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Antolin named clerk in Woods

By Kate Vanderstelt
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — Following the resignation of former city clerk Lisa Hathaway earlier this year, Deputy City Clerk Paul Antolin fulfilled the duties of both his position and the city clerk's in the interim. After council approval at a meeting Monday, April 25, Antolin officially will become the next city clerk of Grosse Pointe Woods, effective with a swearing-in ceremony next week.

"I really appreciate and am thankful that the ... department heads and the council and the mayor (are) really supportive of what I did," Antolin said. "... The political arena can be unpredictable and by them appointing me shows that they have faith in my abilities and confidence in me, so I really appreciate that most of



Paul Antolin

all."

Though the city planned to conduct an outside search to fill the position of clerk, City Administrator Frank Schulte said Antolin impressed them in the interim.

"We kind of sat back," Schulte said. "We wanted to see how Paul did and Paul was very accommodating. He went over and beyond his work scope."

Dealing with COVID

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COURTESY PHOTO

World champs!

The robotics team at University Liggett School competed in — and won — the FIRST Robotics World Championship last week. Thousands of students from across the globe met April 20 to 23, in Houston, for this annual celebration of science, technology, engineering and math. The champs and their chaperones received a warm welcome home from the ULS community the evening of April 24. Read the full story about Liggett's championship team in the May 5 Grosse Pointe News.

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Shores passes lawn watering restrictions

By Ted O'Neil
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — Sprinkle, little Shores. Or at least less, according to a new lawn watering ordinance approved by city council at its meeting Tuesday, April 19.

The new rule is intended to give the city leverage as it prepares to negotiate with the Great

Lakes Water Authority. It prohibits any automatically or manually operated lawn or landscape irrigation system from operating between 5 a.m. and 11 p.m. from May 15 to Oct. 15.

"We get more complaints about the water bill by far than any other complaint in the community and we're looking for ways to reduce the water bills," City

Manager Steve Poloni told city council at its February meeting. "One way is to bring down the peak hours and the only way to do that is to negotiate those numbers down with GLWA."

Mayor Ted Kedzierski agreed.

"I rarely get calls about property taxes," he said. "I get calls about water bills all the time."

Once the city and

GLWA agree on a new rate, it will be locked in for five years.

Rates are based on water use during peak hours. The hours of 11 p.m. to 5 a.m. are considered an exception time by GLWA, meaning the city still gets charged for water use during those hours, but the amount is not used to calculate the

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Time to disconnect

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — "The Thing from Another World," a 1951 Cold War science-fiction film, pits Arctic scientists against an outer space invader within the real-world threat of Communist infiltration.

The movie ends with a victorious but wary Earthling warning viewers, "Watch the skies everywhere. Keep watching the skies."

The thing 71 years later in Grosse Pointe Park is watching downspouts.

Municipal officials want residential and commercial property owners to disconnect downspouts from the sewer system.

Rooftop runoff infiltrates home-fed sanitary sewers and could be contributing to backups into basements during heavy rains, as happened twice last summer when equipment failed at pumping stations in Detroit.

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City plans to increase parks and rec fees

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — For the first time in more than a decade, parks and recreation fees in the City of Grosse Pointe will be raised this summer. The necessity of the increases can be attributed to a significant rise in personnel costs and operating costs for its programs, according to Parks and Recreation Coordinator Rebecca Jenzen.



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Tennis lessons in the City typically take place at Elworthy Field.

Among these increases, residents can expect to see the transition of the annual morning lap swimming fee from \$50 to \$75; adult

aquatic lessons from \$45 to \$75; and diving lessons from \$50 to \$75.

Swim lessons will move to 30 minutes for \$60 and 60 minutes for \$75.

"I reached out to the other Grosse Pointes to find out what they were charging, as well as inquired at the Neighborhood Club as to what they were charging for their classes," Jenzen reported, "and ours, even

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Andrew Kolojeski

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Pointer turns LEGO hobby into
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Taking back control of trees

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — A revision to the municipal tree ordinance says thanks but no thanks to residents offering to plant trees on city property.

“The old ordinance contains a long list of trees which residents are allowed to plant on city property,” said Brian Colter, forester for Grosse Pointe Park.

Permitted species include ash, now nearly wiped out by the emerald borer invasion begun 20 years ago.

“We don’t want ash planted anymore,” Colter said. “At the least, we needed to change the list of allowable species. But, do we really want people planting on city property? I put a big X through that

whole part. It now states, simply, you can’t plant on city property without permission from the city.”

Another part of the existing code explains a property owner’s responsibility to maintain trees growing on city property, such as sidewalk medians.

“It’s complicated and wordy,” Colter said. “Besides, we don’t want homeowners to maintain trees on city property. We’ll do that. We use trained arborists.”

There also are liability concerns if a homeowner is injured trimming trees owned by the city.

“I crossed out those paragraphs,” Colter said. The existing vegetation ordinance dates to 1957. “We’re replacing it with a comprehensive tree ordinance,” Colter said.

Colter, Assistant City

Manager Warren Rothe and Assistant City Attorney Erica Shell met this month to brainstorm a second round of revisions regarding the tree ordinance.

Discussions included where trees can and can’t be placed.

“Planting trees on city property has been a problem on easements (and) next to stop signs,” Shell said. “It’s ancillary to the living fence ordinance. Just like you can’t put a living fence in front of a stop sign, you also cannot put a willow tree in front of a stop sign, which did happen.”

“I was involved with that,” Colter said. “Several years ago, a homeowner planted a willow tree in front of a stop sign. It created a line-of-sight problem. The city received several

complaints about people driving through the stop sign. There were several near accidents.”

He cut down the tree.

Regardless of traffic safety and sightlines, the ordinance prohibits planting a willow or poplar tree within 50 feet of a sewer.

“Willows have very invasive roots and can get into sewers,” Colter said. “Those are things people might not think about.”

“Wherever the roots of any tree of any species interfere or obstruct a sewer, the tree shall be removed,” according to the ordinance.

Rothe said he expects to have a draft of updates ready for the next meeting of the ordinance review committee at 4 p.m. Tuesday, May 3, in council chambers at city hall.



COURTESY PHOTO

A service lead on Ida Lane East was one of 151 leads deemed defective in the city’s televising process. The city informed the resident it appeared the lead is restricted by an offset and roots in the pipe.

Residents notified of defective sewer leads

By Kate Vanderstelt
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — Disappointment hit the homes of 151 residents last week when they received a courtesy letter from Grosse Pointe Woods informing them their sewer service leads were defective, with the recommendation they be fixed sooner, rather than later.

During the televising and cleaning of city-owned sewer lines — an ongoing project to minimize flooding impacts that came to a peak last summer with a massive rainfall in June — the city found 151 Woods homes had blocked or busted leads. The defective pipes “will affect the ability for sanitary sewage, rain and groundwater to flow properly from your home,” said the letter, written by Director of Public Services Jim Kowalski.

The city sent the letters as a courtesy to inform the residents of what was found. The letter does not mandate the homeowner fix the problem.

“It’s just information that we gathered while we were doing that work,” Kowalski said. “As a courtesy, we sent them

a letter, (detailing) what’s wrong (and) where it’s at, just to give them an FYI, and it’s completely up to them if they want to make the repairs or not.”

However, Kowalski said, keeping the lines maintained properly will help limit potential basement backups. The area televised and notified of defective leads includes the most heavily impacted residences in last year’s flood.

To effectively keep the lines maintained, Kowalski recommended undergoing a cleaning at least once a year, if not twice. For homes with disconnected or broken leads, the line will need to be dug up and repaired.

Preventive measures for any homeowner include routine annual cleaning and surveying each home’s particular circumstances.

“It’s all situational,” Kowalski said. “If you have a sewer and you know there’s a tree that’s right over it, which happens in a lot of cases, that’s something that you want to put on routine maintenance.”

Kowalski added a good plumber should be able to remove tree roots from any impacted lead without

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Woods receives Tree City USA recognition

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — A distinction earned by thousands of cities throughout the country annually, Grosse Pointe Woods was named a 2021 Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation, based in Lincoln, Neb., honoring “its commitment to effective urban forest management.”

“We are so thrilled that Grosse Pointe Woods takes pride in creating a community that places unique value on the planting and caring of trees,” said Dan Lambe, Arbor Day Foundation chief executive, in a letter to the city.

He added, “Cities and towns across the globe are facing challenges when it comes to air quality, water resources, personal health and well-being and energy use. Grosse Pointe Woods shows its residents and

peers that they are forward-thinking and eager to combat these issues. By showing your dedication to urban forestry, you demonstrate a commitment to a brighter, greener future.”

The Woods has earned the distinction 44 years in a row — the longest running Tree City in the Pointes, with the Park earning the honor 39 years in a row; the City, 36 years; the Farms, 28 years; and the Shores, 18 years.

To become a Tree City, communities must maintain a tree board or department, have a community tree-care ordinance, spend at least \$2 per capita on urban forestry and celebrate Arbor Day.

Cities apply for the recognition annually at arborday.org/treecityusa.

— Kate Vanderstelt



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Grosse Pointe Woods has earned the Tree City USA distinction 44 years in a row. The city awaits an update to the sign to signify the additional year.

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A preferred alternative is to disconnect downspouts from ground connections where practical, and direct water onto lawns and flower beds where overflow would, at worst, drain into storm sewers.

It’s not a new idea. Park policy has favored disconnections since at least the mid-1990s, according to Patrick Thomas, head of the department of public works.

Section 7-14 of Park city code denies certificates of occupancy for property having gutter downspouts linked to the sewer system. There are exceptions.

“Any person who can demonstrate ... that the

disconnection from the Grosse Pointe Park sanitary sewer system of some or all of the gutter downspouts located on the property ... would be impractical, an undue hardship, result in damage to such property or to abutting property ... may apply for an exemption.”

The challenge for public works employees is finding downspouts that are still connected and convincing property owners to sever the tie.

Hoping to avoid mandates, Park officials intend to beef up communication with residents about the importance of relieving the sewer system of rooftop runoff.

Councilman Vikas Relan suggested the city newsletter, the “Communicator,” contain a notice urging residents

to be on the lookout.

“If we had a blurb in there to say, ‘If you know of a house that has downspouts that haven’t (been disconnected), report them to Mr. Thomas,’” Relan said during the April 11 council meeting.

“Every small victory is going to help,” said Patrick Droze, of the city’s consulting engineers, OHM Advisors.

OHM and Park staff prepared and distributed to residents a letter offering the option of reserving 15-minute time slots for public works employees to check their downspouts.

“We’ve gone to 200 and some homes,” said Tom Jenny, Park public works superintendent. “We find about 70 percent disconnected, 30 percent still connected. All in all, people have been very receptive, willing to talk to us and ask what’s going on.”

At this point, inspec-

tions and disconnections are only for people responding voluntarily.

House-to-house inspections and mandatory disconnections are being considered where practical without burdening property owners with onerous bills to disconnect downspouts.

“OK, we had our volunteer portion,” Cit Manager Nick Sizeland said. “Now, this is providing notice. You’re going to have to disconnect.”

“If you guys stopped by my house and asked to look at my downspouts and I wasn’t fully aware of what a downspout is and why it matters to the city, I’d tell you to bug off,” Councilman Brian Brenner said. “Get off my property. I’m concerned you’re going to find something and I’m going to wind up with a \$50,000 bill.”

OHM and its subcontractor Pipetek

Infrastructure Services are about halfway finished inspecting and making video records of 230,000 feet of sanitary sewers citywide.

“The majority of segments through this period have required heavy cleaning,” according to Droze’s April update.

“Not only are we scouting, we’re (also) cleaning the system, which increases the capacity of the pipes as they stand,” said Councilman Max Wiener, chairman of the infrastructure committee.

“It improves the flow of water. The faster the water flows to our discharge, the faster we can discharge it out.”

“After cleaning, lines were generally passable for inspection,” Droze said. “Street-side sewers have been impacted by heavy roots and debris. The contractor has had limited success getting through entire segments without removal.”

“After Pipetek is done, there may be areas in the

community that could be part of sewer maintenance projects,” Sizeland said.

“We have three goals,” Wiener said. “We want to minimize infiltration of water coming into the system. We want to maximize the carrying capacity and flow of the system and to maximize discharge.”

Disconnecting downspouts is considered a simple step toward achieving the first two of those objectives. So simple it’s likened to picking low-hanging fruit.

“Roughly 60 percent of homes in the city have completely disconnected their downspouts from the sewer system,” according to Droze. “Forty percent of homes still have one or more downspout connected to the sewer system.”

Park officials are trying to accomplish all they can while they can.

“Spring and summer are approaching and with it, the rainy season,” Wiener said.



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Celebrating the behind-the-scenes workforce

By Kate Vanderstelt
and Laurel Kraus
Staff Writers

THE GROSSE POINTES — In honor of National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week Sunday, April 10, through Saturday, April 16, Michigan’s State 911 Committee drafted a resolution recognizing the importance telecommunicators serve in the public safety world, deeming them the first first responders. In the Grosse Pointes, with three dispatching departments tied to the five public safety departments, Pointe dispatchers play a critical role in ensuring the safety of the community — a role that oftentimes goes unnoticed.

“Without us, there is no them,” Park Chief Dispatcher Jill Mazarra said, emphasizing the public safety team



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Grosse Pointe Park Chief Dispatcher Jill Mazarra has worked full time with the department since 1997.

couldn’t exist without dispatchers. “People don’t understand that we are the very first first responders. I think people might not appreciate us as much because they don’t see us when we get there. They are calling us on their worst day a lot of times and it’s up to us to sort that out.

“For us, we just want people to know that we are the ones that are the first responders,” she

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GPPSS contract extensions pass 5-2

By Michael Hartt
Schools Reporter

THE GROSSE POINTES — The one-year contract extensions of Grosse Pointe Public School System Superintendent Jon Dean and six other executive administrators were approved by a 5-2 vote at the April 25 GPPSS Board of Education meeting.

Dean’s contract now expires June 30, 2025, and the contracts of Deputy Superintendent of Business Services Amanda Matheson, Deputy Superintendent of Education Services Roy Bishop, Director of Pre K – Elementary Instruction Keith Howell, Director of Student Services Stephanie Hayes, Director of Instructional Technology

Christopher Stanley and Director of Human Resources Nicole Pilgrim now expire June 30, 2024.

Board Trustee Ahmed Ismail and Board Secretary Lisa Papas voted against the contract extensions. They both cited concerns about the budget’s declining fund equity as the primary reason influencing their decision.

Papas also said she did not feel fully comfortable extending these contracts so far into the future when teachers will have to be back at the bargaining table much sooner.

“Respectfully, I have to disagree on any of the contract extensions,” she said. “To make a decision

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The Week Ahead

SUNDAY, MAY 1

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods marina opens, Lake Front Park summer hours begin.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Shores annual Arbor Day Observance and Fun Run, 9:30 a.m. at Osius Park.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods-Shores Little League Parade, noon at Ghesquiere Park.

MONDAY, MAY 2

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

TUESDAY, MAY 3

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Shores Finance Committee meeting, 10 a.m.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Shores Communication Committee meeting, 6:15 p.m. via Zoom.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Park Beautification Commission meeting, 7 p.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Community Tree Commission meeting, 7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, MAY 5

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Pension Board meeting, 6 p.m.

FRIDAY, MAY 6

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods annual flower sale, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at city hall, 20025 Mack.

SATURDAY, MAY 7

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Shores beautification shred event, 800 Lakeshore.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods annual flower sale, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at city hall, 20025 Mack.

Roybal named Shores officer of the year

By Ted O’Neil
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — Just two years into his career with the Grosse Pointe Shores Public Safety Department, Public Safety Officer Jeffrey Roybal received the Director’s Award for 2021.

He was officially given the award at city council’s meeting Tuesday, April 19.

“This award goes to the public safety officer who consistently exceeds the expectations of the job description and performs at a level not bound by what is expected, but what is required for the efficient operation of the department,” Chief Ken Werenski told council.

Roybal joined the department in late 2019, after serving in the U.S. Army and working as a paramedic with the Detroit Fire Department.

“Officer Roybal is a problem solver,” Werenski said. “He comes to the table with solutions and that is the definition of a leader.”

Roybal grew up in Grosse Pointe Woods and graduated from Grosse Pointe North High School in 2001. After studying at Ferris State University, he joined the U.S. Army



PHOTO BY TED O’NEIL

Grosse Pointe Shores Public Safety Department Chief Ken Werenski, left, and Public Safety Officer Jeffrey Roybal.

in 2006, and served nine years, including 2008 to 2010, as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

While in the Army, Roybal worked in construction and demolition and did convoy security. He also received training in tactical combat casualty care, which he likened to being an EMT on the battlefield.

After his time in the service, he attended the firefighting and EMT academies and then put himself

through the paramedic academy while working in Detroit.

“I originally wanted to be a firefighter, but then this opportunity popped up and I was looking for something more stable,” Roybal said.

After four months at the police academy, he joined the Shores.

“I really enjoy it because this is my community,” he said. “I have a lot of friends and family here, my parents are here.”

It’s not often, however, that he runs into people he knows while on patrol.

“It doesn’t happen as often as I thought it would,” he laughed.

According to Werenski, Roybal was selected to oversee the department’s motor division, which included 80 hours of motorcycle training, and also serves as a field training officer to provide mentoring to new officers. Roybal also is one of two Shores officers serving on the Grosse Pointe/Harper Woods Crisis Intervention Team, which handles people dealing with mental health issues.

“Jeff is a good guy,” Werenski said. “He’s a great husband, a great dad, a great son and a great friend.”

Website getting updates

GROSSE POINTE PARK — The municipal website is being changed to help viewers learn about infrastructure matters.

“Infrastructure is clearly our No. 1 priority,” said Councilman Brian Brenner, chairman of the community engagement committee. “It’s appropriate that it’s more prominently displayed on our website.”

“We need to cast a wider net so residents get updates,” said Councilman Max Wiener, chairman of the infrastructure committee.

tee.

New Assistant City Manager Warren Rothe is the administration’s point man on the website.

He and Brenner favor starting with incremental, low-cost changes modeled, in part, on what other municipalities are doing.

“There are some things we can do quickly while working toward the broader goal of upgrading the whole thing,” Brenner said. “Something we can get going quickly is a dedicated drop box for infrastructure updates, including

notifications and frequently asked questions.”

Also included will be Wiener’s monthly update on infrastructure developments, such as applying to the state this month to install an extreme emergency relief valve. The valve is designed to discharge sewer water into Lake St. Clair that threatens to backup into basements.

“We want to focus on what we’re currently doing going forward,” Brenner said. “Later on, (City Manager) Nick (Sizeland) said we’re about due for a full, revised website.”

— Brad Lindberg

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with the increase, is still significantly lower than you can get anywhere else.”

Tennis lessons may not be taking place this year, Jenzen reported, as the city has not yet found a company with which to contract.

If it does, the lessons will increase from \$45 to \$60, while a platform tennis membership goes from \$125 to \$150.

The fee increases are anticipated to provide the department an addi-

tional \$11,000 in revenue.

While Jenzen acknowledged the programs may lose a couple people due to the higher prices, “even last year, with missing a year because of COVID and then with COVID still being an issue last year, we saw an increase from 2019 to 2021 enrollment, so I’m fairly confident in these numbers.”

Playing into the rise in personnel costs responsible for the fee increases is the national lifeguard shortage, which led the City to raise its life-guarding base pay this

season.

City council unanimously approved the increases during its meeting Monday, April 18.

“The reason why we’re doing this at this meet-

ing, as opposed to the May meeting when we review the overall fee schedule, is we have to put these in place prior to the start of the season,” City Manager Pete Dame explained.

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LEGO hobby becomes a business

By Kate Vanderstelt
Staff Writer

What started as a hobby building sets as a young boy turned into Andrew Kolojeski's first, and likely not last, big business venture.

Kolojeski recalled playing with LEGOs regularly throughout his childhood.

"I think I just loved the aspect of it. ... Putting together the sets, they were so complicated sometimes," Kolojeski said. "I really liked it being a puzzle, almost."

In eighth grade, Kolojeski wandered through a garage sale with his grandparents, a hobby they frequently

enjoyed. When he picked up a LEGO set for \$10 and sold it the next day on eBay for \$1,300, he knew he was onto something.

The summer preceding his freshman year at Grosse Pointe South High School, Kolojeski began collecting bulk boxes of LEGO bricks and reselling them in parts and pieces through an online store, a business he named Michigan Used Bricks. He'd find the LEGOs anywhere online, from eBay or Goodwill auction sites, and also had flyers around town in the Grosse Pointes and St. Clair Shores, where he'd offer to take the pieces

off the owner's hands for a worked-out price.

Michigan Used Bricks operates through BrickLink, a site specifically designed for the purchase and sale of LEGO pieces.

As the business grew, he began to hire help, eventually having six employees associated with



COURTESY PHOTOS

At his final convention, Andrew Kolojeski displayed his LEGO design of the wall from "Game of Thrones," which contained more than 25,000 LEGO pieces and took several months of hard work to build.

Michigan Used Bricks. The workers sorted the LEGO pieces by part type and color, organizing the business more effectively for online sales.

In the almost four years since he opened the business, he has sold up to half a million parts, reached more than \$100,000 in gross sales and sold in each U.S. state, all over the world and almost every continent. Though he's run it since the summer after eighth grade, the junior said business really took off at the onset of COVID-19.

"During the pandemic people were getting rid of a lot of stuff," Kolojeski said, "and

that's where I think I got a lot of LEGO from."

Along with the extra time he had on his hands as school turned to an online endeavor, Kolojeski was able to focus on sales. In his basement he built quite the LEGO warehouse, filling it with his inventory and preparing it for the site.

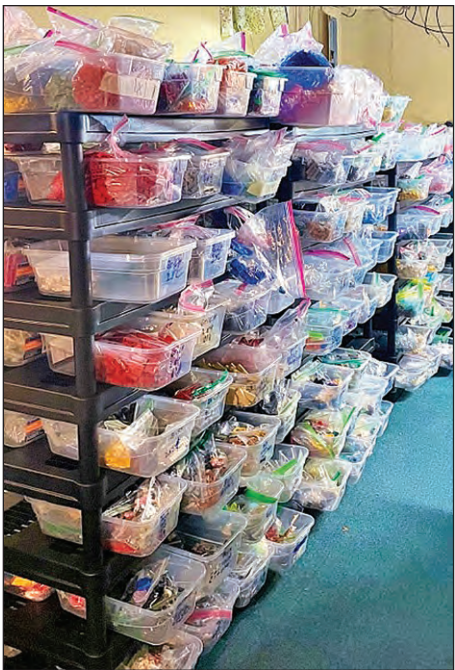
Now that school responsibilities have been reinstated, business has slowed down as Kolojeski juggles schoolwork, after-school activities — including tutoring and lacrosse, among other things — and operating Michigan Used Bricks. He isn't planning to gather more LEGO

pieces, as he will stop the business once he

graduates high school and moves on to college. He still has around 300,000 items in inventory he's selling on the weekends.

"I really look forward to potentially other businesses that I can start in college or in the future," he said, adding he hopes to go into real estate and currently is working toward buying his first rental property.

From operating Michigan Used Bricks, Kolojeski said he's learned, "Just be yourself, do what you like to do, do what you think is right. Hard work definitely pays off. Sometimes doing something different might end up successful, like what I did. Not many people sell LEGO for a living."



Kolojeski has transformed his basement into a LEGO warehouse, where he sorts all of his inventory to prepare it for sale. Pictured are bins of organized merchandise.



When he was younger, Kolojeski entered a LEGO rendition of The Yacht Club into a contest, for which he won first place.

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setbacks and a short staff, Schulte said, Antolin's "demeanor and communication was outstanding."

"As two months went along," he added, "we just kind of like (decided) we don't really need to go out for a search. Paul's qualified and he's a good fit. He knows the city."

Antolin worked with the city of Romulus 17 years, 13 of them in the clerk's office. He had experience there in the public works

and building departments, as well.

He came to the Woods as deputy city clerk in March 2018.

"(I was) just looking for opportunity," he said. "I thought it was time for me to make my move. I just wanted to utilize my knowledge and experience at a different level."

As deputy city clerk, Antolin worked closely under former clerk Hathaway, learning about elections and city procedures.

"I was heavily involved with the entire process of

the elections," he said. "Lisa Hathaway, the previous clerk, made sure that I was familiar with all the procedures and she did really well showing me the ins and outs of the office itself."

After Hathaway's departure, Antolin took on her responsibilities in the interim, duties he will now fulfill full time.

His biggest goals for the new role include enhancing processes and procedures, working well with city employees and the public and advancing the city in best practices.

"(I want to communicate) with experienced clerks and things like that," he said, "(network and gather) ideas for best practices to really further the city of Grosse Pointe Woods."

47th annual flower sale

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — Just in time for Mother's Day, the Grosse Pointe Woods Beautification Advisory Commission presents its 47th annual flower sale Friday, May 6, and Saturday, May 7, at the Robert E. Novitke Municipal Center.

The commission will offer high-quality annuals and perennials, hanging baskets, patio pots and Indian Summer Recycling compost for sale. This year specifically, flower sale chairwoman Rachelle Koester said, the variety of perennials available has increased.

"The idea of planting once and enjoying it for years to come is becoming more popular and desirable," she said via email, "and we are focusing on plants that attract pollinators such as bees, butterflies and hummingbirds."

While the pre-order deadline was Thursday, April 21, guests are welcome to attend the sale in person and buy flowers onsite. Flowers will be available for purchase 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, May 6, and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 7.

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The 47th annual flower sale takes place May 6-7, in front of city hall.

may be used to purchase flowers at the sale.

For pre-orders, curbside pick-up is available preceding the event from 3 to 7 p.m. Thursday, May 5. Free deliveries within the Grosse Pointes will be made on orders exceeding \$250 upon request.

All flower purchases help fund colorful plantings throughout the city, as well as the award ceremony held for homeowners and businesses "that go above and beyond to make their property exemplary," Koester said.

— Kate Vanderstelt

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city's rate.

The ordinance does have a few allowances. A newly seeded or sodded lawn can be watered as often as needed, other than the hours of 5 to 9 a.m. A water user also can manually irrigate using hoses and sprinklers, provided they are not connected to a manual system, except from 5 to 9 a.m.

"So a person couldn't be out there watering their flowers at 7:30 a.m. with a cup of coffee before work?" asked Councilwoman Danielle Gehlert.

Public Works Director Mike Way explained that

is prohibited because it falls during high-use times.

"That's a busy time with people showering or starting laundry before work," he said.

The ordinance does not apply to homeowners who have irrigation systems that draw water from Lake St. Clair.

As Poloni told city council in February, the Shores is the GLWA's "worst customer for using the most water at the wrong time." GLWA notified the city its water rates would increase 3.5 percent and sewer rates 4.7 percent for the 2023 billing cycle.

The city — which has the highest water rates of any of the Pointes — said it's because resi-

dents use less water, comparatively, during the winter months when many people head to warmer climates, and more water in the summer.

If water use goes up, rather than down, the city faces a 50 percent surcharge. Poloni told council he would only be comfortable telling GLWA water use will go down if the ordinance was in place. If the effort is unsuccessful, the ordinance can be repealed.

The ordinance will be enforced by employees of the public works, building and public safety departments, although the city plans on using an educational approach first before handing out any tickets.

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OUR VIEW

Why Miggy is our man

“ Miggy Watch 3k” has made this young baseball season a blast. With each game last week, more and more of us tuned in or headed down to the ballpark in the hopes of witnessing Detroit Tigers future Hall-of-Famer Miguel Cabrera record his 3,000th career hit. The slugger finally did so last Saturday against the Colorado Rockies in front of a packed Comerica Park.

Astoundingly, out of the thousands and thousands of men who have played before him, Cabrera is just the seventh player in Major League Baseball’s 146-year history to have both 500 career home runs and 3,000 hits. And better yet, he accomplished this feat in front of the home crowd.

You might be wondering if half of Grosse Pointe was at the game, with the amount of videos popping up on Instagram and Snapchat from Pointers who were lucky enough to capture a piece of baseball history in person.

But whether you watched it at the ballpark, live on TV or caught the highlights, one thing is for certain: We sure love us some Miguel Cabrera.

We especially love him here, in our hometown. We all take great pride in the fact Miggy spends his in-season here in Grosse Pointe.

So in honor of his latest entry in baseball’s record book, we think there’s no better time for us to share our Top 10 Reasons Why We Love Miguel Cabrera:

- 1. **He’s ours** — Whether it’s Barry Sanders, Stevie Y., Isiah Thomas, Al Kaline, Gordie Howe or Miguel Cabrera, we have always loved and supported our best pro athletes. Once we claim you, you are a Detroiter for life. Just ask Justin Verlander or Matthew Stafford.
- 2. **He brings the sports nation’s eyes on us** — What better draw and representative for our often nationally ignored sports town than Cabrera? He’s one of the best to ever do it. Kick rocks, ESPN.
- 3. **He’s a team leader** — As Miggy goes, so go the Tigers. Despite battling nagging injuries or personal issues throughout his career, Cabrera never mails it in or shirks his responsibility as a team leader.
- 4. **He will walk into Cooperstown wearing the Olde English ‘D.’** — It’s always special to see Tigers, Pistons, Red Wings or (hark!) even Detroit Lions get inducted into their respective Halls of Fame. Miggy’s a shoe-in.
- 5. **He wants to win** — During his post-3,000th hit locker room celebration, Cabrera told his team that his goal for these Tigers is to win the division. He prioritizes his team, instead of being complacent and satisfied with his individual achievements.
- 6. **He’s just a kid at heart** — In this era of bazillion-dollar contracts and “me-first” athletes, Cabrera’s impish smile and ability to hold court at first base with opponents reminds us it’s just a game and above all is meant to be fun.
- 7. **He brings us together** — More than 37,000 of us gathered to watch him play last Saturday. Nearly that same amount chanted “Yankees suck!” in unison when that loathsome team decided to intentionally walk Cabrera on April 21, temporarily denying his chance at 3,000 hits. Our stadium erupted to provide the Bronx Bombers with colorful commentary on how we felt about the move. The Tigers went on to

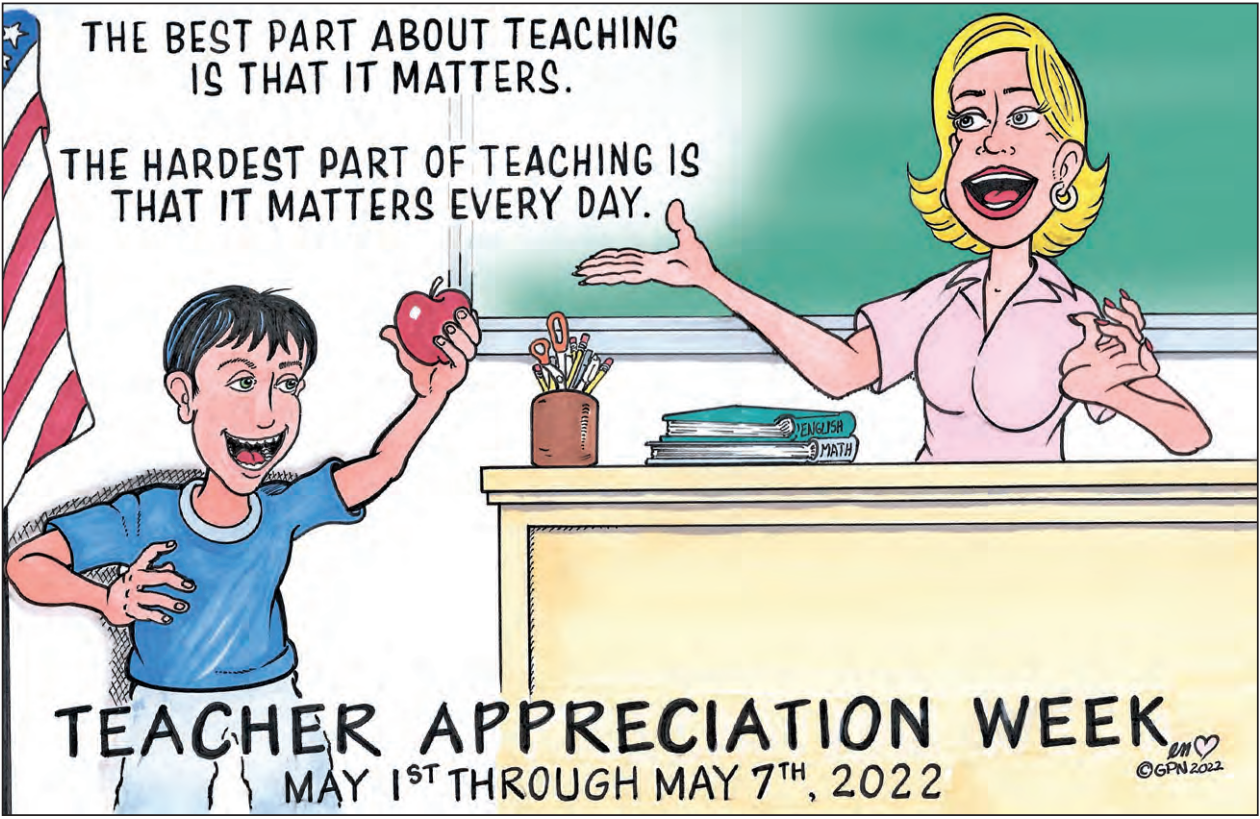


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OUR VIEW

Stories of volunteerism inspire us to ‘just do it’

A very successful athletic shoe company once told us, “Just Do It.” That tagline seems to describe several recent stories in the Grosse Pointe News that have inspired us about the spirit of volunteerism around the Pointes. Whether through examples of the grassroots efforts to help a softball teammate in need after a fire, dog walkers helping out at pet shelters or donation drives and mission trips to aid refugees from Ukraine, we believe the time is now for more of us to “just do it.”

Stories like these underscore the need for us to find more ways we can help humankind, whether in our own neighborhood, country or across the globe.

The majority of us finally are coming up for air after a two-year-long global pandemic, chock full of lockdowns, restrictions and mandates. As a result, we find ourselves with full access to travel and businesses reopened to full capacity.

In other words, we are reconnected with our neighbors, the country and the world at large. Little is restricting us from giving some of our time to help people (and even those in the animal kingdom) get back on their feet, or paws, as it were.

Need some inspiration? Consider the following:

♦ The Grosse Pointe South softball teammates of Liv Livingston, a City of Grosse Pointe resident whose room and its entire contents were lost in a house fire April 16. Teammates and supporters gathered last Saturday in between tournament games to host a “Toss-A-Ball” fundraiser to help Livingston replace all she lost. “One of the great things about our community is that when things like this happen, people rally around the people or the family,” Bill Fleming, head coach of South varsity softball, told the Grosse Pointe News. (See story on page 2D.)

♦ Eighteen Pointers who volunteered to go on a 10-day mission trip to Poland to help Ukrainian refugees. Spearheaded by the Rev. Andrew Kowalczyk from St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic Church, the group of “everyday people,” worked together from different churches and denominations on this trip, including members from St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church and the Rev. Sean Motley from First English

Evangelical Lutheran Church in Grosse Pointe Woods. No task was too menial for these volunteers, who did everything from clean toilets, escort refugees in wheelchairs, color with children and comfort refugees.

♦ April is National Volunteer Month. In last week’s Grosse Pointe News, Editor in Chief Jody McVeigh reported that according to census.gov, more than 2.3 million volunteers in the state annually contribute nearly 186 million hours of service, valued at \$4.4 billion. Nearly 57.7 percent of Michiganders do favors for their neighbors. Fifty percent make financial donations to charity. However, just 28.7 percent participate in local groups or organizations. Let’s see that number increase.

♦ Grosse Pointe’s abundant volunteer opportunities. Ms. McVeigh outlined a range of local opportunities to give our time, talent and treasure, including The Helm at Boll Life Center, Ford House, Beaumont Hospital and the Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society. And that’s just a sample of where one can lend a hand locally.

Nearly 44 percent of people are unsure how to get involved or where to find opportunities to volunteer, Ms. McVeigh reported. But here’s the good news — if you are contemplating volunteering but don’t know where to start, there’s a website called pointsoflight.org, where you can search for volunteer opportunities by keyword or ZIP code.

Another option is sharedetroit.org, where those looking to lend a hand can sift through nearly 300 nonprofits and among 266 volunteer opportunities to find the perfect fit.

It’s that simple and it’s an important start. Pastor Motley, upon his return from his mission trip to Poland, told the Grosse Pointe News that before he learned about the mission trip opportunity, he couldn’t shake the thought of “what can I do?” regarding Ukraine’s refugee crisis.

He, and many others like him, transformed their thoughts into action by volunteering, making a vital impact toward those in need as a result. His advice to potential volunteers?: “Let ‘er rip, tater chip.”

In other words, just do it, Grosse Pointe. The ripple we make by helping others has the power to bring forth a sea of positive change.

seal the victory the very next at bat, delighting fans. We love you even more now, Miggy.

8. **He considers himself a Detroiter** — Cabrera often refers to “my hometown Detroit” in interviews. In this “Detroit vs. Everybody” type of world, we appreciate his ambassadorship of our fair city.

9. **He engages with our community** — If you are

lucky enough to catch a Cabrera sighting in GP, you know he waves hello from his driveway and, as local legend has it, has brought a handful of star-struck Little Leaguers into his yard to hang out. Can you say hero? You betcha.

10. **(See No. 7)** — When the Yankees lose, our nation wins. Period. Thank you, Miggy.

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Is the district really listening?

To the Editor:
I attended the listening session with Grosse Pointe schools Superintendent Dr. Jon Dean on Wednesday, April 20, 2022, at Defer Elementary School. I had several concerns with the direction of the district

that I hoped to hear answers for during this listening session. I had specific concerns with Dr. Dean’s Jan. 27, 2022, Grosse Pointe News Letter to the Editor titled, “School System Experienced Significant Change.” In his letter, Dean attempts to provide clarity on the lack of focus on educational and aca-

demic excellence in the recently approved GPPSS 2022-2024 strategic plan. My specific concerns relate to the lack of a reference to academic excellence or achievement in the district’s new strategic plan.

Instead of alleviating my concerns, the listening session further reinforced my concerns about where Dean is leading our district. During the discussion on academics and grading, Dean said, “You’re talking to a guy who wants to get rid of grades at all levels.” He then acknowledged that his statement may make some parents nervous. Count me in the crowd of parents who get very nervous when I hear a school superintendent say he would like to eliminate grading in the school system. How does a school

system access the effectiveness of the education they are providing if the students are not tested or graded? Equity of opportunity should never equate to equity of outcome.

GPPSS deserves strong leadership at the superintendent level and clearly the leadership in this district has gone way off track.

KATE HOPPER
Grosse Pointe Farms

Disappointed

To the Editor:
I was disappointed to read that you decided not to print a letter because “this letter had previously been widely circulated on Facebook.”

For a number of reasons, I do not participate

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I SAY By Mike Adzima

Witnessing history: An ode to Miguel Cabrera



“How can you not be romantic about baseball?” asks Brad Pitt, as Oakland A’s General Manager Billy Beane in the movie “Moneyball.” I’ve always loved that line and a few days ago, I got to witness the true meaning of it. Over the weekend, I got the opportunity to witness sports history in person. Along with more than 37,000 other people in the city of Detroit, I was at Comerica Park Saturday afternoon to witness Miguel Cabrera’s 3,000th career hit. Seeing the entire crowd rise to its feet when Miggy approached the plate was a spectacular sight. The roar that followed when his hard-hit ground ball

snuck its way through first and second base and into right field was enough to give anyone chills. That moment served as a reminder of what it means to be a sports fan in Detroit and why it is impossible not to love the game of baseball. It’s no secret Cabrera’s play has declined over the past few seasons as injuries and Father Time have taken their toll. The great Miggy we saw in the early and mid-2010s has faded away, but that does not make his achievement of 3,000 hits any less special. As I sat along the first base line at Comerica with a perfect view of Cabrera touching first base to make hit No. 3,000 official, the emotion of the moment was that overwhelming feeling of what makes sports great. I can clearly be heard screaming “Yes! Yes!” on the video of the hit I recorded with my phone (and no, I don’t want to have the “Why does every-one have to take a video of

the hit on their phones?” debate). What you can hear in that video is the joy of myself and thousands of baseball fans getting to see one of the greatest hitters to ever pick up a bat join the ranks of the immortals. It was one of those rare moments in sports that when you see it, you almost don’t know what to do. One of the first things I did was hug my girlfriend, who was standing next to me, both of us lifelong Tigers fans taking in the moment together. Fireworks erupted in center field as Miggy’s teammates and family ran onto the field to hug him. I had so much pride in being a Detroit Tigers fan in that moment, I could have hugged everyone in the ballpark — and I’m sure Miggy would have too. Detroit is a city that hasn’t had much to celebrate when it comes to sports during the past decade or so. We haven’t won a championship since the 2008 Red Wings,

despite the Tigers trying their best in the early 2010s. Miggy’s milestone Saturday finally gave us in the Motor City something to really celebrate and gave us that almost forgotten feeling of being the center of the sports world. His 3,000th hit wasn’t some bomb of a home run, but that’s OK. In fact, hit No. 3,000 being a ground ball with eyes, sneaking its way into right field, is the perfect example of the kind of hitter Miggy is. Cabrera hits from the right side, but has never been afraid to send balls to the opposite field throughout his entire career. Miggy will go down as one of the greatest right-handed hitters of all time when it’s all said and done because of that ability to hit to all fields. The moment and the way he achieved 3,000 hits is a testament to what makes Cabrera such a special athlete. His power may not be what it used to, but his natural ability to hit

is still present as ever. It’s what makes Cabrera one of the rare athletes who can truly stand the test of time. I saw a city that has had to suffer so much heartbreak and disappointment for the better part of a decade finally get a reason to cheer. A reason to smile. A reason to hug whatever fan is standing next to you whether it’s a friend, a family member or even a complete stranger. As a 24-year-old Detroit sports fan, it felt like this was finally a moment for my generation. I grew up with Miggy as a Tiger. As I learned and understood more about the game, I got to witness the best years of his legendary career. Saturday’s moment spans generations, but for Tigers fans my age, it really felt like our moment. We didn’t have the 1984 World Series or memories of old Tiger Stadium that Tigers fans like my parents love to reminisce about. It was a moment for

the fans who grew up and started to love baseball while watching Cabrera in his prime. It was a moment to celebrate him and his career, even when we know we’ll never get to see his prime again. Most importantly, it was a moment for the game of baseball. It’s so common nowadays to hear people going on about how baseball is a dying sport and that big changes are necessary in order to save it. Maybe nothing needs to be changed. Maybe moments like Saturday afternoon are what’s going to save baseball. Cabrera’s 3,000th hit brought people together. It brought the city of Detroit together. It brought baseball fans from all over the world together. For those who have stuck with the Detroit Tigers through thick and thin and for those who are sticking with the game of baseball even when it seems to be in its darkest times, it was a moment for us.

GUEST VIEW By Terence Collins

Nothing routine about district actions

If you had listened to the most recent Grosse Pointe school board meeting, you might think you were watching the first “Stars Wars” movie and being influenced by Jedi mind tricks. The superintendent and certain board members repeatedly attempted to assure the public there is no reason for concern or that items were “routine” or votes “had been taken” for things that require much more in-depth analysis. We keep being told, “These

are not the droids we are looking for.” A deeper analysis tells a different story. At the March 22, 2022 GPPSS school board meeting, Superintendent Dr. Jon Dean attempted to tell the community that an event held by a local group of concerned parents was attempting to spread misinformation about the district. The first “myth” that Dr. Dean mentioned was that the district is on the precipice of financial ruin. Well, Dr. Dean, a district that began the 2020-21

school year with a general fund equity of \$18.4 million and will end the 2021-22 school year with a projected fund equity of \$10.5 million, despite receiving nearly \$7 million in federal and state COVID assistance, is on the precipice of financial ruin. Any district than can spend \$15 million more that it receives in a two-year period should be subject to a significant amount

more scrutiny than it has received to date. During the latest GPPSS board meeting April 11, 2022, Dr. Dean again attempted to tell the board members and community that extending the executive administrative contracts including his own by 12 months was “routine” in nature. A review of the last 10 years of administrators’ contracts would quickly say otherwise: 2017 was the first year that a super-



intendent and his executive staff’s contracts were extended by one year and that was in the last year of all of their contracts. Never before has GPPSS extended the superintendent’s contract for a third full year before that superintendent had completed one year of service to the district. Not routine and certainly not advisable in the midst of a financial crisis. Finally, during the same meeting on April 11, Trustee Ahmed Ismail asked Dr. Dean and the other board members when they had voted to use the bond money

intended for Poupard and Trombly on other bond projects. Trustee Margaret Weertz told the board members and the public that the board voted to approve such spending. Unfortunately, a review of all agenda action items over the past two years fails to find when that vote took place, because it simply never happened. Nothing about what is happening in GPPSS is “routine” at the moment. The Jedi mind tricks are not working anymore. Terence Collins is a resident of Grosse Pointe Park.

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in social media. That is why I subscribe to print media like the Grosse Pointe News! I bet you have a lot of senior readers like me who don’t do Facebook. I understand that younger people, too, are abandoning Facebook for other platforms. Please reconsider this policy. KATHLEEN FULGENZI, M.D. Grosse Pointe Woods 35-plus-year subscriber

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Standard practice

To the Editor: It is ironic that your publisher declares (“On publishing letters to the editor,” April 21) that appointed officials “should be covered fairly and accurately.” On the very same page, your publication then unfairly and inaccurately describes a proposed extension of Superintendent Dr. Jon

Dean’s contract in an “Our View” editorial (“Extension too soon”) and accompanying political cartoon. Your “juice-to-squeeze” (your words) complaints are that Dr. Dean is seeking a longer extension for himself and senior administrators than is being sought for teachers and that it is not merited by performance, despite the fact that he received a “highly effective” rating in his recent evaluation. Teacher contracts are part of a bargaining unit, while Dr. Dean’s is an individual contract. Furthermore, under Dr. Dean’s leadership the teachers received their first two-year contract in years. It should be noted that longer contracts are not always in teachers’ best interests, as there are multiple reasons they may wish to renegotiate the terms. On the other hand, three-year contracts are common among superintendents (and other senior administrators) in our peer districts. It’s a standard practice for a superintendent to be hired with a two-year contract that is extended if goals and ratings are met. As has been reported, the market for top-level administrators is very competitive. I assume that Dr. Dean is looking to give his team — and therefore our community — the stability needed to do the

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work to keep our district’s performance at the high level we deserve and expect.

MARIA LOGRASSO
Grosse Pointe Shores

Stop amendment

To the Editor:

A petition sponsored by Planned Parenthood of Michigan, ACLU of Michigan and Michigan Voice named “Reproductive Freedom for All” is circulating. If they collect over 400,000 signatures this proposal would be placed on the November ballot for an amendment that would repeal dozens of state laws, including those unrelated to abortion.

I implore you, please do not sign this petition!

Signing the petition could lead to an amendment of the Michigan Constitution and could advance the following:

- ◆ “Explicitly affirm” unrestricted abortion on

demand, throughout all nine months of pregnancy as a “fundamental right.”

- ◆ No parental consent for minors considering abortion.

- ◆ School employees helping children have abortions.

- ◆ No parental consent required for medical treatment related to pregnancy, sterilizations and hormone therapy.

- ◆ No requirement that only doctors perform abortion.

- ◆ No conscience protections for doctors/nurses who object to abortions.

- ◆ Forced tax-funded abortions.

- ◆ Dangerous mail order or over the counter abortion pills easily accessible.

Help stop this abortion amendment to Michigan’s Constitution.

For further information visit supportmiwomenandchildren.org or rtl.org.

BEVERLY BALLEW
Right to Life of Grosse Pointe/Harper Woods affiliate

YESTERDAY’S HEADLINES

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FARMS PD GIVEN APPROVAL TO

SPRUCE UP: The Farms police department found the village trustees in a very expansive mood at their meeting and obtained approval for a number of projects that have long been filed in the “Rosy Future” drawer. George Schlaepfer, chairman of the police committee, pleaded the case for the department and did it so convincingly hardly a dissenting whisper was audible. The requests were for improvements in the department’s headquarters on the first floor of the municipal building on Kerby and include plumbing changes, wiring and lighting fixtures and removing the antique switchboard which clutters up the outer office.

STUDENT BEHAVIOR SUBJECT OF CODE PASSED: A

Student Code of Behavior was passed at a recent special meeting of the Board of Education. The code was recommended by a representative system-wide committee composed of students, teachers and administrators. In the code are provisions pertaining to student tobacco smoking, possession and use of narcotics, falsification of student identification cards, insubordination to authority, among other elements of behavior which create difficulties between students and school administrators.

WAYBURN FIGHT UNSETTLED: The saga of the

Wayburn Avenue boundary dispute continues and it seems it may be a while before the matter is definitely settled. Park City Attorney Richard D. Rohr brought the council up to date, reporting that at a meeting with the Detroit Common Council, an estimated \$38,000 in property tax loss to Detroit would result if the annexation took place. No estimated income tax loss was given to the Common Council at that time.

posed at the council meeting for the storefront of the former Wild Wings Gallery in the Village. Preparing to open at 16844 Kercheval, will be Chico’s Casual Clothing store, a women’s apparel shop originating in Sanibel Island, Fla.

1997
25 years ago this week

WOMEN’S APPAREL STORE TO OPEN IN

VILLAGE: What a difference subdued colors make. White and Navaho white drew smiles and nods of praise from Village merchants and city council members from the City of Grosse Pointe. Those were a part of the color scheme pro-

2012
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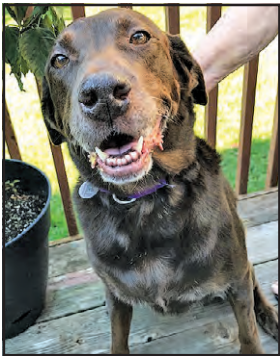
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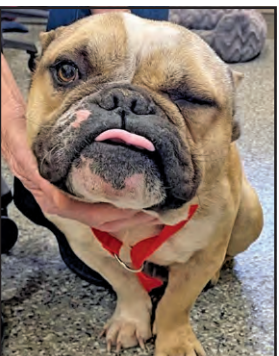


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Public comments resolution fails 6-1

By Michael Hartt
Schools Reporter

A resolution to revise the guidelines for public board meeting comments at Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education meetings failed on a 6-1 margin at the April 25 meeting.

The revision would have added a paragraph to the statement printed on each of the public comment sheets and read by Board President Joseph Herd before the two public comments sections of each meeting.

The proposed paragraph read, “We ask speakers to express themselves in a civil manner, with due respect for the dignity and privacy of others who may be affected by the public comments. Public comments cannot be used to make personal attacks on a Board member or District employee unrelated to the manner in which the member or

employee performs his or her duties. Speakers should be aware that if their statements constitute defamation or an invasion of privacy, they may subject themselves to legal liability.”

Prior to the vote, Herd said the addition to the statement’s preexisting language came about after a community member verbally attacked a board member after a meeting and called her and two other board members “slimeballs.”

The board member in question, who Secretary Lisa Papas later identified as herself, said while she never asked for the language to be drafted, she did convey concern about the safety of board members.

“At no time did I ever ask to have this additional language made,” she said. “I expressed concern about safety issues after a meeting when we were accosted verbally, but that doesn’t have to do with

the meeting comments. That is a separate issue. This language was presented to me and I was asked my opinion on it and that’s it. I don’t really care if anyone calls me a name in the parking lot either. But I (was) concerned when I (saw) people moving in a manner where there might have been a physical altercation.”

Many of the board members who voted against the resolution cited concerns about censorship as reasons for not supporting it.

Treasurer Margaret Weertz said the resolution not only stirred in her concerns about limits on free speech, but also about the general state of civility in the community.

“I don’t favor the inclusion of this language. I do not like to limit free speech in any way or censor people,” Weertz said. “It is a dark time in this community and in this country where you are

called names when you don’t agree with someone. And I have said this to community members before: I don’t think that you can fight hate with hate. A lot of hateful language has been said to board members and in this community and I hope it stops one day.”

Trustee Christopher Lee, the only board member to vote in favor of the resolution, explained he did so because of concerns related to the statewide shortage of school board members.

He said he thought the passage of the resolution might encourage more people to consider running in future school board elections.

“If there are good people who are out in the community, but who are afraid to sit up at this table, I don’t want them to shy away because they are afraid of the abuse they will get while sitting on this stage,” Lee said.

Bond fund resolution fails

By Michael Hartt
Schools Reporter

At the April 25 Board of Education meeting, a resolution submitted by Grosse Pointe Public School System Board Trustee Ahmed Ismail and Board Secretary Lisa Papas to set aside the 2018 bond funds, originally presented to the public to be spent on projects at Poupard and Trombly elementary schools, failed in a 5-2 vote.

Ismail and Papas voted for the resolution while Board President Joseph Herd, Vice President Colleen Worden, Treasurer Margaret Weertz, Trustee David Brumbaugh and Trustee Christopher Lee voted against it.

The resolution was submitted by Ismail and Papas because of their concerns about the prudence of spending bond money, which was originally intended for Poupard and Trombly, on other projects, even though the future of the Poupard and Trombly buildings is in flux.

Concerns listed in the resolution detail that the appraisals of the Poupard and Trombly properties have not yet been obtained and that due diligence on the properties cannot be obtained until proposals are received and all options as to the best use of the properties to serve the community can be determined.

Worden, however, said she disagreed with the notion that the sale of Poupard has not been finalized.

“Being on the facilities committee, we’ve spent countless meetings discussing selling. And we’ve had representatives from other municipalities talking about ways to use that property if we sell it (and) when we sell it,” Worden said. “So I think that’s not really an accurate statement.”

Part of the consideration of the resolution ended up being whether or not it was even possible to set aside the \$9.5 million originally designated for Poupard and Trombly.

Amanda Van Dusen, a senior counsel at Miller Canfield, with whom GPPSS regularly works and who was invited to speak at the meeting, confirmed that because all but approximately \$6.7 million of the bond money had been committed to other projects, the full amount could not be set aside unless construction contracts were broken.

Before the resolution was voted on, Ismail proposed it should be changed to reflect setting aside the \$6.7 million figure instead of the \$9.5 million figure, given Van Dusen’s opinion.

Papas voiced her continued support for the resolution, given the changes, and said her opinion on the matter was based primarily on making sure the expenditure of this bond money was not being made irresponsibly.

“All (Ismail and I) are trying to say is let’s slow down, save some of the allowance money and make some wise decisions so that we are not going to be left holding an RFP out on Poupard and to make sure we will have time to have proper conversations with the Grosse Pointe Park council,” Papas said.

Weertz, however, expressed disapproval of the resolution and favor for the current plan of spending the \$6.7 million elsewhere in the district.

“We have \$250 million in critical needs (and) we only asked taxpayers for \$111 million,” Weertz said. “So I remember us having that discussion that we really need to (use) this extra money that would have gone into Poupard and Trombly for other critical issues.”



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Middle school orators honored

The Grosse Pointe Optimist Club recently hosted its annual oratorical contest at The War Memorial on the subject “Staying Optimistic in Challenging Times.” Pictured, from left, are contestants Zoey Nichols of Pierce Middle School, Leila Oskui of Brownell Middle School, Lauren Euper of Brownell, Gaia Sperone of Pierce and Elena Martin of Pierce. Euper and Oskui proceeded to the Regional Optimist Oratorical Contest, which took place Saturday, April 23.

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to extend administrative contracts, I think it is really fiscally irresponsible. There is no disrespect towards these administrators, but we cannot make budget decisions like this, because it will be at the expense of teachers in the classroom. Quite frankly, I think we have

to lead from the front and show our teachers, if you want the teachers back at the bargaining table a year from this summer to negotiate their contracts, I don’t think you (should) ask for an extension on your contract.”

The board members who supported the extensions cited Dean’s recent highly effective rating in the district’s superintendent evaluation and concerns about nationwide

school district administrator shortages as reasons for their vote.

Trustee David Brumbaugh also echoed Papas’ concerns about the state of the district’s finances, but said, in comparison, this consideration compelled him to vote to extend the contracts.

“When you are entering a time of uncertainty, that is when you need stability in your leader-

ship,” Brumbaugh said. “The education job market doesn’t work like other job markets. Everything happens a year or more out. Contracts not extended now are a sign for our leaders to search for new jobs. Whether we are talking about the superintendent or our other leaders, there are more vacancies statewide and nationwide than there are qualified candidates.”

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Shining star

South grad has three-episode run on ABC’s ‘The Good Doctor’

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Local fans of ABC’s “The Good Doctor” may have noticed a familiar face in a recent episode.

Grosse Pointe Farms native Hollis Jane Andrews, a graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School, landed a three-episode arc on the show, which airs Mondays at 10 p.m.

The show, which centers around a young autistic surgeon with savant syndrome, hired Andrews for the role of Sophie, a documentarian given the go-ahead to make a reality show about two of the characters. The second episode of her run airs Monday, May 2.

The role was a perfect fit for Andrews, who was born with dwarfism.

“It was specifically written for a little person,” she said. “They were looking for someone like me already.”

Andrews recorded herself reading lines with an author friend, then sent it to her manager.

“Within two hours, he called me and said, ‘Send me a picture of your passport. ... I think you have a pretty good shot,’”



Andrews pauses for a photo with actress Lee Garlington, who plays her Aunt Joan, on the show.

she recalled, noting “The Good Doctor” is filmed in Vancouver, Canada.

Her initial excitement, however, quickly turned to anxiety.

“I lost my passport eight years ago,” she said. “... I had this internal panic. This is a huge role. I remember thinking, ‘I have to figure out how to get a passport.’”

A series of disappointing phone calls — there were no appointments

available anywhere in the entire state of California — led Andrews to book a flight to Seattle, where she could get a passport quickly.

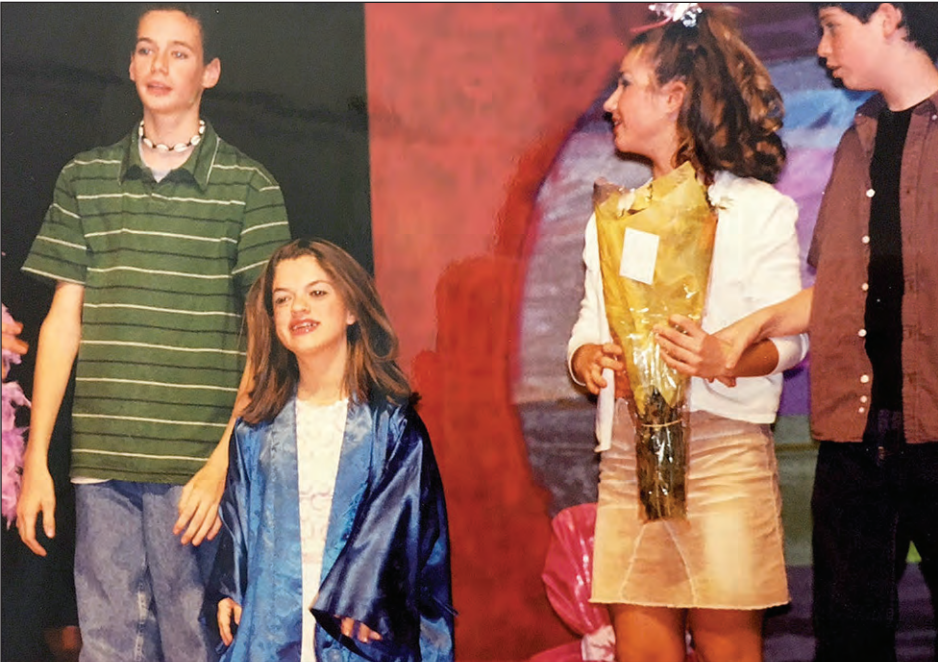
“I bought a ticket, made an appointment to get a passport and flew to San Diego to catch a flight to Seattle,” she said. “While I was packing, production called and asked if I could do a callback. I asked when; they said, ‘Tomorrow.’”

Another mild panic set in as Andrews realized the callback was planned between flights and with nowhere to host the call. An understanding hotel manager delayed her checkout time from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. so she had a room from which to Zoom and still have time to catch her 5 p.m. flight to Seattle.

“I did the callback from my hotel room,” she said. “It was a Zoom meeting with the producers and directors of the show. I had to rearrange the room so I had a blank



Andrews performed during Grosse Pointe South High School’s Broadway Show in 2007.



Andrews, second from left, was part of the cast of “Barbie Get Real” at University Liggett School in 2001.



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“The Good Doctor” stars Paige Spara and Freddie Highmore share a smile with Grosse Pointe native Hollis Andrews.

wall behind me. For a half hour, we ran audition scenes again, with variations of the scenes to see how well I can take direction.

“And then I went to Seattle and got my passport, sent a photo of it to my manager and flew home to L.A. — all in less than 24 hours.”

A few days later — on her birthday — the production team contacted her manager with an offer. Two weeks after that, and once again breathing easy, she was on a plane to Vancouver.

“Everyone was so sweet, so nice,” she said of her filming experience. “They could not have made me feel more comfortable or welcome.”

A natural vocation

Andrews spent six weeks in Canada, getting to know cast and crew. Her experience on “The Good Doctor” was just the latest achievement in her burgeoning career.

The daughter of an opera singer and a radio personality, Andrews was destined for a career in show business.

Her mother, Margaret Rees-Baker, a soprano, is no stranger to the stage. She was named International Young Singer of the Year at the Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod in Wales, Gala Concert Winner at the International Belvedere Opera/Operetta Competition in Vienna and winner of the Metropolitan Opera district competition in

Detroit.

Her father, Mark “Doc” Andrews, was a member of Purtan’s People on 104.3 WOMC-FM. A motivational speaker and sportscaster, he entertained and inspired thousands — including his daughter — during his decades-long career.

“My dad passed when I was in high school,” Andrews said. “He had dwarfism as well. As a news anchor in the ‘80s, he really broke quite a few barriers.

“I grew up and was raised with such love and support from my mom and dad,” she continued. “There wasn’t anything I couldn’t do.”

With roots in a “show biz family,” Andrews long remembers wanting to pursue this path.

“I loved it in elementary school and even before then, when I was 3 or 4,” she said. “I remember putting on shows for my parents, standing in the living room, singing or dancing. I always did school plays. I was in the South Show Choir.”

After graduating from Grosse Pointe South, Andrews studied creative writing and theater at Albion College. She moved back to Grosse Pointe for six months after earning her degree, though her stay in the Pointes was short-lived.

“I always debated moving to New York or L.A.,” she said. “After I worked on ‘Oz the Great and Powerful’ in 2011, I reconnected with my best friend from elementary school, Mia Serafino,

who was also on it.”

The University Liggett School lower school alumni chatted about their career aspirations and Serafino, who was planning a move to L.A., convinced Andrews to head West, too.

Andrews spent six months as a production assistant on “Entertainment Tonight,” before moving in front of the camera as a stand-in.

“Actors always have stand-ins who work with the camera and lighting department to help set up shots before they start filming,” she said. “I started doing that six months after I got out here. I’ve met a lot of good friends and good people.”

Those connections led to her first speaking role on “K.C. Undercover,” a Disney Channel series starring Zendaya. She’s appeared in several television shows since, with help from her manager — and a whole lot of auditions.

“I’m auditioning all the time,” she said, paraphrasing “Modern Family” actress Julie Bowen, who said, “In this industry, you have to get a hundred no’s before you get a yes — and then it repeats itself.

“It’s a mantra I tell myself,” she added.

Ready for more

Now back in L.A., Andrews already has resumed auditioning. In the meantime, she’s enjoying the success of “The Good Doctor,” as

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Jeff and Trisha Stander of Grosse Pointe Woods announce the engagement of their son, Jack Stander, to Faith Mascioli, the daughter of Maureen Butkus and Mario Mascioli of Glen Mills, Pa.

Miss Mascioli earned a Bachelor of Science degree in nutrition from the University of Alabama and a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree from Drexel University. She is a cardiology nurse at Beaumont Hospital, Troy.

Mr. Stander earned a Bachelor of Science degree in finance and economics from Canisius College in Buffalo, N.Y. He is a financial advisor with Northwestern Mutual in Troy.

A September 2023 wedding is planned.



Faith Mascioli and Jack Stander



Kevin Reck and Caitlin Moore

Moore—Reck

Vern and Kelly Moore of the City of Grosse Pointe announce the engagement of their daughter, Caitlin Moore, to Kevin Reck, the son of Gordon and Susan Reck of Algonac.

Miss Moore earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in comparative human development from the University of Chicago and a master's degree in teaching from Marian University. She is the assistant director of HR operations for Detroit Public Schools Community District.

Mr. Reck earned a Bachelor of Science degree in biology from Wayne State University and currently is pursuing a master's degree in basic medical sciences, also from Wayne State. He is a research assistant at the VA Hospital.

An August 2022 wedding is planned.



Joseph Vogel and Sarah Cooke

Vogel—Cooke

William and Susan Vogel of Grosse Pointe Farms announce the engagement of their son, Joseph Vogel, to Sarah Cooke, the daughter of Rodney and Rhonda Cooke of Eau Claire, Wisc.

Miss Cooke earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in journalism from Marquette University. She is a digital content coordinator for Education Minnesota in St. Paul, Minn.

Mr. Vogel attended Northwestern Michigan College and Wayne State University. He is the owner of Cultivate Construction in St. Paul, Minn.

A December 2022 wedding is planned in Key West, Fla.

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Timothy Niehaus and Victoria McShane

McShane—Niehaus

Pamela and Tom McShane of the City of Grosse Pointe announce the engagement of their daughter, Victoria McShane, to Timothy Niehaus, the son of Sue and Joe Niehaus of Royal Oak.

Miss McShane is a graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School and the University of Michigan, where she double majored in international studies and Spanish, with a minor in history. She is an account manager at Lockton.

Mr. Niehaus graduated from Shrine Catholic High School and the University of Michigan, where he majored in kinesiology. He is a medical sales representative at Stryker.

A November 2022 wedding is planned.



Ryan Nagi and Taylor MacDonald

MacDonald—Nagi

Joseph and Jolanta MacDonald of Grosse Pointe Woods announce the engagement of their daughter, Taylor Lynn MacDonald, to Ryan Anthony Nagi, the son of David and Stephanie Nagi of Novi.

Miss MacDonald earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in health policies from the University of Michigan Dearborn, studied nursing and biology at Olivet College, and is on track to complete a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree from Madonna University in August.

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Dads, daughters to dance the night away

Fathers and their little girls from throughout the Grosse Pointes are invited to a two-night Daddy-Daughter Dance at the Tompkins Center in Grosse Pointe Park.

From 6 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, May 25, and Thursday, May 26, memories will be made during these evenings of dancing,

which include DJ music and lights, as well as a photo booth and sweets table.

Tickets are \$25 each and are available to purchase at The Campus Shop, 17114 Kercheval, City of Grosse Pointe, until they are sold out.

"We are donating part of the proceeds to local

charities," event organizer Michele Dritsan said. "Each family can put their favorite charity's name in a basket as they arrive and we will draw two of their names during the event."

"Every girl will leave with an authentic Campus Shop tote bag from the event as well,"

she added, "which they can use throughout the summer when heading to our beautiful parks."

Dritsan thanked the city of Grosse Pointe Park for its support of the dance, which will become an annual event, she said.

"This is an all-community event that I am so happy to bring to fruition," she said. "As we have all been experiencing the effects of COVID and missing the normality of certain events throughout our community, one thing I thought was really missing was a Daddy Daughter Dance — a memorable experience for every young girl throughout their childhood."

Dritsan said a Mommy Son Dance is being planned for this fall.



WEDDING



Mr. and Mrs. Albert Ford

Smith—Ford

Anne Donnelley Smith and Albert Bishop Ford were married Sept. 18, 2021, at Church of the Heavenly Rest in New York, N.Y. The Rev. Matthew Heyd officiated the ceremony, which was followed by a reception at Cooper Hewitt.

The bride is the daughter of Diana and McKelden Smith of Cambridge, Mass. The groom is the son of Cynthia N. Ford and Edsel B. Ford II of Grosse Pointe Farms.

The bride wore a silk ivory gown, featuring a mixture of corded and Chantilly lace embroidery, custom-designed by Danielle Frankel. She carried a bouquet of mini Phalaenopsis orchids with stephanotis.

Emily McKelden Whitledge, the bride's sister, served as matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Alexandra Korey and Hadley McDow, her childhood friends; Allegra Hawkins, Margaret Eldred, Molly Goodman, Mackenzie Tsang-Lee and Katherine Canty, her high school friends; and Olivia Reighley, her college friend. Virginia Whitledge, the bride's niece, and Nell Elizabeth Ford and Clara Layne Ford, the groom's nieces, served

as flower girls.

The bride's attendants wore dresses of their choice in jewel-tone colors. Their bouquets consisted primarily of white and cream nosegays with accents of ferns and berries.

Stewart Spencer Ford, the groom's brother, served as best man. Groomsmen were Henry Ford III and Calvin Robert Ford, his brothers; Nathanael Lawrence Lubick and Kreagan Charles Kennedy, his college friends; and William Tucker Dayton, Matthew Francis Doyle, Conner Gordon Scott and Peter Angier Sullivan, his high school friends.

The bride earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology with a minor in studio art from Washington & Lee University. She is a senior manager at American Express.

The groom earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in government from Georgetown University and a Juris Doctor degree from Fordham University School of Law. He is an assistant district attorney with the Bronx County District Attorney's Office.

The couple resides in New York City.

GP Chamber's Legacy on the Lake takes place June 23

The Grosse Pointe Chamber Foundation recently announced Fred M. Alger as the 2022 Legacy on the Lake honoree. This year's Legacy on the Lake celebration will take place Thursday, June 23, at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, 1100 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores.

The Chamber Foundation promotes commerce, education and economic growth for the five Grosse Pointe communities. It also is charged with raising funds to support the chamber's quality programs and services largely benefiting the community.

Past Chamber Foundation initiatives supported through proceeds from Legacy on the Lake gatherings include patrol bikes for the five Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods public safety departments; bike repair stations; funding for the trolley transit system; playground equipment at the Rotary Tot Lot; Grosse Pointe Marketplace; a bocce ball court at The Helm

and more.

Proceeds from the 2022 event will be delegated toward restoring and enhancing gardens on the lake at The War Memorial. This year marks the 70th anniversary of the Trial Gardens and the 10th anniversary of the Veterans Gardens, Pointe Farms, or by which are a focal point of the Grosse Pointe Garden Center on the

grounds of The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Tickets to Legacy on the Lake are \$300 per person, or \$1,000 for a patron couple. Tickets may be purchased at the chamber, 106 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms, or by calling (313) 881-4722 or visiting grossepoin-techamber.com.

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Anyone who is about to purchase a diamond is encouraged to do their research about selecting quality diamonds. At the heart of the diamond grading process are the 4 Cs of diamond quality. The Cs refer to **carat** weight, **color** grade, **clarity** grade, and **cut** grade. The Gemological Institute of America (GIA) helped to create the 4 Cs of diamonds and the International Diamond Grading System®. These benchmarks are used to classify all diamonds.

The following is the GIA’s explanation of each component of the system.

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- **Color:** A white diamond is more valuable the less color it contains. GIA uses a D-to-Z grading system to determine a diamond’s color value. D would be a colorless diamond and Z the most saturated with color.
- **Clarity:** Diamonds are formed by carbon exposed to heat and pressure. Natural internal characteristics known as inclusions and external components called blemishes are the norm. The closer the gem comes to being perfectly pure without inclusions or blemishes, the greater the value.
- **Cut:** To transmit light and sparkle, diamonds have to be cut precisely and with great artistry. A diamond will be further graded based on symmetry and proportions, as well as how the stone returns light. Brightness, which is the internal and external white light reflected; fire, or the scattering of white light into rainbow colors; and scintillation, or the sparkle the diamond produces, are factored into how the cut is valued.

If you are lucky enough to have found ‘the one’ to spend the rest of your life with, diamond shopping may be your next step! You don’t have to go far to educate yourself on quality diamonds and settings for your wedding bands or engagement ring. Grosse Pointe has experts like the pros at Edmund T. Ahee Jewelers and LaLonde Jewelers that would be happy to answer your questions as you explore, then decide on the ideal rings for your marriage.



Photos: A sampling of gorgeous wedding bands and eternity rings from local jewelers. A.) Ahee collection’s round brilliant-cut 23-diamond one and a half carat eternity band in 18k white gold. B.) Ahee collection’s round brilliant cut diamond wedding band in 18k yellow gold. C.) Ahee collection’s emerald-cut diamond eternity band in platinum, over six and a half carats total. D.) LaLonde collection’s platinum round brilliant-cut diamond eternity band ring. E.) From LaLonde: Stack of six diamond bands with round brilliant-cut diamonds, eternity rings and Pave-set diamond wedding bands. F.) LaLonde collection’s 14k white gold round brilliant cut eternity ring.



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DID YOU KNOW?

The latest on engagements

Getting engaged has and always will be a big deal. While marriage proposals are often steeped in tradition, this special moment and all that surrounds it may be changing.

The pressure to make marriage proposals extraordinary appears to be on the rise, at least for Millennials. Of the nearly 18,000 respondents who shared their stories via WeddingWire’s 2017 Newlywed Survey, 72 percent of Millennials said they feel pressured to make their proposals highly unique, while only 45 percent of Gen X respondents indicated feeling such pressure.



Proposals might be changing, but getting down on one knee appears to be an enduring tradition that Millennials plan to keep in style. Eighty-two percent of Millennials indicated they got down on one knee to propose. In addition, the tradition of asking for parents’ blessing also remains popular among Millennials, 72 percent of whom sought such blessings before proposing marriage.

Engagement rings still rule, but couples today share the decisions on this lifetime investment. The average cost of an engagement ring was \$5,000, according to the Newlywed Survey.

The pressure to pick out the right engagement ring appears to be subsiding. That’s because 50 percent of survey respondents indicated they picked out the ring together.

Married-couples-to-be also appear to like comparison shopping in regard to engagement rings.



The majority of purchaser-looked at between two and seven rings before making a purchase.

While online shopping has changed consumer behavior in myriad ways, couples still prefer brick-and-mortar stores when buying engagement rings. Sixty-three percent still chose to make their engagement ring purchases in-person at trusted brick-and-mortar stores.

As for timing, Christmas Day remains the most popular day to pop the question, followed by Valentine’s Day. Christmas Eve, New Year’s Day and New Year’s Eve round out the top five.

How to spread the news of an engagement is perhaps the biggest change surrounding engagements. Engagement parties were once the go-to way to spread the good news, but just one in four couples now have engagement parties. Nowadays, 86 percent of couples spread the news via social media. In fact, 10 percent of parents find out about their children’s engagements via social media!

The days of a short engagement seem to be a thing of the past. The average engagement now lasts 13 months, and 28 percent of couples are engaged for 16 months or longer.

Even though times may change, a celebrated wedding engagement is still the focus of most couples’ first big step in creating a life together.



Photos: Top left, LaLonde collection’s 14k white gold Marquise diamond engagement ring ensures a positive answer.

At left, a round brilliant-cut solitaire diamond in white gold is a traditional favorite.

Above, from the LaLonde collection, a 14k white gold radiant-cut diamond engagement ring is as unique as your love.

She said “YES!”



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Proposal tips to make sure your special moment rocks

People ready to “pop the question” may wonder about the right way to initiate an engagement proposal. Because a marriage proposal is such a memorable moment in a couples’ lives together, those doing the proposing often go to great lengths to ensure things go smoothly. While there is no proposal playbook, these guidelines can assist those ready to take the leap.

- Add a personal touch. It’s easy to get caught up in making a marriage proposal a spectacle or something worthy of a social media post. But taking a sweetheart back to a special place that recalls a significant moment can set the backdrop for a memorable proposal. Incorporating the place you first met or a special song into the proposal can make it that much more personal and meaningful.

- Embrace the old fashioned. It may be romantic to step back in time and followed the traditions of yesteryear. Show respect to future in-laws by speaking to them about intentions to propose and ask for their blessings. Get down on bended knee when asking for a sweetheart’s hand. Such gestures add up to meaningful expressions of love.

- Consider timing. A person may be so excited to propose that he or she fails to consider how the other person in the relationship is feeling. If that person is overwhelmed by work projects or stressed about upcoming events, consider waiting to propose at a more relaxed time.

- Enlist help from others. It can be a challenge to keep your excitement hidden while collecting information about a future spouse’s likes and dislikes. Ask friends and close family members to be your accomplices so that information can be gathered without generating suspicion. This can be especially helpful when finding the perfect ring.

- Keep it simple. The more complex a proposal, the more opportunities for things to go wrong. Simplicity, even if it means keeping the proposal to yourself until the question has been popped, can make for an extra special moment.

- Marriage proposals inside restaurants are popular ways to pop the question. Many couples find proposing over a candlelit meal is a romantic way to get engaged, providing a perfect setting to begin a life together.

Even though restaurant proposals have been popularized by television sitcoms and movies on the big screen, those taking this route should do some homework before sitting down to eat. As with all components of wedding planning, it’s essential to get the proposal right to create lasting, positive memories.

DO choose a place with the right ambience. If you do not have a favorite restaurant in mind, go online and do some research for picturesque or romantic establishments. Many online reviews now include images, which can help you find the right setting.

DO make a reservation. An engagement should not be left to chance. Call ahead and speak with a manager and mention that you will be orchestrating a proposal. Find out if the restaurant will help you make it extra special. Some may decorate your table with favorite flowers or provide a specific champagne once the proposal has been accepted.

DON’T propose at the beginning of the meal. Set the scene with conversation and start to enjoy as much of the food as possible. Take time to enjoy the service, food and beverages. Some appetizers and a little wine in your stomach can ease pre-proposal jitters as well.

DON’T forget the ring. The ring is its own spectacle, but there are ways to present it in an even more glorious light. Plan ahead so that the ring is tied to an exquisite tea cup brought out during dessert service. Or, if you’re worried about putting the ring in the hands of others, bring along a hand-painted plate that asks “Will You Marry Me?” The wait staff can cover the question with the entrée or a dessert. As your partner eats, the message will become clear.

DO expect a scene. Proposing marriage in a restaurant is bound to cause a big reaction - tears included. If you’re not comfortable with public displays, you may want to reconsider popping the question in such a public setting.

DO consider a weeknight. Restaurants are less busy on weeknights than weekends, so you can expect a more intimate setting Monday through Thursday than you might find Friday through Sunday.

Whatever you choose to do, remember it’s your moment. With both halves of the couple in mind, choose what is most comfortable, enjoyable and memorable for both parties. It’s a moment you’ll relive forever, but it doesn’t have to be stressful. It’s just one of many wonderful times you’ll share through a long and happy marriage.

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.

Russell E. Ruggiero

Russell E. Ruggiero, 59, of Lakewood Ranch, Fla., passed away peacefully Monday, April 18, 2022.

Russell attended St. Mary’s College in Orchard Lake, where he earned a bachelor’s degree in English. He later attended St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary, where he earned a Master of Divinity degree. He was ordained a priest in May 2010.

Russell was predeceased by his father, Fred Ruggiero; sister, Theresa Ruggiero; and sister-in-law, Patricia Ruggiero. Russell is survived by his mother, Isabel Ruggiero; siblings, Fred, Robert (Christine), Margaret White (Stuart Taube) and Christina Conley (Bill Conley); and a plethora of loved nieces and nephews.

Russell volunteered at Project Light literacy center and recently discovered a passion for traveling.

A Memorial Mass service took place April 25, at Ss. Peter & Paul the Apostles Catholic Church in Bradenton, Fla.

Brown & Sons Funeral Homes & Crematory handled the arrangements. Condolences may be made at brownandsons funeral.com.

Mary Lee George

Mary Lee George, 96, passed away peacefully Friday, Feb. 25, 2022, in Jensen Beach, Fla.

Mary Lee was born Sept. 7, 1925, to Salvatore Monaco and Jenny Mocerì.

She was predeceased by her husband, John W. George Sr., and one child, John W. George Jr. She is survived by her children, Debbie George and Joe George; daughter-in-law, Noelle George; and many grandchildren, great-grandchildren and godchildren. She also was predeceased by her siblings, Anthony Monaco, Janice Monaco and Theresa Monaco.

Mary Lee married John Sept. 4, 1948, and raised her family in Detroit and Grosse Pointe Park. She delighted her family and guests with her renowned cooking. Mary Lee worked in the deli at Kroger in The Village in Grosse Pointe from 1970 to 1980.

In her later years, she enjoyed winters in Dunedin, Fla., and later Jensen Beach, Fla.

Mary Lee maintained her childhood friends for life. Through their marriages, children, families, jobs and careers, her group of friends were as close in old age as they were when they were children growing up together. She touched many lives in almost a century of life and will be remembered fondly and missed.

Her funeral Mass takes place at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 14, at St. Bonaventure Capuchin Monastery, 1740 Mt. Elliot, Detroit. Memorial donations may be made in Mary Lee’s memory to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, P.O. Box 772091, Detroit, MI 48277-2091.

Ingrid E. Mortimer

Ingrid E. Mortimer, 88, of Fort Gratiot, died Monday, April 18, 2022.

She was born Aug. 8, 1933, in Detroit, to Edgar and Olga Petersen, both now deceased. She married William Mortimer on Dec. 20, 1955, in Grosse Pointe. He predeceased her Feb. 12, 2018.

Ingrid graduated from the University of Detroit, was a Realtor and an actress in independent films. She loved golfing and boating.

She is survived by her children, Krysta Mortimer, Ingrid Shirar (Mitch) and Christopher Mortimer (Gina); grandchildren, Kurt (Susan), Brett (Michelle), Christian (Sara), Gabrielle, P.T., Christopher, Nick (Gabrielle), Max, Ingrid, Gretchen and Jady; great-grandchildren, Zack, Abe, Ava, Cade, Ty, Luke and Chase; and several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her grandson, Baby Mitch; and son-in-law, Louis Gawley.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, April 29, at Pollock-Randall Funeral Home, 912 Lapeer Ave., Port Huron, with visitation beginning at 10 a.m. The Rev. Curtis Clarke will officiate.

Inurnment will be in the Riverlawn Cemetery columbarium.

Memorial contributions may be made to Leader Dogs for the Blind, leaderdog.org.

To send condolences, visit marysvillefuneral home.com.

Mary Patricia Collias

Mary Patricia “Pat” Collias (nee Lewis), 81, of Harper Woods, passed away peacefully Tuesday, April 19, 2022, at American House Freedom Place in Roseville. She was born June 29, 1940, in Metropolis, Ill., to Walter and Kathleen “Phoebe” Lewis, both now deceased.

She was the loving wife of 45 years to James Collias of Harper Woods. Pat passed on their wedding anniversary. She worked at Ford Motor Co. many years after moving to Michigan from Illinois.

Pat loved nature, bird watching, antiquing, beach combing and gardening in the award-winning Collias Garden in Harper Woods, along with hosting hundreds of guests who would tour the garden each year in the summer months. She loved being out in the sun.

She was loving and kind and loved to hand-feed all kinds of animals; she loved chimpanzees the most. She also was a creative person and artist, drawing, painting, creating stained-glass works and crafting beautiful things.

Pat loved to travel and was able to experience beautiful places all around the world, including the American West, East Coast, U.S. National Parks, Hawaii, Florida Keys, Africa, Greece and

Great Britain.

Pat was the third born of her seven siblings, James Lewis (Shirley), Caroline “Sue” Johnson, Betty Jessing, the late Robert “Skeet” Lewis (Tish) and the late Ona “Cricket” White.

She is survived by her son, Michael Smiddy (Tracy), and her extended family, George Collias (Ann), Peter Collias (Rebekah) and Mari Barnett (Ken).

She loved her grandchildren, Shelby and Jon Smiddy, Megan Beskange (Chad), Madeleine Lynch (Zac), James “Jimmy” Collias, Emily Barnett, Alexandra Wertheimer (Jordon) and Jacob Barnett (Madeline). She also was a grandmother to seven great-grandchildren and a loving aunt to 17 nieces and nephews.

Visitation takes place Friday, April 29, from 6 p.m. until the service at 7:30 p.m. at A.H. Peters Funeral Home, 32000 Schoenherr Road, Warren. Pat’s cremains will be brought to her hometown, Metropolis, Ill., for burial in the Lewis family plot.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made on Pat’s behalf to Transitions Care hospice in Troy, transitionscare.com; or the Jane Goodall Institute for chimpanzees, janegoodall.org.

Richard Frederick Wagner

Richard Frederick “Dick” Wagner, 74, died Thursday, April 7, 2022, in Detroit. He was born June 13, 1947, in Detroit, to Richard G. and Frieda J. (nee Hoyer) Wagner, both now deceased.

After he graduated from Denby High School in 1965, Dick enlisted in the U.S. Air Force and proudly served until a health ailment forced him into an early honorable discharge. He provided for his family working in sales throughout the Detroit metropolitan area until his retirement.

Dicky’s true passion in life was performing for others. He founded the band, “Die Rhinelanders,” and was well-known for his skillful trumpet playing and ability to attract a crowd.

He was a member of various German clubs, including G.A.C.C., C a r p a t h i a Blasmusikanten and G.T.E.V. Edelweiss. Dick was inducted into the Michigan Music Hall of Fame on April 15, 2007.

Dick is survived by his beloved daughters, Heidi Wagner (Mark Barre) and Erika Tomsha (Alan); grandson, Corey Tomsha; sister, Hilda Wagner; and former wife, Ingrid H. Stein. Numerous extended family members in the United States and Germany, as well as close friends, will remember him with love and affection.

Funeral services for Richard were held April 11, at A.H. Peters Funeral Home. He was laid to rest at Cadillac Memorial Gardens East Cemetery in Clinton Township.



Mary Lee George



Richard F. Wagner



Ingrid E. Mortimer



Paul Murphy



Mary Patricia Collias



Frank Hamilton Murphy

Paul Murphy

Paul Murphy, 70, of Douglas, Mich., Palm Springs, Calif., and formerly Grosse Pointe Shores, passed away Friday, March 25, 2022, at home in Palm Springs after a brief illness.

He was born Nov. 30, 1951, in Detroit, to Joseph and Martina Murphy. After graduating from St. Martin of Tours Catholic School in Detroit, Paul went on to earn both his bachelor’s and master’s degrees from Wayne State University.

Paul dedicated his life to helping others. He worked for Detroit Public Schools for 32 years with the special-needs population. As an educator, Paul did individual homebound teaching, was the teacher at the Rehabilitation Institute of Michigan in the Detroit Medical Center and was a specialist/consultant for Traumatologically Brain Injured and Spinal Cord Injury survivors, their families and their school systems. He finished his career with DPS as an administrator for programs for Physically or Otherwise Health Impaired students.

For 10 years following his retirement from DPS, Paul continued to provide private sector educational consulting and university teaching.

Paul was a talented artist and worked in several mediums. His paintings have been selected for juried art shows in Grosse Pointe and Saugatuck and are held in private collections. In addition to art, Paul loved traveling, swimming, boating, playing piano and riding his electric bike.

Paul is survived by his husband, Michael Mok; brothers, Randal Murphy and Joseph Murphy (Cheryl); sisters, Patricia Horan and Mary Murphy (Arlene Guindon); several nieces and nephews; and numerous friends who he considered family. He was predeceased by brother, John Murphy; and his parents.

A Celebration of Life will take place at 11 a.m. Friday, May 6, at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, 788 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores. Paul’s memorial service will take place at 11 a.m. Tuesday, May 10, at Douglas United Church of Christ, 56 W. Wall Street, Douglas, MI 49406.

In lieu of flowers dona-

tions in Paul’s name may be made to the Saugatuck-Douglas Art Club, saugatuckdouglas artclub.org; LGBTQ Community Center of the Desert, thecentercv.org; or Douglas United Church of Christ, douglasucc.org.

Frank Hamilton Murphy

Frank Hamilton Murphy, 83, of Grosse Pointe Farms, passed away Monday, March 28, 2022.

Born Aug. 18, 1938, in Detroit, to Winnifred L. and John W. Murphy, both now deceased, Frank grew up on the city’s west side and attended Mackenzie High School, where he ran cross country and worked on The Dial student newspaper before graduating in the class of 1956. He attended the University of Michigan as a U.S. Navy ROTC scholarship recipient and graduated in 1961. After serving four years in the East-Asia Pacific region, he was honorably discharged as a Naval Reserve Commanding Officer in 1965. He remembered his travels in the area, including time spent in the Philippines, Hong Kong and Japan, his entire life.

Frank had a long career as a computer programmer and worked for major auto and financial companies in the Detroit area before his retirement, when he still enjoyed researching on and tinkering with his home computer. He also was a licensed amateur radio operator, a voracious reader and a certified news junkie. He enjoyed telling stories, discussing politics and history, and always had a joke at the ready. Because his vocabulary was so extensive, he politely refrained from joining most games of Scrabble. He had a fondness for animals and shared his home with many feline, canine and aquatic residents and visitors, once famously breaking his arm rescuing an injured bird from a tree. Throughout his life, he enjoyed sailing, running, cycling, scuba diving and other active pursuits, keeping up gym outings and home workouts into his final years.

He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Adrienne; son, Steve (Lynn); daughter, Sarah; granddaughters, Maggie, Abby and Kate;



William A. Howe Jr.

and two granddogs. He was predeceased by his brother, William.

A small memorial was held April 22, at Woodlawn Cemetery in Detroit. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Capuchin Soup Kitchen, cskdetroit.org; or the Michigan Anti-Cruelty Society, macsshelter.org.

William Augustus Howe Jr.

William Augustus Howe Jr., 72, died Easter Sunday, April 17, 2022. He was born July 6, 1949, in Detroit, to William and Charlotte Howe, the youngest of three siblings.

Bill is survived by his loving wife of 45 years, Lorelle; his sisters, Harriet Donaldson (Scott) and Helen Finkelmann (Jack); his sisters-in-law, Christine Tousey (Ken Baranski), Jean Tousey (William Kuebler) and Elaine Tousey (John Monahan); eight nieces and nephews who dearly loved him; and many lifelong friends. He was predeceased by his brother-in-law, William Tousey (Jerry).

Bill attended Grosse Pointe South High School and graduated from Palm Cove Beach School in Florida in 1969. He also attended Eastern Michigan University and Wayne State University. He worked as an automotive dealer at Automotive Wholesalers.

During retirement, Bill enjoyed many hobbies and interests, such as restoring anything mechanical or sailing or power-boating on Lake St. Clair. He will be greatly missed by family and friends.

“Good night, sweet prince.”

Donations in Bill’s memory may be made to the Michigan Humane Society, michiganhumane.org; or a charity of the donor’s choice.

No service is planned, at his request.

Christ Church GP closes concert season

Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms, announces the conclusion of its 2021-22 concert season with the “Ein deutsches Requiem” concert at 3 p.m. Sunday, May 1, featuring the Christ Church Chorale, soloists and orchestra. A pre-concert lecture is offered at 2 p.m.

One of Johannes Brahms’ largest choral works, “Ein deutsches Requiem” also is one of his most popular compositions. This “German Requiem” is unlike previ-

ous settings of the requiem text, which were set in Latin. Especially poignant today, Brahms composed his requiem in hopes of consoling the living who mourn the loss of loved ones.

Tickets are \$25 and available for purchase at the church or online at christchurchgp.org, under Music/Concerts and Special Events.

For more information, contact Joseph Daniel, executive assistant to the rector, at rectorsoffice@christchurchgp.org or (313) 885-4842.



DSO coming to Star of the Sea

Next month, the Detroit Symphony Orchestra continues its William Davidson Neighborhood Concert Series with a concert at 3 p.m. Sunday, May 8, at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church, 467 Fairford, Grosse Pointe Woods.

“Classical Masters: Haydn, Mozart, and Saint-Georges,” led by conductor Yue Bao, features cellist Pablo Ferrández. The program includes Symphony No. 2, Op. 2 by Joseph Bologne, Chevalier de Saint-Georges; Concerto for Cello and Orchestra in C Major by Joseph Haydn, with Ferrández as featured soloist; Danzas de Panama by William Grant Still; and Symphony No. 35 in D Major, K. 385 “Haffner” by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart.

Tickets begin at \$10 and may be purchased at dso.org/neighborhood or by calling the box office at (313) 576-5111.



Karl Messenger, area director of Young Life Grosse Pointe, tells guests at the organization’s 2021 spring fundraiser how their support positively impacts the spiritual lives of the community’s middle and high school students.

COURTESY PHOTOS

Young Life spring fundraiser planned

Join supporters of Young Life Grosse Pointe for an inspirational and educational evening at the organization’s spring fundraiser at 6 p.m. Wednesday, May 11. The event takes place at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, 788 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores.

“Something From Nothing,” a sit down, plated dinner event, begins with a cocktail hour and silent auction to raise funds to support Young Life’s operations and summer camp.

Individual tickets are \$75 for adults, which include valet parking and dinner, with gluten-free and vegetarian options. Sponsorship-level tick-

ets are \$5,000 for a table of 10, \$2,500 for a table of eight and \$1,000 for a table of six.

All sponsorship levels include dinner and drinks for the table, special sponsor gifts and recognition at the event and in the program. Valet parking is included.

Ages 21 and older are welcome.

For more information, sponsorships or reservations, visit grossepointe.younglife.org, email younglifegp@gmail.com or contact Blythe Mercer at (206) 697-1494.

Young life is a worldwide, nondenominational organization for middle, high school and college students. Staff



More than 125 guests gathered to support Young Life Grosse Pointe at last year’s spring fundraiser.

and volunteers enter the world of kids, focusing on what matters to them — fun, adventure and friendship. In doing so, they earn the privilege of talking to them about God and his love. Founded in 1941, Young Life has more than 5,000

staff and 65,000 volunteers and is active in more than 100 countries, reaching more than two million kids annually.

Young Life Grosse Pointe has served area middle school and high school students since 2002.

AREA ACTIVITIES

Ford House

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

- ◆ Bunny Trail scavenger hunt, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays through Sundays throughout April.
- ◆ Story Time: “My Friend Earth,” 10:30 a.m. Tuesdays during April.
- ◆ “The Birds of Gaukler Pointe” photography exhibition, through June 12, in the Teague Gallery.
- ◆ Stargazing, 8 to 10 p.m. Friday, April 29.
- ◆ Ford Cove Shoreline Project Outreach Event, 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 30.

- ◆ Storytime: Bird Watch, 10:30 a.m. Tuesdays during May.
- ◆ Preservation Workshop Series: Windows Part 1, 7 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 3.
- ◆ Preservation Workshop Series: Windows Part 2, 7 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 4.
- ◆ Preservation Workshop Series: Historic Plaster and Paint, 7 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, May 5.
- ◆ Preservation Workshop Series: Masonry, 7 to 8:30 p.m. Friday, May 6.
- ◆ Preservation Workshop Series: History of Residential Painting, 1

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Music at Memorial presents May 1 organ concert

Music at Memorial’s 2021-22 season continues at 3 p.m. Sunday, May 1, with “J. S. Bach Reimagined,” featuring Grosse Pointe Memorial Church Minister of Music James Biery at the Klais pipe organ.

Three years before his death, J. S. Bach published six organ arrangements of movements from his own church cantatas; these are the famous “Schübler” chorales. Pursuing a “what if” scenario, Marilyn Biery created 10 more pieces for organ from music found in the Bach cantata repertoire.

These “New Schübler Chorales” were published by Augsburg Fortress in 2020, and James Biery will be playing all of them.

Also on the program is a favorite of the organ repertoire, the Chorale in A minor by César Franck, commemorating

the 200th anniversary of the composer’s birth in 1822.

Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door, and are available at the church reception desk or online at eventgroove.com with a search for Grosse Pointe Memorial Church.

Historic St. Matthew Church hosts organ dedication

St. Matthew Church, 6021 Whittier, at Harper, in Detroit, will host a public organ dedication concert at 3 p.m. Sunday, May 15, in celebration of the organ’s recent restoration.

The organ has served the worshipping community of St. Matthew since

1955.

The event will feature local renowned organists performing works ranging from J.S. Bach to 21st century composers. An afterglow also is planned.

This is a fundraiser for St. Matthew as it seeks to maintain its presence as a

beacon of light and sign of hope to the community. Sponsorships are available at levels from \$1,000 to less than \$100, which will be recognized in a commemorative booklet.

The public is invited. There will be attended parking lots. Doors open

at 2:30 p.m.; seating is first-come, first-served. A free-will offering will be collected.

For more information about sponsorships, call (313) 884-4470, email stmatthew27@aol.com or visit stmatthewdetroit.com.

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Hollis Andrews on a camera monitor during the filming of “The Good Doctor.”

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well as hearing from a proud collection of family and friends.

“By nature, I’m a self-deprecating person,” she said. “So it’s been amazing to have everyone reaching out to me. I had a couple of parents of my friends from elementary school and high school post about it on Facebook or text me or post photos of them watching the show.

“It’s been a lot of hard work and now I have something to show for it,” she added. “... I never felt like I had to prove myself, but it’s really nice to be able to share it.”

Along with ample kudos from her grandmother, Sharon Rees, and stepfather, Randal Baker, Andrews said she receives the biggest support from her mother.

“She is non-flinchingly supportive,” Andrews said. “She tells me all the time no matter what I do, she’ll be there. She thinks

this is the right path for me.”

Andrews maintains a strong connection to Grosse Pointe and tries to get back to her hometown once or twice a year. Last year, she attended her sister’s graduation from Grosse Pointe North High School. She hopes to return again soon after one of her childhood friends gives birth.

“I love Michigan in the summer,” she added. “It reminds me of being home on summer break from high school.”

As for her growing career, Andrews has a few dreams left to achieve.

“I’d love to work with Jack Black,” she said. “He’s so talented and so funny. He’s a ray of sunshine.

“And I grew up idolizing the sitcom — the half-hour television comedy,” she added. “I loved watching ‘Friends.’ Jennifer Aniston is like a god to me. I’d love to do half-hour comedy. That’s what made me want to be an actress.”

Spring Fest coming to Ghesquiere Park

The all-new Grosse Pointe Woods Spring Fest promises a day of fun for Grosse Pointe Woods residents and their guests from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 30, at Ghesquiere Park, located behind city hall at 20025 Mack Plaza.

The event features a photo booth, kids’ dance party, face painting and a make-and-take craft courtesy of the Grosse Pointe Public Library. Also included will be pony rides, a petting zoo and karate demonstrations from Zanshin.

Children will be treated to a meet-and-greet with their favorite superheroes.

For those looking for lunch or a snack, food from local eateries Estia Greek Street Food and Saucy’s Pizza will be available for purchase.

Nat’l Prescription Drug Take Back Day is April 30

Saturday, April 30, is National Prescription Drug Take Back Day. This national day of recognition is designed to promote key information about the misuse of prescription medications. Ease of access to these types of drugs is a public safety and public health concern across the United States. Quickly and easily obtaining medication from family and friend’s medication cabinets is a serious concern. According to a 2019 National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 9.7 million people misused prescription pain meds. This does not include stimulants, sedatives or various tranquilizers, so the number misusing prescriptions medications is far greater.

Medications that have not been used, have expired and are just sitting around the house can lead to possible poisoning, overdose or misuse. This is why correct disposal of prescription medications, over-the-counter medications and vitamins is so important. Using a medication drop-off bin or an approved Disposal Act sealed envelope not only helps save lives, but also helps the environment. When medications are thrown in the trash or flushed down toilets, they often find their way to rivers, lakes, oceans and ground soil. This directly effects aquatic life and other animals that drink from these water sources.

Thanks to Beaumont Hospital, the Healthy Grosse Pointe & Harper Woods coalition has three permanent medication drop-off bins across the Grosse Pointes. They are located at 17320 Mack inside the City of Grosse Pointe Public Safety building, 15115 E. Jefferson inside the Grosse Pointe Park Public Safety office and 20025 Mack Plaza Drive inside the

Grosse Pointe Woods Public Safety office. All three bins are accessible 24 hours a day. Acceptable items to drop off include vitamins, prescription medications and over-the-counter medications. Do not drop sharps into these receptacles.

Prevention should be woven into all aspects of life, including where and how one lives, learns, works and plays. Everyone — government, business, educators, healthcare institutions, communities and every single American — has a role in creating a healthier nation.

Healthy Grosse Pointe & Harper Woods hosts open community meetings the third Wednesday of the month at 8:30 a.m. via Zoom. Email Sasha Murphy at smurphy@careofsem.com for login information.

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to 3 p.m. Saturday, May 7.

For tickets and information, visit fordhouse.org.

Jardinieres

La Societe des Jardinieres meets at noon Thursday, April 28, at the St. Clair Shores Public Library meeting room, located at 11 Mile and Jefferson. The theme will be “Sunflower Daze,” with a luncheon provided by hostess Tina Olofsson.

The War Memorial

The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, presents “Tale of Three Whisk(e)ys,” a Tammy’s Tasting cocktail class, at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 28. Tickets are \$50. Register online at war memorial.org.

Library

The Grosse Pointe

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

◆ Thoughts to Action Discussion Group, 7 p.m. Thursday, April 28, via Zoom.

◆ Murder Mystery, 6:30 p.m. Friday, April 29, via Zoom.

◆ Kelly Fordon’s Let’s Deconstruct a Story Podcast, noon to 1 p.m. Monday, May 2, via Zoom.

◆ Drop-In: I Will Assist, 10 to 11 a.m. Wednesday, May 4, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ Books on the Lake, noon to 3 p.m. Saturday, May 7. Tickets are \$35.

Rotary

The Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe hosts its next meeting at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 4. Beth Vernon and Carolyn Gross, representing One Voice, a choir for young women, will speak. Visit grossepointerotary.org for information. Those who wish to join the meeting via Zoom should email grossepointerotary@gmail.com.

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:

◆ A Spring Serenade

and Luncheon, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 4. Cost is \$12 for members, \$18 for nonmembers. Members of Detroit Opera will entertain.

◆ The movie “A Dog’s Way Home” is shown at 12:30 p.m. Friday, May 6. Cost is \$2 for members, \$3 for nonmembers, and includes snacks.

◆ Bocce League, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, beginning Tuesday, May 17. Cost is free for members, \$5 for nonmembers.

◆ The Detroit History Podcast Happy Hour Event, 4 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, May 18. Cost is \$18 for members, \$22 for nonmembers. Longtime newsman and journalism professor Tim Kiska will review the history of jazz in Detroit.

◆ The movie “Some Like it Hot” is shown at 12:30 p.m. Friday, May 20. Cost is \$2 for members, \$3 for nonmembers, and includes snacks.

◆ Rosa’s Fitness Combo Class, 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Thursdays, with instructor Rosa Hunter. The class includes tai chi, yoga, ball exercises, cardio and balance, as well as brain exercises, sign and foreign language, affirmations and more.

Questers

Pettipointe Questers No. 243 meet Thursday, May 5, at Pat’s Garage

Antique Shop. Pat will share his treasures and look up information or values for any item members may wish to bring. Lunch at Charley’s Restaurant follows and includes the installation of the 2022-23 officers. Seven Questers groups meet monthly on the east side of Detroit. Its major objectives are to stimulate the appreciation and collecting of antiques and encourage the preservation of historical landmarks. For more information, email pettipointequesters@gmail.com.

Pear Tree Questers meet at 1 p.m. Friday, May 6, at South Pointe Vintage on Mack Avenue in Grosse Pointe Woods. The day chair will be Madeleine Phillips. The host is owner Ginamarie Piscopoe. She will present about how she turned her hobby into a business and will give the group a tour of the store. South Pointe Vintage offers original 1800s and 1900s stone-lithograph posters from around the world, as well as antiques, art, rare finds and gifts.

Blood drives

The American Red Cross hosts the following blood drives:

◆ 1 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 10, The Shores Church, 24905 Manhattan, St. Clair Shores.

◆ 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, May 10, Lakeshore Presbyterian Church, 27801 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores.

Men’s Club

The Men’s Club of Grosse Pointe hosts its next lunch and speaker meeting at 11 a.m. Tuesday, May 10, at the Tompkins Community Center, located in Windmill Pointe Park. Christopher Pratt, the Michigan Education Association’s UniServe director of South Oakland Districts, speaks. The club encourages attendees to wear face masks when not eating, drinking or speaking to the group. Cost is \$20, paid at the door. To reserve a seat, email gmcattendance@gmail.com or call (313) 550-9661.

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A tea set similar to the one pictured is something guests may see at the event Sunday, May 15.

In “Antiques Roadshow” style, DuMouchelles experienced

appraisers Catherine Page and Renee Fessel will relate buying trends they see in the market and appraise items brought by guests at 2 p.m. Sunday, May 15, at Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms.

This is the finale to the Grosse Pointe Artists Association’s annual lecture series, Your Old

Mansion. The event is free to those who bought series tickets to the lectures, but they must sign up at grossepointeartcenter.org to confirm attendance.

There are a few openings for last-minute registrations. Visit grossepointeartcenter.org or call (313) 881-3454 for details.

Cost for the one-time event is \$50 for GPAA

Page suggested taking closeups of identifying features of the item, such as signatures and brand markings.

DuMouchelles and Christ Church donated their time and facility. All proceeds from the lecture series support the association’s arts programming for veterans, senior citizens and art students from area high schools.

members, \$70 for nonmembers.

The following items cannot be appraised at the event, so attendees are asked not to bring:

- ♦ guns, swords, blades and knives;
- ♦ coins, currency and stamps;
- ♦ or jewelry.

If an item is too big to bring, participant are asked to take photos of it and bring them. In addition to an overall picture,



The Detroit Riverwalk attracts 3.5 million visitors annually.

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Detroit Riverwalk repeats as best Riverwalk in America

The Detroit Riverfront Conservancy recently announced the Detroit Riverwalk has been named Best Riverwalk in the 2022 USA TODAY 10Best Readers’ Choice Awards contest. It is the second year in a row the Detroit Riverwalk has earned the recognition.

“We are thrilled to be voted No. 1 for the second year in a row,” said Matt Cullen, board chairman of the Detroit Riverfront Conservancy. “This is going to be a big year for us as we break ground on new projects, mark the completion of our East Riverfront vision and make plans for our 20-year anniversary in 2023, so it is incredibly rewarding to be able to celebrate the Best Riverwalk honor during this special year.”

“The entire Detroit Riverfront Conservancy team is proud to be recognized again on this national level,” said Mark Wallace, president and CEO of the Detroit Riverfront Conservancy. “This honor is also very exciting because we are being recognized as the Best Riverwalk based on the votes submitted by people throughout our community who voted for us. Detroiters love their riverfront.”

Nominees for USA TODAY 10Best

Readers’ Choice Awards were selected by 10Best editors along with a panel of urban planning experts, but members of the general public voted for their favorites throughout the competition. There were 20 Riverwalks across the country in the competition. Among those making the top 10 were the Smale Riverfront Park in Cincinnati, Ohio; Wilmington Riverwalk in Wilmington, N.C.; Waterfront Park in Louisville, Ky.; San Antonio River Walk in San Antonio, Texas; Schuylkill River Trail in Philadelphia, Pa.; Milwaukee RiverWalk in Milwaukee, Wisc.; Bricktown River Walk Park in Oklahoma City, Okla.; Mississippi Riverwalk in Dubuque, Iowa; and Canal Walk in Indianapolis, Ind.

The Detroit Riverfront attracts 3.5 million visitors annually. The Detroit Riverfront Conservancy has invested more than \$200 million in the revitalization of the Detroit Riverfront, which in turn has generated more than \$2 billion in public and private investment. The conservancy will celebrate its 20th anniversary in 2023.

To donate to the nonprofit Detroit Riverfront Conservancy, visit detroitriverfront.org/give/BestRiverwalk.

ASK JEFF AND DEBRA

Alcohol, prescription drugs and divorce

Q: I have a 38-year-old brother. He is brilliant, well educated and successful. I’ve looked up to him my entire life. But I’ve just learned he’s addicted. His wife of 10 years is divorcing him. She and I are close. She’s like a big sister and best friend to me. Before she filed, she prepared me for what was ahead. They have three adorable daughters, ages 4, 6 and 8. My sister-in-law refuses to expose the girls to his addiction any longer and says my brother has refused her repeated pleas to get help. I always saw them as the perfect couple. My heart is broken.

She tells me my brother has had a serious alcohol problem for at least four years. I knew he liked to drink, but never thought it was a problem. His life always seemed to work so well. My sister-in-law, however, paints a different picture. Binge drinking on weekends, drinking until he’s passed out on weeknights, using prescription Adderall to get through the day. Evidently, he’s like a speed freak with Adderall. She says he has a real prescription, but he buys more wherever he can find it. It’s everywhere. He pops pills throughout the day and works like a madman. At night, he drinks himself to sleep. She says he also relies on sleep medication. It’s a mess.

When my brother was served divorce papers, he moved into an apartment. Not surprisingly, he tells a different story. He says my sister-in-law is impossible to live with, that she spends money as fast as he can make it and she is never satisfied. He says he’s happy to be done with the marriage. My parents side with him completely and refuse to consider he may be in trouble. The daughter-in-law they once adored is now treated like a pariah. In the meantime, three little girls are caught in the middle of this family civil war.

Going through the divorce, my brother spends more time with our family and I see how he’s changed. His behavior is erratic and he looks terrible. He’s angry and blames everyone around him for all his woes, but never himself.

Probably most disturbing is his lack of interest in his daughters. Sure, he gives lip service to how much he loves them and says he’ll fight for shared custody, but he’s rarely seen them since he moved out. He stood them up on two occasions and his excuses were flimsy. Personally, I think he was drunk or hung over and couldn’t show up.

We need to help my brother, but everyone is busy taking sides. Maybe if my brother gets help, the marriage can be saved. If not, his daughters still deserve a healthy dad. No one seems to be asking what the future will bring for these little girls. What can I do? How do I get everyone to stop blaming and start helping?

A: Divorce is taking center stage when the focus should be on the addiction. Your sister-in-law can divorce her husband, but he will always be the father of her children. For that reason, he will play an ongoing role in her life. If his addiction isn’t treated, she will be plagued by all the problems that go with addiction. She may have less control over her daughters’ welfare after the divorce. Courts are known to give an alcoholic parent shared custody, if they appear functional. As for Adderall, unless abuse is proven, the court may see it as medicine, not addiction. The fight to protect the children could be long and difficult.

Your parents are likely threatened by information that disrupts their vision of a perfect son. The idea that he is alcoholic and abusing prescription medication may be so difficult to accept that it’s easier to fault their daughter-in-law. Parents often wrongly believe if a child is addicted, it is somehow their fault. Parenting styles or other external events don’t cause addiction. Addiction is a genetically based disease. It requires adding alcohol or other mood-altering substances to the body for sufficient lengths of time to set off the genetic tripwire, which varies from alcoholic to alcoholic. No one chooses to be an alcoholic.

You won’t easily help your brother until the entire family begins working together. Consult with a seasoned interventionist with a clinical background. He or she can help the family in various ways. First, you’ll need a professional assessment and determination of the primary problem. This alone can help family members begin to accept the truth. Second, determine the best way to address the problem. Is a family intervention the next step or is there a different path? Finally, what’s the right kind of help for your brother? Answering these questions will give your family a roadmap to follow. To locate an appropriate professional, call a local treatment center and ask for a referral to a clinical interventionist — an interventionist who also is a therapist experienced in working with alcoholics and addicts in a treatment setting.

If you would like to know more about intervention, we offer a free podcast course online: The Intervention Workshop. Visit lovefirst.net/intervention-workshop-podcasts/.

Jeff and Debra Jay have helped families face addiction more than 30 years. They are the authors of “Love First: a family’s guide to intervention,” 3rd edition (Hazelden, 2021). They are professional interventionists who live in Grosse Pointe Farms. Contact them with questions at (313) 882-6921 or lovefirst.net.

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Grosse Pointe Gabby

The Pulse Of The Pointes

Wife can’t win against the golf course

Dear Gabby: My husband is golfing all day every Saturday and Sunday. Anytime I say something to him about taking some time with me, he offers for me to learn the game with him. First, I tried and he really has no patience for me. Second, I really am not a fan of it, I like to do other things and I am hoping he would take some time to do them with me. I feel like one of those

golf widows I heard about growing up and I am so frustrated, please help.

Dear Golf Widow: We have turned to several of our “experts” to help you with your predicament by sharing their various opinions. Living where we do, with the beautiful golf courses and clubs all around, please be assured you are not alone!

Nora Nanny: Plan a weekend off the course and make him go with you. No matter what. And then go with him to play golf as well. It’s the only fair way.

Dedicated Dad: Try to find something else that you both like outside of golf, and go from there.

Tempermental Teen: Sell his golf clubs on eBay immediately.

Gabby: Hmm, sounds

like you are just not on the same page - or you have veered....off course. Honestly after many years of marriage my advice would be to go do your own thing while he is playing golf. However, there must be a few days where you both give up your chosen hobbies and do something together. How much and how often is up to you. But try to keep the magic alive by spending some QT together

without killing each other’s dreams. Not having the same passion for the same activity should not be a deal breaker.

We love problem-solving and giving advice! Please send us your questions & problems to advice@grossepointenews.com.



Caregiving: the job you’ve never thought of

Q: After a 15-year admin job, I wanted more control in my schedule. It was risky, but I found a website for caregiving, which offered me that opportunity. I registered my profile, and choose my services, my pay rate and my hours. Some clients live in senior care facilities; some live in homes with their adult children; and some still live on their own. As an independent contractor, I work wherever my clients are. Potential clients contact me according to my profile.

The process is this: I interview the person in charge of hiring the caregiver while that person interviews me. I decide if the client is a good fit. Some need physical care, while others need companionship. As an independent caregiver, I control how long the assignment lasts. Here are two examples of

clients — one a good fit, the other not.

Larry (not his real name) was my favorite client and also the one requiring the most effort from me. First, he needed body care; he’d recovered from a stroke and had ambulatory challenges (started out on a walker, then a wheelchair, and finally, he remained bedridden). On the positive side, he lived at a 5-star retirement facility where a staff caregiver could help bathe him. Second, his dementia slowly worsened, and he sometimes forgot what country he was in, so he needed this type of facility.

I found creative ways to engage him, and we enjoyed many conversations. He needed companionship. This was my favorite service to provide.

One afternoon when I arrived, Larry sat in his wheelchair staring into

space. He said, “Boy, am I glad you’re here. I was lonely.” His daughter said he never talked openly to her, and she credited me for bringing it out in him. We would go to cultural activities together, talk politics, watch TV and reminisce.

I’d help get him ready for bed and then leave. After two years, the family decided it was best to move him into hospice where he passed away.

They asked me to write and read something about him at the memorial service. Working with Larry was deeply rewarding because it required me to use a wide array of skills, but mostly because I was a comfort to him.

Marty and Tom, by comparison, were in better health than Larry. They needed no body care, but they were both in the latter stages of dementia. Lucy,

who had hired me, was married to Tom and Marty was her father. It was unusual to have two clients with dementia in one home.

Lucy was always upstairs in her home office. I was to



keep the men occupied downstairs. I wasn’t sure it was a workable situation, but I was willing to try. By the second week, I realized I’d made a horrible mistake.

Lucy went upstairs when I arrived, and Tom started to follow her. I joked with him to stay downstairs, but I

At Work

by Lindsey Novak



wound up having to physically block him from ascending. Tom stared daggers into me, fuming with jealous rage as if I were keeping him from his wife. When that didn’t work, he put on his coat and headed for the front door. I asked where he was going and he replied, “None of your business.”

I said, “You can’t leave,” and I blocked him from the door. “Screw you. Get out of my way!” he shouted. He looked like he was about to punch me.

I shouted for Lucy to come down and I said this assignment was impossible to manage safely. She understood.

Caregiving is growing as

the population ages, and robots cannot yet replace caregivers. Being a caregiver has allowed me to experience the rewards and risks of being my own boss. I wouldn’t trade that for anything.

A: Thank you for sharing such personal work experiences. You have helped lead those who have longed for an independent type of employment.

Email life and career coach LindseyNovak@yahoo.com with all your workplace questions and experiences. For more information, visit www.lindseyparkernovak.com.

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Dear Ann Landers: In your response to the woman who couldn’t understand why her husband never called her by her first name, you quoted Dr. Will Menninger, who said, “The sweetest sound in any language is the sound of your own name.”

Actually, it was Dale Carnegie who said that. You added that your former husband, an accomplished salesman, found that using the customer’s first name was a good sales ploy.

Please be aware, Ann,

this practice is not acceptable worldwide.

In the Spanish culture, one never addresses a stranger by his or her first name. In fact, Spanish has two forms of salutation: the formal, which is used for elders, people of authority and strangers, and the familiar, which is used for friends, family and close associates. Using the familiar form to address strangers is a sign of disrespect or poor upbringing. In fact, this is the case in most European countries.

Even now, after 40 years

in the United States, I find it difficult to address casual acquaintances by their first names. And many salesmen never get past the first sentence when they use my first name. It’s not because I am aloof; it’s just a formality born of my native culture. — E.M., M.D.

Dear Dr. M.: Thank you for a letter sure to teach many people (including me) something useful today. If any of you readers are planning a trip to a Spanish-speaking country, or any foreign city for that matter, I suggest that you

remember this column.

Dear Ann Landers: I would like to contribute an item for your stupid-crook collection. This appeared in the San Diego Union-Tribune. — June in Calif.

Dear June: It’s incredible, all right. Thank you for sending it on. The story was reported by Joe Hughes. Here it is:

Two suspected shoplifters were arrested when they returned to the store where the theft occurred and asked for a shopping bag, police said.

Classic Ann Landers

A clerk who saw two men taking merchandise without paying for it chased them out of the store at about 8 p.m. But the clerk lost track of the men and returned to the store to call 911.

“While he was on the phone, the two suspects returned to the store and demanded a bag for their

loot,” said a San Diego police spokesperson. Two officers were dispatched to the store and saw the suspects outside. The suspects were taken into custody on suspicion of petty theft and burglary.

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Depth of partner’s affection unspoken until it’s too late

DEAR ABBY: My long-time boyfriend passed away after an extended illness, and I’d like to offer a suggestion to your readers I wish I had thought of before his passing.

After the funeral, I was thinking about what a wonderful man he was, so I decided to compile a list of his good qualities. The list grew longer the more I thought about his many positive attributes.

They were big and small things, but they all added up to why I loved him so much.

I wish I’d had it framed and given it to him while he was healthy, or at least while he was still living. I know it would have meant the world to him. I hope my suggestion will be adopted by

your readers. It could bring so much happiness to the person you love. Do it before it’s too late. — LOVED SO MUCH ABOUT HIM

DEAR LOVED: Please accept my sympathy for your loss. Death is particularly poignant if there are words left unsaid. I subscribe to your philosophy.

That message is eloquently conveyed in a poem included in my “Keepers” booklet. A quick and easy read, “Keepers” is a collection of poems, essays and letters readers have repeatedly asked me to reprint. Many subjects are covered, including children, parenting, animals, aging, death, forgiveness and more.

It can be ordered by sending your name and address, plus check or money order for \$8 (U.S. funds) to Dear Abby Keepers Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. Shipping and handling are included in the price. “Keepers” makes an inexpensive gift for newlyweds, pet lovers, new parents, and anyone who is grieving or recovering from an illness.

What follows is the poem I mentioned:

“The Time Is Now” (Author Unknown)

If you are ever going to love me,
Love me now, while I

can know
The sweet and tender feelings
Which from true affection flow.

Love me now
While I am living.
Do not wait until I’m gone
And then have it chiseled in marble,
Sweet words on ice-cold stone.

If you have tender thoughts of me,
Please tell me now.
If you wait until I am sleeping,
Never to awaken,
There will be death between us
And I won’t hear you then.

So, if you love me, even a little bit,



Dear Abby

by Abigail Van Buren

Let me know it while I am living
So I can treasure it.

DEAR ABBY: If I’m with a close friend and she has a prominent hair on her face, should I say anything? I appreciate it when someone brings something like that to my attention. As a member of several women’s clubs, I wouldn’t want to be known as the “hairy lady”! — HELPFUL IN VIRGINIA

DEAR HELPFUL: Of COURSE you should say something -- privately. A true friend should not only tell her but also share a pair of tweezers and a pocket mirror from your makeup bag with her.

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

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Ford house Earth Day cleanup

Grosse Pointe Rotary Club members, the landscaping crew at Ford House and other Ford House volunteer got together on Earth Day, April 22, to clean up the shoreline at the Ford House property. A lot of trash was picked up before it could go into the lake. Among the items were a boogie board, cockroach spray, a flip flop, an empty jug of antifreeze, bottle caps, copious amounts of plastic bags and bits, lumber, a large sponge, beer cans and more. “While it’s always disappointing to see waste wash up along our shoreline, especially the plastic bottles, bits and pieces of plastic and Styrofoam, and other debris, we are grateful to our partners in the local Rotary who shared their time,” Director of Communications and Development Clare Pfeiffer said. “Within just a couple of hours, we were able to make a visible impact and remove bags and bags of litter from the lakeshore. Every bit helps to make a difference.”



Clare Pfeiffer finds all kinds of trash along the shoreline.



Scott Vago, a gardener at Ford House, finds a bucket with a large plastic bottle and various other trash.



Malea Howard, digital marketing and communications coordinator at Ford House, finds a flip flop and pieces of plastic.



Fiona Lacroix and Jacki Dale, Grosse Pointe Rotary, find stickers and plastic pieces.

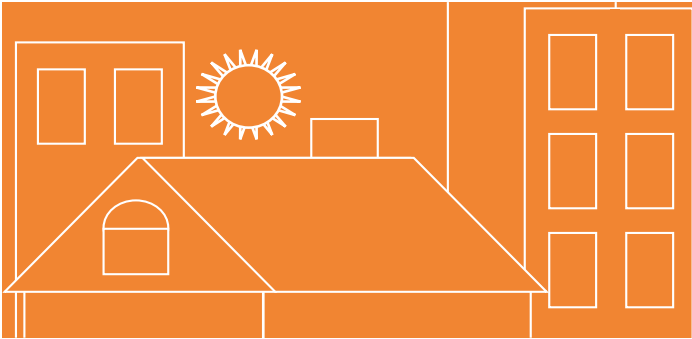
Vince Lacroix removes some plastic and a pink tag off a tree near the shoreline.



Fiona Lacroix removes a piece of lumber.



From left, Clare Pfeiffer, director of communications and development, Ford House; Jesse Nehez, landscape manager, Ford House; Scott Vago, gardener, Ford House; Joe Kosiara, landscape specialist, Ford House; Vince Lacroix and Fiona Lacroix, Rotary members; and Malea Howard, digital marketing and communications coordinator, Ford House, stand with a portion of the trash and tree limbs that were picked from the shoreline on Earth Day.



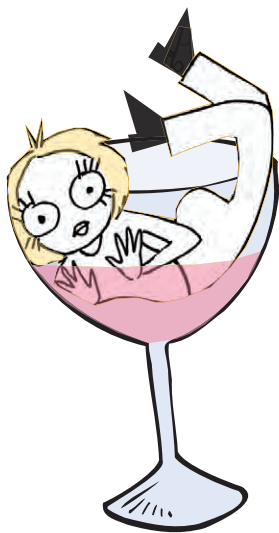
EVENTS

Things to do in and around Grosse Pointe this week

THURSDAY, APRIL 28 » Diego Rivera Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe, 6:30-8:30 p.m. \$10.00. 97 Kercheval. » Coffee with Collections Ford House 9:30 & 10:30 a.m. \$10.00 1100 Lake Shore Road. » The Smoogies Cliff Bell's, 7:30-11 p.m. 2030 Park Ave. » Thoughts to Action Discussion Group Offsite, 7-8:30 p.m. grossepointelibrary.org » Thrilling Thursday: Make a Backyard Habitat Outdoor Adventure Center, 6 p.m. Free. 1801 Atwater Street.	» Disclosure: North American DJ Tour Magic Stick, 10 p.m. \$40.00. 4120 Woodward Ave. » Forgotten Harvest's 29th Annual Comedy Night Ft. Seth Meyers Fox Theatre, 8 p.m. \$35.00 - \$175.00. 2211 Woodward Ave. » Stargazing Ford House, 8 p.m. 1100 Lake Shore Road. » Lewis Black: Off The Rails The Fillmore Detroit, 8 p.m. \$45.00 - \$75.00. 2115 Woodward Ave. » Murder Mystery Offsite, 6:30-9:30 p.m. grossepointelibrary.org » The Smoogies Cliff Bell's, 7:30-11 p.m. 2030 Park Ave. » Sponge Bus Tour 2022 7 p.m. 23018 Greater Mack Ave	» Wu Family Academy Showcase Detroit Symphony Orchestra, 7 p.m. 3711 Woodward Ave. SATURDAY, APRIL 30 » Nellie McKay Aretha's Jazz Cafe, 8 p.m. \$20.00. 350 Madison. » Charitable Run/Walk Detroit Riverfront 7 a.m.-12 p.m. 1900 Atwater St » Detroit City FC vs. New York Red Bulls II Keyworth Stadium, 4 p.m. 3201 Roosevelt St. » Diego Rivera at Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe, 6:30-8:30 p.m. \$10.00. 97 Kercheval. » Live In Store Event: How Diet & Lifestyle Affect The Endocrine System Better Health Market & Cafe', 1-2:30 p.m. Free. 19221 Mack Ave.	» Madagascar Live! Fox Theatre, 2 p.m. 2211 Woodward Ave. » Paradise Jazz Series Big Band Feat. Terence Blanchard Directed by Kris Johnson Orchestra Hall, 8-10 p.m. \$12.00 - \$99.00. 3711 Woodward Avenue. » Sevendust The Fillmore Detroit, 6 p.m. \$29.50 - \$59.50. 2115 Woodward Ave. » WBA 60th Annual Barristers" Ball Detroit Marriott at the Renaissance Center, 9 p.m.-1 a.m. \$100.00 - \$125.00. 400 Renaissance Drive West. SUNDAY, MAY 1 » Civic Youth Ensembles Experience Detroit Symphony Orchestra, 1 p.m. 3711 Woodward Ave.	» mike. - The Not My First Rodeo Tour The Fillmore Detroit, 7 p.m. \$35.00 - \$55.00. 2115 Woodward Ave. » Sky Covington Woodbridge Pub 5169 Trumbull, 7:30-11 p.m. TUESDAY, MAY 3 » An Evening With Steve Hackett Genesis Revisited Fillmore Detroit, 6:30 p.m. \$29.50 - \$150.00. 2115 Woodward Ave. » Detroit Tigers vs. Pittsburgh Pirates Comerica Park, 7 p.m. 2100 Woodward Ave. » GP Badminton Association Parcells Middle School, 6:30-8 p.m. 20600 Mack Ave. . Free. 20600 MACK AVE. » Read, Rhyme & Play on Zoom Offsite, 10:30-11 a.m.	WEDNESDAY, MAY 4 » Candlelight: A Tribute to Queen and More St. Peter and Paul Jesuit Church, 6:30-7:35 p.m. 438 St. Antoine. » Detroit Tigers vs. Pittsburgh Pirates Comerica Park, 1:10 p.m. 2100 Woodward Ave.
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TOP 10 MOTHER'S DAY 'WHINE PAIRINGS'



Oh, mama! The things you endure all year. But take heart, for every problem there is a solution that will help you make it through another day. Check out these whimsical 'whine pairings' we've partnered with wine or otherwise, sure to make Mother's Day survivable. You can find life's little pleasures all around Grosse Pointe this year. Enjoy! You've earned it!

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It's one of those days. You forgot to pick up your kid from karate and he was left there in his little uniform, crying. Look, there's the sensei burning holes in your Yukon as you peel into the parking lot 20 minutes late on a Friday.

Pairs well with:
This calls for a stiff martini from Red Crown. If you were over 30 minutes late, that calls for a second one...

9

Nobody can find their baseball pants! "WHY DO YOU ALWAYS MOVE MY STUFF??" Where is the phone charger and did you sign the permission slip and can I have \$20 and also I need a ride to Cindy's. Now."

Pairs well with:
This calls for a very large glass of Sauvignon Blanc, from Village Wine Shop. To be enjoyed (guzzled) while locked in your room on the phone with your BFF. Problem solved.



8

You had a rough day, but took solace in nap time and even got some rest while little angel baby was asleep. But silly mama, he wasn't really sleeping. He was painting. Everything. With doo-doo.

Pairs well with:
Just take a hot shower with some scented shower bombs from The Beaute Loft, and go to bed. Tomorrow's a new day and alcohol is not the answer.

7

You carefully pack for five people using elaborate lists and planning. There are seven types of sunscreen, everyone has coordinated dressy outfits for the professional photographer you booked, and brand new toothbrushes and 'plane surprise bags'. You are the queen and can do it all! (Except book a flight on the right day...)

Pairs well with:
Earplugs to drown out your family who currently hates you, and a 6-er of High Noon watermelon.

6

Your significant other just came home and asked you what you did all day. You are so exhausted you can hardly see straight, yet you can't come up with a single thing you did today.

Pairs well with:
Baileys and coffee at Irish Coffee. He can watch the kids.



3

You get everyone into bed, and while tucking her in, your daughter lets you know she has a book report project - How fun! All she has to do is read a 150 page book. And make a diorama. And dress like the main character. And it's due tomorrow.

Pairs well with:
Girl, you need to get yourself to Sparknotes.com and hit up the Monster Energy or get some java at Morning Glory.

5

Your 16-year-old just backed into a tree and totaled your car. He's fine, your car's not...

Pairs well with:
Ordering Mama Rosa's and a six-pack of Stroh's.

4

What is that smell in your car? It seems to be getting worse. Where is it coming from? Maybe it's getting better. Oh no, it's getting worse. Did something die in here? Make it stop!

Pairs well with:
Whatever is in your cabinet. Mix it all together. Consider pouring it in your car to kill whatever is lurking.



1

You have a rotten day but you come home to a nice BIG hug from one of your sweet children.

Pairs well with:
Comfy PJs from Savvy Chic and a big bowl of ice cream from The Chocolate Bar Cafe.



2

Woot Woot! Date night! What are you going to wear? It's been so long since you've dressed up. Ooh, your dress - maybe the red one! Oh gosh, it won't zip.

Pairs well with:
Don't worry mama, that black stretchy dress looks better anyway. Get out there, strut, and order the very best champagne!

Happy Mother's Day to all the mothers
and to those who care for us like mothers.

Written by Anne Gryzenia • Illustrated by Donna Zetterlund

T O M M



Orange you glad she's your mom? Tell her so with fun frocks in tangerine tones from Village Palm. These sweet Lilly eyelet popover dresses are universally flattering, so Mom is put together and looking fab in under a minute. Check out all the spring fashions at Village Palm, in the bright pinks, corals and blues you've come to love.

ALL EYELETS ON MOM



Above, an adorable multi-strand bracelet really shows fashion-forward moms the love! Let her sparkle on her special day with this sweet heartfelt giftable from Village Palm.

MOM WITH PEARL EARRINGS

At right, when mom is as rare as a lustrous pearl, gift her with this lovely pair of dangling 7mm akoya pearl earrings in 18k yellow gold. They'll exquisitely frame that beautiful face you love so well. From the Mikimoto M Code Collection at Edmund T. Ahee Jewelers.

KEEPIN' IT COOL

Pretty patterned Lilly Pulitzer lunch totes are perfect for the working mom — or the fun, picnic-at-the-park mom! This roomy insulated tote and so much more are just waiting for their chance to thrill GP moms this year. Available at Village Palm.

SHINE ON, PRETTY MAMA!

Mom can step into her new favorite sandals and glide through the season in comfy, yet sassy fashion. Nothing tops off summer outfits like the perfect pair of sandals. Mom deserves to have her Cinderella moment with this golden pair. Available at Village Palm.

PINK & PURPLE REIGN

Capricious has unleashed spring, just in time for Mother's Day! Trending tassels have arrived — and they captivating. From happy cheese boards that make entertaining even more fun, to the hottest hues in accessories, Capricious has something for every mom.

At right, clockwise from top, are the tasseled cheeseboards and an oversize woven tote bag that has room for all her mom-stuff — and some of yours too! The colorful clutch bag is an ideal match for her spring/summer wardrobe. The delightful striped slip-on shoes provide fancy footwork as they compliment Mom's summer outfits all season.

What shouts spring and puts a big smile on Mom's face? Lilly! Lilly! Lilly! Check out these Lilly Pulitzer beauties from Village Palm...Above, a gorgeous stainless steel patterned champagne flute that will keep her favorite beverages so chill. Or a sweet bamboo bracelet in a pretty gift sack — so she can wear your love for her all day.

Love these flower earrings too! Jewelry and accessories start at \$21.95 up to \$48, and make the perfect gift for mom, aunt, grandmother — and all the special mom-like people in your life.

WITH LOVE

SHOPPING FOR MOM IS GOING TO BE FUN THIS YEAR!



Laser Giftware in Posterity Gallery lets you use your words to show Mom you care. At top is an adorable 'I run on coffee and chaos' 15 oz coffee mug that will help keep her caffeinated throughout her busy days.

Above, the plain white 20 oz travel mug can be customized with any personal message or illustration, so you can add that private joke between you and Mom. Personalization is free and there is no minimum quantity to order. Or get the pre-made 'Mommy's sippy cup' 12 oz stemless tumbler, because moms get thirsty too.

Laser Giftware is located inside Posterity Gallery at 17005 Kercheval Ave., Grosse Pointe. Call (313) 884- 8105 or visit lasergiftware.com and IG: @lasergiftware.



FOR A GEM
OF A MOM



Show mom she is special with a gift from Edmund T. Ahee Jewelers. Far left, this showstopping pear-shaped emerald and round brilliant cut diamond pendant in 18k white gold, will take her breath away.

At left, mom will love these luscious diamond hoop earrings in 18k white gold, set with 40-round brilliant cut diamonds, weighing 1.79 carats. That's one diamond for every night she lost sleep waiting up for you. Sounds fair!

Find these and more luxurious gifts for mom at Edmund T. Ahee Jewelers, located at 20139 Mack Ave., Grosse Pointe Woods. Call (313) 886-4600 or visit aheejewelers.com and IG: @aheejewelers.



Small Favors knows what mamas like! Above left is a darling "Super Mom" mug by Rifle Paper Co., complete with cute caped mommies and a golden handle that proves she's the queen.

Above is a great assortment of amazing gift ideas like (clockwise from top) a Spongelle body wash-infused buffers set, which includes three body wash buffers in different scents — peony flower, eucalyptus rain and black orchid. Each body buffer can be used over five times, it's a great self-care gift for Mom.

Then there's the "Super Mom" mug and cute "My Quotable Kid" book, where moms can capture the most hilarious things their kids say in an adorable keepsake journal.

Next: The Katie Loxton mini fragrance set, which includes a scented votive candle and mini reed diffuser in white orchid and soft cotton scents. Last, but not least, is the T. Jazelle 'MOM' bracelet that every mom would love.

Shop Small Favors at 17112 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe or at shopsmallfavors.com. Visit them on IG: @smallfavorsgp or call (313) 887-1774.



MOM
GIFTS
GALORE!



Shop Capricious at 74 Kercheval Ave., Grosse Pointe Farms. Call (313) 458-8719 or visit capriciousgp.com and IG: @capricious_gp.



Send Mom packing — for the beach, that is! This charming and bright short-and-top beach set is the com-fiest for walking along the shore or covering up a bath-ing suit as beach winds get chilly.

Find this set and others at Village Palm.

PHOTOS BY
ANNE GRZENIA



Top 7 roles moms play (That we take for granted)

By Clare Ramsdell
Special Writer

The saying is cliché but moms truly are superheroes in disguise; transforming into exactly what we need at any time. I can attest to this from firsthand experience. We don't always take the time to acknowledge the little things they do for us, so this Mother's Day let's reflect on all the hats our mothers wear.

Therapist

After a long day consisting of a math test, a quiz in Spanish, spilling paint on your new shirt in art, and sprints at soccer practice, you come home and your mom asks on cue as always: "How was your day?" — even though she's already been texting you throughout the day to ask how you are.

After a bad day like this, the usual response is 'fine,' with no further details. (Sometimes you simply have no energy left to explain the terrors that really haunted your day.) While it may feel unnecessary at the time, the constant little check-ins remind you that your mom is always keeping you in the back of her mind, making even the worst day a little better.

Cleaning lady

A week's worth of clothes on the floor, at least seven used cups on your dresser, an old pop tart wrapper — or two (and who knows what else) is scattered across your desk. Your mom is constantly yelling at you, "CLEAN YOUR ROOM! What will your future college roommate think?" The response: "Yeah mom I'll clean it soon," follows an eye roll. However "soon" becomes tomorrow when your friend asks you to go to the movies. Your mom gets so fed up that she ends up taking on your absolute trainwreck of a room and cleaning it for you. What would you do without that wonderful clean freak?

Personal chef

When you go off to college you can't wait to get away and 'have freedom' — until you get to the dining hall. After a week the bland grilled chicken and pizza get old. You call your mom up to remind her to make your favorite pasta when you get home. "Oh, and that really good salad... The one with the strawberries and walnuts..." you say. But seriously, nothing beats coming home to a warm meal cooked with love by your mom waiting on the table for you.

Biggest fan

Looking out into the audience at your fifth-grade concert you're only focused on finding one person — your mom. You immediately see her waving at you with so much enthusiasm you think you're on 'American Idol.' Even though you aren't in L.A. performing in front of Ryan Seacrest, and instead are standing on the Ferry stage next to 20 other 10 year-olds, she still cheers you on like you just won the golden ticket! That kind of support didn't fade at recitals, sports games, presentations, or any other little event she might be able to come to — even when you got past middle school.

Personal shopper

Nobody can deny, coming home to fruit roll-ups and Doritos in the snack cabinet as a kid was the best thing ever. The box would be gone in less than a couple of days but nothing beat those few hours of pure bliss while unraveling that colorful strip of sugar and corn syrup. Your mom, who usually doesn't support your unhealthy eating habits, doesn't mind spoiling you if it means putting a smile on your face.

Uber driver

Whether it's driving you to swim practice at 6 a.m. or picking you up from a party at 1 a.m., your mom will never say no (despite how good the Hallmark movie is that she's watching). When you need her — she is there to pick you up.

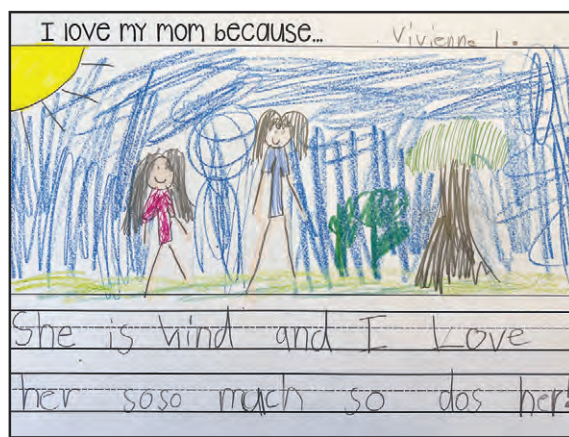
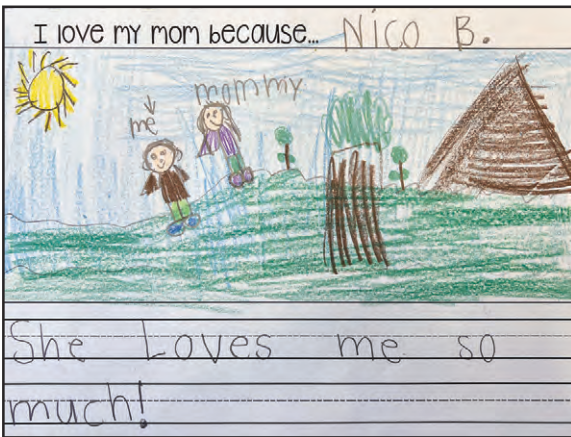
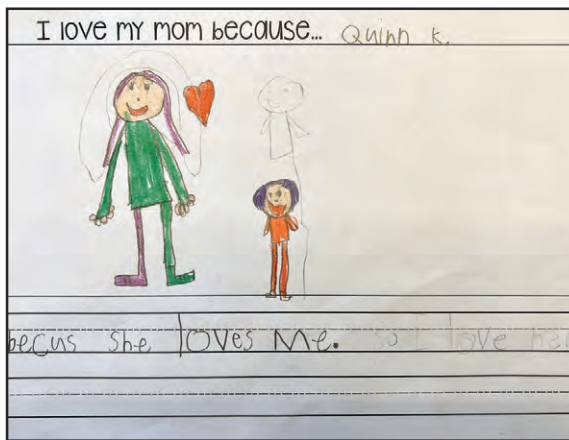
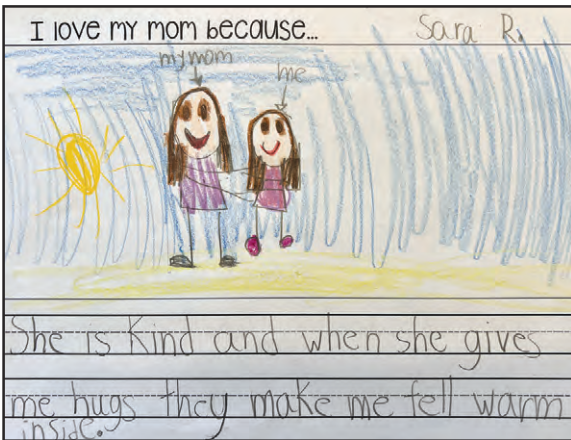
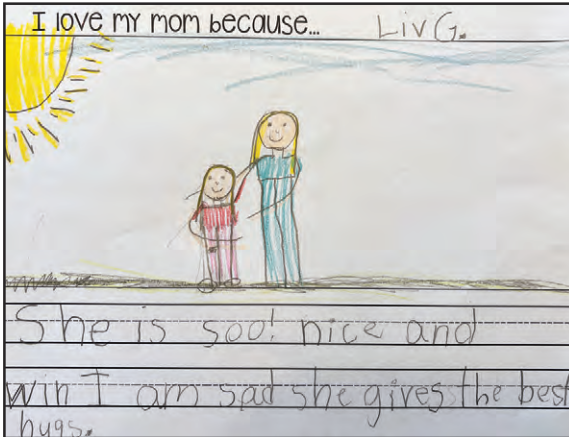
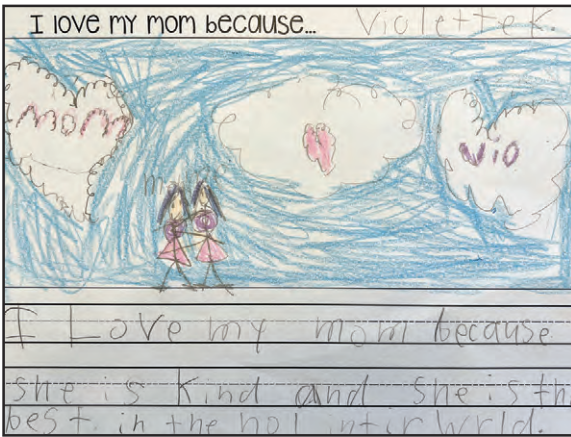
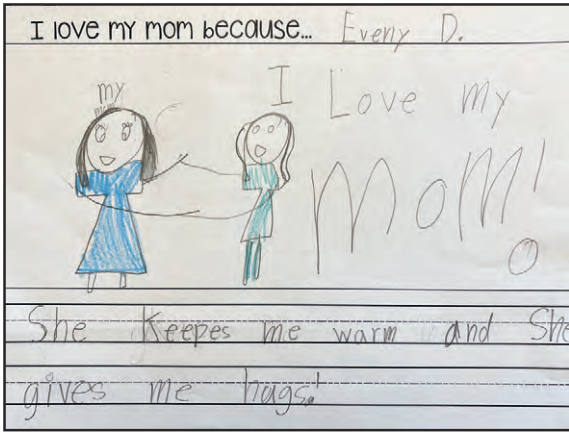
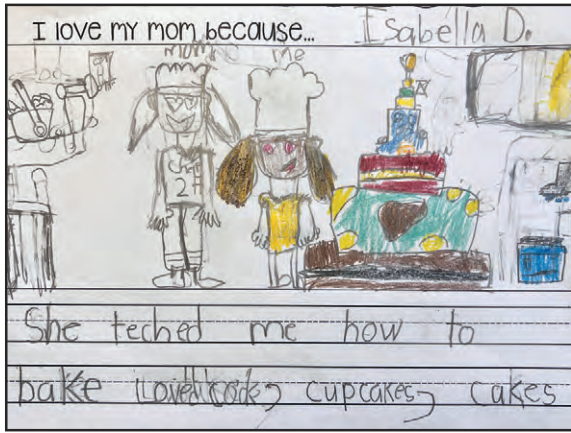
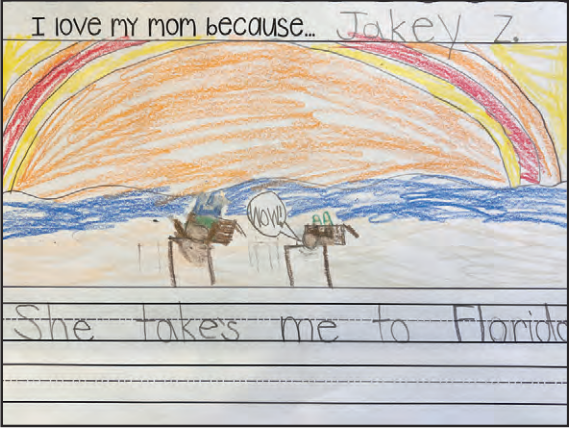
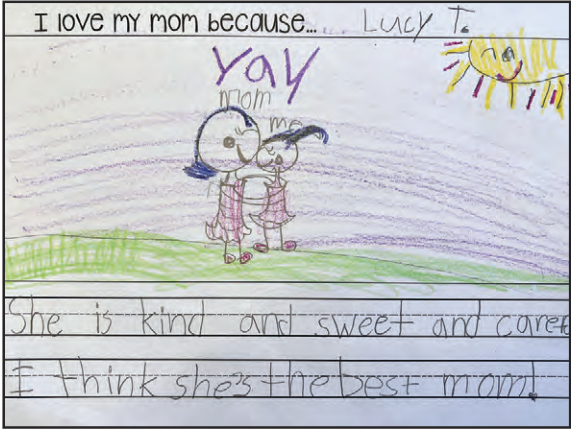
Nurse

Showing up in your mom's room at 1 a.m. clutching your stomach was not your mom's favorite way to wake up. Even so, she hops out of bed and holds your hair back while you hang over the toilet, and holds the tissue while you blow your nose. The next day she's prepared with chicken noodle soup and Gatorade that she keeps on standby, while you lay on the couch all day and binge on Netflix.

“I love my mom because...”



Out of the mouths of babes come some of the sweetest Mother's Day sentiments. Here are some precious love notes from first-graders in Mrs. Brown's class at Kerby Elementary School in Grosse Pointe Farms. So much cuteness and love on one page... Happy Mother's Day to all!



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We Tried It!

by Anna Lizer



Usually I find “We Tried It!” items online or by word of mouth. This time it came to me like a gift from God — or just a lucky break — at a store as I was buying some vases for our — insert shameless newspaper plug here — Grosse Pointe News Newspaper of the Year award dinner.

Everyone in Michigan knows by now that your white-soled shoes don’t stand a chance against spring weather. Oh, I know, we all want to put on the cute sneakers after five months in Ugg boots, but we all know how it’s going to turn out.

There’s mud. There’s sometimes snow. And then your cute sneakers are not cute — and it’s actually sort of depressing, if I’m being honest.

So back to the store epiphany where I saw “SHOE ERASER — just add water.” It was \$1. I had to try it!

It comes in a cute little black pouch and claims to “easily clean white soles.” I instantly was inspired to spring

clean my gross Adidas shoes, so ran home to test them out.



First of all, it couldn’t be easier. Add water to the sponge, rub the soles with the orange side of the sponge to remove dirt and grime, then buff out the scuff marks and

stains with the white side. As you can see from the photo, it works amaz-

ingly well. Note that this is for soles and white leather, so don’t expect a miracle on any sort of material or fabric shoes. However, I did have great luck

washing the knit-like material shoes in the washing machine and then using the “SHOE ERASER” on the soles.

I wondered how it would compare to a Magic Eraser. Basically it IS a Magic Eraser except it has the scrubbing side to it, which really helps clean the shoe/sole first.

And at \$1, it is comparable to Magic Eraser and just like the Magic Eraser, it also falls apart after using it too much.

All in all, this is a great purchase, 1) because it actually works and 2) because it inspired me to get my entire family’s shoes spiffed up.

Kids’ shoes are so expensive these days and they look terrible almost immediately after being worn.

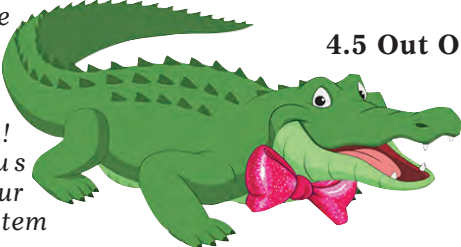
This helps, is easy and



for that reason I’m giving SHOE ERASER 4.5 alligators. It’s not a miracle, but it’s as close as it gets.

We Love testing out new things! Tell us about your favorite item

or something you want us to try for you! Drop us a line at media@grossepointenews.com.



4.5 Out Of 5



From left, Chris Evans as Nick and Alice Eve as Brooke in the 2014 movie “Before We Go” directed by Chris Evans .

MOVIE REVIEW
“Before We Go”
2014 - PG-13
1 hr 35min

Serendipity. I just love that word. It’s the perfect way to describe how I discovered this film.

Last Fall I reviewed the phenomenal movie “Before I Go.” When I was looking for it, the title “Before We Go” popped up.

It looked like it had potential so I added it to my queue. I finally got around to watching it recently and I thoroughly enjoyed it. Serendipity is also a fairly apt description of this film.

The movie begins with a chance encounter between Nick (Chris Evans) and Brooke (Alice Eve) late one night in New York’s Grand Central Station. Nick appears to be a busker — playing his trumpet for money. Brooke is seen running to catch a train,

which she just misses.

After a guard comes around and ushers them out because the station is closing, they end up meeting on the street. When Brooke reveals that her purse had been stolen and she desperately needs to get to Boston, Nick offers to assist her.

This evolves into what I like to call a “Long Day’s Journey Into Night” movie. All the action takes place over the course of one night in New York City. And focuses almost entirely on the two leading characters.

Nick proves to be a knight in shining armor when he volunteers to get Brooke’s purse back.

He goes to the bar where it was stolen and discovers a fencing operation. When he tracks down the hoods that resell the stolen goods, he’s beaten up by them. So much for his noble

intentions.

The rest of the night is filled with equally interesting interactions. Brooke convinces him to attend a big bash where he knows his ex-girlfriend will be. As it turns out, she is there, and just when you think their romance will be rekindled, she introduces him to her new boyfriend.

So we discover the two of them have somewhat problematic relationships. And while I found myself rooting for them to get romantically involved, part of me wanted them to just remain friends.

One scene I found particularly intriguing involved the couple in a hotel room. Brooke reveals that she’s an art buyer and she lets Nick in on a little secret. She tells him that on the backs of many paintings in hotels and motels there are



secret notes and graffiti written by guests. (I’m not sure if this is actually true or not).

They proceed to read the backs of the paintings and they both add messages of their own. It’s a thoroughly charming scene — and adds to the delightful tone of the film.

Before We Go is the directorial debut for Mr. Evans. After consulting IMDB, it appears he’s been in a ton of movies, but this is the only one he’s directed. What a shame since this film is a little, well-crafted gem. Hopefully he’ll return to directing in the future.

One of the things I really enjoyed about it is that it’s a film for adults. By this I mean it isn’t your typical rom-com, with a sappy storyline and a predictable plot. I also felt the couple had remarkable chemistry. If they weren’t romantically involved, they at least had a ball making the film. The dialogue was very believable as well. What a refreshingly realistic movie this turned out to be!

Currently streaming on IMDB TV, Tubi, Pluto TV, and Prime Video.

My rating system:

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

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

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

★★★★ One you’d recommend to friends.

★★★★★ So good you’d actually go out and



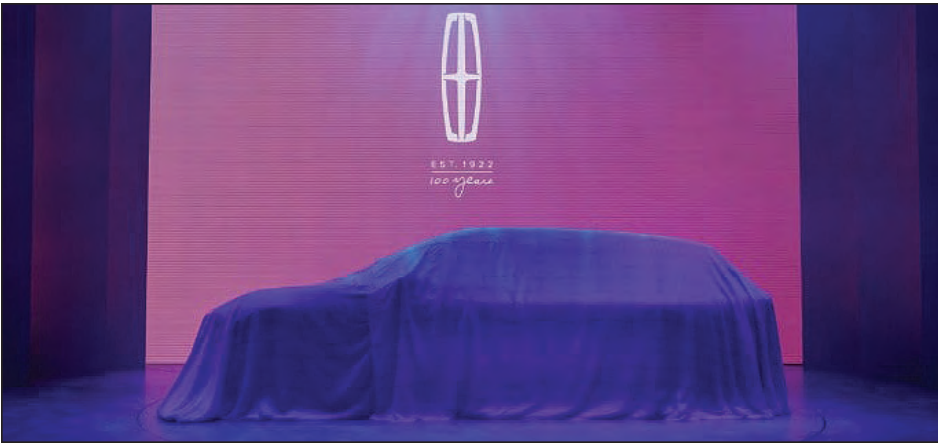
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About this column:
My main focus is on films that I feel have gone under the radar and deserve more recognition.

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: dominmark@yahoo.com. Also, if you’re looking for more recommendations, be sure to check out my blog: moviejunk-





Global debut of Lincoln Star concept sets the stage for three new electric vehicles

LOS ANGELES, April 2022 — With a sleek, aerodynamic silhouette and connected cabin experience, the Lincoln Star Concept debuts globally today, hinting at the brand’s design language for its future electric vehicles.

“This is a shining example of what happens when we combine Lincoln luxury with flexible electrical architecture to create unimaginable experiences for customers,” said Jim Farley, president and CEO, Ford Motor Company. “We can truly revolutionize how people engage with the brand and scale it across an exciting lineup of products that catapult Lincoln into the digital, connected age.”

Inside and out, the Lincoln Star concept introduces new design language, with Lincoln’s core tenets of beauty, human, gliding and sanctuary on full display.

These tenets will help guide Lincoln’s future design, and by mid-decade, Lincoln plans to deliver three new fully electric vehicles, meaning that more than half of its global volume will be zero emissions vehicles, and it will add a fourth by the end of 2026.

As Lincoln moves toward an electric future, it is equally focused on keeping its current portfolio fresh and introducing new clients to the brand. Lincoln reported its best annual global sales in 21 years, up 7 percent over 2021, and plans to build on its momentum with the recent launches of the all-new Zephyr in China and the new Navigator in North America.

“As Lincoln enters the next chapter in our transition to a zero-emissions future, the Lincoln Star Concept will lead the way for our portfolio of fully electric vehicles,” said Joy Falotico, president, Lincoln. “It is an excellent example of how we are redefining luxury for the next generation as we work to transform the vehicle into a third space — a true place of sanctuary — for our clients.”

A guiding star for Lincoln

Both on and off the road, thoughtful design details, connected experiences and clever solutions create the ultimate sanctuary for clients in the Lincoln Star Concept, while delivering a more modern aesthetic and intelligent, intuitive features.

“Electrification is removing many traditional vehicle design constraints, allowing us to reimagine what a vehicle can be,” said Anthony Lo, chief design officer, Ford Motor Company. “The Lincoln Star is a study of experiences and themes that push the boundaries of Lincoln design — and it’s just the start.”

In a nod to the evolved design language of Lincoln, the silhouette is sleek and dynamic, and is expanded to create a striking effect. Whether stationary or in motion, the concept uses design, light, displays, scents and sounds to create an immersive experience for clients. Intelligent technology that enhances comfort, productivity and entertainment is deployed throughout to bring the romance of travel back in a uniquely Lincoln way.

Designers worked to create harmony throughout by using light in a modern new way. Illuminated crystallines, plus backlit doors, seats and exterior features elevate the architectural space to create the ultimate sanctuary. The new Lincoln star on the fascia lights up like a jewel — greeting clients upon approach while giving new meaning to the Lincoln Embrace welcome sequence.

The company’s rear- and all-wheel-drive flexible battery electric architecture and next-generation Lincoln Intelligence System enable the new design thinking and connected experiences the Star Concept offers. The flexible architecture means engineers and designers could reimagine the additional interior space in new and exciting ways to create a unique Lincoln experience.

The new Lincoln Intelligence System takes the definition of “digital assistant” to a new dimension, enabling experiences such as connected vehicle-to-vehicle and infrastructure capabilities, as well as next-generation leading driver-assist features such as Help Me See and Park for Me.

A reimagined sanctuary

Both in design and color composition, the interior is uniquely partitioned into first- and second-row areas. The entire cabin experience in the first and second row is premium, with extra-spacious wrap-around seating, reclined lounge posture, individual lounge leg rests and curated storage for devices and slippers, controls for rejuvenation moods and a luxurious glass beverage chiller integrated between the back seats.

The feeling of spaciousness is enhanced with 3D-printed metal lattice-work on the A-pillar along the windshield and the D-pillar at the back window of the Lincoln Star Concept — visible from the inside out. These transparent pillars, along with a full skylight with digital shade, invites natural light in to enhance the open, airy feel of the space.

A coast-to-coast curved horizontal display cre-

ates a digital panorama in which content flows seamlessly into an integrated center control screen, then into the second-row screen, creating a unique experience for all passengers.

New materials such as leather and chrome alternatives and several unique finishes — work in harmony to create a modern, luxurious experience.

Three rejuvenation moods join a new Lincoln Embrace sequence harmonizing audio, scenting and lighting throughout the cabin. A symphonic orchestration with crisp, high-resolution animations on the displays creates an immersive digital sanctuary. Whether stuck in traffic or just enjoying a few quiet moments after work, the rejuvenation moods provide a true sanctuary in a third space:

- Coastal Morning uses gentle, oceanic sounds, a fragrance of sea mist and the soft, warm glow of the sun with dynamic lighting throughout to replicate a stroll on the beach at sunrise.
- Mindful Vitality is meant to reenergize the senses, with invigorating, upbeat audio, dynamic abstract artwork, soft, glowing lighting and a flowery fragrance throughout.
- Evening Chill mirrors dusk using a calming night soundtrack coordinated with night sky video and an evergreen fragrance.

The three moods are built around the body’s natural circadian rhythm of morning, day and evening. With the help of connected technology, the moods will offer content updates and ways for clients to personalize their settings into the future.

Using the area no longer occupied by a gas engine, a front trunk allows for ample storage, expanding the feeling of spaciousness inside. With electro-chromatic glass that changes from transparent to opaque, the front trunk is instantly recognizable, allowing light in when the vehicle is in motion and darkening to hide stored valuables when parked.

Under the front trunk, illuminated first-row floors flow uninterrupted into the interior, creating an airy, open cabin.

“The Lincoln Star Concept has been a true labor of love for our team and provides us with a platform to share and test our experiences and design philosophy with clients as we evolve our Quiet Flight DNA,” said Kemal Curic, global design director, Lincoln. “Signifying transcendence through both space and time, the concept creates a sense of peace and serenity within an electric experience and previews what is to come from Lincoln.”



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

Happy Birthday for Thursday, April 28, 2022:

You appear to be poised and calm. You have a refined quality about you. You are charming, observant and an excellent listener. This year will be slower paced and have a stronger focus on partnerships. You will definitely make friends more easily this year. Strive to maintain a peaceful environment for yourself.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
Discussions with bosses, parents and people in authority will be powerful today. You might influence others or someone might influence you. If you have an idea that you want to share, you might be a bit obsessive about it. People will listen because you’re a natural leader. Tonight: Talk to the boss.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
You might give serious thought to your finances, especially your shared wealth with others, which includes your debt. You also might give more thought to wills, inheritances and estates, because you want to get to the bottom of things so you have a true grasp of a situation. Tonight: Cooperate.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
Today you want to know what’s going on financially, especially behind the scenes. You want information about cash flow -- where it’s coming from and where it goes. You also want to know how to use your wealth and assets to make your life easier. Tonight: Stay focused.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
You’re powerful today because Mercury in your sign is lined up with Pluto. This gives you almost X-ray vision. You easily see the subtext of things. You will know if someone is lying to you or misrepresenting the truth. Tonight: Concentrate.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
Today your ruler Mercury is dancing with Pluto, which gives you a powerful mind that can turn inward. That’s why this is a good time to look inside yourself at a deep level to try to understand yourself better. You are intrigued with mysteries and hidden knowledge. Tonight: Research.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
You might be obsessed with trying to convince someone about something today. Or vice versa; you might attract someone to you who is pushy in their views. One thing is certain, you have the ability to have a strong effect on others today. Use this wisely. Tonight: An intense discussion.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
You might attract someone powerful to you today. More likely, you are the powerful person dealing with others, whether on a one-on-one basis with a friend or dealing with a group or an organization. Today you will rally your forces and set them marching! Tonight: Seek answers.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
Today you have the ability to see how to introduce reforms at work and how to do your job better. You also might see how others can do their job better. You might see ways to improve your health. This is a good day to get rid of what you don’t need. Tonight: Do repairs.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
You’ll be convincing when talking to children or young people today. They will hang on to your every word. Likewise, romantic discussions will be powerful, especially because you are quick to see what’s going on beneath the surface of things. You can’t be fooled today. Tonight: Teach or learn.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
Family discussions will be powerful and very much to the point today. In fact, certain secrets might be revealed. This is also a good day to tackle repairs and improvements to bathrooms, plumbing areas and anything to do with garbage and recycling. Tonight: Home repairs.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
You might be obsessed with a certain idea today, which crowds every other thought out of your mind. However, you also have a strong focus, which will help you concentrate on whatever you need to think about. If talking to others, you’ll be convincing! Tonight: Study.

BORN TODAY
Actress Jessica Alba (1981), actress Penelope Cruz (1974), TV host Jay Leno (1950).

Contract Bridge

YOU CAN’T PLAY BY ROTE

South dealer.
East-West vulnerable.
NORTH
♠ A K J 3 2
♥ Q 7 6
♦ K 5 2
♣ K 8

WEST
♠ 9
♥ J 10 9 4 2
♦ Q 9 7 3
♣ 5 4 3

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

SOUTH
♠ 8 7
♥ A K 5
♦ A 10 4
♣ J 10 9 7 2

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1 ♣	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
1 NT	Pass	3 NT	

Opening lead — jack of hearts.

The problem of which long suit to establish in notrump play, when there is a genuine choice, does not always lend itself to hard and fast rules. While general bidding principles can be memorized to help one arrive at the proper contract, there are relatively few corresponding principles to direct declarer to the best line of play.

Take this case where South is in three

notrump and starts with seven sure tricks. The two more he needs must come from either spades or clubs. In selecting which suit to attack, South should not be influenced by generalities such as always attacking the longest and/or strongest suit. Instead, the decision should be based on plain common sense — that is, which suit is more likely to produce the desired result.

If spades are attacked, he should ask himself: Will nine tricks surely materialize? The answer is probably, but not certainly. Thus, in the actual deal, if South wins the heart lead and finesses the jack of spades, he will go down after East wins with the queen and returns the ten of spades. Dummy’s strong spades eventually prove to be declarer’s weakness.

But if South takes the time to ask himself whether he should attack clubs instead, he finds that making 10 tricks is an absolute certainty. Regardless of how the East-West cards are divided, declarer cannot be stopped from scoring three clubs, three hearts, two diamonds and two spades after forcing out the ace and queen of clubs.

In this case, simple logic leads South to conclude that the clubs are a safer bet than the spades. This time, the seemingly weaker suit gets the nod.

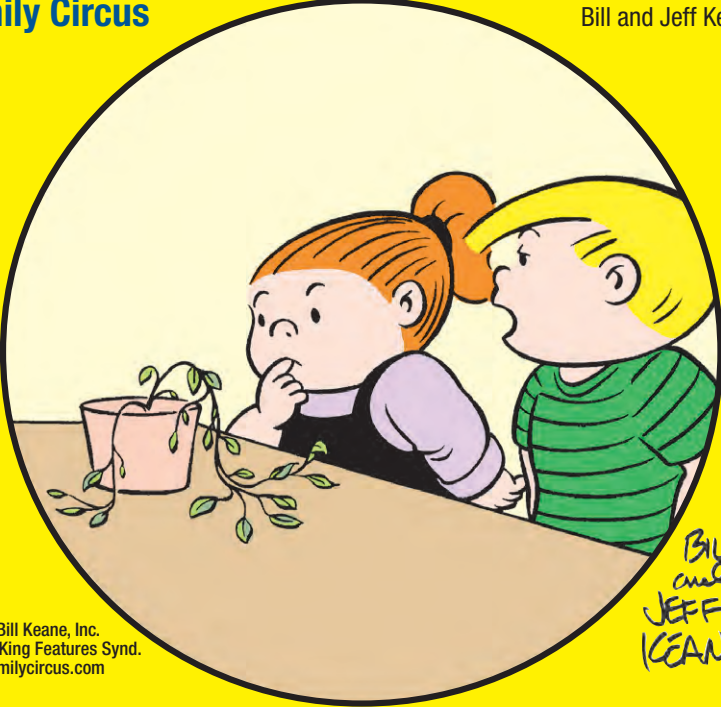
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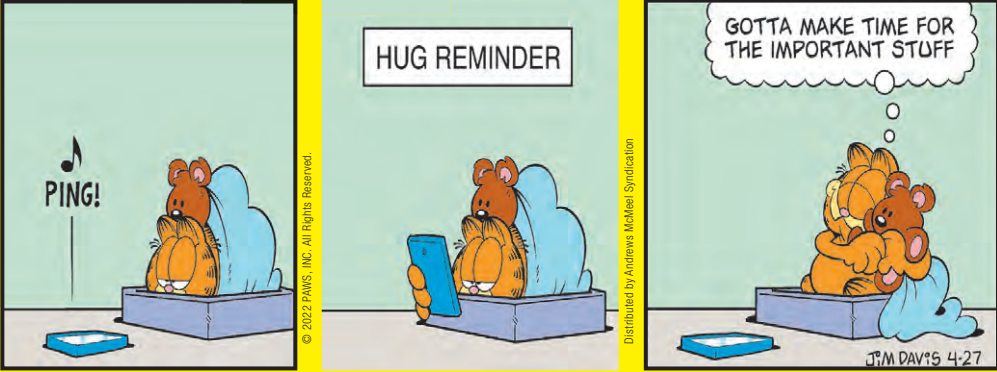


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"You talked to it too much."

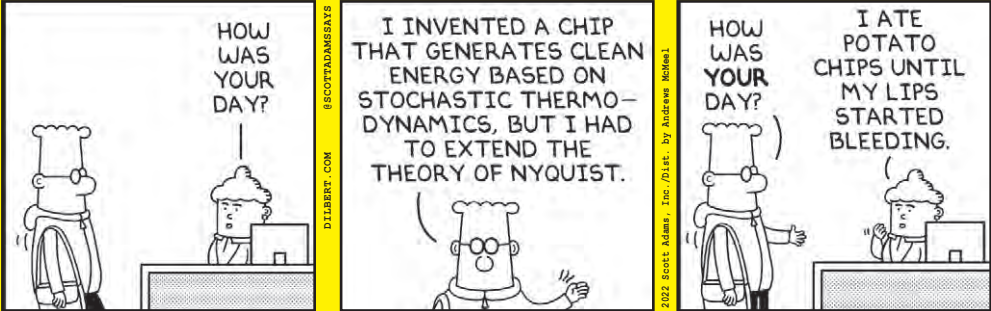
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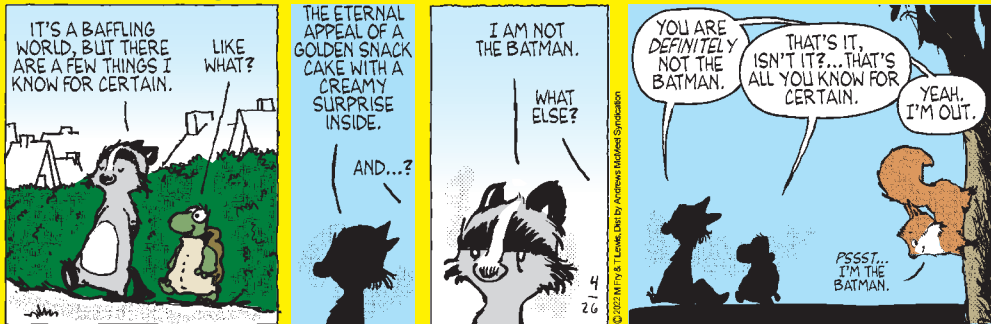
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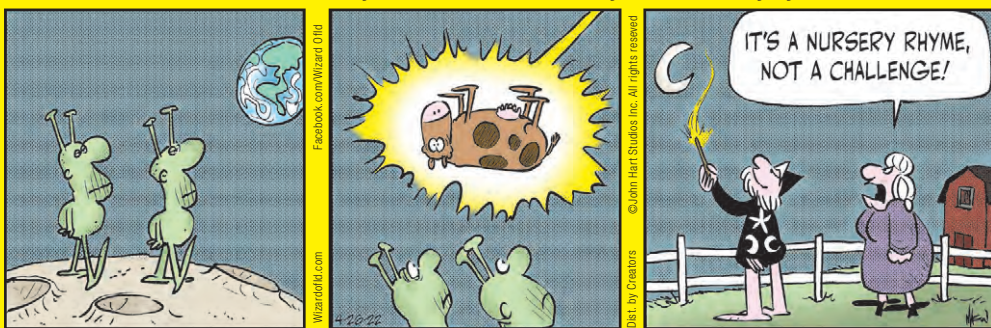
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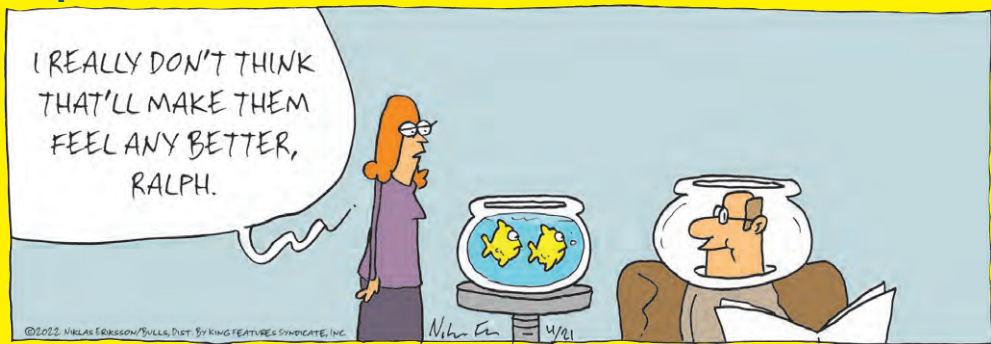
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Niklas Eriksson

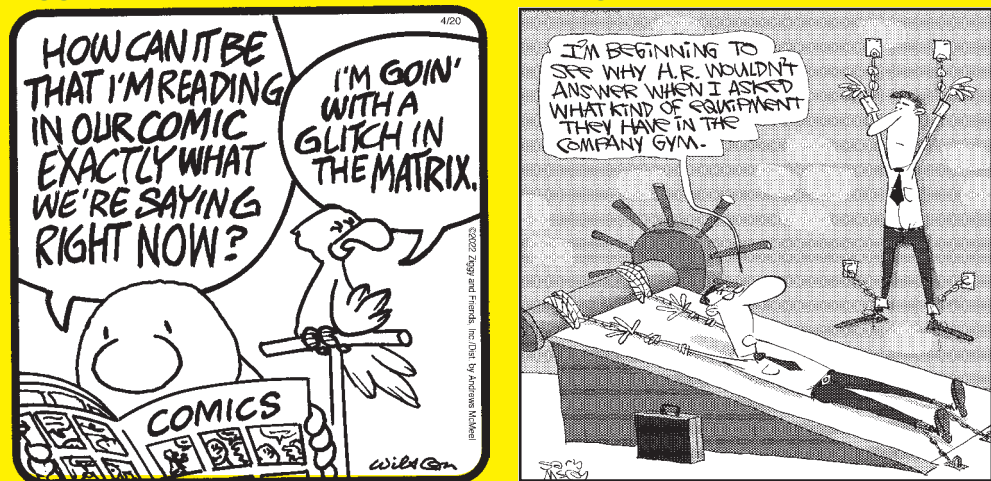


Ziggy

Tom Wilson

Flying McCoys

Glenn McCoy



UNIVERSAL Sudoku Puzzle

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		8						3
5		6		3			9	
	9			4				6
	8		6	2	9			

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

Previous puzzle solution

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

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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★☆☆☆

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Universal Crossword

Edited by David Steinberg April 28, 2022

ACROSS

- One who's a different person at work?
- Excessively exacting
- Tesla
- Brownish gray
- Takes shape
- Prefix for "potent"
- How a recluse might live
- Name's go-with on a worksheet
- One lives rent-free
- Name that's a verb meaning "eat" backward
- Needle droppers
- Eat enough
- What's in the eye of the beholder
- Picture of a bone, maybe
- May, to Peter Parker
- Software iteration
- Name within "madam"
- Puzzle fan suggested by the ends of 17-, 23-, 46- and 57-Across
- Sugar substitute?
- Mischievous sprite
- Swine's squeal
- It goes whichever way the wind blows

- They can be argumentative
- John Williams leitmotif named for Harry Potter's owl
- Sync up
- Job-related move, for short
- Agent Roy Petty's org. in "Ozark"
- Prosecco, e.g., in Italian
- Kids' show with a Thinking Chair
- And others: Abbr.
- Tear apart
- Sorta
- Foam dart maker
- Querries
- Like bubble baths

DOWN

- Situated on
- Business with free Wi-Fi, usually
- Cluster of hair
- Decide
- Nuke in the kitchen
- Texas A&M athlete
- Like a 36-Across, in a good way!
- "One Night in Miami..." boxer
- Certain psychedelic
- Legally systematize
- Neighbor of a Saudi

PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

D	A	N	C	E	E	G	O	S	C	H	A	T
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R	U	B	S	H	O	U	L	D	E	R	S	
C	A	N	O	P	Y	S	P	A	S	E	E	
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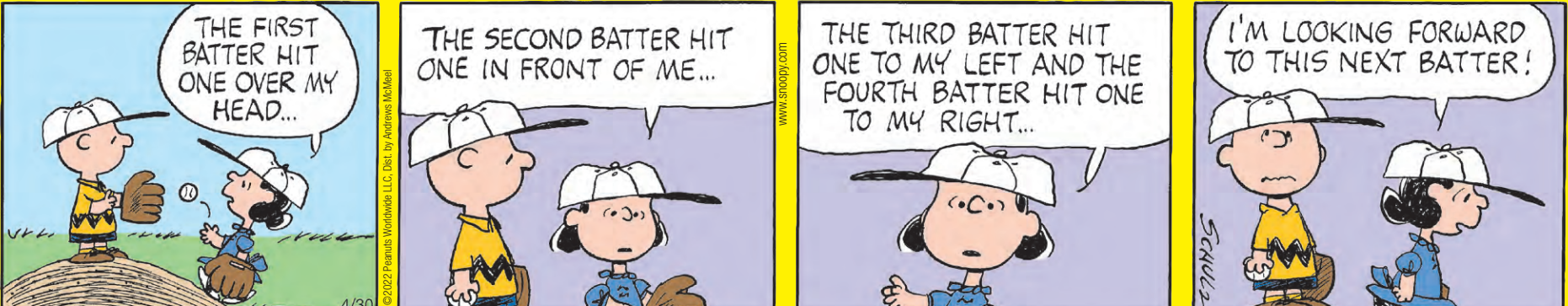
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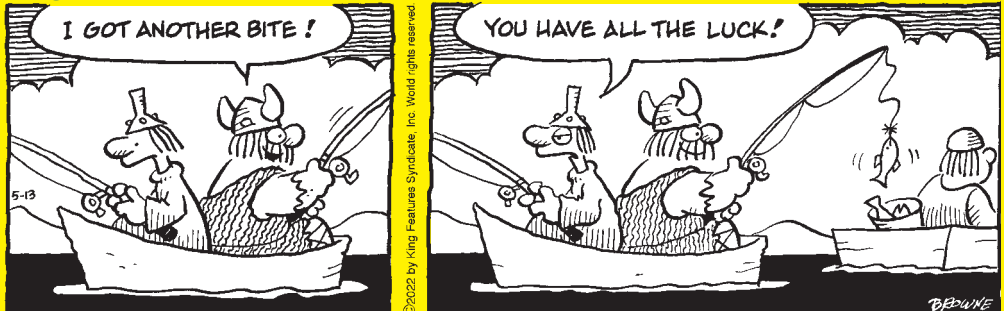
Charles M. Schulz



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Hagar The Horrible

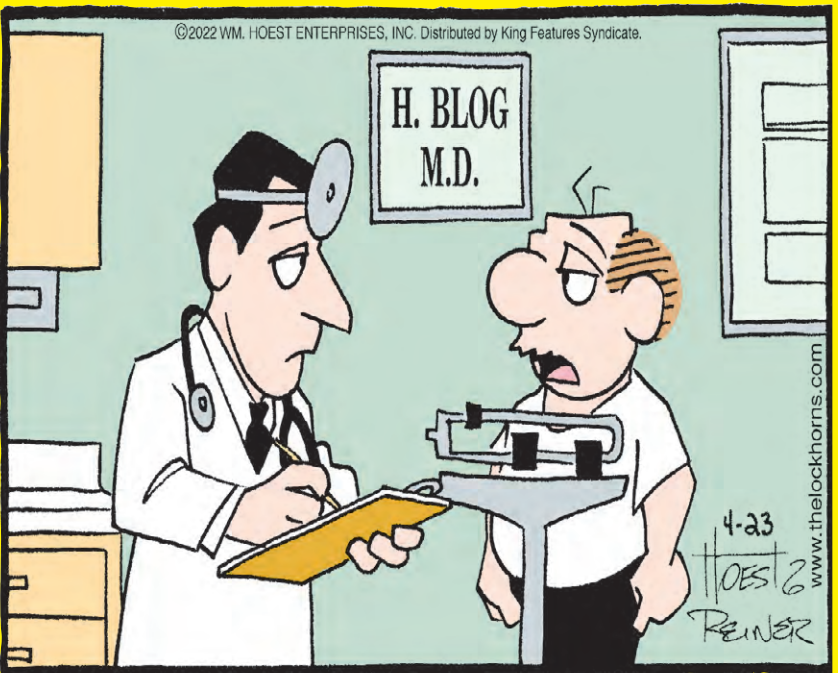
Dik Browne and Chris Browne



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The Lockhorns

Bill Hoest, Bunny Hoest and John Reiner



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Crankshaft

Tom Batiuk and Dan Davis



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Crock

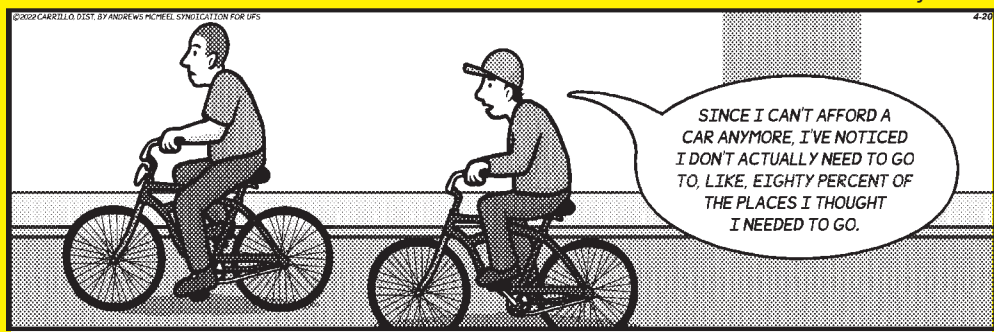
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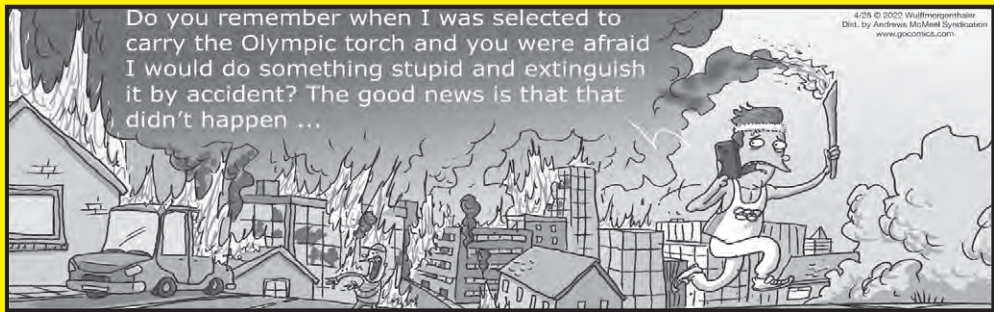
Tony Carrillo



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Wumo

Mikael Wulff and Anders Morgenthaler



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B.C.

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Mother Goose and Grim

Mike Peters



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Bizarro

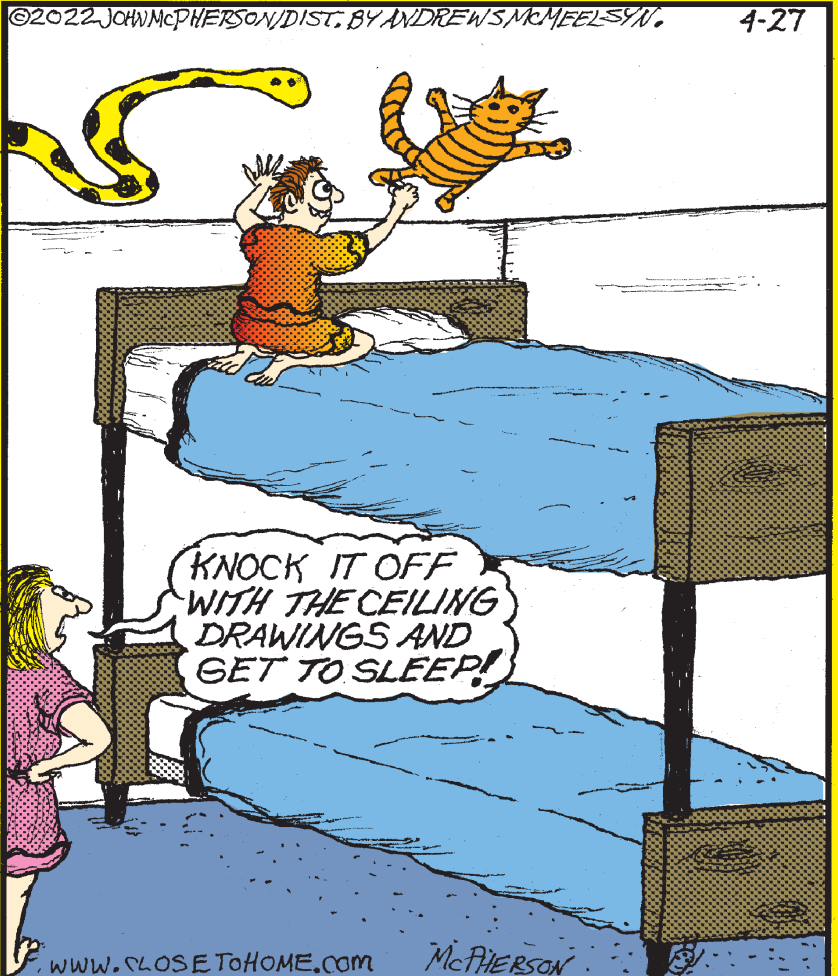
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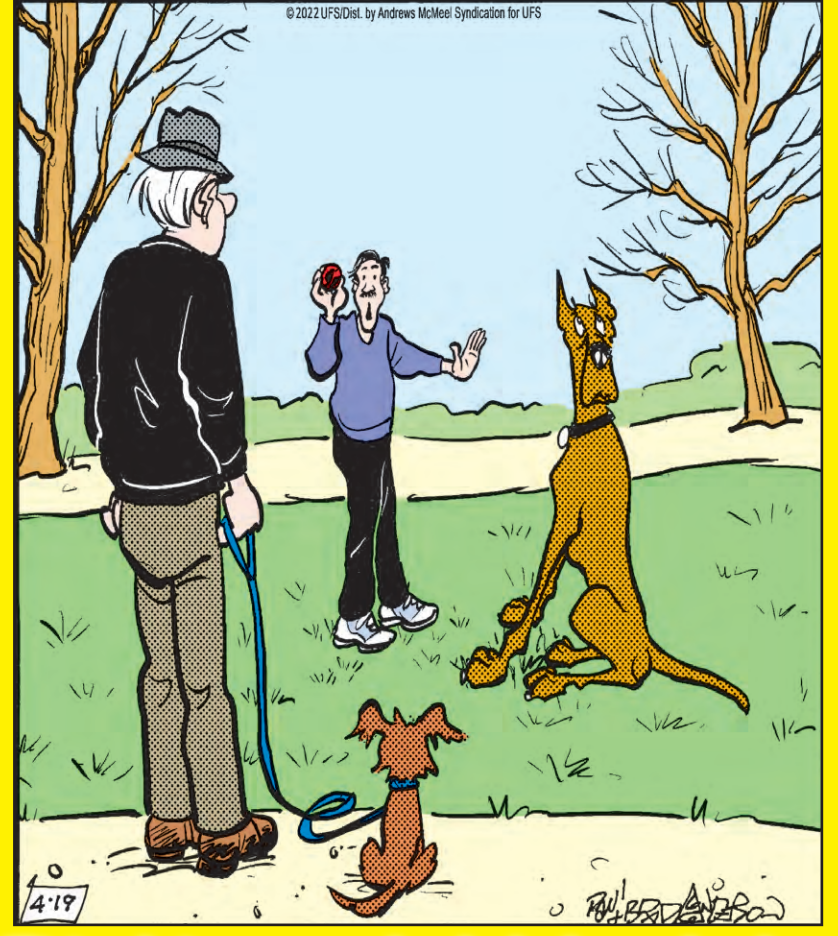


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Michelangelo's early years.

Marmaduke

Paul & Brad Anderson



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SPORTS

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Lax rivals meet

South defeats North in first rivalry showdown of lax season **PAGE 5D**

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Blue Devils grind out league wins

By Meg Leonard
Associate Editor

Grosse Pointe South varsity baseball got back on track with some gritty wins, taking two out of three games from Utica Henry Ford II in their opening series of MAC Red league play and outlasting Mother Nature in a double header win against L’anse Creuse North.

“We wish we could have taken all three against Utica Ford, but we liked our two wins against them,” South head coach Dan Griesbaum Sr. said.

The Blue Devils started the week with a 13-6 home win against Utica Ford on April 20. Red-hot hitter Cliff Grabowski got things going in the bottom of the first with a double. After a Jonathan Drake walk, catcher Ben Domzalski doubled on a line drive to tie the game 2-2.

South pulled away for good with two more runs in the second inning, thanks to another Grabowski hit,

a single that knocked in two. Grabowski went 3-for-3 at the plate, with two doubles and three RBI. Domzalski also had a multiple-hit day, going 3-for-4 with a double and three RBI. Drake, along with juniors Wells Graham and Ben Frakes and senior River Kraus also had hits on the day.

Starting pitcher Chase Mazey went five innings on the mound, surrendering five hits and two walks, while striking out eight.

South faced Ford in a double header Thursday, pulling out the first game 14-11 and losing the second contest 11-6.

“We just didn’t play well in the second game,” Griesbaum said.

The Blue Devils gutted out a win in Game 1.

Down 2-1 in the top of the fifth, Mazey singled on a full count, scoring two runs to take the lead. But the Falcons stormed back with six runs in the bottom of the inning, closing the gap to a 9-8 South lead.

Strong pitching by committee helped the Blue Devils secure the

win, including starter Wells Graham, who went four innings, giving up six hits and three walks with four strikeouts. Drake, and seniors Jordan Bruetsch and Alex Tigges all put in work in relief, with Tigges earning the save.

Drake led the Blue Devils offense, going 3-for-3, moving his batting average to .378 on the season.

Despite the team’s 10-hit performance, South came up short in game two, losing 11-6. Griesbaum said Ford’s seven-run fourth inning came at the hands of some South errors and Ford’s never-say-die attitude.

“Ford kept swinging the bat and never gave up,” he said.

Grabowski and Drake had multiple hits on the day.

Graham, Domzalski, Kraus, senior Cam Braithwaite and junior Connor Stafford had singles, while sophomore Hunter Belanger smacked a double.

A rainy Friday brought the excitement of play-

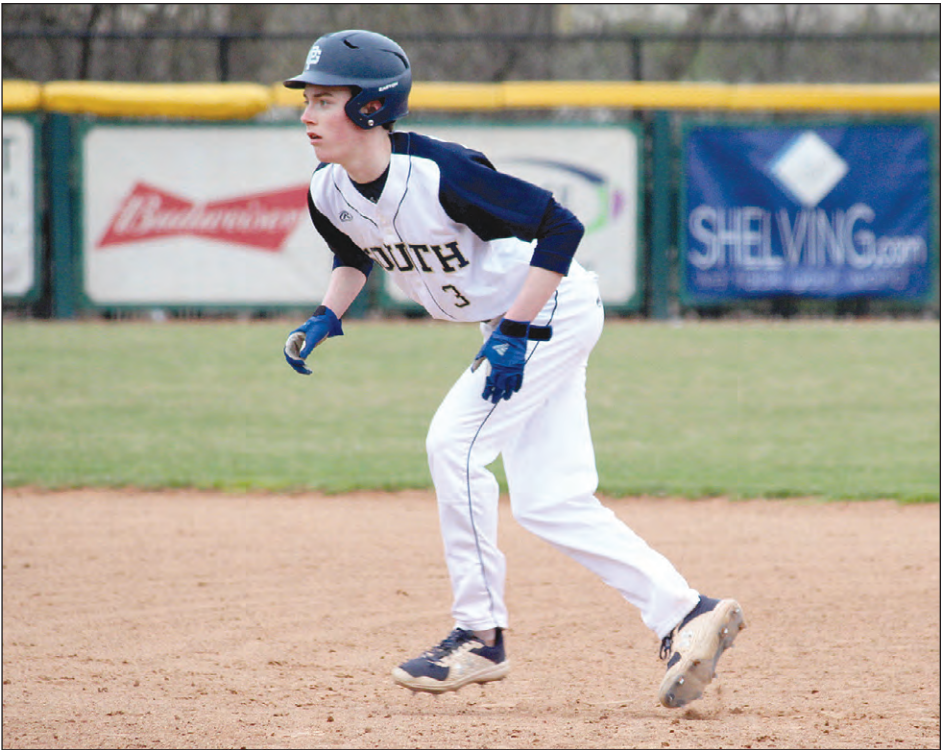


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South’s Joey McEvoy takes a leadoff from first base as the Blue Devils battle against L’anse Creuse North at Jimmy John’s Field.

ing aa double header on Jimmy John’s Field in Utica against L’anse Creuse North. The Blue Devils were victorious in both games by scores of 7-4 and 8-5.

In Game 1, with the game knotted at 2 at the top of the seventh,

junior Alex English played the role of hero, singling on a 1-2 count to knock in the go-ahead run for the Blue Devils. Senior pitcher Chase Campbell gave six strong innings in Game 1, surrendering five hits and four runs and strik-

ing out six. Bruetsch came out of the bullpen to earn the save.

English and Nate Kocik had multiple hits, while Domzalski, Michael Tengler, Matt Zrimec, Nate Stiyyer and

See SOUTH, page 3D

Athlete of the Week

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

Every athlete has a story of how they picked up their sport and how they got to where they are now. For University Liggett junior Ben Combs, his journey from starting lacrosse to becoming the goalie and backstop for a Knights team that prides itself on defense has been a fast one.

Combs began playing lacrosse in middle school, becoming a goalie in eighth grade mostly out of coincidence. Just a few short years later, he is the go-to guy in net for Liggett’s boys lacrosse team. The fast transition to becoming a goalie required getting used to playing the position at the high school level, but Combs has never felt any issues adjusting to it.

“It was really just like I was sort of forced into it,” he said. “The first time I was ever goalie it was in a game, I had no practice. Our goalie got injured and they asked who wanted to do it so I said that I would. The biggest hesitation was trying to get used to the

pain whenever the ball hits you, but I quickly adjusted.”

Being a goalie in lacrosse could be seen as one of the least desirable positions in all of sports. With the ball leaving an opponent’s stick at an average of 70-80 mph, any player who can step up and stand tall in net is quick to earn the respect of their teammates.

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Ben Combs

School: University Liggett
Sport: Lacrosse

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“It’s kind of intimidating but whenever you’re the goalie, nobody’s going to come scream at you or anything because they don’t want to do it,” Combs said.

While Combs does play one of the most important and demanding roles on the team, it only seems to bring him closer with his team-

mates. The Knights have plenty of strong team chemistry on this spring’s squad, with Combs being one of the key pieces to bring the team together both on and off the field.

What makes Combs especially important to the team’s chemistry is the perspective he lends as a goalie. The way that he sees the game allows him to help the rest of his team become better. Being able to give his perspective to raise everyone’s level of play makes Combs integral in everything the team does.

“Everyone on the team is really close,” Combs said. “I always tell them when shooting to bounce the ball cause as a goalie I know what’s hardest to save. And the chemistry is good because we’re all so close. It’s like playing with my best friends.”

Playing with his best friends gives Combs faith that if he does his job correctly, his teammates will do theirs. Liggett is a team that focuses on defense as a

key to win games, but there is only so much that Combs and the rest of the Knights’ defense can do. If he can do his part to keep the ball out of the net and let his teammates work, Combs is never disappointed in his performance, win or lose.

“I usually try to keep us under ten goals and then see if the offense can score more than that,” he said. “If I do that I always feel fine with how I did in a game.”

This spring is really only about the third season that Combs is playing goalie. Picking the position up in eighth grade, Combs only got his first high school goalie experience last year as a sophomore after the pandemic shut down his freshman season.

As a junior, Combs has taken big steps in just his short time at the high school varsity level. He picked up the position of goalie and a team leader quickly. His position is crucial on the field, and his presence off the field has become just as important.

“Freshman year was canceled because of COVID, so sophomore year I was the only goalie and it was my first time playing in high school,”



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

Liggett junior goalie Ben Combs is in his second season as the starter in net for the Knights boys lacrosse team.

Combs said. “Now, I have a lot more confidence and understand what to do and what to look for. I talk to the underclassmen more now that I’m an upperclassman, not like I’m their teacher or anything, but it’s fun to guide them.”

While his teammates learn from him, Combs also learns from his teammates. Where he sees the most inspiration from them is when it comes to leadership. Combs has adjusted well as a leader so far, but only sees himself getting better as he plays out his

junior and senior seasons, thanks to watching the players in front of him.

“I’m always able to see what’s going on,” Combs said. “I’m usually quiet in goal. I never speak and only yell ‘clear!’ if I have the ball. A top defenseman like James Daley, he’s the one that’s always calling out slides and saying where the ball is. I want to develop there so I can become that person when he’s gone.”

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North faces highs and lows of league play

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

The past few weeks, Grosse Pointe North varsity baseball has had its ups and downs. After the Norsemen celebrated a sweep over crosstown rivals Grosse Pointe South, they shifted their focus to the first few games of MAC White Division play, with mixed results.

Over four games last week, North enjoyed a couple of wins and endured a couple of losses. North won just one of three games against MAC White rivals L'Anse Creuse North before securing a blowout 12-0 win over Avondale in a non-league game on Saturday.

Last Wednesday, the Norsemen took on L'Anse Creuse North for their first MAC White contest of the spring and came out with a 3-2 victory. Jordan Arsenau and Bryan Carney each had an RBI for North, in what was a mostly defensive game. Pitching stood out most for North in the close victory. Jake

Tedesco got the start and struck out 11 batters and allowed just one run through five innings. Arsenau took over on the mound for the final two innings and let up one run on just two hits. The script flipped Thursday for Game 2 of the series and the first game of a doubleheader between North and the Crusaders. This time in another close matchup,, L'Anse Creuse North came up with the win 3-2.

Drew Hill and Luke Babcock drove in North's two runs, with Hill's coming via a home run in the first inning to give North an early 1-0 lead. The Crusaders stormed back late in the game, scoring all three of their runs in the final two innings to eventually take the win. The loss was not without another strong performance on the mound for the Norsemen, as Carney struck out 15 batters in 5 2/3 innings when getting the start.

The second game of Thursday's doubleheader was much more heavy on offense than

either of the previous two games. In a game with a combined 26 runs and 23 hits, North again found itself on the losing side as the Crusaders swept the doubleheader with a 15-11 win.

North had four players with multiple RBI in the loss. James MacAuley had two hits, including a home run, and three RBI. Both Hill brothers, Drew and Brennan, finished with a pair of RBI and a home run each. Babcock had multiple RBI, finishing with two.

"We stress turning the page quickly after a bad at bat or poor defensive play, and the same holds true for team success as well," North head coach Kevin Shubnell said about his team's disappointment after losing twice in Thursday's doubleheader.

The Norsemen bounced back over the weekend. The team traveled to Avondale for a single game, non-league matchup on Saturday afternoon. After losing two of its first three MAC White games, North looked to get back on track in a big way

taking a 12-0 victory on Saturday. The victory was led by a great showing on the mound by junior Josh Stevens and a big day at the plate for fellow junior Cam Schafer.

Over the course of the week, North found itself in games that were pitching duels and games that relied heavily on offense. The team worked in different situations, but coach Shubnell knows that consistency has to be key.

"As nice as it is to be versatile, we'd much rather be consistent," he said. "Like any other team in the state, more live game reps will help. We want to just be better than the day before and playing our best baseball when it matters the most late in the season."

The team's game against MAC White opponents Chippewa Valley was canceled Monday due to weather. North is set to host the Big Red on Thursday before a road, non-league doubleheader with Detroit Edison Saturday.



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

North senior James MacAuley had two hits, including a home run, during Game 2 of last Thursday's doubleheader against L'Anse Creuse North.

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SPORTS

HOME GAMES

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Thursday, April 28

4:30 pm Girls JV Softball vs. Port Huron

4:30 pm Boys varsity Baseball vs. Stevenson

Saturday, April 30

10, 12, 2 Boys JV "B" Baseball Grosse Pointe Invitational @South & North

11am & 1 pm boys JV Baseball DH vs. Rochester Adams @Elworthy

12:30 pm Girls JV Lacrosse vs. Cass Tech

2 pm Girls Varsity Lacrosse vs. Cass Tech

Monday, May 2

4 pm Girls JV Tennis vs. Dakota @Elworthy

4:30 pm Boys JV Baseball vs. Romeo

6 pm Girls JV Soccer vs. Henry Ford

7:30 Girls Varsity Soccer vs. Henry Ford

Tuesday, May 3

4 pm Girls & Boys Varsity Track

4:30 pm Girls Varsity Softball vs. Cousino

4:30 pm Boys JV "B" Baseball vs. North @Elworthy

Wednesday, May 4

4 pm Girls Varsity Tennis vs. North Farmington @Elworthy

4:30 pm Boys Varsity Baseball vs. Romeo

6 pm Girls JV Lacrosse vs. Chippewa Valley

7:30 pm Girls Varsity Lacrosse vs. Chippewa Valley

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Thursday, April 28

4:30 Boys Varsity Baseball vs. Chippewa

4:30 Girls Varsity Softball vs. Henry Ford

4:30 Boys Freshmen Baseball vs Stevenson @Ghesquire

5:30 pm Girls JV Lacrosse vs. Cass Tech

7 pm Girls Varsity Lacrosse vs. Cass Tech

Friday, April 29

6 pm Boys Varsity Lacrosse vs. Chippewa Valley

Saturday, April 30

10, 12, 2 Boys Freshmen Baseball GPN Invitational

Monday, May 2

4 pm Girls Varsity Tennis vs. Chippewa

4:30 pm Boys Varsity Baseball vs. Anchor Bay

4:30 pm Boys Freshmen Baseball vs. Anchor Bay @Ghesquire

6 pm Girls Varsity Soccer vs. Eisenhower

Tuesday, May 3

4:30 Girls JV Softball vs. Eisenhower

4:30 pm Boys JV Baseball vs. Anchor Bay

6 pm Boys Varsity Lacrosse vs. Dakota

Wednesday, May 4

3 pm Boys Varsity Golf vs. Henry Ford @Lochmoor

4 pm Girls Varsity Tennis vs. L'Anse Creuse

4:30 pm Boys Varsity Baseball vs. Detroit Country Day

6 pm Girls Varsity Soccer vs. Dakota

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

Thursday, April 28

4:30 pm Girls JV Tennis

Friday, April 29

4 pm Girls Varsity Softball vs. St. Catherine

4 pm Girls Varsity Tennis vs. Cousino

4:30 pm Girls Varsity Lacrosse vs. Regina

Saturday, April 30

11 am Boys Varsity Baseball vs. Brother Rice

Monday, May 2

4-8 Boys & Girls Varsity & JV Track & Field Jamboree

Tuesday, May 3

4:30 pm Girls Varsity Lacrosse vs. Gabriel Richard Ann Arbor

4:30 pm Girls Varsity Soccer vs. Cranbrook

4:30 pm Girls Varsity Tennis vs. Gabriel Richard Ann Arbor

Wednesday, May 4

4 pm Boys JV Baseball vs. De La Salle

4:30 pm Girls Varsity Tennis vs. Frankel Jewish Academy

Blue Devils rally for wins, teammate in need

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

The past week has given the Grosse Pointe South softball team plenty to be proud of. The Blue Devils tallied three wins in four games over a three-day stretch, while demonstrating how important it is to be a team both on and off the diamond.

On Thursday, South hosted Port Huron for a MAC Blue division meeting, and celebrated their first MAC Blue win of the season with an 8-4 victory that saw South stave off an attempted comeback in the late innings.

The Blue Devils went up 8-0 after four innings. South scored four times in the first inning, which started with an RBI single by Luna Agosta. The

hit gave her one of her two RBI on the day, joining teammates Peyton Greiser (2 RBI) and Lily Stidham (3 RBI), all of whom drove in multiple runs on the day.

Emily Peacock pitched a complete game for the Blue Devils, securing the win. The sophomore threw more than 100 pitches across seven innings, striking out seven and allowing four runs on four hits.

Peacock outdid that performance when she took the mound once again in the first of three games for the Blue Devils on Saturday. In a 10-0 win over Dearborn, Peacock tossed a gem to get her second no-hitter of the young season and was just one walked batter shy of a perfect game.

"Emily is one of the

hardest workers on the team and she literally picked the team up when we needed her the most," South head coach Bill Fleming said.

A strong lineup of bats supported Peacock in Saturday's first game, led by Avery Bellish, who tallied three hits and three RBI. Six South batters ended up with at least one RBI, including Audrey Smihal, who brought in a pair of runs.

South's bats continued to be on fire in Game 2 Saturday. The Blue Devils needed just three innings to pull off a blow-out 20-5 win over Detroit Western.

Avery Harris used her bat to bring in four runs for the Blue Devils' offense. Greiser had

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Liggett baseball takes on tough tests

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

The nasty weather may have caused a two-week break in the season earlier this month for the University Liggett baseball team, but the spring is in full swing now for the Knights. Liggett played five games over the past week, including two doubleheaders against Catholic League foes, and found itself facing some of the toughest competition of the sea-

son yet. The week began last Tuesday with the Knights hosting Orchard Lake St. Mary's for a doubleheader. In a highly anticipated matchup, the Knights dropped both games against the No. 1 team in Division 1. In the opening game of the doubleheader, St. Mary's took a 1-0 lead before Preston Barr scored on an RBI single by Jarren Purify to tie the game in the third inning. The Eaglets would go on

a 6-0 scoring run to take a 7-1 lead. Liggett added one more run in the sixth inning as Joey Randazzo scored on a passed ball, but the game ended up a 7-2 St. Mary's victory. Liggett mustered a bit more offense in Game 2. The Knights scratched across five runs, but it was still not enough to catch the Eaglets in what became an 8-5 win for St. Mary's to sweep the day. Oliver Service, Ryan Jones, Jack Jones and Purify all had RBI. Jack Jones started on the mound, surrendering six runs on six hits through 3 and 2/3 innings. After dropping two games to the top team in the state, the Knights managed to recover in a big way last Friday. Liggett hosted U of D Jesuit for another Catholic League doubleheader and earned a

team sweep of the Cubs. The first game saw Liggett win 3-0. Matthew Greene led the offense, who tallied a pair of RBI. Jack Jones tossed a complete-game shutout on the mound while allowing just one hit and striking out seven batters. Weather cut short Game 2 of the doubleheader, but the Knights managed to secure a 5-1 victory. Preston Barr pitched the entirety of the five-inning game and surrendered only one run on no hits. He also led the offense with a pair of RBI on two hits in the game. The Knights took a break from doubleheaders to host Plymouth Christian for a single game on Monday evening. The bats came alive in a big way for the Knights, as a 10-run opening inning ultimately led Liggett to a 15-4 win.



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

Preston Barr slides safely into home plate for Liggett against Orchard Lake St. Mary's.

Liggett's early scoring frenzy began with an RBI double from Kurt Barr in the first inning. Barr finished with two RBI while Purify led the Knights with three. Greene, Service and Reggie Sharpe all finished with multiple RBI in the win. The Knights see a return to Catholic League play this week with a doubleheader on the road against Detroit Catholic Central Wednesday. The team then returns home Saturday to host Brother Rice for two games.

Varsity Baseball		
Grosse Pointe North Record (4-3)		
Date	Opponent (DH = Doubleheader)	Result
4/12	@ Lake Orion	7-0 L
4/16	@ Grosse Pointe South (DH)	4-2 W, 12-0 W
4/20	@ L'Anse Creuse North	3-2 W
4/21	L'Anse Creuse North (DH)	3-2 L, 15-11 L
4/23	@ Avondale	12-0 W
4/26	@ Chippewa Valley	
4/28	Chippewa Valley	
4/30	@ Detroit Edison (DH)	
5/2	Anchor Bay	
5/3	@ Anchor Bay	
5/4	Detroit Country Day	
5/5	Anchor Bay	
5/7	TBD (Comerica Showcase)	
5/9	@ St. Clair	
5/10	St. Clair	
5/12	@ St. Clair	
5/16	@ Utica	
5/17	Utica	
5/19	@ Utica	
5/21	Mt. Pleasant	
5/21	Portage Northern	
5/23	UD Jesuit	
5/24	Rochester Adams	
5/27	@ Brighton	
Grosse Pointe South Record (6-7)		
Date	Opponent	Result
3/28	Cloverleaf, OH	3-1 W
3/28	@ La Salle, OH	16-2 L
3/29	@ Cincinnati Moeller	9-1 L
3/30	Lorain, OH	14-3 W
3/31	@ Cincinnati Princeton	7-2 W
4/7	De La Salle	9-0 L
4/11	@ Detroit Country Day	15-0 L
4/12	Detroit Edison	4-2 W
4/16	Grosse Pointe North (DH)	4-2 L, 12-0 L
4/20	Henry Ford II	13-6 W
4/21	@ Henry Ford II (DH)	14-11 W, 11-6 L
4/22	L'Anse Creuse North (DH)	7-4 W, 8-5 W
4/27	@ Stevenson	
4/28	Stevenson	
4/30	TBD (Comerica Showcase)	
5/2	@ Romeo	
5/4	Romeo	
5/5	@ Romeo	
5/7	TBD (GPS Invitational)	
5/9	Dakota	
5/11	@ Dakota	
5/12	Dakota	
5/16	@ Eisenhower	
5/18	Eisenhower	
5/19	@ Eisenhower	
5/21	TBD (GPS Invitational)	
5/24	@ Brother Rice	
5/27	@ University Liggett	
5/28	Northville	
5/28	Livonia Churchill	
University Liggett Record (6-3)		
Date	Opponent	Result
4/2	@ Brother Rice (DH)	14-0 W, 2-0 L
4/16	@ Richmond (DH)	4-3 W, 7-0 W
4/19	Orchard Lake St. Mary's (DH)	7-2 L, 8-5 L
4/22	UD Jesuit (DH)	3-0 W, 5-1 W
4/25	Plymouth Christian (DH)	15-4 W
4/27	@ Detroit Catholic Central (DH)	
4/30	Brother Rice (DH)	
5/4	@ De La Salle (DH)	
5/7	@ Orchard Lake St. Mary's (DH)	
5/9	De La Salle (DH)	
5/11	@ UD Jesuit (DH)	
5/14	Detroit Catholic Central (DH)	
5/16	Lutheran Westland	
5/18	Grand Blanc	
5/23	Cardinal Mooney	
5/27	Grosse Pointe South	
5/28	Livonia Churchill	
5/28	Northville	

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Nolan Eszes contributed to the offense with one hit each. Four proved to be South's lucky number in Game 2, with excitement coming in the form of three more hits from Grabowski and an inside-the-park home run from Tigges in the fourth inning. "It was a true inside-the-park home run," Griesbaum said. "I saw the ball take off to center field and I knew I was sending him. It's the most exciting play in baseball." With the game tied 4-4 in the bottom of four, Tigges' solo home run accounted for one of the four runs the Blue Devils scored in the inning. Bruetsch took the win for South, going four innings and allowing one hit, while striking out four. South is 8-7 on the season. The team steps into a three-game series this week against MAC Red rival Sterling Heights Stevenson and heads to Comerica Park at 7 p.m. Saturday, April 30, against Allen Park in what has become a yearly tradition since 2015 for South baseball. Tickets are \$10 each and can be purchased from a player Friday, April 29, or at the gate at Comerica Park on game day. "We would love to see our fans and students attend this and watch us play," coach Griesbaum said.

North, South race head-to-head

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

In a showdown of MAC Red foes and crosstown rivals, the Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South girls track and field teams went head-to-head last week. The Blue Devils took their first MAC Red Division win of the new spring season, by a score of 103-34. South won 13 of 17 events on the day. Kelly Gavagan, Savannah Spangler, Morgan Deenik and Ella Pazuchowski earned South's first win of the day, and set a season-best time in the 3200 relay with 10:54. Spangler also took first place in the 1600 and 3200 distance races. The Blue Devils swept wins in the dash and hurdle races. O'hara Diamond, Claire Zurowick and Sofia Guevara placed 1-2-3 in the 100 dash. South's Selga Jansons took first place in both hurdles races. For North, one of the day's big highlights was a top finish in the 1600 relay by the team of Lillian Deskins, Nicolina Gusmano, Zofia Lutoborska and Gia Derrick. Derrick also earned another victory for North on the track in the 400. The Norsemen took

two first place finishes in field events. Both victories came courtesy of Ava Hopko, who took the top spots in the high jump and shot put. South's wins in the field included Madison Duff in the long jump, Megan DeGrand in pole vault and Malvina Lubianski winning the discus. North continues MAC Red competition with dual meets against Romeo next Tuesday and Anchor Bay next Friday. The Blue Devils are set to race this Saturday at Warren Mott in the Steve Johnson Relays before returning to MAC Red competition on Tuesday when they host Chippewa Valley.



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South freshman Savannah Spangler had a banner day winning both the 1600 and 3200 runs and as a member of South's winning 3200 relay.



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Norsemen split pair of division games

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

The Grosse Pointe North varsity softball team faced a pair of MAC Red matchups last week against division rivals Romeo and Anchor Bay, and found themselves earning a league win and taking a league loss.

In their first up with Romeo last Tuesday, North's offense was hot, with five different players picking up multiple hits in a 9-6 victory.

Natalie Babcock, Jessica Alway, Maraina Smith, Sophia Borowski and Katelyn Barr all had a pair of hits each to lead the charge on offense for the Norsemen. Babcock and Barr each had home runs as part of their hit totals on the day. Smith started and earned the victory on the mound in

an important league win.

In a MAC Red showdown against division leader Anchor Bay, the Norsemen faced an early 3-0 deficit but managed to tie things up in the third inning when the bats started to come alive. Babcock led off the inning with a triple and Alway, Borowski and Lizzy Rheäume all followed with RBI hits.

The two sides battled in the later innings before Anchor Bay came away with an 8-6 victory. Katelyn Barr started in the loss, surrendering five earned runs but striking out six batters.

North faces another MAC Red foe Thursday when the team hosts Utica Henry Ford II. The Norsemen then head to Grand Blanc for the weekend to compete in the Michigan Stars Tournament.

Blue Devils hold court over ranked foes

The Grosse Pointe South girls varsity tennis team is off to a tremendous start, putting up wins in four of their last five matches. Highlights on the week include a nail-biter against No. 7-ranked

Utica Eisenhower. The win came down to freshman Olivia Kowal's three-set match in No. 4 singles to clinch the 5-3 victory; No. 1 singles Moira Hix's come-from-behind, three-setter win; and Olivia Sutts'

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another strong day at the plate with three RBI. Both Harris and Grieser were among five South batters to bring in multiple runs. Katie Steiner, Murphy Russell and Stidham each batted in a pair.

The only loss of the week for the Blue Devils came in the third and final game of Saturday afternoon when South lost 8-2 to Grosse Ile. South's hot bats were silenced in a game where the team managed to record just two hits.

"Grosse Ile has a pitcher who throws extremely fast and we

had not seen anyone that fast combined with excellent control so far this season," Fleming said about the performance of Grosse Ile's Katie Antosiewicz.

While the Blue Devils managed to pick up some solid wins, the past week has shown how strong of a team South can be off the field. In between Saturday's games, the Blue Devils hosted a fundraiser for teammate Liv Livingstone, whose house was damaged in a fire last week. South's JV coaches and teammates organized the fundraiser to help Livingstone and her family replaced lost and damaged items.

Winning alongside the



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

South's Emily Peacock threw her second no-hitter of the season on Saturday when the Blue Devils defeated Dearborn 10-0.

two set, hard-fought marathon match.

No. 3 doubles team Molly Wysocki and Ana Maria Garberding and No. 4 doubles Elise Sutts and Cara Chadwell both locked up their matches in straight sets.

Additional wins came from a strong showing against Northville (5-3), Rochester (9-0) and West Bloomfield (8-0). The Blue Devils are 8-1 and ranked No. 3 in their division, upholding a long tradition of Grosse Pointe tennis excellence.

— Anne Gryzenia



PHOTO COURTESY OF ELIZA HIX

South tennis players revel in hard-fought victories last weekend. Back row, from left, Olivia Dalman, Moira Hix, Molly Perkins, Elise Sutts, Meghan Wysocki, Cara Chadwell and Oliva Kowal. Front row, from left, Oliva Sutts, Maeve Hix, Ana Maria Garberding, Meghan Kornmeier and Molly Wysocki.

City of **Grosse Pointe**, Michigan

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
ON PROPOSED
2022 CITY PROPERTY TAXES
AND 2022-2023 BUDGET

The City Council of the City of Grosse Pointe, Michigan, 17147 Maumee Avenue, Grosse Pointe, Michigan 48230, 313-885-5800, will hold a Public Hearing at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, May 9, 2022 in the Council Chambers at the Municipal Offices, 17147 Maumee Avenue, on the proposed 2022 City tax levy and on the proposed 2022-2023 City budget. Copies of the proposed budget are available for public inspection during regular business hours in the office of the City Clerk beginning May 6, 2022.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

Public comments, oral or written, are welcome at the public hearing on the proposed millage rate and the proposed City budget.

Julie E. Arthurs,
City Clerk

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NOTICE OF ENACTMENT
OF ORDINANCE NO. 275

Notice is hereby given that at its regular meeting held on April 19, 2022, the Grosse Pointe Shores City Council passed Ordinance No. 275.

Ordinance No. 275 amends Chapter 6 of the City Code of Ordinances by revising its Article IV, Lawn Sprinkler Systems, to incorporate certain provisions concerning the usage of water for lawn and garden irrigation purposes, during certain hours and during certain periods of time throughout the calendar year.

A copy of Ordinance No. 275 is available for public inspection at the City Offices.

Bruce R. Nichols
City Clerk
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fundraiser was an added bonus, but to coach Fleming, it served as an important lesson to his team about what it means to be there for each other.

"As a coach and a member of the community I was proud of the support the softball players gave to Liv and her family," he said. "Our motto this season is 'We >Me' and I told our play-

ers that it's easy to have a motto but harder to live it, with their actions to help Liv they did live up to our motto".

South is back in action this week on Thursday when they go on the road to face Port Huron Northern in a MAC Blue matchup. The Blue Devils then head west to Holland over the weekend to play in the Holland Invitational Tournament.

Varsity Softball		
Grosse Pointe North		Record (2-4-1)
Date	Opponent (DH = Doubleheader)	
4/12	Chippewa Valley	1-0 L
4/14	Dakota	15-1 L
4/16	DeWitt (@ Lake Orion)	5-4 L
4/16	Utica (@ Lake Orion)	4-1 W
4/16	@ Lake Orion	3-3 T
4/19	@ Romeo	9-6 W
4/21	Anchor Bay	8-6 L
4/26	Cousino	
4/27	@ Grosse Pointe South	
4/28	Henry Ford II	
4/30	TBD (Michigan Stars Tournament)	
5/1	TBD (Michigan Stars Tournament)	
5/3	@ Eisenhower	
5/4	@ L'Anse Creuse North	
5/5	@ Chippewa Valley	
5/10	@ Dakota	
5/12	Romeo	
5/13	@ Algonac	
5/17	@ Anchor Bay	
5/18	Lakeview	
5/21	Stevenson (DH)	
5/23	Utica	
5/24	@ Henry Ford II	
5/26	Eisenhower	
Grosse Pointe South		Record (6-4)
Date	Opponent	
4/12	@ Marine City	14-5 L
4/14	Fraser	18-0 L
4/16	Rochester (GPS Round Robin)	16-1 W
4/16	Woods-Tower (GPS Round Robin)	10-3 W
4/20	@ Berkley (DH)	6-5 W, 12-11 L
4/21	Port Huron	8-4 W
4/23	Dearborn	10-0 W
4/23	Detroit Western	20-5 W
4/23	Grosse Ile	8-2 L
4/26	@ L'Anse Creuse	
4/27	Grosse Pointe North	
4/28	@ Port Huron Northern	
4/29	TBD (Holland Invitational)	
4/30	TBD (Holland Invitational)	
5/3	Cousino	
5/5	Marine City	
5/7	TBD (GPS Round Robin)	
5/10	@ Fraser	
5/11	Lakeview	
5/12	@ Regina	
5/16	@ Port Huron	
5/19	L'Anse Creuse	
5/21	TBD (GPS Round Robin)	
5/23	@ Chippewa Valley	
5/24	Port Huron Northern	
5/26	@ Cousino	
6/1	@ Eisenhower	
University Liggett		Record (0-3)
Date	Opponent	
4/11	@ Cabrini (DH)	7-5 L, 10-4 L
4/22	Lutheran North	15-0 L
4/26	Our Lady of the Lakes (DH)	
4/29	St. Catherine (DH)	
4/30	@ Our Lady of the Lakes (DH)	
5/3	@ Lutheran North (DH)	
5/6	Cabrini (DH)	
5/10	@ Bishop Foley (DH)	
5/12	Center Line	
5/20	Lutheran Westland (DH)	
5/26	@ Orchard Lake St. Mary's (DH)	

City of **Grosse Pointe Park**, Michigan

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
ON PROPOSED 2022 CITY PROPERTY
TAXES AND 2022/23 BUDGET

The City Council of the City of Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan will hold a Public Hearing at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, May 9, 2022 in the Council Chambers located at 15115 E. Jefferson on the proposed 2022/23 city budgets, including property tax millage rates, water rates, T.I.F.A and DDA budgets along with all proposed fees to support the accompanying budgets will be the subject of this meeting. Copies of the proposed budget are available for public inspection during regular business hours in the office of the Clerk beginning April 29, 2022.

Jane M. Blahut,
City Clerk

GPN: 4/28/22

Lax rivals face off

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

The Grosse Pointe North boys varsity lacrosse team welcomed Grosse Pointe South Monday evening for the first of two crosstown rivalry matchups scheduled for this spring. The Blue Devils came in as the visitors, but looked quite at home as the team rolled to a 16-3 victory over the Norsemen. South's William Henry got the scoring started less than two minutes into the game to put the Blue Devils on top early. Griffin Adams added to the lead just a moment later before North's Jason Michalski scored

his side's first goal of the evening. Henry would score another in the quarter and a goal by Sutton Wright would make it 4-1 South after the opening 12 minutes. South added another four goals to its lead in the second quarter, with two scored by John Hanigan. Adams and Harrison Wright scored the other two in the quarter for the Blue Devils. A single goal by North's Chase Reinhard near the end of the first half sent the game into the break at 8-2 in favor of South. South continued adding onto its lead in the third quarter. Harrison Wright and Adams had a

pair of goals each in the third, as did Hanigan. Michalski scored his second of the night for North in what would be the team's final time adding to the scoreboard. Adams scored the only goal of the fourth quarter for either team as the Blue Devils emerged with a runaway victory. The teams will meet again May 11. Before that, the Blue Devils visit St. Mary Catholic Central on Thursday this week and are on the road at Lake Orion Saturday. North visits Eisenhower on Thursday before turning around and heading home Friday to host Chippewa Valley.



PHOTOS BY MIKE ADZIMA

Top: Iliana Nezeritis from North chases down an Anchor Bay player. Bottom: South goalkeeper Elsa Bachert prepares to send the ball down field.

Girls soccer teams experience a bit of everything

Over three games last week, the Grosse Pointe South girls soccer team picked up a win, a loss and a draw. The win came last Wednesday when the Blue Devils hosted Chippewa Valley and used a big night on offense to secure a blow-out, 7-1 victory. The very next night, South traveled to L'Anse Creuse and did not find the same success reaching the back of the net. The Blue Devils failed to score once after tallying seven goals the night before in a 1-0 loss. South then returned home Saturday against Northville and found a result in the form of a 1-1 draw. North's girls soccer team also had a trio of

games over the past week. Unfortunately for the Norsemen, all three games ended in losses. Facing off against Romeo on the road last Wednesday, North fell 2-0. The Norsemen stayed on the road for a game last Friday night against Dakota, losing 4-0. The team finally returned home Monday but did not find much success against Anchor

Bay in another MAC Red matchup, suffering yet another loss. Trailing 1-0 at halftime, the Norsemen surrendered two more goals in the second and ended with a 3-0 loss. Both teams are on the road again this week for non-league matchups. North visits Birmingham Groves on Friday night while South travels to Sterling Heights Stevenson also on Friday. — Mike Adzima

South golf sinks North on the links

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

The weather may not always feel like it, but it's golf season Michigan. High school teams have hit the links in recent weeks and Grosse Pointers were treated to the first crosstown rivalry matchup on the course last week. The boys golf teams from Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South met at the Gowanie Golf Club on Friday afternoon for a head-to-head showdown in the MAC Red Division. Thirteen total strokes separated the two sides, as the Blue Devils emerged victorious, 162-175. While the Norsemen fell short, the day's lowest score came from North's side. Senior Niko Karoutsos had the best performance of the afternoon's nine-hole round, shooting a 37. Karoutsos was one of only two total golfers to score below 40, edging out South senior Alex Blyth, who shot 38, for the top individual spot. North seniors Evan Burney and James Streberger shot 43 and 46, respectively. Junior Nicholas Fleming and senior Michael Paluzzi each finished with 49 while John Mueller tallied 51 on the day.

The Blue Devils' overall solid performance helped the team secure victory. Blyth had the team's lowest score, but the rest of the South squad also managed to stay at 45 strokes or below. South sophomore Brennan Sullivan had the team's second best score of the day at 40. Korbin Ifkovits and senior Ryan Benard each shot 42. Rounding out the Blue Devils' score-

card were Thomas Ciconte and Will Jordan each with 45. The Norsemen and Blue Devils will not go long before seeing each other again. Both teams are set to take part in this Saturday's Evans-Gill Invitational Tournament at Timberwood Golf Course. The teams are also scheduled to be part of the Grosse Pointe South Invitational at Country Club of Detroit on Monday, May 2.



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South senior Sutton Wright brings the ball up the field against North on Monday evening.

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Proposed 2022-2023 City Budget**

The City Council of the City of Grosse Pointe Farms will hold a Public Hearing on the proposed 2022-2023 City Budget, at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, May 9, 2022 in the City Hall at 90 Kerby Road, or as otherwise posted at the City website at: www.grossepointefarms.org.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of the Public Hearing. The proposed Budget is on file in the Office of the Clerk for public inspection during regular office hours, 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, and is also available on the City's website.

The following is a summary of the proposed Budget:

GENERAL FUND	
ESTIMATED REQUIREMENTS	
Municipal Court	\$ 379,200
General Government	1,961,400
Public Safety	6,016,120
Public Works	2,440,500
Parks & Recreation	1,673,600
Other Functions	2,868,500
Contingency	65,000
Transfer - Other Funds	3,034,700
Total	\$ 18,439,020
MEANS OF FINANCING	
Taxes	\$ 13,714,900
Licenses & Permits	437,350
Federal and State Grants	737,970
State-Shared Revenue	1,025,000
Charges for Service	1,819,800
Fines/Forfeitures	299,000
Interest Income	25,000
Other Revenue	180,000
Fund Balance Appropriation	200,000
Total	\$ 18,439,020

Public comments, oral or written, are welcome at the Public Hearing on the proposed City Budget.

DERRICK KOZICKI
Assistant City Manager/City Clerk

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