. The same techniques used for alcoholism or addiction to other drugs can be employed to intervene on gambling addiction. It's important to understand that once a person chronically loses control of their behavior, they usually find it impossible to stop without help.

An addicted gambler is sick, not bad. The problem is not a lack of self-discipline; addiction dismantles the will. Family is key in helping an addicted loved one accept help. You can find guidance by contacting an addiction professional skilled in intervention for gambling problems or start by going to the Grosse Pointe Public Library and checking out the book, "Love First."

Jeff and Debra Jay have been helping families help loved ones overcome addiction more than 30 years. Their best-selling books are now available in new editions (Hazelden 2021). Debra and Jeff live in Grosse Pointe Farms. Learn more at lovefirst.net.



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The Science Advice Goddess

by Amy Alkon

Buddy odor

I'm a woman in my mid-20s. In the last year, I've noticed that a number of my core friends have begun to exhibit traits and values that I don't really identify with. I do my best to show up for them, but when I go through a hard time, they don't seem all that concerned with my well-being. However, I have a history with these people, so I feel I owe them my loyalty.

— Disappointed

The fact that something has gone on for a while is not reason for it to continue. Take the long "history" of people eating people -- dating back 100,000-plus years and still occasionally (though criminally) practiced today.

These days, sure, there are restaurants that specialize in "traditional fare," but their entrees tend to be roasted leg of lamb -- as opposed to roasted leg of Bruce.

Likewise, the "because history!" argument for staying with a friend

("We've been in each other's lives for 17 years!") is not reason to braid each other's hair and skip off together into year 18. "History" in the friendship context often means having lots of shared experiences (especially misadventures like ending up side-by-side in the back of a police car after getting caught shoplifting at age 10).

Some of these "historical" experiences -- like your friend being there for you in tough times -- can make you feel you've got an unpaid bill to work off, endlessly indentured friendservant-style. But do you actually owe them? Doing good for you probably did some good for them.

Research by psychologist Sonja Lyubomirsky finds that two of the most effective ways we can make ourselves meaningfully happier are regularly "practicing acts of kindness" and "nurturing social relationships."

You might also consider

that a friend who helped you surely did it by choice -- not because you held her at gunpoint and demanded, "Listen to me sob about my ex for 26 hours straight!"

However, because we're prone to feel guilty asking ourselves the legit (and healthy) question, "Hey, what do I get out of this friendship?", we often end up populating our lives with fair-weather friends: there for us whenever they're in need. Granted, friendship is not always 50/50. However, if the give and take balance is generally 5/95, your friendship is less a friendship than a usership with a nicer name.

We tend to be hard on ourselves if we end up with a collection of toxic friends -- or friends who aren't bad people but just aren't good people for us.

Though we believe we carefully handpick our friends according to shared values, attitudes, and interests, the formation of our friendships may have more in common with closing our eyes and throwing darts than with some

Socratic inner dialogue on a potential friend's merits.

Psychologist Mitja Back finds we often form friendships through "mere proximity" -- like being next-door neighbors or being assigned to sit next to each other for a semester in a college class.

Understanding this might help you be as discerning about your social world as you are about your physical one: "Um, maybe that house next to Acme Turn-You-Radioactive Chemicals is not such a steal." This is vital because the sort of people you're frequently around shapes who you are, seeping into your thinking, habits, and motivation.

So, it's important to have a "core" group of friends who share your values: the bedrock principles underlying the person you want to be (your ideal self).

These friends, simply by being who they are, will motivate you -- monkey see; monkey do! -- for example, inspiring you to work harder or smarter.



Also, at times when you see nothing but gloom and doom, they'll pop up all human flashlight to point out everything you've got going for you.

This isn't to say you should exile every person in your life who doesn't exactly share your values. Just be sure they're in your life not because they've been there for eons but because you *choose* to keep them around: They're fun; they share your sick obsession with the 1972 Pinto; or they need you and you feel good giving to them (though they can't give back in equal measure).

If you decide to part company with opportunistic, emotionally toxic "friends," avoid any temp-

tation to take the "Off with your head!" approach -- like abruptly disappearing without explanation.

It often pays to fade: Simply become increasingly less available...like for those amazing opportunities to devote your entire weekend to helping your bestie move -- in exchange for a pepperoni and dust pizza they make you eat in the back of the U-Haul.

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Gaining respect so people listen

Q: We have been looking to hire a professional with experience in certain areas. So far, we have received resumes from candidates who are either overqualified or underqualified, but nobody has the exact experience needed that does not require training. We are a busy firm that needs employees who are able to step into the job and function independently once instructions are given.

A: Job candidates are always hopeful that, although they lack the exact experience, something in their resumes will catch some attention among those hiring.

What they do not realize is that the hiring manager may not be the person directly receiving the resumes, and that resumes are being sifted through by a human resource professional who has been given the exact job requirements.

Once resumes are weeded out, qualifying candidates' resumes are forwarded to those hiring managers. Company owners and

department heads who ask to receive resumes have the time-consuming task of reviewing them regardless of how appropriate they are for the job advertised.

HR professionals are trained to find exact or close matches to the job.

Dr. Valeria Stokes, CEO and human resource consultant of her firm Stokes



Consulting, says, "Looking at whether or not someone has too much experience is a backdoor way to discriminate against a certain generation of potential employees.

The hiring manager expects talent and HR should align the hire process

with the attributes of the job to present candidates who have the right skill sets and are right for the role. The HR person does not manage the operations of the hiring manager; only the hiring manager knows what specific attributes are needed based on the competency-driven job description.

It is not the HR recruiter's

responsibility to determine whether an individual is a serious choice, as long as they have depth of experience regarding that type of job. "The vetting should be based on factors as to why the person is interested in the opportunity, what the person can bring to the

role and what the candidate's expectations are in the role. If the individual has the qualifications and any other assessments that have been done, he or she should be moved forward to the hiring manager for further vetting and determination for hire."

According to Dr. Travis Bradberry, author of "Emotional Intelligence 2.0," a company should not hire an overqualified candidate because these types of employees cannot be retained. They are pursuing the position due to a lack of options at that time, and the company will lose them once their options change. When choosing between overqualified and underqualified candidates, hiring someone overqualified may seem like the obvious choice. However, those who are overqualified will likely move on eventually, which strengthens the argument for finding someone with talent who has just the right level of experience for the position.

Someone with a richer level of experience will

At Work

by Lindsey Novak



gravitate to the parts of the job he or she deems more worthy of his or her knowledge and skill set, and potentially not attend to the other job tasks. Eventually, co-workers will complain, morale will be affected and the supervisor will take notice."

Further disharmony could occur if the overqualified employee tries to give advice on processes upward. The co-worker chatter will be that the new employee is a know-it-all and does not belong there (even if the person does know more due to greater experience). The staff will then limit their communication with the person and the manager will be perplexed as to what to do with the overqualified employee.

In the interviewing process, all candidates say they like being busy and have no problem doing the

menial tasks, as well as the challenging ones, until they are in the job and realize they had passed through that level earlier in their career. The new hire will realize that he or she has made a mistake in so quickly accepting the job and start to regret it.

Ultimately, those with experience that matches the job requirements are the ones who will be hired. Those without experience should search for entry-level job ads, and those with extensive experience should be confident in their abilities and apply to jobs at their levels.

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Half-sister's appearance brings back bad memories

DEAR ABBY: A year ago, I was contacted by a half-sister I'll call "Shyla," who my mother placed for adoption at birth. My mother passed away five years ago. She

was a horrible mother who physically, verbally and emotionally abused my brother and me. Giving Shyla up was the best thing she ever did. I have spent years in ther-

apy to work through my painful childhood.

Shyla barreled in like a train. I was honest with her about our mother and how I grew up. But Shyla wants me to visit her and

video-call her like we are close. When she asks questions about my mother, I'm honest because I refuse to create a person who didn't exist. The woman was a monster.



Dear Abby

by Abigail Van Buren

I do not want a relationship with this sister, or to have to talk about my abuser for the rest of my life. That chapter is closed. Shyla makes me feel horrible because I haven't met her yet. I don't WANT to meet her. Other adoptees I have spoken to chide me on this, saying Shyla "has a right" to her birth family. Advice, please. -- FREAKING OUT IN NORTH CAROLINA

DEAR FREAKING OUT: You have given your half-sister what information you could. Regardless of what "other adoptees" are telling you, you are NOT obligated to have more

contact with this half-sister than you are comfortable with. If she asks to meet again, tell her it has taken years of therapy to get past what was done to you and your brother, and that talking with her is bringing back all of that trauma, which is why you DO NOT WISH TO HAVE FURTHER CONTACT WITH HER. If she persists after that, block her.

DEAR ABBY: I am a 46-year-old widow. My husband of 18 years passed away 14 months ago. My three children from a previous marriage,

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Sweet and spicy comfort

Courtesy of Mombeau's Table

This is the mothership of vegetarian indulgence. Crispy, spicy, sweet, salty and creamy cauliflower, you will not want to miss out on this recipe.

I have to be honest that it did take several tries to get it just right. But every try was worth it because we could not stop eating it up.

The cauliflower is lightly battered and then rolled in panko crumbs to ensure they are crisp. Then they are tossed in a spicy and sweet mayo dressing.

I'm giving you two methods here for cooking. The first is in a screaming hot oven and the second utilizes my new favorite tool, an air fryer. Both ways worked

great. Use your own judgment when adding Sriracha to your sauce. One tablespoon brings some heat and two tablespoons makes it hot.

Adding cilantro and scallions in the end gives the dish the freshness it needs. I prefer to serve over a bed of rice but you could serve on a platter with toothpicks as well. It's a great snack to eat while watching football. Hope you enjoy.

Bang Bang Cauliflower

- ¾ cups all purpose flour
- ½ cup cornstarch
- 1-2 tbsp sriracha
- 1 tsp onion powder

- 1 tsp garlic powder
 - ¾ cups milk
 - 1 tsp salt
 - 1 cup panko crumbs
 - 1 whole cauliflower
 - 4 scallions, chopped
 - 3 tbsp cilantro, chopped
 - 1 tbsp sesame seeds (optional)
- Bang Bang Sauce**
- ½ cup mayo
 - ¼ cup sweet chili sauce
 - 1-2 tbsp sriracha
 - 1 tbsp honey

Oven Fry

Preheat the oven to 450 degrees. Cut the cauliflower into medium sized florets. In a bowl, stir together the flour, cornstarch, milk, sriracha, onion powder, garlic powder, and salt.

Toss the florets in the batter and then dredge in panko crumbs on a separate plate. Layer on a greased, parchment paper lined cookie sheet. Spray the tops of the cauliflower with additional cooking spray. Cook for 22 minutes, flipping the cauliflower half-way through.

Mix all sauce ingredients together in a medium size bowl and set aside. Once the cauliflower is cooked, pour the sauce over and toss



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to combine. Serve over a bed of white rice with chopped scallions and cilantro.

Air Fryer

Start by spraying the tray of the air fryer with cooking spray. Preheat to 400 degrees. Use the same steps above but

add the cauliflower to your airfryer in 3 separate batches. Cook for 12 minutes, flipping half-way through. Toss in the sauce and cook for another 2-3 minutes.

Keep cooked cauliflower in a 200 degree oven until all is cooked. Serve just the same as above.



Authenticity

When we buy a bottle of a famed wine, we take it on faith that it's genuine and not a fake.

In fact, fake wine is precisely why corks began to be branded with the name of a winery as well as the vintage date.

It is also why most reputable wineries still use branded corks. When you order a bottle of wine in a restaurant and the waiter hands you the cork, the main reason is so you can inspect it and see if the brand is the same as the one on the label.

If you order a bottle of Chateau Palmer and the cork is blank, for example, that alone is sufficient grounds for rejecting the wine.

(Very inexpensive wines often are sold with blank corks that

have no brands.)

Is wine fraud rampant here? No, it's almost nonexistent. But it happens elsewhere, and often enough that it has spawned lots of discussion and several books. It often takes the form of poor-quality wine with a falsified label that indicates it's a great wine.

And fraudulent wine practices have led to scandals (and, rarely, even deaths). Decades ago, anti-freeze was used in some Austrian wine. Another time, some wine in Italy was found to have been adulterated. In both cases, the wines were sold only locally and never made it to the United States.

One famed scandal in Burgundy involved a producer bottling

wines of two different quality levels in identically labeled bottles. He was caught.

Wine scandals take many forms and have existed for hundreds of years. The assumption by most fraudsters is that only experts can tell a great wine from an impostor. And wine fraud flourishes to this day. There have been numerous books on the subject.

The first major book explaining wine fraud was "The Winemasters" by Nicholas Faith (1978), a terrific history of the French wine trade. That was followed by "Wine Scandal" by Fritz Hallgarten (1986), "Wine Snobbery" by Andrew Barr (1988), and "Is This the Wine You Ordered, Sir?" by Christopher Fielden (1989).

What's interesting is that all the writers above are European. There are few books on American wine fraud because so little of it exists -- or has been uncovered. Over the decades, there have been only a handful of trivial "wine scandals" in this country.

Even author Ellen Hawkes, who wrote an unauthorized biography of Ernest and Julio Gallo ("Blood and Wine," 1993) never hinted at winemaking chicanery, even though her book did a lot of veneer-stripping.

There are many reasons the California



wine industry is so free of taint. One that's not well known is the cooperative relationship between wineries and the government agency that regulates them, the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau (TTB).

TTB gets a lot of barbs from winemakers, but most say they work closely with TTB inspectors and follow the rules. To do otherwise threatens their livelihoods. Licenses to operate are at stake.

Moreover, inspectors generally are fair-minded, not the ogres some make them out to be.

In Europe, most wine scandals are technical violations of complex regulations that mandate, among other things, how much fruit may grow in a plot of land or how long a bottle of wine must remain in the cellar before it can be sold.

Indeed, for the last several years many European wine regions

have been rewriting their wine regulations to address grievances that producers or trade groups say are hamstringing them. Some of the violations are simply because producers misread the new regulations.

By contrast, U.S. wine regulations are far simpler and thus much

easier to follow.

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By Kate Vanderstelt
Staff Writer

Ever wanted to try snowboarding? Or up your game if you're a novice? Michigan is a prime location to hone your skills on the hills, while the Grosse Pointe area has pro advice and equipment that will get you gliding in no time.

One of the best bits of initial advice is to make sure your equipment is in top tune. So before hitting the slopes this year, stop in to Bikes, Blades and Boards with your snowboard or skis and have a technician evaluate your equipment and make any necessary tuneups to get you safely out in the snow.

While the store previously sold snowboarding equipment, staff now focuses on all things service related to "help you keep your snow equipment in excellent working condition," according to the website. Snowboard tuneups, which include sharpening edges, waxing and cleaning the base, are offered, as are edge and binding repair. Skis also may be brought in for waxing and sharpening.

Owner Brian Breslin said making sure equipment is in tip-top shape is essential to having a good day on the hill.

"In Michigan we have a lot of ice," he said, "so you want to have

sharp edges for digging into the ice."

Especially if your board is old or you've recently bought used equipment, Breslin said getting it checked out is important. For beginners, he recommended getting the board serviced and allowing technicians to "de-tune" the equipment for an easier ride.

"(De-tuning makes you) less likely to catch an edge and fall," he said.

Breslin further encouraged beginners to get lessons before hitting the slopes. One of the biggest things for a beginner to learn, he said, is how to fall.

Bikes, Blades and Boards also sells ice hockey equipment and outdoor recreational skates.

For services, equipment may be brought to the store and dropped off, with a turnaround time of 24 to 48 hours depending on the services needed.

The store is located at 17020 Mack Avenue, Grosse Pointe Park, and is open 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. For more information, visit bikesbladesandboards.com or call (313) 885-1300.

Need to buy equipment? For a complete line of snowboards, helmets, goggles, gloves and gear, there are several area shops that offer great equipment as well as professional guidance.

Schummer's Ski Shop in Grosse Pointe Woods has been assisting snow lovers for over 50 years and offers junior programs for trade-ins, buy-backs and season leasing options as young skiers grow physically and in skill levels.

Moosejaw in downtown Grosse Pointe are experts in all things rugged and adventurous. Top-name snowboards and gear abound in their attractive store, and their on-staff experts are eager to help get you started in snowboarding or anything else.

Top, Pure Michigan's photo of this snowboarder enjoying a sunny day at Treetops Resort in Gaylord makes snowboarding look tempting.

Above, 'boarders exhibit their prowess at Nub's Nob in Harbor Springs.

At left, the epic view makes the run even better for this snowboarder experiencing the joys of winter at Mt. Bohemia in the upper peninsula.

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All air up there

At right, a skier enjoys an ideal day up north at Boyne Mountain, where it was all blue skies and perfect powder.

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Half the fun of skiing is looking the part! With all the beautiful winter sport fashion available, it's hard to choose. We've put together a sampling of some great outdoor gear found in and around Grosse Pointe, to make it easier. And we've added some great ideas to make outdoor sports fun even better. Enjoy our picks! Hopefully you'll see something perfect for your winter adventures.

Above, Dawood has a wonderful selection of on-trend pom hats for all ages. The soft, snow-worthy knit hats with fur poms come in a variety of colors and fabulous styles. Did you know that Dawood is the longest standing women's clothing store in Grosse Pointe? At Dawood, you'll feel like family.

Below, Ridge Crest Outfitters is featuring these top looks for the ski season from Flylow, whose mission is to make more functional ski gear. The Flylow men's Knight jacket is shown in the color vista, and layered over the Stiles jacket in taro. Both are paired with Snowman insulated pants in arane. For her, its a pretty Sarah jacket in mauve/night color block coordinated with Sphinx bibs in the color night.



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT AND ANNE GRYZENIA



KEEP
KIDDIES
COZY



Ridge Crest Outfitters is now carrying new top-of-the-line brands like Namuk, a favorite in baby and children's brands. Namuk is now available in the United States for the first time. Check out this beautifully-made coat (above left) in navy with a great patterned lining. The amazing details make it obvious the designers are parents themselves!



ICE, ICE
BABY

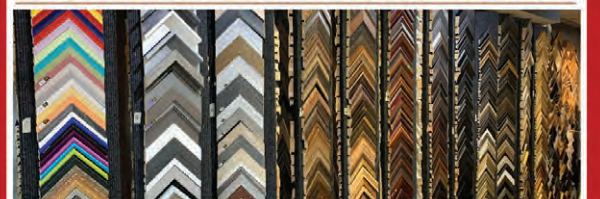
At right, a sweet Namuk baby snowsuit in a cool pink pine branch design is made for optimal outdoor fun. Namuk's attention to detail — like pacifier holders, foot straps and pockets to hold your keys — prove that they've thought of everything! Made to last, this suit will be handed down from child to child. See the whole line at Ridge Crest Outfitters.



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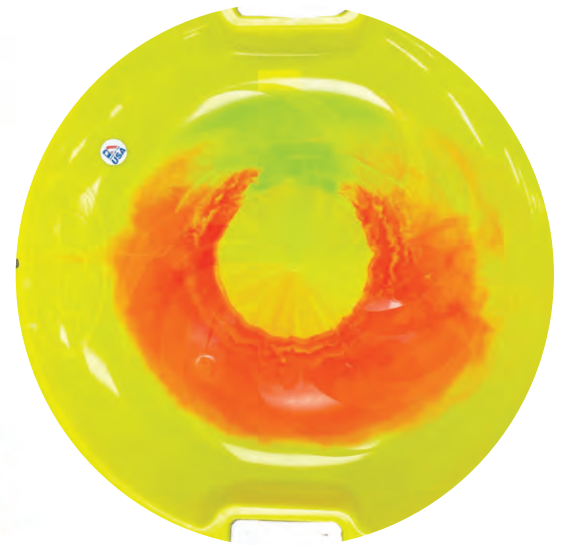
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LET IT SLIDE!

Maybe you can't be a penguin. But you can slide like one with this cute and durable inflatable snow tube! Or go for the corgi, the polar bear or any of the other adorable designs that put the wheeee back in winter. Strong and thick construct provide a smooth and cushy ride for adventurers of all ages. (Check out the cool ice monster tube on the opposite page — for those 'monster' days on the slopes!) All available at Whistle Stop Hobby & Toy.

The cool tie dye-look saucer snow disc is on deck for hours of way-affordable sledding at the Grosse Pointe Ace Hardware on Mack Avenue. Many sleds to pick from. Choose your ride and let it slide!



LITTLE SNOWSHOERS



At left, Moosejaw has snowshoe gear for the little ones. Help them keep up with you in these Youth Tyker snowshoes — and don't forget goggles to keep out the sun reflecting all that gorgeous snow. Visit Moosejaw for all types of winter fun gear for kids and adults.

SKATE THROUGH WINTER



Bikes Blades & Boards has skates for boys, girls and adults. Come get the kids fitted for their figure eights and treat yourself to a pair. From pond and figure skates to hockey gear galore, BB&B will help them master the ice. They've got a great selection of sporting goods for every season, from top notch bikes to e-bikes, helmets to goggles and more. They're the skate and sports gear experts in the Pointes.



PERFECT POWDER

Insta-Snow® Powder from Whistle Stop Hobby & Toy turns any action figure scene into a winter wonderland (or a blistering blizzard!) Create your very own snow bank in a cup—like magic. Just add water to a sprinkle of dry snow powder for an amazing reaction that erupts before your eyes. But watch out (parents and siblings might try to 'borrow' your Insta-Snow® because it's just so much fun)!

KEEP ON TREKKING



At left, Moosejaw carries Black Diamond collapsible adult trekking poles that are lightweight, have comfortable cork handles and fit easily in your backpack or gear bag. What's not to love? Visit Moosejaw for the best selection of trekking and ski poles around.



APRES SKI? OUI OUI!

No one will doubt where you've been with these chill pieces. This denim-wash hoodie is a great layer for the slopes or alone at the lodge afterward. The cap says it all in bright blue and white. Where else could they be from but The Campus Shop? Visit to see what's cool and new for your next ski trip.



MOUNTAINS OF HOT COCOA

For an apres ski warmup (or just because), try an unbelievably colossal hot chocolate masterpiece at Garrido's Bistro. (For the grownups, get one spiked.) Garrido's features scrumptious creative drink creations like these and so much more. In true Venezuelan and Latin flavor, Garrido's tempts your tastebuds with an out-of-this-world menu. From appetizers like Panchos (their original plantain chip nachos), to Spanish seafood paella, to Dominican-style steak — you'll want to try it all. Garrido's has been featured on just about every local news channel — with good reason. Warm up your insides and leave with a big smile on your face.

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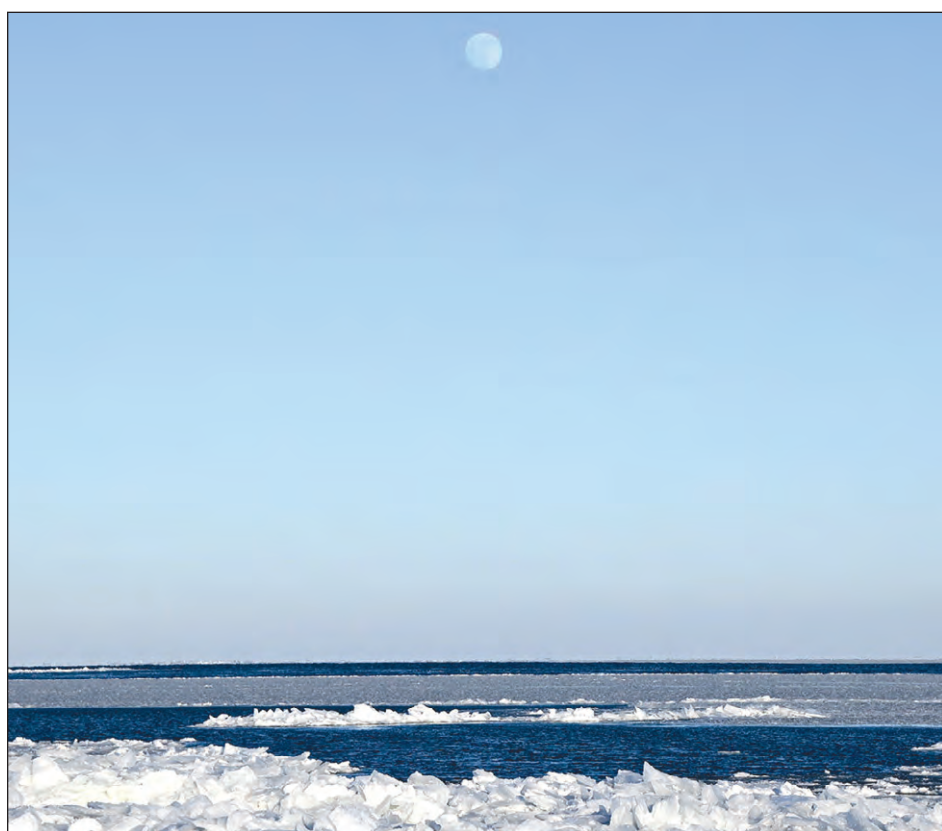
Winter on the lake

On a cold, wintry day, ice formed in Lake St. Clair around the perimeter of Pier Park in Grosse Pointe Farms.



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Along the pier, toward the newly built gazebo with a view of ice surrounding the pier.



A view of Lake St. Clair with the moon visible on a sunny afternoon.



A view of the lake looking toward the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club.



Two Canada geese fly above the ice and open water along Lake St. Clair.

EVENTS

Things to do in and around Grosse Pointe this week

THURSDAY, JANUARY 27

- » **Alice Cooper**
The Colosseum at Caesars Windsor, 8 p.m.
\$43.00 - \$93.00.
377 Riverside Drive East.
- » **Disney Presents The Lion King (Touring)**
Detroit Opera House, 7:30 p.m.
\$25.00 - \$130.00.
1526 Broadway St.
- » **Lauren Solivan Quartet**
Cliff Bell's,
7:30-11:30 p.m.
2030 Park Ave.
- » **One Night Only With FACE**
Saint Andrew's Hall, 8 p.m.
\$20.00.
431 E Congress St.
- » **Sesame Street Live! Let's Party!**
Fox Theatre, 11 a.m.
\$20.00 - \$80.00.
2211 Woodward Ave.
- » **Worst Party Ever, Thank You I'm Sorry**
The Sanctuary Detroit, 7 p.m.
\$12.00.
2932 Caniff St.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 28

- » **Disney Presents The Lion King (Touring)**
Detroit Opera House, 7:30 p.m.
\$25.00 - \$130.00.
1526 Broadway St.
- » **Lauren Solivan Quartet**
Cliff Bell's,
7:30-11:30 p.m.
2030 Park Ave.

- » **Live Music Friday w/Bruce Archer**
Detroit Mountain,
6:30 p.m.-6 a.m.
29409 170th Street
- » **Sesame Street Live! Let's Party!**
Fox Theatre, 10:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.
\$20.00 - \$80.00.
2211 Woodward Ave.
- » **Umphey's Mcgee Two Day Ticket**
The Fillmore Detroit, 11 a.m. & 7 p.m. \$55.00.
2115 Woodward Ave.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 29

- » **Australian Bee Gees**
Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, 8 p.m.
350 Madison St.
- » **Detroit Red Wings vs. Toronto Maple Leafs**
Little Caesars Arena, 7 p.m.
\$79.00 - \$365.00.
2645 Woodward.
- » **Disney Presents The Lion King (Touring)**
Detroit Opera House, 2 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.
\$25.00 - \$130.00.
1526 Broadway St.
- » **Greektown Casino Presents Australian Bee Gees**
Music Hall Center, 8 p.m.
\$19.50 - \$39.50.
350 Madison.
- » **Saved By The 90's**
Saint Andrew's Hall, 8 p.m.
431 E Congress St.

- » **Sesame Street Live! Let's Party!**
Fox Theatre, 10:30 a.m. & 2:30 p.m.
\$20.00 - \$80.00.
2211 Woodward Ave.

- » **Umphey's Mcgee Two Day Ticket**
The Fillmore Detroit, 7 p.m.
\$55.00.
2115 Woodward Ave.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 30

- » **An Evening With Bruce Dickinson**
The Fillmore Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
\$35.00 - \$65.00.
2115 Woodward Ave.
- » **Clearbody, Bliss Fields**
The Sanctuary Detroit, 7 p.m.
\$13.00.
2932 Caniff St.
- » **Detroit Pistons vs. Cleveland Cavaliers**
Little Caesars Arena, 6 p.m.
\$24.00 - \$1,765.50.
2645 Woodward.
- » **Disney Presents The Lion King (Touring)**
Detroit Opera House, 1 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.
\$25.00 - \$130.00.
1526 Broadway St.
- » **The "Heartbeat of Detroit" Party with Dj Cee - Outdoor Event**
La Casa, 9:30 p.m.
1502 Randolph St.
- » **Sesame Street Live! Let's Party!**
Fox Theatre, 12 p.m. & 4 p.m.
\$20.00 - \$80.00.
2211 Woodward Ave.

- » **Sky Covington**
Woodbridge Pub
7:30-11 p.m.
5169 Trumbull

MONDAY, JANUARY 31

- » **Detroit Red Wings vs. Anaheim Ducks**
Little Caesars Arena, 7 p.m.
\$39.00 - \$209.00.
2645 Woodward.

- » **The Wombats - North America 2022 Tour**
Saint Andrew's Hall, 7 p.m.
\$25.00.
431 E Congress St.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1

- » **1st Tuesday Book Group**
Central Library,
2-3 p.m.
10 Kercheval Ave.
- » **Detroit Pistons vs. New Orleans Pelicans**
Little Caesars Arena, 7 p.m.
\$20.00 - \$1,330.50.
2645 Woodward.
- » **Disney Presents The Lion King (Touring)**
Detroit Opera House, 7:30 p.m.
\$25.00 - \$130.00.
1526 Broadway St.
- » **Grosse Pointe Badminton Association**
Parcells Middle School
6:30-8 p.m.
Free.
20600 Mack Ave.
- » **Read, Rhyme & Play on Zoom**
All Branches,
10:30-11 a.m.

- » **Storytime with Miss Melissa**
Ewald Branch, 1:30-2 p.m.
15175 E Jefferson

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2

- » **Outdoor Storytime with Miss Rachel**
Central Library, 10:30 a.m.
10 Kercheval Ave.
- » **Cooking with Sticky Fingers**
Registration required
4:30-5:30 p.m.
grossepointelibrary.org
- » **Detroit Red Wings vs. Los Angeles Kings**
Little Caesars Arena, 7:30 p.m.
\$39.00 - \$209.00.
2645 Woodward.
- » **Disney Presents The Lion King (Touring)**
Detroit Opera House, 7:30 p.m.
\$25.00 - \$130.00.
1526 Broadway St.
- » **The Thought Reform Tour**
Saint Andrew's Hall, 6 p.m.
\$27.50.
431 E Congress St.
- » **Motherfolk**
The Sanctuary Detroit, 7 p.m.
\$15.00.
2932 Caniff St.
- » **Noah Jackson & Full Circle**
Cliff Bell's, 7:30-11 p.m.
2030 Park Ave.

Check out the online calendar on our website for more details & registration links

THE KID LIST

by Nora Nanny

Don't you love when you pay \$70 for your 5-year old's ski pass and then they decide they are "too cold" or "hate skiing!" after 30 minutes on the hill? It's a classic story that has probably happened to every parent on Earth once or twice or 27 times. While there are many great places to experience win-

ter fun in Michigan, one of our favorite spots is Nub's Nob because kids ski free! You heard that right: All kids 8 and younger ski free, even on weekends and holidays. It's a great place for kids to try to ski or snowboard for the first time.

Nub's offers wonderful private lessons that can be booked for one hour, 90



minutes or three hours. Multiple children can participate in the same lesson for a discounted price and the instructors are truly great with kids. After just one lesson, the kids were begging to go back and ski with their instructor who was "way" cooler than me. If you have smaller chil-

dren who aren't ready to hit the slopes yet, Nub's Nob has a daycare service that is open every day the resort is open. Nub's Cubs Daycare is available for full-day sessions, night sessions and even lunchtime care. Due to high demand, reservations are strongly recommended.

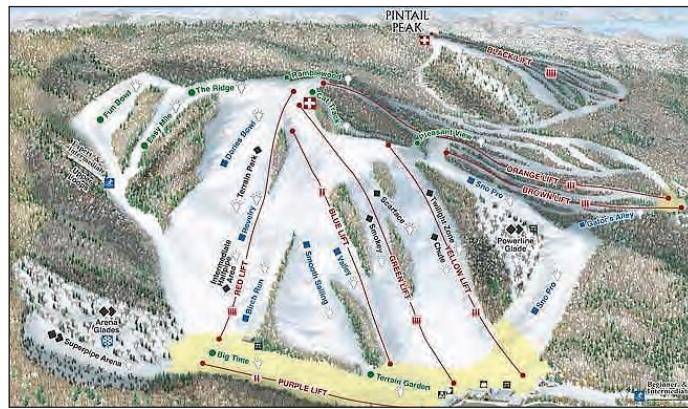
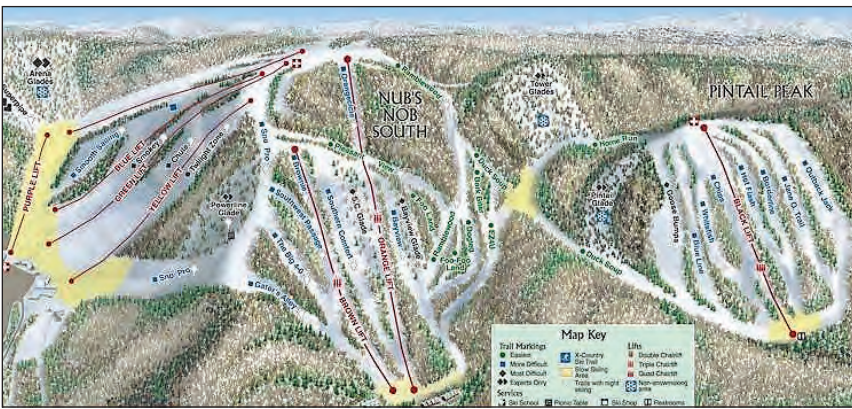
A winter family vacation up north just isn't the same without a trip to Nub's Nob. The complex is small enough that I felt totally comfortable allowing the kids to ski on their own for a bit. They loved the freedom and I loved

knowing they were going to be safe.

Nub's is such a refreshing environment, with a genuinely helpful and friendly staff who are always around to answer any questions and address any concerns.

There are so many convenient places to stay nearby and renting skis or snowboards is a breeze. We have had really great experiences there in the past and can't recommend it enough.

For more information, visit nubsnob.com, call (231) 526-2131 or email info@nubsnob.com.



Left, Ben Affleck as Uncle Charlie Maguire and Tye Sheridan as the older JR Maguire in the 2021 movie "The Tender Bar".

MOVIE REVIEW "The Tender Bar"

2021 - 1hr 46min

As the old adage goes: timing is everything. That's especially true when it comes to movies and the Academy Awards. Unfortunately, "The Tender Bar", a new film produced and directed by George Clooney, was released in theatres just as the recent spike in Covid cases was under way.

This resulted in shutting down movie theatres

and forced the film to go almost directly to streaming. That means the film probably won't get the buzz needed to be considered by critics for award nominations. This is unfortunate since the film really deserves more recognition than it's getting. That said, I found "The Tender Bar" a thoroughly enjoyable and entertaining film.

It's a beautiful coming of age story about a boy named JR. We first see the young boy (Daniel

Ramieri) and his mom (Lily Rabe) as they move back to her childhood home to escape an abusive dad (Max Martini). We don't see much of the dad until much later in the film, and all we know about him is he's "The Voice", a popular radio DJ with a golden voice and a drinking problem. He barely figures in the life of JR which proves to be a good thing.

The young JR loves his new surroundings; it's a lively household, just jam packed with relatives of all ages. His days are filled with great experiences and are full of surprises.

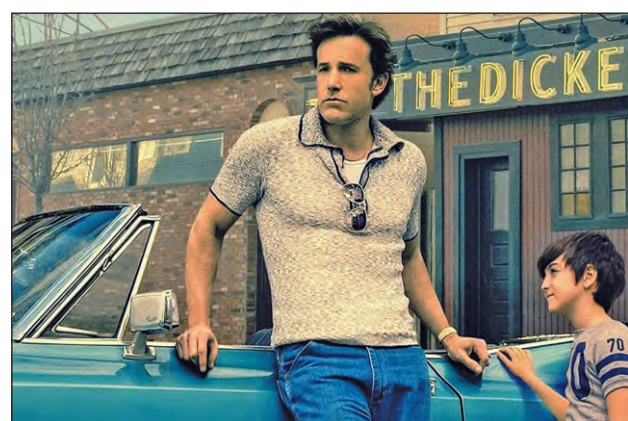
He lives with two family members who will have a huge impact on his life. Christopher Lloyd plays his cranky and eccentric grandpa. You think he's going to be a mean old man, but he turns out to be encouraging and is a softy at heart. Case in point--he even dresses up and takes JR to the Father & Son breakfast at his school!

Then there's Uncle Charlie (Ben Affleck). I've always thought of him as one of the most overrated actors in Hollywood. But he sure surprised me in this movie. The guy can actually act! Here he's both a smart mentor and father figure to JR, and you wonder why he didn't do more with his life than run the family bar.

Young JR dreams of going to Yale and becoming a writer. In one scene Uncle Charlie opens up his closet, which is completely full of books and tells JR to just read all of them for a start!

Movie Junkie Mark

by Mark Domin



deserve more recognition. They include both mainstream and indie films streaming on services like Netflix and Kanopy, as well as theatrical releases.

For movie trailers, visit youtube.com. If you have any suggestions, feel free to email me at: dominmark@yahoo.com. Also, if you're looking for more recommendations, be sure to check out my blog: moviejunkiemark.blogspot.com.

★★★★ One you'd recommend to friends.

★★★★★ So good you'd actually go out and buy it!

About this column:
My main focus is on films that I feel have gone under the radar and



Left above, Daniel Ramieri as the young JR with Ben Affleck as his Uncle Charlie.



Above, Lily Rabe playing the part as Dorothy Maguire, JR's mother.

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"The Dickens", the family's tavern is a second home for JR. It's reminiscent of the bar in "Cheers" in that it's full of lovable and quirky characters and much of the film takes place there. It sort of makes you wish there was a local pub like that around here.

Tye Sheridan plays the older JR, and we follow him through high school, college, and out into the real world.

A lot of time and growing up are packed into a mere hour and forty-six minutes in this film. It's quite an enjoyable ride as JR chases his dream.

My favorite quote from the movie is when JR is discussing writing. His friend observes, "When you suck at writing, you become a journalist". (Ouch!)

I enjoy movies like this where almost nothing horrible happens to the main characters. What a pleasant surprise this one turned out to be.

Currently streaming on Prime Video.
★★★★☆

My rating system:
★ A real stinker. A movie that is so bad, you're embarrassed to admit you've seen it, but you have to rate it nonetheless.

★★ So-so. Not a total waste of time, but you would have been better off reading a good book.

★★★ Pretty good. In fact, if there weren't any other movies in your queue, you might watch it again.

Classic Ann Landers

Dear Ann Landers: With help from various family members, I created the following credo for drivers:

Drive defensively. Remember that the driver next to you could be fighting sleep, distracted by a crying baby, combing her hair, daydreaming, lighting a cigarette, shaving, searching in the glove compartment, reading a map, applying makeup, talking on the phone, reading road signs, drinking, eating, adjusting the air conditioning or changing the radio station.

That driver also might be suffering from any number of physical ailments that could alter his or her ability to see or hear.

Defensive driving means wearing a seat belt, no tailgating, obeying traffic rules and keeping your attention focused on the road. What I have written could mean the difference between life and death. -- M.C., Alamo, California

Dear Alamo: Thanks for reminding us that all drivers must be alert to the drivers nearby. All it takes is for one of those drivers to be distracted for a few seconds. The result could be a tragic accident.

Dear Ann Landers: I never cease to be amazed at the number of people who put an unfair burden on a bride and groom by

carrying wedding presents to the reception. The couple then must arrange for one or two empty cars to haul the gifts to the couple's new home.

I believe this happens for two reasons: procrastination and laziness. Many guests wait until the last minute to buy a gift, and then they bring it to the wedding rather than having it delivered. Also, some guests don't want to be bothered with wrapping a gift for mailing.

You would do thousands of wedding couples a huge favor if you would urge guests to purchase and deliver gifts before the big day. If they can't manage to get the gift in advance, it is perfectly OK to send it a few days after the wedding. I hope you agree with me, Ann. -- F.W. in Zionsville, Ind.

Dear Zionsville: You've hit on something that has stuck in my craw for ages. Thank you. Whenever I go to a wedding and see a table loaded with gifts, I feel sorry for the bride and groom or, more realistically, for their parents. What an imposition to expect them to take these presents home, keep the cards straight and so on. How much more considerate to have those gifts delivered several days before the ceremony.

Dear Ann Landers: I am the grandmother of a child who was put up for adoption. It was an open

adoption, which means the adoptive parents send my son photographs and letters so he knows how his child is doing.

The adoptive parents are lovely people, and my grandson is doing wonderfully. Not a day goes by that I don't thank God for them.

Every Christmas and birthday, I send gifts to my grandson because I want him to know I care about him. The adoptive parents have a second child, and I make sure to send gifts to that child, too.

The rest of my family disagrees with this. They say I should distance myself from the boy and stop keeping in touch with the adoptive parents.

Tell me, Ann, are they right? Is it a mistake for me to maintain a relationship with this child? The adoptive parents have never asked me to back off, nor has my son objected to my presence in the boy's life. I would appreciate your opinion. -- Torn in Texas.

Dear Texas: Who, exactly, is "the rest of the family," and what business is it of theirs? These people who are giving you this bum advice should be told you are dealing with the matter in your own way and that all parties involved are satisfied with how things are being handled. (That is shorthand for MYOB, and if they don't get it, spell it out for them.)

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DEAR ABBY:

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which ended because of abuse, are adults. Two of them are still in the house, and one, my son "Charlie," has serious health issues. My hus-

band was sick for five years prior to his death.

Charlie gets upset when I talk about being interested in starting to date. He thinks I am going to abandon him again and that I should pay more attention to reconnecting with my

children than trying to develop a new relationship. I don't see why I can't have both.

Charlie refuses to leave the house, so taking him out to do things is not an option. I don't think he loves me; I feel he just wants to control me.

My other children are supportive, but they are independent. Am I wrong for wanting to pursue life outside my home and grown children? -- ATTEMPTING TO GO FORWARD

DEAR ATTEMPTING: You aren't wrong for wanting companionship, and I'm not referring to the kind you can get from your children.

If Charlie is unable to live independently and needs constant supervision, you should be discussing options for him such as respite care, so you can have a break.

Because you mentioned that he has serious health issues, what are the plans for him if you should predecease him? This is an issue that should be hashed out before there is a crisis, so there will be no surprises and Charlie can be reassured, which may allay his fears and help him to become less needy.

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Royal Stars Weekly Horoscopes

Moon Alert: After 3 a.m. EST today, there are no restrictions to shopping or important decisions today. The Moon is in Sagittarius.

Happy Birthday for Thursday, Jan. 27, 2022:

You have an amazing ability to learn something quickly. You are adventurous and ever optimistic. You admire your loved ones. You are freedom-loving and you know how to inspire others. This year is a year of learning and teaching for you. Welcome time alone to be introspective and soul-searching.

ARIES
(March 21-April 19)

Today you want to do something different. Obviously, travel would be perfect. ("I'm outta here!") Certainly, your ambition is aroused, which is why you will make something happen. Note: Bosses and authority figures favor you. Tonight: Explore your options.

TAURUS
(April 20-May 20)

You continue to make a strong impression on others because the Sun is at the top of your chart casting you in a flattering spotlight. You might make a great impression on a boss or parent you haven't seen in a while. Today you can't ignore issues about shared property. Tonight: Check your finances.

GEMINI
(May 21-June 20)

Today you have to cooperate with others because the Moon is opposite your sign. You'll have no trouble doing this, because you are quick to adapt to changing situations. Meanwhile, keep your pockets open, because gifts, goodies and favors will come your way. Tonight: Cooperate with others.

CANCER
(June 21-July 22)

You might have to work on behalf of someone else today or perform a service for them. Fortunately, you might attract someone helpful to you. Having said that, you also might attract someone who will test your patience. (You win some, you lose some.) Tonight: Get organized.

LEO
(Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

This is a playful, fun-loving day! Even if you're working hard, others will be supportive to you. You might attract someone to you today who is chatty and will make demands on your time. (This is not surprising, because you often attract people to you.) Tonight: Socialize!

VIRGO
(Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Today you're happy to relax at home among familiar surroundings. You feel like you need a break. This doesn't mean you're not still working hard and giving it all you've got, because you are. Yes, you can handle it all right now. Tonight: Relax.

LIBRA
(Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

It's easy for you to be in touch with your creative talents now. Others might use this same influence to enjoy sports events and playful activities with children. Basically, you want to enjoy life, and ideally you would love to slip away on a vacation. Who knows? Tonight: Study and learn.

SCORPIO
(Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Your ability to persuade others is strong now. Oh yes, you're a smooth talker! Today you might focus on financial matters and cash flow. Perhaps you want to sell something. Perhaps you want to buy something. (You'll get what you

want.) Tonight: Banking and finances.

SAGITTARIUS
(Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Because the Moon is in your sign today, your luck will be slightly better than all the other signs. Why not test this and ask the universe for a favor? See what happens. Meanwhile, guard against transportation delays. Pay attention to everything you say and do. Tonight: You have the upper hand.

CAPRICORN
(Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Today it's a mixed bag. With Mars and Venus in your sign, you feel charming and keen to associate with others. However, the Moon is hiding in your chart, which is the opposite influence. This makes you want to retire and hide behind the scenes. It's your choice. Tonight: Be low-key.

AQUARIUS
(Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

This continues to be a strong time for you because the Sun is in your sign. Nevertheless, ex-partners and old friends from your past seem to be back on the scene. Today an important conversation with a female friend or a member of a group might occur. Tonight: Set goals.

PISCES
(Feb. 19-March 20)

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Contract Bridge

I THINK, THEREFORE I AM

South dealer.

East-West vulnerable.

NORTH

♠ 10 7 4 2

♥ —

♦ 7 6 5 4

♣ A K Q 10 3

WEST

♠ A

♥ Q 7 4

♦ A K J 8 3

♣ 9 8 5 2

EAST

♠ K 9 8 6 3

♥ J 6 2

♦ 10 9 2

♣ J 6

SOUTH

♠ Q J 5

♥ A K 10 9 8 5 3

♦ Q

♣ 7 4

The bidding:

South West North East

4♥ Pass Pass Pass

Opening lead — king of diamonds.

Here is a hand that demonstrates the type of thought process that is necessary to become a successful player. West's opening lead against four hearts is the king of diamonds, on which East plays the deuce and South the queen. West's first problem is what to play next.

If West thoughtlessly continues

with a diamond, declarer ruffs and plays three rounds of trump, securing the contract as the cards lie since the defense cannot cash their two spade tricks. But if West is fully alert, he realizes that South's queen of diamonds is sure to be a singleton because East would not play the deuce of diamonds with any holding other than the 10-9-2.

Accordingly, West shifts to the ace of spades, on which East plays the nine to ask for a continuation. But West can't oblige and reverts to diamonds.

Declarer ruffs and plays the A-K of trump. If West is asleep at the switch, he follows low to both trumps, and South easily makes the contract by leading another trump.

But if West is thinking along the proper lines, he does not follow low twice to the A-K. West realizes that declarer will surely make the contract if left to his own devices, so on the second trump, West plays the queen, hoping East started with the J-x-x.

Once West rids himself of the queen, it doesn't matter whether declarer next plays another trump or tries to run dummy's clubs; in either case he goes down one, losing two spades, a heart and a diamond.

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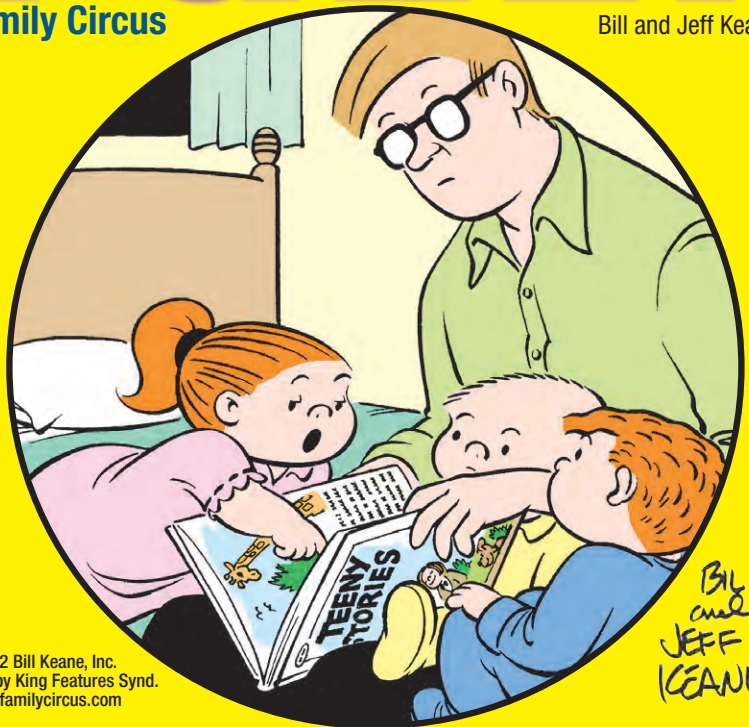
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“Where does it say, ‘To be continued tomorrow night?’”

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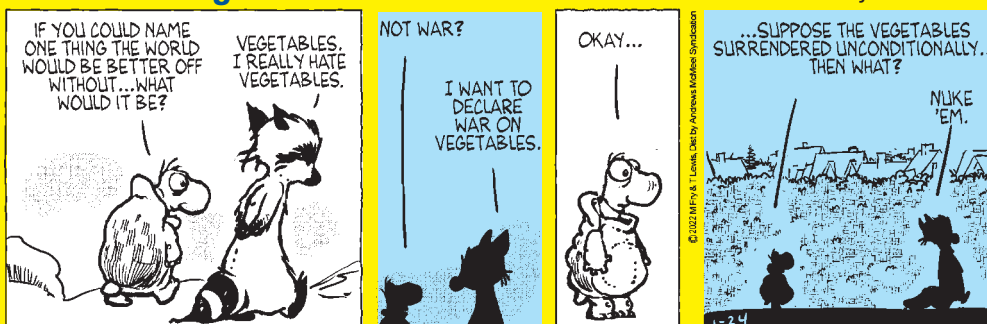
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Over The Hedge

Michael Fry and T. Lewis



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Reg Smythe



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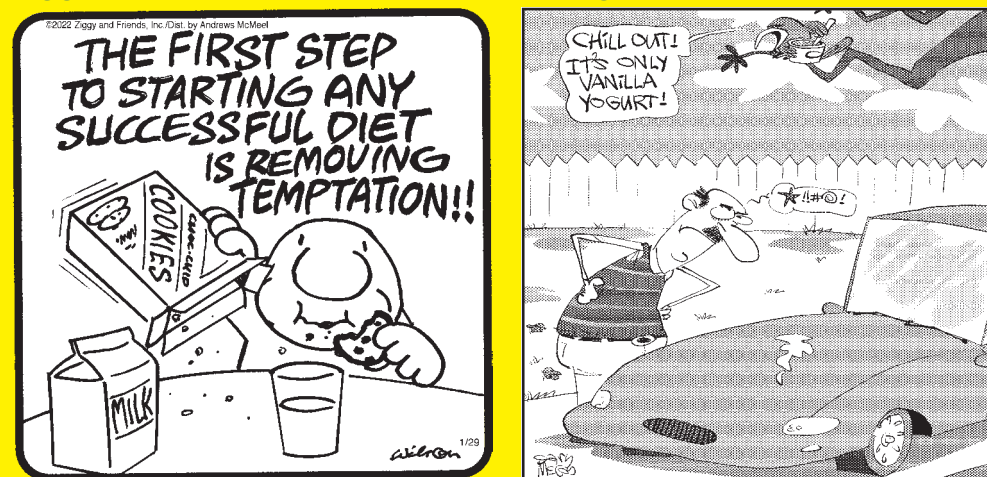


Ziggy

Tom Wilson

Flying McCoys

Glenn McCoy



UNIVERSAL Sudoku Puzzle

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

Previous puzzle solution

7	1	9	3	5	8	4	2	6
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Universal Crossword

Edited by David Steinberg January 20, 2022

ACROSS

- 1 All ___
- 5 Nudge
- 9 “Forever Your Girl” singer Paula
- 14 Beyond dry
- 15 Chicago mayor
- 16 Like myths about
- 17 “What a British chef says after botching a pasta topping?”
- 19 Fluctuates wildly
- 20 ___Wan
- 21 Kenobi
- 21 Blast
- 22 producer
- 22 Perfect basketball shot
- 24 Ancient
- 24 Japanese assassins
- 26 “Earworm?”
- 29 Stories that can be read backward?
- 30 Complete, as this puzzle
- 31 WOW
- 31 upside down
- 32 Seat
- 34 Go to a diner, say
- 36 Letters before a texter’s POV
- 39 Time off, briefly ... or two letters dropped from each starred clue’s answer

- 41 Coffee dispensers
- 42 Lipton packet
- 44 Painter’s support
- 46 “... and the list goes on”: Abbr.
- 47 Stale-smelling
- 49 Sprays near waterfalls
- 53 “Build farm enclosures?”
- 55 Mr. Peanut’s headwear
- 56 Zesty dip ... or dance
- 57 Corn serving
- 58 Tipper’s banknote, often
- 59 “Time is money,” e.g.
- 61 “Young cat’s Elizabethan collar?”
- 64 Coyotes’ cries
- 65 Sandy shade
- 66 Nourish
- 67 Liability’s counterpart
- 68 Appear
- 69 10:9 or 8:7

- 9 “Do you have a guess?”
- 10 Uplift
- 11 Deadpan comedy
- 12 G.I.
- 12 entertainers
- 13 “Miz”
- 18 Squirrel away
- 23 Is indecisive
- 25 Twin of Esau
- 26 Charlotte hoopsters
- 27 Any thing
- 28 CPR pros
- 30 “Cheap Thrills” singer
- 33 Bickers
- 35 Flower in a 17th-century Dutch economic bubble
- 36 Tabloid
- 37 Prefix with “physical”
- 38 Fine-toothed hand tools
- 40 February 29, 2020, but not February 29, 2022
- 43 Most abundant
- 45 University near Georgia Tech
- 48 Mambas and boas
- 50 Chased away
- 51 Sun-kissed
- 52 Mounts of yore
- 54 Two under par
- 55 Channing of “Magic Mike”
- 57 Raison d’
- 59 “Caught ya!”
- 60 Hairstyles, informally
- 62 Diamonds, slangily
- 63 Money exec

PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

T	E	C	H	L	A	R	A	D	A	M	U	P
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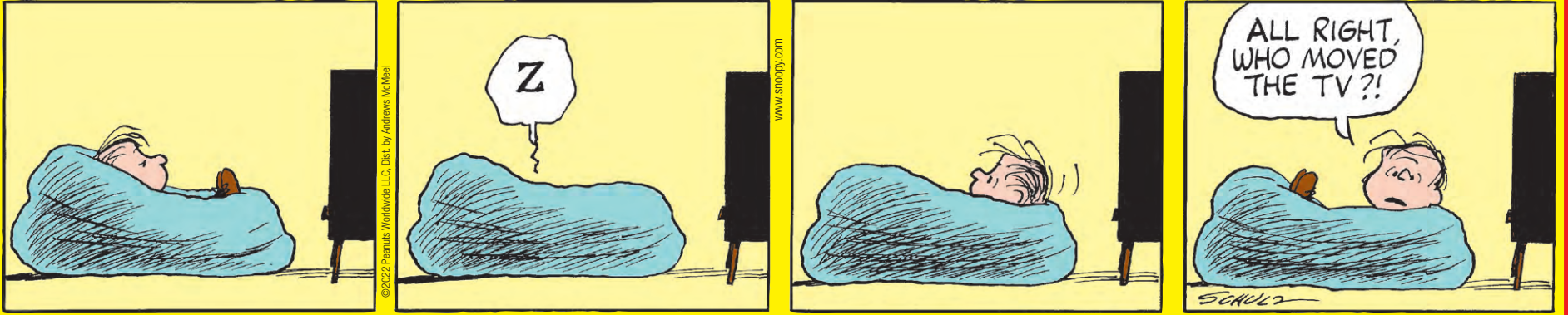
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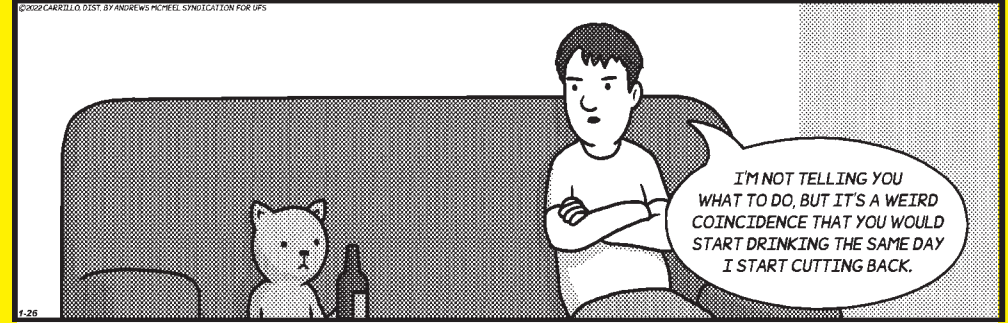
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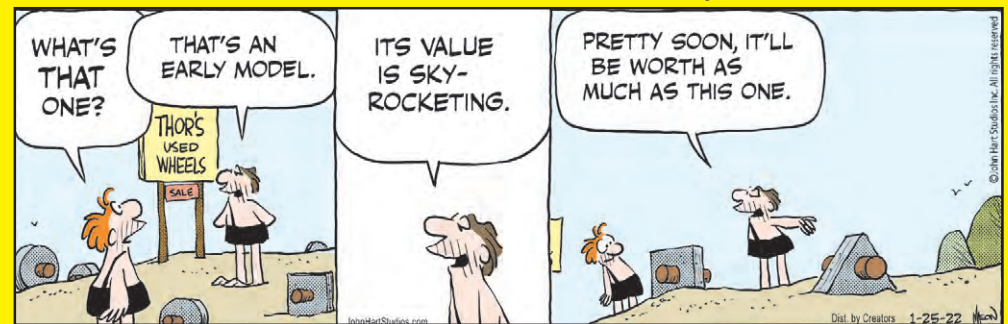
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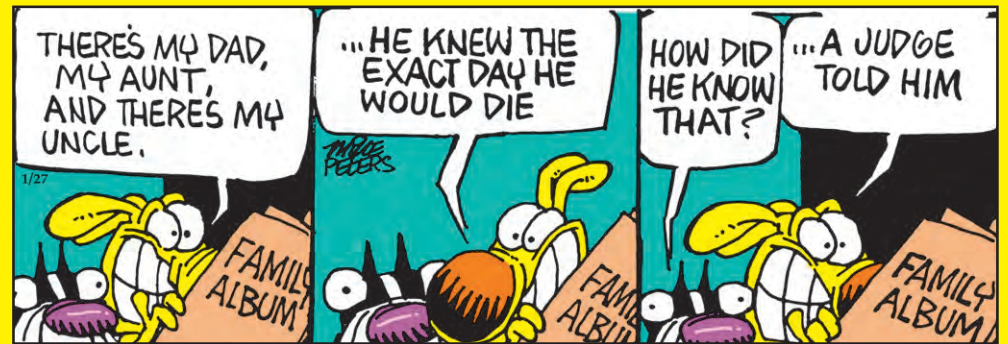
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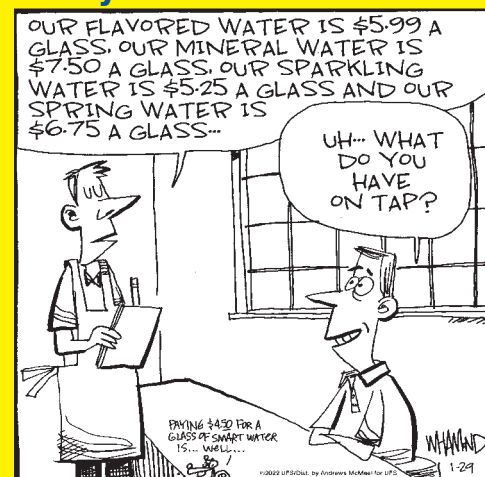
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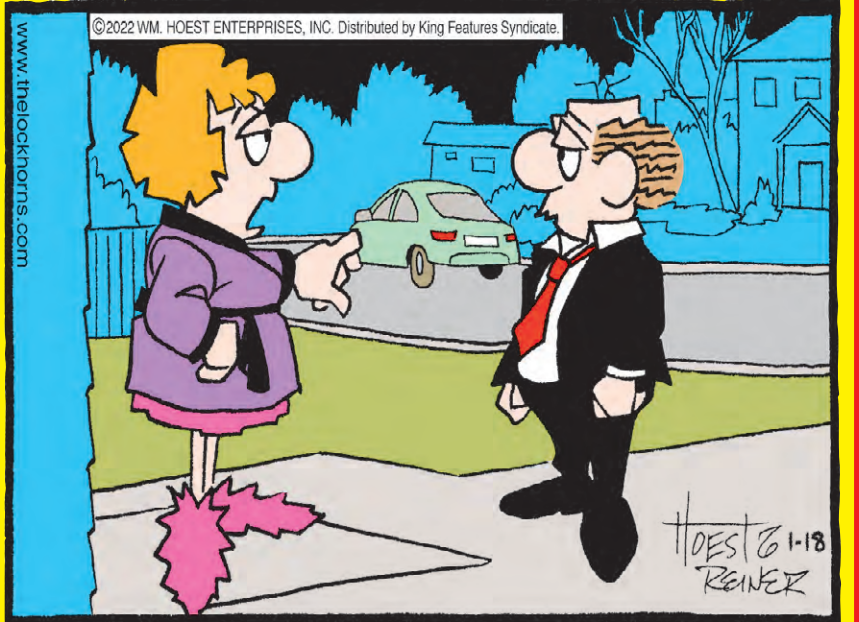
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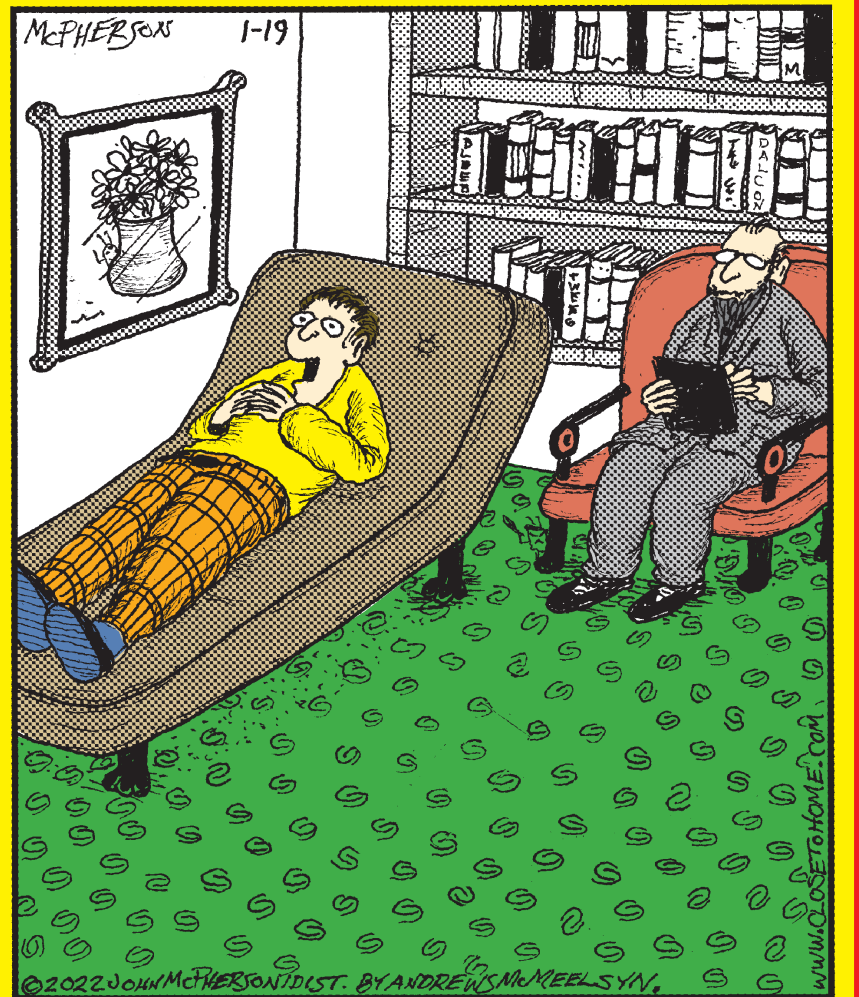
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Knights win CHSL
Liggett boys hockey takes CHSL title in overtime. PAGE 2D

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Chad Hepner, right, was named the new head coach of Grosse Pointe South varsity football. Pictured with his father Russ Hepner, who coached the Blue Devils football team from 1968 to 1986.

Hepner named new South head football coach

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

After the retirement of former head coach Tim Brandon following the 2021 season, Grosse Pointe South football finished its search for a new coach Monday afternoon. South Athletic Director Brandon Wheeler announced in a press release that former assistant coach Chad Hepner will be taking over full time as the new head coach of the Blue Devils.

“Being a teacher in the building, Chad has a unique opportunity to forge relationships with players in the classroom and on the field,” Wheeler said in the announcement. “I look forward to watching him uphold the traditions

and high standards we value at South and cultivating a culture focused on growing young men of high character. We have the utmost confidence in Chad and I look forward to supporting and partnering with him to give kids the best experience possible on and off the gridiron.”

Hepner has been a coach in South’s football program for 20 years and most recently served as associate head varsity football coach, a position he assumed in 2017. He also served as interim head coach for the Blue Devils during the 2006 season and was named the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association Assistant Coach of the Year in 2014.

South football has a special meaning for

Hepner and his family. His father, Russ Hepner, was head coach of the Blue Devils for nearly two decades from 1968 to 1986. Hepner graduated from South in 1993, and was the first-ever Blue Devils running back to rush for more than 1,000 yards.

“I’m thrilled to have this responsibility to take over the program at the school I’ve been committed to for the better part of my life,” Hepner said. “I’m thankful for my mentors, including my father, Coach Jon Rice and Coach Mike McCleod for giving me my start in coaching football, and to Tim Brandon for his mentorship and friendship. I couldn’t be more excited to coach these young men. There’s no place I’d rather be.”

Athlete of the Week

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

Each year, the Michigan High School Athletic Association honors outstanding student-athletes from around the state with its annual Scholar-Athlete Awards. The Pointes had two athletes among the award winners last year and now Grosse Pointe North’s Ana Todesco could be the next Scholar-Athlete Award winner for the Norsemen.

Todesco, a senior on North’s girls golf and tennis teams, recently was named one of 24 finalists in Girls Class A for this year’s M H S A A Scholar-Athlete Award. Like many multi-sport athletes in high school, Todesco has learned countless lessons from her experiences over the years. Her years in both golf and tennis have shown her the value of teamwork and that winning is not always everything.

“Playing both varsity tennis and varsity golf has taught me the mean-

ing of camaraderie,” Todesco said. “A win or loss doesn’t define the team or individual player.”

Todesco has been part of the tennis and golf teams at North since her freshman year. A standout from the beginning, she stepped right up in ninth grade to the No. 1 singles position in tennis for the Norsemen. In golf, Todesco has been a

losing, is an opportunity to learn.

“What it does is provide an opportunity to galvanize the team toward achieving their optimal potential,” Todesco said. “Effort and attitude are all a person can control.”

That is just one of the many lessons Todesco learned as a student-athlete that likely will stick with her for years to come. The winners of the M H S A A Scholar-Athlete Award are going to be announced in February. Win or lose, Todesco knows that an attitude of effort and dedication is maybe the most valuable thing she could get out of being a student-athlete.

“I take this life lesson that playing sports has taught me and infuse it in my daily life tasks,” she said. “It is the motto that I use to guide me in my post-secondary aspirations to become a neurosurgeon.”

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captain both her junior and senior seasons.

Her commitment to hard work on the golf course, the tennis court and in the classroom has earned Todesco recognition throughout her high school career. Persevering through wins and losses has given her the mentality that everything, even



COURTESY PHOTOS

Ana Todesco has been a part of North’s tennis team since her freshman year.



Along with playing tennis, Todesco, left, is also a member of the Norsemen golf team.

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Athlete of the Week

Ana Todesco

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Knights win CHSL title in overtime

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

For the second year in a row, the University Liggett Knights boys hockey team faced off against Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard with the CHSL Cardinal Division championship up for grabs. The Knights advanced to Saturday's title game after a 5-1 win over Bishop Foley Friday night.

Last year's Cardinal Division championship game between Liggett and the Irish came down to the wire, with Gabriel Richard taking a dramatic win with a goal in the closing seconds. Saturday night did not hold back on the drama once again as the Knights let a lead slip away late in regulation, but managed to recover and take the Cardinal Division title with a 5-4 win in overtime.

Both sides came out swinging as it took less than two minutes for the

first goal of the game to be put on the board. Knights' senior captain Doug Wood opened the scoring to give Liggett an early 1-0 lead, but Gabriel Richard answered just a moment later to bring the game back to even.

Stephen Wheatley broke the tie later in the first period to once again put Liggett out in front. The Knights extended their lead to 3-1 with a goal by Jake Kolk. It looked as though the Knights would enter the first intermission with a two-goal advantage, but a late Irish goal cut the lead back down to one as the first period ended 3-2 in favor of Liggett.

After a combined five goals in the opening period, the second period saw the puck find the back of the net just once. The goal was for Liggett as Wood scored his second of the night to give the Knights a 4-2 lead heading into the final period of regulation.

There is an old saying

that a two-goal lead is the most dangerous lead in the game of hockey and unfortunately for the Knights, that statement was true Saturday. With just over 10 minutes remaining in the third



PHOTO BY BARBARA JOHNS

The University Liggett boys hockey team captured the CHSL Cardinal Division Championship with a dramatic 5-4 OT win over Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard.

period, Gabriel Richard reduced the deficit to one and had plenty of time to try and tie the game.

Liggett's defense held firm much of the final

minutes of regulation. The Irish pulled their goalie to gain an advantage late and were helped when the Knights took a penalty with just 13 seconds left on the clock. With a two-man advantage

for Gabriel Richard and the puck in the offensive zone, the Irish needed one last push to force overtime. A scramble in front of

the Liggett net with the final seconds ticking down put the entire arena on the edge of its seat. With less than a second remaining in regulation, the puck crossed the goal line and the Irish forced overtime.

"Our message after the third period was over was good things and bad things happen and how you react is everything," Liggett coach Colin Smith said about his team surrendering a late lead. "They reacted the right way and went right back to work. That's kind of been our message all year."

Both teams had their opportunities in overtime, including a miss by Gabriel Richard on a puck left in front of an open Knights' net. It looked as though the game may have needed to be decided by a shootout as the minutes ticked away in overtime, but Liggett proved that big-time players can make big-time plays in big

games. Wood completed his hat trick for the evening by scoring the game-winning goal in overtime to avenge last year's loss and win the CHSL Cardinal Division championship for the Knights.

"There isn't even enough I can say about No. 16," Smith said about Wood's heroic game. "Not even on the ice, but off the ice, he's been our leader. He's very unselfish and is a leader vocally in practice and off the ice. ... He does everything right. He kills penalties, he's on the power play and he blocks shots. He's a honey badger out there and I enjoy coaching him."

The pair of wins over the weekend in the Catholic League tournament brings the Knights' winning streak to four games in a row. Liggett hosts St. Francis De Sales from Toledo on Friday and then travels across the border to Ohio Saturday for a rematch.

Academy is home to rising basketball star

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

It is not every day one sees a 13-year-old eighth-grader with more than 100,000 Instagram followers. But that is the case for The Grosse Pointe Academy student and rising basketball star, Peyton Kemp.

Since starting his Instagram page, peyton_

kemp26, with his mom years ago, Kemp has amassed 125,000 followers. Posts from his games and workouts catch the attention of thousands of viewers and have helped make Kemp one of the most hyped basketball players in the country for the high school class of 2026. The social media hype around Kemp came naturally, just like his

skill and love for the game of basketball.

"Most of my family are athletes just in general, but I really got into the game when I was like 6 and played my first AAU tournament when I was 7," Kemp said. "I came to the Academy mainly because of Coach (Kevin Richards) and it's a great environment."

Kemp plays on The

Grosse Pointe Academy's varsity team, coached by Richards. He has learned plenty from his coaches, teammates and trainers over the years. However, Kemp gives the most credit to his very first coach, his mom.

Tia Kemp, Peyton's mother, has her own impressive basketball resume. She is a former coach and had an impressive high school career, which led her to play Division 1 women's college basketball. Out of every coach, trainer and mentor Peyton Kemp has ever had, his mom will always be his biggest influence.

"She laid down the foundation of my game in general since she played D1 at Arkansas State," Kemp said. "She and my godmother in New York are the two that really helped me lay down the foundation. Over time I got with trainers doing more advanced stuff, but those two taught me the foundation of what I need to do like shooting and dribbling."

"He was around it as a baby because I was coaching at the time," Tia Kemp said. "He asked me to start taking him to the gym because he wanted to start playing and training, so I started training him when he was about 6."

Kemp's mom also played a major role in her son getting noticed on social media. She began posting highlights of Kemp on her own Instagram page before creating one for him. It was not long before things started to take off and Kemp became recognized as a rising young talent by the online basketball community.

"It was all natural and none of it was really planned," Tia Kemp said. "I saw other young basketball players who had Instagram pages and so I started him a page and actually started my own page. I was posting things on my page and then started his page and it just kind of grew. Nothing was planned out or intended. It just hap-



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

Grosse Pointe Academy eighth-grader Peyton Kemp has become one of the most popular young basketball prospects in the country with his highlight clips receiving thousands of views online.

pened and he was about 8 when he first went viral."

It is likely Kemp could follow in his mother's footsteps by one day playing Division 1 college basketball. Before he can do that, Kemp still is in the process of deciding where to attend and play basketball in high school after graduating from the Academy.

Earlier this month, Kemp announced on his Instagram page a list of high schools that could potentially be the next step in his basketball career. The list included schools like De La Salle, U of D Jesuit, Brother Rice, Cass Tech and more. Kemp's dream, like any young basketball player, is to one day play in the NBA. He knows the high school program he chooses could play a major role in one day getting him there.

"I'm trying to play pro, but I know I have to get there one step at a time," he said. "Right now I'm focused on high school, because that decision is going to shape my life

for the next 10 or 15 years."

One could see all of the highlights on social media and label Kemp a rising star. Watching him play a full game, however, is the best way to get a true sense of the type of basketball player he is.

Kemp prides himself on being a leader on and off the court. Although he can score with ease, Kemp enjoys being unselfish by being a playmaker and creating opportunities for his teammates more often than himself. Even with 125,000 followers and countless basketball fans watching his highlights, Kemp sees basketball just like any other eighth grader — a way to have fun.

"Most people say I'm fun to play with and I try to have as much fun as possible," he said. "I mainly started because I enjoy playing in the first place, even before social media and all that. I'm a leader and a coach on the floor. I'm a passer since I like to pass first and score second really."

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HOME GAMES

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Friday, January 28
5:30 pm Boys JV Basketball vs. New Haven @Gym
7 pm Boys Varsity Basketball vs. New Haven @Gym
7:30 pm Girls Varsity Ice Hockey vs. Ann Arbor Pioneer @Eastside Hockey Arena

Monday, January 31
4 pm Coed Unified Basketball vs. Sterling Heights @Gym
4:10 pm Boys Varsity Ice Hockey vs. Trenton @Fraser Ice Arena
5:30 pm Girls JV Basketball vs. Port Huron @Gym
7 pm Girls Varsity Basketball vs. Port Huron @Gym

Tuesday, February 1
4 pm Boys Freshmen Basketball vs. Eisenhower @Gym
5:30 pm Boys JV Basketball vs. Eisenhower @Gym
7 pm Boys Varsity Basketball vs. Eisenhower @Gym
7:30 pm Girls Varsity Dance Team @Gym

Wednesday, February 2
6:30 pm Girls Varsity Gymnastics Tri Meet @Gym
7:30 pm Girls Varsity Ice Hockey vs. St. Catherine of Siena @Eastside Hockey Arena

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Thursday, January 27
4 pm Co-ed Varsity United Basketball vs. GP North @Gym
5:30 pm Girls JV Basketball vs. GP North @Gym
5:30 pm Boys Varsity Ice Hockey vs. U of D @Eastside Hockey Arena
7 pm Girls Varsity Basketball vs. GP North @Gym

Saturday, January 29
9 am Boys Varsity Wrestling Blue Devil Quad @Gym
5 pm Girls Varsity Ice Hockey vs. Ann Arbor Huron @Eastside Hockey Arena

Tuesday, February 1
4 pm Boys Freshmen Basketball vs. Dakota @Gym
5:30 pm Boys JV Basketball vs. Dakota @Gym
7 pm Boys Varsity Basketball vs. Dakota @Gym

Wednesday, February 2
6:30 pm Girls Varsity Gymnastics League Meet @GP North Gym

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

Friday, January 28
5 pm Girls Varsity Basketball vs. St. Mary @Gym
5:30 pm Boys Varsity Ice Hockey vs. St. Francis Toledo @McCann Arena
7:45 pm Girls Varsity Ice Hockey vs. Skyline @McCann Arena

Monday, January 31
5:30 pm Girls Varsity Ice Hockey vs. Academy of Sacred Heart @McCann Arena

Tuesday, February 1
6:30 pm Boys Varsity Ice Hockey vs. L'Anse Creuse @McCann Arena

Norsemen keep winning

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

To say the Grosse Pointe North girls basketball team is on a roll may seem like an understatement. The Norsemen entered Friday night's game against Port Huron Northern having not lost a game since Dec. 5. After a tightly contested first half, North used a big third quarter to pull ahead and secure its eighth win in a row by defeating the Huskies 45-29.

The first two quarters of Friday's game saw the momentum shift back and forth. The opening eight minutes closed with both sides tied at nine points apiece. North and the Huskies kept trading baskets in the second quarter, with the Norsemen getting a

boost early on from Natalie Babcock. The sophomore scored nine of North's 16 first-half points as the Norsemen trailed by two going into the halftime locker room. While the first half looked evenly matched, it was a massive third quarter that really decided the outcome. The Norsemen came out of the locker room on fire to start the second half and scored 13 unanswered points before Port Huron Northern was able to get on the board again. North more than doubled its point total from the entire first half in the third quarter alone, outscoring the Huskies 20-4 and taking a 36-22 lead into the final eight minutes.

The offense slowed down in the fourth and final quarter for the Norsemen, but luckily

Port Huron Northern continued struggling to get the ball through the hoop. North persevered through a defensive fourth quarter thanks to the lead they built earlier in the half and were able to emerge with a double-digit victory.

Babcock finished the game with 13 total points after scoring nine in the first half. Junior Annebl Ayrault led the Norsemen with 17 points and Sophia Borowski also reached double digits with 12.

The win extends North's streak and keeps the Norsemen unbeaten in the new year while moving to 9-1 overall. Currently sitting at the top of the MAC Red standings, the Norsemen look to sweep the season series against crosstown rivals Grosse Pointe South Thursday night.



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

South's Kamryn Richards had 21 points in the loss to Eisenhower on Friday.

Slow start dooms South

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

The Grosse Pointe South girls basketball team entered Friday's contest against the Eisenhower Eagles still winless in MAC Red Division play. A slow start on offense for the Blue Devils left them trying to play catch up most of the evening and led to another loss as Eisenhower emerged victorious 56-36.

Troubles scoring the basketball hurt the Blue Devils from the very beginning Friday. The first quarter saw the Eagles outpacing South by a large margin as the Blue Devils managed to put only seven points on the board in the opening eight minutes, compared to Eisenhower's 25.

An early 25-7 deficit at

the end of the first quarter created a difficult hill to climb for the Blue Devils to come back. South's offense did find a bit more rhythm before halftime and a buzzer-beater three-point shot made at the halftime buzzer by Kamryn Richards gave the Blue Devils something to cheer about. However, that shot only served to reduce the Eagles' lead to 20 points at the half-time break.

The second half was more tightly contested, but the deficit for the Blue Devils from the first half meant a comeback would be tough to manage. Richards knocked down another three-pointer at the buzzer to end the third quarter, but South still trailed by more than 20 heading into the final frame.

South won the fourth quarter, outscoring the Eagles 8-6. Despite better play on defense through most of the second half, the Blue Devils ultimately were unable to recover from their early woes and lost 56-36.

Richards led all scorers in the game with 21 points, a valiant effort even in the loss for one of South's senior leaders battling throughout the year to recover from injury. The Blue Devils' second-highest scorer was Madison Duff with seven.

The Blue Devils must regroup for the loss and gear up for a rivalry rematch this week. South hosts crosstown rivals Grosse Pointe North on Thursday. The Norsemen defeated the Blue Devils by 15 earlier this month.



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

Natalie Babcock scored 13 points in North's win over Port Huron Northern, the eighth consecutive victory for the Norsemen.

North recovers from close losses, dominates Mott

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

After its first two losses in MAC White Division play, both in overtime, the Grosse Pointe North boys basketball team bounced back in dominant fashion. The Norsemen traveled to take on Warren Mott Thursday night and were in control from the beginning on their way to a 75-31 victory.

North began the game on a 13-0 run, which was indicative of how much of the night would go. The Norsemen took a 20-point lead into halftime and extended the gap dramatically by outscoring Mott 27-4 in the third quarter. It was clear North was in the driver's seat from the beginning in Thursday's win, a welcome feeling for a Norsemen team looking to prove something after back-to-back losses.

"That was a statement game," said North head coach Andy Ayrault. "I told them the day before that everyone is getting in — all the substitutes, everyone — so we've got to take care of the ball. And when we do that, (we're) pretty good. It was an indication of how well we can play and take a game through all four quarters."

The Norsemen were led in the win by a pair who often has ended up

at the top of the score sheet this season. Adam Ayrault scored 25, while James Phillips added 17.

Ayrault and Phillips have been a dynamic duo for North so far this season. It was expected for Ayrault to largely be the primary option for the Norsemen this year, but it has been Phillips' ability to step up in big spots as another top scorer that has impressed his coach.

"Adam is finally coming into his own this season and is averaging close to 25 points per game," Ayrault said. "When teams try to key in on him ... James has stepped up and filled that gap and it's like a one-two punch."

That one-two punch of Ayrault and Phillips has helped the Norsemen come up big in plenty of games this season. However, North takes plenty of pride in having a well-rounded team approach.

There are a number of players in the starting rotation and coming off the bench for the Norsemen who can make an impact. The benefit is that North rarely gives opponents time to breathe. Players like guard Drew Hill and others perfectly fit into their roles and provide a boost whenever the team needs it, both on and off the court.

"(Hill) doesn't always

score much, but is one of our main leaders when it comes to setting the tone defensively and does us a service in practice by practicing so hard and being intense," Ayrault said. "Kyle Armbruster and Nick Robie get a lot of good minutes and can both shoot well and defend hard. We get a lot of help from the bench. Even if they aren't scoring in double figures, they can get on the court and make the other teams worry."

Thursday's win over Mott pulls North to 6-3 overall this season, with a 3-2 record in the MAC White. Both of its league losses came in consecutive overtime games. The Norsemen still have their eyes set on a MAC title, a goal that should be

attainable as long as they keep playing like the type of team their coach believes they can be.

"Our goal at the beginning of the season was to win the league and now that we've seen everybody and kind of seen what they're about, I think that's still the goal," Ayrault said. "Our two league losses are overtime losses that probably we shouldn't have given up. My biggest thing is being patient, running our stuff and sharing the ball. When we do that, we're a tough team to beat."

The Norsemen continued the season traveling to take on Henry Ford II Wednesday. North returns home next Tuesday to host Eisenhower.



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James Phillips scored 17 points for the Norsemen in a dominant victory over Mott.

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