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Ethics board declares free speech above decorum

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — It's not why Washington crossed the Delaware, but the right of an elected official to act out on social media against constituents in an admittedly childish fit for attention, otherwise known as a tantrum, is speech protected by the Founding Fathers and also, as determined last week by an empathetic Grosse Pointe Park ethics review board, the municipal code of conduct.

To rule otherwise, the ethics board, established by city council in 2020, would blunt social discourse by degenerating

itself into an arbiter of every slight and fancy. "Under no circumstances did the council ever envision that this body would serve as some kind of chancellery with respect to speech, particularly in the context of a political campaign," said Lawrence Mann, of the review board and an attorney.

The ruling cleared Councilman Vikas Relan of violating the letter of the code by calling three residents "losers" and more on the 4,000-member Grosse Pointe Park Community Facebook page.

Board members found

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PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

From the Wayne County Roads Traffic Division, David Wagner, left, and Jerry Maddox, far right, wait while Randall James takes the one-way sign down, before the pole is removed.

Lakeshore one-way signs in the rearview

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — More than a year in the making, the Wayne County Roads Traffic Division graced Lakeshore Monday with

the removal of 60 of the one-way signs that have been cluttering the stretch between Warner to just past Moross since October 2020.

Though Farms officials immediately got to work at the time fighting the

necessity of approximately 180 road signs added on the back of a Wayne County repaving project, progress has been slow moving. Because the county used federal funds for the repaving, Farms City

Manager Shane Reeside explained, it has been hesitant to jeopardize the funding or assume liability if it doesn't meet the federal sign standards.

An independent road

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Treat your sweetie

Valentine's Day is right around the corner, so it's time to think about how to say 'I love you.' Check out great gifting ideas from local shops on pages 6-7C, like this delicious red velvet cupcake from Chocolate Bar Cafe. From yummy to romantic, we've got ideas you'll adore.

Village Olympics 2022 coming to St. Clair

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — Coinciding with the Beijing Olympics, the opening ceremony of The Village Olympics 2022 kicks off at noon Saturday, Feb. 12, with fire pits acting as the Olympic torch and the national anthem sung by local kids.

"The Olympics are so exciting and people get so behind them," said Adam Steiner, owner of The Campus Shop and event organizer, "and being dead of winter in Michigan, I feel, especially by middle of February, people are really just looking for

anything to do with their kids. ... Really the main goal is just getting people out of their house as a family unit and being able to just re-enter the world after the hibernation post-Christmas."

Intended to be equally fun for adults and kids, The Village Olympics 2022 is free to participants, runs from noon to 4 p.m. and will see a small portion of St. Clair at Kercheval closed for the festivities.

Event stations, offering the ability to play by oneself or with a group, will feature box hockey, cornhole, tug of war, make-shift curling and more.

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Dispatchers get pay rate hike

By Kate Vanderstelt
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — Grosse Pointe Woods residents took to Facebook asking if calling the non-emergency public safety line was even an option anymore. After calling the (313) 343-2400 number, they said, they were met with no response. Unfortunately, this is the case due to a shortage of dispatch workers, with low wages making it difficult to recruit new tal-

ent. Public Safety Department Director John Kosanke brought his problem to the attention of council at recent meetings, asking them to approve an amount of \$16,764.68 in total to increase the dispatcher salary. His difficulty recruiting new talent, Kosanke said, could be because "our wages are not competitive."

Just down the street, Kosanke noted, dispatchers can earn substantially higher pay

than they can in the Woods department. One of Kosanke's current, part-time employees was offered a full-time position with the department and said to the director she may rather go somewhere else or stay part-time if the wage situation does not improve.

Currently, Woods public safety dispatchers, who also serve dispatch for Grosse Pointe Shores, are paid a starting hourly rate of \$17.84,

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TIFA gets going

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Saying, "Let's roll," TIFA Chairman John Hughes spurred the board into 2022.

Calling to order the board's first meeting of the year Thursday, Jan. 27, Hughes welcomed new members Christina Anton and Trenton

Chamberlain, endorsed extending Grosse Pointe Park's business and residential improvement grants through April 1, and set a timeline for drafting a budget for the upcoming fiscal year.

"Tonight, we're kicking off that process," Hughes said of the budget. "(City Manager Nick Sizeland) is going to provide us with a worksheet by cat-

egory — short, near, long-term initiatives — of items we want to pursue."

The budget is subject to city council approval.

"Council's going to adopt the (municipal) budget in May or June," Sizeland said. "TIFA will have to approve its budget beforehand. Then city council will review the TIFA budget and approve that as well."

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Get yer TIFA grants

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — The deadline to apply for TIFA district property improvement loans is extended to April 1. Loans totaling \$5,000 for commercial and residential owners require matching funds of 10 per-

cent and 5 percent, or \$500 and \$250, respectively. “Currently, we have several business grants processed,” said Nick Sizeland, manager of Grosse Pointe Park. “We’re hoping to get more interest in the residential improvement grant.” Applications may be

made at city hall or on the municipal website, grossepointepark.org. Choose Government, then TIFA, then Northwest TIFA Grants. Dubbed BIG and RIG, for Business Improvement Grant and Residential Improvement Grant, both are in support of property owners within the Park’s

Tax Increment Finance Authority district. District parameters are Mack Avenue almost to East Jefferson, and from Wayburn to the alley behind Nottingham. “The business grant includes façade and signage improvements, landscaping, architectural upgrades and sanitation upgrades,” Sizeland said. “What I mean by sanitation upgrades is screening trash and recycling bins to make them aesthetically

pleasing.” The residential program provides funding for off-street parking. Eligible projects include creating or expanding concrete parking pads and demolishing a blighted garage to be replaced by a concrete pad. “It’s also for structural upgrades to a garage,” Sizeland said. “If a garage used for parking needs framing improvements, this program will be for that.”

First-term Councilman Brian Brenner, appointed as liaison to the Grosse Pointe Park Business Association, likes the idea of assisting the commercial sector. “My role, as I see it,” Brenner said, “is as a conduit of relevant information back and forth with the association and our local government to facilitate anything we can to do to help promote our business.”

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it consequential that Relan made the postings during the run up to last year’s municipal election. “If I am childish, I am only standing up for myself in a way that will get the attention needed,” Relan wrote in an explanatory post Oct. 21, 2021. Mann added, “Mr. Relan’s comments that gave rise to the three complaints were ill-considered. Name-calling is less than enlightening. Nevertheless, this exchange in the heat of a hotly contested mayor and council race does not warrant the finding that the city’s ethics ordinance was violated. This is clearly behavior covered by the First Amendment, protected by free speech.” Relan didn’t attend the ruling, Thursday, Jan. 27. He wasn’t required to. Nor did he attend the public hearing three days earlier, Monday, Jan. 24, during which Mann and fellow board member and attorney Chairman Rick Pacynski heard testimony from three complainants: Shery Cotton, Michael Fikany and Raymond Pitera. One of Cotton’s sons owns the Grosse Pointe News. “Our job is solely to determine whether the things that gave rise to these three complaints is an exchange for which this ethics ordinance applies,” Pacynski said at the time. “It is my hope that temperature in the

city will subside at this point that we’re past the election and we’ll find ways of dialoging with each other in less offensive and more productive ways.” A third board member, David Breen, recused himself, citing a conflict of interest. Both he and Relan work in non-medical capacities for the same employer, Henry Ford Health System. **Testimony** In its written finding, the board described two of the complainants: ♦ Cotton: “A prominent local businesswoman and philanthropist with long roots in GPP. She and her family have been responsible for the economic renewal of significant portions of GPP.” ♦ Fikany: “A Park resident well known locally for his and his family’s real estate brokerage serving the Grosse Pointes for many years.” “I’ve never met him,” Cotton testified about Relan. “I’ve never had a conversation with him, yet feel he’s comfortable telling lies about me and my family.” Relan not only called the residents losers, but referred to Cotton as the newspaper owner’s “mommy.” “His use of the word ‘mommy’ is not very civil,” Mann said. Pitera testified next. “When I witnessed Councilmember Relan using this (Facebook) platform to call specific residents liars and other derogatory names, I felt compelled to reply,”

Pitera told the board. “I shared a copy of the Grosse Pointe Park ethics code in hopes maybe it would be a reminder. Of course, he did not recant anything.” Relan, however, edited his post with apologies to Fikany and Pitera, but not to Cotton. “He (Relan) didn’t change any derogatory comments or revise a post calling them liars,” Pitera said. “I asked him to delete or revise his comments. Despite that, he actually dug in further, which is why I felt compelled to file an ethics complaint, which I typically would never do. “As an elected official,” he said, “his (Relan’s) actions undermine respect for Grosse Pointe Park and the role of council. Based on the comments of Councilmember Relan, I’m concerned with his ability to be fair, respectful.” Mann said, “When you ask this body to police petulance and other kinds of speech — nasty speech aimed at hurting people in the context of a political campaign — you are asking this board to regularly review the morality of all the city council and all the city administration.”

Fikany, third and last to testify, was the angriest. He put his grievance within context of Relan’s former city council allies and hopefuls, to whom Relan refers as members of the crew, all which voters either removed from office or didn’t select in the November election. “I don’t know Vikas Relan,” Fikany said. “But, I didn’t like the tone and manner in which the council was conducting themselves last year. I was on the planning committee, so I was looking closer than just an outsider. When I heard about a clandestine meeting of these council people to get together and try to fire our new city man-

ager, I’d had enough. I wrote a private letter to the council to express my dissatisfaction and the way they were handling things.” Relan countered with the loser post. “I’ve been called some things over my lifetime, but I guarantee no one’s ever called me a loser,” Fikany said. “So, what did I do? I didn’t pull a Vikas. I called him direct. We had a fairly civil conversation. He didn’t apologize. I never heard from him again.” Fikany said the post hurt his livelihood. “My father used to tell us, when it comes to politics locally, vote for who you want, but don’t get involved,” Fikany said. “But, seeing where this city was going, it was making me sick. Since the election, and just before that, people I thought were my good friends and clients decided not to do business with me. I know why. It was because of that whole group. Vikas Relan was one of them.” Relan submitted a written defense seeking summary dismissal, civil infractions or fines against each complainant and excusing his online sand kicking as flyweight. “The complainants seek to involve the board of ethics in a social media debate, the ‘adult’ version of the playground,” Relan wrote.

Legal argument

Being tested as much as Relan and the three residents were the ethics review board and municipal code of conduct. “This board has been in existence for just over a year and has been engaged in only one other ethics complaint,” board members wrote in their finding. “As such, issues raised by the complainants are, generally speaking, novel and have required this board to break new ground.”

The three residents based their claims mainly on sections 2.1 to 2.4 of the ethics ordinance No. 2019, with reference to Section 2.5. Section 2.2 states, in part, “City officials are bound to observe in their official acts the highest standards of morality ... recognizing that their conduct in both their official and private affairs should be above reproach (and) ... safeguard public confidence by being honest, fair and respectful of all persons.” Section 2.4 states, in part, “It is the intention of (Sec. 2.5) that city officials avoid any action which might result in, or create the appearance of ... losing complete impartiality of action (and) ... affecting adversely the confidence of the public or the integrity of the city government.” Section 2.5 deals mainly with conflicts of interest. “(Section) 2.2 establishes affirmative obligations on council members,” said Samuel McCargo, Cotton’s attorney. “Your ordinance does not embrace the council member either in their public or private affairs spewing lies.” In Cotton’s written filing, she highlighted Relan referring to her as a “mommy,” plus apologizing to the two men, but not to her. “The revision to his original comments is an acknowledgement by Councilman Relan of his violation of Section 2.2,” Cotton wrote. “Whether he was motivated by fear or regret when attempting to change what he had written, it is evident how Mr. Relan really feels about certain residents of Grosse Pointe Park.” But she never received an apology. Only the men. “He uses the word ‘mommy’ as a pejorative,” Cotton wrote. “It is apparent that was written from the frame of mind that the voices of mothers are not as important as those of men. This is totally unacceptable for anyone, let alone someone in Mr. Relan’s position.” “There is a specific mandate in the ordinance,” McCargo testified. “It says not just respectful to council members, not just respectful to men, not just respectful to administrators, but respectful to all people. Respect is not retaliating against someone for speaking a point of view that is contrary to yours, by resorting to misogyny, by resorting to demeaning a woman because she is a mother, by resorting to try to intimidate and chill a person’s right to speak in public.”

written ruling they cited the stifling impact on free speech and surge of complaints that would come from a finding of guilt. They also said the ordinance was intended to prohibit conflicts of interest more than regulate social conduct. “The ordinance was adopted with the clear intent to prohibit self-dealing and other behavior that would result in unwarranted personal gain by a city employee or official,” the board concluded. “It was not intended to regulate all conduct by all city employees and officials.” It continued, “To rule otherwise would set this board up as a supreme court of sorts for any act by any city employee that someone found offensive or insulting.” Available remedies are censure by city council or litigation in civil court. Among members of the public writing letters supporting Relan, one came from Lauri Read, former councilwoman and losing mayoral candidate in the last election. “I served on the committee that drafted the ethics ordinance,” Read wrote. “The intent was to put in place a process for disclosing and reviewing conflicts of interest. It was not intended to create a board to adjudicate private disagreements between residents and city officials.” During part of her time on council, Read didn’t reveal she was a partner in a law firm doing business with the Park. “It was (the city attorney’s) job to monitor and scrutinize all potential conflicts of interest,” Reed emailed her colleagues May 12, 2020, as reported in the Grosse Pointe News Oct. 28, 2021, and citing documents obtained through the Freedom of Information Act. She acknowledged in the same message: “Upon learning of this conflict, I have instructed my firm that we are not to perform any legal work for the City of Grosse Pointe Park and we are not to bill for any work that may have been performed.” A joke that used to go around the Borscht Belt is about a man standing on a trap door when it opens to the floor 10 feet below. Not to worry. He’s saved from falling and suffering broken legs by a rope tied around his neck. While not exactly describing the Pyrrhic victory of posting insults on the adult playground that fall within the letter of the ethical jungle gym but not it’s spirit, the joke jives with Fikany’s prediction of Relan’s political future: “There’s not a chance that the people of Grosse Pointe Park are going to re-elect him if he runs again.”

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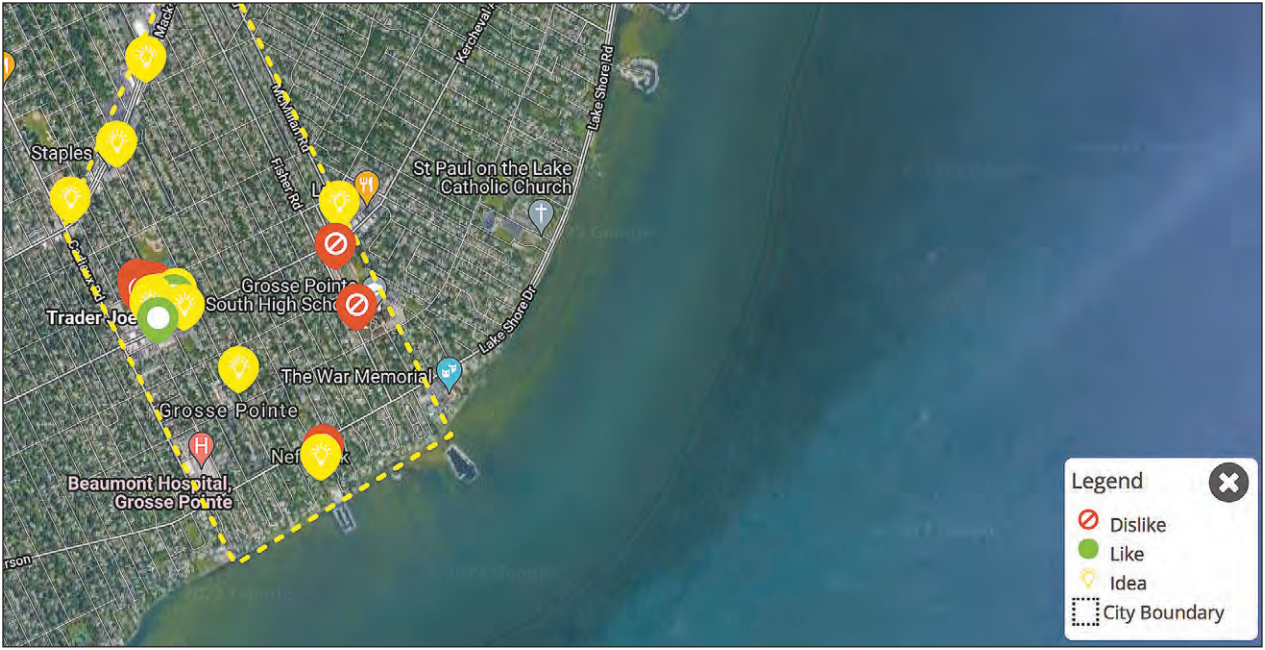


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Participants can use the comment map to leave likes, dislikes and ideas on specific areas of the city.

Public engagement workshop set

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — Focused on a process driven by community input, the City of Grosse Pointe is marking 2022 as the year of its master plan update, which will represent the community’s vision for the next two decades.

A public engagement session for the master plan update — to include a presentation from the City’s planning firm, McKenna Associates, followed by breakout sessions where participants can select topics they’re particularly interested in for subgroup discussions — will be held 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, at Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church, 17150 Maumee.

“It’s been quite a while since we updated the master plan, so it’s important to do so and important for city officials to hear what may have changed since the last update of the master plan, which was in 2012,” City Manager Pete Dame said. “A lot has happened since then, so we really would appreciate

people’s involvement.”

Engagement from residents, business owners and community stakeholders is sought and encouraged on all topics related to the city, including housing, business districts, economic development, infrastructure, parks, city services, recreational programming and community events.

Specific conversations regarding housing, for example, could include considering the allowance of Airbnbs in neighborhoods; the construction of accessory dwelling units — more commonly known as mother-in-law suites; whether additional housing options should be offered; and if new houses should be subject to design standards to better fit in with the community.

An opportunity to fill out a form with any opinions there isn’t time to address also will be offered before participants leave the Saturday session.

For those unable to attend the workshop, or who are interested in remaining engaged throughout the process, public forums and a comment map to pin likes, dislikes

and ideas for specific areas in the city have gone live on the project website at mcka.mysocialpinpoint.com/grosse-pointe-master-plan.

“That’s something we started with the Mack Avenue (Corridor Improvement Plan) by necessity,” Dame noted, as the project took place in 2020 during the pandemic, “but now it’s become kind of a cool technique to get more engagement from people who may not be able to attend the meeting.”

The site also features a public survey on the community’s vision for the future, available until March 5, and which also can be picked up in print form at the front desk of city hall.

Community members additionally are invited to send comments to the city planners at purbiel@mcka.com or to city council, which also acts as the planning commission, at council@grossepointecity.org and 17147 Maumee Avenue, Grosse Pointe, MI 48230.

“Any way you want to share your thoughts about the future of the city is welcome,” Dame said, “in whatever mechanism.”

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As the events are not timed, participants are welcome to come and go.

“Super Bowl’s the day after, so we’re definitely going to have some football events,” Steiner said, “so simple as just having a garbage-style can and seeing how far away people can throw and get it in like trick shots.”

Participants also can pose for photos on a medal podium, watch the Beijing Olympics streamed to a TV provided by the Grosse

Pointe News and purchase commemorative T-shirts for what likely will become an annual event.

With the Whiskey Six patio featured as the grandstand of the event, the business will offer food specials and live interactive trivia.

Raffle tickets also will be available, at participating stores, toward prizes and gift cards to local businesses. Participating stores include Savvy Chic, Small Favors, Campus Shop, Village Palm, Ridge Crest Outfitters, Glitter & Scotch and Apple Blossom Baby.

While the event is Steiner’s

brainchild, Main Street Grosse Pointe is supporting the effort as well, helping it come together.

“It definitely ties in to our transformation strategy and our overarching goals of creating activities designed to appeal to all ages and people from in and around the Pointes,” Director Cindy Wilcock said. “I think it hits so many of those right buttons that it was just a fun opportunity to throw out an event in the middle of winter when there’s not a whole lot happening.”

“It’s part of a bigger initiative that we’ll be announcing soon,” she added.

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safety audit commissioned by the Michigan Department of Transportation and completed July 2021, is what got the gears moving. According to the audit, two-thirds of the signs were deemed either unnecessary or optional.

The one-way signs at Lakeshore turnarounds, for instance, appeared as though the two arrows were pointing at each other because of the shallow depth of their placement.

Monday saw one one-way sign per turnaround removed, as well as those at the base of driveways.

“I’m happy the county has started to remove 60 of the unnecessary one-way signs on Lakeshore Road,” Farms Mayor Louis Theros, who spearheaded the removal effort, said via email. “We have been waiting for this for over a year. We will continue to work with the county and the state to remove even more of the signage that



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

David Wagner uses a welding tool to cut the pole, while Jerry Maddox supports. In the background is Wayne County road foreman Bill Branson.

the state’s own independent consultant determined were not required by, or are optional, under federal and state traffic regulations, or which are

simply confusing for drivers.”

The “Do not enter” signs at the base of each street, which tell drivers already going north on

Lakeshore not to go north in the southbound lanes, may be the next to go.

“We feel those are excessive as well,” Reeside said, “because we think it’s very apparent that you can’t go on the northbound lane and cross over and then go north on the southbound lane. It’s pretty intuitive and, in fact, those signs being there, actually the way they’re angled, make it appear that you do not enter up to the side streets.”

The preliminary findings of the road safety audit, according to Theros in August 2021, found every “Do not enter” sign to be unnecessary and almost every one-way sign to be optional.

“After really over a year since we brought our concerns to the county’s attention, we’re starting to see some action and obviously it’s our hope that more signs will be removed after review at the federal level,” Reeside said. “... We won’t be happy until we see all the recommendations from the audit fulfilled.”

Dispute turns violent at hockey game

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — In the midst of a hockey tournament at University Liggett School last weekend, a parking lot dispute grew hostile Friday, Jan. 28, as one member involved called the police at 7:37 p.m. claiming a gun was present on the scene.

As the two argued, the victim said, a handgun was pulled in the offender’s car. According to an incident report, the two argued about performance in one of the games.

Grosse Pointe Woods officers responded to the dispute, detaining the person who allegedly possessed and flashed a gun. A search of the vehicle and the person was made and, according to Woods Detective Kyle Seidel, a gun was not found.

“As of now, it’s a ‘he said, he said’ situation,” Seidel said.

For further investigation, the Woods public safety department aims to access security footage from Liggett.

— Kate Vanderstelt

Police chase ends with use of force

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — A police chase that ended in an attempt to run over officers and shots fired began in Grosse Pointe Shores at 8:36 p.m. Friday, Jan. 28, when an officer tried to pull over a vehicle for traffic violations.

“The officer saw the vehicle swerve and ... that drew his attention,” Shores Lt. Scott Rohr explained, “and then the vehicle made an illegal turn in front of him as he was rolling up on the vehicle to run the plate.”

When the suspect, a 28-year-old Detroit man, refused to stop, a roughly 15-minute chase at speeds around 50 mph ensued. It then was initially terminated at 10 Mile and Jefferson in St. Clair

Shores by the on-duty supervisor.

“At a certain point the supervisor will just call it, if we don’t feel it’s going to be a successful stop without an injury or something bad happening,” Rohr said, “and this person was refusing to stop and driving erratically, so we terminated for safety reasons.”

However, within moments, he said, St. Clair Shores officers began their own chase of the same vehicle, with Grosse Pointe Shores officers assisting.

After driving through Grosse Pointe Woods and St. Clair Shores, the suspect turned onto Revere Street: a dead end.

“The subject turned the vehicle and attempted to run over officers with his vehicle,” Rohr said, “ram-

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nesses, which are a very important aspect of the vitality of our community and anything they can do, likewise, to help promote city events, be it our successful Kercheval at Six, our Charlevoix Chili Fest.”

Sizeland established the grants, funded with TIFA district tax revenue that otherwise would be lost to the county and state.

“This is TIFA money,” he said. “We have a TIFA budget of close to \$1 million. We had grants last year for economic hardship. I thought, let’s tick it up a notch and help our businesses in a different way.”

TIFA has \$100,000 available for BIG.

“The goal is to provide financial assistance to local businesses to meet economic and beautification goals throughout the TIFA district and to assist businesses through the COVID pandemic,” Sizeland said.

RIG has a total budget of \$75,000.

“We’re in a slow time now, during winter, when a lot of this type of construction wouldn’t be taking place,” Sizeland said. “As soon as it gets a little warmer in spring, we hope to see some aggressive pursuit from residents. The program closes by the end of the fiscal year, June 31.”

The Week Ahead

MONDAY, FEB. 7

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Committee of the Whole meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods City Council meeting, 7 p.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Park City Council meeting, 7 p.m.

TUESDAY, FEB. 8

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Citizens’ Recreation Commission meeting, 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 9

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Beautification Advisory Commission meeting, 7 p.m.

THURSDAY, FEB. 10

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Historical Commission meeting, 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, FEB. 12

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Shores town hall meeting, 10 a.m.
- ◆ City of Grosse Pointe master plan public workshop, 10 a.m.

Making old skills new, from Liberia to America

By Kate Vanderstelt
Staff Writer

When Andreas Browne was 7 years old, his home country, Liberia, was in a civil war. Browne was walking at the marketplace with his great aunt and a pair of gym shoes caught his eye. A little tight for his foot, he remembered begging for the shoes anyway, claiming to his aunt his feet would stretch them out.

When they had to leave the city for the countryside in the midst of the war, the too-tight shoes were the only pair Browne brought with him.

“You know kids,” he said. “You get something new, you want it all the time.”

As Browne grew up, his feet grew, too. He ran around barefoot for a few years and developed injuries from walking through razor grass. A scar from a razor-grass-related gash still shows on his lower leg today.

When they left the countryside to go to a larger city and it was time for the boy to return to school, Browne’s great aunt took him to a cobbler for new shoes. The cobbler asked the boy if he wanted to watch and learn the skill of making shoes. Despite Browne’s disinterest, his great aunt encouraged him to stay and learn.

“I learned how to do it,” Browne said. “It was really fun. I said, ‘When I (grow) up, I want to do this.’ But I was not too happy with the glue (applied to the shoes). ... I was a young, silly boy in the countryside and never used my hands for anything before; now I have to use my hands.”

Browne didn’t touch shoemaking for more than 30 years after learning. He continued to live in Liberia until he was 16 years old, when he came

to America at his mother’s prompting.

“I never knew (my mom) as a child will know his parents or his mother,” Browne recalled.

Browne met his mother for the first time at 16, when she came to visit him from America. In fact, when she got off the plane in Liberia, Browne ran and hugged the wrong woman.

“I didn’t know who she was,” he laughed.

On the trip, Browne’s mother asked him if he’d like to return to America with her; though his answer was “no” at first, his grandparents convinced him to leave with his mother. So, at 16, Browne packed up his life in Liberia and came to metro Detroit, where he has been ever since.

He attended University of Detroit-Mercy for his undergraduate degree and moved to Washington, D.C., for a couple years. There Browne found a love for photography, something he never could have imagined would come of his life, as he had grown up in a family well-versed in medicine.

“Growing up I really did not like photography,” he said. “... I can remember, in fact ... I had my picture (taken) ... and I was crying and I remember my aunt asking, ‘Why are you crying?’ And I said, ‘Well, the flash is going to burn.’ And I thought for every time the flash (went) off, there was a fire.”

But in Washington, he bought a camera and ventured around Capitol Hill taking pictures. The Congress people he worked for even had him take pictures of their visitors as they explored the city.

“I didn’t know much,” he recalled. “It was just like anybody else (taking pictures).”

After his time in Washington, Browne began medical school at Johns Hopkins University. Unable to shake his newfound love of photography, during one of his rotations he told his mom he wanted to go back to school to earn a photography degree.

He worked for a camera store, Ritz Camera (where he bought his first camera), for a while after school and eventually started a photography business with a partner. After the business went sour, Browne started his own franchise — the Yellow Door brand — in 2015.

“I enjoy photography mainly because it allowed me to get into something that I never ... (had) high interest in growing up,” he said. “It’s also allowed me to see a side of me that I personally didn’t know, which is creativity. As I said, my whole life I’ve always been academically inclined, but creative wise, the only creative stuff that I knew how to do was soccer,” — which he still plays, and has even coached at University Liggett School and St. Paul on the Lake Catholic School.

As for Yellow Door, the business exudes happiness and sunshine, inspired by an old girlfriend of his.

When on a trip, the woman saw a yellow door and asked Browne if he had thought of naming his business “Yellow Door.”

“Yellow is happy,” Browne remembered the

woman saying. “... People see yellow (and) they think about the sunshine. So regardless of how cold or snowy it is, people will always be able to find a yellow door. And this is going to be a new beginning. You want happiness in your life going forward. ... Whenever somebody enters that yellow door, they’re going to leave smiling and happy because you take care of them.”

Browne found the color “Confident Yellow” from Sherwin-Williams and branded his business.

“This community has been very welcoming to me and this community has been very supportive, to me personally as an individual as well as my business,” Browne said. “And it’s just great to be here and great to be a part of the community.”

As part of the community’s welcoming atmosphere, Browne has been encouraged to pursue passions resurrected from his childhood, starting with shoemaking.

He was at a shoot for Saks Fifth Avenue in 2016 when he met designer Norisol Ferrari. He remembered talking with her about fashion.

“She really inspired me,” he said. “She said, ‘(It) seems like this is something you want to do. You keep asking some very pointed questions that (are) not normal for someone who (doesn’t) have a fashion background.’”

Because of his conversation with Ferrari, Browne started crafting



Andreas Browne.

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shoes for personal use. As popularity for the shoes caught on, Browne began to custom design them for clients, using material imported from Italy and skills of a couple colleagues to round out the business. The shoes feature a yellow sole, designating them a Yellow Door-branded good.

Browne added clothes-making to his resume of skills shortly after; clients can reach out to him

for custom-designed clothes and alterations of any kind.

“It’s just something that I enjoy doing,” he said of the additional business endeavors. Each new project takes anywhere from two to 18 months depending on its intricacy.

For more information about Browne’s Yellow Door brand, visit yellowdoorlab.com or call (313) 264-1587.



Left, Browne imports materials from Italy to craft his yellow-bottomed shoes. Above, along with doing alterations, Browne has started designing and making custom clothes for clients.

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the equivalent of a \$37,112.88 full-time salary.

ary. In the Farms, dispatchers start at a salary of \$38,410.74, and even higher in the Park, with a starting rate of \$41,017.60.

Even with the poten-

tial to work their way up to a \$19.35 hourly rate after 36 months of employment, the salary equivalent — \$40,234.79 — still falls short of nearby departments.

The increase, which would bring the hiring rate up to \$21.0387 per hour, or \$43,760.50 salary, hopefully would “help to attract suitable candidates for the open Communications Dispatch positions which are vital to the successful operation of our department,” Kosanke said in a memo to council.

The department currently pays its dispatchers one of the lowest rates in Michigan, he added.

“I’m really getting my back up against the wall having such low salaries for dispatch,” Kosanke said to the committee of the whole at a meeting. “And as we know, everything begins at dispatch. They are the ones that take that call. There’s a lot of responsibility in there.”

Council approved the funding to allow for the pay increase at a meeting Monday, Jan. 24.

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Grosse Pointe Shores

No insurance

After a LEIN/Secretary of State search on a 52-year-old Woods man's vehicle showed he did not have insurance, he was pulled over at Morningside Drive and Green Court at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 26.

The man was arrested for driving while license suspended and not having insurance.

Running for it

After being pulled over for speeding 65 mph on Lakeshore Road at 2:12 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 27, a 32-year-old Detroit man exited the vehicle with his arms raised and then took off running into a nearby backyard. Following a brief foot chase including responding officers from the Farms and Woods, he was apprehended on Woodland Shore.

With a LEIN/Secretary of State search showing his license was suspended and multiple warrants, the man was arrested for resisting officers, reckless driving and driving while license suspended.

Expired

After being pulled over at 10:41 p.m. Monday, Jan. 31, at Lakeshore and Oxford roads when a LEIN/Secretary of State search showed her vehicle did not have insurance, a 19-year-old Detroit woman produced an expired Michigan temporary instruction

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permit, expired proof of registration and no insurance documents, for which she was arrested.

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

City of Grosse Pointe

Running a red

After being pulled over at Mack Avenue and Washington Road for disregarding a red light at 4 a.m. Friday, Jan. 21, a 37-year-old Detroit man was arrested for driving while license suspended and a felony warrant.

Intoxicated accident

When officers responded to a traffic accident at Notre Dame and Kercheval Avenue at 11:30 a.m. Monday, Jan. 24, the at-fault driver, a 34-year-old Grosse Pointe man, was found to be intoxicated and was arrested.

Spooked porch pirate

A resident in the 700 block of Rivard Boulevard watched a man in a tan coat and light-colored jeans take two packages from her porch at 3 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 25.

When she knocked on

the window at him, he fled on foot and dropped the packages on the front lawn next door.

Dangerous driving

A 25-year-old Farms man was pulled over at Charlevoix Street and Neff Road at 6 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 27, for speeding, swerving and striking a light pole. He was found to be intoxicated and was arrested.

Legal service fraud

Victims reported they allegedly paid a 47-year-old Grosse Pointe woman \$4,000 over a year and a half for legal services that were not rendered.

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

Grosse Pointe Park

Tips taken

A man with a backwards idea of gratuity is accused of stealing \$10 from the tip jar in the lobby of Hungry Howies, in the 15000 block of East Jefferson, shortly after 3:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 27.

Police described the suspect as a dark-complected black male wear-

ing a green jacket.

3rd OWI

A third drunken driving offense is a felony punishable by a fine up to \$5,000, a maximum five years in jail, 180 days community service, possible vehicle forfeiture and more.

It's something for a 30-year-old Grosse Pointe Park woman to think about upon receiving the charge around 10:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 28, in the 1400 block of Kensington.

Vehicle entered

A purse containing \$60 cash and several credit cards was stolen overnight Saturday, Jan. 29, from an unlocked vehicle parked in the driveway of a house in the 700 block of Pemberton.

— Brad Lindberg
Report information about these and other crimes to the Grosse Pointe Park Public Safety Department, (313) 822-7400.

Grosse Pointe Farms

Fraud left and right

After a 24-year-old Detroit man was pulled over for speeding on Moross Road at 12:17 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 26, he was found to have a

warrant with Michigan State Police for illegal use of credit cards.

When officers received permission to search his vehicle, they found a bundle of unused Verizon SIM cards and a Texas driver's license under another person's name, but with the suspect's photo.

The man's proof of insurance also was found to be fraudulent.

Unique identification

When a 26-year-old Harper Woods man was pulled over at Moross Road and Chalfonte Avenue for a defective tail light at 9:08 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 27, he verified his identity to the officer via an old ticket that was with him.

The man was issued a citation for not having a license or insurance and was turned over to Oak Park for a felony warrant.

Driving while license suspended

After a 30-year-old Detroit woman was pulled over at Mack Avenue and Opal Street for an expired license plate tab at 1:51 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 26, a search showed she had a suspended driver's license, eight prior sus-

pensions and five traffic warrants.

After being advised of the warrants, the woman was cited for driving while license suspended and her vehicle was impounded.

Cookie thief

Officers were called to a business in the 19000 block of Mack Avenue at 4:45 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 30, after a 58-year-old Southfield woman took two large cookies off the counter and left without paying.

The theft occurred after she tried to purchase various items using a Bridge card that only had enough credit to purchase a small can of beer. When the cashier sold the woman the beer, but not the other items, she became upset, insisting there was more money on the card.

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

Grosse Pointe Woods

No crimes to report per dispatch.

— Kate Vanderstelt
Report information about crime to Grosse Pointe Woods Public Safety, (313) 343-2400.

TIFA:

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TIFA is the Tax Increment Finance Authority, established in 1986 by Sizeland's predecessor. The authority uses local tax revenue to encourage economic activity within its namesake district bounded by Mack Avenue, Wayburn, almost to East Jefferson and to the alley shy of Nottingham.

"TIFA recaptures taxes that would otherwise be sent to the county and state for the benefit of direct enhancement and spending in the district," Sizeland said. "Tax dollars that would otherwise go to the county and state are being spent in the district for the benefit of residents."

Some of those dollars are funding \$5,000 business and residential

improvement grants requiring 10 percent and 5 percent matches, respectively.

Business grants are mainly for exterior improvements. Residential grants are to increase or improve off-street parking in the district.

Applications are available by calling city hall or accessing the municipal website, grossepoin.tepark.org. Choose Government, then TIFA, then Northwest TIFA Grants.

Parking lot

Moving along at Hughes' urging, Sizeland updated the status of a house at 1166 Maryland, which was bought with TIFA funds. The house is being replaced by a parking lot to provide more spaces for the Kercheval business district, which is within the TIFA district.

The lot is owned partially by the owner of the Grosse Pointe News.

"The TIFA house is expected to be razed in the near future as asbestos material has been removed along with gas, electric and water service," Sizeland said. "We're just working on the permitting process."

Upon completion, the forthcoming lot extends from Maryland to Lakepointe and increases the district's parking capacity by 56 angled spaces, according to Sizeland and a concept drawing provided by the owner.

The concept also features curbed islands hosting shade trees. A five-foot brick wall and evergreens separate the lot from adjacent houses.

Sizeland hopes to make the area more versatile by placing some of the property's electric

utility infrastructure underground.

"We'd like to make this not only a parking lot, but also a gathering space for future events and have this as a beautiful spot in our TIFA district on Kercheval," Sizeland said. "We're awaiting costs from DTE to see if it's cost prohibitive or we may have to phase it in over a couple years."

"The electrical poles are not only a hazard, but a distraction visually," said board member Randy Cousineau. "I haven't hit one, but I've seen people hit them."

The rest

◆ Concrete footings for the public works garage and offices on Mack are poured and ready for the superstructure.

"Steel for the project is expected to be delivered at the end of this month," Sizeland said. "Barring

unforeseen circumstances, the expected completion of the building will be in June, with the expectation that we'd have the public works department in the building in July. We're still on budget."

◆ The TIFA and Downtown Development Authority boards are piggybacking the city council in seeking new bids for legal services. As with the council, the boards' actions are routine moves

to see if there are better deals to be had.

"We have quite a large line item for legal in our budget and that might be an opportunity for us to trim that back a little," Hughes said.

◆ Beyond members already cited, others serving on the TIFA board are Adi Kokoski, Jeff Lee, Arthur Mullen, Pier King-Piepenbrok, Vice Chair Curt Ralstrom, Julie Secord and Joe Tompkins.

CHASE:

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ming several police vehicles and trying to run over a couple guys."

A use of force involving firearms then was deemed necessary and officers fired shots at the approaching vehicle.

"The occupant of the vehicle was injured, but is expected to survive," Rohr reported, adding no officers were seriously injured in the event.

While a Macomb County police scanner that night stated the suspect also shot at officers during the pursuit, local agencies were unable to confirm such at this stage of the investigation.

As of press time Monday, the man still was in the

hospital and had not yet been charged.

The investigation is ongoing and a press release from the St. Clair Shores Police Department, which is the lead agency on the case, urges anyone with information to contact its detective bureau at (586) 445-5305.



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OUR VIEW

Coach Martin
resignation
offers new start

The shameful firing of head coach Frank Sumbera in 2018 continues to haunt the Grosse Pointe North High School athletics program.

This week we report on the resignation of North head baseball coach David Martin, who was hired to replace Coach Sumbera. Readers will recall Coach Sumbera was fired in June 2018 after 49 years with the Grosse Pointe Public School System, preventing him from celebrating a golden anniversary with the district the following school year.

Coach Martin, who was interviewed and hired by then Superintendent Gary Niehaus, was a questionable choice from the beginning. A small amount of Googling finds he fancies himself a promoter, a P.T. Barnum, a Major League Baseball wannabe.

Mr. Martin's free-wheeling caught up to him last year when he was busted for running an unlicensed nightclub in downtown Birmingham, to which he has pleaded no contest in 48th District Court.

In announcing Coach Martin's resignation, Athletic Director Michelle Davis puts the best spin possible on the coach's time at North:

"Coach Martin has spent the past three years as the head coach and has done an outstanding job coaching the baseball program at North. Coaching two full seasons, and one year off for COVID, Coach Martin led the boys through two successful seasons. He took the team on to win a Regional Championship and was named Regional coach of the year in 2021."

Good coaching is more than titles. Coach Martin may have taught the boys a lot of things, but good sportsmanship likely was not one of them.

Here's an anecdote. At the end of his first season, Coach Martin squared off with legendary Grosse Pointe South head coach Dan Griesbaum in the semi-final game of the district playoffs. The game was wild. South quickly garnered a 10-5 lead, but North fought back to tie it and go into extra innings.

In the 11th inning with the bases loaded, Coach Griesbaum gave his batter the bunt sign. The suicide squeeze worked. The runner on third scored to win the game 11-10 and knock Coach Martin out of his inaugural postseason run. It was the same play Coach Griesbaum used to win the state title in 2001.

"This win was for Frank," South assistant coach John Hackett said at the time.

When confronting the winning coach following the game, we are told by some of those in attendance, Coach Martin was anything but congratulatory.

For the 2022 season, AD Davis will be interviewing for interim baseball coach. Following the 2022 season, she will be interviewing for a permanent head coach.

We understood at the time that several local coaches were interviewed to replace Coach Sumbera as head baseball coach at North. We have a chance to get it right this time and get North athletics back on track.

We don't need another like Coach Martin.

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The editorial staff at the Grosse Pointe News thanks the police departments and their staff for their excellent work in the Pointes.

OUR VIEW

Help wanted: crossing guards

Grosse Pointe Park Public Safety Director Bryan Jarrell brought an urgent need to the community's attention recently — crossing guards.

He pointed out that state law makes crossing guards the local police department's responsibility. But in today's pandemic-riddled labor market, the departments are having difficulty hiring, the same as everyone else.

In small communities like the Park where you have five officers on patrol and six crossings to cover, emergency police, medical and fire response is limited. What's an officer to do? Respond to a fender-bender and leave the kids on their own?

As the editorial cartoon above attests, our public safety officers are the best, bar none. But they are also highly trained and an expensive use of taxpayer dollars to be used as crossing guards.

The situation in the Park only got worse when the district closed Trombly Elementary School, forcing grade-schoolers south of Jefferson to cross the four-lane boulevard every day twice a day.

Director Jarrell had good news, though. He has received applicants for crossing guards. We encourage able adults to apply for the job. It is rewarding and a public service.

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LETTERS

The Grosse Pointe News welcomes your letters to the editor. All letters should be typed, double-spaced and signed. Letters longer than 250 words may be edited for length. All letters may be edited for content. We reserve the right to refuse any letter. Include daytime phone number for verification or questions. The deadline for letters is 3 p.m. Monday. Letters to the editor may be emailed to editor@grossepointenews.com.

Editorial misses important point

To the Editor:

Weighing in on last week's (Jan. 20) Grosse Pointe News editorial, "2020 Census: Population Little Changed" questioning why the school board is "making such a big deal about diversity and inclusion" when there was "very little change" in the demographic makeup of the Pointes in the past 10 years in my view misses an important point.

Our students typically don't stay in this demographic environment, but at ages 17 or 18 graduate from the Grosse Pointe schools into higher education and careers in more diverse environments and to exercising their citizenship right to vote and make decisions that affect the nation's future.

We live in a diverse state and nation; aren't we missing an important element of education to leave them less than well-prepared for this wider world?

Also the 10-year increases in multiracial and Hispanic groups of 3 percent for a current share of 6.2 percent should not be ignored.

Awareness of and exposure to differing perspectives and points of view and the opportunity for discussion seem to me important elements in the education for citizenship

in a democracy: critical thinking, understanding and problem-solving.

Lastly, DEI emphasis is not unique to education; routine attention to national media including The Wall Street Journal demonstrates that this is also a focus for businesses and corporations.

Let's foster understanding even when we don't agree. A national leadership executive training professional, Lolly Daskal, sees learning as taking place on three separate levels:

What we know we know.

What we know we don't know.

What we don't know we don't know.

She believes that "learning and growth occur at all three levels, but the best leadership growth occurs when we break open level three, what we don't know we don't know."

Can our schools affirm that diversity can be our strength? "From many, One."

MARY JO JOHNSON
Grosse Pointe Farms

Don't rob Peter to pay Paul

To the Editor:

I applaud Councilman John Dakmak's statement in the Jan. 20 edition of the Grosse Pointe News article, "Shores Retiree Health Care Liability Increases After Controversial Changes."

In that article, Councilman Dakmak stated, "That issue doesn't appear to be resolved as far as the residents of this city and I think 2022 will be a good time for us to perhaps do a deep dive into that issue and see what, if anything, can be resolved."

Going back to my initial reaction a few years ago to this controversial benefit change and the hardships it caused, the residents of Grosse Pointe Shores are better than this.

As a taxpayer and resident of over 25 years, the only resolution, in my opinion, is to honor our negotiated and signed contracts in good faith. Otherwise, any future negotiations or signed contracts are meaningless.

If our coffers are getting low and budget cuts are necessary, reach out to the residents with well-thought-out ways to balance our budget and seek approval. Seek multiple opinions to keep from making another unnecessary negative mistake. Pitting residents and retirees against our elected council has achieved nothing but negative results from all involved.

Let us put back our original signed retirement health care benefit contract into force, return the monies taken from our retirees in the interim, and start anew. Let us seek a different way to balance our budgets. If that means we will all have to raise our commitment to this fine city by way of a tax increase, then so be it.

No resident wants to pay additional taxes, but there are times it is necessary. I believe I can safely say that all of us have seen our level of services wane over the last decade. One only needs to drive down our beloved

Lakeshore during the summer and see the crumbling curbs and weeds amongst the curbs growing with tenacity. One only has to drive down our side streets to see their state of condition. This is not the Grosse Pointe Shores that I have known from years past. Maybe it is time for all the residents to step up to return Grosse Pointe Shores as the envy of other cities.

I moved into Grosse Pointe Shores in 1995 because of its level of excellence, in all areas. I gladly paid my share of taxes to benefit from this level of excellence. I will continue to support my city to get back to that level of excellence. We can start by honoring our word to our employees, past and present. We cannot rob Peter to pay Paul, as the saying goes.

SHARON M. PETERS
Grosse Pointe Shores

Keep it up

To the Editor:

I was glad Jon Dean defined "equitable" in his letter. Let's just be sure "equity" (equality of outcome) doesn't become a pillar in our schools.

I was then further pleased to see your comments after the letter from Ms. Douglas.

In these times, it seems like any questioning of DEI initiatives is racist by itself.

I applaud you for standing up.

ALAN DOMZALSKI
Grosse Pointe Woods

Plan is not SMART

To the Editor:

In his Jan. 27 Letter to the Editor, "School System Experienced Significant Change," Grosse Pointe Schools Superintendent Jon Dean

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I SAY By Mike Adzima

Looking back on one year at GP News



This Tuesday marked one year since my first day of work here at the Grosse Pointe News. I started this job not really having any idea of what to expect. Now, a year later, I cannot help

but feel grateful for everything this past year has taught me and for all the people I have had the pleasure of getting to know and work with. It took only a week from me submitting my application to me walking into the office for my first day. At that point, there was still uncertainty about whether or not high school sports would even be played during the winter season due to the pandemic. I had a lot to learn as I was not the most familiar with the Pointes when I first started, but

with the help of my coworkers and people around the town, I quickly realized this really is a special community. People around metro Detroit always seem full of pride about where they are from. I'm proud to call myself a Plymouth native and it has been amazing to see over the past year how proud Grosse Pointers are to call this community home. Getting to examine that pride through the lens of sports really puts in perspective just how much people from

the Pointes care about their hometown. I've been able to see firsthand many times how important the sports teams are to this community. Parents, fans and alumni from North, South and Liggett always seem incredibly supportive of the teams from their favorite schools and I'm proud to be the one who gets to help keep them up to date with everything going on around town when it comes to sports. I also could not be more thankful for how the community has wel-

comed me. Being from the other side of metro Detroit, I had heard of Grosse Pointe, but had never really been here or known much about it before joining the Grosse Pointe News. However, the past year has made me feel like I'm now a Pointer myself. The athletes, coaches and sports figures from around the Pointes I've been able to meet and work with during the last year have all made me feel incredibly welcome in the community. The Pointes are full of

amazing people, whether they're coaches who care so much about creating a rewarding experience for their players or student-athletes who are destined for bright futures. It's incredible to think about how much I've learned and grown during my first year with the Grosse Pointe News. I look forward to learning even more and continuing to tell the stories of the tremendous teams and athletes around this great community. Here's to another great year of sports in the Pointes.

LETTERS:

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attempts to provide clarity on the lack of focus on educational and academic excellence in the recently approved GPPSS 2022-2024 Strategic Plan. Unfortunately, his argument cannot defend what is clearly missing. Anyone in the business world or academia who has ever developed a strategic plan understands the acronym "SMART." SMART stands for specific, measurable, achievable, relevant and time-bound. Any good strategic plan must include goals that are SMART.

Unfortunately, nothing in the GPPSS strategic plan approved in December sets high expectations for student achievement or quality instruction, or defines clear goals which are to be achieved. This plan fails to include a single reference to the terms academic excellence or achievement. It provides not a single measurable academic goal for K-12 students and does not include a single reference to improving state or national testing scores for any grade level, including improvement in ACT or SAT testing for graduating seniors. There are no defined expectations and no defined levels of achievement for college readiness as defined by the number of students taking and passing AP and Honors courses. There are no established goals for math and reading proficiency as defined by standardized state testing and no commitment to maintaining or improving graduation rates. Instead, in his comments, Mr. Dean delivered a long prose full of platitudes about the focus on diversity, equity and inclusion as if to believe that DEI and REI (the GPPSS Race Equity and Inclusion Council) will deliver us all from the past evils of all things "Grosse Pointe" while continuing to deliver the same quality of education every family in GPPSS has been accustomed to since 1921. It has always been and will always be the responsibility of GPPSS to embrace every student who walks through the door by providing a quality education regardless of race, color, national origin, sex and religion. If that hasn't happened over the last 10 years, whom should we blame? Before taking on the role of superintendent in

July, Mr. Dean served as GPPSS deputy superintendent for educational services for nine years. GPPSS's previous mission statement was, "Where everyone learns, every day." So are we now to believe that wasn't happening under the leadership of Mr. Dean since 2012? GPPSS deserves strong leadership on the board and in the administration that is willing to identify SMART goals that will insure this district leads the way for all of our students well into the future as it has done for the past 100 years.

TERENCE COLLINS
Grosse Pointe Park

Really? What US history to teach?

To the Editor: Something is happening when the League of Women Voters, clearly not a nonpartisan organization any longer, and the Grosse Pointe/Harper Woods NAACP undertake hosting a virtual panel discussion on the topic "What U.S. History Do We Teach in Our Schools?" The question the panel is addressing is: Which story do we tell and who decides? My wager is that already the central story of U.S. history is not being taught — which is America's constitutional, diplomatic, military and political history. The G.P. district has turned its focus on U.S. social history. Students are learning plenty about slavery, Indian removal, suffrage, labor strife and Japanese internment camps. Teaching U.S. history is about explaining how the

American experiment came to be how it is today, and about the brilliance of our republic's founders and the many people who sacrificed along the way to keep our people free to pursue life, liberty and individual happiness. Students should learn about slavery and racism, and they should learn that slavery across human history had typically been the rule, not the exception. Students should learn that beginning with England and America, it was the West that abolished slavery and that the abolitionists were overwhelmingly religious Christians, animated by the Bible and Judeo-Christian values. We are going to fall short if we compare America to a perfect ideal, but the U.S. is the land of hope. The huge numbers of people wanting to come here, even now with all our racism and lack of diversity, equity and inclusion, is testament to this fact. Are our schools teaching U.S. history to foster understanding of the values that shaped America? Are they advocating for individual responsibility, limited government and economic freedom? I would hope our district is teaching its students to value our country and its ideals, and about what it means to be an American citizen, rather than being a harbor for critical race theory.

KELLY BOLL
Grosse Pointe Park

Lost & found

To the Editor: Upon discovering that our 4-pound Yorkshire

YESTERDAY'S HEADLINES

1947

75 years ago this week

COACH GIVEN 100TH VICTORY BY DEVILS' SWIM TEAM: Coach Frank Banach, Grosse Pointe High School athletic director and varsity swimming coach, holds the distinction of having piloted the Blue Devil swimming squads to one hundred victories since taking over the coaching reins at the school. Coach Banach's "century mark" was obtained when his undefeated swimming team notched its eighth victory of the current season when it swamped Highland Park, newest member of the Border Cities League, 59 to 25, in the local pool. *Obituaries: Nettie Binns, Arthur F. Totz, Thomas Joseph Bedore, John Humphreys*

1972

50 years ago this week

STATE BOARD OF ED'S PLANS FOR

DESEGREGATION AWAITED BY JUDGE: Judge Steven Roth has found the Detroit Public Schools to be "de jure" segregated and has ordered the State Board of Education to submit a plan or plans for metropolitan desegregation, not just of Detroit but the Detroit metropolitan region. The State Board will comply with that order and will do so by presenting to the court a number of plans and at the same time will emphasize to the court its belief that better quality education, not just school desegregation, is the sought-after goal for Detroit schools. *Obituaries: Sarah Ann Drummy, Hazael Amsberry Powell, William C. Loveless, Paul Corbin, Katherine R. Cable, Ethel M. Gregory, Agnes E. Moxley, Esther Weller, Mildred Fluary, Margaret Pratt*

1997

25 years ago this week

IN DIVISIVE VOTE, KLEIN NAMED

SUPERINTENDENT: After searching the nation for the best superintendent candidate, the Grosse Pointe school board found that person in its own back yard. In a special meeting, the board voted 4-3 to appoint interim superintendent Suzanne Klein as the new leader of the Grosse Pointe schools. Klein, 50, is the first woman to lead the Grosse Pointe district in its 75-year history. *Obituaries: Olive M. Best, Charles W. Herman, Toulia B. Dirksen, Guillermo Aguilar, Mabelle Louise King, Charles Fisher Delbridge Jr., Ellen Elizabeth Bird, John Peter Simmons, Robert A. Meldrum Sr., Florence Rose Nolte, Margaret C. Gaskin, Eunice J. Kretzler*

2012

10 years ago this week

POLICE QUESTION HUSBAND, POSSIBLE ACCOMPLICE: Hours after hundreds of friends and family paid their last respects to Jane Bashara at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, rumors swirled with facts in the weeks-long murder investigation. The 56-year-old mother of two from Grosse Pointe Park was found dead in the back seat of her Mercedes-Benz SUV Jan. 25. Two days later, Park Chief of Police David Hiller said Bashara's husband, Bob, is a "person of interest" in the case. *Obituaries: Mary Wade Barrett, Robert J. "Bob" Pear,*



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Cast members from left are Sarah Lawlis, Amanda Campo, Naima Wright, Rhoby Rausch, Zoe Nichols, Quinn Addy, Ben Kociba, Michael Villeneuve and Jack Sachs.

North presents ‘Fiddler on the Roof’

Performances slated this weekend only

Thursday, Feb. 3, “Fiddler on the Roof” sings and dances its way onto the stage at the Grosse Pointe North High School Performing Arts Center.

This classic musical — written by Jerry Bock (music), Sheldon Harnick (lyrics) and Joseph Stein (book) — weaves together music, dance, poignancy and laughter to create an unforgettable show.

Based on Sholem Aleichem’s short stories about a poor milkman named Tevye and his daughters, “Fiddler on the Roof” is set in a poor Jewish village in czarist Russia in the early years of the 20th century. The themes — tradition, family, love and marriage, regret and optimism — are presented by honest, funny characters and memorable songs like “Sunrise, Sunset,” “If I Were A Rich Man” and “Matchmaker, Matchmaker.”

The original 1964 Broadway production, with a cast including Zero Mostel and Beatrice Arthur, won nine Tony awards, ran for eight years and was the first Broadway musical to surpass 3,000 performances.

This marks Grosse Pointe North’s first musical performance in two years.

“I cannot wait for you to see this talented cast of 35 students sing, dance and act this incredible musical,” said Michael A. Gravame, North’s first-year theater director, who is no stranger to “Fiddler



Sarah Lawlis, Amanda Campo and Rhoby Rausch rehearse a scene.

on the Roof,” having performed in five productions and directed it twice. “Their voices and talents truly are awe-inspiring. I love this musical so much, from its central theme of tradition to its beautiful music played marvelously by North’s 32-piece orchestra students.”

Senior Michael Villeneuve will take the stage as Tevye.

“The biggest challenge for me playing this role has been the emotional range necessary for the character,” he said. “He has to be presented as larger than life, but on the other hand he has many quiet and personal moments. Mr. Gravame, the director, really helped me get to a place where I now feel very confident playing this character.”

Senior Sarah Lawlis, who portrays Hodel in the play, said her role is an emotional one to perform.

“My character is about to leave her home and family for the first time, so

ple of months and are excited to take to the stage, not just to act out their roles, but to share its story.

“The story is very deep and emotional,” said senior Rhoby Rausch, who plays Tzeitel, “and everyone will enjoy some part of this show and will also be able to relate to some part of the show.”

Added junior Naima Wright, performing as Golde, “This show has such a good message. Everyone is trying to balance so many things at once. Even being a teenager, I am balancing school and relationships — it provides a good representation of how we balance it all.”

“A very important aspect of this show that Mr. Gravame has emphasized from the very beginning is that even though the lead character of this show is male, this is a story about women — about women forming their own opinions and taking control of their own lives,” said senior Mandi Campo, who portrays Chava. “This is a story that is still so relatable today and I think people will appreciate seeing this story played through on stage.”

Senior Gabby Bielak said she wanted to be involved in the show, but being onstage makes her nervous. She settled nicely into her role as student director/stage manager, where she can be part of the action, but away from the spotlight.

“This was a way for me to still be involved in the show and to be part of the theater community that I love,” she said.

“Fiddler on the Roof” will be performed at 7 p.m. Thursday, Friday and

Board passes budget parameters

By Michael Hartt
Schools Reporter

The official parameters for the 2022-23 Grosse Pointe Public School System budget were passed 5-0 at the Jan. 24 GPPSS Board of Education meeting.

The passage of the parameters allows the administration to begin laying out the budget in more detail, which will eventually lead to its completion and rough draft presentation to the board in May.

The budget parameters have requirements built into them by design, such as following state and federal laws, the district’s strategic plan and the board’s policy. They also include specific objectives that were culminated from the recommendations of specific board members.

Treasurer Colleen Worden, who was responsible for putting together the budget parameters and culminating recommendations from board members, said at the meeting it is important to note that although the objectives are important, they are not the only things on which the budget will focus.

“It is important to know that budget parameters are supposed to be broad-picture items and a reflection of what each board member gave me to draft with Ms. Matheson as to what our goals are for the budget for this year,” Worden said.

The approved objectives include: providing resources for the strategic plan, not participating in schools of choice, maintaining elementary class size caps, prioritizing full-time face-to-face instruction, continuing efforts to maximize enrollment, focusing on addressing COVID learning loss,

increasing focus on school safety and targeting a fund equity of 12 percent or above.

Amanda Matheson, deputy superintendent of business services, said although the budget is in large part built around the objectives provided in the parameters, it does not mean the administration is given the ability to spend unlimited sums in those budget categories. Larger expenditures, which are over the threshold established in the board’s policy, must be approved by the board individually.

“It’s not like (we gave) one presentation and (the process is) done,” Matheson said. “A lot of the work we continue to do, as administration, as well as the items we bring forward for the board to approve throughout the year, help us address this strategic plan and the various items that are within the budget parameters.”

With the budget parameters passed, Matheson said the next big step for the completion of a rough draft budget is the enrollment projection, which will be presented in March. In addition to the projections, Matheson said it will be important to watch for changes in the foundation allowance from the state, which will become apparent in the next few months as the state plans its own budget.

Once these two indicators of revenue are apparent, Matheson said, a more concrete picture should form of what can be done to achieve the fund balance of 12 percent, given that the district’s fund balance recently was projected, in the budget amendment approved at the Dec. 20 board meeting, to be just over 10.5 percent by June 30, 2022.

Saturday, Feb. 3, 4 and 5, and at 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 6, at the Grosse Pointe North High School Performing Arts Center, 707 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods. Per CDC protocol, masks must be worn at all time inside the Performing Arts Center.

Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for seniors and \$7 for students and children. Tickets may be purchased online at gppndramaclub.seatyourself.biz or at the door starting 60 minutes before show time. All seats are reserved.

Parent uses racial slur at board meeting

During the public comments section of the Jan. 24 regular Grosse Pointe Public Schools Board of Education meeting, a parent used the N-word during a public comment in which she said her son was suspended from Grosse Pointe South High School for saying the N-word. She also voiced frustration with the district’s current diversity, equity and inclusion efforts.

“Our address was put out there and we were threatened because he said the (EXPLETIVE),” the parent said. “I’m sorry this happens to be in every song. The FCC, the John Connors, the who’s who, they use (EXPLETIVE).”

During her comments, school board President Joseph Herd warned the woman to watch her language before she proceeded with her comment.

Then, during the opportunity for board members and GPPSS administra-

any board meeting during my time as president, you have seen me emphasize how critical it is for us to model civil discourse and listen to all voices, even when we disagree,” Herd said. “By nature and professional training, I am a peacekeeper. But do not

think my willingness to listen means I or the board agree with the use of such language. We condemn this language.”

— Michael Hartt

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A new chapter
Mini Picassos making a move

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Katy Wereley can finally breathe. After overcoming the near closure of her Mini Picassos Art Studio a year ago — on top of pandemic restrictions and caring for her mother, Heather Brush, through her battle with breast cancer — the last couple of years have been a struggle for the Grosse Pointe Park resident.

But those challenges ultimately led Wereley to study her options and take a leap of faith.

She recently announced the relocation and repurposing of Mini Picassos, which is transitioning into a drop-in arts and creative studio, offering daily activities from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. beginning Tuesday, March 1.

The space, formerly a tanning salon, will include art stations, a party area and a wall featuring shelf after shelf of art supplies. Play-Doh, block and LEGO stations will offer options for kids not interested in crafts. A chalk wall, a selfie wall, easels for youngsters, a la carte projects and other activities also will be available.

The “Best Day Ever” party area — Wereley’s 7-year-old daughter, Lucy, came up with the name — will sit behind portable walls.

“This party space is not just for art parties,” Wereley said, noting LEGO, superhero, glamour, pop star and Pokemon parties are among planned themes. “My kids are so fully immersed in art all the time. Maybe they want a different kind of party. This is opening it up to



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

Mini Picassos owner Katy Wereley stands in her new space, holding a painting by local artist Jamie Pangborn that has been a fixture in every Mini Picassos location since the start.

everybody.

“Our parties here are going to be different than the ones at the studio,” she added, noting the addition of cotton candy and karaoke machines. “We’re offering a lot more for our parties.”

She still plans to offer an “OG Mini Picassos” party; it’s not the only thing she may reprise when the new location opens.

“I’ll probably have a pre-register art class here and there,” she said. “... I’ll likely have pre-register classes in the summer, but they will look a little different. One thing I will bring back right away is Toddler Art Time.”

This is Mini Picassos’ fourth and largest location. The program started in Wereley’s basement before moving to space at First English Evangelical Lutheran Church in Grosse Pointe Woods. Its most recent location was in Harper Woods.

Its new home is located at 21520 Harper, St. Clair Shores.

“This is seven years in the making,” Wereley said. “... My little space (in Harper Woods) is geared toward little, little kids and younger elementary kids. It was a great start. But I want this space to be for everybody. This is going to be totally different from the

old space.”

The transition, from offering classes and camps to becoming a drop-in fun factory, was the plan from the start, Wereley said.

“When we first started, this was my brainchild,” she said. “It morphed into us doing classes. The community really needed classes at that moment, so that’s what we turned into.”

Back then, Wereley and her mother were business partners. Brush stepped back in 2021, after being diagnosed with invasive ductal carcinoma.

Though her mother is well again, Wereley said the illness, coupled with

the pandemic, propelled her to take a chance and do what she initially set out to do. She and her husband, Steven, discussed the future and decided, “Let’s just do it,” she said.

“... This is now a family adventure,” she added. “When my mom got sick, that puts your life in perspective. My husband said, ‘We can’t bring our money with us. Let’s put it into the business and do what you love.’”

Once the decision was made — and the space was secured — Wereley made the announcement on social media. The response she received from the community backed up her decision.

“The second I saw the outpouring from the community, I felt good,” she said. “The community’s response has made my insane anxiety of starting a business in the middle of a pandemic totally go away.

“This is literally me watching my dream come true,” she added. “Not because I have an amazing husband and family, but because of this community. Last year, I really thought we were not going to survive, but the community rallied together.”

Now Wereley can focus on the future of Mini Picassos, which will include collaborating with Whistle Stop Toy & Hobby, as well as

Cloverleaf Pizza for parties and events. However, her more immediate focus is getting the bare space prepared for opening day, March 1.

“I’m excited for this next chapter,” she said. “It feels right. The way it just happened ... when you’ve been dreaming about something for so long, to see it happening so fast (means) it’s supposed to happen right away. The instant I walked in here, I knew this is where I’m supposed to be.”

Wereley will have help from four staff members and perhaps, eventually, her mother, who has been “super supportive and excited,” she said. “She wants to come in and help out.”

Wereley hopes all ages will make use of the drop-in space, including adults, who are invited to paint their own wine glasses, among other activities.

“I want to make this a space for everyone to be excited to come to,” she said.

“This isn’t just a business; this is my fourth child,” Wereley added. “I’ve been holding my breath, crossing my fingers, crossing my eyes since 2020. I’m breathing right now.”

Updates and information soon will be available on the Mini Picassos website — minipicassosstudio.com.



The new Mini Picassos location is in St. Clair Shores, next to Bulk Foods on Harper.

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Detroit Industrial School Foundation to award grants

Applications required by March 1

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

The Detroit Industrial School Foundation has a rich history of supporting at-risk children in Detroit and surrounding communities.

One of the oldest charitable agencies in southeast Michigan, the 165-year-old organization was founded by six Detroit and Grosse Pointe women specifically to serve those in need. The women, representing the churches of Detroit, asked their clergy to read the following unsigned notice from their pulpits:

“All women of Detroit who are concerned about the many beggar children who roam our streets illy clad and half fed and who wish to assist in taking steps to make their lot in life less horrible and to provide some means of education are invited to a meeting on Tuesday, June 2, 1857, at the First Congregational Church.”

Sixty women answered the call, setting in motion a tradition that continues

today.

The foundation is putting out a call to nonprofits with similar missions — serving children in need — and offering grants to qualifying 501(c)3 organizations. Applications are accepted through Tuesday, March 1. Interested organizations may apply on the DIS website, detroitindustrialschool.org.

“It’s so easy,” DIS board member Eileen Dixon said. “Just go online, fill out the form, provide 501(c)3 information. ... There are a few components they need to provide, like a high-level overview of what they do, what their project is about, their budget, how many children will benefit from it.”

The foundation’s funding priorities include basic needs such as food, clothing and emergency shelter, as well as academic enrichment, educational supplies, special needs, cultural enrichment, environmental and nature discovery, recreation equipment, field trips and camperships.

“We try to focus on local agencies with the greatest need,” DIS President Barbara Perez said, noting applicants from anywhere in the tri-county region are invited to apply. “We look for organizations in terms of the number of children it serves.”

The Neighborhood Club, The Family Center, Full Circle Foundation, Grosse Pointe Historical Society, The Arc, Blanket with Love, Arts & Scraps and other local organizations have benefitted from past DIS grants.

During a “normal” year, roughly 30 to 40 applications come through the DIS for grants. Last fall, just nine nonprofits applied.

“Things like camperships, during the pandemic — camps weren’t happening,” Dixon said. “We’re hopeful that’s going to change going forward. We know a lot of these agencies are struggling.”

In previous years, site visits to applicants were part of the process. These days, most conversations are done over the

phone, Perez said. Finalists are put to a vote of the membership, which includes 25 active members, eight associate members and three honorary members.

Available funds vary from year to year and equal 5 percent of interest off the foundation’s principle, Perez said.

A look back

The DIS has been a notable part of Detroit history. It was founded in 1857, during a severe economic depression. Unemployment was rampant, families were struggling and children were begging in the streets.

“A group of ladies wanted to help the beggar children in Detroit,” Perez said. “Through their churches, 60 women of means got together to purchase property.”

Within a few months, they opened a school to provide education, clothing and a daily meal to children in need. The school started with 16 students and within a year, enrollment climbed to 200. By 1861, 750 children attended the school.

“There were all kinds of uses for the property,”

Dixon said. “Women started offering school. ... Then it became an industrial school, teaching skills to make a living. It grew and grew.”

Over the next 30 years, the DIS introduced groundbreaking programs, including free kindergartens and domestic science and industrial arts classes, that were eventually absorbed into the public school system. With the needs of the community changing, the DIS turned its efforts toward providing a broad range of services to Detroit’s poor, young and old.

In 1913, the DIS opened the Neighborhood House, a community center that offered kindergarten, activities and hot meals for children; classes, social clubs and job placement assistance for adults; and free dental and medical services.

“The Neighborhood House became the center of the community,” Dixon said, noting its variety of offerings for all ages. “It really was the heart of the community. All those programs evolved over the years, so it became less and less

important because times changed. Schools were taking over the things that were offered.”

When the Neighborhood House closed in 1959, more than two million Detroit children and adults had crossed its threshold. Eventually, it was condemned by the city in the late 1950s to make way for the John Lodge Freeway.

“When the Lodge went through, the funds from the building sale became the foundation of the foundation,” Dixon said.

“It’s been such a joy to be part of that,” she added, noting her involvement with the foundation and its grant program. “Every time I look at the grants that come in, it reminds me how many people are out there in the community doing good.”

Perez agreed.

“DIS is a great organization to be part of,” she said. “What’s better than helping people out and giving funds to help them realize their dreams?”

For more information about DIS, to request a grant or to make a donation via PayPal, visit detroitindustrialschool.org.

Men’s Club hosts Feb. 8 talk, ‘Building Civility’

Social and mass media have politicized everything from religion and race to the pandemic and beyond, leading to an unprecedented level of polarization. Friendly banter and debate have been halted, longtime relationships have ended and estrangements within families have occurred. Today, many believe they cannot be friends with people whose politics are different from their own.

Media contributors Nolan Finley and Stephen Henderson have been longtime friends, despite their different perspectives on pretty much everything. The one thing they agree upon is the importance of their friendship, including a healthy dose of mutual respect. The duo promotes bringing people of opposing viewpoints together for healthy disagreement, personal interaction, constructive conversations and friendship despite opposing views. The duo also finds common ground in shar-

ing a fondness of Kentucky bourbon.

“Building Civility” will be their topic of discussion at the next meeting of the Men’s Club of Grosse Pointe, which takes place at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 8, at the Tompkins Center at Windmill Pointe Park. They will discuss civility-building in politics and community, as well as provide insights from their friendship and the Great Lakes Civility Project. Learn more at greatlakescivilityproject.com.

Visitors are welcome to attend Men’s Club luncheon and speaker meetings. All are asked to arrive on time, so the meeting may begin promptly.

Reservations may be made by email to gpmcatendance@gmail.com or by calling (313) 550-9661.

The club encourages attendees to wear face masks when not eating, drinking or speaking to the group. Cost is \$20 at the door.

AREA ACTIVITIES

Blood drives

The American Red Cross hosts the following blood drives:

- ◆ 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 Ridgemont, Roseville.

Register online at redcrossblood.org.

Library

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

- ◆ Coding with Boomer, 4:15 to 5:15 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 3, via Zoom.
- ◆ Storytime with Miss Melissa, 1:30 to 2 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 8, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.
- ◆ 7th & 8th Grade Book Group, 7 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 8, via Zoom.
- ◆ Outdoor Storytime with Miss Rachel, 10:30 to 11 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 9, at Central, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe

Farms.

- ◆ Storytime with Miss Jane, 10:30 to 11 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 10, via Zoom.
- ◆ Teen Advisory Board, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 10, via Zoom.
- ◆ Horror/Thriller Book Club, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 10, via Zoom.
- ◆ Corrado Parducci, Architectural Sculptor, 7 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 10, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park. Join the waiting list for this program at grossepointelibrary.org.
- ◆ Sweet Treat: No Back Cheesecake Demonstration, 7 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 10, via Zoom.

Rotary

The Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe hosts its next meeting at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 9. Cindy Eggleston of Learning Recovery speaks. Visit grossepointerotary.org for information. Those who wish to join the meeting via Zoom should email grossepointerotary@gmail.com.

Ford House

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

- ◆ “Storytime: Love Is ...” at 10:30 a.m. Tuesdays, through Feb. 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.
- ◆ Nooks & Crannies Tour, select times Tuesdays and Sundays, Feb. 15 to March 31.
- ◆ Ice & Snow Fest, noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26.

For tickets and information, visit fordhouse.org.

The War Memorial

The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, hosts Cocktails by Candlelight at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 10. The evening includes libations, light charcuterie and an endless supply of board games. Admission is \$20. Reserve a spot at warmemorial.org.

The War Memorial presents Sing to Love with Nicole New, featuring jazz vocalist Nicole New and pianist Cliff Monear, at 5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 13. A VIP cocktail reception begins at 4 p.m. VIP tickets are \$45 and available in advance only; concert-only tickets are \$30 and available at the door. Visit warmemorial.org.

The War Memorial presents An Evening with Executive Chef Joe Paxton at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 15.

The War Memorial presents “That They Lived: Americans Who Changed the World,” at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 16. Rochelle Riley leads this online discussion of her new book, which includes a live Q&A.

Register at warmemorial.org.

GPAA

The Grosse Pointe Artists Association offers a watercolor workshop with new teacher Nancy Philo from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 19 and 20. Register at grossepointeartcenter.org.

Healthy GP

Healthy Grosse Pointe & Harper Woods meets via Zoom at 8:30 a.m. the third Wednesday of each month. Its mission is to reduce substance abuse among youth and across the community, as well as promote optimal mental health through action, education and collaboration. Those interested in attending meetings should email Sasha Murphy at smurphy@careofsem.com.

Alliance Francaise

The Alliance Francaise de Grosse Pointe is an organization that promotes French culture through monthly activities for members. The group seeks members for its new membership year, which begins in September. It also offers French lessons for adults at Assumption Cultural Center, from September to May each year. Detailed membership and French classes information may be found at afdegrossepointe.org.

Toastmasters

Northeastern Toastmasters meets via Zoom at 7 p.m. the second and fourth Monday of each month. Call (313) 720-8444 for the link and password.

Lakeshore

Lakeshore Senior Living hosts the Facebook Live Q&A, “Ask the Therapist,” from 1:30 to 2 p.m. Wednesdays, and “Coffee Break Chat with Rachel,” with Sales and Marketing Manager Rachel Nagorsen, 1:30 to 2 p.m. Thursdays. For more information, call (586) 218-6228.



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The search is on

Applications accepted for chamber leadership role

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Longtime Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce President and Executive Director Jennifer Boettcher announced her intention to move on from the organization earlier this month; her last day with the chamber — of which she has been a part since its 2006 inception — was Jan. 31.

Now, the hunt is on for a new leader — someone to build on Boettcher’s accomplishments and guide the chamber into the future. Ford House President and CEO Mark Heppner, a member of the chamber board of directors, is taking the reins in the search.

He is heading a five-person search committee that is accepting applications to fill the vacancy.

“I have a close, personal relationship with Jenny and really have enjoyed her as a person and a colleague,” Heppner said. “I’m a huge believer in opportunities and change. This is a moment when we have the opportunity to look to the future, look at how the Pointes are changing and look at our vision for the future, what the chamber will look like.”

While the new president/executive director should have their own vision in mind, they’ll also be inheriting the great work that’s already been done, he added.

“Jenny set the foundation and it’s a great foundation to build upon.”

Assisting Heppner on the search committee are community member Ebony Duff, and chamber directors Ed Russell, Olga Tecos and Derrick Kozicki. They’ll be poring over applications as they come in, though Heppner is charged with the initial pass through.

“This is a unique opportunity for the right person,” Heppner added. “This is a great community to be involved in. The chamber — any chamber — is such a fascinating organization. You are such a leader in the community, an ambassador. You’re representing the business sector, the nonprofit sector, the members.”

The ideal candidate, he added, will have an ear to the ground, be politically savvy and advocate for all areas the chamber serves.

“They are the face of the organization and the business community,” Heppner said, noting the ideal candidate should be someone who can build relationships, network, work in partnership, listen to others and be of service. “They should be a relationship-building person who is passionate about the membership and believes in the core values of DEIA (diversity, equity, inclusion and accessibility). ... Even though we’re the Grosse Pointe chamber, our community is so much greater than that as a whole.”

To involve the full



Mark Heppner is heading the search committee for the chamber’s next president and executive director.

board in the process, Heppner surveyed members to gain their input. Questions delved into Boettcher’s most successful accomplishments, as well as skills and characteristics she possessed that made her successful. He also asked what additional skills and characteristics would be beneficial for the new leader to have.

Additionally, board members were asked to rank nine characteristics they believe are critical to the position, ranging from management skills to charisma. Some of the key components they noted are being a visionary leader, being strategic, possessing excellent written and verbal communication skills, being adaptable and flexible, being creative and thinking outside the box.

A full job description — including roles and responsibilities, as well as educational and skill requirements — may be found online at grossepointechamber.com.

The position includes serving as president and executive director of the Grosse Pointe Chamber Foundation, whose mission is to “receive and disburse charitable contributions for the promotion of commerce, education, economic growth, events and activities for the five Grosse Pointe communities.”

“This individual will be the liaison between the chamber and the foundation,” Heppner said, “and will continue to do the good work the foundation has done raising funds.”

Details of the position were posted on the Grosse Pointe and Michigan chamber of commerce websites, as well as various media and state resources. Currently, the search committee sits “in waiting mode.”

Heppner anticipates a variety of applicants; a dozen or so already have come in. Once he has five or six strong potential candidates, he’ll present them to the search committee, who will conduct first inter-

views. From there, the committee will recommend two or three finalists.

Those candidates will spend a day in the community, interact with the full board and potentially with some chamber members, Heppner said. When they feel they’ve found the right fit, the search committee will make a recommendation to the board.

“This will take as long as it takes,” Heppner said. “I did not set a deadline on the announcement. We’ll interview them as good candidates come through. This is not a shotgun approach.”

Nor is there a deadline to apply; applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

Heppner said he recognizes this as an important community leadership position. The person who fills the spot should “recognize and embrace the work, but be visionary enough to recognize the hard work that’s been done and build upon it,” he said. “This is how we create newness, excitement and the energy to move forward. I know the right person is out there.”

Interested candidates should email a cover letter, resume and salary requirements to Heppner at gpcc63@gmail.com, indicating in the subject line “GP Chamber President Search.”

Incomplete applications will not be considered; all applications will be treated confidentially.



FILE PHOTO

Jennifer Boettcher will begin her new post as clubhouse manager of Lochmoor Club at month’s end.

Lochmoor Club

welcomes Boettcher as clubhouse manager

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

When Jennifer Boettcher announced her intention to part ways with the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce last month, she promised she wouldn’t be going far; her heart belongs to Grosse Pointe.

Weeks later, Lochmoor Club officially announced Boettcher will be joining the Grosse Pointe Woods establishment as its new clubhouse manager. Monday, Feb. 28, is her official start date.

Having served with the chamber more than 17 years, Boettcher brings with her considerable experience in sales, marketing, promotion and event planning.

In her new post, Boettcher will oversee

the day-to-day operations of the clubhouse and its related functions, including membership, finance, food and beverage service, communications, human resources, overall clubhouse maintenance and community relations.

“I will serve as a key leader of the club, fostering a culture of service excellence in all facets of the club operations,” she added. “I’m responsible for carrying out the mission and vision of the club while coordinating with other key leaders in the club to assure seamless collaboration and continuity of the membership experience.”

“My goal is to run an efficient club using the industry best practices to enhance the members’ experience,” she added.

In its announcement,

the Lochmoor Club Board of Directors expressed excitement “that Jenny was interested when the opportunity at our club became available and (she) sees joining the team at Lochmoor Club as the ideal situation to apply her extensive community awareness and experience. ... With Jenny’s commitment to service excellence and membership satisfaction, we are confident that Lochmoor Club will benefit from her leadership.”

Boettcher said the decision to join the team at Lochmoor was easy.

“Lochmoor’s tradition is centered on the ideals of family, fun and friendship,” she said. “I want to be on a team that works together to continue the tradition for years to come.”

Program aims toward

suicide prevention for everyone

Suicides have increased 33 percent in the United States the past decade, with more than 12 million people reporting they have seriously contemplated suicide.

Those interested in learning how to play a vital role in ending suicide in Grosse Pointe and surrounding communities are invited to attend a workshop, presented by Junior League of Detroit and CNS Healthcare, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 10, at the CNS Healthcare eastside training center, 2900 Conner Ave., Building A, Detroit.

Led by Chief Medical Officer Michele Reid, M.D., and Program Manager Amy Stern, LMSW, of the Zero Suicide Initiative at CNS Healthcare, the program will provide participants with actionable advice to help identify and plan protective strategies leading to proactive steps to help family

members and friends who may be having suicidal thoughts.

Training is provided at no cost to the community. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, safe-distancing seating and masks are required.

Reserve a seat with Sherry McRill at smcrrill@cnshealthcare.org by Tuesday, Feb. 8.

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SENIOR LIVING

THE ROAD AHEAD

Retirement planning goes beyond finances

Professional workers typically look forward to retirement and the freedom that it brings. The notion that commuting and deadlines will one day be a distant memory is enough to make anyone excited with anticipation. But when the day to leave the daily grind behind arrives, many retirees admit to feeling a little anxiety about how they're going to find structure in this new chapter of life.

Retirement is a big transition, and Robert Delamontagne, PhD, author of the book "The Retiring Mind: How to Make the Psychological Transition to Retirement," notes that some retirees experience anxiety, depression and even a sense of loss upon attaching an end date to their career. Some of those feelings can undoubtedly be traced to the perceived loss of purpose leaving a job behind brings. Overcoming such feelings can be difficult, but finding ways to build daily structure can make the transition to retirement go smoothly.

Key to moving forward is finding something personally meaningful to engage in. Employees who truly enjoyed their work and the social aspect that came with it, tend to be fully engaged — so it's no surprise that such people may have a hard time adjusting to retirement. Some may suggest volunteering can help fill the void created by retirement, but researchers with the Sloan Center on Aging and Work at Boston College have found that only those individuals who are truly engaged in their post-retirement volunteering enjoy the psychological benefits of such pursuits. So before retirees dive right in to volunteering as a means to creating structure, they should first exercise due diligence and find opportunities and causes that are meaningful to them on a deeply personal level.

Some pre-retirees have discovered the idea of "bridge employment."

That's the name given to the trend that has seen retired individuals take on part-time or temporary employment as a step-down from the stress and demand of full-time work. COVID-19 has no doubt skewed post-retirement working statistics, but a 2019 survey from the LIMRA Secure Retirement Institute found that 27 percent of pre-retirees with at least \$100,000 in assets planned to work part-time in retirement. Part-time work can sometimes provide enough daily structure to help retirees feel as though each day is not a wide-open social desert.

Being mindful of continuing to interact socially plays a major role in retirement well-being. That may take a concerted effort since the facetime work provides is automatic. Seeking out clubs and social groups where interests are similar allows retirees to keep people in their lives in intervals they are most comfortable with. A book club, hobby club or a local nature group that goes on daily or semi-daily morning walks are all excellent choices that provide conversation and structure. If talented musically or artistically, there are many options for local community organizations that allow for group creative expression.

Enjoying adult education classes or joining social media groups are great conduits to new friends and activities that cater to their interests. Even if it seems hard to believe, plenty of retirees are seeking to enjoy retirement life in new ways, and social media can make it easier to find such individuals in your community.

It's not about staying as busy as when you were working full-time. But having just the right amount of structure to your new life serves as a foundation to make the entire chapter more meaningful, enjoyable and even the best time of your life.

Still want to work after retiring?

Many people harbor a desire to keep working after retiring, for myriad reasons. If so, certain job qualities should be kept in mind. Here are some characteristics that can make an opportunity uniquely suited to a post-retirement job.

- **Flexibility:** You may be looking to contribute to your community or simply earn a little spending money, but you will likely still want the freedom to travel or spend time with family and friends whenever you choose. Try consulting or remote opportunities, so you can offer your input while visiting grandchildren or traveling the world.

- **Socialization:** Some seniors aren't concerned about finances — but want to work so they can get out of the house. Just keep in mind how much interaction you really need. Is it enough just being around others, or do you want to be public facing? Choose a job that will give you the ideal amount of 'people time.'

- **Engagement:** Avoid jobs where you would be simply going through the motions. Seek opportunities that you are truly enthusiastic about.

- **Pressure-free:** Chances are you dealt with work-related stress in your past career. After a lifetime of that, this is your chance to look for pressure-free opportunities. Have some fun.

The right post-retirement gig can bring joy back into work and make for a fantastic retirement experience.

Look what's happening at The Helm in February

The Helm at the Boll Life Center, 158 Ridge, Grosse Pointe Farms, offers a variety of classes and programs for older adults living in the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods.

Whether looking to learn a new skill, get or stay in shape, make new friends or be entertained, The Helm offers activities that run the gamut. In addition to its weekly sessions of chair yoga, tai chi, Texas Hold 'Em and Bridge Club — among many others — The Helm has a variety of new, limited-time offerings, including Learn the Hustle at 9:30 a.m. Tuesdays, Conversational Spanish at 10 a.m. Mondays and Wednesdays and Rosa's Fitness Combo Class at 11:45 a.m. Thursdays, among others.

The following program take place during the month of February:

- Visit the Detroit Institute of Arts Tuesday, Feb. 8. The bus departs The Helm at 12:30 p.m. and returns around 4 p.m. Participants will have two hours for self-guided tours of the museum. Cost is \$5 for members, \$10 for nonmembers. Masks are required for all visitors to the museum, regardless of vaccination status.

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

- Walk with Ease takes place from 1 to 2 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, Feb. 8 to March 17. Instructor Carolyn Bradt will lead this free program, which teaches participants how to safely incorporate physical activity into their everyday lives. Participants must register for the entire series.

- Fireside Chat with the Housing Experts takes place from 9:30 to 10 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 9. The topic this month is "Senior Living Options." The program is facilitated by Donna O'Neill and Mimi Koppang, senior real estate specialists, who will present information for the homeowner as well as adult children helping their parents with their housing needs.

- On the Gogh Studio owner Michelle Bog-gess-Nunley takes participants through the process of making valentine cards, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 9. Participants will use watercolors to create effects and patch together various types of paper and textures to make unique valentines for their loved ones. Cost is \$20 for members, \$30 for nonmembers.

- Stop by The Helm to 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.

- The Helm's Valentine's Day Party takes place from 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.

- The program "Beginning Your Family Genealogy" takes place from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 16, with instructor Derek Blount, a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists. Those interested in learning their family's history can learn where to begin the search during this program, which is free for members, \$5 for nonmembers.

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.

Robert E. Nye

Robert “Bob” Nye, 90, passed away peacefully Monday, Dec. 27, 2021, in Grosse Pointe Park, after a brave battle with Alzheimer’s disease.

Born July 25, 1931, in Keokuk, Iowa, to Robert and Madeline Nye, Bob was a faithful servant to the Lord from beginning to end. Educated at the University of Iowa, Bob received a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration, which led to a successful career in investment banking. While attending college, Bob met his soulmate, Alice, with whom he shared a deeply loving marriage for 63 years. Their love for one another shone brightly and served as an epic love story for family members.

A retired U.S. Air Force major, Bob loved his country and was proud to serve. Due to his unwavering work ethic and passion for business, Bob became the senior vice president of First of America Bank, Detroit. He proudly served his clients, many of whom became lifelong friends, and truly loved his work.

Bob will be remembered for his integrity, conviction and grace. He had respect for all whom he met; people of all ages and stations in life sought his advice and benefited from his counsel. His comedic timing and witty self-deprecation brought his family and friends many entertaining and beloved memories. Above all, Bob was humble. He had an innate ability to understand and relate to those he encountered with perfect humility. He consistently sought ways to positively impact the lives of others in the name of Jesus Christ.

Bob had a lifelong passion for gardening. He received his Master Gardener certification from Michigan State University and served many years on the Grosse Pointe Park Beautification Committee.

A biblical scholar and devoted member of Cornerstone Baptist Church in Roseville, Bob had a special affinity for the Book of Job. Though everything was taken from him, Job clung to his

faith in God. This, too, is how Bob chose to live.

Bob was predeceased by his precious wife, Alice; and their son, Robert. He is survived by his daughters, Julie King (Terry), Margaret Olson and Jean Ditta; grandchildren, Anna Sanders, Elizabeth Cox (Steven), James R. King, James D. King (Kaitlin), Kirsten Pruitt (Justin) and Susan Ditta (Jesse); and five great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Winston Anthony Kian Lok Lie

Longtime resident Winston Anthony Kian Lok Lie, 61, passed away peacefully Monday, Jan. 24, 2022, at his home in Grosse Pointe Park.

Winston was born March 3, 1960, in Detroit, to Mado Lie and Dr. Kim K Lie. He was the eldest of 10 children. Winston was diagnosed with severe Down’s syndrome and had some immediate challenges with a heart defect, which doctors were able to repair during his infancy.

He moved with his parents to Grosse Pointe in 1966, and attended special education schools. Winston lived his entire life with his parents and shared his life with nine noisy siblings as they grew into adults and moved out of the home.

Winston led a quiet life, took comfort with his extensive spoon collections and was fond of playing his personal piano. He enjoyed the music with which his parents filled his environment and on occasion was known to appreciate the musical endeavors of his siblings and friends as they attempted to master an instrument. His sweet soul and demeanor would light up the room and his bright smile will be missed by many. He gave a gift to all the people he touched and made them better people.

Winston is survived by his mother, Mado O. Lie; siblings, Roxane M. Lie, Marc A. Lie (Anja Derckx), Lancelot A. Lie (Vivian Preston), Parcival A. Lie, Gunther A. Lie (Nancy Alcott), Tamara M. Lie Fobare (Greg),

Natasha O. Lie Wilde (Christopher), Sergei A. Lie (Kara Conway) and Ariadne G. Lie (Dr. Justin Bult); nieces and nephews, Lillian, Maja, Audrey, Greta, Asia, Harrison, Emilia, Andrew, Josephine, Amstel, Zealand, Skylar, Declan, Ophelia, Atticus and Dylan; and his best friends, Robert Lack and Navara Halsell.

A funeral service took place Jan. 28, at Verheyden Funeral Home, Grosse Pointe Park.

Memorial donations may be sent to Gigi’s Playhouse in Southfield, gigisplayhouse.org/detroit/ or Dutton Farm in Rochester, N.Y., duttonfarm.org/.

Robert Joseph Ban

Robert Joseph Ban, 82, passed away Tuesday, Jan. 25, 2022, at his family home in the City of Grosse Pointe.

Robert was born Sept. 7, 1939, in Detroit, to Max and Mary Ban, both now deceased.

He graduated from Grosse Pointe High School in 1957, and from Ferris Institute in 1960. He was a designer for Chrysler Motor Co., in Highland Park and Auburn Hills. Robert also served as a specialist in the U.S. Army.

Robert was a member of the UAW and for 20 years served as president of the UAW Retirees Local 412 in Warren. He enjoyed spending time on Lake St. Clair, boating and fishing with friends. He loved to travel, taking many trips to Las Vegas, as well as visiting Hawaii, Europe, Australia and New Zealand. He also enjoyed traveling locally and spending weekends in the resort towns on Lake Michigan.

Robert is survived by his partner of 43 years, Elaine; daughter, Jennifer Coker (Larry); son, Robert Ban Jr. (Brenda); and grandchildren, Campbell, Maclaren and Cora Coker, and Emily and Joey Ban.

Robert will be interred at Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly. Military honors services will be held at a later date.

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Mary Terese Angela Verhelle

Mary Terese Angela Verhelle, 93, of Naples, Fla., passed away Tuesday, Jan. 25, 2022.

Angela Verhelle was born Oct. 11, 1928, in Parkhill, Middlesex, Ontario, Canada, to Dougold and Margaret (nee Jordan) McCormick. She was the youngest of eight children.

Angela grew up with six sisters and one brother on a farm near Parkhill, outside of London, Ontario. After completing St. Joseph’s School of Nursing and becoming a registered nurse, Angela moved to Detroit, where she worked in the David Whitney Building for a pioneering eye surgeon, helping develop procedures for cataract eye surgery.

Angela and William Henry Verhelle Sr. were introduced to each other at Indian Village Tennis Club in Detroit. They were married May 21, 1960, at St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic Church in Grosse Pointe Park. They raised their

family in Grosse Pointe.

After having two sons, Angela returned to work as the head RN, overseeing the operating rooms at Bon Secours Hospital in the City of Grosse Pointe.

In the early 1980s, Angela and Bill moved to Petoskey, where Angela served as the head nurse in the operating and emergency rooms at Otsego Memorial Hospital in Gaylord, and at Reus Residence in Petoskey.

In the early 2000s, Angela and Bill retired and moved to be with their sons and grandchildren in Victor, N.Y., and eventually in Naples, Fla.

Angela was a remarkable woman and an outstanding and deeply loved mother and grandmother.

She is survived by her sons, William Verhelle Jr. (Cyndee) of Naples and Joseph Verhelle (Kari) of Knoxville, Tenn; and six grandchildren, Madeline Verhelle, Mitchell Verhelle, Bradley Verhelle, Nicholas Verhelle, William III Verhelle (Trey) and Luke Verhelle.

Angela was predeceased in 2017, by her husband of 56 years, William Henry Verhelle Sr., as well as by her siblings, Mary Agnes Edgar (Ivan), Peter Joseph



Angela Verhelle

McCormick (Alice), Helen Elizabeth McCoskey (John), Rita Margaret Bailey (Everett Nathaniel), Mildred Lucille Stone (Edward), Margaret Veronica Doyle (John) and Mary Eleanor Wiese (Joe).

Visitation for family and friends takes place Thursday, Feb. 3, at Fuller Funeral Home in Naples. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Friday, Feb. 4, at St. William Catholic Church in Naples. Burial will take place at Holy Childhood Cemetery in Harbor Springs at a later date.

Charitable donations may be made to Cure Alzheimer’s Fund, 34 Washington St., Ste. 200, Wellesley Hills, MA 02481; (781) 237-3800 or curealz.org/.

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Concert slated at GP Unitarian

Chamber Music at the Scarab Club will perform the second concert of its 23rd season at 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 6, at Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church, 17150 Maumee, City of Grosse Pointe.

The evening features a performance of “Piano Quintet in A Minor,” by composer and pianist Florence Price, which showcases the possibilities of the piano. Price’s compositions have become increasingly popular. Her engaging music draws on her roots in spirituals, gospel music and jazz, as well as her European classical training.

“Piano Quintet in A Minor” features Mary Siciliano on piano, Velda Kelly and Molly Hughes on violin, James Greer on viola and Cole Randolph on cello.

This program also features the RELA Percussion Quartet, performing selections with influences from African, Arabic, Caribbean and Indian music, as well as jazz and marching percussion. Along with western and global percussion instruments, RELA draws sound from nontraditional objects ranging from metal pipe to flowerpots.

Performing in the RELA Percussion Quartet are Patrick Fitzgibbon, Mike List, Thomas Monks and Drew Parent.

Seats for this concert are limited to 60. Tickets are \$25 in advance, \$10 for students; \$30 at the door.

Livestream tickets are available for \$15.

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Jeffrey Kilcline

Jeffrey Kilcline, 56, of Phoenix, Ariz., passed away suddenly Saturday, Jan. 22, 2022.

Jeff was born May 19, 1965, in Detroit, to his loving parents, Frederick and Bernadine (nee Wojtkowiak) Kilcline.

Jeff grew up in Harper Woods and attended Montieth Elementary School and Brownell Middle School. He graduated from Grosse Pointe North High School in 1983. Because of his interest in mechanics and aviation, Jeff attended Kirkland College and earned an associate's degree in aviation maintenance technology in 1989. That year, he also earned Airframe and Powerplant certificates. He then followed his passion and became an aircraft mechanic, enjoying a 30-year career. Jeff's accomplishments were recognized with several special awards.

As a child, Jeff loved anything that could fly. He also loved taking things apart and rebuilding them. He had a mini-bike he liked to repair and improve that he would ride around the neighborhood. He also liked to spend time at the family cottage near Gaylord, enjoying the outdoors and visiting relatives.

When he became older, Jeff enjoyed fishing, birdwatching and spending time with



Jeffrey Kilcline

friends. He had an easy-going personality and was always a peacekeeper. Most of all, Jeff loved his family and spent every chance he could with them. His children and grandchildren brought him so much joy.

Jeff is survived by his parents, Frederick and Bernadine Kilcline; children, Alicia Armijo (Greg) and Justin Kilcline; siblings, Jennifer Kilcline, Joyce Grimmer (Scott), Patrick Kilcline (Bay) and Peter Kilcline (Denise); grandchildren, Joey and Autumn Armijo; four nieces and two nephews; and extended family and friends. Jeff also is survived by his former wife, Julie Heisner.

A memorial service to celebrate Jeff's life will be held at noon Sunday, Feb. 6, at Phoenix Memorial Park in Phoenix.

A funeral Mass will take place at noon Saturday, Feb. 12, at St. Mary's Catholic Church, 415 N. 6th Street in St. Clair.

Memories may be shared at dignitymemorial.com.

Christ Church welcomes new associate

Christ Church Grosse Pointe recently welcomed The Rev. Maureen Martin as its associate for parish life and community engagement. Mother Maureen's first Sunday at Christ Church will be Feb. 6, when she will be installed at the 9 a.m. worship service.

"We are eager to welcome Maureen to our community and to share in ministry with her," said The Rev. Andrew Van Culin, rector at Christ Church. "Mother Maureen possesses a warmth of friendship and a depth of faith which, together, will be a great gift to all seeking to know God's love. After nearly two years of wandering through the isolation of COVID, Mother Maureen will help us to reforge our bonds of friendship and care in Christ."

Upon graduation from Nashotah House in May 2020, Martin was ordained to the priesthood and appointed priest-in-charge at Saint James Episcopal Church in

West Bend, Wisc. During her tenure at Saint James, Martin shepherded the congregation through the pandemic, developing new virtual and in-person liturgies, as well as creating new outreach programs for the broad West Bend community.

"I am thrilled to join the leadership team at Christ Church at this moment in time when we all begin to think about what community life means in a post-pandemic world," Martin said. "Rather than thinking the 'new normal' is something that will be less than the old normal, we are fortunate to have the opportunity to learn what it means for us to become more deeply attuned to one another as brothers and sisters in Christ and to live more abundantly into our participation with God. I feel immensely blessed to serve at Christ Church and I look forward to getting to know you all in the weeks and months to come."



The Rev. Maureen Martin

GP Symphony Orchestra cancels March 6 concert

Due to the present surge in the COVID-19 Omicron variant, and consistent with its commitment to protecting the health of its members and patrons, the Grosse Pointe Symphony Orchestra has canceled its Sunday, March 6 concert.

Ticket holders can receive a refund, use the ticket for a future

concert or make a tax-deductible donation of the value of the ticket to the orchestra.

The orchestra will resume performing for its final concert of the season at 3 p.m. Sunday, May 29, at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church, 467 Fairford, Grosse Pointe Woods. Additionally, a summer concert is being planned.

Details about future concerts and the processing of ticket refunds and donations are available on the orchestra's website, gpsymphony.org.

Tickets for refund may be sent to Grosse Pointe Symphony, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236, and include indication the ticket is for an adult or senior.

Learn about ancestry at The Helm

Those who've had a burning desire to trace their family history but aren't sure where to start are invited to The Helm from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 16. Derek Blount, a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists, will discuss the many records

available online and how to search them to find details about family members.

This presentation, "Beginning Your Family Genealogy," will provide the tools and motivation to get started researching and creating a family tree. Many records — church, civil, military, probate, land, emigra-

tion, work — are online; one just needs to know where and how to look.

Open to anyone to attend, this class is free to members, \$5 for non-members.

Members and regular guests of The Helm are asked to register online at helmlife.org. Others may call (313) 882-9600 for assistance.



Passing through

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Mark Rossman shared this aerial photo he captured Jan. 23 — a passing freighter on Lake St. Clair, seen through the steeple at The Grosse Pointe Academy.

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Great Ape Heart Project announces move to Detroit

The Great Ape Heart Project, or GAHP, is now based at the Detroit Zoo. Launched in 2010, the GAHP is a group of dedicated experts who provide a network of clinical, pathologic and research strategies to aid in understanding and treating cardiac disease in all ape species.

Gorillas and orangutans are classified as critically endangered by the International Union for Conservation of Nature, or IUCN. Chimpanzees and bonobos are listed as endangered by the IUCN. Cardiovascular disease, or heart disease, is the leading cause of death observed for each species in zoos.

“The Great Ape Heart Project was created to address a specific need in the zoological community,” said Dr. Hayley W. Murphy, director emeritus of the GAHP and executive director/CEO of the Detroit Zoological Society. “It’s critical to investigate, diagnose and treat heart disease among great apes. The information that comes from this international, multi-institutional project saves lives around the world.”

Originally based at Zoo Atlanta, this collaborative project was founded to create a centralized database that analyzes cardiac data, generates reports and coordinates



cardiac-related research. “For more than a decade, the project has maintained a hub for researchers that includes more than 90 percent of the individual great apes in institutions that are accredited by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums. The project allows participants to compare and contrast data from nearly 80 institutions,” said Dr. Marietta Danforth, director of the GAHP. “Prior to this move, Detroit was like a second home for us because we had so many fruitful meetings here at the zoo. It’s exciting to have it be our home base now.”

The GAHP received the

prestigious 2020 Research Award from the Association of Zoos and Aquariums. The award recognizes achievements in advancing scientific research among accredited zoos and aquariums throughout the U.S.

To help support the GAHP this Heart Month, limited-edition shirts are available at bonfire.com/GAHP2022. All proceeds will help prevent, diagnose and treat heart disease in great apes.

The Detroit Zoo is home to three gorillas and 12 chimpanzees who can be seen at the Great Apes of Harambee, a 4-acre habitat located in the zoo’s African Forest.

Above, gorillas Kongo and Pende. Right, chimpanzees Zuhura and Akira.

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South’s Booster Bash underway

Grosse Pointe South High School’s Booster Bash Auction opened online bidding Saturday, Jan. 29, but there’s still plenty of time to get in on the action.

Bidding on more than 50 auction items concludes at 9 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 6. Some big-ticket items include Red Wings suite tickets; Justin Bieber concert tickets,

including dinner and parking; S-Lot parking spot; graduation seats; and a Solo Stove Bonfire and stand.

In addition to the online auction, boosters are selling raffle tickets for its popular Cart of Cheer. Tickets are \$10 each or three for \$25. Raffle tickets may be purchased through Venmo @ABCcartofcheer, or by

cash or check. The drawing will occur at 9 p.m. Feb. 9, and the winner will be notified. For more information, call Stephanie Harris at (810) 459-8750.

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The Science Advice Goddess

by Amy Alkon

Pouter Struggle

My girlfriend will say she's okay with things when she really isn't. But then she spends days pouting and making cutting remarks, never saying what the real issue is -- like that she really wanted Chinese, not Thai. Is our relationship doomed, or can I get her to be more direct?
— Beaten Down

Telling people what you want is necessary under certain circumstances, like when a woman at the diner says, “Hi, I’m Madge, and I’ll be your waitress,” and not, “Hi, I’m a mindreader, here to guess what you want for lunch.”

As Mick Jagger points out, “You can’t always get what you want” -- but asking for it is a major start.

Your girlfriend, however, has what clinical psychologist Randy Paterson describes as a “passive” style of communication. It’s driven by fear (often “a profound fear of being rejected”) that leads a person to keep their needs on mute. In contrast with healthy assertiveness --

explaining “Here’s what I’d like” in a timely way -- your girlfriend’s approach is basically: “I’m a woman with needs!...but I won’t tell you what they are, and then I’ll go all funeralface for a week because you didn’t meet them.”

Her passive style is relationship poison. You can’t really know her



when she’s always hiding who she is and what she wants. And because needs that go unexpressed are needs that can’t be addressed, she’s probably filled with anger and resentment -- including sexual resent-

ment from expecting you to be all “Fifty Shades of ‘Guess!’”

Had your girlfriend written me to ask how she might change -- that is, start asserting herself -- I’d offer her advice on how to do that (and why she should).

Your issue is different: inspiring her to want to

change. Present this not as her problem but a relationship issue: You love her and want to make her happy, but that takes knowing what she wants. Ask her to go to couples therapy with you. (Chances are she’ll go whether she

actually wants to or not!)

This could be the beginning of a beautifully healthy relationship -- possibly with her, if she’ll do the work to risk being honest with you. Of course, the first step is being honest with herself when answering the question, “Why does he always ignore what I want?!”: “Um, because I communicate in a language used by ferns.”

How Do I Shove Thee?
I’m a 31-year-old gay man. I have these intrusive lusty thoughts about my ex, like daily. I’m extremely physically attracted to him, but we just don’t work as a couple and never will. Despite knowing this, I’m having a hard time stopping myself from thinking about him. It’s more of a mental habit than anything else, but I just don’t know how to break it.
— Tormented

We are selective forgetters, readily deleting from memory the things we really, really need to remember. This can be amusing in retrospect -- like, after we go all Israelites 2.0: wandering for 40 years around the Mall of America parking garage -- or until we file a

false report that our car’s been stolen, whichever comes first.

The things we long to evict from our thoughts -- like your recurring waking sex dreams of your unsuitable Donny Adonis -- squat in our mental attic like codependent ghosts. It doesn’t help that you can’t just decide to find him sexually repellant.

We have a mental template for what we find hot -- shaped by evolution, genetics, and individual experience. There’s no little cartoon trash can you can drag it into because you’re hyperventilating over the wrong person.

Adding to the fun, social psychologist Daniel Wegner finds that “thought suppression” -- trying to forget, ignore, or shove away thoughts -- makes those thoughts come back with a vengeance.

Wegner and his team instructed research participants, “Try not to think of a white bear.” This is a big fail right from the start, because the mind sweeps around to check whether you’re thinking of a white bear -- which means you’re thinking of the damn bear.

There does seem to be a

way out using two obsession-reducing steps from psychologists Jens Forster and Nira Liberman.

First, admit that it’s hard to keep from thinking about him, which alleviates the pressure to succeed at it. And my take: It might also help to find the funny in it when your hottieloop goes on repeat: “Really, Self? Again with the futility TV?”

Second, crowd out thoughts of him with substitute thoughts. Say the alphabet backward or read a book aloud. Repeatedly, if necessary. (The underlying principle: You can’t hold two thoughts in mind or say two things at once.) Keep this up, and you should eventually (mostly) extract yourself from this mental torture loop -- without the obvious downsides of your next best option: a bathroom mirror DIY lobotomy.

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Organizing message priorities

Q: I am inundated by emails at work, and it can take me up to two to three hours some days to get through them. Some need immediate responses, some can wait. Sometimes a person thinks it’s urgent when it really isn’t, but it’s then up to me to explain why, which is time-consuming.

Sometimes I don’t have the time to explain why their problem isn’t urgent and I think the situation should be obvious to that person, so I don’t respond. This is where

I can get into trouble.

Everyone thinks their problem is more important than someone else’s. I get right to the point, which often offends them. I have to figure out a way to tell people so they understand.

When they hear it’s not a critical situation, they turn off and get angry, as if I’m saying their problem doesn’t matter at all. That is not what I’m saying, but I’m not sure how to tell them something they don’t want to hear.



A: Ever notice how some people are easy to talk to and conversations with them seem to flow smoothly? Then there are those whom you’d like to tell to hurry up and get to the point, but they simply cannot.

You hear them drone on with situation after situation, detail upon detail, explaining the information you don’t want to hear or need to know before they arrive at the point. You become annoyed, bored and impatient with them, but neither of you is to blame.

According to Dr. Ethan F. Becker and Jon Wortmann, authors of “Mastering Communication At Work,” communication problems can be solved with an awareness of your communication style compared to others’. Though a person may predominantly be a certain type of thinker, “master communicators are able to change the way they communicate so that they meet the needs of the listener.”

People are either inductive or deductive thinkers,

and the way a person thinks determines how that person naturally communicates. It may seem like it requires extensive analysis to be able to communicate with opposite types of thinkers, but there is a quick and easy way to learn what kind of communicator you are dealing with.


A deductive thinker gets right to the point; this sounds like it may be your communication style. Inductive thinkers, on the other hand, want to include every interruption, every excuse, every story that occurred along the way before they can get to the point.

As a deductive thinker, you want to deliver the main message first, and you want others to communicate with you in the same manner.

Because the point is what matters to you, you have cut out the storytelling, the experiential tidbits you realized along the way to making your decision, so the receiver can immediately understand the point you want to make. But imagine that the person

At Work

by Lindsey Novak



you need to communicate with is an inductive thinker.

He wants the details of how you arrived at that decision before you get to the point. You’ve cut out the explanations, the excuses, the niceties and the juicy parts, so he responds with anger, thinking you are perhaps harsh, cold and pragmatic when all you are is practical.

A person’s listening ability matches their thinking style, so a conversation with a deductive thinker does not match well naturally with an inductive thinker.

Since it’s easy to identify a person’s thinking and communication style once you’ve had conversations with them, Becker and Wortmann suggest matching that person’s style. You are not changing your style but rather matching the other person’s style so they will feel acknowledged.

Rather than shutting them down with the fact that you do not consider their problem urgent, they say giving a person five minutes of your time can save time from frustration and anger in the future.

Listen to some of their reasoning, then explain you have work you must finish but can talk later. People trust people who respect them. No one communication style is the right way; adjusting to the style of the person who typically gets upset will win you points and appease others without them knowing your plan.

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Politics strain friendship that’s lasted for decades

DEAR ABBY: A friend of 40 years got mad at me after the last presidential election. I told her I didn’t want to talk politics, since we voted for different candidates. She then emailed me saying she thought we should take a break from our long-distance phone calls. We had been calling each other every two weeks to catch up.

Because it has now been more than a year, I emailed her, texted her and finally left a message on her answering machine asking if she was still mad. (I did this over a period of a week.) Then I got worried, since she’s in her 80s. I finally called her daughter and

was told she was in the hospital recovering from heart surgery. When her daughter told her I was trying to get in touch, I received a text that read, “Not mad. Just don’t want to talk.”

I hate to give up on a long friendship. Her birthday is coming up. Should I send her a birthday card, or respect her wishes and give up? -- OLD FRIEND IN FLORIDA

DEAR OLD FRIEND: Please don’t jump to conclusions. People in the early stages of recovery from major surgery may not feel up to long discussions until they are stronger.

By all means, send your

friend a birthday card and include in it that you treasure your friendship and wish her a speedy and complication-free recovery. After THAT, the ball is in her court.

DEAR ABBY: I have been married to a lovely woman for 40 years. I recently found out that five years into our marriage she had an affair with a friend of ours. It lasted several weeks, during which they would meet at our house over the lunch hour.

My wife does not know this friend, having recently found religion, has confessed to me. I had suspected it for a few years. Should I tell

her I know or just go on as though nothing happened? -- IN THE KNOW IN ILLINOIS

DEAR IN THE KNOW: I cannot guess what justification this “friend” has given for trying to clear his conscience by telling you something that could destroy your marriage. The punishment for his guilt should have been the burden of carrying it to his grave without sharing it with you. If his confession will erode your relationship with your wife, tell her what you were told so you can talk it through.

DEAR ABBY: My neighbor’s husband died



Dear Abby

by Abigail Van Buren

of COVID-related problems. I was never officially informed. About a week later, his clothing, favorite chair and other items were put on the curb in a free pile. While the pile is now gone, my concern is for the people who took the items. I will let you inform the world what might be the better solution. -- PANICKED IN OREGON

DEAR PANICKED: I am glad to do that. The information is available to anyone who is inter-

ested. Folks, it’s as near as your computer. Fire it up and go to cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/faq.html, where you will find a “Frequently Asked Questions” section with information about how the virus is spread and how to avoid contracting it. From what I have read, germs on surfaces are less likely to spread the virus than person-to-person contact.

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Retro month starts now

Courtesy of Mombeau’s Table

As a home cook and food writer for the GP News for over a year, I’ve learned something. Each month, for anyone who may read this article, I work better with a dedicated focus or a theme. This month I choose to bring you vintage recipes from all of the brilliant chefs and home cooks from our past. I had a healthy January. Now I am ready to move on to comforting classics. Most of the recipes you will see in February are not my own. But trust me, I’ll test them and make sure they work. First up? Bananas Foster is a dessert that originated at Brennan’s restaurant in New Orleans in 1951. At the time, New

Orleans was a hub for banana imports from South America. The owner and chef modified an old family recipe and named it after a friend and the New Orleans Crime Commissioner, Richard Foster. The traditional method is sauteing bananas in butter, brown sugar, rum, banana liqueur and cinnamon. It’s always served with vanilla ice cream. I couldn’t find banana liqueur so I added extra rum because why not. To begin my retro month of recipes, I’d like to start with this American dessert classic that I will absolutely be making for Valentine’s Day.

My spin is adding finely chopped pecans to the butter and sugar and topping with shavings of dark chocolate. You can just use your vegetable peeler to shave delicious bits of chocolate over top. This recipe takes no time at all. Just stand back and watch your eyebrows when you light up the sauce. It’s fun, easy and decadent.

Bananas Foster (Serves 2)

2 tbsp salted butter

4 tsp dark brown sugar

1 tsp cinnamon

2 firm bananas, sliced lengthwise

2-3 ounces of dark rum

¼ cup finely chopped pecans

Shaved dark chocolate

Vanilla ice cream, for serving

Melt the butter, sugar and pecans together in a medium size frying pan or cast iron skillet. Cook until bubbling, about 1 minute. Add the bananas and pecans and saute over medium heat until the bananas are soft, around 5 minutes. Make sure you flip half-way though. Lightly dust with cinnamon, turn the heat off and add the rum. To flambé, carefully light



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the sauce using a long reach lighter. Once the flame goes out, start spooning the sauce over the tops of the bananas. Place 2 banana halves on each plate and spoon the sauce over top. Serve with a big scoop of vanilla ice cream and top everything with shaved dark chocolate.



Aromatic Intrusions

I renamed it the “unhappy hour,” even though the thought was appreciated. The hotel put out two wines at 4 p.m. in its lobby, a white and a red. A sign invited guests to help themselves. Ignoring that the wine wasn’t exciting, I nonetheless poured two glasses and we sat on a couch. Then I noticed what most other hotel guests never would have: the smells. First there were vanilla-scented votive candles on every flat surface in the lobby, imparting such a strong scent I couldn’t smell the wine at all. Then there was the wineglass -- it smelled like chlorine from the additive used to make them sanitary. The carpeting was new, so the lobby smelled like petroleum, and the entry door kept opening, allowing vehicles’ diesel fumes to spew in. We were under

nasal assault. For some people, reading this may conjure up the late comedian Pat Paulsen, who often said, “Picky, picky.” But the aromatic intrusions were so annoying that we had only one choice. We went around the corner to a shop, bought a bottle of vinho verde from Portugal, and did our own happy hour in our room. Some people don’t pay any attention to this stuff, but numerous aromatic interferences act as roadblocks to appreciating fine wines. And the more subtle the wine is, the easier it is to interrupt its delivery of a key element. One of the most obvious examples, and it’s relatively unavoidable, comes in restaurants where kitchen smells are a huge part of the dining experience. And it gets even worse in places that do tableside preparation,

such as that of Steak Diane, where brandy or cognac are added to the dish, which then is dramatically flamed in the middle of the dining room! That precise experience occurred to me years ago at an otherwise excellent restaurant -- just after we had opened a bottle of a great white Bordeaux. All we could smell was the Worcestershire sauce and the mustard, which Steak Diane calls for. It is for reasons such as this that I rarely order subtle white wines when I am out to dine. Chablis, chenin blanc and other similarly delicate whites usually cannot stand up to the assertive aromas that many foods impart. I reserve such lighter wines for seafood and certain Asian foods, such as Thai and Japanese, which are



usually better with white wines anyway. Best bets when dining out are fairly forceful reds, in particular when you can decant them to open up their aromatics and allow them to compete with ambient smells in the room. The best reds in the aromatic competition derby are syrah, petite sirah, zinfandel, malbec, and merlot. Older red wines have more aromatics to deliver, but they’re typically more expensive. Similar aromatic challenges occur when sampling wines out-of-doors. Some people may not be able to smell grass, trees and other flora, but those scents do have a way of impeding our ability to sense wine’s more elusive characteristics. If nothing else, the wine-sniffing experience outdoors differs from the same wine poured inside. Another pitfall occurs when the vessel isn’t glass. The wrong kind of plastic can give off such a foul smell that the wine is virtu-

ally ruined. I once was a judge at a wine competition where the white plastic tablecloths smelled like a petroleum plant. All the tablecloths were removed and discarded outside. This subject makes more sense when you’re considering quality wine, from which you’re trying to experience all of its

charms. If all you care about is how wet a wine is, ignore the foregoing. To find out more about Dan Berger and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate webpage at www.creators.com. C O P Y R I G H T 2022CREATORS.COM

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With a 16-year background in cardiology, Dr. Ginette Gomez founded Healthspan with the aim to prevent chronic disease.

Smart for the heart

What better way to celebrate Valentine's Day than with a little TLC for your heart?

Cardiologist Dr. Ginette Gomez created Healthspan in Grosse Pointe Farms to help the community keep hearts beating in vibrant good health — longer and stronger. Healthspan was created to increase the healthy lifespan with achievable lifestyle goals. Programs are focused around the four pillars of good health; nutrition, movement, nature/stress management, and connection to community. To assist on the journey to better health, Healthspan offers guidance and therapies, along with healthy foods and products.

Make a couple's date for a check-in with Dr. Gomez. Getting your hearts beating as one on the path to longevity is the best way to show you will love one another now and for a long time to come.



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Forever in bloom

The artwork at left, "On Beauty and Being," by Birgit Huttemann-Holz, may be seen at the Community Gallery at Healthspan during the month of February. This lovely 48-by-48-inch acrylic-on-canvas painting captures a floral bouquet at the height of its beauty.

Dr. Ginette Gomez, cardiologist and founder of Healthspan, believes in the healing power of art and because of this, the center corridor of her business is dedicated to original, rotating art exhibits curated and managed by Paragon Art Collective. Healthspan was created in September 2021 to promote good heart health for an energetic, long life.

For art sales and inquiries, contact Paragon Art Collective via email at paragonartcollective@gmail.com or Instagram @paragonartcollective.

Flower power:

Meanings of your favorite blooms

Flowers are one of the simple joys that bring beauty into our everyday lives. Flowers play a prominent role in many holidays, perhaps none more than Valentine's Day. It's common knowledge that most of the flowers purchased for Valentine's Day are cut flowers, and men are the top purchasers. Yay, guys!

Roses are the go-to flower on Valentine's Day, but since flowers are a language all their own, buyers can look to various blooms to send just the right message to that special someone in their lives. In fact, each type of flower conveys its own unique meaning.

Here are some popular blooms and the symbolic thoughts that each is traditionally associated with.

- Amaryllis: This flower speaks of splendid beauty and can be used to indicate worth.
- Aster: The aster symbolizes patience, elegance and daintiness.
- Calla lily: This bloom symbolizes magnificence and beauty, as well as purity and innocence. That is why Calla lilies are often the flower of choice in wedding bouquets.



- **Carnation:** These are one of the most popular flowers in the world and are generally symbolic of love and fascination.
- **Daffodil:** Daffodils symbolize regard and chivalry. They also can be indicative of rebirth, new beginnings and eternal life. A bunch expresses joy and happiness.



- Gerbera daisy: With large, beautiful blooms in a wide assortment of vibrant colors, gerbera daisies are a favorite flower for cheerful sentiments.
- Gladiolus: These tall, striking flowers are eye-catching and make great gifts for significant others. The gladiolus symbolizes honor, infatuation and strength.
- Iris: Irises represent faith, hope and wisdom and are cherished for their big, beautiful blooms.
- Peony: This flower, which resembles a rose, symbolizes a happy life, happy marriage, prosperity, and good health.



How do I love thee? A gorgeous bouquet is one option to count the ways. The premium arrangement below is called, "My Valentine," and is available displayed in a beautiful cut-glass vase for maximum oohs and ahs. Order yours at Viviano Flower Shop.



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SOFT AND BEAUTIFUL

This silky hot pink jacquard set above is a dream come true. The night gown has a flattering empire seam, soft 'V' shape in back and adjustable straps. The robe features a wide bell sleeve for a romantic vibe. At Dawood Boutique.

At left, for date night out, this luxury crimson silk cowl neck camisole is a nod to the '90s. Pair with silk or vegan leather pants. Also from Dawood.



At right, for date night in, this soft vintage merlot sweatsuit is equal parts cute and comfy. This classic relaxed jogger set, with a pullover sweatshirt and a wide-ankle cuffed pant, is from Dawood Boutique.

At left, is a wildflower natural imprint pendant in solid sterling silver with a soft patina finish. From One Heirloom gift and memorial jewelry.



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Winter on the hill

Last week Grosse Pointe got about two inches of snow and because — until this week — the area hadn’t had much snow this winter, people took the the hills for some winter fun.



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Audrey Guastello and her brother Ben, in front, went down the hill at Richard Elementary School over and over after school, until it was time to go home.



Rocco Battani made a snow angel when he took a break from sledding on the hill behind Grosse Pointe Shores City Hall.



The large hill behind Grosse Pointe Shores City Hall was packed with families sledding. Kids head back up the hill for another ride down.



Jackson Schremp used an inflatable dinosaur pool toy to slide down the hill at Grosse Pointe Woods Lake Front Park.



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Things to do in and around Grosse Pointe this week

- THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3**
- » **Caravan Palace - USA and Canada Tour 2022**
The Fillmore Detroit, 7 p.m.
2115 Woodward Ave.
 - » **Citizen Cope**
Saint Andrew's Hall, 7 p.m.
\$46.00.
431 E Congress St.
 - » **Coding with Boomer**
Zoom, 4:15-5:15 p.m.
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 - » **Detroit Pistons vs. Minnesota Timberwolves**
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.
 - » **Morris Day and the Time**
Sound Board, 8:00 pm
\$45.00 to \$58.00
2901 Grand River Ave.
 - » **Short Fictions, Easy Beach**
The Sanctuary Detroit, 7 p.m.
\$13.00.
2932 Caniff St.
 - » **Sk8 To Elimin8 Cancer**
Campus Martius, 5:30-8 p.m.
Free.
800 Woodward Ave.
 - » **Storytime with Miss Jane**
Zoom, 10:30-11 a.m.
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- FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4**
- » **The Red 4 Filth Tour 2022**
Magic Stick, 8 p.m.
Free.
4120 Woodward Ave.
 - » **Detroit Pistons vs. Boston Celtics**
Little Caesars Arena, 7 p.m.
\$26.00 - \$1,950.50.
2645 Woodward.
 - » **Disney Presents The Lion King (Touring)**
Detroit Opera House, 7:30 p.m.
\$25.00 - \$130.00.
1526 Broadway St.
- SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5**
- » **A Place To Bury Strangers**
4114 Vernor Hwy, Detroit, MI 48209, USA,
7-11 p.m.
 - » **Bryce Vine: Miss You A Little Tour 2022**
Saint Andrew's Hall, 7 p.m.
\$35.00.
431 E Congress St.
 - » **Disney Presents The Lion King (Touring)**
Detroit Opera House, 2 p.m.
\$25.00 - \$130.00.
1526 Broadway St.
 - » **Monsta X**
Fox Theatre, 8 p.m.
2211 Woodward Ave.
 - » **Ryan Hurd: tour de pelago**
The Fillmore Detroit, 7 p.m.
\$29.50 - \$59.50.
2115 Woodward Ave.

- » **Squirrel Flower, Mia Joy**
The Sanctuary Detroit, 7 p.m.
\$13.00.
2932 Caniff St.
- SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6**
- » **The Adventures of Tortoise and Hare**
Music Hall Center, 3 p.m.
\$10.00 - \$20.00.
350 Madison.
 - » **Disney Presents The Lion King (Touring)**
Detroit Opera House, 1 p.m.
\$25.00 - \$130.00.
1526 Broadway St.
 - » **Self Care Sunday Stroll**
Robert C. Valade Park, 2 p.m.
Free
2670 Atwater Street
 - » **Sky Covington**
Woodbridge Pub, 7:30-11 p.m.
1970 Yemans.
 - » **The Tortoise and the Hare**
Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, 3 p.m.
350 Madison St.
- MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7**
- » **Mother Daughter Book Club**
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 - » **Storytime with Miss Jane**
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- TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8**
- » **7th & 8th Grade Book Group**
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 - » **The Big Fake Wedding Detroit**
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 - » **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**
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 - » **Storytime with Miss Melissa**
Ewald Branch, 1:30-2 p.m.
15175 E Jefferson
 - » **Tuesday Night Book Discussion**
Zoom, 7-8 p.m.
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- » **The War On Drugs 2022 Tour**
The Fillmore Detroit, 7 p.m.
\$36.00 - \$76.00.
2115 Woodward Ave.
- WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9**
- » **Disney Presents The Lion King (Touring)**
Detroit Opera House, 7:30 p.m.
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 - » **Femme It Forward Presents Serenade Ft. Avant and Eric Benét**
The Fillmore Detroit, 7 p.m.
\$35.00 - \$99.50.
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 - » **Noah Jackson & Full Circle: Residency & Session**
Cliff Bell's,
7:30-11 p.m.
2030 Park Ave.
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7-8:30 p.m.
 - » **Wolf King, Frail Body, Knoll**
The Sanctuary Detroit, 7 p.m.
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We Tried It!

by Anna Lizer



Plump up your kisser for Valentine’s Day

Every day I see 20-somethings on Instagram and Facebook ads who suddenly appear to have giant, full lips — only because of a special lip potion. After seeing one too many of them, I finally succumbed to the temptation and decided, in the name of business (this column), I just had to try it.

There are so many of them. First, I Googled “lip plumpers” and found a few that looked intriguing, so I ordered three: Buxom full-on plumping lip polish, Lip Venom and e.l.f. lip

plumping gloss. The Buxom brand has around 8,500 reviews and was \$21. I had high hopes. I think it’s pretty and it felt like it was working, but when I looked in the mirror I didn’t notice any change at all.

Same with e.l.f. and Lip Venom, which are \$6 and \$15, respectively. To me, they are about the same result. I love the glossy look, but no actual lip plumping was happening. After being disappointed, I doubled down and went for the Cadillac of lip plumpers — City Beauty’s City Lips. It



Buxom full-on plumping lip polish



City Beauty's City Lips

claims to hydrate and volumize all day long thanks to hyaluronic acid

and peptides. It also says it smooths lip wrinkles and is cruelty-free. All of

this comes at a price: \$35 to be exact.

When I put it on, it definitely was thick. Thick like if your hair flies in it, it’s stuck until you pull it out. It definitely tingles and actually my lips looked sort of pinkish/red even though I ordered the clear (there are lots of color options). Somehow — and I have no idea how — it appeared to make my lips look larger and juicer. It’s subtle, but definitely noticeable. They looked healthier and somehow, especially the top part of my lips, were fuller

and almost more defined. I am not one to wear lipstick. I prefer gloss. So this look is definitely for someone who likes the shiny look.

That said, I highly recommend City Beauty’s City Lips over any of the plumpers I’ve tried. It’s subtle, but it’s a great gloss overall and definitely brings some oomph if you are looking for a lip boost. I give it 3.75 out of five alligators.



3.75 Out Of 5



Bethany Hamilton surfing on a wave in the 2018 documentary “Bethany Hamilton: Unstoppable”.

MOVIE REVIEW
“Bethany Hamilton: Unstoppable”
2018 - 1hr 40min

Several years ago, the biopic “Soul Surfer” came out. It was Hollywood’s telling of the Bethany Hamilton story starring AnnaSophia Robb, Helen Hunt, and Dennis Quaid. Hamilton was an up and coming young surfer who lost an arm in a horrific shark attack when she was 13-years old.

Against all odds, she fought back and became a competitive surfer again. I found it to be quite an engaging film, although it was a bit over the top in the melodrama department.

I just finished viewing “Bethany Hamilton: Unstoppable” which was released a couple years ago and I was absolutely blown away.

If you’re ever in a funk and think life isn’t treating you fairly, you need to see this uplifting movie. It was made with a combination of family films and professional footage and tells a remarkable story of faith, perseverance,

and courage.

It’s hard to imagine anyone exuding more positive vibes than Ms. Hamilton. When we first see her in the hospital, right after losing her arm, she’s surprisingly upbeat and full of smiles. I kept thinking to myself, how could she possibly be this cheerful? But I guess that’s just her nature.

From the time of her accident, to her battle to relearn how to do just about everything including chopping fruit, getting dressed, and competitively surf, she’s one tough and inspiring person.

This is not your typical documentary. The cinematography is really quite impressive. The creative filming and editing set a new benchmark in this genre. And the action scenes are absolutely breathtaking—you are right there on the surfboard with her and can almost feel the waves roaring overhead.

I can only imagine what it would be like to see it on the big screen. I’ve read comments that the sound is spectacular as well.

Alas, I watched it in on my trusty little laptop—but even there, it was pretty awe-inspiring.

The film follows her from event to event, where she not only competes, but also wins some major surfing titles. Then she discovers she’s pregnant! While she and her husband Adam hadn’t planned on having a child just yet, it barely slows her down. Not only does she continue to go through her strenuous daily exercise routines, she keeps surfing right up until her son Tobias is born. And within four months, she’s back on the professional circuit again!

Hamilton is someone the world could use a few more of. She’s on the road quite a bit, giving inspirational talks to physically challenged kids and I admire her for this.

However I have to say, the film gets a little preachy near the end, and the faith and spiritual aspect bugged me a bit. But when the credits rolled, I noticed screen after screen of



world in search of the perfect wave. It’s told with a sense of humor and is filmed in some absolutely spectacular locations. If you enjoy “Unstoppable”, I think you owe it to yourself to look for “Endless Summer”.

Currently streaming on Netflix and 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.

★★★★ One you’d recommend to friends.

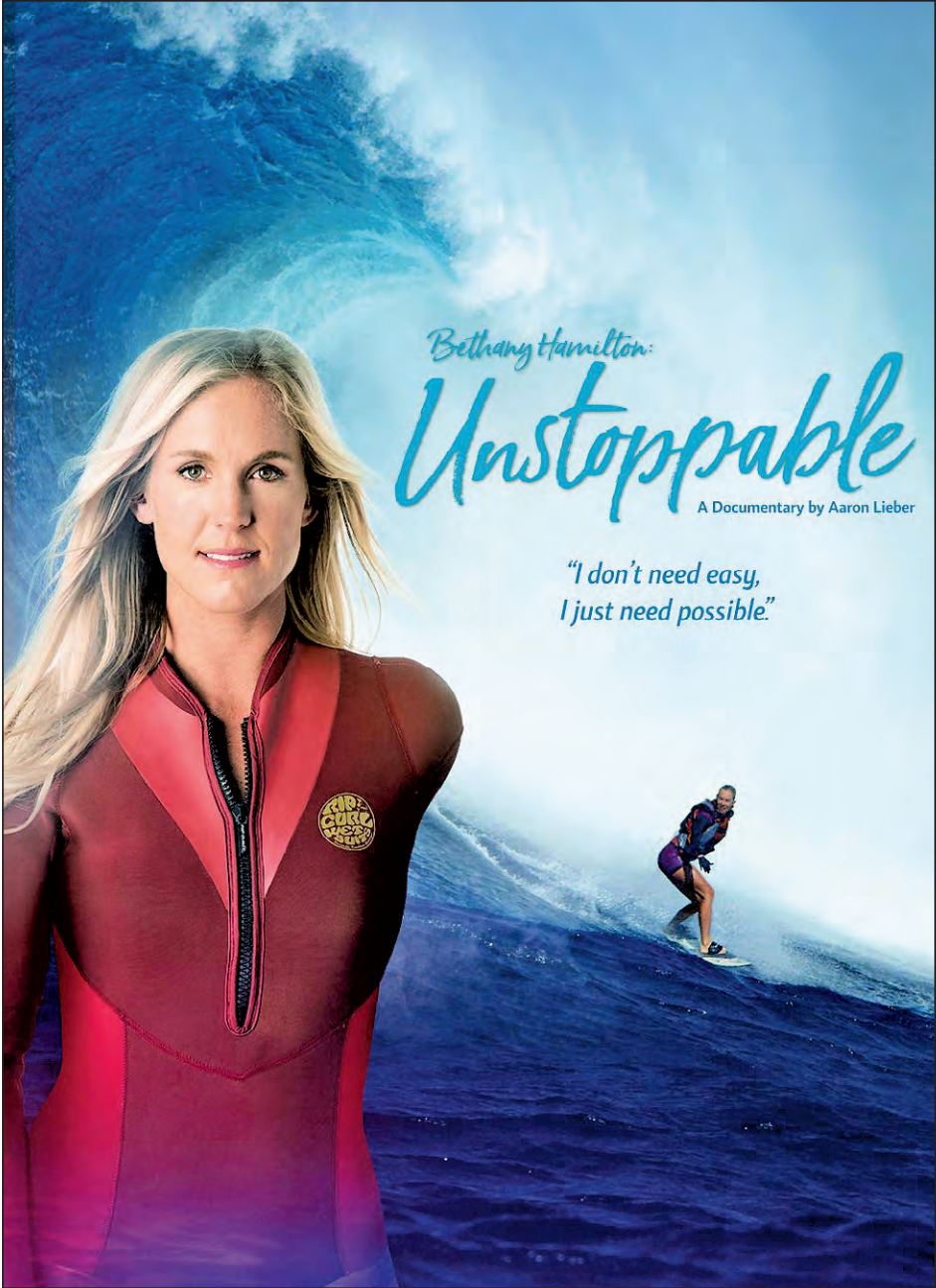
★★★★★ So good you’d actually go out and buy it!

About this column:
My main focus is on films that I feel have gone under the radar and deserve more recognition. They include both mainstream and indie films streaming on services like Netflix, Hoopla, and Kanopy. I’ll also review noteworthy new theatrical releases as well.

For movie trailers, visit [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com). If you have any suggestions, feel free to email me at: domin-mark@yahoo.com. Also, if you’re looking for more recommendations, be sure to check out my blog: [moviejunkiemark.blogspot.com](https://www.moviejunkiemark.blogspot.com).



Tobias Dirks catches a ride on the beach with his father, Adam Dirks, and mother, Bethany Hamilton.



Classic
Ann Landers

Dear Ann Landers: My husband, “Jim,” and I have been married for two years. We dated for almost nine years before we married. Jim has always been moody and suffers from depression. I have suggested counseling and anti-depressant medication, but he refuses to get any help at all.

Last summer, Jim and I got into a typical married-couple argument. It was no big deal, but he completely lost his temper. He threw our coffee table across the room and punched a hole in the wall over my head. He never apologized, and I let the incident blow over.

Last Sunday, we had another minor disagreement. I left the room, and when I returned, Jim had thrown the Sunday paper in the trashcan, even though he knew I hadn’t read it. I yelled at him, so he went into the kitchen and dumped the entire can of garbage into the middle of the living room.

Later that evening, I told him I was not going to tolerate living in a house where things are thrown.

He replied, “There are three doors in this place. Pick any one if you feel like leaving.”

I love Jim, but I fear his volatile behavior. I avoid arguments and don’t complain about things because I hate confrontations with him. I am at the end of my rope. What should I do? -- Trying To Save My Marriage in Chicago

Dear Chicago: Tell Jim, “Either get into counseling for anger management, or GET OUT.” That man is making your life a living hell, and you should not have to put up with it. For his good, as well as for those who must be around him, Jim needs to face up to his problem and deal with it. You also need to protect yourself.

Dear Ann Landers: I agree with the letter from “Montana,” who said it is not OK for inquisitive children to ask personal questions of strangers with disabilities.

This creates a very uncomfortable situation for the person being ques-

tioned, and also for the bystanders.

People in wheelchairs or with other disabilities struggle valiantly to mainstream themselves into today’s society, but they are reminded dozens of times every day that they are “different.”

Would you allow a child to ask a stranger why he was 100 pounds overweight? Children’s natural curiosity should be indulged at home, where all their questions can be answered. Otherwise, they need to learn the Ann Landers’ maxim: MYOB. -- P.B., Des Moines, Iowa.

Dear P.B.: All young children have a natural curiosity. They don’t know anything about MYOB. Most people who have come to terms with a visible handicap do not resent questions from young children. What they do resent, and rightfully so, are crude questions from vulgar, insensitive adults.

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Corvette celebrates milestone with 70th anniversary edition

DETROIT, Mich.— 2023 marks the 70th anniversary of Corvette, the longest running nameplate of any car on the road today. For eight generations, Corvette has pushed the boundaries of technology, performance and style while remaining an attainable cultural icon.

The 2023 model year Corvette Stingray and Corvette Z06 will celebrate this milestone with a special 70th Anniversary Edition package.

“Passion for Corvette runs deep at Chevrolet and this anniversary is extra special because of the excitement and sales success we’ve achieved with the eighth generation of America’s iconic sportscar,” said Steve Majoros, vice president, Chevrolet marketing. “Even after 70 years, Corvette still makes hearts race and kids dream of the open road.”

70th Anniversary Edition Corvettes will stand out in one of two exterior colors unique to this package – an all-new White Pearl Metallic Tri-coat or Carbon Flash

Metallic. Optional stripes are available in complementing colors – Satin Gray with the White Pearl Metallic Tri-coat and Satin Black with the Carbon Flash Metallic.

The 70th Anniversary Edition Corvettes feature distinct wheels with commemorative wheel center caps.

While Stingray and Z06 each have separate wheel designs, the wheels share a similar dark finish and Edge Red stripe.

Inside the cockpit, drivers will find two-tone Ceramic leather GT2 or Competition Sport seats, red stitching throughout, red seatbelts, and sueded microfiber seat inserts and steering wheel.

Additional content includes: 70th Anniversary Edition exterior badging, including special Corvette crossflags.

Edge Red brake calipers.

70th Anniversary Edition logo on seats, steering wheel and sill plates.

Rear bumper protector and trunk cover.

Custom luggage set

with red stitching and 70th Anniversary Edition logo

70th Anniversary Edition Stingray coupes will also include an Edge Red engine cover.

The 70th Anniversary Edition package will be available when production starts later this year on 2023 Corvette Stingray 3LT and Z06 3LZ coupe and convertible models. The 2023 Corvette Z06 visualizer, live on Chevrolet.com, now includes the 70th Anniversary Edition package.

All 2023 Corvettes, including those not equipped with the 70th Anniversary Edition package, will feature a commemorative 70th anniversary interior plaque located on the center speaker grille and a graphic imprinted on the lower rear window.

Corvette is offering buyers more options in 2023 to make each vehicle bespoke and personalized, raising the number of choices to 14 available exterior colors and eight interior colors that allow for thousands of combinations..



70th Anniversary Edition Corvette arriving in 2023.

Royal Stars
Weekly Horoscopes

Moon Alert: There are no restrictions to shopping or important decisions today. The Moon is in Pisces.

Happy Birthday for Thursday, Feb. 3, 2022:

You are optimistic, compassionate and very active in pursuing your interests. You value your freedom and the freedom of others. This year will be quieter and more easygoing. Focus on what makes you happy. Relationships will be important to you this year.



ARIES

(March 21-April 19)

Today Mercury retrograde is over, which will benefit your ability to impress bosses and important people. Now you can go forward with new ideas, because they will be met with less resistance; plus, there will be fewer silly errors and frustrations. Thank goodness! Tonight: Quiet time.



TAURUS

(April 20-May 20)

As of today, you can move forward with more confidence about making future travel plans and exploring avenues in publishing, the media, medicine and the law. These are the areas that have been hit the hardest in the past few weeks by Mercury retrograde. Now it’s all systems go. Tonight: Set goals.



GEMINI

(May 21-June 20)

In the last month, Mercury retrograde created delays and financial glitches, especially in areas regarding inheritances, taxes, debt and shared property. Good news! As of today, these errors and delays will be reduced greatly. Tonight: Talk to the boss.



CANCER

(June 21-July 22)

This recent Mercury retrograde has attracted ex-partners and old friends from the past back into your world, which might or might not have been a good thing. In either case, as of today, Mercury retrograde is over, and your world will start to approach normalcy. Tonight: Explore!



LEO

(Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

You will be pleased to learn that Mercury is no longer retrograde as of today, because Mercury has been creating goof-ups and silly mistakes in your work. (Wince.) (Cry face.) Obviously, in the normal flow of things, we make mistakes. But with Mercury retrograde, it’s insane! Tonight: Check banking.



VIRGO

(Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

For the past month, Mercury has been retrograde and, of course, Mercury is your ruler. (Mercury rules communications, which is why you’re such a smart, clever communicator. You even mimic others.) This has brought old flames back into your world (or your dreams). As of today, life returns to normal. Tonight: Warm conversations.



LIBRA

(Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

With Mercury being retrograde for the past month, many of you have relatives and family camped on your doorstep. This also prompted trips down memory lane and reminiscences of the past. This focus on the past will stop today. It’s time to focus on the present! Tonight: Get organized.



SCORPIO

(Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

You have been plagued for the past month with transportation problems, delays and difficulties related to siblings and rela-

tives. Hey, it’s not your fault. These things happen. As of today, Mercury retrograde is over. Rejoice! Tonight: Socialize!



SAGITTARIUS

(Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

It’s been a drag for your sign because, for the past month, Mercury retrograde has triggered confusion in financial matters. Checks in the mail have been late. Mistakes and mixed-up communications about finances and money have been challenging. As of today, this is over. Tonight: Home and family.



CAPRICORN

(Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

In early January, Mercury began to slow down in the sign of Aquarius, where it went retrograde. It slipped so far backward that it slipped into your sign over a week ago – bringing ex-partners and old friends from the past, as well as old issues. This also brought you opportunities for closure. As of today, it’s “forward ho!” Tonight: Follow your curiosity.



AQUARIUS

(Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

For about a month, you have felt the effects of Mercury retrograde creating errors, delays and silly goof-ups. This negative influence is now gone. As of today, you can look forward to the future with increased confidence. Yes! Tonight: Organize your possessions.



PISCES

(Feb. 19-March 20)

In the past month, old friends have been coming out of the woodwork. In addition to which, misplaced paperwork, forgotten items and glitches in travel and communications have been a challenge. As of today, this will be reduced greatly. Tonight: You win!

BORN TODAY

Lawyer, activist Amal Clooney (1978), painter, illustrator Norman Rockwell (1894), actor Nathan Lane (1956).

Contract Bridge

BRIDGE IS A LOGICAL GAME

West dealer.

East-West vulnerable.

NORTH

♠ A Q 3
♥ 10 9 7 5 4
♦ A 9 8 6
♣ 7

WEST

♠ 9 8 7
♥ K
♦ K Q 7 5 3
♣ A K Q 8

EAST

♠ K 6 4 2
♥ 8 6 3
♦ 10 2
♣ J 10 9 3

SOUTH

♠ J 10 5
♥ A Q J 2
♦ J 4
♣ 6 5 4 2

The bidding:

West	North	East	South
1 ♦	Pass	Pass	1 ♥
Pass	4 ♥		

Opening lead — queen of clubs.

Most hands played by declarer fit into a pattern that he has encountered many times before. Because of this, many declarers tend to treat similar situations in similar fashion, which is not always the healthiest approach to the play of a hand.

Consider this deal where West led the queen of clubs against four hearts.

played low from dummy, losing to the king, and East returned a low trump.

At this point, South put on his thinking cap. Had he finessed, which seems the natural thing to do, he would have gone down one. But South was not a player who relied solely on past experience.

He realized that finessing would be the proper play in most hands, but he also realized it would be the wrong play in this hand. So he went up with the ace, felling the king, played the ace and another diamond, and wound up making 10 tricks after ruffing two of dummy’s diamonds in his hand.

There is no denying that South was lucky to find West with the singleton king of hearts. But good luck is frequently the byproduct of good dummy play, so South was entitled to some measure of glory in nabbing the singleton king.

Declarer realized at trick three, after East had shown up with the jack of clubs and king of spades, that East could not also have the king of hearts. Had East held that card, he surely would not have passed his partner’s opening bid.

So, after concluding that West had to have the heart king, South went up with the ace — not because he expected to drop the king, but because he recognized that his only chance was

by Steve Becker

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"Daddy's lucky! He gets all the mail!"

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Garfield

Jim Davis



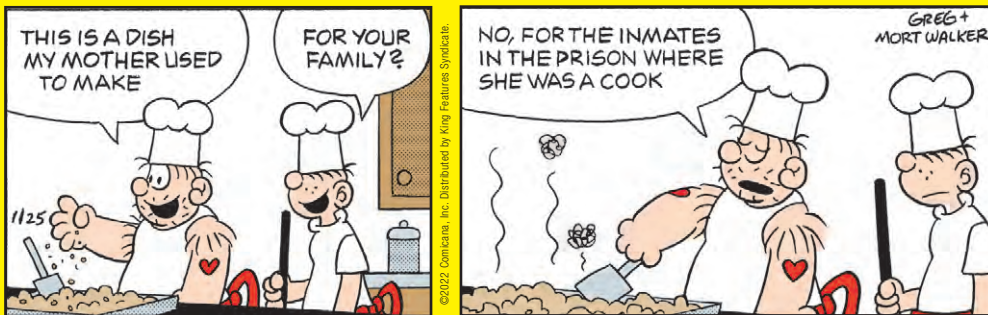
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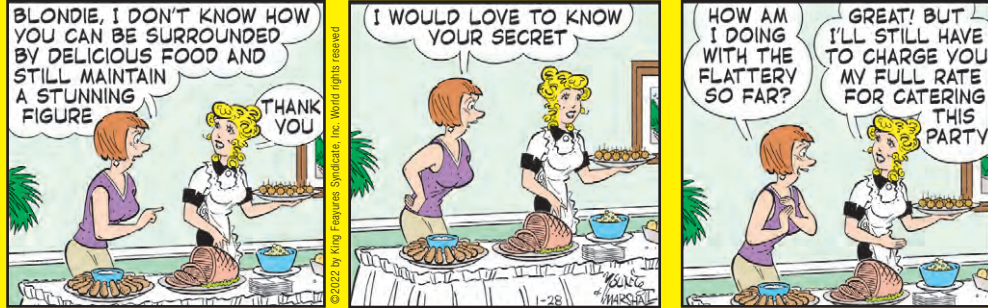
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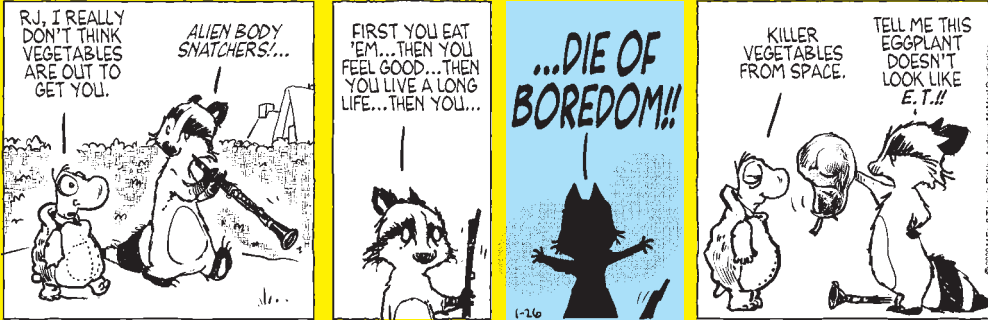
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Chris and Dean Young



Over The Hedge

Michael Fry and T. Lewis



Andy Capp

Reg Smythe



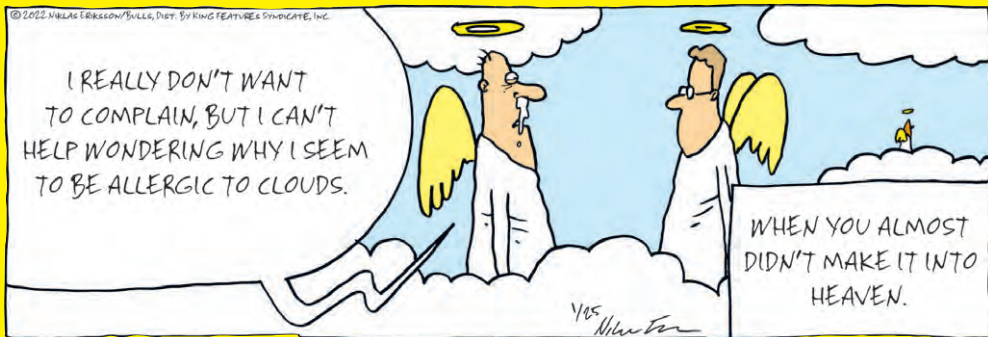
Wizard of Id

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



Carpe Diem

Niklas Eriksson



Ziggy

Tom Wilson

Flying McCoys

Glenn McCoy



UNIVERSAL Sudoku Puzzle

					2			8
1	9			3				2
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		4		6		8		
	7		2	4	3		5	
		9		1		4		
				2	1		6	
7	4			8				9
5			3					

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

Previous puzzle solution

8	4	9	2	7	6	1	5	3
5	6	3	4	9	1	7	8	2
1	2	7	8	3	5	9	4	6
6	8	2	3	1	7	5	9	4
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2	9	6	7	8	4	3	1	5
4	7	8	1	5	3	6	2	9
3	1	5	9	6	2	4	7	8

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Universal Crossword

Edited by David Steinberg January 20, 2022

ACROSS

- Big vases
- Vast blue expanse
- Boxer Ali
- Buche de (yule log)
- Wine barrel material
- Call off an engagement
- "How can this favor ever be repaid?!"
- Typical prom attendee
- Bonobo, e.g.
- Denial in Deutschland
- Bring into the family
- Main entrance to a compound
- Outdoor time-telling device
- Prez before JFK
- "Future Nostalgia" singer Lipa
- Tube for watering plants
- Track unit
- Highly proficient
- Apple or BlackBerry
- Moisten, as poultry
- Author Rand
- Palindromic flour in roti
- Letters symbolizing easiness
- Rest for a bit
- Vibrating body part

- Executive's aspiration, maybe
- Out in a court?
- Car
- "Monsters, That's my cue!"
- "Right on!" ... or what you may say when considering the ends of 16-, 25-, 36- and 54-Across as a unit?
- Intelligence group?
- Night before
- Low-carb diet
- David Sedaris piece
- Hoover
- "Don't go!"
- College, to an Aussie
- Aussie bouncer
- Fig (Nabisco cookies)
- What you can build up by working long nights?
- In a bit
- 5-Across contents, in French
- "Allahu ___!" ("God is greater!")
- Superstar
- Insect in a colony
- Bouncer's job

- Refreshing citrus drink
- Accepted something without questioning
- Mysterious Himalayan being
- Music player released in 2001
- "Cool!"
- Eruption
- Chloe x Halle, e.g.
- Custardy dessert
- Squad
- Arroz valenciana
- "Get a room!"
- Impasses
- Tear up
- No, in Novosibirsk
- Santa, California
- Lead-in to "ghanoush"
- Section in a personal blog
- Harms
- Tchotchke
- Spot for a soak
- "What missing?"
- "My view has always been ..."
- up energy
- Actor Malek
- Speckled horses
- Felt sore
- Two stars?
- Airport org.
- Actress Longoria of "Desperate Housewives"
- Airport pickup stat
- Beyblade or Super Ball

PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

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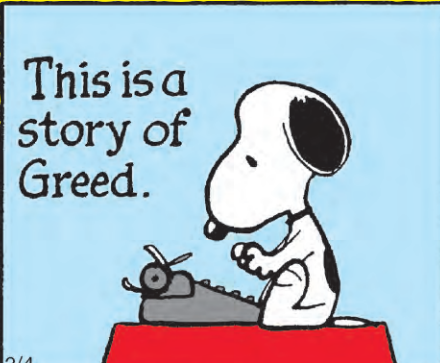
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Comics

Peanuts

Charles M. Schulz



This is a story of Greed.



I'M GLAD TO SEE YOU'RE WRITING ABOUT GREED...




ONE OF THE SECRETS OF GOOD WRITING IS TO DEAL WITH REAL HUMAN EMOTIONS




Joe Greed was born in a small town in Colorado.

Hagar The Horrible

Dik Browne and Chris Browne



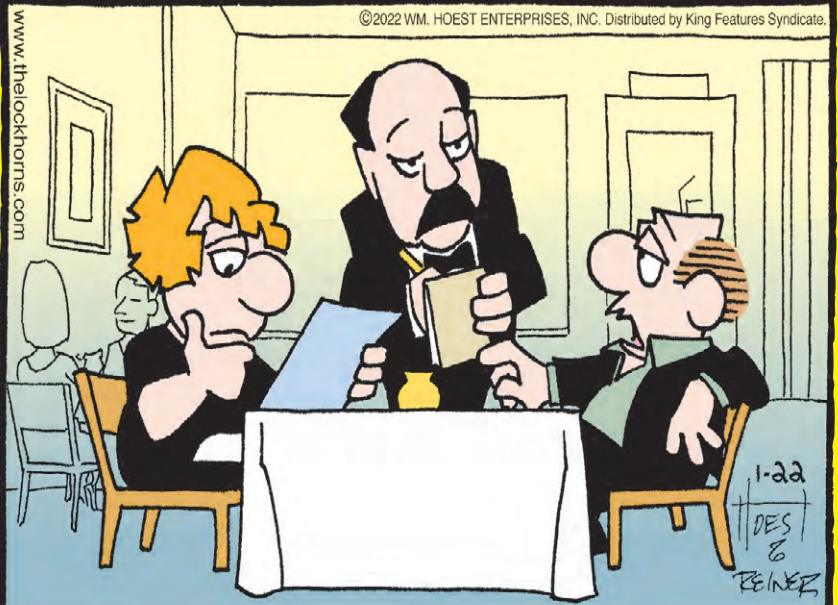
I SAID NO, HAMLET, AND THAT'S FINAL!



SON, LOSING AN ARGUMENT TO YOUR MOTHER IS PART OF YOUR PASSAGE TO MANHOOD!


The Lockhorns

Bill Hoest, Bunny Hoest and John Reiner




Crankshaft


Tom Batiuk and Dan Davis



THE LAST TIME I TRIED TO EAT ONE OF LENA'S BROWNIES...



I CHIPPED A TOOTH...



ON THE SAW THAT I WAS USING TO TRY TO CUT A PIECE OFF OF THE BROWNIE!

Crock

Created by Bill Rechin and Brant Parker



I NEED ADVICE, WISE SAGE...



NOBODY TAKES ME SERIOUSLY



REALLY?... YOU GOTTA BE KIDDING

F Minus

Tony Carrilo



HEY DAVE, IS IT TRUE YOU NEGOTIATED A PAY CUT IN EXCHANGE FOR THE RIGHT TO PUT YOUR HEAD DOWN ON THE CONFERENCE TABLE AND NAP DURING MEETINGS?

Wumo

Mikael Wulff and Anders Morgenthaler




Are you okay, honey?


Sure! I'm just in a staring competition with the universe ...

B.C.


Johnny Hart and Mason Mastroianni



POOP



A SHADOW!



LET'S JUST PRETEND WE DIDN'T SEE IT. I CAN'T STAY INSIDE ANY LONGER.

Mother Goose and Grim

Mike Peters




GRIMM, HOW COME YOU'RE ONLY WEARING ONE GLOVE? DID YOU LOSE ONE?



NO, I FOUND ONE

Reality Check


Dave Whamond



OH, BROTHER! WHAT A SELLOUT... LOOK AT HIM HOGGIN' THE LIME-LIGHT! I LIKED HIS STUFF BETTER WHEN HE WAS UNDERGROUND

Bizarro

Dan Piraro and Wayno



This might sound weird, but I feel like staying at home and soaking in a tub of cold milk.

"I'll have what she's having... AS SOON AS SHE DECIDES WHAT IT IS."

Close To Home

John McPherson




DO NOT CROSS! DO NOT CROSS! DO NOT CROSS! DO NOT CROSS! DO NOT CROSS!

BUS STOP

"So, until they catch the guy who mugged me, I'm a walking crime scene."

Marmaduke

Paul & Brad Anderson



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Annabel Ayrault finished with 17 points as the Norsemen defeated South on Thursday night.



South's Kamryn Richards led all scorers with 22 points in the loss.

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North gets second win over Blue Devils

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

The girls basketball teams from Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South currently are having seasons that are almost complete opposites. The Norsemen currently are one of the hottest teams in the state and on top of the MAC Red Division, while the Blue Devils are struggling to find wins and are last in the same division.

Both teams met for the second time this season in South's gym Thursday night. North won the previous matchup earlier in January by 15 points. The Norsemen were able to do one better than that Thursday by sweeping the regular-season series against their crosstown rivals with a win by 16 points, this time 45-29.

North started the game on a 15-0 run while the Blue Devils struggled to get on the board until the last moments of the first quarter. The Norsemen found their stride early with a strong offensive performance in the first half that helped give them a comfortable lead for the game. The lead was 20 points for North thanks to a buzzer-beater at the end of the second quarter by Annabel Ayrault to put the score

at 30-10.

Things slowed offensively for the Norsemen in the second half, as they scored only half the points in the final two quarters that they did in the first half. South was able to pick up its scoring, but the lead built by North in the first half was too much to overcome.

South's Kamryn Richards led all scorers, accounting for 22 of the Blue Devils' 29 total points in the loss. Annabel Ayrault was at the top of the state sheet for North with 17 points, while Natalie Babcock had eight.

The win for the Norsemen brings their current winning streak to 10 games and keeps them on top of the MAC Red Division. Despite the rivalry win and a winning streak now at double digits, North head coach Gary Bennett thinks his team might be approaching a bit of a slump.

"We've got some injuries that showed up last week and in practice and given the fact that we don't have a lot of kids, it's getting a little bit tough," he said. "We're asking a very small group of kids to work their tails off in practice and games and not really

get much rest. I think right now it's that part of the season where it's catching up to us a bit."

A 10-game winning streak is nice, but there is still plenty of basketball left to be played this season. With just less than a month to go before the end of the regular season, Bennett knows there are plenty of positives about his team, but also improvements to be made if they want to be playing their best basketball at the right time.

"We have to do a better job of playing 32 minutes of intense basketball," Bennett said. "The number of games we've played is one mediocre half and one pretty good half when we want two pretty good halves. We can do a better job of getting up and pressuring the basketball. ... Overall I think we're a nice team but not an elite team right now, because we have to take care of a lot of little things."

North took on Eisenhower on the road Wednesday night and is back at home Tuesday to face Port Huron Northern. The Blue Devils also played Wednesday night against Port Huron and are home Friday night to host Dakota.

Athlete of the Week

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

As part of the baseball team at University Liggett School, Oliver Service is no stranger to playing baseball at a championship level. Service was one of the key pieces of last year's state championship squad for the Knights. Providing some of the most exciting moments of the season, he is proud to announce he is now on the path to joining some of his fellow Liggett teammates as future collegiate Division 1 players.

Last week, Service announced his commitment to play baseball at the University of Texas. The junior caught the eyes of many college programs. However, Service feels like his connection with

the Longhorns came instantly.

"I went to one of their camps and they liked everything I did really well," he said. "They liked my versatility, my hitting and the way I play the game, and they basically offered me the next day."

Service will be headed to Austin after graduating from Liggett next

national championships, tied for the second most in college baseball history, and have made more than 30 appearances in the College World Series.

It is that sort of pedigree and success that made Texas a dream school for Service. Ever since he realized playing college baseball could be in his future, Service has wanted to be a Longhorn. Once the offer was made, his decision became pretty easy.

"Texas has been at the top of my list since I was like 13," he said. "It's been a really big school for me and once I got there and met the coaches, we bonded well. The facilities were just amazing and I couldn't imagine a better place to be. That's why I jumped on the offer so fast."

The Knights are no

strangers to having their players commit to the Division 1 level. Some of Service's current teammates soon will be on their way to play for programs such as the University of Michigan and Michigan State University. With his own Division 1 future taking shape, Service is grateful for all the support his team has given him along the way.

"My coaches were really proud of me because they got to see all my hard work paying off," Service said. "My teammates were proud of me, too, because they've seen how hard I've worked over the last few years to get where I am now and to know that I've finally made a choice."

As a junior, Service has two more seasons left in his high school career with the Knights to continue preparing for the next level. His commitment to the Longhorns also is a major step on the way to his ultimate goal of get-



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

Oliver Service

ting drafted into the major leagues.

Having a commitment made is not going to stop Service from continuing his hard work on and off the diamond. He has plenty of games, practices and workouts left to keep perfecting what he feels needs to be sharpened before playing in college.

"Getting solid contact every at-bat I can and not wasting any at-bats,"

Service said. "Whether the pitcher is throwing 60 or 90, just getting a good barrel on the ball and staying level. It will come eventually and that's what my focus has been in the batting cages. ... Also polishing up my feel and stuff that can help take me to the next level."

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Tennis champ ready for next level

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

Back in the fall sports season, Grosse Pointe South senior Blake Discher and his tennis partner, Alex Prather, captured a state championship in doubles tennis for the Blue Devils. Winning a state championship was a major achievement for Discher and has helped spur him on to the next step in his career on the tennis court.

Discher has made the decision to continue his tennis and academic career at Wabash College in Indiana. A steady online presence helped Discher build his recruiting profile and winning a state championship

months ago provided a significant boost. With many schools becoming interested after he became a champion, Wabash always was an option for Discher from the beginning.

“Wabash was the first school that came into contact with me, but after I won states I had like 60 schools get in touch with me, so there was a lot more in my inbox,” Discher said.

At Wabash, Discher will play at the NCAA Division III level. He had plenty of options on where to continue his career as a student-athlete following his state championship victory. However, it was the shared attitude between him and his soon-to-be



PHOTO COURTESY OF BLAKE J. DISCHER

South senior Blake Discher will continue his tennis career at Wabash College in Indiana.

new college program — that being a student is just as important as being an athlete — that made Discher even more interested.

“I went down there to Wabash in Indiana and met with the coach on my first visit,” he said. “One thing that he told me, which has stuck with me, was to pick a school based on academics and not just tennis, and that has to do with me picking them over other schools. ... I see it benefiting my future more than some other schools if I was just picking for tennis.”

That attitude of time management and keeping everything under control both as a tennis player and a student is

what Discher said might be his biggest takeaway from his time learning from the coaches at South. The weather outside in Michigan is not ideal for tennis this time of year, but Discher knows that repetition is key and there is always time to keep working in order to be fully prepared for the collegiate level soon.

“Keep on playing every week,” Discher said. “Since it’s winter I can’t really play as much as in the spring or summer. When summer starts up, I’ll really be playing as much as possible and working on my strokes and serves and working so that I can get a high up spot on the roster at Wabash.”

Benard’s big night leads to South win

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

There have been plenty of ups and downs so far this season for the Grosse Pointe South boys basketball team. Still, below .500, every game is even more crucial now for the Blue Devils as the latter half of the season approaches. South took that mindset into Roseville Friday night for a showdown with the Panthers. The Blue Devils got big contributions from a few places, but it was the basketball clinic put on by Anthony

Benard that helped power South to a 67-55 win.

Benard’s performance really broke out in the second half, while the game was even during the first two quarters. Roseville had some momentum early on, but the Blue Devils managed to keep things close and trailed by just three points after the opening eight minutes.

The second quarter moved mostly like the first. The Panthers held the lead, but South remained close behind and kept the deficit at three points once again,

trailing 30-27 going into halftime.

The third quarter is a crucial time in any basketball game and can often be where a game is won or lost. For the Blue Devils, Friday night’s third quarter is where the game was won. South came out of the halftime locker room looking dominant, taking what was a close game in the first half and turning it into a largely one-sided affair.

“We’ve lost five games this year without winning the third quarter,” South coach Steve Benard said. “The third

quarter tonight was identified as being very important if we want to win the game. We kept up with our three-quarter court pressure and they kind of threw the ball around and got out of their rhythm while we knocked down shots.”

It was Benard for the Blue Devils who played a major role in helping his team dominate the third quarter. The junior made his mark up and down the court and looked as though he could not miss a shot. Along with some impressive play in the paint by Alex English, South went from trail-

ing to leading by double digits 51-40 going into the final quarter.

South continued to lead through the rest of the game. Roseville was able to pull back to within single digits a couple of times, but the Blue Devils never let the Panthers gain back the momentum on their way to a 12-point win.

Benard led the scoring with 34 points, along with tallying five steals and five assists. English was the only other Blue Devil to reach double digits with 12 points, while Donovan Moody scored nine.

“He’s a special player,” Benard said

about his son Anthony’s performance. “Every game we play, they throw the kitchen sink at him. They run two guys at him and he gets everyone’s best defender and he has to rise above it and take over sometimes and I think he did that tonight.”

The win over Roseville brings the Blue Devils’ record on the season to 4-8, with three of those victories coming in important MAC Red Division games. South is back on the road Thursday night to face Stevenson then hosts Chippewa Valley next Wednesday.

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HOME GAMES

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Thursday, February 3

5 pm Boys Varsity Wrestling “Battle of the Pointes” @GP North Gym

Friday, February 4

5:30 pm Girls JV Basketball vs. Dakota @Gym

7 pm Girls Varsity Basketball vs. Dakota @Gym

7:30 pm Girls Varsity Ice Hockey vs. Livonia @Eastside Hockey Arena

Tuesday, February 8

5 pm Girls JV Basketball vs. Eisenhower @Gym

7 pm Girls Varsity Basketball vs. Eisenhower @Gym

Wednesday, February 9

4 pm Boys Freshmen Basketball vs. Chippewa Valley @Gym

5:30 pm Boys JV Basketball vs. Chippewa Valley @Gym

7 pm Boys Varsity Basketball vs. Chippewa Valley @Gym

7:30 pm Girls Varsity Ice Hockey vs. Cranbrook @Eastside Hockey Arena

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Thursday, February 3

5 pm Boys Varsity Wrestling “Battle of the Pointes” @GP North Gym

Saturday, February 5

5 pm Girls Varsity Ice Hockey vs. Plymouth @Eastside Hockey Arena

Tuesday, February 8

5:30 pm Girls JV Basketball vs. Port Huron @Gym

6 pm Boys Varsity Swimming vs. Chippewa Valley @Boll Athletic Center

7 pm Girls Varsity Basketball vs. Port Huron @Gym

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

Thursday, February 3

4 pm Girls Varsity Basketball vs. Sacred Heart @Gym

5:30 pm Boys JV A Basketball vs. Parkway Christian @Gym

7 pm Boys Varsity Basketball vs. Parkway Christian @Gym

Friday, February 4

4 pm Boys Freshmen Basketball vs. Cranbrook @Gym

5:30 pm Girls Varsity Basketball vs. Detroit Christo Rey @Gym

5:30 pm Girls Varsity Ice Hockey vs. Sacred Heart @McCann Ice Arena

Saturday, February 5

2 pm Girls Varsity Ice Hockey vs. Brighton @McCann Ice Arena


Tuesday, February 8

6:30 pm Boys Varsity Ice Hockey vs. Allen Park @McCann Ice Arena



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

Anthony Benard scored 34 points as the Blue Devils defeated Roseville on Friday.



CITY OF GROSSE POINTE FARMS

CITY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING SUMMARY

Regular Meeting	Monday January 10, 2022	7:00 p.m.
A regular meeting of the City Council for the City of Grosse Pointe Farms was held at City Hall, 90 Kerby Road and called to order at 7:02 p.m. on Monday, January 10, 2022, by Mayor Theros.		
Present: Mayor Louis Theros, Mayor Pro Tem John J. Gillooly, Councilmembers Sierra Leone Donaven, Beth Konrad-Wilberding, Neil Sroka, Joe Ricci and Lev Wood. Absent: None.		
Council approved the Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting and Closed Session held on December 13, 2021.		
Council watched a ceremony promoting Andrew Rogers to Deputy Director, Vincent Finn to Lieutenant and Matthew Hurner to Sergeant of the Grosse Pointe Farms Public Safety Department.		
Council discussed 2022 City Council Committee assignments.		
Council approved the following Consent Agenda: a) Consideration of a Resolution approving the Plan Year 2022 CDBG Application; and b) Consideration of a request from the Director of Finance and Operations to approve December 2021 invoices.		
Council received the December 2021 Public Safety Report.		
Council held public comment.		
The regular meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.		
Respectfully submitted, Derrick Kozicki, Assistant City Manager and City Clerk		
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PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

Alex George scored 15 points for Liggett in the victory over the Lakers.

Knights win fifth straight

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

The University Liggett boys basketball team may have had a slow start to the season, but things certainly have picked up over the last few weeks. The Knights entered Friday's game against Our Lady of the Lakes on a four-game winning streak after losing four of their first five games of the season. Liggett found its momentum and looked that way against the Lakers, controlling much of the game from start to finish on the way to a 57-34 win.

On a night that was dominated by the Knights, Liggett was in the driver's seat practically from the opening tipoff. Alex George and Jarren Purify had big

games that started with strong first quarters to help the Knights build an early lead. The Lakers going up 3-2 in the opening moments ended up being the only time the Knights trailed all game. Liggett had an impressive 15-0 run much of the opening quarter and led 17-5 after the first eight minutes.

Liggett continued to lead through the second quarter, but the Lakers did their best to close the gap. The Knights ended up being outscored 14-9 in the second and Lakers cut the deficit to single digits, trailing by seven at halftime.

As the game looked like it could be getting closer, the Knights came out strong from the half-time break and returned to being in control.

Liggett ended the third quarter on a 13-3 run to establish a dominant lead once again and led by 19 going into the final frame.

With the game firmly in hand during the fourth quarter, the Knights spread the ball around and allowed much of the bench a chance to touch the court. Liggett cruised through the last eight minutes to secure the win by 23.

George led the Knights in the win with 15 points. Purify had an impressive night with his 10 points, while Joshua Pierce scored seven.

The Knights return home Thursday looking to make it six wins in a row. Liggett hosts Parkway Christian, then is back on the road Tuesday against Everest Collegiate.

South beats North in rivalry swim meet

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

The varsity boys swimming and diving teams from Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South faced off last week for a crosstown clash in the pool. The Blue Devils ended up victorious in the meet, winning 10 of 12 events on the night.

Both victories for the Norsemen came courtesy of Gianni Carlino. The senior finished first in the 200-yard freestyle with a time of 1:48.3. Carlino also was victorious in the 500-yard freestyle, the

event in which he won the state championship last year, beating the field with a finishing time of 4:54.2.

South's team of William Roberts, Adam Johnson, Drew Rulison and Thomas Drawbaugh earned first place in the 200-yard medley relay at 1:44.7. Ben Bryan (2:07.8) took a victory in the 200-yard IM for the Blue Devils. South's Tucker Briggs (0:22.3) was first in the 50-yard freestyle while teammate Kieran Rahmaan (0:52.9) took the win in the 100-yard fly.

Other first-place finishes in the meet for South included Drew Vandeputte (0:50.5) in the 100-yard freestyle and 100-yard breast, in which he finished with a time of 1:02.5. Vandeputte, Briggs, Rahmann and Jake Vallan were first in the 200-yard freestyle relay. The 100-yard backstroke was won by William Roberts (0:57.3). Logan Hepner for the Blue Devils bested Trevor Mulkey from North for first place in the one-meter diving competition.



PHOTO COURTESY OF PAMELA RAHMAAN

Senior swimmers from North and South together at last week's swim meet between the two teams.

Martin resigns from North baseball

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

The Grosse Pointe North varsity baseball team is now on the search for a new head coach after David Martin's resignation was announced last week. Martin spent three years as head coach of the Norsemen, yet only coached two full seasons due to the 2020 season being canceled as a result of the pandemic.

"Coach Martin has decided to resign as the head coach and focus on his business and family," North Athletic Director Michelle Davis said in a message to players and baseball team parents last Tuesday. "We wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors."

Martin coached North to district and regional championships in 2021, and fell just one game

short of making an appearance in the Division 1 state semifinals. A 2-0 loss to eventual D1 state champions Grand Blanc in the quarterfinals in June was Martin's final game as coach of the Norsemen.

His resignation comes before Martin is due to appear in court for 16 misdemeanor counts. The trial stems from an incident that took place in Birmingham last March. Martin is facing the misdemeanors for allegedly operating an unlicensed entertainment venue with alcohol present and without a special land use permit. Martin did not offer any comment about his resignation.

As for the future of North baseball, Davis stated in her message that the athletic department will conduct inter-

views and review candidates in the coming weeks to hire an interim coach for the upcoming 2022 season. The school will then work to find a new permanent head baseball coach at the conclusion of the season.

Baseball season for North begins with opening day against U of D Jesuit on March 26.

Martin pleads no contest

Former Grosse Pointe North head baseball coach David Martin pleaded no contest to 16 misdemeanor counts, including one alcohol violation, involving running an unlicensed nightclub March 28 in his Willits Records storefront in downtown Birmingham.

Martin was scheduled for a Feb. 21 jury trial in 48th District Court. On Jan. 19 he entered pleas of "nolo contendere" to all counts.

He was scheduled for a pre-sentence interview on Feb. 1.

— John Minnis

Knights, Blue Devils get wins

By Alexis Bohlinger
Staff Writer

It was a good weekend for girls hockey in the Pointes. University Liggett School earned two victories, continuing its undefeated streak in league play. Friday night they faced off against Ann Arbor Skyron at McCann Ice Arena and finished with a 6-2 win.

Co-head coach Cassie Jaeckle said she feels it was a competitive game, although the score didn't necessarily reflect it.

"Skyron is a well-coached team," she said. "They came into the league a few years ago as an independent and have improved so much since then. They battled hard and never gave up and their goalie played very well."

Knights goals were scored by Natalia Dragovic, Ava Jacobs (2), Sophie Secco, Elle Quinlan and AnnaClaire Doppke.

The next day, the Knights traveled across town to play Troy United. Liggett goalie Logan Merriweather shut out the other team,

helping the Knights to a 7-0 victory. Liggett rolled a full lineup, giving the newer players a chance to see the ice in a varsity game.

"We asked our veteran players to mentor, assist and support the newer players in this game, which they did," Jaeckle said. "It was rewarding to witness the unselfishness and support by our stronger players to step into that role."

Gabriella Nobel had two goals with the help from her linemates, Ancona and Quinlan. Emmalyn Stahl netted her first goal, with help from Jacobs and Tori Roth. Other Liggett goals were scored by Ancona, Secco, Morgan Hamilton and Jacob.

The Knights will play their next league match Friday, Feb. 11, against Walled Lake at McCann Ice Arena.

Back in the Pointes, the Blue Devils faced off

against Ann Arbor Skyron at ESH Arena Saturday. The Blue Devils took a 5-2 victory.

"Our game against Skyron was a battle all the way through, but the girls definitely pulled it off with style," said Blue Devils head coach Hailee Craig.

South was down one player for this game, but has otherwise maintained a healthy lineup.

"We have been lucky this year," Craig said. "The January blues don't seem to have really hit us. We have been fortunate enough to not have many illnesses or injuries this season. I actually think this is our best month so far. We keep showing improvement each month, which is very exciting moving toward the end of the season."

The Blue Devils will play their next match Friday against Livonia United at ESH Arena.

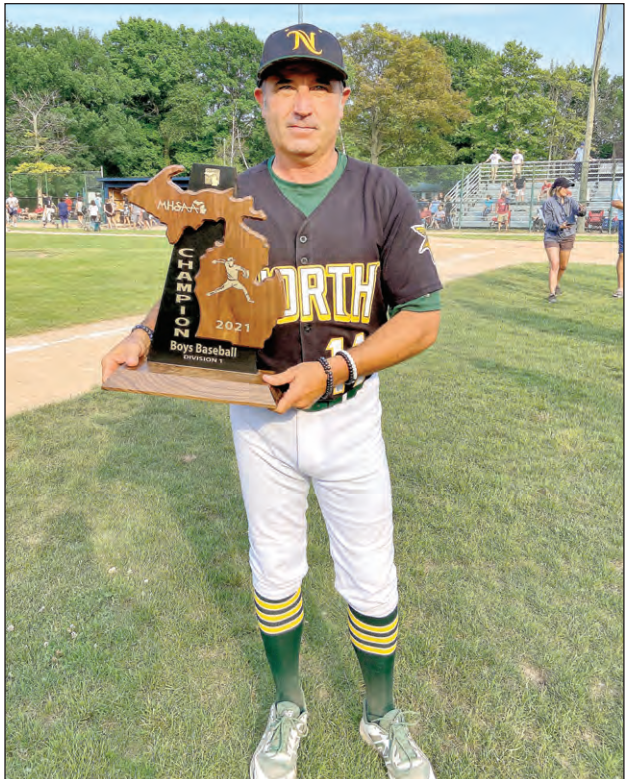


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Former North varsity baseball head coach David Martin resigned from the team last week.

City of **Grosse Pointe Woods**, Michigan
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council will be considering the following proposed ordinance for a second reading at its meeting scheduled for Monday, February 7, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers/Court Room of the Robert E. Novitke Municipal Center. The proposed ordinance is available for public inspection at the Municipal Center, 20025 Mack Plaza, between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. The Council meeting is open to the public. All interested persons are invited to attend.

An Ordinance to Amend City of Grosse Pointe Woods Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2, Administration, Article I, In General, To Add Regulations Placing the City Clerk, City Treasurer, and City Departments under the Supervision of the City Administrator.

Paul P. Antolin
Deputy City Clerk

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City of **Grosse Pointe Woods**, Michigan
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
ZONING ORDINANCE - TEXT AND MAP AMENDMENT
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Grosse Pointe Woods Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, February 22, 2022, at the Robert E. Novitke Municipal Center in the Council Chambers/Courtroom, 20025 Mack Plaza, Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan 48236, at 7:00 p.m., local time, to consider public comment regarding the repealer and replacement of the City of Grosse Pointe Woods, Wayne County, Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map in its entirety. The proposed text amendment reorganizes the Zoning Ordinance which enhances customer service and improves the accessibility and visual presentation of the Zoning Ordinance through digitalization, reformatting the code into user friendly, understandable format with color graphics, links to key information and searchable words and terms.

Copies of the proposed amendment are available for inspection at the office of the City Clerk, 20025 Mack Plaza, Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan 48236, during normal business hours, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding City holidays. A copy of the Ordinance may also be reviewed at the City's website at www.gpwmn.us.com. Written comments concerning the proposed amendment may be submitted to the City Clerk by first class mail or in-person up to the meeting time.

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