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Ramadan run 'gets better every year'



After fasting for 17 hours, area Muslims run for charity in Canton.

Charity event raises more than \$18,000 locally

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Detroit-area Muslims raised \$18,300 from a Ramadan Fasting 5K walk and run that drew about 100 participants June 10 to the Muslim Community of Western Suburbs, or Canton Mosque, event officials said.

Organizer Amna Kamal said the event placed second in fundraising among 11 participating cities in the United States and Canada. It ranked just behind Boston, where the first Fasting 5K was held in 2013.

"I feel like it gets better every year," Kamal said. "I love that the momentum of it just continues to grow every year."

After fasting for 17 hours, Muslims gathered in Canton to run and walk along the Metro I-275 Trail, despite unseasonably hot weather that didn't deter them.

"We told people that if they are not (regular) runners, this was not the day to start," Kamal said.

Area Muslims posted comments about the Fasting 5K to an earlier story on <http://www.hometownlife.com> that promoted the event.

"Giving is such a large part of Ramadan and the Islamic spirit," Fawzia Ahmed wrote.

"Events like these make Canton a great place for everybody," Haaris Ahmad wrote.

Organizer Jabeen Siddiqui Hamzavi said the event drew more than twice as many participants as last year. Two local officials, state Rep. Kristy Pagan and Canton Township

Clerk Michael Siegrist, also turned out to support the 5K.

"I think we just got the word out and people really wanted to run," Hamzavi said. With widespread participation from metro Detroit, "It was definitely more representative of the southeast Michigan community."

The event — the third Canton-based Fasting 5K — raised money for organizations dedicated to inspiring youth civic engagement. The funds will help Emgage Michigan, an area nonprofit that educates and empowers Muslim Americans through educational events, voter initiatives and leadership development, and the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts, or WAGGGS, which supports girls and young women in de-

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Students let long-time Bentley Elementary School Principal Jerry Meier, who is retiring, know how they felt about him with this parting gift.

BRAD KADRICH

Plymouth's 150th year ushers in community celebration

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Celebrating its 150th year as a city, Plymouth is rolling out its community pride amidst a whirlwind of events building up to the Fourth of July parade and an old-fashioned ice cream social.

Concerts, movies and a 5K run are among upcoming events that only add to a landmark year that already has gained attention for attractions such as an ongoing, elaborate display inside the Plymouth Historical Museum.

"You reach those milestones as a community and it matters," said Mayor Pro Tem Oliver Wolcott, who serves on the city's 150th anniversary committee. "When you talk to people in the streets, there's a certain pride in the community for not just lasting this long, but for thriving."

In a show of unity, elected leaders from the city and Plymouth Township plan to walk alongside each other during the downtown Fourth of July parade, giving a new twist to an Independence Day tradition.

"I think that symbolism matters," Wolcott said. "I think it shows there's a willingness on both sides to work together."

The gesture of walking together is intended to reinforce an end to sometimes-rocky relations the two neighbors have encountered in re-

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BITTERSWEET FAREWELL: Long-time Bentley principal saying good-bye

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Summer jobs in places like a canning factory or doing sand-blasting convinced Jerry Meier that maybe labor-intensive jobs like that weren't going to be his future.

So Meier, who said he's always loved helping kids, decided to make that his career, instead. Armed with a bachelor's degree from Martin Luther College in Minnesota and then a master's from the University of Toledo, Meier began his teaching career in

Toledo in 1970.

On Friday, 47 years later and at the age of 70, Meier walked out of Bentley Elementary School for the last time and closed the door on that career.

"Mostly, it's the age," he said. "I've been here 18 years. It's time to spend more time with my family. When you get to be this age, you realize the window of opportunity is narrower."

It's been a long, successful journey, which started in inner-city schools in Toledo, where Meier taught fifth- and sixth-graders. After five years of that, Meier found a job at St. Peter's Lutheran School in Plymouth.

After 24 years at St. Pete's, Meier applied for — and got — the job he's had ever since as the principal at Bentley.

For the veteran educator, moving from the 180-student St. Pete's to Bentley Elementary, where nearly 700 students roamed the halls (it was before the district built Workman and Dodson elementary) was a bit of a culture shock.

"I would walk the halls thinking, 'What have I done?'" he said with a quick smile. "It was a shock, but the staff was very gracious with a newbie who didn't know that much."

It was a culture shock in

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veloping their full potential as leaders and active citizens.

Emgage, a local organization, gets 70 percent of the money raised, while the international WAGGGS group receives 30 percent.

Organizers came ready to help participants beat the heat. Hamzavi said spray bottles and cold, wet towels were given to the runners and walkers, who shared a meal after fasting 17 hours and finishing the 5K.

Nationally, Fasting 5K had raised about \$102,000 at last

count, Hamzavi said. Detroit-area Muslims joined the effort along with Muslims from Atlanta, Boston, Buffalo, Chicago, Columbus, Los Angeles, New York City, the San Francisco Bay area, Washington, D.C., and Toronto.

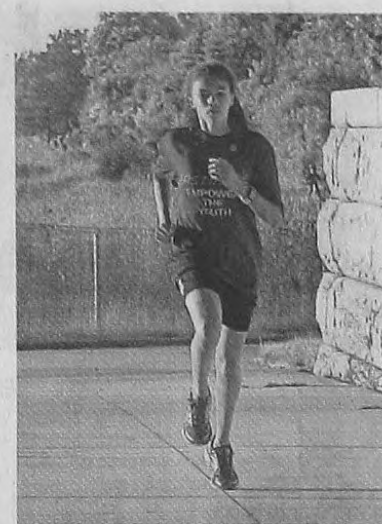
"We got some great fundraising efforts from people of all different backgrounds — Muslims and non-Muslims," Kamal said.

It coincided with Ramadan, a holy month when Muslims fast from sunrise to sunset and take extra time to pray, reflect and give to charity.

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A group of Fasting 5K organizers gather during the event.



Yasmine Mansi, 13, was the first finisher of the Detroit Fasting 5K.

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more ways than one. Leaving the Lutheran school for a public school that featured a variety of

cultures was a learning experience for Meier.

He set about learning about the various cultures in a particularly diverse community, going so far, he said, as attending religious services for the various

groups. The experience, he said, helped him understand the needs of his students.

"If I don't know anything about our Indian population (for instance), how can I expect them to accept me?" he asked.

Meier has long since settled down with his staff, a few of whom pre-date him at the school, but most of whom he brought in. Meier figures he's hired "75 to 80 percent" of the teachers now in the building.

That makes for a well-functioning team, because the teachers he hired all bought into his vision.

"It helps, because the people you hire know and are willing to follow your vision," Meier said. "They know me, so they'll follow the vision."

One of those brought in by Meier was first-grade teacher Cheryl Zuzo. Brought to Bentley by Meier in 2002, Zuzo said Meier is "an inspiring leader."

"He respects us as professionals," Zuzo said. "He puts kids first. We adore him."

His education journey isn't the only trip he's taken through life. At the same time he was starting as an educator, Meier



FILE PHOTO

Longtime Bentley Elementary Principal Jerry Meier is going to miss relationships like these with staff and students, who were trying to beat him at a math game.

married the love of his life, wife Mary Meier. They've been married 47 years, produced three children and seven grandchildren. That's a pretty successful marriage for a guy who thought he'd made an awful first impression.

Seems Meier went out with Mary as a favor to a friend, who was looking for someone to double with him and the girl he was trying to date. The second date, Meier said, didn't come "for another eight or nine months."

Mary was also a teacher at the time, though she didn't continue. And for 47 years — the last 18 at Bentley — she's had to have him almost part time. The wife who has loved and supported his career is now looking forward to having him home more often.

"I don't regret sharing him with Bentley," Mary said, "but now it's my turn."

Mary admitted there's a "honey-do" list, but first things first. The couple will do some camping, they'll move their motor home to the west side of the state and enjoy children and grandchildren.

Meier also has his 90-year-old mother living in his native Wisconsin, who will have her own kind of "honey-do" list for him.

That's all OK with him.

"It's time to give more to my family," Meier said. "They deserve that."

That doesn't mean he's not going to miss it — he will "big time," he said, and he hopes the district he insists "changed my life" will have some sort of use for him in emeritus status.

"I want to give back to

the district," he said. "If the district has a need for someone with my skills, I'd like that."

It's a dedication his wife knows was worth the sacrifices, as year after year students would tell her — and him — how much he meant to them.

"For the past 47 years, students constantly tell me and him how he influenced both their lives and even careers," Mary said. "He is loved by so many."

The thought of leaving that all behind is a bit frightening, Meier acknowledged, but he's not going to let the fear deter him.

"I'm a little bit scared," he said. "Be it good or bad, it's all I've known for 47 years. (But) life is a journey and there's no turning back."

The best thing about his decision to retire, Meier said, is knowing he's going out on a high note.

"Life goes on," he said. "Not everyone can say they LOVED (capital letters) their profession on their way out. I'm going to go out crying, but that's OK."

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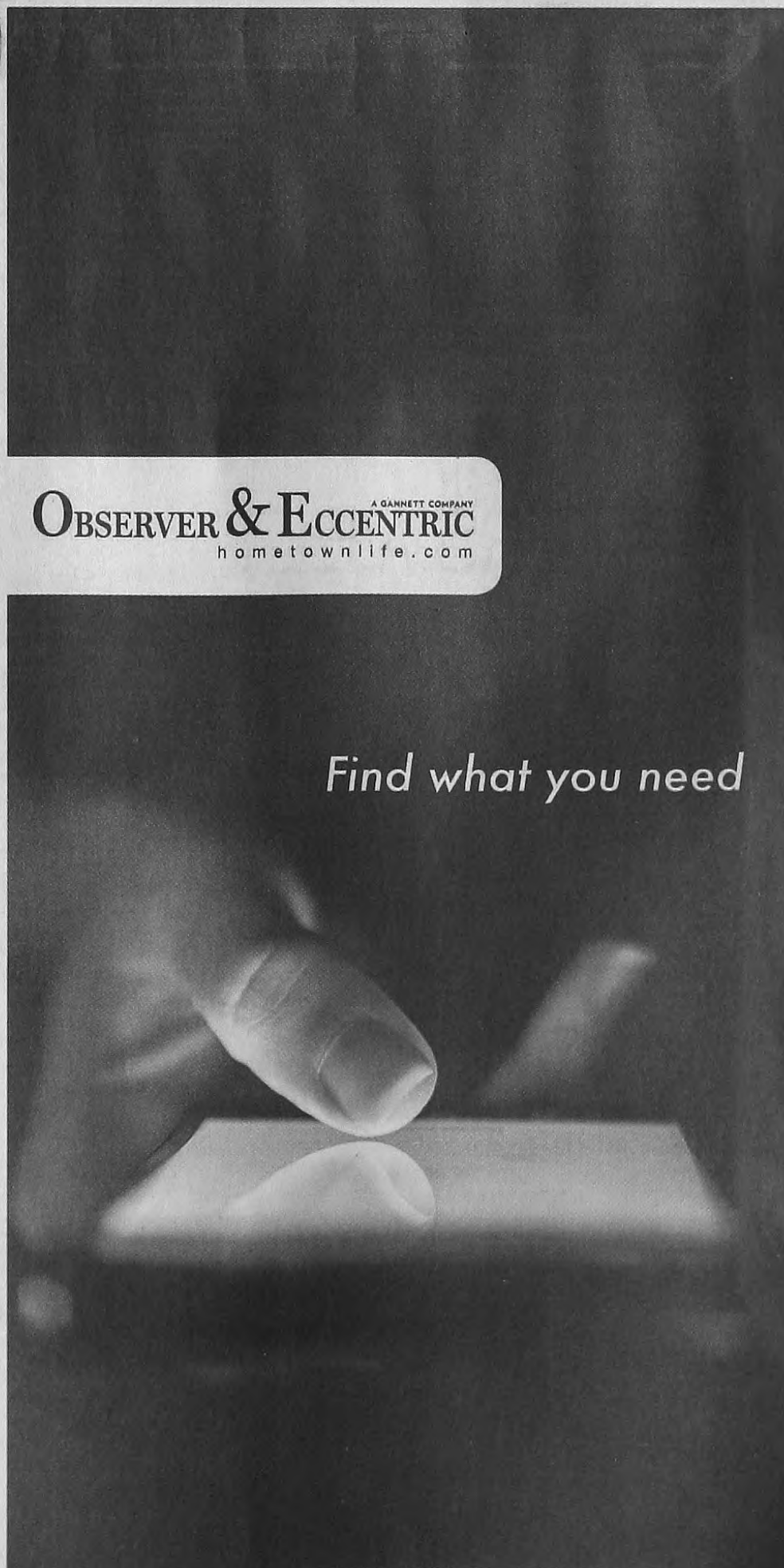
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Plymouth's Good Morning USA Parade is returning this year.

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cent years.

"It emphasizes a great new spirit of cooperation," said Plymouth City Commissioner Mike Wright, who also serves on the 150th committee.

With a flurry of events marking the anniversary year, Wright said it seemed fitting to arrange numerous activities leading up to the Fourth of July, which "is already important to history."

Among the activities he singled out:

» The Plymouth Community Band plans to perform music from the last 150 years during a concert at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 29, in Kellogg Park.

» The next night, Steve King and the Ditties will perform at 7 p.m. in the park during the Music in the Air concert series, sponsored by the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority. As a bonus to this year's

series, the Plymouth Historical Museum is set to share a slice of the city's history before each show.

» The Plymouth-based Michigan Philharmonic, fondly known as "Michigan Phil," plans "An American Salute" concert at 7 p.m. Saturday, July 1, also in Kellogg Park. Selections include "The Star-Spangled Banner," music of "West Side Story," the "Movin' On Up" theme from the former TV comedy show "The Jeffersons" and John Higgins's "Our America," among others.

"It fits very well with Plymouth and its long history," Wright said.

» For those who want to get a bit of holiday weekend exercise, a Plymouth 150th three-mile run and walk is set to start at 9 a.m. Sunday, July 2, in Old Village.

"It's going to be a run and a walk so that anybody can participate," Wright said.

Each participant gets a T-shirt and packages of

goodies. The race is designed to move through Plymouth's picturesque streets and finish on Liberty Street, where games and other activities are planned.

One way to sign up is by going to the DDA's website at <http://www.downtownplymouth.org> and scrolling down to find the Plymouth 150th page.

» The Penn Theatre is planning to show "Yankee Doodle Dandy" (1942) for free at 4:15 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, July 2.

» For another film experience, Wright said "The Secret Life of Pets" will be shown in Kellogg Park during Movie in the Park night, which starts as the sun goes down Monday, July 3, in Kellogg Park. It, too, is free.

» Finally, it all culminates with the Fourth of July parade, a popular event that promises to pack even more fun this year. It starts at 9 a.m. and will be followed by an old-fashioned ice cream social in the park.

As a reminder, there will be no fireworks show and picnic this year in Plymouth Township, which canceled the events amid concerns about public safety and costs.

Meanwhile, Wright said the 150th celebration events couldn't happen without groups such as the Kiwanis Club, the Plymouth Historical Museum, the Penn Theatre, the Plymouth Recreation & Arts Complex, the DDA, the city of Plymouth, the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce, the Plymouth District Library and the Old Village Association, among many other local businesses and service clubs.

For more information on 150th events, go to <http://www.plymouthmich.org> or <http://www.downtownplymouth.org>.

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Stabenow tours small businesses in Plymouth

U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow, D-Mich., met with businesses in Plymouth and Ann Arbor as part of her small business tour across the state. Stabenow met with business owners at Compari's on the Park, Dearborn Jewelers, Spa Agio and Argus Farm Stop.

Stabenow's tour has included more than 90 stops in communities across the state, including East Tawas, Alpena, Three Rivers, Fenton, Marshall, Big Rapids, Ithaca, Mt. Pleasant, Bangor, South Haven, St. Johns, Lapeer, Imlay City, Portland, Ionia, Battle Creek, Albion, Harrison Township, Mount Clemens, Utica, Plainwell, Paw Paw, Benton Harbor, Monroe, Jackson, Flint, Bay City, Ludington, Onaway, Grand Haven, Hastings, Holland, Muskegon, Marquette, St. Ignace and Escanaba.

"It was great to meet the resilient and innovative business owners in Plymouth and Ann Arbor who help keep our economy in Michigan growing," Stabenow said. "It is truly inspiring to talk to those who have invested their own time, capital and ideas into making their businesses and their community successful."

"I'm happy that our representatives are



Stabenow

taking the time to reach out and speak with small business owners about their concerns," said Kerri Pollard, co-owner and director of Spa Agio. "Senator Stabenow and I had a wonderful and open-ended conversation about health care, which is also a huge concern for me as a small business owner."

"Senator Stabenow's role in crafting the Farm Bill is important to our small farms who really care about being represented and encouraged to grow their businesses," said Kathy Sample and Bill Brinkerhoff, co-owners of Argus Farm Stop. "Having Senator Stabenow come to visit and learn out our new model for growing our local food ecosystem, was a good opportunity for our farms. They enjoyed meeting her, as did the Argus Farm Stop staff."

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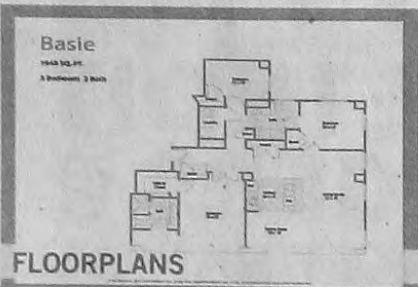


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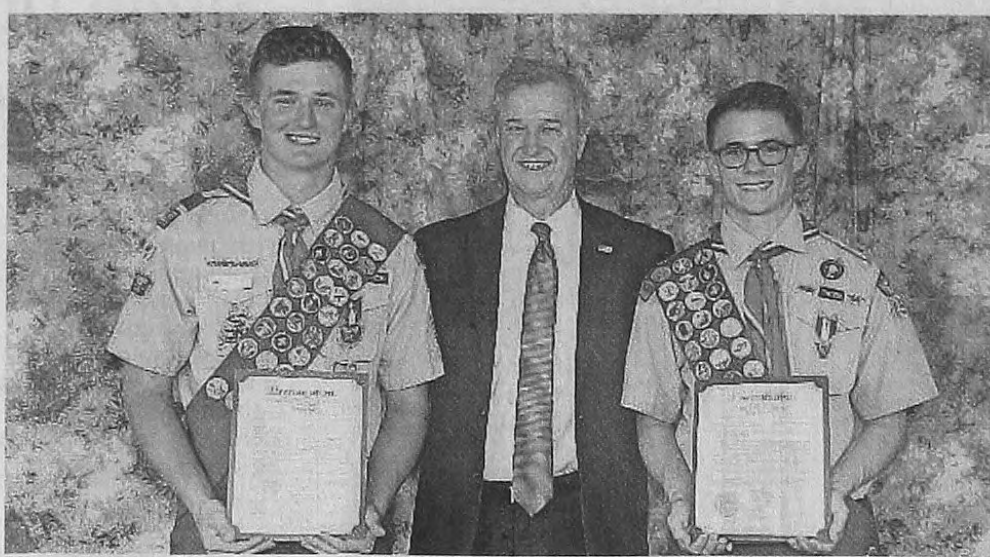
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Local teens complete their journey to Eagle Scout

Completing a journey they began as 6-year-old boys in Cub Scout Pack 293, Chase Every and Taylor Ufford reached a lifetime goal by earning their Eagle Scout badges.

A Court of Honor was held to celebrate this achievement recently at the Plymouth Township Park Four Seasons Pavilion. Some 125 friends and family, as well as Plymouth Township Clerk Jerry Vorva, gathered to honor the Scouts.

Both boys made contributions to their communities throughout their scouting career in the form of volunteer activities such as raking leaves of elderly neighbors, annual Rouge/Tonquish Creek clean-up, supporting food banks, as well as developing leadership and outdoor skills with a pinnacle trip to Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico.



Eagle Scouts Chase Every (left) and Taylor Ufford received a proclamation from Plymouth Township Clerk Jerry Vorva at a recent Court of Honor.

Chase's service project was to construct a 35-foot illuminated flagpole at Plymouth Township Park. A star athlete as a junior on Plymouth High School's baseball

team, throughout his budding sports career Chase noticed that his hometown field was without a flag when teams sang the national anthem at the start of his ball

games. He was inspired to design an elevated brick paved circle in the center of the four baseball fields to display the flag. There are a few spaces left and

anyone wishing to participate in the project can reach Chase through the troop website (<http://troop1537.org/>).

Taylor's service project was to update a school sports facility in Düsseldorf, Germany, where his family was living temporarily. Currently of Bloomfield Hills attending the International Academy as a junior and having grown up in Plymouth since childhood, Taylor designed graphics and painted the entrance of the building with the word, "welcome" in 24 languages, representing the native languages spoken at the International School of Düsseldorf, where he attended (Transatlantic Council Troop 162).

The sports facility was looking to make their building more enjoyable, not only for school fam-

ilies, but also for 400 refugee families moving to new homes in the German neighborhood. He also constructed a game table to be used in the facility.

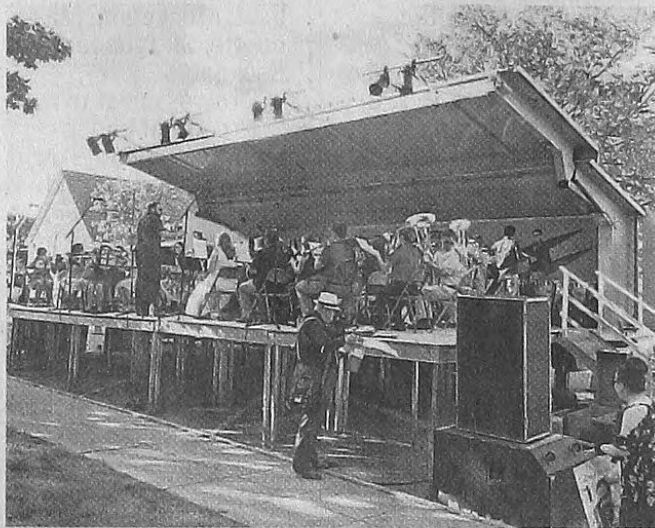
Only about 5 percent of all Boy Scouts earn the rank of Eagle Scout. Chase and Taylor are both second-generation Eagle Scouts, their fathers Greg and Don having earned their Eagle Awards in 1977 and 1980, respectively.

As an Eagle Scout, Chase and Taylor join the ranks of 78 young men from Troop 1537 based at the First United Methodist Church on North Territorial Road and are part of the Great Lakes Council. Troop 1537 was first chartered by the Plymouth First United Methodist Church in 1989.

P-CEP Wind Ensemble gives final concert at Kellogg Park

The Plymouth Canton Educational Park's top band performed one last time June 8 at Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth. The P-CEP Wind Ensemble was hosted by the Plymouth Community Band and performed to a crowd at Kellogg. "The Stars and Stripes," "Star Wars" and other popular tunes were included in the performance. The Wind Ensemble is the premier band at the P-CEP and many of the student-musicians have been playing together since freshman year.

It has been a banner year for the musicians from the Wind Ensemble. Many of the students in the band were leaders of



The 2016-17 P-CEP Wind Ensemble performed for the last time together June 8 at Plymouth's Kellogg Park.

this year's P-CEP Marching Band, which won the

state championship and scored high in nationals.

Some of those same students were members of the Winter Drum Line, which performed well this year at the world championships. Other students from the Wind Ensemble played in the top P-CEP Jazz Band and performed not only in festivals around the Midwest, but also were featured at Cliff Bell's, Detroit's premier jazz hot spot.

Besides the outstanding accolades won as a group, individual band members won numerous awards. More than 50 soloists and small ensembles attended both the regional and state level Solo Ensemble Festival this year, winning top marks. A dozen Wind Ensemble members were

selected into university honor bands. Three Wind Ensemble members were selected into the MSBOA All-State ranks. Many band members also perform in rock bands, the P-CEP Pit Orchestra, the Full Orchestra and other musical groups.


It is easy to see that the musicians of the P-CEP Wind Ensemble have a true love for music. P-CEP Director of Bands George J. Thomann pointed out that roughly 15 Wind Ensemble members had plans on pursuing music-related careers in college. Many other college-bound Wind Ensemble members planned to join their university marching bands as they pursued non-music related

careers. "It's a little bittersweet watching them for the last time," band member relative Phyllis Formicola said, "but it is great to see such talented young people enter into adulthood."

While the loss of so many award-winning musicians seems like a hard blow for any group, the P-CEP music program is already looking ahead. Thomann and Associate Director of Bands Mike Wells spent much of the last two weeks traveling to the district's middle schools as close to 100 incoming freshmen have plan to join the band program. It is safe to say that the music programs at P-CEP will continue to have a high level of success.

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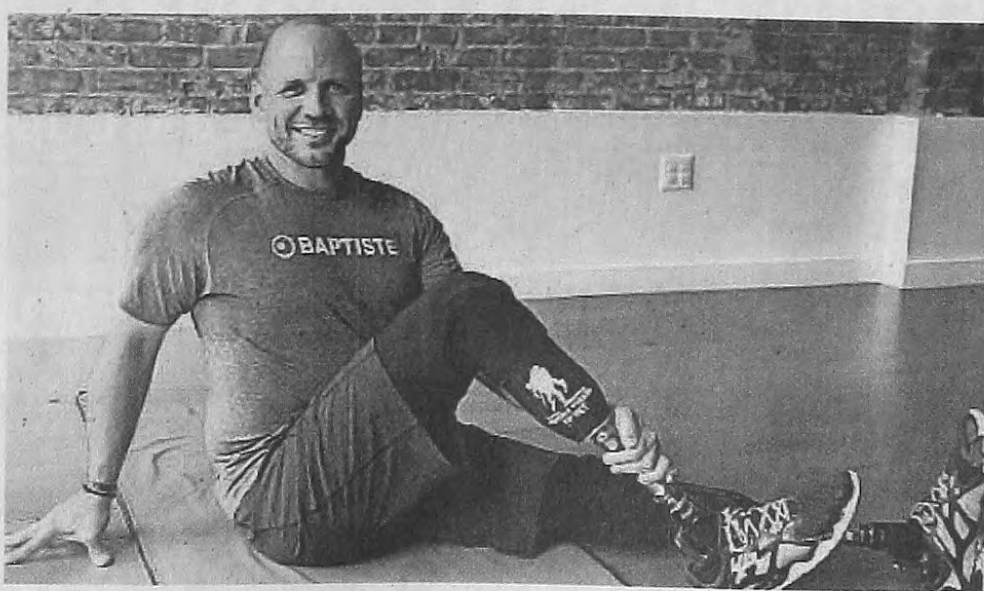
Yoga in the Park event returns to Heritage Park

Old Glory Flags and Flagpoles of Canton and Canton Leisure Services have joined forces to host Yoga in the Park with Dan Nevins at 9 a.m. Saturday, July 22, in Heritage Park to benefit the Wounded Warrior Project. Heritage Park is behind the Canton Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road. Participants are asked to arrive by 8:30 a.m. for event day check-in or registration.

Nevins, a motivational speaker and nationally recognized Wounded Warrior featured on NBC News, is a retired U.S. Army staff sergeant who began his military career out of high school as a paratrooper stationed in Germany. In November 2004, an IED detonated beneath his vehicle during a combat mission in

Iraq, causing Nevins to suffer a traumatic brain injury, as well as his left leg to be amputated below the knee. After more than 30 surgeries, Nevins's right leg was also amputated below the knee. Nevins credits the practice of yoga for turning his life around after losing his legs in Iraq. This professional speaker, who for more than a decade has shared an inspirational message of leadership, perseverance, resilience and overcoming adversity with audiences around the globe, is also a certified Baptiste Yoga instructor.

Nevins returns to Canton after a successful yoga event last year that drew a large crowd of area residents to support the Wounded Warrior Project. Nevins believes that yoga can help every-



Dan Nevins is a motivational speaker, a nationally recognized Wounded Warrior and a retired U.S. Army staff sergeant. He'll lead Yoga in the Park, scheduled for July 22.

might save their life," he said Dan. "I became a yoga teacher because I knew first hand of the power it has to heal."

All proceeds from this event will go to benefit Wounded Warrior Project. Tickets are on sale now at <https://activenet.active.com/canton>; search Dan Nevins. Tickets are \$35 online and will be \$45 the day of the event. Ticket price includes a Wounded Warrior Project gift bag, while supplies last. Participants will also receive a tax statement at the end of 2017 stating the portion of their donation that is tax-deductible. Learn more about Nevins's incredible story at www.dannevins.com.

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one, especially veterans returning home from service, and encourages

all veterans to try yoga for its physical and emotional benefits. "My

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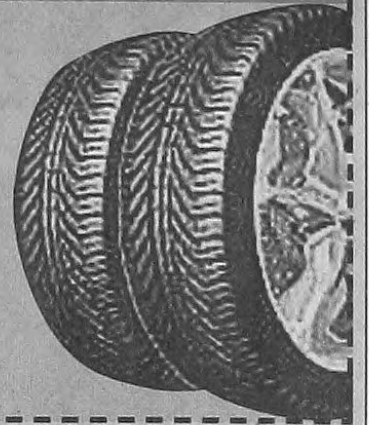
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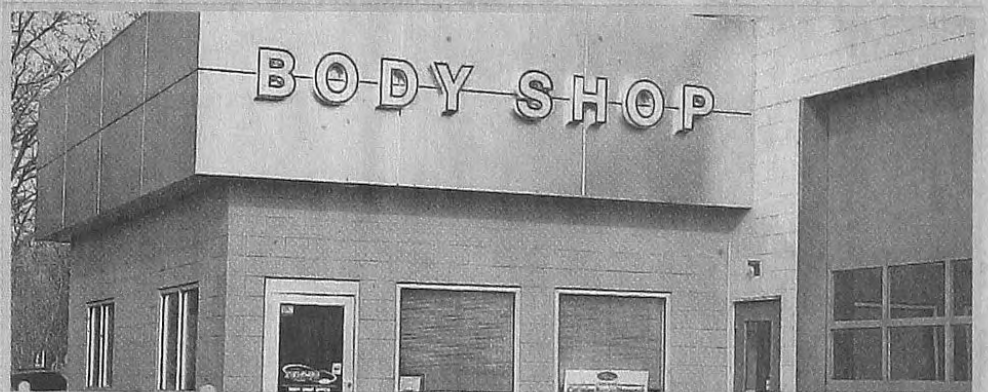


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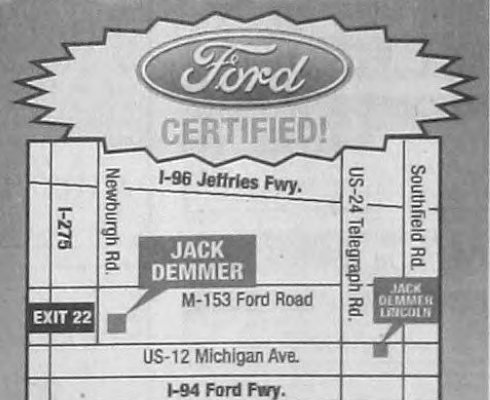
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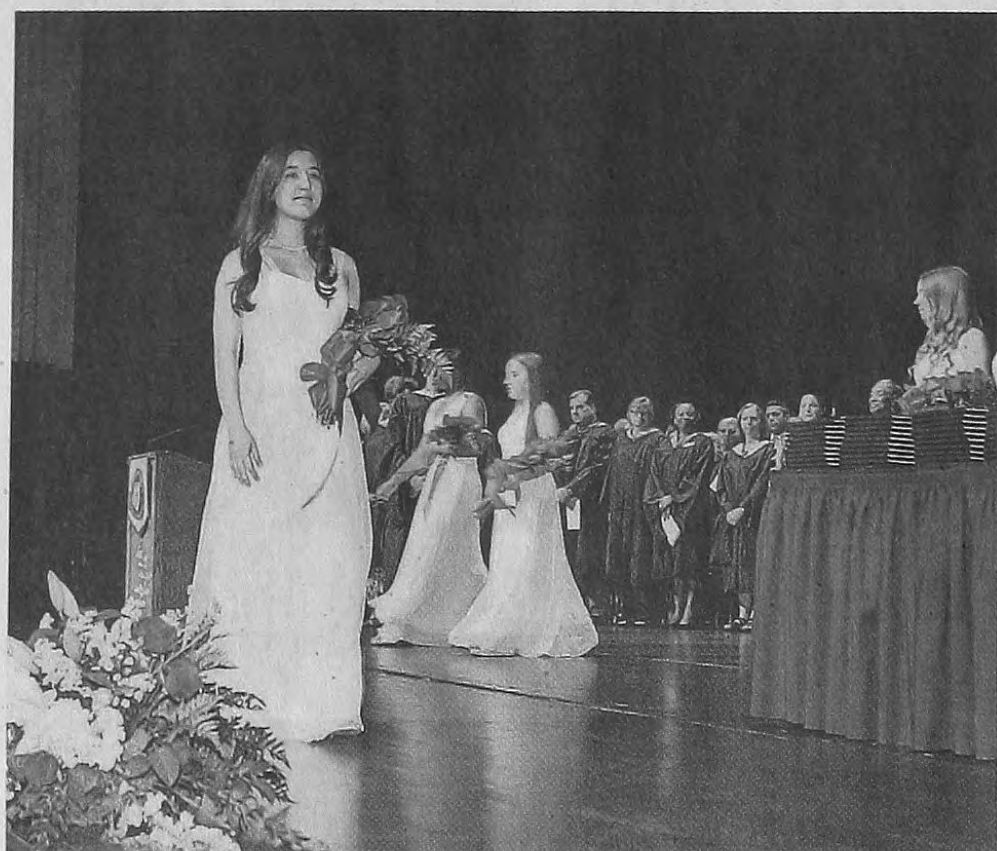
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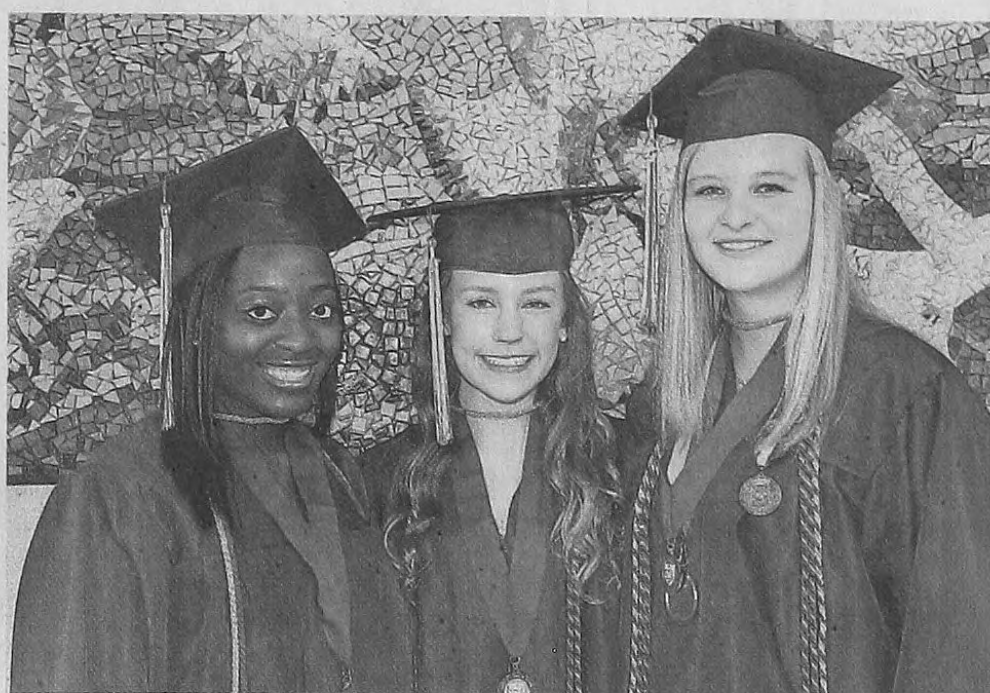


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Noble office hour

State Rep. Jeff Noble of Plymouth will host an open office hour from 5-6 p.m. Monday, June 19, at the Northville Library in Meeting Room B, 212 W. Cady St. in Northville.

No appointment is necessary. Those unable to attend may contact Noble at 517-373-3816 or email JeffNoble@house.mi.gov.

Blessing of wheels

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church will do a special blessing of all wheeled things and the people who use them at 7 p.m. Monday, June 19, rain or shine.

All wheels are welcome, including bicycles, tricycles, cars, motorcycles, wheelchairs, golf carts, skateboards.

Holy Trinity is at 39020 Five Mile Road in Livonia. For more information, call Kathy Weinberg at 734-464-0211 for email cruise@holylivonia.org

LTU graduate, transfer student open house

Lawrence Technological University will host an open house for prospective graduate and transfer students 5:30-7 p.m. Thursday, July 13, on its Southfield campus, 21000 W. 10 Mile Road. Ample free parking is available.

Attendees will have the opportunity to meet with faculty and tour LTU's campus. Hors d'oeuvre will be served.

Applicants are encouraged to bring their unofficial transcripts and resume to begin the application process at the open house. During the event, the application fee will be waived.

To register, call 248-204-3160, email admissions@ltu.edu, or go to www.ltu.edu/event. For more information, go to www.ltu.edu/futurestudents.

Lawrence Technological University is a private university founded in 1932 that offers more than 100 programs through the doctoral level in its Colleges of Architecture and Design, Arts and Sciences, Engineering, and Management. Activities on Lawrence Tech's 107-acre campus include more than 60 student organizations and NIAA varsity sports.

DIA speaker coming to Wayne

The Wayne Historical Society is hosting a behind-the-scenes look into the Detroit Institute of Art with a program called "Cows at the Opera and other Museum Mysteries." The public is invited to the Wayne Historical Museum at 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 21, to hear DIA speaker Dolly Bondarian, who will give a talk and a slide presentation.

The historical society is celebrating Art in the City of Wayne with the Wayne Main Street Program called DIA, Inside Out. The museum is located at One Towne Square in Downtown Wayne. There is no charge to attend; donations are appreciated.

Build a Better World

Six library youth staff at the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland are teaming up with UNICEF Kid Power to make this year's summer reading theme "Build a Better World" a reality. The library ladies are dividing into three teams to compete in a friendly competition to see which team can reach the largest step goal between the start of summer reading and the end July 29. For

each step taken while wearing the UNICEF Kid Power bands, the ladies will help to unlock lifesaving food packets for kids in need around the world.

This year's summer reading program strives to teach children to build a better world by respecting and helping others, taking care of the environment, constructing and, of course, reading. Kids to age 12 can stop by the library to sign up for the summer reading program and watch the ladies' progress! The UNICEF Kid Power bands will be given as prizes at the end of the summer so that kids can continue the task of building a better world.

St. Mary Mercy programs

» Fitness for older adults

MercyElite Sports Performance, St. Mary Mercy Livonia's sports performance training facility, is offering fitness programs for older adults. Senior Fit and Senior Cross Training classes will begin June 19 and will be held twice a week for five weeks.

Free Senior Fit classes will take place Monday and Wednesdays from 10-10:45 a.m., Tuesday and Thursday 10-10:45 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. to noon. The classes are designed to teach seniors how to improve their fitness by increasing their level of physical activity in a group setting, while learning exercise strategies that can be performed at home safely.

The Senior Cross Training class, which costs \$75 per participant, will take place Monday and Wednesdays from 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. The program is created for seniors wanting to advance their level of exercise.

All classes will be held at MercyElite, 13245 Newburgh Road in Livonia. To register, call 734-655-8240.

» Tai Chi for adults with arthritis

St. Mary Mercy Livonia, in collaboration with the Arthritis Foundation, will offer a general exercise program and Tai Chi classes for adults living with arthritis and other related diseases. Classes will be offered Tuesdays and Thursdays, from June 27 through Aug. 25.

The general Exercise Program will take place 10-10:55 a.m. and Tai Chi classes from 11 a.m. to noon. Both will be held in the Wellness Center at St. Mary Mercy Livonia. The exercise program costs \$80 and the Tai Chi class costs \$48.

Registration is required and space is limited. To register, call 734-655-1310.

Plymouths host joint shred event

The city of Plymouth and Plymouth Township will offer a shred day for all residents of both communities from 9 a.m. to noon (or until trucks are filled) Saturday, June 24, at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer. Shred Legal will be providing the on-site shredding services. Plymouth Township will host another joint shred event in the fall.

Paper to be shredded shall be limited to five banker boxes on each trip. Residents can make multiple trips throughout the morning, however. Documents can be in paper bags or boxes when brought to shredding. Documents in plastic bags must be removed.

Residents participating must also provide proof of city or township residence which can be done with a driver's license, voter ID card, water bill, or property

tax bill.

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For more information, email shred@ci.plymouth.mi.us

Tapped In The 'Ville

Tickets are on sale for Tapped in the 'Ville, Northville's inaugural craft beer festival. The festival will be held from noon to 6 p.m. Saturday, June 24, at Millennium Park. Tickets can be purchased at www.northville.org or the chamber office. A limited number of tickets will be available on the day of the event. The festival will also include food trucks, live entertainment and a corn hole tournament.

The \$30 admission ticket includes 10 three-ounce tasting tickets, a 12-ounce festival mug and optional registration for the corn hole tournament.

Participating breweries include Arbor Brewing, Founders Brewing Co., Dragonmead Brewery, Great Lakes Brewing, North Center Brewing Co., Griffin Claw Brewing Co., Oskar Blues Brewing, Roak Brewing Co., Saugatuck Brewing Co. and Shiner Beers.

Free Violin Workshop

The Little Stars Foundation is offering a free violin workshop starting July 19 for children ages 6-13. The registration deadline is June 24. To register, email tlsf@thelittlestars.org.

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 7-9 p.m. at the Canton Administration Building Meeting Room.

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

Flowers Are Forever

The annual Flowers are Forever garden walk in Plymouth will be held from noon to 8 p.m. Tuesday, June 27, rain or shine. Tickets are \$8 in advance and \$10 on the day of the walk. Tickets for children 12 and under are half-price; there is no charge for babes in arms. Strollers are not permitted.

The Trailwood Garden Club, a branch of the Woman's National Farm and Garden Association, is the sponsor. Tickets are available from Garden Club members, Specialty Pet Supplies on Ann Arbor Road and Sideways on Forest Avenue. The ticket includes descriptions of the six gardens, as well as a map to the gardens.

The gardens have a variety of features, as well as many ideas that can be adapted to your own garden. Complimentary refreshments and a perennial sale will be at one of the gardens. Master gardeners will also be available to answer gardening questions.

For more information, call Kate Kerr at 734-748-7991.

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Augspurger Abramowitz



Amy Elizabeth of Fishkill, NY, 41, died peacefully in her sleep at the Kaplan Family Hospice Residence in Newburgh, New York on June 6, 2017. She celebrated her husband's birthday the evening before at a favorite restaurant with him and his family. She was the beloved daughter of her parents Lynn and Judy and a delight to her sister Anne, her brothers John and Tom, and her aunt Carol Augspurger. She was especially devoted to Ron, her husband of 18 years. She was preceded in death by her father Lynn, brother John, uncle Robert Augspurger, and the Peery and Augspurger grandparents. Her family and many friends will miss her dearly. Amy was born at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak, Michigan. She attended Birmingham Public Schools and graduated from John Jay High School in Hopewell Junction, New York. She also attended Dutchess Community College in Poughkeepsie, NY. As a child, Amy enjoyed attending Bloomfield Hills SCAMP. She learned to swim there and joined her friends in the many activities it offered. The fortitude she forged during that time sustained her and inspired many around her throughout her life. She continued to love swimming, first as a member of the high school team and later in the many summers to come with her husband and family. Amy and Ron lived in Fishkill, New York. She worked for over a decade as a sales associate at Target in Poughkeepsie, NY. She shared her life with the friends she met there, appreciated the comradery of her colleagues, and was an example to the community of how to live each day to its fullest. She also liked her volunteer work at the American Red Cross and was proud that she could donate a rare blood type to help others. The Augspurger and Abramowitz families appreciate the dedicated doctors, nurses and caregivers who enabled Amy to live courageously with optimism and love in her heart for almost 42 years. Amy was laid to rest amongst her ancestors at the Mennonite Cemetery in Trenton, Ohio. Amy and Ron attended the Hopewell Reformed Church; her family members invite the community to join them in a celebration of her life at a memorial service at the Church to be set at a future date. Memorial contributions may be made to the Kaplan Family Hospice Residence, c/o Hospice of Orange & Sullivan Counties, 800 Stony Brook Court, Newburgh, NY 12550; www.hospiceoforange.com For online tributes, please visit Amy's page at www.mchoufuneralhome.com.

Fraser



Carol F. Lindsay of Highland Park, Illinois, formerly of Fort Gratiot Township, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, June 13, 2017. She was born September 30, 1938 in Port Huron, Michigan to the late Wilbur "James" and Frances "Louise" Lindsay. In her youth, Carol lived in Port Huron, Westfield, NJ, Romeo, MI and Sterling Heights, MI. She was a proud member of the Romeo High School band where she found many of her lifelong friends. She graduated with honors from Eastern Michigan University, earning her BA and MA in English in 1967. Carol was elected to both Lambda Iota Tau National English Fraternity and Kappa Delta Pi National Educational Fraternity. She married Donald Bruce Fraser on August 13, 1960 in Utica Methodist Church. They were married for 39 years until his death in 1999. Carol and Bruce settled in Livonia, MI where she taught English as an adjunct professor at Schoolcraft College for 24 years. She was active in the community, serving on the PTA and as a Deacon of Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church. She and Bruce moved to Port Huron in the late 1980s and Carol taught at both St. Clair County Community and Baker Colleges. She remained very active in retirement, volunteering at Mercy Hospital and serving as Recording Secretary of the Volunteer Board. Carol was an Elder and Clerk of Session at Lakeshore Presbyterian Church. She was also an enthusiastic member of the local Port Huron Red Hatters and Port Huron Musicales. She moved to Illinois in 2013 and spent the last four years of her life near her children and grandchildren and as a member of The Village Presbyterian Church in Northbrook. She was a voracious reader, enjoyed playing bridge and loved to travel, especially to the British Isles. Above all, she enjoyed spending time with family and friends. She leaves behind a loving family including a daughter, Pat Fraser; son, John Fraser; daughter-in-law, Susan Fraser; grandchildren, Lindsay Fraser, Robert Fraser and Molly Fraser; her brother and sister-in-law, Jim and Shara Lindsay; nephews, Tom Appleman, Rick Appleman, James Appleman and Scott Lindsay; nieces, Susy Flessner and Shara Anne Lindsay; Uncle Tony and Aunt Beth Galen; and many dear cousins, extended family and close friends. She was preceded in death by her husband; parents; sister, Jane Appleman; great niece, Cheryl Louise; and many loving grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, and dear friends. Funeral services were held at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 17, 2017 in Karrer-Simpson Funeral Home, 1720 Elk Street, Port Huron with visitation beginning at 11:30 a.m. The Reverend William Wingrove officiated. Burial followed in Lakeside Cemetery, Port Huron. Memorials may be made to Lakeshore Presbyterian Church. To send condolences, please visit www.karrersimpson.com.

Hanes

Vickie Ann of Westland passed on May 30, 2017. She leaves many friends and family to her memory. Services were held privately at Husband Family Funeral Home (734)331-3349. Interment at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West in Westland, MI.



May you find peace in your time of sorrow.

Jimmerson



Jim age 77 of Fenton formerly of Canton, passed away on June 14, 2017. Beloved husband of 40 years to Clara. Dear father of Gerald William Jimmerson, Shaunda (Kevin) Mankowski, Julie (David) Vaughn, Jeannette (Chuck) Morris, and Jim (Linda) Jimmerson. Proud grandpa of Travis (Brittany) Dutton, Elise (Sean Michael) Brady, Oliver Jimmerson, Tristan Jimmerson, and Clara June Mankowski. Great grandpa of Jace, Reece, Cade, Hudson, and a baby boy on the way! Dear brother of Betty Grayson. Jim retired from the Observer and Eccentric Newspaper as a Production Manager. Services were held at Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, Plymouth. Interment Riverside Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to American Cancer Society or donor's choice. To share a memory, please visit www.vermeulenfuneralhome.com

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John Frederick Age 83, June 13, 2017. Loving father of Kristina M. (John) Pomerville, Amy J. (Jim) Reimer. Cherished grandfather of Rebecca, Peyton, Chase, Holden and Xander. Dear brother of Jane Kieshauer. Please visit www.thayer-rock.com to share a memory or make a donation.

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Jean Mary Laing died peacefully on Saturday evening, June 10, 2017, after a battle with bone cancer. She was born in Dearborn, Michigan, on November 13, 1934 and married her high school sweetheart, David Lawrence Laing, on January 29, 1955. In addition to her husband she is survived by her son Scott David Laing of Saline, Michigan, and four grandchildren. They are: Monica Jean Holmes of Ann Arbor, Michigan; Emily Grace Laing of Saline, Michigan; David Raymond Laing and Julia Mary Laing of Novi, Michigan. She was pre-deceased by her son Keith Lawrence Laing of Novi, Michigan. Jean was involved in numerous organizations in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, including The Meadowbrook Theatre and the Vernor Estates Garden Club. After her husband's retirement they moved to San Diego in 1982 and she became a volunteer in many local organizations. She was active in the Globe Guilders of The Old Globe Theatre having been awarded the Erma Macpherson Founder Award for her many contributions to the Guilders and the Theatre. For many years she was a member of the RITZ Committee of the San Diego Zoo. Also, she twice co-chaired The Gala, the main fund-raising function of the North Coast Repertory Theater. Memorial contributions can be made to The Old Globe, P.O. Box 122171, San Diego, CA 92112-2171 or the North Coast Repertory Theater, 987 Lomas Santa Fe Drive, Suite D, Solana Beach, CA 92075. No services are planned.

Pappas

Bernice I., June 15, 2017 age 93 of Plymouth. Beloved wife of the late John. Loving mother of John (Bobbi) and Greg (Gloria). Proud grandmother of Tony (Rachelle), Julie (Jay) Couch, Steven (Kelly), Lisa Smith, and Naomi (Ryan) McCarty. Adoring great grandmother of five. Dear sister of Marvin Wilson, Don (Barbara) Wilson, and Bruce (Ruth) Wilson. Memorial Visitation, Sunday 12-6 PM at Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Rd., (Btwn Sheldon & Beck) Plymouth. To share a memory, please use funeral visit www.vermeulenfuneralhome.com

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'I HAD TO LEARN TO BE HOMELESS'

Lansing's Mike Karl and Homeless Angels group are about second chances

RACHEL GRECO
USA TODAY NETWORK

Each week, this series will introduce you to an exceptional American who unites, rather than divides, our communities. To read more about the American profiled here and more average Americans doing exceptional things, visit onenation.usatoday.com.

LANSING, Mich. - Mike Karl credits the homeless community with helping him survive six months on the streets of Lansing more than a decade ago. It's why he has dedicated his life to homeless outreach.

In late 2004 he lost his home to the bank and couldn't pay his bills. Then he started drinking.

"I only had me and a bottle, really, and I talked too much to that bottle," Karl said. "It took over. It was the worst time in my life. I lost touch with everything."

He managed to keep his job at General Motors' Delta Township Assembly plant, but slept on park benches and street corners. He said it was other homeless individuals who taught him how to stay warm, showed him where he could get food and take a shower.

"I had to learn how to be homeless," Karl said. "It's not a skill that you have. They pretty much showed me exactly what I needed to do, and they became family."

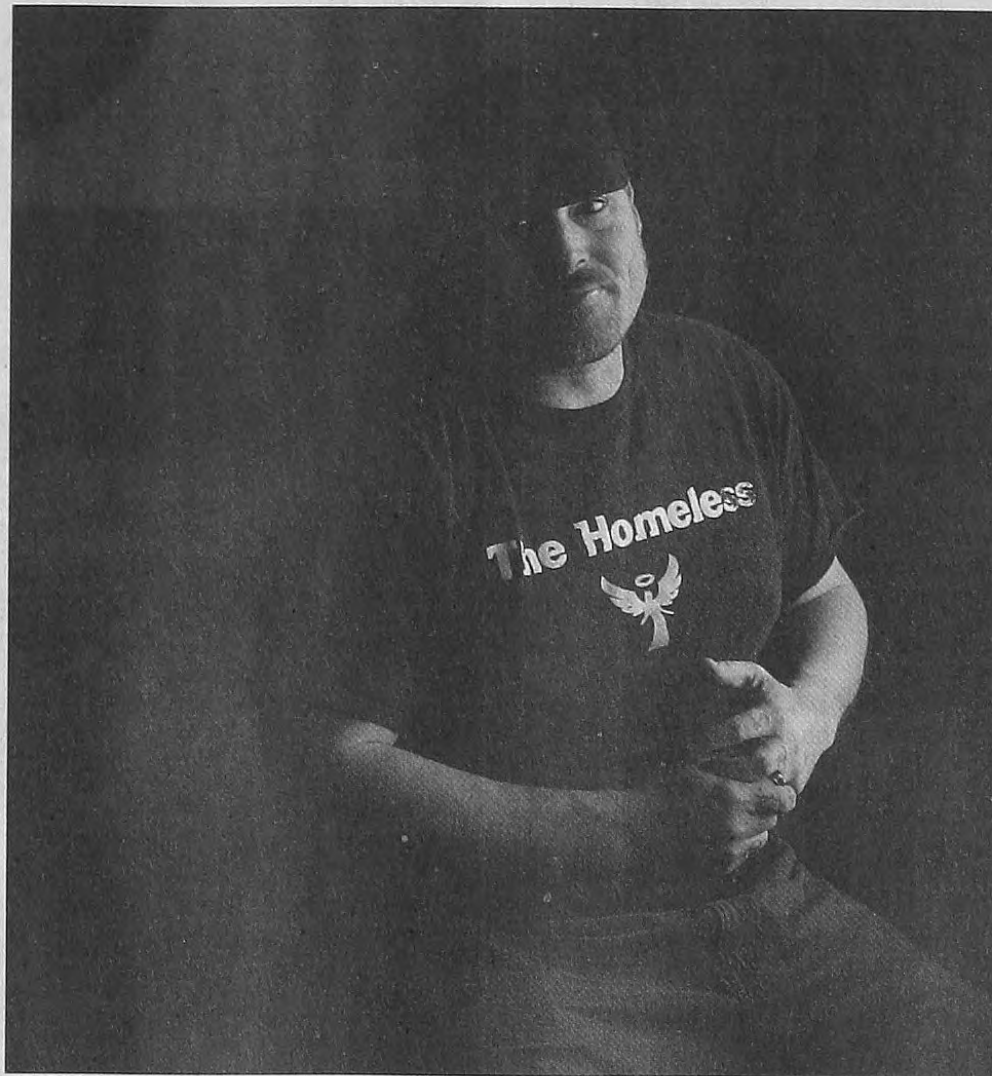
Karl said it took him two years and a second chance from a pastor to deal with his alcoholism and stabilize his life.

Today that's what Karl's grass-roots organization, Homeless Angels, believes in — chances, sometimes as many as it takes to help get someone off the streets.

The non-profit, founded four years ago, provides temporary housing for homeless individuals and families at the Burkewood Inn. The group takes donations to fund outreach.

The effort grew around Karl's yearly "week on the streets" every November, during which he would spend his nights sleeping in homeless camps around Lansing. He documented the experience with photos and videos.

Karl still works full time at GM, but



Mike Karl, the founder of Homeless Angels, poses for a portrait in a room at the Burkewood Inn in Lansing, Mich.

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spends nearly as much time in his office at the Burkewood in Lansing Township.

He spends his mornings working to help find shelter for people who don't have homes and encouraging clients to seek employment and other assistance.

If there are issues, Karl usually handles them with ease, said Amanda Zimmerman, who works with Homeless Angels. "He can get to the level where they're at," she said.

ONE NATION NOMINATE AN AMERICAN

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Mike Karl

Location: Lansing, Michigan

Age: 39

Profession: General Motors assembly plant team leader

Mission: Homeless outreach. Founder of Homeless Angels

Q&A WITH MIKE KARL

What does it mean to you to be an American?

To me it means we're all family, all races and colors and ethnic backgrounds. It's helping each other. It's trying to unite people, trying to give people a way to help people, and allowing each other to see who we really are as people. All of us, when it's nighttime outside, we're all Americans. There's nothing that separates us.

What moment touched and motivated you to take part in this effort?

When the pastor who helped me died, it sparked something in me. I wanted to make sure that his legacy and his effort, that I saw work, continued. It's really important work.

What gives you hope and what concerns you?

I get hope from people who do the smallest, kindest things. They see change and how easy it is to put a smile on someone's face. What really concerns me in today's times is we're becoming too connected with our phones and we've forgotten what real conversation is, and I hope we can get back to that.

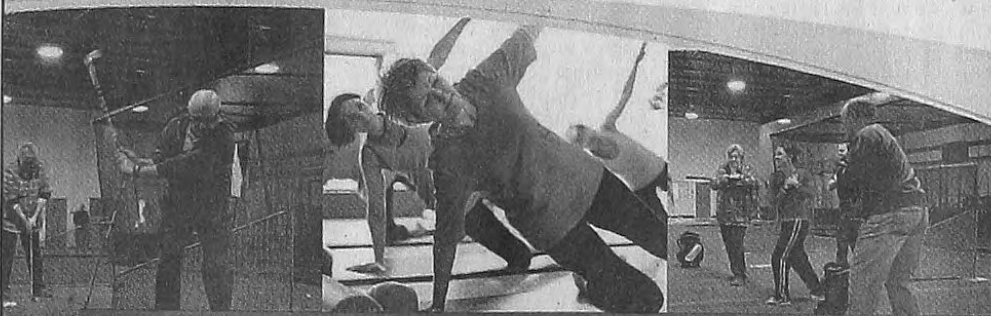
What do you hope to accomplish through your efforts?

I want to end homelessness in every state in this country. These people are afraid. They're depressed. Their anxiety may be up. They just want someone to talk to, just like anyone else. Your approach is what really opens the door for love, change and acceptance. They're somebody's son, somebody's brother, somebody's mother. We try to make that real for people, and allow for their lives to change. It doesn't just change the life of someone on the street. It changes our lives too. It's making things better. Can I help everyone? No, but I'm going to try.

"I had to learn how to be homeless. It's not a skill that you have. They pretty much showed me exactly what I needed to do, and they became family."

MIKE KARL, HOMELESS ANGELS

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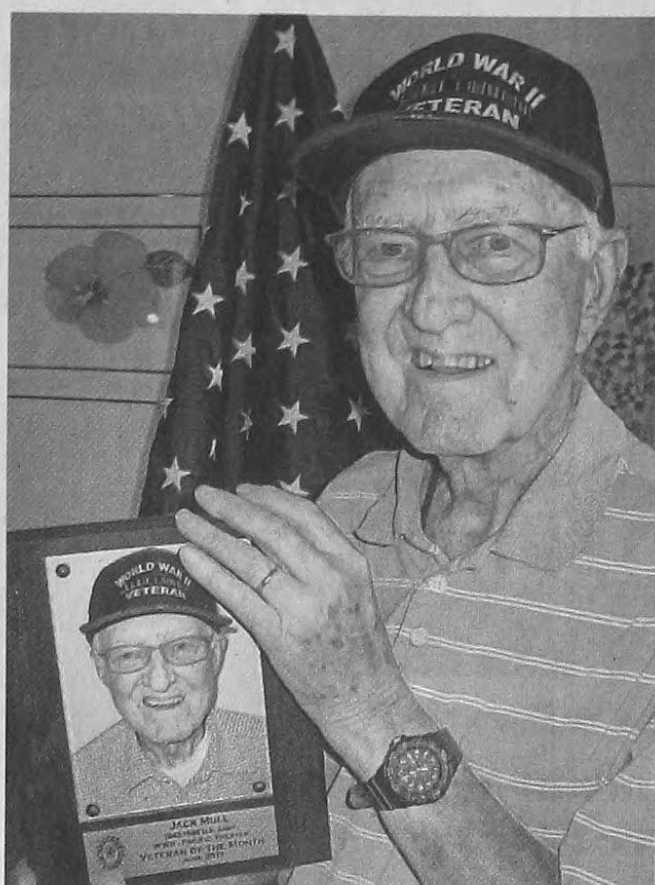
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Livonia man is Veteran of the Month for June

Jack Mull, a World War II veteran from Livonia, was honored as the June 2017 Veteran of the Month by the Sons of the American Legion, Squadron 32, of the Myron H. Beals American Legion Post 32 in Livonia.

Mull served in the U.S. Army from 1943-46. He was born in Detroit and raised in Wyandotte. He graduated from Roosevelt High School in 1943 and immediately received his draft notice. He went to the induction office at Fort Wayne in Detroit, where he was assigned to limited service. "I had a bad right eye and didn't think it would matter," Mull said. "They told me I could not be in the infantry, but I could join anyhow."

One month later, he was sent to Fort Custer for uniforms, then sent to Fort Sheridan, Ill., for six weeks of boot camp. Mull was next sent to the Upper Peninsula as an M.P. His job was to guard the German POWs. A lot of the German POW camps in Michigan were formerly CCC camps and filled mainly with Germans who were forced into service in Hitler's army that fought in Africa. Therefore, they were not thought of as too terribly dangerous and were brought here to work at various camps. These camps were not forced labor camps. In



Jack Mull of Livonia served in the Pacific during World War II.

fact, the POWs liked being able to go out and do something, plus the ones cutting pulpwood in Michigan's U.P. were paid 80 cents per day. "Most of them were glad to be here," Mull said. "They had plenty of food, cigarettes and beer, with a place to stay and no worry about being shot at. The area around the camp only had a few

barbed wire fences that were about three feet high. We never had any problems." Mull was back and forth between Camp Norrie and Camp Evelyn and was allowed to go home for two weeks during Christmas 1943. Upon his return, he was sent to Fort Brady in Sault Sainte Marie to guard the Soo Locks and check the IDs of persons

working there to protect against any sabotage. Mull wanted to get involved in the fighting and, when given the opportunity by his commanding officer, replied with a resounding "yes."

Mull was then sent to Camp Ellis Unit Training Center and POW camp, in western Illinois. He was assigned to the 93rd Field Hospital as a medic and sent to Camp Robinson, Ark., where he was trained in orthopedic plaster casts. "It was February '45 in Arkansas and it was bitterly cold in those tents, but we survived," Mull said. After training, he was sent to San Francisco, where he boarded the MS Noordham, a Dutch luxury ocean liner that was converted to a troop carrier in 1942. "There we were, out on the ocean with no armament and no escort and 5,000 troops," Mull said. "My bunk was down below and I could touch the hull. All I could think about was a torpedo coming through the side. I couldn't sleep there, so I took my blanket and slept on the deck, rain or shine for the whole 40-day voyage."

They eventually picked up an escort ship near Guadalcanal, sailed past Finschhafen, Papua New Guinea, and joined a convoy near Hollandia, Papua New Guinea. They

then continued on to the Philippines, past the island of Mindanao to Tacloben, Leyte Island, the landing site of Gen. MacArthur, where they waited for a week as the U.S. continued fighting the Japanese in Manila. They then sailed to Manila and set up a field hospital near Zablan Army Air Field at Camp Murphy, located in Quezon City west of Manila. "There were still pockets of Japanese soldiers around and one day a buddy and I were walking north of the camp, when a Jeep came racing down the road and told us 50 Japanese troops had broken through our lines and were heading our way," Mull said. "Needless to say, we hot-footed it back to camp."

Mull spent a total of one year, one month and one day in the Pacific before returning to the U.S. "The trip back to San Francisco wasn't bad," he said. "We were on a navy ship and it only took 14 days and I was able to see the Golden Gate Bridge as we sailed under it." Mull was then sent to Camp McCoy, where he was discharged in 1946.

Mull met his wife Mary when he returned home. They were married in 1948 and were married for 68 years until her death in 2016. They have two children,

four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Mull worked at Hudson Motors for a few weeks upon returning home, then got a job at Ford in the motor building, where he worked for four years on production. He spent the next four years as a hydraulic apprentice and then was transferred to the Livonia plant as a hydraulics maintenance technician. He retired from Ford in 1980 with 34 years service. He has been a Livonia resident for 60 years and has been working at the Idyl Wyld Golf Course for the past 11 years as a ranger.

Mull was interviewed by members of the S.A.L. Veteran of the Month Committee and a DVD was made and shown at the June 6 S.A.L. membership meeting. A plaque was presented to him from Livonia Trophy with his picture and service information. An additional plaque was also put on display in the vestibule of the American Legion Hall. The S.A.L. invites local residents to attend its monthly meetings to listen to the Veteran of the Month. The public is also encouraged to nominate veterans to be honored at its meetings. Nomination forms can be picked up at the American Legion Hall, 9318 Newburgh Road, Livonia, MI 48150.

Can you travel the world without leaving Michigan?

Yes, you can travel to places like Atlanta, Portland and St. Louis without leaving Michigan.

Michigan has many towns with the same names as major cities around the country, 44 of them, all but one founded before 1900. Many were actually named after their counterparts in other states. Here they are, starting with Atlanta, Georgia; Portland, Ore.; and St. Louis, Mo.

Michigan's Atlanta is in Montmorency County, at M-32 and M-33. Named after the Georgia city, but a bit smaller (population 300).

Northwest of Lansing on I-96 in Ionia County is Portland. Sure, it's smaller (population 900) than the Portlands in Oregon and Maine, but look how close it is. It's named for its fine boat landings on the Grand and Looking Glass rivers.

St. Louis is a city of 7,500 in Gratiot County, off U.S. 127, north of Lansing founder Charles Gratiot named it after the one in Missouri.

The other 41 Michigan towns that share their names with some of our nation's larger cities include:



Gene Scott
GUEST COLUMNIST

» Akron, in Tuscola County west of M-24, near Bay City. This village of 400 and its township were named after Akron, Ohio.

» Michigan's Augusta, closer but smaller (population 900) than the ones in Georgia and Maine, is in Kalamazoo County, west of Battle Creek. It was named after the city in Maine. It's also the home of Fort Custer National Cemetery.

» Michigan has two Austins. One is south of U.S. 12 in Hillsdale County and has 100 population. The other Austin (population 200), founded 1901, is south of Marquette in the U.P. Neither Austin was named after the Texas capital.

» Bangor, a city of 1,800, is on M-43 in Van Buren County. Also a Bangor Township nearby. Named after the city in Maine.

» Closer by far than Montana is Billings, Gladwin County. It's part of Billings Township (population 700).



This former C&O Railroad Depot is now the St. Louis, Mich., Historical Museum.

» Birmingham is a city of 20,000 in Oakland County. First called Bloomfield, it was renamed after the city in England, not the one in Alabama.

» Bismark, N.D., is has a counterpart in Eaton County, west of Lansing, a town within Sunfield Township (population 2,200).

» Our Brooklyn is south of the city of Jackson. In 1833, its residents voted to rename their town after its New York namesake. Population 1,700.

» Charleston, S.C.? We have one in Cass County, another in Sanilac County. Little of either town is left.

» Charlotte is a city of

9,000 just off I-69, Eaton County. It was named after an early settler's wife, not the North Carolina capital.

» Our counterpart to Ohio's capital, Michigan's Columbus is one of dozens of U.S. cities named after the founder of our country. In St. Clair County, near I-69. Barely 200 residents, but it's in Columbus Township.

» Michigan has many Dovers, towns within townships in four counties: Cass (population 300); Clare (300); Lenawee (1,800); and Washtenaw (6,000). None are connected with Dover, Del.

» You don't have to go far to get to Michigan's Fargo, in St. Clair County.

It's now a town of less than 50. Named after its postmaster, Charles Farr.

» Lexington is on Lake Huron in Sanilac County. Like most other Lexingtons in 17 other states, it's named after the Revolutionary War battle near Lexington, Mass.

Township (population 3,100) in Shiawassee County. Named after Moses Pitts. Like at least 12 other Pittsburgs around the country, it's spelled without the 'h.' So the first Pittsburgh, the one in Pennsylvania, does not have an exact same

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PRO BASEBALL

Jipping's college detour pays off

PCA alum leaving Central early to join Rockies' organization

Tim Smith
hometownlife.com

Faith and baseball are intertwined at the top of Daniel Jipping's world. He listened to his heart in 2014, deciding the time wasn't right to take his chances with that year's Major League Baseball draft.

Jipping, a power-hitting catcher for Plymouth Christian Academy, opted instead to play NCAA Division I baseball at

Central Michigan University. It was the ultimate win-win for Jipping. Not only did he have an outstanding three-year career at CMU, he is getting the chance to turn pro after all — he was taken Wednesday with the 656th pick of this year's MLB draft by the Colorado Rockies.

"The college experience made me exponentially better as a player," the 21-year-old Canton native said Wednesday.

"I was able to get the experience and coaching I needed to develop. I was also able to grow as a man, which is something we preach at Central."

"I also think, most importantly, my faith grew through all the ups and downs of college and life."

Now primarily an outfielder-first baseman, Jipping is "excited" to leave Monday for his



Following through after hammering another pitch for Central Michigan University is Daniel Jipping, a Canton native who was drafted Wednesday by the Colorado Rockies.

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JUNIOR HOCKEY

HIS CUP RUNNETH OVER

Plymouth's Boka relishes Spits' history-making title run, eyes NHL future

Tim Smith
hometownlife.com

Ask Windsor Spitfires forward Luke Boka if it was worth going through more than six weeks of intense training, the kind that literally makes one sick, in order to take a victorious taste out of the Memorial Cup.

The Plymouth native, 17, wasted no time answering that question.

"We had 44 days off to prepare for Memorial Cup, it was terrible," Boka said during a telephone interview last week. "Waking up at 5 a.m., running five kilometers, running hills at 6 o'clock in the morning, back skating every day. We were puking. It was awful."

"But I'm so glad we did it, because winning this thing truly is the best thing that's ever happened to me."

Boka and the Spitfires capped the ultimate underdog story May 28 with their 4-3 victory over the Erie Otters in Game 7 of the 2017 Memorial Cup final at Windsor's WFCU Centre.

His parents (Lora and Don Boka of Plymouth), hockey-playing brother Nicholas and other family and friends made the short trek to Windsor for the big night to make the experience even more unforgettable.

"It was awesome," Boka said. "You can't really describe what it feels like to play here (Windsor) and be a part of such a great program. It's been surreal these past few weeks with the cup and everything. It's been awesome."

Making history

The championship journey was one for the books, too.

In early April, Windsor lost a heartbreaking seven-game series to London in the opening round of the Ontario Hock-



Luke Boka triumphantly holds the Memorial Cup after the Windsor Spitfires upended Erie in Game 7.



Windsor forward Luke Boka (right) battles Erie's Mitchell Byrne for a loose puck during the recent Memorial Cup finals.

"It's been surreal these past few weeks with the cup and everything. It's been awesome."

LUKE BOKA

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PREP SOFTBALL

Cougars pay price for late miscues

Garden City unable to close out win over No. 1 Macomb Dakota

Tim Smith
hometownlife.com

Garden City played six superb innings Tuesday against No. 1-ranked Macomb Dakota in a Division 1 softball state quarterfinal at Wayne State University.

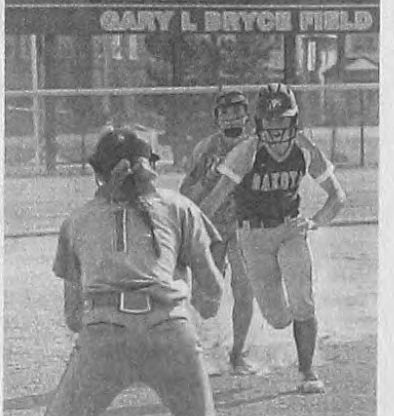
And then came the seventh. A series of boots and bobbles unfolded as the pressure intensified. When all was said and done, Garden City literally let a monumental victory slip away — losing a 6-5 crusher just three days after experiencing the euphoria of a walk-off homer in the regional final.

"I think we just kind of got ahead of ourselves," said Cougars senior outfielder Alicia Ascencio, who hit the regional-winning homer against Grosse Pointe North. "We were just thinking too much instead of just playing the game how we normally play it."

Senior outfielder Aleea Montgomery said her team got too excited when it got to the top of the seventh with Garden City up 4-1, needing three more

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Garden City's Alissa Turnbull tries to chase down Dakota's Lauren Bobowski during the top of the seventh as Garden City shortstop Natalie Billings covers third. Dakota tied the game on the play that failed to produce an out.

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PREP BASEBALL

Stevenson's Posky to toe Comerica Park mound

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Livonia Stevenson's Branden Posky loves going to Comerica Park to watch the Detroit Tigers.

On Tuesday, he will step onto the big-league field as a player — for the Michigan High School Baseball Coaches Association East All-Stars. The game will take place at 7 p.m. and also include Livonia Franklin's Kolby Dewhirst.

"It was an honor to

have been selected to play at Comerica Park for the all-star game," Posky, a recent Stevenson graduate, wrote in an email to the Observer. "I can't believe I'm getting the opportunity to play on a field that I visit so often."

"I'm looking forward to pitching on the same mound that professionals have stepped foot on. Also, playing under the lights will be a blast."

The hard work Posky turned in with Jeff Tanderys and Spartans head

coach Rick Berryman "helped me become the pitcher I am today," talented enough to play in the prestigious game.

Posky — who also played outfield when not on the mound for Stevenson — was 7-1 during his senior season and finished with a career ERA of 2.16, along with being part of three Livonia City Tournament championships and three district titles.

The Comerica Park chance follows another Posky milestone. He

recently signed to play Division I baseball at Oakland University.

"I have always wanted to compete at the Division I level and am excited that I will be able to do that at Oakland University," Posky wrote. "I'm also extremely grateful to be able to go to such a wonderful school to fulfill my educational goals."

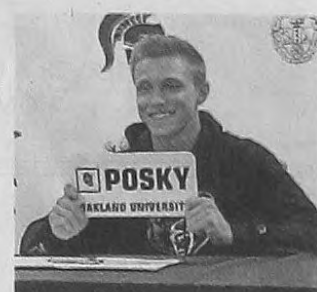
At Oakland, the 18-year-old Posky (owner of a 3.8 GPA) will pursue a business degree.

"A big thanks to all the

personal support I have received from my mother, Denise Stempien, my father, Michael Posky, my step-father, Louis Stempien, and most of all my grandfather, James Florence," Posky wrote.

Other baseball highlights for Posky include being picked to several all-district and all-regional teams and throwing a no-hitter in the 2016 districts.

In addition to Posky and Dewhirst, Lutheran Westland coach Kevin Wade and Canton coach



STEVENSON ATHLETICS

Branden Posky not only will play Division I baseball at Oakland University, he will play in Tuesday's prep all-star game at Comerica Park.

Mark Blomshield will be part of the East All-Stars coaching staff Tuesday.

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COUGARS

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outs to advance to the D1 semifinal at Michigan State University.

"After we started making runs off them, we were, like, 'Wow, we're about to win,' but we shouldn't have," Montgomery said. "We should have just played the game."

Veteran Garden City coach Barry Patterson echoed his seniors, calling it a "situation where you get so anxious to win. This was a huge game. We weren't supposed to play with this team and we had an opportunity to win."

Garden City's trademark strong defense helped the team reach the seventh up by three runs, but then junior pitcher April Rudolph hit lead-off batter Corbin Hison to open the inning and the wheels started to wobble.

Then came an error and a single to load the bases with one out. Julia Salisbury ripped a liner that Garden City senior center fielder Brittany Radtke made a nice back-



DAN DEAN

Garden City junior pitcher April Rudolph was cruising through six innings Tuesday at Wayne State in the D1 softball quarterfinal.

hand grab on to stem the tide.

Couldn't slow it down

But those wheels completely fell off during the next few plays.

Kendahl Dunford hit a line single to right for one run, but Montgomery fired to second base and had Katie Popko hung up between the bases because she thought the ball might be caught in the outfield.

Instead, the ball was

dropped at second base, another run crossed the plate and suddenly it was a 4-3 game.

After Dunford moved up a base on a pitch in the dirt, Jackie Popko grounded to short to tie the game. Unfortunately for Garden City, an out also wasn't recorded on the play because a run-down ended with another dropped ball.

Arianna Grammatico's grounder to first finally put Macomb Dakota in the lead and a

wild pitch opened up a 6-4 edge.

"I think we just sped the game up a little too fast. We tried to get outs before we had the balls," Patterson said. "We bobbled a couple, just trying too fast. Routine plays and we didn't slow the game down enough in our minds to be able to take the time and make the plays."

"I probably should have called a timeout and talked about slowing the game down. In hindsight, that would have been a better move. I didn't do that. It's just one of those things. Sometimes the last three are tougher than the first 18."

Yet Garden City didn't go down without a fight, fresh off that miraculous June 10 victory against the Norsemen.

With one out, junior Natalie Billings worked the count and drew a gutsy walk after falling behind 1-2.

Montgomery grounded out, but Ascencio singled over the head of pitcher Dunford to put the tying run on base.

Senior Shelby Casey followed with an RBI single and courtesy runner Cortni Mowrer ad-

vanced to second on a subsequent wild pitch with senior Alissa Turnbull at bat.

Remember the good

One hit away from another walk-off victory, Turnbull instead hit a grounder to shortstop for the final out.

"Last week, we were in a situation, we got that big three-run homer and the other team had to walk away thinking, 'What just happened?'" Patterson said. "We were kind of on the other end of that today."

"I told the girls it stings now, it hurts a little bit and we'll remember it. But I know from experience, down the road we're going to remember the happy and we'll forget the bad."

Garden City (28-13) lost 18-3 to Macomb Dakota early in the season, but Tuesday's contest was different from the outset, with RBI singles by Montgomery (scoring Radtke, who went 2-for-3) and Casey (2-for-4, two RBIs) making it a 2-0 contest.

Rudolph got out of a bases-loaded jam in the top of the fifth, with second baseman Turnbull

fielding a sharp grounder and throwing to first to retire the side.

Radtke and Billings opened the bottom half with singles, and Ascencio (2-for-3, two RBIs) scored both with a booming double to deep center, padding the lead to four runs.

Ascencio went to third on the play, but was left stranded with a potential fifth run.

Even without the extra run, things still looked rosy for Garden City. Then came the thorny finish.

Yet Patterson said his players — especially seniors Ascencio, Casey, Turnbull, Radtke and Montgomery — can hold their heads high.

"The seniors will remember last week coming off (the field) with that big win," Patterson said, "and today playing against the No. 1 team in the state and playing them seven innings and having a shot to win it until the last pitch of the game."

"We just didn't quite finish it out."

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ey League playoffs.

Yet Boka and his teammates knew their season wasn't over because the Spitfires were hosting the Memorial Cup — with the OHL, Quebec Major Junior Hockey League and Western Hockey League playoff champions making up three of the four contestants and the host team rounding out the bracket.

"We beat all three of them and we're champions," Boka said. "Everyone doubted us as the underdog and we came out on top. It was pretty special. The place was sold out every game we had. It was awesome. I've never experienced anything like it. They (fans) definitely gave us a lot of energy."

With the win, Windsor became the first team to get bounced in the opening round and still win the Memorial Cup as a host team.

Boka was played a key role in the Spitfires' championship, part of a shutdown penalty kill unit. He also was a solid



The Boka family of Plymouth helped Luke Boka celebrate his team's Memorial Cup championship at WFCU Centre in Windsor. From left are parents Lora and Don, Luke, sister Allison and brother Nicholas.

offensive contributor throughout the regular season with 13 goals and 15 assists.

"In the final game

they (Otters) had three or four power play," Boka said. "They scored on one of them, but they have one of the best power

plays in the league, so you can't ask much more than to kill three of them off."

Windsor nod

And he wasn't afraid to mix things up, when necessary. The NHL player he said he tries to emulate is Windsor native and former Detroit Red Wings player Steve Ott.

"He's a Windsor guy. I really love the way he plays," Boka said. "I think I play like him, just a lot of energy, a lot of sacrifice and doing whatever it takes to win. It's guys like that that I try to play like and model my game after. Those guys with that kind of character, that kind of compete level, those are the ones that are destined to be champions."

Still, the former Plymouth Victory Honda player said there were some butterflies to deal with on the eve of the make-or-break seventh game.

So he exchanged texts with 19-year-old brother Nicholas Boka — property of the NHL Minnesota Wild and a defenseman for the University of Michigan.

wanted to correct it before he left the field."

He crushed it

Bottorff said that dedication paid off in college. Jipping's bigger, stronger physique enabled him to elevate his game even more.

"I saw him about two months after he got there and I couldn't believe the change in his body," Bottorff said. "I went to see him play vs. Toledo this spring and when I saw him at the plate, I said to myself, 'That boy has turned into a man.' But then I waited for him after the game and he is still the happy-go-lucky

"He said, 'I wish I could tell you not to be nervous and just go out there and play your game, but to be honest, just enjoy it and have fun with it,'" Luke said.

"You're never going to experience something like this again. Just make the most out of everything. That helped me a lot."

Having the older Boka (who is turning 20 soon) in his corner was another reason for Luke to go into Game 7 with plenty of confidence.

"Seeing his work ethic growing up and seeing the way he prepares himself to play at the highest level truly is second to none," Luke Boka said. "He's really been a big influence in my career and he's been a big role model for me."

NHL dream

Another topic the brothers can discuss is handling the pressure and anticipation that comes with the National Hockey League Entry Draft.

Nicholas Boka was selected in the sixth round of the 2015 draft by Minnesota; Luke will find out June 23-24 at the

United Center in Chicago whether he, too, will hear his name called.

"I'm ranked (201st by) NHL Central Scouting, I don't know if I'm going to get picked or not," Luke Boka said. "But I think the Memorial Cup performance I had should give me a little better shot."

"Honestly, if I get picked, that's great, but at the end of the day, nothing really fazes me that much. I know what I have to do to be able to play in the NHL one day."

He added that getting to the NHL is a grind that takes a number of years, at least for most players.

"It doesn't matter how good you are when you're 17, the average NHL rookie is 23 or 24 years old," Boka said. "I got a lot of time to develop and become a better hockey player. I really can't get too worried about draft rankings or where I think I'm going to get drafted to. It's a process."

If the way Boka and the Spitfires won a championship is any indication, he already knows the best things in hockey are worth waiting for.

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JIPPING

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first pro assignment, with the Rockies' Class A Boise (Idaho) Hawks.

Jipping is giving up his senior year with the Chipewas, where he was a first team all-Mid-American Conference player in 2017 after batting .309 with 11 homers and 61 RBIs (all team-leading marks). As CMU's clean-up hitter, he sparked the Chips to the MAC West Division title.

Happy and humbled

When he got the word that Colorado selected him, Jipping was home with his family. That's another key aspect of his life.

"My reaction was extremely happy and excited," Jipping said. "I was very thankful to be drafted by the Rockies and thankful that God gave me the opportunity for it. I knew that this opportunity is all God and all his doing and I'm incredibly grateful for his presence in my life and just not in the area of baseball."

His Plymouth Christian coach, Joe Bottorff, said Jipping's supreme

work ethic and love for baseball were why he never doubted the former Eagles all-star eventually would hear his name called by a MLB team.

"I believe the thing that will help him the most, and I'm not sure the Rockies know this yet, is his work ethic," Bottorff said. "I remember when he was still in high school, if he didn't think he squared up everything during a game, he wanted to take extra swings after everyone else was long gone. He didn't care who would be there to pitch to him, sometimes it was me and sometimes it was his mom (Lisa Jipping), he

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kid that just loves to play baseball."

Jipping won't throw all his life's eggs into his equipment bag, however.

Carrying a 3.94 grade-point average with a major in finance — the 12th player in CMU history named to the second team Academic All-America — he intends to eventually finish his degree.

That shouldn't be a problem.

Jipping has proven he can hit the heck out of a baseball and wait for whatever God has in store for him.

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Daniel Jipping has made plenty of strides since his senior season at Plymouth Christian Academy.

PREP BASEBALL

Northville reaches first-ever state final

Ziparo's four-hitter gives Mustangs 9-1 semifinal win vs. Grand Haven

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Although final exams were out of the way, Northville's baseball team aced another test in Thursday's MHSAA Division 1 state semifinal at Michigan State's McLane Stadium.

The Mustangs received an A-plus pitching outing from senior left-hander Connor Ziparo in a convincing 9-1 victory over Grand Haven to reach its first-ever state championship final in school history.

Northville was scheduled Saturday to play Saline (38-3) for the state championship.

Ziparo's performance was masterful as he tossed a four-hitter while allowing just one walk and a hit batter, going all seven innings as Northville improved to 30-10.

After throwing in the regional final against Hartland on normal rest, Ziparo befuddled Grand Haven (24-16) with an assortment of pitches.

"The biggest game of my life," Ziparo said. "I've been all around the country playing in tournaments and nothing beats that, man. That's a great feeling."

The crafty lefty, who has an earned-run average hovering near 1.20, struck out four in raising his season record to 7-2.

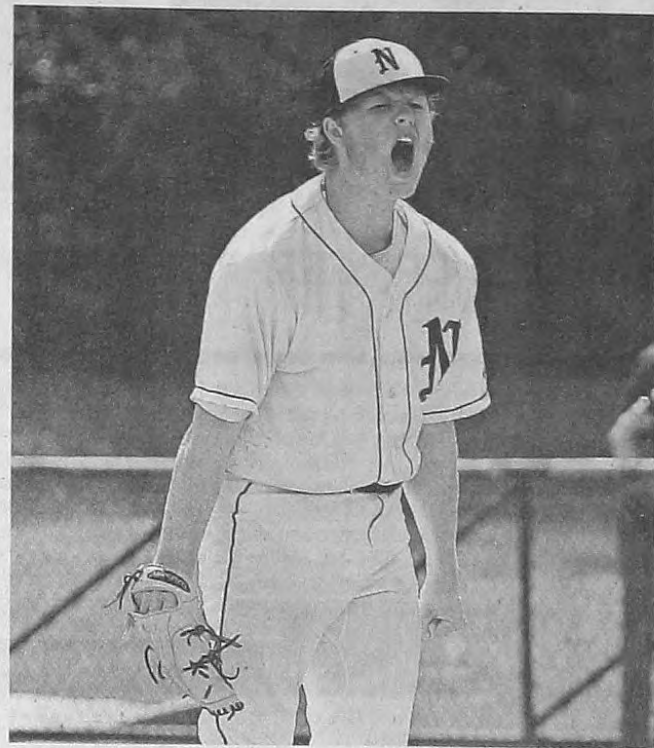
"The fastball was working today," he said. "I struggled finishing on the curve ball, but the fastball ... I put it both sides of the plate, so that was really the go-to pitch today."

Meanwhile, Northville's revived postseason offense continued to thrive as it has now outscored six state tournament opponents by an aggregate of 44-6.

"One through nine in the lineup, we've all been hitting well," said junior



Northville's Aram Shahrigian is congratulated at the dugout after scoring in Thursday's win over Grand Haven.



Starting pitcher Connor Ziparo celebrates on the mound after striking out the last batter in the top of the seventh to end the game.

catcher Billy Flohr, who went 2-for-4 with a bunt single and triple. "And we're putting some hits together."

The Mustangs gave Grand Haven a dose small ball with two bunt singles and two other sacrifice bunts.

In the bottom of the first inning, Kevin Morrissey led off with a single and Nick Prystash was hit in the helmet by a Sean Casey pitch. After a sacrifice bunt by Flohr to move the runners over, Jake Moody came through with a two-run single.

Northville added another run in the second on a bunt single by Michael Lionas, who later stole second and took third on a wild pitch before coming home on a Christian Williams single.

The Mustangs scored one in the fourth without the benefit of a hit as Lionas was hit by a pitch to lead off the inning. He moved to second on a sacrifice bunt by Alex Garbacik and scored on an infield error off a bunt by Morrissey that was mishandled by the Bucs to make it 4-0.

"The bunting game we've talked a lot about in the last couple of weeks, that it's really going to become important when we get to games like this," said 13th-year Northville coach John Kostrzewa, who notched his 350th career win. "We were able to execute some sacrifice bunts that turned into base hits because they were so good. We had a couple of bunts for hits that came through."

In the fifth, Northville padded its lead to 7-0, scoring three more runs. Aram Shahrigian doubled, stole third and scored on a Grand Haven error. Pinch-hitter Jack Sargent tripled home Moody, who had been hit by a pitch, one of four by Casey in the game. Lionas then scored Sargent on a sacrifice fly.

"We had some good at-bats, hit by pitches and when we put some pressure on them, we really were able to put some good swings on the ball," Kostrzewa said.

In the sixth, Northville made it 9-0 on a triple by Morrissey, an RBI ground out by Nick Prystash,

a triple by Flohr and a bizarre RBI sacrifice infield fly pop out by Sargent.

"They bunted the ball and killed the ball in the right spots," Grand Haven coach Michael Hansen said. "Did it throw us off? Not really. I thought the ball got to first base on time, but we didn't catch the ball. But they did an excellent job of executing. That team did their job. Congratulations to them."

The Buccaneers scored their lone run in the top of the seventh on a walk to Casey, a single by Brandon Tuuk and a fielder's choice ground out by Max Schweikert.

But Ziparo closed it out with a fly out and strikeout to end the game.

"You got a lefty like that that's got a little running fastball, good change-up and a curve ball, throws strikes, gritty ... the kind of pitcher you like to have on your team," Hansen said. "So I was impressed with him. Those are the kind of pitchers that win this type of tournament, not the guys all the time that throw 90 (mph). Of

course, those guys are effective as well. You can win with these guys, so I thought he did a great job."

Flohr, who went all seven innings behind the plate, was impressed with his left-handed battery mate.

"Definitely a good pitching performance for him," Flohr said. "He was just throwing strikes. That's what we emphasize. First pitch fastball, you've got to throw it for a strike. First pitch curve ball, you've got to throw it for a strike."

In his last few outings, Ziparo had struggled a bit with his command, but against Grand Haven, he was ahead in the count and pitching to contact.

"He's a pretty intense guy and you have to reel him in a little bit," Kostrzewa said. "We knew he'd be real successful today and he did a great job. He was pounding the strike zone, then getting ahead and using his off-speed pitches. He made the one mistake in the first inning 0-2 (count), then I didn't see a mistake the rest of the game. That was really important." The Mustangs, who

collected nine hits, have also hit their stride at the plate during their six-game tournament run.

"We expected our offense to be the strength of our team; it just took a little while to come around," Kostrzewa said. "But once those new guys got comfortable, it got a lot easier to turn the lineup around. When eight and nine (hitters) are getting on base and then the guys on top come through, it makes it easier to score runs. Once we figured out our lineup, it started to click. And once we figured out our pitching more."

And now the Mustangs, who had not been to a state semifinal since 1972, are just one win away from a coveted state title.

"There's four teams left and we're now one of two. It's crazy," Ziparo said. "In November, when we started working out in the weight room, we talked about this kind of stuff. It's a dream come true. It really is."

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NFL FOOTBALL

Martin hopes Lions' marriage proves to be blissful

Former Glenn QB hopes tries to stick with hometown team

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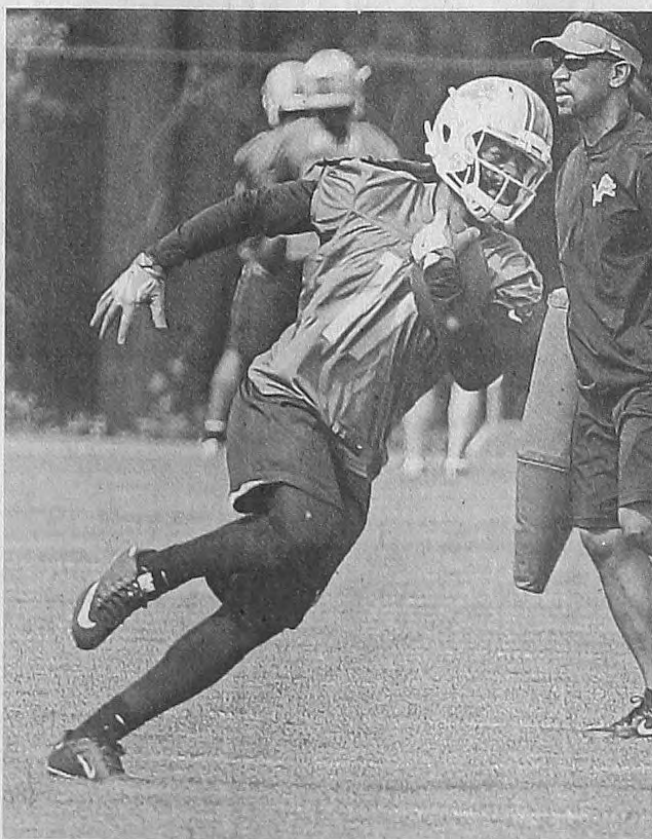
Although he is only 27 years old, Keshawn Martin is already considered a journeyman NFL player.

The former Michigan State wide receiver is with his fourth NFL team, but this time there's a sense of urgency as the fifth-year free agent works way through OTAs after being signed in March by the Detroit Lions.

After playing 48 games with Houston, nine in New England and only one last year with the 49ers, the speedy 5-foot-11, 195-pound Martin realizes this could be his last shot as he tries to impress the Lions' brass not only as a slot receiver, but also as kick and punt returner.

"I don't know, that's something the gods at the top (have) to handle," said Martin, who was among 11 wide receivers working out last week during OTAs in Allen Park. "I just come out and give my best effort out here every day."

Playing back in his hometown and just a stone's throw away from where he grew up in his



Former Westland John Glenn and Michigan State standout Keshawn Martin works out at the Lions' Allen Park practice facility.

hometown of Inkster, Martin feels grateful he's getting another chance.

It's a fresh start for Martin, who wore No. 7 as a high school quarterback at Westland John Glenn and No. 82 at MSU. Now's he's wearing No. 17 in the Honolulu blue and silver.

"It's been really good, just trying to pick up the offense right now, get

everything down," Martin said. "It's definitely a good organization and I'm just glad to have the opportunity."

When Andre Roberts, who handled kick and punt return duties for the Lions last year, became an unrestricted free agent, that opened the door for Martin.

In his abbreviated stint during the 2015

season with the Patriots, Martin caught eight passes and scored two touchdowns before being released last season during the final round of cuts in New England's training camp.

"Bob (Quinn) was in New England, so there's some history there," Martin said of the second-year Lions GM, who was with the Patriots when Martin was signed. "I'm just trying to just get on the field any way I can, special teams, wide receiver, whatever I can do to help the team out that's what I'm trying to do."

Drafted in the fourth round (121st overall) by Houston in 2012, Martin attracted NFL interest after starting two seasons at MSU, where he was explosive off the snap, productive after short catches and could take bubble screens the distance. Scouts liked the fact that he had good speed-variance as a route runner who could put most defensive backs on their heels.

"I feel like I can fit pretty good into the offense," Martin said. "I like their play calls, I like the way they're running things. I just got to get it all down and just get comfortable with it, comfortable with the quarterbacks and then make plays when my opportunity is called."

In college, Martin played with Kirk Cousins. In New England, it was Tom Brady.

"He's just a winner," Martin said of Brady. "Bill (Belichick) and those guys do a great job over there. He's always prepared. We've got a good quarterback over here, too. We're looking to just have a good year."

And now with the Lions, it's Matthew Stafford.

Martin, who has 62 career catches for 685 yards, believes he's already established a comfort level with the Lions' signal caller.

"Just an early impression, (Stafford) is one of the better guys we've got in the league," Martin said. "He can make every throw, he's real smart and he wants to win. That's a good combination for a quarterback, an elite quarterback."

Signed midway through last season by San Francisco, Martin returned two kicks for 37 yards with one fumble and didn't take a snap during his abbreviated stint before being released. A hamstring issue also didn't help.

"I had a couple of injuries that slowed me down a little bit," Martin said. "I know I feel fine right now, I feel healthy. I'm just looking for it finishing out these OTAs, getting better every day,

then taking it to training camp."

Martin has been focused primarily on learning a new offensive system and said there hasn't been any distractions since returning home.

"It's actually been pretty good," he said. "There hasn't been as much going on outside of here. It's been good for me to come back and I'm just happy to have the opportunity, too."

Once OTAs conclude, Martin said he plans to reconnect with the coaching staff and friends at Michigan State.

After making the College Football Playoffs national semifinals two years ago, the Spartans suffered through a 3-9 season in 2016, which was followed by a series of off-the-field incidents resulting in three players being dismissed from the team Tuesday shortly after a judge issued arrest warrants related to a sexual assault on campus in January.

"I actually haven't talked to anybody from up there, but I plan to," Martin said. "They've had a couple of down years and I'm looking for them to bounce back. Coach 'D' (Mark Dantonio), he does a good job with those guys, so I think they'll be fine."

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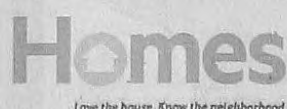


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These 5 things can improve your career

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When you're thinking about career goals, it's easy to fall into the trap of focusing too much on intangible and non-specific ideas. Get your head out of the clouds with these five things you can do right now (and keep doing every day) to start improving your career.

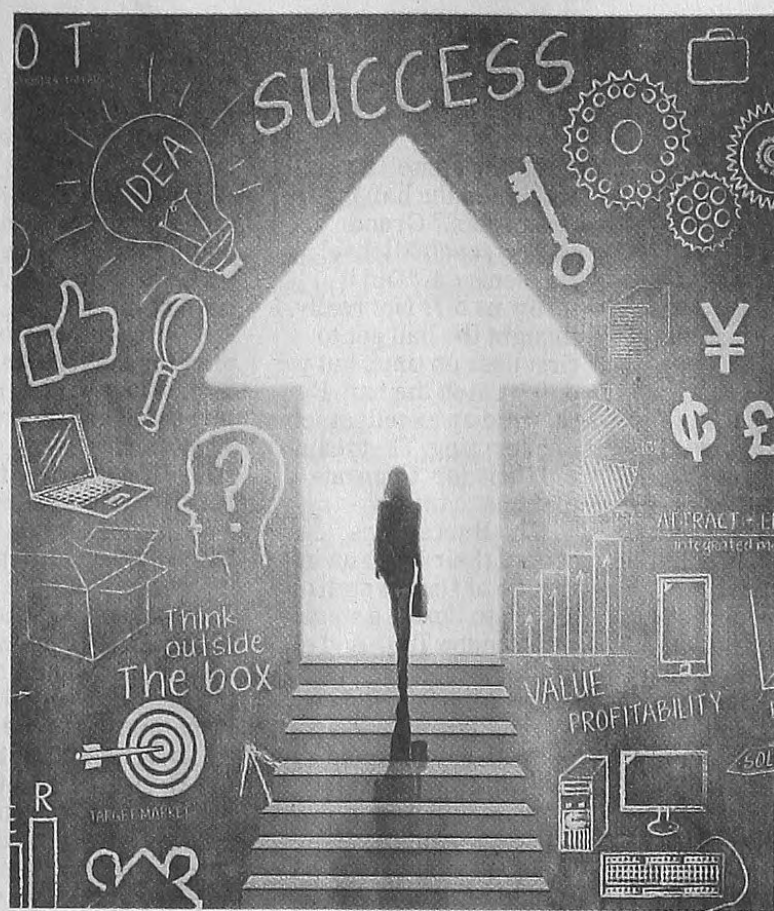
1. Keep up with industry changes

No matter how good you are at your job, if you don't stay up to date on industry news and trends, you're likely to get left in the dust. Understanding the bigger picture for the industry at large is the difference between having a job and having a career.

"Subscribe to the leading journals or publications for that industry. Each day or week, depending on how often the content is published, give yourself ample time to read the news and understand possible implications or outcomes," says Evan Harris, co-founder and CEO of SD Equity Partners. "Don't just skim the information; absorb it. Becoming an industry expert is a foolproof way of improving your career."

2. Read job listings

You probably have a pretty



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good idea of what your dream job would be. But how do you get there? A good way to begin charting your course is through job listings.

"The best way to determine the path to your dream job is by looking at current job listings and seeing the skills required for that role," Harris says. "Now that you know what skills you need, figure out how to acquire them. Take online classes, read articles, watch videos – do whatever it takes to learn those skills,

bringing you one step – or many steps – closer to the career you've always wanted."

3. Rely on a mentor

Early in your career, keep your eye out for potential mentors, and don't hesitate to approach people to ask for advice. Once you've begun establishing a mentor/mentee relationship, don't neglect it.

"Being able to turn to an advisor with whom you build a history, especially someone of stature in your company or

industry, offers enormous opportunity to benefit from their insights and perspective," says Roy Cohen, career coach and author of "The Wall Street Professional's Survival Guide." "They can offer you feedback to address both your strengths and weaknesses and recommend strategies to best manage the latter. Mentors help you to identify shortcuts to accelerate your potential to advance and to identify and avoid the landmines that are inevitable."

4. Get involved

Depending on your position, you may not typically work with many people outside your immediate teammates and managers. Branching out and meeting people from other areas of the company can have an impact on your career.

"Get involved in committees to increase your visibility in the organization and make a contribution outside of your department," says Cheryl E. Palmer, owner of Call to Career. "Many large companies have committees to review processes or improve employee retention. Joining such a committee can expose you to other people in a large organization that you might not otherwise meet and can open the door for future job opportunities."

5. Become an authority

Career advancement often hinges not only on the quality of your work, but on your ability to differentiate yourself from the rest of the pack. A great way to do this is to find a useful area in which you can specialize. "Any worker who wishes to move up the ladder in terms of both responsibility and compensation is wise to find a topic of some kind about which to become an expert," says Jacob Dayan, partner and co-founder of Community Tax, a national provider of tax preparation, bookkeeping and accounting services. "If, for example, you work in an accounting firm, then become the firm's go-to resource on a nuanced but important tax issue. Then, find ways to share this knowledge regularly."

Dayan suggest writing posts for your company's blog, conducting lunch-and-learn meetings at the office or speaking at industry groups about the topic of your expertise to spread the word and establish yourself as an authority both inside and outside of the company.

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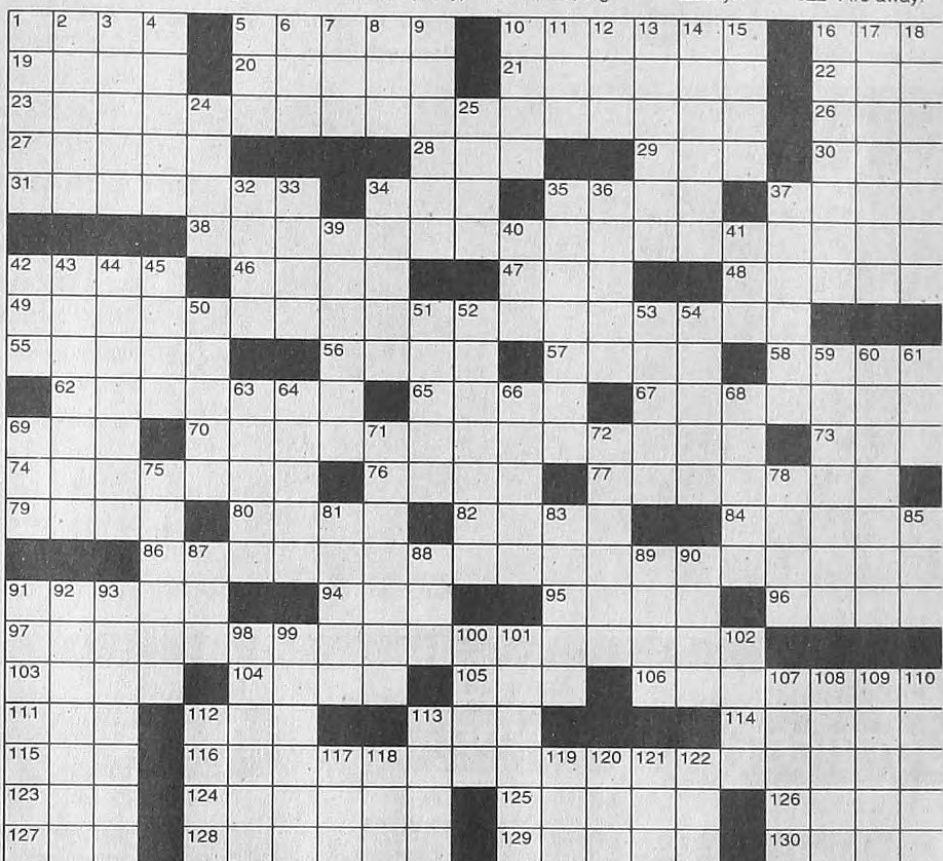
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- APPETIZER
- BAR
- BEVERAGES
- BILL
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Car Report

MERCEDES-BENZ RIDES GLE, OTHER SUVs TO LEAD U.S. LUXURY MARKET – WITH PLANS TO DO EVEN BETTER



By Dale Buss

Mercedes-Benz overtook BMW in the U.S. last year, blasting past its rival to claim the overall luxury auto sales crown for 2016. Much of that was due to the brand's growing offerings in the hot SUV segment of the market, which is not BMW's strong suit.

Almost halfway into 2017, while he can't promise that Mercedes will hold on to that title, Mercedes-Benz USA President and CEO Dietmar Exler does expect another record year for sales in the American market. "We had a very good 2016, but 2017 starts us all over again," Exler told me.

I talked with Exler about helming the US operations of a brand on the rise in the US and around the world:

Q: Congratulations on your U.S. success. How do you intend to build on the momentum and sustain it?

Dietmar Exler: What it does kind of mean—and we always ask how important it is—it that it isn't important from the pure fact of being No. 1 but as an indication of the success of our product lineup and focus on customer experience and processes that we've employed together with dealers. We focus on the right things and what we do resonates with the customers.

We still have the youngest, freshest product lineup in the industry. Look at our SUVs: We have the freshest SUV lineup. The same is true with passenger cars. In New York [at the March auto show] we showed in sneak preview, and at the Shanghai auto show, the new S-Class sedan, the flagship of the industry.

Q: What have been the implications for Mercedes-Benz of the huge shift to SUVs and crossovers from sedans? Sedans were a historical strength for you.



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SUVs as well as sedans. Our design is cutting-edge. It'll certainly resonate with customers extremely well. I don't know where it will end up, sedans vs. SUVs, in luxury. This is very strong in the mass market, and in luxury there is a trend toward SUVs as well.

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Q: What have been the key strategic considerations that have allowed the brand to achieve this position over rivals, especially BMW?

Exler: Our product lineup is fantastic. And we continue to focus on the customer experience. We're working very closely with our dealers. For example, we had our executives all spend a week in a

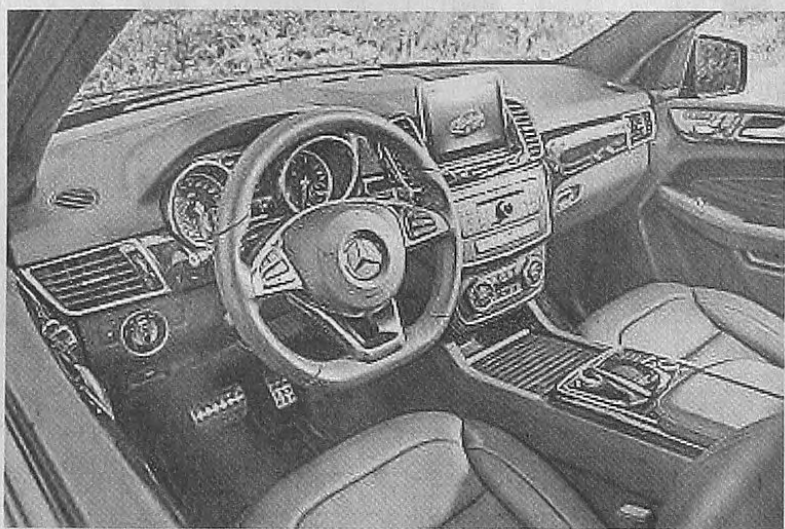
comfortable behind closed doors and challenge each other constructively.

Q: How are you elevating customer experience and making that a competitive differentiator for the Mercedes-Benz brand?

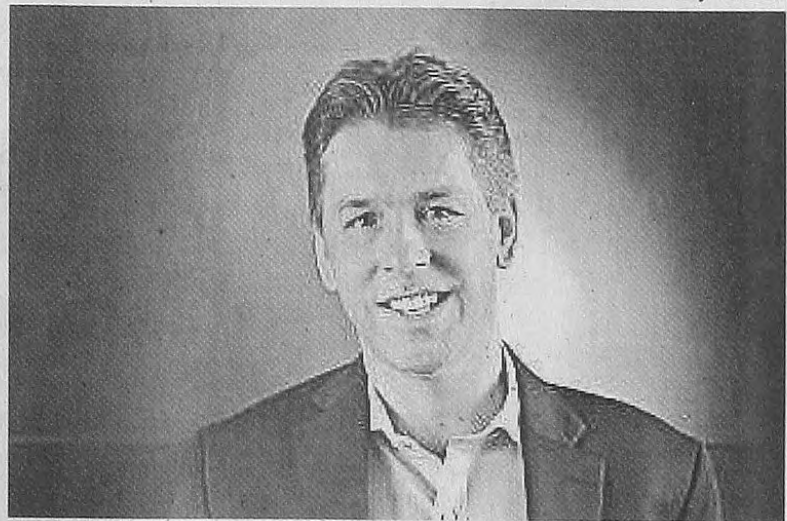
Exler: We have a more digital presence for customers, and we have to understand, most importantly, our customers. No one customer is a proxy for all customers.

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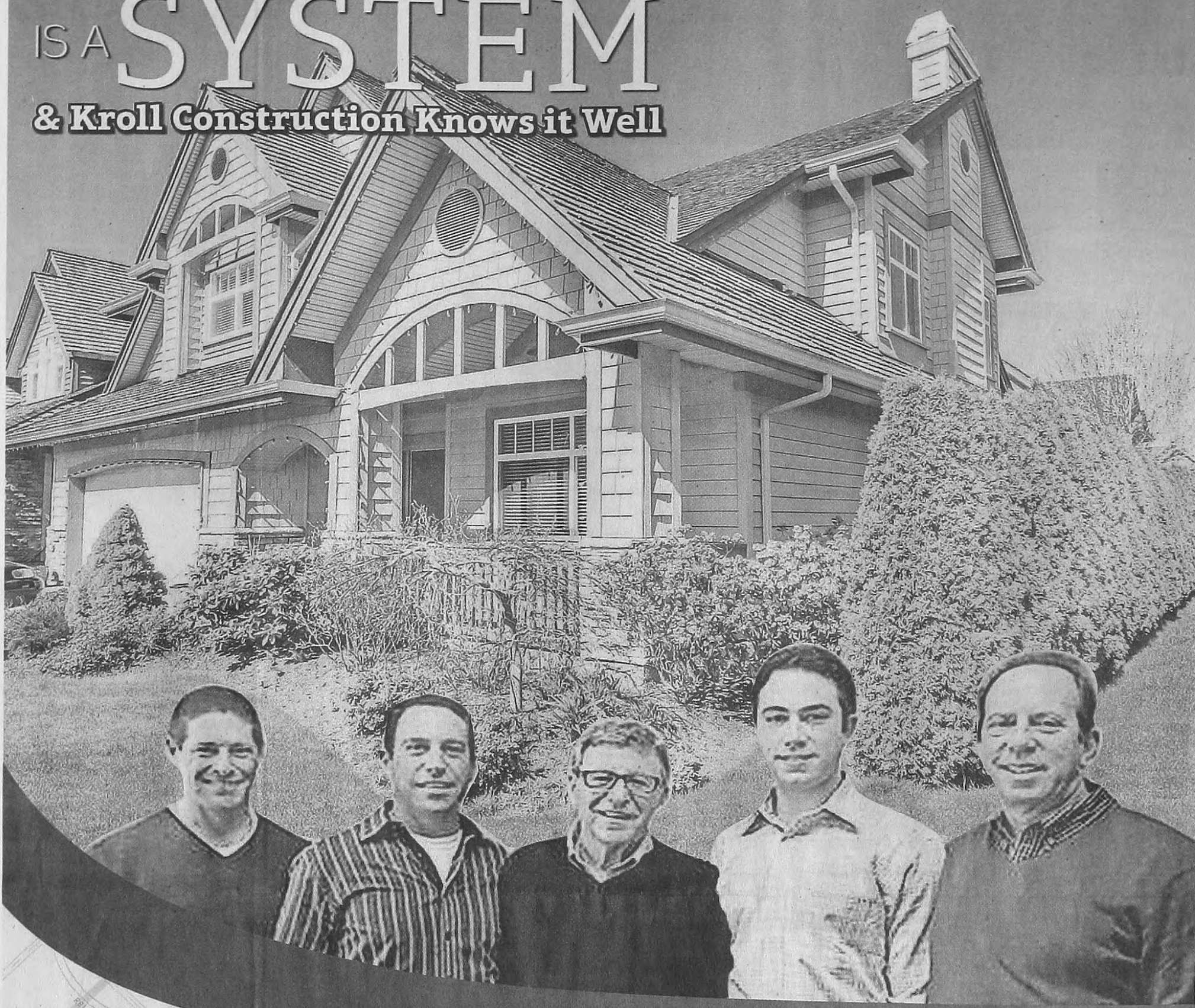
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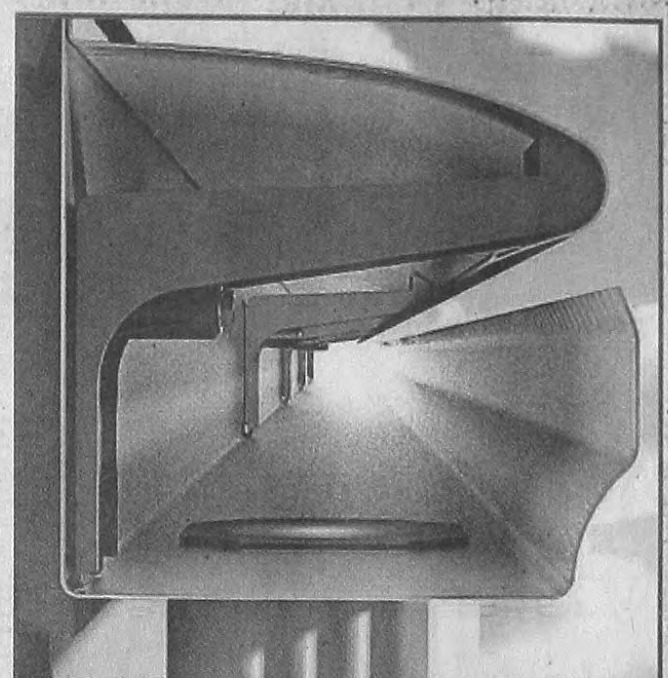
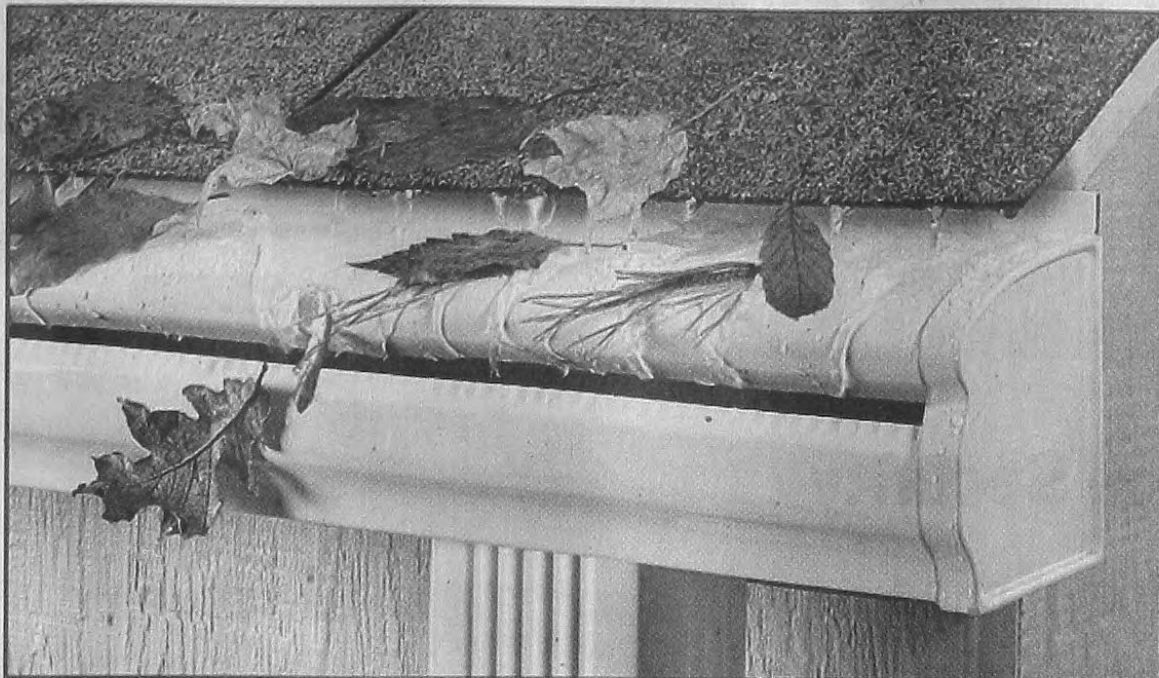
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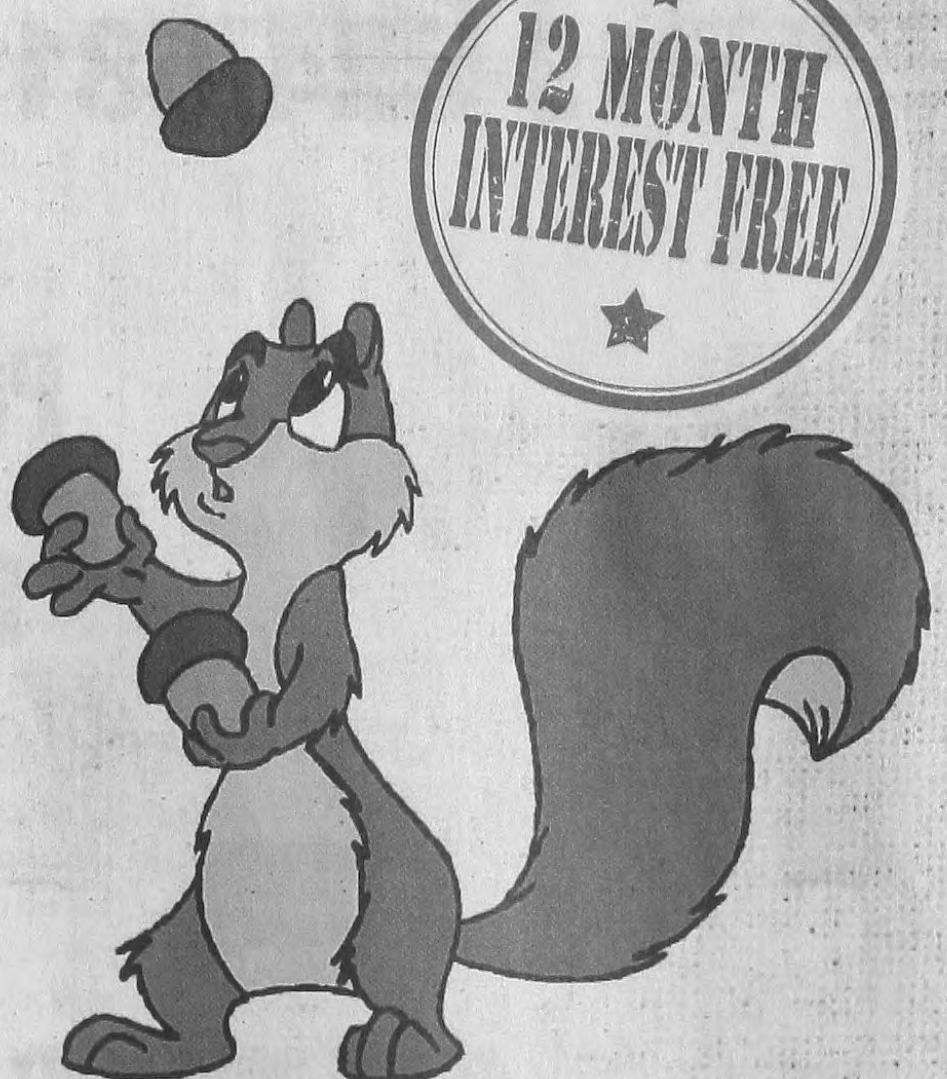


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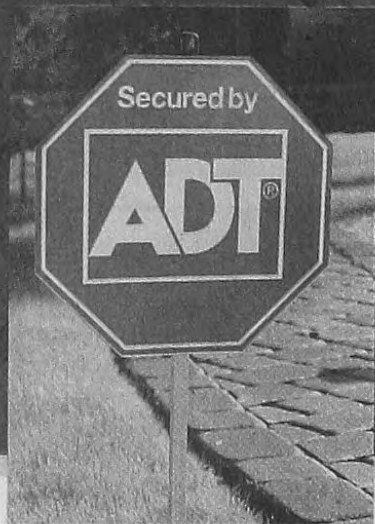
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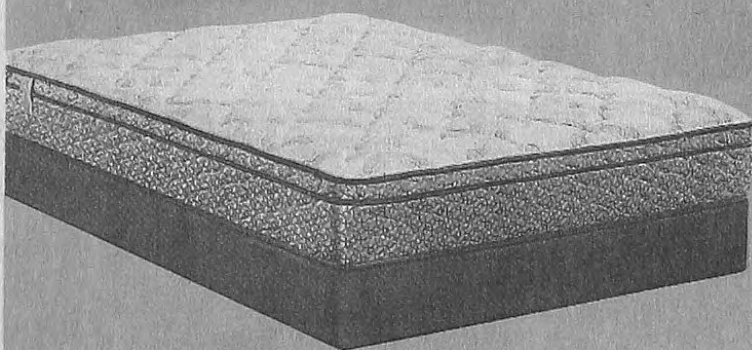
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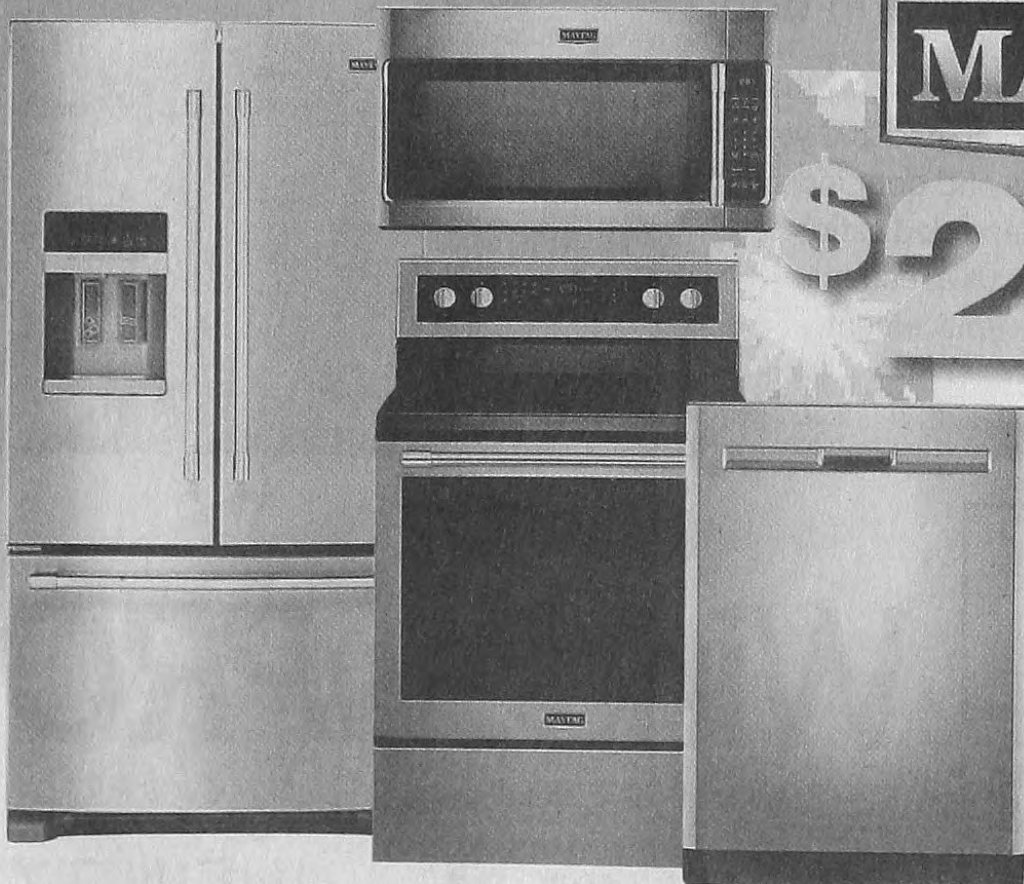
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