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WHO IS THE BEST PRO ATHLETE IN DETROIT HISTORY?



Isiah Thomas



Gordie Howe



Hank Greenberg



Bobby Layne

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King Crossword

ACROSS

1 Relative of reggae
4 Crazy
8 Reed instrument
12 Snapshot
13 Jacob's twin
14 Thwart
15 Brewery product
16 Cascade
18 Wander off
20 Witness
21 Corn eaters' castoffs
24 Unforeseen problems
28 Napoleon's downfall
32 Plummet
33 Historic period
34 "Smallville" family
36 — Khan
37 Roseanne of comedy
39 1998 Sandler movie, with "The"
41 Censorial sound
43 Classic theater name
44 Shell game item
46 Furlough
50 Nixon-era scandal
55 Fleur-de- —

DOWN

1 Resorts
2 Bagpiper's attire
3 Big name in PCs
4 The Big Apple
5 Mex. neighbor
6 Skin art, for short
7 Seeks restitution
8 Insult
9 Feathery neckpiece
10 Lubricate
11 Right angle
17 In medias —
19 Expert
22 Huffed and puffed
23 Echolocation method
25 Bedouin
26 Energetic
27 Fix, in a sense
28 "Dragnet" star
29 Uzbekistan sea
30 Container weight
31 Director Preminger
35 Neuter
38 Say again
40 "Catcher in the —"
42 Apiece
45 Taj Mahal city
47 Charitable donations
48 Test tube
49 Catch sight of
50 Bankroll
51 Exist
52 Can materia
53 Have a bug
54 Upper surface

MAGIC MAZE ● **PLAYERS AND COACHES OF THE 2012 DREAM TEAM**

C	G	D	B	Y	W	T	R	P	M	K	I	F	N	D
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S	R	Q	P	N	M	L	J	I	H	F	E	B	D	S

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally

Anthony Boeheim Bryant Chandler	D'Antoni Davis Harden Iguodala	James Krzyzewski Love McMillan	Paul Westbrook Williams
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CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: L equals W

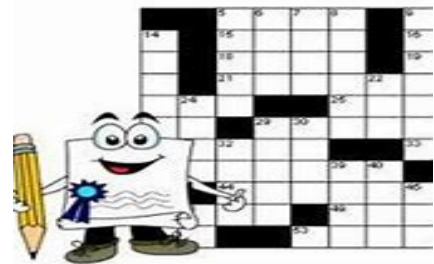
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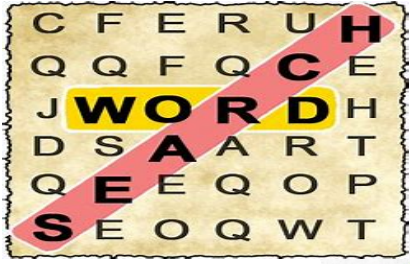
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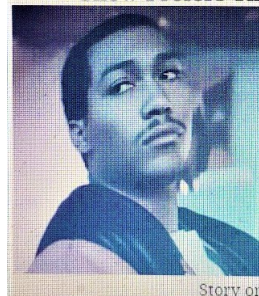



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BMF IS SHOT HERE!

See For Yourself Why TV's Top Show Prefers The Raven Lounge

Story on Page 4

Many people like to start their weekend early. There's no better place to do it than Thursdays at the Raven Lounge. Ladies, after a long week of work the Raven welcomes you. The Raven is centrally located. Just south of I-94. Just north of downtown, and just east of New Center. The Raven is easy to find at 5145 Chene. It's on the corner of Farnsworth. You can't miss it! When you go inside you'll hear the best blues music in the USA. That's no hyperbole. As soon as you walk in your host **Tommy Stephens** (pictured on the right) and his kind and courteous staff will cater to all of your needs. When you get there, you'll love the menu, the drinks, and feel secure. Don't be surprised if you run into a celebrity or two while you're there. Over the years, several movies and television shows have been shot at the Raven. Currently BMF, the #1 urban drama in America shoots at the Raven. The Raven is truly historic. It's the oldest Blues club in Detroit, and in Michigan. Look at the pictures on the left. (Top) The iconic Raven Lounge & Restaurant neon sign. (Bottom #1) A specially made front page of The Monthly Standard with a picture of Demetrius "Lil Meech" Flenory Jr. taken at the Raven while shooting BMF. (Bottom #2) Tommy, with flashlight, walking patrons to their cars. What other lounge does that? Only the Raven. The safest bar in Detroit.



BEFORE and AFTER

1958

2023



The picture on the left was taken on September 20, 1958. As you can see the pedestal is empty. The iconic Spirit of Detroit statue would be in place about an hour after the picture was taken. The people in the picture are actually looking at the statue being lifted by a crane. Commissioned on August 2, 1955 for \$58,000. Sculpted in bronze by Marshall Fredericks. The statue has stood the test of time and symbolizes the adversities that ALL Detroiters endure at one rime or another. It's just another jewel of Detroit.

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NCAA TOURNAMENT

First Round
March 16-17

Second Round
March 18-19

Sweet 16
March 23-24

Elite 8
March 25-26

Final Four
April 1

Championship
April 3

Final Four
April 1

Elite 8
March 25-26

Sweet 16
March 23-24

Second Round
March 18-19

First Round
March 16-17

March Madness

2023

Alabama (29-5) 1

16

Maryland (21-12) 8

9

West Virginia (19-14)

5

San Diego St. (27-6)

12

Charleston (31-3)

4

Virginia (25-7)

13

Furman (27-7)

6

Creighton (21-12)

11

NC State (23-10)

3

Baylor (22-10)

14

UC Santa Barbara (27-7)

7

Missouri (24-9)

10

Utah St. (26-8)

2

Arizona (28-6)

15

Princeton (21-8)

1

Purdue (29-5)

16

Memphis (26-8)

8

FAU (31-3)

9

Duke (26-8)

5

Oral Roberts (30-4)

12

Tennessee (23-10)

4

Louisiana (26-7)

13

Kentucky (21-11)

6

Providence (21-11)

11

Kansas St. (23-9)

3

Montana St. (25-9)

14

Michigan St. (19-12)

7

USC (22-10)

10

Marquette (28-6)

2

Vermont (23-10)

15

South

Midwest

East

West

Champions

Tie-breaker

Total Points

First Four - March 14-15

Texas A&M CC (23-10) 16

SE Missouri St. (19-16) 16

Texas Southern (14-20) 16

FDU (19-15) 16

11 Mississippi St. (21-12)

11 Pitt (22-11)

11 Arizona St. (22-12)

11 Nevada (22-10)

1 Houston (31-3)

16 Northern Kentucky (22-12)

8 Iowa (19-13)

9 Auburn (20-12)

5 Miami(FL) (25-7)

12 Drake (27-7)

4 Indiana (22-11)

13 Kent St. (28-6)

6 Iowa St. (19-13)

11

3 Xavier (25-9)

14 Kennesaw St. (26-8)

7 Texas A&M (25-9)

10 Penn St. (22-13)

2 Texas (26-8)

15 Colgate (26-8)

1 Kansas (27-7)

16 Howard (22-12)

8 Arkansas (20-13)

9 Illinois (20-12)

5 Saint Mary's (26-7)

12 VCU (27-7)

4 UConn (25-8)

13 Iona (27-7)

6 TCU (21-12)

11

3 Gonzaga (28-5)

14 Grand Canyon (24-11)

7 Northwestern (21-11)

10 Boise St. (24-9)

2 UCLA (29-5)

15 UNC Asheville (27-7)

Name: _____

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COVER STORY

Here are Our Picks for Detroit's Best Professional Athlete Ever

This was a tough list to compile. Professional sports has been played for over 100 years in the city of Detroit. There have been plenty of great players for the Tigers, Red Wings, Lions, and Pistons. Our criteria to make the top of our list is championships. Your team had to make it to the top of the mountain. If your favorite didn't win a championship, he won't make the top ten of this list.

#1

Isiah Thomas



Early on Isiah Thomas had some tough times with the Pistons. By the 1983-84 season Detroit was in the playoffs. Although the Pistons lost to the Knicks in the first round Isiah scored 16 points in 94 seconds to send game 5 into overtime. The leader of the Bad Boys, in the 3rd period of the 1988 NBA Finals, Thomas scored an NBA record 25 points. On a sprained ankle! Thomas led the Pistons to back to back championships in 1988-89 & 1989-90. Don't forget, Thomas beat Michael Jordan head to head 36 wins to 29.

#2

Hank Greenberg



Hank Greenberg was Detroit's first superstar athlete. In only his second year (1934) Hank led the Tigers to the World Series. They lost. In 1935 he won the Most Valuable Player award and led the Tigers to the series again. This time they won! Hank won another MVP in 1940. He won another World Series in 1945. Hank was one of only a few Jewish players in baseball. He heard many slurs. Greenberg was traded to Pittsburgh in 1947. He saw Jackie Robinson was getting it worse than he did. Greenberg told Jackie: "Just play ball. Don't listen to that stuff." Years later, Robinson said: "Hank Greenberg was nothing but class."

#3

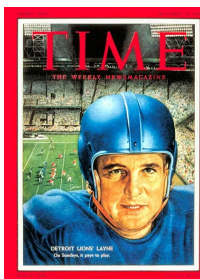
Gordie Howe



When Detroit's first sports superstar left the second arrived. Gordie Howe joined the Red Wings in the 1946-47 season. By the time he left Detroit after the 1970-71 season he was known as Mr. Hockey. Howe scored over 20 goals in 22 consecutive seasons. (An NHL record) He led the NHL in scoring 4 consecutive seasons. He was a major part of Detroit's 4 Stanley Cup championship teams in 1949-50, 1951-52, 1953-54, and 1954-55. Howe went through adversity too. During the 1950 Stanley Cup finals. Howe hit the boards awkwardly and suffered a fractured skull, nose, and cheekbone. The next year he led the NHL in scoring.

#4

Bobby Layne



Gordie Howe was not the only sports superstar in town during the 1950's decade. Bobby Layne was a football hero. Therefore, he was the biggest star in town! Even Tom Brady didn't make the cover of Time magazine! Bobby Layne was truly a special player. A true comeback artist. Layne is credited for inventing the 2 minute drill. He led the Lions to NFL championships in 1952, 1953, and 1957. The Lions traded Layne to Pittsburgh during the 1958 season. By the time he retired Layne was the NFL leader in passing attempts, completions, touchdowns, and yards. HOF'er Doak Walker said: "Layne never lost, time just ran out."



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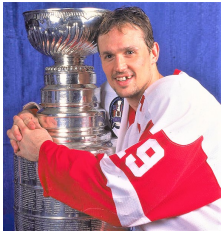


COVER STORY

Here's the Best of the Rest!

#5

Steve Yzerman



When Steve Yzerman joined the Red Wings in the 1983-84 season the team was called the "Dead Wings." By the time he left after the 2005-06 season the team was known as one of the best. They won because of Yzerman's leadership. He sacrificed for the team. Yzerman went from a high scoring center to a hard hitting, body sacrificing, defense first type of player. Yzerman's toughness was unmatched. His teammates noticed and followed his lead to win 3 Stanley Cups.

#6

Joe Dumars



The Pistons do not go to 5 consecutive Eastern Conference Finals and win two NBA championships without the contributions of Joe Dumars. The MVP of the 1989 NBA Finals was also a lock down defender. Dumars was the cornerstone of the Pistons "Jordan Rules." Dumars made the NBA All Defensive First Team four times in his career. Even Michael Jordan acknowledged his defensive prowess. Jordan called Dumars "The best defender I've ever faced."

#7

Nick Lidstrom



An argument can be made that Nicklas Lidstrom is the greatest defenseman in NHL history. Lidstrom has won seven James Norris Trophies (Awarded to the top defenseman in the NHL). He has won one Conn Smythe Trophy. (Awarded to the MVP of the Stanley Cup playoffs). After longtime Captain Steve Yzerman retired. Lidstrom was named team Captain. In 2007-08 the Red Wings won the Stanley Cup championship. Lidstrom's first as Captain and fourth with the team.

#8

Alex Delvecchio



Piston great Bill Laimbeer was bumped off this list to add Red Wing great Alex Delvecchio. As is proper to do. Delvecchio played 24 seasons in Detroit starting with the 1951-52 season. He was a part of the famed "Production Line" along with his fellow Hockey Hall of Fame linemates Gordie Howe and Ted Lindsey. (Another great athlete who did not make this list). Alex won 4 Stanley Cups with Detroit. Delvecchio retired second in points, assists, and games played in NHL history.

#9

Al Kaline



Al Kaline is called Mr. Tiger for good reason. No player played more games (2,834) wearing the Olde English D than Kaline. He joined the team in 1953 at the age of 18. Kaline could do it all. They did not use the term "five tool player" back then, but that's what he was. He could field, throw, run, hit, and hit for power. In 1955 Kaline hit .340 to become the youngest player to win the batting title. In the Tigers victorious 1968 World Series, Kaline hit .379 with 2 home runs, and 8 RBI's.

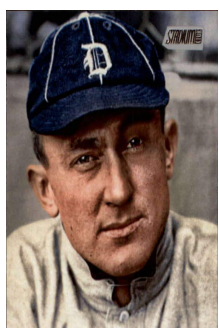
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Lou Whitaker

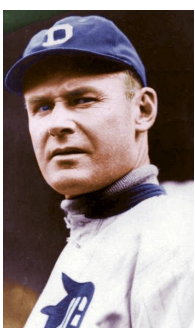


In 2022 the Tigers retired the #1 worn by Sweet Lou Whitaker and rightly so. He played 19 seasons for the Tigers and won the 1978 American League Rookie of the Year Award. Lou is a standout on this list. He is the only non Hall of Famer profiled. In 1984, Lou was the straw that stirred the drink that led to a World Series championship. There are great players left off this list. Most notably Charlie Gehringer. Alan Trammell, & Jack Morris. We hope Lou is voted in the Hall of Fame. Soon!

Honorable Mention: Hall of Famers that Never Won a Championship



Ty Cobb



Sam Crawford



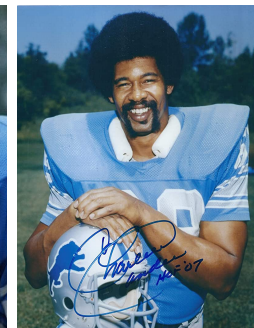
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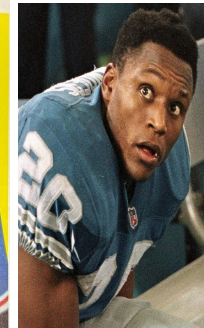
Lem Barney



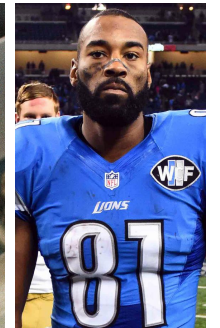
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3 Rappers / Untold Story

The Rich Play 1000 Feet away From Where they Died

Here's a part of the Three Dead Rappers story you won't get on the local TV news. They love telling you about the garbage strewn filth of the rat infested building the rappers were found in. Why don't they ever turn the camera around to show you what's on the other side of the street? OPULENCE. Only in Detroit are the haves and have nots so closely inhabited. The density is incredible! We are talking approximately 1000 feet. The pictures below tell the story but the video vicariously takes you there. You must see it! After hearing this revelation Lisa Cathy said: "Rats don't discriminate. I bet they walk across the street and get into the garbage at that Country Club too."



Deathtrap building located at 1941 W. McNichols



Trash in alley behind building



Looking through walkway from alley at home abutting Detroit Golf Course. The clubhouse at DGC is lavish.



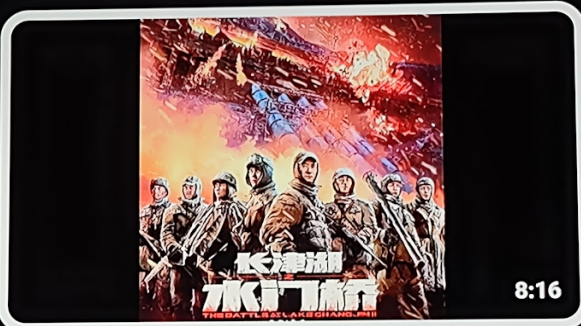
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3 Rappers



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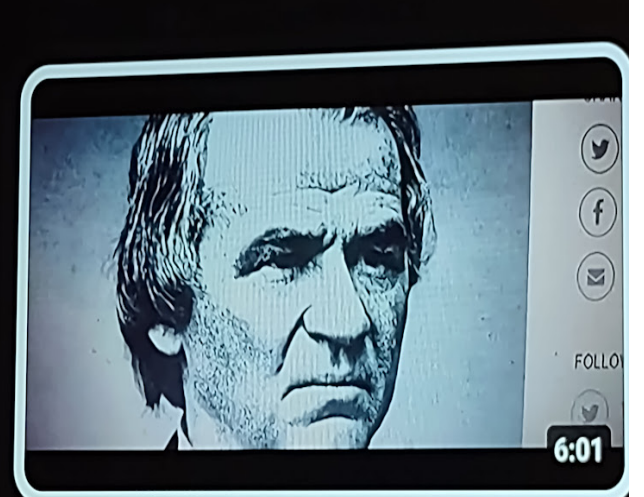
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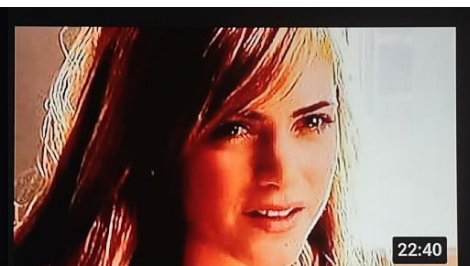
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1. Tomatoes
2. Cucumbers
3. Sweet peppers
4. Green beans
5. Carrots
6. Summer squash
- (tie) Onions
8. Chili peppers
9. Salad greens
10. Peas

Source: Rapid City Journal

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Box flap is missing. 2. Slice of bread is smaller. 3. Jar cap is missing. 4. Slingshot is missing. 5. Boy's cap is missing. 6. Arm is moved.

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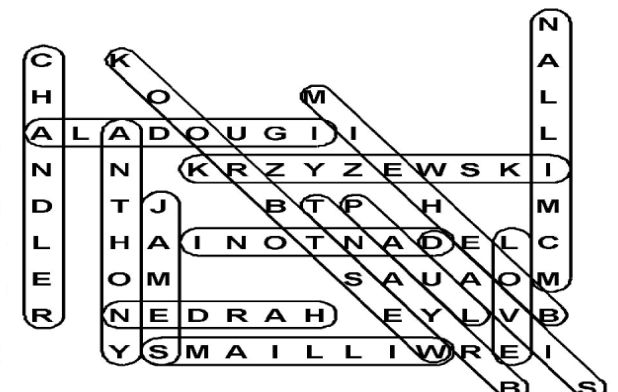
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answer

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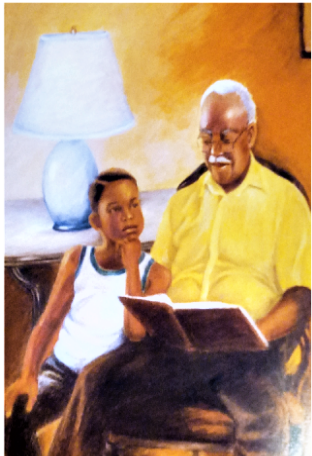
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The Art of Clarissa Johnson Lives Forever!

Her Rustic & Unobtrusive Scenes Make Her the Black Norman Rockwell



Detroit's Clarissa Johnson (pictured above) was an amazing woman. She raised six children and twenty grandchildren before she decided to pursue her lifelong dream of becoming an artist. Believe it or not, she did not begin her career as an artist until she was 65 years old. Thankfully she did. Her talent enriches us all. Clarissa started her successful mail order business from the ground up and she became well known because of it. She shipped her paintings & decorative plates all over the world. Clarissa died in 2009 at 95 years of age. She left a lasting legacy that will live on forever. To procure "Clarissa's Creations" simply email tms@servicestarnetwork.com.



MOVIE OF THE MONTH

'A Bronx Tale'

The Monthly Standard appreciates our readers! YOU continue to make the Movie of the Month a success. Over 50,000 of you have logged in to www.themonthlystandard.news. **WE THANK YOU!** This month we have a treat for you. A Bronx Tale, released in 1993, is a interracial love story. High Schoolers "C" and Jane are in love, but the prejudices of their respective communities threaten to stop their budding relationship before it starts. Meanwhile, Sonny, the pessimistic neighborhood gangster observes everything. Nine year old "C" tells Sonny he loves Mickey Mantle. Sonny says: "If your father can't pay the rent ask Mickey Mantle and see what he tells you. Mickey Mantle don't care about you. Why should you care about him? Nobody cares." After you see this movie you'll care. You'll care enough to watch it again. It's that's good. Call us with your thoughts

