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City holds town hall for public safety assessment

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — City Manager Joe Valentine and Public Safety Director John Alcorn hosted a town hall at Maire Elementary School Thursday evening, July 30, to a small crowd of residents and an ask for four years of funding to supplement the municipal budget.

The proposed four-year, 1.25-mill public safety assessment is set for the November ballot and, officials say, is the best short-term option to address compounding years of decreasing revenue, increasing expenditures, deferred equipment purchases and efforts to maintain the same level of service residents expect.

Much of the position the city finds itself in — a position where it has faced a $400,000 to $500,000 budget deficit the last several years — can be attributed to the state's Headlee Amendment, which decreases the city's tax capture each year as property values grow faster than the rate of inflation. Since 2017, Valentine presented, the city has lost roughly $2.1 million in revenue it would have collected, if not for Headlee rollbacks.

"This was put into place in the (late 1970s)," Valentine said. "There were advantages to doing it at that time, but no one really contemplated the impacts 40 years later and that's where we're at now.

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Admin contract vote postponed

By Ted O'Neil
Associate Editor

THE GROSSE POINTES — The Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education delayed a vote on a contract with the Grosse Pointe Administrators Association at its meeting Monday, July 27.

Although it had not been discussed previously, it was listed on the meeting agenda under "action items." New items without prior discussion are generally listed on meeting agendas under "non-action items," or what the board calls a "first read." Those items are then moved to action items, or "second read," for the following meeting.

The change occurred when Trustee Sean Cotton made a motion to amend the agenda and remove it from the action item list.

"I don't think we should have this voted on until the teachers contract is settled," he said, saying it was a matter of equity.

The motion passed 4-3, with Trustee Ginny Jeup, Treasurer Tim Klepp, President Clint Derringer and Cotton voting yes. Vice President Colleen Worden, Secretary Valarie St. John and Trustee Laura Hull were opposed.

The contract could be voted on at the board's meeting Monday, Aug. 17.

The three-year contract, which the GPAA already has approved, includes 1 percent raises the first two years and a 2 percent raise the final year. It also includes a reduction of the last five working days for administrators in June 2027 and the first five in

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Weddings for Warriors

War Memorial launches wedding giveaway for military couple

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — Applications opened over the weekend for The War Memorial's latest community venture, which marries its position as a wedding venue with its core mission of honoring those who serve, enriching the community and delivering exceptional experiences.

Its Weddings for Warriors Giveaway is offering one deserving couple — in which at least one partner is a veteran or active-duty military service member — an all-inclusive wedding ceremony and reception for up to 150 guests at The War Memorial.

"Weddings for Warriors has been something we've envisioned for quite some time," President and CEO Maria Miller said in a release. "Thanks to the extraordinary generosity of local businesses and wedding professionals, that vision has become a reality. Together, we're able to honor one deserving military couple with a celebration that reflects our community's gratitude and The War Memorial's commitment to honoring those who have served in meaningful and memorable ways."

The wedding package, valued at around $85,000, includes a wedding planner, food and beverages, bridal gown and groom's suit, wedding cake, photographer, floral arrangements, officiant, DJ, limo and more — thanks to the generosity of many local businesses.

"We enlisted the support of so many local and area vendors that are in the wedding business to cover pretty much everything except for the rings," Miller said.

Only the first 100 applicants will be eligible, with the application period closing at 11:59 p.m.

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COURTESY PHOTO

The War Memorial team intends to make its Weddings for Warriors Giveaway an annual occurrence.

Pipes can't take the pressure

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — A spate of drinking water service interruptions recently was attributed to water pressure overwhelming old pipes.

All breaks happened in sections of relatively brittle, cast-iron pipe due for replacement in the coming years.

"They're water main breaks," said Tom Jenny, director of public works. "They're due to high (water) pressure."

No breaks happened in new, composite pipes installed within the last few years.

Pipe failures due to increased water usage are typical during summer.

"In most areas, the amount of water homeowners use to keep their lawns green or gardens lush spikes in the summer — two to four times as much water than they use the rest of the year," according to "When it's Hot," in the WaterSense section of epa.gov. "And those with timed outdoor watering systems often forget to monitor the weather or set their irrigation controllers back in the fall, leading to more overwatering during the cooler months."

In the same way ground shifts during the wintertime freeze-thaw cycle, dry ground can shift during hot weather, stressing pipes and causing breaks.

Breaks in the Park began Sunday morning, July 19, on Trombley between Essex and Jefferson.

Another happened nearly 10 days later the afternoon of Wednesday, July 29. A break caused low pressure in the 1000 and 1100 blocks of Lakepointe. Repairs took until the next day while a fix-it crew obtained parts.

A one-day lull and then, Thursday, July 30, service was interrupted on the 500 and 600 blocks of Barrington due to the need for emergency repairs.

That afternoon, service was off while repairs were completed in the 500 and 600 blocks of Barrington.

Around the same time, a break temporarily cut service on Mack Avenue from Beaconsfield to Wayburn and the 1400 block of Lakepointe.

Later afternoon Friday, July 31, there was a break in the 1100 block of Balfour.

On Saturday, Aug. 1, there were two breaks. One in the 700 block of Middlesex required about 2 1/2 hours to repair. The second was during the evening in the 1000 block of Cadieux.

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Shores approves public safety contracts

By Ted O'Neil
Associate Editor

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — City council at its July meeting approved contracts with its public safety command staff and dispatchers.

Both are for three years and passed 5-0, with councilmen John Seago and John Dakmak absent.

The command staff, which includes two lieutenants and four sergeants, will get 3 percent wage increases each year and a 1 percent increase in their deferred compensation, according to City Manager Steve Poloni.

Poloni added the contract included very few changes from the previous one, other than some minor scheduling changes.

The dispatch contract mirrors the one signed by Grosse Pointe Woods, which handles dispatching duties for the Shores. It includes pay raises of 5 percent, 4.5 percent and 4 percent.

"That's the same as what the Woods agreed to," Poloni said. "We had budgeted 3.5 percent for the first year, but there are ways to work around that."

The Shores transferred its dispatch and lock-up duties to the Woods in 2020, after a $500,000 grant from the state allowed the latter to upgrade both services. The Shores previously had the same arrangement with Grosse Pointe Farms since 2011.

Grosse Pointe Park and the City of Grosse Pointe have a similar setup.

Poloni said the Shores also agreed to give the Woods $100,000 — one-third of the total cost — for new dispatch equipment the state has mandated to be in place by the 2027-28 fiscal year.

He also made mention of the ongoing talks about a consolidated dispatch center for all five Pointes.

As reported earlier, Park officials have reached out to Rep. Shri Thanedar in hopes of obtaining a $5 million grant toward building a centralized dispatch center.

"Centralized dispatch savings would come from consolidating personnel and having all the technology and infrastructure in one building, not three or four," Park Public Safety Director Jim Bostock said previously.

The grant request also was filed with U.S. Sens. Gary Peters and Elissa Slotkin.

Bostock added that software licensing costs would be cut by 33 percent if the plan comes to fruition, as well as reducing personnel costs and redundant equipment purchases. It also would reduce duplication in the number of call transfers between cities and streamline mutual aid responses between them.

While a site has not been chosen, it also could potentially house a consolidated lock-up facility as well, with one of the existing dispatch/lock-ups being used as a backup.





Standing tall

Sunday, Aug. 2, a turkey was enjoying the beautiful sunny morning perched on part of the fence surrounding Pointe Park Condominiums, at the corner of Jefferson and Lakepointe, Grosse Pointe Park. Observant residents Frank and Lisa Kurta were quick to capture a photo of this proud mama, as she looked after her offspring trotting on the ground.

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Now people are realizing that that tax structure in the state is hampering communities and their ability to generate revenue to run their operations.

"That's why you see more communities going to millages, Headlee overrides, assessments, whatever tools are available to them so that they can continue to meet the operations of their communities."

City hall's plan — as was explained to residents who questioned an assessment versus a millage versus a bond — is a jigsaw puzzle of sorts, designed to slide the right piece into the right formula.

The big picture shows an assessment is the only vehicle not subject to Headlee rollbacks, which would decrease the city's capture each of the four years, lessening its positive impact on budgetary constraints.

Zooming in further reveals a public safety assessment would allow the city not only to offset its largest budgetary line item — public safety accounts for $4 million of the city's annual budget — but also take the portion of the general fund that for four years won't have to be funneled into public safety to catch up on deferred maintenance and expenses in other departments, specifically, necessary repairs to the aging Neff Park pool and public works vehicle purchases that already have been deferred a number of years.

"We're supplanting funds within that budget and we're lessening the demand on the general fund in order to meet the demands of the public safety department," Valentine explained, should the assessment pass the ballot. "… We've worked to lay out a tentative plan looking at the next four years to address the needs of the public safety operation with the public safety assessment and then leveraging that additional funding in the general fund to address the needs of the pool and in the public works operation."

Some residents during the town hall questioned whether city officials are trying to pull one over on residents by requesting funding for public safety, which most everyone supports, only to use some of it for other departments.

"I think you're trying to scare us to say, 'Oh, we've got to give more money to public safety,' when really you're just switching money around," one woman said.

Rather than asking voters for a millage specific to the pool and DPW, Valentine said, a public safety assessment — which only recently, in 2022, became an available option to cities with populations less than 15,500 — allows the city to address those needs while circumventing Headlee rollbacks.

Further, the assessment's revenue also would be going toward public safety, both for its operations and a significant amount in capital needs including a new firetruck, encrypted police radios, firefighter gear, the replacement of significantly aging scout cars and more.

"We're a 24/7, 365-day-a-year operation," Alcorn said. "All of our equipment is expensive and very necessary."

The city did approach voters in 2024, with an approved request for a $15 million sewer bond, of which $1.4 million could be allocated to capital needs purchases; however, the vast majority of the bond never was issued, given the city's FEMA grant fell through.

"That money technically is still available, but we don't want to issue that because we're going to be paying more on the same equipment than if we did this with an assessment," Valentine said, alluding to the interest component of bonds. "We're going to be paying it back over a longer period of time and we're going to be paying more money."

The public safety assessment would cost the average taxpayer around $281 a year and generate $613,750 in annual revenue.

"I think the cost is well worth it," resident Eileen Devine said. "If you look at the average price and break it down, it's $281 a year, $23 a month. It's like dinner at McDonald's practically. It just seems like this is a good place to put your money and I support it."

The PowerPoint presented during last week's town hall, in addition to an FAQ sheet and the ballot language, are available on the city's website at grossepointecity.org.

Corrections

The article, "Park man sentenced," printed in the July 30 Grosse Pointe News, misstated the relationship between the defendant and the victims depicted in the manipulated images. The article has been corrected.

The article "Former Woods officer battling ALS" in the June 23 edition should have said Jim Arthur retired from the Grosse Pointe Woods Department of Public Safety in 2020.

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Park guests like what they see

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — An influx of Farms residents to Windmill Pointe Park this summer hasn't strained recreation staff.

Officials in the Park and Grosse Pointe Woods granted access to Farms residents while the latter's municipal pool at Pier Park is closed for reconstruction. Farms officials paid each city $20,000 for the privilege, which Park administrators invested in beefed-up personnel.

"It's been great to have additional staff to help us out," said Xavier Erskine, in his second year as Windmill's pool supervisor and fourth year as one of its lifeguards. During the school year, Erskine studies construction engineering at Michigan Technological University.

He said Farms residents appear impressed with Windmill's offerings.

"They seem happy with features we have here," Erskine said.

The arrangement between the cities was forecast to increase pool usage in the Park an average of nearly 40 people per day.

Chad Craig, director of parks and recreation, tallied the daily range of Farms residents using the pool from 10 to nearly 100 depending on the day of the week and weather.

"Many Farms residents have commented about how close we are to the water," said Tom Fraser, Windmill's harbor master and inner gatehouse employee.

Windmill's outer pier, outfitted with benches for sightseers, is around 1,000 feet from the freighter channel in Lake St. Clair, the closest in the Grosse Pointes.

"But the big thing they talk about is the vibe and the gardens," Fraser said. "They love our gardens."

"It makes me happy that people are happy," said Corin Vance, head of the Park's gardening department.

"I talk to everyone who comes through that gate," Fraser said. "They talk about our great staff and our gardens."

Vance used to do all the work herself. Now she has a three-person staff, including Suzanne Orlicki and her daughter, Katie.

"Everything's been going really smoothly," Vance said.

No problems with rabbits.

"We're getting everything mulched, potted, watered and fertilized — the whole thing," Vance said. "We have a great staff and work well together."

"We have a bit older staff this year so they're more familiar with the groundwork," said Chad Craig, director of parks and recreation. "We're also utilizing the entire team when Corin and her staff need assistance. So, we have a larger staff overall for maintenance of facilities. But Corin's team is a bit more experienced and can manage a workload better than a younger staff could."

"It is work, but I like being outside and seeing things beautiful," Vance said.

A tough thing about managing seasonal employees is by the time they've mastered their jobs, it seems they're ready to return to school.

"A big strength this season has been our lifeguards," Craig said. "We have a strong head-guard team, a great number of lifeguards and a great pool supervisor. The staff has been eager to work and pick up shifts. It's been a pretty smooth operation at the pool this year, which has been really nice."

Terms of the Farms arrangement are for half of Farms residents to alternate access to Park and Woods pools during the first and second halves of summer.

"The biggest thing I've gotten from it is residents that came here during the first part of summer asked to stay for the second half of summer as well," Craig said. "They like all we have to offer. A goal of mine is for them to move from the Farms to the Park."

First-half carry-overs aren't allowed unless a Farms resident enrolled in a summer-long recreation program, such as morning lap swimming.

"But for overall usage, they have to make the transition to the Woods," Craig said.



Fantastyland

There are several fairy gardens scattered throughout the Grosse Pointes. This particular one resides in the 1900 block of Allard in Grosse Pointe Woods. This garden has a wishing well in front, a door for fairies to shelter inside the tree, a red mushroom for them to sit under for shade and a little house complete with supplies, a table, a fireplace and dishes.

PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

The Week Ahead

MONDAY, AUG. 10

- Grosse Pointe Woods Committee-of-the-Whole meeting, 6:45 p.m.
- Grosse Pointe Woods City Council meeting, 7 p.m.
- Grosse Pointe Park City Council meeting, 7 p.m.

TUESDAY, AUG. 11

- Grosse Pointe Shores Finance Committee meeting, 9 a.m.
- Main Street Grosse Pointe Board of Directors meeting, 6:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 12

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

THURSDAY, AUG. 13

- Grosse Pointe Woods TIFA meeting, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY, AUG. 15

- Park Farmers Market, 9 a.m. to noon at Kercheval and Lakepointe.

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Saturday, Aug. 22.

Hard and fast requirements for the application process are that at least one member of the couple must be an active-duty service member or veteran of the United States Armed Forces; couples must provide proof of military service; and couples must be legally eligible to marry.

"It's open to anybody geographically," COO Nikki Charbonneau said, "just like our organization."

Following the application period, an internal selection committee will choose three finalist couples. Each finalist then will be invited to share their story through a short video and, from Sept. 8 to 22, the public will have the opportunity to vote for the winning couple, who will be announced Wednesday, Sept. 23.

"We've been honorable mention for Hour Detroit Best Wedding Venue in the past, but this year, we won that award, which is a really big deal," Charbonneau said. "We were in the running with some amazing venues — Shinola, Book Tower, Roostertail — and we won this year, so for us to launch (Weddings for Warriors) this year, also being named the top wedding venue in Detroit is kind of huge. We're excited for it."

There also is still time for any additional vendors to offer their services.

"There might be something we haven't thought about," Charbonneau said, "so if there's other vendors out there that want to participate, it's not too late. They can reach out to us. Maybe an ice sculpturist wants to donate. If anybody else wants to jump on, we're happy to accept."

The winning couple's wedding will be scheduled for either the period of January to April 2027 or November to December 2027.

For further details and to apply, visit warmemorial.org/weddings-for-warriors.

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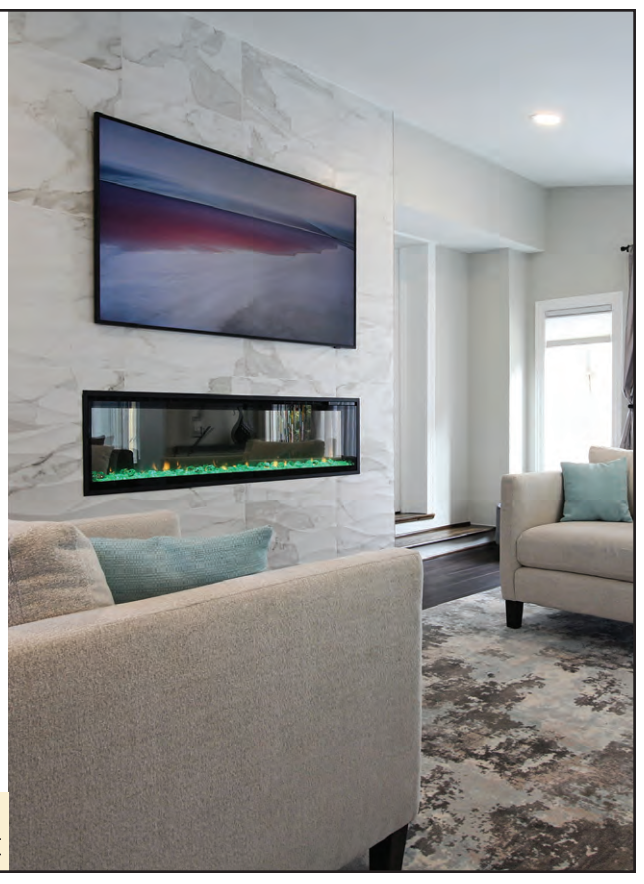



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Architect designs for social equity, sustainability and community

By Meg Kelly
Editorial Intern

For architect, professor and City of Grosse Pointe resident Scott Shall, the built environment has never been just about materials or drawings. To him, it is a powerful building block for social equity, environmental sustainability and direct human connection.

Shall's journey into the architectural world began at a surprisingly young age.

"I first wanted to become an architect in the third grade," he said. "My interest was triggered when an architect visited our classroom to present the designs for the new high school, which I would one day attend. I was hooked."

While this childhood enthusiasm sparked the initial interest, his vision of what architecture truly means evolved as his career grew. He became intrigued by the challenges of creating well-formed architecture, a concept he learned goes far beyond traditional aesthetics to really grasp "social and environmental justice, economics, material science, fabrication and computer programming."

Today, he works at the intersection of technology, design and social equity, because he views architecture as "a creative action of collective stewardship, dedicated to achieve maximal gain with minimal means."



Scott Shall

As a professor at Lawrence Technological University, co-founder of the residential design firm houm and founder and director of the Grosse Pointe-based International Design Clinic, or IDC, Shall has spent decades building philosophy into structures and community partnerships.

His interest in residential design began more than 25 years ago while teaching at the University of Louisiana, where he was fascinated by the efficiency and honest, utilitarian nature of local buildings. That curiosity led him to learn more about the housing delivery system and ask why traditional home construction continues to rely on methods that are a century old.

In 2019, Shall co-founded houm with Breck Crandell, a design director at Three Squared Inc., aiming to influence emerging technologies to disrupt that approach and produce high-quality, eco-friendly and cost-effective homes that work with their specific environments.

In 2024, houm completed the Cochrane Home, located just a few miles from Grosse Pointe in Detroit. The 1,600-square-foot, three-bedroom, two-bathroom home with an attached accessory dwelling unit was constructed on a narrow infill lot. By matching the design with natural environmental patterns like gravity, air, light and sunlight, the project cut in half the energy required for heating and cooling while also reducing construction costs 35 percent, material waste 33 percent and build time 33 percent.



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE IDC

chainlinkGREEN by the IDC uses the components of an abandoned lot to create an outdoor garden and classroom in North Philadelphia.

The project earned high praise, including a 2025 American Institute of Architects Detroit Honor Award for Housing, a 2025 AIA Michigan Honor Award for Housing and honorable mention from the international Architecture MasterPrize program.

"These awards are a confirmation of houm's approach," Shall said. "These awards were earned not only because the home was able to be built for less time, money and energy than other homes, but because these gains were realized through a unique, replicable approach to design and construction. The Cochrane Home is, thus, both a home and a manifestation of over two decades of thinking and work. It is our first built prototype and a test of the process we are building."

For Shall, incorporating custom design software into the process strengthens the work.

"However," he noted, "this is only the case because I am constantly critiquing both it and its outputs so that I might make improvements. Absent this commitment to critique, the software would become a crutch."

Beyond his commercial and academic work, Shall founded IDC in 2006, to unleash the creative skills of designers. He created the nonprofit based on three core beliefs: "That our world is facing multiple crises, that these issues are much too complex to simply be solved by throwing money at them and that designers and other creative professionals are uniquely trained to help," he said.

Located in Grosse Pointe, IDC has completed projects across five continents. One particularly memorable effort occurred in 2023, when Shall led a team of 12 designers to South Africa. Working with local materials, the team built a school for a community in need in less than two weeks on a budget of less than $1,400.



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By maximizing passive solar gain, framing views and referencing the traditional gabled forms of surrounding community, the front elevation of the Cochrane Home in Corktown responds to both environmental and neighborhood contexts.

"Upon completion of the shelter, Bloomie, the founder of the school, who had given her life and most of her very modest home to make the school happen in the first place, fell to her knees, crying with gratitude," Shall recalled. "This hit me hard, as the founder was a person of incredible character, who thought nothing of giving everything she had to help the children in her community. To know that our little work had impacted her like this really impacted me."

Shall has earned international recognition for his work, including exhibiting in the American Pavilion at the Venice Architecture Biennale, speaking at the World Congress of Architects and being featured in Interior Design magazine alongside renowned visionaries like Buckminster Fuller, OMA and Kengo Kuma & Associates.

Shall believes architects play a key structural role in addressing societal problems like housing access and social inequality by acting as translators within teams.

"They are trained to speak with equal eloquence to engineers, artists, politicians, business leaders and community activists," Shall said. "It is difficult to overstate the value of this skill when engaging such issues."

He also emphasized that his work continues to be shaped directly by the communities in which he works.

"My work has been profoundly influenced by myriad designers, writers and thinkers," Shall said. "However, I believe the largest influence has been the communities we have served, who are quite clear in their critiques as long as you are observant enough to see and humble enough to hear. Two decades working with the residents of so-called informal settlements have taught me more than any book that I have read and inspired me more than any work of design I have ever seen."

When guiding the next generation of architects at Lawrence Tech, Shall said ambitions must be paired with discipline and self-examination.

"Graduating students need to realize that noble ambitions can only be realized if pursued doggedly, with focus, creativity and a spirit of continual self-examination," he said. "Without that discipline, the designers' good intentions can end up reinforcing the very problems they were meant to fix."

Looking ahead, Shall remains committed to serving Detroit and overseas.

"I entered the field of architecture to make the world around me more sustainable, inclusive and beautiful," he said. "I believe that I have done this in small ways through my efforts with both the IDC and houm, here in Detroit and abroad. I believe my legacy will be found in the work and efforts of those whom I have taught. Their practices will outlive me and have a far bigger impact upon the world than my own."

Finding Breast Cancer Early Saves Lives: The Importance of Breast Cancer Screening



By Michelle Ramsdell, M.D

Breast cancer is the most commonly diagnosed cancer in women. Approximately 1 in 8 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer during their lifetime. Although its incidence continues to rise, early detection significantly improves treatment options and survival. That's why annual 3D screening mammography (digital breast tomosynthesis) remains the gold standard for breast cancer screening.

Major medical organizations, including the American College of Radiology, the Society of Breast Imaging, the American Society of Breast Surgeons, and the National Comprehensive Cancer Network, recommend yearly screening mammograms beginning at age 40 for women at average risk. Screening can detect cancers before they can be felt, when they are smaller, less likely to have spread, and often easier to treat.

While mammography is the best screening test for all women, dense breast tissue can make some cancers more difficult to detect because both dense tissue and tumors appear white on a mammogram. For women with dense breasts, supplemental screening with Automated Breast Ultrasound (ABUS) or breast MRI may increase cancer detection. Breast MRI is generally recommended for women at high risk, including those with certain genetic mutations, a strong family history, or other significant risk factors. ABUS is an excellent supplemental screening option for women with dense breasts who are at average risk. Discuss with your primary care physician or radiologist whether supplemental screening is appropriate.

Many women delay screening because of common misconceptions. Some worry that mammograms are painful, involve excessive radiation, or lead to unnecessary biopsies. In reality, any discomfort is brief, radiation exposure is very low, and most women recalled for additional imaging do not have breast cancer. Others believe screening is unnecessary because they have no symptoms or family history, yet most women diagnosed with breast cancer have neither.

The goal of breast cancer screening is to detect cancer early, before it causes symptoms. Annual 3D mammography, combined with supplemental screening when appropriate, provides the best opportunity to find breast cancer at its earliest, most treatable stage. If you're due for your annual mammogram, don't wait. Schedule your appointment today. Early detection saves lives.

Dr. Michelle Ramsdell is a board-certified diagnostic radiologist specializing in MRI and breast imaging. She practices at the Comprehensive Breast Care Center at Corewell Health Beaumont Grosse Pointe Hospital. Call to schedule your mammogram today at (800) 328-8542 or book online at https://mychart.corewellhealth.org/MyChart/openscheduling

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PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

Grosse Pointe Farms

Suspicious transaction

An area shop reported a 56-year-old Detroit man Monday, July 27, for attempting to purchase on two recent occasions four tires with credit cards that were declined each time.

The man already is on probation for identity theft.

Suspended license

A 43-year-old Detroit man was arrested for driving with a suspended license at 9:59 a.m. Tuesday, July 28, after he was pulled over at Kercheval and Moross for illegally tinted front windows.

A 38-year-old Detroit woman was arrested for the same infraction at 3:16 p.m. that afternoon after she was pulled over at Mack and Lanoo for an expired license plate.

Lurking

A resident in the 400 block of Moran called 911 at 11 p.m. Tuesday, July 28, when he noticed two teenage boys on bikes looking into cars.

The caller confronted them and they fled before officers could locate them.

No turn on red

A 22-year-old Detroit woman was arrested on a domestic assault warrant out of Shelby Township at 12:16 p.m. Wednesday, July 29, after being pulled over near Lakeshore and Moross for turning right on a posted "no turn on red" sign.

Felony warrant

A 19-year-old Warren man was arrested for an active felony fleeing warrant out of Warren at 8:08 a.m. Friday, July 31, after he was pulled over at Mack and McKinley for illegal front window tint and excessive exhaust noise.

— Laurel Kraus

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

City of Grosse Pointe

Stolen clothes

A 19-year-old Detroit woman turned herself in last week for stealing more than $1,000 in clothes from a Village store in early July.

A non-custody warrant also was issued for one of her partners in crime.

Stolen food

A Coney Island DoorDash delivery worth $25 was stolen just moments after it was delivered to a rear porch in the 600 block of St. Clair at 7:36 p.m. Wednesday, July 29.

The theft was caught on video and an investigation is ongoing.

Stolen gun

A handgun was stolen from inside an unlocked truck on Sycamore Lane between 8 p.m. Thursday, July 30, and 7:30 a.m. the next morning.

Stolen bike

An unlocked REV DRT Co-op mountain bike worth $400 was stolen from the bike racks at Neff Park between 4 and 9:30 p.m. Friday, July 31.

— Laurel Kraus

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

Grosse Pointe Park

Two car thefts

Cars were on the carry-out list of bad guys during morning and midafternoon hours Friday, July 31.

◆ Between 12:15 and 11:50 a.m., a dark blue 2019 Lincoln Navigator was stolen while parked in the 1300 block of Harvard.

"The key fob was left in the vehicle," police said.

◆ Between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. in the 1000 block of Beaconsfield, someone went joyriding in a 2020 Kia Sportage that had been parked at the curb.

"Broken glass was observed where the vehicle was parked," police said. "The vehicle was located unoccupied by Detroit police near East Warren and Kensington."

— Brad Lindberg

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

Grosse Pointe Woods

E-temper

An adult male resident was arrested around 10 p.m. Monday, July 27, after damaging a juvenile's e-bike at Ferry Elementary School.

The man said he believed the juvenile riding the e-bike was the same person who harassed his son the previous week.

Unlocked

An unlocked bicycle was stolen from outside a business in the 20400 block of Mack around 10 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 1, while the owner was inside shopping.

Not cool

The owner of a home in the 900 block of Hollywood filed a report around 5 p.m. Monday, July 27, stating his air conditioner was stolen sometime between Friday, July 24, and the following Monday.

—Ted O'Neil

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

Grosse Pointe Shores

Seeing things

A resident on Ballantyne reported seeing someone jump out of a car and hide in the bushes in front of their house around 11:30 p.m. Thursday, July 30.

A check by officers did not find anyone in the bushes.

No Evel Knievel

A 21-year-old City of Grosse Pointe man was ticketed for no insurance and an expired license plate after being pulled over on his motorcycle on Lakeshore around 10:15 p.m. Friday, July 31. His Kawasaki also was impounded.

—Ted O'Neil

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

Shores makes library board appointment

By Ted O'Neil
Associate Editor

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — City council at its July meeting appointed resident Michelle Fleming to the Grosse Pointe Public Library Board of Trustees.

Each of the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods appoints one member to staggered four-year terms, with each city appointing an at-large member on a rotating basis to a four-year term. The at-large appointment is so the board has seven members to avoid a potential 3-3 tied vote on any particular matter.

Fleming was chosen from among four candidates.

"As a mother of four, I understand firsthand how families utilize the library's spaces, materials and digital resources," she told council.

Fleming said she and her husband have four children younger than age 8, including one with autism.

"Accessibility and inclusion are very important to me," she said. "I don't want to prevent anyone from attending activities and events at the library."

Fleming, a civilian program manager for the U.S. Army, said she has lived in the Shores for 39 years and worked at the Woods branch during college.

"Libraries need to be relevant in an ever-changing digital world," she added, noting how the new makerspace at the Woods branch fits that goal.

Fleming said she'd like to see the library add sensory kits for outdoor reading and story walks involving scavenger hunts at each of the municipal parks.

"This is tough," Mayor Ted Kedzierski said when it came time to make the appointment.

Councilwoman Danielle Gehlert agreed.

"All of them were very eloquent and passionate in their positions," she said.

Fleming ended up being approved 5-0, with councilmen John Dakmak and John Seago absent.

"I love your energy and I love your ideas," Kedzierski told her.

Fleming's term runs through June 2030. Other board members, with their appointing city and term expiration, are:

◆ Bob Allen, Grosse Pointe Farms, June 2030,

◆ Thomas Peck, Grosse Pointe Woods, June 2028,

◆ Marina Houghton, Grosse Pointe Shores, June 2028,

◆ Susan Higman Larsen, Grosse Pointe Park, June 2028,

◆ Greg Bowens, Harper Woods, June 2028 and

◆ Tyler Shaw, City of Grosse Pointe, June 2030.

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OUR VIEW

Some numbers to consider

Collective bargaining can be a tricky — and at times entertaining — process. Even the most casual news observer in metro Detroit is probably aware of the dog-and-pony show that occurs every four years during negotiations between the UAW and the Big Three.

The same proved true during the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education meeting Monday, July 27.

As our story on page 1A details, there was some discussion early in the meeting about the contract between the board and the Grosse Pointe Administrators Association.

Although it had not been discussed previously, it was listed on the meeting agenda under "action items." New items without prior discussion generally are listed on meeting agendas under "non-action items," or what the board calls a "first read." Those items then are moved to action items, or "second read," for the following meeting.

Trustee Sean Cotton made a motion to amend the agenda, saying he did not think it would be appropriate to approve the contract before the Grosse Pointe Education Association's contract was settled.

Vice President Colleen Worden, however, disagreed.

"The approval of this agreement is based on the fact we already had a first reading," she insisted. "You had ample opportunity to be at the last meeting to talk about it and you chose not to be here."

At that point, President Clint Derringer, with assistance from Acting Superintendent Roy Bishop, set the record straight.

"As a point of clarification, there were three collective bargaining agreements discussed at the last meeting, but the GPAA was not one of them, so this did not get discussed openly as a first read," he said.

Secretary Valarie St. John said she did not want to "pit union groups against each other," and not approving the contract could be considered bargaining in bad faith. At that point, Mr. Cotton — who is an attorney — chided her for trying to interpret the law.

The motion eventually passed 4-3, with Trustee Ginny Jeup, Treasurer Tim Klepp, Mr. Derringer and Mr. Cotton voting in favor. Ms. Worden and Ms. St. John were joined by Trustee Laura Hull in voting against.

It was surprising Ms. Worden and Ms. Hull voted that way, given they were endorsed by the GPEA in the last election cycle and often talk about supporting teachers. Doubly surprising for Ms. Hull, given she is a teacher and taught in GPPSS at one time.

Kudos to Mr. Derringer for reiterating his campaign promise of two years ago that he has recused himself from any negotiation talks as his wife is a member of the GPEA.

Contract talks usually come down to one thing. Labor wants more than management can afford and management has to worry about the bottom line while being fair to labor.

Mr. Bishop put it well: "I want to reaffirm our commitment to a fair, competitive and financially sustainable agreement while preserving the relationships that make this district strong. Teachers are incredibly valuable and the way we negotiate is just as important as what we negotiate."

John Kava, the board's legal counsel from Collins & Blaha, added, "We've continued to move forward the last few months with very robust discussions. The teachers have brought a lot of very important things to the table. We want to provide as much as we can while maintaining a stable budget."

As has been mentioned several times in the past, employee costs take up 85 percent of the district's budget.

Anyone who attended or watched the meeting noticed several GPEA members in their red shirts. Several spoke during public comment, saying teachers in other districts are better off.

Data from the Michigan Department of Education shows the average teacher salary statewide is $71,000 a year. In GPPSS, that figure is $86,000.

A GPEA social media post says that teachers in Chippewa Valley, Lakeview, Northville, Farmington, Dearborn and Detroit make 11 percent to 19 percent more than GPPSS teachers after 10 years in the classroom. MDE data also shows average teacher salaries in those districts are lower than in GPPSS, ranging from $79,000 to $84,000.

But aside from salary, the overarching issue is total compensation, primarily including health insurance, payroll taxes and retirement costs. A school budget does not care if a dollar goes to salary or benefits.

According to the district's 2025 employee compensation report — available on the GPPSS website under the transparency button — the average yearly total compensation for teachers is $150,706. Some total compensation reaches as high as $200,000, with 54 teachers making $100,000 or more in salary. Out of 389 teachers, 322 have a total compensation above $100,000.

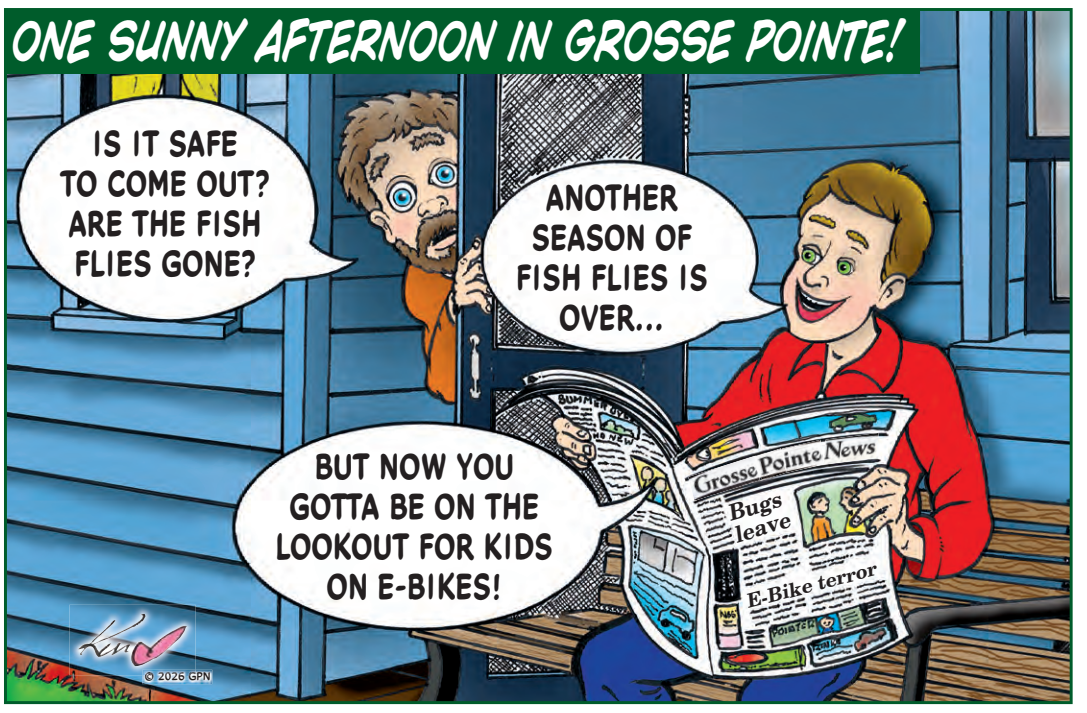
We agree that a good salary and benefits package is key to attracting and retaining good talent, which GPPSS appears to offer. We are confident that both sides will continue to negotiate in good faith and reach a reasonable agreement while preserving a strong fund balance by the end of the month without needing to bargain in public.

On a side note, Tom Torrento, the band director at Grosse Pointe North High School, recently posted on social media he needs $16,500 to replace drum line equipment and that students now in band camp are using pool noodles as cushioning around neck harnesses.

We are sure the Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education would be willing to help, but its fall grants are not announced until December, too late for football and competition season.

Imagine if there were a group, or two, that already had given more than $1 million to the district but were driven away by petty politics.

Donations to the North band may be made at shorturl.at/XEj0q.



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FROM THE OWNER By Sean Cotton

Fauci fails us again

We usually stick to local news and local opinions. You can find more than enough coverage of national and global issues from all sides. However, because we covered the COVID-19 response exhaustively in 2020 and 2021, I believe it is relevant to address Anthony Fauci's July 29 testimony before the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee.



I had hoped Fauci would be forthcoming in his testimony. I hoped he would address the serious questions about whether our government may have funded research that contributed to the creation of the virus that ravaged our society and transformed our government into something many Americans barely recognized. I also hoped he would explain how we arrived at such a totalitarian response to the virus so we ensure it never happens again.

Unfortunately for the American people, Fauci refused to answer the questions put to him by the committee. He invoked the Fifth Amendment, the well-known constitutional right that protects a person from being compelled to provide testimony that could be self-incriminating. This protection was important to the Founding Fathers because England had historically forced people, sometimes through torture, to testify against themselves and subjected them to proceedings in the infamous Star Chamber.

Attorneys and politicians have raised the credible legal argument that the Fifth Amendment should be inapplicable to Fauci because former President Joe Biden gave him a blanket pardon before leaving office, thereby removing any jeopardy of self-incrimination for conduct covered by the pardon. The Supreme Court ruled more than a century ago that if a person faces no legal danger of being held liable for a criminal offense, that person must comply with lawful inquiries. It appears that the pardon and federal laws would protect Fauci from prosecu-

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I SAY By Renee Landuyt

Helpful hacks: Useful tips, tricks and great ideas



Some of you might remember back in the day when newspapers or magazines gave tips for ways to do things, whether it was with kids or around the house or anywhere to make life a little easier. People would put the list on the fridge to keep the tips and tricks easily accessible. I don't see that so much anymore, so I thought I would search for tips or tricks to help you get organized in your home, your car or life in general. You don't have to hang it on your fridge and these won't solve all your problems, but keep it somewhere convenient in case any of these work for you.

Want your plants to stay healthier? Give their roots a nutrient boost by using water left over from cooking hard-boiled eggs, potatoes or pasta; just make sure the water has completely cooled off before adding it to a plant. This can help fortify the plant roots, feed the soil and help the plants grow stronger.

Does your cooler have a funky smell? Moisture trapped inside creates a damp environment for odor-causing bacteria. Store the cooler with the lid propped open and put a few crumpled newspapers inside. By leaving the lid open, the air circulates so the moisture evaporates; the newspaper absorbs dampness or odors left over from a picnic or camping.

Need more storage space in the closet? Add a towel rack to the back of the linen closet door for towels or tablecloths. Closet smell musty? Open a box of baking soda and place it near sheets and towels to help get rid of the musty smell. Baking soda also works in the fridge.

Do your clothes fall off the hanger? Put a rubber band around each end to create a surface that holds fabric in place so items don't fall on the floor.

Did you know plants can lower the temperature of a room up to 10 degrees by absorbing warming carbon dioxide from the air and putting out a cooling water vapor? If a room in your house feels too warm, add a few potted plants to it.

This one is simple but so smart: Put two Command hooks upside down, one on each side of the garbage can. When you put in a new bag, pull the edges over the inverted hooks, which create an anchor so the bag doesn't fall in when you're putting garbage in it. If you don't have hooks, use two large binder clips on the rim, one on each side, to keep it from slipping.

Glass containers are environmentally friendly, but if you're still using plastic wrap and the wrap sticks to itself, keep the plastic wrap in the fridge. The cooler temperature helps the wrap stay firm and less likely to stick to itself. Or mist the edges of the container you're using with water as the moisture gives the wrap something to grab onto, preventing it from sticking to itself by neutralizing the static.

Do you leave ice cream in the freezer long enough to get freezer burn? Most people don't — and would probably laugh at that question — but if you're someone who does, then store the container upside down in the freezer. Air gets inside when softened ice cream refreezes. Store the container upside down so when the softened ice cream refreezes, it creates a tighter seal, limiting air exposure so the ice cream stays smooth with no freezer burn.

Does your car get messy no matter how hard you try to keep it clean? Try putting a silicone cupcake liner in the cup holders to catch spills, dirt and drink drips. The liners act as a barrier. When they get dirty, take them out and rinse them or run them through the dishwasher. Plastic shower pockets hung on the back of a car seat can hold many things you'll need on a family road trip or trip to the grocery store and can keep things organized.

I don't think we realize how much dirt and germs our purses pick up, so make sure to use a disinfectant wipe to wipe it down. Often.

If you have hard water film or spots on your glassware, soak them in white vinegar for five minutes, then rinse well and dry with a microfiber cloth.

Speaking of hard water, unclog a shower head by mixing equal parts white vinegar and water into a plastic bag. Tie the bag around the shower head so the holes are immersed in the solution and secure it with a twist tie or rubber band. Let the shower head soak for up to an hour depending on how clogged it is, then take off the bag and wipe away any loosened deposits. Then turn on the hot water to flush the openings. If you have a decorative shower head and want to avoid damaging it, dip a toothbrush into a mix of water and vinegar and scrub the shower head.

Does the garbage disposal smell? To get rid of odors, run a few lemon peels through the disposal, then run cold water for 30 seconds. Do you cry when cutting onions? If so, put the onion in the fridge first to chill it before cutting to help reduce onion tears. Don't want to have crumbs when cutting bread? Place a slice or the whole loaf in the freezer for about 15 minutes.

Dusting a fabric lamp shade can be frustrating, so try using a lint roller. Speaking of dusting, how about those ceiling fans? There's nothing like forgetting to dust the blades then turning them on and having dust fly everywhere. To prevent that, turn the fan off and place an old pillowcase over the entire blade, then slowly slide the pillowcase toward the end, allowing the dust to stay inside the case. Repeat this for each blade, then turn the pillowcase inside out, shake it — preferably outside — and toss it in the washer.

Hopefully you've found something useful on this list. I learned a thing or two and I am all for making life a little easier.

YESTERDAY'S HEADLINES

1951

75 years ago this week

BUILDING CONTINUES AT BOOM PACE: While the rate of home construction in the Grosse Pointe School District has declined slightly from last year, there still continues to be a tremendous volume of home building in the Pointe area. This fact is shown in a report just issued by L. M. Bartlett, Director of Pupil Personnel for the Grosse Pointe Public Schools.

ETHICAL YOUNG LADY CONFESSES: A young lady, 12 years old, imbued with a proper sense of the ethical, went to the Farms police station on Sunday to report that she had broken a pane of glass at the old Kerby School. The accident occurred when the young lady threw a stick which missed its intended target and shattered a pane of glass on the Kerby Road side of the school.

COUNCIL APPROVES IMPROVED LIGHTING FOR CITY'S STREETS: More adequate street lighting in the City of Grosse Pointe will be provided in accordance with the plan submitted by Councilman Sidney H. Morgan, chairman of the Street Lighting Committee, and approved Monday at a special meeting of the city council. The adoption of this plan will bring better illumination to Mack Avenue, Jefferson Avenue and to a group of streets including Cadieux, Kercheval, Charlevoix, Waterloo, St. Paul and Maumee.

1976

50 years ago this week

PARK NIXES GIFT OF LAND: After several weeks of consideration, the Park Council has directed City Manager Robert A. Slone to decline a gift offer of a vacant lot at 1322 Somerset Road because the city has no use for it. Mr. Slone reported to the council that the 40 by 119-foot lot is not suitable for parking, while noting residents might oppose such a plan.

TWO GUNMEN TERRORIZE ST. CLARE DE MONTEFALCO PRIEST, ROB CHURCH SAFE: Two armed bandits invaded the rectory of St. Clare de Montefalco Church in Whittier Road at 10:05 a.m. Saturday, July 24. After terrorizing an assistant pastor, they forced him to open the church safe from which they scooped a large sum from collection receipts, most of which were checks, according to information released by Park Lt. Gordon Duncan.

MEET A WINNER: Clutching a trophy almost as big as she is,

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tion for actions he took in his role as a federal official.

I also do not believe Anthony Fauci, who became the literal embodiment of the federal government's COVID-19 response, should be able to prevent the public from understanding what the government did simply because he believes Sen. Rand Paul wants him imprisoned. I believe the Founding Fathers established the Constitution to protect the American people from the type of totalitarianism we witnessed during the government's response to COVID-19, not to protect Fauci from having to explain that response.

It is clear to me Fauci did not answer the committee's questions because of arrogance and his desire to protect his own reputation, not any real fear of criminal prosecution. You only need to read his diary to see that.

I agree with Sen. Paul's conclusion about Fauci: "It is arrogance that destroys trust. It is censorship that destroys trust and it is the refusal to admit error that destroys trust. That loss of trust may be your most damaging legacy."

Hopefully, Fauci will see the light, honor the commitment he made in his many public statements and answer the committee's questions. The American people deserve to know whether crimes were committed against them, whether at the direction of the government or otherwise, so we can move forward and return to the country I grew up knowing.

My biggest fear is that an entire generation of students was shown an America in which government censorship, coercion and extraordinary restrictions were treated as the normal baseline of public life.









COURTESY PHOTO

Summer picnic smiles

Northeastern Toastmasters hosted its annual picnic July 13 at Grosse Pointe Farms Pier Park. The group, whose mission is to help people become more confident communicators, public speakers and leaders, is celebrating 78 years. New members are welcome to attend club meetings, which take place 6:45 p.m. the second and fourth Mondays of the month at Wayne County Community College District's Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center, 19305 Vernier, Harper Woods, as well as on Zoom. For more information, call (313) 720-8444.

Carjacking suspects arraigned

By Ted O'Neil
Associate Editor

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — Two suspects in an attempted carjacking the morning of Tuesday, July 28, were arraigned Thursday, July 30, before Municipal Judge Theodore Metry.

Police say Robert Lee Bates Jr., 37, of Detroit and Skylar Carlisle, 28, of Eastpointe, attempted to steal an SUV from the driveway of a house in the 2100 block of Anita around 5 a.m. the day in question.

Detective Miles Adams said the two pulled up to the house in a gray Chevy Equinox as a man and his daughter were loading luggage into the SUV for a trip.

"Bates had a handgun and they ordered the man and the daughter to the ground, demanding his keys and wallet," Adams said. "The girl ran back inside to alert the family and the victim drew his own handgun, which he legally possesses."

The defendants retreated to their vehicle, firing shots, while the victim returned fire, although no one was shot. They were arrested a short time later in Grosse Pointe Farms after their Equinox jumped a curb and struck a light pole.

Adams said Carlisle had possession of the weapon and the victim's car keys were in Bates' pocket when they were arrested.

The two are facing several serious felony charges, including carjacking, which is punishable by up to life in prison. Michigan law treats an unsuccessful attempt the same as a successful one when it comes to sentencing.

Other charges include assault with a dangerous weapon, carrying a concealed weapon and use of a firearm in the commission of a felony. Bates also faces habitual offender charges for prior felonies and currently is on parole. His bond was set at $500,000 cash/surety. Carlisle, who does not have a criminal record, was given a bond of $50,000 cash/surety. Cash/surety means either giving the court the entire amount or hiring a bail bondsman to put up 10 percent of the total.

Both men entered pleas of not guilty and requested court-appointed attorneys. They both are scheduled for a probable cause conference at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 12, and a preliminary hearing at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 19, in front of Metry.

Previewing the parks

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — The city's top administrators toured parks and recreation facilities last week to lay groundwork for implementing the department's five-year improvement plan.

Completion of goals within the designated timeframe depends on voters passing a parks and rec millage in November. But, much of the work reverses $6 million in deferred maintenance and will be addressed by whatever means no matter what.

A united city council last month approved putting the millage question — 0.65 mills for seven years — on the Nov. 3 ballot.

"For a home valued at $475,000, the cost per year (of) the recreation millage is $308.75," City Manager Nick Sizeland said at the time. "If this millage does not pass, we would have to look at more services to cut."

Recreation Director Chad Craig led the tour.

"It was an administrative walkthrough of the park for leadership to look at the grounds and facilities to see if there are any small items (to improve) that can be big wins," Craig said. "So, whether it's upgrading to new uniform signs, or looking at spaces in buildings that need to be touched up or little things, we can start to create a checklist to have little wins that people can see."

"City administration and members of council got the opportunity for an up close and personal tour on the inventory and day-to-day operations at Windmill," said Councilman Patrick Gleason, former member of the recreation commission. "In 'Wizard of Oz' speak, we got to see behind the curtain and all we saw were roses. Our tour started with beautiful garden and flower arrangements. We got to appreciate all the lovely boats in the marina."

The tour put things in perspective for Gleason.

He said, "We have five great park systems across the Grosse Pointes, but nowhere else do they offer nearly the amenities and programs we do under one roof."

"It was helpful to put together the first-ever parks and recreation five-year plan," Craig said. "Now, we're able to identify our assets and amenities, what those are going to cost and what will be required to either get those back up to snuff or also be able to add new features to the park."

While focusing on fixing existing assets, such as nearly $2 million in repairs to the main swimming pool at Windmill Pointe Park, Craig said adding new attractions keeps the park relevant and timely.

"Grosse Pointe Park doesn't want to sit back and look at the same items we've had for 20 or 30 years," he said. "So, to clean up and maintain what we have, but also to maybe add one or three new features to the park, is going to be nice. Having the five-year plan allows us to evaluate that."

Proposed features consist of a small slide at the pool and a two-bay golfing simulator at the Lavins Activities Center.

"And water bottle refill stations," Gleason said. "And an EV charging station."

"Shade structures at both parks," Craig said. "A pavilion at Windmill for sure."

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Jackie Ranger, of Grosse Pointe Boulevard, was recently presented the Henry L. Caulkins II trophy for sports "woman"ship and court etiquette at the recently held 1976 Roland Gray Tennis Tournament. The tournament was sponsored by the Friends of Henry L. Caulkins II.

2001

25 years ago this week

HW MONASTERY HOSTS ICON: The Kursk-Root icon, a 12th century miraculous religious icon of the Russian Orthodox Church, came to Harper Woods on July 25 to 27 to give its blessing upon a new monastery that some call a miracle in itself. The icon was taken from its vault in New York to make a rare visit to several Russian Orthodox congregations in the area, but spent much of its trip at a monastery that is under construction in Harper Woods.

FARMS BEACH LIKELY TO STAY CLOSED FOR REST OF SUMMER: It's bad news for Farms residents who enjoy swimming off the Pier Park beach. Farms Parks and Recreation Director Dick Huhn said it's probable that the beach, which has been closed since May, will remain closed for the rest of the summer. "We got good water quality ratings at the beginning of May," Huhn said. "But the readings since then show an E. coli level higher than is considered safe, so we've kept the beach closed."

A NEW DAY DAWNS IN THE SHORES: Assistant Grosse Pointe Shores public safety director Stephen Poloni, public safety director Gary Mitchell and Grosse Pointe Shores village president John Huetteman III show off the newly refurbished Grosse Pointe Shores ambulance. The vehicle can now handle advanced life support duties and was upgraded as part of the village's effort to have its public safety officers be triple-trained in police, fire and emergency medical protocol.

2016

10 years ago this week

OFFICERS PULL MOTORIST FROM LAKE: Three public safety officers and two civilian Samaritans pulled an unconscious man from a 2015 Cadillac sedan that, for reasons uncertain, crossed multiple lanes of Lakeshore, went over the breakwall and into Lake St. Clair between Crescent Sail Yacht Club and the Harbor Hill peninsula. "It appears he had a medical emergency," Detective Lt. Richard Rosati said of the man, in his 60s, of the Grosse Pointes.

FAMILY TIES: The Brieden family put on quite a show in the 2016 Bell's Beer Bayview Mackinac Race a couple of weeks ago, with three brothers each participating on a winning sailboat. Hans Brieden won aboard Vortices (class B), while Bryan Brieden won aboard Fast Tango (class E) and Geoff Brieden aboard Scout (class C).

MEDAL WINNERS: Three Grosse Pointe Park men won multiple gold medals at the 2016 US Rowing Club National Championships, which were held July 13 to 17 on Harsha Lake in Bethel, Ohio. Grosse Pointers Andrew Kelly, Sorin Koszyk and Michael Landuyt won gold medals in the Under 23 Senior Lightweight Men's Four and the U23 Senior Lightweight Men's Eight. Koszyk and Landuyt won a gold medal in the U23 Senior Lightweight Men's Quad. Landuyt also earned a fourth gold medal in the U23 Senior Lightweight Men's Double.

Marina awaits renovation

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Navigating the pre-construction process for renovating the municipal marina is smoother for Harbor Master Tom Fraser than setting sail in last month's Bayview Mackinac Race.

Wind and waves made the start a maelstrom.

"It was the worst storm I've ever been in — nothing like it," said Fraser, a veteran of 27 Mackinac races. "Waves went from 5 feet to 20. We shredded our jib at the start."

Fraser, owner of a 22-foot daysailer, Pickle, moored at Windmill Pointe Park, crewed a former classmate's North American 40 in the Mackinac contest starting Saturday morning, July 18.

The skipper charted the 235-mile shore course, but came up short.

"We made it to Port Sanilac after repairing the jib as best we could," Fraser said. "The owner of the boat and I discussed if we wanted to keep doing this for 12 to 15 hours, have everybody get sick and break the boat worse than it was or go back to Port Huron. And we did."

By contrast, waters of the municipal marina are unruffled.

Redesign and widening of the entrance breakwall this spring closed gaps that let windswept waves and boater wakes rock boats tied up at dozens of the facility's nearly 300 slips.

The cost of overall marina renovations won't be known until completion of design specifications and receipt of construction bids. Most of the cost will be paid by boaters via seasonal well rentals.

Members of the design team, Abonmarche, a firm based in Benton Harbor, were scheduled to meet with Park representatives this month to detail the project.

"We're going well by well and inch by inch through the marina to know exactly what we're going to do," Fraser said.

Part of the renovations are reconfiguring some wells to accommodate modern boats, many of which are wider than when the current marina was designed.

Goals include:

◆ widening boat slips on Pier 1, which forms the marina's eastern, outer breakwall and main walkway;

◆ replacing dockside electrical and water lines and outlets on all five piers;

◆ raising the marina's inner wall to better protect the park against flooding during periods of high lake levels and

◆ making structural improvements as needed.

"No one will be displaced," Fraser said. "We have a monthly plan in place through 2027."

The first part of construction includes upgrades to the inner breakwall shared with the city and intended to keep high levels of Lake St. Clair from overflowing onto municipal property.

"We're going to have all new docks, all new electrical and an all new water system," Fraser said. "We expect to be fully done with the construction portion in 2028."

Between now and then, construction bids, to be based on final designs, must be formalized.

"That will be in August and September," Fraser said. "The contractor will probably be selected by December. It's an engineering and construction process. They have to meld with us to make it work for our residents."

Operating the marina includes keeping watch on boats.

"There are primarily four of us that work at the inside gatehouse that know boats," Fraser said. "We know how to rescue boats in danger of sinking, which we've done three or four times this year with boats full of water during storms or the boat broke down and the electrical didn't work or whatever. Whether it's 11 o'clock at night or 7 in the morning, we're here to help our residents."

The marina was fully rented until recently. One slip became available.

"Somebody's boat broke down, so we have one small well available that I think I'll be able to fill this week for the rest of the season," Fraser said.

He also transformed a vacated larger well into a transit berth.

"Those people moved out of town and took their boat with them," Fraser said.



COURTESY PHOTO

Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe President Dave Colton stands with guest speaker Brianna Lanni, representing Gilda's Club of Metro Detroit.

Getting to know Gilda's Club

On July 29, the Grosse Pointe Rotary Club welcomed guest speaker Brianna Lanni, who shared information about the mission and impact of Gilda's Club Metro Detroit.

Gilda's Club was inspired by the legacy of comedian and actress Gilda Radner, one of the original cast members of "Saturday Night Live." After being diagnosed with ovarian cancer in the 1980s, Radner discovered that while she had access to excellent medical care, the emotional and social support available to people battling cancer was lacking. She envisioned a place where no one would have to feel alone while facing cancer. In honor of her wishes and legacy, Gilda's Club was established to provide free support for individuals and families impacted by cancer.

Gilda's Club Metro Detroit is dedicated to uplifting and strengthening people impacted by cancer by providing support, fostering compassionate communities and breaking down barriers to care. The organization offers a variety of programs, including support groups, educational seminars, healthy lifestyle classes, social activities and referrals to additional resources. Through these services, Gilda's Club helps ensure no one has to navigate cancer without the support of a caring and engaging community.

The organization currently seeks volunteers to help in person and virtually. Opportunities are available for individuals or groups and include helping with the front desk, assisting with workshops, maintaining the garden, leading yoga classes, managing clubhouse events, participating in community outreach and supporting facility maintenance.

Those interested in volunteering or learning more about Gilda's Club Metro Detroit may visit gildasclubdetroit.org/

PRIDE OF THE POINTES

Elle Sables of Grosse Pointe Shores, a member of the Class of 2027 majoring in human performance, was named to the spring semester Dean's List at the University of Tampa.

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Aliya Abraham of Grosse Pointe Woods, a member of the Class of 2029 majoring in biology, was named to the spring semester Dean's List at the University of Tampa.

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Kathryn Schaden, a senior at Grosse Pointe North High School, was one of 10 high school seniors awarded a Bathanti-D'Agostino Memorial Scholarship from Christian Financial Credit Union. The scholarship recognizes students who demonstrate strong academic achievement and a commitment to community involvement. Applicants submitted transcripts, letters of recommendation, a resume and an essay outlining how they embody the philosophy of "People Helping People."



Margaret Kelly

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Evelyn Stahl of Grosse Pointe Woods, a senior sport management major at York College of Pennsylvania, was named to the Dean's List for the spring 2026 semester.

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Daniel Lane of the City of Grosse Pointe recently graduated with honors from Hampton University. He is a 2022 Grosse Pointe South High School graduate.

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Bode Neumeister of Grosse Pointe Farms graduated summa cum laude with a degree from Tufts University. He also was named to the Dean's List at Tufts for the spring 2026 semester.

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Lydia Miller of the City of Grosse Pointe and **Margaret Kelly** of Grosse Pointe Park were named to the Dean's List at the University of Wisconsin-Madison for the spring semester. Miller is a student of the School of Education, while Kelly is a student of the College of Letters and Science.

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Lydia Miller of the City of Grosse Pointe graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Madison with a Bachelor of Science degree in kinesiology.

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Jacob Tomlinson of Grosse Pointe Farms graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Madison with Bachelor of Business Administration degrees in marketing, real estate and urban land economics.

VOTE:

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August 2027. Both would be an effective pay raise of 2.1 percent for 11-month administrators and 1.9 percent for 12-month administrators.

Contributions to each administrator's tax-sheltered account will go from a flat $2,000 annually to 2 percent of their base salary.

A new eight-step pay scale for administrators includes yearly raises ranging between $5,019 to $5,990, depending on position.

New minimum and maximum pay scales are:

◆ director — $112,584 to $148,574,

◆ high school principal — $114,529 to $150,819,

◆ supervisor of special education — $91,732 to $120,653,

◆ middle school assistant principal — $94,460 to $125,557,

◆ high school assistant principal and high school assistant principal/athletic director — $98,231 to $129,359,

◆ elementary school principal — $98,597 to $129,874 and

◆ middle school principal — $101,278 to $133,434.

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE FARMS
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- Approval of a dimensional variance to permit an accessory structure that exceeds 15' in height.

All interested citizens are requested to attend the Hearings. Public comments will be received during the Public Hearing, orally. If you are unable to be present at the Public Hearing, please submit your written comments to the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 90 Kerby Road, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236 or through the www.grossepointefarms.org/publiccomment, by 12:00 p.m. the date of the hearing. For detailed instructions on how to observe or participate in the meeting please contact the City Clerk office at (313) 885-6600 or visit the City website.
For further information regarding the application please contact Matthew Baka, Public Services Director, at (313) 885-4285. Plans are available at City Hall for review.

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- Approval of a dimensional variance to permit the construction of a front porch/vestibule that would extend 5' into the required 30' front yard setback.

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SkinergyMD to open third MI location in The Village

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — As Boston-based SkinergyMD expands into the metro Detroit market, its third Michigan location is set to open just after Labor Day in the former Bold Flow Yoga space at 17024 Kercheval in The Village.

"There's really no one in Detroit, or really in Michigan at all, that does everything that we do under one roof. Period," founder and owner Paul Flashner, M.D., said.

With treatments for face, body, wellness, peptides and plastic surgery, the medical spa's services span non-invasive, minimally invasive and surgical.

"We deliver unparalleled results to people at a very affordable price," Flashner said, "because we can do everything that a plastic surgeon does at the pricing and convenience of a medical spa."

SkinergyMD is one of only two providers in the state that offer NeoGen plasma skin rejuvenation, which infuses nitrogen plasma gas into the tissue to volumize, lift, tighten and resurface the skin.

It is the No. 1 provider of NeoGen in the country, as well as of Morpheus8, a skin-tightening procedure, and EMSCULPT, a body sculpting treatment.

Its full range of services — which can be more fully explored at theskinergymd.com — include facial injections, laser hair removal, laser facials for pigment and textural issues, CO2 laser resurfacing, fat reduction, body-sculpting, liposuction, face lifts, tattoo removal, hair restoration and a host of additional treatments.

"We're not just about aesthetics," Flashner added. "We're a wellness company as well, so we address hormonal issues such as menopause in women, low testosterone in men. We have a whole men's and women's health program and we do peptides like GLP-1 weight loss.

"We're about wellness. We're about longevity. We're about making sure that you live out not only your lifespan, but your health span."

The team at SkinergyMD is aiming for a Monday, Sept. 14, open date, with grand-opening festivities, including a ribbon-cutting ceremony, to be announced as it gets closer.

"It's right under the archway," Flashner said of the Grosse Pointe location. "We went over there on Thursday evening and they had the little outdoor band playing and people sitting there in their chairs. It's just a cool community."



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From vacation to vocation

Kids at the center of former Farms woman's heart

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

This is part one of a two-part series.

There's not much ordinary about Monica Loveley's life.

Born in 1983 in an orphanage in Korea, she came to the United States with a group of adopted orphans.

She was adopted at 4 months old by Edward and Susan Loveley and grew up in Grosse Pointe Farms with a brother and a sister.

"I was pretty sheltered," she said. "I didn't really know much about my origins."

After graduating from Grosse Pointe South High School, Loveley attended the College of William & Mary, earning undergraduate degrees in chemistry and French.

"And then I just traveled around the world for a long time," she said. "I did work for the French government teaching. … I was able to make money waitressing on the weekends and tutoring during the week. I made a pretty good income and then I could travel every three months.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF MONICA LOVELEY

Monica Loveley and students pose for a photo on top of a bus during a visit to a playground. Education Plus' small playground is the only playground in the community, but there are nice playgrounds a bus trip away at the capital.



A teacher gives instructions to one of her students in the early days of Education Plus.

"… When I was 24, I went back to the orphanage I was adopted from," she added. "That was a real life-changing experience for me because I would say that growing up in Grosse Pointe … I didn't have a lot of context for how the rest of the world lives. So I went to this orphanage and the people there were so nice. They took me around and I saw all the little babies that were going to be adopted. The woman who was showing me around showed me that they had had to build a second home for the children that never got adopted."

She remembers vividly a 7-year-old boy who had been adopted the day before her visit.

"That almost never happens; usually people just want to adopt babies," she said. "They had a big party for him. He was so excited."

She also remembers a 40-year-old man who was crying, "because he still dreamed that someday he would have a family," she said. "And it really broke my heart. It really made me realize how blessed I had been in my life to have been adopted and grown up where I did and have the family that I did. It could have been very different, especially knowing what I know about Korea now in the 1980s. It was desperately poor. They had protests and people were getting killed. I know it wasn't a good time to be growing up in South Korea."

Loveley was on her way to the airport when she felt something change inside of her.



Loveley met Priscila Castillo on the street and learned she wasn't in school because she didn't have a pencil. The side yard of Castillo's home served as Education Plus' first school.

"The shuttle passed by the orphanage and they had a sign outside … that was basically about how the orphanage was all about love," she said. "And I really felt that and something just changed in me. I really realized how loved and how blessed I was. My priorities changed, because I felt like I was struck by this sense of injustice that somebody had to give up their child because they didn't have money. The woman who actually took me around the orphanage, she had a photo of a boy on her coffee mug. She said, 'He's my favorite. I wish I could adopt him, but I can't because I don't make enough money.' So there's a boy who wants to have a family and a woman who wants to be his mother and it can't happen because someone doesn't have enough money."

Loveley returned to the States and applied for graduate school at the University of California, Santa Barbara. She received a fellowship for global and international studies, and interned at the United Nations in Geneva, Switzerland, training for peacekeeping operations. After earning her master's degree, she went back to the U.N. and put her focus on political negotiations.

Though she planned to continue with the U.N., she had a change of heart in 2012, during a vacation in Nicaragua.

"It was going to be a three-month vacation," she said. "After that, I just assumed I'd go back

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Chamber seeks public input for next street art project

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

The Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce is mulling its next street art project and is taking suggestions from the community.

To gauge community interest, the chamber is conducting a survey, now through Friday, Aug. 14, which is open to the public of all ages.

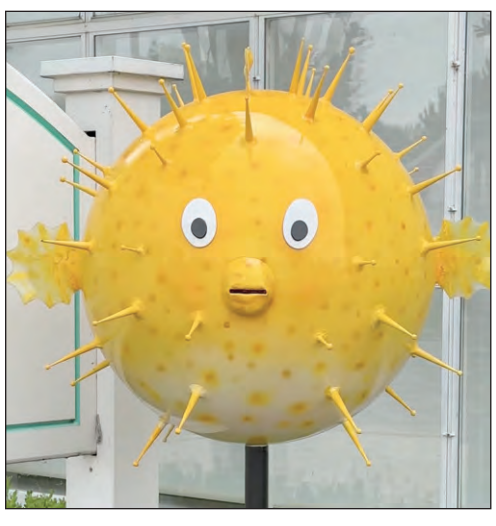
"The goal of the survey is to understand community interest in launching another chamber-produced street art project across the Grosse Pointe business districts," said Jennifer Boettcher, chamber president and executive director.

Through the survey, the chamber hopes to learn from residents and businesses:

◆ whether there is support for moving forward with a new public art installation,

◆ whether businesses and residents feel they can financially support a future project and

◆ what type of object or structure they would most like to see staged throughout the Pointes.





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Left, this sphere adds whimsy to the entrance of Grosse Pointe Orthodontics. Above, this butterfly bench gives a welcome rest to passersby at Wild Birds Unlimited in Grosse Pointe Woods. Right, "Dr. Fish" was among the chamber's first installations.



"The feedback will help determine if a new street art project is feasible," Boettcher added. "If the responses show strong support, the chamber will begin planning the 2027 installation this fall."

Should the installation move forward, local artists would be invited by the chamber to participate.

"Each artist receives a template of the chosen object — a blank canvas

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Everybody SING!



PHOTOS BY WM. G. POLOM

The full chorus, above, at a past holiday concert performed at St. Clare of Montefalco Church.

Grosse Pointe Community Chorus celebrates local voices

By Donna Zetterlund
Special Writer

The Grosse Pointe Community Chorus is not just about the music. It's also about joy.

The no-audition chorus meets weekly in the spring and fall to rehearse for its two major shows of the year, its spring concert and a holiday concert. The singers bring the voices, the friendships and the laughter.

While not exclusively a senior chorus, many local seniors have found a musical outlet and plenty of camaraderie within the 70-or-so number of sopranos, altos, tenors, baritones and basses.

According to allseniors.org, creative arts serve as a multidimensional boon for seniors: Reducing stress, keeping the mind sharp and fostering connection. Singing actually also supports breath control and deep breathing for healthier lungs.

And there's something truly healthy about being around others who share one's passions and interests. Being able to express yourself among kindred spirits adds to the feeling of well-being for most people. For seniors, doing what you love with others can be a lifeline to the world, post-retirement. The Grosse Pointe Community Chorus is a welcoming "family" of people who just love to sing. Seniors who have a love for song can find a musical home here.

The chorus's mission couldn't be more direct: "To bring joy to the lives of our singers, our patrons, and our community through choral music."

Since 1953, their goal has been "to provide learning and performance opportunities for adult residents of the Grosse Pointes and surrounding communities." They celebrate and model a culture that is "kind, positive, and welcoming" during both rehearsals and their community-oriented performances. Music, that beloved universal language, is happily shared with eager Grosse Pointe audiences.

All that is required of choir members is a bit of familiarity with reading music and a deep measure of engagement for practice and preparation for concerts. Singers must attend and actively participate by coming prepared for rehearsals, including sectionals (e.g., soprano, alto, tenor, baritone, bass), and be willing to learn music that can be occasionally challenging, but so rewarding.

Additionally, members can choose to be involved in fundraising, marketing, membership and other management duties for the chorus — on a volunteer basis.

Fall registration is open now to join the Grosse Pointe Community Chorus. Interim music director, Blake Rosser, will lead a joyful holiday performance with a mix of classical, modern and traditional holiday songs on Dec. 6, 2026 at 3 p.m. at St. Clare of Montefalco Church in Grosse Pointe Park.

To register — or for more information about attending the upcoming concert, visit online at grossepointecommunitychorus.org for details.



Former Grosse Pointe Community Chorus Director Kayvon Kashani-Gharavi, above right, conducts at a past rehearsal of the alto section.



The chorus at a past spring concert, above. The performances are accompanied by a pianist and feature theatrical lighting adapted for each song performed.



Second Time Around

By Margie Reins Smith

What's in a name?

My mother hated her first name. Her middle name was Grace and she was Grace the entire time I knew her. When she was required to sign something legal — something that required a complete "given" name — she wrote C. Grace.

I never liked my name either. If I had a different name, I would have led a much more exciting life.

Marjorie is stiff and starchy; conservative; uptight; prim. I've been called Margie ever since I was a baby, but Margie is only a smidge less straight-laced than Marjorie.

And then I up and married a Smith.

Booor-ing.

When I was growing up, my piano teacher was the only person who called me Marjorie. She was a stickler for using full proper given names when speaking to her students. Johnathon, not John. Priscilla, not Pris. Elizabeth. Ronald. Patricia. Robert. These were the bland, tried-and-true Republican names given to kids when I was growing up in the 1940s.

During my teenage years, I wanted to be Sasha. A girl named Sasha would be strikingly beautiful, full of sass and excitement. Sasha would be tall and slim with a mane of red wavy hair that fell across her face. She would perfect a saucy head-toss to fling that hair back where it belonged. Sasha would wear long, floaty skirts and ballet slippers and she'd have bedroom eyes and full, pouty lips. Sasha would speak in a low, throaty voice with an unidentifiable accent. She would be creative and flirty.

I'm stuck with Marjorie. I own one skirt and it's not floaty. I wear classic, conservative stuff ordered online from my favorite designers, L.L. Bean and Orvis.

The NPR station I favor used to feature a midday newscaster named Lakshmi Singh. I love that name. Oh, what I could have done if people knew me as Lakshmi!

I read somewhere (probably on the internet, so it must be true) that actor Gwyneth Paltrow named her first child Apple. When she was a guest on Oprah's show in 2004, Gwyneth told the audience the unusual moniker was Apple's father's idea. Apple's father is Chris Martin, lead singer of a rock band called Coldplay and owner of several Grammy Awards.

"It sounded so sweet and it conjured such a lovely picture for me," Gwyneth chirped. "Apples are so sweet and they're wholesome, and it's biblical."

Gwyneth doesn't exactly roll off the tongue, does it? It's Welsh, meaning "white" or "blessed."

My mother's ill-conceived first name was not the one agreed upon prior to her christening. She was taken to church a week after her birth in November 1908. Her mother (my grandmother) had not yet recovered from the birth, so my grandfather's sister, Charlotte, and my grandfather took the new baby to church to be christened.

My mother's name on her birth certificate? "Charlotte Grace."

Stay active, connected with The Helm

Meaningful social connections are an important part of healthy aging. This August, The Helm is offering a variety of programs that bring older adults together to explore new places, enjoy shared experiences and build lasting friendships.

From evening bingo and a courtyard cookout to a Detroit cultural tour and a new book club, August's activities are designed to help older adults remain active, connected and engaged while having fun.

Twilight Bingo kicks off Thursday, Aug. 6, with an evening edition of one of The Helm's favorite activities. Participants can enjoy snacks, refreshments and summer-themed prizes in a lively atmosphere that welcomes both seasoned bingo players and newcomers alike.

On Thursday, Aug. 13, The Helm's Courtyard Cookout — Games Nite! invites participants to enjoy delicious food and friendly competition during an evening of games and conversation.

Those looking to explore the region may register for the Fiesta Detroit — Bianco Tour, which takes place Wednesday, Aug. 12. The guided excursion highlights Detroit's rich multicultural heritage with visits to Corktown, Delray and Mexicantown, along with lunch at Mexican Village and time to browse the Mexicantown Bakery.

Book lovers have a new opportunity to connect through The Novel Network, The Helm's new book club. Meeting Thursday, Aug. 20, the group will discuss "Theo of Golden" by Allen Levi while enjoying snacks, refreshments and lively conversation. Participants may receive a complimentary copy of the book while supplies last.

Also Aug. 20, members can eat lunch together at the historic Blue Goose Inn in St. Clair Shores as part of The Helm's Out to Lunch Bunch series.

The month concludes with Friday Lunch & A Movie on Aug. 28, featuring "The Magic of Belle Isle," a film directed by Rob Reiner about unexpected friendships, inspiration and second chances.

Whether exploring a new destination, discovering a favorite author or simply sharing a meal with friends, The Helm's August programs offer opportunities to stay socially connected and enjoy all the community has to offer.

Stay informed at The Helm

Learning doesn't stop at retirement. This August, The Helm is offering three educational programs that help older adults build practical skills, explore new interests and make informed decisions for the future. From technology and wellness to estate planning, each program is designed to support lifelong learning while creating opportunities to connect with others.

Whether learning how to navigate ridesharing apps, exploring the history and health benefits of tea or gaining a better understanding of estate planning, these programs provide valuable information while creating opportunities to connect with others.

On Thursday, Aug. 6, The Helm will host Lunch & Learn: Ridesharing — Uber, Lyft & More, a Tech Talk that introduces participants to popular ridesharing services such as Uber and Lyft. Attendees will enjoy lunch while learning how ridesharing works, receive assistance setting up the apps, practice using

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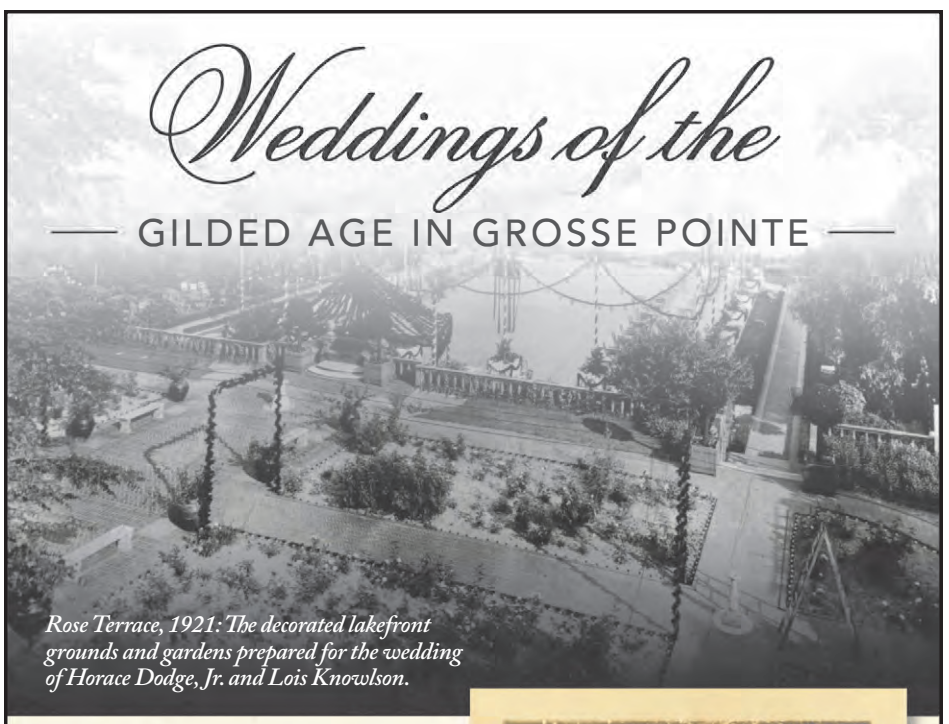

Rose Terrace, 1921: The decorated lakefront grounds and gardens prepared for the wedding of Horace Dodge, Jr. and Lois Knowlson.

From canopies of lights on the lakefront to lush garden settings, Grosse Pointe weddings in the 1910s and 1920s set the standard for summer elegance. Discover more fun tidbits about the Pointes by scanning the QR code or visit **gphistorical.org**!



Joy Farms, 1917: A bridal party portrait from the wedding of Helen Joy and Howard Barker Lee by photographer C.M. Hayes.

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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.

Theresa Marie Joseph

Theresa Marie Joseph, 88, passed away Saturday, Aug. 1, 2026, in Detroit. She was a generous, loving and faith-filled woman whose life touched many hearts and leaves behind a legacy of devotion, kindness and steadfast love for her family and faith.

Theresa was born Dec. 22, 1937, in Mount Carmel, Pa. She lived a life rooted in family and was guided by the values she held dear. She was the beloved wife of the late Peter, with whom she shared many years of companionship and devotion. Together, they built a family that remained the center of her world throughout her life. She is survived by her loving children, Michael Joseph (Suphannee), Brian Joseph (Gerarda Tobin) and Stacy Gadde (Robert), who were a constant source of pride and joy. Theresa also was a cherished grandmother to Kavinthra, Allison, Aaron, MacKenzie and Landon, each of whom held a special place in her heart. She also is survived by her loving sisters, Elaine Mirarchi (Frank), Dorothy Starego and Patsy Brecker (Bill). Theresa treasured the bonds of family and carried those relationships with warmth and devotion throughout her life. She was predeceased by her brother, Leonard Rogutski; and sisters, Agnella Dunchock and Irene Mirarchi. She held the memory of those who went before her close to her heart. Theresa also leaves behind many loving nieces and nephews, all of whom were blessed by her presence, encouragement and enduring care.

Theresa was a proud and hardworking woman. She retired from J.L. Hudson Co., after many years of dedicated service in the marketplace. Her work ethic, reliability and friendly spirit made her a valued presence among those who knew and worked with her. She approached her responsibilities with grace and determination and carried the same sense of commitment into every part of her life. Those who knew Theresa will remember her as someone who gave of herself freely and made others feel welcomed, supported and loved.

Faith was a guiding force in Theresa's life. Her devotion to the Blessed Solanus Casey and St. Alphonsus reflected the depth of her spiritual commitment. She lived with quiet strength and a sincere trust in God. Her faith was evident in the way she treated others with compassion and generosity. Theresa's life was a beautiful example of steadfast belief, humility and love in action. She found meaning in the simple and sacred moments of daily life and shared that meaning with those around her through her gentle presence and caring heart.

Theresa will be remembered by all who knew her for the warmth she brought into the lives of others, the love she gave so freely and the strength she showed throughout her life. Her family and friends will cherish the many memories they shared with her; her legacy will live on through the generations that follow. Though she will be deeply missed, the example she set through her kindness, faith and devotion will remain a lasting comfort to all who knew her. She will be remembered with love and gratitude for a life well-lived, a family dearly loved and a faith that sustained her all the days of her journey.

A gathering for family and friends will be held from 2 to 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 7, at Chas. Verheyden Inc., 16300 Mack, Grosse Pointe Park. She will lie in state at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 8, until a 10:30 a.m. funeral liturgy at St. Bonaventure Monastery, 1740 Mt. Elliott, Detroit. The funeral will be live-streamed at vimeo.com/event/6092686.

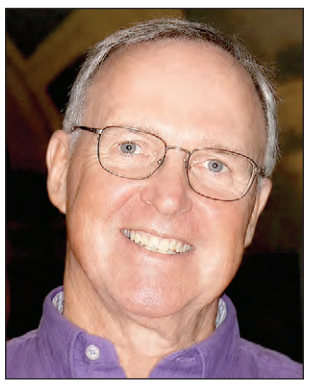
In keeping with Theresa's lifelong devotion to the Blessed Solanus Casey, memorial donations may be made to the St. Bonaventure Capuchin Monastery, 1780 Mt. Elliott, Detroit, MI 48207, thecapuchins.org/donate.

Arrangements entrusted to Chas. Verheyden Inc.

Share a memory at verheyden.org.



Theresa Marie Joseph



Thomas Joseph O'Neill

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Thomas Joseph O'Neill, 91, of Grosse Pointe Park and Gull Lake, passed away at home Wednesday, July 29, 2026, surrounded by family.

Tom was born to Michael James and Ellen Mary O'Neill and grew up in Detroit and Yonkers, N.Y. He attended the University of Detroit Jesuit High School and Academy and graduated from Fordham Preparatory School and College of the Holy Cross before earning a master's degree from the University of Michigan.

Tom met Charlene McHugh at J.L. Hudson's in Detroit. They were married in 1959. They raised their family in Detroit and Grosse Pointe during their 67 years of marriage. With four children in an overpacked station wagon, Tom loved taking the family up north and up and down the Atlantic coast. They also attended the 1976 Summer Olympics in Montreal, Canada. After establishing a home in Gull Lake, the highlight of Tom's summers was hosting multiple generations of the family for boating, golfing, reunions and holiday events.

Tom worked for Ford Motor Co. for more than 30 years. He had a passion for problem solving, building relationships and approachability. As an executive, he loved working shoulder to shoulder with everyone across all levels of the organization. His reputation was built on relating to employees both personally and professionally.

Tom also was a humble and gifted athlete. While growing up, he played baseball, football and basketball. Later in life, he continued playing softball and basketball well into his 70s, and tennis and golf into his late 80s. As his sports ability faded, he became an avid poker player at The Helm at the Boll Life Center, which fed his competitive spirit.

His love of music never faded. His family regularly heard his eclectic music tastes via his "Tom's Hits" playlists, which were eventually updated from cassette to CD to digital downloads.

Tom was guided by the Jesuit value of being "a man serving others." He always was the first to help someone, volunteer or assist with any type of home project.

Tom was a veteran and proudly served in the U.S. Air National Guard; however, his dream of flying for his country was limited due to his color-blindness.

Tom is survived by his wife of 67 years, Charlene; children, Peggy, Michael (Donna), Tim (Jill) and Patrick (Sheila); grandchildren, Thomas Orozco and Jack (Sydney), Sarah, Claire, Patrick Jr., Hugh and Finn O'Neill; great-granddaughter, Zoa Orozco; and Zoa's mother, Anna Ornelas. He was predeceased by his brothers, Mike, Paul and Father John, S.J.; and grandsons, Michael J. O'Neill and Nicholas Orozco.

Tom will lie in state at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Aug. 14, until his 11 a.m. funeral service at St. Clare of Montefalco Parish, 1401 Whittier, Grosse Pointe Park.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Pope Francis Center, 438 St. Antoine, Detroit, MI 48226, popefrancis center.org/campaign/820218/donate; or the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, 1820 Mt. Elliott, Detroit, MI 48207, cskdetroit.org/donate/monetary-donations/.

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In Loving Memory

Richard Orrin "Dick" Connell

December 2, 1939 – August 2, 2026

It is with the heaviest of hearts that we announce the peaceful passing of Richard Orrin Connell on August 2, 2026, surrounded by his loving family. Known to all as Dick, he lived a blessed and full life.

Dick was born in Summit, New Jersey, on December 2, 1939, to Pearl (Irons) and Frank Connell. His younger brother, Dan, followed shortly thereafter. He graduated from Summit High School in 1958 and became the first in his family to attend college, enrolling at Lehigh University in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, on an athletic and academic scholarship. At Lehigh, he played soccer, participated in ROTC, and joined the Theta Delta Chi fraternity. Many of the friendships he formed there lasted a lifetime. It was also at Lehigh that he was introduced to the game of golf — a passion that would remain with him for the rest of his life.

Dancing was a theme throughout Dick's life. While dancing at a Follies fundraiser for the local hospital, he asked the prettiest girl there to dance — Cindy Foley. Their first date fell on December 2, his birthday. They were immediately smitten. On June 15, 1963, they were married at The Presbyterian Church of New Providence in New Jersey.

Weeks after the wedding, Dick was deployed to Korea with the U.S. Army, where he served for two years. During his service, he received the Army Commendation Medal, the highest medal available at that time. While stationed in Korea, he learned he was going to become a father. He spent 23 hours flying in the back of a cargo plane to reach New Jersey in time for the birth of his son, John Richard, in March of 1964. A daughter, Kathleen, followed in September 1967.

Upon returning to the United States, Dick began a distinguished accounting career with Price Waterhouse in the New York office — the firm had held his position for him during his military service. In 1974, he was given the opportunity to open the Price Waterhouse office in Little Rock, Arkansas. The family cherished their time there, and while in Little Rock, Dick was named Partner at PW. In September 1981, another opportunity arose in the Detroit office. The family followed in June 1982, after John graduated from high school. Dick loved being back in a city with all four major professional sports teams. Having grown up following New York sports in the 1950s, he remained an avid fan of all sports, and especially golf.

Dick loved to work and took deep satisfaction in helping others. After a prestigious 32-year career at Price Waterhouse, he played golf for six months before joining the Skillman Foundation. He worked at Skillman for another ten years. He was grateful for the chance to support a foundation dedicated to improving the lives of children in Detroit. Following his retirement from Skillman, he continued working for several more years with the Foundation Financial Officers Group (FFOG).

Dick and Cindy built an extraordinary partnership. Whether dancing in the kitchen or out on a date, they simply delighted in being together. In the early years, family vacations were spent on Martha's Vineyard, a place Dick had visited as a child with neighbors. He and Cindy loved to travel. After returning to the Detroit area, Cape Cod became a favorite destination once more. They welcomed East Coast friends, their adult children and grandchildren, and friends from every chapter of their lives to share the magic of summer on the Cape — a true "happy place" for them both.

Above all, Dick treasured his family and his faith. He cherished his two children, John and Kathy. He coached their teams, shared his love of sports, books, movies, laughed with them, and was everything a father should be. He was truly loyal, endlessly curious and always wanted to learn new things. Dick would spend hours listening to and talking with all his children and grandchildren. He was everyone's "go-to" — whether for the big questions or the small ones — always making time with genuine love, humor, wisdom and often a quote from a favorite song.

Dick was guided throughout his life by his faith. He loved the Lord and planted seeds of faith wherever he went. He served on the Elder Council at Knox Presbyterian Church in Mount Clemens and attended Men's Bible Study at Grace Community Church for many years. He also attended Bible Study Fellowship. In the early 2020s, he and Cindy joined Grace as full members — much to the joy of the Brennan family, who were already members. He continued faithfully in the Senior Men's Bible Study for years.

He was a proud member of the Detroit Athletic Club, Lochmoor Club, and he cherished his time as a member of the Witenagmote Society.

Dick is survived by his wife of 63 years, Cindy Connell; two children John Connell (Bobbi Jo) and Kathy Brennan (John); grandchildren David Connell (Mallory), Michael Connell (Bekah), Riley Brennan and Joe Brennan; great-grandchildren Doc Connell, Ruby Connell, Sally Kate Connell and August Connell; his brother Dan Connell (Beverly); nieces and nephews Michael Connell, Matt Connell, and Susie Connell Bergmann, Chris Fleming, Caryn Fleming, Caroline Fleming; and several grandnieces and grandnephews.

The visitation will be held at Verheyden Funeral Home from 4 – 8 PM on Sunday, August 9. A brief visitation to be held at 10:30 AM and funeral service to follow at 11 AM at Grace Community Church on Monday, August 10.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to CATCH, Sparky Anderson's Charity for Children, American Cancer Society or Michigan Humane Society.

He would want anyone reading this to know that there is a heavenly Father who loves them. Cheer for your team. Dance the dance. Play the song. Hold hands. Bless your family. Love each other.

HELM:

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them with guidance from technology professionals and learn important safety tips for traveling with confidence.

Tea enthusiasts and curious learners alike are invited to Morning Mingle & Learn: Steeped in Knowledge Wednesday, Aug. 19. Presented by Naszreen Gibson, owner and manager of The Rendezvous with Tea, the program will explore tea's rich history, global traditions and many health benefits. Guests will enjoy light refreshments and a sampling of teas while learning how one simple beverage has connected cultures around the world.

On Tuesday, Aug. 25, attorneys Lori-Ann Rickard, Ronald Rickard and Lauren Gilpin of Rickard & Associates, P.C., will present Effective Estate Planning, an informative seminar covering the fundamentals of estate planning. Participants will learn about wills, trusts and other planning tools, strategies for building generational wealth and the importance of reviewing an estate plan regularly to ensure it continues to meet changing needs. Snacks and beverages will be provided.

Advance registration is encouraged. To learn more or register for any of these programs, visit HelmLife.org, call (313) 882-9600 or stop by The Helm, 158 Ridge, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Men's Club welcomes guest speaker

The Men's Club of Grosse Pointe hosts its next meeting Tuesday, Aug. 11, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

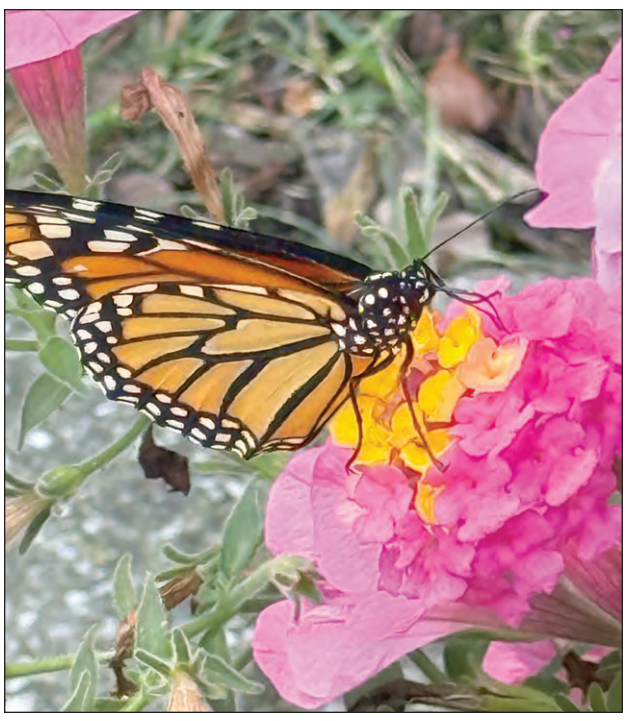
The speaker is Judge William Giovan, who will discuss his portrait photography, which includes Grosse Pointe Theatre actors and actresses in full makeup and costumes, as well as people in costume at the Carnival of Venice.

Giovan is a former chief judge of Wayne County Circuit Court, the largest court in Michigan, where he served for 33 years. He also has served the municipal courts of Grosse Pointe Woods and Shores.

Giovan was appointed by the Michigan Supreme Court as chairman of several of its statewide committees, two of which were significant in shaping the Michigan Rules of Evidence. He has lectured extensively to the bench and bar on matters of evidence and court rules. In 2012, he was appointed a member and chairman of the first Wayne County Board of Ethics Committee.

Giovan also has served as chairman of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial Board, was a member of the NCAA All-American Collegiate Fencing Team in 1958 and was elected to the University of Detroit Mercy Sports Hall of Fame. He's also a founding member of a barbershop quartet of lawyers, the Forum Shoppers, and a member of the Men's Club Board of Directors. His other interests include rowing, acting, tennis and photography.

A coffee social is set for 11:30 a.m., followed by lunch at noon. Lunch is $25, which includes tax and gratuity.



Sign of summer

Summer in Michigan is monarch butterfly season and St. Clair Shores resident Joe Rich spotted this beauty Monday morning. "I was working at a home in Grosse Pointe Woods today and couldn't believe what I saw," he wrote. "And yes, it's a real picture! It stayed around and I talked to him/her like we were friends. It must mean something!"

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AREA ACTIVITIES

The Family Center

The Family Center of Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods offers free programs and resources that help build happier, healthier families. The following programs take place at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, unless otherwise noted. Learn more at familycenterhelps.org or RSVP to register@familycenterhelps.org.

◆ The Healing Circle: Survivors of Suicide Loss Support Group is a collaboration between The Family Center and Kevin's Song to help those impacted by suicide loss cope with their grief. The group meets at 4:30 p.m. the third Thursday of each month, beginning Aug. 20, at The War Memorial.

◆ Grief Work Support Group helps people develop resilience and be intentional in their grief, so they can grow in wisdom and connection to themselves and others. The group meets at noon the second Tuesday of the month at the Harper Woods Library and noon the fourth Tuesday of the month at the Ewald Library.

The Helm

The Helm at the Boll Life Center, 158 Ridge, Grosse Pointe Farms, offers a variety of classes and programs. For more information, call (313) 882-9600.

◆ Twilight Bingo, 5:30 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 6. Cost is $2 for two cards, pastries and refreshments.

◆ Lunch & Learn: Ridesharing — Uber, Lyft & More, noon to 1 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 6. Cost is $10.

◆ Field Trip: Fiesta Detroit, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 12. Cost is $119 and includes transportation, lunch at Mexican Village and tours.

◆ Courtyard Cookout, 5:30 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 13. Cost is $10.

Ford House

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

◆ Shakespeare Stroll at Ford House, 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 6. General admission is $50, VIP admission is $75 and student admission is $25.

◆ Science Saturdays, Cranbrook Institute of Science, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 8. Ticket prices vary.

◆ Food Tales: "Anansi and the Talking Melon," 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 13. Admission is $5 for Friends ages 3 to 17, $7 for the public.

◆ Outdoor Summer Concert: Michigan Philharmonic: Let's Go to the Movies, 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 14. Ticket prices vary.

For tickets and information, visit fordhouse.org.

The War Memorial

The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, offers programs and activities for the community. For information on the following, visit warmemorial.org

◆ Grosse Pointe Symphony Orchestra outdoor summer concert, 7 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 6. Tickets are $25 for adults, $20 for seniors and veterans, $10 for college students and free for students in K-12.

◆ Silent Book Club, 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 11.

◆ SummerFest Concert: Thornetta Davis, 6 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 12.

◆ War Memorial History Tour, 10 to 11 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 13.

◆ Liquor & Lore: Forgotten Recipes from Prohibition, 6:30 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 13. Cost is $90.

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OBITS:

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Delmar James Harkenrider

Delmar James Harkenrider, 87, passed away peacefully Sunday, July 26, 2026.

Delmar was born Feb. 6, 1939, in New Haven, Ind. He lived a life defined by deep devotion to his faith, his community and, above all, his family.

Delmar was the beloved husband of the late Marie, with whom he shared 58 wonderful years of marriage. Together, they raised five devoted children, James, Tim (Sally), Andrew (Carmen), Stacey Townson (Keith) and Glenn (Patricia). Delmar found his greatest joy in raising his kids. Some of the family's fondest memories are of the many camping trips they took together.

Delmar also is survived by his siblings, Gerald (Myrna), Joan Wolff (David), Joyce Martin, Robert (Nancy) and Janice Krusen (Jeff). His legacy extends proudly to his eight grandchildren, Allison, Grace, Luke, Nicholas, Ethan, Maxwell, Brendan and Gia, who will forever cherish their grandpa's warmth, wisdom and gentle guidance.

Delmar dedicated his 45-year career to shaping young minds as a schoolteacher in Detroit. He approached education with patience and care and left a lasting impact on generations of students.

Outside of work and family, Delmar was strongly involved in his community, including work with the Grosse Pointe Woods Historical Commission, ushering at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church and being active at the Boll Family YMCA. Delmar's hobbies included playing bridge, long bicycle rides, traveling and bowling. He spent many joyful years on the lanes with friends and league members. He also was a proud and dedicated member of the Knights of Columbus for more than 50 years, living out the organization's principles of charity, unity and fraternity throughout his life.

Delmar's kindness, steady presence and generous heart will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

Visitation was held at A.H. Peters Funeral Home, Grosse Pointe Woods. A funeral Mass took place July 31, at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, St. Clair Shores.

Arrangements entrusted to A.H. Peters Funeral Home.

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Delmar J. Harkenrider



Nancy Louise Renick

Nancy Louise Renick

Nancy Renick, 93, died Saturday, July 18, 2026. She was a Grosse Pointe resident for more than 65 years.

Nancy was predeceased by her husband, John "Jack"; parents, Amedeo and Elvera Masi; brother, Fredrick; and grandson, Stephen Renick Durand. She is survived by her daughters, Ellen Durand (Peter) and Elizabeth Bracher (Troy); grandsons, Robert Durand (Melanie), Jack Bracher, Christian Bracher and George Bracher; great-grandson, Bennett Stephen Durand; brother, Richard Masi (Betty); sister, Louise Ratonyi (Charles); as well as three nephews and two nieces.

Nancy was born March 27, 1933, in Erie, Pa., the oldest of four children. The family soon moved to Dearborn, where Nancy graduated from Fordson High School. She then earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in education from Wayne State University.

While attending Wayne State, Nancy met the love of her life, Jack Renick. They were married June 15, 1957, beginning a partnership built on love, faith and family that inspired all who knew them. Nancy began her teaching career at Clara B. Ford Academy in Dearborn and later taught at Barnes Early Childhood Center in Grosse Pointe Woods. Nancy's love of working with children, combined with her entrepreneurial spirit, inspired her to start the Sunningdale Nursery School at St. Michael's Episcopal Church, where she and Jack were parishioners for more than 40 years. In 1958, Nancy helped establish the Country Club of Detroit Day Camp, which she co-directed for more than 30 years before handing the reins to her daughter, Ellen.

Nancy's entrepreneurial ambitions and her love of children also fueled her next career move. She became a retail store owner by opening the Ten O'Clock Scholar Toy Shop in The Village. This launched her reputation as the "Toy Lady" to generations of families in the Grosse Pointes. After 10 years, she reimagined the business and opened the Village Toy Company in partnership with her daughter, Ellen. This partnership lasted for 25 years. For Nancy, the toy business was never simply about selling toys; it was about creating wonder, encouraging imagination and making childhood a little more magical.

Throughout her adult life, Nancy was an active and faithful member of St. Michael's Episcopal Church and Christ Church Grosse Pointe. Nancy dedicated herself to serving others in Grosse Pointe and the Detroit area. She generously volunteered her time, creativity and boundless energy to the Fontbonne Auxiliary of St. John Hospital and served as president of Ibex.

Above all, Nancy treasured her friends and family. She loved playing bridge and mahjong, regularly attending the Detroit Opera and Detroit Symphony Orchestra and traveling the world with Jack. Her favorite trip with Jack was to Italy to see family.

A memorial service will be held at 4:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 2, at Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Christ Church Grosse Pointe Carstens Literacy Initiative, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236, christchurchgp.org/in-memoriam.

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Maggie's Wigs 4 Kids of MI to host annual gala

Maggie's Wigs 4 Kids of Michigan hosts its 23rd annual gala at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 12, at Penna's of Sterling, 38400 Van Dyke, Sterling Heights. This year's theme is "Barbie & Ken."

Maggie's Wigs 4 Kids of Michigan is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that provides wigs and support services to children ages 3 to 18 at no charge throughout Michigan. The organization has helped more than 6,000 Michigan children since 2003, working with all nine major hospitals that provide pediatric oncology, burn centers, pediatricians and dermatology clinics.

The organization began with a focus on children with cancer and has since grown to support those affected by alopecia, trichotillomania, lupus, hydrocephalus, burns, blood and skin disorders, Down syndrome, autism, cerebral palsy, epilepsy, diabetes, cartilage hair hypoplasia and other health challenges. Children receive custom-made wigs to help their self-esteem, as well as support service classes, social activities, field trips and counseling, which help them heal emotionally, socially and psychologically.

Gala guests will enjoy dinner, desserts, a princess tea party and more than 100 raffle and silent auction items. Performance speed painter Dave Santia will perform live and Crowns Against Cancer's colorful characters will be on hand to mingle with the kids.

K-pop Demon Hunters-style hair braiding will be available for kids courtesy of Colorful Creations by Katy and there will be a money booth in which kids can try to grab as many dollar bills as they can. Commemorative photos will be provided to all guests by On-Sight Event Photography.

Funds raised from the gala help ensure more Michigan children will be served.

Tickets are $125 per person, $40 for children 11 and younger.

The organization also is hosting a pre-gala raffle to fund nine wigs for Michigan children. Tickets are $10 each and give the chance to win a cash prize of $1,000. Anyone may enter the pre-gala raffle and need not be at the gala to win.

Corporate sponsorship opportunities also are available.

"It's an honor and privilege to serve these children," said Maggie Varney, founder and CEO of Maggie's Wigs 4 Kids of Michigan. "Our gala is all about the kids."

To purchase tickets, become a corporate sponsor or make a donation, call (586) 772-6656, visit the Wellness Center in St. Clair Shores or visit mw4k23.givesmart.com.

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GPPL

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

Ewald branch, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park

◆ Appy Hour, 10 to 11 a.m. Friday, Aug. 7.

◆ Yoga Storytime, 10 to 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 8.

◆ Gettin' Crafty with Miss Mo, 4 to 5 p.m. Monday, Aug. 10.

◆ Storytime Shuffle with Miss Mo, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. to noon Tuesday, Aug. 11.

◆ Brave Belle's Book Club, 6 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 13.

Woods branch, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods

◆ Library Bigs & Littles, 10 to 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 8.

◆ Teen Tabletop Game Club, 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 8.

◆ Reader Dog, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Monday, Aug. 10.

◆ Science Fiction Book Club, 7 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 12.

◆ Playtime Pop-Ins, 10 a.m. to noon Thursday, Aug. 13.

◆ Unpacking Odysseus 2, 7 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 13.

◆ Detroit Guitar Trio, 2 to 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 15.

Harper Woods Library

The Harper Woods Library, 19601 Harper, Harper Woods, hosts Gentle Evening Yoga from 6 to 7 p.m. Mondays, Aug. 10 and 24, and Sept. 21. Classes are taught by Yemisi Odetoyinbo. Registration is encouraged.

Rotary

The Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe hosts its next meeting at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 12, at Village Grille, 16930 Kercheval, City of Grosse Pointe. Meredith Hanoian, director of fundraising and development for The War Memorial, speaks. Email grossepointerotary@gmail.com.

Blood drives

The American Red Cross hosts the following blood drives:

◆ 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 18, Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms.

◆ Noon to 6 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 19, Jefferson Masonic Lodge No. 553, 22000 E. 11 Mile, St. Clair Shores.

◆ 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 25, Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church, 19950 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 25, St. Clair Shores Senior Center, 20100 Stephens, St. Clair Shores.

Register at redcrossblood.org.

Benefit

The 33rd annual Benefit on the Bay takes place 5:30 p.m. to midnight at MacRay Harbor in Harrison Township. The event will be hosted by FOX 2 Detroit anchor Jay Towers and includes live entertainment, silent and live auctions, dancing, raffles and more. All proceeds benefit the Capuchin Soup Kitchen's meal programs, food and clothing distribution, Earthworks Urban Farm, substance use disorder treatment and recovery services. For more information, visit benefitonthebay.org.

Reunion

The Grosse Pointe North High School Class of 1971 will celebrate its 55th class reunion 6 to 10 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12, at Fishbones Rhythm Kitchen Cafe, 23722 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores. Hors d'oeuvres will be provided and a cash bar will be available. For information, visit gpn1971.org

The Grosse Pointe North High School Class of 1976 will celebrate its 50th reunion Sept. 19, at MotorCity Casino Hotel. The event features a casual dress code, food stations and a cash bar. For more information or to RSVP, visit gpnclassof1976.com.

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Above, Pamela Palms McShane created this heart for Keller Williams Realtor Ryan Lally. Right, Dominic Pangborn was among the artists who participated in "Grosse Pointe Unleashed."

ART:

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for creative expression," Boettcher said. "These designs are collected into a curated book that showcases the full range of ideas. Then, sponsors are solicited. Each sponsor reviews the design book and selects the artist whose concept they want to support. This creates a direct partnership between sponsor and creator. The artists receive the physical object and are given several weeks to bring their design to life."

Once completed, the art is picked up and installed at the sponsor's designated location, becoming part of the public art experience.

The Pointes' street art projects began in 2005, when a frog-themed public art fundraiser appeared throughout the Pointes.

"Although many residents assumed the chamber produced that project, it was actually created by another organization," Boettcher said. "Still, the frogs sparked something important: a clear desire for more community art. People loved seeing creativity pop up across the districts and the idea of a recurring street art tradition began to take shape."

The chamber's first official street art project occurred in 2012 with "Hooked on Grosse Pointe," featuring fish, many of which still may be seen throughout the community.

"This project marked the beginning of the chamber's role in producing large-scale, artist-driven public art installations," Boettcher said. "It set the tone for everything that followed."

Those installations included the dogs of "Grosse Pointe Unleashed," the butterfly benches of "Seat Yourself in Grosse Pointe," the hearts of "The Heartbeat of Grosse Pointe" and the spheres of "Have a Ball in Grosse Pointe," each adding personality and charm to the area.

"The street art project strengthens community identity, supports local artists and enhances the visual appeal of our business districts," Boettcher said. "It encourages foot traffic, sparks conversation and creates memorable moments for families, shoppers and visitors."

Those interested in voicing their opinions may find the chamber's survey online at grossepointechamber.org or by scanning the QR code.





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Managing director and co-founder Jim Durham and co-founder Monica Loveley.

HEART:

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to Europe and work for the U.N. or one of the affiliated agencies. But when I was there, I was really confronted with poverty that I hadn't seen anywhere else.

"I'd been all around China, including rural China, and other places in Central America, Mexico, Guatemala, that were also poor, but not like what I saw in Nicaragua," she continued. "There are so many children on the streets that weren't going to school, so I looked for volunteering opportunities. I thought, 'Well, I'm here. I can play with some kids, teach some English.' I ended up volunteering at a local preschool in what is known as one of the worst barrios in the country."

She started working with a group of children with whom she quickly fell in love. They were a loving, bright and eager group, she said.

"I remember them lining up and begging me for homework," Loveley said. "They'd run away and finish their homework and come back and say, 'I want more homework, please.'"

Apart from lacking education, the children faced a bigger problem: hunger. Loveley began recruiting "every person that I met" to volunteer with her, sponsor a meal, help in any way they could. The connections grew her network and every donation helped.

"After working at that preschool for about a month and a half, I had my ticket to go home," she said. "I thought, 'What's the point of the work I've done so far if I'm just going to leave?' And then I just didn't take the flight home.

"... I wasn't really thinking about it," Loveley continued. "I just really wanted to work with these kids. I started going around and talking with business owners, getting the little things that they needed to go to school. It was a preschool, but then a lot of the older siblings would come, too, especially if we were able to provide a meal — and because they weren't in school.

"I remember seeing one girl who was very bright walking down the street during what would be normal school hours one day and I said, 'Why aren't you in school?' She said, 'I don't have a pencil.' At that point, a pencil was ... 10 cents U.S. and she couldn't afford it."

Loveley decided with what little money she had, she could help more kids go to school. The girl, Priscila Castillo, 8, was instrumental in rounding up other children.

"She was so excited, she ran around in the community saying, 'A school's opening up in my house tomorrow' and that's when we opened up in November 2012," Loveley said. "We had 40 kids the first day and Priscila, I always say she was the reason why we started this because she was the little girl who was so smart that didn't have the pencil."

The girl's family offered their land to Loveley to use as a classroom. That was the start of Education Plus Nicaragua.

Next week: How Education Plus established roots and grew.





Education Plus students are all smiles in and outside of the classroom.

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North grad conquers another game show

By Ted O'Neil
Associate Editor

Jamie Ding, the 2009 Grosse Pointe North High School graduate who won 31 games and more than $882,000 — both fifth highest ever — earlier this year on "Jeopardy!" topped that by winning $1 million on "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire."

But he won't get to keep it. He was on the celebrity version of the show paired with actor Ben Affleck to win money for charity. The pair was playing for the Eastern Congo Initiative, founded by the latter, to help the war-torn area.

Their appearance, taped in late May, was split between episodes that aired on ABC Wednesday, July 22, and Wednesday, July 29. They reached the $250,000 level as time ran out in their first episode, leaving just the $500,000 and $1 million questions for last week.

Ding, of course, wore an orange tie. As he said on "Jeopardy!" it's his favorite color and he wore something orange in every one of his episodes.

The final question was, "In an annual Thanksgiving tradition, all but which of these have been the names of turkeys pardoned by a U.S. president?"



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From left, Jamie Ding, host Jimmy Kimmel and Ben Affleck after winning $1 million for charity on "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire."

Possible answers included Peanut Butter & Jelly, Tater & Tot, Mac & Cheese and Spaghetti & Meatball.

They used their "Ask the Host" lifeline, seeking help from Jimmy Kimmel, who said while he isn't privy to the answers, he believed it was Spaghetti & Meatball. They next used their "Phone a Friend" lifeline, calling one of Ding's trivia teammates, but he wasn't able to answer in time.

They locked in Kimmel's answer, dancing around on stage as confetti fell and were presented with an oversized check.

They also needed to use a lifeline on the $500,000 question, which was, "What achievement occurred just two months after a New York Times article said it wouldn't happen for 1 million to 10 million years?" Choices were Splitting the Atom, Cloning a Mammal, First Airplane Flight and Polio Vaccine.

The "50-50" lifeline took away cloning a mammal and polio vaccine. Ding said he felt more comfortable answering first airplane flight.

"People don't go outside and look at the sky and dream of splitting the atom," he reasoned, "but we all dream of flying."

They were right. A New York Times editorial from Oct. 9, 1903, said just that. On Dec. 17, 1903, the Wright brothers conducted their first flight in Kill Devil Hills, N.C., near Kitty Hawk.

The pair breezed through the first several questions while their first episode ended with the $250,000 question, which asked, "During the annual Spanish festival El Colacho, men dressed in costumes jump over what?" The choices were Hot Coals, Stacks of Money, Babies and Hats. Ding said he thought it might be coals because it sounded like Colacho.

Affleck, however, knew it was babies. He said last year, when "Jeopardy!" host Ken Jennings was paired with friend and fellow actor Matt Damon, there was a question about what people in Spain eat on New Year's Eve for good luck.

"I didn't know that," he said. "I Googled 'Spain' because I speak a little bit of Spanish and looked up some of their customs and this was one of them."

Jennings and Damon also ended up winning $1 million for water.org, which provides safe drinking water to developing countries.

Although no taping dates have been set, Ding will appear on the "Jeopardy!" Tournament of Champions sometime early next year.



COURTESY PHOTO

Incoming President Bob Grambo, left, and outgoing President Mark Heppner.

Passing of the gavel

As Mark Heppner's term as president of the Grosse Pointe Sunrise Rotary Club came to a close, members celebrated a year of service, fellowship and community impact before he passed the gavel to incoming president Bob Grambo. During his year in review, Heppner highlighted a year of record membership, the launch of the club's first website, increased media coverage, five new members, more than $20,000 in scholarships awarded, more than $10,000 raised for PolioPlus and numerous community service efforts. He thanked the club's officers, directors, committee chairs and members for their dedication throughout the year. The club looks forward to continuing its mission of "Service Above Self" as it celebrates its 35th anniversary.

ASK THE EXPERTS By Tonya Rice, MA, LPC, NCC, ACS

August: A fresh start

Many people think of January as the time for new beginnings. But as you start counting down the last days of summer or begin preparing for a new school or work schedule, August offers its own opportunity to reset. Ask yourself:

◆ What am I carrying that I need to let go of?
◆ What boundaries do I need to strengthen?
◆ How can I better care for my mental health?
◆ What habits no longer serve me?
◆ What is one small change I can make this month?

Remember, growth happens one decision at a time — not all at once.

Now consider choosing one intentional act of self-care each day during August. Ideas include:

◆ Taking a 15-minute walk
◆ Spending time outdoors
◆ Practicing deep breathing
◆ Reading a book
◆ Journaling your thoughts
◆ Saying "no" without guilt
◆ Connecting with a supportive friend
◆ Drinking more water
◆ Going to bed 30 minutes earlier
◆ Scheduling time for rest

Small, consistent habits create lasting change. Remember: You do not have to have everything figured out. You do not have to be perfect. You do not have to face life's challenges alone.

The therapists at All Things Possible Wellness Center can provide additional strategies and guidance to help you cope. For more information, visit allthingspossiblewc.com

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The luxury of keeping it simple

Dear Gabby: My spouse and I disagree about entertaining. I love opening our home for dinners and holiday gatherings. He worries about the expense and says people won't notice if we stop hosting. I think gathering people together is worth it to keep friends and family connected. Who's right? — Cooked in the Park

Dear Cooked in the Park: Probably both of you are right.

Hospitality doesn't necessarily require extravagance, and financial responsibility doesn't require sitting at home alone.

Some of the most memorable evenings happen around a pot of chili, homemade cookies and good conversation. So if gathering friends and family brings you joy, find a version that fits a budget you both agree on. Warmth and hospitality have never depended on luxury.

— Gabby

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Breaking up with the in-laws – again

DEAR ANNIE: I've been married to a wonderful man for 30 years. His family has always made me feel like an outsider — rude, dismissive, the works.

Ten years ago, I finally stepped back from them. We reconnected briefly five years ago when his father passed, mostly with his mother, but this year they've slid right back into their old habits. It's to the point where it's affecting my health: I've developed real anxiety, even depression, over it.

I've decided to cut them off again, for good this time. I've given them more chances than they deserved. What I don't know is how to tell my husband I'm done with his family without breaking his heart. — Done for Good

DEAR DONE FOR GOOD: You can tell your husband the truth plainly: you love him, this isn't about him, and your health can't survive another round with his family. Cutting them off doesn't require cutting him off from them, too. He can still call his mother on Sundays; you just don't have to be on the line.

Send your questions for Annie Lane to dear annie@creators.com.

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Dear Annie

by Annie Lane



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Above, Mandy (Zeyah Pearson) and Sailboat (Julian Atocani Sanchez) in the 2018 movie "A Boy Called Sailboat," written and directed by Cameron Nugent.

Movie Junkie Mark

by Mark Domin

"Life is too short to watch mediocre movies"



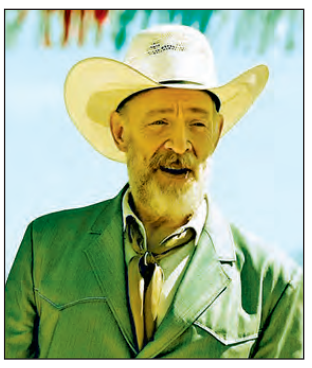
MOVIE REVIEW
"A Boy Called Sailboat"
2018 - Not Rated
1 hr 32 min
★★★★☆

When a film is titled "A Boy Called Sailboat," it's a dead giveaway that it's not your typical Hollywood fare. And sure enough, this quirky little film is quite unusual. It easily falls under the label of "magic realism." If you're a fan of Wes Anderson movies, I think you'll enjoy this one. I found it sweet, offbeat and infinitely entertaining. If you're not into weird, you might want to give this one a pass. But if you enjoy the occasional oddball movie, I highly recommend it.

This is the feature debut for writer/director Cameron Nugent. The setting is a small town, somewhere in the southwest U.S. near the Mexican border. For an Australian, Nugent sure does a great job capturing the stark beauty of the American desert. He's aided by the sensitive camera work of John Garrett. The rich, warm-toned color palette of just about every scene reminded me of a Georgia O'Keeffe painting.

The story is focused on a Latino family and is narrated by the oddly named Sailboat, the adorable and talented young actor Julian Atocani Sanchez, in his first movie. He's a smart, precocious kid and is full of philosophical musings like, "Sometimes things happen so that other things can happen." He lives with his two loving parents. Jose, his father (Noel Gugliemi), is obsessed with horses and six-shooters, and spends his time focused on the wooden beam that keeps their dangerously leaning wood-frame house from falling over. His sweetheart of a mother, Meyo (Elizabeth de Razzo), rarely leaves home and can usually be found making her mammoth magical meatballs, which she serves at just about every meal.

We also encounter an unusual group of supporting characters.



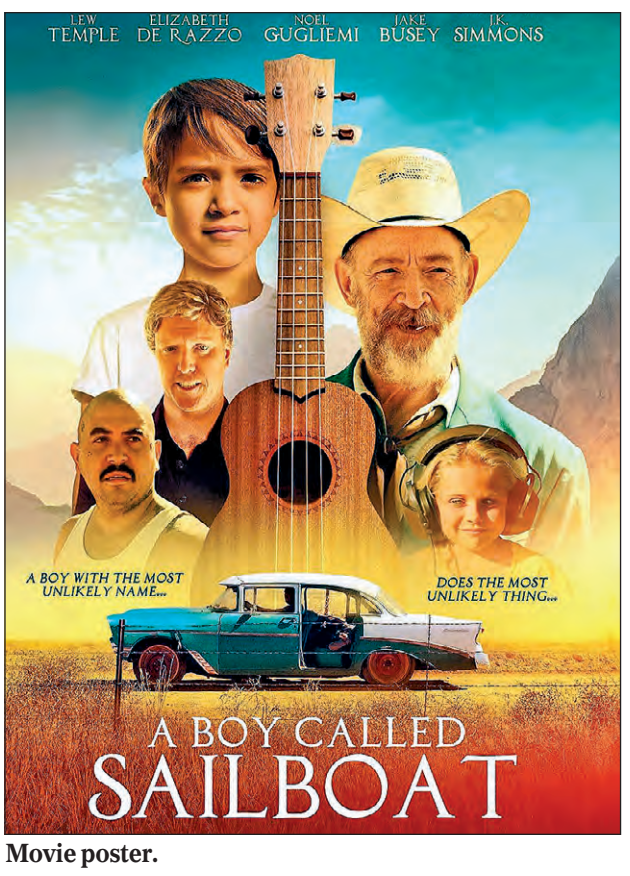
J.K. Simmons as the car salesman, Ernest.

eyedrops. Then there's Mandy (Zeyah Pearson), a pretty classmate who's always seen with her headphones on, listening to music on her Discman. If you guessed that they were destined to befriend each other, you'd be correct.

Another of the quirky characters is Ernest (J.K. Simmons), a used car salesman whose small



Sailboat performing his original song.



Movie poster.

There's Sailboat's best friend Peeti (Keanu Wilson), who is intent on teaching himself to play soccer. He has an ailment that prevents him from blinking, so he's constantly putting in

car lot is out in the middle of the desert. He's constantly waxing eloquent about the three vehicles he has for sale. It's amusing to see him practicing his monologue in the middle of nowhere. Right next to his lot is a totally out-of-place sailboat, literally hundreds of miles from the nearest body of water. It's too bad his appearance is so limited — he's always so entertaining to watch. Later on in the film, he does take Sailboat aside and gives him some sage advice about life.

One day, Sailboat finds a beat-up little guitar/ukulele in a junk pile. He picks it up and proceeds to carry it with him everywhere. He becomes totally obsessed with the instrument and eventually teaches himself how to play it. His parents take him to visit his beloved Abuela (grandmother) in the hospital. When she sees him with his ukulele, she asks him if he'd write a song for her.

And what a song he ends up penning. This is where the magic realism begins. Sailboat has written a tune that draws out the deepest emotions in everyone who hears it. When he plays it for his friends, they're stunned into silence. Other people begin to weep. When word spreads about the transformative power of his music, folks start showing up at his house to hear him perform. What's unusual is the actual song. When Sailboat starts singing, the audio goes silent and all we hear is a quiet humming sound — which forces us to fill in the blank. It begs the viewer, "What kind of song would have that kind of effect on you?" It's a bit puzzling at first, but eventually it starts to make sense.

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We Tried It!

by Anna Lizer



The older I get, the more I dislike cheap stuff. The material usually looks great for one wear or is ill-fitting. However, sometimes a dupe is in order when I simply cannot afford something I really want. Case in point: the viral Ruti barrel-leg pants. There are about 10 influencers I follow online who sang the praises of an Amazon dupe. So naturally I had to try it.

The color I chose was "coffee," to mimic the Ruti color I was seeing online on all the "cool girls."

When they arrived in a day, I was pretty excited —



Ruti's $249 "On the loose" pants.



$33 Amazon dupe.

the pants looked exactly like the ones I had been coveting. The barrel leg is pretty trendy right now and not something I expect to be wearing on repeat for years to come, so I had high hopes for the dupes.

Well, the influencers did not lie: The pants are great. They are 100 percent polyester, which sounds terrible, but the fabric doesn't look or feel like it. They don't wrinkle very easily either, which I'm excited about for travel. For comparison, the Ruti pants are made of nylon and spandex. Both are machine washable.

The fit was perfect and true to size. I got a medium and they are loose in nature, but not sloppy. They look great with a low-profile tennis shoe, but I also like them with a slide. After a few washes, they still look and fit the same — which is virtually unheard of in dupe land. I'm not normally someone who shops this way, but occasionally a dupe is a way to save some money and this is definitely one of those occasions! I give them a perfect score. They're $33, look and feel great and there's still $216 in my bank account — that I'll likely spend to try more gadgets, dupes and beauty products. You can find the perfect dupes here: https://amzn.to/4wIBwxRere: tinyurl.com/2z3zz3nb

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A rustic basil chop

Courtesy of Mombeau's Table

The shining star of the farmers market this past Saturday was zucchini. Here in the Thumb, corn won't make an appearance until this Saturday, so while we wait, I wanted to make a pasta featuring zucchini and basil.

Most of the zucchini at the market were quite large, which is typical for August. While they tend to have a firmer texture than the smaller ones, they're perfect for grilling and sautéing. In this case, they're the star of a simple spaghetti dish. I love how zucchini can easily take on any flavor, especially bright lemon and fragrant garlic. A light and fresh summer pasta felt like the perfect way to use them.

This recipe was inspired by recent food pictures that a friend sent me from her trip to Sicily, where olives and pistachios seemed to be quite prominent. So, to pair with the zucchini, I decided to make a "rustic chop" of basil, garlic, lemon, bright green olives and, of course, pistachios. It was fabulous. It was almost a dry pesto with lots of different textures, exploding with fresh flavors that got more flavorful when tossed through the warm pasta noodles and zucchini.

I started by cutting the zucchini into matchsticks to mimic the shape of the pasta. Then I cooked them with garlic and chili flakes until soft and just starting to brown. I added lots of lemon juice and a bit of pasta water to create a light sauce. The basil and pistachio chop gets added in raw. The second it hits the pasta, you can smell every fragrant ingredient. It's bright, fresh, briny and herbal with a punch of lemon and chili flavor. Exactly what a Mediterranean pasta dish should taste like. The kids were wowed and so was I.

So find a friend whose basil plant is exploding — they are out there. Then shop your local farmers market for freshly harvested garlic and zucchini. You can make this dish in 20 minutes from start to finish if you're motivated. Brighten up your pasta repertoire and make this tonight!

Cheers, Mombeau

Spaghetti with Zucchini and Rustic Basil Topping

¼ cup olive oil

1 large zucchini

2 smashed garlic cloves

½ tsp red chili flakes

Juice of one lemon

1 lb spaghetti

1 packed cup of fresh basil

½ cup roasted, shelled pistachios

½ heaping cup Castlevetravo olives (12-14)

2 garlic cloves

Zest of one lemon

1/3 cup grated Parmesan cheese

Salt and pepper to taste

Wash the zucchini and trim off both ends. Slice it lengthwise into ¼-inch-thick planks. You should get about three to four planks per zucchini. Stack the planks, cut them in half crosswise, then slice each half lengthwise into 4-inch matchsticks.

Heat the olive oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat. Add the zucchini, a generous pinch of salt and the red chili flakes. Use tongs to toss everything in the oil, then add the garlic cloves. Sauté for about 10 minutes, stirring every few minutes, until the zucchini is soft and deeply browned. While the zucchini cooks, bring a large pot of salted water to a boil for the pasta.

Meanwhile, make the basil topping. Pile the basil, garlic, olives, pistachios and lemon zest onto a large cutting board. Season with a pinch of salt and pepper, then use a chef's knife to chop everything together. As you continue chopping, the garlic and pistachios will meld with the basil and olives to create a cohesive, rustic mixture. Aim for a slightly chunky texture rather than a fine mince.



PHOTO BY KAREN FERGUSON

Cook the spaghetti according to the package directions. Before draining, reserve one cup of the pasta water.

When the zucchini is browned and tender, squeeze in the juice of one lemon and stir in about half a cup of the reserved pasta water. Add the drained spaghetti, the basil topping, and the Parmesan. Toss everything together until the pasta is evenly coated. If it seems a little dry, add more of the reserved pasta water, a splash at a time, until the sauce lightly coats the noodles.

Serve with extra grated Parmesan and enjoy.

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Wine glut

In five decades of reporting on the wine industry, I have seen the cycle so often I can now nearly predict it.

It is the boom/bust roller coaster ride that hits the wine business with regularity and, at the moment, we're in one of those periods in which sales of wine have figuratively hit a brick wall. Very little is selling, and the industry is responding by cutting back on production.

Not only are bankruptcies and winery closures becoming commonplace, but very slow wine sales are also changing the face of domestic production.

But there is a good side to this for some people. Savvy American consumers can take advantage of an oversupply of wine, which has led to better-quality wines. Shop around: values are everywhere.

The way the boom/bust thing works parallels the supply-demand equation in which the scarcity of a commodity in demand drives prices up and the oversupply of that same item drives prices down.

With agricultural products, a shortage kicks prices up and encourages more planting until the supply becomes too great, when prices collapse. There is so much wine in the U.S. pipeline today that prices are depressed across the board, including expensive Napa cabernet sauvignons.

And although many high-end restaurants and fine wine shops have been reluctant to cut prices, hoping the market will rebound, even there, I have begun to see discounts.

Restaurants occasionally offer wine specials on some midweek nights.

What makes this wine glut so much more challenging for American wineries is that the consumer has many new choices. One of these is imported wine.

The last time we had a major oversupply of wine, 25 years ago, only about 20 percent of the wine sold in the United States was imported. Today, that figure is about 40 percent.

U.S. wine consumers have grown more knowledgeable about imports. Today rosé wines from the south of France, malbec from Argentina, New Zealand sauvignon blanc, Italian prosecco and German riesling have all created niche markets in this country.

The worst part of this, for the California wine industry, is that few consumers complained about the imported wines. Indeed, few even noticed that their favorite chardonnay was coming from overseas.

Meanwhile, U.S. wineries responded by creating better-quality wines at lower prices. The wine surplus has meant that wines in boxes are better than ever. Wineries now use better-quality wine blends.

Miro Tcholakov, a superb winemaker who makes wine under his own Miro label as well as the wines for Trentadue Winery, has always made a blended red for Trentadue called Old Patch Red, OPR. It always represents excellent value.

We chatted recently, and I said his most recent OPR was better than ever. Previous wines came from grapes purchased from other areas.

"Nothing is selling, so now I can use all our estate-grown fruit for the OPR," he said.



To find out more about Sonoma County resident Dan Berger, visit the Creators Syndicate webpage at www.creators.com.

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MOVIE

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Throughout the film there's a quiet background layer of beautiful guitar music — which in a way echoes Sailboat's quest to learn to play his instrument. The wide range of pop tunes and folk melodies include "My Bonnie Lies Over the Ocean," "La Bamba," "Row, Row, Row Your Boat" and "The House of the Rising Sun." I found myself singing along with the iconic songs in my head. Don't be surprised when you do too!

If you're looking for a charming, heartfelt and quirky movie the whole family will enjoy, be sure to catch this one. If you enjoy it and are looking for some similar movies, I highly recommend the Wes Anderson films: "Moonrise Kingdom" and "The Grand Budapest Hotel." Also Zach Braff's "Garden State," Jonathan Dayton's "Little Miss Sunshine" and Tim Burton's "Big Fish."

Note to parents: The film is not rated, but I think it's fine for family viewing.

Currently streaming free on Hoopla with your library card. Also on Tubi, The Roku Channel, and Prime. And to rent on Apple TV, YouTube, Prime, and other streaming services.

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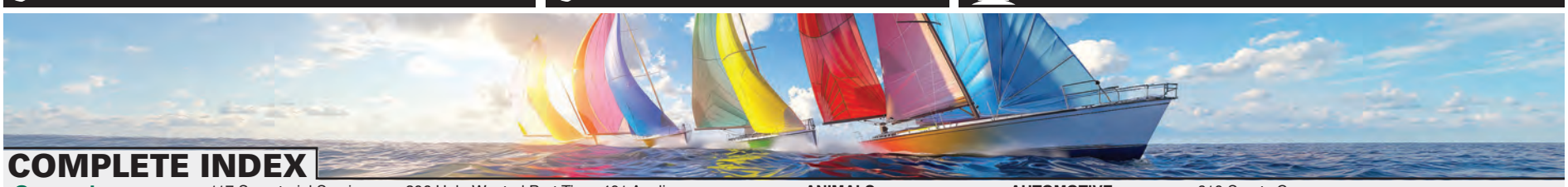

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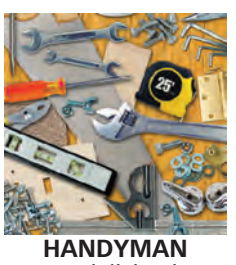

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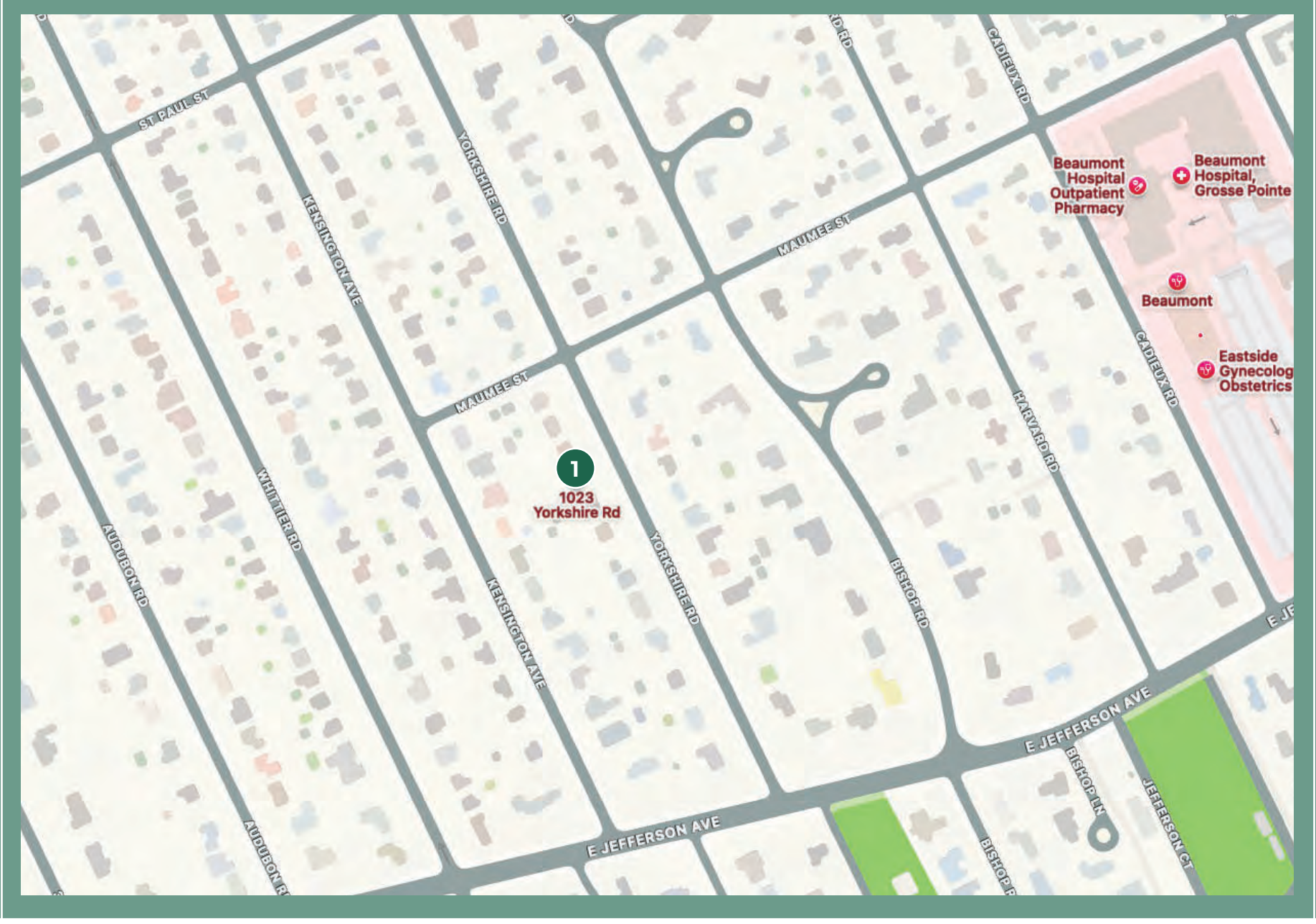

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						5	1	
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	9	1						
	1			7		2		
	3				1			
5			9	3	6		4	

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

Previous puzzle solution

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

7/30 Solution

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Pointe Word Search

Find the words on the left in the puzzle below and spell out the hidden sentence with the unused letters.

CIRCLE
CRAYON
DISTANCE
DOT
HURDLE
LESS
MARKER
MORE
PENCIL
POINT
SCORE
TARGET

L	I	C	N	E	P	T	H	E	M
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Royal Stars Weekly Horoscopes

Moon Alert: Avoid shopping (except for food and gas) and important decisions after 7 p.m. EDT today. After that, the Moon moves from TAURUS into GEMINI.

Happy Birthday for Thursday, August 6, 2026: You are charming, strong-willed and open-minded. This is a year of service to others, probably to family. Therefore, take care of yourself so you can be a resource to those who turn to you for guidance, comfort and courage. Time for personal makeover?

ARIES
(March 21-April 19)

Discussions about home repairs and family matters, especially with respect to the cost needed to do the job, might occur. It's an excellent day to make plans about the education and care of your kids. Some, however, will plan out a vacation. Tonight: Conversations.

TAURUS
(April 20-May 20)

Today the Moon is in your sign dancing beautifully with Mercury, which will increase the pace of your day and attract others to you. You might be keen to share your feelings or write down something for someone else to read. Tonight: Check your money.

GEMINI
(May 21-June 20)

Someone older might have advice for you today. Possibly, you are the person dispensing advice. This is a good day to learn something new because you have the discipline and focus necessary to make it happen. Tonight: You win!

CANCER
(June 21-July 22)

It's the perfect day to draw up a budget and think about how to use your money as economically as possible. You might give advice to a boss or someone in authority. Tonight: Solitude.

LEO
(July 23-Aug. 22)

A conversation with a parent, boss or someone in authority could be important today. It might be your chance to share your feelings about something. You want to organize your life with an overall plan. Tonight: Friendships.

VIRGO
(Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

If you have a chance for some time alone today, you might do some deep thinking. This is also a good day to think about how you can expand your world through travel and talking to different people. Tonight: You're admired.

LIBRA
(Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Discussions with partners, spouses and close friends will be serious today but meaningful. Advice might flow back and forth. You're focused more on solid, practical issues today. Tonight: Explore!

SCORPIO
(Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

You'll make a great impression on bosses, parents, teachers and VIPs today. They see you as reliable, conscientious and hardworking. You've got your bases covered. Tonight: Check your finances.

SAGITTARIUS
(Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

This is the perfect day to study, write or review an important paper. Your mind will be detail-oriented and self-disciplined. You'll have a practical approach to dealing with kids, as well as social events. Tonight: Cooperate.

CAPRICORN
(Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

This is a solid day to discuss how to divide assets or share the cost of something or deal with inheritances, taxes and debt. It could relate to family matters or your home. A partner or friend might keep things lighthearted. Tonight: Work.

AQUARIUS
(Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

When talking to someone close today, you'll steer the conversation in the way you want it to go. You know what's important to you, and you'll discuss it. You'll get great satisfaction from a job well done. Tonight: Socialize!

PISCES
(Feb. 19-March 20)

This is a productive day. You'll keep plugging along at whatever you have to do with your job. Meanwhile, you'll enjoy little intervals and breaks where you can "chat over the fence" with the someone in a lighthearted way. Tonight: Rest.

BORN TODAY

Actress, comedian Lucille Ball (1911), Oscar-winning actress Michelle Yeoh (1962), Tony award-winning actor, singer-songwriter Leslie Odom Jr. (1981).

Contract Bridge

THE VISUALIZATION FACTOR

East dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

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

WEST
♠ —
♥ K 9 8 7 6 3
♦ J 3
♣ Q J 10 9 8

EAST
♠ —
♥ J 4 2
♦ Q 10 9 7 6
♣ A K 7 5 2

SOUTH
♠ K 9 8 7 4 3 2
♥ A Q 10
♦ A 5 2
♣ —

The bidding:

East	South	West	North
Pass	1 ♠	Pass	3 ♠
3 NT	4 ♦	6 ♣	6 ♦
Pass	7 ♠		

Opening lead — queen of clubs.

Card-reading is the very backbone of good declarer play. To be able to visualize the opponents' cards accurately is more than half the battle; to then take advantage of these conclusions is usually the easier part of the journey.

Take this deal where South had to function on all cylinders to land his grand slam. East's three-notrump bid was "unusual notrump," indicating at least a 5-5 distribution in the minor suits.

South cuebid diamonds to show the ace and interest in slam, and West tried to gum up the works by jumping to six clubs. North showed second-round control (the king or a singleton) with six diamonds, and South decided to go all the way.

West led the queen of clubs, and declarer saw that he was in serious danger of losing a diamond trick. It appeared that his only hope was to rely on a heart finesse.

But after thinking the matter over, South realized that the heart finesse would almost surely fail. East was marked by West's opening lead with the A-K of clubs, and since he was likely to have at least the queen of diamonds for his three-notrump bid, it was not possible for him to also hold the king of hearts, given his original pass. The most East could hold in hearts was the jack.

Accordingly, South decided that his best chance for the contract was to ruff the club lead, cash the ace of hearts and continue with the queen, forcing West to cover with the king, ruffed in dummy.

The rest was duck soup. Declarer ruffed a club, led a trump to dummy, ruffed another club and then ran his trumps. On the last one, East, holding the jack of hearts and Q-10-9 of diamonds, could not discard successfully in front of South's ten of hearts and A-5-2 of diamonds, and the grand slam was home.

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by Steve Becker

Universal Crossword

Edited by Aidan Deshong August 6, 2026

ACROSS
1 Drill or saw
5 Rickman of "Die Hard"
9 Horned herbivore
14 Spanish 101 verb
15 Food for when "you want to eat 2,000 of something," per Mitch Hedberg
16 Became less tense
17 Groucho's eldest brother (In this answer, note letters 4-6)*
19 What a bald tire lacks
20 Must
21 Wholesalers' customers
23 Animal like Donkey Kong
25 Dir. in "uptown New York"
26 Actress who often co-stars with Ben Stiller (... letters 8-10)*
35 Did some garden work
36 Loses it
37 Result of a successful pitch
38 Ideology's suffix
39 Field trip vehicle
40 Pen tip
41 ___ of faith
43 Bird with a curved neck
45 Mediterranean fast-casual chain
46 "Rebecca" and "The Birds" author (... letters 6-8)*
49 "Is that true of me?"
50 "Get a room!" elicitor: Abbr.
51 Y, sometimes
57 Sheepish?
61 Hematite or magnetite
62 Online addresses ... or a description of the starred clues' answers?
64 Star pitcher
65 Angola's capital
66 Waterproof cover
67 Smidgen
68 "Bad Feminist" writings
69 "Sharknado" network

DOWN
1 Silicon Valley industry
2 Workplace safety agcy.
3 Elevator pioneer Elisha
4 Dairy intolerance brand
5 64-Across's asset
6 Tall tale teller
7 Hundred ___ Wood
8 Deli counter call
9 Eye part with photo-receptors
10 Motorcycles known as "hogs"
11 "Gotcha"
12 Close to
13 Polymarket stats
18 "My b"
22 Pantry pests
24 ALF and Mork, for two: Abbr.
26 Iconic chef Julia
27 Biblical prophet of doom
28 Gerrymander, say
29 Opposite of up?
30 Country that will soon vote whether to rename to Naoero
31 ___ salts
32 Hawaii's "Pineapple Island"
33 Martini garnish
34 Concrete support rod
42 Many profs' degrees
43 Atrocious
44 Quick rest
45 Fancy neckties
47 Soba or banh pho
48 Thick Japanese 47-Down
51 Cover in paint
52 Big black-and-white swimmer
53 "___ I say more?"
54 Reddit Q&As whose singular is a palindrome
55 Ma's ma
56 Orderly
58 Noncommittal response
59 Foam dart brand
60 Annual athletic award
63 "Illmatic" rapper

PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

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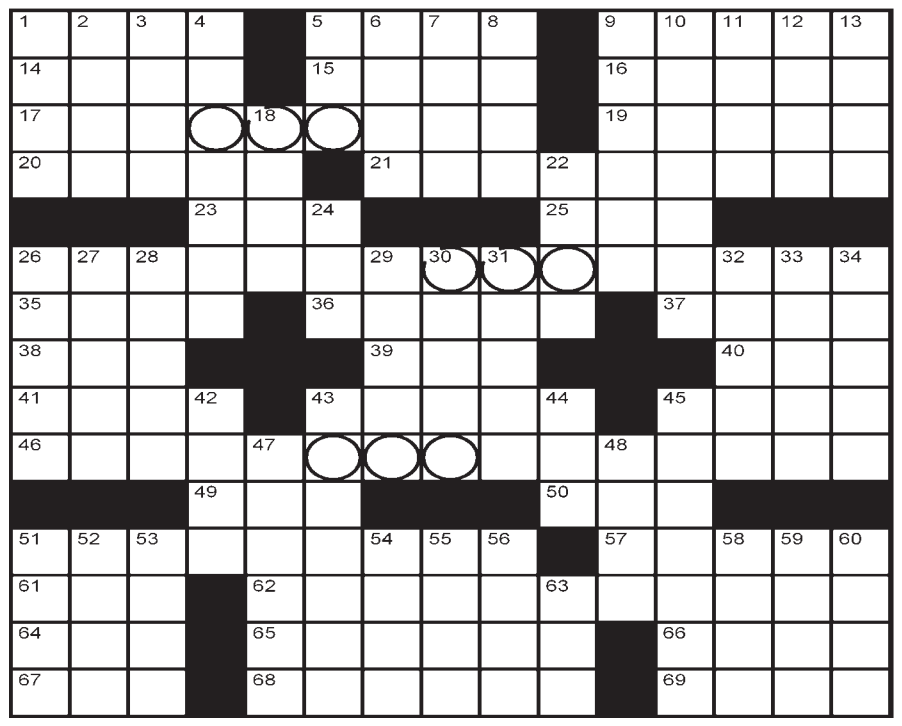
Internet Personalities *by Jeremy Venook*



SPORTS



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Bachert rows for gold at U23 World Championships

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter



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The USRowing Women's Eight boat crosses the finish line to win the gold medal at the World Rowing Under-23 World Championships in Germany July 26. The team included Grosse Pointe South alumna and current Syracuse University rower Olivia Bachert.

Her trip to Duisburg, Germany, in July for the 2026 World Rowing Under-23 World Championships may not have been Olivia Bachert's first time competing on the international stage, but it was the first time she came home with a gold medal. Bachert was part of the United States team that took first place in the women's eight final July 26 in a dominant gold-medal performance.

"When we were training, we realized that this boat was going to be really fast," Bachert said. "You never know what other countries have. Coming out of the heats where we had a really good race, we realized that we have the speed and if everything went perfect, we could easily win. I remember in the last 250 meters, seeing the backs of all the other crews and knowing that nobody could catch us was the greatest moment of that whole campaign."

Bachert graduated from Grosse Pointe South in 2023 and currently is part of the Division I women's rowing team at Syracuse University, where she is preparing to enter her senior year. The winning women's eight boat included herself, Amy Werner (University of Texas), Lauren Dubois (Princeton University), Amelia Boes (Ohio State University), Quincy Stone (Stanford University), Elsa Hartman (University of Virginia), Joely Cherniss (Princeton) and Katherine Nordheim (Texas). The boat finished the race with a time of 6:05.70, finishing almost seven seconds ahead of second-place Great Britain.

Bachert's journey to the Under-23 World Championships began earlier this year in Princeton, N.J., when she was invited to attend the USRowing Selection Camp. There she trained alongside and competed with some of the other top collegiate rowers in the country. It was not her first time in that kind of environment, since she also competed at the Under-23 World Championships in 2024 with USRowing. However, Bachert felt this time she truly belonged, being more experienced and stronger as a contributor on a national team.

"It felt a lot more special to be part of it," she said. "The last time I raced, it was coming out of my freshman year of college. This year, I understood a lot more and was a stronger athlete. I felt like I could contribute a lot more to

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Former Norseman drafted by Houston Astros, ready to chase MLB dream

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter



COURTESY PHOTO

Bryan Carney, left, shakes hands with Houston Astros Amateur Scouting Director Cam Pendino after signing his contract with the Astros organization. Carney was selected by Houston in the seventh round of this year's MLB Draft.

The reality of what happened Sunday, July 12, is still setting in for Bryan Carney. The former Grosse Pointe North Norseman and University of Olivet pitcher realized his lifelong dream of getting a shot to play baseball in the major leagues as he was selected in the seventh round of this year's MLB Draft by the Houston Astros.

"I was down in Nashville with my sister just to kind of get my mind off of that weekend because there was some uncertainty," Carney said about when he learned he had been drafted. "... Once my name was called, it was a complete shock, if I'm being honest. I was more calm and more on the side of not believing this was happening. People around me were a bit louder and they were stoked for me. ... I'm so excited to be part of the Astros organization and I'm still trying to wrap my head around it."

Carney graduated from North in 2022 and was a key piece of the school's varsity baseball team that reached the Division 1 state championship game his senior year. He has spent the last four years playing at the collegiate level at Olivet, where he led NCAA Division III with 122 strikeouts this past season and finished with an ERA of 1.35.

Carney was the 211th player selected in this year's draft, but was the only Division III player picked over all 20 rounds. Some might think Carney could be overlooked because he played at a Division III school, but he knows talent matters most and would not trade his experience for anything.

"There are plenty of scouts out there who have told me that if you have the talent, they will find you," he said. "Coming from a smaller program, probably one of the smallest schools, I'm glad I got this opportunity and that the Astros have had faith in me to do what I can do at the highest level. Know that if you have what it takes, people will find you. ... My coach had immense faith in me for all four years and never doubted me, and I'm grateful for that. It helps when you have people around you who have faith in you."

Dedication through four years at Olivet and a love for the game that developed early on are two of the biggest things that helped Carney get to where he is. That love for baseball was born in the Pointes as Carney was brought up in a community that loves the sport, from Little League all the way through high school. His experience playing Little League and for a state-championship-contending program at North shaped him into the player he is.

"I had some amazing coaches growing up in Little League and at North," Carney said. "They really prepared me for these opportunities I've gotten. ... In

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ULS alumnus Barr signs with Minnesota Twins

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

While the Major League Baseball Draft in July came and went without Kurt Barr hearing his name called, it did not mean his chance at one day playing in the MLB was over. It took a few more weeks, but the former University Liggett Knight and University of Michigan pitcher received the opportunity he had been waiting for with an MLB club by signing as an undrafted free agent with the Minnesota Twins Wednesday, July 29.

"Going into the draft, I thought I had a decent shot, but it came and went," Barr said. "... I wasn't getting a lot of calls, to be honest. There were some nibbles, but nobody really pulled the trigger. I gave it a couple of weeks. I was helping my girlfriend move into her new house at Michigan State and I got a call from a random Missouri number and figured I should take it because you never know, and it was someone with the Twins. ... I took the offer then and there on the spot and they flew me down to Fort Myers (Fla.) less than 24 hours later."



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

Former University Liggett School and University of Michigan pitcher Kurt Barr signed with the Minnesota Twins as an undrafted free agent.

Barr graduated from Liggett in 2022 and helped the Knights' baseball team win the Division 3 state championship in 2021. He has spent the past four years at the University of Michigan, where he twice received third-team All-Big Ten honors, in 2024 and this spring.

During his sophomore season in 2024, Barr established himself as one of the Wolverines' top arms. As a senior this year, he started 15 games and tallied a career-high 105 strikeouts while finishing with a 4.52 ERA.

"If I could go and do it all over again at Michigan, I totally would," he said. "I feel like I really matured there as a person and a player. ... I blossomed as a player because of the confidence that they gave me and being in Ann Arbor and close to my family and with my brothers, I really just took the role they gave me and never looked back. It was a fantastic experience."

What made Barr's experience at Michigan even more special was having his family there to support him. He got to play alongside his younger brother, Preston, the past two seasons with the Wolverines and helped mentor his youngest brother, Deagan, who will join Michigan as a freshman next season.

"Growing up with them and playing catch and wiffle ball in the backyard since we were 3 years old, it helps to have built-in teammates," Barr said. "I can attribute a lot of baseball skills that we've developed over the years to each other and having the ability to play with each other every day."

With the minor league season winding down, Barr's road to the major leagues most likely will really start at next year's spring training. The journey from Michigan to one day being in the big leagues with Minnesota might be long, but he is prepared to do whatever it takes to get there.

"My dad always tells my brothers and me, 'No regrets,'" Barr said. "... I'm taking that mindset of doing everything they tell me and more. ... The big leagues are the goal, but I'm just going to do everything I can to make it there and let the cards fall where they do."

CARNEY:

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high school, I played with a lot of kids who I thought were better than me, so I'm grateful for that opportunity. Within the city, it's super competitive and I think it prepared me to compete at a higher level than I might have been anywhere else."

The journey from draft day to actually playing in the major leagues can be a long road. Only about 20 percent of players selected in rounds six through 10 of the MLB draft, like Carney, end up making it to the major-league level.

However, Carney is used to defying the odds. He is proud the Astros had enough faith in him to draft him. Being in the building and officially part of a major league organization is now Carney's reality. The same work ethic and talent that got him noticed by major league clubs in the first place could be what helps him one day see the mound in the big leagues.

"I got the chance to go down to Houston and do my signing there and go to a couple of Astros games," Carney said. "It's been a crazy last couple of weeks where I've been moving around, but being in the complex is something else. Being around guys who share the same passion you have for baseball is awesome. The Astros organization has great leadership and I'm excited to be part of it every day."





COURTESY PHOTO

Bryan Carney on the mound for the University of Olivet. He played four years of college baseball with the Comets and led NCAA Division III in strikeouts during the 2026 season.

PUBLIC NOTICE

On behalf of T-Mobile, this will advise interested members of the general public as follows. T-Mobile intends to install three (3) telecommunications antennas at a centerline height of 110 feet on a 143-foot building located at 22101 Moross Road, Gross Pointe, Wayne County, MI 48236. Lat: 42-25-10.5234, Long: -82-54-52.1784. Members of the public interested in submitting comments on the possible effects of the proposed co-location on properties included in or eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places may send their comments to Lisa Skeens, Trileaf Corporation representative acting on behalf of T-Mobile, 1821 Walden Office Square Suite 500, Schaumburg, IL, 60173, or call 630-227-0202.

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Lakefront to host adult swim meet fundraiser

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

Adult swimmers from the Pointes and St. Clair Shores who want the chance to get in the pool and test their times while supporting a cause will be able to do so Saturday, Aug. 8, at Lake Front Park in Grosse Pointe Woods. The Lakefront Association is hosting an adult swim meet, with funds raised going toward the association and its goal of purchasing a new timing system for its meets.

"When we run our dual meets, we're using stopwatches, which have a level of inaccuracy," said Greg Wolff, head coach of this year's Lakefront Swimming champions, the Woods Warriors. "When we get to the championship meet, we use electronic timing. … The touchpads are at the end of the wall, with buttons for backup. The touchpad and buttons are fairly accurate, but the current system we've been using is a Daktronics system and they don't even make the pads for it anymore. … We're trying to invest in a new system, but you're talking about putting tens of thousands of dollars into this thing."

The meet is open to any swimmers ages 18 and older. Events will include both 50- and 100-meter races for all strokes, plus a 100 IM and 200 freestyle. The events will be timed, but the meet itself is non-competitive.

An event like this is something Wolff and the Lakefront Swimming Association have been trying to put together for some time. It is a chance for adult swimmers to get in the pool and be active while supporting the association and getting a taste of what it is like to swim at a Lakefront meet. It is the first in what Wolff hopes might become a tradition.

"Maybe this becomes something big enough over the next few years that we can start scoring it out and breaking up into age divisions and things like that," he said. "… This is kind of low-key; we just want to give our lap swimmers a chance to have fun and get some times. … We're going to have some of our swimmers come out to be the timers and help run the meet, so it's a bit of a role reversal, which is fun."

Swimmers can register in person at Lake Front Park the morning of the event, or in advance using the QR code in the flyer. The registration cost is $5 per event. Warm-ups begin at 8 a.m., followed by events at 9 a.m.



Local designer sees personality as key in golf course fashion

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

For some, how one looks on the golf course can be almost as important as how they play. Comfort, performance, self-expression and more come into play when it comes to golf fashion. Now there are more ways than ever to add a personal touch of style to a day on the course.

People can find nearly anything to wear on the golf course that fits their personal style. Whether it is classic and subtle or contemporary and colorful, golf fashion seems to be trending in both directions.

"There are two or three sides to golf fashion lately," said Owen Rossman, graphic designer and founder of Rossi Golf Co. "You see a lot of these brands that do crazy polos. Some brands are trying to bring back a more vintage style from the '90s and early 2000s. There are a lot of people who despise these shirts that have stuff like hot dogs and beers on them, but then there are people who love them. It's hard to judge, because there are so many different routes you can take. I'm inspired by so many brands that do these crazy designs and these vintage shirts and khakis and everyone is different."

Rossman, a Grosse Pointe native, began Rossi Golf Co. to combine his passions for art and golf. He has designed everything from hats to hoodies, shirts, headcovers and more. Keeping up with the latest trends in golf fashion goes hand in hand with running a golf design business.

Rossman has had plenty of success building Rossi Golf Co. Some of his best sellers come from his more locally focused collections highlighting the golf culture in Detroit and throughout Michigan. It even got him noticed by the PGA Tour, where he was invited to create exclusive designs for last week's Rocket Classic at the Detroit Golf Club.

"A really huge goal for growing and getting bigger was to do an event like the Rocket Classic," Rossman said. "… I was able to do three different designs for them that will be shared throughout the tournament. … The coolest thing for me is seeing my work in person and seeing people wearing my work. It's always been so important to me."

For Rossman, many of his designs reflect the things and places he loves. It is an expression of himself, which is something he believes is the most important thing about golf fashion, even while trying to keep up with the latest trends.

Rossman believes golf fashion allows for more freedom now than ever. It comes down to the individual and finding something that fits someone's own personal style, whether trendy or classic.

"It's not necessarily what it was 20 or 30 years ago in terms of fashion," Rossman said. "… There are a lot of ways you can express yourself on the course now and it starts with different apparel and finding something fun and cool that you like."

To see more of Rossman's designs, visit www.rossigolf.com.



COURTESY PHOTOS

Owen Rossman, founder of Rossi Golf Co., with one of his designs made in collaboration with the PGA for last week's Rocket Classic at Detroit Golf Club.



Rossman's design used to promote this year's Par 3 in the D event ahead of the PGA Rocket Classic.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Grosse Pointe Woods Planning Commission, under the provisions of Public Act 110 of 2006, MCL 125.3101 as amended, and Grosse Pointe Woods City Code of 2022 Chapter 50, Article 7, Section 50-7.15, will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, August 25, 2026, at 7:00 p.m., at City Hall in the Council Chamber/Courtroom (20025 Mack Plaza Drive, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236) for the purpose of considering a special land use at 20567 Mack Avenue. The subject site is zoned the C, Commercial Business District where fast food / carry out restaurants (Little Ghost) are a special land use. No drive-thru is permitted, dining is take-out or within the restaurant.

All interested persons are invited to attend and will be given the opportunity for public comment. The public may appear in person or be represented by counsel. Written comments will be received in the City Clerk's Office at 20025 Mack Plaza Drive, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236, or at cityclerk@gpwmi.us up to close of business preceding the hearing. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services at the meeting should contact the Grosse Pointe Woods Clerk's Office at (313) 343-2440 seven days prior to the meeting. The agenda and pertinent documents will be available at www.gpwmi.us.

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Paul P. Antolin
City Clerk

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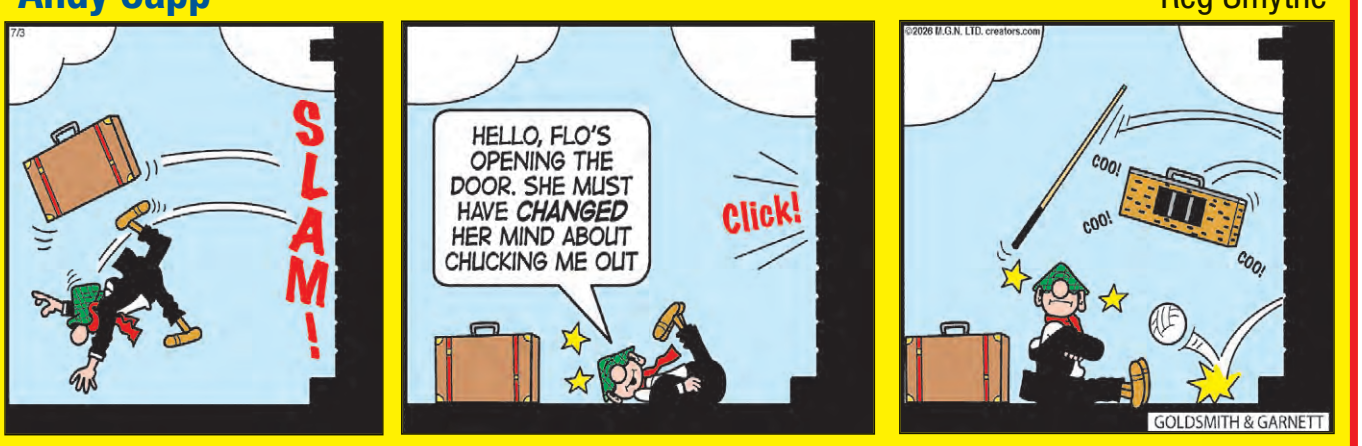

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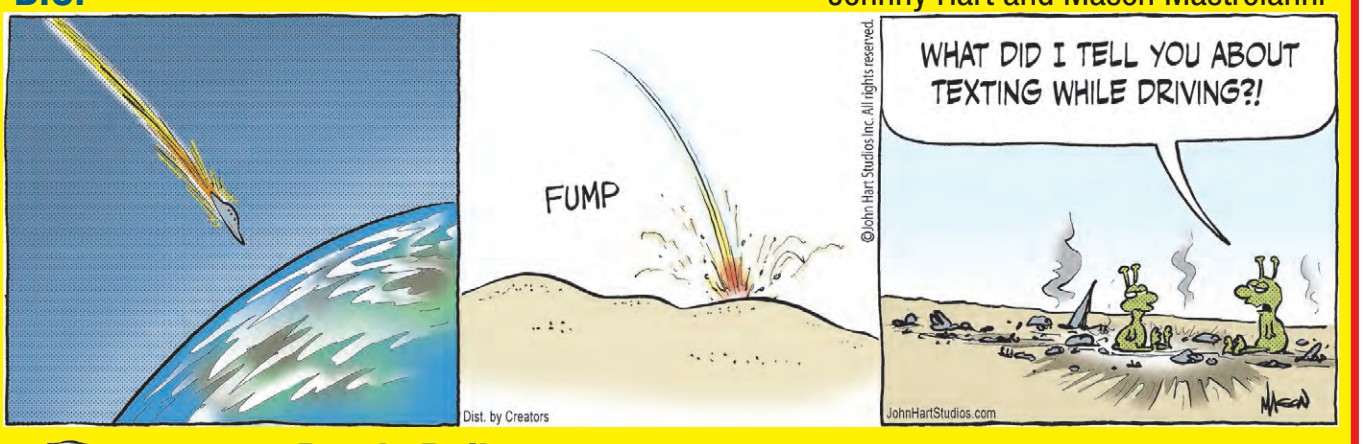

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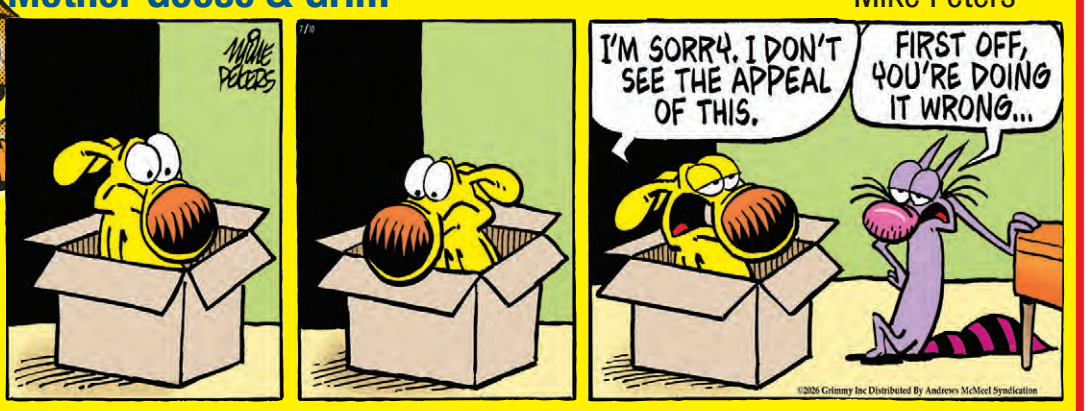

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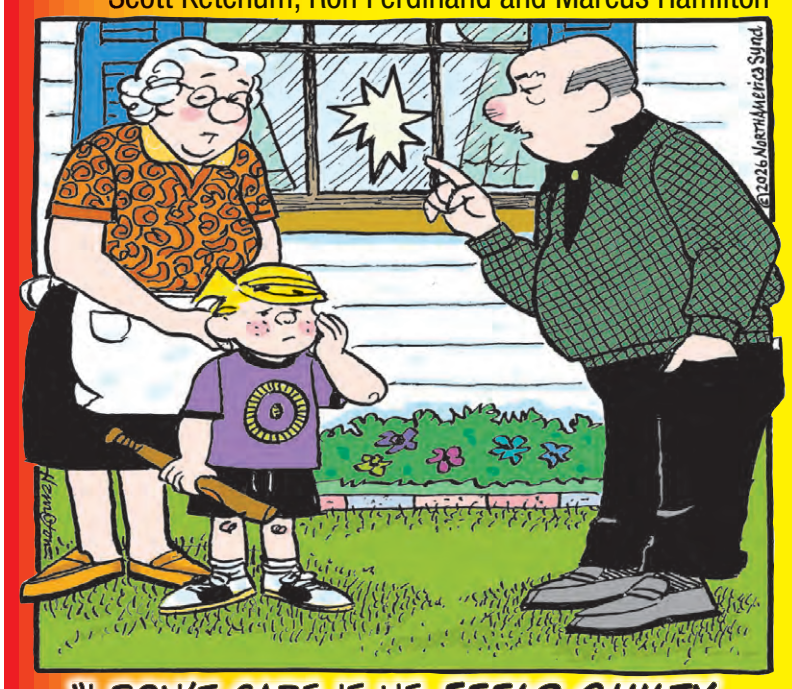

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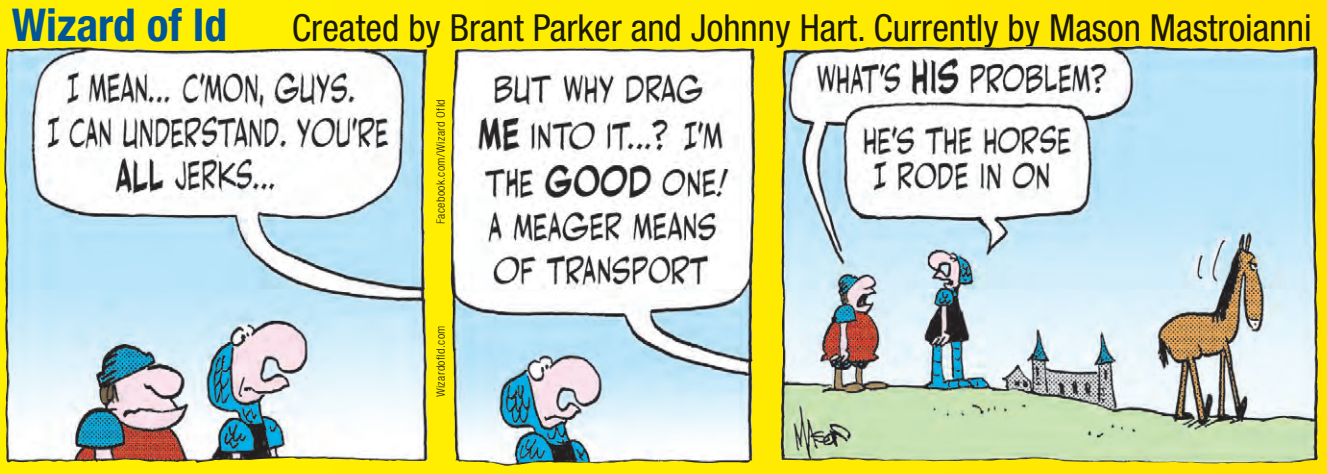

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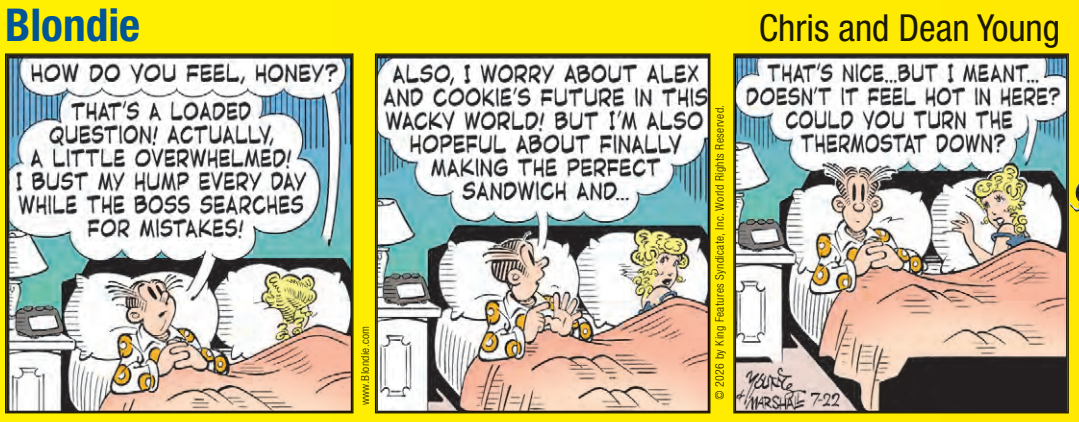

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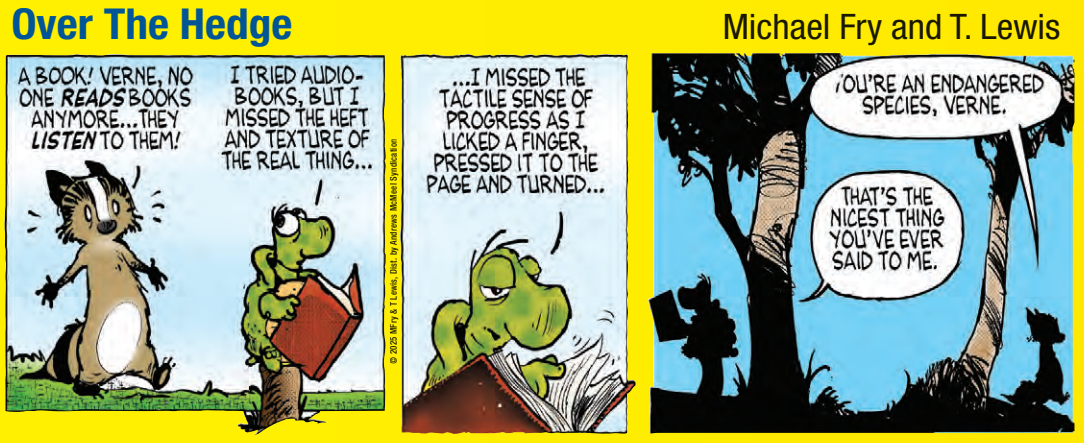

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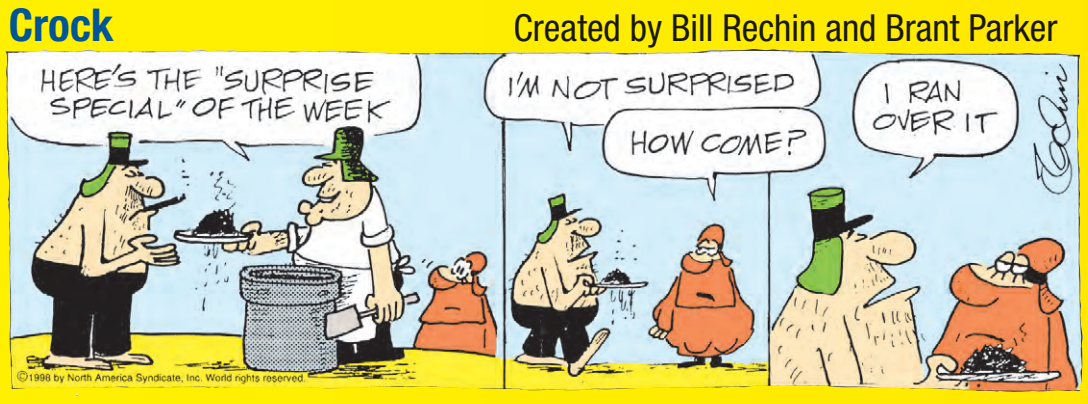

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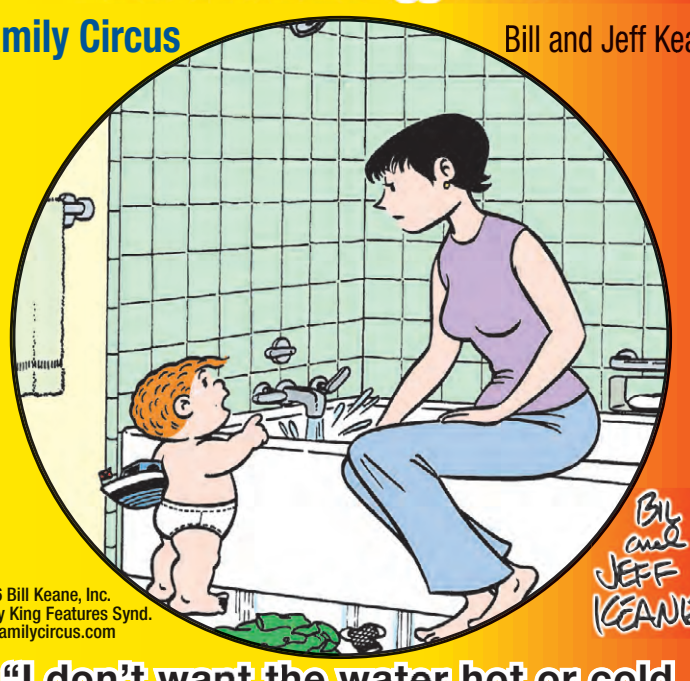

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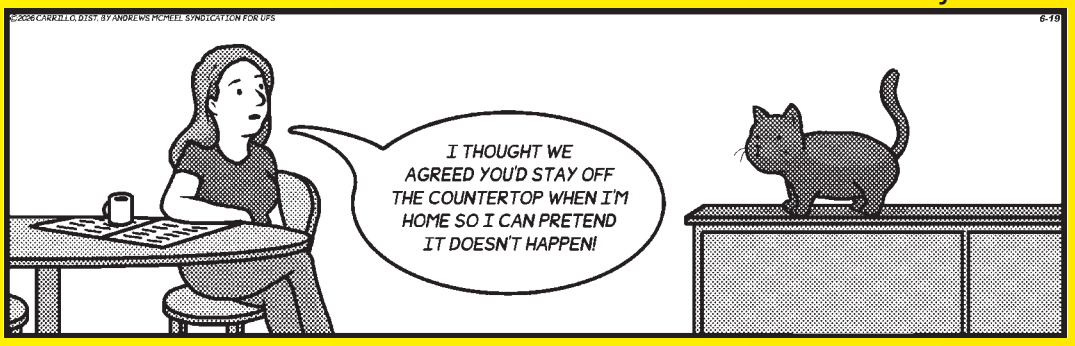

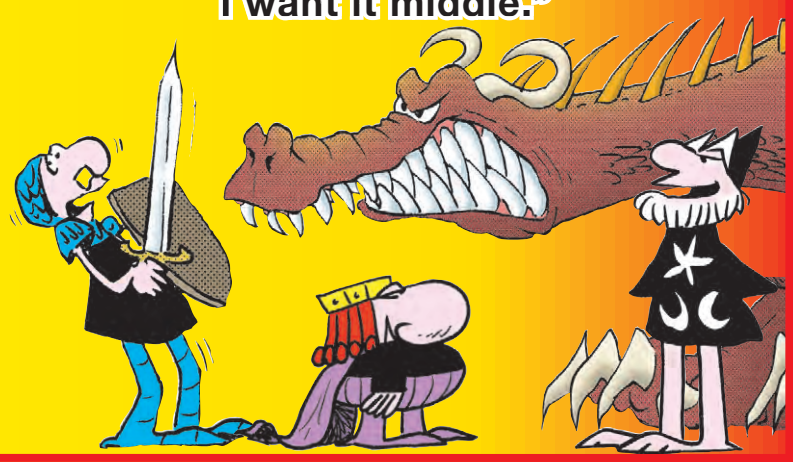

I SAY— SPORTS EDITION By Mike Adzima

What trading Tarik Skubal means for the Tigers and MLB



The days and even weeks leading up to the MLB trade deadline typically provide fans with some of the most interesting storylines and drama during the sports calendar's dog days of summer. This year, much of that drama was focused on Detroit and on wondering which direction the Tigers would take when it came to trading ace pitcher Tarik Skubal.

All of the waiting and wondering came to an end last Saturday night when it was officially announced that Skubal had been traded to the Los Angeles Dodgers. It was a move most people, like myself, saw coming from a mile away. Personally, I mostly felt relieved that all the drama and the "will they or won't they" trade Skubal conversation that has been going on the better part of a year is finally over. However, it is hard to overstate just how massive an impact this move could have on the direction of the Tigers' organization for the foreseeable future and for the sport of baseball itself.

I always felt confident the Tigers would not sign Skubal to a long-term contract. It is what they should have done, because when you have the best pitcher in baseball as a homegrown prospect, you keep him and make him a Tiger for life. That is just not how Christopher Ilitch and Scott Harris want to run this organization, though.

Ilitch seems too concerned with his bottom line to want to pay the high price someone like Skubal commands. It is not totally his fault, because if Skubal truly wanted to stay in Detroit like he made it seem, at least for a little while, he could have agreed to some kind of hometown discount to show his loyalty to the team.

Either way, the saga is over. Skubal is a Dodger and I do not expect him to be back in a Tigers uniform anytime soon. Perhaps in 10 years, maybe, in a reunion/retirement tour that hopefully goes better than the current Justin Verlander situation, but I digress.

The Tigers have made it clear they do not seem interested in locking down superstars on the roster anytime soon. The hope for this season is not dead yet, since, despite being four games below .500, the Tigers still are only a couple of games out of a Wild Card playoff spot thanks to the American League being rather mediocre this season. However, I do not think hoping for another miraculous playoff run after giving up on the season and selling at the trade deadline, as happened in the 2024 season, is necessarily the best strategy.

The bigger story that comes with Skubal going to the Dodgers goes beyond just the ramifications for the Tigers. Anyone who follows baseball somewhat closely knows the underlying storyline much of this year has been the concern of a potential lockout during the 2027 season. The current collective bargaining agreement comes to an end Dec. 1, and it does not seem like the players or the owners are anywhere near coming to a deal.

The divide is clear. The owners want to institute a salary cap to even the playing field between big-market and small-market teams, to keep the league more competitive, while the players do not want a salary cap getting in the way of how much they can earn. What has caused the most uproar in the case for a salary cap is the way the Dodgers have built their team.

It is no real secret Skubal wants to sign a long-term contract with the Dodgers at the end of this season, and the reason why LA would trade for him in the first place is that they are confident he will sign with them. The Dodgers have built a super team and seem to be on track to win a third consecutive World Series title. They are doing it by attracting all of the biggest free agents by offering large sums of money and structuring contracts in certain ways with deferred payments that will not come up for years.

Is it against the rules? Not necessarily. It does, however, show that the resources of a big-market team with a wealthy ownership base like the Dodgers give them an inherent competitive advantage. They have become the new evil empire, just like the New York Yankees were 20 to 30 years ago.

It is a bit of a surprise even to myself that I mostly agree with the MLB owners in this case. I believe a salary cap would not hurt the sport, because every other major professional sports league in the country has a salary cap. I believe a salary cap will help introduce more parity into the league and keep both big-market and small-market organizations in check when it comes to how much they can or have to pay their players, because some organizations believe they can simply keep a small payroll with a non-competitive team and still attract fans and make revenue.

Skubal going to the Dodgers has become what many see as the last domino to fall on the inevitable way to a lockout in 2027. It is not entirely his fault, or that of the Tigers and Dodgers, but it has seemingly shifted public opinion more toward being in favor of a salary cap and accepting the idea that it will likely take a long time for the players and owners to reach a new deal.

It is sad to see Skubal go. He was the best homegrown prospect the Tigers have seen since Verlander more than 20 years ago. He should have been made a Tiger for a long time, and I believe the way ownership and management handled this situation has shown just how much this organization really wants to win (not a lot).

Now, we wait and see how the remaining two months of the regular season play out for the Tigers. There is the possibility the team takes advantage of a weak American League playoff race and sneaks into the postseason, but the idea of being serious championship contenders is out the window. We must enjoy watching whatever Tigers baseball we can for the remainder of the summer, though, because it could very well be the last baseball we see for a long time.



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Olivia Bachert, top right, and her teammates celebrate with their gold medals after finishing first in the women's eight at the World Rowing Under-23 World Championships.

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the team. The girls they invited this year were genuinely the best rowers in the country, so everyone was super excited about it. ... It was all very good athletes from the best clubs, so I felt like I was with the big dogs, which was a lot of fun."

With the Under-23 World Championships wrapped up, Bachert's focus has shifted back to her senior season with the Syracuse Orange. The team is coming off of a top-10 finish at the NCAA Championships in May, and Bachert is hoping her experiences training and competing with the national team can help her boost Syracuse's standing even more in the coming season.

"Being able to row in a different seat makes me excited to show my coaches at Syracuse that I have learned different strengths in the boat," Bachert said. "... We placed ninth at the NCAA Championships this year, so being able to compete and grab ideas from girls who were on the podium at the national championships is super exciting to bring back to the team to help improve our own mindset and culture."



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Farms swimmer impresses in Harbor Springs Coastal Crawl

Ten-year-old Madeleine Gram of Grosse Pointe Farms had a strong performance in this year's Harbor Springs Coastal Crawl in Little Traverse Bay. The open-water swim allows swimmers of all ages to compete in half-mile, one-, two- and three-mile races. Gram was the youngest competitor in the one-mile race and took home the gold medal in the 11U age group, while also finishing 28th overall out of 99 total swimmers in the field.

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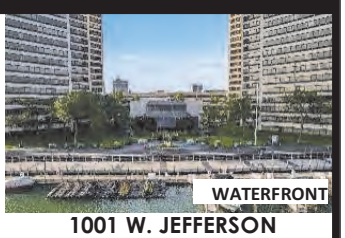

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