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Liberty Fest returns to Heritage Park

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Canton Liberty Fest returns, celebrating its 26th anniversary with three action-packed days from Thursday, June 15, through Saturday, June 17, in Heritage Park, adjacent to the Canton Administration Building, located at 1150 S. Canton Center Road.

This year's event will take place from 1-11 p.m. Thursday, June 15, and Friday, June 16; and 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday, June 17.

Major sponsors for this annual community event, include: American 1 Credit Union; Atchinson Ford; Com-

munity Financial Credit Union; DMC Children's Hospital; The Goddard School of Early Childhood Development; Motor City MINI; Sysco; Todd Wenzel Automotive; Twisted Rooster; and The Village Dentist.

Area residents are invited to come and enjoy the lineup of carnival rides, games and special attractions.

"If carnival rides and games are your thing, then we've got just what you need in the Family Zone," recreation supervisor Jennifer Provenzano said.

Single-day wristbands allow access for one day only onto all the exciting carnival rides without a ticket. Discounted single-day wristbands are now available for \$22 and can be

used for any full day if purchased at www.cantonlibertyfest.com before noon June 15. Mega Bands good for unlimited rides for all three days are available for \$60 that can only be purchased online by June 15 at noon.

Get wristbands online at www.cantonlibertyfest.com before Thursday, June 15 at noon. Wristbands will be available for purchase on-site for \$25 on Thursday, \$27 on Friday, and \$30 on Saturday. All sales are final. For more information, call 734-394-5460.

New this year are special sensory hours will be held from 1-3 p.m. Thursday, where



KELLY DOBSON

See LIBERTY, Page A2 The skies light up with lots of color during Liberty Fest.



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Renée Deming is the founder of Pastel, a workspace for women.

WOMEN GET CO-WORKING SPACE IN PLYMOUTH

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Renée Deming has survived the struggles working women face.

She had a graphics design career and worked in San Francisco, Denver and Ann Arbor before the post-9/11 economy tanked and left her unemployed — twice.

She freelanced before landing a full-time job with a major metro Detroit advertising firm. She worked four years, then asked to scale back her hours when first son Zachary, now 10, was born.

She was refused. So she quit.

Deming started her own graphic design company, Studio Bold, out of her home in 2002 and drew clients from places such as New Orleans, Washington, D.C., and New York. She could work and care for Zachary and her second son, Gavin, now 8.

Once they started school, however, she began to feel isolated in her solitary workplace.

Now comes her newest venture, Pas-



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Pastel is a place where women can work alongside each other or have their own private office.

tel, a women's co-working space she opened May 15 at 447 Forest Ave. in downtown Plymouth. It's a second-floor, 2,000-square-foot spot where women can work alongside each other, use a solitary desk or rent a private office.

It's a business designed to empower and motivate working women who, like Deming, often face unique challenges as professionals. It's a way they can share skills, expand their professional network or learn from workshops.

"I think Pastel will be successful because I think a lot of people will get what I'm saying," Deming said.

Deming has moved her Studio Bold office to Pastel. She laughs when asked why she chose the name Pastel. There's no big backstory.

"Pastel is just light, airy, feminine," she said, and it's a place where women can nourish their careers.

It's a stylish, sleek work environment with soft tones. One of the first things a

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Colbeck supports concealed pistol bill

State Sen. Patrick Colbeck, R-Canton, supported passage of Senate Bill 366 in the Senate Judiciary Committee on Tuesday, which would create a provisional Concealed Pistol License (CPL) for 18-21-year-olds who already meet all of the requirements to possess a firearm, but that are under the age of 21 so would not currently be able to carry a concealed pistol, according to a press release.



Colbeck

"As a strong supporter for people being able to defend themselves, this bill will allow legal aged adults in Michigan the full ability to exercise their right to carry a concealed pistol as many other states currently allow," Colbeck said. "It's important that the Senate passes this legislation that ensures adults who are of legal age to vote, serve in our nations armed forces, and own a gun can also enjoy the protection that comes with being able to carry a concealed pistol."

The legislation is the result of current Michigan law, where Michigan has reciprocity agreements with several other states that allow concealed carry of firearms but do so at different ages. As an example, Michigan currently requires that a person be 21 years old to obtain a CPL, but West Virginia, a state with which Michigan has a reciprocity agreement, allows 18-year-olds to obtain a CPL. The legislation would create an equal standard among the states that Michigan has reciprocity agreements with, the press release says.

"Young women in particular need to be able to carry concealed to better defend themselves should the unthinkable happen," Colbeck said. "It makes no sense that a 125 pound, 20-year-old woman, for example, may be able to purchase and own a firearm if she is being stalked and feels threatened, yet would be forced to choose between 'open carry' or 'no carry' under today's laws. We need to be able to fix that."



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carnival rides and Midway games lights and music will be turned off for festival-goers with special needs.

Also new this year, the Taste of Liberty Fest and the Adult Beverage Tent will be located near the amphitheater. Restaurants participating in the Taste of Liberty Fest, sponsored by Twisted Rooster, will present their local specialties and compete for bragging rights in a taste contest presided over by Canton Supervisor Pat Williams.

This year's participants include Cold Stone Creamery; Desi Indian Kulfi; LaShisho Palace; On the Border; Tom+Chee; Twisted Rooster; U.P. Pasties Co.; Wok Asian Bistro; and more. Taste of Liberty Fest

runs from 5-10 p.m. Thursday and 1-10 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

On Friday and Saturday from 4-11 p.m., a variety of food trucks will be parked near the Amphitheater. The tentative lineup includes Cosa Sabrosa, Crepe De-Twah, Hero or Villain Van, Marconi's Pizza, Mito's Doner, Nu Deli, Pita Cruiser, Salt & Sugar Co. and Street-side Sushi.

On all three days of Liberty Fest, the Canton Rotary Club will host an Adult Beverage Tent. Sponsored by Liberty Street Brewing Company, the tent will be open Thursday from 4-10 p.m., and on Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Activities and entertainment on Thursday, June 15, includes Canton's annual Zumba Party, which will be held at the Canton LIVE! Stage from 6:30-8 p.m. This



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Heritage Park offers a picturesque setting for Liberty Fest.

year's theme is an Hawaiian Luau. Participants are asked to bring a water bottle to keep hydrated during the event. Entry fee is just \$5; cash only collected at the event.

Power Play Detroit performs at the Heritage Park Amphitheater starting at 7:30 p.m. covering favorite hits that the whole family will love.

Friday's Canton LIVE! Stage highlights include:

» A special appearance by Captain Barnacles and Kwazii Kitten stars of the TV series "The Octonauts" as they explore the ocean in search of adventure and fun. Visitors get their opportunity to see the underwater duo perform and meet them during special Meet and Greets from 2-7 p.m. Friday, June 16.

» Silver Sounds, featuring jammin' hits from 7:30-9 p.m.

» Detroit Circus performs amazing feats of strength and acrobatics plus a fabulous fire show from 9-10 p.m.

Friday Amphitheater Stage entertainment will feature:

» Plymouth-Canton Step Team performing from 2:30-3:00 p.m.

» Big Time Cheer, an all-star cheerleading squad performs energetic routines from 3:00-3:30 p.m.

» SKULE, an educational nonprofit with a mission and acronym to Spread Knowledge Using Lyrics & Entertainment, will perform from 3:30-4:30 p.m.

» Seven to Zero, a popular local cover band, hits the stage from 5-7 p.m. just in time for the dinner crowd.

» Emerging Soul will play your favorite hits from Etta James to Bruno Mars from 8-10 p.m.

Also on Friday, the Annual Spaghetti Dinner is planned from 5-9 p.m., while supplies last, with proceeds from the dinner going to the Canton Fire-fighter Charity. This annual event is sponsored in part by: Rose's Restaurant, Sysco Detroit, Mama Mucci's Pasta, Linde Gas and Absopure.

Diners will also enjoy a performance by Taylor Taylor and her jazzy pop

style guitar sounds and charismatic vocals.

Saturday highlights include:

» The 22nd annual Pancake Breakfast, sponsored by the Canton Lions Club from 7-11 a.m. in the Heritage Park North Pavilion.

» Canton Leisure Services is again joining forces with Running Fit to host the sixth annual Liberty Run, including 5K, 10K and One Mile events. Participants are encouraged to register at www.cantonlibertyrun.com and run, walk, or stroll in these events. Participants will also receive finisher medals, as well as a race T-Shirt. Plus, running theme-awards will be handed out to the best Red, White, Blue, and Sparkling running outfit.

Other Saturday entertainment highlights, include the International Festival's cultural performances and displays at the Canton LIVE! Stage from 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., presented by the Canton Commission for Culture, Arts and Heritage, featuring cultures from

around the world, such as Indian, Chinese, Sri Lankan, and more.

Boogie Dynamite will perform on the Canton LIVE! Stage from 8-10 p.m., presenting a variety of high-energy retro music.

Other Festival highlights for Friday and Saturday include The H2O Zone, which will offer festival-goers a chance to cool off near the Canton LIVE! Stage with water attractions from noon to 4 p.m.

Take a Walk on the Wild Side both Friday and Saturday and enjoy a unique wildlife safari experience provided by Oasis Animals. Be sure to check out merchandise from local artisans, crafters, businesses and vendors around the large pond at the Liberty Fest Marketplace on Friday from 4 p.m. to dusk and on Saturday from 11 a.m. to dusk.

The annual fireworks show closes the festival on Saturday at dusk.

For more information, visit www.cantonlibertyfest.com or call 734-394-5460.

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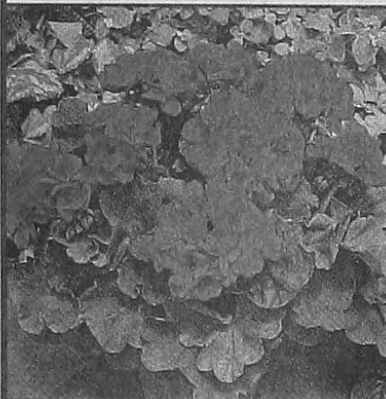
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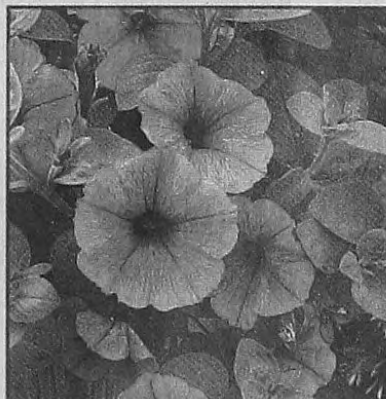
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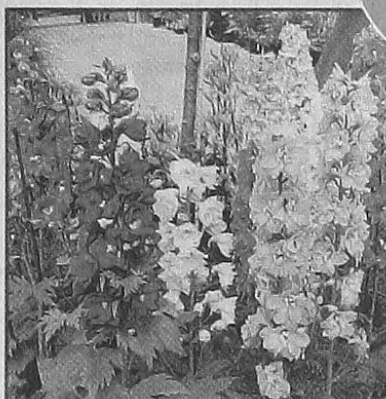
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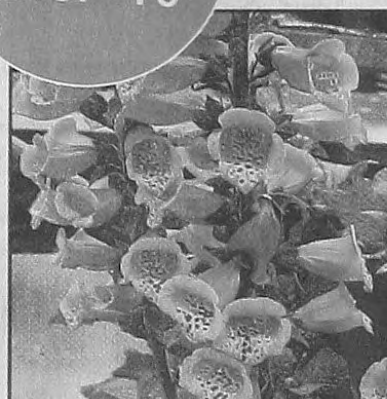
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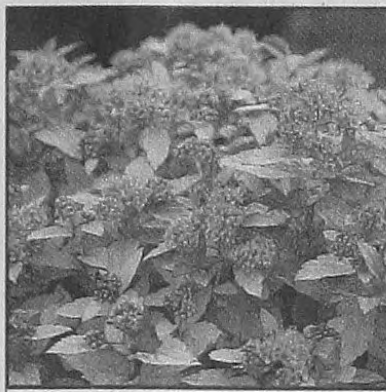
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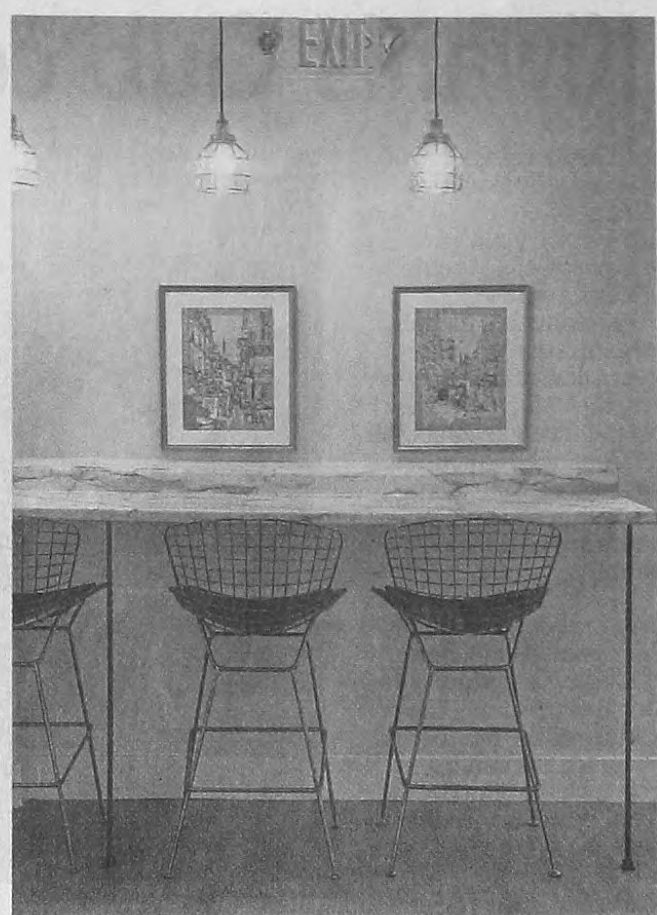
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Women can work next to each other in this space, which also can be used as a classroom.



Another workspace.

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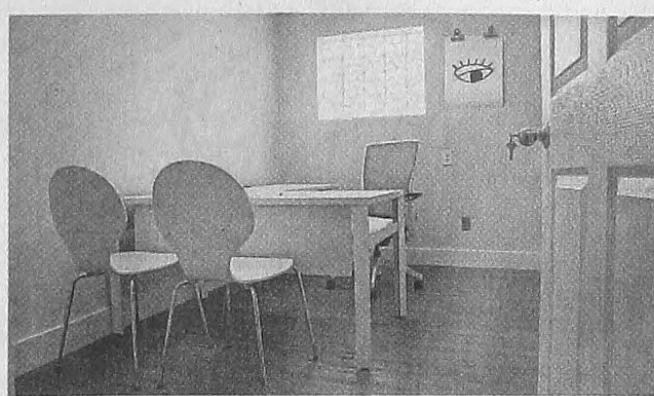
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visitor notices, just at the top of the stairs, is a collection of framed photographs of women such as Shirley Chisholm, the first African-American elected to the U.S. Congress; Supreme Court Justice Ruth Ginsberg; women's suffrage leader Susan B. Anthony; and Nobel Prize laureate Malala Yousafzai, the Pakistani schoolgirl who confronted the Taliban to fight for her right to an education.

Those photos, among others, send a strong message that women can, indeed, achieve their goals, even if they sometimes face professional hurdles, societal roadblocks and wage gaps their male counter-



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Pastel clients can choose to have 24/7 access to a private office.

parts don't encounter.

Pastel reflects a growing industry of co-working spaces for professionals who don't have a brick-and-mortar office or who want to get out of the home work environment. It can accommodate 20 women at any given time, whether it's a Realtor who simply needs a table for a laptop

or a psychotherapist who requires a private office.

"But we're not just a desk," Deming said.

Pastel has a conference room, a reference library of business books, a printer/scanner/fax machine, a private lactation room, a tabletop photo studio — and coffee from Plymouth's own Espresso Elevado, whose

owner, Teresa Pilarz, lauded Deming's efforts.

"I love it. I absolutely love the idea," Pilarz said. "I really hope she succeeds. I just think this is going to be such a good resource for women."

Pilarz met Deming at a local business event and intends at some point to lead a small business workshop at Pastel.

"We just hit it off when we met. I've been a big supporter from the beginning," she said.

Count Deming's husband Mike among her supporters, too.

"It's amazing. It's really impressive to see what she has done," he said.

Pastel offers an opportunity for women, such as those starting a new business, to interact with

others, get advice or discuss ideas. Moreover, a series of workshops in June focuses on topics such as teaching working women to find time for themselves, developing content strategies for business websites and supporting groups such as First Step, which helps victims of domestic violence.

Social gatherings are also in the works. Just last Friday, Deming had a grand-opening bash and brought in DJ Thornstryker, who spins music for the Detroit Pistons.

Deming chose downtown Plymouth for Pastel because of its proximity to salons, boutiques and other businesses that are popular among women. She called the setting perfect.

Pricing starts at \$19 for a one-year contract

that allows two co-working space visits each month. Hours are typically 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays, but clients who rent their own desk or private office can get 24/7 access.

Where does Deming see Pastel in coming years? It likely will continue to grow and may force her to find a bigger space where more women can work, learn, share and thrive.

It's a welcome challenge for a woman who has faced an often-difficult work world and molded it into her own.

For more on Pastel, including pricing, house rules and other information, go to pastelplymouth.com/.

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Kiwanis Club celebrates anniversary

The Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth recently celebrated its 50th anniversary with a reception at the Plymouth Meeting House.

Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to serving the children of the world. The Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth is an active group of approximately 85 volunteers serving the community.

Several club members were recognized for being servant leaders, including longtime member Kelvin Chen. The family of the late David Siegrist, the driving force behind the Greater Plymouth Service Project, was presented with the Kiwanis Table of Honor.

The three surviving founding members of the club — Jim Jabara, Dick Anderson and former Kiwanis International President Gene Overholt — were presented with the Kiwanis Legion of Honor Award by former Kiwanis International Presidents Bill Lieber and Susan Petrisin.

Plymouth Township Supervisor Kurt Heise presented the Club with a proclamation thanking club members for their contributions to the community. The club recently replaced a play structure in Kiwanis Park and will be working on additional upgrades to the park.

The club sponsors the Plymouth July 4 parade annually, and together with the Kiwanis Club of Plymouth, puts on the annual Pancake Breakfast during the Fall Festival.

Kiwanis is always welcoming new members to serve the community. It meets every Thursday at noon for



Past presidents of the club gathered for a photo op.

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lunch and special presentation.

For more information, contact current presi-

dent George Lytle at 734-417-8470 or visit

www.plymouthnoonkiwanis.com

Dodgeball not just for kids in Plymouth

Dodgeball is no longer a game just for kids in Plymouth.

The City of Plymouth Recreation Department presents its first-ever Adult Dodgeball League at the Plymouth Cultural Center for adults ages 18 and over. The league aims to offer a competitive dodgeball experience for anyone over the age of 18.

The league will play on Wednesday nights from 6-9:30

p.m., starting on June 7 and ending with playoffs on July 19.

Teams will play two matches per week scheduled back-to-back (at 6 and 6:35 p.m.) or will have a one-match break in between (6 and 7:10 p.m.). The cost for each team is \$210 for registration plus \$10 per week in cash for referee fees to be paid directly to the referee.

Registration takes place at the Recreation Office Window Monday-Friday from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Plymouth Cultural Center or online 24/7 (an online account is needed to register online).

Any questions or comments should be directed to Recreation Supervisor Billy Keppen by email at wkeppen@ci.plymouth.mi.us or by phone at 734-455-6620, ext. 309.

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Annuities can makes sense

I was watching TV over the weekend when a commercial came on about annuities. The commercial made it out that annuities were the best things since sliced bread, claiming that you could not lose money with them and they were an investment everyone should have, particularly in retirement. Like most commercials, there was some truth in it, but it did not tell the whole story. In many situations, annuities are aggressively marketed and that alone should give people cause for concern. After all, when it comes to investing, you don't want to be sold something that doesn't fit your situation. I thought I would take this opportunity to talk a little bit about annuities, pros and cons.

Basically, there are three types of annuities: fixed, variable and immediate. Fixed annuities and variable annuities have the benefit of income growing tax-deferred. You only pay taxes when money is withdrawn and, at that point in time, it is taxed at your ordinary income bracket. Although tax deferral can be a benefit, it also can be a problem. When money comes out of an annuity, it's taxed at your ordinary income



Rick Bloom
MONEY MATTERS

bracket, which is your highest tax rate. Annuities don't qualify for the favorable capital gain treatment, so it is possible that by deferring your taxes, you are actually raising them, defeating the purpose of an annuity.

The returns on annuities depend upon the type you purchase. In a traditional fixed annuity, you get a guaranteed rate of return. Currently, traditional fixed annuities are paying about 2 percent. An index annuity is also considered a fixed annuity, but your return is based upon an index that you select — typically, stock-based indexes. The nice thing about these types of annuities is if the market goes down, you don't lose money. It is important to keep in mind dividends are not figured into the equation and most index-based annuities do not give you a 100-percent participation rate. If your participation rate is 60 percent and the market went up 10 percent, your return would be 6 percent.

One of the problems with index-based annuities is that they are very complex and sometimes very difficult to understand. If you end up buying an index-based annuity, it is important to learn about them and then to shop around. There are differences with regard to fees on these annuities.

Variable annuities are ones that allow you to invest in, typically, mutual funds. Your return is based upon the funds you select. The problem with variable annuities is if you held these investments outside the annuity, they would be subject to capital gain treatment vs. ordinary income. In addition, just like with the fixed annuities, you typically have to lock your money up for a period of time. It's not unusual to see variable annuities with a 10-year penalty period, which means if you cancel the annuity before 10 years, you lose some of your money. In addition, variable annuities tend to have very high administrative and investment fees.

An immediate annuity is a different animal all together. An immediate annuity is similar to buying a pension for yourself. In an immediate

annuity, it guarantees a certain amount of money for the rest of your life. No matter how long you live, you'll get a regular paycheck. For many people, this is a very comforting investment. The downside is once you're in an immediate annuity, you cannot cancel it — it's an irrevocable investment. Just like with fixed and variable annuities, it pays to shop around. Not all companies are the same.

In certain situations, annuities make sense. They are not for everyone and certainly no one should be pressured into purchasing one. If a salesman is overly aggressive, simply walk away. Because annuities are generally long-term investments, you need to take your time and shop around.

One last note: If you are looking at a variable annuity, you want to make sure you look at companies like Fidelity, Vanguard and Schwab. They all offer low-cost annuities without penalties. You have greater flexibility in the fact that you can withdraw your money at any time without penalty.

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Kitten rescued from downtown arena



"Little Squeesars" was rescued from the new Little Caesars Arena in Detroit.

Detroit's highly anticipated Little Caesars Arena won't open until the fall, but a six-month-old kitten wanted in on the action early.

Construction workers noticed the feral black kitten wasn't wearing a hardhat. But they didn't just contact their supervisor — they wanted to save her. So they reached out to a "Trap-Neuter-Return" volunteer — someone who humanely catches outdoor cats in live traps; takes them to a veterinarian to be spayed or neutered, vaccinated and ear-tipped for identification; and releases them back to the area they know.

Of course, "Little Squeesars," named after the area where she was found, couldn't safely be returned to the construction site. She was taken to a Detroit area shelter. The shelter kept the kitten for a month, then

informed the volunteer they would be euthanizing the kitten.

"I couldn't let that happen," the volunteer said. "These compassionate construction workers reached out to save her; how could I let them down by letting the kitten they'd rescued be put down?"

The volunteer contacted the Humane Society of Huron Valley, whose community cat coordinator found a safe, outdoor location for Little Squeesars.

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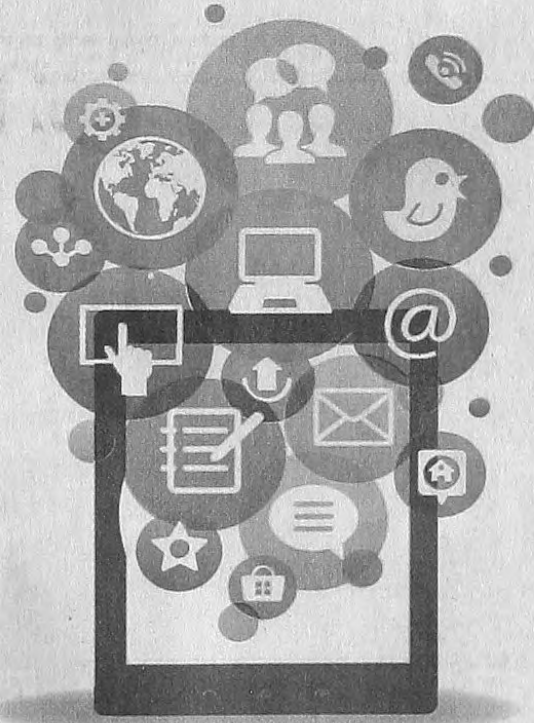
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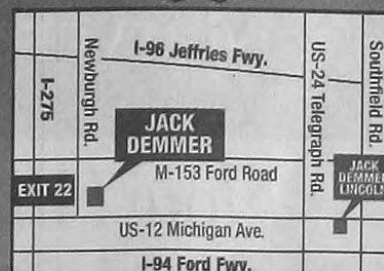
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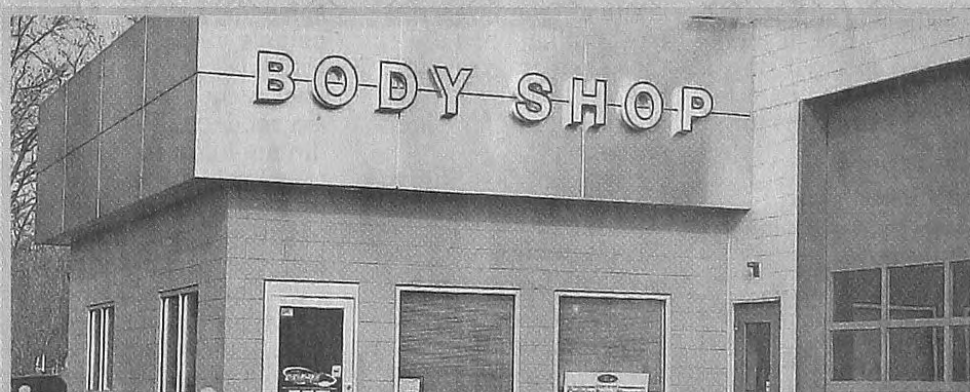


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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Imagine Theaters benefit

The Imagine Theaters are nothing but a good thing for all of the cities they are in. They have made other theaters up their game. The Imagine theater took over a failing theater in Birmingham and made it successful. This brings people and money into the city and the council wants to show they have power over everyone and everything. I mean how more moronic do they want to be?

They should be thanking the company and like a lot of politicians, they seem to want to only find fault. Same goes for the city of Troy, when they turned down the plans to build a baseball stadium a few years ago. This was after 2 years of the company changing plans to meet the whims and demands of the Troy city council. The City of Utica quickly approved the plans and now they have the Jimmy Johns stadium, while Troy still has a huge vacant field collecting pollen and zero tax revenue.

Gary Roys
Troy

High schoolers impress

I have never been so proud to be a long-time Novi resident as I am now. As Channel 7 News reported, the Novi High School football team will soon host its second annual camp for special needs athletes. It was heartwarming to see the news report of our high schoolers sharing their time last summer with kids who might not always be included. The football career of most athletes will stop at high school, but character and leadership are life-long traits. Thank you to Coach Burnside and staff for showing the team that being good people is more important than sports. We are fortunate to live in such a positive and uplifting community.

Scott Horsburgh
Novi

Crazy week for Trump

This has been one crazy, wild, no holds barred stretch for politics junkies. Forget the Real Housewives or soap operas, the real drama is the Trump administration's total disregard of law, truth, morals, ethics or public opinion.

In no particular order let's recap: So it turns out when House Intelligence Committee (oxymoron) chair Devin Nunes was sneaking around the White House for Trump making unauthorized disclosures of

classified materials, it was to delay fired AG Sally Yates from telling her story to Congress (and what a story she told) and then served up the Susan Rice unmasking story to serve as a smokescreen to that. Details of Comrade Trump's private meeting with two top Russians where he gave them the highest level of classified materials and bragged of firing "nut job" Comey to ease pressure from the Russian investigation while allowing only Russian state media into the white house.

Then, H.R. McMaster, one of only two Trump officials with any credibility totally trashes his credibility by playing word games and lying about what happened, and Trump throws him under the bus the next morning. Trump admits, during the Lester Holt interview to firing Comey, not to defend Hillary's honor as originally stated, but because of the fake Russian thing. Trump was blindsided by the deputy AG bringing a special investigator to probe this "witch hunt."

Flynn admitted he told the Trump transition team he was under investigation for the Russia thing weeks before the inauguration. AG Sessions didn't really recuse himself from the Russia thing. There were 18 more secret unreported communications with Russia according to Reuters.

Did I miss anything? Trump bowed before the Saudi king and called it an honor, but he said it was a disgrace when Obama did it. And he accepted a large donation from them but when Hillary did the same he called it criminal and pay to play. During the campaign he took such relish, such childlike glee in using the phrase "radical Islamic terrorism" but not once did those words cross his lips while addressing a conference of 50 Islamic nations.

Mitch Dubanik
Livonia

On differing political opinions

Love, tolerate or despise him, our President has been the subject of unceasing vitriol and attacks from the new axis of anti-Trumpism: establishment Republicans, Democrat party save a few, most of academia, entertainment industry, most of the self-admitted and proud anti-Trump media and, most frighteningly, the deep state of career intelligence officials.

Most of the latter are

indeed American patriots who serve their nation with dedication, there are a few rogue actors that must be found and exposed. There's little more dangerous than rogue intelligence personnel with an ax to grind in weaponizing intelligence data for political purposes.

While Director of National Intelligence James Clapper recently stated that our institutions are under assault by President Trump, he also has said most clearly there is no evidence linking Trump to Russian collusion. The former assertion is parodied as fact by this new axis while the latter is ignored as irrelevant though it is indeed the latter that is factual and very troubling to the media.

We all desire to leave this earth a better place than when we arrived. But by what means and values? Animosity of all things Republican because their candidate lost? This is what I'm seeing in this section of the paper almost every week. And yes, that civility cuts both ways.

Let's face it. If your beliefs are pro-choice, bigger Federal government, open borders, more taxes to fund social programs, gender redefinition so you can supposedly re-create your gender through hormones and surgery, intolerance toward those with whom you disagree, deconstruction of the First Amendment to selectively champion free speech for the press while removing its equal elevation of religious freedom, contempt for the 2nd Amendment and its right to keep and bear arms, and the wholesale abandonment of Amendment's IX and X, then it is natural for you to despise our President.

I get it. I do not despise you because you believe in the things I find anathema to American exceptionalism. I am saddened that you did not learn the foundational principles that made this nation such a beautiful place to live in and where millions have sacrificed dearly to come here in past decades and centuries to build a better America. Ironically, the most militant atheist, the most virulent leftist and the current axis against Trump all enjoy their freedom here because of conservatism, not in spite of it.

That gift of freedom and our free will give us the choice to choose wisely or poorly. I hope to choose wisely with respect toward my de-

tractors and as a citizen of this wonderful nation. Let's reintroduce civility and remember that our neighbor need not be our enemy just because their yard sign was Clinton blue or Trump red. Last time I checked, our blood runs blue on the inside yet we all bleed red in the end.

Joe Edwards
Novi

Gun control needed

While watching the news, a story came on that had me shaking my head. It seems another two-bit punk got his hands on a pistol and opened fire on a house, wounding a mother and her newborn baby.

Many moons ago, when I was a deputy sheriff on patrol, practically the only criminals who carried a gun, were hit men and armed robbers. Now, it seems, every wannabe thug can get his hands on a semi-automatic weapon, and then use it without any regard for the mayhem they cause.

You would think that our lawmakers would be trying to close loopholes in current laws and shutting down shady gun dealers. But, come on, both Lansing and D.C. are teeming with politicians who are no more than pimps and shills for the NRA and gun makers.

Case in point are two bills pending in our State Capital. The first would do away with the requirement that a person must have a license to carry a concealed pistol. The second would end the requirement that pistols must be registered with the State of Michigan. Both sponsored by Republican politicians.

If these bills become law, any adult could go in the local Walmart, buy a handgun, slip it in the waistband and go about their business. No pesky background investigation, no training and no fingerprint checking.

I am sure the mother mentioned above will feel safer if these bills are put in place. Again, nothing but pandering to the NRA and right-wing nut jobs.

James Huddleston
Canton

Bad business

Lena Epstein, who announced last week that she will run for the U.S. Senate in next year's election, stressed that she wants public officials to be outsiders who have a business background. She should be reminded that other outsiders with business backgrounds were Gov. Rick Snyder and President Donald Trump.

Did everyone forget that the city of Flint water crisis happened under a former businessman and that the current chaos involving health care changes and a proposed federal budget was the result of a Mafia-type of businessmen in cabinet positions?

The president promised in the weeks before last fall's election to "drain the swamp."

All he did was bring in larger alligators.

Leonard Poger
Westland

New health plan is bad

The bi-partisan Congressional Budget Office, an arm of Congress, just scored the new version of Trump-care passed by the GOP controlled House. After 7 years of "repeal and replace" constant rhetoric and after 55 House votes to repeal the AHCA, the House current version would terminate the coverage of 23 Million Americans. Currently, over 90% of Americans have health coverage, the highest percent in American History, as a direct result of the AHCA.

The largest segment of those 23 million who will lose coverage are the old, very young, women and any of us who have preexisting conditions. Drastic cuts in Medicaid will ensure that the poor will not be covered by health care. Trump care would destroy any semblance of health care coverage for those selected 23 Million. GOP Republicans soothe there cruel conscience by essentially saying the Senate will straighten out there cruel mess. A massive political gamble using sick US citizens as a GOP slot machine tokens.

Trump care does not cover routine mammograms and pap smear but does cover prostrate cancer screening. We must wonder why?

Why terminate health care for 23 million?? Simple. Neither Trump or the GOP controlled US House, has any interest in health care coverage. There singular goal is to "create" savings for a massive tax cut for the already wealthy which is Trump and his cronies.

Gerald Maxey
Farmington Hills

Trott untrustworthy

When Americans elect representation, in most cases, since we all have our own jobs to do and lives to lead, we trust those who we elect to vote for and pursue actions that are in our

best interest so that we don't have to become experts on all issues. Unfortunately Congressman Dave Trott has demonstrated in no uncertain terms that he demands constant constituent supervision and can never be trusted to do what normally should be expected of an honest, ethical, public-minded legislator.

Trott votes for and supports policies that would result in tens of thousands of unnecessary deaths per year for lack of health coverage, cause a dramatic increase in out of pocket health care costs for most Americans, dramatically cut Medicaid which would result in millions of middle and working class families having to render long term care in their own homes to aged parents and jeopardize the solvency of Medicare reducing care and exploding costs to retirees all so that the top 1% of the wealth holders and wage earners can enjoy substantial tax cuts.

Shamefully, Trott is also down with sacking environmental regulations (societal protections) that would prevent the fouling of the environment with life and health threatening toxins from numerous sources and of course the proliferation of green house gases that would render the planet uninhabitable, again all so that corporations can expand profits despite the fact that corporate profits are at or near an all time high as a share of GDP.

Now Trott has helped help to vote out of committee a bill that would almost guarantee a future economic crash by repealing the Volker rule which restricts banks from co-mingling commercial and investment functions and cuts restrictions on the mortgage industry returning us to the same lax regulatory environment that precipitated the inflation of a housing bubble that spelled financial disaster for millions of Americans all to increase profits and again in spite of the fact that the banks and Wall Street are raking in record profits. The bill would also eliminate consumer protections from corporate fraud that cost consumers hundreds of millions annually.

As citizens of Michigan 11, we must be ever vigilant, ready to do whatever is necessary to try to stop Trott from representing his own interests and only those of his wealthiest constituents.

Mitch Smith
Canton

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Little Stars Foundation workshop

The Little Stars Foundation is offering a free programming workshop on Wednesday, May 31, for student ages 10-17. This introductory level workshop is aimed at introducing basics of programming to the students, encouraging interest in computer science and STEM-related fields. This one-evening workshop will be held at the Canton Administration Building Meeting Room at 7-9 p.m. The workshop will be taught by a college student majoring computer science. No previous programming experience is required. Students must provide their own laptop. The registration deadline is May 28. To register, email tlf@thelittlestars.org.

The Little Stars Foundation is a nonprofit youth organization whose mission is to help local children and seniors. For more information, visit www.thelittlestars.org.

Angels for Isabelle and Elliott fundraiser

A fundraising event to raise money to cover costs of medical care for two young Plymouth residents — Elliott, age 3, who has autism, and Isabelle, age 2, who has stage 4 cancer and Sotos syndrome — is being held 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, June 4, at Summit in the Park in Canton. Tickets are on sale until May 29.

The event is \$15 for adults 13 and up, \$10 for children 12 and under. Tickets are presale only at www.eventbrite.com/vevent?eid=33881167484 or in the Facebook event page facebook.com/events/1900331323584096.

The event features a full breakfast buffet in a beautiful setting, white linens and china. There will be a live DJ, live music from a local band, magician Steven Skindell performing, costumed Disney princesses from the local Plymouth Canton theater group for photos, face painting, a 50/50 cash raffle, and a prize-based raffle with over fifty different prizes donated by local businesses. All prizes are on display on Facebook page www.facebook.com/angelsforisabelleandelliott/.

Senior Health & Fitness Day

Area seniors are invited to join a celebration of the 24th annual National Senior Health and Fitness Day from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, May 31, at the Summit on the Park, located at 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton. This nationwide health and fitness event is held to promote the importance of regular physical activity, and to showcase what local organizations are doing to improve the health and fitness of older adults in their communities.

Seniors age 55 and older can enjoy a variety of senior health- and fitness-related activities, including: Health Fair and health screenings from 8:30-10 a.m.; workshops, and fitness classes.

Registration fees are \$7 for Summit members, \$8 for Canton residents and \$10 for non-residents. Fee includes boxed lunch, workshops and participant bag.

Morning workshops starting at 10:30 a.m. include: Intro to Beginner Yoga, Fall Prevention 101, and Safe While Out

and About.

Afternoon workshops starting at 12:45 p.m. include: Intro to Lyrical Dancing; Cooking with Chef Kristi; and Custom Coasters Make & Take workshop.

This day of events culminates with an Intro to Fitness Gold at 2 p.m. featuring fitness moves for strength, balance and cardiovascular endurance. Participants interested in attending Canton's National Senior Health and Fitness Day must register by Monday, May 29, by calling the Canton Club 55+ front desk at 734-394-5485. For more information, visit www.cantonfun.org.

Inspectors answer home improvement questions

Inspectors from Canton's Building and Inspection Services Division will be at Home Depot, at 39825 Ford Road, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, June 3, to help answer resident questions about home improvement projects.

As a homeowner, you will need to obtain a permit if you are building an addition such as a room or sunroom, making an alteration to your home such as windows, siding or basement remodeling, if you're building a shed, detached garage or deck or if you're putting in a pool or installing a sprinkler system. You will also need to obtain a permit if you are adding or altering electrical, plumbing, heating or air conditioning.

On June 3, there will be Rental, Building, Electrical, Plumbing and HVAC inspectors there to help answer resident questions one-on-one and they will come equipped with code books and permit applications. This session is free of charge and all residents interested in making their home safe and code compliant are encouraged to attend.

Families Against Narcotics meeting

Northwest Wayne County Families Against Narcotics will hold its monthly meeting at 6:30 p.m. Monday, June 5, at LifeChurch Annex, 6900 N. Haggerty Road, Canton.

The group will explore how addiction impacts the family.

Family therapist Pat Schafer from Brighton Center for Recovery will discuss "dos and don'ts" of dealing with addiction in the family, and answer all your questions. Codependency and enabling behaviors will be discussed, as well as how to draw the line between helpful behavior supporting recovery and harmful behaviors that can damage the family and perpetuate addiction. The group will also hear

from Angela Bogota, a young person in long-term recovery from addiction; and Andy Hopson, who struggled with two addicted children and is in recovery himself.

For more information, email nwwayne@familiesagainstnarcotics.org or visit familiesagainstnarcotics.org.

Young opera singers at Liberty Fest

Canton's International Festival returns to Heritage Park on Saturday, June 17, 2017, from 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., during Canton's 26th Annual Liberty Fest. One of the many featured performances slated to take place at 12:30 p.m. during the International Festival is a special appearance by Soprano Ryan Blankenburg and Tenor Darius Dillard, presented by the Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan.

Canton's 26th Annual Liberty Fest is a three-day community festival featuring two stages of live entertainment and family fun for all ages. Festival-goers are encouraged to enjoy a variety of cultures from around the world, who will be showcased on June 17. Featured cultures include: China, India, Italy, Korea, Mexico, New Zealand, Tahiti, the United States, Native American, African American and Hawaiian/Polynesian.

For additional information about this year's International Festival presented by the Canton Commission for Culture, Arts & Heritage's Multicultural Committee, visit www.cantonvillage-theater.org or call 734-394-5300.

Free Violin Workshop

The Little Stars Foundation is offering a free violin workshop starting July 19 for children ages 6-13. This is the ninth consecutive year that TLSF has been providing free music workshops for local children. This introductory level workshop is aimed at introducing music and specifically violin to young children. The four-week-long workshop will be held at the Canton Administration Building Meeting Room at 7-9 p.m.

No previous violin experience is required; however, returning students are welcome to attend again to further improve their skill. Participants can perform violin music with current TLSF members in the end of the workshop. Students must provide their own violin. The registration deadline is June 24. To register, email tlf@thelittlestars.org.

The Little Stars Foundation is a nonprofit youth organization whose

mission is to help local children and seniors. For more information, visit www.thelittlestars.org.

Canton Girls Night Out

The Canton Chamber of Commerce's fourth annual Girls Night Out will be held Thursday, June 8. This is the perfect opportunity for ladies to check out some of the great businesses in Canton.

Ladies will start at the chamber office, where they will receive their shopping bag and surprise giveaway, as well as a list of the participating businesses. Ladies can go to any of the participating businesses, where they will be offering refreshments, discounts and other special gifts.

Everyone will head to Fellows Creek Golf Club for the Girls Night Out After Party. You will enjoy more socializing, drink specials, light refreshments and lots of door prizes.

Girls Night Out will feature a special purse raffle during the after party. Ladies will have the chance to bid on the handbag of their choice.

Registration is \$20 per person. A limited number of spaces available. Call the chamber office at 734-453-4040 or purchase at www.cantonchamber.com.

Sounds of the Spirit

Music of the Sikh, Hindu, Buddhist and Native American faiths will be featured at Sounds of the Spirit, an interfaith event set for 3-6 p.m. Sunday, June 11, in Plymouth.

Presented by the InterFaith Leadership Council of Metropolitan Detroit, this is the second in a series of musical presentations and panel discussions to increase respect and understanding among diverse faiths, cultures and races.

Sounds of the Spirit will be hosted by Mata Tripta Ji Gurdwara Sahib, located at 40600 Schoolcraft Road in Plymouth.

The event is open to the public with a cost of \$10 per person; children under 10 are free. To register in advance, visit tinyurl.com/soundsofthespirit2. Tickets, which include refreshments, also can be purchased at the door for \$13.

Good News Day Camp

Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Livonia is hosting Good News Day Camp, a Christian, full-day camp for ages 5 through completing sixth grade, starting June 19-23.

Activities include opening and closing worship and praise, singing, games, arts and crafts, nature activities, Bible

study, large group activities, snacks and more. Early-bird registration is \$65 for the first child in the family, \$60 for the second child, and \$55 for each additional child. After May 28, registration is \$70 per child.

Contact Judy Cook at 248-442-8822 or judy@emmanuel-livonia.org for more information. Deadline to register is Monday, June 12. Emmanuel Lutheran is at 34567 Seven Mile Road.

Canton artist featured at Westland exhibit

Award-winning Canton artist Sharon Lee Dillenbeck will exhibit her unique impressionistic style watercolors and oil paintings in a solo exhibition at Westland's Gallery at City Hall during the month of June. Over 60 works of her delicately rendered original art will include florals, landscapes, seascapes, family portraits,

O'Keefe-like pieces, oriental and still life; the largest collection of her works ever on display.

This exhibition, sponsored by the Three Cities Art Club, will be on display from June 1-30 at the Gallery at City Hall in Westland City Hall, 36300 Warren Road. For more information, call Dillenbeck at 734-673-2002 or Marilyn Meredith at 313-231-3939.

Caring for Dementia

This free event is set for 7 p.m. Thursday, June 22, at the Livonia Civic Center Library Auditorium. A presentation to caregivers on insightful ways to care for loved ones with dementia. Presented by Elaine C. Pereira, certified dementia practitioner and caregiver, and author of "I Will Never Forget; A Daughter's Story of her Mother's Arduous Journey Through Dementia." RSVP at 734-237-3968 or 622neverforget@gmail.com.

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Donaldson

Emma "Dolly" (nee Nyiri), age 88, May 25, 2017. Beloved wife of the late James Donaldson. Loving sister of Erma O. Nyiri "Sissy". Sister-in-law of Fred (the late Grace) and the late Douglas Donaldson. Dear aunt of Robert (Gerry Chittle), Douglas (Jose'e Madore), Barbara (Gary Hillier) and Lance (Yolanda Douglas). Cremation has taken place. No service will be held. Her family suggests donations to Angela Hospice. Please share a memory of Dolly by signing her online guestbook at www.rgrharris.com.

Mingo

Vera Age 91, passed away May 21, 2017. Surviving are her children, Gloria (Charles) McCracken, Roger (Amy Shapiro) Mingo, Paul (Margaret) Mingo, Jack Mingo, Julie (Keith Williams) Mingo and Mingo (Cheryl Henderson) Reynolds; sister, Elaine Pierce; 14 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren. Vera was preceded in death by her husband of 29 years, Glen; parents, Albert and Yerde; and her sisters Ruth Johnson and Elenore Richardson. Vera's family has arranged for a memorial service to be held on July 22nd, with visitation at 10-12 am and a memorial service at 12 noon, at the Lutheran Church of the Shepherd King, located at 5300 W. Maple, in West Bloomfield. In lieu of flowers the family has suggested memorial donations to the Lutheran Church of the Shepherd King, Doctors without Borders, or the Sierra Club. Arrangements entrusted to Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, Farmington. 248-474-5200 heeney-sundquist.com



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Don Troy High School icon and wrestling coach Don Hill, 91, died May 14th, 2017 at his home in Troy, Michigan. He was a WWII veteran, a graduate of Ferndale High School, Wayne State, and Michigan State. He was very proud of the fact that he was on the very first negotiating team representing the Teacher's Union in the early days of Troy education. Don spent his entire life dedicated and devoted to the development of Troy's youth. A few of his very long list of notable accomplishments were being inducted into the Michigan High School Athletics Coaches Hall of Fame and the National Wrestling Hall of Fame in Stillwater, Oklahoma. Don is survived by his niece June Shelton, Edna Henry (husband Dwayne), and his great niece Tammy Swanson (husband John), and Susie Moore (husband Jeff, and great nephew Chris Shelton. Don is also survived by so many men that knew him as a second (dad)

A celebration of Don's life will be held at the Troy High School Gymnasium on June 4th from 1:00 to 4:00 pm. Services will start at 2:00pm. All are welcome. Don Hill will be greatly missed by all.



Rea

Marco Bernardo May 21, 2017 Age 31. Proud graduate of Brother Rice High School ('04) and Purdue University ('08). Project Manager and Estimator for his family's company, Area Construction and Fairmount Properties. Beloved husband of Sarah (nee Valovich). Devoted father of Rocco and George. Dear son of Antonio and Suzanne. Loving brother of A. Christopher (Anna), David (Teresa), Carolina Sweeting (Christian) and Michael (Gunianna). Uncle of many dear nieces and nephews, and beloved owner of his dog, Gus. Services were held at Holy Name Church, Birmingham. Memorial tributes to the Academy of the Sacred Heart, 1250 Kensington Rd., Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304 or Brother Rice High School Athletic Department, 7107 Lahser Rd., Bloomfield Hills, MI 48301. A.J. Desmond & Sons 248-549-0500. View obituary and share memories at AJDesmond.com

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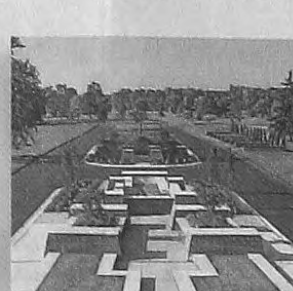
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Lena Epstein, former co-chair of President Donald Trump's Michigan campaign, announced Monday that she's running for U.S. Senate.

Trump's Michigan campaign chair challenges Stabenow for U.S. Senate

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Lena Epstein, a Bloomfield Hills businesswoman and co-chair for President Donald Trump's Michigan campaign, announced she's running for U.S. Senate.

"The politicians have failed us and the citizens of Michigan are looking for a new way," Epstein said. "They want an outsider with business skills."

That's exactly what the voters will get if they elect Epstein. The 35-year-old Harvard graduate is co-owner of Vesco Oil Corporation, a family business based in Southfield that employs more than 200 people and has annual revenues exceeding \$175 million.

While active behind the scenes in state politics, this is the first time Epstein has run for public office. Should she win the Republican nomination, she'll be running against Democrat Debbie Stabenow, a veteran politician who

will be seeking her fourth term next year. "Whether it is protecting our Great Lakes or lowering the cost of health care and prescription drugs, Sen. Stabenow is focused on doing her job and what is best for Michigan," Stabenow spokesman Matt Williams said.

For her part, Epstein said her campaign will mirror Trump's "America First" vision by restoring the country's manufacturing base, renegotiating trade deals and building safer borders.

"Debbie Stabenow has accomplished almost nothing in 20 years of politics," Epstein said. "I will speak for those who have not been spoken for. I will represent those who know, deep down, that their government has failed them and their families."

Epstein did hint that Trump will play an integral role in her campaign.

"I have a tremendous relationship with the president," she said.

Construction of M-5 northbound underway



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Crews have shut down northbound lanes of M-5 in Novi from 13 Mile to Pontiac Trail for repairs. The route's southbound lanes were closed for about a month and they're now open. The route's lanes will be patched with particular attention paid to the intersections, where they're pretty rough. The north lanes should be closed through June for work, however the cross roads of 12 Mile and beyond will remain open.

Ford announces \$350 million expansion at transmission plant

David Veselenak
hometownlife.com

Livonia's biggest employer is growing its presence even more in the city.

Ford Motor Company announced a \$350 million expansion to its Livonia Transmission Plant, 36200 Plymouth Road, an additional investment from the \$1.4 billion it announced last year. The move is expected to create or retain 800 jobs.

"We remain committed to American manufacturing and investing in our people and facilities," said Joe Hinrichs, Ford president for the Americas said in a statement. "Even as the industry's largest employer of hourly workers in the United States and biggest producer of American-made vehicles, we be-

lieve it is important to continue investing right here in our home market."

The transmission will be built as a new, advanced transmission for front-wheel-drive vehicles, designed to be more fuel-efficient.

The investment will go toward the making of a new transmission to expand the company's lineup of fuel-efficient powertrains. Most of the new jobs are expected to be created starting at the end of this year, and the majority will be created in 2018 and 2019. The plant currently employs about 1,800 workers.

"Today's announcement of investment at the Livonia Transmission Plant is further evidence of the benefits of collective bargaining and the ongoing commitment of UAW-Ford to lead the way in creating and maintaining automotive manufacturing jobs in America," said Jimmy Settles, UAW vice presi-

dent, in a statement. "The addition of these 800 jobs will add job security for the plant's hardworking men and women, and support for the surrounding community."

Livonia Mayor Dennis Wright said the city was not informed of the investment beforehand, but was happy to hear the news.

"It's a win-win for us again," he said after the groundbreaking for the new dog park at Bicentennial Park. "We're just lucky we're in the right place at the right time. It shows as far as the city, we're rock-solid. They like dealing with us, and we like dealing with them."

"It's a good marriage and we're excited to take on a little more."

The announcement comes the same week Ford announced it would lay off 10 percent of its salaried workforce in North America and Asia. Those figures totaled about 1,400 employees.

Dan West, president of the Livonia Chamber of Commerce, said the announcement continues the city's economic momentum forward and will only serve to help the city.

"Ford's latest commitment to investment and jobs in Livonia, adds to our community's economic momentum as significant companies continue to move to and grow in Livonia. As Amazon and MASCO near their moves into town, Ford, UPS, Consumer's Energy, and Trinity Health are leading companies that added jobs at their Livonia facilities over the past year, and now Ford plans to add more," he said. "This is wonderful news for Livonia and our neighboring communities, as these types of manufacturing jobs spark so much other economic activity."

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Burger students perform Beauty and the Beast

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Mary Anne Muldoon was in her first musical play last year — she was Rizzo in the Burger Development Center production of “Grease.”

“I was excited to play Belle and about the yellow gown,” said Muldoon, 22, one of the leads in this year’s production of “Beauty and the Beast.”

“I auditioned and they picked me. We practiced every day.”

The 23 students in the cast began rehearsing the play in January ahead of three performances before classmates and school staff before doing the show in a separate performance for family members.

“We had auditions just like the high school with lines and singing. We rehearsed four days a week as part of the Fine Arts Class,” said teacher Amy Swarthout.

The rehearsals were more difficult for “Grease” last year before the Fine Arts Class was established.

The cast performed the well-known songs from the Disney films with the familiar characters of Belle, the Beast, egotistical Gaston complete with extra padding for his a muscles and the household staff — Lumiere the candelabra, teapot Mrs. Potts, son Chip the tea cup and clock, Cogsworth. The production had help from a couple Garden City High School students who sang and danced along with another student who videotaped the performance.

“We did all the sets and props. We made and borrowed costumes from the high school and Livonia Franklin High



High steppers Michael Lomas, Brandy Angell, Gabrielle Kreza and Jonathan Walker.



Mary Anne Muldoon plays Belle in “Beauty and the Beast.”



Aaron Groves and Gabrielle Kreza, dancing in “Beauty and the Beast.”



Michael Lomas plays Lumiere and Jonathan Walker plays Cogsworth.

School,” said Swarthout, who co-directed the play with teacher Liz Mullins. “It was a big collaborative effort.”

Along with the performers, other students worked on the play behind the scenes.

“It has been amazing what this has done for for the students self esteem,

confidence and social skills,” Mullins said. “It’s been wonderful with the team teaching. We cry every time we see it.”

The choice of “Beauty and the Beast” for the school play just as a live action version was being released at theaters was a coincidence.

“I’m a Disney freak

and I had wanted “Beauty and the Beast,”” Mullins said.

A trip to the theater to see the new movie turned out to be a field trip for the entire school.

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D1 BOYS LACROSSE

Chiefs stage incredible regional rally

Trailing 8-1 early, Canton storms back for second-round win

Tim Smith
Hometownlife.com

With a hard rain falling in the first half Wednesday night, trailing 8-1 to Saline no less, the Canton Chiefs undoubtedly were tangled up in blue.

But then came a veritable hurricane of offense that propelled the Chiefs to an improbable 13-11 victory over Saline in a Division 1 Region 3 boys lacrosse semifinal at Plymouth-

Canton Educational Park.

It was Dylanesque poetry in motion for the Chiefs, who now square off against Park rival Plymouth 7 p.m. Tuesday (at P-CEP's varsity turf field) for the regional championship.

"I was very impressed with the poise, maturity and competitiveness of our team," said Canton head coach Josh Simmons, whose team improved to 14-6-0. "When you get off to a slow start, good teams like Saline will take advantage.

"When we were down 8-1, I did not see any panic in our team. We made our adjustments and focused on scoring the next goal."

But then senior goalie Na-

than Janice and his defense suddenly getting stingy.

And Chase Meredith, Connor Flanagan and Zachary Sweet started finding the mark against Hornets goalie Shane Winkelseth to fuel the rally.

Refusing to wilt

Sweet — a freshman attacker who Simmons said plays like a veteran — broke an 11-11 tie on a play set up by junior midfielder Meredith, who intercepted a Saline clearing attempt and found Sweet in front.

Meredith then scored his fifth goal of the night to provide the Chiefs with all-impor-

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MICHAEL VASILNEK

Making a run around a Saline player Wednesday night is Canton junior forward Connor Flanagan (11). He was one of the sparkplugs in the Chiefs' comeback win in the regional semifinal.

D1 BOYS LACROSSE



MICHAEL VASILNEK

Plymouth players celebrate after winning Wednesday's second-round regional while Ann Arbor Pioneer players walk off the field dejectedly.

Tim Smith
Hometownlife.com

When Ray Miller took over as head coach of Plymouth's varsity boys lacrosse team this year, he said he stressed to players about "changing the culture."

The Wildcats showed on Wednesday that they were listening, scoring late to edge Ann Arbor Pioneer 8-7 in a Division 1 Region 3 contest at rain-soaked Plymouth-Canton Educational Park's varsity turf field.

Scoring the tie-breaker with

THE LATE SHOW

Plymouth scores in final minute, then stops Ann Arbor Pioneer to earn 8-7 regional win

just 38 seconds remaining was senior midfielder and co-captain Nolan Ouellette, converting a feed from behind the goal by junior attackman Bryan Twinney.

With the second-round win, Plymouth is moving on to the regional final, set for 7 p.m. May 30 against Canton — who later Wednesday rallied from a huge early deficit to stun Sa-

line 13-11.

Ouellette caught Twinney's pass to the right of Pioneer goalie Tim Grobosky, who made a number of stellar stops. This time, Grobosky

could not get in front of the laser shot that beat him on the short side.

"It was my happiest moment, now it's the furthest Plymouth has ever made it in playoffs," said Ouellette, the team leader in goals with 50. "We're planning on winning the regional this year.

"He (Twinney) saw me in front. I had to slide, so both my guys (defenders) left to recover and they left me wide open. I snuck it in short side, nice left-hand goal. It's the biggest

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KLAA BOYS GOLF

Wildcats extend string of titles

Plymouth nabs fifth straight Kensington crown

Tim Smith
Hometownlife.com

Plymouth is synonymous with championship-level golf, and the 2017 Wildcats are continuing that lofty trend.

On Tuesday at Bay Pointe Golf Club in West Bloomfield Township, the Wildcats captured the KLAA Kensington Conference crown for the fifth

consecutive year with a 315 tally.

Plymouth came up just short in the overall association tournament, however. Topping the 24-team field with a 313 total was Hartland, edging Grand Blanc (313) on the fifth-score tiebreaker.

"It was a challenge," Plymouth head coach Dan Young said. "We played at Bay Pointe, a lot of water, a lot of tight holes, tough holes. So we just had to hang in there and be patient, and we did.

"I think the guys felt they could have played better. Being the competitors that they are, they weren't all super happy. They were happy we won (conference) but they know we've got to clean some things up here in the next week as we get into the state tournament.


"But it's always a great accomplishment to win your league. Having coached other sports it's tough to win them, so my hat's off to my guys to get-

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PLYMOUTH GOLF

Plymouth's varsity boys golf team won the KLAA Kensington Conference and South Division titles Tuesday at Bay Pointe. From left are Josh Wein, Joe Fontana, Jack Boczar, Justin Kapke, Timmy Baldwin, Ian Smith and head coach Dan Young.



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DAN YOUNG

The annual PCS Ryder Cup at Fox Hills brings golfers from three teams together for a fun competition. From left are Kyle Krause (Plymouth), Timmy Baldwin (Plymouth), Paul Maurer (Canton), Ryan Witczak (Canton), Joe Fontana (Plymouth), Bryce Henderson (Salem), Jack Boczar (Plymouth), Shawn Weldon (Salem), Josh Wein (Plymouth), Ian Smith (Plymouth), Matt Decker (Plymouth) and Nick Andrews (Plymouth). The Wildcats prevailed for the sixth time in nine years the event has been held.

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS GOLF

Park golfers enjoy their own 'Ryder Cup'

Tim Smith
Hometownlife.com

The pressure ramps up soon enough for high school boys golfers from Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, what with Division 1 regionals set for Wednesday at Pine View Golf Club in Ypsilanti.

So it's a break of sorts to hit the links with friends and even opponents for a fun Ryder Cup-like excursion.

On Wednesday at Plymouth's Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center, golfers from Plymouth, Salem and Canton gathered for nine holes of everything from scrambles to alternate shots to a best ball contest during the ninth annual Plymouth-Canton-Salem Ryder Cup.

The Wildcats won the coveted trophy — an oversized golf club featuring names of previous winning teams — captured honors for the sixth time (Canton won in 2009 and '15; Salem prevailed in 2011).

"Totally (for fun) and to have a different way of competing, and playing with some different guys," said Plymouth head coach Dan Young, about the Ryder. "My guys got more excited yesterday talking about Ryder Cup (than the KLAAs conference win, Tuesday at Bay Pointe).

"Winning the league was fun, but then they go 'Ryder Cup, yeah.' It just keeps things lively around here."

Young said each team brings eight golfers, with players then breaking down into four groups to compete in singles play, alternate shot, best ball and scrambles.

Nothing like it

Salem and Canton golfers said it always is a great time to play the low-key tournament, which typically takes place between the pressure cookers that are the KLAAs association tourney and regionals.

"It's awesome, it's definitely something that's unique that not a lot of schools get to experience," Salem senior Matt Schaumburger said. "So the fact that we get to come out and play it's really fun."

Canton senior Suhas Potluri



TIM SMITH

Taking a practice swing with the PCS Ryder Cup 'trophy' is Plymouth junior Timmy Baldwin.



TIM SMITH

Salem senior Matt Schaumburger called the Ryder Cup event at Fox Hills a fun time for all three teams that took part.



TIM SMITH

Playing the Ryder Cup event is a good stress buster, Canton senior Suhas Potluri said.

said the Ryder Cup event is "definitely very nice. It takes some stress off, just to have some fun out here and play golf."

Another Salem senior, Joey Driscoll, noted that the way the Park is set up — with three high schools on one campus — lends itself to unique opportunities such as the Ryder.

"It's just a lot of fun, the guys get to come out and play golf with the kids they go to school with," Driscoll noted. "So it's just a great experience all-around."

Canton head coach Tom Alles said the tourney is a nice break.

"It is fun, the kids like it," Alles said. "Over the years Plymouth has dominated it but we've snuck in a few wins and Salem's gotten one."

Learning to relax

Nearby, Salem head coach Ryan Nimmerguth said his golfers could benefit at regionals from enjoying the Ryder Cup event.

"They play their best when they are relaxed, that's something we've struggled with," Nimmerguth explained. "We've gotten too uptight in some critical matches, critical tournaments, and haven't played our best."

When the Ryder atmosphere was brought up, he noted that maybe golfers should "play like it's the Ryder Cup, where it's a lot of fun."

Alles then turned his attention to the regional at Pine View, where the top three teams automatically qualify for state finals.

"If we (Chiefs) have our best day we could perhaps get into third place and qualify, but it would really have to be a full team effort," Alles stressed. "... We haven't had anybody shoot in the 70s on an 18-hole event yet."

Plymouth enters the regionals as one of the teams with an excellent chance to advance.

"You got to hit some good shots but I honestly think we're going to do well out there (Pine View)," Plymouth senior Jack Boczar said. "We're going to win that tournament, it's all about the states."



MICHAEL VASILNEK

Holding down the fort for Canton against Saline is senior goalkeeper Nathan Janice (45).

CHIEFS

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tant breathing room.

"Chase Meredith was huge for us down the stretch in the fourth quarter creating a couple important late game turnovers, assisting on the game winner and scoring the insurance goal," Simmons said. "Zachary Sweet continues to amaze me with his toughness and ability to perform in the clutch."

"Sweet was knocked out of the game after scoring a goal and later returned in the fourth quarter to score the game winner. He is only a freshman but plays like an upperclassman."

Another player who was key to the turnaround, the coach continued, was junior attackman/midfielder Flanagan.

"Midway through the second quarter he started dominating face-offs and was one of the main forces driving the offense," said the coach, about Flanagan's performance.

With Flanagan lighting the fuse, Canton started chipping away with under six minutes to go in the first half, making it an 8-2 deficit.

By halftime it was a 9-5 Saline lead and the teams entered the final quarter deadlocked at 10-10.

Other Canton goals were scored by senior attackman Drew Montgomery and freshman midfielder Jack Cervantes.

Simmons praised the de-

fensive urgency of co-captains Janice, Steve Szymusiak (senior defenseman) and Nick Polydoros (junior midfielder) for helping Canton hit the re-set button when things looked bleak.

"I give a lot of credit to the captains ... for keeping the team level and staying focused through the rough part of the game," he said.

Comeback begins

Early on, however, the Hornets were dominant.

Goals by Fariman Jackson, Bruneau Davis and Tanyr Krummenache made it 3-0 after one quarter.

With Krummenache scoring two more goals in the first five minutes of the second frame (both carbon-copy blasts from the right side of the net), Saline enjoyed an 8-1 lead.

Simmons called a timeout, and soon Canton began to climb out of the massive hole.

And now, the Chiefs will have another chance to play the Wildcats — who will be looking to get back at Canton for an 8-7 overtime win on May 10.

"We are real excited to be playing Plymouth again in the regional final," Simmons noted. "I know they have revenge on their mind from earlier in the season and their coaches will have them ready to play their best."

"This year shows that the best lacrosse is played at the Park."

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MICHAEL VASILNEK

Canton junior attackman Nick Polydoros (10) looks to elude a Saline player.

GOLF

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ting it done today."

The Wildcats — who will compete in the Division 1 regional set for Wednesday, May 31 at Pine View Golf Club in Ypsilanti — were led by senior Jack Boczar's five-over par 76.

Also strong for Plymouth were freshman Ian Smith (78) and senior Joe Fontana (79).

Freshman Josh Wein registered an 82 while junior Timmy Baldwin and senior Justin Kapke each shot 84s.

"Competitors like Jack and Justin (Kapke), they always want to score even par," Young continued. "So when they're not

they're not always happy."

Boczar also won medalist honors for two KLAAs tournaments combined (the pre-season conference tourney and Tuesday's event), registering a 36-hole score of 149.

The medalist solely for Tuesday's tourney was Livonia Franklin's Jacob Kenward, with a 71. The Patriots' lineup included another golfer who cracked the 80 mark in Brandon Tirador (78), who tied for 12th place with Plymouth's Smith and Wayne Memorial's Andrew Aigeltinger.

"We were looking to win the association and we ended up playing two shots short, so it kind of hurt," said Boczar, who Tuesday registered a four-over par. "But we got to put that

behind us and focus on regionals and states, and just performing our best in the next three weeks."

Boczar, Kapke and Smith were named to the all-conference team. The top 18 golfers (with scores combined from both KLAAs tournaments) out of 135 performers made the cut.

Northville was second in the Kensington Conference with a 321 score while Livonia Stevenson's 325 total was good for third in the conference and seventh among all teams.

Sparking the Spartans with a 77 was all-conference honoree Connor Jakacki; also making the all-conference team from Stevenson were Trevor Lopus (82) and Craig Jakacki (84).

Also finishing for Stevenson

were Griffin Matick (83), Easton Schlatterbeck (83) and Jacob Anderson (87).

Canton finished 11th out of the 24 teams with a 340. The Chiefs were paced by senior Suhas Potluri, who shot an 83 and also was named to the all-conference team (with a 36-hole total of 163).

Junior D.J. Jablonski and senior Dominic Dimaya tallied respective scores of 84 and 85 for the Chiefs.

Rounding out the Canton scorecard were junior Paul Maurer (88), sophomore Alex Heyde (90) and junior Patrick McDougall (97).

Salem tied for 13th with a 342 total, with junior Justin Polce and senior Matt Schaumburger each shooting 84s.

Other finishers for the Rocks included Shawn Weldon (86), Bryce Henderson (88), Josh German (88) and Robbie Hermes (97).

In 10th place in the team standings was Franklin, with a 332 tally. Livonia Churchill took 17th spot (354), followed by Westland John Glenn (23rd, 1,100) and Wayne Memorial (24th, 1,176).

Individual finishers included Franklin's Eric Liberati (87), David Shoemaker (96), Graham Opie (97), Trevor Van Vliet (100); Wayne's Joseph Quilton (99); Churchill's John Doyle (82), Logan Welch (89), Davis Coughlin (91), Aaron Walton (92), Max Proulx (93), Peyton Elkins (97); John Glenn's Ben Damion (101).

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How to find a summer job – and make it permanent

BY MARY LORENZ
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Looking for a little extra cash during the summer? According to CareerBuilder's Summer Hiring Forecast, 41 percent of employers plan to hire seasonal workers for the warmer months. While the majority of employers have finished their seasonal hiring, there's still time to land a summer gig – if you're strategic about it.

"Start utilizing your network now," advises Sarah Glasser, campus recruiting manager at LaSalle Network, a national staffing and recruiting firm. Reach out to everyone from your friends and family to your college's alumni network and even previous employers, all of whom may know of opportunities to which they can refer you. Also, consider jobs outside of your typical industry, which can be a great way to expand your skills. Finally, view every opportunity as a networking event. "Be willing to put yourself out there and connect with new people [wherever you go]," Glasser says. "You never know who you're going to meet or who they may know!"

Going from summer help to full-time hire

For those looking for a gig that will last longer than their tans,



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there's good news: The vast majority of employers who plan to hire seasonal workers (79 percent) will consider offering those hires a permanent position. Try these expert tips for turning a summer job into a year-long (and beyond) position.

Dress (and act) for success. "If you want to turn a temporary job into one that's permanent, be sure that both attendance and punctuality are perfect," says Megan Trzcinski, director of office services at LaSalle Network. If you want to truly stand out, get in a few minutes early and offer to stay late if necessary.

It's also important to dress the part, she says. "As the saying goes, dress for the role you want, not the role you have, and it's true in this case. Notice the way the rest of the staff dresses and how they present themselves, then follow suit."

Be proactive. If you've finished a project and find yourself with some downtime, don't just wait around until someone gives you a new assignment. Take the initiative to ask for another project, Trzcinski advises. This will differentiate you from temporary workers who might not be as proactive.

Get to know your colleagues. Make an effort to get to know the other full-time employees, whether that means taking them to lunch or coffee, or attending happy hours or other company events. "The better people [at work] know you, the more willing they are to put your name in the hat when an opportunity opens up," Trzcinski says.



Make sure the timing is right. A few weeks into starting your summer job may be too soon to ask about a permanent position. Wait a few months and, if the company seems like a fit, Trzcinski recommends having a tactical

conversation with your supervisor or HR. "If you notice that the company posted a permanent role you think you'd be good for, that's another great opportunity to spark the conversation."

Ask for feedback. Before asking your boss about a permanent position, make sure you're doing a good job first. "If you haven't had any feedback over the course of the assignment, don't assume you're doing great," Trzcinski says. Ask for feedback on your performance and what you can be doing differently or better. Then take immediate action on that feedback. This will show that you are open to criticism and committed to improving.

Keep an open mind. Don't limit yourself to a permanent spot on your team. You may find an open spot on another team that interests you. Just make sure to go to your direct supervisor before applying for it, says Trzcinski, "so they don't think you're purposefully going around them."

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THE NEW CHEVROLET EQUINOX ELEVATES THE BRAND IN CRUCIAL SEGMENT AS MARKETING CAMPAIGN KICKS OFF



By Dale Buss

The Equinox utility vehicle is Chevrolet's highest-selling retail nameplate once again this year behind the monster results of the Silverado pickup series. So it's been crucial for the General Motors-owned mainstream brand to get it right when it comes to launching the greatly improved 2018 version.

So far, so good: Sales of Equinox have defied the overall industry slowdown so far this year, registering more than 83,000 units through April, or nearly 4 percent higher than a year ago. It has continued to edge out the hot Cruz compact sedan as Chevy's No. 2-selling model.

"It delivers on a variety of things, everything that compact SUV shoppers

demand: design, capability, technology and safety," Paul Edwards, vice president of Chevrolet marketing in the US, told me about the new Equinox. "It needs to perform well in all those different categories."

And now the marketing kicks in behind the latest version of a vehicle that has sold more than two million units. Appropriately, one ad to promote the new Equinox, "Everybody Everywhere," shows off the tremendous versatility of the new version, in all of the settings in which consumers make various demands on their vehicles.

In another new TV ad that extends Chevy's two-year-old "Real People, Not Actors" theme, the vehicles and the advertising "moderator" venture far outside of the warehouse-like space where Chevrolet has been showing actual customers -- not actors -- participating in what they think are focus groups.

The brand has put Equinox in a



hotel-valet scene. The valet brings a stylish new Equinox in front of the hotel. Because the rightful driver is late in getting there, the valet takes the liberty of inviting all kinds of passers-by to steal a spell in the vehicle that has rolled up and impressed them.

Naturally, of course, the people in this ad love the 2018 Equinox, with its interesting new "S" curve exterior design cue along the vehicle's shoulder, its "down-and-away" instrument panel and big new touchscreen.

I talked with Edwards about Equinox, "Real People" and marketing Chevy:

Q: Why do you think "Real People" has been effective for so long? And how much longer can you find actual individuals who will be "surprised" to find out how good Chevy and your products and features are?

Edwards: The effectiveness has gradually increased over the last 25

segment with new models and features?

Edwards: That's the No. 1 segment and there's a lot of very healthy competitors. We do it in two different ways. One is the total package of Equinox. In "Everybody Everywhere," we wow people with the total package.

In another one we compare ourselves to the gold standards in the segment, Toyota and Honda. Those owners are blown away. A lot of people in the [buying] cycle are familiar with our competitive brands and are used to that level of technology, refinement and design, and when they get in a Chevrolet they're blown away by how we beat those competitors hands-down.

Q: With US sales slowing and consumers largely rejecting sedans and flocking to utility vehicles, is it a pretty daunting environment these days for Chevrolet as a mainstream brand -- and one that has a lot of sedan models out there?

Edwards: Well, over the last two years we've gained nearly a full point of retail market share, and sales of 120,000 incremental units. We went from 10.3 percent in 2015 to 11.2 in 2016. Another measure we look at is "excellent" opinions for the brand, and we've had a 30-percent increase in that from the baseline before we started the "Real People" campaign. And in our conquest business, it's grown about 20 percent -- our share of the conquest opportunity each month.



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WATER POLO

New club in town aims to grow water polo interest

Coaches join forces to create new club

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There's a new club in town. The Detroit Water Polo Club splashed on to the scene in January and is starting to make waves among area fans. The idea is to not only develop players, but to promote the sport and make it an alternative activity for young athletes.

The club aims to teach the sport year-round to anyone willing to learn, with the hopes of producing more competitive players by the time they reach high school.

"I've only done one year of coaching at Seaholm and the guys work really hard and the swimming talent in this area is just fantastic. I mean it's top-notch," said Seaholm head coach Joshua Stephens, a Toledo native who played college water polo at the U.S. Naval Academy. "So they know how to work hard and they're good athletes and everything, but they just don't play (water polo) enough.

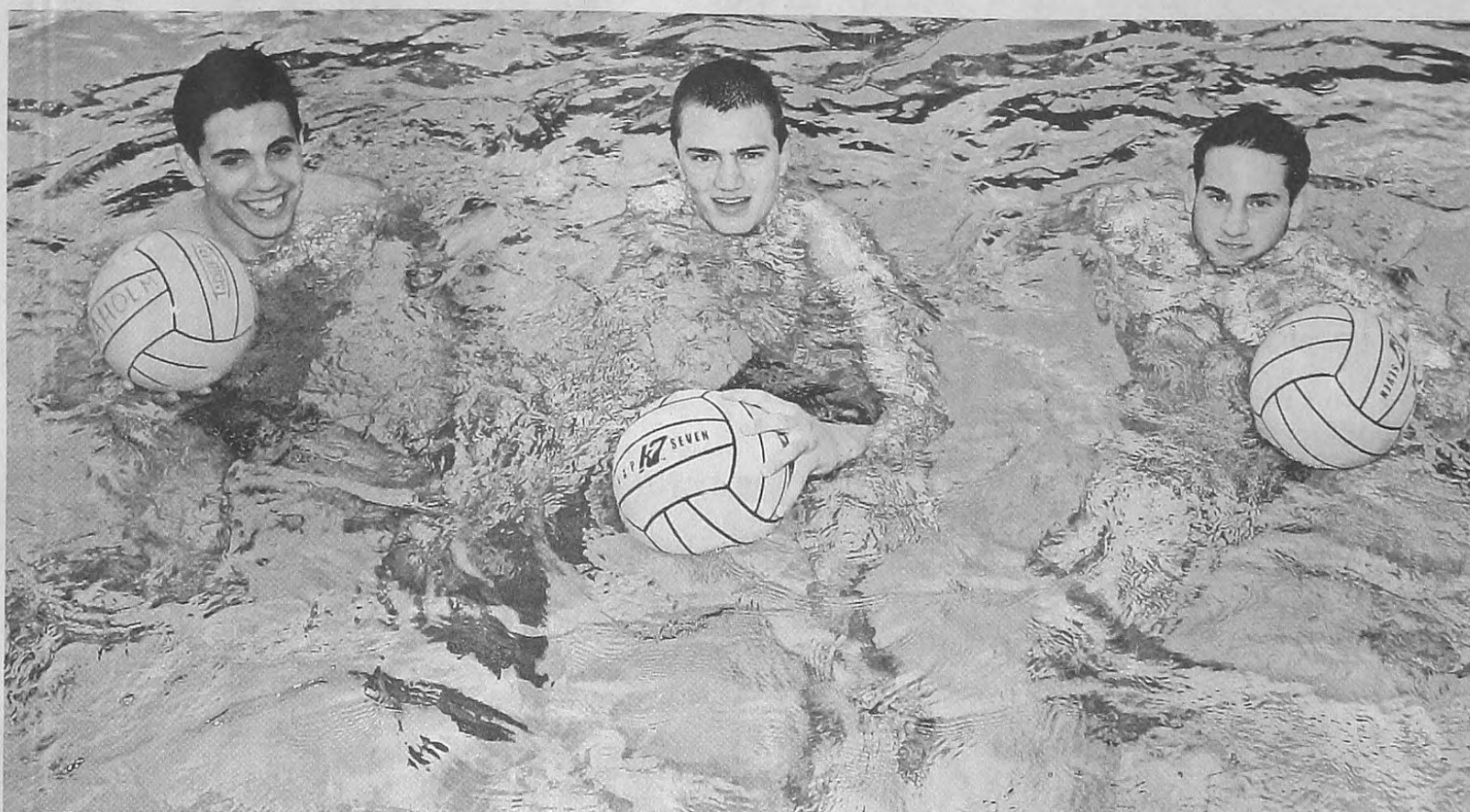
"This club's first step is to get the athletes playing more. It's just that simple. The next level of that will be to develop talent at a younger age. So instead of somebody never seeing a water polo ball until they're a freshman in high school, now all of a sudden we're seeing seventh- and eighth-graders playing the sport at this club level.

"The sport is growing and we want to grow with it," he added. "In California, kids start playing at the age of 5 or 6 and learn the game. By the time they get to high school, they are amazing water polo players."

Developing young players

The Detroit Water Polo Club is the brainchild of Stephens and Groves boys water polo head coach Bob Sala.

Sala and Stephens figure developing young players at the club level will aid the competitive balance of their respective high school teams on a statewide basis.



Seaholm water polo players (from left to) Zach Gusho, Jack Wischmeyer and Joe Perham are participants in the newly-formed Detroit Water Polo Club.

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Seaholm and Groves have advanced through the state tournament at the district level on a consistent basis, but have stalled out once the tourney's regional phase begins. They eventually fall to higher-level programs from Ann Arbor, Rockford or the Grand Rapids areas, all of which have youth development clubs.

Last fall, for instance, Seaholm and Groves both advanced to the regional, but did not qualify for the eight-team state championship tournament. Rockford, which was ranked No. 1, won the state title by defeating Okemos.

"I felt like we were making progress each and every year and I felt like my focus towards the team was bringing good results," said Sala, a 1991 Groves graduate who has coached the Falcons the past six years. "But I felt, by and large, the state of Michigan, the west side particularly, and the Lansing and Ann Arbor areas were starting to pass us by in terms of the level at which their high school programs were at.

"We want to compete with

them and we don't want to get left behind by all these other schools," he added. "I thought it was a shame (our) kids would stop after 12 weeks of their regular (fall high school) season and they didn't pick up a ball again until the fall."

The Detroit Water Polo Club opened in January and the first winter session catered to the high school girls who were out of season in both prep swimming and water polo. The spring session brought in the boys. The summer session will commence next month and will be open to both high school and middle school students.

For the time being, the club is only open to male and female athletes of all talent levels who reside in the Birmingham-Bloomfield area. As the club grows, administrators plan to open to polo players from across Oakland County and the metro area.

Interest level is high

The ultimate goal is to provide an educational experience year-round for boys and girls ages 5-18 and masters polo for players 18 and older.

Sessions are currently held at both the Seaholm and Groves state-of-the-art pools and both coaches are thrilled with the response they've had so far.

"The interest on the high school boys side has been phenomenal," Stephens said. "For the high school girls, it's actually quite a bit more than what I thought we'd get. We had 20 athletes here for the winter and I think we'll have at least that many, if not more, for the summer. Next summer, the goal is to send a couple of teams out to California to compete in the USA Water Polo Junior Olympics.

"We want the sport of water polo to get bigger in Michigan and the only way that will happen is if places like Bloomfield Hills has a team and even Royal Oak and Farmington Hills or wherever," he added. "I believe it is possible just because of the depth of swimming talent in the area. It is not that much of a nudge to make them water polo players."

Sala is looking forward to the day when the Detroit Water Polo Club grows to include

competitive teams at all age levels.

"This is the right time for a club like this," Sala said. "What we're moving towards is being able to develop, not just player talent in the area, but coaching talent in the area so we can staff this kind of thing and have a couple hundred kids in the program from the little ones all the way up to the masters program.

"Josh and I know the X's and O's of the sport. Just the amount of sheer learning that's needed to be done. Nobody is born with water polo skills. Everybody grabs the ball with two hands immediately. Nobody just grabs it with just one. I love the challenge of teaching the kids.

"And I'd like to give a shout out to the district athletic directors — Tom Flynn at Groves and Aaron Frank at Seaholm — who have really embraced this," he added. "They have given us these facilities to use, which are second to none. The kids are delighted to be here and Seaholm and Groves are good places to be."

COLLEGE DECISIONS

Churchill's Wozniak to follow dad's Madonna footsteps

Tim Smith
Hometownlife.com

Baseball — specifically Madonna Crusaders baseball — has always been big in Joe Wozniak's family.

And why wouldn't it be? The Livonia Churchill senior's dad, Mike Wozniak, played for the Madonna baseball program back in his infancy.

A lifelong baseball player himself, Joe Wozniak now has a chance to follow in the "blue-and-gold" cleats of his father after recently signing his national letter of intent to play for the Crusaders.

"It is indeed very exciting to be playing college baseball," noted the younger Wozniak in a recent e-mail to the Observer. "I am looking forward to meeting new people and having the opportunity to continue to play the sport I love.

"I am also honored to follow in the footsteps of my dad who played for Madonna in 1989-91."

The pull of a family baseball tradition yanked him in the direction of Madonna rather than other universities he was interested in, including Central Michigan, Western Michigan, Eastern Michigan, Hope College and Adrian College.

"College baseball was definitely a dream of mine as a kid growing up," Joe Wozniak noted. "Heading into my senior year I was getting contacted by Madonna.



Livonia Churchill senior Joe Wozniak recently signed to play baseball at Madonna University. In the front row (from left) are Madonna baseball coach Ted Falkner and Wozniak. Standing (from left) are Churchill baseball coach Ron Targosz, dad Mike Wozniak and travel baseball coach Mike Granzotto.

CHURCHILL ATHLETICS

"They had shown real interest in me. I just kept the course of giving everything I had until the offer finally came."

Although he already had a

built-in comfort zone with Madonna, the icing on the cake was when Madonna offered him a major in fire science. Wozniak, 17, carries a 3.1 grade-point average at Churchill.

"It is a privilege to be playing baseball for Madonna," Wozniak continued. "My education is something I take very seriously and I wanted somewhere that offered what I

wanted to pursue a career in."

With the Chargers, Wozniak has pitched along with playing first base and the outfield. He will primarily pitch with the Crusaders, although he will see time out in the field.

Churchill varsity baseball coach Ron Targosz, who was on hand for the May 4 signing ceremony, said the Crusaders will be a perfect fit for Wozniak.

"As good as a player Joe is, he is even a better leader," Targosz stressed. "Joe is a great character kid and will do very good things at the next level.

"Joe works very hard at his craft and deserves everything that he has gotten."

Also on hand for the ceremony were Madonna baseball coach Ted Falkner and Mike Granzotto, who along with Mike Wozniak coach Joe for the Northville Broncos travel team.

Parents Mike and Sherry Wozniak and younger sister Jordan Wozniak of Livonia also were at the signing event, which included 28 Churchill student-athletes making their college destinations official.

"I was very excited knowing that all my hard work and dedication to the sport had finally paid off," said Wozniak, adding that he knows he will "continue to push myself not only in the classroom but on the baseball field and weight room as well."

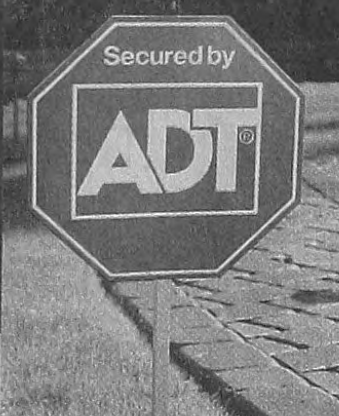
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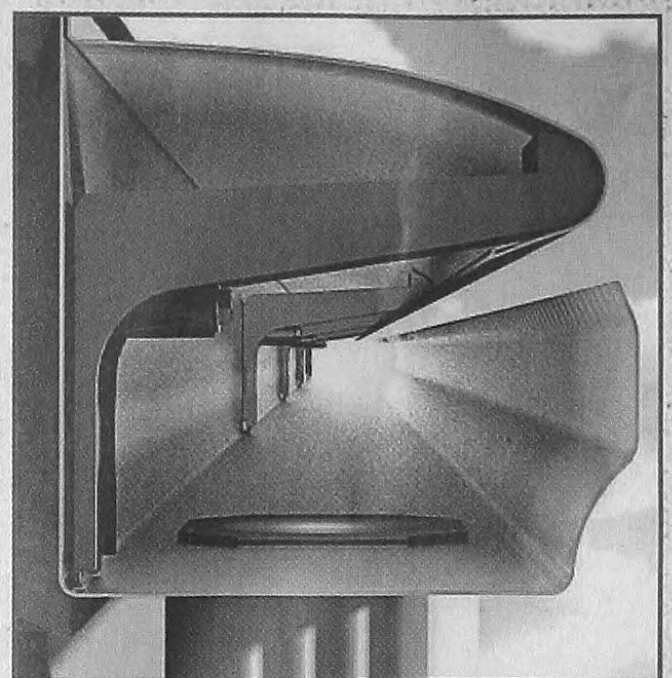
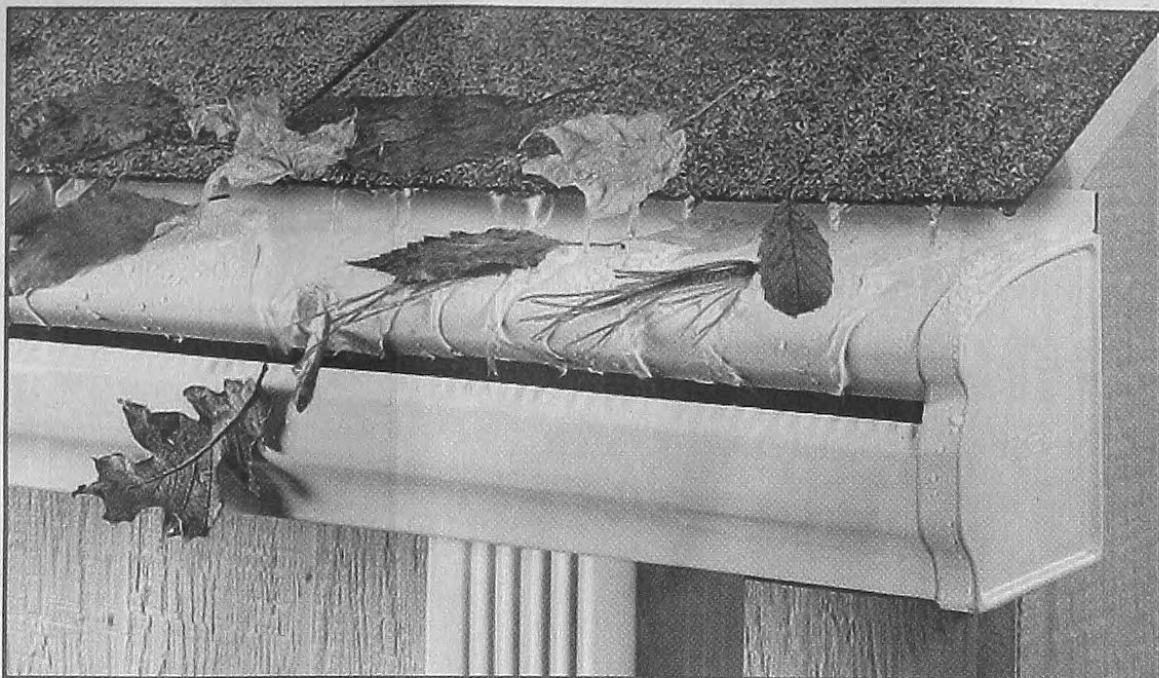
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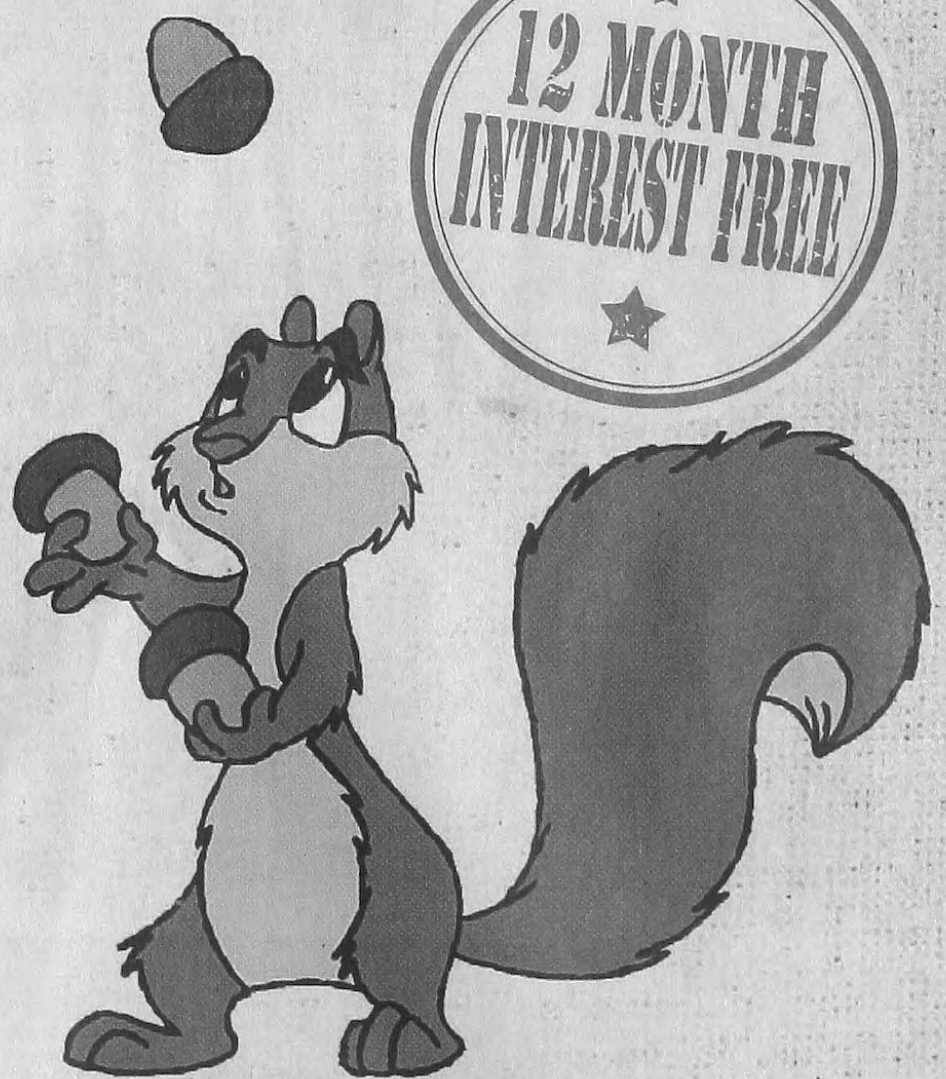


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