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Attorney Nessel jumps into AG's race

She is known for work on same-sex marriage case

Kathleen Gray
Detroit Free Press

Saying her first priority will be to shut down Enbridge's oil line 5 under the Straits of Mackinac, Detroit attorney Dana Nessel of Plymouth officially announced her campaign for state attorney general this week.

She detailed a list of priorities, including increasing diversity in the office, stopping prosecutions of marijuana crimes, defending Planned Parenthood, expanding civil rights protections for the LGBTQ community and cre-

ating a public integrity unit to provide training resources for police and ensuring that bad cops can't transfer from department to department.

But at the top of the list was "strictly enforcing the state's environmental code."

"On my first day, I will file to shut down Enbridge line 5. There will be no more risking the sanctity of the Great Lakes," she said.

Nessel, a Democrat, became the first candidate to announce a run to succeed Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette, a Midland Republican who can't run for re-elec-

tion because of term limits. He's widely expected to announce a run for governor.

She slammed Schuette for his fight to protect the ban on same-sex marriage, a case that Nessel helped to ultimately win when the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in 2014 to legalize same-sex marriage in Michigan and across the nation.

"The Michigan attorney general squandered many millions of dollars fighting against the interest of hundreds of thousands of our state's residents," she said. "How I grew to loathe the office of Michigan Attorney General and all that it stood



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Attorney Dana Nessel announces her bid to run for Michigan Attorney General in Ann Arbor.

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John Freek and Matthew Smith assemble storage spaces.

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Four metro Detroiters busted in drug, human trafficking ring

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A 27-year-old Canton woman is among four defendants charged in an opioid drugs and human trafficking ring that officials say was being run in Oakland and Macomb counties.

Authorities say the arrests, announced Tuesday by the state Attorney General's Office, underscore how victims of drug addiction can become pawns in human trafficking schemes.

Jasmin McGinnis of Canton could face up to 20 years in prison if she is convicted of three counts of prostitution/accepted earnings and one count of human trafficking involving allegations she provided forced labor involving commercial sex. She also faces one count each of conducting a criminal enterprise, possession of intent to deliver less than 50 grams of cocaine and possession of intent to deliver less than 50 grams of heroin.



McGinnis

She faces charges alongside 38-year-old Melvin Niblett of Southfield, who is considered the ringleader, and two other defendants, Corey Cooper, 45, and Maurice Rushton, 57, whose places of residence weren't listed.

The charges followed an investigation that began last September into allegations of human trafficking and illegal opioid drugs.

"Human traffickers will use anything to continue to hold their victims hostage in their dark world," Schuette said in a statement.

Authorities say the case unfolded after the FBI and Oakland County Gang and Violent Crimes task force received a tip of a drug and prostitution operation in Madison Heights. Officials say Niblett and Cooper were subsequently caught selling drugs in Warren and charged in a separate, but related, case, but they were

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IKEA gives B.L.O.C.K. Youth and Teen Center a kitchen makeover

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A team of IKEA employees came to a local youth center for a kitchen makeover that simply dazzled youngsters and their adult supervisors.

They brought a new refrigerator, stove, cabinets, tables and chairs, dishwasher — and they meticulously assembled and installed it all while making the most of the kitchen space.

And they did it at no cost to The B.L.O.C.K. Youth and Teen Center in Canton, a place where youngsters ages 11-17 go after school and during summers to study, socialize and, when they get hungry, eat. They also use the kitchen for everything from cooking classes to science experiments.

What was once a drab place to hang out is now a colorful, welcoming kitchen.

"It's an opportunity for us kids to be able to enjoy new



Larry Callebs gets into the project and Elisabeth Lockwood holds a cabinet in place.

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creativity. Since everything is new, it inspires us and brings us happiness from all the bright colors," Sydney Tuggle, 13, said.

Serena Baker, 15, agreed. "I think that getting a new

kitchen from IKEA is really cool, because we've had the same one for a while," she said. "And having the new kitchen will bring new opportunities and activities to us."

The B.L.O.C.K. (Building

Leaders Out of Canton Kids) could never have afforded the kitchen makeover on the money it gets from Canton Township government. IKEA doesn't divulge how much it spends on projects.

"We would have had to put this in a five-year or 10-year plan," said Laura Mortier, recreation specialist who oversees the youth program. "We've never had a donation quite like this before."



Mortier

The B.L.O.C.K. is located on the third floor of the Canton Administration Building. Other than the kitchen, it has separate rooms for a computer lab, musical instruments, movies, homework and a main area with televisions, pool tables, video games, board



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MAKEOVER

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games and other amenities.

IKEA Canton store manager Andrea GreenSky said IKEA employees earlier toured The B.L.O.C.K. with Canton Supervisor Pat Williams and saw a place that needed sprucing up. The store chose to use the company money it gets for community projects to help the youth center.

"We like to work with organizations that are doing good things for kids and good things for the community," GreenSky said. "This was happening in our own back yard."

IKEA employees spent Tuesday and Wednesday on their newest project. They used their skills to make the

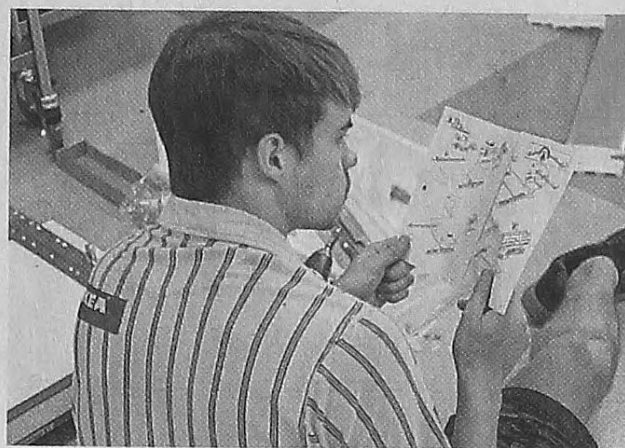
best use of the kitchen space, building vertical spaces for three microwaves and two toasters and remaking the entire area.

"Our cupboards were falling apart," Mortier said.

IKEA workers replaced oversized tables with smaller tables that collectively had more seating. They installed a portable food-preparation station and placed a chalkboard on cupboards where the youngsters and supervisors could write recipes and reminder notes.

"It's going to be very bright and kid-friendly," Mortier said. "The kids are ecstatic."

During summers, The B.L.O.C.K. has about 150 youngsters who come and go, but the number grows to 250 when school is in session. For some, it's a place where they

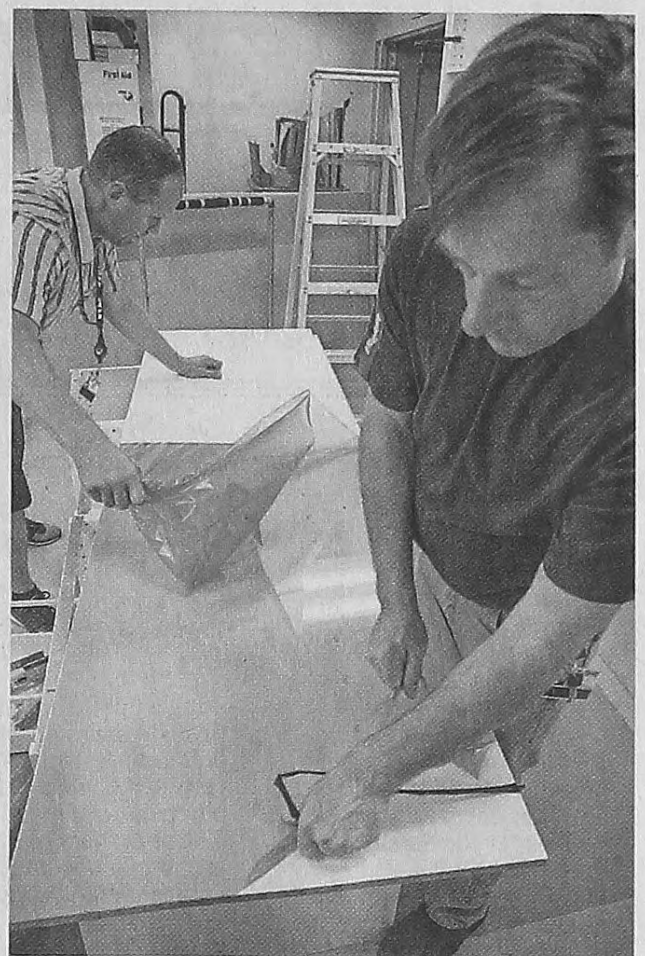


Scott Anderson reads IKEA instructions.

have dinner and study while parents are working. They can even receive tutoring and take trips to nearby places such as the Summit on the Park recreation center and the Canton Public Library.

For pocket change, children can buy snacks such as small pizzas, macaroni and cheese, Banquet frozen meals and chicken nuggets — snacks that can now be heated up using new kitchen amenities.

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Matthew Smith and John Freek remove protective coating as they build shelves and storage.

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Mortier said Williams and former township Supervisor Phil LaJoy had engaged in talks with IKEA before the project became a reality. Going forward, GreenSky said IKEA hopes to have a budget to work with The B.L.O.C.K. to spruce up other rooms.

"We would probably do a room at a time," she said.

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for."

While Nessel, who would be the first openly gay major party candidate to run for statewide office, was the first to announce her candidacy, she won't be the last.

Other Democrats looking at a possible run for the job include Pat Miles, a Harvard law school graduate who was appointed by President Barack Obama to serve as the U.S. attorney for the Western District of Michigan, state Rep. Tim Greimel of Auburn Hills and Macomb County Prosecutor Eric Smith. "I haven't made an

official announcement yet, but we need someone in the attorney general's office who will fight for everyday people," Greimel said.

Miles said to "stay tuned" for news about his future plans and the race for attorney general.

"As the former U.S. attorney for the Western District, I know how critical it is for the people of Michigan to have an attorney general who will fight for everyone," he said in a statement.

Miles, the first African American to hold the U.S. attorney's job in the western district, left the job when Donald Trump was inaugurated president.

The nominees for attorney general, secre-

tary of state and lieutenant governor will be chosen by political party delegates at state conventions next August. Voters will then decide who will win the statewide slots during the Nov. 6 general election in 2018.

On the Republican side, state Sen. Tonya Schuitmaker of Lawton and Speaker of the House Tom Leonard of DeWitt are the names most often mentioned as potential candidates for attorney general.

Nessel, a former Wayne County assistant prosecutor, is best known as the lead attorney in the case of DeBoer v. Gov. Rick Snyder, which challenged the bans on adoption and marriage for same-sex couples in

Michigan. The case was consolidated with other lawsuits challenging bans on same-sex marriage, leading the U.S. Supreme Court decision in 2014 legalizing same-sex marriage.

She also started a ballot committee last year to expand Michigan's Elliott Larsen Civil Rights Act to include protections for the LGBTQ community, but the issue didn't end up on the 2016 ballot.

Other candidates to file paperwork for statewide office so far include Republicans state Sen. Mike Kowall of White Lake and Shelby Township Clerk Stan Grot and Libertarian Gregory Stempfle for secretary of state.

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Noble's bill limits tuition grants to legal residents only

State Rep. Jeff Noble this week introduced legislation to limit state-funded tuition grants to students legally residing in the United States.



Noble

Noble, R-Plymouth, said he introduced the bill as part of a sweeping legislative package to limit the use of taxpayer money to legal residents only. "Grant money for college tuition is limited as it is and we want to ensure that the money entrusted to us by hard-working taxpayers is being used only to help people legally residing in the United States get

a college education," Noble said. "I encourage legal immigration and welcome people from other nations to Michigan, but we should not spend taxpayer money on people who are living here illegally." Noble's legislation is part of a multi-bill package that prevents illegal residents in Michigan from eligibility for scholarships involving state funds and housing assistance through a state agency.

"It's simple common sense that funds provided by Michigan families should be used to support legal citizens only," Noble said.

The bills were referred to the House Appropriations Committee.

Fall 2017 theater season auditions will be held at the Plymouth Community Arts Council 5:30-7:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 10.

Plymouth Uptown Players Youth Theater is a cooperative program hosted by the Plymouth Community Arts Council featuring directors from Tipping Point Theatre in Northville. Fall program is for ages 6-15 (grades 2-9).

Families may register online from the homepage of the website or in person or by phone during PCAC business hours, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Actors will meet in small groups for 20-25 minutes with the director, Sonja Marquis.

Call the office 734-416-4278 or email lisa@plymoutharts.com to reserve a time slot. Actors should be prepared to interact with others who are auditioning and have a short

PCAC to hold fall theater auditions



Plymouth Uptown Players Youth Theater is holding auditions for ages 6-15 (grades 2-9).

audition piece prepared. Audition material can be a monologue, joke or poem. It may be memorized or read, but it should be a piece you are comfortable with that shows off your strengths! All actors will be cast.

Rehearsals will be on 5-7:30 p.m. each Sunday at the PCAC. Final performances will be 5 p.m. Friday, Dec. 8, and 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 9. There is also an option to add a third matinee show

if necessary Sunday, Dec. 10. Actors must commit to being at all performances, as well as dress rehearsals at TPT theater after school (typically 4:30-6 p.m.) during Tech Week (the week before the show) Dec. 4-7. Exact dates and times within this range will be provided on a full schedule during the first weeks of

rehearsal.

PUPS is an experimental theater program that is actor-centered. All actors will have a role in final production to be held at Northville's Tipping Point Theatre. Weekly Sunday rehearsals are at The Plymouth Community Arts Council and will include theater workshop-style instruction, team building and acting exercises, improv, etc. as well as specific character role practice.

Cost is \$215, with current PCAC student membership (\$30), good for a year. Tuition includes two tickets per actor for final performance. Parent participation is welcome during tech week and final performances, but always optional and not a requirement for this program.

RING

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released on bond.

But one month after the investigation began, authorities say they received in October information that Niblett was using rooms at an unnamed Southfield hotel to conduct a drug and human trafficking operation. Officials say it involved dozens of people and led to a flurry of felony charges against Niblett and the other three defendants:

» Niblett could face up to life in prison if convicted of conducting a criminal enterprise; one count each of con-



Cooper



Niblett



Rushton

of one count each of conspiracy to deliver 1,000 or more grams of cocaine,

heroin or other narcotic, and conducting a criminal enterprise.

» Rushton could face up to 20 years in prison if convicted of conducting a criminal enterprise; human trafficking and financially benefiting from commercial sex; and three counts of transporting a person for prostitution.

Schuetz said such cases involve human traffickers who "prey upon those suffering

from addition, especially to opioids ... to maintain control of their victims."

Niblett, Cooper and McGinnis are in custody awaiting an Aug. 21 preliminary examination to determine whether there's enough evidence to send them to trial.

Rushton, who was captured in Ohio, is awaiting extradition proceedings. FBI Special Agent David P. Gelios said drug and human trafficking continue to plague area communities and urged anyone with information about human trafficking to contact the nearest FBI field office or local police department.

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Madonna University to Marygrove students: come to Livonia

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It wasn't a complete surprise to Cam Cruickshank that Marygrove College planned on phasing out its undergraduate programs.

Now, the executive vice president for enrollment management and university advancement at Madonna University hopes some of those affected decide to give Livonia a chance.

The Catholic university at Levan and Schoolcraft is encouraging Marygrove College students looking to transfer to give Madonna a look, providing several benefits to those who do.

Cruickshank said even before Detroit-based Marygrove College announced Aug. 9 that it would eliminate its undergraduate program and become strictly a graduate-level institution that there was talk such a shutdown could happen.

"They were giving us some forewarning that this happen," Cruickshank said. "We were aware that this was a possibility."

Marygrove will continue educating undergraduate students this fall before making the transition in 2018. The school, sponsored by the Monroe-based Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, has operated in Detroit for 90 years. It opened in Monroe as St. Mary's College before moving to Wayne County.

The college cited enrollment issues for eliminating its undergraduate program: The school had 1,850 students in 2013, though that number had gone down to 966 last fall.

"Given the downward trend in Marygrove enrollment and the plight of other liberal arts colleges, the Marygrove Board of Trustees determined that transitioning



Madonna University is reaching out to Marygrove College students after the Detroit school announced it would close its undergraduate program.

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the college to a graduate-only institution was the best course of action," Dr. Elizabeth Burns, president of Marygrove College, said in a statement. "Marygrove is pleased that our students and our community will continue to benefit from the quality education the college has been delivering since it was founded as St. Mary's College in Monroe in 1905 and brought to Detroit 90 years ago. Our commitment to help our students remains firm."

Transfer options

Madonna University, which has several thousand students enrolled at its campus in Livonia and outreach centers in Macomb, Gaylor and southwest Detroit, has committed to offering trans-

ferring Marygrove College students a free double room in a residence hall for the 2017-18 school year, Cruickshank said. Transferring students can pay more to upgrade to a single room, while transfer students will cover all food costs.

Transferring students also have a promise from Madonna University that their planned out-of-pocket costs will be no more than what was planned at Marygrove College. Cruickshank said if a student planned on spending \$7,000 out-of-pocket at Marygrove this coming year, Madonna University will make sure those students won't have to pay more than \$7,000 for the coming academic year.

Cruickshank said the call out to Marygrove

College students has resulted in about 25 students inquiring about attending Madonna University, including some who are interested in transferring right away and not waiting until early next year.

"The advisers at Marygrove are encouraging students to do what's best for them," he said. "For some of the students, especially those in the first two years, it might be in their best interest to transfer right away."

Tuition for 2017-18 at Madonna is \$10,350 for students taking 12-18 credits and \$690 a credit hour for students taking 1-11 credit hours.

Students interested in transferring can obtain information on Madonna University by visiting during the Transfer Stu-

dent Visit Days, scheduled for 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Aug. 26, Sept. 23, Nov. 18 and Dec. 9.

Interested students can contact the university by calling 734-432-5339 during the week or by emailing admissions@madonna.edu.

Cruickshank said reaching out to Marygrove College students just makes sense for the two Catholic schools, which he said have had a close relationship for many years.

"We're helper people. And we're here to help," Cruickshank said. "We're living our Franciscan values by helping the students at Marygrove."

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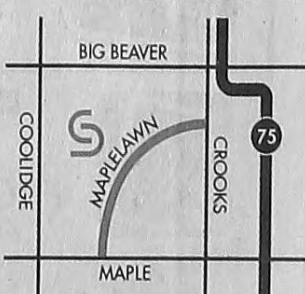
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Three questions with an astronomer on the solar eclipse

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Don't let Mike Best's brightly-colored socks or his imaginative sense of humor fool you.

The Westland resident and presenter at the Vollbrecht Planetarium in Southfield was in Livonia on Wednesday night sharing his knowledge on the upcoming solar eclipse, which will take place early Monday afternoon.

The eclipse, which will cover about 80 percent of the sun in southeast Michigan, will begin at about 1 p.m. Monday and continue until about 4 p.m., with the peak taking place at about 2:30 p.m. Several events are planned across the western suburbs, including a viewing party at the Rob-

ert and Janet Bennett Library at 32777 Five Mile in Livonia, as well as the Alfred Noble Branch Library at 32901 Plymouth in Livonia.

The Observer & Eccentric spoke to Best after his presentation Wednesday night and asked about the upcoming eclipse.

Q: Why is Monday's eclipse so noteworthy?

A: You have to decide yourself. Do you want to see a sun 80-percent covered up and get all excited or are you going to say, "nah?" Because the stars aren't going to come out, the birds aren't going to go to sleep and the flowers aren't going to close up, I don't think, with 80 percent. That's still a lot of sunlight com-

ing in. But it's all hyped on the media and, gee, I get excited, too. "The eclipse is coming! The eclipse is coming!" I sound like Paul Revere.

Q: What's the best way to view the eclipse Monday afternoon?

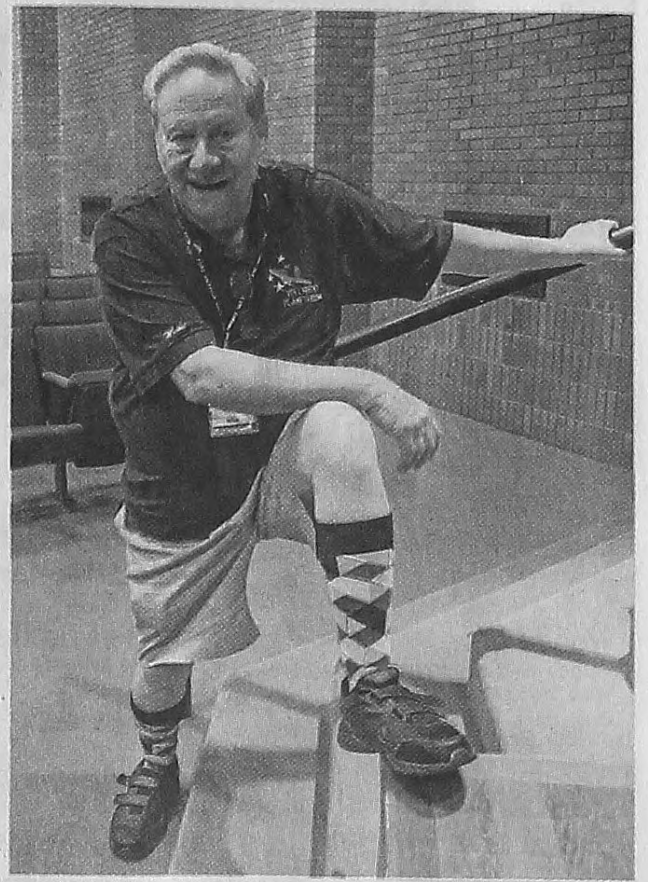
A: Only with proper protection, which would be the glasses that you purchase. You cannot get smart and use five (photo) negatives from Aunt Charlie's wedding and you can't use even welder's glass. I've had people say, "Well, I did it," but I said, "You can still see it." There's still time if you send away for those things. But you can also invite them to the planetarium (19100 Filmore in Southfield, near 10 Mile and Evergreen). I think

we have about 100 or 200. And they can see it inside. No clouds, no nothing. Nice padded seats like this. And a 10-foot by 10-foot massive live feed. So that would be fun.

Q: Is this eclipse one of the more notable eclipses in the last few decades for Michigan?

A: I don't remember another one. I do remember one about maybe 1960. I think there was a partial (eclipse). Because I was out in the backyard and I saw all these eclipses on the ground. I saw the light coming through each pinhole where a bug would be eating through a leaf, making an eclipse.

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Mike Best, a Westland resident and presenter at the Vollbrecht Planetarium in Southfield, spoke Wednesday night at the Robert and Janet Bennett Library in Livonia on the upcoming solar eclipse.

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Nathan Foster
GUEST COLUMNIST

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points of traditional pacemakers, thus improving safety and reliability of the device. All of this is accomplished in a tiny new device that last year became eligible for

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Nathan Foster, M.D., is a St. Mary Mercy Livonia cardiologist. He was the first surgeon at the hospital to perform minimally-invasive pacemaker surgery using the new Micra TPS pacemaker. For more information about cardiology services available at St. Mary Mercy, call 734-655-2959.

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W-W school board to interview six candidates for superintendent

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Six candidates for superintendent, including one internal applicant, will be interviewed over two evenings by the Wayne-Westland board of education.

Current Superintendent Michele Harmala will finish up three years heading the district Aug. 31 before taking a position with Madonna University. The board has been assisted in finding a new superintendent by the Michigan Association of School Boards.

The board met last week to trim the number of applicants from 26 to six people who will be interviewed. Those making it through the first round will be scheduled for a second interview Thursday, Aug. 31.

Three interviews will be conducted each on Tuesday, Aug. 22, and Thursday, Aug. 24. Scheduled for Aug. 22 are: Ypsilanti/Willow Run Schools Superintendent Benjamin Edmondson at 6 p.m.; Carl Shultz, deputy superintendent for Fitzgerald Schools at 7:10 p.m.; and Shelley Holt, executive director of student services for the Fontana Unified School District in Fontana, California.

The schedule for Aug. 24 is: 5 p.m. Jennifer Martin-Green, executive

director of curriculum and innovation for Westwood Schools; 6:10 p.m. Pamela Campbell, superintendent for the Columbia School District in Brooklyn, Michigan; and 7 p.m. internal candidate John Albrecht, Wayne-Westland Schools assistant superintendent for education services.

"I'm very pleased with this number of applicants at this time of year. I don't think we can really go wrong (with any of the applicants)," said Wayne-Westland Board of Education President Shawna Walker.

The board will wait until after the first round of interviews before deciding how many candidates will get a second interview, Walker said.

With Harmala's last day being Aug. 31, Walker said the district could have an interim superintendent, though she didn't anticipate that lasting for more than a week or two.

"I hope that we have a new superintendent the first or second week of school," Walker said. "We have three very capable assistant superintendents."

Wayne-Westland Schools has approximate-



Walker

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SHAWNA WALKER
president, W-W school board

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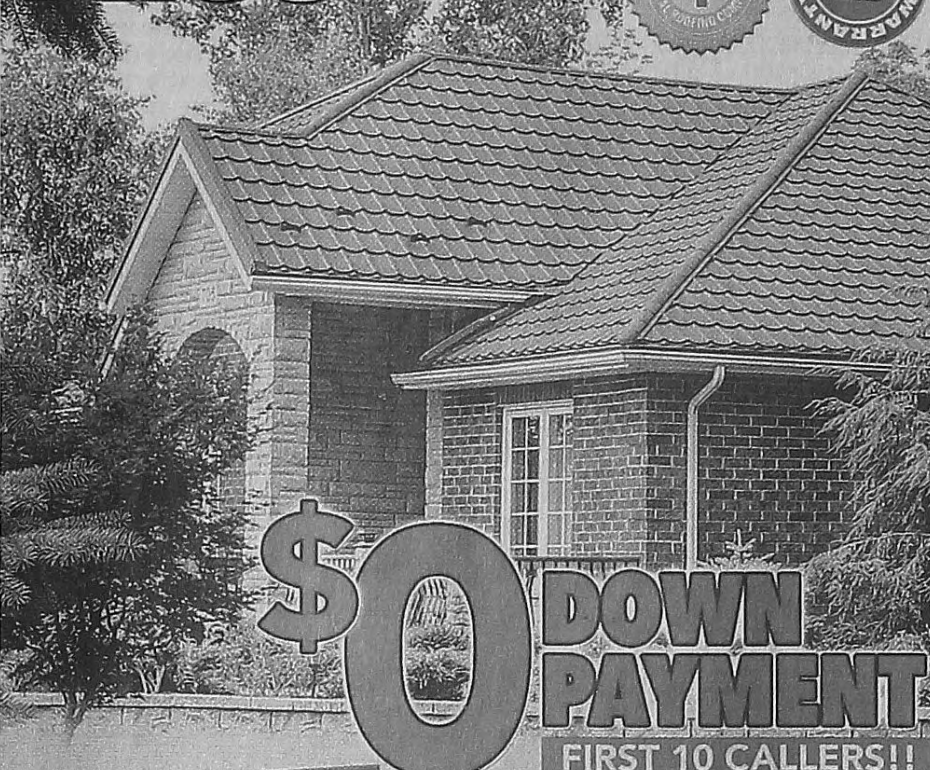
"I'm very pleased with the candidate pool and excited about going into a new school year," Walker said. "No one should worry. The school board will put someone in the (superintendent's) seat who has a vision for the plans that we have in place. Someone who acts in the best interest of the students, staff and parents."

The board of education is very much focused on meeting the needs of the district, she said.

"We don't take appointing a superintendent lightly. It's a board member's number one job with setting policy," Walker said.

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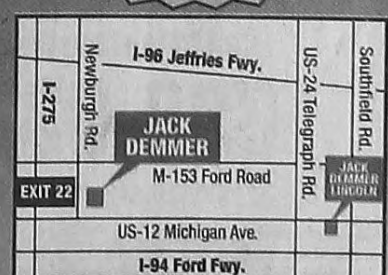
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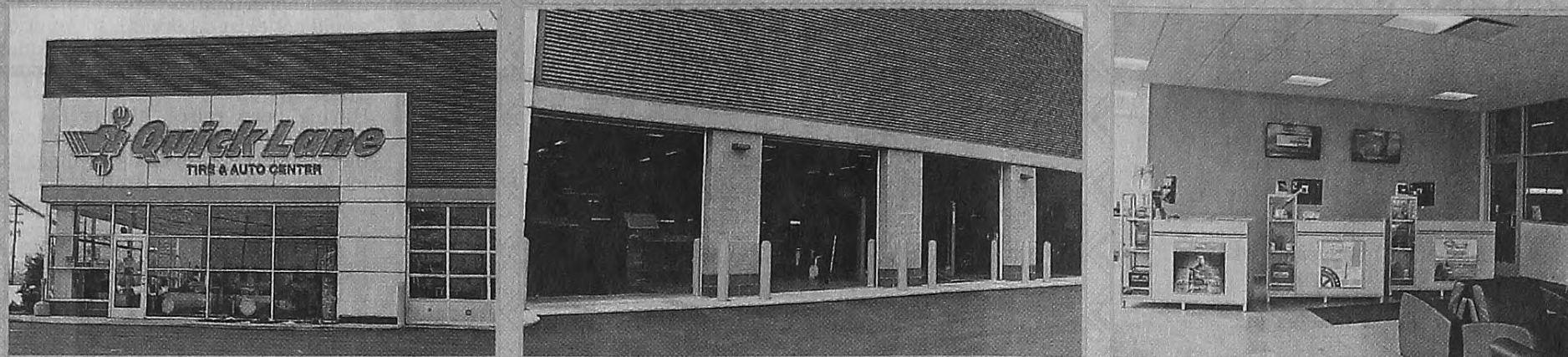
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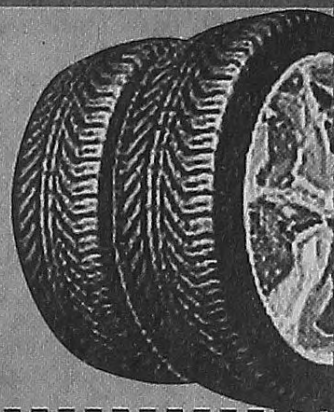
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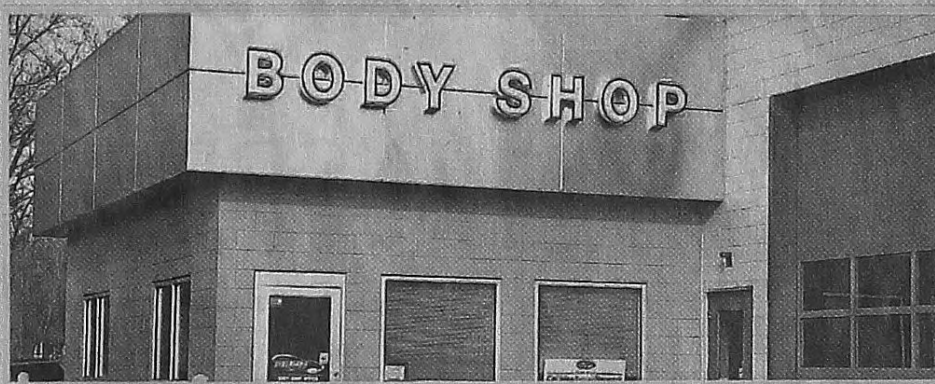


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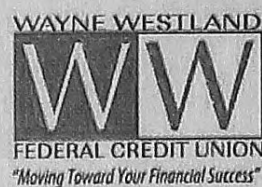
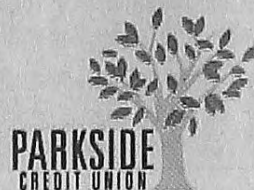
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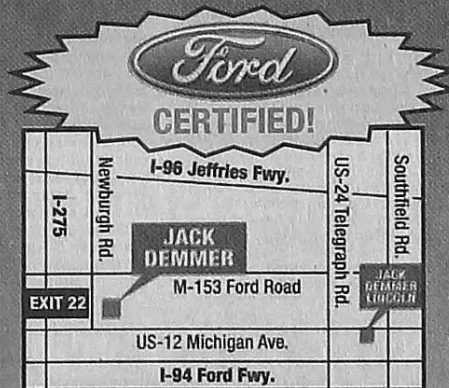
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Stacy Ahua coordinates volunteers after tornadoes, gets food to the hungry

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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.

Stacy Ahua was a shy child, the youngest daughter of immigrants who came to the United States from Nigeria with little more than a dream.

"I wasn't a really interesting kid," Ahua said.

Joining the speech and debate team at her high school helped her overcome that shyness.

"It was a lot of development of that skill that has been the most useful for everything I do now," she said.

She was born in Houston and raised in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, with her family as her network, her support, her role models. Her parents were strict, which Ahua appreciates more as an adult.

Coupling the discipline she learned from her parents with the communication skills she learned in school, Ahua began exploring her community, becoming more involved.

"I never really did one thing (as a volunteer)," she said. "I just started doing stuff."

She began helping out as she could, building her network of people.

When a tornado hit Hattiesburg in 2013, she was thrust into a role she wasn't expecting — volunteer coordinator for 1,200 to 1,500 people who wanted to help the city get back on its feet.

When another tornado struck in January, she was called upon to fill that role again.

"I have the weird skill of being able to create order," she said. "That propelled me to do more of whatever that was."

"As it turns out, there's a real need for that in any organization, job or community activity. You've got to have a framework of how to do things."

Ahua also works as program coordinator for Extra Table, a nonprofit organi-



Stacy Ahua, 29, has helped coordinate volunteers after two tornadoes in Hattiesburg, Miss. She is program coordinator for Extra Table, which helps supply food pantries across the state.

zation started by restaurateur Robert St. John that buys healthy foods in bulk to distribute to nearly 30 food pantries in Mississippi.

She and director Mike Dixon raise funds separately to pay their salaries and expenses, so donations to the organization go solely toward buying food.

"We try to be most efficient with what we have and still be functioning human beings," she said.

Stacy Ahua

Location: Hattiesburg, Mississippi

Age: 29

Profession: Program coordinator for Extra Table, a nonprofit that raises money to buy healthy foods for nearly 30 agencies in Mississippi; owner, Blueprint Hattiesburg, a marketing and networking business

Mission: To fill whatever needs she can and leave things better than she found them

Q&A WITH STACY AHUA

What does it mean to you to be an American?

Our tribe (in Nigeria) is very prideful about who we are and what our history is, but there's an undeniable fact that I was born and raised here and I've been afforded opportunities by being here that would not exist otherwise, so American versus Nigerian versus African-American can have been very ambiguous kinds of titles.

Having been raised by parents who came here with nothing, who educated themselves — those kinds of things factor into what being an American means to me in the sense of development as a person.

It means opportunity. It means working hard. It means honoring what my parents have done. It means so much more than where you are born, and I can say that about Nigeria as well. It's an honor to be able to be called an American because of what it took to get that.

What moment touched and motivated you to launch this effort?

I can't stand any kind of injustice. I can't handle that very well.

What gives you hope or what concerns you?

What concerns me most, it's kind of that all-or-nothing mentality for what people want. It's either you completely agree with what I think and we can coexist, or if you don't, you mean nothing to me. There is no middle ground. I don't understand how anything can exist that way.

I feel the most positive about things I can control or things that I see every day. I can control to some degree, I can affect what hunger looks like in Mississippi with Extra Table.

What do you hope to accomplish through your efforts?

I just hope I help people. I hope I am able to help somebody. It doesn't matter what level it's on. It's important how you enter and leave somebody's life. I try to do whatever I can to fill whatever need I can.

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Runestad seeks public input

State Rep. Jim Runestad has scheduled two public meetings to gather input on proposed child custody reforms. Runestad, chair of the House Judiciary Committee, is working on legislation establishing shared custody with equal parenting time as the starting point for all child custody deliberations in Michigan.

"I want to get as much input as possible from people involved with the family court system throughout our state, including parents, attorneys and other experts," said Runestad, R-White Lake. "This information will allow me to move forward and make meaningful reforms that improve child custody laws in Michigan."

Public meetings will be at 6-8 p.m. Monday, Aug. 21, at Studio D2D, 401 Hall St. SW, Grand Rapids; and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 22, at Antonio's Cucina Italiana, 2220 N. Canton Center Road, Canton.

Anyone unable to attend one of the meetings is encouraged to contact Runestad's office at 517-373-2616 or email JimRunestad@house.mi.gov.

Old Village Restaurant Crawl

The annual Old Village Restaurant Crawl is set for 5:30-8:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 21, and members of the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce are invited to enjoy restaurants in a unique part of the city. The Old Village area is the original city-center of Plymouth, filled with history and

seven restaurants to try for just \$15 (\$5 for children 12 and under). An additional local restaurant, Wok Asian Bistro, will be participating and setting up a booth at the Old Village Restaurant Crawl.

To purchase tickets, contact the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce at 734-453-1540.

Dog wash

A dog wash event to benefit Wreaths Across America will be held at noon Saturday, Aug. 26, at 520 Blunk, Plymouth. Baths are by donation. All proceeds benefit WAA. For more information, visit wreathssacrossamerica.org.

Summer send-off concert

Kick back, relax and enjoy an unforgettable night of lively Christian bands and artists 6-7:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 26, performing traditional to contemporary selections at Kellogg Park in Plymouth. Presented by St. Michael Lutheran Church of Canton. Go to smlcanton.org or call 734-459-3333 for more information.

Nankin Mills programs

» Middle Rouge River

An indoor nature presentation titled "1800s Mills and Villages of the Middle Rouge River" is set for 10-11:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 26.

The Rouge River was a magnet for settlement from the Native Americans to the earliest settlers who harnessed its water power for mills. Explore the many mills built along the Middle Rouge River and the early villages that grew around them. Some of these communities re-

main, while others have become ghost towns.

Cost is \$3 per person for ages 12 and older; non-Wayne County residents add \$1 per person. Pre-registration 72 hours before program is required.

For more information, call 734-261-1990 or go to www.parks.waynecounty.com.

» Mill Daze

A family program titled Mill Daze is set for 1-2:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 26.

Step back into the 1800s to try hand-grinding grain into flour or apples into cider. Play old-time games and learn what life was like in the 1800s by watching wool spinning and other demonstrations.

Cost is \$6 per child ages 5-17 and \$2 per adult; non-Wayne County residents add \$1 per person. Pre-registration 72 hours before program is required.

For more information, call 734-261-1990 or go to www.parks.waynecounty.com.

Theater auditions

Fall 2017 theater season auditions will be held at the Plymouth Community Arts Council from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 10. Plymouth Uptown Players Youth Theater is a cooperative program hosted by the Plymouth Community Arts Council featuring directors from Tipping Point Theatre in Northville. The fall program is for ages 6-15 (grades 2-9).

Families may register online or in person or by phone during PCAC business hours, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Thursday. Actors will meet in small groups for 20-25 minutes with the director, Sonja Marquis.

Call the office at 734-416-4278 to pre-register

and make your appointment for 5:30 p.m., 6 p.m., 6:30 p.m. or 7 p.m.

For more information, go to www.plymoutharts.com or email lisa@plymoutharts.com.

PUPS is an experimental theater program that is actor-centered. All actors will have a role in final production to be held at Northville's Tipping Point Theatre.

Cost is \$215, with current PCAC student membership (\$30), good for a year. Tuition includes two tickets per actor for the final performance.

Polish folkdance enrollment

PNA Centennial Dancers, a Plymouth-based children's Polish folkdance ensemble serving the Polish-American communities in Wayne, Oakland and Livingston counties, is offering open enrollment through August.

Formed in 1980 by the Polish National Alliance (PNA) Lodge 53, formerly PNA Lodge 3240, the dance ensemble has been educating students ages 3-18 and sharing Polish heritage and culture through music, dance and language for over three decades.

Beyond the regular dance classes and recital, students can participate in a variety of additional performances. For more than 30 years, Centennial has participated in events and won awards from across the state: Polish American Night at Comerica Park, Plymouth and Northville Fourth of July parades,

Plymouth Fall Festival, Polish Folk Dance Festival in Troy, Milwaukee Polish Festival, Polski Festiwal at Buddy's Pizzeria, the PNA Youth Jamboree and more.

For more information on registering, go to https://pnacentennialdancers.wordpress.com/registration/.

Free movie at Finnish Center

The award-winning Finnish film "Man Without a Past" will be shown at 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 3, the Finnish Center, 35200 W. Eight Mile Road, Farmington Hills. The movie is a comedy-drama, rated PG 13, for which director Ari Kaurismaki was awarded the Grand Prix in Cannes and received the highest accolades from film critics. For more information, call 248-478-6949.

Help a neighbor

On Saturday, Sept. 9, the FRIENDS program will once again come together to help a resident spruce up their home.

The program was started in 1998 to help a Wayne resident whose home needed some tender loving care. Homes are usually chosen based on the homeowners' inability to handle the work themselves, due to either financial or health reasons. The FRIENDS committee coordinates with willing volunteers to complete the task. This program is completely funded through donations and volunteers.

For more information, to donate or to volunteer,

call the Wayne's Community Development department at 734-722-2000, ext. 1032.

Jazz concert series relocated

The 2017 Canton Color Block Jazz Concert Series continues this summer with its remaining concerts scheduled to take place at a new location in Canton's Heritage Park. The outdoor concerts will now be held 7-9 p.m. each Friday evening through Aug. 25 at the Heritage Park Amphitheater, 1150 S. Canton Center Road.

To allow larger audiences the chance to experience these free jazz series has been relocated from the Super Bowl to Canton's Heritage Park. The remaining schedule:

» Aug. 25: Greg Nagy

Audience members are encouraged to bring a lawn chair or blanket and then sit back and enjoy. In the event of inclement weather, the concerts will be canceled.

For more information, go to www.shopcanton.org.

Fordson class reunion

Fordson High School, Class of 1954, will hold a 63rd reunion luncheon Thursday, Oct. 5, from noon to 4 p.m., at the Stitt American Legion Hall, Post 232 in Dearborn Heights. For more information, call Nancy Barlow Gaspar at 248-859-4187 or email Pat Gaston Chiesa at patch629@aol.com

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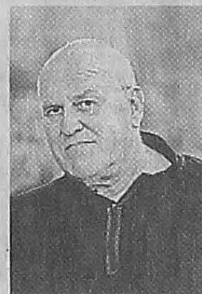
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Dan Joe Age 79 August 14, 2017. Beloved husband of Joan for 60 years. Loving father of Susan (Tom) Romero and Terri (Tom) Chapman. Cherished grandfather of Steven (Elysia) Chapman, Adam Chapman, Filipina Romero and Alexandria Romero. Great grandfather of Courtney Chapman and Nathan Chapman. Dearest brother of Katherine (the late David) Epley and the late Kenneth Helka and James Lamar Helka. He was dearly loved and will be deeply missed by many family member and friends. Memorial gathering Sunday, August 20th 1pm followed by the 2pm Memorial Service at Garden City Presbyterian Church, 1841 Middlebelt, Garden City (Just South of Ford Rd.). Memorials may be made to the church. www.santeiufuneralhome.com

Palmer



Richard Kevin age 63, died Sunday, August 13, 2017, at Garden City Hospital. He was born August 23, 1953 to the late George and Emily Palmer, and was the brother of George (Cindy) Palmer. On July 12, 1997, he married Katherine Billings in Livonia. Rick was the loving father of George (Becky) and Cindy Palmer, loving step-father of Brandon (Lindsey) Billings, and loving "Tall Papa" to Sebastian, Taylor, Danielle, Jonas, and Stellan. Rick grew up in Garden City, Michigan. He retired from Northwest/Delta in 2011 after 32 years of service. He worked for many years writing and designing newsletter publications for an international union. In 2012, Rick and his wife created Palmerworks.com, a web and print design company. Rick had an incredibly strong personality, a sarcastic wit, and an excellent sense of humor. He was known as both "the Big Fella" and "the Gentle Giant" to friends and family. He donated much of his time designing websites and print media for local organizations, including the Garden City Business Alliance and the Garden City Friends of the Library. He also was involved in several Habitats for Humanities projects. Rick was an avowed liberal who enjoyed arguing politics, reading, riding his bicycle, photography, playing his guitar, and traveling with his wife. At Rick's request, his family is hosting a picnic/BBQ on August 23, 2017, from 4-9pm at Garden City Park in place of a traditional funeral. Contributions in Richard Palmer's name can be made to the Garden City Library Building Fund.

Tobin



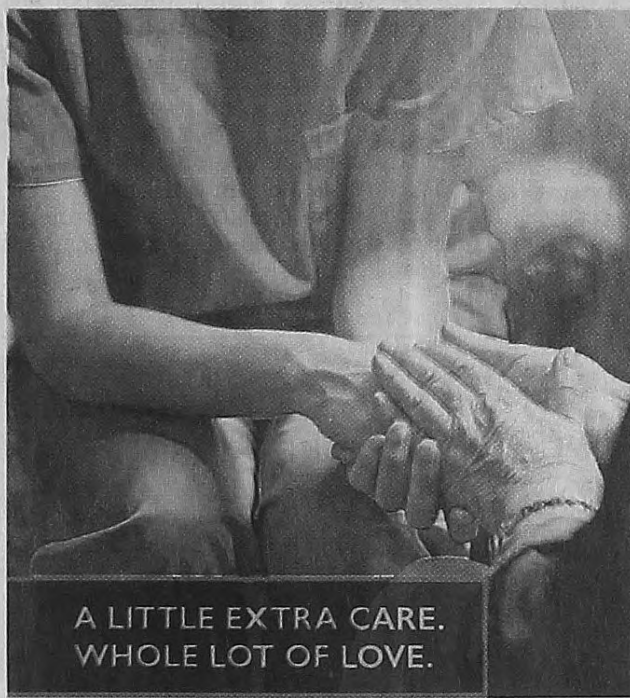
Edward Peter October 16, 1937-August 3, 2017. Born and raised in Detroit, Michigan. Longtime resident of Farmington, Calumet, and Dexter, Michigan. Predeceased by firstborn and cherished son, Christopher Edward Tobin, parents Edwin Paul Tobin and Elizabeth Tomberg Tobin, sister Carol M. Smith. Survived and deeply missed by his loving wife of 52 years, Elizabeth (Liz) Vestevich Tobin, cherished sons Bradley William Tobin (Sherr), Brian Patrick Tobin (Melanie Siebert), Matthew Paul Tobin (Carmel), cherished Granddaughter, Sherr Siebert-Tobin; sister Anna Tobin Berry, brother Thomas Tobin (Marlene); nieces and nephews Mike Gaiefsky, Steve Gaiefsky, Kim Gourlay, Karen Beneson, Sherry Smith, Ken Smith, Linda Van Newkirk, David Smith, James Tobin, Daniel Tobin, and William Tobin. Graduate of Wayne State University, Civil Engineering, 1959; Registered Professional Engineer, member of Chi Epsilon Fraternity, National Honorary Civil Engineering Fraternity; member of Tau Beta Pi, National Honorary Scholarship Fraternity; Alpha Sigma Phi, Beta Tau Chapter. Employed by Wayne County Road Commission, 1959-1968; Giffels Associates, 1968-1988; Stenrose-Tobin Associates, 1988-1989; self-employed 1989-1993; Harley Ellis Pierce and Yee, 1993-2002. Ed Tobin quietly made his presence known by considering others first. He enjoyed being a Dad and Grandpa, coaching his sons' little league teams, playing softball, golf, trips to Michigan's Upper Peninsula, watching sports events, playing Stratomatic Baseball with his sons, pinochle, and maintaining lifelong friendships. Memories of Ed shared by family, friends, and former workmates would be appreciated. Private service held at Grand Lawn Cemetery, Detroit, MI on August 11, 2017. Arrangements under the direction of Hosmer-Muehlig Funeral Chapel, Dexter, MI.

Shay

Dorothy age 87, peacefully passed away on July 24th. She is survived by her 5 children, David, Paul, Michael, Alan and Susan. She was predeceased by her husband, Leon. A memorial service will be held on August 23rd at St. James Catholic Church in Novi, MI at 10:30am.

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Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority director resigns amid internal investigation

Christina Hall and John Wisely
Detroit Free Press

George Phifer, director of the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority, has resigned, the Free Press has learned.

Phifer, who was on paid administrative leave pending an internal investigation, reportedly resigned Monday, several authority board members confirmed.

"I was told by the chairman of the board that he had submitted his resignation," said Bernard Parker, Wayne County's representative on the authority board.

Parker said he expected the search for a successor to begin soon.

Acting Director Michael Reese told the Free Press there is a policy in place that staff doesn't comment on personnel matters. Deputy Director David Kirbach said there is an investigation going on and "we are not prepared to make any statement about personnel issues." Neither would confirm Phifer had re-



Phifer

signed.

Authority Board Chairman Timothy McCarthy could not be reached.

Board member Steve Williams, who represents Livingston County, confirmed Phifer submitted a letter of resignation Monday. He could not say the reason, if any, given for the resignation because he has not seen Phifer's letter, according to the Livingston Daily.

Phifer could not be located for comment. The nature of the investigation has not been publicly disclosed and

Williams said it will continue despite Phifer's resignation.

"It's still ongoing," he confirmed to the Livingston Daily, declining to elaborate. "The attorney we hired gave us an update at a closed session (Thursday). She had more interviews to do."

A prior memo from McCarthy stated that staff may be asked to participate in the investigation and, if so, the authority expected their "full and complete cooperation with investigators."

"Absent written authorization from me, staff members are prohibited from divulging the fact or details of the matter or investigation to the media or anyone else outside HCMA," the memo stated, referring any inquires to Reese.

Phifer worked as a police officer in Pontiac before coming to the authority in 2008 as police chief.

Parker said he was sad to see Phifer leave.

"I thought he did an outstanding job," he said. "The parks definitely improved while he was there."

But in June, a photo went around the Internet of a fawn run down by a tractor at Stony Creek

As deputy director, he was responsible for the overall administration and operation of the 13 metroparks, which are scattered throughout five counties in southeast Michigan.

Metropark, triggering protest comments on Facebook and charges of wildlife abuse by animal welfare advocates.

Phifer said the fawn's death was the kind of "unfortunate accident" that he hoped to prevent with new maintenance methods.

But environmentalists, birders and others concerned about wildlife have been critical about excessive mowing at the parks — a decision they say Phifer made — and the destruction of what they believe is good habitat for wildlife, such as the removal of trees.

Board members of the Macomb Audubon Society previously suggested Phifer perhaps should be replaced as director.

As director, Phifer served as chief executive officer and was responsible for the day-to-day operations of the author-

ity, according to its website. It stated that he served as deputy director and chief operating officer before becoming director.

As deputy director, he was responsible for the overall administration and operation of the 13 metroparks, which are scattered throughout five counties in southeast Michigan.

In 2010, he was appointed executive secretary to the board, serving as a staff officer of the agency while maintaining his responsibilities as police chief, according to his biography on the website.

Phifer worked for the Pontiac Police Department for nearly 20 years, retiring as a captain in 2004. He then worked as chief of security for the Pontiac School District and as director of security and safety for six

Parkview Health Hospitals in Indiana.

Taxpayers in the five counties with metroparks — Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Livingston and Washtenaw — pay a millage of 0.2146 mills that is expected to generate more than \$29 million in revenue this year for the authority, according to its 2017 budget.

That budget includes more than \$51 million in revenues and more than \$62 million in expenses.

In March, the authority's board — two of whom are no longer serving — approved a \$21,000 raise for Phifer, bringing his salary to \$168,000.

Phifer's tenure has not been without controversy.

In 2012, numerous lawsuits against the authority and various officials were filed about hiring and promotion practices that some law enforcement officers claimed favored minority candidates over older white males. The lawsuits alleged age, race or sex discrimination but have since been settled.

In March 2015, the Michigan Court of Appeals upheld the dismissal of a lawsuit filed against the authority and Phifer that alleged civil rights violations.

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Day trip? History, nature abound across border in Ontario's Point Pelee

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When people think of heading south for a vacation, the usual destinations include Florida, the Carolinas or maybe even Texas.

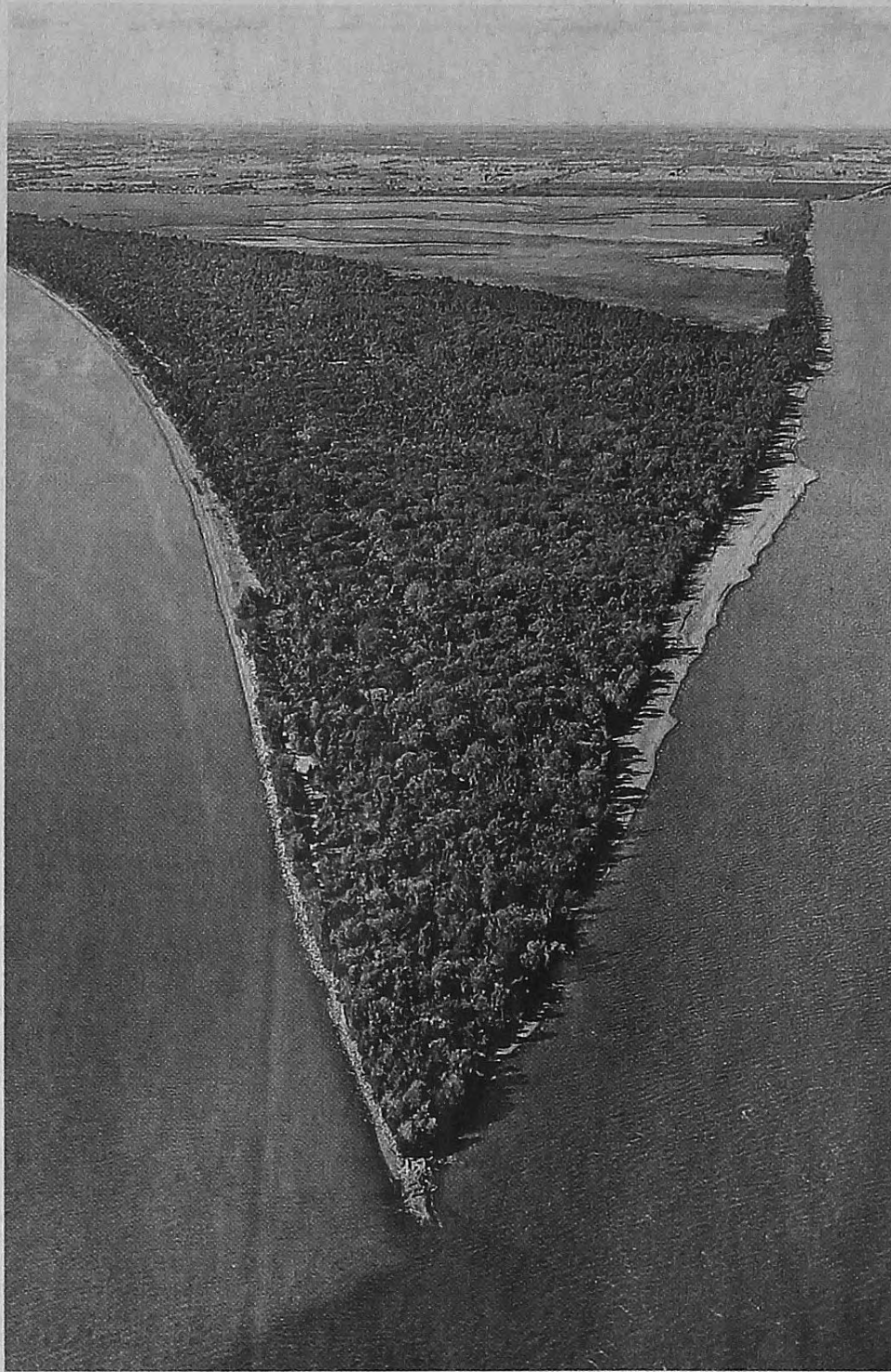
Not many consider Ontario's Essex County as a trip south — unless, of course, you're a Canadian.

Truth is, the flat, rolling farmland of southwest Ontario is the southernmost part of Canada, making it a prime vacation spot for our neighbors to the north during the summer months.

However, Essex County is an ideal area for an extended day trip or a long weekend, especially for Detroit-area residents who are fortunate enough to have easy access to Canada via the Ambassador Bridge or the Detroit-Windsor Tunnel.

And because our hockey-loving brethren are celebrating this year the 150th anniversary of their country's founding, it's a particularly exciting time to make Canada part of your travel itinerary in the coming months.

The smartest way to start a tour of Essex County is to stop at the tourist information center at 110 Park St. East, just a stone's throw from the end of the tunnel. The Ontario Travel Association has countless maps, brochures and guides to everything from country inns and antique shops to local wineries and historic sites. The workers are



An aerial view of Point Pelee, Canada's southernmost point on the mainland of Ontario.



The Point Pelee boardwalk stretches across the park's marshland.

extremely knowledgeable and eager to share insider tips or off-the-beaten-path gems.

Currency can be exchanged there, too, and with the favorable rate, it's a good idea to use Canadian funds while in Ontario.

Once you have all your tourist literature, head south on Huron Church Road and then go west on the E.C. Row Expressway. From there, you can follow the signs toward LaSalle, the first town south of Windsor. It is not the most direct route to Point Pelee National Park, but it does offer a fine view of the Detroit River and the many marinas that hug the shoreline.

Motoring along, the first place of interest is Amherstburg, about 30 kilometers (19 miles) south of Windsor. A quaint town of about 20,000, it is best known as the mainland stop for the ferry that takes cars and pedestrians to Bois Blanc Island. Although the

amusement park (known as Boblo) is long closed, the island is now home to upscale homes and restaurants. A few remnants of the rides (including the space needle) can still be seen.

Amherstburg is home to many historical attractions, including Fort Malden, the Park House Museum and the North American Black Historical Museum. In addition, the downtown has many interesting shops and eateries, along with the King's Navy Yard Park near the waterfront.

Fort Malden was established when the British were driven from Detroit in 1796 following the Revolutionary War and was an important military installation during the War of 1812 and the Patriots' Rebellion of 1837-38. The fort is open all year and includes a restored barracks and other buildings. Costumed guides roam the grounds and give demon-

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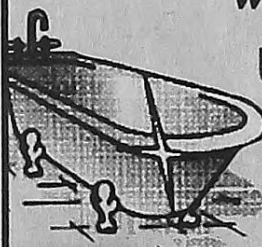
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TO ACHIEVE THE REFERENCED ORDINANCE AS NOTED ABOVE, THE FOLLOWING ETHICS ORDINANCE SECTIONS HAVE BEEN ADDED:

Section 2 - 1. Purpose.
The purpose of this ordinance is to set forth standards of conduct for the officers and employees of the City of Plymouth. The ordinance also provides references to certain state statutes that regulate the conduct of officers and employees of local government. The ordinance provides for penalties for violations of this ordinance.

Section 2-2. - Definitions.

Section 2-3. - Standards of Conduct.

Section 2-4. - Filing and Disposition of Complaints.

Section 2-5. - Sanctions.

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strations of army life in the 19th century.

Amherstburg was one of the final destinations of the Underground Railroad, which enabled thousands of slaves to escape prior to the Civil War, thus the North American Black Historical Museum. The Park House Museum is a former residence restored to its 1850s appearance. Both are open all year.

Continue south along provincial Highway 20 through some of the richest, most fertile farmland on the continent. The land is monotonously flat, dotted by silos and occasional stands of trees.

Passing through Harrow, an inviting stop is the Sprucewood Shores Estate Winery, one of several in the immediate area. It offers tastings, as well as tours Monday through Friday.

A bit further along Highway 20 brings you to Kingsville. Along with being the jumping-off point for the ferry to Pelee Island in Lake Erie, Kingsville is also home to the Jack Miner Migratory Bird Sanctuary, just north of town.

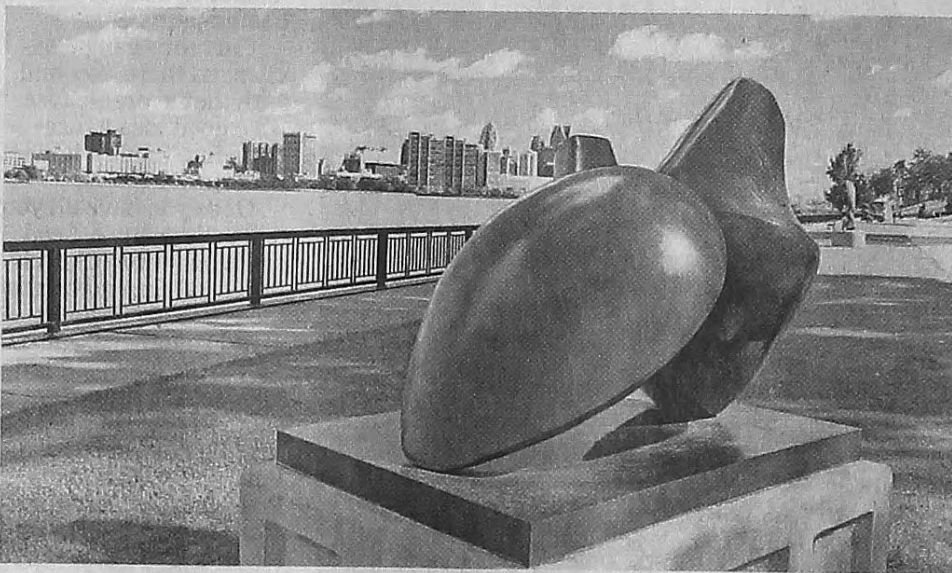
Jack Miner was an internationally known naturalist, author and lecturer who established a bird sanctuary on his former estate in 1904. Visitors can hand-feed many species of birds, including ducks, geese and swans. The Jack Miner Museum, where admission is also free, allows visitors to view 150 years of historical Miner archives and artifacts. The flocks that visit during the migration seasons are truly spectacular.

Just three miles away you'll find Colasanti's



Sprucewood Shores Winery is one of many in Essex County, Ontario.

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although some activities have a fee.

Get back on the road and head through Ruthven and into Leamington, the self-proclaimed "Tomato Capital of Canada." Once home to a massive H.J. Heinz Co. ketchup bottling plant (it closed in

Point Pelee is one of Canada's smallest national parks, especially considering two-thirds of it consists of marshlands.

2014), the roads leading into town are lined with huge greenhouses. Leamington is also the gateway to Point Pelee National Park, the southernmost mainland point in Canada.

In honor of Canada's 150th birthday this year, admission fees have been waived at all national parks (there are still fees for activities and rentals). All that's required is a 2017 Discovery Pass, which can be obtained at

the entrance.

Point Pelee is one of Canada's smallest national parks, especially considering two-thirds of it consists of marshlands. The 42nd parallel passes through the park and there is a marker at the spot, indicating it's on the same latitude as Rome and Barcelona.

The most fascinating aspect of the park is the extensive marshland, which stretches as far as the eye can see along the eastern shore. An observation tower overlooks the marsh and a 1.5-kilometer boardwalk snakes over the water through the cattails, another favorite stopping point for many species of migrating birds.

From the visitor's center, a marked trail leads hikers to the southern tip, a beach where sunsets are spectacular and stone-skipping is irresistible. There is also a motorized tram that will take riders most of the way.

The park includes several beaches, trails and picnic areas, the visitor's center houses a library and exhibit hall and canoes, kayaks and bicycles can be rented. Expect crowds on the weekends at one of Canada's most popular destinations.

If you still have any energy left, hop back on Highway 3 for the more direct, 45-minute drive back to Windsor. The downtown area bustles with nightlife, particularly along Ouellette Avenue when the sidewalk cafes are in full swing.

Halfway between Leamington and Windsor, the Detroit skyline looms in the distance, with the Renaissance Center visible between the barns and houses of Essex County. It's hard to believe the city is so close, but — as always — civilization beckons.

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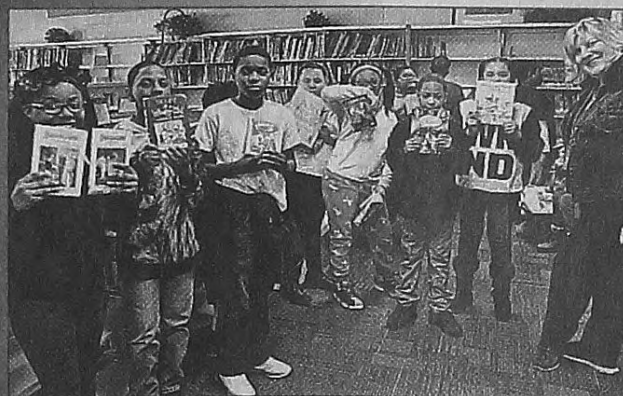
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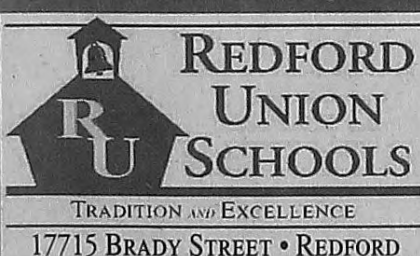
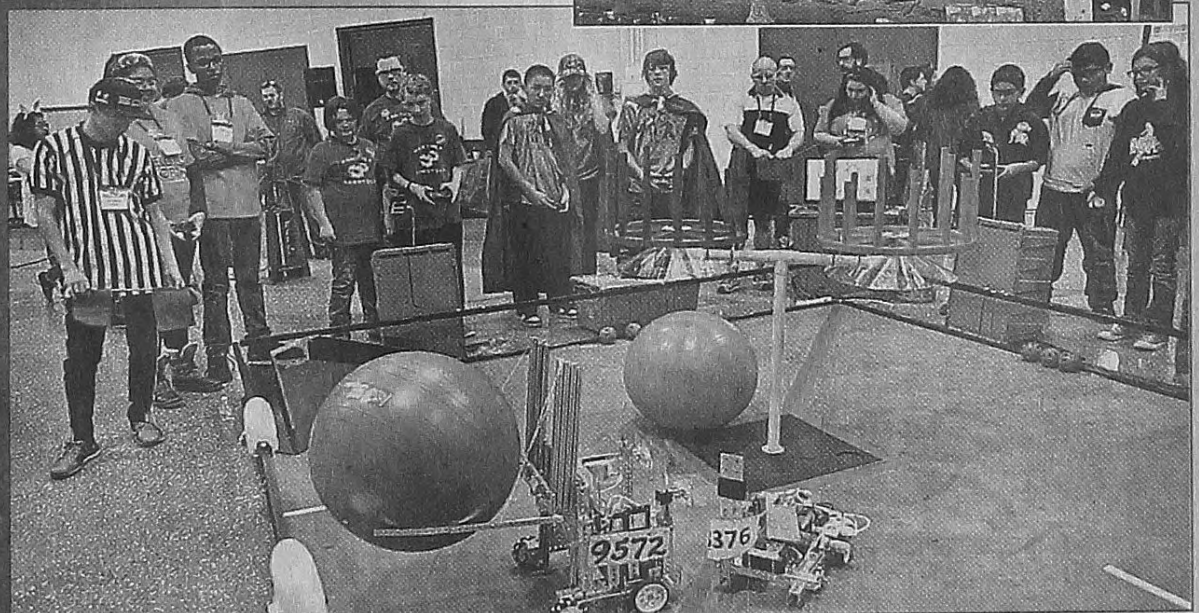
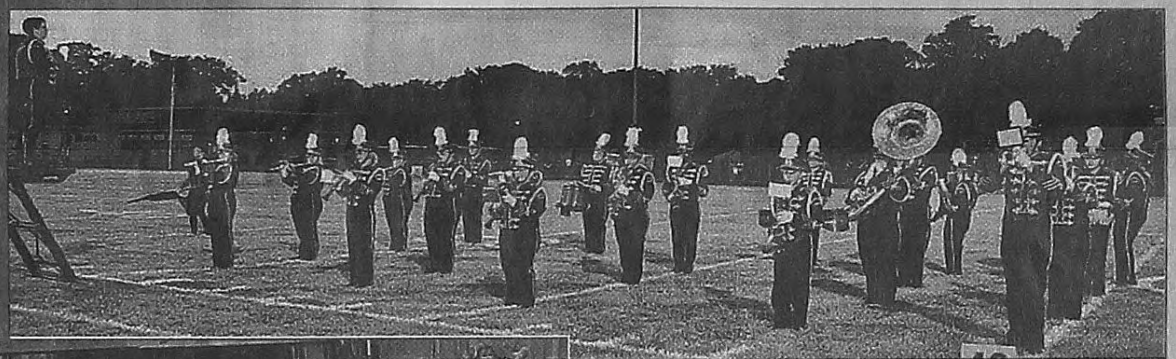
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PREP FOOTBALL

Salem seniors raise bar on and off field

Tim Smith
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With prospective Division I recruit Alex Howie at the front of the pack, a large group of Salem senior football players will be right behind him.

Thirty-two of 55 varsity players — led by 6-5, 305-pound lineman Howie, quarterback Ryan Young and linebacker/receiver Sean McCormack — have just one final kick at the can and want to help the Rocks reach the elusive state playoffs.

"I'm a fan of seniors leading," Salem head coach Kurt Britnell said. "If that's

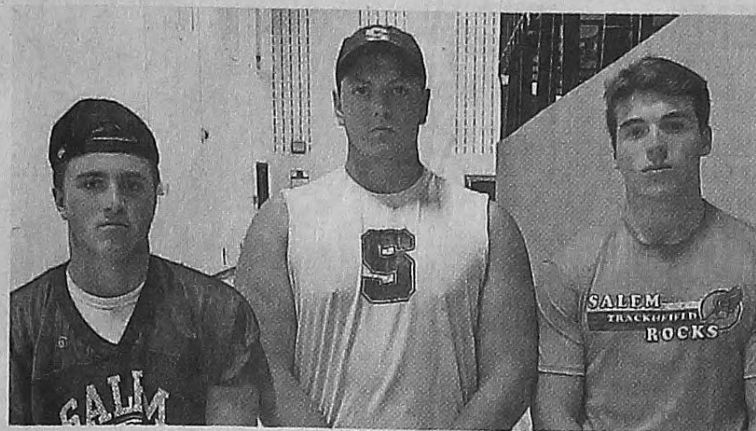
the case, that's the less leading we (coaches) have to do and that's also probably an indication of what kind of team you have.

"If they're leading, you're probably going to be pretty good."

The trio of seniors took time out from Tuesday's practice to talk about how extra motivated they are to spearhead a playoff run in their final prep season — and about how they are following Urban Meyer's lead.

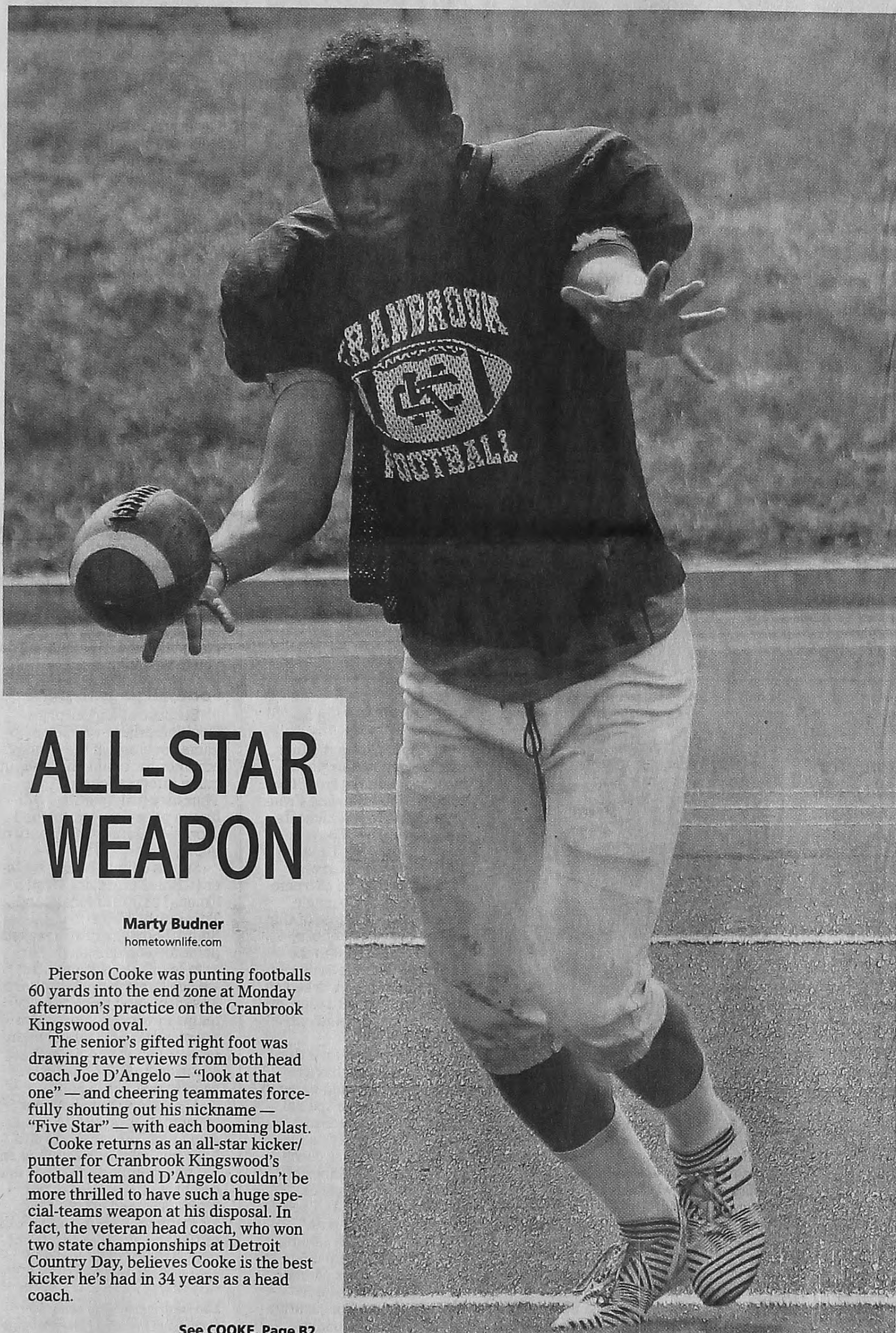
Meyer, the legendary Ohio State University head coach, wrote the 2015

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TIM SMITH
Salem's Sean McCormack (from left), Alex Howie and Ryan Young are three seniors who will be among team leaders in 2017.

PREP FOOTBALL



ALL-STAR WEAPON

Marty Budner
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Pierson Cooke was punting footballs 60 yards into the end zone at Monday afternoon's practice on the Cranbrook Kingswood oval.

The senior's gifted right foot was drawing rave reviews from both head coach Joe D'Angelo — "look at that one" — and cheering teammates forcefully shouting out his nickname — "Five Star" — with each booming blast.

Cooke returns as an all-star kicker/punter for Cranbrook Kingswood's football team and D'Angelo couldn't be more thrilled to have such a huge special-teams weapon at his disposal. In fact, the veteran head coach, who won two state championships at Detroit Country Day, believes Cooke is the best kicker he's had in 34 years as a head coach.

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MARTY BUDNER

Pierson Cooke averaged 34 yards per punt and booted nine field goals for Cranbrook Kingswood last fall.

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Bloomfield Hills at Seaholm, 7 p.m., follow Marty Budner @BhmEccentric

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LIVONIA WILD PREVAIL



LIVONIA WILD
The Livonia Wild 12U Black travel softball team celebrates winning the USSSA Motor City Madness "Spring is Eternal" tournament. Team members are (front row, from left) Katie Nowak, Abby McCallion, Morgan Bogacki, Emily Maliszewski, Kaitlin Trantham, Makenna Waligora, Mia Cousino, (back row, from left) assistant coach Jim Nowak, assistant coach Dana Waligora, Grace Young, Gabby Krekeler, assistant coach Paul McCallion, Macy Brignon, head coach Drew Maliszewski, Jamie Ostrowski and assistant coach Lisa Bogacki.

SALEM

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book "Above the Line: Lessons in Leadership and Life from a Championship Season." It detailed the Buckeyes' run to the 2014 national title.

"Above the Line" was mandatory summer reading for the Rocks and will be the team's slogan for the 2017 season (which begins Thursday, Aug. 24, at New Boston Huron).

"A big part of the book is (that) 'event and action equals outcome,'" Howie said. "Because you have an event and however you or your team reacts to it decides your outcome."

"So you come across adversity and you can decide to go after it positively or negatively and that's going to impact your outcome of it."

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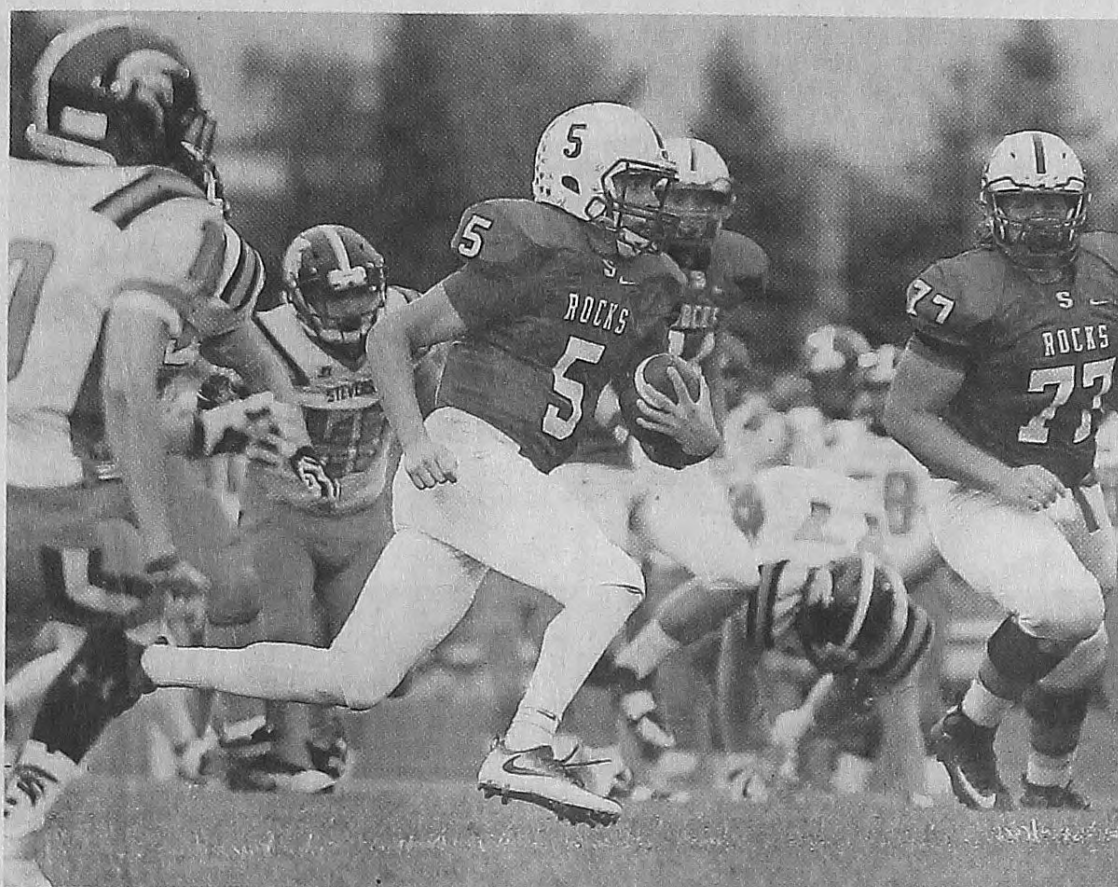
Howie added that "to be 'Above the Line' is always being in touch with your decisions and actions, being positive and just trying to work against adversity."

According to Young, who literally will be standing right behind center Howie on the Salem offensive line, the team is all in on following Meyer's philosophy about teamwork and winning.

"It just means all your actions that you do, whether it's school or football or your family, always make the right decision because somebody's always watching," Young said.

Concurring was McCormack, who like Young is healthy again after suffering injuries last season.

"Above the Line,' to me," McCormack said, "is more like putting our team first before yourself and always making positive decisions on how to impact the team in a positive way."



Salem quarterback Ryan Young, shown from a 2016 game, is raring to go as the 2017 season draws near.

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And, Howie noted, it will be "high intensity every game, high intensity, high energy. Keep the team flowing."

By always doing the right things from a leadership standpoint, Young noted that the team itself will benefit.

"Being a football team's always going to have great chemistry on the locker room and on the field," Young said. "So if you get that stuff down (the) X's and O's will come easy."

McCormack said a plus for this year's seniors is the experience gained last year, when the Rocks finished 4-5 and just missed reaching the playoffs.

"I think this group is a really strong group and I think we'll have a really positive

outcome on the season if we keep everyone healthy and keep a positive mindset," McCormack said. "But last year, I think our juniors did a really good job and we need to continue that this year and rub off on the younger kids so they can stay positive, too."

One thing the Rocks will be looking forward to is the Week 4 contest against Canton. It will be the first such meeting for any current Salem player, since the last game between the campus rivals was in 2012.

"We're focusing on what we're doing today, really," Britnell said when asked about the Canton match-up. "Get through the (scrimmage) and then the focus will be on Huron."

But Britnell said the opportunity is there for the largest group of seniors during his nine-year career to make a difference.

He cited key players such as Young, Howie, McCormack, running backs Andrew Davis, Parker Selby and Cody Tapp.

"They all got to do it together," Britnell said. "Every single one of them (seniors) has to be leading by example, doing the right things, showing 'Above the Line' behavior in their actions."

"That's what we're hoping for from all of them."

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COOKE

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"To show you how much I think of him, I hardly would ever think of field goals before," D'Angelo said. "But now we go into a game with the idea that we can kick a field goal anytime ... and how many games are decided by extra points?"

"It's just an important phase of the game. He is the best I've ever had."

Impressive numbers

Cooke, a 17-year-old Bloomfield Hills resident, is considered one of the state's premier kickers. It's an amazing feat considering the Vardar-developed soccer player is entering only his second season of football.

After transferring to Cranbrook Kingswood following his freshman year at the University of Detroit-Jesuit, Cooke wanted to make some friends and decided it would be "cool" to become a kicker. Cooke was ineligible to play as a sophomore, but donned the blue and green Cranbrook Kingswood uniform for the first time last year as a junior and didn't disappoint.

"I had never kicked a football until I came here," said Cooke, who primarily played soccer as a youngster. "I'm definitely surprised at how well I've done. It's all kind of surreal right now, because I really wasn't expecting to have a lot of success after my first year of football. So to get all-state really shocked me."

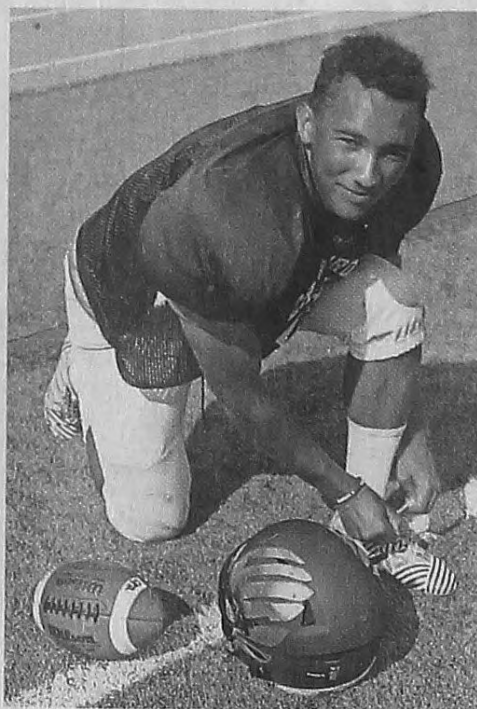
Cooke simmered with some impressive numbers last fall.

He booted nine field goals — four better than 40 yards — in 12 attempts. He made 30 of 33 extra-points for a sizzling 91-percent conversion rate. In addition, he averaged 53 yards per kickoff, with 31 of 50

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PIERSON COOKE

Cranbrook senior and one of the state's premier punter/kickers



MARTY BUDNER

All-state senior kicker Pierson Cooke gives Cranbrook Kingswood a special-teams advantage this fall.

bouncing out of the end zone for a touchback.

Cooke finished as Cranbrook's second-leading scorer with 57 points.

As a punter, Cooke averaged 34 yards per punt, with his longest 51 yards. Of his 28 punts, 10 of them placed the opposition inside their 20-yard line.

As a result, Cooke was named first team all-state kicker by the Associated Press. He also earned all-Catholic League recognition and garnered multiple newspaper all-star honors, including all-Division 4 by the Detroit Free Press.

Nationally-ranked talent

The 6-foot-1, 185-pound kicker spent the summer at a pair of prestigious camps — The Kicking Coach camp and Kohl's Kicking Camp — in Wisconsin. He enters the 2017

season with a pair of national rankings: 13th in punting and 20th in kicking.

"Last year, I came to practice during this week and really didn't have any preseason training," said Cooke, who is known as an exceptionally hard worker. "After my first season, I realized how much work it was going to take to actually improve and get the mechanics down a lot better, so I've been working on a lot, basically, since spring to work on every aspect of my game — whether it be in the weight room or just accuracy in kicking."

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Cooke's talents give D'Ange-

lo plenty of coaching options.

D'Angelo loves the fact that the opposition starts most of its drives from the 20-yard line following Cranbrook Kingswood kickoffs. He also relishes Cooke's long-distance field goal ability on stalled drives.

"He just has an extremely strong leg," D'Angelo said. "As an example of that, almost every one of our kickoffs go deep into the end zone, so there is no run back. And he has worked on his timing and his accuracy for placekicking and extra points."

"Kicking is about a third of the game. You have to have a good kicking game to do things with the special teams, so that gives us a huge advantage. It's a nice feeling to have as a coach. He's been at a number of camps and has done extremely well. A lot of people are aware of him now."

Cooke is simply hoping his talents will help Cranbrook continue its winning ways. The Cranes have managed three consecutive winning seasons under D'Angelo and aim to make it four straight.

"I hope I'm a key for the team," Cooke said. "But I kind of see myself more as a second line of defense, because I know (starting quarterback) Trevor (McConnell) and our offense will get a lot of done. In situations where we don't get touchdowns, I feel like I can come on the field and help with field goals or, if we're pinned deep in our half, I can help with punts."

"I feel a lot more comfortable this year. I was kind of nervous last year, since I had never played the sport, let alone play on the varsity team. But it's a lot of fun."

DIGITAL

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Great stories

In addition to our refocused game coverage, we will still include rich storytelling that gives insight into the lives of players and coaches both on and off the field. Features like our story on Michigan's top kicker Jake Moody and the life-saving efforts of lacrosse player Ryan Figueroa. These are the kind of stories that resonate with readers across Hometown Life Land whether a professed sports fanatic or casual observer.

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For games we cannot cover in person, we are still asking coaches or team representatives to provide us with key information via email at LIV-sports@hometownlife.com

We need scores, a key play or two and top performances by individual student athletes that will help us choose our athlete of the week nominees. We are bringing back this very popular poll and we're counting on you to weigh in.

Football page in print

Because of earlier print deadlines, there will be no game coverage in the Sunday editions; for teams that submit game information to us, the Thursday print editions will have a page devoted football scores, standings and plenty of photos.

Sports editors Marty Budner (@BhmEccentric), Brad Emmons (@BradEmmons1), and Tim Smith (@Tim-Smith_Sports) will still make a point to keep tabs on all our area teams in all sports. But we need your help. With some 30 schools and more than 250 teams in various sports, you are our eyes and ears at main events. Let us know about the stories within the stories. We want to hear from you.

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PREP FOOTBALL

Groves looks to follow up on memorable season

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Birmingham Groves took the prep football world by storm in 2016.

The Falcons posted a record-setting season, capturing their first regional championship in the process. The memorable campaign ended with an emotional 14-7 setback to eventual Division 2 state champion Detroit King in Groves' first semifinal appearance. There was a lot of hugging and tears shed after that close defeat.

The heartbreaking loss put the clamps on an amazing 11-2 campaign that set a new standard for single-season wins. Groves also captured its second straight Oakland Activities Association championship.

The challenge this year will be to defend its OAA White Division title and compete for a fifth consecutive playoff berth.

However, after graduating 25 seniors, Groves could be hard-pressed to duplicate last year's sterling showing.

Returning co-captains believe

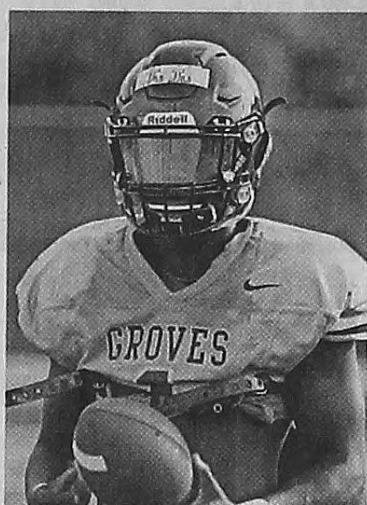
But don't tell that to returning Groves co-captains Chaise Ford and Christian Zeitvogel.

Ford, a senior defensive back/running back, and Zeitvogel, a senior lineman, believe their under-the-radar team should not be overlooked. Both players suggest last year's experience will provide the proper motivation for the returning players to carve out their own successful piece of history.

"We know we lost a lot of guys, but those guys left us with a dog mentality," said Ford, in his second year as a varsity starter. "We get to the ball. We fly around. We hit. We make plays. We're just looking to practice hard, play hard and work off what we started last season."

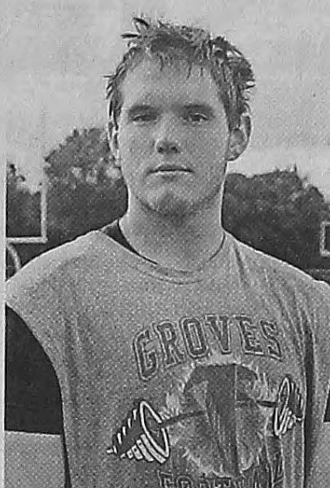
"We had guys last year that were on the scout team giving the seniors and the starting defense and offense great looks. We have those guys coming back and we have great leadership this year with great captains."

"We have people who have been around a successful team.



MARTY BUDNER

Senior Chaise Ford will help key Groves' fortunes this season as both a running back and defensive back.



MARTY BUDNER

Senior center Christian Zeitvogel, who will attend Kalamazoo College to play football, believes Groves has the talent for another memorable season.

The seniors taught us a lot last year and we're just working off what they taught us."

Like Ford, Zeitvogel is a four-year member of the program. The 6-foot-3, 230-pound center will anchor the offense and play a key role in helping to execute the Falcons' always explosive running attack.

'Most exhilarating experience'

Zeitvogel remembers beating Farmington Harrison, 14-7, in a regular-season game thanks to a key touchdown catch by tight end Drew Shekell and a huge interception by free safety Ryan Flaherty — both of whom graduated. He said that game was a turning point when Groves started to really believe in itself.

"Last year was probably the most exhilarating experience of my life," Zeitvogel said. "After we beat Harrison, I remember thinking we're a darn good team. We're a lot better than I expected."

"And that's sort of been the mentality this year. Everyone keeps saying that 'You guys were good last year, but you have to rebuild and you guys lost a lot of seniors.' But we're saying, 'No, that's not the case. We're going to prove you wrong. We are going to keep winning and we're going to show you we are not underdogs and that we are going to

keep winning until you guys give us the respect we deserve."

Players needs to develop

Next year is here and Ford and Zeitvogel are two of 16 seniors who will provide the leadership necessary for Groves to produce another big season.

The three other returning starters are Don Llope (offensive/defensive lineman), Ryan Salter (fullback/linebacker) and Griffen Best (offensive/defensive tackle).

Senior Colton Tinsley will take over at quarterback for Beau Kewley and senior Zak Abdulawasi (linebacker/wide receiver) will be another key newcomer in the starting lineup. The team's other seniors include Offie Rashed, James Shelton, Tyler Newitt, Isaac Carroll, Quentin Hotchkiss-Bortz, Izak Geisler, Daniel Yates, Ben Uzorka and Joe McDonald.

Groves hosts Novi to opens its season Aug. 24 in non-league action. The Falcons begin their OAA White title defense at home the following week against Rochester Hills Stoney Creek, which moved down this fall after five years in the Red Division.

BENEFIT GOLF OUTING

Aiming to help raise awareness about rare cancer

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Fay

Teaching young men how to properly play baseball is a point of pride for Schoolcraft College coach Rob Fay.

But Fay takes any personal pride to another level when he can help those players learn about life.

That's why Fay and his assistant coaches organized Tuesday's Schoolcraft Baseball Golf Outing for Testicular Awareness. The four-man scrambles event is slated for Idyl Wyld Golf Course in Livonia.

"We wanted to do something to have our alumni come back, see our new recruits, meet our current players, see the progression that the program is making with the foundation that they laid," Fay said. "But like we tell our guys all the time, this is about more than baseball."

"As a coaching staff, we're always preaching to them how fortunate they are to play the game, the opportunity they have. But the lessons we teach through baseball are more about life than the game of baseball."

Fay speaks from experience in both categories. He is a survivor of testicular cancer.

"It's a cancer that nobody discusses, nobody talks about," Fay said. "But back in '99, when I was diagnosed, I think the stat was one out of every 10,000 males between 15-30 were getting testicular cancer."

"But it's also a cancer that's very curable if you know how to check, what to do if you find something and you know the people to reach out to."

Can't be selfish

Fay found out about his disease almost by accident.

"One of my siblings had undergone surgery for cancer and my mom called to let me know the surgery went well," he said. "Fortunately for me, while obtaining my bachelor's degree from Central Michigan University, I learned about self-exams."

"When I hung up the phone, I realized I hadn't done one in a long time, so I checked and found a lump."

Fay soon visited a urologist, who confirmed the lump was cancerous. He then underwent chemotherapy; he has been cancer-free since 2005.

Awareness about the disease also is being raised because of Monday's successful return to the Colorado Rockies by pitcher Chad Bettis. He was diagnosed in November and had not pitched in the majors since — until pitching seven scoreless innings against Atlanta.

Although testicular cancer accounts for about 1 percent of all cancers in men, according to the Testicular Cancer Society, it is the most common form of cancer in men ages 15-35. (Each year, about 8,500 men will be diagnosed and 350 will die from the disease.)

"This is just another way for us to help these young men," Fay said. "Because as we try to better their lives, you never know, this could save someone's life."

"We can't be selfish as baseball people and just focus on baseball, when we have an opportunity to get to such a large group of young men on our team and in the community to spread a bigger message. So that's what we're doing."

Building awareness

The baseball players will listen to Dr. John Harb, from St. Mary Mercy Livonia, talk about why they should be proactive about their health and to know what to do if they suspect something might be wrong.

"With Dr. Harb from St. Mary Mercy volunteering his time to come speak at the event," Fay said, "if nothing else, they will know of a resource they can call if they find themselves in a situation like I was and have any question they have answered."

Fay stressed that Harb's message isn't just for Schoolcraft baseball players, however.

"This is why we are inviting everyone in the community to come out and golf," Fay said. "The more people we can make aware of this the better."

"We are excited to get this started this year and look forward to doing this in the future as well."

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PREP FOOTBALL

Bloomfield turns Red; Seaholm, Rice gear for new season

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Area football teams conducted scrimmages Thursday and are just days away from opening the 2017 campaign.

Following are brief outlooks for the Bloomfield Hills, Birmingham Seaholm and Bloomfield Hills Brother Rice football teams.

Bloomfield Hills

The Bloomfield Hills football program is just five years old.

Despite that youthful status, the Black Hawks have already played in all of the Oakland Activities Association's three divisions.

This fall, they are returning to the Red Division after having played in the White (2013) and the Blue (2016). In between, they were Red Division members.

The Black Hawks enjoyed a tremendous season last year in the Blue. They captured the division crown and did not lose a regular-season game to register the program's first winning season. In addition, Bloomfield Hills made its postseason debut with a 31-14 loss to West Bloomfield to finish with a 9-1 mark.

After that record-setting season, Bloomfield Hills was promoted back to the OAA Red Division. The Black Hawks will again play the OAA's larger schools — West Bloomfield, Clarkston, Rochester Adams, Troy Athens,

Lake Orion and Southfield.

It promises to be a challenging schedule, but veteran head coach Dan Loria said his team is well-prepared.

"I think this team is capable of competing for a league championship, but there are factors that we can't control," Loria said. "We have to get up every week in this league and be ready to go. But I feel confident that this team is up for the challenge and that's all I can ask."

"When the day is over, these guys are going to us everything they have on Friday nights," he added. "I believe it will be enough to win more than we lose and we'll see where we're at the end of nine games. I think we'll be in the mix."

Bloomfield Hills returns this season with a solid core of seniors, led by Ball State commits John Paddock (6-0, 180-pound quarterback) and Jack Sape (6-5, 250-pound defensive end). The other returning seniors include Ty Slazinski (6-0, 170-pound wide receiver), Jordan Bailey (6-0, 175-pound outside linebacker/running back) and Eli McCourt (6-2, 190-pound linebacker/wide receiver).

The newcomers to watch are junior wide receiver Darren Mack (5-11, 170), a transfer from Brother Rice, and sophomore wide receiver/cornerback Alec Ward (5-10, 170).

"We just have to take it one game at a time, staying healthy through it and having some young kids grow up as

we go through it," Loria said.

Bloomfield Hills begins its quest for a second straight winning season at 7 p.m. Thursday at Birmingham Seaholm.

Birmingham Seaholm

Seaholm has struggled the past three seasons, winning just 10 games combined. However, a large group of experienced players has the Maples looking forward to snapping that losing skid this fall.

Veteran head coach Jim DeWald's squad has a nice blend of returning seniors and juniors.

The returnees who gained a lot of playing time last year include seniors Carter Stagner (6-4, 225-pound tackle/defensive end), Ben Finkbeiner (5-11, 315-pound guard), Nick Lang (5-10, 185-pound slot receiver/defensive back), Vaishnav Siddapureddy (5-11, 190-pound wide receiver/safety), Ben Barton (6-4, 205-pound tight end/outside linebacker), James Allen (5-8, 215-pound nose guard), Charlie Nummer (6-1, 185-pound free safety) and Scott Simon (5-8, 180-pound linebacker).

Juniors Paul Jokisch (defensive end), Max Schumaker (slot receiver/defensive back) and Joel Mitchell (middle linebacker) are other key returning players. Mitchell also will take over as Seaholm's starting quarterback.

Offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach Ben Thayer said Seaholm's

strengths are team leadership, good energy, physicality, team speed, passion and experience.

"We need to have high energy and give a big effort throughout an entire game led by all the players," Thayer said. "The key will be to have a balanced offensive attack and strong play in the defensive front and the secondary."

Brother Rice

New year. New coach. Brother Rice enters 2017 with its third coach in the past five years.

After legendary head coach Al Fracassa retired following the 2013 season, longtime assistant David Sofran took over and compiled a 20-12 record in his three seasons, with two playoff appearances. However, Sofran was let go following last year's 7-4 campaign that ended with a playoff loss to Birmingham Groves.

Now, Adam Korzeniewski (Coach K) is in charge of the storied Brother Rice program, which owns nine MHSAA state championships.

"The big thing is, everything that I'm doing here as a first-year head coach at Rice is creating it for the first time," said Korzeniewski, Birmingham Seaholm's defensive coordinator prior to coming to Rice. "The genesis of the idea, putting things into place. Nothing has been established before, from my point of view. So there is a lot

of energy and focus going into creating things for the first time.

"As far as the tradition, yeah, I understand the school has won a number of state championships and they've accomplished a lot of things in the past, but none of it is under my radar," he added. "We're worried about what we have to do this year and we just want to have one heck of a camp."

Korzeniewski heads into his first season as a head coach led by four key returning starters: seniors and quad-captains Michael Laurencelle (defensive tackle), Ruben Williams (linebacker), Mac Menard (safety) and Caleb Jackson (wide receiver).

Senior David Mobius and junior Mariano Valente are competing at quarterback and senior Jack Moran figures to be the starting tailback.

"I can tell you what most people think about us is that we're not going to have that good of a year relative to the (Catholic League's) Central Division, as we're picked to finish third out of four teams," he said. "We're just going to go out and create a work structure, we're going to be competitive and we're going to prepare."

Korzeniewski's first two game as Rice's head coach will be at home (Berkley's Hurley Field): Aug. 25 against U-D Jesuit and Sept. 1 against Mishawaka (Ind.) Penn. Both start at 7 p.m.

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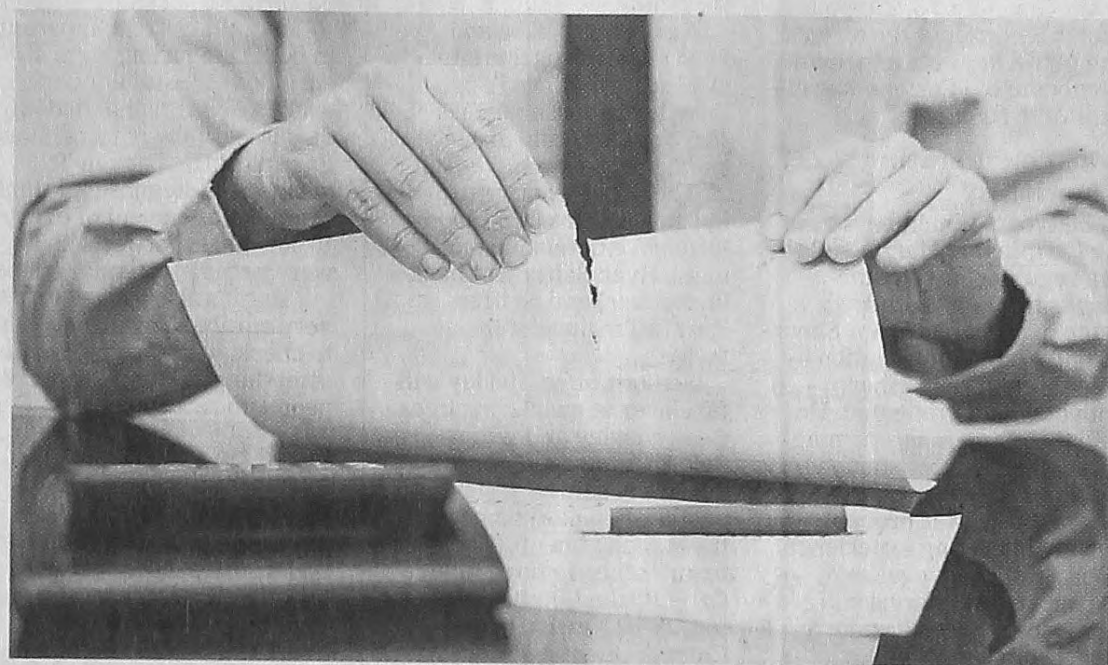
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8 red flags employers see on your resume

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Do you send out lots of resumes and never hear back? According to the Society for Human Resource Management, recruiters tend to spend less than five minutes looking over a resume, so your content and formatting is important. A few tips on what to do – and what not to do – on your resume may help.



GETTY IMAGES

- 1. Your resume is obviously recycled**
 If you're one of those individuals who sends out the same resume for every job application, you shouldn't be surprised if you don't hear anything back. Read the posting carefully and write your resume and cover letter toward that particular job. Include your relevant experience and how you would be an asset to the company. Otherwise, your application may be destined for the bottom of the pile. Recruiters say that it is surprising how many job applications have no relevance to the job.
- 2. Your resume is too flashy**
 Unless you are applying for a job as an artist or graphic designer, over-embellishing your resume may backfire on you. Employers are looking for

- workers who are qualified for the job, and recruiters aren't going to spend much time trying to figure out when and where you worked when they have to wade through decorative fonts, colors and other unnecessary decorations.
- 3. Your email address is not professional**
 While the email address you use on a regular basis might be something you consider cute or original, such as partythenight@email.com, the recruiter might not find it amusing. If an applicant has this type of email address, it is a better idea to create a

- new email with an address that won't be perceived as frivolous or suggestive.
- 4. You have spelling and grammatical errors**
 Poor spelling and grammar are noticed by recruiters and can make a recruiter discount your application. This also counts for social media postings. Take a moment before sending off your cover letter and resume to spell check, and make sure that everything is correct. Do the same for your social media posts.
- 5. You omit dates**
 While it may be easier for

- an individual to leave out dates, this may seem suspicious to recruiters. This could mean there are gaps in employment history or an individual changed jobs frequently. If you have a long history and great credentials, it may be less important.
- 6. Your information is outdated**
 When an individual does not update a resume when it is necessary, all the information may not be correct. While he or she might add a new job to the list, checking the current phone number and address is sometimes over-

- looked. Recruiters say it isn't unusual to send an email to an applicant and have it returned, or call and find out the phone number is different.
 - 7. You've changed jobs frequently**
 Frequent job changes are not likely to be looked upon favorably by recruiters. While workers do change jobs more often than in the past, too frequent a change may be a red flag for recruiters. If an individual stays on a job less than two years, it might make that worker more likely to be overlooked for another individual with longer time at one job.
 - 8. You don't use bullet points on your resume**
 Recruiters like resumes that get right to the point, and the use of bullet points makes that easier to do. Sometimes, a lack of bullet points accompanies a resume that is far too long. Try to keep a resume under two pages, and use bullet points to focus on what you did to be an asset at your earlier jobs. Be specific.
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HOW FCA BUILDS BRANDS: DODGE IS PERFORMANCE, CHRYSLER IS FAMILY-FRIENDLY FUNCTIONALITY



By Dale Buss

Even as rumors swirl these days about whether Chinese automakers might be interested in buying Fiat Chrysler, the brand stewards at FCA have their heads down, attempting to add to their remarkable record of building equity in the stable of Jeep, Ram, Dodge, Chrysler, Fiat, Maserati and Alfa Romeo.

Right now, the highest-profile such effort is by Tim Kuniskis, who heads passenger car brands of Dodge, SRT, Chrysler and Fiat for the transatlantic automaker.

Adding to its performance chops, Dodge staged one of its highest-profile experiential events in the run-up to the Woodward Avenue Dream Cruise, what one internal wag called "Woodward-stock": The Enthusiast

Network's Roadkill Nights Powered by Dodge.

Affiliated with the annual cruise, Dodge took over the northern reaches of Woodward and staged red-meat style events for gas-power mongers that included street-legal drag racing, a car show, a simulated ride in a high-powered Dodge Challenger SRT Demon, mechanical bull rides and more. Last year, 30,000 enthusiasts attended the event, and Kuniskis told me he expected more this year.

"Beyond brand building," Kuniskis said, with the Roadkill Nights event "we're selling 700- and 800-horsepower cars to the general public."

On the other hand, Kuniskis and his team also have been busy marketing the Chrysler Pacifica as they attempt to use the two-year-old vehicle to redefine the sleepy hybrid segment around hyper-functionality. Recent brand-building gambits have included the launch of a partnership with Sesame Street as well as the announcement of a new partnership in San Francisco under which Kango -- an on-demand



The Count and other Sesame Street characters enjoying a Pacifica

ride service for kids whose drivers are thoroughly vetted -- will use Pacifica Hybrid minivans under an affordable lease.

I talked with Kuniskis about mid-summer marketing of Dodge and Chrysler:

Q: What's the significance of your sponsorship of Roadkill Nights for the Dodge brand?

Tim Kuniskis: Every brand does experiential marketing. About four and a half years ago we decided to take Dodge down to the core essence of what it does well and make mainstream performance the main lens for what it stands for. So we couldn't keep doing experiential marketing in the same tried and true way; it just doesn't fit.

So three years ago we're going to make this big [Dream Cruise-related] tentpole event part of our experiential marketing instead of doing a bunch of little things. It can transcend way beyond the footprint of the actual experience and get media and social-media attention.

We tested the concept at the Pontiac

Silverdome three years ago and didn't really promote it -- and 10,000 people showed up. Then last year we said we know there's something to this; let's take it to the next level. Let's see if we could actually shut down Woodward Avenue.

And the outcome is we had the perfect venue with [Woodward] and the city of Pontiac and [the Michigan Department of Transportation], and it became a really unbelievable event.

[Fans] walk away saying that Dodge gets me, that Dodge understands I like to cruise in my car and go to the drag strip and do burnouts. That helps us conquest business. Plus a million people who are interested in performance vehicles, not vehicles in general like at an auto show, are coming to see some part of the Dream Cruise. A million people who are laser focused on what we do as a brand.

Q: What about the Chrysler brand?

Kuniskis: With Dodge we said we're going to be the performance brand in our portfolio. Performance is an attitude. We're going to build awesome

cars and then trickle down that attitude to other cars, cascade that attitude and personality through the whole brand.

I make exactly the same argument for Chrysler: If the model for building a brand for Dodge is Chargers and Challengers, with Chrysler it's family, functionality and fuel efficiency -- and nothing does that better than Pacifica. We can build the positioning around that ... products around this brand should be tied to that just like Dodge is tied to Charger.

Q: So how are you evolving the Pacifica and Chrysler brand strategy?

Kuniskis: At this moment in time the brand is Pacifica. The 300 is there and holds its own but it's just like Caravan [minivan] in Dodge; 300 is not perfectly aligned with where the Chrysler brand is going forward but it's selling and making money and we're happy with it.

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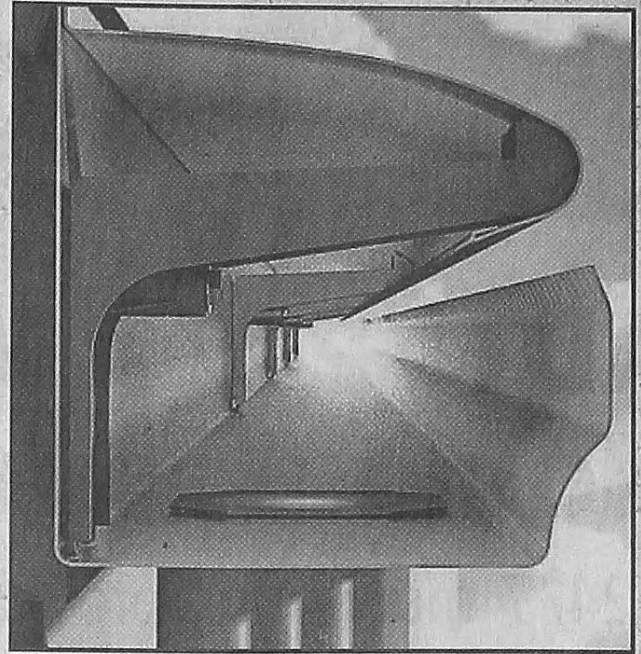
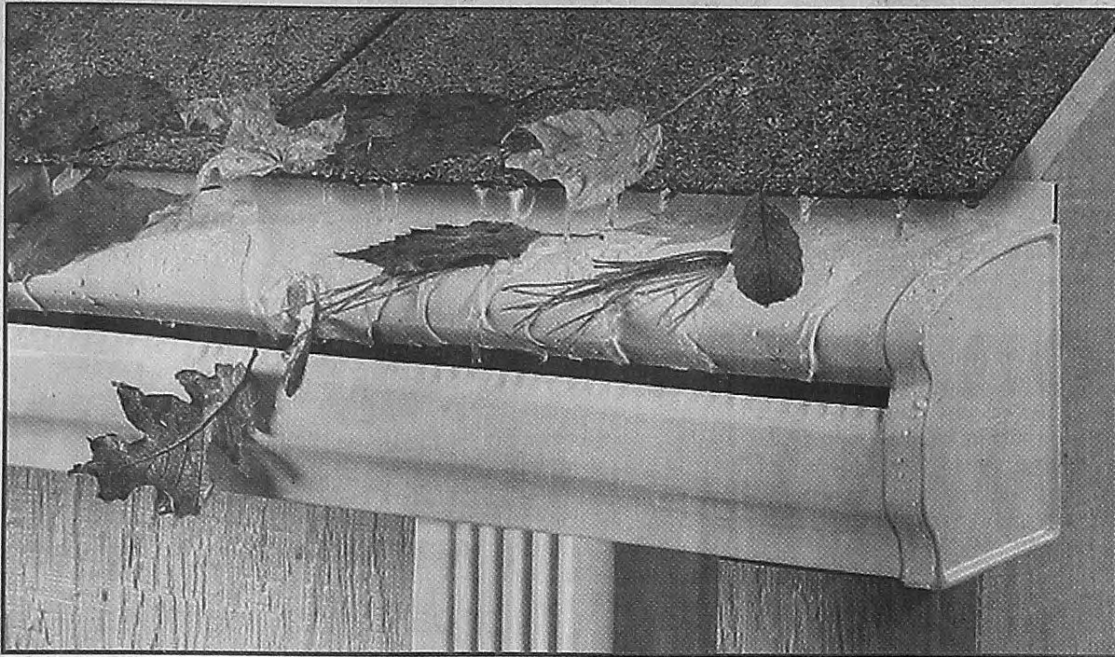
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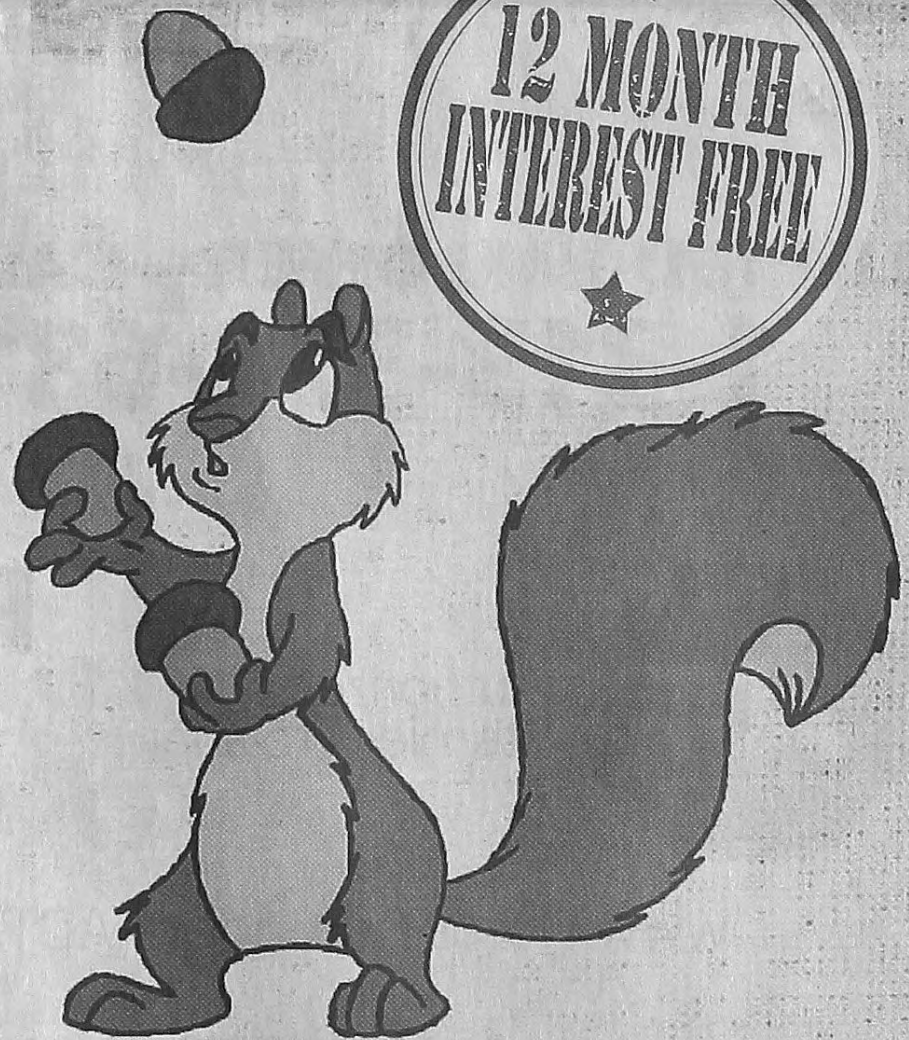


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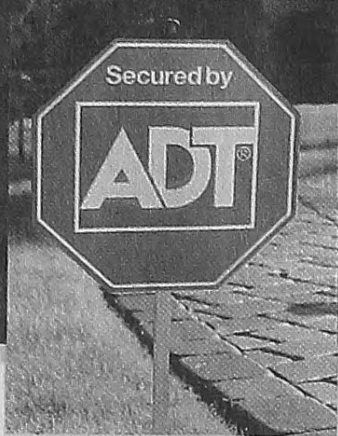
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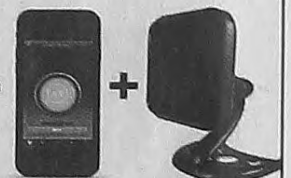
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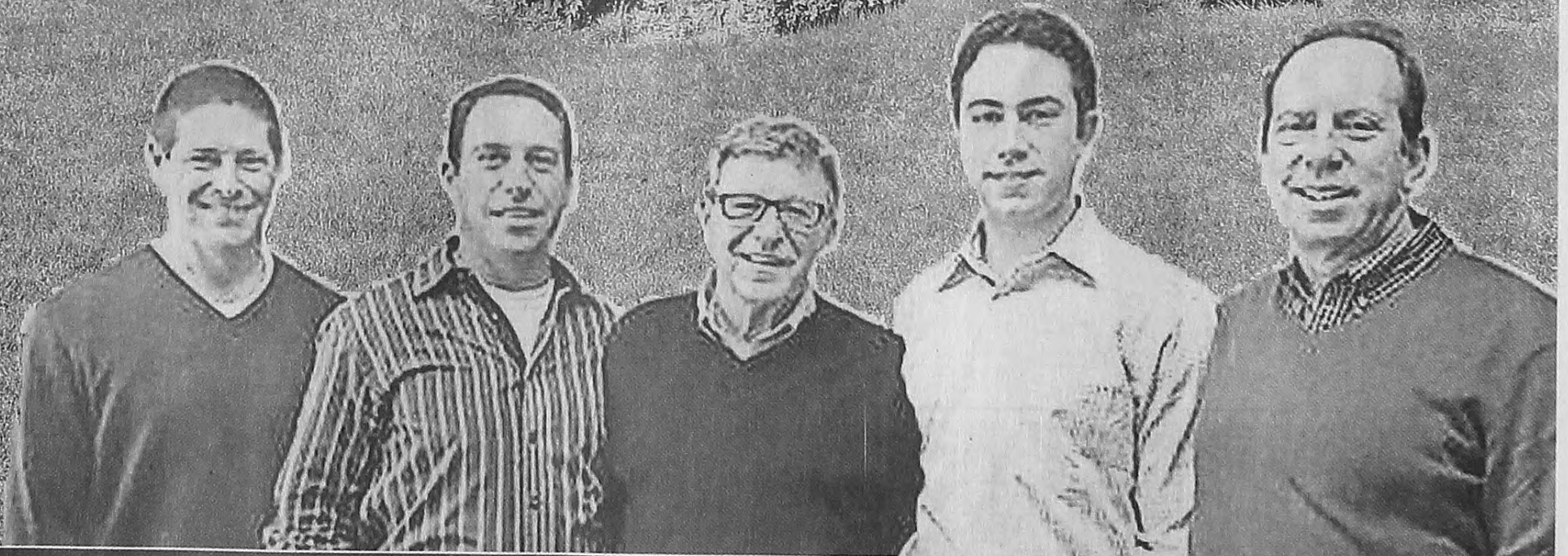
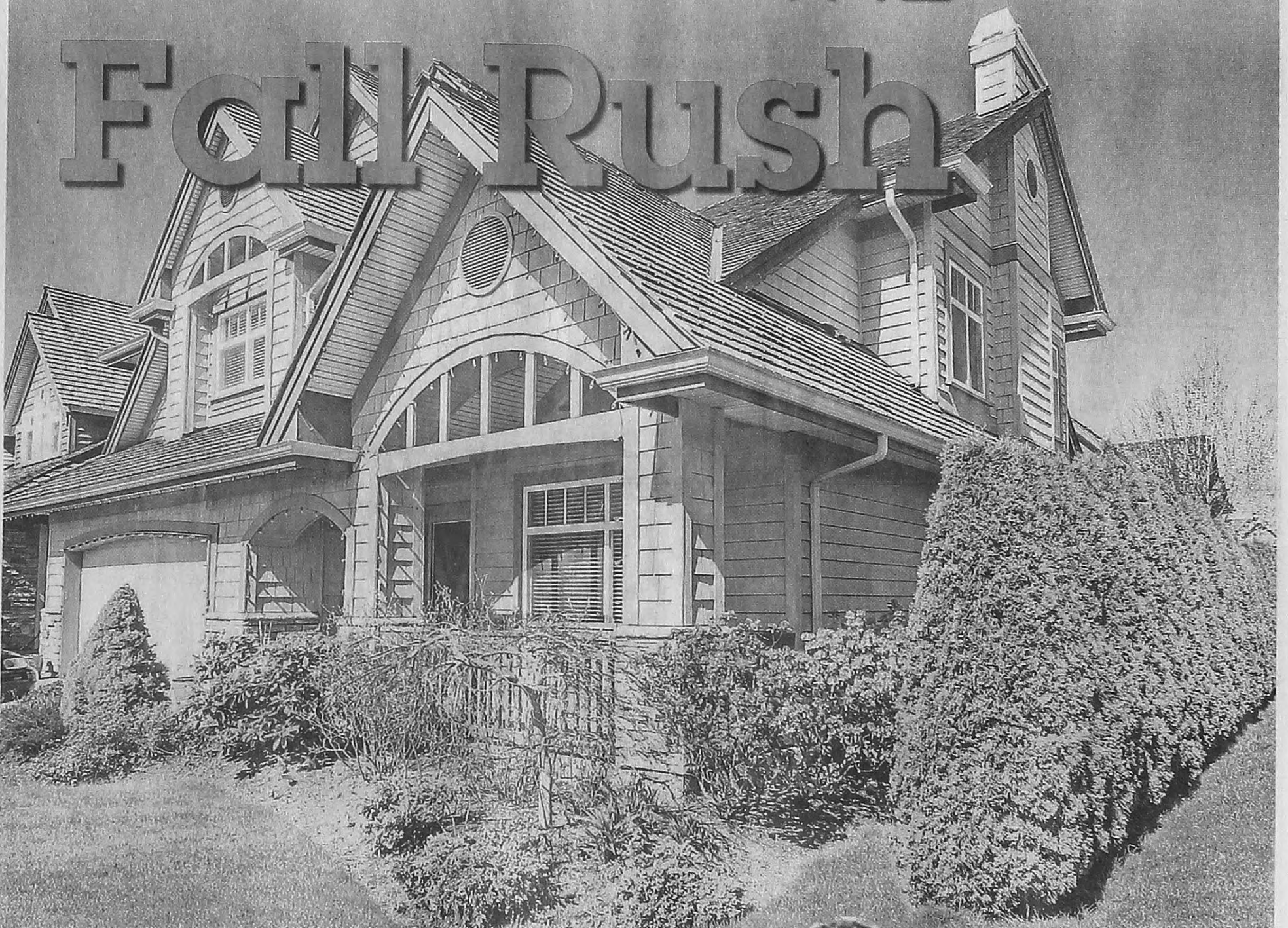
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