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Teachers union ratifies contract

By Ted O'Neil
Associate Editor

THE GROSSE POINTES — The Grosse Pointe Education Association announced Friday, Aug. 30, its members voted to approve a new two-year contract with the Grosse Pointe Public School System.

A tentative agreement between the union and district was reached Wednesday, Aug. 21. Members voted on the agreement Tuesday through Thursday last week. The GPPSS Board of Education approved the agreement 6-0 at its meeting Tuesday, Aug. 27, with Vice President Ahmed Ismail absent.

“The GPEA extends

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PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Welcome back!

The first day of the new school year at Ferry Elementary School began sunny and a bit cool, but students were happy to see each other and excited to meet their teachers and classmates. Friends Eva Gmeiner, Reina Sarmiento-Llerena, Ryan Minnick, Gemma Shubnell, Adalynn Phillips, Charlotte Clark, Elaine Tardy, Madison Fulcher and Victoria Portera gather in front of the back-to-school sign for a first-day picture. For more photos, see page 8A.

Zoning comes around the bend

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Unlike oafs on the USA men’s Olympic 4-by-100 relay team that for two decades fumbled batons on their way toward embarrassing losses, no one missed a step last week when, during a joint meeting, members of the planning commission put the latest draft of the zoning ordinance into the palm of the city council.

“The goal of this meeting was to start passing the torch,” said Warren Rothe, commission secretary and assistant city manager.

“The hard work’s been done,” said Mayor Michele Hodges, a member of both bodies. “The heavy lifting’s been done. Now, we just have to make sure the community is connected with it.”

The handoff isn’t complete. The draft, in its third form, is still in the exchange zone. Commissioners haven’t let it go completely.

But more than a year’s worth of revisions — expanding the ordinance 10-fold to address previously unforeseen issues such as accessory dwellings in residential neighborhoods and outdoor dining in business zones; the elimination of rules no longer relevant; adding charts, graphs and illustrations to help explain and clarify rules and standards — were moved significantly toward the ratification stage during the joint meeting Aug. 26.

“That doesn’t mean the commission isn’t going to keep working on it,” Rothe said. “The council might want to see a few more (edits).”

“At a minimum, the state requires that you have a public hearing,” John Jackson, president of McKenna Associates, the city’s planning con-

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9/11 Service of Remembrance set

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — The War Memorial’s 9/11 Service of Remembrance takes place at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 11, on the lakefront lawn of the historic Alger House, 32 Lakeshore.

“This is the 23rd year, which is something hard to believe,” said Leah Celebi, vice president of community engagement and programming. “... The memory of that, it’s ingrained in our hearts and in our memories, even though decades have passed. There’s people who are still experiencing that grief and that loss of family members and brothers and sisters and their own children.

“So I think it’s important we hold that space and show solidarity and honor not just the memory of those who died, but also the courage of those first responders who ran in without even thinking about themselves. I think it’s important to recognize that as well.”



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE WAR MEMORIAL

The 2023 9/11 Service of Remembrance taking place on the lakefront lawn to a backdrop of The War Memorial’s “Les Braves II: At Water’s Edge” sculpture.

The service will include brief remarks by War Memorial President and CEO Maria Miller and new board chair Amy Chesterton, as well as featured speaker Grosse Pointe Farms Director of Public Safety John Hutchins.

“He’ll be giving some reflections from the perspective of a first responder this year,” Celebi said.

A reading of Michigan

lives lost in the attacks will be held, as will three moments of silence, one each representing when American Airlines Flight 11 and United Airlines Flight 175 crashed into the North and South towers of the World Trade Center, as well as one representing when American Airlines Flight 77 crashed into the Pentagon and United Airlines Flight 93 crashed in a field near Shanksville,

Pa. “While this institution honors those who have served and died fighting for our freedoms, it also remembers the brave first responders and victims of the 9/11 attacks,” Miller said in a release.

Following the service, a coffee social hour will be held in the Alger Center community room for attendees to gather

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Home: City of Grosse Pointe
Twenty-five-year-old with full-time needlepoin business



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Paddle players fund improvements

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — Aficionados of platform tennis at Elworthy Field have struggled with the 25-year-old metal halide fixture lights that illuminate the courts. Once turned off, they take about 20 minutes to cool down before they can be relit.

“We have like an egg timer system for the lights at those courts,” explained Ian Studders, a manager and founding member of the Grosse Pointe Paddle League, “and if you didn’t pay attention to how many minutes you had left on the egg timer, the lights could go out in the middle of the point and then you’d have to wait 10, 20 minutes to get the lights back on.”

“That’s just not convenient and doesn’t really add to the experience of playing, especially because you can only get 90-minute windows to reserve on those courts.”

Come mid-September — just in time for paddle season to begin Oct. 1 — 12 new LED light fixtures will be installed at the courts, which also host pickleball, thanks to a \$12,330 donation

drive led by the Grosse Pointe Paddle League in partnership with the Grosse Pointe Foundation.

The new lights also should upend the current trend of constantly needing replacement, as well as offer consistent brightness.

“They’re actually from a similar power output and brightness, but they’re more directly aimed down at the court, so there’s less spillage into the area surrounding the courts,” Studders added. “So they should be a significant improvement and a lot more consistent for the players.”

The Elworthy Field platform tennis courts haven’t seen major reinvestment since they were brought to Grosse Pointe in 2003, as part of a philanthropic effort to refurbish them from the closed Detroit Boat Club.

Because the Grosse Pointe Public School System owns the Elworthy Field land and leases it to the City, which maintains it, the courts are not open only to City residents, but can be accessed by anyone within the school system.

“Because of the unique ownership and funding model for the city courts,

we could tell that they could use some help to spur along the improvements, which is (why) we offered to help,” Studders said. “... They’ve done good maintenance, but for something like a one-time major capital expense, they didn’t really have plans to upgrade the lights anytime soon. That’s why we thought it would be worth stepping in, because LEDs are just the standard these days for all new courts or facilities that have good, healthy paddle communities. Grosse Pointe has a really healthy paddle community, so we didn’t want our courts to be lagging behind the interest, so to speak.”

The Grosse Pointe Paddle League, entering its third year and around 200 members strong, spans residents throughout the five Grosse Pointes, St. Clair Shores, Detroit and beyond.

“We have some members that come from the westside, because we have a pretty high level of competition in our league, so there’s some people that will drive a half hour, 45 minutes just to play in our league because they like it,”

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PHOTO BY LAUREL KRAUS

Temporarily closed

As noted by the word “closed” scrawled across its window frontage in blue duct tape, Wendy’s at 18800 Mack in the Farms temporarily is closed as a result of a faulty roof repair. “Our construction team is diligently working to complete the necessary repairs and we anticipate reopening in early October,” a Wendy’s representative said via email.

Residential zones redefined

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — The latest draft of the citywide zoning code-in-progress protects existing properties and uses that wouldn’t be allowed if construction were proposed after the forthcoming code’s enactment.

“There’s grandfathering and the like,” Mayor

Michele Hodges said.

By “grandfathering,” she referred to exempting usage based on prior allowable circumstances.

“There are provisions in the ordinance that protect uses and structures that don’t meet this (draft) ordinance to the letter of the ordinance,” said John Jackson, president of the city’s plan-

ning consultants, McKenna Associates. “They are allowed to continue without any interruption or negative impacts.”

He explained the idea during a joint meeting of the planning commission and city council Aug. 26.

Nearing an end to their

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sultant, told the group. “That’s the minimum required by the Zoning Enabling Act to be able to get more public

input.”

“We had one (public hearing),” Commission Chairman Patrick Coletta said.

Since kicking off the process in January 2023, the city hosted two open house meetings on the

topic and conducted online engagement surveys in 2024. In addition, the planning commission addressed it at almost every one of its meetings ever since.

Drafts of the ordinance and related mate-

rial also continue to be posted on the city website.

“I think it would be appropriate to have another (meeting),” Coletta said. “The next step would be to talk about scheduling another one.”

The next regularly scheduled commission meeting is 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 21, at city hall.

The next public hearing on the matter won’t end the process nor public discussion.

“That’s just what it is — a public hearing,” Jackson said. “The planning commission doesn’t have to approve it right there or send it to coun-

cil. They can take a month to address those questions and get those issues resolved.”

Jackson doesn’t expect much from the next public meeting.

“More than half of the time, no one comes to those,” he said.

Rothe said the city received only three online comments about the draft. One comment was about regulating short-term rentals, something the current ordinance didn’t address because those type of operations weren’t known to exist at the time it was written.

Neither does updating the ordinance end upon its enactment.

“I’d like to say when it’s done, it’s done, but that’s not the way it works,” Jackson said.

“There are new uses that come up all the time that communities have to address.”

As an example, he cited new state laws governing child care businesses.

“So, this is a living document,” Jackson said of the zoning ordinance. “I hate using that cliché, but it is going to change. Plus, even more I hate to say, we’re going to find things in there that don’t fit perfectly and are going to have to be fixed and resolved. I’m setting the bar, the expectations realistically.”



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for conversation, reflection and fellowship.

“We introduced this change to our annual ceremony last year where after the service, we invite everybody to the community room at The War Memorial in the

Alger Center for a casual community coffee hour where people can come together to tell their stories,” Celebi said. “We found that people really actually enjoyed not just coming to the service itself, but to then be able to sit and reflect and come together after the service.”

The service of remem-

brance is free and open to the public. Pre-registration is requested at warmemorial.org/eventcalendar11/911service2024.

In the event of rain, the service will be held inside the Alger Center ballroom.

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Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency director to speak at War Memorial

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — The fourth installment of The War Memorial's bi-monthly veteran educational seminars will feature Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency Director Brian Love Thursday, Sept. 12.

The Marine Corps veteran, born and raised in Detroit, will speak on the work MVAA does and what services are offered to veterans, including access to healthcare and education.

Doors open to the free event at 8:30 a.m., with the presentation running 9 to 10:30 a.m. in the Fred M. Alger Center, 32 Lakeshore.

"Recently, I had the opportunity to meet Brian personally," said Maria Miller, War Memorial president and CEO, in a release. "He is so genuine and sincere. A Marine Corps veteran himself, he has a deep passion for supporting fellow veterans and this role puts him on a platform to do so in a



Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency Director Brian Love

The MVAA is a state government agency housed within the Michigan Department of Military and Veterans Affairs and tasked with identifying and breaking down barriers veterans face in employment, education, healthcare and quality of life. It was created by Executive Order 2013-2 and began operations March 20, 2013, which was the 10th anniversary of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Love was appointed as its director Oct. 31, 2023, by Gov. Gretchen Whitmer, bringing with him extensive experience in veteran advocacy, education reform and political strategy.

His family has been active in the U.S. Marines since World War II, when African Americans first were allowed to serve in the corps.

Registration for the free event is required and can be done at warmemorial.org/eventcalendar 11/septemberveteranseminar.

great way." She added her hope is that veterans attending the seminar will gain awareness of resources that are available to them for a wide range of needs.

League of Women Voters Grosse Pointe hosts BoE candidate forum

The League of Women Voters Grosse Pointe will host an in-person forum for the candidates for the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 18, in the Brownell Middle School auditorium.

The forum is open to the public. It will be live-streamed, recorded and posted on the league's YouTube channel.

The following candidates have agreed to participate:

- ◆ Terry Collins
- ◆ Clint Derringer
- ◆ Melissa Fradenburg
- ◆ Diana Gellci
- ◆ Kate Hopper
- ◆ Laura Hull
- ◆ Timothy Klepp
- ◆ Heath M. Roberts
- ◆ Colleen Worden

Community members are invited to submit questions for possible consideration by noon Monday, Sept. 16. Submitted questions should be for all candidates. Questions will not be accepted at the forum. To submit questions, go to lvwgrossepointe.org and click the link to the question submission form.

The forum will be available for viewing on the LWVGP YouTube channel on or after Sept. 18. The league encourages community residents to submit questions for the forum.

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18-month update of zoning regulations, commissioners met Aug. 26 with the city council in preparation for passing the document to the legislative body for approval, rejection or fine tuning.

"This has been discussed at many commission meetings before," Commission Chairman Patrick Coletta said. "We're happy to have the city council see it for the first time."

The council retained McKenna, which advises the Park among other Grosse Pointes, on a low-bid contract in late 2022.

"When we started this project," Jackson told joint attendees, "the city had a zoning ordinance that was old, outdated and did not serve the city well. So, this has been a meaningful process. There's been a lot of input to date. There's going to be more input opportunities and comments as the process continues."

Aspects of the draft redesignate residential districts, including of sorts, three new commercial districts in which residential usage is allowed in multi-story buildings above street level.

There are proposed five new strictly residential districts:

Estate

The Estate Residential district, previously designated the RA District, Residential A, encompasses dwellings along most of the lakeshore and on Three Mile Drive

from Essex Avenue to Kercheval.

The district is characterized by low-density construction of single-family structures on spacious lots.

NR-1

The Neighborhood Residential I district exists in every quadrant of the city. It used to be titled the RB District, Residential B.

From Pemberton to Cadieux and Windmill Pointe Drive to Mack Avenue, lots in NR-1 are smaller than estates, but limited only to single-family usage.

"Duplexes and multiple-family are not allowed," Jackson said.

NR-2

The Neighborhood Residential 2 district replaces the RC District, Residential C.

"This is a single-family district with smaller lots than NR-1 or Estate Residential," Jackson said.

District parameters are irregular and widespread. They range from Barrington to the area of Trombly Elementary School and, separately, on other roads up to and including the northern quadrant ending at the intersection of Mack and Cadieux.

The single-family designation is complicated by an overlay district of existing duplexes on Trombly and Harcourt that will be allowed to continue. They are grandfathered.

"That reflects existing patterns," Jackson said. "Creating an overlay

allows that type of character to remain."

NR-3

Neighborhood Residential 3 replaced the RD District, Residential D.

"It allows a variety of housing types, single family as well as duplexes," Jackson said.

The Cabbage Patch area is contained in NR-3.

NMU

Neighborhood Mixed Use replaces the OS-1 and B1 districts and refers to mixed, residential and commercial uses in the lower Charlevoix commercial district.

"This district is intended to accommodate a less intensive mix of uses than (the) Park's more intensive, auto-focused business districts and major thoroughfares," according to a summary posted on the city's website.

More on gramps

Grandfathering may impact the future use of Trombly Elementary

School. The property and structure are owned by the Grosse Pointe Public School System. Trombly has been largely unoccupied since shut down during the summer of 2020 due to declining enrollment.

"We were thoughtful about how to handle Trombly (School) and other important areas in the city (where) we want to have vitality restored," Mayor Hodges said of the zoning update.

The Trombly property is zoned Civic and Parks. The designation extends to all city-owned property within municipal boundaries, plus other locations such as schools and churches.

"There also are provisions in (the ordinance draft) that say if a non-confirming use is discontinued for an extended period of time, or its indicated the use becomes abandoned, that that use would not be allowed to start up again," Jackson said. "That protects the long-term interest of the city."

The Week Ahead

MONDAY, SEPT. 9

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods City Council meeting, 7 p.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Shores Improvement Foundation meeting, 7 p.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Park City Council meeting, 7 p.m.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 10

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Shores Finance Committee meeting, 9 a.m.
- ◆ Back to School Night for Mason and Monteith elementary schools, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Citizens' Recreation Commission meeting, 7 p.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Farms Beautification Commission meeting, 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 11

- ◆ Back to School Night at Richard Elementary School, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Beautification Advisory Commission meeting, 7 p.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Farms Parks and Harbor Commission meeting, 7 p.m.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 12

- ◆ Back to School Night for Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South high schools, as well as Community Campus, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Historical Commission meeting, 7:30 p.m.

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Studders said, "but the vast majority are folks that live in Grosse Pointe.

"Everybody that's in our league has independent access prior to joining the league to different courts. So we reciprocally host each other and try to be respectful of each other's courts."

A long-term goal of the Grosse Pointe Paddle League is to build more public access or club membership courts in the Grosse Pointes to support larger

tournaments and play-offs.

"Although the league was created to provide a competitive option for paddle across Grosse Pointe and we have aspirations to improve and build Grosse Pointe courts," Studders said, "the No. 1 thing many league members mention about our league is that they've enjoyed meeting new players from all over the Pointes."

Fall registration for the Grosse Pointe Paddle League closes Sunday, Sept. 15, and can be done by reaching out to league@gp-paddle.org.

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City resident celebrates one year of thriving needlepoint business

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

“I have this memory of elementary school,” City resident Abbey Schuetze said. “We had to draw a picture of ourselves at our dream job and there were three that I could not decide between. It was a scientist, artist and the last one was a spy, which I think is so funny.”

Although the 25-year-old has an undergrad minor in criminal justice, it was the artistic path that ultimately called her name — perhaps influenced by her time with the Maire Elementary School knitting club, but certainly spurred by a random find her dad uncovered in 2020, during a COVID cleanout of the family home.

“My dad found these belts that my mom had needlepointed for my dad back in the day,” she recalled, “and my brother was like, ‘Oh, I want them ... but I want some with my own initials on them. Abbey, what are you doing?’ And I’m like, ‘I’m doing Zoom college, so nothing.’”

“So I ordered a kit off Etsy ... and then once I did his belt, I was like, I’m super addicted to this now.”

One year ago last week, Schuetze went full time with her Grosse Pointe-based needlepoint business, Saturnalia Stitching, through which she creates and sells canvas designs customers



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Left, Abbey Schuetze on the docks of the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club harbor with her “Seaside Skies” design from her Windows collection. Above, a completed jukebox stitched from one of Schuetze’s designs.

then take home to stitch themselves.

Saturnalia, the name of a festival for the Roman god, Saturn, also means an occasion of wild revelry and is a nod to Schuetze’s love of all things outer space.

“I often think of needlepoint as a collaboration between the designer and the stitcher, because once it’s in the mail and out of my hands, you can do whatever you want to it,” Schuetze said, “and I’ve seen some people do some really cool things with my pieces that I may not have thought of, like color swapping is pretty big.”

Since launching,

Schuetze has created some 150 designs, which can be found at saturnalialstitching.com and in needlepoint shops, including The Wool and Floss on Fisher and The Needleworks in Birmingham.

Two of her first designs — scenes out an arched window with a bookshelf, one with a sunny background and one with stars — grew into a popular collection called “Windows,” which now offers a window scene of every occasion from holidays to seasons.

Her latest series is a Halloween village, playing off the idea of Christmas villages and

including a Boos and Brews storefront, Grimoire Book Shoppe and Broom Shoppe.

“I feel like this is super cliché, because people are like, ‘Oh, I wrote the book that I wanted to read. I designed the needlepoint that I wanted to stitch,’ but I did design the needlepoint that I wanted to stitch,” Schuetze said. “I don’t even necessarily look for gaps within the industry. It’s just like, hmmm, well, what do I think would be fun?”

The designer also takes custom orders. Currently, she’s working on a piece commemorating a restaurant the customer’s family frequents while staying at their vacation home.

“The one I just finished was somebody’s cat who passed away,” she added. “It’s really nice, because

I’m a very sentimental person and a lot of needlepoint is, ‘I stitched this to remind us of our trip to this national park’ or ‘I stitched this for my granddaughter’s first birthday or first Christmas.’”

Saturnalia Stitching’s Saturn logo has become

recognizable among the needlepoint community and at one point last summer, its Instagram account — @saturnalia stitching — gained 400 followers in a single weekend.

“It’s so different when it’s like, they’re like real people who might want to actually buy your stuff,” Schuetze said. “I can’t imagine standing in front of a group of 400 people and them being like, ‘Yes, we want to support you.’ If you think about it in terms of real, physical people, those numbers start to seem crazy.”

Moving forward, Schuetze hopes to make the hobby more accessible by offering beginner-friendly kits, as well as classes as the weather gets colder. She also saw great success with a Summer of Stitching three-month subscription box she put out this year and aims to replicate it with another theme.

“I did not think in a million years that I would ever get to do this,” she said, “and I would be able to say, ‘I’m a full-time artist. That’s what I do for a living.’”



One of Schuetze’s favorite designs, “The Hungry Ghost,” features a see-through ghost with candy floating around inside his body.

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A 25-year-old Warren woman was arrested for driving while intoxicated after being pulled over for speeding at Jefferson and University at 1 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 28. Her vehicle was impounded.

Unlocked

A number of stolen cars and larcenies from autos last week in the City had one thing in common: They all were unlocked.

◆ An unlocked 2015 Yukon, with the keys left inside, was stolen from a driveway in the 400 block of Washington at 3:15 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 28. The owner's cellphone and two credit cards also were inside.

◆ An unlocked 2019 Lincoln Nautilus, with an extra key fob left inside, was stolen from the street in the 17000 block of Maumee between 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 28, and 2 p.m. the next day.

◆ An unlocked 2008 Jeep Wrangler, with the keys left inside, was stolen from the 300 block of Lincoln at 2:10 a.m. Friday, Aug. 30.

◆ An unlocked vehicle in the 200 block of Rivard was rummaged through between 9 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 28, and 10 a.m. the next morning.

◆ Nike shoes, miscellaneous cash and Beats headphones were stolen from an unlocked vehicle in the 500 block of St. Clair between 10 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 29, and 9 a.m. the next morning.

◆ Miscellaneous change was stolen from an unlocked vehicle in the 300 block of Neff between 6 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 29, and 10 a.m. the next morning.

◆ Miscellaneous change was stolen from two unlocked vehicles in the 300 block of Neff overnight Friday, Aug. 30.

Help yourself

Approximately 12 credit cards, an HP laptop and a U.S. passport were stolen from an unlocked vehicle parked on the street in the 600 block of University at 5:30 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 29.

Counterfeit

Two men passed \$320 worth of counterfeit \$20 bills to purchase ink cartridges and toner at a business in the 17000 block of Mack at 9:45 a.m. Friday, Aug. 30.

Caught

A 32-year-old Detroit man was arrested as he fled after stealing \$60 worth of items from a business in the 16000 block of Kercheval at 12:15 p.m. Friday, Aug. 30.

Porch pirate

An Amazon package containing two soap dispensers was stolen from a porch in the 400 block of Neff between Friday, Aug. 23, and Sunday, Sept. 1.

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

Grosse Pointe Farms

Bike casualty

A 70-year-old Park woman is suspected of running over a 37-year-old Grosse Pointe man's bike after he left it on the curb in front of a business in the 19000 block of Mack at 12:34 p.m. Monday, Aug. 26.

Misplaced

A homeowner in the 400 block of Roland discovered her air compressor across the street in a neighbor's bushes after noticing her side garage door open at 9:30 a.m. Monday, Aug. 26. Nothing else was missing.

Badge

A Detroit police sergeant's badge displayed in a car window was confiscated from a 49-year-old Park man at 4:46 p.m. Monday, Aug. 26, after an officer pulled him over for speeding 40 mph on Kerby. The man said the badge belonged to his friend who died.

Stolen Jeep

A 2015 black Jeep Grand Cherokee was stolen from the 300 block of Cloverly between 5 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 27, and 7 a.m. the next morning.

The owner said it was locked, but no glass was observed in the area.

No soliciting

Door-to-door solicitors in the area of Handy and Grosse Pointe Boulevard at 4:28 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 28, were informed a permit is needed to solicit in the Farms.

Crashing halt

A decorative brick pillar, stop sign and street sign on the northwest corner of Kercheval and Irvine were damaged by a 19-year-old Detroit man fleeing police in his vehicle at 10:13 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 28.

He first was spotted by an officer at Mack and Moross, speeding and driving recklessly around other vehicles. After crashing into the brick pillar at Irvine, he fled on foot and was spotted by a homeowner in a rear yard in the 100 block of Country Club

Drive, where he was arrested without further incident.

Vehicle thefts

A black 2015 Lincoln MKZ was stolen from the 400 block of Hillcrest between 11 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 28, and 6:30 a.m. the next morning. The owner was unsure if it was locked and said an old key fob that was not working was between the seats. Also inside the vehicle were Callaway golf clubs worth \$700.

Another vehicle — a white 2021 Cadillac CT4 — was stolen from the 400 block of Hillcrest between 11 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 28, and 2:41 a.m. the next morning. The vehicle was unlocked with the spare set of keys left inside between the seats. The owner's wallet and credit cards were left inside as well.

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

Grosse Pointe Park

Car entered, pass taken

Overnight Tuesday, Aug. 27, someone entered an unlocked vehicle parked in the driveway of a house in the 700 block of Berkshire and stole a park pass.

Window smashed

An unknown vandal between the hours of 9 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Wednesday Aug. 28, broke the rear passenger window of a Ford Fusion parked in the 1000 block of Wayburn. Nothing was reported stolen.

Drunk & slumped

A drunken driving arrest capped the investigation of a seemingly unconscious man in the driver's seat of a stationary vehicle at the intersection of Jefferson and Bedford.

The motorist, a 55-year-old Detroit man, had been reported passed out behind the wheel.

"(He was) found sitting in the running vehicle," an officer said. "Follow-up investigation revealed he was intoxicated."

Tools taken

Three toolboxes containing the usual items were stolen overnight Wednesday, Aug. 28, from a vehicle parked in the 1200 block of Maryland.

Car stolen

A silver 2018 Nissan Rogue was stolen while parked unlocked in the 1000 block of Wayburn between the hours of 10 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 28, and 9:11 a.m. the next day.

Thief caught

The 25-year-old male driver of a stolen car was caught last week when pulled over for speeding.

An officer made the stop on Mack at Lakepointe a few minutes before 8 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 31.

"After the vehicle was stopped, the officer was advised by dispatch that the vehicle had been reported stolen out of Detroit in an unarmed robbery," according to an investigator. "(The suspect was) arrested after a brief struggle."

The suspect, of Detroit, faces charges of receiving and concealing stolen property.

More tools taken

A thief got an early start on Labor Day.

At 2:30 a.m. Monday, Sept. 2, the unknown per-

petrator stole assorted Milwaukee tools from the bed of a pickup truck parked in the 1300 block of Beaconsfield, according to police.

He's described as a white male wearing a T-shirt, shorts, gym shoes and baseball cap.

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

Grosse Pointe Shores

Nothing to report per dispatch.

— *Ted O'Neil*
Report information about crime to Grosse Pointe Shores Public Safety, (313) 881-5500.

Grosse Pointe Woods

Stolen vehicles

Two vehicles stolen last week eventually were recovered.

The first was taken from a residence in the 1900 block of Van Antwerp between 9 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 25, and 5 a.m. the following morning. It was unlocked with the keys inside. Also taken was a purse with credit cards and personal identification and a laptop. The vehicle was recovered Saturday, Aug. 31.

The second vehicle was taken from a residence in the 1600 block of Anita overnight Tuesday, Aug. 27. As an officer was en route to the scene, dispatch received a call from

police in Detroit that they had the vehicle and a suspect in custody.

The owner said he was missing a set of car keys and was unsure if he left them in the vehicle.

Stolen bikes

Two locked bicycles were stolen on Mack last week.

The first occurred between 2:30 and 3:15 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 29, at a business in the 20400 block.

The second was taken between 4:45 and 6 p.m. Friday, Aug. 30, at the Woods branch of the Grosse Pointe Public Library.

Vehicle fraud

A resident in the 500 block of Briarcliff sent a California dealership a \$5,000 deposit toward buying a 2019 Mercedes Benz costing \$86,000. He then made arrangements with a separate vendor to transport the vehicle to Michigan.

He was told it would be picked up Monday, Aug. 26, and delivered Sunday, Sept. 1. The dealership told him it was picked up Tuesday, Aug. 27, and was notified it was delivered Friday, Aug. 30. The transport company told the man it was delivered to an unknown address in Los Angeles. The company now is refusing to take his calls.

— *Ted O'Neil*
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OUR VIEW

So long, summer! It was nice knowing you

As the old saying goes, summer should get a speeding ticket. Or, as Danny and Sandy sang, “Summer lovin’ had me a blast. Summer lovin’ happened so fast.”

Summer does not officially end until Sunday, Sept. 22. At 8:43 a.m., to be exact. How’s that for a summer? Not even long enough to enjoy through brunch at one of your favorite spots.

But we all know the gig is up. We said goodbye to summer earlier this week with the first day of school coming fast on the heels of that Labor Day barbecue. The nicest part about summer, of course, is taking that long-awaited vacation. Now, with temperatures sure to fall as the days get shorter, colors will change and rakes will be put to work as a fallen leaf is summer’s wave goodbye.

At least we can enjoy a little warmth remembering the good times and memories from those vacations. Which is why we asked where our readers went on summer vacation. The results (below, right) are certainly not surprising. The vast majority of you, 59 percent, went to the proverbial “Up North.” There is no shortage of beautiful locations to visit in northern Michigan. Inland lakes, national forests, campgrounds and quaint downtowns. For those venturing all the way to the Upper Peninsula, some 300 waterfalls await, including Tahquamenon, second largest by volume east of the Mississippi River behind only Niagara Falls.

Speaking of going up north, it’s always a fun discussion to see where friends or family members consider that line of demarcation. Some say crossing the Zilwaukee Bridge, while others say Grayling. Real hardliners say it’s the 45th Parallel, pardon our pun.

Another 21 percent of you visited one or more of our 49 sister states. Maybe you got your kicks on Route 66 or went crabbing in the northeast. Or perhaps even a national park. U.S. News had six national parks ranked in the top 10 destinations for 2024 summer vacations: Glacier, Yellowstone, Grand Canyon, Grand Teton, Zion and Great Smoky Mountains.

Of course there was the popular “staycation,” favored by 12 percent of you, enjoying our wonderful city parks, boating and fishing on Lake St. Clair or window shopping in our local business districts. That might have even included a day trip or two to places like Belle Isle, the Detroit Zoo or Cedar Point.

Finally, 8 percent of you went for the gusto with an overseas trip.

A poll of our newsroom showed similar results, including a couple trips to Europe. A few stayed home and enjoyed the lake or were busy with graduation parties and baseball tournaments and one day trip included the Armada Fair.

Other places visited in “America the Beautiful” included Seattle, Denver, Lake Tahoe, Pennsylvania and Ohio.

The majority of us, however, traveled around Michigan just like you. Destinations included Harbor Springs, Petoskey, Traverse City, Holland, New Buffalo, Kalamazoo, Otsego Lake, Lexington and Hale.

So, enjoy those memories for now. But don’t dwell on them too much. Before long it will be time to start making plans for Christmas break, then mid-winter break, then spring break. Summer 2025 will be here before we know it.

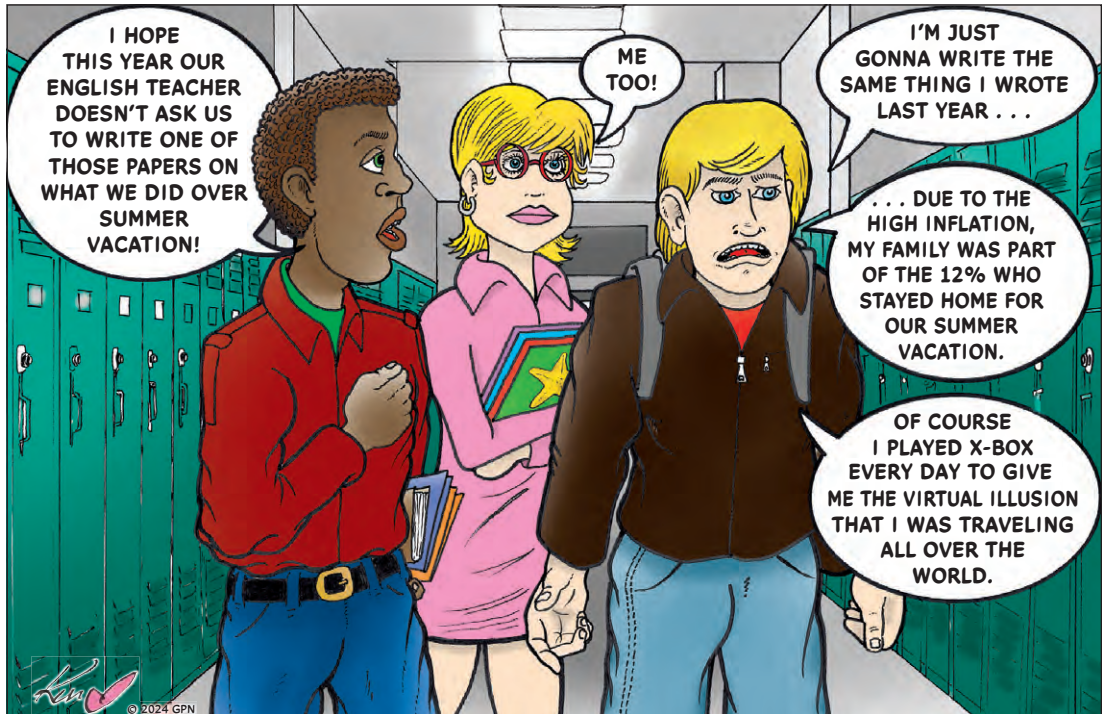


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GUEST VIEW By Lisa Brown

Being a ‘good enough’ parent

My husband and I have three daughters. Their ages are spread out, so for a few years we had one in high school, one in middle school and one in elementary school. This made back-to-school time extra challenging with their varied start and dismissal times, supply lists and vastly different fall clothing needs and styles.

Every morning it seemed there was one shoe missing, one lunch forgotten or one permission slip turned in late. By the second week of school, the front office attendants knew me by my first name.

One particularly harrowing year, I attended 14 back-to-back teacher conferences. Several of their teachers said, in almost identical language, that my girls were very “self-advocating.” At first, I wasn’t sure how to take this information. It felt a bit like a backhanded compliment.

When I shared my bewilderment about the teachers’ comments with a friend, she recommended I Google pediatrician and psychoanalyst Dr. Donald Winnicott. He researched thousands of mothers and their children in the 1950s and realized children actually benefit when their parents “fail” them in manageable ways (not major failures, of course, such as abuse or neglect). He was the first to proclaim the benefits of being a “good enough” parent for the long-term growth and well-being of our children.

When our babies are infants, we do our

best to respond to their every need. As soon as they cry, we rush to snuggle, change or feed them, offering immediate comfort. Our response at this age is crucial in teaching our children that they are safe and will be cared for.

Of course, this level of attentiveness cannot be sustained, nor should it be, according to Dr. Winnicott’s study. In fact, he said the best thing we can do is slowly become “good enough” parents. In other words, our children actually need us to fail in tolerable ways on a regular basis so they learn to live in an imperfect world.

He states that every time we don’t hear them call us right away, are unable to give them our full attention, feed them a dinner they don’t particularly enjoy or are unable to attend a con-

cert or game, we are preparing them to accept and function in a world that will quite regularly frustrate and disappoint. Our children learn, through our “failures,” the world doesn’t revolve around them, life isn’t always fair and they won’t always get their way. But they also learn that despite life’s inevitable disappointments and conflicts, they will still be OK.

Even if it were somehow possible to be the “perfect” parent (whatever that might look like), the end result would be a fragile child unable to cope with even the slightest disappointment. The gift of the “good enough” parent is that perfection is never offered as an option; rather, our children learn to accept, expect and rise above the challenging experiences of anger, boredom and sadness. Resilience is the great gift of the “good enough” parent.

Are our children safe, fed, clothed and loved? Are we getting it right most of the time? If yes, then we need to be gentle with ourselves and trust that when our kids feel annoyed, frustrated or sad because we have let them down, in those many small moments they learn life is hard, they can feel terrible and they will bounce back. Each time we disappoint and they get through it, Dr. Winnicott’s research tells us they will be a little bit stronger for it.

I like Dr. Winnicott. In fact, I’d like to hug him and have him over for dinner.

Lisa Brown is the associate for children, youth and family ministries at Christ Church Grosse Pointe. Visit lisaababrown.com for more of her writings.



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I SAY By Anne Gryzenia



Incalculable blessings

Recently we had quite the fire drill at work. A last-minute job had me stressed and on the phone asking (begging) my children and even my mom to come and help get it done

before our deadline. The hours and minutes were ticking away and we just weren't getting enough done no matter how fast we worked. It just so happened this particular fire drill was on a Tuesday — the day we print the paper. Needless to say, our entire staff was busy.

Somehow each time I looked up from the task at hand, another coworker had quietly and efficiently stepped

in to help. From labels to sorting to managing to setting up more assembly stations to ordering food to mapping locations and more — it was something to behold. After finishing just in the nick of time, I nearly cried from the total gratitude I felt for my team and my family. They didn't have to help — it wasn't their problem — but they took precious time out of their day without hesi-

tation or a single complaint. If anyone ever questions the integrity or work ethic of the staff of the Grosse Pointe News, I will have something to say about it. This is a one-of-a-kind team most people could only dream of.

A few days later, my son ran into my room and said it was raining from his ceiling. The AC unit had malfunctioned and water was pouring through his

light fixture and into his room. Things like that can really darken a day. I felt content to mope around in a funk all evening, but as luck would have it, my life-long friend and her husband showed up at my house with a bottle of wine, some great laughs and zero qualms about helping us dump out nasty water from a (probably) dangerous light fixture. They truly saved the day.

Feeling very spoiled with coworkers, family and friendships, it made me wonder ... have I been as helpful to people as they have been for me? I sure hope so. All of this has made me want to go the extra mile for my nearest and dearest whenever possible. Sometimes it's easy to make excuses when someone needs help — and I'm as guilty as anyone. I read a quote recently: "To have friends who will always take you to higher ground is an incalculable blessing."

I couldn't agree more.

YESTERDAY'S HEADLINES

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PROPERTY TRANSFER VIEWED: Interested residents of the portion of the Grosse Pointe school district within the municipal boundaries of Harper Woods have expressed concern over an action by the Harper Woods Board of Education to petition the Wayne County Intermediate School District to transfer a portion of the Grosse Pointe district to Harper Woods. The Harper Wood Board of Education passed a resolution Aug. 27, requesting a property transfer to its jurisdiction of the portion of the municipality of Harper Woods which is part of the Grosse Pointe school district.

JAYCEES EXPRESS CONCERN OVER LACK OF SUPPORT FOR PAGEANT: The Jaycees are appealing to The Pointe community to provide more support for the fourth annual Miss Grosse Pointe Scholarship Pageant, which will be presented April 5 at The War Memorial. A cloud of concern surrounds next year's event because the previous three pageants, including this year's, have lost money. These losses were made up from other Jaycee-sponsored area projects.

BEAUTIFICATION IN FARMS: Close to 500 fire hydrants throughout the Farms are getting a fresh coat of paint to help beautify the city and keep the hydrants in good

repair. On nice summer days one man has been assigned to paint each day. The project is undertaken about every four years and about 30 gallons of paint are expected to be used this year.

1999

25 years ago this week

FOOT OF TROMBLEY, CITY LOT GET NEW PARKING REGULATIONS: With the 90-day trial period over, the Grosse Pointe Park City Council approved two new parking regulations affecting Trombley south of Windmill Pointe Drive and the municipal lot located on the south side of Kercheval, east of Wayburn. "There's just grass between the lake and Windmill Pointe Drive at Trombley. People come down to the end of Trombley, past Windmill Pointe Drive," said director of public safety Richard Caretti. "They've been known to picnic and have a drink or two and become a nuisance to the neighbors. By banning parking on the west side of Trombley, picnickers and other celebrants won't have any place to park their cars." The new parking regulation for the city lot is meant to help alleviate the critical shortage of parking in that part of the city.

BARNES SCHOOL OPENS TO STUDENTS FOR FIRST TIME IN 15 YEARS: For the first time in 15 years Barnes School will open its doors to students on the first day of school. About 75 early childhood special education students and KinderTalk students will inhabit six classrooms on the school's first floor. The classrooms will house two pre-primary

impaired classes; two autistic impaired classes; KinderTalk classes, kindergarten speech classes for students with speech and language delays; and the district's early intervention program for children birth to age 3 who require physical, occupational and/or speech therapy.

CHARTERHOUSE RETAINS OFFICE STATUS IN VILLAGE: The Charterhouse building will remain a landmark in the Village shopping district. The City of Grosse Pointe city council has passed a resolution to let the landmark two-story structure remain an office building without any floor space set aside for retail use. The action requires present and future owners of the building to maintain its "existing architectural design, character and quality," according to the council's 6-0 decision Aug. 23. The vote also preserved the "continued use, both externally and internally, of Grosse Pointe and other historical estate furnishings and artifacts" that decorate the structure.

2014

10 years ago this week

SHORES MAY SEND E-MAIL ALERTS: City administrators may compile a list of resident e-mail addresses to receive timely alerts. "We're trying to add more services to residents because that's what makes this a special place to live," said Grosse Pointe Shores Mayor Ted Kedzierski. Some Grosse Pointe Shores residents asked to be notified by e-mail of special municipal announcements, such as changes in the rubbish collection schedule.

LEGACY OAKS

Shores working on logo, branding

By Ted O'Neil
Associate Editor

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — As part of an overhaul of its communications efforts, the city is working on a branding strategy that includes creating a new logo.

Ted Coutilish, chairman of the city's communications commission, updated council on the efforts at its meeting Tuesday, Aug. 20.

"The benefits of a brand refresh include brand reputation, design consistency and brand personality," Coutilish said. "It increases trust and reliability, creates a stronger emotional connection and tells a more compelling story."

He said a new logo will complement the city's seal, not replace it.

"We love the city seal," he said. "It's elegant, distinctive and professional."

Coutilish added, however, the seal should only be used for highly official business.

"Consider it to be like your fine china that you only bring out for guests," he said. "The logo is your

everyday plates." He used his employer, the University of Michigan, as an example.

"We have an official seal, which goes on diplomas and such, but our logo is the block M, which is instantly recognizable," he said.

The city contracted with Shores resident Jim Van Fleteren to design a logo. He is a graduate of the College for Creative Studies and longtime professional graphic artist and creative director who also designed the logo of the Grosse Pointe Public Library. Coutilish said Van Fleteren approached the work in a "thoughtful, strategic and professional manner," taking time to tour the city during the process.

He created nine options from which council will choose. They range from giving a nod to Lake St. Clair to the Shores' designation as a Tree City USA to some that look like a coat of arms.

Once a logo is selected,

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GPPSS has focus on technology

By Ted O'Neil
Associate Editor

THE GROSSE POINTES — If voters approve a new sinking fund millage this November for the Grosse Pointe Public School System, about one-third of the money it would bring in would be devoted to technology. The district is asking voters to OK a 3-mill, 10-year levy to pay for technology, security measures and building improvements that would raise around \$11 million annually. Sinking funds cannot be used to pay for salaries or programming. The current 1-mill levy expires in December.

“We’re not looking to add anything new,” Chris Stanley, executive director of learning technology and strategic relations, told the board of education Tuesday, Aug. 27. “This is about being effective, not adding shiny, new gadgets.”

Stanley’s plan calls for some \$36 million to be spent in three main areas — infrastructure, instruction and operations — with \$6 million in indirect costs including contingency fees, design fees and cost escalation.

Half of the money, \$18 million, would be devoted to instructional technology.

“That includes things like upgraded servers, more teacher and student devices and audio-visual equipment,” he said. “We’re still going to be ‘bring your own device’ with students, but we need more

Chromebooks for state testing and College Board testing.”

Operational technology accounts for another \$10 million. That would be the actual network, its firewall, phones, surveillance equipment and even copiers.

“We also need an uninterruptible power supply,” Stanley added. “We know the power likes to go out here in the Pointes when it rains.”

Almost \$800,000 would be spent on the district’s data center and athletic fields. That could include moving the data center.

“Our data center is in the basement at Parcels,” Stanley said, again referencing rain. “Updating athletic fields would allow for things like streaming games or even using a cashless app at the concession stand.”

Stanley also outlined the \$18 million in technology upgrades that have been made through the improvement bond voters supported in 2018.

“We’ve gone from desktops to laptops, computer labs to Chromebook carts and we moved to cloud storage,” he said. “Technology needs constant updating. The moment you install it, the countdown begins.”

Board President Sean Cotton agreed.

“You need technology to operate any large organization,” he said. “Our goal is to keep our buildings open, safe and secure to set ourselves up for success.”



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Back to school

Above, from left, Charlotte Green, Louie Rinaldi, Tre Pope, Molly Licavoli, Morgan Gould and Reagan Gould pose for a first-day-of-school photo with Ferry Elementary School Principal Jodie Randazzo. Left, Tuesday, Sept. 3 was Allison Smith’s first day of school, too. She is Randazzo’s new secretary.



The new administration team at Grosse Pointe North High School is prepared for the first day of school and excited to welcome the students back for the new school year. From left are Meloney Cargill, assistant principal of 10th and 12th grades; Sara Delgado, principal; Kevin Shubnell, assistant principal of ninth and 11th grades; and Jim Ellis, athletic director.

CONTRACT:

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much gratitude and appreciation to all the stakeholders who supported our efforts to reach a fair and equitable successor contract including our members and the GP community,” GPEA co-presidents Taryn Loughlin and Jackie Shelson said in a joint statement. “We look forward to continuing to provide an unparalleled education to our Grosse

Pointe students as we begin the 2024-25 school year.”

Shelson and Loughlin said 70 percent of the membership voted, with 97 percent approving the contract. The previous one-year agreement expired Aug. 15.

“I want to begin by expressing my sincere gratitude to everyone involved in the negotiation of this contract,” Board President Sean Cotton, who owns the Grosse Pointe News, said at the meeting. “As

we all know, negotiating a contract is never a simple task. It requires patience, understanding and a deep commitment to finding common ground.”

The key takeaway from the contract is the permanent elimination of what has been called “the formula.” It calls for teacher salaries to be reduced if the district’s fund equity falls below a certain level. Conversely, it calls for teachers to receive an off-schedule bonus if it exceeds a cer-

tain point.

“This formula had become a source of contention and division,” Cotton added. “In contract law, there must be a meeting of the minds for an agreement to work. When that understanding is lost, the agreement ceases to serve its purpose. By removing the formula we have taken a critical step toward healing those divisions and moving forward with a contract that fosters unity rather than discord.”

The board later in its meeting voted 6-0 on a motion by Treasurer Terry Collins to remove all references to the formula in all other contracts and employee agreements.

Secretary Lisa Papas and Trustee Colleen Worden both said they ran in 2020 with hopes of eliminating the formula. “Even though I’ll be leaving the board in December, I consider this my greatest source of pride,” Papas said.

The contract also includes 2 percent raises each year and step increases. Cotton previously said a step increase equates to about a 4 percent pay boost.

Superintendent Andrea Tuttle said the deal also includes three fewer teacher work days per academic year.

“Each day equals 0.5 percent of salary, so that

is a 1.5 percent in-kind pay raise,” she said.

Tuttle added there had been some discussion during negotiations about a pre-Labor Day start to the school year.

“That would have let us end the first semester before winter break so students weren’t having to study over break and we would have been done by Memorial Day,” she said. “In the end there wasn’t community support for that.”

Cotton went on to say he valued the partnership between the board, administration and staff. He further commented:

“First, I want to take a moment to especially recognize Dr. Roy Bishop, whose leadership has been instrumental throughout this process. Dr. Bishop carried the immense responsibility of balancing the complex demands of managerial rights, taxpayer dollars and the needs of our teachers. His thoughtful and measured approach ensured that we could navigate these challenges effectively. Dr. Bishop, your dedication to this process, your fairness and your ability to see the bigger picture have been crucial in bringing us to this agreement. We all owe you a great deal of thanks for your unwavering commitment to our district.

“Dr. Andrea Tuttle, our superintendent, also deserves special recognition. Her overarching leadership has been vital in guiding us through these negotiations. Dr. Tuttle’s common sense approach to negotiating, her ability to see that all sides’ needs are met to the extent possible and her commitment to acknowledging the constraints of finite resources have been essential. She has led with a clear vision, ensuring that this agreement is both fair and sustainable for all parties involved.

“I also want to acknowledge the unique contributions of Taryn Loughlin and Jackie Shelson, the presidents of our teachers union. In the private sector, it’s common to bring in negotiators from outside the organization, but Taryn and Jackie have been advocating from within, drawing directly from their experiences in the classroom. Their dual roles added a level of insight and authenticity to these negotiations that was invaluable. Their advocacy on behalf of their constituents, their sacrifice of their summer for everyone and their leadership are commendable. In my observations, I believe this to be a challenging role, and they have led with grace and determination.”



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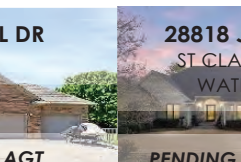
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Popsicles with the Principal

PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

Kerby Elementary School hosted Popsicles with the Principal Thursday, Aug. 29, to give students and parents an opportunity to meet and talk with new principal, Kate Vernier, before the start of the new school year. Above, Vernier gets a handmade welcome card from Anthony Peters.

Symone Cezil was excited to have her photo taken with new Kerby Principal Kate Vernier.



Left, Sloane Szamatowicz, her sister, Ellie, and their friend, Lily Mansfield, enjoy cold Popsicles on a hot day. Above, Kerby chess teacher and official "Chess Wizard" staff, Tim Wedge, gives pointers for playing the game to Nolan Williams and Bodhi Tew.



Siblings Madison and JD Demerle each enjoyed a different flavor of Popsicle.



Elena and Nora Farago with Kerby Principal Kate Vernier.

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it will be used on everything from stationery to posters to fliers and could

be added to city vehicles. It also could be applied to clothing.

When asked about the expense of such a major overhaul, Coutilish said the rule of thumb is,

"when you run out." "You order new stationery, you use the logo," he said. "You buy a new garbage truck, you use the logo. There's no need to throw anything out."

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TERRY COLLINS

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- Appointed to the Grosse Pointe School Board in 2023, Terry is the current Treasurer of the School Board, working side by side with Board Leadership and the School Administration. He has been on the Facilities & Finance committee since 2022 and was instrumental in helping course correct the financial losses at our schools and achieve a balanced Budget.
- Currently a financial supervisor in Process Validation and Improvement, he manages both financial analysts and data analytics teams.
- Improving processes and ensuring every dollar is accounted for is what he does every day.
- As a Trustee, Terry will continue to make Academic Excellence the key focus of this district while ensuring financial transparency and accountability.

KATE HOPPER

www.hopper4schoolboard.org



- A lifelong Grosse Pointer and proud graduate of its schools, Kate has a Bachelor's degree in English from Hillsdale College and over 25 years of business experience. Kate was recognized for Excellence in Asset Services.
- Kate stands on these three primary pillars: Communication, Education, and Elevation. She will work tirelessly to develop and strengthen clear avenues of communication to support all district stakeholders—from families to students to teachers and taxpayers.
- She brings decades of professional experience in commercial real estate, including her tenure as Marketing Manager for CBRE Premiere Asset Services, where she oversaw marketing and communications for an OEM's Global Headquarters.

HEATH ROBERTS

www.roberts4gpschools.com



- Heath and his wife Lindsay have 3 children and have lived in Grosse Pointe Park for 5 years. Heath's career is focused on children's health, working at Children's Hospitals in Michigan and Missouri. After high school, Heath joined the US Army and served on Active Duty in the 101st Airborne Division. He holds dual Bachelor's degrees in management and finance, and an MBA.
- Heath is currently Chief Administrative Officer for Population Health Services at Henry Ford Health.
- Heath has dedicated his career to children's health. He will bring a fresh perspective to the Board, ensuring a thriving environment for students. He emphasizes budget accountability, policy guidance, and community involvement.

MELISSA FRADENBURG

www.melissaforgpschools.com



- Melissa is a proud Grosse Pointe resident of 17 years, with two children currently attending South.
- Melissa's career in finance spans institutional asset management to specialization in financial planning and investment advice for individual investors.
- Her focus will be to address the critical issues facing our district including the financial strain of declining enrollment and aging facilities.
- Her experience on the Policy & Contracts Committee and the Facilities & Finance Committee has provided invaluable insights into GPPSS funding and resource management. Melissa believes in prioritizing fiscal responsibility, academic excellence, and collaboration.

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Shining bright in the City of Lights Paris brought career highlights for Olympics producer

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Spending time in Paris during the 2024 Summer Olympics wasn't Fay Savage's first time to France, nor was it her first Olympics, but the trip and its intricacies provided moments that won't soon fade from her mind.

The Grosse Pointe Farms resident served as producer of the games for NBC Universal, filming spots about the country, its culture and, of course, the games itself. The job blended two of her longtime loves — the French language and television news.

She got her first taste for French while attending The Grosse Pointe Academy, where she "started learning French right away," she said. She continued to study the language at University Liggett School.

"I was always interested in French," Savage said. "... I graduated college (Pine Manor College) in 1990, with a degree in French."

The self-proclaimed sports fanatic got her start in television news thanks to ULS teacher Phil Moss, who mentioned his friend's local cable show to students.

"He asked if anyone would want to do it," Savage recalled of the half-hour spot focusing on Grosse Pointe sports teams.

She jumped at the chance and hosted "Sports Wrap" on local cable for two years. The

show aired at 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays and featured a roundup of scores, as well as interviews with athletes from each team at each high school. Her interviews extended beyond local sports and included a chat with Mark Howe, at the time with the Philadelphia Flyers, as well as several America's Cup sailors.

Savage's older sister was a page at NBC, which also helped kick off her career path that was furthered by an internship at WDIV, with Bernie Smilovitz and Anne Thompson.

"We re-met in Paris," she said of Thompson. "It was a full-circle moment. I met her as an intern at WDIV, then I did a story with her in Paris. It was fun to reintroduce myself to her."

Savage joined the CBS Sports Olympic features unit in January 1991, and with CBS worked the 1992 Winter Olympics in Albertville, France, and 1994 Winter Olympics in Lillehammer, Norway.

"I had the '92 Olympics on my radar my senior year of college," she said. "I put out feelers, sent out resumes and got the job."

She moved to CBS News in the mid-1990s and was there until 2001, stepping down right before her oldest daughter was born.

"I kept up my production skills doing events, shooting videos for nonprofits," she said. "My husband and I lived in New York — we had three of our kids there — but I'm from here originally."



PHOTOS COURTESY OF FAY SAVAGE

Fay Savage carries the weight of her production team around her neck, wearing every team members' press pass so the lanyards wouldn't be seen on camera.

After moving back to Grosse Pointe, Savage helped run her husband's business, Nextek Power Systems, "trying to tell the story of that technology."

"... I wasn't actually working in television anymore, but I still used my skills," she said. Upon learning Paris would host the 2024 Olympics, Savage put out feelers once again. It took a year, but she was selected for the team thanks to her skillset and connections. A friend from her CBS days put her in touch with their counterpart at NBC. After a few interviews, she was in.

"I speak French fluently," she said. "I've kept up with it over the years. It was a long shot, but I wanted to see if I could pull it off."

Savage noted that since the pandemic, the Olympic Games are different than they were in the 1990s. Back then, a broadcast center would be opened "in country."

This year, she thought she might work the games from the NBC Sports' Campus in Stamford, Conn. At the last minute, she was approved to go to Paris.

For her first two Olympic Games, Savage was a producer on the features unit, producing "athlete profiles, histories and scenics" prior to the games, then working with the sports desk on daily coverage of the games.

In Paris, "I lived as a producer on the sports desk," she said. "I tapped into my earlier skills as a feature story producer. I was working with a team producing content for all affiliates across NBC as a lead-in for the primetime show. I got to introduce viewers to the wonderful things about Paris and athlete stories."

Savage pitched and produced stories, like one on the cafe culture in Paris and a piece on the city's Musée du Fromage, or Cheese Museum. Another piece centered on how horses get to the games for equestrian events.

"I got to roam the streets, doing shoots, gathering elements and working with correspondents," she said. "Finding the best locations to shoot the cafe culture piece was a career highlight."

Coverage, Savage

noted, was very well organized. With quick turnaround times, there was pressure, but she credited her team with helping get the job done.

"I worked with fantastic people — Andrea Joyce, who is also from Michigan, and Jimmy Roberts," she said. "... They're all such professionals. It's a well-functioning machine. We got everything done and things went well in Paris overall."

"... It was great to be part of a team again," she added. "The Olympic Games, summer or winter, to be involved, to get ramped up and cover it every day, it's like a hazy dream at the end. In Albertville, I thought that would be the highlight — in France, skiing, producing stories. To get this post and be in Paris, to use my language skills and have the excitement of working with teams to produce stories was super exciting."

"The Paris games were a beautiful example of everything the Olympics are supposed to be about."

The highlights of her most recent Olympics experience include being

at the Palace of Versailles, where the equestrian events took place; spending time at the Team USA House in the middle of the City of Lights; and seeing the U.S. Olympic figure skating team finally receive its gold medals from the 2022 Winter Olympics in Beijing.

"For me, a winter sports fanatic, it was great to see Tara Lipinski and Johnny Weir and be a part of that excitement of the skating team," she said, noting gold medalist Brian Boitano also was present. "They finally got to enjoy their victory and have their medals."

Savage traveled to the games by herself, but afterward was joined by her husband.

"My last day of work was the last day of the games, but I was able to stay in France another 10 or 12 days, so my husband came over," Savage said. "And our youngest daughter, by happenstance, was there working as a nanny for friends, so once the games were over I had a wonderful time with my husband and daughter. We saw lots of friends that live over there."

Though now home in Grosse Pointe, Savage and her husband, Paul, recently sold their house and plan to build in Cold Spring, N.Y., on property they purchased when they were newly married.

Paul Savage consults for a company in Erie, Pa., and two of their four daughters attend schools out East. The youngest, Betty, is at Westtown School just outside of Philadelphia and Lorrie attends New York University, but ironically will spend her fall semester in Paris.

Their oldest, Samantha, works at University of California-Berkeley and second oldest, May, is studying public health at the College of Charleston.

"My mom is still here, so I'll be back a lot," Savage said. "But we thought it was time to take advantage of the beautiful property we bought so long ago."

Savage credits her parents, Lorrie Howenstein and the late Bill Howenstein, with helping further her career.

"My parents made it possible for me to start learning the language and follow through with it," she said. "My dad was a huge help in getting my first job. They were major supports all along the way."



Savage and a crewman are on location for her piece on Paris cafe culture.

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OBITUARIES

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

Gloria "Anne" Momeyer

Gloria "Anne" (nee Davison) Momeyer, 94, passed away Thursday, Aug. 22, 2024.

Anne was a devoted wife of 71 years to the late John "Jack" Momeyer; loving mother of Alex (Nancy), Gregory (Cathy), Glenn (Maria) and the late Albert; and adoring grandmother of Nicholas, Lucas, Andrew, Joshua and Simon.

Anne was born Oct. 5, 1929, in Atlanta, to the late Alexander and Gladys Davison. She was raised in White Springs, Fla. After graduating from high school, she attended business school and worked as a secretary to the president of The Gas Company in Detroit before meeting and marrying Jack.

Anne was strong in her faith and active at Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church in the United Methodist Women's group. She also served as a Sunday school teacher. She was an avid reader and loved a good mystery. She enjoyed completing crossword puzzles, playing bridge and, above all, spending time with family and friends.

A celebration of life will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 12, at Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church, 211

Moross, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Memorial donations may be made to Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church, 211 Moross, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236, or bit.ly/47dm95i.

Angelo Pugliesi, M.D.

Longtime Grosse Pointe resident Angelo Pugliesi, M.D., 94, passed away Monday, Aug. 26, 2024.

Angelo is survived by his wife of 42 years, Joan Pugliesi; son, Ben (Amy); and granddaughter, Bianca. He also is survived by five children through marriage, Karen Fairfield (Andy), Andrea Rodriguez, Kristin Scott (Mike), Jim Peters (Mira) and Jeff Peters, and their children; along with his brother, Frank (Eleanor); and numerous cousins, nephews and nieces. Angelo was predeceased by his parents, Dr. Benedetto Pugliesi and Anita Pugliesi; sister and brother-in-law, Nini and Vince Galbo; and numerous uncles, aunts and lifelong friends.

Angelo was a loyal and steadfast man who often mentored young family members and fellow physicians. He loved good food and the company of people. He was a 1948 graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School, a

1952 graduate of the University of Detroit and a 1958 graduate of Università di Palermo.

Angelo started practicing medicine in Detroit in 1960, by joining his father's practice. He then left the practice in 1970, to form a partnership with two other doctors, and in 1975, they built an office on Kelly Road in Eastpointe. In the late 1990s, he sold the practice after having been partners with the two other doctors, Dr. John Feilla and Dr. Claudio Iacobelli, for 29 years. Angelo retired in 1999.

As a family physician, Angelo dedicated his life to service, to his family, his patients and his friends. He showed up when and where he was needed most, which included hundreds of house calls over the years.

The recognition he received as the team doctor for his son Ben's football team in the 1978 St. Joan of Arc church bulletin describes Angelo best: "Our sincerest gratitude to Dr. Angelo Pugliesi, who deserves not only the loyalty award but also the spirit award."

A memorial Mass was held at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church. He will be interred at the columbarium at St. Paul of the Lake.

Share memories at wujekcalcaterra.com.



Gloria Momeyer



Angelo Pugliesi, M.D.



John R. Parnell

John R. Parnell

John R. Parnell, 75, passed away peacefully Saturday, Aug. 24, 2024. He was a resident of Grosse Pointe Farms.

John was born Aug. 14, 1949, to John and Pauline Parnell. He graduated from Grosse Pointe South High School in 1967. John earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Miami, then obtained a Master of Arts degree in communications from Western Michigan University and Juris Doctorate from Detroit College of Law in the 1970s. John devoted the remainder of his life to practicing law and helping many individuals through difficult times. Additionally, he volunteered for the Grosse Pointe Farms Public Safety Department as a reserve officer for more than 45 years, during which time he held the rank of commander for many years.

John tremendously enjoyed boating and especially his favorite boat, the Carpe Diem. His true passion in life was helping others and acting as a compass for many. He often reminded

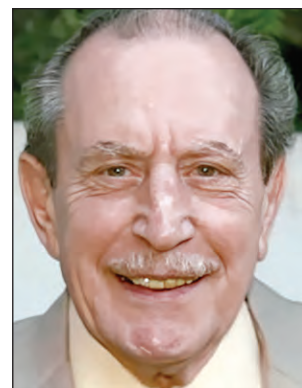
others about the power of a positive mental attitude. This allowed John and those he taught to conquer many insurmountable adversities. His optimistic spirit will live on through the people he touched.

John was a devoted husband and dad. He met his wife, Connie (nee Carmichael) Parnell, in elementary school at Grosse Pointe University School and married her in 1973. He remained her lifelong committed partner until her passing in 2021. They had two boys, John Jr. and David. John's love for people and problem solving instilled the love of the law in both of his sons, each of whom had the honor and privilege of practicing with him at The Parnell Firm, PLLC.

John is survived by his sons, John R. Parnell Jr. (Jennifer) and David S. Parnell; grandson, Jack R. Parnell; career-long paralegal and dear friend, Laura Dearnley; niece, Tricia Lenaric; and many other nieces and nephews.

John was predeceased by his wife, Connie Parnell; parents, John and Pauline Parnell; and sister, Linda Parnell.

Visitation takes place



Joseph Anthony Cottone

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 15, at Chas. Verheyden Funeral Home, 16300 Mack, Grosse Pointe Park.

Joseph Anthony Cottone

Joseph Anthony Cottone, 96, passed away Sunday, Aug. 25, 2024.

Joseph was the beloved husband of the late Averille Irene Cottone. He lived a life marked by devotion to his family and service to his country.

Visitation was held at Bagnasco & Calcaterra Funeral Home in Sterling Heights. A funeral Mass was held at St. Lucy Catholic Church in St. Clair Shores.

Share a memory at BCFH.com.

Project Hope 5K & Pray is Sept. 14

St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic Church, at the corner of Mack and Outer Drive in Grosse Pointe Park, will host the 10th annual Project Hope 5K & Pray event Saturday, Sept. 14.

The full-day event begins with a 5K walk and run. Registration opens at 8:15 a.m. with walkers and runners set to start at 9 a.m.

Next, Mass takes place at 4 p.m., followed by dinner at 5:30 p.m.

Throughout the day — 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. — participants are invited to join in Eucharistic adoration at the church.

Project Hope exists to



Brigid and Steve McNamara will be the recipients of this year's Project Hope 5K & Pray at St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic Church.

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give hope to members of the community during their journeys with can-

cer or significant burdens of life by empowering them spiritually, socially

and financially.

Proceeds from this year's event will be

donated to Brigid McNamara to help her and her family in their battle with cancer and other medical issues.

The McNamara family has been part of and given much to the St. Clare community over many years. They are longtime parishioners and Brigid McNamara and her four sons all graduated from St. Clare. A dedicated Falcon, she was very active in the school for many years. Her husband, Steve, also has been active with St. Clare and was head of the ushers for a number of years.

The last year has been

challenging for the family. Steve McNamara had a stroke in fall 2023, and Brigid McNamara was caring for her husband in his recovery when she was diagnosed with breast cancer. She recently went through surgery and currently is undergoing treatment for her cancer.

They are grateful to be part of Project Hope this year and appreciate the support and prayers of the Project Hope and St. Clare communities.

To register for Project Hope 5K & Pray, visit projecthopeofmichigan.com or call (313) 701-7404.

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SLEEP

The link between sleep and healthy aging

By Grosse Pointe News Staff

A good night's rest can be just what the body needs to feel revitalized and ready to tackle a new day. Indeed, rest is important for people of all ages, including seniors.

The National Council on Aging notes the brain needs adequate sleep to regulate the body, restore energy and repair cellular damage. Recognition of that is vital for aging men and women, some of whom may be more vulnerable to sleeping problems than they realize. In addition to being more vulnerable to age-related health problems that can interrupt their sleep, thus affecting its quality, aging men and women may find their sleep routines changing over time. For example, a 2019 study published in the journal *BMC Geriatrics* found that even active elderly people reported it took them longer to fall asleep as they got older.

It's a misconception that older adults need more sleep than younger people, noting adults of all ages require the same amount of nightly rest. However, things may change for seniors in regard to how much time they need to spend in bed. This is because adults may be more likely to experience poor sleep quality and continuity of deep sleep. When that occurs, adults still need the recommended minimum of seven hours of nightly sleep, but they may need to spend more time in bed since it's taking them longer to fall asleep and to make up for any sleep time lost to awakening and falling back to sleep.

It's important that aging adults also know that they can spend *too much* time sleeping as well. Studies show that too much sleep is linked to the same health problems as too little sleep, issues

that include an elevated risk for heart disease and falls. Like Goldilocks, seniors should strive for an amount of time in a comfy bed that is *just right!*



Sleep issues affecting older adults may be a by-product of multiple contributing factors. These frequently include:

- Pain that affects the back, neck or joints
- Mental health issues such as anxiety or depression
- Neurodegenerative disorders that are more frequent among aging populations, such as dementia and Alzheimer's disease
- Sleep apnea or disordered breathing at night
- Restless leg syndrome, a condition that tends to worsen with age and is characterized by an

urge to move limbs often

- Nocturia, a condition marked by a need to urinate at night
- Stimulating medications or medication interactions
- Decreased exposure to sunlight
- A sedentary lifestyle
- Working right until bedtime, without adequate time to decompress or relax
- Uncomfortable bedroom temperatures, such as being too cold or too hot
- Using electronic devices or watching TV in bed

Those experiencing difficulty sleeping should know that such issues are treatable and not something that needs to be accepted as a normal part of growing older. For example, individuals whose sleep is routinely interrupted by a need to urinate can avoid certain beverages, including alcohol and caffeinated drinks or limit too much liquid intake before bed. Do not avoid drinking liquid altogether before bed, since staying hydrated is equally important. Water especially is helpful in avoiding dehydration.

Sleep and healthy aging go hand in hand. Aging adults experiencing difficulty sleeping can consult their physicians and visit ncoa.org to learn more about overcoming sleep-related issues.

Tips for a better night's sleep at any age

By Grosse Pointe News Staff

Sleep is a vital component of a healthy lifestyle. Good sleep improves brain performance and mood and helps reduce the risk of many diseases and disorders, including heart disease and obesity. In fact, sleep is as important for good health as diet and exercise.

Yet too often people do not get enough or only get poor quality sleep. Sleep needs change as a person ages, with young children and teens requiring between nine and 10 hours per night. Most adults need at least seven hours each night.

While doctors say that a person can make up for a poor night's sleep by sleeping in the next day, habitual loss of sleep cannot be recuperated in a weekend.

Here are some simple tips to ensure you get a quality 40 winks.

Be consistent

Try not to vary your schedule between weekdays or weekends, or even when on vacation.

Limit light at night

The body naturally responds to darkened condi-

tions by stimulating the production of melatonin, which is a hormone that helps regulate the sleep-wake cycle. Too often people keep lights on at night or look at phones or watch television, which can adversely affect melatonin production.

Exercise each day

Aim for daily exercise, which can make it easier to

fall asleep at night. Avoid exercise a few hours before bed, however.

Spend time outside

At least 30 minutes of sunlight and fresh air each day can promote a better night's sleep.

Watch your naps

Naps should be short and taken before mid-afternoon.

Keep meals at night light

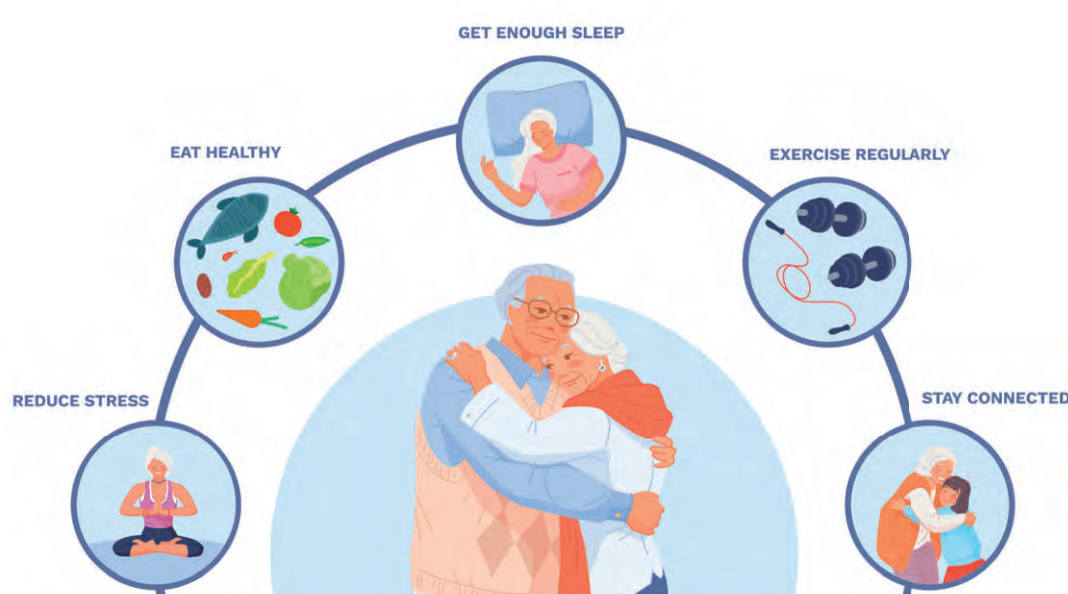
Heavy meals that force the body to spend hours digesting can interrupt sleep onset and quality.

Engage with others

Good relationships reduce stress, which interferes with sleep. Talk out feelings.

If sleeping habits do not improve after making these changes, individuals should speak with a health care provider to determine if there is an underlying condition that is compromising sleep, such as obstructive sleep apnea.

Although sleeping pills can offer relief once in a while, they should not be seen as long-term solutions to sleeping disorders and should be taken under a doctor's care.



SOURCE: The National Institutes of Health

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Second Time Around

By Margie Reins Smith

Time change

I remember when all fire engines and all fire hydrants were red. Only red. Phones were always black. Tennis balls were white and tennis players were required to wear white or they'd get kicked off the tennis court.

There used to be seven food groups. Today there are five: fruits, vegetables, grains, protein and dairy. There used to be nine planets. Today there are eight. Wonder Bread used to build strong bodies eight ways, then 12 ways, then

apparently any which way or not at all.

Several Detroit-area landmarks were built during my lifetime — Joe Louis Arena, Northland Mall and the Smith Terminal at Metro Airport, for example. All three were celebrated in their day as great new additions to the area. All have been demolished.

And the Ten Commandments?

1. Thou shalt not place any other gods before me.

2. Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord in

vain.

3. Remember the Sabbath and keep it holy.

4. Honor thy father and mother.

5. Thou shalt not kill.

6. Thou shalt not commit adultery.

7. Thou shalt not steal.

8. Thou shalt not bear false witness.

9. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife.

10. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's goods.

Are the Ten Commandments still commandments? Or has our enlightened modern society decided to eliminate some and modify others?

No. 1 still makes sense

if you're Jewish or Christian, the very people for which the Ten Commandments were intended. No problem there.

Nos. 2, 3 and 4 apparently have been discarded. Movies, TV, periodical publications, social media and everyday conversation is laced with names-in-vain and peppered with four-letter words. Most retail establishments are business-as-usual on Sundays. We don't feel compelled to honor a parent who is cruel or neglectful.

Nos. 5, 7 and 8 stand proudly. We continue to agree that murder, stealing and outright lying

are unacceptable. But what about white lies? Do we have to be truthful in every single situation? As in ... "Yes, those pants make your butt look ginormous!"

No. 6 apparently has been modified as well. Adultery involves married people. If neither person is married ... well ... the latest ... as I interpret it is ... who cares?

No. 9 has been edited, too. We've learned what it means to be human and have considered the various troublesome and unappealing aspects of the human condition, including a lot of unacceptable desires and uncomfortable emotions and unwanted feelings. I remember Jimmy Carter's agonized confession: "I've looked on a lot of women with lust. I've committed adultery in my heart many times." These days we are able to identify covetous thoughts, but we are still not supposed to act on

them.

I don't think Jimmy acted.

No. 10 also needs a fresh interpretation. People covet all kinds of stuff — fame, power, cars, houses, designer clothing, electronic gadgets, vacations, money. It's part of that human condition. Again, self-control is the watchword.

Were there always Ten Commandments? Did a few additional tablets get dropped in a puddle during Moses's descent from Mount Sinai? And if there were more than 10, what would they have been?

Mr. Rogers hit the nail on the head when he simplified the whole idea.

"There are three ways to ultimate success," he said. "The first way is to be kind. The second way is to be kind. The third way is to be kind."

The Golden Rule still stands proud.

Stage-loving seniors seeing results with Act 2

Sept. 18 performance set at Central library

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

It's been a little more than a year since Grosse Pointe Theatre's Act 2 group was formed and its players already have eight performances under their belts.

The concept is simple: Give community theater veterans a chance to be onstage, but without having to memorize lines, wear costumes or learn tricky dance moves.

"We're older now," GPT veteran Donna Miller said. "There are not a lot of parts for older people. ... Most of us did musicals, where there's a lot of work involved. We don't have as much stamina as we did when we were young.

"... I've been in many musicals, had many great parts, but it's time to step aside and let the young people come in."

"It's an opportunity to be on stage and per-

form," added Kathy Conlon, who has been a part of 48 GPT shows. "... We've been doing this since we were the young people. Readers Theater takes the pressure off."

GPT's Senior Readers Theater was an idea sparked by longtime GPT member and past president Emmajeane Evans and GPT Executive Director Linda Zublick, to provide stage time for senior members in an entertaining but stress-

free environment.

"The idea of Senior Readers Theater is that they don't need to memorize their lines, so they don't need to learn the script," Zublick said. "It also allows us to be careful of any limitations they might have, so they can perform safely."

"This is a way of getting onstage and not working as hard," said Janie Burkey, who has been a member of GPT more than 50 years. "You're still in character as if you're in a play."

"It's not just reading, but reading with expression," Evans stressed, likening the process to reading a storybook to a child while uniquely voicing each character.

Added Zublick, "They're acting with a script in front of them."

Though scripts are present during performances, GPT veteran Bill McCarthy noted, "you want to know the script well enough so you can look down and get the words, then look the audience in the eye when you deliver the line."

"It's always rewarding to hear the audience laugh or applaud," he continued. "There's nothing like hearing laughter from an audience, whether it's 25 people or 2,500 people."

For the players

The benefits involved for those on stage are plentiful, from being a part of something to keeping the mind sharp.

"It's stimulating the brain," said Evans, who serves as Act 2 program director. "When they're doing this, they're think-



Emmajeane Evans is the Act 2 program director.

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ing of something else; they're not thinking about their aches and pains. And it gives them somewhere to go at a certain time."

The troupe rehearses at 3:30 p.m. Mondays at GPT headquarters, 315 Fisher, City of Grosse Pointe. Rehearsals run 60 to 90 minutes.

"We concentrate on what the performance will look like," Evans said. "We look at the material, how long it takes to read, the number of actors needed."

"The difference between this and a major stage play is nobody had to audition to be here," McCarthy noted. "We just show up and be a part."

"There's no set design, no costumes," Miller added. "We just need a music stand and our ability."

Evans said Act 2 still is in its learning phase, figuring out what works and what doesn't for audiences.

"We want to make sure every person has a part," she added, noting each

skit is introduced by one member, narrated by another and acted by others. "We read through it to see what voices are best for a particular skit."

Added Zublick, "We can tailor different pieces we've worked on or we can tailor a show based on the audience."

"Finding material is the most difficult task," McCarthy said.

"Trying to find material worthy of being presented in this format," Conlon added. "We try to get a nice mix."

"Something thought-provoking or motivational or a laugh," Miller noted.

"None of this material is anything anyone's heard of," Evans said.

The obscurity adds to the charm. Skits not only entertain audiences, but entertain the actors as well, building fellowship among them.

"One thing about senior theater is the camaraderie, the teamwork," said Zublick, noting there are other benefits to performing as well. "It helps cognitive abilities, too. It's about staying younger longer, having an active mind and body."

"This is our 77th season at GPT," she added. "A lot of our members are almost founding members of the group — 50-year members or more — and still have a lot to offer. This gives them opportunities to flex their acting muscles."

"We're just not quite ready to be put out to pasture," McCarthy added.

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For audiences

During rehearsals, members roll through material, then discuss how it can be better performed. They run through exercises in which the same lines are repeated using different emotions, inflections or accents. They also work on enunciation and projection, as some of their audiences may include the hard of hearing.

Performances so far have largely taken place before senior audiences at The Helm, Sunrise Assisted Living, American House and The Rivers.

“A lot of people there now are season ticket holders or were season ticket holders, but don’t have transportation to get to our shows anymore,” Evans said. “It’s a good thing for them, to see people who you know. You feel like you’re a part of their family.”

“It’s community service for people our age,” Conlon said.

Added Miller, “When we go to an American House and entertain other seniors, it’s awfully rewarding.”

Though some of the material pokes fun at seniors’ expense, the players also try to know their audience.

At memory care facilities, for example, Act 2 has added touches of music to their performances to spark memories among residents.

“So we lead in with a little song, just a few lines, and end with more music,” Burkey said.



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Members of Act 2 performed at American House.

“There’s value in hearing the voices, hearing someone talk to them,” said Conlon, noting her husband regularly reads to residents at Sunrise. “Even if they’re not totally comprehending, it has its benefits.”

“If we can get one person in the room who understands and appreciates, I’m happy,” Evans said.

The general public is invited to catch GPT’s Act 2 at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 18, at the Grosse Pointe Public Library Central Branch, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

“This is a performance that anybody can come to and see,” Zublick said.

Another public performance is scheduled 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 22, at the St. Clair Shores Public Library.

“We’re trying to find a location to do a full evening of theater, not just 15 minutes here, 20 minutes there,” Zublick said.

“We want to do full hour.”

Looking ahead

Zublick said she’d like to expand Act 2, though by taking baby steps. While main stage experience is not required for membership, theater experience is a must.

“This is not a workshop; it’s for actors who have acted onstage,” Miller said.

“That’s why it’s called Act 2,” Conlon added. “We’re assuming Act 1 was onstage.”

The size of the group also is a consideration. It currently sits at 15 members, all but one of whom is retired.

“We could always use a few more males with theater experience,” Burkey said.

“We can’t have a million people onstage,” Zublick noted, “but we have lots of big plans for this group. ... The growth potential is unlimited. It depends on what our participants want to do. A full production isn’t out of the realm.”

“We hope it works, we’ll test it and see if it’s something people are interested in. It’s open to the public and it’s free.”

Act 2 is funded through two grants GPT received the past year. One came from the Ralph C. Wilson Jr. Foundation and the other, an inclusive arts grant from the Community Foundation for Southeastern



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Birthday girl Grace Palazzolo will turn 100 in November.

In advance of 100

Grosse Pointe Park native Grace Palazzolo won’t turn 100 until Nov. 18, but her family celebrated the impending milestone with a get-together last month at Grosse Pointe Shores Osius Park.

“Every year we have a family picnic at the Shores park in August,” said Bill Viviano, Palazzolo’s brother. “This year we made it a celebration so we could have the family all attend. There were 76 of us.”

The family grew up on Three Mile Drive and the

birthday girl graduated from Dominican High School. She had three children.

“Her daughter is the oldest and owns Mama Rosa restaurant on Mack in Grosse Pointe,” Viviano said. “Her son, an attorney, passed at age 64. Her other son graduated from Michigan State and has a very large veterinarian hospital in California.”

Her daughter and son are planning a party for Palazzolo’s actual birthday in November.

— Jody McVeigh



From left, Virginia and Bill Viviano, Grace Palazzolo and their younger sister, Trina Serventi.



Act 2 members recently performed at The Rivers in Grosse Pointe Woods.

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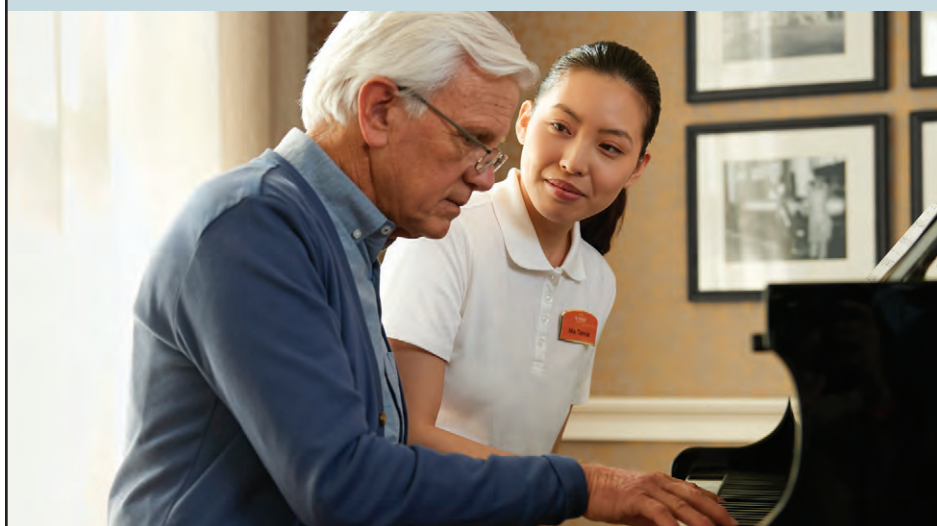


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‘Extreme’ garage sale includes vintage books, school supplies, oddities

Sept. 6-7 sale raises funds for PEO Chapter AO

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Grosse Pointe-based Chapter AO of the Philanthropic Education Organization, or PEO, is hosting an “extreme” garage sale this weekend at the home of chapter President Gretchen White.

Her garage door lifts at 9 a.m. Friday, Sept. 6, and the sale ends Saturday, Sept. 7, at 689 St. Clair in the City of Grosse Pointe.

“I have yet to get all the things that PEO Chapter AO members will be contributing to the sale, but based on how full my garage is now, it’s an amazing array of stuff,” White said.

The post-Labor Day sale includes curated and unusual items, including loads of office supplies, furniture, housewares and small appliances, framed art, costume jewelry, yard



Chapter AO, PEO President Gretchen White gets an assist from Chapter AO member Sandy Mengel in sorting and dusting off old and new items for the benefit sale, which takes place 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Sept. 6, and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday Sept. 7.

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and garden items, steel shelving, holiday items, books, toys and more.

“We may even have a fur coat,” White added.

“One amusing item is a huge tub of pinch clips — over 30 pounds of them,” she noted. “Shoppers can fill a Ziploc bag for \$2. What a bargain!

Additionally, there are a couple collectible furniture pieces: a child’s rocker and a child’s roll-top desk. There’s a fabu-

lous rose-colored genuine leather office chair. We’ll even have a bin of free things — doubtless of value or use to someone.”

All proceeds are earmarked for philanthropic education projects administered by the International PEO, as well as local projects.

“Chapter AO has one scholarship and two awards exclusively for Grosse Pointe students, one of which is in memory

of Florence Miller, a Grosse Pointe Public School System administrator,” White said. “We will also have a table set up with information about PEO to help promote the good work that we do.”

PEO is a sisterhood of women who are purposeful and passionate about supporting and motivating women. Its mission is to help women around the world advance through education.



The sale includes office furniture, a full-size doctor’s clinic scale, a variety of vintage mid-century art and tables, a bin of heavy-duty office clips and binders, a child’s rocking chair, garden weed trimmer, boxes of books, 40 rolls of wrapping paper and more.

What is the ideal way to mulch a tree for growth?

By Suzy Berschback
Guest Writer

This is the third of a four-part series.

Mulching a tree is a great way to improve soil conditions, conserve moisture and protect the tree from temperature extremes. Here’s the best way to mulch a tree:

Materials Needed:

- ◆ Organic mulch (wood chips, bark, leaves or compost)
- ◆ A rake or shovel

Steps:

1. Choose the right mulch: Use organic materials like wood chips, bark, leaves or compost. These materials decom-

pose over time, adding nutrients to the soil.

2. Prepare the area: Remove any grass or weeds in a circle around the base of the tree. This area should extend to the tree’s drip line (the outermost edge of the tree’s canopy).

3. Apply the mulch: Spread the mulch in an even layer about 2 to 4 inches deep. Too much mulch can suffocate the roots, while too little won’t provide enough benefits. Keep the mulch at least 3 to 6 inches away from the trunk of the tree to prevent rot and discourage pests and diseases.

4. Shape the mulch:

Create a “doughnut” shape with the mulch, with a thicker ring around the tree and a thinner layer near the trunk. Allow for a 3 to 6 inches of clear space around the tree. Avoid piling the mulch directly against the trunk, a practice often called “volcano mulching.”

5. Maintain the mulch: Check the mulch periodically and replenish it as needed to maintain the 2- to 4-inch depth. Rake it occasionally to prevent compaction and ensure even coverage.

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- ◆ moisture
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- ◆ temperature
- ◆ Suppresses weeds
- ◆ Reduces soil erosion
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Suzy Berschback is a resident of Grosse Pointe Farms and is working with Grosse Pointe Farms Councilman Lev Wood and the Urban Forestry Commission of the City of Grosse Pointe in its effort to restore the Pointes’ tree canopy and provide community education.

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Grosse Pointe Theatre opens 77th season with 'Crazy for You'

Grosse Pointe Theatre kicks up its heels to begin its 77th season with the toe-tapping, heartwarming classic, "Crazy for You," which hits the stage Sept. 13 to 21.

A zany rich-boy-meets-hometown-girl romantic comedy, the show tells the story of young New York banker Bobby Child, who is sent to Deadrock, Nev., to foreclose on a rundown theater. In Deadrock, Bobby falls for spunky Polly Baker, the theater owner's daughter. But Polly takes an instant dislike to the city slicker, so Bobby vows — through cunning, razzmatazz and a hilarious case of mistaken identity — to win Polly's heart and save the theater. Memorable Gershwin tunes from the score include "I Got Rhythm," "Naughty Baby," "They Can't Take That Away from Me," "Embraceable You," "But Not for Me," "Nice Work If You Can Get It" and "Someone to Watch Over Me."

Director Don Bischoff is excited to direct the opening show of the season.

"I love this show," he said. "I choreographed the show in 2010 for Grosse Pointe North

The details

What: Crazy for You

When: 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 13

8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 14

2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 15

7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 18

7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 19

8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 20

2 and 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 21

Where: Grosse Pointe North High School Performing Arts Center, 707 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods

How: Tickets are \$35 on weekends, \$25 Wednesdays and Thursdays, including fees at gpt.org/crazy. Student tickets are \$15 Wednesdays only; students must show ID. Tickets also are available by calling (313) 881-4004 and at the door.

High School and I just think it's a fun show. The music is spectacular and the opportunities for great dance numbers are endless."

This musical, with book by Ken Ludwig, lyrics by Ira Gershwin and music by George Gershwin, was a 1992 Tony Award-winner based on the Gershwin 1930 musical "Girl Crazy."

"This show is classic Americana," Bischoff said. "The music of the Gershwin brothers is exactly what you need to put you in a good mood. The dancers in this cast are great and have put in a ton of work to make it the best possible. Summer shows

have a way of bringing casts together and bonding them; it's a lot like summer camp."

Kristina Kamm-Mardlin, recently seen on the GPT stage in last spring's "Newsies," is taking on a new role as apprentice director with this show and enjoying the experience.

In fact, her first high school musical was at North when Bischoff choreographed this show.

"I'm learning a lot about the behind-the-scenes work that goes on to make a show successful," Kamm-Mardlin said. "I've worked with many directors and all of them approach things differently, so it's fun to take

things I've learned over the years and apply them.

"It's been so much fun working with Don," she added. "He's great at seeing the big picture and all the details that go into a huge dance show, complex production numbers, seamless and choreographed scene changes, etc."

The rest of GPT's 77th season includes "Over the River and Through the Woods," Nov. 15 to 24; "The Lion in Winter," Feb. 7 to 16; "Groundhog Day the Musical," March 28 to April 6; and "The Secret Garden," May 2 to 11.

Additionally, GPT's Youth on Stage presents the first of two productions with "Disney's Frozen, Jr." Nov. 1 to 3, with a sensory-friendly performance at 1 p.m. Nov. 2. And the Purdon Studio Theatre presents the first of two productions this season with "Rabbit Hole," Oct. 18 to 27.



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From left, Britta Peele-Spitzer, Kyle Weatherbee, Conner Motzkus, Zak Shugart and Catie Hauff star in "Crazy for You."

Tickets are on sale at gpt.org/buytickets and "Frozen, Jr." tickets go on sale Sept. 9. This season, patrons can save on ticket prices for midweek shows Wednesday and Thursday evenings.

"I hope the audience feels the power of the nostalgia that 'Crazy for You' brings," Bischoff said. "It harkens back to a simpler time and people need a break these days. You're guaranteed

to leave the show in a good mood. This is a great show for the whole family. Everyone will find something that they love and can identify with. There is humor, love, danger and tap dancing — what's not to love?"

"Crazy for You" is produced through special arrangement with Concord Theatricals, concordtheatricals.com

The cast

Zak Shugart as Bobby Child

Connor Motzkus as Bela Zangler

Britta Peele-Spitzer as Irene Roth

Arlene Schoenherr as Mother (Mrs. Lottie Child)

Catie Hauff as Polly Baker

Kyle Weatherbee as Lank Hawkins

Charlie Rinderknecht as Everett Baker

Sterling Orłowski as Eugene Fodor/Perkins/Cowboy

Sara Shook as Patricia Fodor

Cowboys: Sean von Schwartz, Keith Rikli, Dante Bufalini, Wayne Graves, Jeffrey DeMaria, Daniel Gauthier, Gavin DiFillippo and Jeff Graham.

Follies Girls: Jillian Evannou, Heather Yeaw, Audrey Brennan, Catherine Pearson, Ashley Trefney, Cathleine Campbell-Cormier, Amanda Nummy and Lillian Klein.

Ensemble: Megan Nash, Lauren Leach, Jessey Laba and Christine Campbell-Cormier.

The crew

Don Bischoff, director/set design

Kristina Kamm-Mardlin, apprentice director

Danielle Caralis, stage manager

Charles Kruse, assistant stage manager

Lyndsey Briggs, co-producer

Arlene Schoenherr, co-producer

Marie Boyle Reinman, vocal director

Steve Woznicki, music director

Catie Hauff, co-choreographer

Christine Campbell-Cormier, co-choreographer

Rick Hawley, technical director

Stephanie Butler, co-costume design

Jacqueline Manczyk, co-costume design

Tracy Bischoff, set design/set dressing

Olyvia O'Donnell, properties

Bob Montgomery, lighting design

Krista Pennington; sound design

Haley Sommerstorfer, hair and makeup design

Nick Marinello, co-publicity chair

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Zak Shugart and Catie Hauff star in "Crazy for You."

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First off, nearly everyone works, so that is not a valid excuse. Don't make yourself the low-hanging fruit — mow your lawn and take in your cans (or pay a

neighborhood kid to do so if you cannot get it done yourself).

If the nagging continues, try a firm but polite response requesting flexibility. Usually, a little personal engagement goes a long way.

— Gabby

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'Messiness' might actually be ADHD

DEAR ANNIE: Many of you wrote in about the fact that "Wife Problem" should be assessed for ADHD. Thank you all so much for your input. Below are a few letters:

DEAR ANNIE: This is in response to the letter in which the author's wife cannot finish basic tasks around the house without beginning a large project that never gets finished. This sounds like a common ADHD symptom.

tasks unfinished or starting another related project before finishing the first one.

Without his medication, asking my husband to take out the garbage can lead to installing Wi-Fi lightbulbs in the garage or blowing up the inflatable kayak to see if it has any holes, and then, 10 steps later, he is on the roof with a leaf blower cleaning out gutters — with the garbage bag still sitting right there next to the

will present differently than men and boys, and it is extremely common for women to "mask" their symptoms by tying them to things like anxiety or "perfectionism."

I wanted to send this message in the hope that it could reach the perfectionist wife, and she could decide if she wants to see a doctor about this. From my experience, once my husband was diagnosed and medicated, my entire domestic

DEAR ANNIE: I'm sure you've heard this from multiple readers already — the wife should immediately be assessed for ADHD. This letter could have been written about me.

Eight years ago, I began to understand how differently ADHD presents in adult women as opposed to men and adolescents. It took a few months to get the medication dosage amounts and timing right for me, but it's been incredibly helpful. — Grateful Patient

DEAR ANNIE: After reading the most recent column submitted to you from "Wife Problem," I think you were a bit off-base in your assessment of this issue.

As an adult with ADHD myself, the wife definitely shows signs of having the same behaviors that I do. It's not just her being a "messy" person, but rather having a condition that is uncontrollable and embarrassing.

We have the best of intentions, but our inability to focus and tendencies to be diverted by the next task, and then the next, are frustrating to people who don't understand. They are equally as frustrating to individuals who have not been diagnosed and told their issues are just too much for others to deal with.



My husband and multiple members of my family and friends have been diagnosed with ADHD, and symptoms often include leaving

garbage can but never deposited.

Women and girls are not as frequently diagnosed with ADHD because their symptoms

world shifted dramatically in a positive way, and his world became so much easier to navigate for him, too. — ADHD Wife, Sister, Friend.



Dear Annie

by Annie Lane

There are medications and therapies that can help when a person is properly diagnosed and treated. Maybe a different view and approach is better suited for this situation.

Thank you for your understanding, and I love reading your column. — Dealing with ADHD.

DEAR ANNIE: This is a long story, but I will try to keep it short.

I gave my mother a couch and chair as she was in desperate need of furniture. The furniture was my downstairs furniture, and I felt it was more important to give it to my mom.

extended family received an invite. Mind you, I never actually spoke with my niece. It was all my sister's doing unbeknownst to me.

I was shocked to see the furniture returned to me. Once again, my niece and I never spoke.

I am brokenhearted by the trouble my mother and sister caused and the mean way my niece treated me. Am I wrong to feel wronged by all of this mess? — Furniture Fiasco.

DEAR FURNITURE FIASCO: I would choose to see this situation as a series of mishaps more than anything malicious.



Eventually, she bought herself furniture to her taste, but I only found out when I went to visit her. I asked her what happened to my furniture, and she informed me that she gave it to my niece. This made me very upset as she did not even ask me if I would like it back and I told her such.

She informed me that it was hers and she could do with it as she wanted.

I then called my sister to vent my frustration as I was very upset and hurt that my mother did not care about me. My sister then called my niece and told her to bring the furniture back to me.

Four months later, my niece got married and I was not invited to the wedding, but my adult children were. I did not get an invite because of the couch and chair debacle, yet all of my

In gifting your furniture to your mother, she assumed she was free and clear to do with it as she pleased. Your sister might have thought she was doing you a favor by confronting your niece and getting your furniture back for you, even if you didn't see it that way.

The missed wedding invitation is the most interesting piece of your story -- would your niece really be so petty as to not invite you over home furnishings?

The best way to resolve something like this is with direct communication. Everyone has had enough time and space. It's time to clear the air.

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We Tried It!

by Anna Lizer



This week, I decided to jump on the acai bowl trend by making my own version at home. I started with frozen, premade acai mix from Trader Joe's, which made the process super simple.

After blending the acai base with fresh berries and coconut milk, I used this creamy mixture as the foundation for my bowl. Then, I topped it off with Greek yogurt, granola, sliced bananas, more berries, a drizzle of honey and a spoonful of

peanut butter.

The result? Absolutely delicious — and incredibly healthy! Acai berries are packed with antioxidants, fiber and heart-healthy fats, while fresh berries and bananas add a boost of vitamins and natural sweetness.

Greek yogurt provides a good dose of protein and probiotics, perfect for digestive health, and granola adds a satisfying crunch.

Peanut butter brought in healthy fats, keeping me

full until lunchtime. And, let's be honest, who doesn't love a little honey for sweetness?



Even better, my kids devoured their bowls, which was a total win. I can see this being a go-to breakfast option for busy school mornings.

It's easy to prep, incredibly versatile and customizable with whatever toppings you have on hand. You could even blend in some protein powder to make it heartier and keep you feeling full for longer.

All in all, making homemade acai bowls was a success — simple, delicious, nutritious and my family is

hooked and gives this five alligators so give it a try and watch your family become hooked!

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Daily Dilemma

Courtesy of Mombeau's Table

Our daily dinner plan is the ever unsolved question in my head that begins around 10 a.m. each morning. I finally ask my husband. What do you want for dinner? I don't know, what do you want? I don't care, whatever. I'm then left to solve the question in which the answer will always leave someone disappointed.

But such is life. Meal planning is the obvious solution but I'll save that for another article. I'm still in summer mode and shopping on a daily basis.

Our kids are now back in school which means they are constantly coming and going, their diets are ever changing and our family meals become less frequent.

We try to do family meals as often as possible. And if everyone is not home, whoever is home is required to sit down at the table. Most of the time the dinner ends with someone fighting, crying or storming off. But we make the kids do it so that one day they'll look back and

appreciate the safe yet sometimes chaotic space that is the dinner table.

This recipe is a pasta dish that highlights ingredients everyone loves. It's simple, straightforward and reheats perfectly.

I roasted cherry tomatoes to intensify their flavor and added them to farfalle pasta with pancetta, chicken, fresh corn and basil. It has a light cream sauce with lots of parmesan cheese.

You can use bacon in place of pancetta. The main difference is that bacon is smoked. If you struggle to come up with new fresh dinner ideas, try this one. It's a family pleaser.

Cheers, Mombeau

Farfalle with Roasted Tomatoes, Corn and Pancetta

- 1 pint cherry tomatoes
- 2 boneless, skinless chicken breasts
- 1 tsp each, salt, pepper and sweet paprika
- 2 tbsp olive oil

- 4 oz cubed pancetta
- 1 medium onion, peeled and chopped
- 3 garlic cloves, minced
- 2 ears of corn, shucked and kernels removed
- 1 cup half and half
- ½ cup parmesan cheese
- 1 cup chopped fresh basil

Preheat the oven to 425. On a parchment paper lined baking sheet, spread out the pint of tomatoes and drizzle with olive oil. Sprinkle over salt and pepper and toss to combine. Bake for 15 mins and set aside.

Meanwhile, brown the cubed pancetta in a large saute pan with two tablespoons of olive oil. This should take a few minutes. Remove with a slotted spoon to a paper towel lined plate.

Generously season the chicken breasts with salt, pepper and paprika and add to the hot pan. Cook the chicken on each side



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for about five minutes or until the internal temperature reaches 165 degrees.

Remove the chicken and lay the breasts on the plate with the pancetta. While the chicken cooks, boil a large pot of salted water and cook the farfalle al dente, reserving a

half cup of pasta water.

In the pan that you used to cook the chicken, add the onion, corn and garlic. Season with a pinch of salt and pepper and stir until soft, about 5 minutes.

Slice the chicken into bite sized pieces and add

to the vegetables.

Next, add the pasta, half and half, pasta water and roasted tomatoes. Toss everything together and cook for a few minutes to tighten up the sauce. Finish with the fresh chopped basil and parmesan cheese.

Dealing with the glut

Wineries around the world are struggling to cope with consumers who are ignoring wine in favor of alternative beverages.

Sales of wine around the world have declined precipitously, and it may be years before the industry recovers. Wine companies now face some daunting problems that can only get worse.

For one thing, how will they deal with the wines they will make this year? And there is still a lot of wine in warehouses from past years.

As recently as a year ago, there were strong warning signs of an entire wine industry in decline.

Most wineries that made wine last year are now stagnant.

To be sure, a number of expensive wines were immune from the fiscal slide in the last 20 years, but wine has always been an optional purchase for most Americans, and even wealthy buyers are rethinking purchases.

Some wholesale costs are rising, too. One key service wholesalers offer is delivery. This means owning trucks and paying for gasoline. Those fees have not declined.

In some cases, retail stores have stopped buying anywhere near the amount of wine that they

previously acquired. "I have the floor space," one Southern California retailer said, "but do I need 50 chardonnays? ... I'm cutting way back..."

Even popular wines are having trouble finding a home. Discounts, closeouts and other strategies are being employed by wineries and wholesalers. Still, a lot of good wine is sitting around unsold. And as vintages back up in the pipeline, the wine isn't getting any better; it's actually declining in quality. So, it must be sold.

The operative phrase with some retailers is, "Make it go away." And that doesn't just mean to dispose of it at a profit. Many people are willing to get rid of it at cost — or below! Built in to that phrase is the vital idea that the wine be disposed of in a way that doesn't taint the "suggested retail price" of succeeding vintages of the same wine.

In France, Italy, Portugal and even Spain, recent prices reflect the quality based on what the vintage yielded and the volume of wine produced.

In the United States, prices have traditionally gone up based on how much the producer believed the marketplace

would bear and never came down.

Producers believe that consumers are unaware of the European model, so any price decrease would be seen as a reflection of poor quality. And that is the kiss of death.

It is much better, producers believe, to discount wines not because of too great a volume produced, or because the wine wasn't as good, but because the wine wasn't moving as fast as expected.

This may be based both on quality and quantity, but as a cynic, I see what I believe is the real reason: If consumers don't buy a wine because its sell-by date is approaching, wineries get antsy and discount.

But don't expect to see the same wine at the winery for a discounted price. If you go into a winery tasting room, the retail price will apply. There are no discounts at wineries.

You might ask why a winery with a lot to sell won't discount at all. It's to "protect" the small wine shop that doesn't discount the wine. It doesn't want to undercut the mom 'n' pop grocery stores who have the wine at its suggested retail price.

Meanwhile, sales remain sluggish. The shakeout is occurring before our eyes.



COURTESY PHOTO

With Australian grape growers destroying millions of vines in 2024 in response to an intensifying oversupply crisis over the last few years, it is now possible to find many wines more affordable as producers are selling excess stock at sharp discounts.



by Dan Berger

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Toss a Lions theme party and get in on the game!



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By Anne Gryzenia
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Football season is here, and there's no better way to celebrate than by hosting a Detroit Lions watch party at home. Whether you're a die-hard fan or just love the game-day atmosphere, setting the perfect scene can make your gathering a hit. With a few simple touches like blue and white plates, wooden football servingware, and signature Lions-themed drinks, you can create an experience that your guests will remember long after the final whistle blows. Here's how to do it.

Set the scene with blue and white decor

Start by decking out your space in the Lions' team colors. Blue and white plates are a must—they're simple yet impactful, instantly adding a sense of unity and team spirit to your setup. You can

An attractive and fun mix-and-match color scheme is a beautiful backdrop for your Detroit Lions game day party, above. At right, wooden serving trays from [amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) add a sporty touch and put everyone in a winning mood.





A collectible Detroit Lions Limited Edition Collection 1 Cabernet Sauvignon from **Woods Wholesale Wine**, left, is the perfect beverage for your game party. Stemless glasses from your own collection or choose from the collections at **The League Shop**, are masculine and ideal to complete your table.

Matching trinket boxes add color and make great take-home favors to remind guests of the the good times.

Below: A themed puzzle is a fun to-do in between game highlights or for less sporty guests (there are always a few!)



find disposable or reusable options depending on your preference. Most of us will have something blue, grey or white lying around, making this a fairly easy task! Complement these with matching napkins, cups, and tablecloths to create a cohesive look. For a more sophisticated touch, consider using blue table runners or placemats with white accents from **The League Shop**.

Serve in style with football servingware

No football party is complete without great food, and the way you serve it can elevate the whole experience. Wooden football-shaped serving trays and bowls add a rustic, game-day charm to your spread. These are perfect for holding everything from chips and dips to sliders and wings. Not only are they functional, but they also add a warm, inviting touch that metal or plastic alternatives simply can't match. Find at **amazon.com**.

If you're feeling crafty, consider personalizing the wooden servingware with the Lions logo or your favorite player's number. It's a fun way to bring a bit more of the team into your décor.

Pour signature lions-themed drinks

What's a football party without some special beverages? Create a signature Lions cocktail or mocktail to impress your guests. Think blue drinks like a classic Blue Lagoon or a non-alcoholic blue raspberry lemonade. For wine lovers, look for bottles with Lions-themed labels or create your own custom labels featuring the team's logo.

For beer drinkers, consider stocking up on local Detroit brews, and serve them in frosted mugs for an authentic, game-day feel. Don't forget to keep plenty of water and soda on hand for those who prefer non-alcoholic options. Find glassware at **The League Shop**.

Add fun with football-themed extras

To make your party even more engaging, add some football-themed extras. Mini footballs or Lions-themed pennants make great decorations that can also serve as party favors. You could also set up a small tailgate-inspired snack station, complete with popcorn, peanuts, and pretzels, to give your guests that stadium feel. Party Adventures has Lions-themed paper ware.

Consider hosting a halftime trivia game with questions about the Lions' history, and offer small prizes for the winners. It's a great way to keep the energy high, even during commercial breaks.

End on a sweet note

Finish the evening with a dessert that's as sweet as a Lions victory. A football-shaped cake or cupcakes decorated in blue and white are both festive and delicious. If you're short on time, even store-bought cookies can be jazzed up with blue and white frosting. For a unique twist, consider making a dessert bar featuring Lions-colored candies, chocolates, and other treats.



Make your own football cake, above, using a football or Easter egg cake mold and easily pipe on the stripes, stitching and border.

Decorate homemade cupcakes with blue icing and silver sprinkles, left, to capture game color!



Football cookies, right, from **The Chocolate Bar Cafe**, make for a beautiful dessert table centerpiece or yummy individual party favors.



RECIPE

Blue Lagoon Cocktail

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 oz. vodka
- 1 oz. blue curacao
- 4 oz. lemonade
- Lemon slice
- Maraschino cherry

TO MAKE:

Add vodka, Bleu curacao and lemonade to shker with ice and shake until well-chilled.

Strain into a hurricane glass filled with ice.

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Plush football, above, is cute for party decor or centerpiece at the kiddie table. From **Small Favors**.

Simple tips for flavorful game-day grilling

By Grosse Pointe News Staff

Though grilling sometimes requires a little trial and error, no one wants to overcook a great piece of meat. Here are some simple strategies anyone can employ to produce more flavorful finished products, cooked to perfection.

- **Dry rub foods before putting them on the grill.** The choice of dry rub or marinade is ultimately up to the cook, but a dry rub can be more convenient because it can be applied shortly before foods are placed on the grill — without sacrificing flavor. Marination can take several hours or even last overnight.

Dry rubs tend to be made with ingredients such as salt, pepper and brown sugar that many people already have at home, adding to the convenience of this approach that can enhance flavor without too much effort.

- **Oil the grates before cooking.** Similar to utilizing a dry



PHOTO COURTESY OF FAIRWAY PACKING

When grilling an exquisite steak, like the one above from **Fairway Packing's The Steak Shop**, following a few tried-and-true tips will ensure your grilling party is victorious. Starting with a beautifully-marbled prime cut of beef is the winning play to make your football dinner party a success.

rub when cooking, oiling the grill grates can add flavor and make grilling more convenient by reducing sticking to grates.

Experts advise using a silicone brush to apply an oil with a high smoke point (the smoke point is the temperature at which the oil will begin to smoke). The online grilling resource 4thegrill.com notes that corn (smoke point 450 F) and peanut oil (440 F) are better than extra virgin olive oil (410 F) when oiling a grill grate.

- **Bring meat to room tem**

perature. This helps ensure that meats cook evenly. Prior to grilling meat, take the meat out of the refrigerator roughly 20 to 30 minutes before you intend to put it over a flame.

- **Cook with wood.** The culinary experts at Williams-Sonoma recommend soaking wood chips, herbs, or grapevine cuttings for 30 minutes and then draining before using with a charcoal grill. Avoid soaking wood or aromatics when grilling on a gas grill, as doing so can make it difficult to ignite.



Paper plates and napkins from **Party Adventure**, left, add a festive touch to your football gathering.

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RECIPE

Treat fellow football fans to tender spare ribs and zesty homemade BBQ sauce



Football and food are a perfect and popular pairing. Adding food to the gridiron festivities certainly makes fall weekends more enjoyable. Score big with guests with this tantalizing duo.

Baby Back Ribs

- Serves 4
- 4 2-lb. racks baby back ribs
 - 3 T kosher salt
 - 3 T freshly ground black pepper
 - 2/3 cup homemade BBQ Sauce (see below)

Trim any hanging fat off the ribs. Season with the salt and pepper on both sides. Let stand at room temperature for one hour.

Prepare the grill at 225 F to 275 F.

Place the ribs meat-side up on the grate over the drip pan. Close the lid. If desired, wrap the ribs in aluminum foil after 1 hour 30 minutes or once the bark (crust) is reddish brown.

Turn over the ribs, close the lid, and continue cooking for 1 hour 30 minutes more,

or until the ribs pull apart with a gentle tug.

Remove the foil (if using), baste the ribs with the sauce, close the lid, and cook meat-side up for 10 more minutes or until the sauce is set. Serve immediately.

Cooking tip: The back of pork ribs is covered with a membrane that some pitmasters say prevents the meat from absorbing the smoke, but this is a myth. Many don't bother removing it, and leaving it on helps keep the ribs from falling apart when you move them.

Game Day BBQ Sauce

Makes about 1 1/2 cups

- 1 cup ketchup
- 1/2 cup apple cider vinegar
- 2 T Worcestershire sauce
- 2 T unsulfured blackstrap molasses
- 6 T packed light brown sugar
- 2 T canola oil
- 6 garlic cloves, finely chopped
- 2 tsp kosher salt

- 2 tsp sweet paprika
- 1 tsp ground cinnamon
- 1 tsp cayenne pepper

In a medium bowl, whisk together the ketchup, vinegar, Worcestershire sauce, molasses and sugar until smooth.

In a medium saucepan, heat the oil over medium heat.

Add the garlic. Cook for about 30 seconds or until golden.

Add the salt, paprika, cinnamon, and cayenne. Cook for 10 seconds or until fragrant.

Stir in the ketchup mixture. Bring to a simmer and let simmer for about 1 minute or until the flavors meld.

Let cool and refrigerate overnight before using to let the flavors develop.

Cooking tip: When making barbecue sauce, it's not necessary to boil the ingredients, only simmer them. Simmering them allows the flavors to meld; boiling them causes the ingredients to separate.

RECIPE

Courtesy of Fairway Packing

Perfect party burgers



The Dirty Martini Burger Serves 4

- 4 - ½ lb Burrata blend burger patties
- 5 oz block of Point Reyes Blue Bay Cheese, crumbled
- 7 diced pimento stuffed green olives
- 1 T olive juice
- Divina Caramelized Onion Jam
- Liv Classic Bearnaise
- Arugula
- Fairway Packing Steak Salt
- 4 olives for garnish

Preheat grill to medium-high heat. Mix together the blue cheese, olives & olive juice, set aside. Season burger patties with steak salt and grill. Cooking times as follows: 5-6 minutes total for rare, 6-7 minutes total for medium-rare, 8-9 minutes total for medium, and 9+ minutes for well-done. Immediately after the flip, top generously with the blue cheese olive mixture. Close the grill to allow melting. Remove from heat once you achieve your desired cook temperature. Build your burger first using classic Liv Bearnaise, arugula, burger, your desired amount of Divina Caramelized Onion Jam, top with bun and garnish with an additional stuffed olive.

Fairway Packing's best tailgate grilling tips

The no. 1 tip is to prep ahead of time. For instance, if burgers are on the menu, have your toppings already washed, sliced and chopped for easy assembly.

- If you're grilling chicken or wings, you can marinate ahead of time. You can even freeze your chicken in the marinade in advance and as it thaws it will marinate.
- Consider bringing a mini

gas grill vs charcoal grill. You won't have to worry about disposing of hot coals.

- Bring an empty storage tub for any dirty dishes or utensils.
- Don't forget your heat-resistant gloves.
- If you need to reheat any dips, set your grill up for two zone cooking. That way you can warm up your dips at the tailgate and serve them hot.



Wine and meat pairings enhance flavors

It's easy to be intimidated when tasked with pairing wines. That's especially the case when pairing wine with meat. No two cuts of meat are the same—and various wines seem to bring out the best flavors in each.

Consider these pairing suggestions for popular cuts of meat.

Merlot/filet mignon

Merlot or Merlot-based red blend, a Touriga Nacional or a Mencia pairs well with filet. Each capably complements the subtle flavor of filet mignon and brings out its natural flavor.

Cabernet Sauvignon/NY strip New York strip steak, should

come out tender when cooked correctly. A Cabernet Sauvignon pairing is a classic combination. Though red wines are often the recommended, white wine, and champagne in particular, pairs well with this cut. Reds like Blaufränkisch, an Austrian red, and a blend of Grenache Syrah Mourvèdre also pair very well.

Rib-eye

A Sonoma or Napa Valley Zinfandel pairs very well with grilled ribeyes. High tannin wines can cut through the fat of ribeyes. Wines such as an Amaronella della Valpolicella or Valpolicella Superiore Ripasso that have a strong fruit flavor can

pair well because they contrast the natural flavor of the ribeye.

Sirloin

Sirloin is a leaner cut of meat that tastes great when grilled. A range of reds work beautifully. Cooks can choose one based on how they're seasoning the meat or which sauce they're using. For example, a French Syrah pairs well with butter sauces. Spanish Tempranillo or Montepulciano d'Abruzzo pair well with sirloin.

It doesn't have to be difficult to pair wine and meats once you know some basics. The right wine can make your favorite cuts of meat taste even better.

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MOVIE REVIEW
 "Uproar"
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Whenever I spot a film from New Zealand, I immediately put it in my queue. Over the years, I've especially enjoyed the films from actor/director Taika Waititi. They're all refreshingly offbeat and unpredictable, in a Kiwi sort of way. When I noticed this film starred Julian Dennison, I bumped it up to the "watch next" slot.

The charismatic young Dennison was in the

delightful "Paper Planes" and the more recent "Hunt for the Wilderpeople," which I reviewed not long ago. You may also recognize him from his appearances in "Deadpool 2" and "Godzilla vs. Kong." What a talent!

The film is based on the experiences of Paul Middleditch growing up in late 1970s and early 80s New Zealand. Middleditch co-wrote and co-directed it with Hamish Bennett. Sonia Whiteman was also a co-writer. When I read the brief description of the movie, I thought I knew

what was coming. I figured it's about a large kid who's tormented by his classmates. He joins the rugby team, wins the big game and is a hero. And they all live happily ever after. Well, that's not exactly what the film is all about. It has quite a bit more depth to it, and that's what makes it such an engaging story.

17-year old Josh Waaka (Dennison) attends the St. Gilbert School for Men. He's overweight and is constantly picked on because of his size and his dark skin (he's half Maori). The incessant

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by Mark Domin
 "Life is too short to watch mediocre movies"



needling forces him to retreat to the library in order to eat his lunch in relative peace. Josh's home life isn't exactly idyllic either. His Maori father died when he was young and he's being raised by his English mother Shirley (Minnie Driver). She works as a janitor at the school to help pay the bills. His older brother Jamie (James Rolleston), a rising rugby star, has been sidelined by an injury and is barely getting by. And Josh is content to stay on the sidelines and go unnoticed.

Then one day, things begin to brighten up for him. Brother Madigan, played by the charming and always goofy Rhys Darby ("Flight of the Conchords") sees the thespian potential in Josh. He has Josh read a part of a play for him and realizes he has the talent to qualify for a competition that'll send him to Australia to attend a prestigious drama school. He keeps this secret from his mom, knowing the family can't all afford it. And on the sports side of things, Jamie makes a deal with the school. He'll coach the rugby squad, as long as they let his brother Josh play on the team.

"Uproar" takes place during a time of international political turmoil. South Africa is sending their national rugby team, the Springboks, on a worldwide goodwill tour. The country's Apartheid policy is being

protested around the world, including in New Zealand, which will soon be hosting the controversial team. Josh's friend Grace (Jada Fa'atui) gets involved with an activist group and Josh, against school policy, joins her. He borrows Brother Madigan's camcorder to film a huge protest.

Naturally things get ugly when the police force simply won't tolerate even a peaceful march. Things get bloody when they attack the protesters.

On the positive side, Josh ends up playing in the big rugby game. Does he make some outstanding plays? Does he win the game for his school? Do his teammates pick him up on their shoulders and parade him around the field in triumph? Did you really think I'd give away the ending? You'll just have to watch it and see for yourself, dear reader.

There are several factors that help elevate "Uproar" above the average coming-of-age film. It features a stellar cast, a complex storyline, a powerful political and social message that really resonated with me and a heartfelt and sentimental storyline. There's also a bit of humor sprinkled in to keep things from getting too serious. It's about discovering where you come from, who you are, and ultimately, the strength of family.

Just to satisfy my curiosity, I did a quick check to see what other critics

not alone in my assessment of this wonderful movie.

Currently streaming for free with your library card on Kanopy and Hoopla. And to rent on Apple TV and Amazon Prime.

My rating system:

★ A real stinker. A

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

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

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

★★★★ One you'd recommend to friends.

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

About this column:

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

They include both mainstream and indie films streaming on services like Netflix, Hoopla, and Kanopy.

I'll also review noteworthy new theatrical releases as well.

For movie trailers, visit youtube.com.

If you have any suggestions, feel free to email me at: dominmark@yahoo.com.

Also, if you're looking for more recommendations, be sure to check out my blog: moviejunkiemark.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF FIREFLY FILMS, CARAVAN CARPARK FILMS
 Left, Rhys Darby as Brother Madigan, Julian Dennison as Josh Waaka and Minnie Driver as Shirley Waaka in the 2023 movie "Uproar," directed by Paul Middleditch and Hamish Bennett.



Josh's brother Jamie played by James Rolleston.



Shirley Waaka played by Minnie Driver as Josh and Jamie's mother.



Police confront protesters.



Anti-Apartheid protesters.



Josh with Brother Madigan.

Royal Stars

Weekly Horoscopes

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

Happy Birthday for Thursday, September 5, 2024:

You are witty, energetic and generous, and you have an active imagination. You inspire others with your ideas. It's time to create solid foundations in your life here. Keep things simple. Build structures internally and externally. Focus on your health; physical exercise will play an important role.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

Make an effort to see a close friend today. This is also a wonderful day to be social with your partner or spouse. Take time out for coffee, lunch or dinner. Go to a movie or sports event. This is a friendly, romantic day. Tonight: Domestic organization.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

Relations with co-workers are mutually supportive today, which makes this an excellent day to ask for help or to seek out consensus on something that is important to you. It's also a great day to socialize with co-workers. Issues related to your pet will be joyful. Tonight: You're persuasive!

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

This is the most romantic day in the week, so make plans to enjoy fun times with your main squeeze. However, you can also enjoy playful activities with children and socialize with friends today. Meet the gang for happy hour or see a friend. This is a friendly day. It's also a great date night! Tonight: Money ideas.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

You'll enjoy doing something to make your home more attractive today. Likewise, you will enjoy entertaining at home, especially on a one-on-one basis. Because this is a romantic day, it's the perfect time to invite someone over to share a bottle of wine. Tonight: You're confident.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

Today's blessing will help you see your everyday surroundings in a more pleasant way. In fact, you might introduce more beauty into your world. Your social life will pick up. Life is agreeable! Enjoy talking to neighbors and relatives. It's a great day for romance! Tonight: Secrets.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Good news! You can attract money, gifts and favors from others to you today. By all means, keep your pockets open. If shopping, you'll be tempted to buy beautiful clothes, jewelry and art objects. You have an eye for beauty today. This is a romantic day! Tonight: Check your money.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Today your ruler Venus is in your sign lined up with the Moon, which makes you diplomatic, charming and eager for harmony in your surroundings. You want to reach out and enjoy good company. Make plans to eat out with a friend or partner. It's a great date night! Pleasure ranks above work. Tonight: Relax.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Because you feel warm-hearted to others, today you might take care of someone or help someone in need. You're not being a martyr; you genuinely want to help someone, and in fact, you

will feel gratified for being able to do so. Meanwhile, a secret romance might blossom! Tonight: Solitude.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

The secret to fun, social occasions is timing. This is the day to hang out with friends or enjoy warm interactions with members of clubs and organizations. Make an effort to contact others. You will enjoy yourself! A friendship could turn romantic. Tonight: Socialize.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

You make a wonderful impression on others today, which is why you'll enjoy schmoozing with acquaintances. Note: since people see you as charming, diplomatic and successful, now is the time to go after what you want. Use this advantage! Tonight: You're admired.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

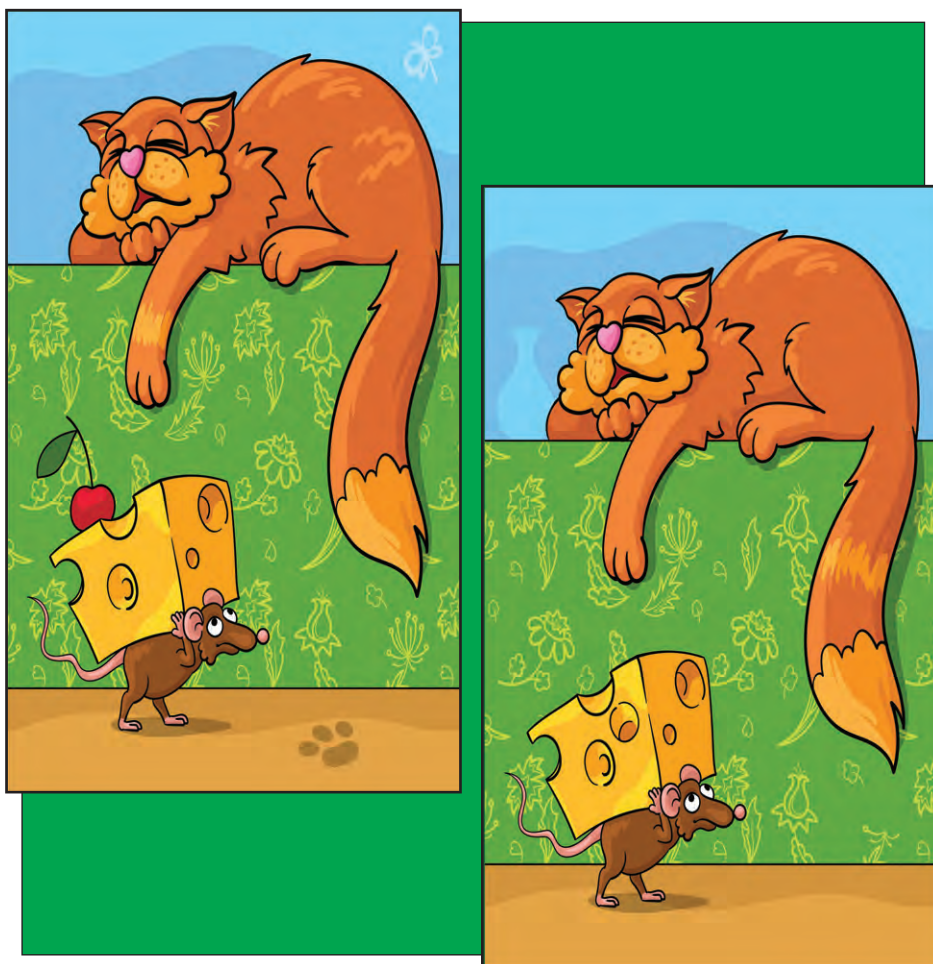
Travel for pleasure will be a delight today. It's a fine time for a vacation or any kind of consciousness-expanding experience. Romance is in the air, and you might feel attracted to someone who is "different." A loved one might show you new things and ideas. Tonight: Explore!

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

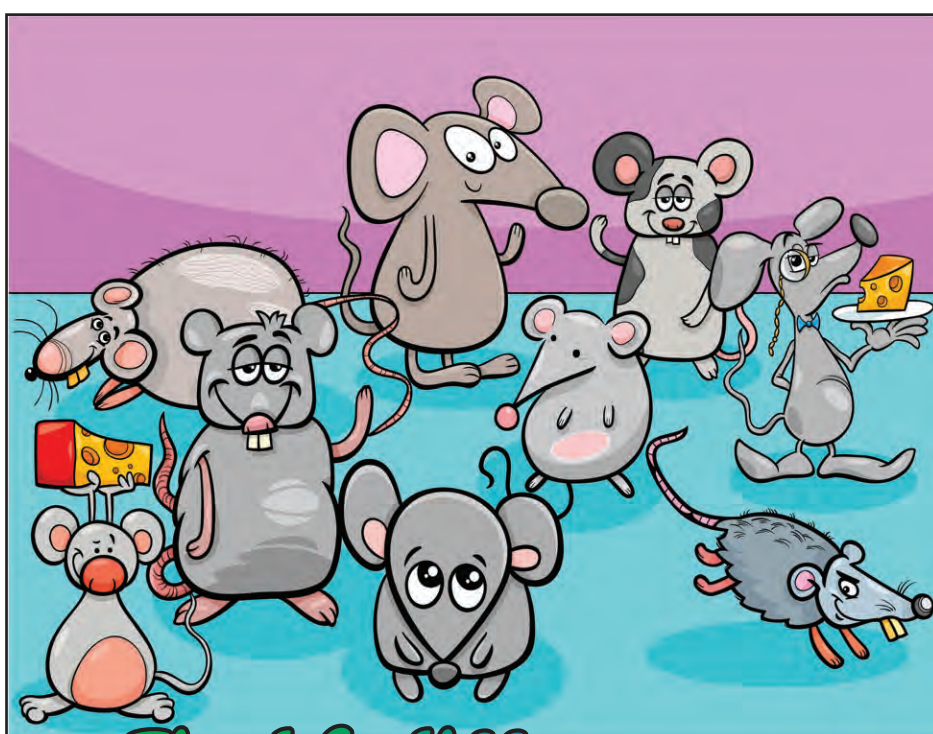
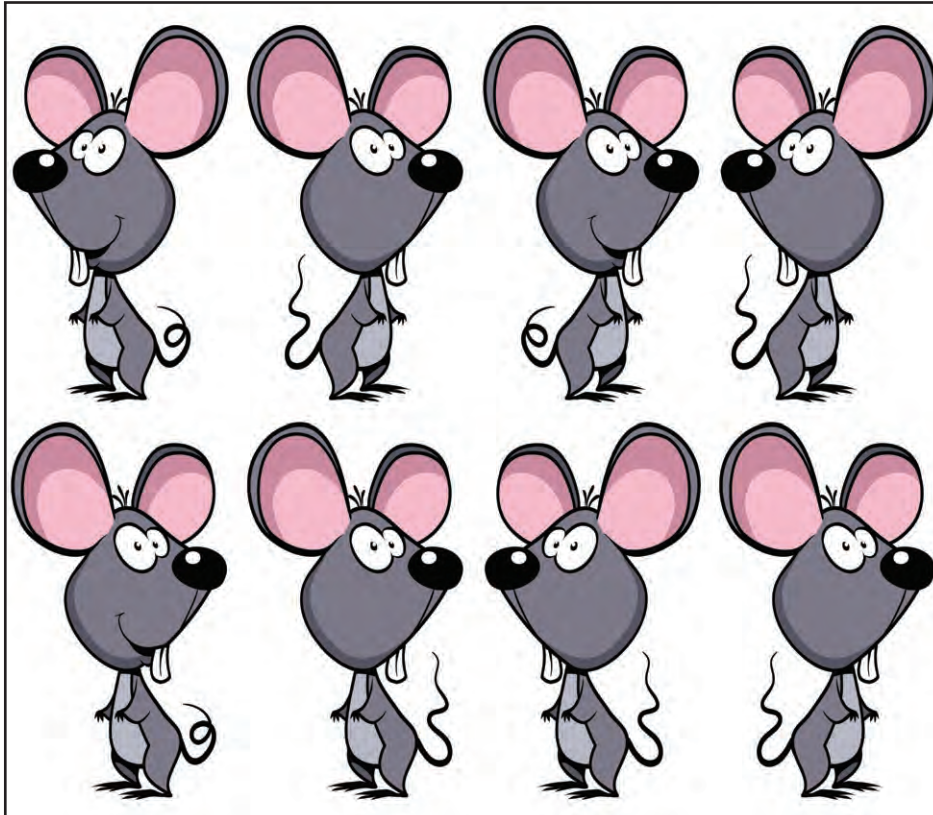
Passion is in the air today! New romance that begins now will be memorable and intense. It's a wonderful day to socialize. However, you can also attract money to you today through your spouse or a business partner. Be friendly! Tonight: Check your finances.

BORN TODAY
Actor Michael Keaton (1951), actress Rose McGowan (1973), actress Annabelle Wallis (1984).

Find 10 Differences



Find Two Mice That Are Exactly The Same



Find 6 differences



Contract Bridge

LOOK BEFORE YOU LEAP

South dealer.

North-South vulnerable.

NORTH

♠ K J 4
♥ A K Q 5
♦ J 9 6
♣ 10 8 3

WEST

♠ 6 5 2
♥ 6 4 3
♦ K Q 8 4 2
♣ A Q

EAST

♠ Q 10 9 7 3
♥ J 10 8 2
♦ 7
♣ 7 5 4

SOUTH

♠ A 8
♥ 9 7
♦ A 10 5 3
♣ K J 9 6 2

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♣	1♦	1♥	Pass
1NT	Pass	3NT	

Opening lead — four of diamonds.

Certain card combinations require close inspection before declarer decides precisely how to tackle the suit. South failed to make the necessary effort in today's deal and lost his contract as a result.

West led the four of diamonds, which was covered by the six, seven and ten. Declarer crossed to dummy with a heart, led the eight of clubs and finessed, losing to West's queen.

West returned the king of diamonds, ducked by South, and followed with the queen, taken by the ace. Declar-

er could then do no better than lead a second club. West won with the ace and cashed the 8-2 of diamonds to set the contract, scoring three diamonds and two club tricks in all.

Had declarer paid more attention to his diamond holding at the outset, he would have made the contract with an overtrick. Assuming West was leading his fourth-best diamond, the Rule of Eleven would have indicated the winning play.

South should simply subtract four — the spot-card led — from eleven, which reveals that there are seven cards higher than the four in the North, East and South hands. Since declarer can see six of these cards in his own hand and dummy, East can have only one card higher than the four.

South should therefore play the nine of diamonds from dummy at trick one. If East's diamond is the seven or eight, the nine will hold the trick, and declarer will still have the suit doubly stopped. If East produces the king or queen of diamonds, South takes the ace and again has diamonds doubly stopped.

Declarer's aim from the start is to establish his clubs before West can establish his diamonds. By playing a higher diamond from dummy initially, South assures himself of winning the race.

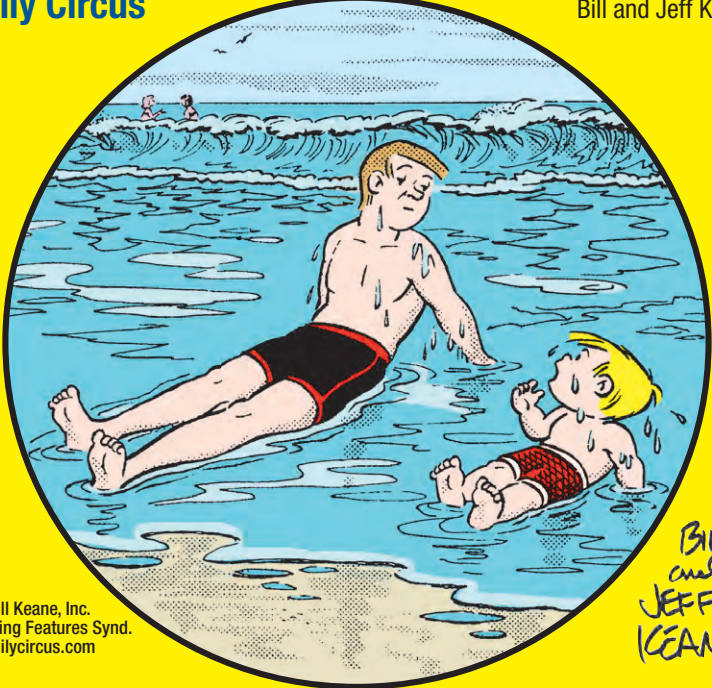
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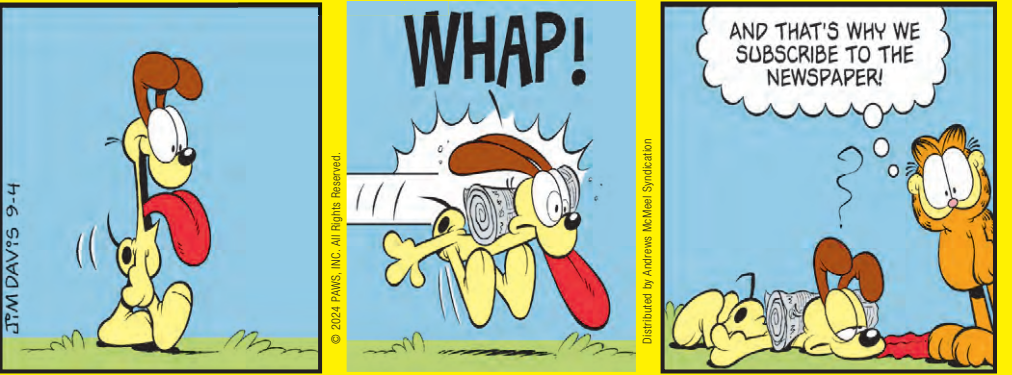
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Bill and Jeff Keane

“How come the ocean washes US up on the beach but lets the fish stay in there?”

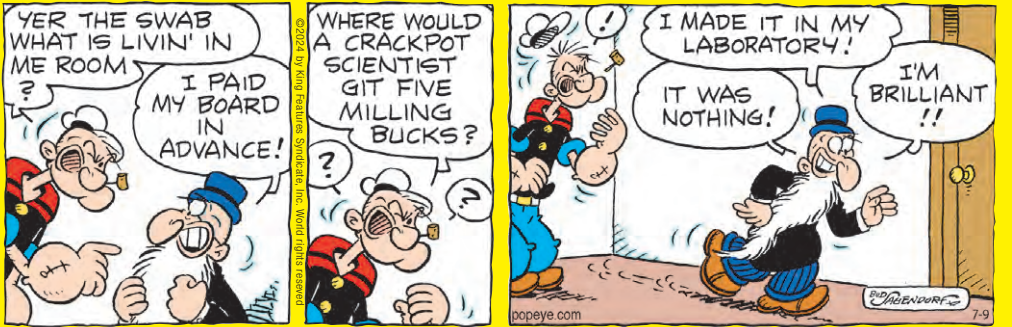
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Jim Davis



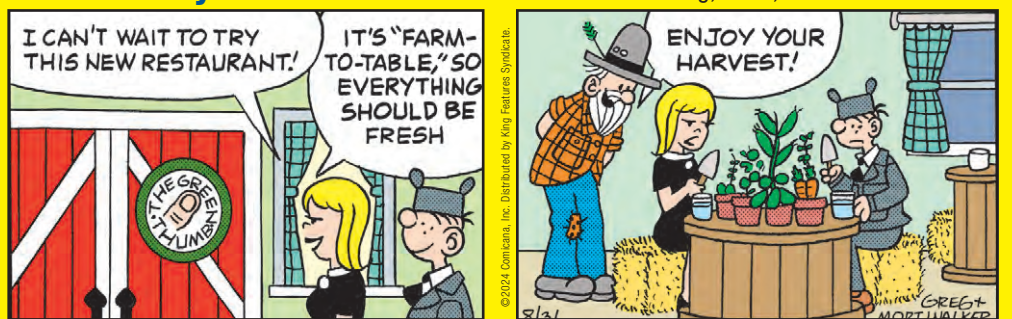
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Bud Sagendorf



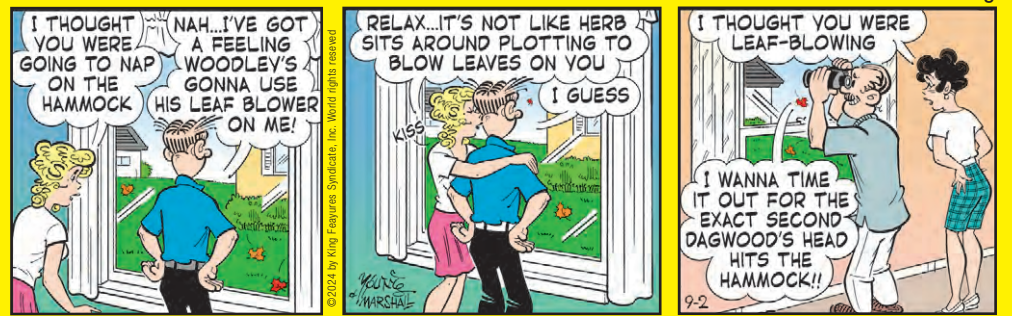
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Greg, Brian, Neal and Mort Walker



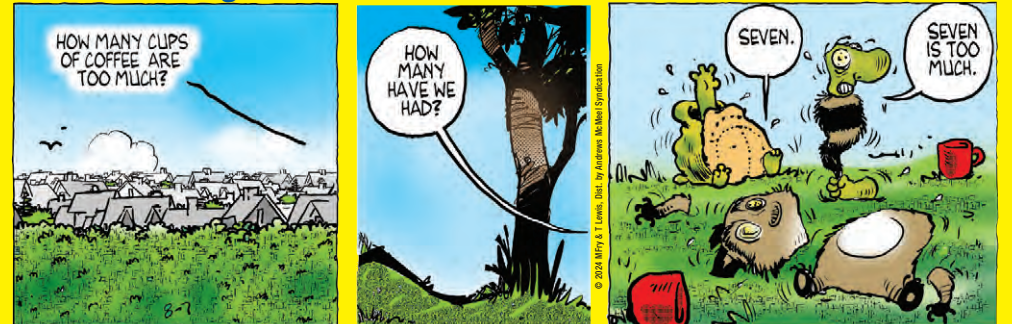
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Chris and Dean Young



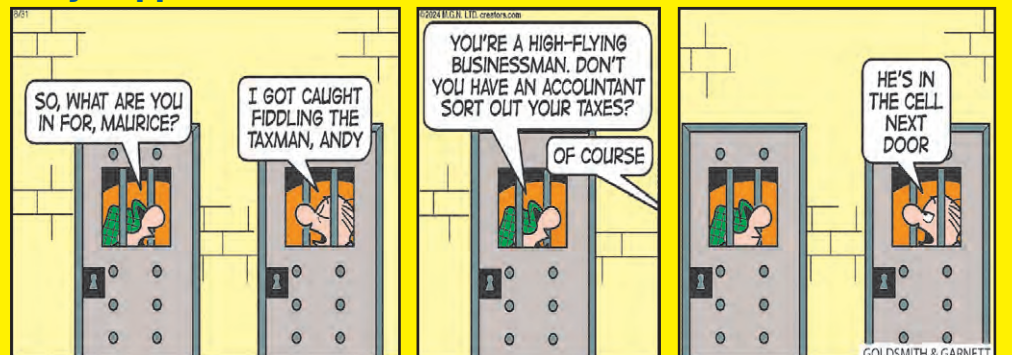
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Andy Capp

Reg Smythe



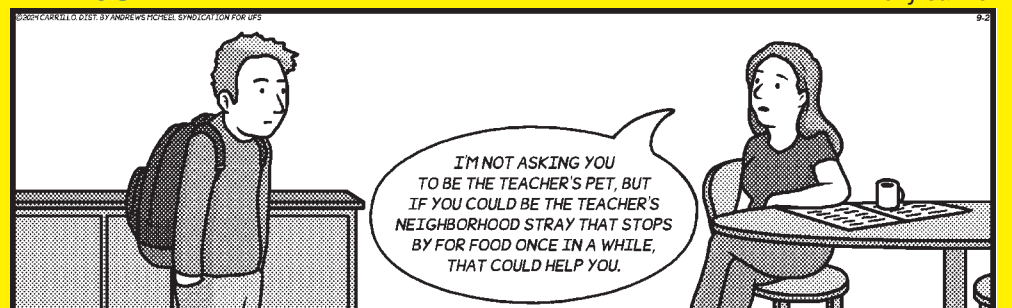
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Created by Brant Parker and Johnny Hart. Currently by Mason Mastroianni



F Minus

Tony Carrilo

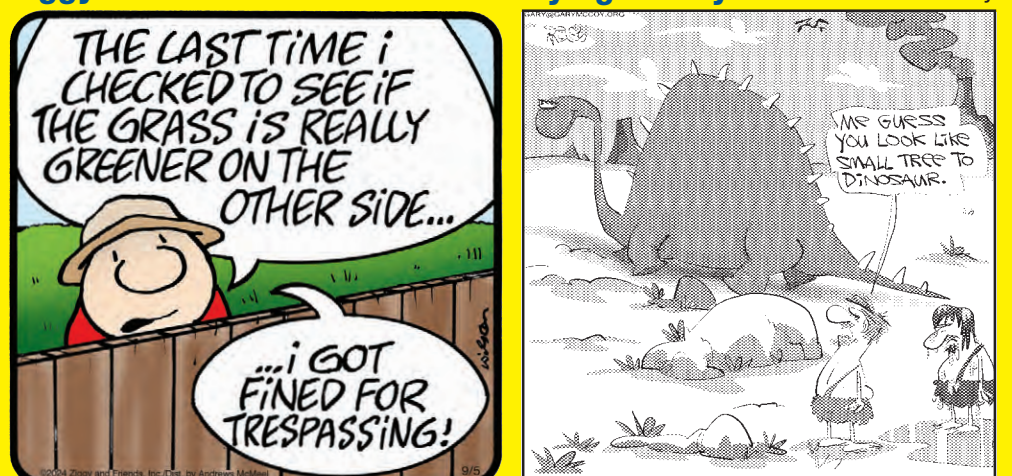


Ziggy

Tom Wilson

Flying McCoys

Glenn McCoy



UNIVERSAL Sudoku Puzzle

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

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

Previous puzzle solution

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

9/5

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★☆

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8/29 Solution

Universal Crossword

Edited by David Steinberg September 5, 2024

ACROSS

- 1 Watch TV on a computer, say
- 7 Spill protector
- 10 Hairstyle for Macy Gray
- 14 "Street Fighter" character with a Fortnite skin
- 15 Early gardener?
- 16 Lose your footing
- 17 Didn't own outright
- 18 Examination taken by an E-reader?
- 20 Friend, in France
- 21 Plays music from a booth
- 23 Dissertation
- 24 NYC fundraiser with some out-there outfits
- 27 Band with a 2024 residency at the Sphere
- 28 Bank claim
- 29 Geological age
- 30 Ghost's cry
- 33 Suzuki of the Mariners
- 36 Wax-filled light
- 38 This and Slushy wine cocktail
- 41 Skin condition
- 42 Pizza alternatives loved by Ben Wyatt
- 44 Diner's cloth
- 46 Successful song
- 47 Agree silently

- 48 Skye, for one
- 49 Pop culture show since 1991
- 51 Not connected to the internet
- 55 Social outcast
- 57 Fashion designer Anna "Contra" game console, for short
- 59 Like the runt
- 61 Pictures of Kirk and Spock kissing, e.g.
- 64 Bad smell
- 65 Beam of sun
- 66 A dozen
- 67 Printed mistake
- 68 PC file extension
- 69 Shoes for students on a roll?

DOWN

- 1 "Get out!"
- 2 Feature of many a crossword
- 3 Rehearse the whole thing
- 4 Sinus specialist, for short
- 5 Pub offering
- 6 H, in the boonies?
- 7 Hive builders
- 8 Brown, e.g. ... or a green vine
- 9 H, in a Classical symphony?
- 10 Fire remnants
- 11 H, in a dream sequence?
- 12 Fenty Beauty founder, informally

- 13 Makes a choice
- 19 Beijing's country
- 22 "The Office" character played by Melora
- 25 Flashiness
- 26 Breathe it in!
- 27 Samosa veggies
- 31 Prefix with "potent"
- 32 Not shut
- 33 React to a mosquito bite, say
- 34 Dirty ___ (tea drink with espresso)
- 35 H, in a sleeveless garment?
- 36 Alamos
- 37 A suit might have a "peak" one
- 40 Ely De La Cruz's Ohio team

- 43 Shaquille of "Kazaam"
- 45 Cat-eating sitcom extra-terrestrial
- 48 Promise of payment
- 50 Style of cold brew or beer
- 52 Counting everything
- 53 Shamelessly bold
- 54 ___ Park, Colorado
- 55 Story line
- 56 "SNL" alum
- 57 Bryant
- 58 Eyelid concern
- 60 You can walk on it
- 62 Slack-jawed feeling
- 63 Formerly called

PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

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T	A	L	O	N	B	R	E	A	D	U	S	A	
S	T	E	E	D	S	O	R	T	S	P	O	T	

8/29 Solution

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4-H by Quiara Vasquez and Will Eisenberg

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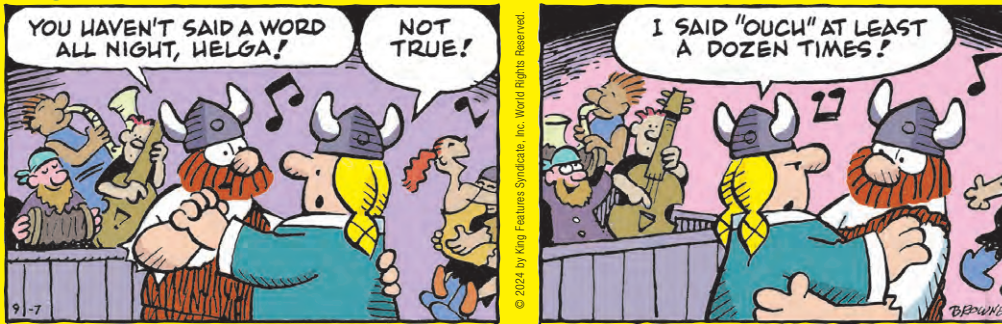
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Charles M. Schulz



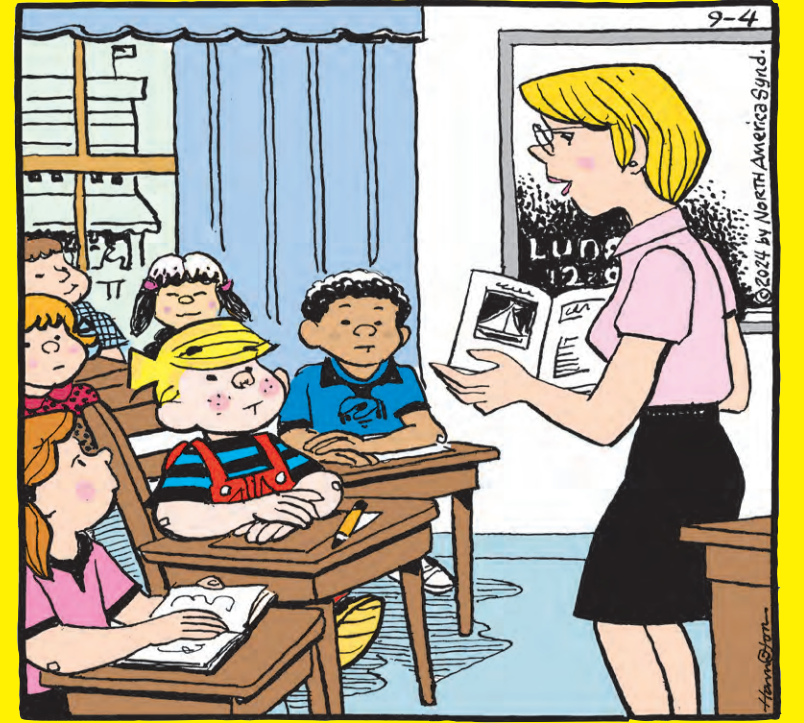
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Dik Browne and Chris Browne



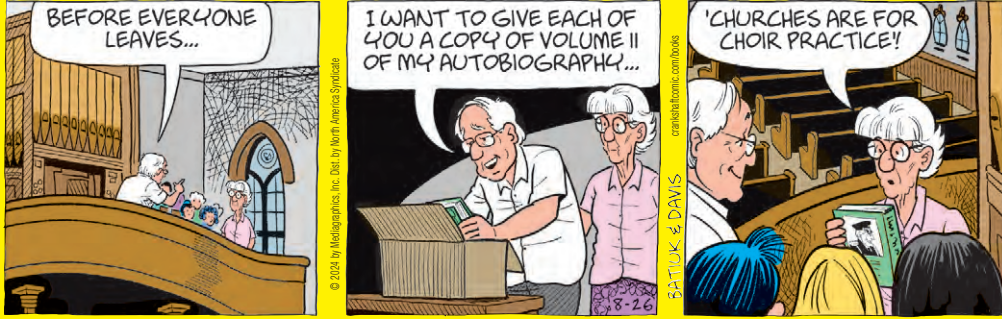
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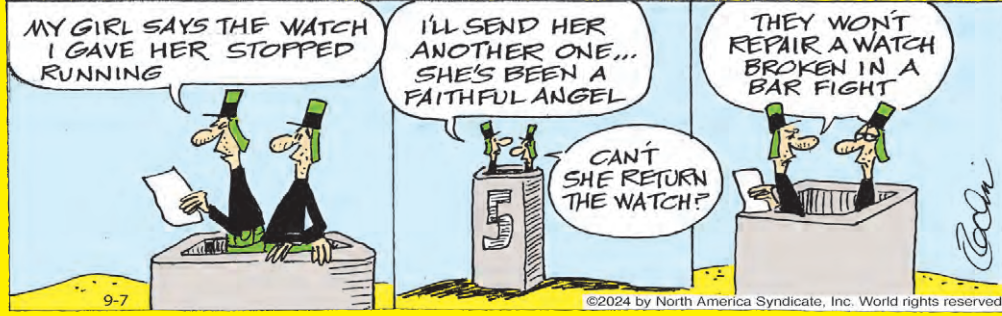
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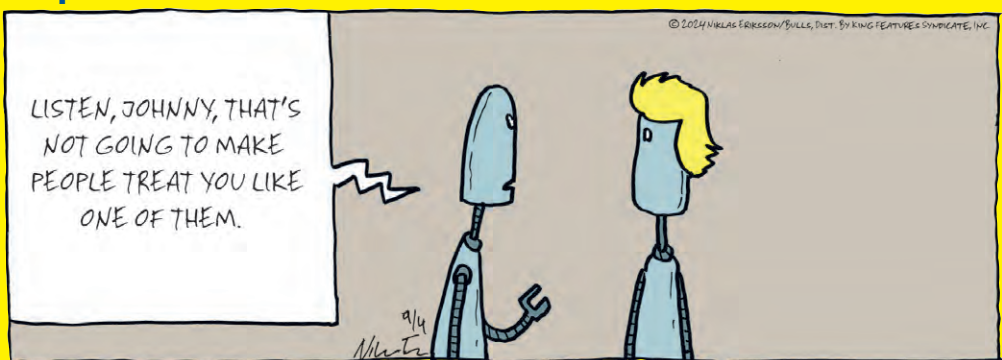
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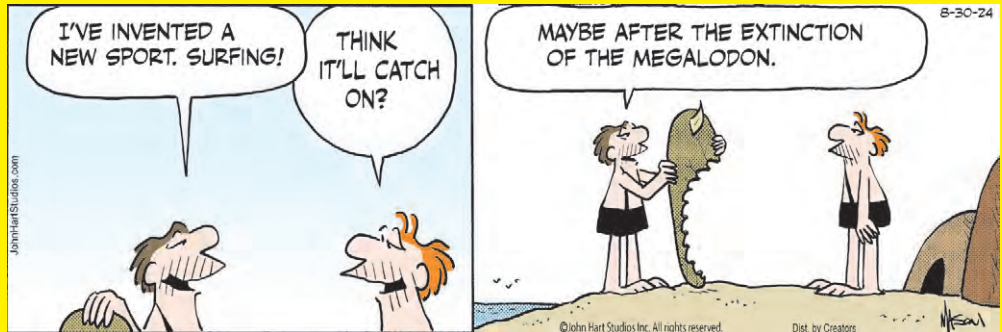
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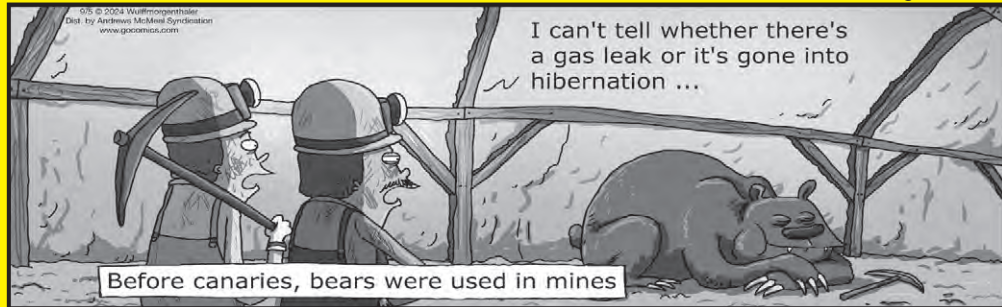
B.C.

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Wumbo

Mikael Wulff and Anders Morgenthaler



Reality Check

Dave Whamond



Bizarro

Dan Piraro and Wayno



The Lockhorns

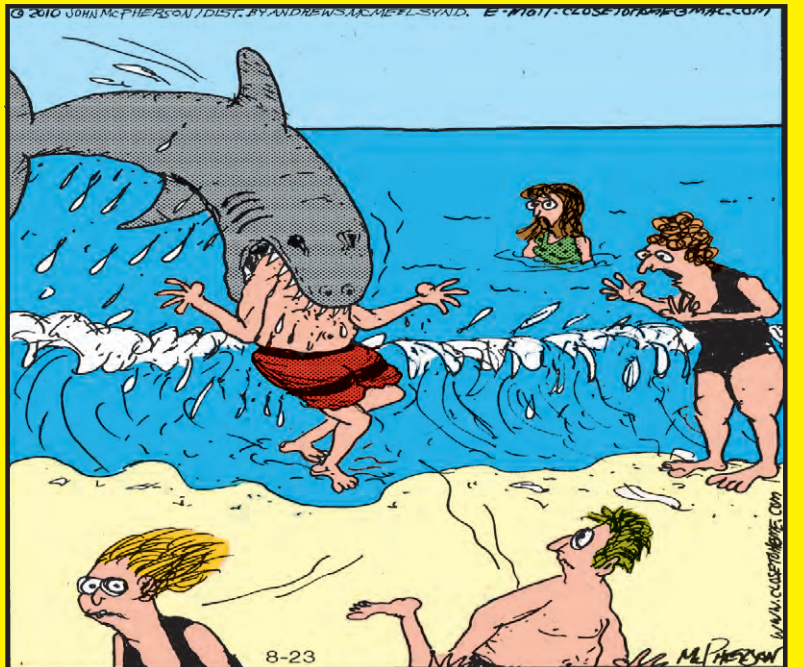
Bill Hoest, Bunny Hoest and John Reiner



"PLEASE, LORETTA . . . YOU KNOW 'HOW WAS YOUR DAY' ARE TRIGGER WORDS FOR ME."

Close To Home

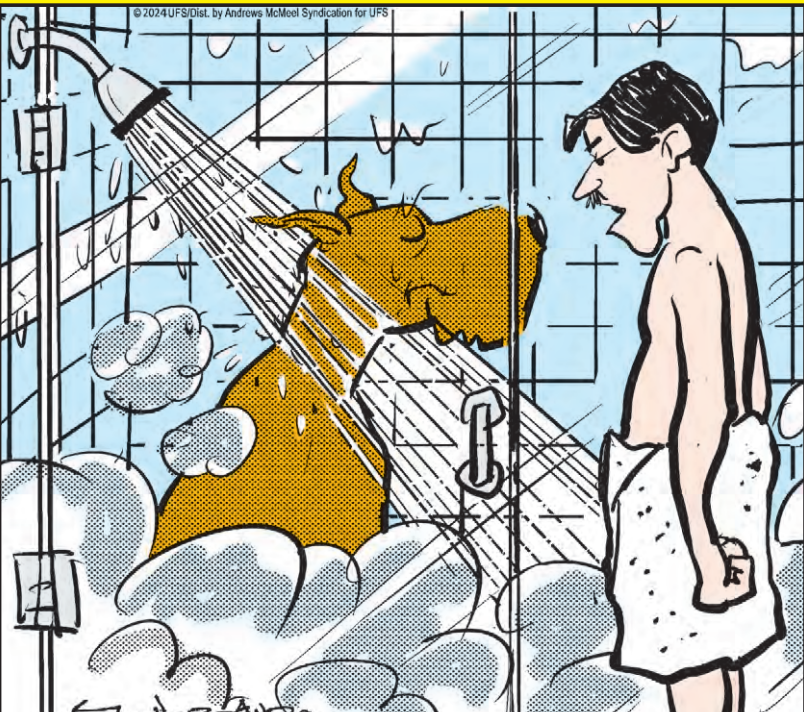
John McPherson



"Bop him on the nose, Larry! Just bop him on the nose and he'll let go!"

Marmaduke

Paul & Brad Anderson



"You won't let me give you a bath but you'll sit in there for an hour?"

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Find the two identical dinners.



NUTRITION: A National Concern

PARENTS: Children don't yet realize that weight is more about having a healthy body and less about how that body looks. To put it into perspective, explain that carrying extra weight means the body must work harder—and that extra work can keep a person from feeling their best.

Comparing Apples and Oranges

$\text{Orange} = 53¢ + 17¢ + 64¢$
 $\text{Apple} = 82¢ + 12¢ + 35¢$

Grocer Joe is thinking about the price per pound of apples and oranges. Which costs more? Write the price per pound on each crate.

Standards Link: Math/Number Sense: Calculate sums using money.

Nutrition Maze

Our bodies need different kinds of nutrients to perform at their peak. The different nutrients we need come from different kinds of food.

Look at the nutrients below. Then follow the maze to find out what each nutrient does for your body and what foods provide each nutrient.

Protein

We get these by eating bread, cereal, pasta and other foods made with grains. These give us energy.

Vitamins

Fruits and vegetables are an important source of these. They make our hair shine, our eyes sparkle and our bodies healthy.

Calcium

We can get this from a variety of foods including dairy products, dark green leafy vegetables, soy beans, almonds, figs, broccoli and butternut squash. Our bodies need it to grow and keep our bones strong.

Carbohydrates

We get this from meat, fish and beans. In order for our muscles and organs to grow and be healthy, our bodies need this.

Standards Link: Health: Students know the nutritional value of foods.

Extra! Extra!

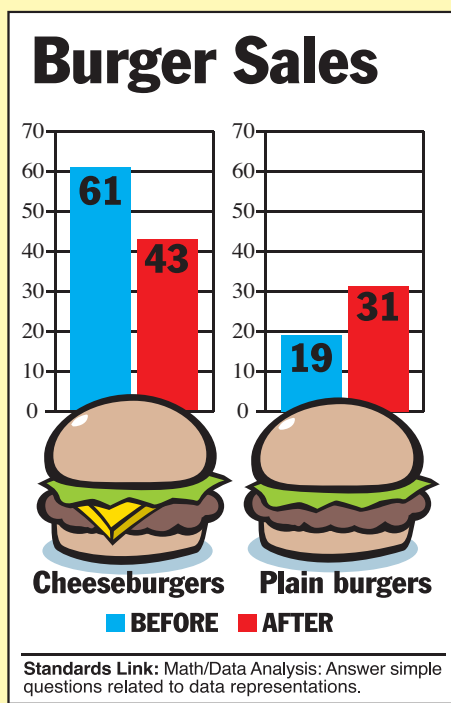
Carrot Classified

Make up a Classified Ad to sell a bunch of carrots. Look at the Classified Ad section of the newspaper to get ideas on how these ads are written.

Standards Link: Writing Applications: Write simple expository descriptions of things.

Posters Make a Point

When a high school in Pennsylvania put up posters telling students how much fat was in different foods, the students changed what they ate for lunch.



Look at the graph that shows what kinds of food they chose *before* and *after* the posters were put up. Then answer these questions:

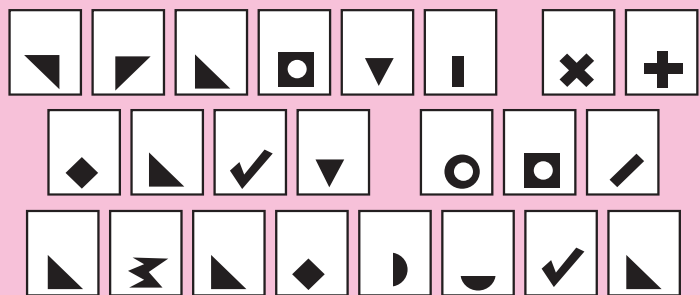
How many fewer cheeseburgers were chosen after the posting of the nutrition posters?

How many more plain burgers were chosen than cheeseburgers after the posting of the nutrition posters?

What do you think the nutrition posters said about the fat content of cheese?

Important Ingredients

Good nutrition is a key ingredient for good health. But there are two more important ingredients you need as well. Use the code to discover them.



SECRET CODE:

ACDEFILNOPRSTXY

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow written directions.

Double Double Word Search

- NUTRITION
- APPLES
- POSTERS
- BREAD
- HEALTH
- SHINE
- CHEESE
- ORGAN
- OBESITY
- BEANS
- FISH
- CALCIUM
- LUNCH
- BURGERS
- BONES

Find the words in the puzzle. How many of them can you find on this page?

M S H C N U L P N S
 U Y T I S E B O N N
 I T L A S Y I S A A
 C H A E E T A T G E
 L S E P I D A E R B
 A H H R P H L R O O
 C T T I H L S S Y N
 E U A T N W E I E E
 N B U R G E R S F S

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

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Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: **NUTRITION**

Nutrition means taking in food for energy and health.

Nutrition is important so that children will grow up healthy and strong.

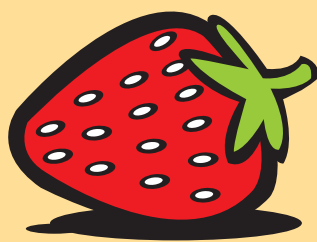
Use the word **nutrition** in a sentence today when talking with your friends, parents or teachers.

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

Talking Heads

Look for newspaper pictures of people's heads. Cut some of these out and glue them onto a piece of paper. Write down something for each one to say about eating well. Draw a bubble around the words to make the pictures look like comics. Ask if you can post these in your lunchroom!

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Blue Devils open season with big 41-0 win over Port Huron Northern

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

The Grosse Pointe South varsity football team seemed to be firing on all cylinders when it went on the road to face Port Huron Northern in the season opener Thursday, Aug. 29. The Blue Devils' offense came up with plenty of big plays and the defense played strong and stout to keep a goose egg on the board, with South

dispatching the Huskies 41-0.

The offense was led by senior quarterback Jack Lupo, who threw for a total of 177 yards and two touchdowns. Both touchdown passes were thrown in the first half and senior receiver Adam Czarnik caught both as he finished the game with three catches for 91 yards and helped South gain a 21-0 advantage at halftime.

"He's a little bigger and

a little stronger than last year and picked up right where he left off with his decision-making," South varsity football head coach Chad Hepner said about Lupo. "His vision was good and he put a few balls right on the money. ... When it comes to our offense, the passing game has shown to be a bit ahead of the run, so that's something we have to work on."

The biggest run of the night came in the second

half when sophomore backup quarterback Sam Rouleau broke a designed QB run play for over 70 yards and found the end zone. That play extended the Blue Devils' lead to 34-0 and Rouleau finished the game as South's leading rusher with 154 yards.

In a game that ended in a shutout win, South's biggest advantage was on defense. Senior linebacker Lex Wilson led the team with 12 tackles and also forced a fumble. Fellow senior Josh Lemanski had 11. Nick Ogden and Noah Hart both came up with interceptions, creating big plays on defense as well.

"We had a number of starters coming back from last year and we were pretty good last year," Hepner said about South's defense. "... They really stepped up on defense as a whole. Getting a shutout is nice and they had to work for it because we put the defense in a bind by turning the ball over, but the defense held tough keeping them out of the end zone."

South returns to Grosse Pointe for its home opener in a game that could be one of the toughest tests of the sea-



PHOTO BY MEG LEONARD

South senior QB Jack Lupo hands the ball off to senior running back Josh Lemanski. Lemanski finished with nine rushing yards, but had 11 tackles on defense.

son. The team hosts Romeo from the MAC Red and their victory over the Bulldogs in 2023 is giving the Blue Devils confidence that they can win again.

"We know Romeo is very well-coached," Hepner said. "On paper, they're probably the best team on our schedule

and they're used to playing tough competition in the MAC Red. We'll have our guys ready. It's nice for the guys we have coming back knowing that they are beatable because we did go up and beat them last year."

South hosts Romeo Friday, Sept. 6, with kickoff scheduled for 7 p.m.



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Grosse Pointe South coach Chad Hepner and his staff address the team and celebrate a season-opening win over Port Huron Northern on Thursday, Aug. 29.

Mistakes trouble North in Week 1 loss to Utica

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

Heading into its Week 1 game against Utica, Grosse Pointe North varsity football knew it would be tested right out of the gate. The Norsemen hosted the Chieftains Thursday, Aug. 29, to open the 2024 football season and needed help finding a rhythm on offense throughout the night, largely due to some costly turnovers, which ultimately led to a 31-7 Utica win.

'Going into Week 2, now we realize what we have.'

JOE DROUIN,
GP NORTH VARSITY FOOTBALL
HEAD COACH

"Week 1 is like throwing spaghetti at the wall and seeing what sticks," North football head coach Joe Drouin said. "We have to see what we've got ... figure out what plays work still. Going into Week 2, now we realize what we have."

Utica took control of the game early last Thursday and never let go. The Chieftains took the lead on the second play from scrimmage when Mahti Gwilly broke an 89-yard run for a touchdown to put Utica up 7-0.

The turnover bug bit the

Norsemen early and often. North fumbled on its opening possession following the Utica touchdown, which led to a Chieftains field goal that made the game 10-0 at the end of the first quarter.

North turned the ball over twice more in the second quarter, both on interceptions. The only points of the second quarter were scored by Utica on another touchdown run by Gwilly, making the score 17-0. Chieftains going into

halftime. Utica had another touchdown in the third quarter to extend its lead to 24 points. The Norsemen finally found some momentum on offense and found themselves in a first and goal-to-go situation only to fumble the ball once again.

The fourth quarter started with another Utica touchdown, extending the deficit to 31 points for North. The Norsemen avoided being shut out when junior quarterback Deon Doe found senior receiver Daylon Doe for a 41-yard touchdown pass. Those were the final

points of the game as the clock ran down and Utica left the Pointes with a victory.

Despite the loss to open the season, North is hopeful it can improve. The team's energy and discipline will be the building blocks for better performances going forward.

The Norsemen are home again in Week 2, hosting Cousino Friday, Sept. 6, with kickoff at 7 p.m.



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Head coach Joe Drouin talks to North junior QB Jacob Sahadi in between plays.



North senior Daylon Doe goes in for a tackle against Utica's Mahti Gwilly.

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Davis helps lead Knights to season-opening win over Denby

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

The start of the 2024 season marked the beginning of a new era for University Liggett School varsity football. The Knights took the field Thursday, Aug.

29, for their first game under a new coaching staff and seemed to click right away as the team rolled to a 28-6 win over Detroit Denby. "There's a special aura in the air and the kids are responsible for it," Liggett football

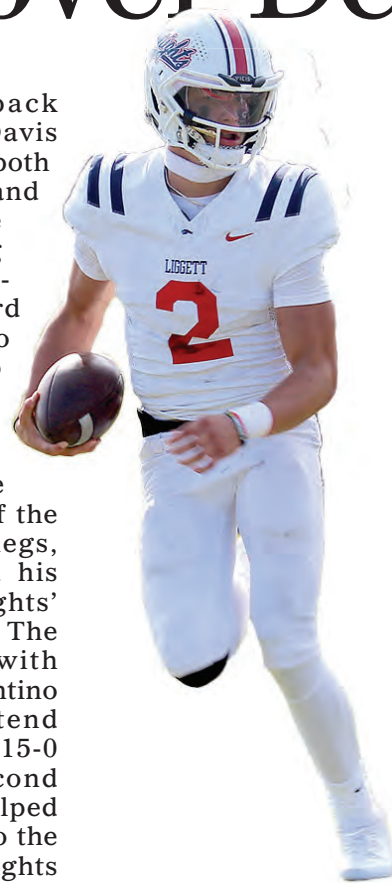
head coach Andre Rison said following the win. "... We're going to continue to be very optimistic and continue to let them have fun and build trust in one another."

At the center of Liggett's win was

junior quarterback Nikkos Davis. Davis had a strong day both through the air and on the ground. He began the scoring by turning a scramble into a 64-yard touchdown run to put the Knights up 7-0, the only points of the first quarter.

After scoring the first touchdown of the game with his legs, Davis showcased his arm for the Knights' next touchdown. The QB connected with senior receiver Santino Cicarella to extend Liggett's lead to 15-0 early in the second quarter. Davis helped add more points to the board for the Knights with a 10-yard touchdown run just a few minutes later. A Denby touchdown late in the first half sent the game into the break at 22-6 in favor of Liggett.

That score held throughout the third quarter with neither team adding to the board. The only points the entire second half came late in the fourth quarter when Liggett running back PJ Walker found the end



PHOTOS BY MIKE ADZIMA

Quarterback Nikkos Davis finished with 230 total yards, including 150 yards rushing, with 2 rushings TDs and one passing TD in Liggett's season-opening win over Denby on Thursday, Aug. 29.

zone from 21 yards out to put the final touches on the victory for the Knights.

Walker finished the game with 70 yards rushing. Davis was the team's leading rusher, tallying 150 yards on the ground while passing for 80.

The win helps the Knights begin the season on a positive note, but there still are certain areas the team knows it can clean up and improve upon, which comes naturally with Week 1 of the season.

"It's part of football," Rison said. "... We won't correct mistakes within the game. We make adjustments within the game. That's something that people don't really realize. It's not correcting mistakes, it's making adjustments in the game and we'll correct the mistakes after."

In Week 2, Liggett will meet an old rival it has not seen in more than three decades. The Knights face off against Detroit Country Day in what will be the 54th meeting all-time between the two schools and first since 1991. Country Day is hosting the game, with kickoff scheduled for 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 7.



Liggett senior Santino Cicarella, left, celebrates a second-quarter touchdown catch with teammate George Claude.



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Runners from Grosse Pointe North and over 20 other schools begin the race at Lake St. Clair Metropark last Wednesday, Aug. 28.

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Pointes runners finish strong at Lake St. Clair Earlybird Invitational

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

Boys cross-country runners from the varsity teams at Grosse Pointe South, Grosse Pointe North and University Liggett School made their way onto the course last week for one of their first races of the season. Norsemen, Blue Devils and Knights gathered at Lake St. Clair Metropark Wednesday, Aug. 28, for the Lake St. Clair Earlybird Invitational, where both South and North ended up with top-10 finishes.

South's team finished fourth in the team

standings, while the Norsemen were eighth. The best individual finish came from South senior Jack Martin, who finished fourth overall with a time of 17:13.7.

The other top-20 individual finish from the Pointes belonged to North's Caleb Kosel. The senior crossed the finish line 16th at 17:52.9. Teythan McKenzie from South was just outside the top 20, finishing 21st. North's Paul Stephens and South's Josh Sonnenberg were 27th and 28th, respectively, to round out the teams' top-30 finishes.

Brody Fitzgibbon and Everett Wood from

South also earned top 50 finishes at 48th and 50th. Liggett's highest finishers were just outside of the top 100. Senior Michael Darlington crossed the line 101st and sophomore Clayton Gady was 109th.

Both North and South's boys cross-country teams are in action again Saturday, Sept. 7, racing in the Algonac Muskrat Classic at Algonac High School beginning at 9:30 a.m. Liggett cross-country races again Wednesday, Sept. 11, against Bishop Foley at Royal Oak's Memorial Park starting at 4:30 p.m.

South boys soccer takes rivalry win over North with late comeback

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

An early-season rivalry boys varsity soccer match between Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South Wednesday, Aug. 28, did not disappoint fans who packed the stands at North. The excitement and drama started right from the opening whistle and did not let up until the final horn sounded, with the Blue Devils ultimately ending up on top 4-3.

Saying the action in last Wednesday's match began from the opening whistle is not an overstatement. The Norsemen worked quickly to create a turnover that ultimately led to a goal by senior captain Matthew Robert, giving North a 1-0 lead less than 30 seconds into the game.

North extended its early lead in the 19th minute with a goal by junior Jakub Lutoborski, making it 2-0 Norsemen. South came up with an answer shortly after, with Joseph Reid scoring in the 22nd minute to pull the Blue Devils back to

within one. Jonah Bukovec then tied the game for the Blue Devils in the 29th minute and the game stayed even at 2-2 heading into halftime.

After an extended halftime due to a weather delay, both North and South came out firing again as soon as they hit the pitch for the second half. The Norsemen were awarded a penalty kick in the opening minutes of the half, but Robert's attempt was stopped by South goalkeeper Emerson Adams to keep the game tied. South then had a few close

chances of its own early in the second half, which were staved off by North keeper Max Purdy.

The 2-2 tie was not broken until well into the second half when North's Ahmad Okar put the Norsemen back on top in the 67th minute. While North tried to hold onto its late lead, South did not let up. The Blue Devils were able to move the ball into North territory and then Onction Zape tapped in a bouncing ball in the box to tie the game 3-3 with just under eight minutes left.

South was not done yet after the late equalizer. In the 74th minute, South senior Joshua Bowman broke through the Norsemen defense and caught a perfect pass from Zape that Bowman was able to put in the back of the net for the deciding goal.

"I think the guys were just able to dig deep and play their style of soccer without worrying about the clock," South boys soccer head coach Chris Bolio said



Matthew Robert from North and South's Nolan Kidder race for the ball during the crosstown rivalry matchup.

about the comeback. "That along with a formation change that allowed us to overload the middle of the field."

The win improved South's record this season to 3-2-1, while North fell to 2-3-1. Last Wednesday's rivalry matchup also was one of the final non-league contests for both teams before they head into their respective MAC

division schedules, with the win providing an extra boost for the Blue Devils before facing their challenging division.

"A win against your crosstown rival is always a big win and it feels great," Bolio said. "The guys are buzzing and ready to go. I really think we go into next week after the holiday and keep the momen-

tum going."

South hosted Henry Ford II Wednesday, Sept. 4, after press time and is in action again at 6 p.m. Monday, Sept. 9, traveling to Port Huron Northern. The Norsemen visited L'Anse Creuse North after press time Wednesday, Sept. 4., and face Sterling Heights on the road at 6 p.m. Monday, Sept. 9.



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South senior Onction Zape scored the tying goal and had an assist on the game-winning goal in the Blue Devils' 4-3 comeback win over Grosse Pointe North on Wednesday, Aug. 28.

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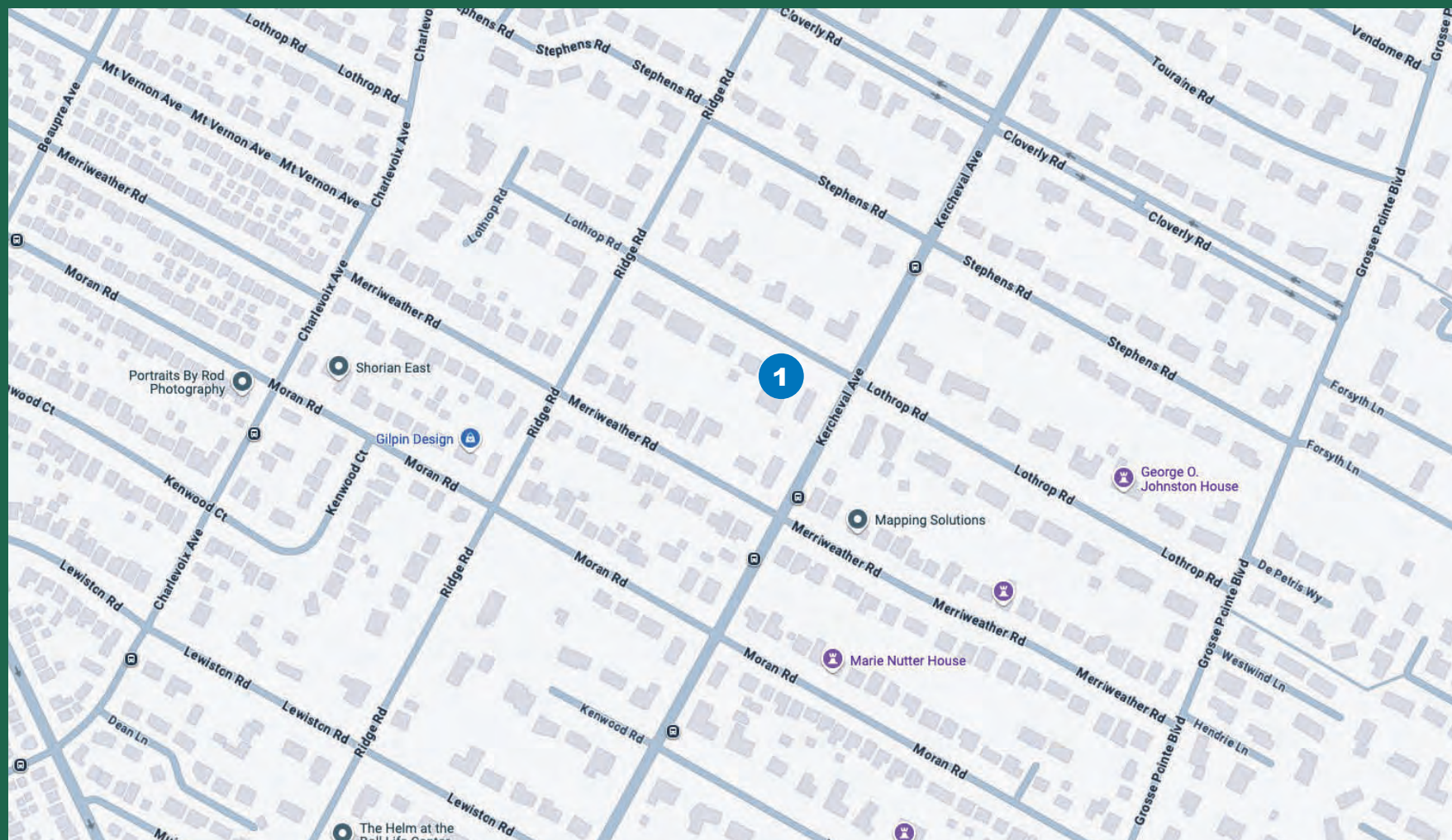
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