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Hole-in-one pays big at revamped Hilltop

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Ace the ninth hole at Plymouth Township's Hilltop Golf Course and you'll walk away with at least \$1,000.

No lie! And, um, no mulligans.

Anthony Moscone Ventures (AMV), Hilltop's new management firm, is taking an aggressive approach to improv-

ing the playing experience for golfers, including clearing the decades-old course of dead trees and unsightly brush, renovating its clubhouse and menu, and rewarding golfers who register a hole-in-one on the par 3 ninth hole with a four- or five-figure check.

AMV, which also manages South Lyon's Cattails Golf Club and Wixom's Total Sports, was awarded a five-year-

contract to run the course by the Plymouth Township Board of Commissioners after the facility floundered in debt for several years under the leadership of former manager, Billy Casper Golf.

General Manager Jim Gorney said the firm has already pumped \$25,000 worth of improvements into the facility in the past few months, with much more to come.

"All of the feedback we've received so far has been positive," said Gorney. "Our numbers are up budget-wise compared to last year and our number of players is up, too, which is a good sign."

Hilltop and Cattails are two of just a few Michigan golf courses to offer the hole-in-one-reward concept, Gorney

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Area man takes aim at Nat Geo with long shot

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Troy Cini went to great lengths to get the perfect shot.

The Northville native flew to Iceland, rented a car and drove to a remote area along its east coast with the Atlantic Ocean and at the bottom of a mountain range and waited for the weather to clear to capture the northern lights in all their glory.

He has entered the image, titled "Illuminate," in National Geographic's "Your Shot" travel photography contest.

"I knew I wanted to capture the northern lights, it was a challenge with a good reward," Cini, a 2015 Northville High School graduate, said. "Every good photo takes time, this one took a little more to dial everything in."

In Cini's shot, a green glow from the Aurora Borealis, a natural light phenomenon in the sky that occurs when electrons collide in the upper reaches of the Earth's atmosphere, can be seen just above the Vestrahorn mountain, topped and backlit by voluminous stars in the night sky.

Cini's travel buddy Austin Ashley is shown gazing upward with a headlamp casting a small circle of light dwarfed by the heavens' performance, as he stands on the edge of the Stokknes beach. In the foreground, the northern lights are reflected in the ocean, making for a surreal photo that combines perfect elements of land, water and sky.

Cini, who takes more down-to-earth shots of academic and athletics subjects as an in-house photographer for the University of Michigan, said travel photography is a hobby for him.

He went to Iceland from Jan. 22-29 specifically with the northern lights in mind, having researched locations and time of year to best view the phenomenon.

They camped out in their rented SUV and ate peanut butter and jelly sandwiches waiting for bad weather, including snow and a biting wind, to clear.

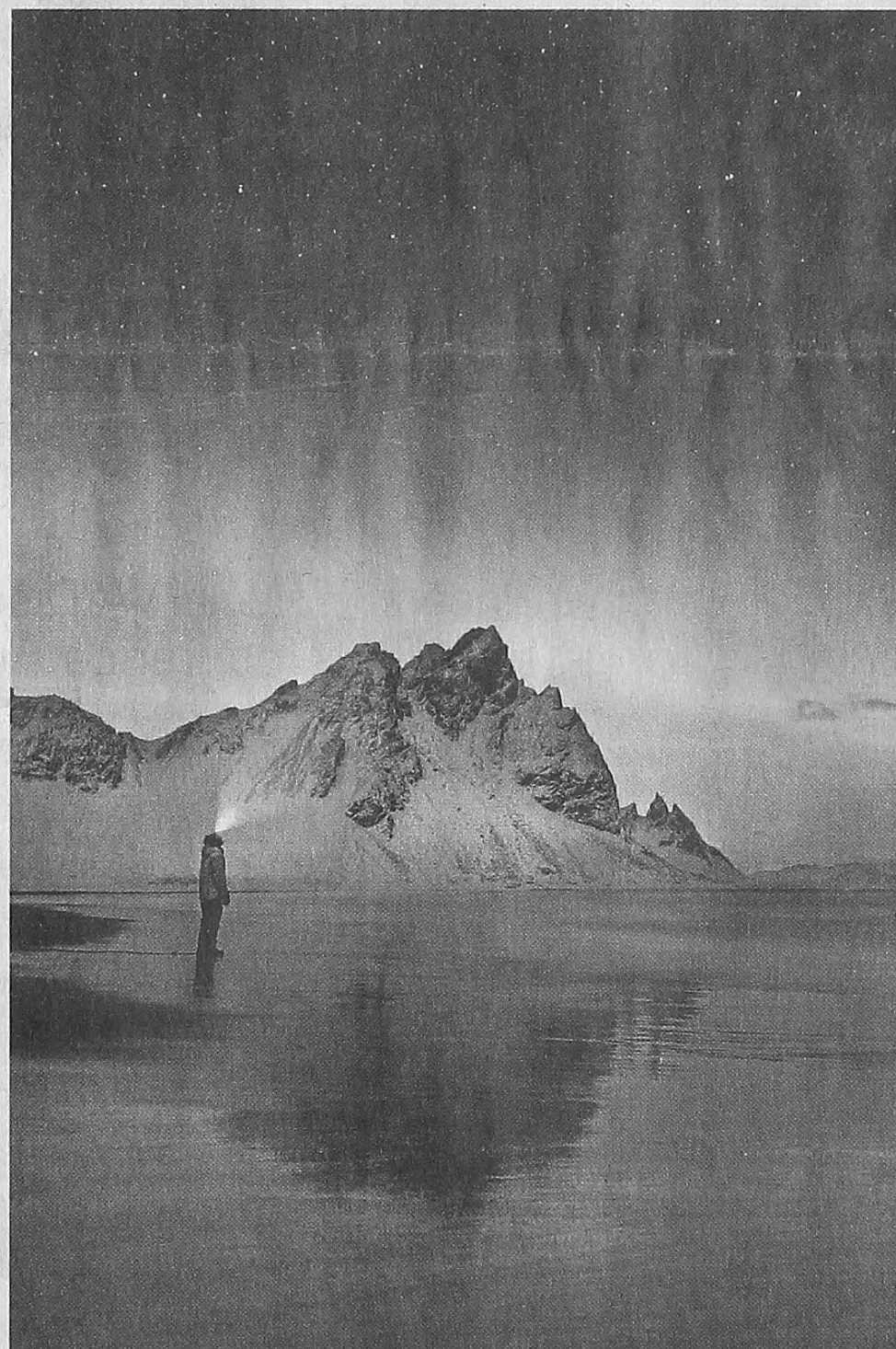
The photograph was taken close to midnight Jan. 24 with a wide angle lens on a Sony A7SII.

Cini said he knew right away what he had snapped.

"I knew this was the shot, it took my breath away in that moment," he recalled. "The sky lights up, it was not a very full moon, you can still see the mountain range."

"It's not something a lot of people get to see in their lifetime."

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Troy Cini, of Northville, captured the northern lights in Iceland, with his friend Austin Ashley framed against the Vestrahorn mountain while standing on the Stokknes beach. The photo has been entered in a National Geographic contest.
COURTESY OF TROY CINI

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Troy Cini

How to keep backyard safe from flooding

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While it hasn't rained quite enough yet this spring to dig out the blueprints on how to build an ark, the heavens have opened up frequently, sending creeks that snake through subdivisions in Canton and Plymouth perilously close to residents' homes.

Plymouth-based Friends of the Rouge's Matthew Bertrand is widely considered an expert on backyard-flooding prevention.

Although there are no 100-percent guarantees to stop water from rising dangerously close to homes, Bertrand has offered these five tips to aid in combating the problem:

■ Garden to soak up the rain water. Plant rain gardens using native plants, trees and shrubs.

■ Update your home with anti-flood technologies, including permeable pavers and dry wells; disconnect downspouts; and install sump pumps and rain barrels.

■ Keep a natural vegetative buffer between your lawn and any water. Don't mow lawns to the edge of rivers and streams.

■ Find peace with wet grass. Many Rouge neighborhoods were built on wetlands, and will always be wet.

■ Advocate in your community. Understand how new developments can impact your property in terms of water.

What's right, wrong with this picture?

After reviewing a photo of a creek that runs through Canton's Sunflower subdivision, Bertrand offered the following observations:

"It looks like exactly what I would expect from a creek flowing through an area where development practices took minimal consideration of the aesthetics, health or safety of local waterways," Bertrand shared. "Intense spring rains flood off of hard surfaces with minimal control, creating flooding threats on streets and in creeks."

"Then, in the dry summer, the water runs low and perhaps even stinky because water in the spring flooded away without soaking into the ground."

What are homeowners doing right?

"I see signs of some new tree plantings along the creek," Bertrand said. "Trees are a great way to control

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Big Boy making a comeback in Garden City

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Following a string of recent Big Boy restaurant closures in metro Detroit over the past five years — Canton, Plymouth, Livonia, Farmington, Milford, etc. — entrepreneur Al Baydoun is going against the grain by taking the wraps off a new red-and-white-checkerboard-themed eatery at 28340 Ford in Garden City.

The venture is a full-circle life experience for Baydoun, who started working as a dishwasher at a west Dearborn Big Boy when he was 14 years old.

And judging by the establishment's jam-packed parking lot April 29 — approximately one month after the place opened — his decision looks brilliant.

"I worked at Big Boy for several years and I've always worked for somebody else; this is an opportunity for me to get to a point where I can say I've accomplished one of my dreams," Baydoun

said. "I'm finally here where I belong."

Among the restaurant's approximately 50 employees are three of Baydoun's six daughters and several of his nieces and nephews.

"Big Boy has always been about family, so I'm so happy I can work alongside my family," he said. "It makes it more special than it already is. Also, the community has been wonderful since we opened. I've had so many people come up and tell me thank you."

"This is Big Boy the way it should be: good food, good service and a good experience for diners."

From the windows to the cooking equipment and everything in between, the restaurant is brand new with the exception of the actual structure, Baydoun said.

The structure was originally built as a Big Boy location in the 1960s. It was closed and transitioned to an eatery called "Toast," which closed in 2016.

The renovated dining area includes a

soon-to-open private banquet area that can seat up to 100 people.

The Garden City franchise's opening is just the tip of the iceberg in Big Boy's southeastern-Michigan resurgence, said Big Boy Restaurant Group, LLC CEO David Crawford.

"We're planning to add 20 restaurants in Michigan in the next two years, which will get us back to 100 in the state," Crawford said. "We have three or four more in the books set to open in southeastern Michigan."

"The local restaurants that have closed in the past few years were due to a highest-and-best-use-of-land situation, not because Big Boy wasn't profitable. For instance the Plymouth franchise sold out to Kroger, which was expanding on the property."

One of Big Boy's most appealing attractions is familiarity, Crawford said.

"As many innovations as we try to make, it's still the Big Boy, Slim Jim and buffet that bring people back," he said. "I

can do some fun stuff — we have a great research-and-development chef — that we can put together ... but it's really the familiar menu offerings that people want."

The future of Big Boy will not be absent of innovation. The company has added an Impossible Burger vegan option to its menu and will be testing a "fast-casual" model in Southfield this summer that will allow guests to walk in, order and enjoy a sit-down dinner with no need to tip.

Crawford raved about the Garden City location.

"I love it," he said. "They've only been open a month and it's doing gangbusters, which shows that the emotional connection of Big Boy is there in the community."

Big Boy is actively seeking franchisees in Michigan and is looking to add a food truck concept.

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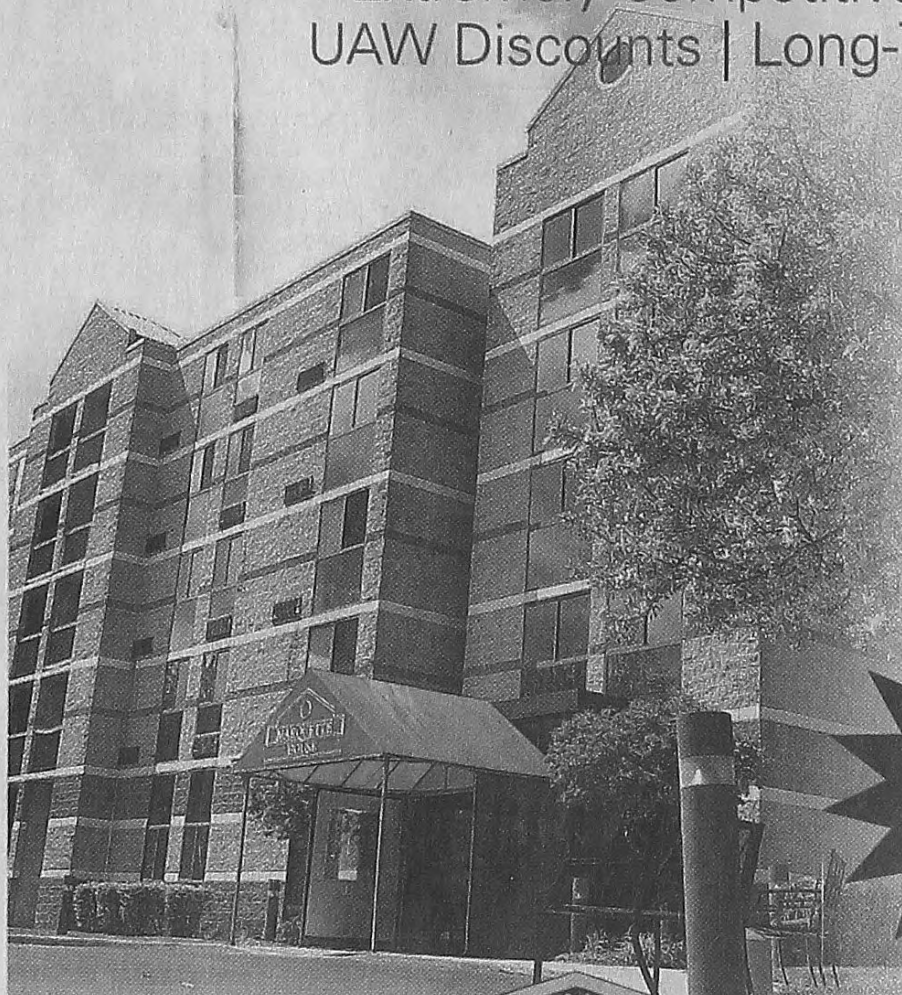
Area dignitaries join owner Al Baydoun, third from left, for the ceremonial ribbon-cutting in Garden City.

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added. A recently-installed camera behind the ninth green registers every player's tee shot to capture any potential money ball.

"Once the word starts spreading, I think it will be a popular feature of the course," said Gorney, who noted that no one has cashed in on the ace prize yet. "Prior to their round, golfers can pay an extra \$5 to win \$10,000 for a hole-in-one on the ninth or \$10 for a chance to win \$20,000. It's a unique way to bring golfers back."

Gorney added that holes-in-one on mulligans will not be rewarded.

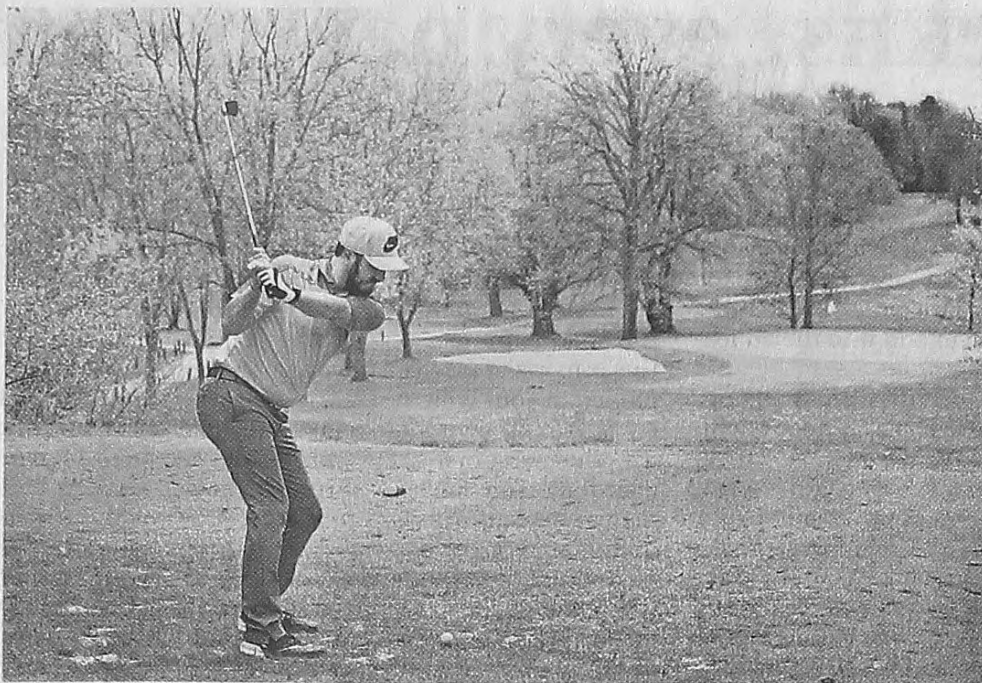
"No, it has to be your first shot," he said.

Room to breathe

A more-subtle change AMV has made to the Hilltop regimen is scheduling tee times 10 minutes apart compared to the former eight-minute space.

"We have found that the extra two minutes makes for a more enjoyable round for golfers," Gorney said. "There's not someone breathing down your back every hole. You'd be surprised how much the two-minute difference can make when it's enforced. And we plan to enforce it. We won't be able to allow singles to just walk up and play any more."

Which is music to the ears of Westland resident Evan Karzynow, who praised the more organized approach.



Chris Stambursky tees off a Plymouth Township's Hilltop Golf Course on Monday.

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"It's good that there's a starter here now so that all the foursomes don't get all bunched up like they used to," Karzynow said. "Everybody can enjoy themselves because they're spaced out better. It's not just, 'Go, go play!'"

"You can tell they're trying to raise the bar."

Gorney said the new management team is also trying to improve the bar — the one located in the renovated clubhouse, which now features a revamped menu and five big-screen TVs.

"We completely redesigned the clubhouse," he said. "We added TVs, we're offering draft beer now, we fixed the freezer and we offer a full menu."

Thirty dead trees have already been removed from the 18-hole layout, Gorney said.

"It's primarily a safety issue," Gorney explained. "The last thing you want is one of these huge,



Westland's Evan Karzynow tees off on the par 3 11th hole at Hilltop, which is under new management.

rotted trees falling on a golfer.

"We're in the process of trimming branches and removing trees every

day. We've also straightened the tee boxes. We found that some of them were crooked or slanted.

"We also found three clogged drains that we've cleared that will make

drainage on the course 1,000 times better."

New course superintendent Doug Palm is a magician when it comes to revamping layouts, Gorney said.

"Doug is amazing," Gorney said. "He's already done wonders with this course."

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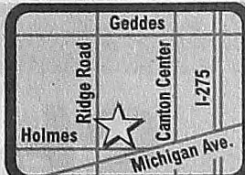
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A financial checklist every new parent needs



Money Matters

Rick Bloom
Guest columnist

Last week I became a great-uncle again as my niece, Jennifer, gave birth to a beautiful daughter. It got me thinking that I haven't written an article in a while about what parents of a newborn child should do from a financial and legal standpoint.

When you have a newborn child, one of the first things you should think about is their college education. I recognize that is at least 18 years down the road; however, we all know how ridiculously expensive college has become, and you cannot start saving too soon.

One of the best ways to save for college is through a 529 plan. 529 plans allow you to invest money in pre-selected portfolios and that money will grow tax deferred until the child is ready for college.

When the money is withdrawn for college, as long as it is used for qualified education expenses, all withdrawals are tax free. In fact, something parents should consider is that as opposed to people rushing out and buying baby gifts and clothes, a better use of that money would be to add it to the education fund.

In today's world there are many options for 529 plans. Not only does Michigan offer an excellent plan, the Michigan Education Savings Plan (www.mi.saves.com), companies like Fidelity, Charles Schwab and Vanguard also offer low cost 529 plans.

One of the keys to selecting a 529 plan is to make sure you can use it for basically any public or private institution in the country. One of the reasons I strongly recommend the Michigan Education Savings Plan is not only can you potentially write your contribution off your Michigan Income Tax Return, but the plan also has very low costs and minimums.

You can start the Michigan Education Savings Plan for as low as \$25.

The second area that new parents should look at is their will. When you have a child, one of the most important responsibilities as a parent is to make sure that if something happens to you, the child is protected. The way you do this is to make sure you have a guardian named in your will.

In naming a guardian, make sure you ask the person if they want to be a guardian. You may be surprised how many people don't want that responsibility.

Another item that you should look at when you have a newborn child is to make sure you have the proper amount of life insurance to protect the child if something happens. I don't believe insurance is an investment, and I don't think you should either. Rather, insurance is a means of risk management, and the question you ask yourself is, if you pass away, is there enough money for the family?

Insurance is one way to make sure your family has the resources to continue on. In that regard, for the great majority of young parents, I would recommend term insurance. Term insurance allows you to actually buy the amount of insurance you need. Some employers have options to purchase insurance at a very affordable price.

Having a newborn child is wonderful and exciting; however, it also comes with a fair amount of legal and financial responsibilities. When you are single without dependents, you can afford to let certain things slide; however, when you're a parent of a newborn, you have much greater responsibilities, and the sooner you begin to tackle them, the better it will be for you and your child.

Good luck!

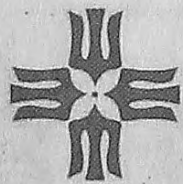
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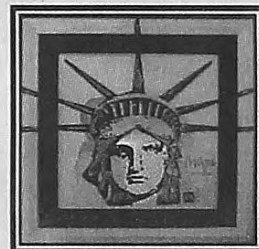
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Canton teen involved in fatal collision

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A Canton Township teenager was in stable condition after a fatal collision early Tuesday morning on Belleville Road in Van Buren Township, according to the township's public safety officials.

The 64-year-old man from the township, whose name was not disclosed, was pronounced dead at the scene.

Public safety officials said in a report they were

called to Belleville Road, south of Ecorse Road, around 2:30 a.m. because of the crash.

The 17-year-old's vehicle apparently was southbound on Belleville Road when he crossed the center lane and struck the northbound vehicle.

The teen was transported to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital.

Those with information about the crash can contact Lt. Kenneth Floro at 734-699-8930.

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Livonia PD making use of Neighbors by Ring app

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Livonia police officers are lauding the potential of a free mobile app creating a virtual neighborhood watch with posts, video and real-time crime alerts.

The Livonia Police Department officially announced its participation in the Neighbors by Ring app last month.

The app makes use of a map with a ring around the target area.

Users can play with filters that include time periods such as 24 hours, seven days and 30 days.

They'll notice various colored dots that indicate reports of crime, strangers, lost pets, safety risks and suspicious activity.

Click on the dots and users receive more information.

"Two of my neighbors' cars were broken into last night on N. Clements," reads an April 26 post. "I checked my cameras but I

have nothing.

"Hoping someone else might have got something."

Users can click on the thumbs-up icon or share the post that comes with a locator map. In this case, several comments were left.

"Another neighbor in your area has camera shots of three people roaming the streets right in that area two nights this week," Neighbor 22 wrote. "You guys need to let the police know."

Neighbor24 offered this advice: "I find 99% of these car break ins are cars that are unlocked. Be sure to lock your car, house and garage doors."

The police department stays connected and, on occasion, has asked officers to do follow-up work or check on reported activity because of the digital posts, Lt. Charles Lister said.

It also can issue advisories to the community. Tips shared with police

via the app can remain anonymous.

For police, the app is another tool in their crime-fighting toolbox. They still want residents to call 9-1-1.

"So far, so good," Lister said. "There's approximately, I believe, over 2,000 members in our general area. (And) I think it's growing all the time."

"It gives you a chance to connect with people throughout the community."

The Auburn Hills Police Department also recently invited its residents to connect through the Neighbors by Ring app.

Owned by Amazon, Ring is known for its security products.

To learn more about the app, visit shop.ring.com/pages/neighbors.

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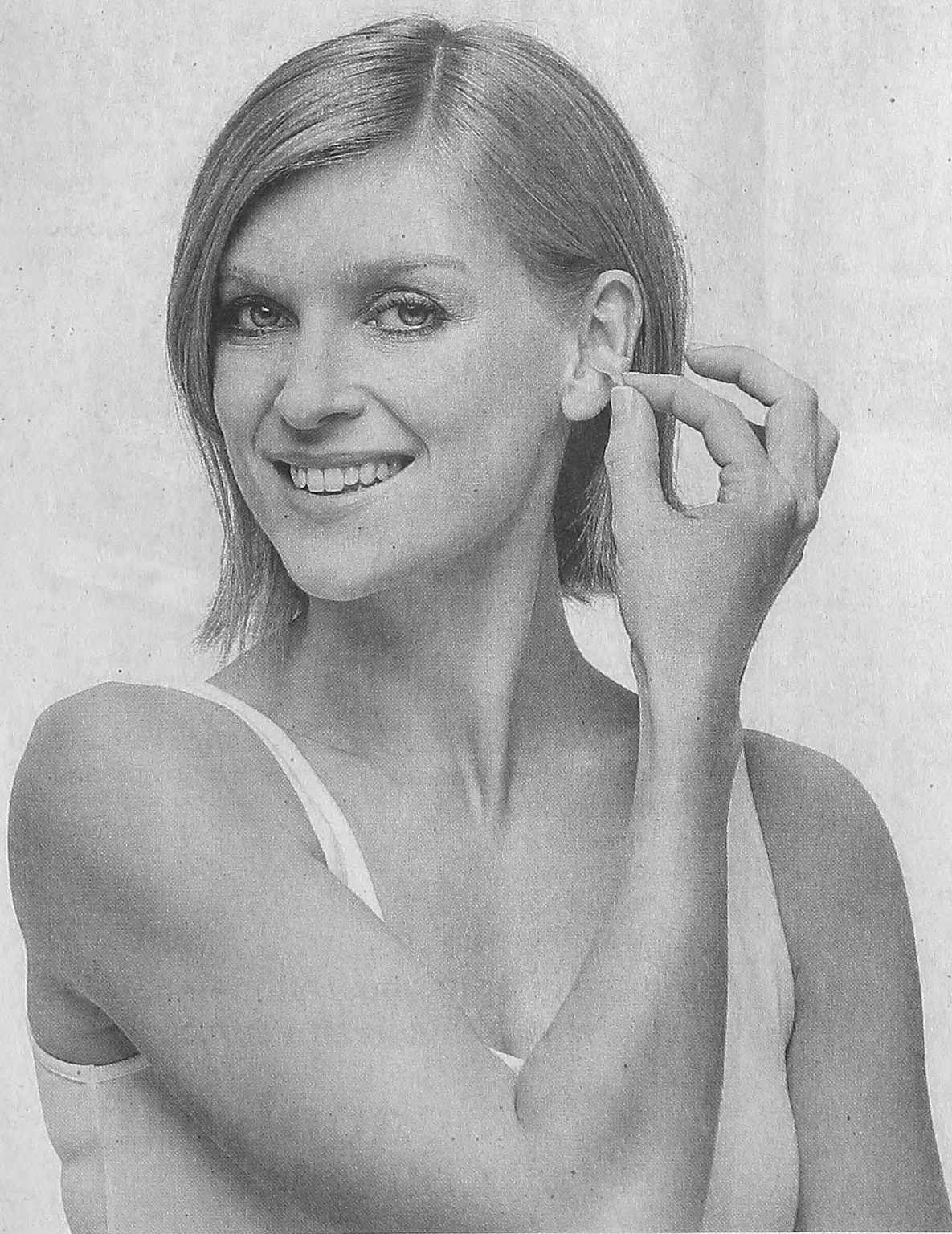
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Impress Mom on Mother's Day at these 7 budget-friendly places

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Moms do a lot for us. They raised us, fed us and probably take our phone calls every day. The weekend of Mom's big day is full of deals, from meals to adventures.

Here's some local deals and events to spend time with your mom on or around Mother's Day.

Art Birmingham

Held in Shain Park in downtown Birmingham on May 11 and 12, this event has free admission and will host 150 juried artists.

Attendees can check out everything from jewelry to sculptures, get lunch from one of the event's food trucks or tents and enjoy spring.

Art Birmingham will take place on Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Royal Oak in Bloom has a 26-year tradition of taking place downtown on Mother's Day weekend. PROVIDED

Mom's Day Out

This ladies-centered event will take place throughout the Novi Town Center on May 11 from 1-5 p.m. and feature sales from many of the Center's stores and restaurants, including Baggar Daves, Raw Organic Juice Bar, Torrid and Salon Agape.

There will also be a number of local craft vendors around.

If you don't want to spend any money, the event will have free live music and a free photo booth all day.

California Pizza Kitchen

The famously innovative pizza restaurant is bringing back its heart-shaped pizzas for Mother's Day from May 9-12. All locations, including the one inside Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi, will make Mom's pizza in the specialty shape at no extra charge.



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Grand Traverse Pie Company

On Mother's Day, the Grand Traverse Pie Company in downtown Plymouth will give moms a free slice of pie. She can pick a slice of any flavor, from the fruity Cherry Crumble and Michigan ABC to the rich Key Lime and Coconut Cream.

Royal Oak In Bloom

Royal Oak has a 26-year tradition of holding this event on Mother's Day, and 2019's event will welcome roughly 70 vendors selling flowers and lawn care items. The event has free admission and is held in the parking lots between 600 S. Main St. and 700 S. Main St. as well as Seventh St. between Main and Center Street in downtown Royal Oak. It will take place from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Plus, Royal Oak's extensive downtown is full of places to walk and grab a bite to eat.

Beacon Park

Kid-friendly and free, downtown Detroit's Beacon Park at 1901 Grand River Ave. will be equipped with lawn games, live music and a heated tent in case it gets chilly from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The nearby Lumen Detroit will also have a special menu for moms that day.

Lolë Yoga

Northville's Maybury State Park is hosting free Lolë Yoga for an hour on Mother's Day. The class, starting at 1 p.m., is sponsored by the Michigan-based Gazelle Sports.

The event is open to all ladies, and stresses that no yoga experience is necessary to join the fun.



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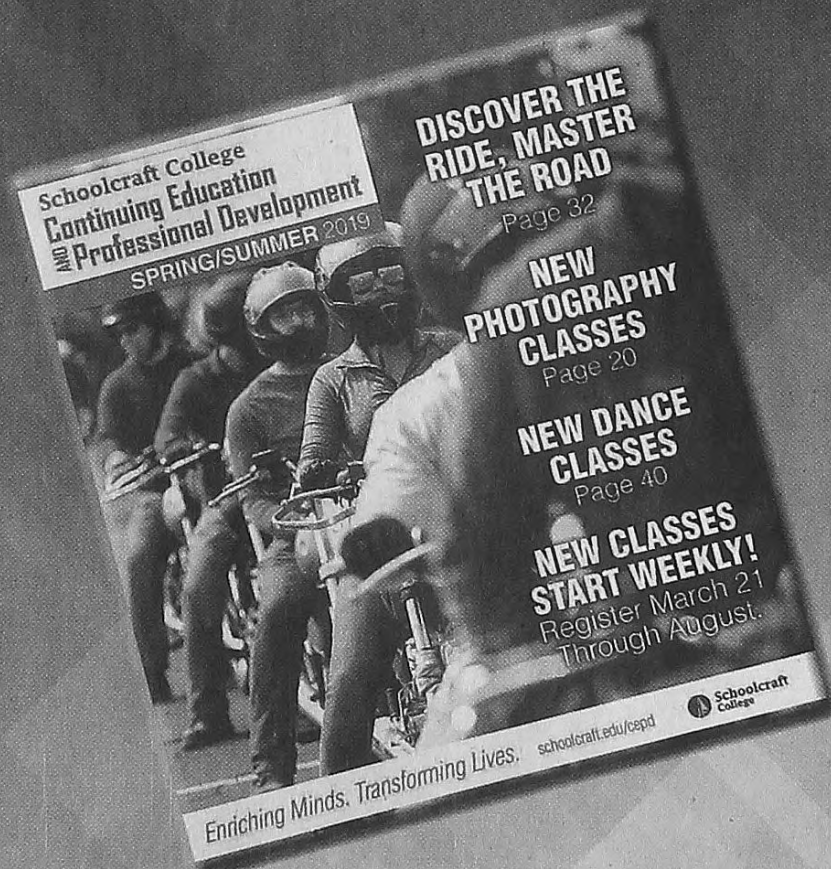
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Donald Diaz

-- Donald Roy Diaz, age 83, passed away from pancreatic cancer April 13, 2019.

Don is survived by his wife Dorothy (Bynoe-Thomas), sons Mike Diaz and Bill Diaz, stepchildren Jill Thomas-Diaz and Daniel Thomas, Jr., grandchildren Tyler, Tessa, Alex, Daniel, Elena, Charlie, Bobby, brother Robert, sister Sharon, nieces and nephews and other extended family members.

Don was a member of the Father Lord Council Knights of Columbus and American Legion Post 390. Internment of ashes was held April 30, 2019 at Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly, MI. Celebration of Life memorial to be held 11 a.m. May 10, 2019 at VFW Post #6695 Hall in Plymouth MI.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions can be made to The Michigan Wounded and Returning Warrior Program, part of the Michigan American Legion Foundation. www.michiganlegion.org/reconnect

Steve F. Hanis

PLYMOUTH - age 91, passed away on April 30, 2019. Beloved husband of the late Shirley. Dear father of Patricia (Lyle) Coy, Catherine (Terry) Maxwell, Steven (Marie) Hanis, Theresa (Jeffrey) Stevens, and William (Laura) Hanis. Proud grandpa of 13 and great grandpa of 11. Visitation, Tuesday, May 14th 2-9 PM at Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 46401 Ann Arbor Rd. W., (btwn Sheldon and Beck) Plymouth. In state Wednesday, May 15th 10 AM until the 10:30 AM Funeral Mass at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, 47650 N. Territorial Rd., (at Beck) Plymouth. Memorial contributions may be made to Capuchins Soup Kitchen. To share a memory, please visit vermeulenfuneralhome.com

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Irja Violet Wuestnick

LINDEN - Wuestnick, Irja Violet, age 89, of Linden passed away May 4, 2019. Funeral Services 1:00 PM Friday, May 10, 2019 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Linden Chapel, 209 East Broad Street, Linden. Visitation 11:00 AM until service time. Committal Services 11:00 AM Wednesday, May 15 at Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly. She was an elementary school teacher for 20 years in Northville schools at Amerman Elementary School and treasured her job and all of her students. She is survived by her son, Earl Wuestnick III of Linden; two grandchildren, Collin and Alayna; several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Earl Wuestnick, II on November 20, 2016; three sisters, Helga, Helvie, and Martha; and four brothers, John, Arnold, Louis, and Reino. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



*May you find
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William Smith Jr.

FARMINGTON HILLS - William B. Smith, Jr. (Bill), father of five and grandfather of eight, passed away peacefully on Saturday, April 27, 2019. Born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania on June 16, 1919, Bill's family soon moved to Detroit. A whip-smart student, Bill skipped 3rd grade and went on to achieve all A's at Catholic Central High School graduating in 1936. In 2014 he was honored as the oldest living alumni and was gifted with a gold watch he proudly wore until the end of his life.

He attended Wayne State University part-time while working full time as an electrician at General Motors until war broke out and duty called. He joined the Army Air Corps, was sent to Italy and flew 23 missions as a navigator in a B-17 over Germany during World War II.

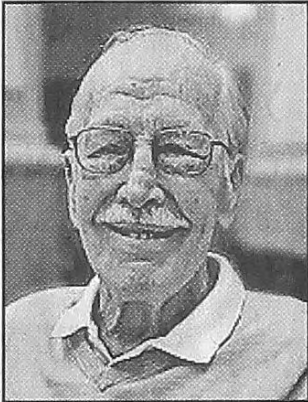
Thanks to the G.I. Bill, he attended the University of Michigan and graduated in 1947 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering. He embraced college life and maintained his relationship with his Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity brothers attending many Alumni events in the Detroit area well into his 90's.

After graduation, Bill went to work for Fisher Body in Hamilton, Ohio. His co-worker set him up on a blind date with his wife's younger sister, Joanne Schloss of Grand Rapids, who swept him off his feet and they married on June 18, 1949. With the arrival of his first child, Christopher, they moved to Detroit and Bill began his career at Ford Motor Company in Product Development. As their family expanded with a second child, Gretchen, they moved to Farmington Township and had three more children, Michelle, Brian and Carol.

Bill and Joanne enrolled their children at the Our Lady of Sorrows Parish school where family, church, and social life were intertwined. For decades there was always a "Smith kid" at Sorrows. Bill happily served the church as an usher helping out whenever needed which made him a familiar face well into his 90's.

Determined his kids would see many National Parks, the family hit the road in the latest model Ford station wagon with a trailer in tow to traverse the country. Eventually a new tradition began - an annual trek to Camp Michigan on Walloon Lake where he learned to sail but especially loved competing in the tennis tournament. His passion for the sport continued and he was a long-time member of the Farmington Tennis Club.

In his 50's, while still working full-time for Ford in Dearborn, his focus on education lured him "Back to School" at his beloved University of Michigan. Unlike Rodney Dangerfield, Bill was a serious student and earned his Masters Degree in Business Administration in 1976. As proud alumni, Bill and Joanne held season tickets and cheered on the Wolverines at the Big House for many decades.



Bill and Joanne were active members of the Farmington Democratic Club and he was very proud of Joanne's rise from Councilwoman to Mayor of Farmington Hills. They made many close friends working together and supporting both local and national campaigns. After retiring from a 44 year career at Ford at age 77, Bill and Joanne traveled the world with the Nomads and U of M Alumni Club to Europe, Asia, Australia, South American and Africa.

After 59 years in Farmington Hills, Bill and Joanne moved to The Rivers Grosse Pointe to be near their daughter, Michelle. Although Joanne passed away in 2017 after 67 years of marriage, Bill still believed in living each day to the fullest. He enjoyed Tai Chi, chair yoga, bingo and, of course, ice cream socials and music concerts. Bill's day always ended in his recliner watching the world news followed by "All in with Chris Hayes." In his final days, he was pleased to know "Middle-Class Joe" had entered the 2020 race.

Bill's greatest joy was his family. A man ahead of his time, he was a "hands on" parent and always available to help with homework, fix a bike tire, play catch in the backyard or give Joanne a break and take the kids on an errand or out for ice cream. This pattern continued with the grandchildren whether it be building a fort from a cardboard box, taking his turn on the Slip n' Slide, or treating the kids to an outing at Marvin's Marvelous Mechanical Museum. He was their biggest fan at concerts, plays, dance recitals and sporting events. For a kid from the east side of Detroit who made it through the Depression, Bill felt fortunate to not only put his five kids through college but also live long enough to celebrate each grandchild earning a bachelor's degree.

Bill Smith was a good man whose zest for life, perseverance, and kindness may explain why you could often find him singing his favorite tune "On the Sunny Side of the Street."

Bill is survived by his children, Christopher Smith; Gretchen Woodward (David); Michelle Smith; Brian Smith (Camille); Carol Smith (Allan Paschke); grandchildren, Elizabeth Woodward Iles (Zack); Katherine Woodward; Christopher Peplin (Katy); Erica Peplin; Scarlett Smith (Max French); Spencer Smith; Kathryn Papoulias; William Papoulias and his dear sister, Marie Mack. He was predeceased by his parents, William and Marie Smith; brother John J. Smith; sister Ellen Freel; and many loving relatives.

His family will receive visitors at the Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, 23720 Farmington Road, Farmington on Sunday, May 19 from 3:00 - 7:00 with Prayers and Remembrances at 6:00 p.m. A Funeral Mass will be held at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church, 23815 Power Road, Farmington on Monday, May 20, at 10:30 a.m. (visitation at 10:00 a.m.).

Donations may be made to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen at cskdetroit.org or Catholic Central High School in Novi at catholiccentral.net.

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In Remembrance

Long shot

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He marvels in the memory: He and Ashley were the only ones on the beach at that moment in time.

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Cini knows the competition is fierce and he is just grateful for the opportunity.

"It has just been so neat to see interaction (from readers)," he said. "I just hope that conversation continues."

"It's more about sharing something beautiful."



Plymouth-based Friends of the Rouge's Matthew Bertrand said steps can be taken to prevent flooding along this creek in Canton. ED WRIGHT/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Flooding

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erosion, reduce storm water runoff, and cool the surrounding environment.

"They also tend to raise property values. Southeast Michigan communities generally need to do a lot more tree planting. We lost so many trees to disease and pests."


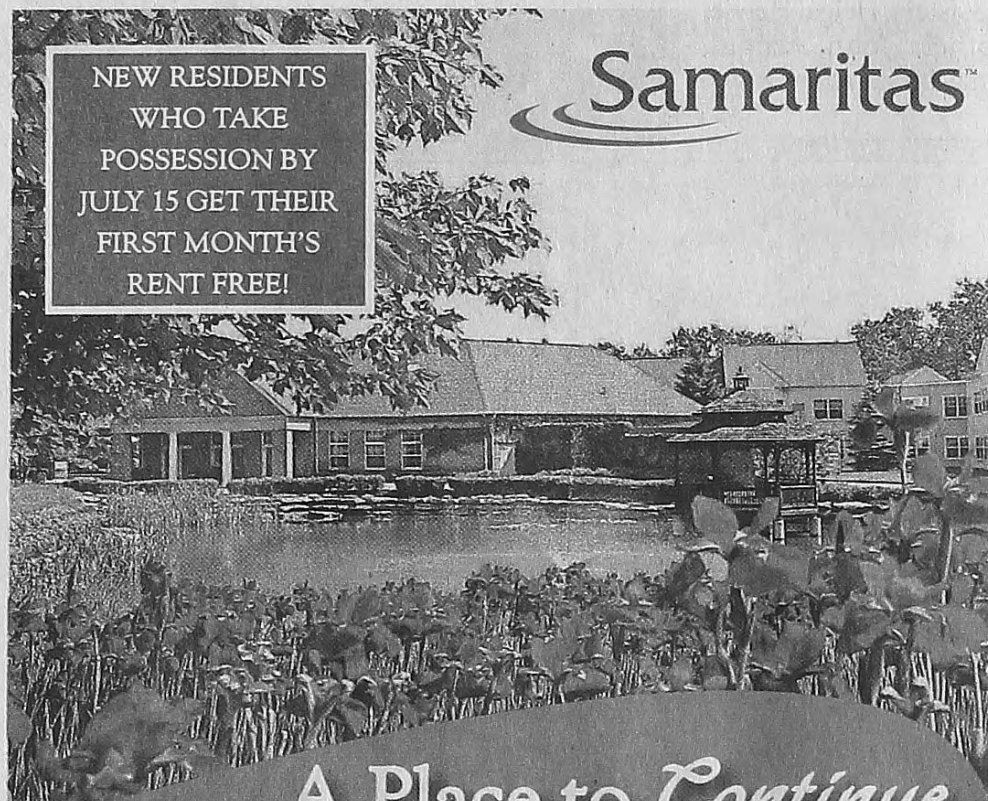
What improvements can be made?

"Fifteen feet away from the creek on either side, replace turf grass with native plants (a riparian buffer). This helps reduce erosion at the stream edge, and reduces pollution to the creek," Bertrand advised. "Your neighbors should do all they can to soak storm water into their home landscape rather than letting it flood away."

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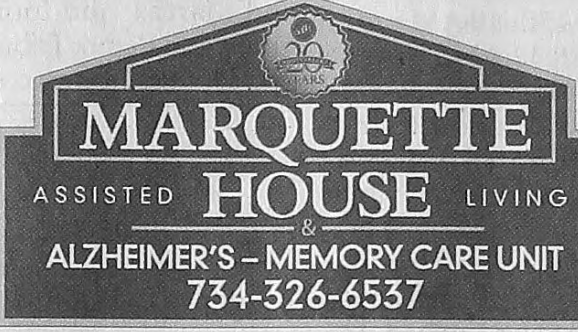
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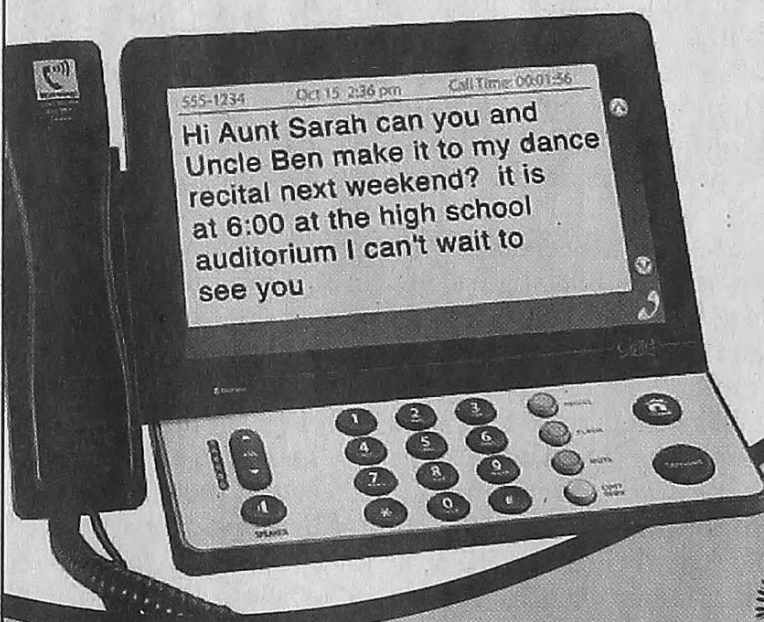
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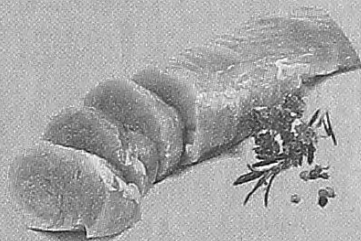
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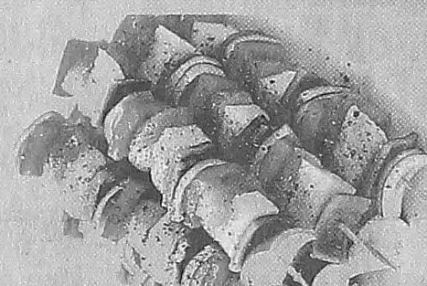
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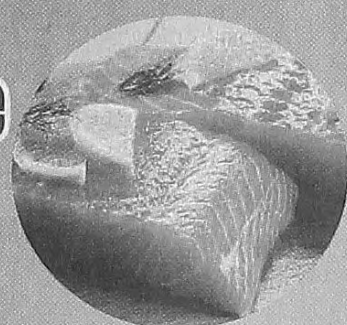


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Legendary Farmington Hills Harrison football coach John Herrington will receive the Sparky Anderson Community Excellence Award during the CATCH Golf Prelude Party on July 14 at the MGM Grand Detroit.

Herrington finished his career at Harrison High School, which is closing in June, with a 443-112-1 record — making him the winningest coach in state history.

He also set a record for state titles with 13.

CATCH is a charity founded by Anderson in 1987, when he was manager of the Detroit Tigers, to raise funds for items and services that help improve the quality of life for sick, injured and needy pediatric patients at Children's

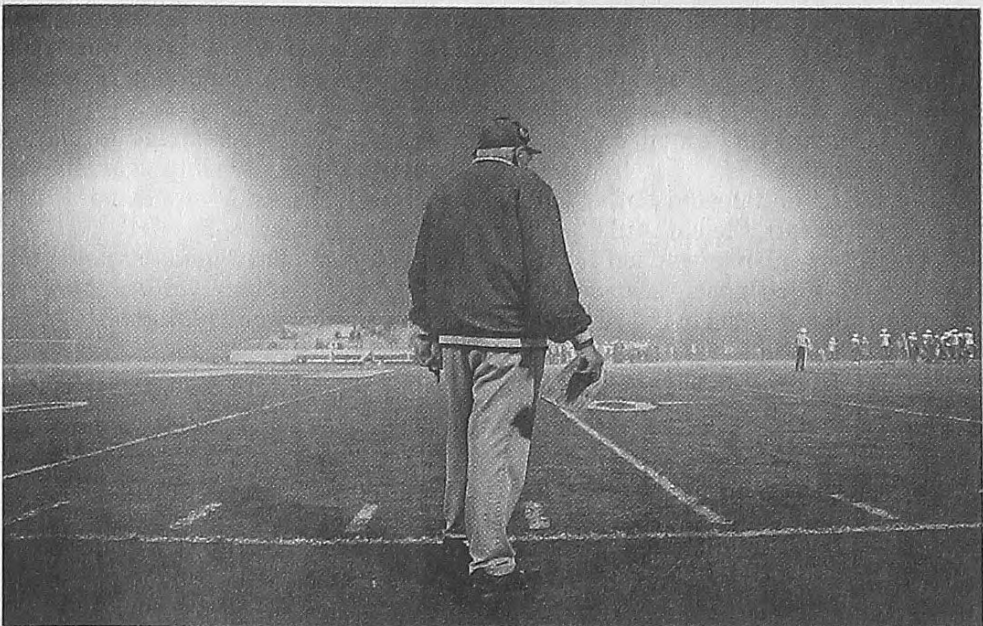
Hospital and Henry Ford Hospital. Since its founding, CATCH has provided more than \$7.5 million toward that mission.

The CATCH party, which serves as an entertaining prelude to the charity's annual Golf Classic the following day at Meadowbrook Country Club, begins at 5:30 p.m. and features food and beverage stations, raffles, silent and live auctions and a chance to mix and mingle with a variety of sports, media and business personalities.

FOX2 Detroit News Anchor Amy Andrews will again serve as MC.

Partygoers will have a chance to bid on a variety of unique auction items, including a spot for two people to play in the Lexus Champions for Charity National Tournament — a 54-hole event in December with rounds at Pebble Beach

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Harrison coach John Herrington finished his career at Harrison High School with a 443-112-1 record — making him the winningest coach in state history. FILE

PREP BASEBALL



Stevenson's Jacob Townley tags out Plymouth's Kevin O'Farrell at second base. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

LIVONIA STEVENSON POUNDS PLYMOUTH

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After his team finished off an 11-2 blowout win against reigning league champion Plymouth, one would think Livonia Stevenson coach Rick Berryman would be happy with the way his team played.

However, the veteran coach was quick to say what his team needed to do better going forward: bunting.

"It was very frustrating. We worked on it all week," Berryman said. "We've got to get the bunt down or it'll be a disaster. We missed on some early scoring opportunities and let them come back."

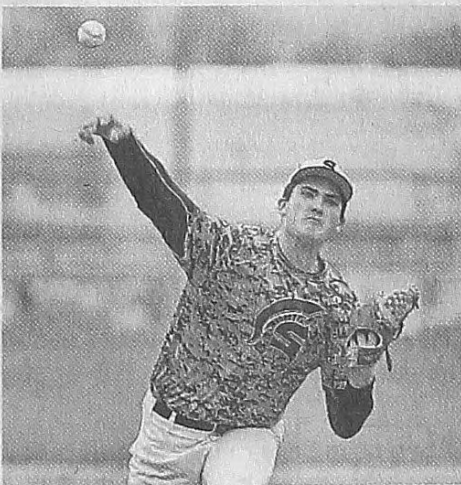
He added that it will continue to be a focus moving forward.

Stevenson improved to 11-5 overall with the win, and remains atop the KLAA East standings. Plymouth has struggled in recent weeks, and has slipped to fourth place in the KLAA West.

It was a close contest through five innings. The Spartans attempted a handful of sacrifice bunts, with only one a success.

That lack of success provided some entertaining and humorous moments on the field as Berryman voiced his displeasure.

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Stevenson's Nate Waligora throws some warm-up pitches May 3.

Livonia natives reach Division 3 hockey finals

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The Grand Valley State club hockey team was the Division 3 national runner-up earlier this year, cruising through the ACHA playoffs before falling to Sault College.

The tournament was played in Frisco, Texas.


It's the first time the team has ever made the ACHA finals. More than a dozen members of the team hail from the Hometown Life area, including the team's senior goalie, Andrew Rozenbaum, of Livonia.

"Nationals was an experience the team and I will never forget," Rozenbaum told gvsuclubsports.com. "Being able to go up against that competition and to spend more time with the team was awesome. The experience means more than words can describe for our team. Even though the tournament didn't end how we wanted, the whole team will have memories that will last a lifetime."

The local members of the team are:

- Brendan Olepa, freshman, Canton
- Easton Schlatterbeck, freshman, Livonia
- Nick Salisbury, sophomore, Livonia
- Samuel Judd, sophomore, Livonia
- Trevor Lassaline, sophomore, Westland
- Alex Siroky, junior, Livonia
- Tim Baldwin, freshman, Plymouth
- Spencer Godin, senior, Plymouth
- Ben Kowalski, junior, Livonia
- Julian Decina, freshman, Livonia
- Shane Leonard, sophomore, Westland
- Andrew Rozenbaum, senior, Livonia
- Cole Parkhurst, freshman, Livonia


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PREP BOYS LACROSSE

Plymouth boys win park championship

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The Plymouth boys lacrosse team secured its second straight park championship Monday.

The Wildcats defeated rival Canton, 19-4, improving their record to 12-3 on the season and 7-2 in the KLAA.

Plymouth came out strong, scoring the first five goals; however, Canton battled back with three consecutive goals narrowing the gap to 5-3 in the first quarter. The Wildcats responded throughout the rest of the game and were able to dominate possession, making it challenging for Canton to get scoring opportunities.

The Wildcats defeated both Canton and Salem to earn the park title.

Plymouth's offense was led by Carson Miller (three goals, two assists), Harrison Albano (four goals, one assist),

Ethan Rottell (two goals, two assists) and Griffin Connell (two goals, two assists).

Brendan Allen and Ian Gozdor each had two goals and an assist. David Brace, Gavin Roach, Michael Izzi and Grant Caswell each scored once, while Sam Peterson tacked on an assist.

The Plymouth defense was lead by Josh Montroy, Tyler Schewe, Brayden Goebel, Jae Yoon, Cenzi DeFelice, Ben Zwarka, Grant Caswell, Cooper Zale, Zac Lowder, Mike Mathias, Ben Wetzler, Jackson Wernstrom, Blake Nowicki, and Cam Bump. Nick Schoen was excellent at the face-off X winning 76% of the face-offs.

Plymouth was scheduled to play in the KLAA Championship against Hartland on Wednesday at Hartland High School, after deadline.

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Plymouth boys lacrosse won back-to-back park championships after beating Canton earlier this week. COURTESY OF MICHAEL VASILNEK

Herrington

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Golf Links, Spyglass Hill and The Links at Spanish Bay.

Also up for bid will be a variety of resort getaways, unique sporting event ticket packages, autographed sports memorabilia and a variety of other miscellaneous items.

Tickets for the CATCH Prelude Party are available for \$100 each, and a limited number of golf sponsorships are available.

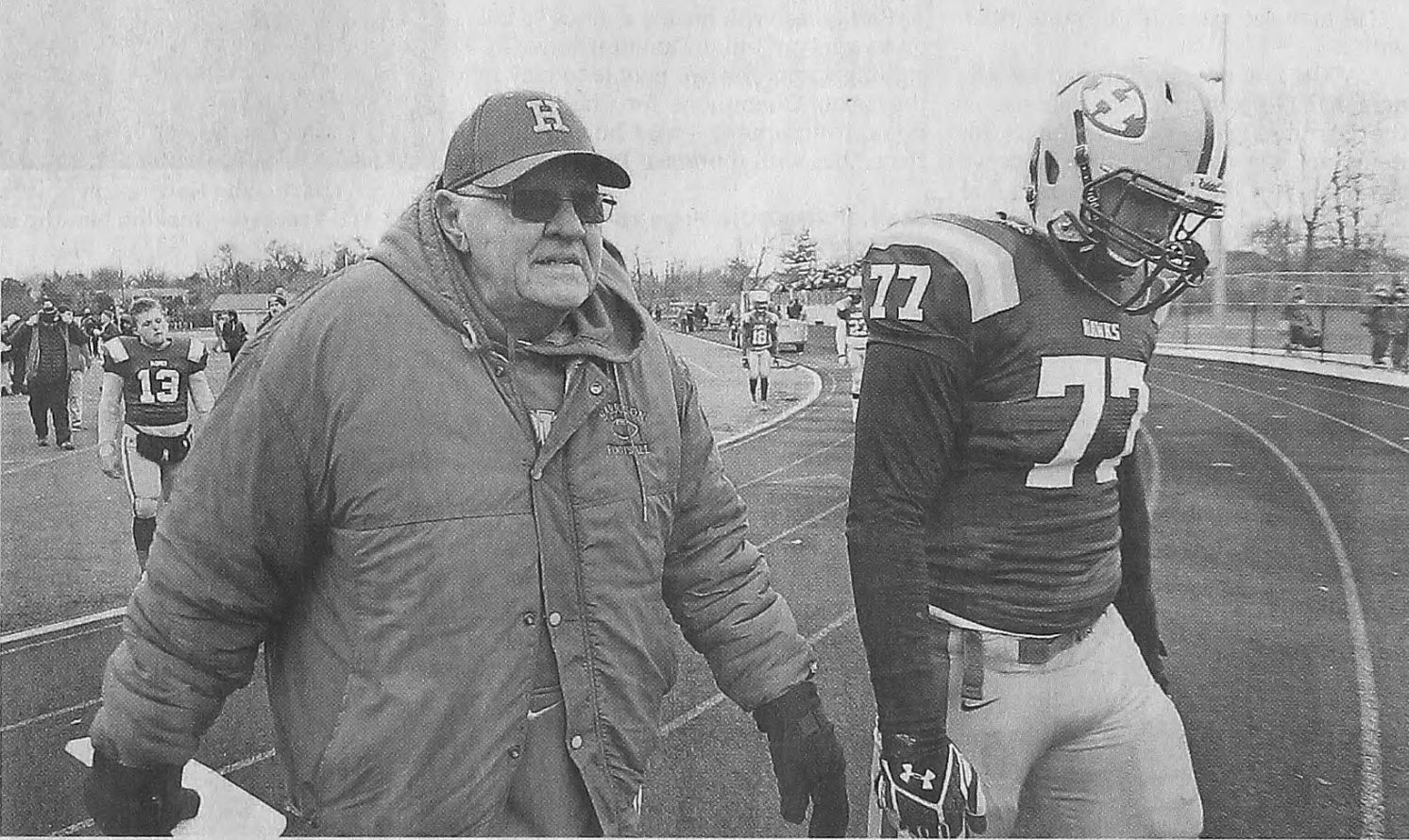
The CATCH Golf Classic, a five-person scramble with a celebrity golfer in each group, takes place July 15 at Meadowbrook Country Club in Northville.

Tee times are 7:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Additionally, FOX Sports Detroit/Red Wings play-by-play announcer Ken Daniels will be presented with the Doc Fenkell Excellence in Media Award.

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Farmington Hills Harrison football coach John Herrington will receive the Sparky Anderson Community Excellence Award during the CATCH Golf Prelude Party on July 14 at the MGM Grand Detroit. FILE

Stevenson

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He says he's always been a proponent of bunting, especially in high school games where kids are more prone to errors and misplays.

"In high school baseball, you're making kids field it. You're putting pressure on them and the other pitcher. We want to play for a lead early," Berryman said. "This isn't Earl Weaver and the three-run homer. The air is dead here, it doesn't carry. I've always been an advocate of bunting. In big games that are close, if you watch a lot of high school baseball, it always comes down to who bunts better in the end."

Senior catcher, and the team's No. 3 hitter, Bobby Cavin, laid down the team's only sacrifice. He also added two singles and a double.

"A lot of people think it's crazy to have me bunt, or any of the big hitters, but when it comes down to it, if your bunt gets down, you have to trust the person behind you to get the run in," Cavin said. "In college, you have to know how to bunt or you're not going to hit, everybody bunts no matter if you're the first hitter, fourth hitter or ninth hitter."

Cavin is signed to play baseball at Oakland University next season.

He wasn't just a standout at the plate against the Wildcats. He also threw out a runner attempting to steal and caught the entire game. Junior Nate Waligora started on the mound for Stevenson, and was solid. He lasted five innings and allowed just two runs while striking out seven.

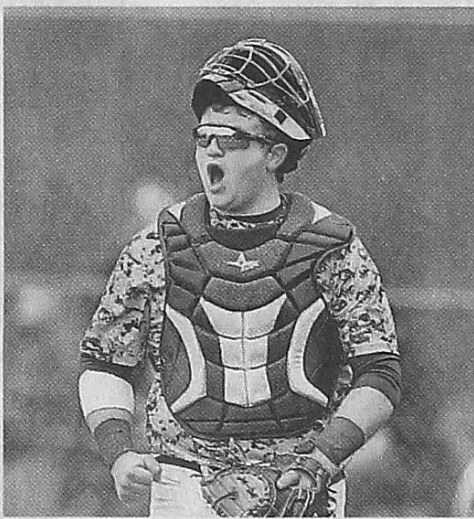
"He hasn't pitched in so long because of all the rain-outs," Berryman said. "You try to get your bullpens in, but now we're throwing back inside. He battled. Not his best stuff, but he battled and that's what's nice to see."

Waligora was brilliant through three innings, allowing only two batters to reach base. He allowed both his runs in the fourth, before tiring in the fifth with three walks.

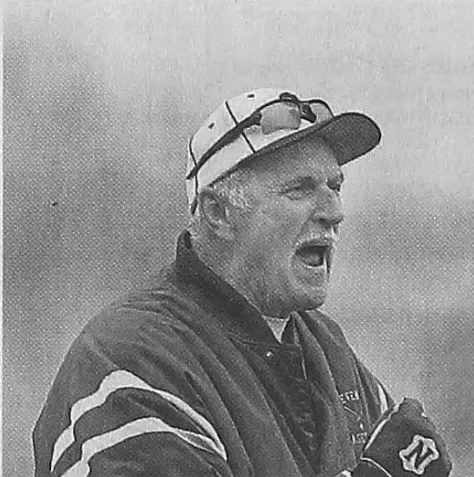
"He never gives up, he's always a dog, even when we went 'down' 2-2," Cavin said. "He kept on fighting, he kept us in the game. The thing I love about Nate the most is that he never gets down on



A Stevenson base runner attempts to steal second as Plymouth relief pitcher Nick Koski throws in the later innings. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Stevenson catcher Bobby Cavin is pumped up after his teammates got out of a tough fifth inning.



Stevenson coach Rick Berryman exhorts his team during the game.

himself, he always makes sure the team is up, that's how we rallied and got that win."

He helped himself out at the plate too, with two hits and three RBIs. Nick Olsen had three RBIs as well for the Spartans. Their lineup has had a knack for putting up huge numbers all season long.

"It's a real blessing (being in this lineup)," Cavin said. "I love all my boys, this is my senior year, so it's my last year with them. From top to bottom, all we do is hit the ball. We do what we have to do for the team to get a run."

The Spartans blew the game open in the sixth, when they scored eight runs.

They batted around and chased two different Plymouth pitchers.

Kai St. Germaine was the lone bright spot for Plymouth. He pitched four innings and allowed two runs while connecting for a two-run single at the plate.

Stevenson hasn't won a KLAA division title since it won the Central in 2013, but the school hasn't won a division and played for a conference championship since it did so in 2011. Both Berryman and Cavin think this team could snap the streak.

"They're getting there," Berryman said. "They've worked very hard. Granted, they don't do everything right, but I'm also very demanding. They have the

skill and talent to win the division."

Cavin added that it'd be a huge accomplishment for the team and that the formula is simple: keep playing quality baseball. The Spartans have big-time games next week, when they face Livonia Franklin, one of two teams right on their heels.

"I think we have enough pitching that can get us to the top," Cavin said. "Everybody hits and if we keep on doing what we have to do as a team, quality hits, quality pitching, quality defense, I believe that we can be at the top of the division when it comes down to it."

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Credit card chips are effective but threats remain

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Over the past few years, chip-based credit cards have become almost universally issued in the U.S., so if you're reading this and have a credit or debit card, there's a good chance that it has a chip in it.

Technically, these credit cards with chips are known as EMV cards. This originally stood for "Europay, Mastercard and Visa," which were the companies that developed the standard for the technology.

In a nutshell, EMV chips have a small microprocessor that generates a one-time code for every transaction. In other words, instead of a magnetic stripe encoded with your credit card number, expiration date and other personal information, an EMV card never sends the same information twice.

The idea is that if a hacker obtains payment information from an EMV card, it will be information that was unique to a past transaction, and therefore would be of no use for future theft.

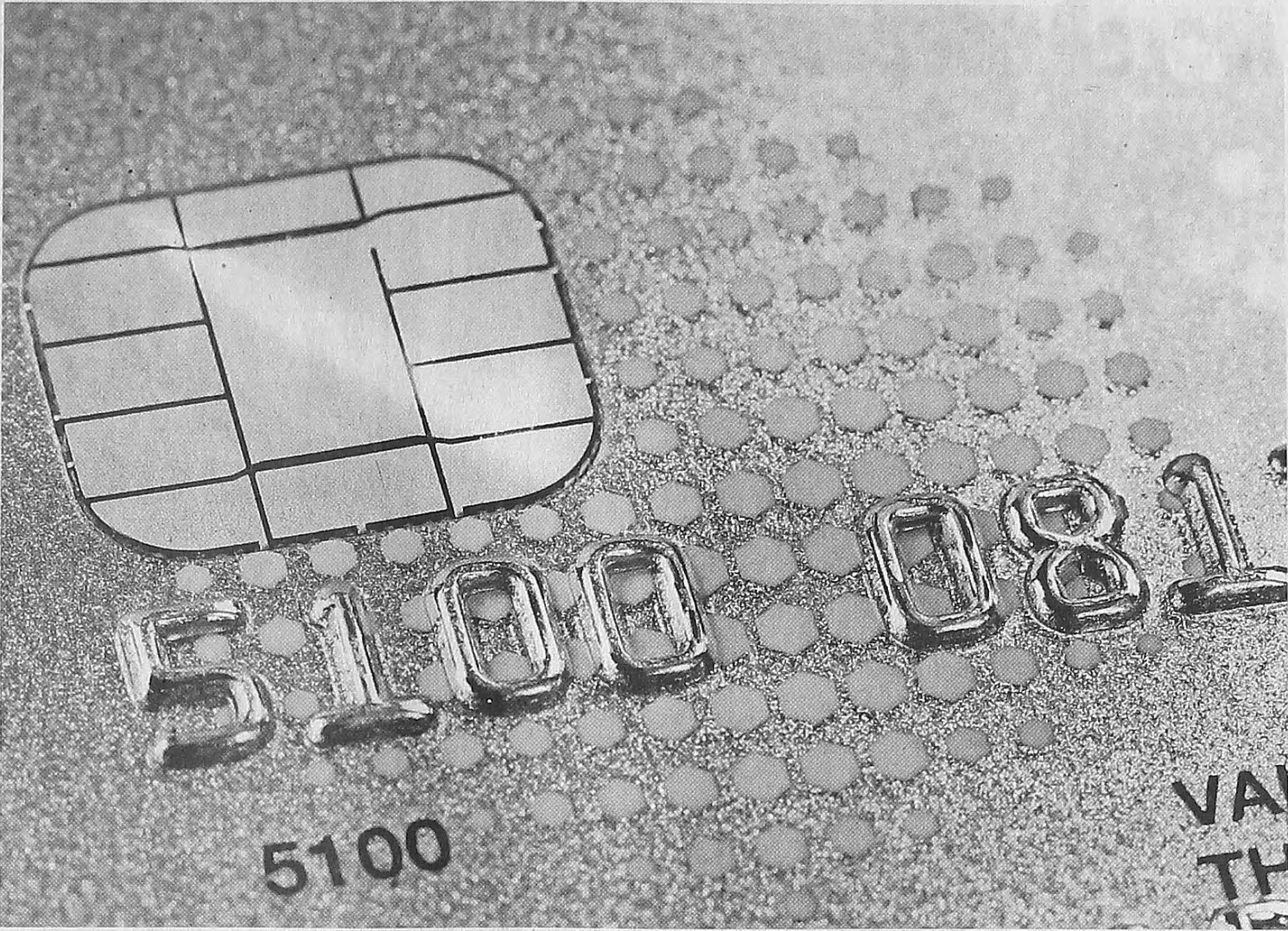
Is your credit card chip safe?

The short answer is yes, but only when it comes to one specific category of credit card theft. Evidence has shown a significant decline in credit card fraud in countries where EMV card technology has been implemented on a wide scale.

Having said that, the reality is a bit more complex. While EMV chips have cut down on overall credit card fraud, that doesn't mean they're 100% effective.

With that in mind, here's a rundown of the major benefit of chip credit cards, as well as some of the shortcomings of the technology.

■ **Your card is more difficult to replicate.** One common form of credit card theft throughout the past couple decades involves a thief essentially cloning your credit card. They obtain your credit card number and other information through a data breach, via a skimming device, or through some other means and encode the information on the magnetic stripe of another card. They



It's difficult to obtain personal info from a chip-enabled credit card. GETTY IMAGES/ISTOCKPHOTO

then could use the cloned card to pay for purchases, which then would be billed to your account.

Now, it's not *impossible* to obtain your personal information from an EMV credit card, but it's much more difficult. In a data breach, for example, credit card information obtained from EMV cards would be of no use to a criminal. Cloning an EMV credit card would require extremely sophisticated methods and expensive equipment and generally is impractical to do.

Meanwhile, a card skimmer can be made with basic materials and at a bare minimum of expense.

■ **Scanning devices still can steal your credit card data.** It also is important to realize that thieves can steal

your credit card's data even if your card doesn't leave your pocket if your credit cards are RFID (contactless-payment) enabled. There are devices that allow thieves to steal your credit card information through the air, even if your credit card is in your wallet.

Some thieves can even do this with their smartphones, not requiring a specialized device.

■ **Having a chip does nothing to prevent your physical card from being stolen.** The fact that there is a chip in your credit card doesn't prevent a thief from stealing your card and using it to make purchases. EMV transactions don't require a PIN, so if a criminal gets their hands on your card, they could make purchases with your card by simply

inserting your chip and signing your name.

The bottom line

How safe are credit card chips? They are certainly safer than magnetic stripe technology, but there still are several ways thieves could potentially commit credit card fraud. The point is that just because you have a wallet full of chip-based credit cards doesn't mean you shouldn't take additional steps to protect yourself.

True data security means being proactive about keeping your information safe and detecting when your credit card data may have been compromised.

Spring cleaning: Declutter gadgets

Jennifer Jolly
Special to USA TODAY

Thanks to decluttering diva Marie Kondo, spring cleaning is expected to hit an all-time high this year. A recent survey by the American Cleaning Institute shows a record 77% of households plan to clean up, clear out, and address the mess of our modern lives.

Since e-waste is the world's fastest-growing trash stream and April is Earth Month, there's an even stronger sense of renewed responsibility to declutter your e-clutter.

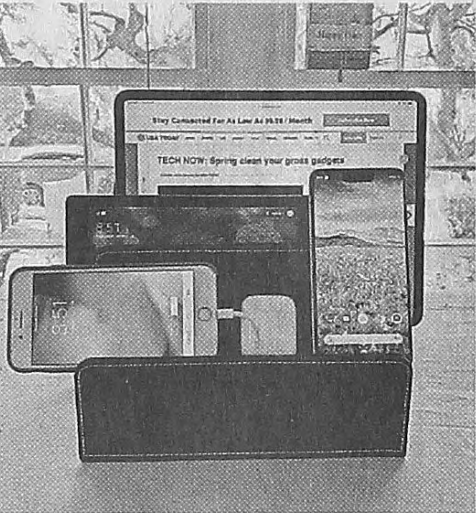
Clear out before you clean up

One of the key trademarks of the "KonMari" method is to start by clearing out everything unwanted and unused. Think about how much tech junk you have – that drawer full of dusty cell-phones, charging cable chaos and old earphones you haven't touched since you used them with your '80s Walkman. Pile them up, sort them and then sell, trade or recycle them.

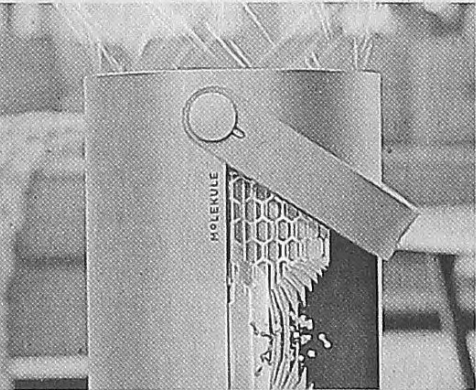
There are dozens of ways to do this – but Gazelle has long been my go-to. It takes electronics from smartphones to laptops and everything in between and gives you cold, hard cash in return. The service is stellar, and after you fill out the online forms to send an old device, they send you a prepaid mailer right away.

Gazelle works hand-in-hand with ecoATM, a high-tech kiosk network that gives you cash on the spot as well. Go online to find a nearby ecoATM kiosk. There are thousands of them across the United States, including in many large chain stores such as Walmart. Once you get to a kiosk, put your old phone into the machines' testing area, and the ecoATM handles the rest. It examines your device and then offers you a price based on its condition. If you agree, you get cash right then and there. It even takes severely broken devices off your hands.

If you have a gadget bound for the trash heap, do the planet a favor and recycle it instead. Best Buy is one of the nation's largest retail recyclers of used electronics and appliances, and takes



The author uses a large leather docking station to put all of her family gadgets on at night. JENNIFER JOLLY



The Molekule air purifier claims to eliminate microscopic air pollutants. MOLEKULE

all kinds of used tech, regardless of where you bought it, how old it is or who made it. That's huge because, by 2021, the annual e-waste total is predicted to surpass 60 million tons – the equivalent of 12 million elephants (or 321 Golden Gate Bridges).

App-hoarding help

Most of us are totally overwhelmed by the number of apps on our devices. Analytics company App Annie says the average person has as many as 90 apps on their smartphone but only uses about nine of them per day.

Start by ditching any apps you know

you don't use. On iPhones, go to iPhone Storage through your general settings to see a list of apps that take up the most data and when you last used them. On Android devices, Google offers a similar tool called Files. When you see apps you've never used, or haven't used in the last three to six months – get rid of them!

Next, look for apps that solve more than one problem and put them front and center. Facebook Messenger is a great example because it's packed with features you might use several separate apps for, such as sending money, video chatting and sharing photos.

Once you identify how to get the most out of the multitasker-friendly apps you already have, ditch all the apps you just made obsolete and clean up your home screen in the process.

Deep clean your gross gadgets

Now that you've purged and sorted, it's time to deep clean. You've heard by now that your smartphone is seven times dirtier than your toilet – and riddled with about 17,000 different types of bacteria – right? I use two specific gadgets to keep my go-to tech tools pristine.

The HÄNS Swipe-Clean (\$15) comes pre-loaded with tech-friendly cleaning solution, so you can just wipe down your smartphone, tablet or other gadgets with cleaner, and then flip the HÄNS over and use the other end to dry and polish. It takes mere seconds but leaves everything squeaky clean.

To go even further, I use the PhoneSoap Go (around \$80), a portable, battery-powered UV sanitizer that bathes your smartphone in ultraviolet light that eliminates 99.99% of household germs in 10 minutes. Stick your phone in the PhoneSoap box and the wavelengths of the UV light break down and destroy such germs as E. coli, salmonella, influenza and even the rhinovirus, which is responsible for the common cold.

Spare your air

You know what else is pretty yucky? Our indoor air quality. The EPA warns that concentrations of some pollutants

are up to five times higher inside our own homes. The average person spends roughly 90% of their time inside, so shouldn't your air be squeaky clean, too?

For this, you might need to bring a new gadget into your home, so it's perfect for after you purge and clean. I've been using the much-buzzed-about Molekule (\$799), which claims to eliminate microscopic air pollutants. It uses a two-stage filter that traps both larger airborne nasties including pollen and pet hair and destroys the much smaller pollutants that standard filters typically miss. It's been working miracles in our rented home that doesn't have a fan in the kitchen and gets smoky every time we cook on the stove. Not only is the smoke gone, but all my coughing at the dinner table has disappeared, too.

The Blueair Blue Pure 211 (\$299) is another solid choice, especially on a budget. It scrubs the air of 99% of "fine particles," including smoke, dust and mold, and uses an activated carbon filter to remove nasty odors for up to six months before needing a new filter. We reviewed this one during the Northern California fires last fall.

Cut cord-cutter chaos

Power cables are one of the biggest culprits of tech clutter in every household. So – round 'em up, purge, label and give them a home.

I use TwistieMag (around \$20), magnetic, reusable twist ties and rubber bands to keep cables and cords nice and neat. I also use a label maker to mark each cord, then stash everything that goes with each gadget into a baggie. Each tidy baggie then goes into Twill drawer organizer bins (\$5-\$13) that I pick up at the Container Store. They look quite fashionable sitting on my desk or tucked away in a drawer or on a shelf.

Charging stations are great, too. I use one large, nice-looking leather docking station to put all of our family gadgets on at night – which helps get them out of bedrooms, too (so they don't disturb our sleep). The MobileVision station (\$42.95) has multiple slots for several smartphones, tablets and even a laptop.

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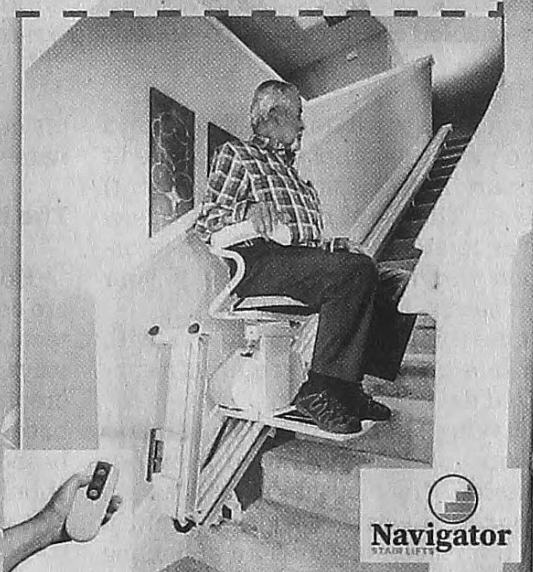
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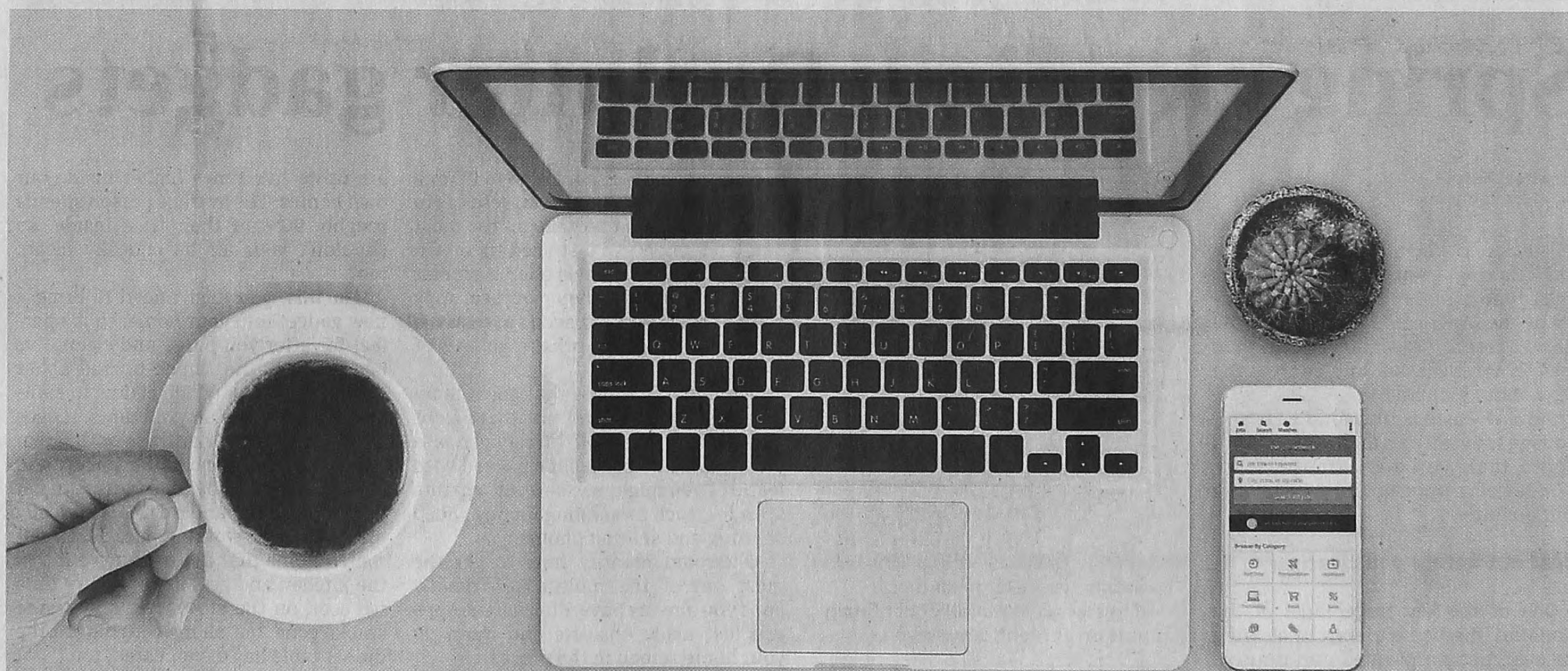
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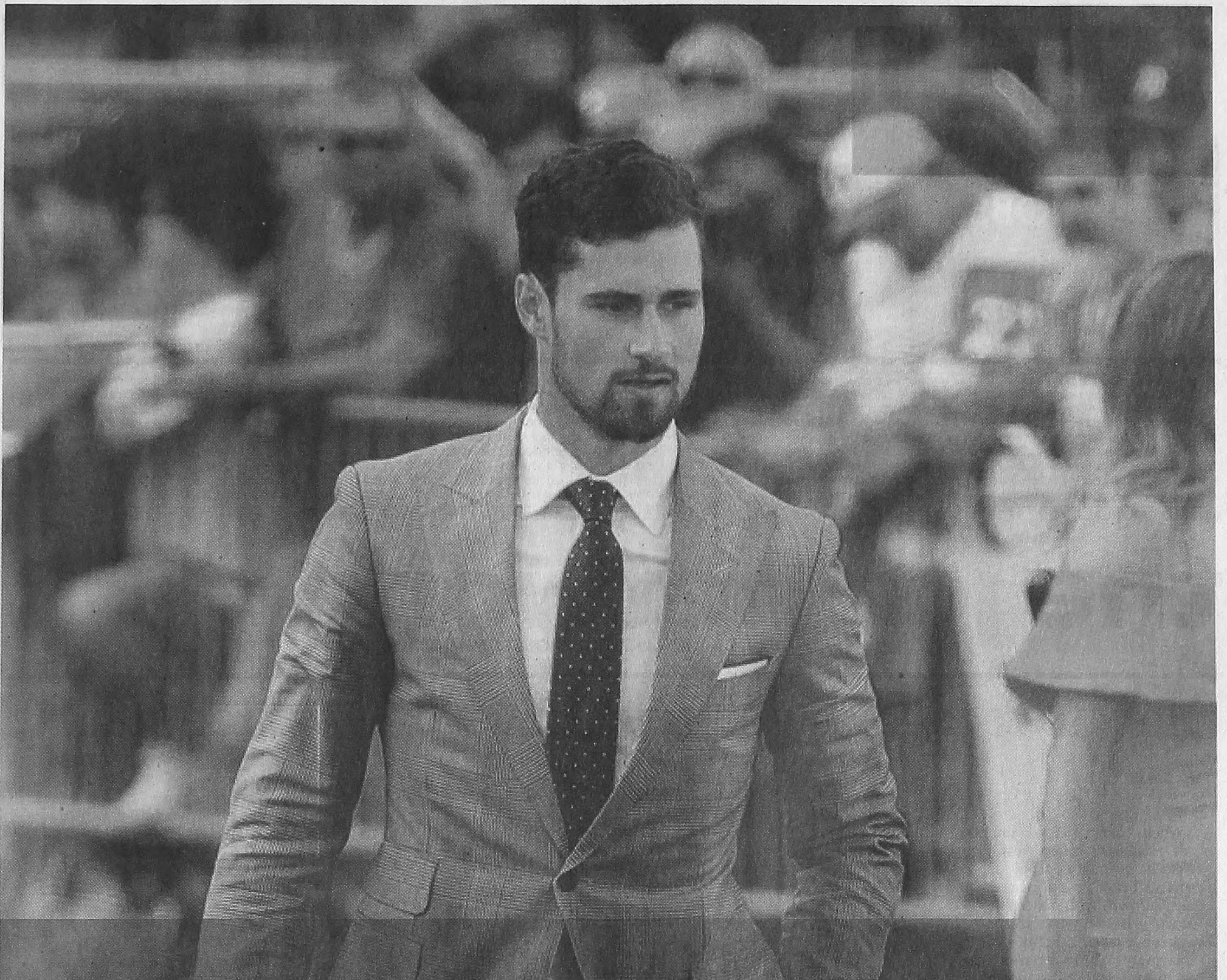
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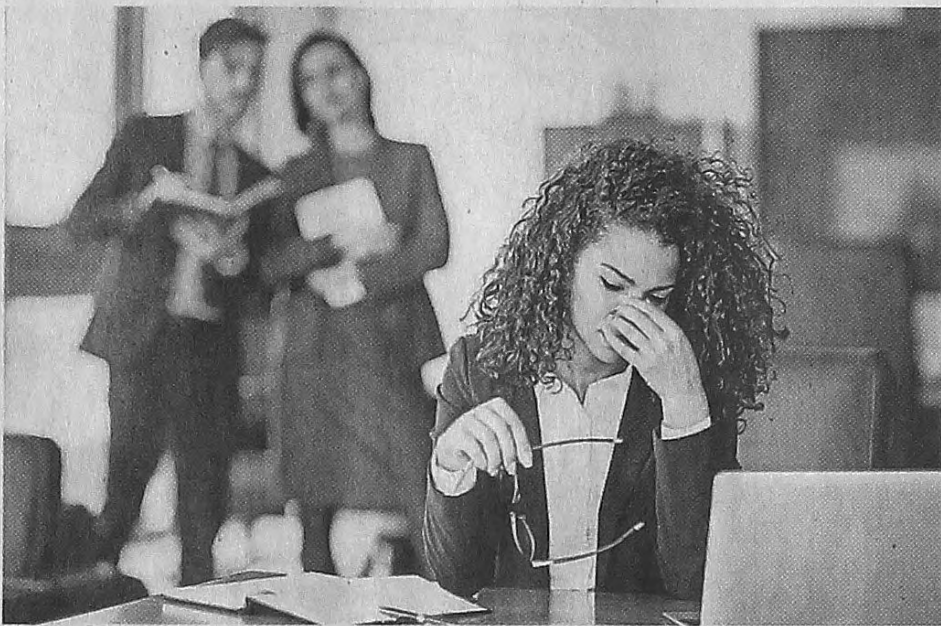
How to recognize an unhealthy work environment

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When it comes to our professional lives, most of us have a clear hierarchy of needs, including a viable salary, acceptable benefits, and responsibilities that align well with our abilities. After all, we spend so much of our lives at work (nearly 90,000 hours over our lifetimes, according to a recent Business Insider article) that it stands to reason that our core needs and wishes should be met in order to make it all seem worthwhile.

But all too often, having a healthy and productive environment doesn't make the list of priorities when we think about what's really important for us to be satisfied at work—and that's a real miss when thinking about your overall career happiness. Need some convincing? Forbes recently reported that "a toxic workplace environment will overtake the culture of any organization, interfering with employee performance, destroying relationships and demotivating top performers. It is important to understand your organization's exposure to such an environment so that strategies are implemented to either eradicate or mitigate its effects."

The question that likely remains for many of you is this: Am I stuck in an unhealthy work environment? Good question—and don't be ashamed if you don't have a clear answer. The truth is, it can be hard to tell what's unhealthy and what's normal and acceptable in a high-pressure, high demand modern workplace, in which "doing more with less" is the new normal. But don't worry, we're here to help you figure out what side you're currently on. Use the following indicators to determine if you're currently in an unhealthy workplace.



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Monitor the avoidance factor

Do you find yourself regularly going out of your way to avoid both people and situations at work? If so, then chances are you're working in an environment with some real unhealthy elements. These can include everything from toxic coworkers to an unsavory and insincere corporate culture that's misaligned with reality. The effects are similar: you dread going to work in the morning and can't wait to leave at the end of the day. Many folks tend to take a "bare minimum" approach to their jobs when in this sort of unhealthy environment—they do just enough to squeak by and stay under the radar. The result? They often deny themselves the ability to evolve in their positions. Staying in a job like this is not a formula for career satisfaction and positive growth.

Do a regular office 'mood check'

Most of us make it a point to check the weather each day before we head out to work, but not nearly enough of us stay on top of our "mood temperature." An unhealthy work environment often has an unfortunate trickle-down effect on people's moods, which makes it a great diagnostic tool for determining if your workplace has problems.

Everyone from top management to their direct reports on down through the organizational chart can feel the impact of an unhealthy environment. If the overall mood of your colleagues (or a few key personnel who have a significant impact on others) is more "doom and gloom" than "happiness and sunshine," you better believe that this has a significant impact on the company's productivity, employee turnover, and

long-term success.

Beware of negative spillover into your personal life

The unfortunate reality is this: what happens at work doesn't always stay at work. On top of encroaching on your personal time (if you choose to spend more hours working than you're required to), the effects of an unhealthy workplace can spill all over the rest of your life.

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If this sounds all-too-familiar to you, then you're likely in an unhealthy work situation and may warrant taking a closer look. If you're curious about whether or not you're currently in an unhealthy work environment, do a serious self-assessment using the information provided here to help diagnose your workplace. If you find more negative than positive, consider taking active steps towards either improving your satisfaction and happiness at work, or finding a new job that will meet your needs.

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 23 Changing from one form of matter to another
 25 Unrestrained
 26 Hollywood's Harper
 27 2006 Supreme Court appointee
 28 Ballerina Alicia
 29 "Tapestry" singer King
 32 Eons ago
 35 Son on "Family Ties"
 36 — fi movie
 38 Fund held in trust
 39 Cow's mouthful
 40 Kindled anew
 42 Linda of "Dynasty"
 46 Bongos, e.g.
- 48 Of the study of the hair and scalp
 52 Mine transports
 56 Abbr. at the end of a list
 57 Road groove
 58 North Carolinian, informally
 60 Puts to work
 61 "Reward" for awful service
 63 French for "eye"
 64 Road
 66 Annual movie event in Lower Manhattan
 71 U.S. pres. George (#41 as opposed to #43)
 72 Lounge lazily
 73 Agatha Christie's "There Is —"
 74 Voting no
 75 Loss of recollections
 78 Home for mil. planes
 79 Machines next to mice
 82 Actress Sarah of "American Crime Story"
- 85 Starter or finish judge at a meet, e.g.
 88 "Woo-hoo!"
 90 Docking site
 91 Spanish wavy mark
 92 27-Across' first name, for short
 95 Kind of tire
 98 Pack animal
 100 Cooking fat
 101 Having depth as well as length and width
 106 Is abrasive
 108 Kiddie-lit "pest"
 109 Observed secretly
 110 Minnesota's state bird
 111 On top of
 112 Action short of a divorce ... or what occurs in six long answers in this puzzle?
 118 More sage
 119 Red-brown
 120 Nullified
 121 Wound vestiges
 122 Sets foot in
 123 Exonerated

DOWN

- 1 Traitor
 2 Suffix with cannon
 3 Piece of the past
 4 Not poisonous
 5 Actor Elgort
 6 Produces
 7 Bath locales
 8 Holy figures: Abbr.
 9 Sphere
 10 Bud of Bert
 11 Real good-looker
 12 Turns of phrase
 13 "Stuck" actor Stephen
 14 Class for U.S. aliens
 15 "Go where I go"
 16 "What — excuse for ..."
 17 Paradoxical
 18 Capital of the Bahamas
 19 It's rung out on New Year's Eve
 24 Mai —
 28 Love, in Nice
 29 — blanche
 30 Advisory
 31 Piece of the past
 32 DVR brand
 33 Livy's 1,400
- 34 Flynn of old movies
 37 Welsh, e.g.
 41 Is pounding
 43 Actor's rep.
 44 Hollywood's Vardalos
 45 Tool for cutting decorative spiral lines
 47 Snaky shape
 49 Not inner
 50 "Excuse me" (philosopher)
 51 Ericson of exploration
 53 On a cruise
 54 Line winder
 55 Old JFK jet
 59 Zeno of — (philosopher)
 61 Ex — (from nothing)
 62 Date tree
 64 Inflexible
 65 Morsel
 66 Fish that's a sushi staple
 67 Q-V link
 68 It might have serifs
 69 Robert of "The Sopranos"
 70 Groups of employees
 71 Protestant denom.
 75 Battery end
 76 I, in German
 77 Alias lead-in

SUDOKU

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

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

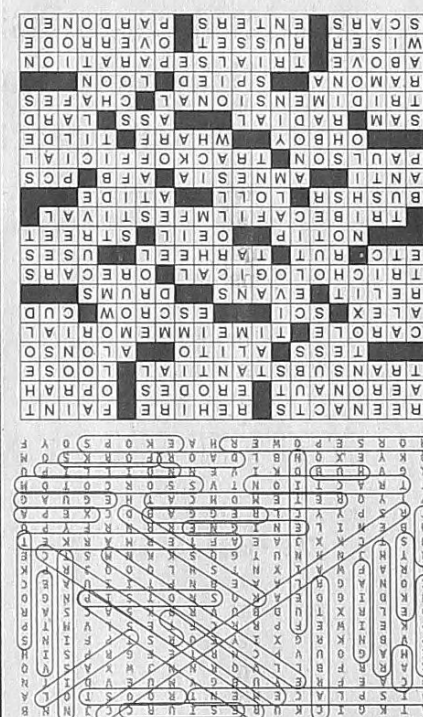
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9	4	7	6	9	8	1	2	3
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2	5	6	1	3	9	4	7	8
4	7	9	9	2	3	8	6	1
3	8	9	5	1	6	2	4	7
6	1	2	7	8	4	3	9	5
8	6	3	4	9	5	7	1	2
5	9	1	3	7	2	6	8	4
7	2	4	8	6	1	5	3	9

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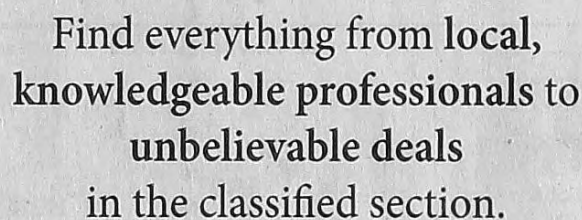


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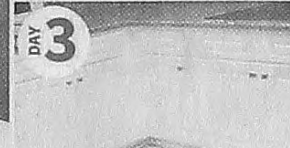
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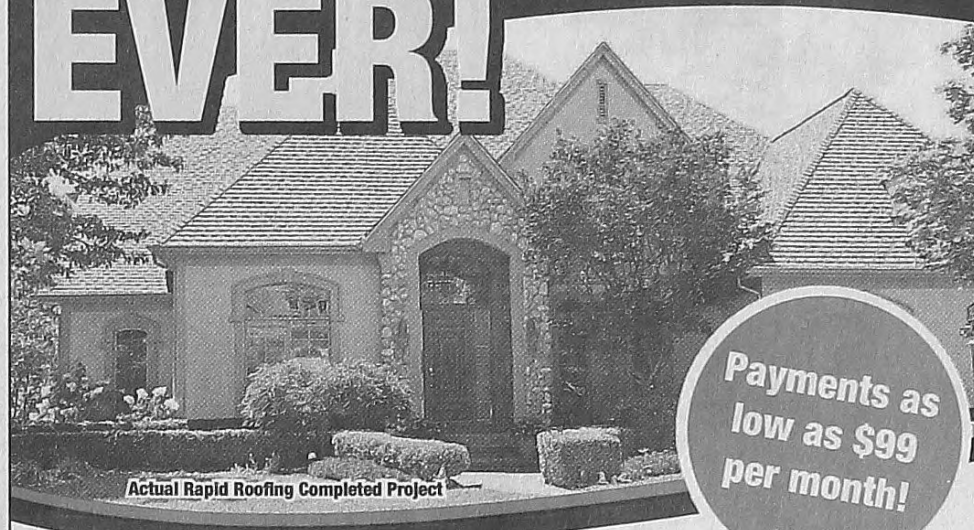
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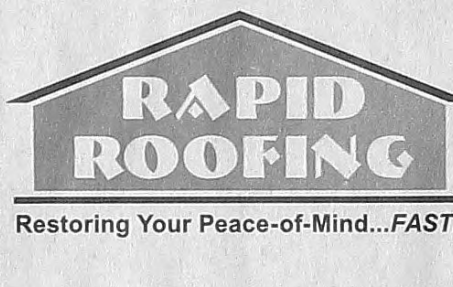
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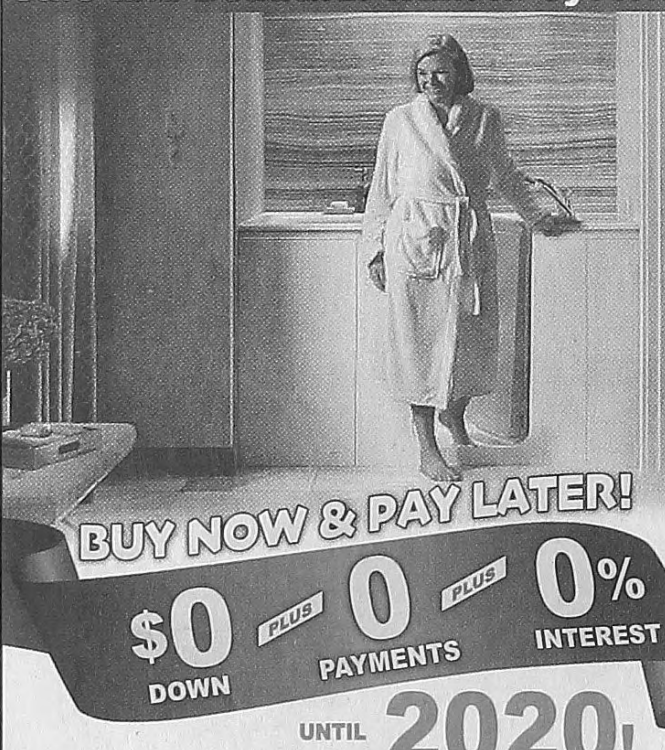
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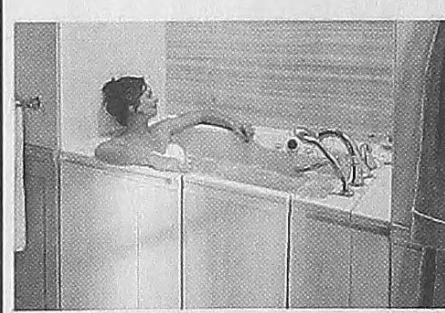
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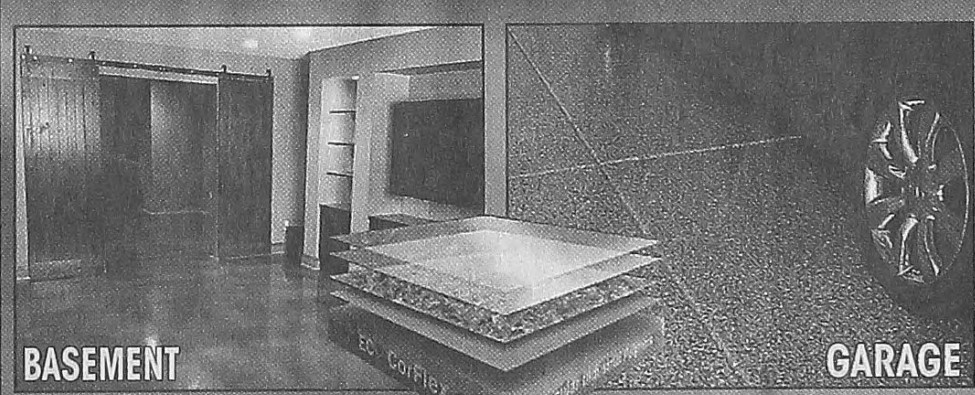
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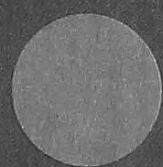
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