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## Shores: Complete park pass applications

Information could assist with census appeal

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE SHORES** — As the only Grosse Pointe that saw a reported decrease in population in the 2020 Census, the Shores is

moving forward with efforts to prove it was miscounted before it sees a reduction in revenue sharing, state road funds and grant dollars. This year’s Park Pass/Census Form will serve as the groundwork toward an accurate population count, with Shores residents currently urged to fill out the form as soon as possible and return it to the city.

Found on the city’s website under “departments,” “parks” and “2022 park pass application,” as well as in the February newsletter, the forms may be dropped off or mailed into city hall, 795 Lakeshore. Regardless of whether a person is eligible for a park pass or not, such as underage children, all residents who live in the home should be listed.

Beyond the sake of the census, “it’s also used in public safety,” City Manager Stephen Poloni noted, “so public safety knows how many people are in the home if there’s ever an incident.” Once information from the forms is compiled, city administration may explore canvassing options for residences from which forms are not returned, such as

those without interest in receiving a park pass. If the 12.3 percent population decrease holds true, the city stands to lose more than 10 percent of its state revenue funding, according to Finance Director/Treasurer Candace Giles. This translates to approximately \$25,000 to \$35,000 in state road funding alone. While it is unclear

whether the forms even will be an acceptable format by which to apply for appeal — the city will be working with the U.S. Census Bureau in the coming months to make such determinations — the system at least will provide the data for city administration to have a clearer picture of where its population count sits. See PASS, page 2A

## Auditor praises Park city admin

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE PARK** — With the financial fallout from two summertime floods nearing \$900,000 and rising, municipal administrators are paying for it by dipping into the city’s rainy day fund. There’s an additional promise of federal aid. “City finances have absorbed these costs due to our healthy fund balance while awaiting potential FEMA recovery funds, which are estimated at 75 percent of potential recovery costs,” according to a budget report by Nick Sizeland, city manager of Grosse Pointe Park. Also, the federal American Rescue Plan includes \$1,156,588 for the Park, according to Sizeland. “These dollars are being invested into business recovery efforts and infrastructure upgrades throughout the city,” he said. Sizeland issued the

report Monday, Feb. 7, the same day CPA Ramie E. Phillips Jr., of Rochester Hills, appeared before the city council to summarize his comprehensive audit of the city for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021. City charter requires an annual audit. “The audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinions (that) the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of ... Grosse Pointe Park,” Phillips wrote in his finding. He backed that up in less formal language at the council meeting. “You should be proud of the audit report,” Phillips told the mayor, council and top administrators. “It was a bad year for a lot of communities with COVID and everything going on, but you actually managed to



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

## Snow daze

Youngsters were treated to consecutive snow days last week after a winter storm dumped snow throughout the region. Molly Howard, left, and Mackenzie Sisk spent a portion of their days off making snow angels. Find more photos from last week’s storm in our Life & Entertainment section.

## Don’t hold your breath for flood relief

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE PARK** — The community must brave another rainy season before there’s a chance of installing a

last-ditch sewer valve to divert storm water from backing into basements. An engineering model of the Grosse Pointe Park stormwater system estimates the valve will provide the desired level

of protection. But, state environmental officials want more detailed modeling before issuing a permit to install the valve and dump otherwise unmanageable volumes of com-

bined storm and sewer water straight into Lake St. Clair, as may have prevented basement flooding during two storms last summer. See RELIEF, page 2A

## Officers reunite 4-month-old with grandmother

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

**CITY OF GROSSE POINTE** — The case of a missing 4-month-old child, left in a rundown Detroit apartment after his mother overdosed, had a happy ending Saturday night thanks to the quick response and

diligent effort of Grosse Pointe officers. The initial call came into the station at 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 5, from the baby’s grandmother, who reported her daughter had been brought to a local hospital following an overdose and the family couldn’t find the child,

who had been with the mother at the time. As the mother was uncooperative in locating the child, Grosse Pointe Sgt. Joe Adams reported, officers worked with the Detroit Police Department to trace the ambulance call back to the address from which she was brought

in. At the same time, officers checked the hospital’s security footage and located a friend of the mother sitting in a vehicle outside, who confirmed the Holcomb Street address. By 5:15 p.m., just 45 minutes after the initial report, DPD officers, Grosse Pointe Director

of Public Safety John Alcorn and Grosse Pointe Sgt. Justin Strohmeyer recovered the child from the apartment, which had “very poor living conditions,” Adams said. “It was one of those (cases) where they didn’t have to do anything,” he said of the city’s jurisdiction. “They could have

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# Life savers lauded Duke tracks violent suspect

**GROSSE POINTE PARK** — The mess created by basement flooding during a storm last June could have cost a man his life but for a team of public safety officers.

The team, consisting of Grosse Pointe Park Lt. Colin Connaire, Sgts. Daniel Kolar and Stephen Thiel, and PSOs Mark Loosvelt and Randall Olsen, was honored before the city council Monday, Feb. 7.

Chief Bryan Jarrell presented each officer a department citation for life saving.

“On July 6, officers responded to the 900 block of Pemberton on a medical emergency,” Jarrell said. “It was determined that two flood damage recovery workers were having difficulty breathing.”

One, bent over on the front lawn and gasping, said his coworker was in the basement unconscious.

Descending a tight, convoluted stairwell to the basement, officers found the second, 240-pound man slumped unconscious and hardly breathing in a corner of the basement.

Olsen provided a quick source of fresh air by removing a dryer vent hose from a window.

“There was not enough space to use a backboard or stretcher to remove the patient and time was of the essence,” Jarrell said. “All officers on scene acted quickly and carried the victim by hand around the twists and turns of the hallway. It took maximum physical effort to get him up the stairs and on a backboard.”

Staff at Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe tended both victims. The more seriously injured man entered intensive care due to having a potentially lethal level of carbon monoxide.

“Subsequent investigation on scene revealed the workers had been exposed to two serious inhalation hazards,” Jarrell said. “First, they mixed ammonia and bleach, producing toxic chlorine gas and, second, they had been using a gas-powered pressure washer inside the confined and poorly ventilated basement.”

— Brad Lindberg

**DETROIT** — When Grosse Pointe Farms Officer Tim Harris was covering the department’s dispatch services and received a non-emergency call out of Detroit around 3 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 5, from a woman who said her boyfriend had a cut on his neck, he didn’t think much of it after redirecting her to the Detroit Police Department dispatch.

But within the hour, he and K-9 partner Duke were on scene at South Hampton and Three Mile offering their services to DPD units searching for a suspect wanted for cutting a victim’s throat.

Tracking the suspect was a difficult task from the get-go. Duke tracks fresh human odor rather than a specific person, Harris explained, and officers already had been scouring the area, leaving their own scents.

“I never turn down a track,” he said. “I always attempt, whether I know there’s no chance or not, I always try, because sometimes Duke really

surprises me.”

Against the dismal odds, Duke began tracking through yards and led the officers along a single set of fresh footprints in the snow that notably showed a running gait.

From there, Duke located an open, abandoned and empty garage in the 5000 block of Three Mile, inside which the man, in his mid-20s, was laying under a brush pile.

DPD was able to take the suspect into custody without incident.

“It’s nice when you find somebody, because then everybody has confidence in what you’ve been doing with your dog all this time,” Harris said. “I’m pretty lucky. Duke has a pretty good track record with his career.”

The victim’s wounds were not critical, as the cut wasn’t deep enough to hit an artery, and the incident is suspected to have arisen out of an argument.

— Laurel Kraus

## Officers awarded commendations

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE PARK** — A highlight for the city is the annual public safety officer awards ceremony.

This year’s ceremony was during the Monday, Feb. 7, meeting of the Grosse Pointe Park City Council.

“It’s certainly a proud moment for us all,” Mayor Michele Hodges said. “When you look up the definition of local government, it’s the provision of law enforcement and the protection of health and safety.

“You deliver on that supremely well,” she told Chief Bryan Jarrell and the attending officers.

“You should all be very proud. We’re certainly proud of you and support you to the Nth degree. Thank you very much for your services.”

Five department employees combined to earn a unit commendation for service June 25, the night of the first big rain storm of summer that left motorists needing help and anyone in a basement treading water.

With all that water, common sense says the least thing to worry about is a fire.

Yet, three fires enhanced challenges faced during the overnight shifts of Sgt. Michael Miller; PSOs Paul Pionk, Jason

Lockwood, Jesse Lafriniere and Christopher Muklewicz; and dispatcher Dawn Kelly.

“At one point, scout cars and (fire) Engine 1 couldn’t leave the station and drive down any street in the city without water coming over the bumper,” Jarrell said.

The team responded to unprecedented circumstances throughout the night, he added.

“Many residents became stranded in flooded streets, waiting in their vehicles to be rescued,” Jarrell said.

Not to be outdone by the midnight shift, members of the day crew earned a unit commendation for action during round two of rainfall and widespread flooding Friday, July 16.

“Officers had to rescue citizens from flooded waters while responding to at least one fire call,” Jarrell said while honoring Lt. Anthony Blain, Sgt. Daniel Kolar, PSOs Thomas Taylor, Brady Baetens and Randall Olsen and dispatcher Jill Mazzara.

Demands spread personnel and equipment thin.

“At one point, the (tactical vehicle) and (fire) Engine 1 had to be used to answer calls for service,” Jarrell said.

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## AUDIT:

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manage your money very well. You increased your surplus for the third year, by \$100,000-odd thousand. The last two years it was \$600,000 or \$700,000. You’ve been doing a good job with fiscal management.”

Fund balance, often called the rainy day fund, represents 35 percent of annual operating costs.

The percentage is roughly three times the norm. A city generally is considered in good financial shape if its fund balance is 15 percent.

“With a stable community like yours, if you have 10 to 12 percent reserves, it’s well within line,” Phillips said. “You suffered a horrendous storm, but still managed to keep building the surplus. That’s a credit to how the city is running.”

“The city’s policy has and will continue to maintain a fund reserves balance of not less than 12 percent of general fund annual operating expenditures,” Sizeland wrote in his report.

“We’re well beyond best practice,” Mayor Michele Hodges said. “Combine that with growth in the tax base, spending controls and outside sources of money,

I’d say we’re in solid shape.”

Phillips also praised municipal administrators.

“Your financial department and city manager seem to be controlling costs,” he said.

He justified his praise by citing cost cutting in response to pandemic-induced revenue reductions in the marina and recreations funds.

“With COVID check-downs, there was no revenue and you managed to decrease and hold your expenses so the impact of decreases in charges for services for recreation didn’t really impact anything,” Phillips said.

The Park’s 13.329 operating millage, combined with a roughly 4 percent increase in assessed property values, produced \$16,213,558 revenue during the fiscal year, which allowed a \$745,089 increase in fund balance and pushed reserves to \$6,694,922.

The general fund, which pays for normal, daily government activities, totaled \$8,348,286 for the fiscal year.

General fund reserves increased \$878,959. General fund reserves were \$3,918,692.

A 1-mill street resurfacing millage, which voters approved in 2019, generated \$640,800.

Among expenditures, public safety costs totaled \$7,252,235. The figure represents 56 percent of the budget and was the city’s greatest outlay.

“The public works and recreation departments represented 26 percent of operating costs,” Sizeland said. “General and administrative costs represented the balance of 16 percent of governmental operating costs.”

Of particular interest is the water and sewer fund, given sewer backups and widespread flooding of roads and basements during two heavy rains last June and July.

“Operating expenditures, excluding depreciation, totaled \$5,179,870,” Sizeland said. “Of this, \$3,375,646 was remitted to the city’s (drinking water) supplier, the Great Lakes Water Authority. This represented 65 percent of total operating expenses.”

The authority, which also handles storm and sewer water service for the Park and more than 100 communities in southeast Michigan, is the target of at least two potential class-action suits for alleged operating deficiencies leading to the floods.

Long-term debt increased \$2,505,644 to a total of \$9,941,736.

Sizeland attributed the increase to the issuance of a \$4 million Tax Increment Finance Authority bond.

“There is no outstanding debt for business-related activities,” he said.

## The Week Ahead

### MONDAY, FEB. 14

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Shores Infrastructure Committee meeting, 9 a.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Farms City Council meeting, 7 p.m.

### TUESDAY, FEB. 15

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Shores City Council meeting, 7 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY, FEB. 16

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Farms Parks and Harbor Committee meeting, 7 p.m.

### THURSDAY, FEB. 17

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

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just called Detroit, because really it had nothing to do with Grosse Pointe, but ... they felt that this wasn’t just a normal call and made sure the recovery of the child was most important.”

After the child was transported via MedStar to an area hospital for evaluation and received

a clean bill of health, he was turned over to his grandmother and father at the City department.

“This was definitely one (call) that they went above and beyond what they had to do,” Adams said of City officers’ efforts, “and with their quick action, it essentially saved a child’s life. Who knows what would have happened to the child. We don’t know and, thankfully, we don’t have to find out.”

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Grosse Pointe Woods

Harassed for \$200

A resident in the 2100 block of Stanhope was harassed with screenshots of different people he follows on social media, including himself, as well as a picture of male genitalia, from an unknown phone number at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 30.

The unknown texter told him to send \$200 to prevent the images from being dispersed. The resident told the man the genitalia pictured was not his, but the texter said the countdown had begun.

The resident was told by public safety not to contact the sender and to change all passwords to his social media accounts.

Phone jacker

A black male likely in his 20s walked into a business in the 19000 block of Mack at 2:26 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 2, and began inquiring about internet services with a manager. Walking around the store, he reached the iPhone display and ripped phones from their security cords.

When approached, he put his hand in his coat pocket and claimed to have a weapon.

He left the store wearing a black jacket, red hooded sweatshirt, white knit cap and face mask with seven cell phones.

Expired plates

A 29-year-old Detroit woman was stopped at Mack and Broadstone for driving her 2016 Chevrolet Malibu with expired license plates at 11:38 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 6.

A LEIN search showed the woman had a suspended license and warrants from Grosse Pointe Park, Detroit and Taylor.

She was issued citations for driving with license suspended, no insurance and no valid plate.

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

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

Grosse Pointe Shores

No insurance

After a vehicle was pulled over at Provencal and Lakeshore roads for disobeying a stop sign, failing to signal a turn and a LEIN/Secretary of State search showing no insurance at 3:32 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 1, a 46-year-old Detroit man was arrested for driving without a license or insurance.

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

City of Grosse Pointe

Technology thief

A keyboard and mouse were discovered stolen from a package delivered to an Elmsleigh Lane residence at 9:30 a.m. Monday, Jan. 31.

He said, she said

Although the victim and suspect gave conflicting accounts of the incident, a 55-year-old Farms man is suspected of breaking the driver's side mirror on the victim's car at 7:10 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 1, after a road rage incident.

Keen eye

After an officer spotted a known suspect driving a car on Neff Road at 4 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 1, the 49-year-old Grosse Pointe woman was arrested on a felony warrant and turned over to St. Clair

Shores. She also was cited for driving with an expired license.

Vehicles targeted

Between 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 1, and 7:30 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 2, an unknown suspect stole the steering wheel and airbag assembly from a 2022 Chevrolet Malibu parked in the 900 block of Lincoln Road.

Similarly between 10 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 1, and 8 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 2, a 2014 Jeep Cherokee was stolen from the 800 block of University Place.

Customer rep scam

A Grosse Pointe woman fell victim to giving her Apple ID and password to someone she thought was an Apple customer service representative at 2 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 3, but who then demanded payment via gift cards.

Close call

An unknown suspect attempted to defraud a Grosse Pointe resident of \$1,400 via Facebook Messenger at 10 a.m. Friday, Feb. 4, but the bank transaction was canceled before completion.

Thief with the munchies

A 28-year-old Detroit man stole Coca-Cola, Combos and Hostess CupCakes, all totaling \$7.27, from a business in the 17000 block of Mack Avenue at 6:40 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 5.

Officers were able to locate the man, recover the items and issue him a citation.

— Laurel Kraus  
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Grosse Pointe Farms

Dagger cane

After being pulled over at Moross Road and Chalfonte Avenue for illegally tinted front windows and no visible license plate at 12:32 p.m. Monday, Jan. 31, a 37-year-old Detroit man was arrested for driving while license suspended.

During a search of his vehicle, a 13-inch dagger was found concealed in what appeared to be a cane.

Drug warrants

After a vehicle was pulled over at Moross Road and Chandler Park for a defective headlight at 8:18 p.m. Monday, Jan. 31, the 33-year-old Roseville driver was found to have a canceled driver's license and two no bond drug warrants with Macomb County.

When the woman passed out during her arrest, she was transported to an area hospital.

Pointe to Pointe

After being pulled over for speeding 46 mph on Moross Road at 10:23 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 1, a 35-year-old Detroit woman was found to have two traffic offense

warrants out of Grosse Pointe Park and was turned over to the neighboring department.

Bathroom decoy

Around 2 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 1, an approximately 5-foot, 6-inch, 30-year-old black woman, wearing a dark red jacket and dark pants, asked to use the bathroom in a business in the 18000 block of Mack Avenue. The bathroom is in the back of the business and directly across from a marked employee room.

Around three hours later, an employee discovered her wallet and keys missing from the room. Her white and silver 2022 Lincoln Corsair also was missing from the parking lot with no broken glass on the ground or signs of a break in.

Dangerous escape

When an officer attempted to pull over a vehicle at Mack Avenue and Moross Road for not having a license plate attached at 9:30 a.m. Friday, Feb. 4, the driver made several sudden lane changes in an attempt to elude.

As the vehicle began to accelerate at a high rate of speed, swerve and fishtail, forcing other vehicles to yield the right of way and almost striking one, the officer had to terminate the pursuit for safety.

Found dehumidifier

A dehumidifier was found on Warner Road at 10:32 a.m. Monday, Feb. 7.

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

Grosse Pointe Park

Two LEAs

A pair of larcenies from autos were discovered last week one block away from each other.

A break-in happened in the 1400 block of Kensington overnight Thursday, Feb. 3. Sometime between 7:30 p.m. and 9:45 a.m. the following day, someone removed the steering wheel and column from a vehicle parked in a driveway.

The second incident involved a vehicle owned by a woman living in the 1400 block of Three Mile.

Around 10:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 4, she was pulled over by Detroit police and informed that her license plate was registered to a stolen vehicle. Police determined her real license plate had been stolen and replaced with another.

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

LAPOLLA:

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think when you get into high school you might not know necessarily the developmental plan of your players," Lapolla said. "My goal is to get the ball to our athletes in space. ... We have the ability to do QB zone reads or our RPO game. It's all in our base element and just adjusting it to personnel. When it comes to defense, I'm used to breaking defenses down and not building them up, so we're still working on hiring a new defensive coordinator."

The role of being both a teacher and coach always has been special

to Lapolla, who wants more schools across the country to learn from Liggett.

"One thing you see less and less of these days is the teacher/coach model, but I think that's something that Liggett does really well," he said. "Our faculty are dedicated to understanding the

whole student and understanding what makes them tick, not only in the classroom but outside of that. We're defined by what we call the 'Liggett experience.' ... When I get on the football field, it's not just a 3-to-6 opportunity to connect with the kids; it's a 24-hour job."



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OUR VIEW

Not-so-Super Bowl LVI: A Lions fan tale

With copious amounts of chicken wings, pizza, chip dip and adult beverages in hand, this Sunday will mark the 56th consecutive year families and friends from coast to coast, and the Pointes, will gather to watch the Super Bowl.

Whether for the match-up between the Los Angeles Rams and the Cincinnati Bengals, the ads or the half-time show featuring Detroit’s native son, Eminem, the Super Bowl is our country’s High Holy Day of Must See TV.

As Detroit Lions fans, however, it is the 56th year we mark this celebratory day with a little bit of melancholy as we wait for our annual Super Bowl known as Draft Day.

Once upon a time, three NFL owners claimed Grosse Pointe as their home: the late Ralph C. Wilson Jr. (Buffalo Bills), Mary Elizabeth Bolen Jaggar (Denver Broncos) and, of course, Martha Ford (Detroit Lions.) Mr. Wilson died in 2014, and the Bolen family just put the Broncos up for sale after 38 years of ownership. We are now left with only one owner to call ours.

But this year will especially sting. A little more than one year ago, Los Angeles Rams quarterback Matthew Stafford wore the Lions’ Honolulu blue and silver. He was our guy. Our representative of a town built “Detroit Tough” with his fourth-quarter comebacks. He was a player who relentlessly defended our city, who wore an omnipresent Old English “D” Tigers baseball cap and lived the off-season in the Mitten while raising his young family, in lieu of heading south for the winter.

Still, Stafford failed to win some (vocal) Lions’ fans loyalty, spurred in equal parts by a 74-90-1 overall record as the Lions starting QB and by going 0-3 in playoff appearances over 12 seasons in Detroit. In those games, Stafford threw for a total of 908 yards for four touchdowns, while throwing only one interception. Hard to put it all on one guy’s shoulders, but many Lions fans do. It’s worth mentioning Stafford joined the Lions in 2009, immediately following the team’s 0-16 season, the first in NFL history (though the Cleveland Browns accomplished this same feat in 2017.) Save for Calvin Johnson, Stafford inherited a team with a very bare cupboard.

So around these parts on Sunday, the battle between Team Stafford and ABS (Anybody but Stafford) will form. We will see homes filled with now-vintage Lions’ Stafford jerseys, mixed in with a few new LA ones. We might also see some spiteful Bengals gear, just to make the Stafford disdain clear. (But, to be clear, those haters are aligning themselves with a team that is filled with Buckeyes fans. That’s on you.)

Despite the obstacles and rare team successes, Stafford only speaks kindly of his time in “the D.” He told the Detroit Free Press last October, “I spent some really meaningful time in my life, both on and off the field, in Detroit and I really enjoyed all of it. I’m having fun with what I’m doing right now. I had a great experience for 12 years in Detroit. That’s how I kind of want to leave it.”

And maybe after Sunday, it’s time we Lions fans do too.

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OUR VIEW

Signs, everywhere signs — not!

Sign, sign  
Everywhere a sign  
Blockin’ out the scenery  
Breakin’ my mind  
Do this, don’t do that  
Can’t you read the sign?

These lyrics from the 1970 hit “Signs” by the Five Man Electrical Band probably came to mind to those of a certain age driving on Lakeshore in the Farms after Wayne County erected some 180 one-way and “Do Not Enter” signs in October 2020, following a repaving project from Warner Road to just above Moross.

At the time, the signs definitely were breakin’ the

minds of Farms Mayor Louis Theros and City Manager Shane Reeside, who put pressure on the county and state, the latter agreeing to commission an independent safety audit of the signage. The audit found nearly two-thirds of the signs were not necessary or optional.

On Monday, Wayne County began removing some 60 of the one-way signs, and Grosse Pointe News photographer Renee Landuyt and reporter Laurel Kraus were there to document the removal.

They say you can’t fight city hall, but in this case, city hall fought the county and won — with an assist from the Michigan Department of Transportation. Thank you, Mayor Theros and City Manager Reeside, for quick action.

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.

Lakeshore sign clutter

To the Editor:

Terrific news that at least many of the confusing one-way and “Do Not Enter” signs will be removed from Lakeshore Road. I would hope that we could also opt out of keeping all of the other ones that were designated as “optional” by the road audit. If the road design isn’t quite enough to tell a reasonable person not to drive the wrong way on what is obviously just a divided boulevard, then perhaps our licensing tests are not as good as they should be. And while we are on the subject, is it really necessary to alert people every 500 feet that they can’t picnic on the lakeside? Not sure we can blame that particular clutter on the county or the feds.

KURT SHUCK  
Grosse Pointe

Michigan high court says it’s OK

To the Editor:

Your Jan. 26 editorial “Our View: Shores Retirees,” as well as the prior weeks article on the retiree health care controversy in Grosse Pointe Shores, leaves out an import fact for the

readers.

In 2019 the Michigan Supreme Court (Kendzierski v. Macomb County) heard a case where government employees believed they were entitled to a guaranteed level of health care benefits for life following retirement. The state high court ruled that the terms of collective bargaining agreements do not necessarily produce lifetime benefits for municipal employees once those contracts expire.

In acting to address the huge unfunded liability of \$10,355,000 as required by Michigan Public Act 202 of 2017, our elected council officials acted responsibly and within the law to address the issue of skyrocketing health care costs. With only 1,100 homes in the Shores, that means each homeowner is holding the bag for over \$9,400 of unfunded health care costs.

Virtually every other employer in the public or private sector has taken concrete steps to address the rapidly escalating costs of health care.

As a federal employee, I work for an entity that can print money at will, yet current U.S. government workers and retir-

ees must assume responsibility for our health care costs and make a significant contribution to their cost.

Look at the fate of the employees of other Michigan municipalities or of once healthy corporations that went bankrupt and left their retirees without any health care at all.

By giving the Shores retirees \$4,000 for their health savings account along with the current agreement, the council has been more than fair to retirees while holding fast to the fiduciary responsibility they owe the taxpayers.

It should be remembered that most if not all of the current council members ran for office based on a platform of fiscal responsibility. My hats are off to the council for taking a hard look at a tough situation.

In my opinion, the council cannot afford to stop here. Like other municipalities have done, other options need to be explored to hammer away at the huge unfunded liability.

Participants can be moved from their current top tier insurance plan to an HMO or other high-deductible health plan. Better yet, explore the feasibility of offering a one-time payment in lieu of health benefits at the time of retirement.

Solving this predicament involves thinking outside the box, not holding to prior contracts made at a time where nobody could have ever predicted the crisis affecting all Americans precipitated by the exponential rise in health care costs.

ROBERT E. LEE, MD  
Grosse Pointe Shores

Re: ‘Ethics Board Declares Free Speech Above Decorum’

To the Editor:

The members of the Grosse Pointe Park Ethics Review Board should be applauded for their perceptive understanding of the board’s chartered purpose.

The ethics board is to investigate acts of municipal officials and city employees that may even teeter close to the abyss of criminality. The board was not created for fielding complaints about alleged offending speech.

The board respectfully declined to trample on the constitutional rights of free speech. They chose to rise above the vitriolic prattle which has come to plague social media.

Accountability for offensive statements made by municipal officials is obtained through the voting booth. Not by deputized committees that could potentially help obliterate individual liberty and free will.

BRUCER R. NICHOLS  
Grosse Pointe Shores

CRT: What is the real issue here?

To the Editor:

When I attended the Grosse Pointe Public School System virtual community town hall on Thursday, Jan. 20, it was clear that many people who submitted questions and comments regarding the 2022-2024 strategic plan had not read the document or misunderstood the plan’s focus.

One of the first ques-

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I SAY By Renee Landuyt

# Winter can be wondrous



Winter can be beautiful, cloudy, sunny and fun. And cold. It has many great attributes, except for the bitter cold. And when the ground is really, really icy. That's when I really, really don't like it. During winter months, I typically wear four layers. I can handle the cold more than the ice. You fall enough times

and you learn to not like ice under your feet. Except for skating and hockey. Looking outside the window on a snowy, cold, cloudy day, the only thing that sounds good is curling up on the couch, reading a book or binge watching something. But then after a while, boredom sets in and I want to get out. My job takes me outside a good portion of the year. Summer can be too hot, winter too cold, but each season has its charms. Winter can be wondrous. The crisp air that greets you, the new-fallen snow when it quiets your world, the crunch of it under your feet being the only sound

in the air. The idea that you can see your breath. The way the snow covers the skeleton structures of the deciduous trees and coats the needles of a conifer. I love when it snows so perfectly, looking out a window makes you feel like you are inside a snow globe. It's like magic. While spring and summer renew Earth with color, winter is patient, creating a blanket for us to hide under while we wait for weather less harsh. Nature is amazing in its power and beauty. Winter is an interesting time. It gets darker earlier (set your clocks to spring forward on March 13), we celebrate three holidays within a

few weeks time, winter solstice and have decorative lights on houses to celebrate the season. Even sports and outside activities are different. Many people stay in places where winter months are cold and many flee to warmer climates. I understand the lure of it, especially come January and February when we long to see the sun more than twice a month. Humans have strategies to survive the winter cold. We wear layers, a warm coat, gloves, hats and scarves. We have fun outdoors snowshoeing, skiing, sledding, snowboarding and building snow characters. Humans eat different

types of food in the winter: heavier, heartier, warming foods. Some animals prepare for the winter months by eating large amounts of food so they can increase their body fat reserves, which is what they live on while sleeping. Animals also have strategies to stay warm. Some keep active and some replace their summer coats with a thick, dense layer of fur. Some animals use camouflage, like the snowshoe hare whose winter coat turns white, so they blend in with the snow. Some animals migrate, some hibernate and some go into torpor. Torpor is a lighter state of hibernation which some ani-

mals, like bears, go into instead of hibernation. In torpor you can be woken up quickly. Hibernation is a deeper sleep. Humans cannot actually hibernate, but I think, in a way, in the winter, we are drawn to a sort of human hibernation. We find our way through winter by slowing down, restoring and recharging, adjusting to what feels like shorter days because of the lack of light and migrating toward carbs instead of salads. We have to fight the urge to pull the covers over our heads more in January than in June. Snuggling up to a fire, cozy means more when it's cold. This year in Michigan, it has been a cold, cold winter. Spring, I will greet you like an old friend!

## YESTERDAY'S HEADLINES

1947  
75 years ago this week

**AMENDED BILL FILED AGAINST WOODS PARK:** The village authorities of St. Clair Shores have filed an amended bill of complaint in their moves in the Macomb County courts to prevent the village of Grosse Pointe Woods from acquiring and operating a park on a part of the Edsel Ford estate fronting on Lake St. Clair. In their amended bill, they classify the proposed park as a nuisance. *Obituaries: E.J.*

*Pongracz Sr., Isaac Reynolds, Edward Strauss, Mrs. Lou Osborne*

1972  
50 years ago this week

**SEEK PART IN SCHOOL FIGHT:** Trustees of the Board of Education gave board attorney Douglas West the authority to intervene in the proceedings before Judge Stephen Roth regarding the Detroit Desegregation Case. With this right, West said, the system will be able to enter into discussions re-

garding the formulation of desegregation plans, raise legal questions as to whether the plans can be implemented with respect to the Grosse Pointe Public School System and generally be actively involved in the action. *Obituaries: Karl Corrigan Fulmer, Neva Dickey Bushaw, Werner von Allmen, Elizabeth Doll, Minnie B. Hearn*

1997  
25 years ago this week

**GROSSE POINTE'S X-FILE GETS ATTENTION:** What

started out as a simple report on the Grosse Pointe Woods police blotter has turned into an interstate investigation of UFOs. A St. Clair Shores couple, who saw the UFO, called the Cranbrook Planetarium to see if anything was prominent in the night sky of Jan. 21. They were told the planet Mars was very prominent. When they saw the report in the Grosse Pointe News, they were relieved to learn they weren't the only people who saw the light. *Obituaries: Gordon T. Ford, Herbert W. Lester, Jane Alice Hastings, Marie G. Scavarda, Alice M. DeSmet, Jack Howard Walsh, Peter White Dixon, Margaret Mary*

*Smith, Anthony S. Sendoykas, Joanna Shefferly, Barbara Wishart Walker, Thomas D. Sine*

2012  
10 years ago this week

**FARMS: NO TO MERGER:** The mayor and council declined a written invitation from the City of Grosse Pointe counterparts to combine public safety departments with the Park. A joint, three-city emergency services operations leapfrogs a measured approach to shared services being explored by an ad hoc public safety committee with

representatives from all five Pointes. **BASHARA SAYS HE HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH WIFE'S MURDER:** As Grosse Pointe Park police maintain an official front of "no comment" as they investigate the murder of Jane Bashara, Bob Bashara is telling reporters he was not involved in any way in the death of his wife of 26 years. Jane Bashara was found dead Jan. 25, in the back seat of her Mercedes-Benz SUV near Seven Mile and Hoover in Detroit. She was strangled. *Obituaries: Robert Jackson France, Joe Ann Hoerler, Henry A. Kingswell Jr., Renato S. Roxas M.D., Lynwood Jean Ryan*

## LETTERS:

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tions addressed by Superintendent Jon Dean was, "Why is this a CRT (critical race theory) plan?" While diversity, equity and inclusion and race, equity and inclusion are mentioned in the strategic plan under the heading, "Provide all staff intentional and relevant professional development opportunities," this certainly is not the same as teaching critical race theory in schools. Perhaps confusion around these phrases explains why they sometimes are used interchangeably. Critical race theory is a college-level academic framework that examines the intersection between race, history and law. It views racism as systemic and structural, but does not view individuals as inherently racist. Although this framework encompasses decades of scholarship, it more recently has been claimed as a subversive set of ideas that has exploded into a culture war. In September 2020, then President Donald Trump issued a memo to federal agencies warning against critical race theory and labeled it as "divisive." This move came after he watched a conservative scholar describe critical race theory to Tucker Carlson on Fox News as "cultural indoctrination." The media watchdog group, Media Matters

for America, reports that over a one-year period the Fox network mentioned CRT 2,000 times with claims that children are being "brainwashed" by "woke" leftist teachers. And Republican legislators are running with this idea to state capitols across the country. Indeed, over the past year, according to the independent news organization, Education Week, 35 states have introduced bills that would impose restrictions on how teachers are able to discuss racism and sexism, with 14 states passing legislation upholding these restrictions. Since 2020, notes the publication, critical race theory "has been warped from its original meaning, used by opponents of diversity training as a catch-all to refer to anything that makes race or gender salient in conversations about power and oppression." But considering that critical race theory is typically taught in post-secondary institutions; that there is no mention of critical race theory anywhere in the GPPSS

2022-2024 strategic plan; and that curriculum, instruction and student learning are the primary focus of the plan, I'm left to wonder: What is the real issue here? Although racial demographics in the Pointes have changed little from 2010-2020, whites are the only group that decreased during that period, and the black, Asian, multi-racial and Hispanic populations all increased. This trend is moving in one direction. In fact, a report issued by the U.S. Census Bureau in February 2020 shows the country on track to continue becoming more racially and ethnically diverse. And beginning in 2045 whites "are no longer projected to make up the majority of the population." Given these changing demographics and projections for the future, perhaps attention to diversity and discussions about race make sense, and may even help us navigate our increasingly pluralistic society. *MARIA WILLIAMS Grosse Pointe Park*



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# St. Clare hosts annual auction

## Online bidding starts Feb. 10; live in-person event is Feb. 19

Supporters of St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic School are invited to “show the love” as the school soon hosts its annual auction.

A limited in-person and live-streamed event takes place at 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, at the Cabbage Patch Saloon in Grosse Pointe Park.

Those a little more eager to get started may visit the online bidding site beginning Thursday, Feb. 10.

“This is our main fundraiser,” said Gordon Richardson, an auction chairman. “Financially we have to take care of ourselves. ... This is pretty much our only fundraiser of the year now thanks to COVID.

“... Historically, this is a very social event,” he added. “We hope to get a few people out, build it up slowly.”

This year’s event follows a Valentine’s Day theme, “I Love St. Clare,”

and features a variety of auction items, including golf packages, date nights, shopping nights, jewelry, a three-night stay at a vacation home in northern Michigan, tickets to sporting events and more. Popular items from previous years include “Name that Lane,” “He/She Shoots, He/She Snores” gym sleepover and student artwork — something for everyone who loves St. Clare.

“We’ve got some pretty big items on the auction list,” Richardson said. “A two-night stay on Mackinac, a Vrbo facility in Crystal Mountain ... autographed sports memorabilia, jewelry, things for the home. We have stuff for kids, too. Each class put together baskets that are family oriented. ... We have lots of great items — items we hope people will be interested in bidding on.” Those who want to

show their love for St. Clare’s former principal, Sister Kathy Avery, may donate to the Sister Kathy Avery Scholarship Fund to help provide educational assistance to St. Clare School students for the 2022-23 year. The past three years, the scholarship fund alone has raised more than \$25,000.

The much-anticipated Bistro Bundle Raffle is back as well. One lucky \$20 raffle ticket holder could win \$500 in restaurant gift cards, which were curated by the auction committee to include a variety of local restaurants, including Cadieux Cafe, Norma G’s, Red Crown and Ottava Via.

Auction sponsors are the backbone of the event and each sponsor will receive acknowledgment in the church, at the auction event and on social media. Sponsorships begin at \$50 and sponsors may

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FEBRUARY 10TH - 19TH



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sign up until the date of the event.

Funds raised by the annual auction are instrumental in providing educational opportunities for current and prospective students of St. Clare of Montefalco. Monies raised are used to help offset tuition costs, Richardson said, as well as provide scholarships.

“Our tuition is one of the lowest in the area for Catholic schools,” he noted.

Tickets for the in-person

event are \$50 and include two drink tickets and appetizers, but all are welcome to stay past the event to enjoy the ambiance and live music at the Cabbage Patch Saloon.

“It should be a good time,” Richardson said. “Our goal is to get people out who want to come back out.”

Those who choose to stay in, watch the streaming event and place their bids are welcome to do so simply by registering

online; tickets are not required.

“It doesn’t cost anything to sign up,” Richardson said.

For tickets, sponsorship opportunities or to start bidding on auction items, visit [stclareschool.net/auction](http://stclareschool.net/auction). For more information, email [schoolauction@stclarem.org](mailto:schoolauction@stclarem.org).

“This is a great event,” Richardson added. “We hope it will get better as things move along.”

— Jody McVeigh





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# GPPSS enrollment open for kindergarten, Young 5 programs

The Grosse Pointe Public School System currently is enrolling kindergarten and Young 5 students for fall 2022. Full-day kindergarten is available in each elementary school, but the enrollment process must be complete by May 1 to guarantee placement in a student’s home school.

Young 5 programs will be available at every elementary school depending upon enrollment. If a child’s home school does not offer a Young 5 program, they will be given an opportunity to attend at a nearby school. Parents must enroll before April 8 to be entered into a lottery.



COURTESY PHOTOS

Above and left, students keep busy in the kindergarten classes at Monteith Elementary School.

The Young 5 program offers an alternative for children whose parents

feel they are not yet ready for a traditional kindergarten experience. The program is free for younger 5-year-old children who live in the GPPSS attendance area. Eligibility is determined by birth date; children must turn 5 between March 1 and Dec. 1, 2022. The natural progression from the Young 5 program is to kindergarten.

“The kindergarten and Young 5 programs play an essential role in introducing the young child to the world of school,” said Keith Howell, director of pre-K to elementary instruction. “The professional staff believes that each student is unique and is dedicated to providing appropriate and stimulating experiences and activi-

ties from which your child can learn, grow and develop a wholesome attitude toward learning.”

The district also offers a range of services and resources to support individual students, creating a learning environment that is specialized and appropriately challenging for them, while keeping learning fun and often play-based with the youngest learners.

For more information, visit [gpschools.org](http://gpschools.org) or contact the local elementary school office.

Enrollment may be completed online at [gpschools.org/enrollment](http://gpschools.org/enrollment). Contact the enrollment office at (313) 432-3083 or [verify@gpschools.org](mailto:verify@gpschools.org) with questions.

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# South artists earn Scholastic Arts Awards

When the Southeastern Michigan Regional Awards were announced Jan. 28, 39 art students from Grosse Pointe South High School were among those recognized. Students were selected to receive Gold Key, Silver Key or Honorable Mention awards from among hundreds of students throughout southeast Michigan who submitted work last December. Work was selected based on originality, technical skill and authenticity.

The Scholastic Art Awards recognition has become the nation's longest running and most prestigious initiative for young artists.

Because each artist may submit multiple works, the final tallies for South included 15 Gold Keys, 22 Silver Keys and 20 Honorable Mention. The 15 Gold Key awards are automatically submitted to the national level of adjudication in New York City. National winners will be announced Wednesday, March 23.

The community is invited to view all the Scholastic Awards during South's annual ArtFest,



COURTESY PHOTOS

Margot Murphy earned a Gold Key in Photography for this photo.

which takes place Wednesday through Friday, March 16 to 18, in the multi-purpose room at South.

The College for Creative Studies is the affiliate sponsor for the region. Due to the ongoing pandemic, the 2022 Southeastern Michigan Scholastic Art Awards celebration will be a virtual ceremony and exhibit.

Students — whose art teachers include Micki Buksar Cecil, Alexander Finney, Amber Mades and

Tom Szmrecsanyi — earning recognition for their work are:

- Ella Adams — Honorable Mention, Ceramics & Glass
- Olivia Bachert — Silver Key, Jewelry
- Anne Barr — Silver Key, Photography
- Eleanor Campion — Gold Key, Jewelry
- Ava Carr — Silver Key, Photography
- Francesca Coker — Silver Key, Ceramics & Glass
- Caya Craig —

- Honorable Mention, Sculpture
- Alec Ells — Gold Key, Ceramics & Glass
- Alec Ells — Silver Key, Ceramics & Glass
- Alec Ells — Honorable Mention, Ceramics & Glass
- Alec Ells — Honorable Mention, Ceramics & Glass
- Alec Ells — Honorable Mention, Ceramics & Glass
- Justin Flores — Silver Key, Photography
- Steven Gloudemans — Gold Key, Photography
- Isabel Groustra — Silver Key, Painting
- Elise Harr — Silver Key, Drawing & Illustration
- Jack Henry — Honorable Mention, Photography
- Logan Hepner — Gold



Left, Olivia Roncone earned a Gold Key in the Ceramics and Glass category with this piece. Right, Ella Worely earned a Silver Key in the Jewelry category.



- Key, Jewelry
- Vivian Leech — Gold Key, Photography
- Vivian Leech — Silver Key, Photography
- Franco Loria — Honorable Mention, Photography
- Sophia Martell — Gold Key, Photography
- Ellen Martin — Gold Key, Painting
- Ellen Martin — Silver Key, Drawing & Illustration
- Ellen Martin — Honorable Mention, Drawing & Illustration
- Ellen Martin — Honorable Mention, Painting

- Margot Murphy — Gold Key, Photography
- Margot Murphy — Silver Key, Photography
- Margot Murphy — Honorable Mention, Mixed Media
- Sarah Nischik — Silver Key, Photography
- Maxima Oxholm-Barraza — Silver Key, Photography
- Lyla Paschke — Gold Key, Sculpture
- Mia Pellerito — Silver Key, Jewelry
- Jilliana Pilutti — Gold Key, Drawing & Illustration
- Jilliana Pilutti — Silver Key, Drawing & Illustration
- Jilliana Pilutti — Honorable Mention, Painting
- Jilliana Pilutti — Honorable Mention, Drawing & Illustration
- Brenden Polek — Gold Key, Photography

## At North

Students at Grosse Pointe North High School, under teachers Michael Lamb and Lisa Spatola, also earned Southeastern Michigan Regional Awards. They are:

- Chloe Harb: Gold Key, Digital Art
- Madeline Roberts: Honorable Mention, Photography
- Michael Roustemis: Silver Key, Photography
- Michael Roustemis: Silver Key, Photography
- Michael Roustemis: Honorable Mention, Photography

- Remie Rivel — Silver Key, Photography
- Remie Rivel — Silver Key, Photography
- Remie Rivel — Honorable Mention, Photography
- Grace Romer — Honorable Mention, Photography
- Olivia Roncone — Gold Key, Ceramics & Glass
- Olivia Roncone — Gold Key, Ceramics & Glass
- Olivia Roncone — Gold Key, Ceramics & Glass
- Olivia Roncone — Silver Key, Ceramics & Glass
- Lorrie Savage — Honorable Mention, Jewelry
- Nadav Selinger — Honorable Mention, Photography
- Audrey Smihal — Silver Key, Photography
- Ann Sullivan — Honorable Mention, Photography
- Eva Teranes — Honorable Mention, Photography
- Anna Trempus — Honorable Mention, Jewelry
- Andrew Vandeputte — Silver Key, Photography
- Victoria Vorhees — Silver Key, Photography
- Victoria Vorhees — Silver Key, Photography
- Ella Worley — Silver Key, Jewelry
- Adam Yeloushan — Gold Key, Photography
- Claire Zurowick — Honorable Mention, Photography

# PRIDE OF THE POINTES

The following students recently earned degrees from Miami University: McKenna McGraw, Halle Mogk and Andrew Sharp of Grosse Pointe Park; Caroline Calcaterra, Patrick Bourke and Charlie Yoo of the City of Grosse Pointe; Brandon Johnston of Grosse Pointe Shores; Michael Lesha of Grosse Pointe Woods; and Carmella Bate, Angelo Pendolino and Ellie Birgbauer of Grosse Pointe Farms.

Matthew Orsi, a graduate of Star of the Sea School and De La Salle Collegiate High School, and a recipient of a 2018 Sunrise Rotary Scholarship, has been named to the University of Michigan Dearborn Dean's List.

Dominick Procopio of Grosse Pointe Shores recently graduated from the University of Massachusetts Lowell with a Bachelor of Arts degree in philosophy.

We welcome Pride of the Pointes submissions. Send them to editor@grossepointenews.com.



Halle Mogk



Patrick Bourke



Charlie Yoo

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Lots begin to close February 15, 7 p.m.



# A place for enrichment or support

By Kate Vanderstelt  
Staff Writer

Before Tricia Hexter fought off a cancer diagnosis over the course of four years, she taught all over the map, from New York to Pennsylvania to Australia. After her battle with cancer, she remembers reassessing how she wanted her life to look. “After that period of time,” Hexter said, “I was feeling better and I was getting back to things. It was kind of like I knew that teaching was my passion, but you think about your life differently. It’s kind of like, ‘What’s my purpose here and what will my legacy be?’ It sounds morbid to say that, but really you’re forced into that thinking.”

In 2019, with this line of thinking, Hexter took a job teaching full time at a charter school in Detroit. Also at that time, a vacant building on Mack in the City of Grosse Pointe started tugging at her heart. While her husband lacked interest, Hexter felt she had a vision brewing.

She continued to teach at the charter school while her dream building stood vacant; a time she

said was the most challenging of her life. “You might impact some kids,” Hexter said of teaching in Detroit, “but the umbrella over you is so heavy that I was coming home crying. I was stressed. I was sad. I was just all of these things I was taking home with me and then I thought, ‘I need something else. I need something to lighten my day.’”

Hexter purchased her dream building in February 2020, thinking this could be her day brightener. She created a business plan, which ultimately was forced into new directions when the world shut down due to the onset of the pandemic in March 2020.

When all was said and done, Hexter opened the doors of the Grosse Pointe Institute for Learning, at 18164 Mack, July 14, 2020. She kept a fluid business model, allowing for community input to be received.

With a master’s degree in education from New York’s Stony Brook University, Hexter quit her job with the Detroit school and spent fall 2020 providing students supplemental information and engagement missing from the virtual

classroom. Children were welcome to the institute — with plexiglass on the tables and hand-sanitizing stations throughout the building — for tutoring opportunities, both one-on-one and in small groups.

Offering class opportunities in math, English, writing and more from pre-K through middle school grades, Hexter enjoys the business’s ability to grow and flex. “The joy that this brought me was that I can teach the way I want to teach,” she said. “I can teach these kids to mastery. I can engage with the parents and communicate the way that I need to communicate with them and say things sometimes that, if you’re in the regular classroom, you just aren’t allowed to say. And sometimes these conversations are so, so important. ... I just feel like it opens a door for me to be able to communicate better and be a way more effective teacher.”

Hexter has recruited other qualified teachers to assist her and she encourages qualified individuals with a teaching background who may have an interesting proposal for education to

contact her as a potential partner.

“I’m not dictating to (my teachers) what it is that they have to teach,” she said, “but they’re coming in bringing a certain passion with them. And so my job is to really facilitate them growing that passion and utilizing it to help these kids and not be stifled by regulations and rules and certain things they have to teach. ...

“It’s this creative space where you can bring your expertise and kind of run a program,” she added.

One of the classes more recently brought on, “My Worried Mind,” focuses on mental health. “These kids are struggling,” Hexter said. “And some of them think that they’re the only one that’s struggling. So to do a little small group and have the support of a behavior specialist, where she’s trained for this and she knows how to deal with anxiety and give them tools to navigate ... it’s definitely a learning curve that we’re just trying to navigate and figure out how we can serve these kids.”

For older students, Grosse Pointe Institute for Learning also offers preparatory classes on the ACT and SAT.

Interested parents may enroll their child for any class with the Grosse Pointe Institute for Learning online at [gpi4l.tutorbird.com](http://gpi4l.tutorbird.com). Hexter encouraged parents also to call her at (586) 879-5750, with questions or suggestions on classes they’d be interested in taking.

Hexter recently acquired the building behind hers and is working to transform it into an additional space to host more classes, as well as professional development trainings, retreats, recreational classes and more.



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Owner Nya Marshall stands behind the bar with a Rosemary Blueberry Splash, one of Ivy Kitchen + Cocktails’ mocktail favorites.

# Quality food at a place that feels like home

By Kate Vanderstelt  
Staff Writer

Ivy Kitchen + Cocktails, located just down the street at 9215 E. Jefferson, Detroit, gives guests a luxury dining experience while sitting on plush blue velvet seats.

The kitchen features an all-American, diverse menu cooked by Chef Jon Peterson, who recently was invited to compete on the Food Network’s Beat Bobby Flay. Top items include sesame ginger salmon, burgers and brunch foods, the latter of which is served 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Owner Nya Marshall said a must-try on the food menu is the Sweet Chili Thai Chicken, a locally sourced dish that is brined for 48 hours.

“We are a locally sourced, sustainable restaurant,” Marshall said, “and what that means is most of our produce and our proteins are literally from local farms. We use actually one of the ... urban farms in the city as well.”

She added the restaurant composts all waste and recycles when possible.

Aside from food, the restaurant also offers a diverse list of craft cocktails. Marshall’s must-try is a Detroit Old Fashioned, the kitchen’s twist on a smoky Old Fashioned, done Detroit style. Mocktails crafted

with fresh ingredients also are available for guests, with a Rosemary Blueberry Smash being one of the most popular.

Happy hour at the restaurant features an \$8 menu from 4 to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Friday.

Opening the last quarter of 2019, Ivy Kitchen was hit with the negative effects of the COVID-19 pandemic in March 2020, like most other businesses. Taking advantage of space, Marshall installed a heated patio in front of the building — something that’s packed on the weekends even in the midst of winter.

The restaurant can hold 86 patrons at a time. Marshall said though reservations are not required, they are recommended.

Marshall encouraged Grosse Pointers to venture toward Detroit and experience what the neighborhood business has to offer.

“This is just a place where you’re comfortable, the food is quality and you feel like you’re a little bit at home,” she said.

*Ivy Kitchen + Cocktails is open 4 p.m. to midnight Tuesday through Thursday, 11 a.m. to midnight Friday and Saturday and 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday. To learn more about the restaurant or make a reservation, call (313) 332-0607 or visit [ivykc.com](http://ivykc.com). Ivy Kitchen also may be found on Facebook and Instagram, @ivy\_detroit.*



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Tricia Hexter demonstrates skills taught at the institute.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN the City of Harper Woods Board of Review for March 2022 will be meeting at 19617 Harper Avenue on Monday, March 14, 2022 from 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., and on Monday, March 28, 2022 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. to consider appeals on property assessment and exemptions. Property owners may obtain a Petition to the Board of Review from the Assessor’s office or on line at [www.harperwoodscity.org](http://www.harperwoodscity.org), or [www.michigan.gov/taxes](http://www.michigan.gov/taxes); Property Taxes; Forms-Instructions; Board of Review

Residents who are unable to attend this meeting may submit their appeal in writing/ letter to the Assessor’s office at 19617 Harper Avenue, Harper Woods, MI 48225 on or before March 28, 2022 until 3:00 p.m. No postmarks are accepted. For information please call 313.343.2500.

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## Nun-stop laughs GPT takes the stage with ‘Nunsense,’ Feb. 18-27

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

Grosse Pointe Theatre invites patrons to beat the winter blues with belly laughs, as it takes to the stage with “Nunsense.” Performances take place Feb. 18 to 27, at Pierce Middle School. The musical comedy, which debuted Off-Broadway in 1985, shares the story of the Little Sisters of Hoboken, who meet with tragedy after a disastrous food poisoning incident. Five sisters must raise money to bury their unfortunate counterparts and decide

a variety show is the way to go. “The audience is viewing this fundraiser (set) at the middle school they work at,” Director Nick Marinello said. “The sisters are performing this variety act. It’s a dark farce and quite funny.” The five leads — Ashley Gatesey of Westland, Rachel Hutchison of Grosse Pointe Park, Maria Tilmos of Novi, Terri Turpin-Amato of Grosse Pointe Woods and Megan Welenc of Rochester Hills — sing and dance “all while in habits,” Marinello said, and give the audience a

show filled with laughter, joy and heart. “If you grew up in the Catholic faith or the Catholic Church, there are lots of references that will either delight you or bring up traumatic memories,” Marinello said, “but it’s all in fun. This show is funny and heartfelt. I jumped at the chance to direct.” Marinello noted the Grosse Pointe Theatre board’s intent to be thoughtful in its selection of this season’s shows. Its first full season back after the pandemic shutdown, board members wanted a lineup of reliable, crowd-



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Terri Turpin Amato, left, and Maria Tilmos are among the stars of “Nunsense.”

pleasing hits. “Nunsense” is one of the longest-running shows produced Off-Broadway. “This show has the most bang for your buck,” Marinello said. “It’s a small cast, but it’s jam-packed — densely talented and worthwhile. ... I want to show the community we’re back; live theater is back and it’s OK to leave the house.”

Because of its popularity, Marinello knows a lot of people are familiar with “Nunsense,” but this iteration of the show — with book, music and lyrics by Dan Goggin — includes new jokes, more lyrics, two new arrangements and a new song. “Audiences are going to love the slightly irreverent humor in this show,” Marinello said. “It’s fun and still respectful of the hard-working, dedicated women who have devoted their lives to their faith. It’s also a classic show that has a

lot of classic humor.” In his third production as director with Grosse Pointe Theatre, Marinello, who runs the theater program at Chippewa Valley High School, said it feels good to be back to live shows after two years dormant. He said “Nunsense” is the perfect panacea for pandemic-weary patrons. “People have got a lot on their plates,” he said. “There’s stress, chaos, lots of struggle out there. That’s when live theater is at its best. It’s a night to go out and leave behind problems with Zoom or problems with school. You can go out and sit and exist in a world totally apart from the one we’re in now. In ‘Nunsense,’ there’s no mention of a pandemic. It’s a window into something that will give us a chance to laugh, decompress, spend two hours outside of the house.”

Grosse Pointe Theatre has put in place protocols to ensure the safety of all patrons. All audience members are required to wear face masks; digital ticketing and ticketless check-in allow for minimal contact; and all cast and

crew members are required to be vaccinated. “Although there are not currently any indoor capacity restrictions, Grosse Pointe Theatre has made the decision to continue to socially distance the audience,” said Linda Zublick, executive director. “We will continue seating by alternating rows at this time. The health and safety of our patrons is always of primary importance.” Flexible subscriber packages and single tickets to all Grosse Pointe Theatre shows are available online at gpt.org.

**The details**  
**What:** “Nunsense”  
**When:** 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 18, and Saturday, Feb. 19; 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 20; 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 24; 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 25; 2 and 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26; and 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27.  
**Where:** Pierce Middle School, 15430 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Park  
**How:** Visit gpt.org/tickets or call the ticket office at (313) 881-4004.



Rachel Hutchison performs with a puppet during the show.



The cast of “Nunsense,” from left, Terri Turpin Amato, Rachel Hutchison, Megan Welenc, Maria Tilmos and Ashley Gatsey.

**Behind the scenes**  
♦ Director Nick Marinello of Mount Clemens  
♦ Producer Lyndsey Briggs of Grosse Pointe Woods  
♦ Music Director Marie Boyle Reinman of Grosse Pointe Farms  
♦ Stage Manager/Tech Director Amy Ricker of Washington Twp.  
♦ Choreographer Brett Wotherspoon of Roseville  
♦ Costumes, Erin Getzin of Harper Woods  
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# Drop-off book service lightens new parents’ loads

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

Outreach programs are nothing new to the Grosse Pointe Public Library. Its book drop-off service for homebound seniors has been operational 40 years.

But it’s the other end of the spectrum that got Outreach Librarian Annie Spence’s gears turning. What about new parents juggling infants and doctors’ appointments and work and perhaps older siblings? A trip to the library for a new book or movie isn’t among the essentials, but she knows from experience the joy fresh reading materials can bring.

That’s why she created the New Parent Outreach, offering free delivery of library books and other resources to parents during their baby’s first year.

“I was a new mom two times and you’re kind of stuck in the house,” Spence said. “It’s nice to have someone thinking of you on the outside, making life easier.”

New parents are invited to sign up for the perk by filling out a simple form online at [grossepointelibrary.org/outreach-service](http://grossepointelibrary.org/outreach-service) and providing information about what they’re interested in. It can run the gamut from books about breastfeeding to STEAM kits for an older sibling to a movie for Mom and Dad once their newborn is asleep. They’ll also get an email with suggestions and then set up a convenient drop-off time.



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Left, Annie Spence delivers a New Parent Outreach welcome bag. Above, the bag includes information about the library’s outreach programs, a homemade knit cap and other goodies.

pointelibrary.org/outreach-service and providing information about what they’re interested in. It can run the gamut from books about breastfeeding to STEAM kits for an older sibling to a movie for Mom and Dad once their newborn is asleep. They’ll also get an email with suggestions and then set up a convenient drop-off time.

“I get a hold of the patron and get an idea of what they want and do the delivery,” Spence said, noting she can handle pick-up duties as well. “Hopefully I can drop by whenever they need.”

Along with the parents’ first order, Spence drops off a welcome bag featuring information about GPPL services, as well as

a brochure from The Family Center; a bookmark; a free book donated by The United Way; and a knit hat for the baby, handmade by Spence’s mother.

The program had a soft launch at the end of 2021, but now is in full swing. Around eight to 10 new parents already have signed up. Services last for one year after the

new child comes home, Spence said.

“One patron said it made her day when she got her first delivery,” she added. “Another new mom wanted books about weening. And the program is open to any new parent, so if you’re bringing a foster or adopted child into the home, you can use the service as well.”

Spence said she has high hopes for the program, through which she’d like to share the joys of the library.

“During the pandemic, there were a few months when the library was closed,” she said. “Even staff couldn’t come in and get books. The first time I was able to bring books home to (my kids) was like a breath of fresh air.”

“... I thought this program would be a great way to get some lifelong library users,” she added. “As a new parent, it feels isolating. This is an easy way to build a bond with the community. And it’s a great place to get the right answers. ... We’re excited about it.”

Spence said she also hopes it enlightens patrons to other services the library offers, including storytime and youth services.

“We’ve had a really good response from our variety of programs during the pandemic – virtual, in person, outdoor,” she said. “We’ve gotten great feedback for meeting them where they’re at. And we’ve got something for everybody.”

## Ford House

The Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, 1100 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores, offers the follow-

ing 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](http://fordhouse.org).

## Jardinieres

La Societe des Jardinieres will have a “Be My Valentine” luncheon at 11 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 10, at the home of member Madeleine Phillips. The program will be “Fashion

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Styling Our Way,” presented by Mary Ann “Prinny” Calzolano, a native Grosse Pointer and fashion stylist. Following lunch there will be a club meeting presided by President Tina Olofsson.

## Library

The Grosse Pointe Public Library hosts a variety of programs. To register for the following, visit [grossepointelibrary.org](http://grossepointelibrary.org).

◆ 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](http://grossepointelibrary.org).

◆ Sweet Treat: No Bake Cheesecake Demonstration, 7 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 10, via Zoom.

◆ Writing Group, 4 to 5:15 p.m. Monday, Feb. 14, at Central, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe

Farms.

◆ Storytime, 1:30 to 2 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 15, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ Dinosaur Day with Paleo Joe, 4 to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 15, via Zoom.

◆ Outdoor Storytime with Miss Rachel, 10:30 to 11 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 16, at Central, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

◆ 1,000 Hours Evening Walk, 5 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 16, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ Tween Art Lab — Pastels and Paintin’, all day Thursday, Feb. 17, at Central, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

◆ Storytime with Miss Jane, 10:30 to 11 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 17, via Zoom.

◆ Nonfiction Book Club, 7 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 17, via Zoom.

## The War Memorial

The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, offers the following programs:

◆ 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](http://warmemorial.org).

◆ 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](http://warmemorial.org).

◆ An Evening with Executive Chef Joe Paxton: Low Country Cuisine at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 15. General admission is \$60 and includes one libation per guest. Reserved seating for a table of eight costs \$440 and also includes one libation per guest. Ticket sales end Feb. 11.

◆ “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](http://warmemorial.org).

◆ Grosse Pointe Chamber Music at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 20. Tickets are \$15; students admitted free.

## The Helm

The Helm at the Boll Life Center, 158 Ridge, Grosse Pointe Farms, offers a variety of classes and programs.

Registration is required at (313) 882-9600 for the following:

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

◆ Valentine’s Day Party, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 14. Cost is \$12 for members,

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# OBITUARIES

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

### William Priest

William “Bill” Priest of Harper Woods passed away Thursday, Jan. 27, 2022, in Detroit.

Bill was born Nov. 11, 1950, in Detroit, to Robert Jay Priest, M.D., and Helen (nee Stoica) Priest.

He is survived by his wife, Rose Mary Priest (nee Poniewierski); daughters, Robyn Lynette and June Elise; sisters, Margaret Herbst (Jan) and Barbara Kehbein (Klaus); and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents and nephew, John Herbst.

Bill graduated from Grosse Pointe High School in 1968, and earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Wayne State University in 1974. He worked for the Department of Social Services in Detroit and the Detroit/Wayne County Area Agency on Aging before earning his auto mechanic certification from the Michigan Career Institute in 1991. He worked as an auto mechanic several years and, with his vast knowledge and enjoyment of computers, became an IT technician for the Grosse Pointe Public Library, from which he retired.

He loved music and played the trumpet and drums; was an avid sailor, racing in the DRYA and Port Huron to Mackinac race; loved the outdoors and enjoyed camping; and the last few years regularly enjoyed riding his bicycle and being a member of PFLAG Detroit.

### Jere Lou McBride

Jere Lou McBride, 89, passed away surrounded by her family Friday, Feb. 4, 2022.

Jere was born June 19, 1932, in Mason, to Geraldine (nee Sawyer) and John Hopkins, both now deceased. She was a devout woman who took pride in her faith and was a longtime member of St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church. She had many diverse hobbies, including reading, gardening flowers and cooking. She had a way of finding beauty in all things God created.

Jere married the love of her life, Frank, after being introduced through a friend. They spent more than 30 years together, caring for each other with a love that was beautiful to witness. Toward the beginning of their relationship, one of them made a homemade card for Valentine’s Day and for more than 22 years, it was passed back and forth between them with a new note added each year.

They were members of the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club and enjoyed sailing and boating. Jere truly enjoyed being a wife and a mother. She was a kind, chartable, gracious woman who loved to spend time with and entertain her loving friends and family.

She was the cherished wife of the late Frank McBride; beloved mother of Christopher T. Neros; and loving sister of Richard Hopkins and John Hopkins. Jere also

is survived by many dear and caring nieces, nephews, and loving and wonderful friends.

Visitation for Jere takes place from 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, at Chas. Verheyden Inc., 16300 Mack, Grosse Pointe Park.

### Edwin Adam Bayer III

Edwin Adam Bayer, III, 68, passed away surrounded by his family Saturday, Feb. 5, 2022.

Ed was born July 20, 1953, in Grosse Pointe, to Jane (nee Weigel) and Edwin A. Bayer Jr., both now deceased.

Ed graduated from the University of Detroit High School in 1971. His true passion was sailing. A longtime member of the Detroit Yacht Club, he loved racing or just being out on his boat. Ed also was an exceptional skier.

Ed was the loving brother of Mary Allen (Eric), Linda Barnes and John Bayer (Kathy).

Visitation takes place from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 10, at Chas. Verheyden Inc., 16300 Mack, Grosse Pointe Park. A funeral Mass takes place Friday, Feb. 11. He will lie in state from 9:30 a.m. until Mass at 10 a.m. at St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic Church, 1401 Whittier, Grosse Pointe Park. Memorials in Ed’s honor may be made to Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, cff.org.

A Celebration of Life gathering will be planned for the summer. Details are forthcoming.

### Thomas John Krusz

Thomas John Krusz passed away Thursday, Jan. 13, 2022, at Ascension St. John Hospital, after a cardiac arrest.

Tom was born May 28, 1954, in Queens, N.Y., to Arthur John Krusz and Doris Jeanne Krusz. He graduated from Grosse Pointe North High School in 1972, and from Michigan State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in 1977, then pursued post-graduate studies at City College of New York. In 1981, Tom earned a programming degree from Control Data Institute.

Tom is survived by his wife of 46 years, Tracey McDougall Krusz; children, Alex (Hui), Andrew (Martí), Solphia and Mei; grandchildren, Autumn and Benjamin; and his uncle, David Terrell (Diane). He recently was predeceased by his daughter, Elizabeth. He also was predeceased by his parents and brother, Jim.

Tom and Tracey met in 1973, at Grosse Pointe Woods Lake Front Park, where he was working as a lifeguard and came into the bathhouse to check out the “new girl.” They were married Sept. 5, 1975.

Tom’s career in computer security spanned 38 years, including EDS, GM, Network Associates, Ernst & Young, Federal Mogul, Verisign and Blue Cross. He was proud of

his CISSP Security certification and his work in Washington, D.C., on the Marine Spill Response Project.

While employed by Verisign, Tom traveled the world, working on projects in China, Japan, Iceland, India, Egypt, Brazil, Switzerland and many other places. He once called Tracey on his cell phone while he was standing on the Great Wall of China. Tom always brought home souvenirs for the family and, during this time, developed a love for authentic Chinese and Indian food. While Tom was in poor health the past few years, he was able to work from home until retiring in 2019.

Tom became a follower of Jesus in 1985, and most recently attended Grace Community Church. His faith was very important to him. Tom adored his wife, Tracey, and dearly loved his children. He considered his wedding day and the births of his children to be the most joyous occasions of his life.

Tom played classical guitar beautifully and composed many songs. He wrote “Tracey’s Song” for his wife, which is a favorite of their children. Tom also was self-taught on the keyboard and recently made recordings of his compositions, which the family will always cherish. Tom was an avid gamer, playing online under the username GazOrnaplatz, a lifelong pseudonym. He also enjoyed reading, chess, word puzzles, movies, music, science and science fiction, and collecting polished rocks.

The family will remember Tom privately and is grateful to all who have sent condolences.

### Patricia Ann Ostosh

Patricia Ann Ostosh of St. Clair Shores passed away Wednesday, Jan. 26, 2022.

Born March 27, 1936, Patricia was a wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, homemaker, church woman, volunteer, fundraiser and a 1954 graduate of St. Anthony High School. Patricia’s charm was her friendliness, compassion, spirit, loyalty, generous heart, and boundless and great love of life.

Her interests were many and pleasures were simple. She had a vast collection of pigs and also enjoyed dining out, dancing, music, reading, entertaining and decorating. Helping the poor and less fortunate were her biggest concerns. Her favorite quote was, “If only I had a magic wand to make everything better.”

She fought adversities with dignity. Despite her own trials, Patricia provided spiritual help for the physically and mentally ill at Cottage Hospital, Grosse Pointe since 1971, as a Eucharistic minister. Comforting patients and family was important to her. She was the Christian service coordinator at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church for eight years; a



William Priest



Thomas John Krusz



Jere Lou McBride



Patricia Ann Ostosh



Edwin Adam Bayer III



Robert Dale Miller



Michael Satmary

lifetime member of the St. Paul Alter Society and Fontbonne Auxiliary of St. John Hospital and Medical Center; past president of the Fontbonne Auxiliary from 1985-87, and served on the Board of Trustees from 1985-87.

Fundraising was her forte. She and Dr. Walter DiGuillo co-chaired the Bob Hope Spectacular at Eastland Center in 1985, raising thousands of dollars for St. John Hospital during what was Bob Hope’s last appearance in Detroit. She was involved with Stapleton Center, Arthritis Foundation, League of Catholic Women and St. Bonaventure Monastery; served on the cabinet for the Capuchin Monastery to honor Father Solanus Casey’s Building Fund 2000; and faithfully served on the board of directors for her street, Bayview Drive, for 30 years.

Patricia was a member of the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club since 1979; a parish member at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church since 1970; and a benefactor to Focus: HOPE, the St. John Hospital and Medical Center Cardiology Department, North Branch High School scholarships and the Solanus Casey Center.

Patricia was predeceased by her parents, Anthony and Anna Goch; sisters, Eleanore Bukacek and Regina Boot; mother-in-law, Mary Ostosh; son, Gregory Ostosh; and goddaughter, Nancy Lioldl.

She was the beloved and loving wife of Anthony for 66 years; and dear mother of Michelle Rene Kroetsch (Charles), Monette Marie Dudek (David), Curtiss James Ostosh, Christopher John Ostosh (Lynda) and daughter-in-law, Lisa Paulun. She also is survived by her grandchildren, David Dudek (Beth), Timothy Dudek (Rita), Christopher John Ostosh Jr., Amanda Bergen (William), Geoffrey Ostosh (Ivy), Curtiss Ostosh II, Rebekah Ostosh, Andrew Ostosh and Nicholas Ostosh; great-grandchildren, Hudson Bergen and Sullivan Bergen; and goddaughter, Cheryl Liebmann (the late Lawrence). She also will be missed by her dearest friends, Patty Gotham, Betty McGlone, Susan Memminger and Joan Roberts.

A celebration of her life will be held at a later date due to COVID. Interment will be private. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to

the Solanus Casey Center, 1780 Mt. Elliot Detroit, MI 48207-3496.

### Robert Dale Miller

Robert Dale Miller, 89, of Grosse Pointe Woods, passed away Saturday, Feb. 5, 2022. Robert spent his final days surrounded by his loving family.

He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Charlotte (nee Beste); children, Janet Detloff (Curt), Carolyn Miller (Kevin), William Miller (Jennifer), Paula O’Neill (Brian) and Kevin Kieliszewski (Frances); grandchildren, Michael, Daniel, Cecilia, Joseph, Allison, Steven, Charles, Claire and Jonathan; and brother, E. Wayne Miller D.V.M. (Doreen). He was predeceased by his son, Charles Miller (the late Sheri).

Robert was born Dec. 13, 1932, in Detroit, to Ernest and Mae Miller. He spent his first 14 years in Detroit before his family moved to Bad Axe. After graduating from Bad Axe High School, he joined the U.S. Air Force and spent one of those years in Alaska.

After his military service, Robert worked for Michigan Bell/AT&T in Detroit. He also became reacquainted with his kindergarten classmate and next door neighbor, Charlotte, and they soon married.

After retiring from AT&T, Robert worked for various companies doing what he really enjoyed. He worked at Sears, Radio Shack, with the Department of Natural Resources and an auto repair shop, all focused on helping others. He had a knack for all things electronic and was known for his ability to fix anything. He loved nothing more than helping family and friends with car repairs, house maintenance and anything else they needed a hand with. He could be seen on a cold, snowy day out snow-blowing the entire neighborhood.

Robert also enjoyed reading history, fishing with friends, listening to music and watching football. He was very social and loved to tell stories about life on the farm and his service in the U.S. Air Force in Alaska.

Visitation for Robert will be held from 2 to 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 11, with a prayer service at 7 p.m., at Kaul Funeral Home, 28433 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores. Burial will take place in Colfax Cemetery, Bad Axe.

Expressions of sympathy may be made at kaulfuneralhome.com. In lieu

of flowers, donations may be made to the The V Foundation for Cancer Research, bit.ly/3HAFS16.

### Michael Satmary

Michael Satmary died peacefully at home Thursday, Jan. 6, 2022, with his wife and cat by his side, from complications of a stroke he suffered in 2014.

Michael was born May 8, 1948, in Petoskey. When he was 2, his family moved to Grosse Pointe Woods, where he lived the remainder of his life.

Michael graduated from Grosse Pointe High School in 1966. He majored in history and earned a bachelor’s degree from Wayne State University. He taught history before finding his passion in design and decorating, developing a successful career until he retired in 2010.

Michael loved to travel, cook and entertain his family and friends in the home he shared with his wife, Nancy. He met Nancy, the love of his life, at church in 1994. They married in 1996.

Church was the primary focus of Michael’s life. He and Nancy began attending St. Sabbas Orthodox Monastery in 2005. Michael became an essential part of the monastery, working closely with Father Archimandrite Pachomy, the Abbot of St. Sabbas.

Michael is survived by his beloved wife, Nancy; daughter, Charlotte; cat, Misha; sisters, Cindy and Laura; nieces and nephews, Jennifer (Terry), Lynda, Jimmy (Erica), Dana (Grant) and Tanner; sister-in-law, Marianna (Kyle), and nieces and nephew, Jillian, Julia and John. He also is survived by many godchildren, great-nieces and great-nephews. He will be greatly missed.

A funeral service took place Jan. 12, at St. Sabbas Monastery. He was buried at Greenwood Cemetery in Petsokay.



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John Hoxley Fildew II

Lifelong Grosse Pointe Park resident John Hoxley Fildew II, 88, passed away Monday, Jan. 31, 2022.

A loving husband and father of three, John was born Nov. 21, 1933, in Detroit. He graduated from Grosse Pointe High School, “The High,” and earned Bachelor of Arts and Juris Doctor degrees — both with distinction — from the University of Michigan.

After serving at the Pentagon in the U.S. Army JAG Corps, John returned home to work with his father in the family law firm, now known as Fildew, Hinks PLLC. John practiced law there more than 50 years. In addition, he enjoyed serving his community as a councilman, city attorney and in other appointed and voluntary positions for many years.

In 1963, he married the love of his life, Helen Lloyd Fildew, a Latin teacher. They enjoyed travel, reading and classical music, holding season tickets at the Detroit Symphony Orchestra for five decades. They had a close group of lifetime friends who socialized together regularly. One of their great pleasures was their cottage on Lake Huron, where John enjoyed sailing, fishing with his children and grandchildren, and the company of his siblings, cousins and neighbors.

He was a lifetime member of the Detroit Athletic Club. An avid runner, John ran several marathons, including the 100th Boston Marathon, and numerous other races around the state of Michigan. He replaced



John Hoxley Fildew II

running with walking in his last few years.

A classic gentleman, John’s priority always was his family. He was an involved father, serving as a Boy Scout leader, always on hand to watch his children’s sporting and musical events, take them camping and teach them to sail. John delighted in genealogy and family history, traveling to England in the course of his research.

He was predeceased by his parents, Stanley and Ruth Fildew; sister, Janet Harvey; brother, William Fildew; sister-in-law, Marjorie Lloyd; and brother-in-law, Carl Kaltwasser. He is survived by his wife, Helen; sister, Patricia Kaltwasser; children, Stanley Fildew II (Kelley), Anne Grobel (Ian) and Mary Fildew; grandchildren, Jacob, Peter, Mary, Helena, Matthew and Isabelle; and 10 nieces and nephews and many cousins.

A funeral service takes place at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, at Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms. In lieu of flowers, consider a donation to the Grosse Pointe Park Foundation, 15115 E. Jefferson Ave., Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230, or [cityclerk@grossepointepark.org](mailto:cityclerk@grossepointepark.org); or the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, [friends@dso.org](mailto:friends@dso.org).

Park issues LEGO Challenge

Grosse Pointe Park has issued a challenge to all of its amateur block builders.

The LEGO Challenge seeks the most creatively built, custom LEGO vehicles. Boxed LEGO sets will not be allowed for this challenge.

Participants will compete in different age divisions — 3 to 5, 6 to 8, 9 to 12, and 13 or older. The top two places in each division will earn prizes.

Entries are accepted through Monday, Feb. 28, by emailing a photo of each custom submission to Chad at [craigc@grossepointepark.org](mailto:craigc@grossepointepark.org). Full name, photo, phone number and age are required.

Photos will be posted on the City of GPP Facebook page for voting. All participants are asked to refrain from mentioning which entry is theirs.

Entry into the challenge is free.

Craig to address Republican Club next Tuesday

Former Detroit police chief James Craig will speak Tuesday, Feb. 15, to the Eastside Republican Club Forum at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

“Chief Craig spoke to the ERC during his service as chief of police. He was very well received and generated many requests for a return visit,” said ERC chairwoman Marie Hackleman in advance of the meeting. “We are excited to hear from him again in his new role as a GOP candidate for governor.”

Forum doors open at 7 p.m. for a coffee and cookie reception prior to the meeting. The event is open to the public at no charge. Those interested in the Michigan gubernatorial race and learning more about the candidates are invited.

Hackleman noted that

Craig is unapologetically pro-life and, due to his career in law enforcement, is a strong proponent of law-abiding citizens having the right to protect themselves. Craig believes in requiring voter ID and that an election audit is necessary to restore faith in the election process.

As a candidate for governor, the native Detroiter promises to bring his message to areas that haven’t traditionally voted Republican.

Craig graduated from Cass Technical High School and first joined the Detroit Police Department in 1977. In 1981, he went to Los Angeles where he worked for the LAPD nearly three decades. He served from 2009 to 2011 as chief of the Portland Police Department in Maine. From 2011 to 2013, Craig served as



COURTESY PHOTO

Former Detroit police chief James Craig will address the Eastside Republican Club Forum Feb. 15.

chief of the Cincinnati Police Department. During his tenure in Cincinnati, the crime rate was its lowest since 2000.

Craig returned to Detroit to become chief of the DPD in 2013, where he served until

retiring last year.

The Eastside Republican Club Forum meets the third Tuesday each month from September through May at The War Memorial. Admission is free and the public is welcome.

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

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

◆ Beginning Your Family Genealogy, 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 16, with instructor Derek Blount, a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists. The program is free for members, \$5 for nonmembers.

◆ Watch “The Bridge on the River Kwai” at 12:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 25. Cost is \$2 for members, \$3 for nonmembers, and includes snacks and the movie.

Sunrise Rotary

The Grosse Pointe Sunrise Rotary Club hosts its next meeting at 7 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 15, at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House Visitor Center. The speaker is Kelli Dobner of Samaritas. Guests are welcome.

Chamber

The Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce presents its Business After Hours event from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 15, at The Whiskey

Six, 646 St. Clair, City of Grosse Pointe.

Rotary

The Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe hosts its next meeting at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 16. John C. Mozena presents “How to Grow an Economy: Lessons from Watching it Done Wrong.” Visit [grossepointerotary.org](http://grossepointerotary.org) for information. Those who wish to join the meeting via Zoom should email [grossepointerotary@gmail.com](mailto:grossepointerotary@gmail.com).

Blood drives

The American Red Cross hosts the following blood drives:

◆ 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 16, Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms.

◆ 1 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 16, Jefferson Masonic Lodge No. 553, 22000 E. 11 Mile, St. Clair Shores.

◆ 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 17, The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

◆ 1 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 1, Tompkins Community Center, 14920 Windmill Pointe Park, Grosse Pointe Park.

Register online at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.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](http://grossepointeartcenter.org).

The GPAA’s next Your Old Mansion lecture takes place Sunday, Feb. 27, and features Jefferson East CEO Josh Elling, who will discuss progress in the Jefferson Chalmers neighborhood, including the future of the Vanity Ballroom. For tickets, visit [grossepointeartcenter.org](http://grossepointeartcenter.org).

Men’s Club

The Grosse Pointe Men’s Club hosts its next lunch meeting at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 22. Lawrence J. Burns, president and CEO of The Children’s Foundation, speaks. To reserve a seat, call (313) 550-9661 or (313) 720-4310.

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](mailto: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](http://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.

CHURCH EVENTS

St. Michael’s

St. Michael’s Episcopal Church, 20475 Sunningdale Park, Grosse Pointe Woods, has canceled its Feb. 17 Lunch, Laugh and Learn

program, due to the increase in COVID-19 illnesses.

More information about its March 17 program is forthcoming. Call (313) 884-4820.

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# LIFE & ENTERTAINMENT

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## ‘Last Ice’ photography, sculpture outdoor exhibit opens at Ford House



“Lake St. Clair Fisherman” by Amy Sacka.

### Show features Detroit-based artists

The icy beauty of the Ford House estate grounds makes a stunning backdrop for “Last Ice,” an exhibition of photography and sculpture exploring the Great Lakes ice culture. “Last Ice: Amy Sacka and Scott Hocking with Michael McGillis” opens Sunday, Feb. 13, and includes large photographs and a sculpture focusing on ice fishing and the winter beauty of frozen lakes. Amy Sacka, a Detroit-based photojournalist, has been photographing Great Lakes ice and cultural traditions since 2016, including for National Geographic. Ford House will show her works installed outdoors, with the estate grounds and

Lake St. Clair as the “gallery.” The exhibition also will feature “Detroit Ice Shanty,” a sculpture by Detroit-based artists Scott Hocking and Michael McGillis, who created their own version of these portable fishing sheds using Detroit-based materials and ingenuity. With Ford House situated along the Lake St. Clair shoreline, the estate offers a front-row seat to the effects of climate change on ice cover on the lake, said Sheila Ruen, director of education at Ford House. “By bringing these artists to Ford House, we hope to help spark a discussion on the importance of ice on the lake

and the impact of climate change on our region’s culture and economy,” Ruen said. “Generations of families, including Edsel and Eleanor Ford and their children, have enjoyed the sublime beauty and peace of our frozen lakes. Shortened winter seasons mean many are feeling a sense of loss and displacement.” To see the exhibition, visit Ford House between Feb. 13 and March 27. Entry is included with admission to Ford House, whether visiting for a walk, tour, dining or other event. A grounds pass is \$5 for adults, free for children age 5 and younger. Ford House is open Tuesdays through Sundays. Ford House is hosting a



Above, Amy Sacka. Left, Scott Hocking, Michael McGillis and “Detroit Ice Shanty.”

STEM learning and fun, is meant for all ages. Admission is \$5 and includes snowshoeing demonstrations, campfires, science activities, story times and more. In addition, Gretchen Dorian’s ongoing exhibition of iceboat racing photography, “Sailing on Ice,” will continue to be on display in the Teague Gallery inside the Visitor Center through Thursday, March 27. Ford House requires that visitors wear masks inside all buildings, regardless of vaccination status. For more information, visit [fordhouse.org](http://fordhouse.org) or call (313) 884-4222.

free, outdoor opening reception at 2 p.m. Feb. 13, on the estate grounds. Space is limited and tickets are required. Find tickets at [fordhouse.org](http://fordhouse.org). Additionally, Sacka will speak at Ford House at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 24. It is free, but advance tickets are required. Space is limited to allow for social distancing. Find tickets at [fordhouse.org](http://fordhouse.org). In conjunction with the exhibition, Ford House presents a celebration of winter on the lakeshore from noon to 4 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 24. Its “Ice & Snow Fest,” a day of

### ASK THE EXPERTS By Kenneth Meisel, LMSW

## Celebrating a partner this Valentine’s Day

**Q: How can I best celebrate my partner on Valentine’s Day?**  
A: Such a good question! Valentine’s Day as we know it came to be associated with romantic love, first, through Chaucer’s poems and, later, through the romantic poets. Why is this significant to us? Well, because in modern times we see Valentine’s Day in a ceremonial light; we are invited to ceremonialize and/or celebrate love. When two celebrate their love, they are renewed again as fresh, vital, young, alive. Most of the people I work with tell me directly or indirectly they want their partner to delight them in some way or another on Valentine’s Day. What does delight, in this context, mean? And why is it important? The etymology of the word “delight,” from the old Latin “delectare,” means “to allure, charm, please and entice with a high degree of pleasure or satisfaction.” Those are juicy words! Therefore, when we contextualize Valentine’s Day as a ceremony of celebration for our loved one, we are invited to create a celebratory way to delight our partner. This can take the form of personalized gift-giving, romantic dinners or surprise experiences that produce delight. Delight experiences are sensory, novel, joy-renewing, spontaneous, surprising or just plain fun. They

enliven us. They are interactive and produce mutual joy. What matters is that we intentionally produce an experience of delight, which is an alluring, charming, pleasing or enticing experience for our partner. This takes foresight, generosity, sweetness, playfulness, intentionality and planning. Delight experiences are like higher-octane fuel experiences: They revive romantic enthusiasm. Lovers need this! Why? Well, when we delight our partner, we signify them again; we celebrate the truth that they are special to us. Delight experiences create hope in us and that hope, in turn, helps us to risk for joy again. Romantic relationships thrive in this kind of fuel. Kenneth Meisel, LMSW, is a psychotherapist in private practice in St. Clair Shores with more than 30 years of experience in the provision of individual, marital and family therapy. He also is a Kresge Arts Literary Fellow in poetry, has had nine books of poetry published and has lectured on the neurobiology and psychology of creativity. He can be reached at (586) 774-9303. The Family Center provides free programs and resources that empower families to successfully navigate life’s social, emotional and physical challenges. Learn more at [familycenterweb.org](http://familycenterweb.org).

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# The Science Advice Goddess

by Amy Alkon

## Silence of the ma’ams

*My girlfriends and I were out for drinks. One was talking about her bad day at work and how she found herself apologizing to her boss (though she wasn't at fault). The conversation turned to how women are constantly saying "I'm sorry" to everyone: boyfriends, parents, strangers at the supermarket. I even apologized to the bartender at one point! Why do women seem to sheepishly apologize, often for no reason?*  
— Not Sorry

The value of “I’m sorry” gets seriously watered down when it covers everything from plowing your SUV into somebody’s living room to yooheeing the waitress: “Sorry, but could I get a fork?” Because an apology is an admission that we’ve wronged somebody, the “pre-crime” weenie-ism above seems to make no sense. It’s not like the waitress was hired to read gripping crime novels, and how dare you tear her away from finding out

who the real killer is when you could just eat your polenta with your hands? However, “sorry” isn’t always an acknowledgment of “I did something awful to you.” Sometimes it’s a preemptive measure: “Don’t do anything awful to me.” Psychologist Joyce Benenson explains that women, across cultures, are prone to take this precautionary approach -- basically the verbal version of walking on eggshells -- in hopes of averting social and physical conflict and avoiding retaliation. Girls and women use more tentative, hedged, wedgy language, front-loading even the most innocuous requests with meek speak like “I normally wouldn’t ask” and “I hate to bother you.” “Numerous studies have shown that girls and women use polite speech much more than boys and men,” notes Benenson. Women also use more speech “softeners”: weasel phrases like “In my opin-

ion” and “To be honest” and apologies taken to absurd extremes: “I’m sorry, but would you mind not standing on my foot?” Because boys and men tend to be direct, women’s mealy-mouthed is -- unfairly -- stigmatized as a defect. Benenson explains that men and women evolved to have different roles and motivations (in line with their differing physiologies) in order “to ensure the survival of their children to adulthood.” For example, males, from boyhood on, specialize in defense: fighting the enemy and protecting the baby-makers of the species. Now, maybe you’re thinking, “Hello? It’s 2022, and dudes are trotting off to Techbroland with an iPad, not a spear.” Well, yeah. Unfortunately, they -- and all of us -- are stuck with an outdated psychological operating system. As evolutionary psychologists Leda Cosmides and John Tooby put it: “Our modern skulls house a Stone Age mind” with “Stone Age

priorities” -- meaning perfect, right now in 2022, for solving our hunter-gatherer ancestors’ mating and survival problems and often a mismatch with the realities of our lives today. Accordingly, women’s duck-‘n’-cower deferential politeness, including promiscuous apologizing, seems to be a survival tactic -- one that, from ancestral times on, shaped female emotions (which drive behavior). “Politeness, as ... subordinate apes know well,” reduces interpersonal conflicts and “diminishes the chances” of being injured or killed, observes Benenson. “It is no accident ... that women have greater levels of nonverbal and verbal politeness than men.” Benenson is alluding to psychologist Anne Campbell’s “staying alive” theory. Campbell, researching sex differences in assertiveness, explains that ancestral women, vastly more than ancestral men, were critical to children’s survival. Women seem to

have evolved to fear physical harm from “risky confrontations,” which could jeopardize their ability to have children or feed and care for the ones already dropping their Legos all over the floor of the cave. Ancestral women who survived to pass on their genes (and the psychology built into them) to women living today were likely those who opted for low-risk ways of going for what they want: using hints, hedges, and manipulation instead of assertive direct “asks.” Whether a woman is a mother or plans to be is immaterial: “Even if a woman never has a child, she still sees the world through a different lens than a man,” observes Benenson. That said, a propensity to behave a certain way is not a mandate. Knowing you’ve got the female emotions software package, you might pre-plan to be more direct: Practice asking for what you want plainly, without apologetic airbags, and then do it: both in conversation and by pruning the “Excuse me for existing”-speak from your texts and emails before you send them.



Be prepared to backslide, and by “be prepared,” I mean maybe choose to laugh. To be human is to be fallible, and habits -- especially those going back billions of years in human evolution -- have deep roots. Eventually, however, asserting yourself should become more of a norm for you. Chances are this will amp up your self-respect as well as others’ respect for you -- probably because being around you no longer feels like being beaten to death with an olive branch. Got a problem? Write Amy Alkon, 171 Pier Ave, #280, Santa Monica, CA 90405, or e-mail AdviceAmy@aol.com. @amyalkon on Twitter. Weekly podcast: blogtalkradio.com/amyalkon. (c)2022, Amy Alkon, all rights reserved.

## Bad business etiquette loses Interview

**Q:** A company called to schedule an interview with me and I accepted the time. Something came up last minute, so I called to change the time. I got the person’s voice mail so I kind of left a long message explaining I wanted to change the interview time and I apologized several times.



I got a call back that day that it could not be rescheduled because mine was on the last day for interviewing, so I had to take it or leave it. I could not take the interview date, but I did not think it would be good to give my reason since I was not ill or anything of that nature.

I wanted the job, but I really could not meet on the date offered. I’m 23 and not experienced in this, but I think if the company wanted to interview me, a day later would not have made a difference. Don’t you think this is unreasonable?

**Q:** In your situation, the interviewer is not unreasonable. You are in your early 20s and just starting on your career path. The hiring manager liked your background, but he or she also liked the backgrounds of all the other interviewees. After a couple of years working, your resume is likely equal to the others being considered. You originally accepted the interview time offered to you. Unless you have taken ill or discovered you have to attend a family funeral that day, most interviewers will not

extend the interview deadline for you. When conducting a discreet job search while working, most potential employers will understand your time restrictions and agree to interview after work hours. If you accept a new job, your current employer will appreciate knowing you did not lie to get time off during work hours to meet with a potential employer. For example, one young woman told her boss she needed only a few hours off to pick up her friend at the airport because she didn’t want her friend who was visiting her to have to pay for the ride to her apartment. She apparently thought it sounded reasonable, but she could have remained at work and reimbursed her friend when she met up with her later that evening. Yes, there are exceptions for high-level employees. An executive or a highly sought professional would not have been told that was

the only time available. But you are still in the learning stages and beginning your career. Until you gain several years of solid experience, you will have to prove yourself to employers. Business etiquette has become more lax than it was years ago, such as employees on most levels are on a first-name basis with one another. Business casual and casual dress is accepted at many companies, sometimes even expected. Time clocks are becoming a thing of the past, except when working in a union or for an exceptionally large or rigid work environment. Additionally, bosses in casual company cultures do not tightly control personal time once they know their employees. But as an interviewee, you are a stranger. You have yet to prove your worth, or even the information on your resume. Most employees new to the workforce worry about advancing their knowl-

## At Work

by Lindsey Novak



edge, but learning soft skills and business etiquette will be critical for your success. Reading such books is an investment in time, but is a worthy investment. When choosing a business book, despite the numerous self-publishing efforts, some established business publishers have stricter standards is accepting material. “Excuse Me: The Survival Guide to Modern Business Etiquette” by Roseanne J. Thomas, founder and president of an international protocol training company, offers advice from the simple, common sense intelligence all should have but don’t, to the technical and practical information learned through many years of working. Thomas briefs workers

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## Longtime friend brings others along on outings

**DEAR ABBY:** I have a friend, “Tara,” I have known for a long time. Early in our friendship when we made plans, she would bring her boyfriend along (without asking or

telling me she was). When she began dating her now-husband, it continued. I did grow to like him and appreciated the chance to get to know him, but I thought it

could have been handled better (a planned event where we all hung out occasionally, not her dragging him along to everything we had planned together).

She’s married now, and a mother, and now every time we hang out, she brings along her rambunctious 6-year-old. Tara’s mother is older and lives with her, and



## Dear Abby

by Abigail Van Buren

sometimes she comes along with them. I’m the boy’s godmother (we are close, he calls me Auntie and I love him dearly) but that doesn’t mean I don’t want some alone time with Tara. The child is not well-behaved, so taking him out in public isn’t always pleasant or easy. I am a planner. I dislike getting railroaded with babysitting when I’m anticipating a fun girls’ day out. Tara usually waits until right before we’re getting together to say he’s coming, changes our plans or waits until she’s on the way and says, “I hope it’s OK ‘Bobby’ is coming with me.” I find it rude and disrespectful of

me and our time together. I hate to lose a longtime friend, but I never know what I’m getting with her and am now hesitant to make plans with her. What would you do in this situation? -- SIMMERING IN SOUTH CAROLINA **DEAR SIMMERING:** I would tell my friend that once in a while I don’t mind an occasional change of plans, but when I have “a fun girls’ day out” planned with her, I don’t appreciate what she has been doing. Your feelings are valid. COPYRIGHT 2022 ANDREWS MCMEEL SYNDICATION



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# Retro game day snacks

## Courtesy of Mombeau’s Table

Cocktail meatballs with chili sauce and grape jelly may seem like an odd combination. But, one bite and you will absolutely understand that they are a match made in heaven.

This recipe comes from The Key to Kappa Cookery cookbook that I bought in The League Shop back in 2000. It was put together by the Detroit East Suburban Alumni Association of Kappa Kappa Gamma.

The cookbook includes recipes from home cooks around Grosse Pointe and was first published in 1971. There are so many treasures in this book.

I would have made my own meatballs but instead, I bought a bag of 52 frozen meatballs for

\$6.99 at Village Food. And they’re great.

You literally dump everything into a crock pot, stir and let heat up. Browning meatballs can destroy your stove top. Why make things difficult?

The second game day snack is the quintessential cheese ball. This recipe has been passed down in our family for three generations.

Legend has it that the cheese ball was invented by a farmer in Massachusetts in 1801.

It took off in the 1940’s when women started having modest gatherings during the war. Amy Sedaris and her brother David even wrote a play on a woman famous for her smoky

cheese balls. Your food processor does the majority of the work and it’s the most versatile recipe out there. Add anything. Just make sure it has texture, some herbs and lots of cheese. This is my favorite way.

**Classic Cocktail Meatballs**

1 pkg of frozen meatballs

1 12 oz bottle of chili sauce

1 10 oz jar of grape jelly

Add all ingredients to your crockpot and cook on low for 2 hours, stirring halfway through. Serve with toothpicks.

**Blue Cheese and Bacon Cheese Ball**

8 oz package of softened cream cheese

4 oz blue cheese

1 cup of grated cheddar

4 slices of bacon

2 tbsp chopped chives

2/3 cup of chopped pecans

Begin by cooking the bacon in a skillet and chopping it into small bits. Next, in the bowl of a food processor, add the cream cheese and blue cheese.

Pulse together until combined. Add the



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mixture to a mixing bowl and gently fold in the bacon, cheddar and chives. Using a sheet of saran wrap, shape the cheese into a ball and set in the fridge for at least an hour to harden. Roll the mixture in the chopped pecans and serve with plenty of hearty crackers and grapes.

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Spanish wines have a type and style for every kind of food. Some of the most food friendly wines come from this country known for its varied and delicious cuisine. From the classic tapas and dry Sherry, Albariño and shellfish, to the famous Jamon Iberico, that is equally tasty with a soft older Rioja, or a bracing Cava.

Wines available on February 15 through the end of the month. If you are running late, please contact us if you would like us to set the club selections aside for you.

**This Month’s 6 for 70**

These wines have a retail value of 14-18 dollars and represent exceptional value.

The wines are:

**Bodegas Borsao Cabriola**

55% Garnacha, 39% Syrah, 6% Mazuela from mountain vineyards in the Campo de Borja region.

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**Bodegas Ego Goru Verde Monastrell**

Black cherry with purple violet hues. Clean, fragrant with a bouquet of spices, violets and blueberries. Smooth texture, with savoury red fruits, soft and round tannins, well balanced acidity and a pure finish.

Recommended with Mediterranean salads, pasta, white meat fish, varied cheeses, appetizers. An organic offering from a great winemaker in Jumilla

**Shaya Verdejo**

Limpid straw. Highly perfumed lemon pith, pear and quince scents show a subtle floral nuance in the background. Dry and incisive in the mouth, offering lively citrus and orchard fruit flavors that gain weight with aeration. The taut, persistent finish repeats the floral note and shows bright clarity. On the nose it displays toasty baking spices, nutmeg, spring flowers, marzipan, and pit fruits. The partial oak and lees aging gives this Verdejo additional roundness, complexity, and length. Dry-farmed, no pesticides or herbicides, hand-harvested, Vegan.

**Mont Marcal Cava Reserva**

The 2016 Mont Marcal is gunning for California Sparklers. Fuller in style with a bit more yeast flavors than usual. Toast, apple, and hints of Anjou pear are pronounced on the palate. The bubbles are lively and medium in size, but they don’t overtake the flavors. Instead, they add to it. The acidity is bright, but again doesn’t overwhelm. This sparkler would be perfect with bacon wrapped scallops.

**Lurbira Garnacha by Bodega Beramendi**

Lurbira in the ancient Basque pantheon was the “Mother Goddess of the Earth”. Bodegas Beramendi is Female owned and operated. This natural red wine from Spain is a collaboration between the importer and a small, organic family estate in Navarra. 100% Garnacha. Aged in steel. Juicy and medium-bodied, with notes of ripe black cherry, plum, and hints of peppery spice. A great grilling red!

**This month’s 3 for 70**

These wines are chosen for their fine quality and innovation. They are valued at 25-32 dollars. A chance to try something a bit different at a great price.

The wines are:

**Alto Moncayo Veraton Garnacha**

The third wine we produce from the Garnacha grape, from vines between 30 and 50 years old, and aged in barrels for 16 months. It is a wine with an attractive collection of balsamic notes, of chocolate and black fruits, very warm in the mouth and an extremely pleasant finish.

Brilliant purple. Intensely perfumed, spice-tinged black and blue fruits, vanilla, candied flowers and cola on the nose, along with a smoky element that builds with air. Broad and fleshy on entry, offering juicy cherry cola, blueberry and mocha flavors sharpened by a jolt of spicy white pepper. Strongly echoes the blue fruit and spice notes on the very long, focused finish, which features lingering floral and mineral flourishes. Vinous 93 Points.

**Leirana Albarino**

This is a wine that is unmistakably maritime.

Using almost forgotten minimal intervention techniques learned through generational viticultural knowledge, Rodri recreates the Albariño of yesteryear. This is a wine of power, elegance and salinity that can truly stand among the best white wines of the world. Naturally occurring fermentation with its own yeast. Aged in 80% stainless, 20% neutral foudre. No malolactic fermentation. The salinity of Leirana makes it a natural pair for scallops, oysters and shellfish of all kinds, as well as the classic octopus dish, pulpo gallego.

**Clos Figueroa Serras Del Priorat**

A blend of Garnacha, Samso (Carignan), Cabernet Sauvignon and Syrah it is fermented in tank and then aged in 500L used French oak barrels. This wine has always been considered the “entry level” offering for Clos Figueras, a brighter fresher interpretation of the region. This is an unadorned expression of Gratallops. This wine has everything you could want

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from Priorat; great aromatics mixed berries, wild mediterranean herbs, spice and that earthy mineral drive from the llicorella soils. The used oak speaks volumes for what it does to the wine and for what it does not impart. It is full, the tannins are supple, there is fresh acid and a very long finish. This is a perfect point of entry into this amazing wine region. Wonderful aromas of crushed blackberries, licorice, tar and bark follow to a full body with round, chewy tannins and fantastic depth of fruit and intensity. Needs time to come together, but so structured. Try after 2022.

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THE BIG GAME

# SUPER MEMORIES

## Pointer continues to make Super Bowl history

By Mike Adzima  
Sports Writer

This Sunday marks the 56th edition of the Super Bowl. It also will be the 56th Super Bowl that famous sports journalist and longtime Grosse Pointe Jerry Green plans to attend. Covering the Super Bowl as a writer since the days when it was known as the AFL vs. NFL Championship Game, the big game has become synonymous with Green's career as a writer.

Long before Green started attending the Super Bowl or became a member of the Pro Football Hall of Fame, he was just a kid with a dream that many other children have at some point. Green grew up with a love for sports, particularly baseball, as well as a love for reading about his favorite teams in the newspapers. Once he realized he might not have the athletic skill to one day make it to the big leagues, Green knew his calling was to combine his two passions.

"I loved baseball and wanted to be a ballplayer as a kid, but I couldn't hit the curveball," Green said. "I loved newspapers and reading about the teams, so I combined the two things — sports and the newspaper — and I just decided to become a journalist."

During his college days, Green attended Brown University and earned a graduate degree from Boston University. He joined the U.S. Navy after college and was in the service until 1956. After that, Green was on the hunt for a job to begin his career as a journalist.

Green got his first job working for the Associated Press in Ann Arbor and covered several areas, most notably University of Michigan football. He later moved to the AP's Detroit bureau and became the Michigan sports editor in 1961. His move to the Detroit bureau also brought Green to Grosse Pointe, where he has lived for decades and raised his family.

In 1963, Green left the Associated Press to begin writing for the Detroit News, where he was assigned the Lions beat writer position in 1965. His first years as the Lions writer also saw the beginnings of the NFL-AFL merger and the idea of a championship game between the two leagues.

"The phone rang around 9 at night and it was the Detroit News calling, saying I had to come into the office because the leagues had merged

and one of the conditions made was that there would be a championship game between the champions of the AFL and NFL," Green said. "So then as the Lions beat writer, I got to go to the first Super Bowl, which was Vince Lombardi's victory over the Kansas City Chiefs. I just kept on covering it and covering it."

It has been nearly 20 years since Green retired from writing full time for the Detroit News in 2004. Even in retirement, Green gets to continue his tradition of attending and covering the Super Bowl, something he is grateful to be able to do each and every year.

"When I retired from the Detroit News, I was asked by the paper to continue covering Super Bowls if I wanted," he said. "It was something I was about to ask and I didn't have to because they asked me."

Continuing to cover the game in retirement also gave Green the treat of getting to see what he considers the best game in Super Bowl history. He has gotten to see plenty of historic moments and plays firsthand in more than 50 years of covering the game. However, Green's favorite Super Bowl he got to be a part of happened more recently than some might expect.

Super Bowl LI in 2017 will forever be remembered as the game where Tom Brady and the New England Patriots came back from a 28-3 deficit in the second half to win the game in overtime. Getting to cover that epic comeback tops the list of Green's favorite memories of the big game.

"The Patriots came back from 25 down against the Atlanta Falcons," Green said. "Brady led them on a late fourth-quarter drive and got a two-point conversion and they tied it. In overtime, the Patriots won the coin flip and Brady took them right down the field to win it."

Los Angeles is where Green plans on being Sunday to cover the game for the 56th time. The game is something he plans to attend and cover as long as he has the opportunity. That desire to keep going not only comes from a love for football, but from the special place the Super Bowl has had in Green's life for more than five decades.

"I've been a part of it since its inception," he said. "It's been an annual event for me, so I believe more than anything the Super Bowl has defined my career as a sportswriter."



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Though he officially retired in 2004, Grosse Pointe's Jerry Green has continued to cover the Super Bowl for The Detroit News each year. He has covered every one since its inception over 50 years ago.

Below, are pals Pete Waldmeir, Jerry Green, Tom Gage (all former Detroit News sports writers) along with friend Sandy MacMechan.



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# Local coaches make their game day picks

By Mike Adzima  
Sports Writer

One of the most highly anticipated dates on the American sports calendar is just a few days away. On Sunday, Feb. 13, the Los Angeles Rams and Cincinnati Bengals are set to meet in Los Angeles for this year's Super Bowl. After 18 weeks of the regular season and some of the best playoff football in history, it all comes down to this.

Former Detroit Lion Matthew Stafford leads the Rams against second-year QB Joe Burrow and the underdog Bengals. To once again bring the spectacle of the big game a bit closer to home, the head high school football coaches from around Grosse Pointe were asked to give their thoughts on who will win the game. Although they were unable to agree on a winner, they did all have one thing in common with their predictions: This game is going to be close.



Chad Hepner, head football coach at Grosse Pointe South.

Hepner said. "There have been so many really great playoff games this season, I'm hoping for a Super Bowl that comes down to the last play as well." (Stafford) played his tail off for us all those years with the Lions, so I'm happy to see him succeed. I also really like Aaron Donald and the way he plays defense."

While the coaches from Liggett and Grosse Pointe South are siding with the Rams, the Grosse Pointe North coaching staff is rooting for the underdogs. Norsemen head coach Joe Drouin also wants to see Stafford succeed, but predicts the Bengals to win 31-28 in a close matchup.

"I'm torn on this one," Drouin said. "My heart says Rams, because I want to see Stafford get a ring. Emotionally, I think Cincy will win. Those cats are young, energetic and fun to watch."

Will Lapolla and Hepner be correct and get to see Stafford finally lift the trophy? Or will Drouin's faith in Cincinnati pay off? All that is left is to watch and find out Sunday.



Matt Lapolla, head football coach at University Liggett

Two of the three coaches are going with the favorites in the game and choosing the Rams.

"I have to go Rams, probably by a field goal in overtime," University Liggett School football coach Matt Lapolla predicted. "Based on these playoffs, I think it's going to come down to who has the ball last. You've seen what LA's stadium is like where there's no home-field advantage there. But I think their defense with two weeks to plan will be able to slow down Joe Burrow and the offensive line could be an issue for Cincinnati."

Lapolla predicts a final score of 30-27 in favor of Los Angeles. His fellow coach from across town, Chad Hepner, also sees the Rams winning in a close game. The Blue Devils head coach thinks it might be bitter-sweet as a Lions fan to see Matthew Stafford win it all for another team, but wants him to get it done at the end of the day.

"I like the Rams in a close game,"



Joe Drouin, head football coach at Grosse Pointe North.



Modern-day fans of the National Football League, which is one of the most popular and most-watched sports leagues in the world, may aspire to one day see their favorite teams play in-person in the Super Bowl. While there may be nothing stopping fans' favorite teams from making the big game, fans themselves might be priced out. According to Ticketmaster®, the average price for a Super Bowl ticket in 2019 was \$3,295.



But even that figure is something of a low estimate, as tickets to Super Bowl LIII between the New England Patriots and the Los Angeles Rams were only sold in pairs, meaning tickets cost closer to \$6,590, and that's before hefty service fees were applied. For many fans, that price is simply too high. But the average fan hasn't always been priced out of attending the NFL's annual championship game.



In fact, History.com notes that the average ticket to Super Bowl I, which took place on January 15, 1967, at the Los Angeles Coliseum, was just \$12. Perhaps even more surprising to today's NFL fans? The inaugural Super Bowl did not even sell out.

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TEAM BENGALS



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rah,  
rah!

If you're a Bengals girl, Savvy Chic has looks for you, too. From the top, a sweet and warm orange and white pom hat for running around before the game. The feminine puff-sleeve quarter-zip sweatshirt is a great layer. Look very put-together with a black and white sweater, paired with jeans or black pants and boots. Go, tigress!

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Super Easy 4-Ingredient Ram Chili

**Ingredients**  
2 pounds lean (85%/15%) ground beef  
2 to 6 Tbsp chili powder  
4 cans mild or medium chili beans  
2 jars spaghetti sauce

**Instructions**  
Cook ground beef and drain.  
Combine cooked beef with remaining ingredients in a slow cooker.  
Cook on HIGH 4 to 5 hours or on LOW 8 hours.

This recipe keeps it simple so you have more game time. Or make it during the week when time is at a premium. It's hearty, yummy, and could not be easier. Add whatever fixin's you prefer and top with cheese, onions or sour cream.



Bengal Blitz Bowl Dip

**Ingredients**  
8 ounces cream cheese, softened  
1 cup sour cream  
½ cup mayo  
1 oz package ranch dressing mix  
½ tsp garlic powder  
2 cups cheddar cheese, shredded  
6 slices cooked and crumbled bacon (try microwaving between a few sheets of paper towel for a few minutes — easy and less cleanup)  
2 green onions, sliced

**Instructions**  
Mix cream cheese, sour cream, mayonnaise ranch mix and garlic powder with a mixer on medium speed. Fold in remaining ingredients. (Add some diced jalepenos or a few shakes of hot sauce if you like it spicy.) Refrigerate at least 1 hour before serving — OR bake for 20 minutes at 400 degrees until it's hot and bubbly.

Everything tastes great with this dip. Cut veggies, crackers, chips or bread are all perfect for dipping. Bread shown is from Hillside Hearth bakery. So fresh and good — this is their Rustic French flavor, made from only four ingredients — flour, water, salt and yeast. Simple and delicious!

Chili and dip recipe ingredients from Fresh Farms Market in Grosse Pointe.



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# Gambling guide to the game

By Mike Adzima  
Sports Reporter

The Super Bowl is right around the corner and betting on the big game keeps growing in popularity among adults across the country. The American Gambling Association estimates that more than 23 million adults in the United States placed a wager on last year’s football finale, with the numbers likely expected to increase this year.

With legalized sports betting in Michigan and several other states, many of those wagers could be placed right here in the Mitten. If you plan on making a bet on the game, here are some helpful tips and analyses to take into account before making your picks. Please keep in mind that odds are subject to change and always remember to gamble responsibly.

The Rams are 4.5-point favorites according to Caesars Sportsbook and most other oddsmakers. This means if you were to place a wager on the Rams, they would have to win by at least five points for your bet to count as a win. Conversely, placing a wager on the Bengals means Cincinnati could lose by less than five points and your bet would win.

When it comes to covering point spreads this season, Cincinnati actually has the advantage. Both teams have played 20 games this year in the regular season and playoffs combined. The Bengals have a 13-7 record against the spread, while Los Angeles is 10-10. Cincinnati could be considered the hotter team in the eyes of bettors as the Bengals have covered the spread in seven straight games.

Los Angeles and Cincinnati have been pretty reliable throughout the playoffs when it comes to covering spreads. The Bengals covered the spread as 4.5-point favorites against the Las Vegas Raiders in the Wild Card round. They covered the spread and won outright in their next two games as underdogs against the Tennessee Titans and Kansas City Chiefs. The Rams got the job done as 3.5-point favorites against the Arizona Cardinals in the Wild Card round. Against the Buccaneers, they won outright as three-point underdogs but failed to cover the spread as 3.5-point favorites against the 49ers in the conference championship.

Another popular bet is the over/under or total points scored in the game. The total is currently set at 48.5 points, meaning that if LA and Cincinnati combine for 49 points or more, then a wager on the over would be a winner. The Rams actually are the better team this season when it comes to hitting the over. The total has gone over in 10 of the Rams’ 20 games this season compared to just eight times for Cincinnati. Although the Bengals are on a hot streak when it comes to covering spreads, the total has gone over in just one of their last five games.

Of course, one of the best parts about betting on the big game is the prop bets that come with it. One of the most popular prop bets each year is who will be the game’s most valuable player. As usual, the quarterbacks are the two favorites for MVP, with Rams QB Matthew Stafford leading the pack at +115. Bengals QB Joe Burrow is just behind at +230.

Some of the top non-quarterback choices for MVP are the top wide receivers from

each team. LA’s Cooper Kupp is +550. Kupp has been the most dominant receiver in the league all season, tallying 1,947 receiving yards during the regular season, the second-most ever in a single season in NFL history. Bengals’ rookie receiver sensation Ja’Marr Chase is +2200 to be the game MVP. Chase put together one of the most impressive campaigns by a rookie receiver ever in 2021 — and even in these playoffs — becoming the youngest player to ever have multiple 100-yard receiving games in a single postseason.

Another popular option when it comes to MVP of the big game is Rams defensive lineman Aaron Donald. A three-time winner of the Defensive Player of the Year Award, Donald has been one of the most dominant defensive figures in the league for almost a decade. Donald is 11th in the league this year in QB pressures and eighth in sacks with 12.5.

He faces a favorable matchup in this game against a Bengals offensive line that is considered one of the weakest in football and allowed Burrow to be sacked 51 times this year, the most of any QB in the league. This also makes fellow Rams defender Von Miller a dark horse for MVP as well at +5000. Miller was named the MVP of Super Bowl 50 while playing for the Denver Broncos. In that game, he recorded 2.5 sacks and forced two fumbles.

Those are just some of the many bets that can be placed on this year’s big game. For more, check out our Super Bowl party props sheet. Once again, remember to always gamble responsibly. Best of luck and enjoy the game!



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## BIG GAME Party Props

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Please circle your answers

How long will it take to sing the national anthem?	Under 2:00	OR	Over 2:00
Which team will receive the opening kickoff?	Rams	OR	Bengals
The first play of the game will be:	Run	OR	Pass
Will the game be tied again after 0-0	Yes	OR	No
Matthew Stafford’s first pass will be (INT= incomplete):	Complete	OR	Incomplete
Joe Burrow’s first pass will be (INT = incomplete):	Complete	OR	Incomplete
Which team will score first?	Rams	OR	Bengals
Which team will commit the game’s first accepted penalty?	Rams	OR	Bengals
The jersey number of the first player to score a touchdown will be:	Odd #	OR	Even #
Which team will call a timeout first?	Rams	OR	Bengals
How many yards will the game’s longest touchdown be?	Under 42.5	OR	Over 42.5
Which team will record the game’s first sack?	Rams	OR	Bengals
How many yards will the game’s longest field goal be?	Under 47.5	OR	Over 47.5
Will there be an onside kick attempt in the game?	Yes	OR	No
How many total field goals will be made in the game?	Under 3.5	OR	Over 3.5
How many passing yards will Matthew Stafford throw for?	Under 275.5	OR	Over 275.5
How many passing yards will Joe Burrow throw for?	Under 275.5	OR	Over 275.5
Will either team score in the first 5 minutes of the game?	Yes	OR	No
How many touchdowns will there be in the game?	Under 6.5	OR	Over 6.5
Which team will score last?	Rams	OR	Bengals

Which team will win the game? RAMS OR BENGALS

TIE BREAKER: Total number of combined points (without going over): \_\_\_\_\_



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WEATHER UPDATE	FUMBLE	COACH YELLING	CLOSE-UP OF CUTE KID	RUSHING TD
AFC FIELD GOAL	CAR AD	<div>FREE SPACE</div>	SPECIAL TEAMS TD	FAST FOOD AD
JUMP OVER PLAYER	TD DANCE	UNRULY FAN	35+ YARD PASS	PUNT
WEB/TECH AD	TOUCH-DOWN	AD THAT MAKES YOU CRY	PLAY CHALLENGED	GATORADE SHOWER

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Use the card at left as you watch the game, to mark what you see on the field, in the stands and in between.

Great for the kids or to play as a family.

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Have fun and enjoy the big game!

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USE THIS HANDY SHEET FOR YOUR OWN BIG GAME "SQUARES" ACTION!



# Let it snow, let it snow

Last weeks winter storm made for some winter fun for pets, kids and adults of all ages.



Cameron Janutol is pulled on a sled down the sidewalk by Barkley and Midas, Katie Vishey’s golden retrievers.

PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT



Lily Janutol pretends she is the Statue of Liberty on top of a snow hill.



Cameron Janutol, Lily Janutol and Hunter Lewis pack snow on a hill while Salvatore and Luciano Strasz slide down it.



Mackenzie Sisk and Molly Howard started to use snow block molds to make a fort, but they ended up having more fun crushing the snow in the block form.



Luciano Strasz shovels snow onto the hill to make it bigger.



Lily Janutol slides down the hill she and her friends made.



Salvatore Strasz is pulled on the sled by Cameron Janutol.

# EVENTS

Things to do in and around Grosse Pointe this week

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10

- » **Cocktails by Candlelight**  
The War Memorial, 6:30 p.m.  
32 Lake Shore Drive.
- » **Coding with Boomer**  
Zoom, 4:15-5:15 p.m.  
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- » **Corrado Parducci, Architectural Sculptor**  
Ewald Branch, 7-8 p.m.  
Free.  
10 Kercheval Avenue.
- » **Detroit Pistons vs. Memphis Grizzlies**  
Little Caesars Arena, 7 p.m.  
2645 Woodward.
- » **Disney Presents The Lion King (Touring)**  
Detroit Opera House, 7:30 p.m.  
1526 Broadway St.
- » **Family Fun Enrollment Fair at Grosse Pointe Academy!**  
171 Lake Shore Rd, 6-8 p.m.
- » **Horror/Thriller Book Club**  
Zoom, 1-2 p.m.  
grossepointelibrary.org
- » **The Marshall Tucker Band 50th Anniversary Tour**  
Fox Theatre, 7:30 p.m.  
2211 Woodward Ave.
- » **Scotty McCreery**  
The Fillmore Detroit, 6:30 p.m.  
2115 Woodward Ave.
- » **Storytime with Miss Jane**  
Zoom, 10:30-11 a.m.  
grossepointelibrary.org

- » **Sweet Treat: No Bake Cheesecake Demonstration**  
Zoom, 7-8 p.m.  
grossepointelibrary.org
- » **Teen Advisory Board**  
Zoom, 3:30-4:30 p.m.  
grossepointelibrary.org

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11

- » **Detroit Pistons vs. Charlotte Hornets**  
Little Caesars Arena, 7 p.m.  
2645 Woodward.
- » **Digital Marketing Strategies For Small Businesses**  
Greektown Casino Hotel, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.  
Free.  
9009 SE Adams St #1911.
- » **Disney Presents The Lion King (Touring)**  
Detroit Opera House, 7:30 p.m.  
1526 Broadway St.
- » **Illusionist Rick Thomas**  
Music Hall Center, 8 p.m.  
350 Madison.
- » **Hippie Sabotage**  
The Fillmore Detroit, 7 p.m.  
2115 Woodward Ave.
- » **Mike Epps**  
Fox Theatre, 7 p.m.  
2211 Woodward Ave.
- » **Niko Moon - The Good Time Tour**  
Saint Andrew’s Hall, 7 p.m.  
431 E Congress St.

- » **No Remorse Comedy Tour**  
Fox Theatre, 7 p.m.  
2211 Woodward Ave.
- » **Russian National Ballet Theatre "Cinderella"**  
Music Hall Center, 8 p.m.  
350 Madison.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12

- » **70's Love Jam**  
Fox Theatre, 7 p.m.  
2211 Woodward Ave.
- » **Archery: Try-It**  
Outdoor Adventure Center, 2:30 p.m.  
1801 Atwater Street.
- » **Autophysiopsyche Music Millennium: Afrofuturism & Detroit**  
Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, 11 a.m.-7 p.m.  
315 E Warren Ave.
- » **The Casualties, Stolen Wheelchairs**  
The Sanctuary Detroit, 7 p.m.  
2932 Caniff St.
- » **Disney Presents The Lion King (Touring)**  
Detroit Opera House, 2 p.m.  
1526 Broadway St.
- » **Duel in The D Presented by Meijer**  
Little Caesars Arena, 7 p.m.  
2645 Woodward.
- » **Je'Caryous Johnson Presents Valentine's Love Jam**  
Music Hall Center, 8 p.m.  
350 Madison.

- » **SWV featuring Case**  
Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, 8 p.m.  
350 Madison St.
- » **Women's Basketball at Wayne State**  
1-3 p.m.  
1290 West Warren Ave.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13

- » **Disney Presents The Lion King (Touring)**  
Detroit Opera House, 1 p.m.  
1526 Broadway St.
- » **Sky Covington**  
Woodbridge Pub, 7:30-11 p.m.  
1970 Yemans.
- » **Jacquees and B Simone - Love & Laughter**  
Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, 8 p.m.  
350 Madison St.
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350 Madison.
- » **Storytime with Miss Jane**  
Zoom, 10:30-11 a.m.  
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- » **Writing Group**  
Central Library, 4-5:15 p.m.  
10 Kercheval Ave.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15

- » **5th & 6th Grade Book Group**  
Zoom, 7-8 p.m.  
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- » **An Evening with Chef Joe Paxton: Low Country Cuisine at the War Memorial**  
32 Lake Shore Dr, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- » **Disney Presents The Lion King (Touring)**  
Detroit Opera House, 7:30 p.m.  
1526 Broadway St.
- » **Grosse Pointe Badminton Association**  
Parcells Middle School, 6:30-8 p.m.  
Free.  
20600 Mack Ave.
- » **Jamestown Revival**  
Saint Andrew’s Hall, 7 p.m.  
431 E Congress St.
- » **Read, Rhyme & Play**  
Zoom, 10:30-11 a.m.  
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- » **Storytime with Miss Melissa**  
Ewald Branch, 1:30-2 p.m.  
15175 E Jefferson

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16

- » **Ten Man Jam**  
The Fillmore Detroit, 6:30 p.m.  
2115 Woodward Ave.
- » **Disney Presents The Lion King (Touring)**  
Detroit Opera House, 7:30 p.m.  
1526 Broadway St.
- » **Noah Jackson & Full Circle: Residency & Session**  
Cliff Bell’s, 7:30-11 p.m.  
2030 Park Ave.

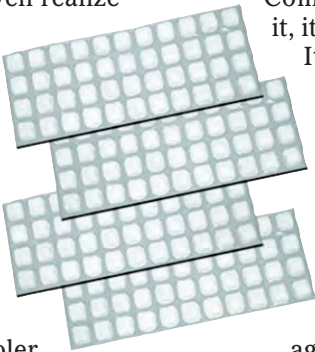


# We Tried It!

by Anna Lizer



Sometimes you come across an innovative item and don't even realize there was a problem to begin with. Take ice in coolers, for example. It's just a part of life — you get out your cooler, rinse it out and either use every single cube from your ice maker



or head to the party store for a bunch of bulky bags. Come to think of it, it IS a problem. It steals valuable minutes from your life. So when I saw an ad for FlexiFreeze Ice Sheets, I had to try it! The package comes with four freezable sheets that look like connected ice cubes. The sheets are full

of 100 percent water, so no chemicals. I liked that. They are flat and can be cut to fit your cooler if you like, which eliminates the extra space the ice usually takes up. Who doesn't want a few more beers in the cooler? The sheets are flexible, even when frozen. It's easy to keep them in your freezer when not in use, because they don't



take up a lot of precious space, and not having water sloshing around in your cooler while trans-

more heat. Other handy uses for the FlexiFreeze sheets we've discovered are: first

porting it is really nice. According to FlexiFreeze, using actual water vs. chemical gels keeps things colder. Pound for pound, water (when frozen) absorbs 35 percent aid (no more melting ice packs), putting one under the dog bed on hot days and lunch coolers (it's nice to cut it exactly to the size of your lunchbox). The price is \$19.99 on Amazon.com. For ease of use and effectiveness, we give it five alligators!



5 Out Of 5



Left, the late, great Alan Rickman as Alex Hughes with Sigourney Weaver as Linda Freeman, in the 2006 movie "Snow Cake" from Revolution Films and directed by Marc Evans.

**MOVIE REVIEW**  
"Snow Cake"

2006 - 1hr 52min

I happened upon this little gem quite by chance. I was looking up something on IMDB and I scrolled down to the "More Like This" section. I noticed this movie was rated 7.4 so I clicked on it and since it starred Alan Rickman and Sigourney Weaver wondered why I'd never heard of it.

With two actors of their magnitude it simply had to be good, right? As luck would have it, it turned out to be a truly marvelous discovery.

The film begins with Alex Hughes (Alan Rickman) arriving at a small town airport in Canada. He's planning on driving to Winnipeg to meet someone, and before his journey commences, he stops for a cup of coffee. There he encounters Vivienne

Freeman (Emily Hampshire), who invites herself to sit at his table. She's a free spirited, talkative, and bubbly young woman who plays perfectly off his reserved, staid British demeanor. She eventually talks him into giving her a ride. The conversations they have are so fun and



Emily Hampshire playing the part of Vivienne Freeman.

unpredictable, you think to yourself, this is going to be one amusing little

road trip. Then disaster strikes. While pulling out of an intersection, they're struck by a semi and she's instantly killed. Alex is forced to stay in town while the local police investigate the accident. The city is Wawa, Ontario, famous for its giant sculpture of a goose on the outskirts

Linda Freeman (Weaver) is a high-functioning autistic woman who, as you'd expect, has a ton of unusual quirks. She doesn't like to be touched, hates loud noises, and forbids anyone in her kitchen. Based on my own experiences, I think Weaver does an amazing job capturing the mannerisms and speech patterns of an autistic person.

Linda insists that Alex stay with her for the funeral, and even more importantly, until Tuesday to take out the trash—she's mortified about touching garbage! Their interactions make this a most entertaining film.

While staying with Linda, Alex happens to meet her neighbor Maggie (Carrie-Anne Moss) and the two of them get romantically involved. In the course of their time together, he reveals his dark secret and why he's going to Winnipeg. And off course, since they're in a small town, everyone is abuzz about their affair.

"Snow Cake" moves along at a leisurely pace and you'll think about it long after it's over. It's one of those movies that deserves rewatching. I've heard that when Rickman read the script



Left, Carrie-Anne Moss as Maggie, with love interest Alex, played by Alan Rickman.

## Movie Junkie Mark

by Mark Domin



ing trips with my dad, so I know this is true.)

It's a small town where everyone knows everyone else's business. Alex goes to Vivienne's mother's house to offer his condolences and this is where the story really begins.

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he immediately thought of Ms. Weaver for the part of Linda and he phoned her and insisted she read the script. I think it turned out to be a wise choice, as I can't think of anyone else that could play the role as brilliantly as she did.

Currently streaming on IMDB TV for free and available on Prime Video.

★★★★☆

My rating system:

★ A real stinker. A movie that is so bad, you're embarrassed to admit you've seen it, but you have to rate it nonetheless. ↴

★★ So-so. Not a total waste of time, but you would have been better off reading a good book.

★★★ Pretty good. In fact, if there weren't any other movies in your queue, you might watch it again.

★★★★ 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. 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.

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Classic  
Ann Landers

**Dear Ann Landers:** School sports have taken over the lives of my children, and I'm tired of it. Am I the only one?

Some nights, my kids don't have the time or energy to study. They just fall into bed exhausted.

There is no time for doing home chores or taking on after-school jobs, which some kids need. We hear a great deal about having well-rounded students. Sports participation interferes with that. If the kids want to play soccer and be in the band, too, forget it! The coaches won't allow it.

No excuse is acceptable for missing a practice or a game -- including weddings or funerals, let alone eating supper with the family.

Let's face it. This is supposed to be fun for the kids. Most of them will never play professionally or get a college athletic scholarship. I propose parents unite and refuse to let the kids practice or play during school holidays or on weekends. If parents would make a united stand and say, "Only Monday through Friday, and two weeks before school starts, and one week after school lets out for the summer," the coaches would have no choice but to schedule during that timeframe.

Too many parents and coaches have forgotten

that the real purpose of school is to get an education. -- Sports Parents in La Crosse, Wis.

**Dear Sports Parents:** You've written a very tough letter, but all your complaints are valid. I wonder if there are other parents who feel as you do. I also wonder if other coaches around the country are as demanding as the ones in La Crosse, Wis.

**Dear Ann Landers:** This is in response to the letter from "In a Quandary in Colorado." She said her 52-year-old daughter, "Eleanor," contacted her biological father, but that he would have nothing to do with her.

Shame on that man for treating his daughter with such disregard. I have a similar story, but with a much happier ending.

My mom and my biological father, "Bill," were divorced when I was 4 months old. When my mother remarried, Bill was in the Air Force, and I was 18 months old. Bill allowed my stepfather to adopt me because he wanted me to have a stable home. He then agreed to stay out of my life.

My adoptive father was wonderful and loving. My parents never sheltered me from knowing that I was adopted. From time to time, Mom would show me pictures of her first wedding and talk about Bill.

Bill stayed in contact with my maternal grandmother, who occasionally sent him photographs of me as I was growing up. Two years ago, after 28 years, my grandmother asked if it would be OK for Bill to contact me. I had just gone through a divorce and needed all the support I could get, so I was open to the idea. Bill called me, and we talked on the phone for three solid hours. It was amazing how we bonded.

In September of that year, Bill and I met for the first time. It was a picture-perfect reunion. The following June, I remarried, and both my fathers walked me down the aisle. I felt this was a very generous and caring gesture for my Dad to share that special moment with Bill. I could not have been more proud. I am blessed to have such wonderful people in my life. -- Roberta in California.

**Dear Roberta:** What a lucky girl you are, and how generous of your mother not to resent her ex-husband's participation in the wedding. I hope you have let all these fine individuals know how much you appreciate their civility and consideration. You are indeed "blessed."

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Royal Stars  
Weekly Horoscopes

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

Happy Birthday for Thursday, Feb. 10, 2022: You have strong humanitarian instincts, which is why you want to help others and work on behalf of the needy. You are always energetic, curious and informed. This year is the last year of a nine-year cycle, which is why you are letting go of what is no longer necessary in your world. Time to lighten up!

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

Today you're in a practical frame of mind, especially about making plans. You will ponder opportunities and think about your long-term goals. Listen to the advice of someone older or more experienced if you have the chance, because they might help you. Tonight: Wishful thinking.

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

Today you're serious about finances. (Why is there so much month left at the end of the money?) You might see ways to budget and save money. Certainly, you'll be conservative in financial dealings. If shopping, you will buy long-lasting, practical items. Tonight: Get your facts right.

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

Today the Moon is in your sign dancing with Saturn, which gives you a sober and realistic view of life. You will put up with discomfort to achieve your aims. You might seek out someone older or wiser whose experience you respect because you want common-sense answers. Tonight: Some confusion.

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

This is an excellent day to do research, because you're in a practical frame of mind and you won't overlook details. Furthermore, you have the endurance to follow through and find what you're looking for. Expect results! Tonight: Restless feelings.

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

Today someone older, wiser or more experienced might play an important role in your life. They might give you good advice. Or, possibly, you are the wise sage giving others advice. Either way, this is a good day to think about practical, long-term goals. Tonight: Check for truth.

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

Discussions with bosses, parents, VIPs and the police will be realistic, practical and down to earth today. People want solutions, especially fast, doable solutions. You're ready to face whatever adversities stand in your way. Courage! Tonight: Be clear when talking to parents and bosses.

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

This is a good day to study, because you have the energy and mental mindset to focus on what you need to read. It's also a good day to finish important papers, manuscripts or that screenplay you've been working on. A teacher or guru figure might help you. Tonight: Don't believe everything you hear.

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

You have been plagued for the past month with transportation problems, delays and difficulties

related to siblings and relatives. Hey, it's not your fault. These things happen. As of today, Mercury retrograde is over. Rejoice! Tonight: Socialize!

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

Discussions with partners and close friends will be sober today. This is because you are less inclined to reveal your emotions or talk about your feelings. In fact, you will prefer to be by yourself to think about things and evaluate what's going on. Tonight: Listen carefully.

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

This is a productive day because you're in the right frame of mind to work. You won't mind a bit of discomfort as long as you achieve your goals. That's why you're ready to roll up your sleeves and dig in. You also might do something to improve your health or tackle pet-related duties. Tonight: Be helpful.

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

Parents might have a serious discussion about the education and welfare of their kids today because this is a good day to make plans for the future. Consider financial limitations or opportunities. Others will use today to practice artistic skills or sports techniques. Tonight: Practice, practice, practice.

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

Family discussions will be sober but practical today because people want to get things done. You're looking for practical solutions, especially to home repairs or how to solidify your home base. An older family member might have good advice. Make improvements slowly. Tonight: Be realistic.

**BORN TODAY**  
Actress Elizabeth Banks (1974), actress Emma Roberts (1991), actress Keeley Hawes (1976).

Ford Performance to develop Mustang GT3 race car to compete globally

**DAYTONA BEACH, Fla.** — Ford Mustang, the iconic sports car that created the pony car segment, will lead Ford's return to global sports car racing as Ford Performance prepares a new GT3 race car for competition in 2024.

Ford Performance revealed plans for its all-new Mustang GT3 race car that will compete in the International Motor Sports Association (IMSA) 2024 race season, including the 24 Hours of Daytona.

The new Mustang effort will be a joint program between Ford Performance and long-time racing collaborator Multimatic Motorsports.

It will feature both a two-car factorybacked IMSA GTD Pro works team managed by Multimatic, as well as customer Mustang race cars for the GTD class starting at Daytona in 2024.

"Mustang was born to race from the start and we're thrilled to introduce the GT3 version to compete head-to-head against some of the greatest manufacturers in the

world," said Mark Rushbrook, Ford Performance Motorsports global director.

"With 58 years of global endurance racing heritage, including NASCAR and Australian Supercars today, we are ready to take Mustang to the next level of global performance.

"Multimatic Motorsports is the perfect partner on this project for us," said Rushbrook. "Not only have they worked with us to develop numerous customer Mustang programs in the past, but its work on the Ford GT program and the new Bronco® DR customer race programs has shown together we can provide championship-level race programs for Ford and its customers."

"We're excited to work on this new IMSA program as well as the GT3 customer program with Ford Performance," said Larry Holt, Executive Vice President of Multimatic Special Vehicle Operations. "We have a long, great working relationship with

each other, both at the highest levels of professional sports car racing, and in developing competitive customer race program and vehicles. We appreciate their faith in us, and together, we can't wait to show the world what's coming down the road with Mustang."

The new Mustang GT3 racer will be powered by a Ford 5.0-liter Coyote-based V8 engine developed by Ford Performance and built by long-time racing collaborator and world championship winning team, M-Sport of Cumbria, England.

The new Mustang GT3 race car will feature bespoke Short-Long Arm suspension front and rear, rear-mounted trans-axle gearbox, carbon fiber body panels, as well as a unique aero package developed to meet GT3 targets.

Ford and Multimatic will make both factory-backed and customer-ready GT3 Mustangs available to teams from the start of the 2024 season.



Contract Bridge

TO HAVE AND HAVE NOT

North dealer.  
Both sides vulnerable.  
**NORTH**  
♠ 6 5  
♥ 9 8 2  
♦ Q 8 7 6 5  
♣ A K 6

**WEST**  
♠ A K Q 8 7  
♥ A 5 3  
♦ A 10 4  
♣ 8 4

**SOUTH**  
♠ 9 4 3 2  
♥ Q 4  
♦ K 3 2  
♣ 10 9 3 2

The bidding:  

North	East	South	West
Pass	Pass	1♦	Dble
1♠	2♥	Pass	4♥
Pass	Pass	4♠	Dble
5♦	Pass	Pass	Dble
Pass	Pass	5♣	Dble
6♦	Pass	Pass	Dble

  
Opening lead — king of spades.

Generally speaking, there are two schools of bidders. The first is composed of those whose chief goal in bidding is to reach the best possible contract for their side. This group represents the overwhelming majority of bridge players.

Members of the second school are those whose chief purpose is to try to prevent the opponents from reach-

ing their best contract. The tactics employed by these players can take many forms, but the aim is always the same — to do as much damage to the opponents' bidding structure as possible.

It is evident from this deal, played in the 1978 women's world pair championship, that North-South, who shall remain nameless, were both full-fledged members of the second school. South opened the bidding in third seat with one diamond, presumably because it was her turn to bid. West doubled, and North, attempting to muddy the waters, bid one spade! East entered the fray with two hearts, employing her partnership's peculiar system of bidding what you have rather than what you don't have.

West raised two hearts to four, and this rolled around to South, who apparently thought she had not yet expressed the full value of her hand. Accordingly, she bid four spades! West, who no doubt could not believe her ears, found a double, and North retreated to five diamonds, also doubled.

Then came five spades and six diamonds, both doubled, at which point the bidding mercifully came to a grinding halt. Declarer finished down six — 1,700 points — and North-South were left with a gnawing feeling that perhaps something had gone wrong with their system.

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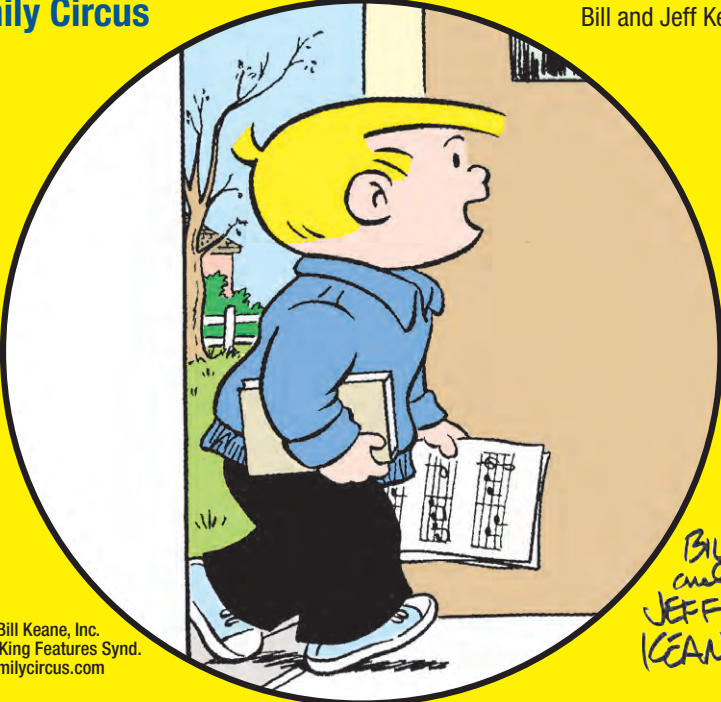
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# Puzzles and

## Family Circus

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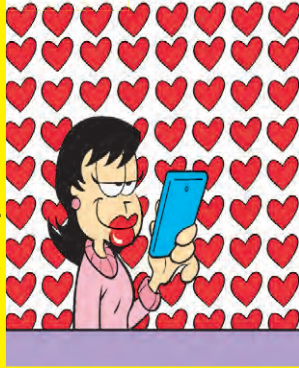
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"My piano teacher is very religious. She keeps closing her eyes and saying, 'Good Lord!'"

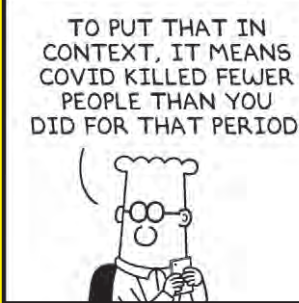
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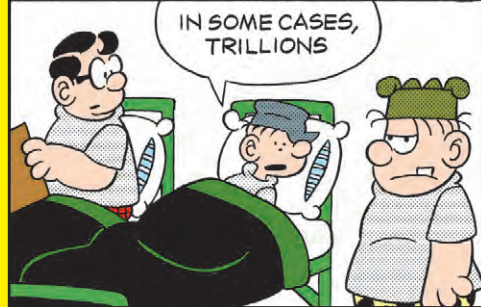
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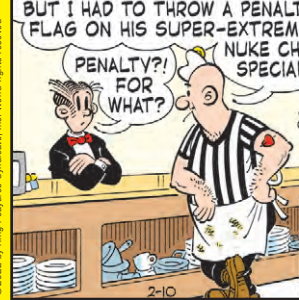
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Greg and Mort Walker



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Chris and Dean Young



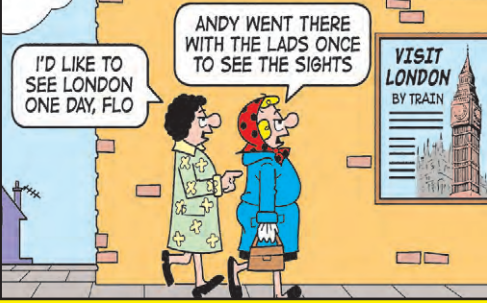
## Over The Hedge

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

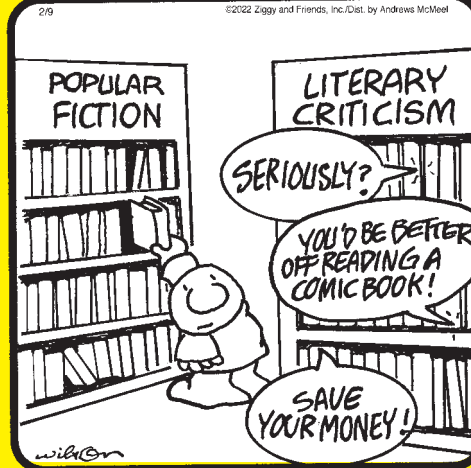


## Ziggy

Tom Wilson

## Flying McCoys

Glenn McCoy



## UNIVERSAL Sudoku Puzzle

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

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

### Previous puzzle solution

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

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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★☆☆☆

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## Universal Crossword

Edited by David Steinberg February 10, 2022

### ACROSS

- Salve relative
- Riyadh native, e.g.
- a shame
- City north of Pittsburgh
- Work (up)
- Blackjack request
- "Sparks emanate from it (Anagram hint: Think "roofing")"
- Remove from a VCR
- Greenish eye color
- Tropical fruit
- "Shredding (Anagram hint: Think "counter-tops")"
- ABBA song that pairs well with "Help!"?
- Boxer Laila
- Lanka
- Thick with greenery
- Entirely
- Settlement-building game
- Nirvana genre, or a hint to the first word of each starred clue's answer
- Cache
- Buck's mate
- Stocking stuffers?
- Flub
- Julius Erving's nickname

- Nintendo console
- Just keep talking (Anagram hint: Think "statues")
- Washer cycle
- Decree (I dunno)
- "Forms a scab (Anagram hint: Think "oil")"
- Cobbler fruit
- Slight advantage
- Move, in Realtor slang
- Item in the plus column
- Went blond, perhaps
- "Fat, Acid, Heat" (Nosrat cookbook)

- TV network focused on films
- Word after "tea" or "train"
- "Sadly ..."
- Ga. hub
- Multicolored horse
- Actress Fisher of "Now You See Me"
- "Not so!" response
- Hard-to-detect amount
- Bathroom and kitchen fixtures
- Eye surgery tool
- Extremely
- Marvel hero who can control weather
- She/Inc., in Britain
- State of the

- A blinking one is equivalent to a stop sign
- State where Captain Kirk will be born?
- Leaf line
- Kylo (Leia's son)
- Kidded
- March 15, e.g.
- First name of Batman's alter ego
- Like the have-nots
- Foul smells
- Skin care brand
- It contains a nucleus
- Gait faster than a walk
- Massage venue
- "For a jolly ..."
- Dorm VIPs
- It's "just a number"
- Kind of bulb or TV

### PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

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E	S	S	A	Y	D	A	M	S	T	A	Y

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## Rolling Stones by Emma Oxford

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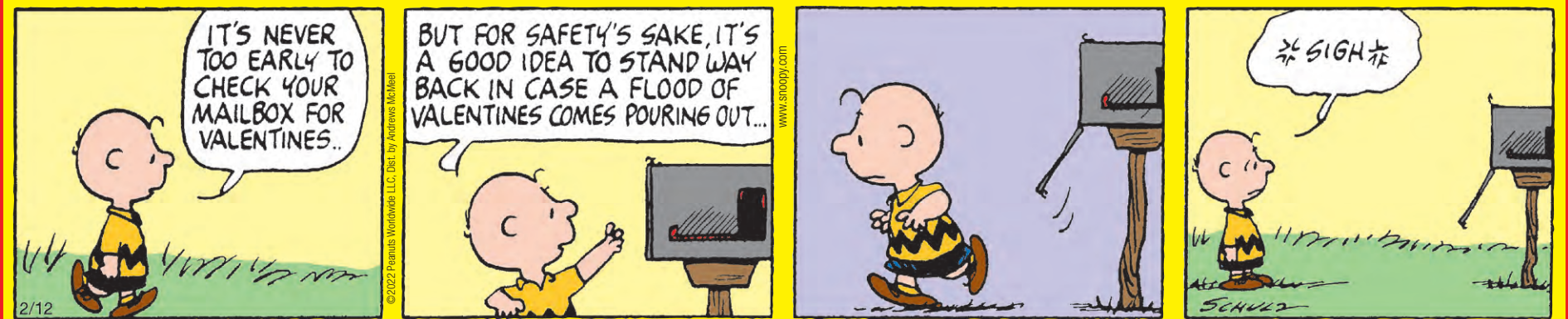




# Comics

Peanuts

Charles M. Schulz



Hagar The Horrible

Dik Browne and Chris Browne

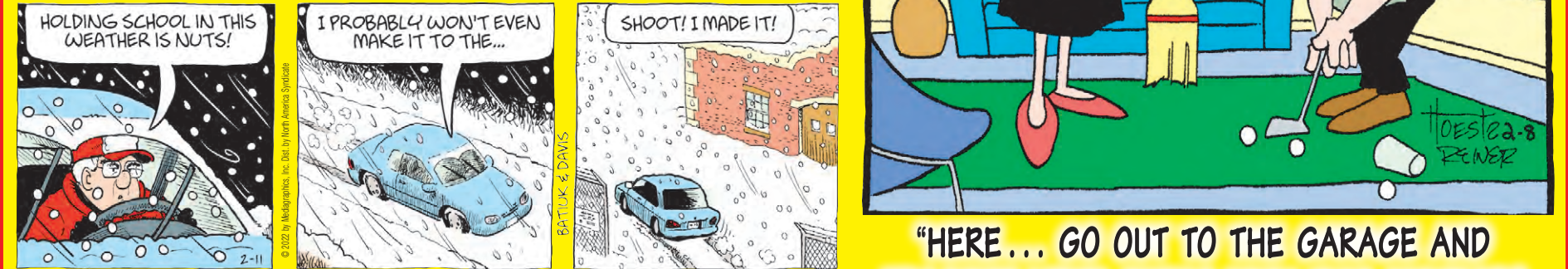
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Bill Hoest, Bunny Hoest and John Reiner



Crankshaft

Tom Batiuk and Dan Davis



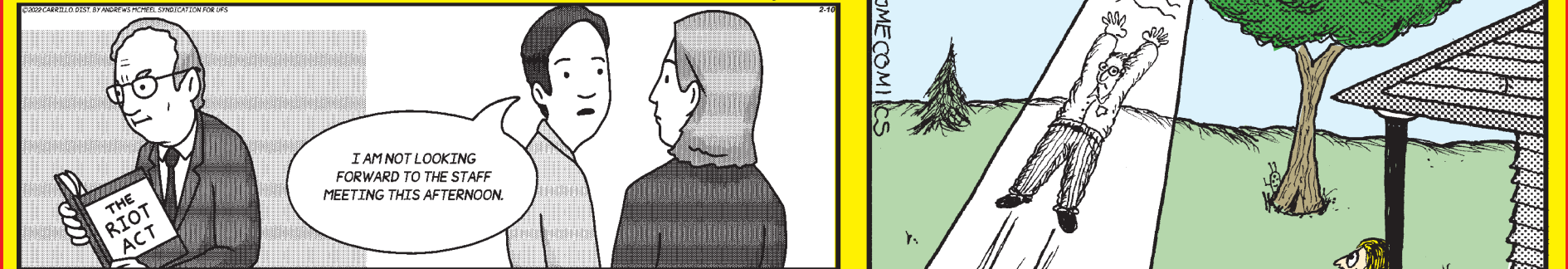
Crock

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F Minus

Tony Carriolo



Wumo

Mikael Wulff and Anders Morgenthaler



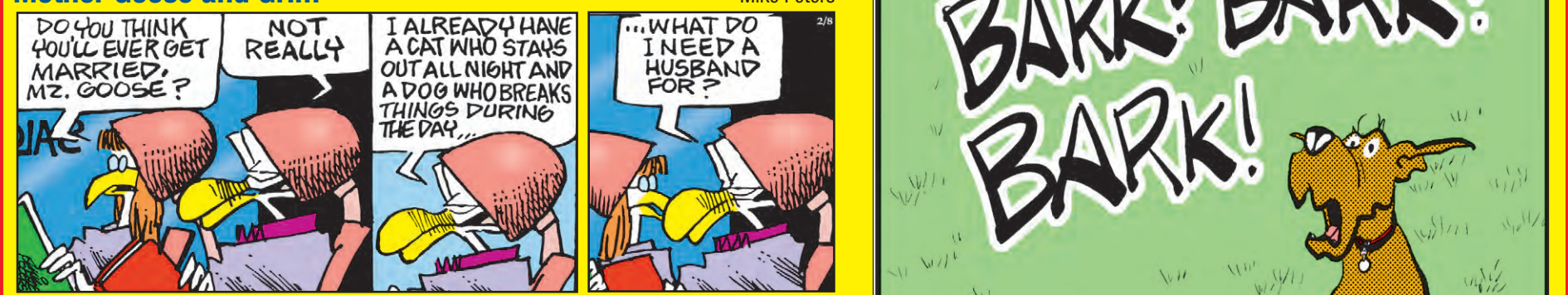
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Mother Goose and Grim

Mike Peters

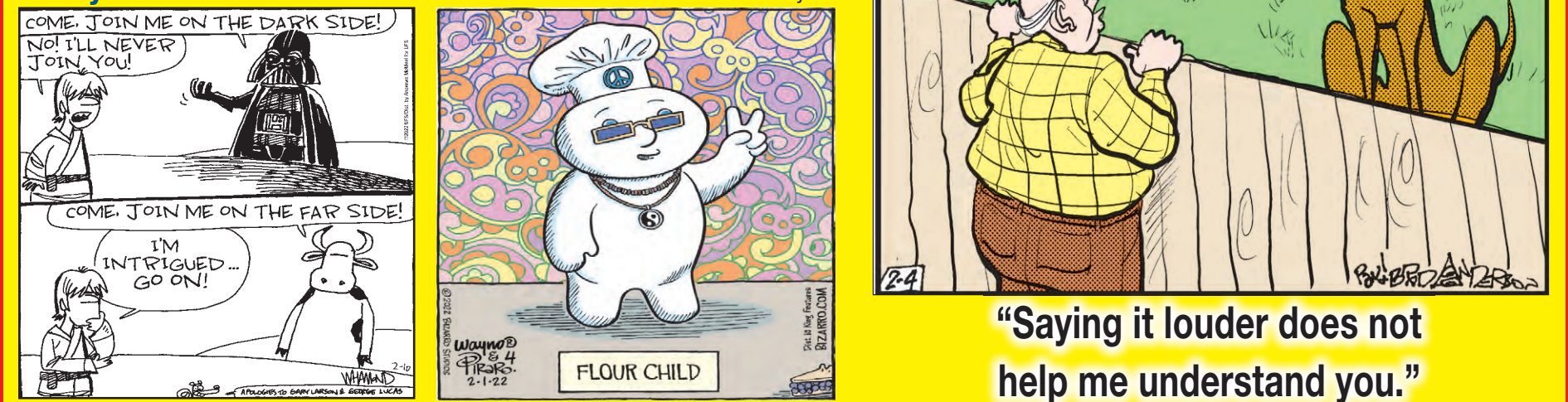


Reality Check

Dave Whamond

Bizarro

Dan Piraro and Wayno



The Lockhorns

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# SPORTS

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New South football coach ready for  
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## Pointes teams get wins at MIHL Showcase

By Mike Adzima  
Sports Reporter

The boys hockey teams from Grosse Pointe South, Grosse Pointe North and University Liggett School all gathered in Trenton last week, along with several teams from across the state of Michigan, to take part in the 2022 MIHL Showcase. With all three teams playing two games each, the teams from the Pointes put on a strong showing of hockey and ended the weekend with a combined record of 4-2.

The Knights from

Liggett took on games in back-to-back days during the early part of the showcase. Liggett faced Howell Thursday and came out victorious with a 4-2 win that saw senior Doug Wood score his 26th goal of the season. Friday saw the Knights take on Midland Dow. In a tightly contested battle, Liggett fell 4-3 and suffered just its second loss since the calendar turned to 2022.

Grosse Pointe North reached a milestone this season while at the showcase. On Thursday, the Norsemen defeated Wyandotte Roosevelt 5-2

to get their long-awaited first win of the season. North looked to keep the momentum rolling into a Saturday morning clash against Saline.

The Norsemen went down early, facing a 3-0 deficit at the end of the first period. North came out in the second period not looking to back down. Rocco Giammarco put the puck past the Hornets' goalie less than two minutes into the second frame to start cutting into Saline's lead. Moments later, Leo Dragovic made it two unanswered goals by the Norsemen to reduce the

deficit to just one. Saline struck back less than a minute later to extend its lead. The Hornets added another goal in the third period to take the win 5-2.

Grosse Pointe South was the only team from the Pointes to leave the showcase with two victories. The Blue Devils kicked things off Thursday with a dominant 6-1 win over Grand Rapids Catholic Central.

Next up was a Saturday afternoon meeting with a foe from the Upper Peninsula. The Blue Devils took on the Calumet Kings for their final game of the showcase. Once again putting on a solid performance, South sent the Kings back to the UP on a bitter note by pulling out a 4-1 victory.

South struck first in the early moments of the game when Hayden Crane was able to tip in a shot from the point and give the Blue Devils a 1-0 lead. That lead held throughout the rest of the opening period and South was able to score again early in the second. AJ Zaccagni found the back of the net to

extend the Blue Devils' lead to two just over two minutes into the second period.

The Kings pulled within one during the second period, scoring what would end up being their only goal of the game. South's William Rauh once again extended the Blue Devils' lead to two goals before the end of the middle period and made it 3-1 South entering the third.

Another early goal for South ended up sealing the win in the final period. Senior captain Jake Spitz scored 30 seconds after the puck dropped to start the period. The goal ended up as the last of the game and sealed a 4-1 win for the Blue Devils.

"It shows that the young guys are developing and anybody is able to play any role because that's the most complete game we've played all year," South coach Brandon Contratto said after the win.

For all three teams, the MIHL Showcase provides a crucial opportunity to see new competition weeks before the state playoffs

begin. Teams may never know who exactly they might come across in the playoffs, so getting to see fresh competition from around the state is a key learning experience for teams like South.

"The timing of the showcase is always good to give the guys more exposure to that," Contratto said. "GRCC and Calumet are two completely different types of styles than we've seen all year. This is the most blue-collar I've seen our team play, which is what I've been trying to preach all year, so it was good to see them take the physicality to a team that's very fast and physical."

South will try to use those wins from the showcase to bring momentum into its next two games against top 10 teams. The Blue Devils host Brother Rice Thursday, then head on the road Saturday to face Riverview Gabriel Richard. North is also on the road Saturday taking on De La Salle. The Knights travel to Port Huron Saturday for a game against Port Huron Northern.



PHOTO BY BRIAN MCKENNA

South's William Rauh scores in the second period to give the Blue Devils a 3-1 lead over Calumet at the 2022 MIHL Showcase.

## Athlete of the Week

By Mike Adzima  
Sports Reporter

Basketball has been a part of Anthony Benard's life as long as he can remember. The junior at Grosse Pointe South has been around the game since early childhood and now is helping lead the Blue Devils night in and night out on the court. It is all part of his goal to become one of the top point guards in the state and one day play at the next level.

Basketball has always been the go-to sport for Benard and his family. His sister, Madison, already is making an impact on South's varsity girls basketball team as a freshman and Benard's dad, Stephen, is his coach on the varsity boys team for the Blue Devils. With everyone involved in the game for years, basketball is a family affair for the Benards.

"My dad bought a gym called Basketball City, so every day when I was like 1 year old he would take me up there ... and

I would just be around the game so much when I was younger," Benard said. "Me, my sister, my mom and my dad always bonded around it. We could watch it and play it together and I started playing competitively when I was like 5 or 6 years old."

From those early days in the gym to now at South, Benard has had his dad beside him throughout his career. Benard has a whole family of basketball minds

"I can always just ask him and we do film together as a team, but we're always talking, me and him, after that," he said. "We try to separate the whole coach and parent thing so when we're at home it's just a parent and kid, but when we're on the court, it's a coach and player for sure."

Benard serves typically as the main focal point of South's offense as the starting point guard. His strengths include everything from ball-handling to passing, creating plays and shooting.

He often is looked to as one of or the primary scorer on the court for the Blue Devils in most games as well. Benard can step up in clutch time and get a bucket for South when needed and finds himself at the top of the team's stat sheet at the end of the night fairly regularly. However, it is the ability to distribute the ball and create plays that he sees as maybe the biggest strength of his game.

"A lot of people think I'm like a combo guard

or shooting guard because I score so much, but really I'm like a point guard," Benard said. "I like creating plays for my teammates and when it comes down to winning time, you've got to make plays."

Being a focal point on his own team also puts a target on Benard's back in the eyes of many opponents. Facing double-teams or the top defender of every opponent each time he steps on the floor can be taxing and is something he has had to adapt to throughout the course of this season.

Things were difficult for Benard and the rest of South's team in the early part of the season. The Blue Devils lost four of their first five games, but have shown signs of recovering from that slow start as MAC Red league play picks up. Benard put on quite the show in a league game against Roseville a couple of weeks ago, scoring 34 points. He followed that up with another big performance in a league win for South over Dakota when he scored 25. His recent performances suggest Benard is growing used to facing the toughest competition on a daily basis and that his team is



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

Anthony Benard

getting its rhythm.

"I accept the challenge because it makes the game more fun," Benard said. "I went through a bit of a struggle early this year, where I was struggling with the double teams and was getting exhausted out there, but I've definitely gotten more used to it. I embrace it. ... I think it's started to come together the past few games and we knew it would start to come together at some point because as a team, our chemistry on and off the court is great."

Those impressive recent performances by Benard are helpful when it comes to him achieving his goal of one day playing major Division I college basketball. He

has the rest of this season and his senior season to continue growing his game and preparing to take that next step. Looking at what he thinks is the key to getting him there, Benard sees leadership as being crucial.

"I like to work on being a leader because it's a big role this year and my senior season next year, it'll be huge," he said. "I want to get my teammates involved more. ... At some point in the future, I'll have to transition into being a full true point guard and make more plays for my teammates."

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# Knights continue winning streak

By Mike Adzima  
Sports Reporter

To find the last time the University Liggett Knights boys basketball team lost a game, one would have to go back over a month. Liggett entered Monday evening’s home matchup against Parkway Christian on a five-game winning streak and on the hunt to extend it to six. With a dominant performance both offensively and defensively, the Knights did just that in easy fashion by getting the win 71-27.

The Knights dominated Monday’s game from start to finish and came out of the gate with speed. Liggett used the advantage in size and speed over the Eagles from the beginning and ended the first quarter with a 19-12 lead.

Although the Knights got out to a strong start in the first eight minutes, the second quarter was

when they truly took over the game. Liggett opened the second on a 13-0 run, but did not stop there. The second quarter ended with the Knights holding Parkway Christian scoreless for the entire eight minutes and giving Liggett a 39-12 advantage heading into halftime.

“Our calling card has been defense and the ability to get out and create turnovers,” Liggett coach Solomon Spann said about his team’s defensive performance Monday. “As we get out and create turnovers and try to score easy buckets, it’s been to our advantage and has allowed us to get out ahead of some teams.”

Liggett continued dominating the game throughout the second half. It was not until the fourth quarter when the Knights allowed the Eagles to surpass 20 points. In the end, the Knights secured the vic-

tory by more than 30 points and continued their win streak thanks to fast offense and staunch defense.

“We were getting to the ball and getting in the passing lanes and our hands were active,” Spann said. “We teach and preach those every day and being able to go big has been good for us when we’re able to get from the elbow to the box on a pick and roll. Everything has been going well for us.”

Plenty of names ended up on the scoresheet for Liggett in the dominant win. Junior Taurian Dorthy had 17 points, leading the pack. Preston Barr had nine points while Stephen Washington had eight.

The Knights continue the final stretch of the regular season by hosting Lutheran Westland Friday. They stay at home next Tuesday for a matchup with Ann Arbor Greenhills.



PHOTO BY TOM GEBECK

South seniors Julia Gebeck, Effie Hodges, Liv Livingstone and Molly Ryszewski were honored before the game against Livonia United.

# Blue Devils get comeback win

By Alexis Bohlinger  
Staff Writer

The Grosse Pointe South girls varsity hockey team came from behind on Saturday, against Livonia United, scoring three goals in the third period to take the 5-4 win.

“The coaching staff was excited for Saturday’s game and knew we were looking forward to a great match,” said South head coach Hailee Craig.

The Blue Devils took the initial lead late in the first period with a power-play goal from senior defenseman Effie Hodges, assisted by Liv Livingstone and Molly Ryszewski. Livonia tied the game two minutes later and scored one more to take the 2-1 lead before the end of the first period.

Heading into the second period, Livonia United put a short-

handed goal past senior goaltender Rosie Smith to take the 3-1 lead. Ten minutes later, South answered with their own shorthanded goal from Julia Gebeck. Despite their momentum, Livonia put one more goal on the board, widening the gap to 4-2 before heading to the locker room for the Zamboni break.

“We knew we had to take a mental break and change the game plan a bit between periods,” Craig said. “We had to reiterate to them that they had a lot of work to get done in one period and remind them that they are no strangers to coming back from a deficit. From there we just needed to turn on the burners.”

Turning on the burners is just what the Blue Devils did, hitting the ice and scoring a goal almost immediately in the third from Ryszewski,

assisted by Livingstone and Hodges. Less than a minute later, South scored another goal from Ryleigh O’Donoghue to tie the game 4-4. The winning goal by Charlotte Peabody was scored with 4:23 remaining in the game.

“As a captain and a senior, it was an amazing game and I’m happy we were able to win on our senior night,” Livingstone said. “Moving forward, we are going to play a lot of tough games against some good teams. This win was a way to show everyone that we can win against talented teams. Each big win like this is just one more step toward the state title.”

South’s league record currently is 8-1-0 with four league games remaining. It hosted Cranbrook on Wednesday night and is home Saturday afternoon against Northville.



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

Jarren Purify makes a move past a defender in Liggett’s win over Parkway Christian on Monday.

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HOME GAMES

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Thursday, February 10

5:30 pm Boys Varsity Ice Hockey vs. Brother Rice @East Side Hockey Arena

Saturday, February 12

5 pm Girls Varsity Ice hockey vs. Northville @East Side Hockey Arena

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Thursday, February 10

5 pm Boys Varsity Wrestling Team Districts vs. Multiple Opponents @GP North Gym

6 pm Boys Varsity Swimming vs. Farmington @GP North Pool

Tuesday, February 15

4 pm Co-Ed Unified Basketball vs. Royal Oak @GP North Gym

5:30 pm Girls JV Basketball vs. Stoney Creek @GP North Gym

6 pm Boys Varsity Swimming vs. Anchor Bay @GP North Pool

7 pm Girls Varsity Basketball vs. Stoney Creek @GP North Gym

Wednesday, February 16

7:30 pm Girls Varsity Ice Hockey vs. University Liggett @East Side Hockey Arena

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

Friday, February 11

5:30 pm Boys JV Basketball vs. Lutheran Westland @Gym

5:30 pm Girls Varsity Ice Hockey vs. Walled Lake Unified @McCann Arena

7 pm Boys Varsity Basketball vs. Lutheran Westland @Gym

Saturday, February 12

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

Tuesday, February 15

4 pm Boys Freshmen Basketball vs. Greenhills @Gym

5:30 pm Boys JV Basketball vs. Greenhills @Gym

7 pm Boys Varsity Basketball vs. Greenhills @Gym

# Liggett makes it nine in a row

By Mike Adzima  
Sports Reporter

On the same night the boys basketball team from University Liggett School extended its winning streak, the girls basketball team for the Knights continued their own impressive run Monday. The Knights took on Sacred Heart in the second game of a Liggett basketball doubleheader and cruised to victory 39-20 over the Gazelles to notch their ninth consecutive win.

The Knights were strong on both sides of the ball from the beginning. The first quarter was highlighted by a pair

of three-pointers from Liggett’s Chloe McFarlane that helped establish the early lead. After the first eight minutes, the Knights were ahead 13-5.

In the second quarter of the game just before, the Liggett boys team held Parkway Christian scoreless the entire quarter. The Knights’ girls did almost the exact same thing in the second frame of this game. Liggett allowed the Gazelles to score just one single point during the entire eight minutes of the second quarter and held an 11-point lead going into the halftime break.

That defensively domi-

nant second quarter by the Knights established them in the driver’s seat of the game. Although its own offense was slow at times, Liggett never had many doubts about being in control. The 11-point lead from halftime extended to 14 at the end of the third quarter as the Knights rolled into the final eight minutes with a 24-10 advantage.

The fourth and final quarter turned out to be the most offensively productive quarter of the night for both teams. Liggett outscored Sacred Heart 15-10 in the fourth and used that established lead to its advantage on the way to a 19-point win.

Junior Samantha Krasnicki had 10 points for the Knights in the win. Hallie Marcero scored nine, while Gabrielle Szajenko and McFarlane each finished with six points.

The Knights looked to continue their run with a Wednesday night matchup against Frankel Jewish Academy. Saturday marks the beginning of Catholic League tournament play for Liggett.



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

Olivia Jacque looks for a pass out of the corner in the Knights’ victory against Sacred Heart.



# Hepner excited for new role at South

By Mike Adzima  
Sports Reporter

When Chad Hepner was announced as the new varsity football head coach at Grosse Pointe South High School last week, the longtime assistant coach of the Blue Devils got the position he seemed almost destined for.

A teacher, coach and son of a former South coach, Hepner already has made an impact on the lives of countless students and athletes for more than two decades. The process may have seemed long at times, but Hepner always has felt there is no place he would rather be than coaching the Blue Devils.

“It was a mixture of being thrilled and relieved, because it was a bit of a grueling interview process,” he said. “I had kind of put all my eggs in this basket because this is really where I want to coach. I found out the news and was thrilled and happy that all the work I’ve put

in had paid off.”

People familiar with sports at South should recognize Hepner’s name by now. He has served in various roles as an assistant coach for the Blue Devils’ football team the past 20 seasons and also was head coach of the South diving team from 2000 to 2010.

The ties to South, especially when it comes to football, run deep within the Hepner family. Hepner is a Blue Devil alumnus and former football player. His dad, Russ Hepner, was the head football coach at South from 1968 to 1986. Having that type of family legacy at a school like South made hearing the news even more special for Hepner and his dad.

“He was ecstatic,” Hepner said. “He knows what it takes to do the job, having done it himself. Being with me as a kid on the sideline and as a coach when I played, being able to carry on that lineage, was special for him.”

In the days since his

new position became official, Hepner has enjoyed the support not only of his family but of the school community as well. He walks the halls every day as a teacher and has the chance to build connections with his football players off the field. It is that advantage of already being in the building that adds another special element for Hepner to his new role.

“I haven’t had a full

team meeting yet, but being in the building I’ve seen many of the players around,” he said. “There’s been a lot of support and a lot of kids saying congratulations and that they’re happy for me. ... Being a teacher in the building and getting to see the players throughout the school day in the classroom and in the halls and also continuing that relationship onto the football field is something unique that I

get to do by being a staff member in the building.”

When it comes to how things might change on the field, Hepner does not want to stray too far from the philosophy that has helped define the tradition of South football over the years. Hard work and tough defense have become a staple for the Blue Devils and are things about which Hepner knows plenty.

Even though he was most well known for being a running back during his playing days, Hepner has focused much of his coaching over the years to the defensive side of the ball. That can remain a strong suit for the Blue Devils with Hepner at the helm, but he also is eager to get his players’ perspectives on what the team can do.

“Having been a defensive coordinator, that’s really where my philosophy comes from,” he said. “We want to hang our hats on playing tough defense first, then utilize the weapons we have on offense to score.

... I want to continue the tradition of great defense that we’ve had here for a while. I want to continue to evaluate our players and get input from players on what they want to see this team become as well.”

Hepner sees input from his players as a key part of making a smooth transition into his first season as head coach. With a long legacy already cemented with the Blue Devils, he has the chance to continue adding to it. That legacy has been built through plenty of hard work and dedication. Hepner hopes his current and future players can learn from that while he learns something from them as well.

“I’m really hopeful that the team overall can take on some metrics of my personality,” he said. “I’m looking forward to a lot of hard work and demanding a lot of hard work out of the players, but also creating a very rewarding experience for them.”



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Chad Hepner has begun his tenure as South’s new varsity football coach. Pictured with son Wyatt, who is a member of the Blue Devils football program.

## Battle of the Pointes



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

North’s Preston Auld, left, goes up against Griffin Klautky from South in last week’s ‘Battle of the Pointes’ wrestling meet. Auld won the match 3-1, but South would take the victory in the meet 42-28.

## Blue Devils fall against Dakota

By Mike Adzima  
Sports Reporter

It has been a tough road so far this season for the Grosse Pointe South girls basketball team. The Blue Devils have gone nearly two months without a victory and were searching for their first win in MAC Red Division play Friday night against Dakota. South once again struggled to put together a complete game offensively and finds itself winless in the MAC Red after falling to the Cougars 61-30.

The first quarter saw the closest action of the night as the Blue Devils ended up on the wrong side of what was a largely one-sided contest. A 4-2 lead in the opening minutes was the last time South found itself ahead on the scoreboard for the entire game. Dakota established a 15-9 lead after the first quarter that continued to grow as the game went on.

The Cougars continued

to build their lead with a strong end to the first half before halftime. Dakota outscored South 18-7 in the second quarter to take a 17-point lead into the break.

The second half saw Dakota continue its dominant performance, never letting the Blue Devils find a chance to feel like they were back in the game. The Cougars’ led by 25 at the end of the third quarter. Once again, Dakota continued to increase the gap in the final quarter until it had more than doubled South’s total score by the time the final buzzer

sounded.

On a slow night offensively all around for South, Kamryn Richards led the Blue Devils in scoring with 10 points. Olivia Bachert scored eight points, while her sister Elsa Bachert finished with six.

With just a couple of games left before the end of the regular season, South will look to get some momentum going. The Blue Devils travel to Port Huron Northern Thursday evening and finish the regular season on the road next Wednesday against Salem.



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Olivia Bachert at the free throw line for South.



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The 2008 St. Clair Shores Saints were champions of the 2022 International Silver Sticks Tournament in Port Huron. The roster consists of players from St. Clair Shores and the Grosse Pointes, including: Andrew Empson, Caden Gersch, Caileb Peterson, Cameron Stazkowski, Izak Calderon, John Williams, JT Ricci, Landen Taylor, Luke Shubeck, Max Hejl, Nathan Carrithers, Nick Gould, Sam Koch, Shane Balten, Will Gryzenia, Zach Delmonte and Zhane Austin.

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The purpose of the Public Hearing is to solicit public input and comments on the Harper Woods - Kelly Road Corridor Plan which can be read in its entirety at [www.harperwoodscity.org](http://www.harperwoodscity.org) or in person at the City Clerk’s office.

Residents who are unable to attend this hearing may submit their comments in writing to the City Clerk’s Office at 19617 Harper Avenue, Harper Woods, MI 48225 or by email [lfrank@harperwoods.net](mailto:lfrank@harperwoods.net) on or before March 1, 2022.

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