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BELLE ISLE MAKES FOR GREAT LATE-SUMMER DESTINATION



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Many visitors stop by Belle Isle's James Scott Memorial Fountain during their visit. It's located toward the island's far west end, near the casino building. Each weekend and special event times, the fountain's waters spout large geysers of water.

Ridge Road paving project gets funding boost

Road will be paved all the way with cash from Wayne County

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Supporters of a Ridge Road paving project on Canton's west side had hailed the plan with one caveat — a small section would remain a gravel road for lack of money.

Not anymore, apparently. Township Supervisor Pat Williams has convinced Wayne County to share the \$600,000 cost of paving a 900-foot section south of Hanford, meaning all of Ridge between Warren and Ford roads can now be paved.

That's welcome news to residents like Rich Felcher, who lives in a subdivision off Ridge Road.

"It only makes sense to do the entire project at once," he said. "I'm ecstatic that it's getting paved."

Felcher and others have said it could pose a safety hazard to pave most of the road and leave the rest plagued by potholes and other problems.

The latest agreement still faces a township board vote in coming weeks, but a board majority already has supported paving the bulk of Ridge Road.

Ronald Agacinski, director of Wayne County's engineering division, confirmed in an Aug. 18 letter to Williams that the county would spend \$360,000 to pave the 900-foot stretch if Canton pays \$240,000. That's a 60 percent to 40 percent split.

The decision comes after Williams convinced Wayne County's top official to meet and discuss a solution.

"I'm extremely pleased that our county executive, Warren Evans, allowed me the time to plead our case here in Canton and saw the benefit to completing (the road paving) all at once," he said. "Without his support we would not be moving forward like we are in this partnership."

Under the new agreement, Wayne County will spend a total of \$1.9 million to pave Ridge Road, while Canton will plunk down nearly \$1.5 million when construction engineering and inspection fees are rolled in.

Williams said the money is likely to come by financing the project with bonds and possibly using some of the \$900,000 Canton got back from a special assessment district tied to a former Cherry Hill Village paving project.

"We're going to do what makes the most financial sense for Canton when it comes time to commit the cash," he said, but added the project can be done without a tax increase.

Singh Development Co. also is involved by agreeing to pave a portion of Ridge just north of Ford Road to accommodate a new apartment complex. Williams has said it is likely the paving wouldn't begin until possibly next spring.

Some Ridge Road residents have strongly supported the paving project, while some residents elsewhere in Canton have said they believe the money could be better spent to fix more heavily traveled roads. Wayne County, however, had designated Ridge Road to receive money.

Township Trustee Anne Marie Graham-Hudak, along with Treasurer Dian Slavens, earlier voted against the Ridge Road project, in part because they wanted a comprehensive study of Canton road needs before proceeding piecemeal.

"I really think we should have waited and put this in the study with all the

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'JUST INCREDIBLE'

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Karis Floyd remembers fondly his time on Belle Isle as a child.

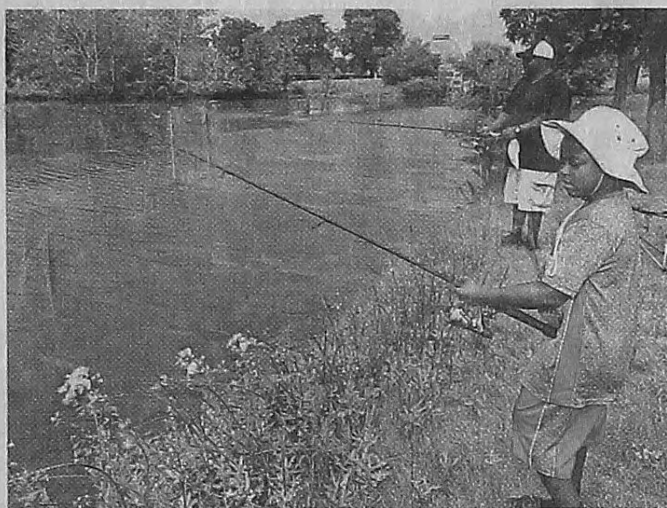
The Redford resident and manager of Belle Isle State Park said he played baseball on the island in high school, among other activities. Today, he's in charge of overseeing the 982-acre park nestled in the Detroit River.

"From being a kid, you could come out and it was such a family environment," he said. "Now, we're attracting families back to Belle Isle."

The island, a longtime destination for those living in Detroit and the surrounding suburbs, still offers hours of enjoyment for those families looking to make the drive down Interstate 96 or I-75 for some last-minute summer fun at the state's most-visited state park.

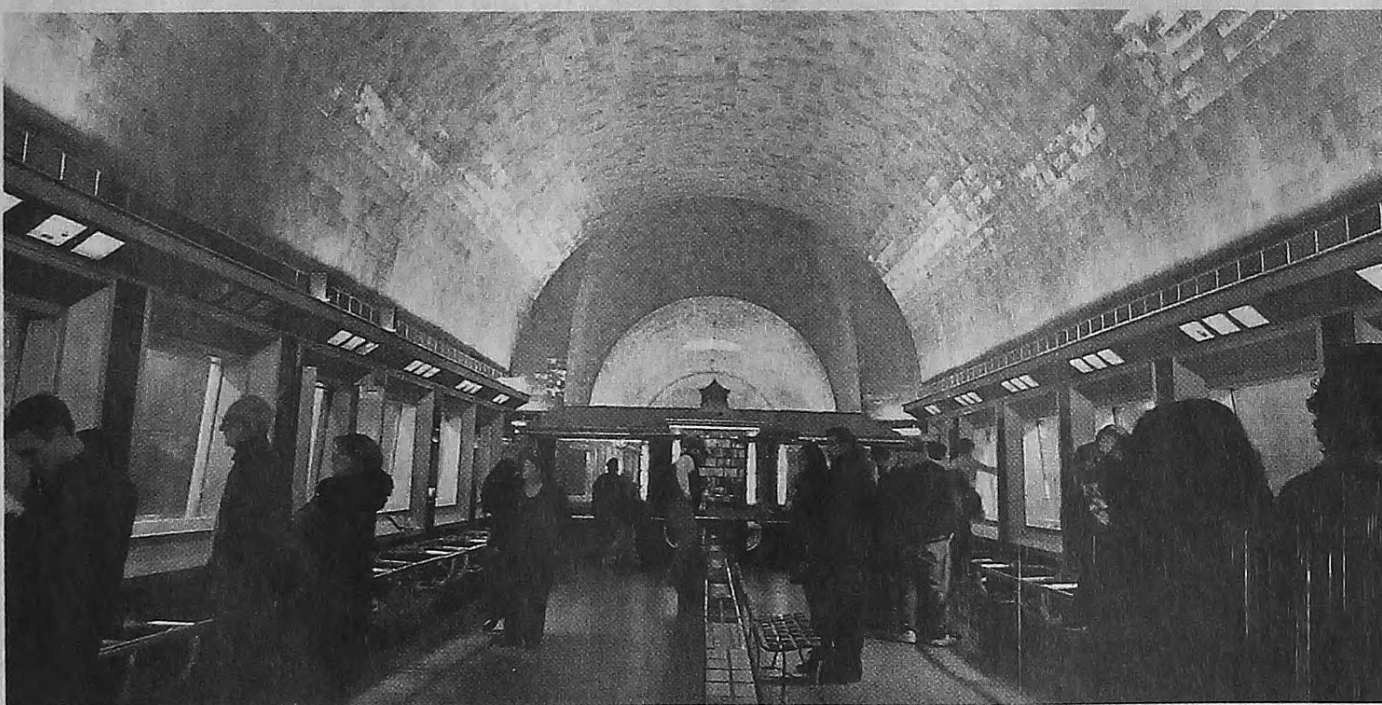
The state Department of Natural Resources began running the park in 2014 as Detroit began emerging from bankruptcy. Since then, Floyd said, the park has seen many improvements, including the reopening of bathrooms, picnic shelters and the casino building.

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George Thomas Jr. fishes with his father George Thomas during a July 28 trip to Belle Isle. The duo were fishing one of the island's many interior lakes and were finding some success with worms that day.



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The ceiling tiles of the Albert Kahn-designed aquarium on Belle Isle are made of green opalite glass.

IF YOU GO

Rich with history and natural beauty, Belle Isle Park is a Detroit gem and became Michigan's 102nd state park in 2014 as part of a lease agreement with the city of Detroit. This 982-acre island park is situated on the Detroit River between the United States and Canada. It is home to a wide assortment of educational and recreational opportunities, including an aquarium, conservatory and the James Scott Memorial Fountain and much more.

Belle Isle Park is open year-round from 5 a.m. to 10 p.m. For special events ending after 10 p.m., patrons are asked to leave the island at the conclusion of the event.

The Recreation Passport (\$11 for Michigan vehicles, \$5 for Michigan motorcycles) is required for vehicle entry to all 102 Michigan state parks, including Belle Isle. For details, go to www.michigan.gov/recreationpassport.



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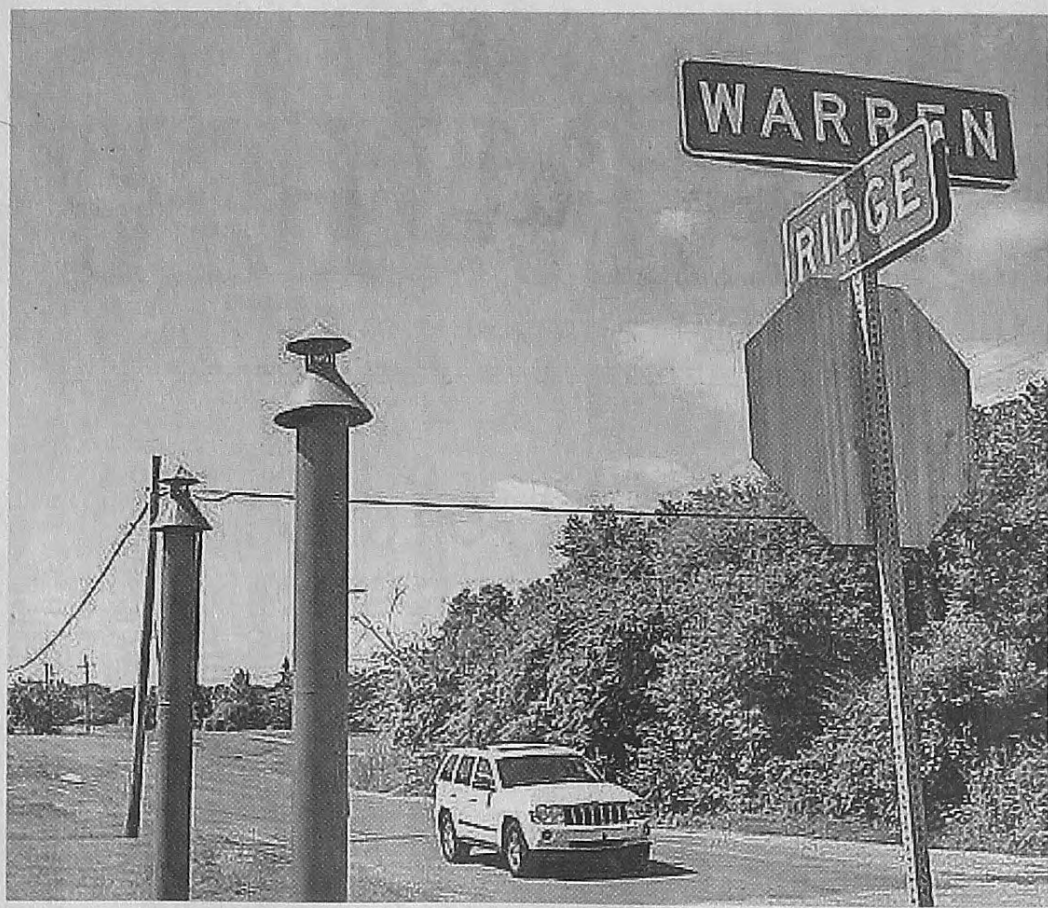
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Ridge Road is now in line to be paved from Warren to Ford.

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other projects," Graham-Hudak said, though she hasn't decided how she will vote on the latest plan.

Clerk Michael Siegrist said leaving one section of road unpaved was one of his biggest concerns. He welcomed the latest developments.

"I didn't know if we were going to have to go it alone," he said. "I'm excited the county is willing to partner with us."

It looks like we're going to finish the job now." Resident David Brancheau, who lives on the 900-foot section of Ridge, is among those who want the entire road paved. He has said traffic has increased "a hundred-fold ... in the last 20 years."

Other residents have cited concerns about potholes and excessive dust from the gravel road — problems they say have worsened over the years.

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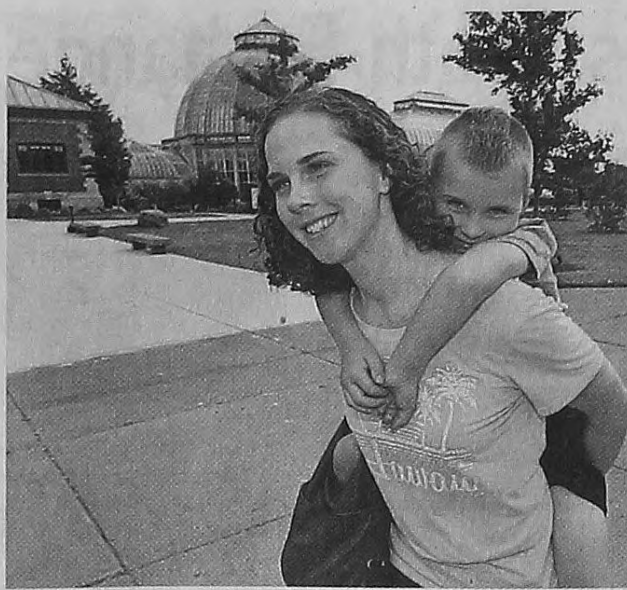
BELLE ISLE

"It's been a lot of labor, but we've made great progress in a short amount of time," he said.

Stats for the number of visitors weren't available before the state came in, Floyd said, but the numbers have done nothing but increase since: from one million-plus after 2014 to more than four million this past year, making the island the most-visited state park, ahead of former leader Holland State Park. Floyd, who used to oversee Island Lake State Recreation Area in Livingston County's Green Oak Township, said several Belle Isle institutions, such as the aquarium, conservancy and Dossin Great Lakes Museum, are seeing visitor increases of more than 80 percent.

When it comes to first-time visitors looking for something to do, Floyd always recommends sending them to the western side of the island to take in the sights of Sunset Point near the James Scott Memorial Fountain.

"If you're also standing on the steps of the fountain, you also have that view of downtown Detroit," Floyd said. "It's



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Erin George gives a piggy-back ride to her son Declan, 6, during a July 28 visit to Detroit's Belle Isle. The Rochester, N.Y., family was visiting the Detroit area to see some family and hit Belle Isle.

just incredible for me."

Improvements

In addition to more improvements to bathrooms and other facilities, Floyd said the DNR is hoping to do more to keep the island updated.

In addition to potentially turning the former police station on the island into a welcome center, the island was recently awarded a \$750,000 Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership grant for

creating six miles of looped trails that will be a part of the statewide Iron Belle Trail, a statewide hiking and bicycling trail that will run from the Detroit island to Ironwood in the Upper Peninsula.

"This grant will really help get the loop trails on the island," said Amanda Hertl, a field planner for the DNR. "This will provide a lot of opportunities for folks. It'll be a great way to connect all the

facilities for visitors on the island right now."

The park requires a state Recreation Passport to gain access via motor vehicle or motorcycle, which costs \$11 and \$5, respectively. Pedestrians and bicyclists can access the island without a Rec Passport. More information on the park can be found on the DNR's website at michigandnr.com.

Floyd said Belle Isle has always been a destination, not only for those from Detroit, but even those who have moved out of the city and into the suburbs. He's beginning to see many of those folks begin making their way back to the island to share in the magic with their own families.

"The number of adults that come back just to go on the giant slide, they just tell me their history: 'I lived in Detroit for so long and then I moved out to the suburbs and now I'm bringing my kids here,'" Floyd said. "We want to make sure that tradition starts back up again, because it's safe to come out and we're seeing a huge usage from former Detroiters."

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Canton Young Marines group is recruiting

Founded in 1958, the Young Marines is a national organization for boys and girls ages 8-18 that teaches leadership, teamwork and self-discipline. The Young Marines group is a positive and safe place for children to better themselves and the Canton Young Marines have been doing that since 2006 with kids from all over the region, according to a press release.

The Young Marines motto is "strengthening the lives of America's youth" and it puts a particular emphasis on teaching children to stay away from drugs and adding to the community, by doing 50 hours of community service annually. The Young Marines sometimes have homework, which involves studying the group's handbook.

The organization is currently seeking boys

and girls to join its recruit class starting Sept. 25. It meets 6-8 p.m. each Monday at the VFW Hall in Westland at 1055 S. Wayne Road. An open house and meeting for prospective Young Marines will be held 6:30-7:30 p.m. Sept. 18.

In recruit training each new recruit will spend time learning about a variety of things, including close order drill, physical training, a healthy drug free lifestyle, customs and courtesies, military rank and structure and leadership. The only membership requirement is that youth must be in good standing at school and must have physical from a doctor.

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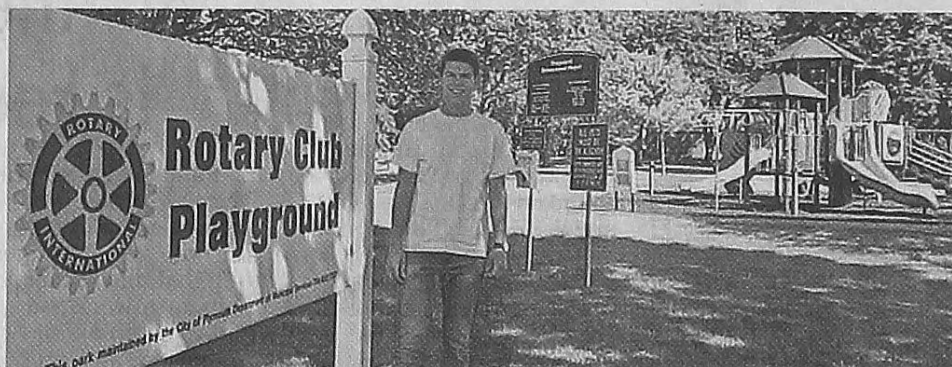
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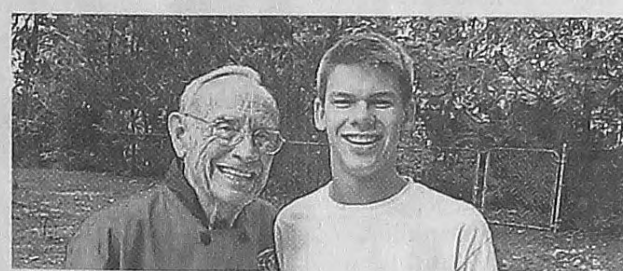
Plymouth Rotary Club offers Youth Exchange Program

The Rotary Club of Plymouth is announcing that applications for the Rotary Youth Exchange Scholarship Program are now available. The Rotary Youth Exchange Program is open to current high school students and students graduating in 2018. The Youth Exchange Program is for the 2018-19 school year and students would leave in August 2018.

Rotary Club President Kent Early said: "The Rotary Youth Exchange Program is one of the premier programs of Rotary International and it is supported by Rotary Clubs all around the world." Students who participate in the Rotary Youth Exchange Program will spend one year abroad living and learning a new culture and



Konrad Lepsien finds Plymouth Rotary Park as he is getting used to his new town.



Plymouth Rotary Club exchange student Konrad Lepsien from Germany meets Past Kiwanis International President Gene Overholt at the Kiwanis Park Cook Out prior to a city commission meeting in Kiwanis Park.

new language. Students will be sponsored by a local Rotary Club in the United States and in their new country and will attend high school in their new country at no additional cost to the student. Students are required to pay insurance and airline ticket

costs; all other living and tuition costs are paid for by Rotary. The student will also receive a monthly stipend from Rotary while living abroad.

The Rotary Youth Exchange Program provides students ages 16-18 the chance to spend 11 months in another coun-

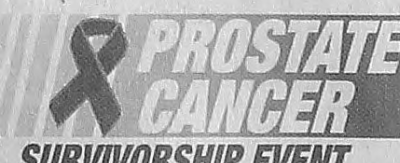
try learning the language and culture. Students apply through their local Rotary Club and district. Students generally apply in August/September to go on exchange the following year. Outbound students and their parents are guided through months of orientation

and information about the country of their exchange year. Outbound students typically stay with two or three Rotary-approved families and receive a monthly stipend for incidental expenses.

Students and families who may be interested in the Rotary Youth Ex-

change experience should check out this YouTube link at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pGdwpF2BBp8>.

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These are elderly admission preference communities.

Officials decry company's 'water safety' mailings as misleading sales pitch

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Canton residents are being warned after receiving "water safety" mailings advising them to call a toll-free number within 72 hours, indicating they could face health threats from "harmful contaminants."

Local officials are concerned the notices are misleading and merely a sales pitch. They want residents to know the mailings did not come from Canton and the municipal water system is safe.

"It looks official, but it's got nothing to do with Canton Township," Supervisor Pat Williams said.

The mailings list a company name of Water Services, LLC, of St. Peters, Mo., and were sent as "a public service announcement."

The Missouri Secretary of State lists Water Services, LLC, as being owned by The Kangen Water Store, LLC, of St. Charles, Mo. It says the Water Services, LLC, division formed in July.

A man from The Kangen Water Store said the



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Canton Township built this 2.5 million-gallon storage facility to lower its residents' rates by storing water overnight and pumping it out during peak usage hours in mornings and evenings.

company is merely trying to sell products and it's up to potential customers whether they want to buy anything. He refused to give his name.

Public Works Manager Bob Belair said an attempt is being made to sell a "water ionizer system" for potentially thousands of dollars. He said residents don't need it.

"The water is perfectly fine for drinking. It meets all federal and state guidelines," he said, adding that the water

notices could be seen as "using fear as a sales tactic."

Contacted by Canton, the Great Lakes Water Authority sent a message Wednesday to the communities it serves in southeast Michigan, warning them to ignore "false claims about the quality of the drinking water in your communities."

Belair said GLWA conducts water quality

tests every week in various locations in Canton. The authority provides water for most metro Detroit communities.

Public Works Superintendent Brad Lear called the Water Services LLC toll-free number, posing as a local resident as other department employees listened on a speaker phone. Belair said an attempt was made to sell Lear a water ionizer system for \$1,500

to \$5,000 — and payment plans were offered.

Williams said he is concerned that elderly residents, in particular, might spend money he does not think they need to spend.

Due to issues such as the Flint water crisis, Canton Municipal Services Director Tim Faas said it's possible some residents could become concerned about their water quality and buy

into the sales pitch.

His advice: "Ignore it."

An attempt was made to reach Water Services, LLC, directly through the toll-free phone number. A woman who answered the call said she would ask a company representative to call back.

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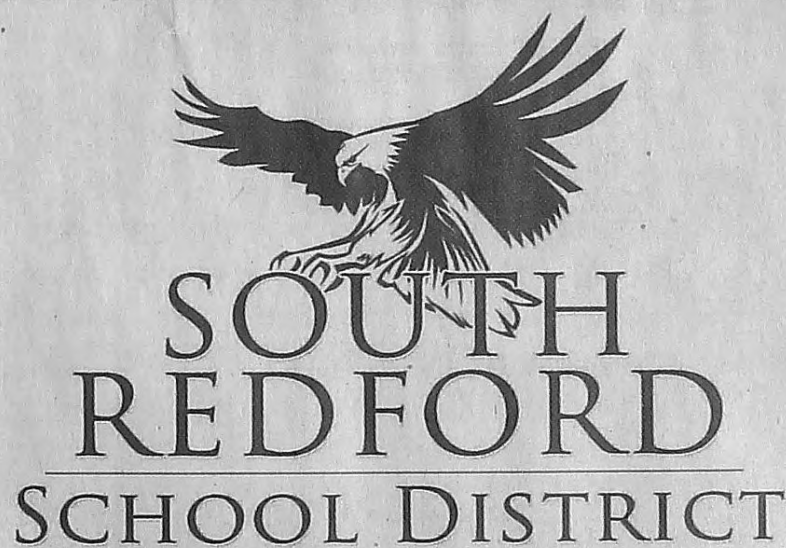


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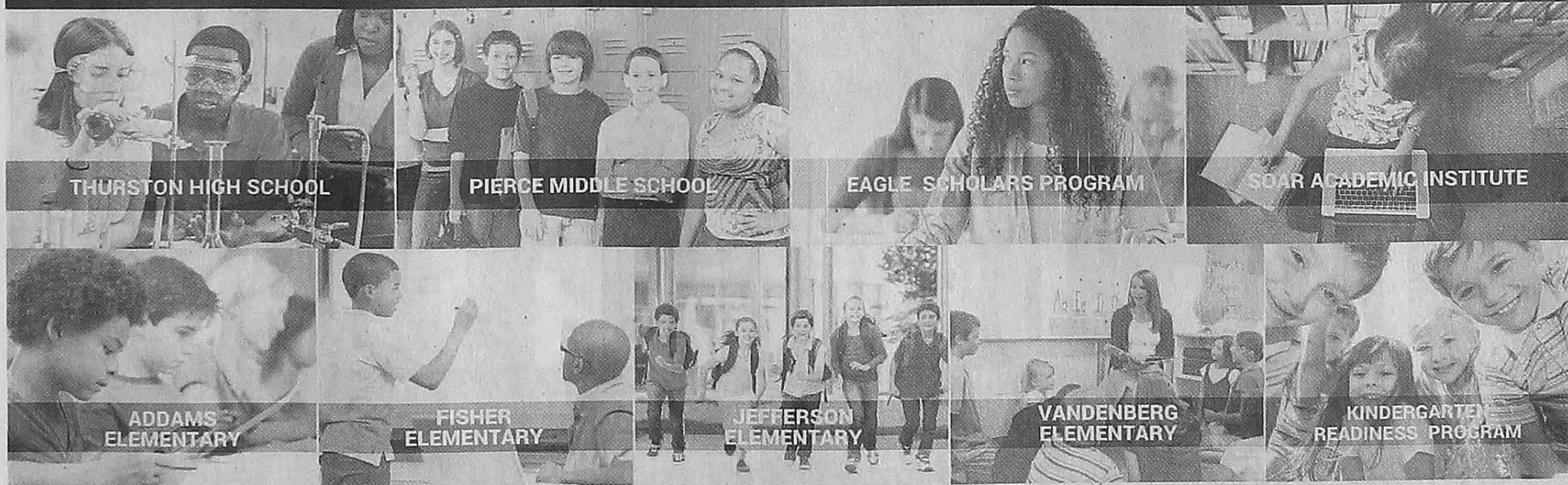


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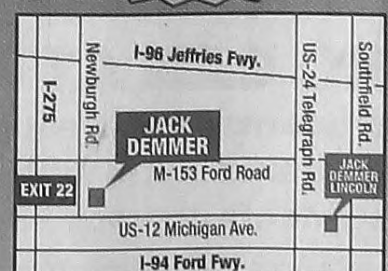
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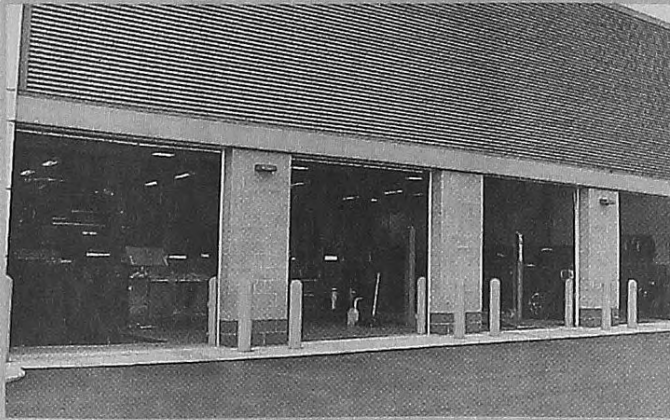
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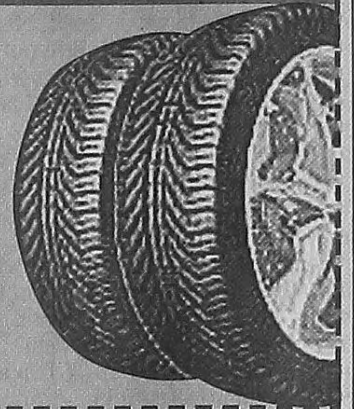
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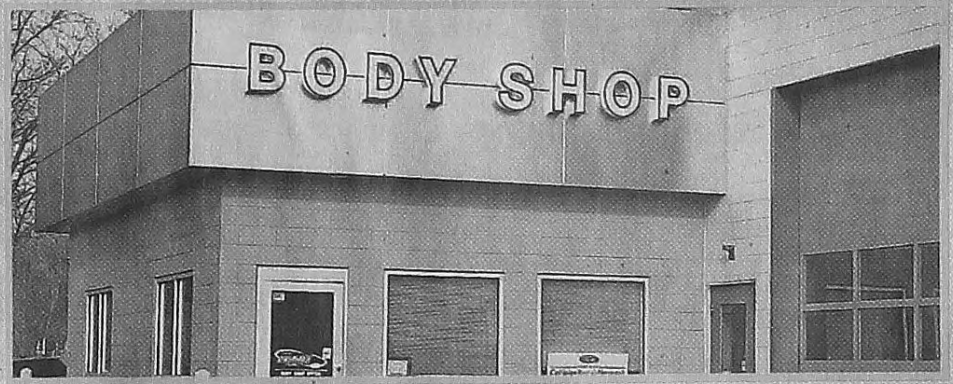
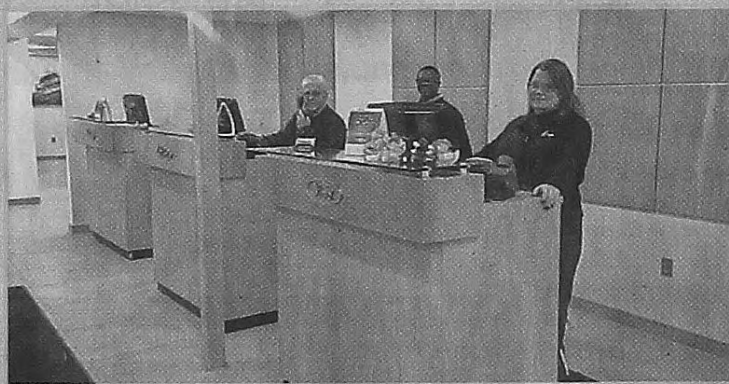
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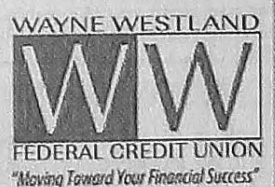
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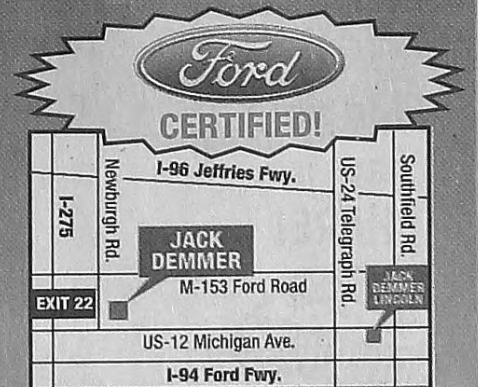
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FIGHTING THE SUMMER LEARNING GAP

California high school student's program keeps kids from falling behind

CHARLES VENTURA
USA TODAY

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.

ANAHEIM, Calif. - Farooq Ansari understands how fast kids can fall behind during school breaks. He's a high school senior himself.

Ansari, 18, founded a program called Solving the Summer Learning Gap during his freshman year at Sage Hill School, a prep school south of Newport Beach.

The program provides tutoring primarily through the Boys and Girls Club in Anaheim. Ansari started it to help students reach their academic potential.

He oversees the program while maintaining a rigorous academic and extracurricular schedule himself.

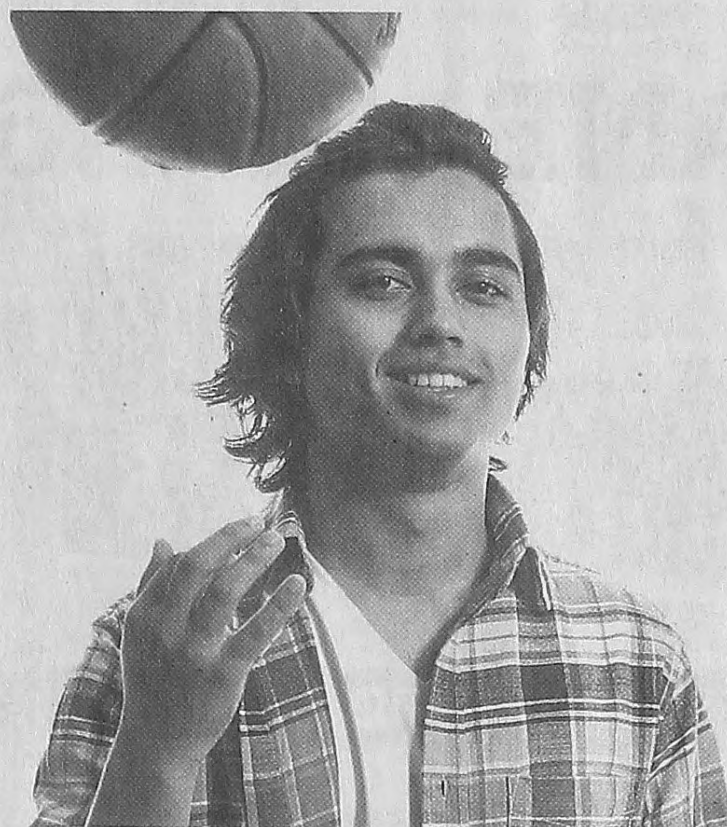
"I want all parents to be aware that if they do not help their children learn over the summer, they will fall behind and can never make up the lost ground," he says.

Ansari has spoken to local community and government leaders about the issue, which hits students of certain socioeconomic backgrounds hardest. His program focuses on fourth-, fifth- and sixth-grade students from low-income households in Orange County.

He tries to make learning fun. In one activity, called "Math and Basketball," students review math lessons. Then they spend time on the basketball court so tutors can interact with them on a more personal level. Students are awarded prizes at the end of each six-hour tutoring session.

"Students come up to me and ask, 'When are you going to do this again? I really liked learning with you,'" Ansari says.

Mayra Martin, assistant executive director of the Boys and Girls Club of Anaheim, has seen the benefits.



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Farooq Ansari is a California high school student whose desire to help younger students avoid falling behind led him to create a program called Solving the Summer Learning Gap.

"Many of our members in our club struggle with math," Martin says. "Because of the great partnership we have with Farooq, kids are more interested in the subject matter."

Ansari's commitment to helping others earned him praise from administrators at his own school.

"Farooq is taking our school's mission of helping members of the community above and beyond," says Frank Smith, director of college counseling at Sage Hill School.

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Q&A WITH FAROOQ ANSARI

What does it mean to you to be an American?

America is the land of opportunity for all. We are a special nation that encourages our people to pursue their passions and achieve their dreams. The only path to attaining the American Dream is through a strong education. We have a responsibility ... to ensure that all our youth, especially those from lower socioeconomic backgrounds, have equal opportunities and access to education.

What moment touched and motivated you to launch this effort?

The summer before I started high school, I came across the book "Outliers" by Malcolm Gladwell. ... Gladwell mentioned the academic summer learning gap that exists between children of lower and upper socioeconomic backgrounds. ... After doing more research, I discovered a deeply concerning statistic: Each summer, a child from an underprivileged family loses at least two months in math and reading, while a student from upper-income family gains over one month. I knew that something had to be done ... so I founded the Solving the Summer Learning Gap club at my high school, Sage Hill.

What gives you hope or what concerns you?

I am concerned by how we are not focused on the most important issue that faces our K to 12 education system. We continuously hear news about funding and class sizes. Rarely do we pay attention to how the short school year and long stretch of summer disproportionately impact children from lower-income families. I feel a strong sense of hope knowing that we as a nation possess the resources to solve this problem. I have been focused on the summer learning lag for over three years now, and I am now noticing that more policy-makers and institutions are starting to focus their efforts on the summer learning gap. But we still have a long way to go.

What do you hope to accomplish through your efforts?

Our club at Sage Hill School has a three-pronged strategy to solve the summer learning gap; raise awareness of the issue, advocate for change, and take direct action through developing and delivering programs.

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Barone office hours

Wayne County Commissioner Joe Barone will conduct office hours on Thursday, Aug. 31, at Barone Law Offices, 607 S. Main St., in Plymouth to meet with constituents who will have the opportunity to discuss matters of concern within the community. The meeting will run 10-11 a.m.

"We continue to face significant issues in Wayne County and I always look forward to comments and concerns from residents in my district regarding issues affecting our neighborhoods," Barone said. "This continues to be a very important time in the history of Wayne County."

Barone, R-Plymouth Township, represents District 10, which covers Canton Township, Plymouth Township and the city of Plymouth.

For more information, contact David Herbeck at 313-224-0882.

Plymouth art exhibit

The exhibit "Interpretations III: Small Town



A ribbon-cutting was held Aug. 16 by Glenn Abbey Assisted Living to celebrate its grand opening. Glenn Abbey Assisted Living is located at 445 N. Lotz Road in Canton. Customers, employees, chamber members and residents were all among the attendees.

Living in Plymouth — A True Collaboration" will run Sept. 9-28. An opening reception is set for 6:30-8:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 9, at the Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon Road. Admission is free and the reception is open to the public.

In August 2016, a group of photographers and other artists met in Plymouth's Kellogg Park to collaborate on creating a series of photographs which would subsequently be interpreted in various forms of media for a unique exhibition at the Plymouth Community

Arts Council as part of the city's 150th anniversary celebration.

From the 18 chosen photographs made by the nine photographers participating in that event, more than 40 interpretative works of art were created for the exhibit by a dozen artists from throughout metro Detroit.

"Interpretations III: Small Town Living in Plymouth — A True Collaboration" is the third in a series of exhibits curated by photographer Tim Tonachella, a native of Plymouth, and photographer Jim Aho of Farmington Hills.

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Music at the Elks

Blues @ The Elks happens 7-10 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month at the Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge No. 325 in partnership with the Detroit Blues Society (www.detroitbluesociety.org). There is a \$5 donation at the door and bring your dancing shoes.

Jazz @ The Elks happens 7-9:30 p.m. the last Tuesday of each month. There is a \$10 donation at the door, which includes hors d'oeuvres.

Tuesday, Aug. 29, debuts the Sean Dobbins Organ Quartet. Dobbins, great drummer that he is, has been with the Elks numerous times and this time he leads his quartet: Chris Codish on organ, Marcus Elliott on saxophone and Cory Allen on guitar.

The Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge No. 325 is at 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. For more information, call 734-453-1780, go to www.plyaa325.com or email jazzattheelks@gmail.com.

2017 Citizens Academy

The 2017 Wayne County Prosecutor's Citizens Academy is a free seven-week program that seeks

to educate and inspire citizens by providing insight into the criminal justice system in Wayne County. The program will explore some of the emerging threats to individuals, families and the community at large and provide a look at what is being done to address them. The academy will include discussions on crime investigation, specialized units designed to protect the most vulnerable members of our county, and the opportunity to weigh in with experts in the criminal justice system. Topics include sexual assault, child abuse, illegal drugs, forensics and homicide.

The academy will be held set for 6:30-9 p.m. every Tuesday at Henry Ford College in Dearborn. The course runs from Sept. 12 through Oct. 24. The number of participants is capped at 120 and Wayne County residents are preferred. The goal for the Citizen Academy is that graduates will help to create a safer and stronger community-based response to crime.

To apply online, go to <http://www.waynecounty.com/prosecutor/citizens-academy.htm>.

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.

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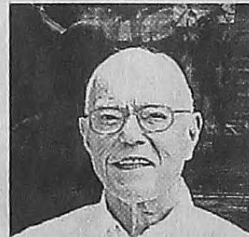
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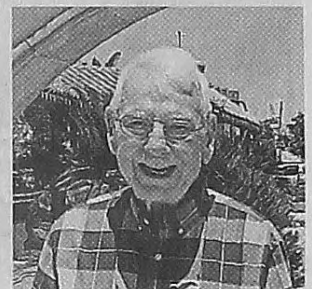
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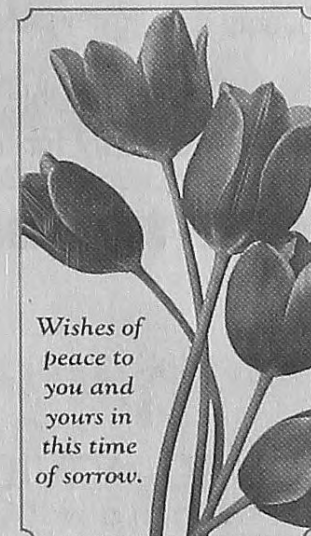
Calvin M. August 17, 2017. Respected realtor and leader in the Birmingham/Bloomfield communities. Beloved husband of Janet. Dear father of Julie Chamberlain, Susan Hopper (Ken), Sally McCarthy, Cathy Howe (David) and grandchildren Michael, Mary-Kate and Matthew McCarthy, and Tyler, Tori, Courtney and Lindsey Howe. Memorial service and celebration of life will be September 29, 2017, at 11 a.m. at First United Methodist Church, 1589 W. Maple Rd., Birmingham. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Calvin's honor can be sent to "Crossroads for Youth" at 930 East Draher, Oxford, MI 48371 or on line to www.crossroadsforyouth.org. Please write "Calvin Chamberlain Memorial" in the memo line. View obituary and share memories at AJDesmond.com.



THOMAS M. August 23, 2017, at age 86. Beloved husband of Paulette for 43 years. Loving father of Scott (Tabea), Kimberly Turner (Duane), Alison Duggins, Rachael Knight (Jason), Todd, Christopher, Matthew (Emily), Melinda Davis (Kirk), Madison Stones (Devon), Melissa, Tiffany and Molly. Grandfather of 12, great-grandfather of 8. Brother of Nancilyn Brown (Darrell). Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Family will receive friends Friday 3-8 p.m. at Cross of Christ Lutheran Church, 1100 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills. Funeral Service Saturday 10 a.m. at Cross of Christ Lutheran Church. Visitation at church begins Saturday 9:30 a.m. Memorial tributes to Down Syndrome Guild of Southeast Michigan, 1312 N. Campbell Rd., Suite 101, Royal Oak, MI 48067. A.J. Desmond & Sons, 248-362-2500. View obituary and share memories at AJDesmond.com



John R. passed away peacefully at his home in Arizona, of natural causes, early Sunday morning. He was born March 2, 1929, in Kansas City, Missouri. John graduated from Rockhurst High School, in Kansas City, MO. After serving in the Army in Korea, he began working in the financial services sector of the automotive industry. After that company was acquired by the newly formed Ford Motor Credit Company, he relocated with the family to Farmington Hills, MI where he worked 34 years in Dearborn, MI, before retirement. He concurrently spent 28 years running Farmington Care Inc., a home health care provider to provide care for his daughter Betsy, who was critically injured on April 3rd (Easter morning), 1988, in an auto accident, caused by a drunk driver, inflicting injuries to Betsy resulting in confinement to a wheelchair as a quadriplegic. John was preceded in death by his beloved wife of more than 50 years, Betty, on September 3, 2008 and his daughter, Betsy, on January 6, 2016. He is survived by his two sons, John Michael (Marcia) and Timothy (Dana), his cherished granddaughter, Morgan, and many extended family members. John's funeral mass will be celebrated Saturday, August 26th, at 12:30 pm at Holy Cross Catholic Church, 1244 South Power Rd., Mesa, AZ 85206. Kindly keep John and his family in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Memorial tributes may be made in his name to: Our Lady of Sorrows - St. Vincent de Paul, 23815 Power Rd., Farmington, MI 48336 (248) 474-5720



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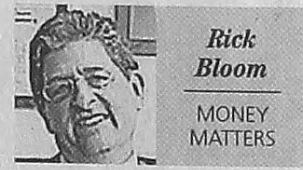
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Develop a strategy to pay child's college expenses

Q: My 18-year-old son will be going to college in a few weeks. I have followed your advice from a recent column and I have done medical and durable powers of attorney for him. I also checked with my homeowners insurance agent to make sure he is covered, which he is. In addition, I did have a few conversations with him about money and overspending. My question deals with paying for his college. I figure with room and board, tuition and books, along with miscellaneous expenses, it will cost me about \$25,000 a year. What I would like your help in is choosing where for the first year I should get the money from. My options are to first get a home equity loan. My house is owned free and clear and I've already been approved for a home equity loan. My second option is to take a loan from my 401(k) plan. The third option is to take the money from my portfolio. I am curious as to what option I should use.

A: I think it is great that you have talked to your homeowners insurance agent and have done medical and durable power of attorneys for your son. Particularly in cases of emergency, these items can be invaluable to you. In addition, I love the fact that you have had the conversation with your son about personal finance. All too often, kids go to college without any financial knowledge and it causes problems. Therefore, congratulations.



Rick Bloom
MONEY MATTERS

In reviewing your funding options, the one option I would not consider at this point is borrowing from your 401(k) plan. Your 401(k) plan is for your retirement and I think those monies are sacred. When you borrow against the 401(k) plan, there also can be some unintended consequences. For example, many companies will not allow you to continue to invest in your 401(k) if you have an outstanding loan. As a result, you could lose out on valuable company matches. In addition, you could run into difficulty if you decide to leave your current place of employment. Because of these reasons — and because there are other options available — I would tell you that the 401(k) loan is the least favorable option.

Between using a home equity loan and selling some of your investments, I would probably lean toward the home equity loan. My reasoning is that interest rates are low and home equity loans are tax-deductible. Therefore, after taxes, the loan would cost you about 3 percent, which is inexpensive money.

Of course, the one risk of using a home equity loan is, if interest rates rise in the near future, your interest on the loan would also increase. Considering the amount that you are borrowing, I do not believe that this is

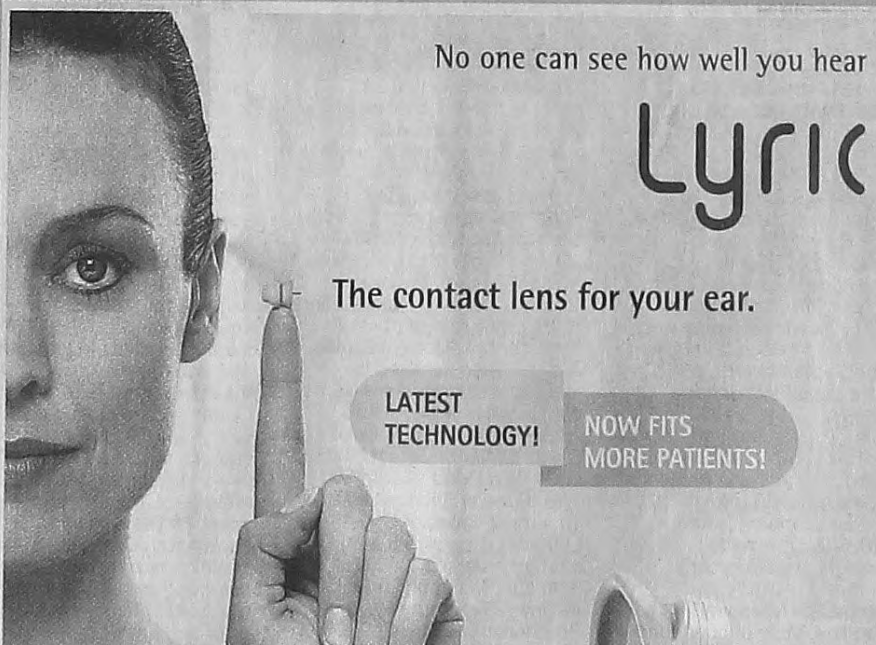
a material issue.

By using the home equity loan, you are also covering your backside. If interest rates do for some reason skyrocket (which I doubt), you can always choose to sell some of your investments to pay off the home equity loan. Therefore, you're giving yourself some flexibility. I believe in this ever-crazy world in which we live, having flexibility is important.

For those who have children getting ready to go to college, it is important to remember that since they're 18 years of age, they are legal adults. As the parent, you don't have as many rights as you did when they were minors. Therefore, it is important to obtain the necessary legal documents to protect you and your child in cases of an emergency. Hopefully, you will never need to use a medical or durable power of attorney for your child, but these documents can be invaluable to you in times of a family crisis. Therefore, my recommendation is for all parents with children going to college is to obtain these documents. You don't have to pay anyone to do this; you can do them for free. On my website, www.bloomassetmanagement.com, we have a variety of free documents that you can use.

Good luck!

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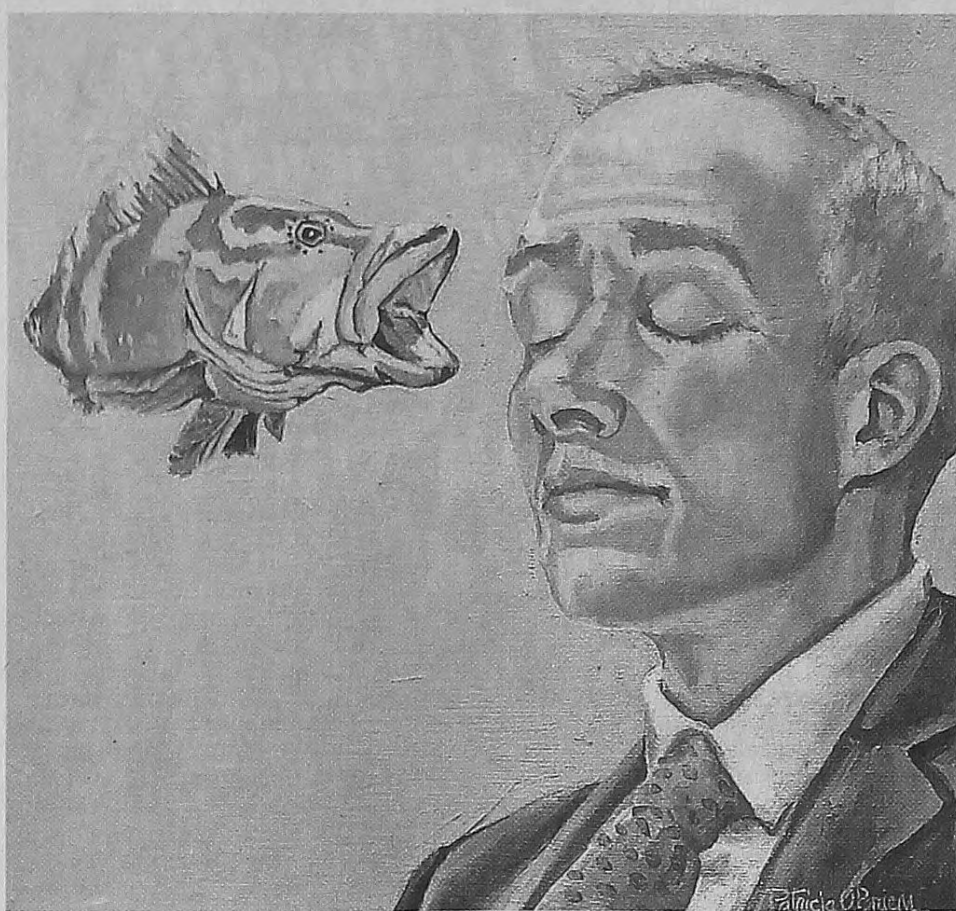


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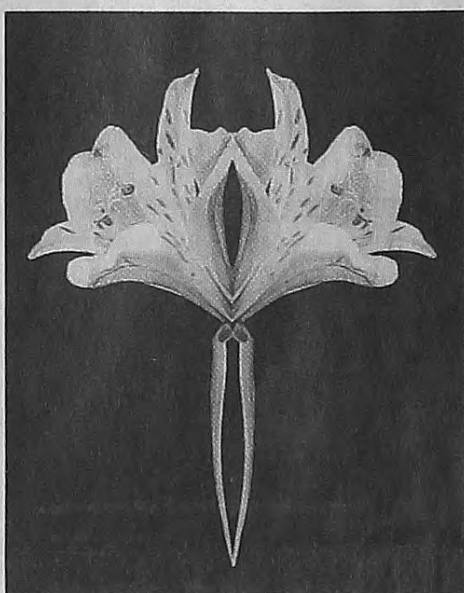
"Stop Carping" by Patricia O'Brien.

Northville Art House announces West of Center exhibition

The Northville Art House announces the ninth annual West of Center juried all-media exhibition, featuring 32 works of art selected by juror Brian Nelson, professor of sculpture at Eastern Michigan University. In keeping with the philosophy of bringing the community something unexpected, the exhibition includes paintings, photographs, sculpture and mixed media pieces created by 22 contemporary artists working with traditional and nontraditional media in diverse styles.

The artists, who are competing for \$650 in cash awards, include Jean-Paul Aboudib (Canton), Jim Aho (Huntington Woods), David Bartlett (Farmington Hills), Gail Borowski (Shelby Township), Jan Brown (Novi), Velinka Cucuz (Brighton), Pamela Day (Wixom), Megan Dodge (Sterling Heights), Holly Drouin (Northville), Harah Frost (Royal Oak), Eugenia Hoag (Milford), Michael Jogerst (Holland), Christine Kern (Canal Winchester, Ohio), WanChuan Kesler (Northville), Rosemary Lee (Howell), Julia Leone (Detroit), Zachary Meyer (Shelby Township), Christine Miller (Whitewater), Patricia O'Brien (Cockeysville, Md.), Cheryl Phillips (Detroit), Kyle Pryce (Plymouth) and Carrie "Care" Wheeler (Plymouth).

Nelson, from Coldwater, received a BFA in sculpture from Western Michigan University in 1989 and an MFA in sculpture from Michigan State University in 1995. He began teaching at Eastern Michigan University in 2000. He has exhibited throughout the area at the Detroit Artist Market, Contemporary Art Institute of Detroit and Elaine L. Jacobs Gallery, among others. He has shown nationally as well as received numerous awards, including the Excellence in Teaching award from Michigan State University and a teaching recognition award at Eastern Michigan University. Nelson is known for his unique ability to combine refined craftsman-



"Simple Gifts — Book II _ No. 63" by Jim Aho.

ship and complex emotional and conceptual ideas into solid and fluid sculpture.

West of Center opens with a public reception, sponsored by Mark Corbin of Raymond James, 6-9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 1, with a juror talk and awards presentation at 7 p.m. An additional "October in the 'Ville" family-friendly reception will be held 6-9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 6, with Halloween treats and a free make and take art activity by Art House instructor Maria Latour. The exhibit runs through Oct. 28 during Art House business hours of noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and noon to 4 p.m. Saturday. The Northville Art House is at 215 W. Cady Street and is a facility of the Northville Arts Commission. Admission to Art House exhibits is free and open to the public.

For more information, go to www.northvillearthouse.org or call 248-344-0497 during business hours.

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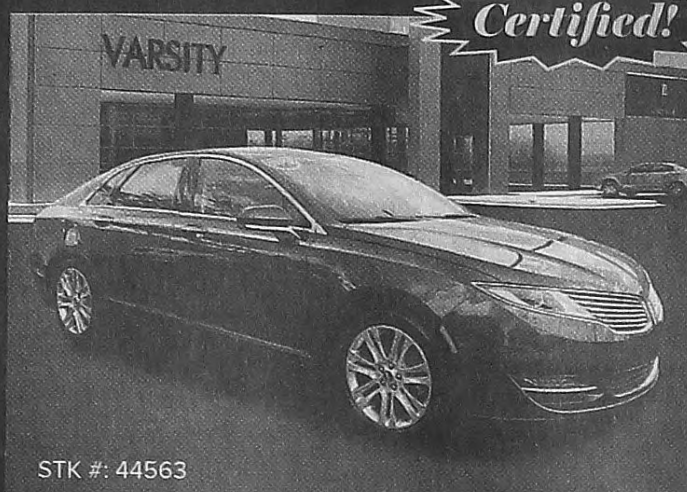
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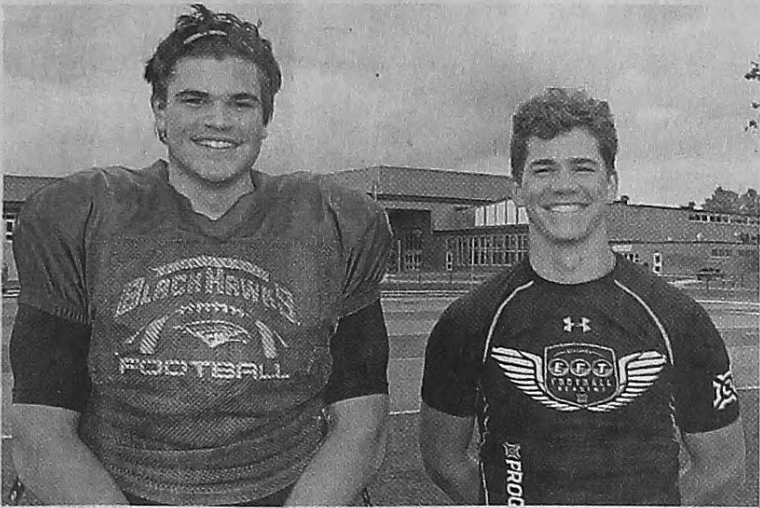
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PREP FOOTBALL

Drew Brees connection a real no-brainer for Ball State recruit



MARTY BUDNER

Bloomfield Hills senior defensive end Jack Sape (left) and senior quarterback John Paddock will be teammates next season at Ball State University.

Marty Budner
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Jack Sape and John Paddock are teammates on the Bloomfield Hills football team. The Black Hawks senior duo will continue that association next year at Ball State University.

Sape, a defensive end, committed to Ball State in mid-June. Paddock, a quarterback, followed with his commitment shortly afterward.

Both are excited about playing for the Indiana-based program, which competes in the West Division of the Mid-American Conference along with Eastern, Western and Central Michigan universities. "I committed there and

then, when I found out John got offered, I pushed for him to go there because I knew he'd like it and he'd like the quarterbacks coach there," Sape said. "I'm excited to go there with him and he is too, I hope. It's going to be fun and it's cool we'll be there together."

"Ball State was one of the first schools to offer me (a scholarship) and I've been talking to them for a while. I just liked the family atmosphere there and the coaches stuck with me throughout the whole recruiting process."

"I wanted to get out of Michigan, kind of. Both of my parents went to Central, but I wanted to start me own legacy

See RECRUIT, Page B2

Still time to enter O&E Open

The 2017 Observer & Eccentric Men's Open golf tournament will be held over the Labor Day weekend and there is still time to enter.

The 36-hole medal play tournament will be held Sunday, Sept. 3, at Fox Creek Golf Club and Monday, Sept. 4, at Whispering Willows Golf Club. Both golf courses are located in Livonia.

The maximum USGA handicap is 20 and the entry fee of \$99 does not include a cart. Play will be held in two flights: regular and senior (55 and over).

Entries close after 6 p.m. Aug. 28 and pairings and starting times will be available after noon Aug. 31 by calling Whispering Willows at 248-476-4493 or online at www.golflivonia.com/tournaments.

NFL Flag Football

The NFL Flag Football Fall League will be held at Soccer, Soccer (12 Mile and Drake roads) and late registration is now underway.

The season begins Sept. 10 and ends Sept. 29, with a Midwest Regional Championship scheduled for Nov. 11-12. It is considered the country's largest flag football league.

Practices and games are Sundays only. Coaches are screened and trained for the eight-week season and everyone makes a team.

Players can register online at www.NationalFlagFootball.com.

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Teams set for MIHL Showcase

The Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League Selection Committee recently announced the 42 teams that will fill out the 2018 event, which takes place Feb. 1-3 at the Kennedy Ice Arena in Trenton.

Teams from the Hometownlife.com areas that are scheduled to participate include Bloomfield Hills Brother Rice, Novi Detroit Catholic Central, Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood, Livonia Churchill, Livonia Stevenson, Northville, Novi, Plymouth and Salem.

The Showcase features some of the Midwest's top teams and attracts more than 80 scouts from all different levels of hockey.

The 2017 MIHL Showcase, for example, featured all six state finalists and 10 of the 12 semifinalists in the annual MHSAA post-season tournament. Each team is guaranteed to play two games.

Scheduling will be completed in January 2018 to ensure competitive matchups consistent with the MIHL mission of having the best teams and the most skilled players showcase their talents.

CANADIAN HOCKEY LEAGUE

HIS CUP FOR A DAY

Spitfires' Boka brings Memorial Cup trophy back home to Canton to share with friends

Tim Smith
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After Windsor Spitfires forward Luke Boka won the Stanley Cup of major junior hockey last spring, he thought about what he'd do when it was his turn to have the chalice for a day — a time-honored perk for hockey champions.

The 18-year-old Plymouth resident brought the Memorial Cup across the border Wednesday and made sure he brought the Canadian Hockey League championship trophy to Jake's House of Iron in Canton.

He flashed a grin when asked if he had any trouble bringing his prize through customs at the U.S.-Canada border.

"They didn't even ask," Boka said. "I'll bring it back (to) Windsor tomorrow and move back there for the season. It's just an honor to win it and be able to bring it back to Plymouth."

Boka, whose older brother Nick is a Minnesota Wild prospect playing defense at the University of Michigan, said he visited good friend Jimmy Gearnys after driving to Ply-



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Plymouth resident and Windsor Spitfires player Luke Boka holds the Memorial Cup that he and his teammates won in May. Boka was at Jake's House of Iron in Canton, where he works out, to share his trophy with his friends.

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RETURNING TO HIS ROOTS

Football great Tim Shaw weighs in on stadium honor

Tim Smith
hometownlife.com

When Livonia Clarenceville football coach Ryan Irish wants something for his program, he said he has a go-to person in Trojans legend Tim Shaw.

"What's great about being the head coach of Clarenceville football, I've got a sugar dad-

dy," Irish said. "And what that means, if I need something, I have Tim Shaw's direct number. I call him and he gets me whatever I want. That's a great feeling as a football coach."

But the 33-year-old Shaw — who is battling amyotrophic lateral sclerosis — verbally flicks away any such praise

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FILE PHOTO

During his 2015 football camp at Clarenceville, Tim Shaw demonstrates proper technique to one of the campers. Despite being slowed by ALS, Shaw continues to host the camp.



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Cyclists pedal 300 miles to grant wishes

OAA RESULTS

Boys soccer

NORTH FARMINGTON 4, OXFORD 0: North Farmington opened the season Tuesday with this shut-out over Oxford. Anthony Damiani (two), Hunter Washington and Matthew Swarhout scored for the Raiders. Zach Shuk earned the shutout in goal for North Farmington (2-0).

Boys tennis

BROTHER RICE 8, BIRMINGHAM GROVES 1

Brother Rice dominated Groves in this crossover match Monday. The host Warriors won three of the four singles matches and swept the five doubles matches. At No. 1 singles, Rice junior Jarreau Campbell defeated Groves junior Gabe Liss in three sets, 6-3, 4-6, 7-6 (2). The lone Groves win was at No. 3 singles, where junior Ian Rosenwasser defeated Doug Prew, 6-4, 6-2.

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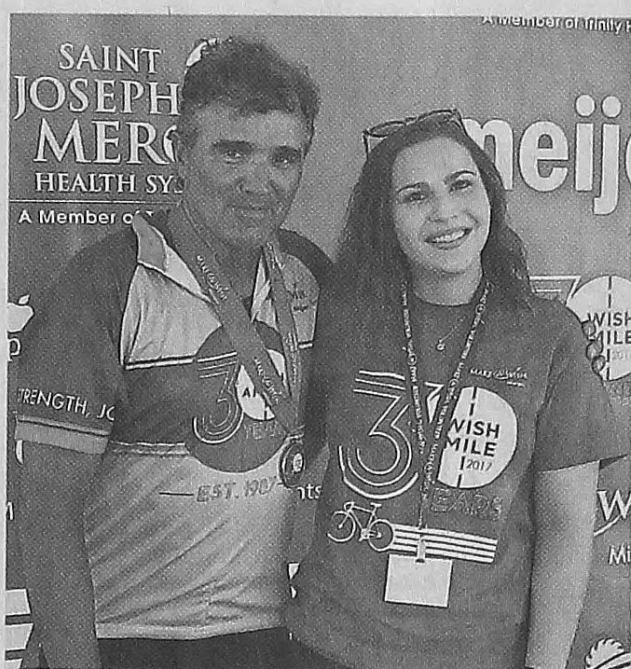
The 30th annual Wish-A-Mile Bicycle Tour held late last month was a great success, according to president and CEO Karen Davis.

The event raised \$2.41 million, with all proceeds going towards the wishes of Michigan's numerous medically-eligible children.

Noa Arlow, a 19-year-old North Farmington graduate with a liver transplant, had her wish of surfing in Hawaii granted and is now attending Michigan State University.

"I had always dreamed of surfing and seeing all of the natural beauty which was in Hawaii," Arlow wrote in her WAM bio.

This year's charity event took place July 27-30, with riders of all ages traveling the 300-mile course from Traverse City to the Michigan International Speed-

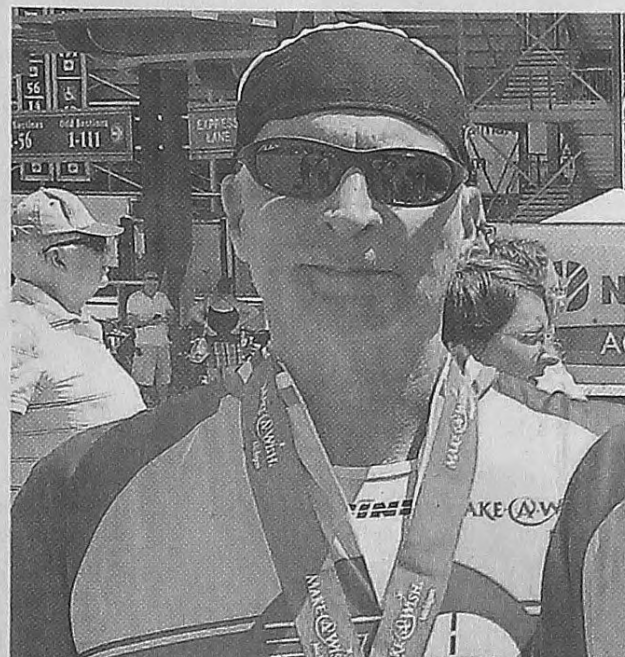


Farmington Hills resident Noa Arlow greets long-time WAM rider Tom Budner at the Heroes Hurrah finish line following last month's event.

way in Brooklyn.

Cyclists averaged 100 miles per day and ended their journey with a lap around the historic MIS

race track. They were warmly greeted at the Heroes Hurrah finish line by spectators, wish children and volunteers.



Farmington Hills resident Mark Labadie has labored through the Wish-A-Mile Bicycle Tour for more than 20 years.

It began in 1987, when four riders challenged each other to make the 300-mile trip from Canton to Mackinaw City. The WAM event con-

tinues to prosper with the ultimate goal of granting wishes for children with life-threatening medical conditions.

CUP

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mouth.

"Today's the day I get to bring it home," Boka said. "Really haven't done much. I actually had to go over and get it in Windsor and then I brought it to one of my best friend's house; that was a good time. Maybe do something with it later on tonight."

Worth sharing

Both Boka brothers have found an off-season workout home at Jake's House of Iron, owned by former University of Michigan football player Jake Sweeney, a strength and conditioning specialist.

"I had no idea," Sweeney said about Boka bringing his trophy to the athletic performance training facility, located near Haggerty and Warren roads. "He texted me and said, 'Hey, I got the cup for a day can I bring it in?' I said absolutely."

Sweeney called it "humbling" for athletes such as Boka to make it a point to share successes



Windsor Spitfires forward Luke Boka (left) of Plymouth, poses Wednesday with Jake Sweeney, owner of Jake's House of Iron. Boka brought the Memorial Cup to the Canton training facility to share with Sweeney, trainers and other athletes.

with other athletes and trainers at his facility.

"You develop a relationship with these guys after years of working with them," Sweeney said. "It's humbling to know this is part of their life and they are going to continue. They could go anywhere, a lot of these guys, but they still train here."

"I like to make them uncomfortable (working out), but they're comfortable with me and my

staff and what we do. They know the results are here."

The trophy was placed on a table while Boka and other athletes of various sports breezed through a high-intensity mix of sled pulls, push-ups and cardio.

"If you ask everyone in Canada, they all know what it is," Boka said about the Memorial Cup. "But bringing it back across the border, not many people know what



The Memorial Cup was on display Wednesday at Jake's House of Iron in Canton.

it is. But it's pretty rich in tradition over in Canada."

Place of honor

Boka pointed to an empty spot on the trophy where the names of the 2017 champion Spitfires soon will be engraved.

"It's the Memorial Cup, it's to recognize all the (Canadian) veterans that fought for their country," Boka said. "It's something special, especially to win it."

"Look at all the hockey

players' names on those teams that won it. Really good hockey players on that (trophy) and it's quite an honor to have my name next to those guys."

Windsor was knocked out of the Ontario Hockey League playoffs in the first round, but because the team hosted the Memorial Cup (including champions from other branches of the CHL), he and his teammates had another chance at post-season glory.

"(The championship) sunk in, (I'm) getting over it, getting ready to bring another one back home," Boka said. "Camp starts on Sunday."

Among other athletes working out Wednesday was pro hockey player Cody Wydo, 26, who will play the 2017-18 season with the Pittsburgh Penguins' American Hockey League affiliate in Wilkes-Barre/Scranton (Pa.).

"Bringing it here just shows what this place has done for him, what it means to him to be able to train here," said Wydo, a forward. "Anytime a hockey player comes back and brings their

championship trophy around and lets other people see it here, it's good publicity for the House of Iron and everything like that."

"I've been coming here since I was 17. I definitely noticed it gives you that extra step on the ice and that extra endurance you need to win championships."

Stopping by at the end of Wednesday's workout session was Nick Boka, who wanted to help his younger brother savor the special day.

"It means a lot," Nick Boka said. "It was really cool being there in Windsor to support him (the night of the championship triumph). It was a really good feeling, being his older brother, seeing him win it and how excited he was."

"And to bring it back to a place like this, where we grew up training. He's put in a lot of effort, sweat and hours here. It's definitely coming back to your roots to see what got him there and what got both of us to where we are today."

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RECRUIT

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somewhere," he added. "That's one of the reasons why I chose Ball State. I'm looking forward to it."

Paddock: 'No-brainer'

For Paddock, the commitment was fast and a no-brainer. The 6-foot-0, 180-pound signal-caller got initial looks from Southern Illinois and Fordham, both FCS football schools. Ball State's offer was simply something he couldn't refuse.

"It was a pretty quick commitment for me," said Paddock, who plans to enter Ball State's reputable communications program. "They offered me on a Tuesday and I committed Wednesday morning. I didn't waste any time. I just thought it was a good fit. I know their head coach (Mike Neu) was Drew Brees's quarterback coach with the Saints and that was like a big part of my decision."

"I feel like I compare myself to the way Drew Brees plays, so that was a big part of it. I loved (Ball State quarterbacks) coach (Joe) Lynch. He was one of my favorite recruiters throughout the process. I am super pumped to be coached by him."

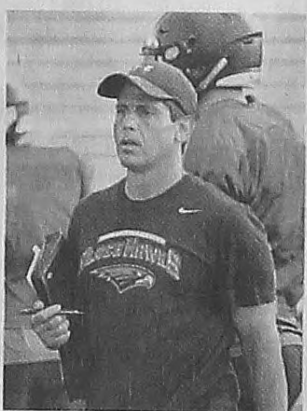
"If it would have just come down to the two Division I-AA schools, I probably would have waited to make my decision until after my senior season and see if any bigger schools would have come into the picture after my senior tape," he added. "But after I got the Division I offer it was a no-brainer."

Paddock and Sape are key members of the Bloomfield Hills squad which, after winning the OAA Blue Division championship last year and sporting an undefeated regular-season record, has moved up to the OAA Red Division this fall.

Bloomfield Hills played in the OAA Red for two years, 2014-15, and won only three games combined against the league's larger programs.

The Black Hawks, however, figure to make a better showing in the OAA Red this fall. In fact, Bloomfield Hills enters the new division with confidence after having blanked longtime Red Division member Lake Orion, 21-0, to complete the first undefeated regular season in program history last year.

Bloomfield Hills has some good returning experience at the skilled positions and is known as a hard-working, well-prepared team under veteran head coach Dan



Veteran Bloomfield Hills head coach Dan Loria has no doubt his squad will compete hard in the OAA Red Division this year after winning the Blue Division crown last fall.

Loria.

Sape: size and strength

Sape, a 6-foot-5, 250-pound tower of strength on the line, helps key a defense which allowed two touchdowns or less in five games last fall. He had a strong season last year with 65 tackles, 15 sacks, four tipped passes, two recovered fumble and two caused fumbles.

Sape, whose sister Amanda graduated from Bloomfield Hills last June and earned a basketball scholarship to Kent State, is confident the Black Hawks can compete in the Red Division.

"Last year, we had an undefeated season and people said the reason



Strong-armed John Paddock is in his second year as quarterback at Bloomfield Hills, where he did not lose a regular-season game last fall.

why was because we were in the Blue Division, which was the lowest," said Sape, in his second year on varsity. "But we played Lake Orion last year and they are one of the top competitors in the Red and we took them on."

"We have a great passing game this year and a great front-line defense and a good secondary, so I think we can fend for ourselves."

"And I got bigger and stronger over the summer, kept my speed up and gained some weight, so I'll be able to bully some offensive tackles this year," he added. "I believe in all my brothers. We'll be fine this year in the Red."

Loria said Sape is just the kind of athlete Ball



Defensive end Jack Sape has worked hard to improve his speed and strength in hopes of leading Bloomfield Hills to another big season.

State is looking for.

"Jack is a tremendous athlete for his size and that's what they are looking for," Loria said. "He gives the college a two-way option. He can move to the O-line if needed. He's really heady, has a good attitude, has good leadership skills and is a good quality kid overall."

Loria: 'We'll be in mix'

Paddock, who transferred to Bloomfield Hills from Brother Rice, is in his second full season with the Black Hawks. He has shown a strong arm and great leadership qualities.

"It's been great here. The transition was not that hard," Paddock said. "I only live five minutes from here and I know so

many people who go here and I still have so many close friends at Rice. Coach Loria was so welcoming and he's been phenomenal in the process for me, (plus) the whole staff."

"I'm really looking forward to having another big year this year," he added. "We're definitely looking forward to the challenge (in the new division)."

Loria, who previously coached at Lahser before taking over the program five years ago when the district's two schools consolidated, likes the presence Paddock brings to the field.

"John is a great quarterback who's intelligent at the position, is a great leader and has an awesome work ethic," Loria said.

Senior Ty Slazinski will be Paddock's go-to receiver this year and classmates Jordan Bailey and Eli McCourt will be other key players on both sides of the ball. Darren Mack, a junior and another transfer from Rice, and sophomore Alex Ward are two other top newcomers to the team.

"Our numbers are up and there's excitement in our program," Loria said. "They had a great off-season and we're looking forward to the challenges in the Red Division. We'll see where we're at after nine games, but I think we'll be right in the mix."

PREP FOOTBALL

Football turns into wise choice for highly-recruited Demens of DCD

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Kolin Demens entered Detroit Country Day figuring to make an impact on the basketball court. He's certainly carved his niche in the vaunted Yellowjackets athletic program, but it's been on the gridiron, not the hard court.

Now entering his senior year, Demens has caught the eye of Division I college programs across the country. Michigan, Michigan State, Nebraska, Maryland and Wisconsin from the Big Ten have come courting, as have other prominent programs such as UCLA, Iowa State and Western Michigan.

It's all been good for DCD's talented 16-year-old outside linebacker/slot receiver, who has somewhat surprised himself that football is his ultimate scholarship path. One of the state's top recruits, Demens hopes to finalize his college choice sometime around his birthday in November.

"I came to Country Day as a basketball player and I just started to notice that (football) is a game that I'm really good at and that I can exceed my talent and keep getting better by listening to my coaches," Demens said. "I have about 15 offers now. I hope to play linebacker in college and it will all depend on how I fit into a team's system and their defense. Location also plays into it."

Detroit Country Day football head coach Dan MacLean says Demens is every bit as good as his older brother Kenny, who



Senior Kolin Demens is a highly-recruited defender who is also capable of causing damage on offense.

played for the Yellowjackets, had an outstanding career at the University of Michigan and played three seasons for the NFL's Arizona Cardinals before calling it quits this year because of ACL problems.

"There was that sibling rivalry kind of thing at first, where I don't think he wanted to be compared to his brother," MacLean said. "The guy can absolutely jump out of the building — he has a tremendous vertical jump — and he has tremendous ball skills. You can tell he has those basketball player abilities. But he came out for football and just caught right on.

"He is such a good athlete that his opportunities opened up more in football. In football, he's a special talent and I think he realized that," he added. "I think he got a scholarship offer after his sophomore year from Nebraska, which I never had happen before, and I think that kind of turns your head and changes your priorities a little bit."

Three-year state semifinalist

The 6-foot-2, 220-pound Demens is entering his fourth year in the DCD football program, moving up to varsity as a sophomore. He helped lead the Yellowjackets to

at least the semifinal round of the state playoffs and to double-digit victories (24 in all) in each of the past two seasons.

Last year, Country Day won 13 straight games en route to the D-4 title game, where it lost a 10-7 heart-breaker to Grand Rapids Catholic Central.

"At first, he was really an offensive player for us," MacLean said. "He had a lot of skills and kind of an uncanny knack to run the screen plays. He's deceptively fast and covers a lot of ground with his stride."

"When my son Michael broke his leg (as a senior) going into the

playoffs, Kolin (a sophomore at the time) had to come out and play in (Mike's) place (at linebacker)," he added. "He just did a great job and has been a fixture there ever since. He's just so talented and he brings so much to us defensively."

A versatile player who can also throw and run the ball on offense, Demens attracted attention with his stellar play last season. He finished with 45 solo tackles, 80 total tackles, three sacks and three interceptions, including one returned for a touchdown against Cranbrook Kingswood in the playoffs.

"I'm a person with speed from sidelines and I can make the big hit when needed," said Demens, who lives in Oak Park. "I'm a quiet leader, but on the field, it's all loud."

Picking up the slack

Country Day enters this season with a less experienced squad after having lost 21 players to graduation, including key players like Steve Mann, Chris Bergin and Nick Neibuauer.

However, MacLean hopes this year's returning players can pick up the slack and lead DCD to its 11th straight post-season berth.

While the list begins with Demens, this year's senior class also boasts the likes of Isaiah Johnson (WR/DB) and Christian Love (offensive line/nose guard). Those three will serve as team captains.

Senior linemen Connor Mathews, Connor Coffman and Rithik Aggarwal are other key returning players. Junior

linebacker Josh Winowich is one underclassman to watch, while junior Anthony Toma and sophomore Alhon Mitchell are competing for the quarterback spot.

"We've been working extremely hard, but we have a lot of positions to fill with those 21 seniors gone and most of them were starters," MacLean said. "We have quite a few juniors back, but they weren't in starting roles. So they're going to have to get themselves going and that will take some time, but I think we have enough experience out here to be a good group."

DCD opened the season Friday in Grand Rapids against Catholic Central in a rematch of last year's state championship game. Country Day will also face five other playoff teams from last year — Detroit Loyola, Benton Harbor, Lansing Catholic Central, Fern-dale and Southfield Bradford Academy.

"I expect this year to be great for us," Demens said. "We're coming off a loss in the state championship game, but we have a great group of seniors who are fired up and ready to start and finish the year off strong."

"Losing in the state championship is probably one of the hardest things for a high school player. I think we do have something to prove," he added. "I cannot wait for this season to start. I think this is a team that can quietly do something. We have people with talent and the drive and who are ready to win."

KLAA ROUNDUP

Livonia Stevenson boys soccer team off to strong start

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Boys soccer

STEVENSON 2, U-D JESUIT 1: On Aug. 23, Livonia Stevenson's Jake Rea scored with about 12 minutes left to snap a 1-1 tie. Setting up the winning goal for the Spartans (2-0) was Lucas Rea — who scored the game's opening goal in the first half, with Evan Campau assisting.

PLYMOUTH 3, HARTLAND 0: On Aug. 23, the Wildcats led all the way, scoring once in the first half and twice in the second. Benny Tetlow,



Alex Schafer and Nicholas Yoshioka scored for Plymouth, while Tommy Sullivan, Alex Bowser, Bennett Brooks and Justin Wojcik all had strong games.

NORTHVILLE 4, DEARBORN 2: On Aug. 22, senior captain Owen Marshall notched a hat trick and senior captain Andrew Mitchell had the

other goal as the Mustangs (2-0) defeated the host Pioneers (1-1) in a non-conference game. Tyler Schneider also added two assists for Northville.

NORTHVILLE 4, PIONEER 1: On Aug. 18, Andrew Mitchell scored a pair of goals as the Mustangs (1-0) opened their season with a non-league win at Ann Arbor Pioneer.

STEVENSON 4, HARRISON 0: On Aug. 21, the Spartans rolled in their season opener against visiting Farmington Hills Harrison. Scoring two goals for Stevenson was Noah Cook. Adding a

penalty kick goal was Lucas Rea. Stevenson enjoyed a 22-1 edge in shots on goal.

CANTON 1, SKYLINE 1: On Aug. 22, the Chiefs opened the season with this tie against Ann Arbor Skyline. Scoring for Canton was Jordan Fournery, with the assist going to Justin Gottschalk. Making 17 saves in goal for the Chiefs was Sean O'Meara.

SALINE 3, SALEM 0: The visiting Rocks took it on the chin against Saline in their season opener on Aug. 22.

Girls golf

BRIGHTON 167, CANTON 203: On Aug. 22 at Fox Hills Classic, Brighton improved to 2-0 with this victory. For the Chiefs (1-1), Manasa Potluri led the way with 42. Ava Song shot 51.

NORTHVILLE 165, PLYMOUTH 166: In an Aug. 22 contest at Fox Hills, the teams needed a fifth player score to break a tie. When the match remained deadlocked, a sixth player score was required and Sedona Shipka won it for the Mustangs, handing the Wildcats their first loss of the season. Medalist was Plymouth's Shae Zydeck, with 36.

Recording 37 for the Wildcats was Erin Johnson. Nicole Whatley led the Mustangs with 38. Mariella Simoncini chipped in 41.

HARTLAND 174, NOVI 175, SALEM 200: On Aug. 22 at Walnut Creek Country Club, the Rocks fell short in this tri-match despite a 46 score by Megan Kozlowski.

Volleyball

PLYMOUTH 3, SALEM 0: On Aug. 22 in the season opener for both teams, the Wildcats prevailed in three games. Plymouth earned 25-23, 25-22 and 25-20 wins.

SHAW

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the way he used to when an opponent got into his grill on the gridiron, at Clarenceville, Penn State or various NFL stops.

"I am nobody's sugar daddy," Shaw wrote in an email to hometownlife.com. "I do try to find opportunities to help out the football team and the athletic department where I can."

"There's so much more that can be done, but I'm happy to be able to step in from time to time and give back to my community."

Perhaps that's just Shaw being Shaw, about as humble as any athlete who ever played in the National Football League.

Shaw — who was honored Saturday when the Clarenceville football field was renamed David



In 2013, when he was a linebacker for the Tennessee Titans, Tim Shaw implored campers that if they could "dream it," they could "do it."

B. McDowell Field at Shaw Stadium — is the reason the Trojans have a weight room that rivals anybody else's across the state, according to the version of events told by Irish.

He recalled Shaw "secretly" asking him

what the coach needed to make the facility the best it could be.

"I told him what I needed and Tim made it happen," Irish said. "To me, that's the Tim Shaw Weight Room."

"It's always been about what can I do to

make this place better? To me that's just truly a great person."

Shaw answered the "sugar daddy" question and several others, as he gets ready to return to Clarenceville for what promises to be an emotional evening.

Asked for any other thoughts on the subject, Shaw said he wants others to build their own reputations and legacies.

"We are all given a name at birth and that name is represented by the people we are," Shaw wrote. "We must be proud of our names and take seriously the responsibility of building a reputation for our names."

"I'll continue to do that for the Shaw name and for the Clarenceville name."

Q&A with Shaw

Following are Shaw's responses to several

other questions:

Q: I know you did not want the field named Tim Shaw Stadium, but rather Shaw Stadium, as a way to also honor your family. Tell me about that decision.

"It's never been just about me. I needed my family, teammates, coaches and community to help me along the way. I didn't score those touchdowns alone. My family is very important to me."

Q: Coach Irish said you were cut from an NFL team once and then helped him out for a week at Clarenceville High School practice. Even for a NFL player, your local roots have always been deep, haven't they?

"I believe I helped him when I was cut by the Panthers in 2008. I've always been proud of where I came from and want others to feel that

same sense of pride. Therefore, I try to do what I can to promote Clarenceville. It didn't matter what level I was playing on, home is home."

Q: What do you hope renaming the stadium will do in order to help put Clarenceville on the map again, perhaps motivating younger kids to get off the couch and get into the game?

"My main hope is that Clarenceville remains a great place to go to school, play sports and be involved in community. I'm proud that my family name stands for those things and helps Clarenceville be those things."

To that end, every summer, he hosts a football camp for kids from Clarenceville and surrounding communities.

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8 secrets recruiters don't want you to know

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Recruiters often have information that they do not share with job seekers. While the checklist a recruiter uses to select one candidate over another may vary, there are certain items a recruiter may look for when interviewing a candidate for a job.

1. Stock cover letters don't work

Using a stock cover letter can sink your resume before the recruiter even looks at it. Sure, you think that by using a stock cover letter, it looks professional and the resume is the most important part. However, recruiters have seen every stock cover letter ever printed. They receive huge numbers of them.

2. Recruiters look at resumes quickly

While you might hope that a recruiter will sit and read through your resume, it is unlikely to happen unless your qualifications and skills are a match for the job.

Recruiters usually spend only a few seconds on each resume because they have many to sort through. Being considered for a job depends on whether you are a match for it.



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3. Jobs don't always match the advertising

A recruiter may not know what the duties of a job entail, and those duties may include more than is written in the advertisement or change over time. If you have experience and training for your job niche, such as in particular health care jobs, you probably fit the general description and might be considered. However, don't be surprised if extra duties come with that job that weren't mentioned.

4. Generic resumes don't work

Creating a resume that is too general is one problem

mentioned by recruiters. Employers are looking for the best match for the available job, and being too general will not work. By tweaking your resume to more closely match a job description, you stand a much better chance of being considered by the recruiter.

5. Your interviewing skills might need work

Sometimes, an individual gets chosen for that all-important first interview, but isn't called back. Recruiters say that those individuals may need to work on their interviewing skills and might even give small recommendations to respond to questions during

the interview process itself. Since potential employees are frequently talked to by the recruiter before going to the interview, paying close attention to the recruiter's remarks can make an interview go more smoothly.

6. Spamming them with emails may leave a bad impression

Of course you are anxious about whether you are going to hear back from a recruiter and be considered for a job position. However, don't pester the recruiter, or it can backfire and cost you the interview you wanted. Recruiters are busy people who spend a lot

of time on the phone. Overdoing it by emailing and phoning too often can leave a negative impression. Send in your resume, and wait a few days before calling about it.

7. Your communication skills might need work

Although you are probably not looking for a job as an orator, good verbal communication is important when talking to a recruiter. Keep a professional demeanor when emailing or speaking in person with a recruiter. Leave out slang words and use formal language. A good communicator is more likely to get further along in the interview process.

8. Recruiters won't consider you if you don't do your research

Recruiters are less likely to consider you for a position if you haven't bothered to research the company. Preparing several thoughtful questions about the company or position makes you appear serious about your interest in the job.

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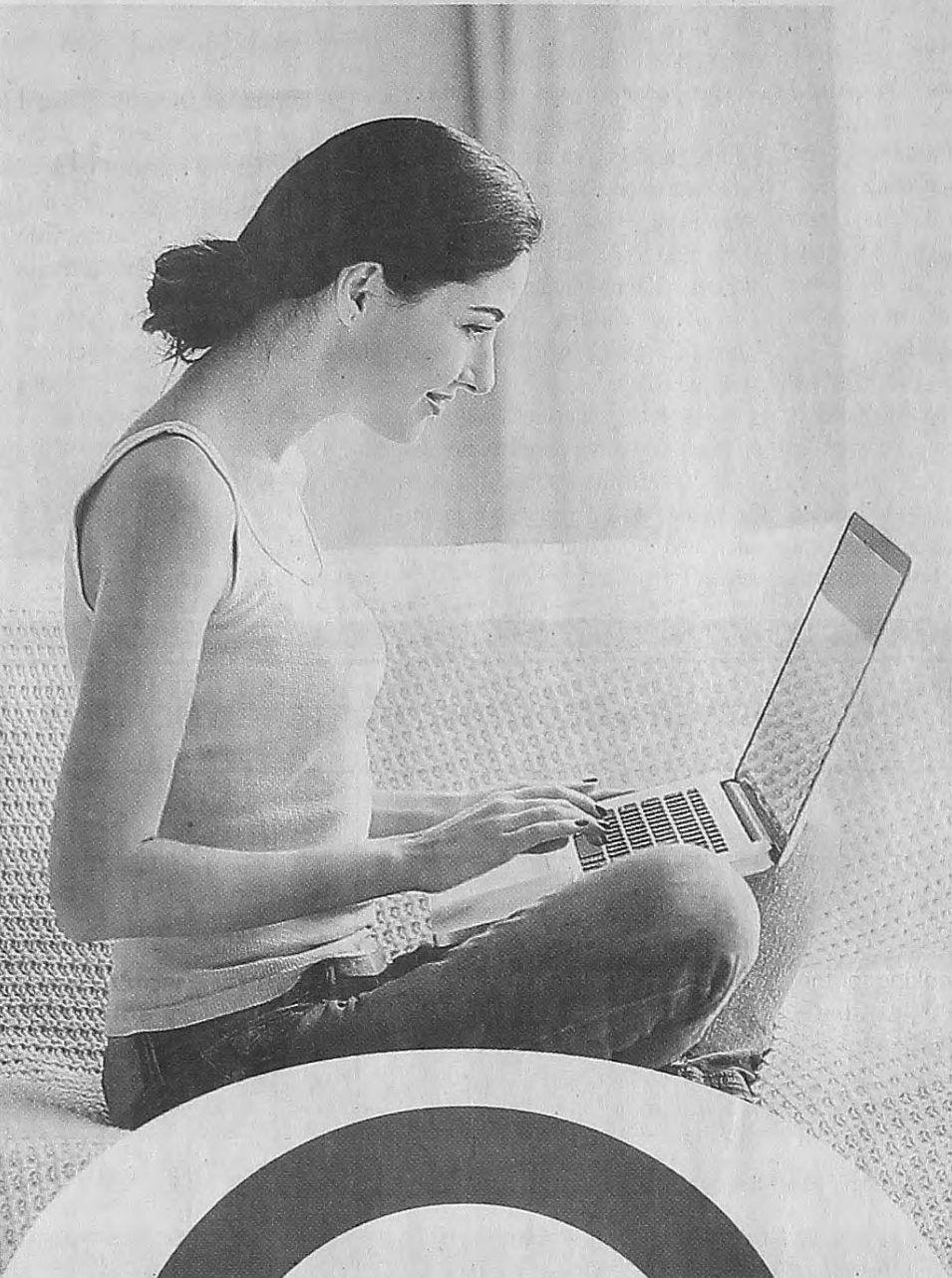
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Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which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

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- AERATION
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- ALKALINITY
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- DECOMPOSITION
- DESALINATION
- DRINKING
- EFFLUENT
- FEEDER
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- GALLON
- HARDNESS
- INFLUENT
- LIME
- MINERAL
- NEUTRALIZER
- ORGANISM
- PIPING
- PRESSURE
- TEMPERATURE
- WATER
- WELL

Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally & diagonally throughout the puzzle.

CHECK YOUR ANSWERS HERE

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Car Report

MERCEDES-AMG E43 SEDAN IS ULTIMATE EXPRESSION OF BRAND'S PARTNERSHIP WITH PERFORMANCE DIVISION



By Dale Buss

Driving a Mercedes-AMG E43 performance sedan is a sublime experience, sort of like taking off in a Gulfstream while the rest of the air traffic leaves the ground in prop planes.

The E43 I drove pushes \$90,000 for the sticker price, but the performance division of Mercedes-Benz has outfitted and tuned this car to provide the kind of ride that any discriminating luxury buyer could expect for that kind of coin.

The car rides like a dream and responds handsomely, providing the driver with supreme confidence on any roadway. Its state-of-the-art assisted-driving technology layers on another huge reason for the E43 driver to feel cosseted behind the wheel.

And the exterior design – trailing behind that big, bold Mercedes-Benz

logo on the grille – ranks among the best and most sophisticated expressions of the AMG design language that has evolved since Mercedes-Benz acquired the independent engineering firm in 2005.

Actually, 2017 marks the 50th anniversary of the founding of AMG Motorenbau und Entwicklungsgesellschaft mbH, or AMG. AMG originally specialized in performance improvements for Mercedes-Benz vehicles. Daimler-Benz AG took a controlling interest in AMG in 1999, then became sole owner of AMG in 2005. Mercedes-AMG GmbH now is a wholly owned subsidiary of Daimler AG.

Which is why Mercedes-AMG now can come up with completely integrated gems such as the E43. Mercedes-AMG typically produces the top-line version of each Mercedes-Benz product line, in this case the brand's bread-and-butter E-Class sedans.

Because performance is what AMG is all about, consider first its chops

in this area. For E43, Mercedes-AMG came up with a "biturbo" engine featuring two exhaust-driven turbochargers feeding a six-cylinder, 3.0-liter engine that generates 396 horsepower and 384 pound-feet of torque.

And while E43 isn't exactly a lightweight vehicle, this engine hurtles the car down the road briskly, with the car's big tires and state-of-the-art air suspension adding smartly to the figure that it cut through Michigan's summer air. Another AMG-exclusive refinement that optimizes performance is software that manages the 9-speed automatic transmission to execute gear changes more rapidly than in a standard E-Class, so that accelerating initiates a multiple ratio downshift that gets the power train to just the right spot on its torque curve.

While the E43 employs a standard Mercedes-Benz 4Matic all-wheel-drive system, the nominal torque split pushes 69 percent of the torque to the rear wheels, which allows the front tires to be more devoted to steering.

The Mercedes-AMG E43 runs from zero to 60 mph in 4.5 seconds, which isn't blisteringly fast by today's performance standards, but which fits this car's personality just fine.

Oh, and very coincidentally, the 3.0-liter engine yields a combined 21 mpg, posting 18 mpg in the city and 25 mpg on the highway.

And while you're enjoying the ride, E43's interior amenities represent one of Mercedes-Benz's best executions.



The sliding sunroof enhances the E43 driving experience.

There's a tall belt line that makes you feel you're sitting low in the car, but the multiple seat adjustments provide enough range for any driver to feel in command and various positions for lumbar and thigh supports for that same driver to feel extremely comfortable while piloting.

Other comfort and convenience features of E43 include ambient lighting, a sliding sunroof, dual-zone automatic climate control, rain-sensing intermittent wipers, power-folding mirrors, dual 12.3-inch high-resolution displays, auto-dimming mirrors, a rearview camera, a Burmester Surround Sound System, heated front seats and Nappa leather.

But the most important thing going on inside E43 is the complex interplay of assisted-driving features that gives the driver utmost confidence in the safety and protection provided by the vehicle.

Mercedes-AMG's system, called Drive Pilot, includes a number of functions that can be turned off individually so that the driver feels completely in command. They include adaptive cruise control and blind spot monitors as well as lane centering and a speed-limit pilot.

The feature of Drive Pilot that I liked most was the showing of the speed limit for the current stretch of highway in the head's up display, next to your actual speed. It flashes when you exceed the limit – which is always very tempting in an E43.



Refinement is the byword inside E43.



A high belt line and shoulder crease characterize the sublime styling of Mercedes-AMG E43

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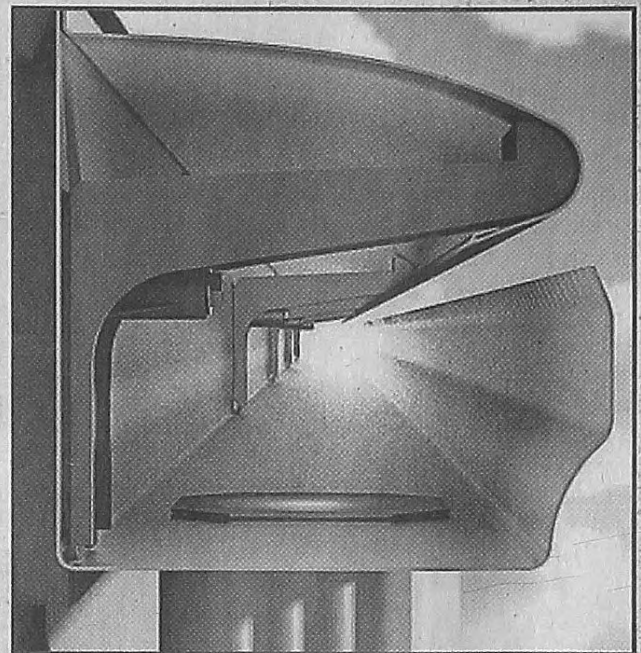
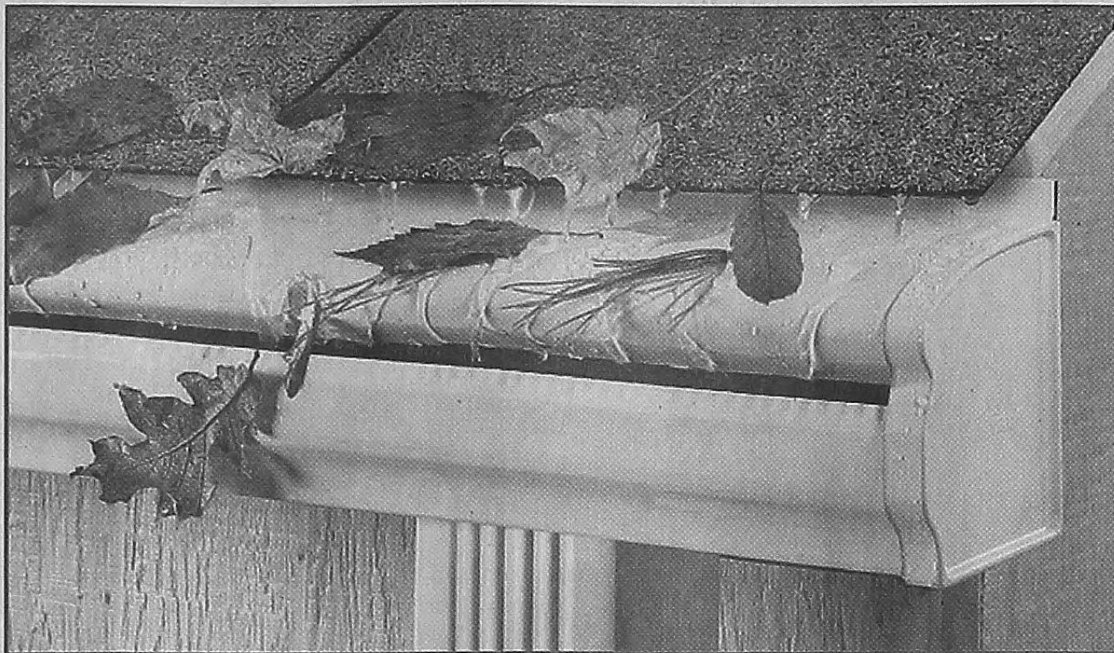
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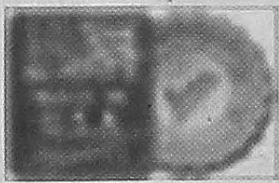
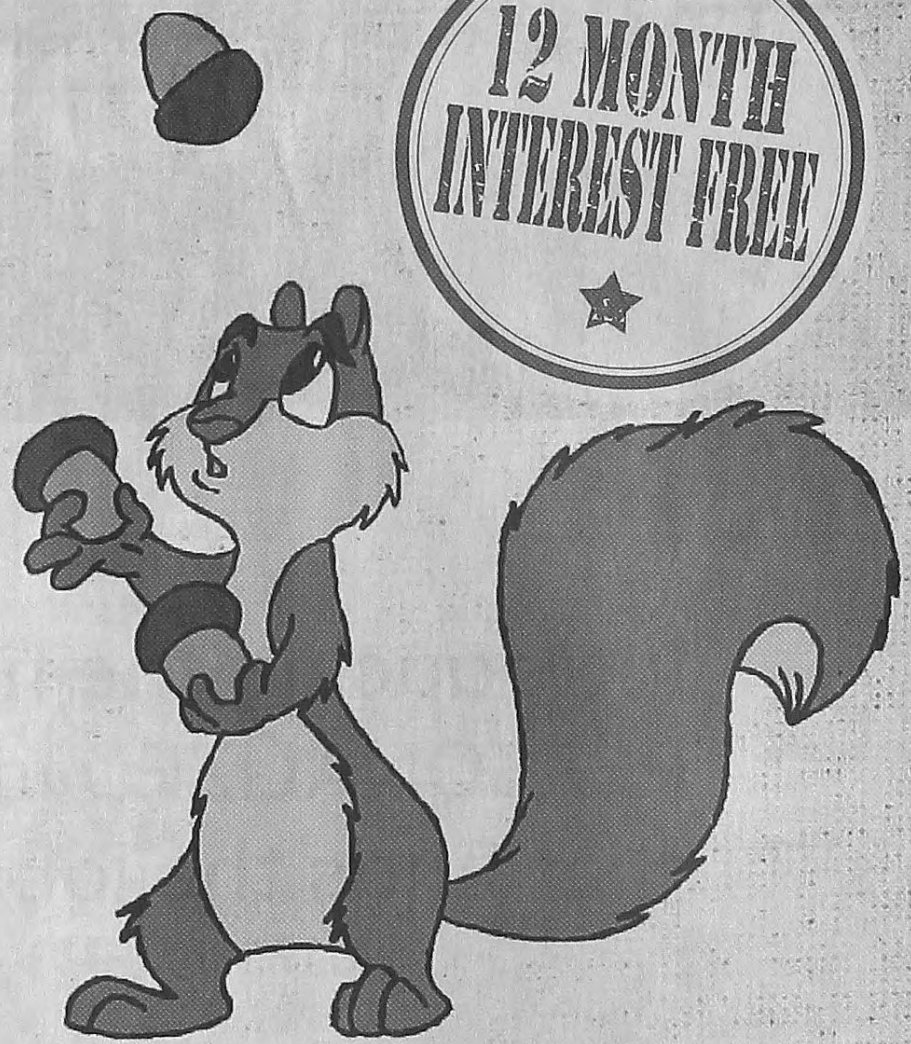


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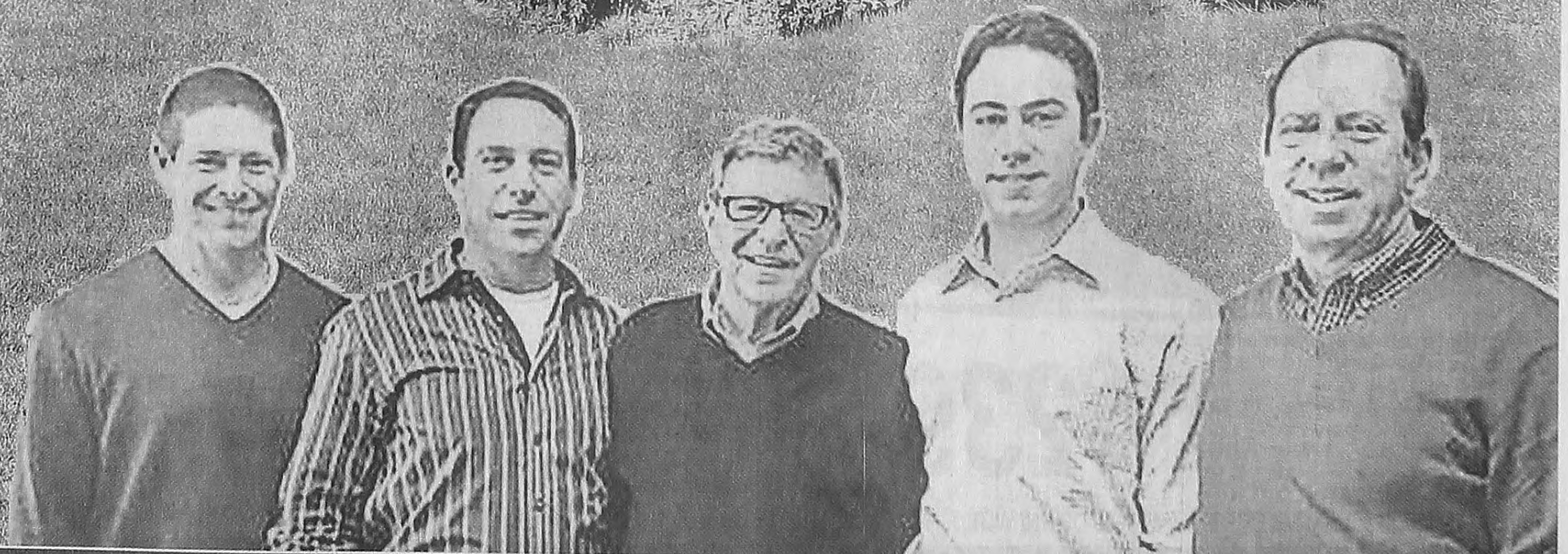
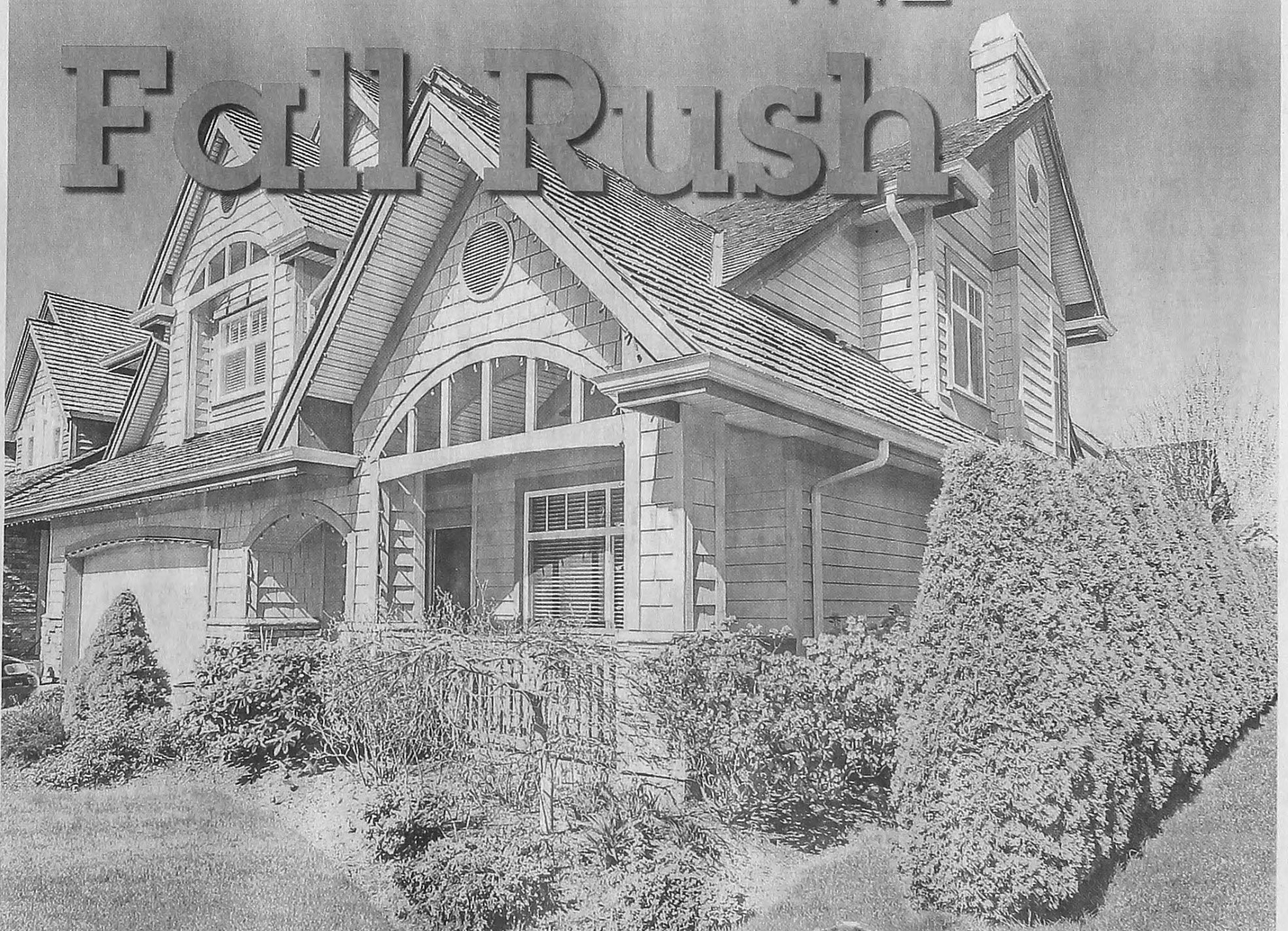
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0% APR for 72 Months²
Ford Credit Financing

+
\$1,000 Trade Assist³

LEASE FOR

\$169 /mo. for 24 months

Current A/Z Plan Lessees¹
\$1,969 Cash Due at Signing

- NHTSA 5-Star Crash Safety Rating⁶
- AdvanceTrac[®] with RSC[®] (Roll Stability Control[™]) and Curve Control
- Available Adaptive Cruise Control

2017 FORD EDGE SEL FWD



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+
\$1,000 Trade Assist³

LEASE FOR

\$229 /mo. for 24 months

Current A/Z Plan Lessees¹
\$2,269 Cash Due at Signing

- Spacious seating for up to 7
- Class-exclusive PowerFold[®] third-row seat
- Available Hands-Free, Foot-Activated Liftgate

2017 FORD EXPLORER XLT



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0% APR For 72 Months²
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+
\$1,000 Trade Assist³

LEASE FOR

\$199 /mo. for 24 months

Current A/Z Plan Lessees¹
\$2,389 Cash Due at Signing

- NHTSA 5-Star Crash Test Rating⁶
- Available 360-degree camera
- Available Pro Trailer Backup Assist[™]

2017 FORD F-150 SUPERCREW[®] XLT 4x4



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1) Not all lessees will qualify for Ford Credit Red Carpet Low Mileage Lease. Payments vary. Residency restrictions apply. Payments includes RCL Renewal and is available to customers who come out of any eligible Ford vehicle RCL contract. A-Plan pricing is for Ford employees and eligible family members. Take new retail delivery from dealer stock by 9/5/17. See dealer for complete details. 2) Program 20836 - Not all buyers will qualify for Ford Credit financing. 0% APR financing for 72 months at \$13.89 per month per \$1,000 financed regardless of down payment. Residency restrictions apply. See dealer for qualifications and complete details. 3) Program 30242 - \$1,000 Trade-In Assistance Bonus Cash. Trade-In Assistance Bonus Cash is available to customers who currently own or lease a 1995 or newer vehicle who trade-in or have a lease expiring from 30 days prior to through 90 days after new retail delivery. Customers must have owned or leased the trade-in vehicle for a minimum of 30 days prior to the sale date of the new vehicle. Residency restrictions apply. For all offers, take new retail delivery from dealer stock by 9/5/17. See dealer for qualifications and complete details. 4) Program 35764 - \$750 Bonus Cash for current college students and recent college graduates who purchase or lease any eligible new 16/17/18 Ford Fiesta, Focus, Fusion, Escape, including Hybrids and Energi. Must take retail delivery from dealer stock by 8/31/17. All other vehicles are eligible for \$500 Bonus Cash. Not available on Ford GT, F-150 Raptor, Focus RS, Mustang Shelby[®] GT350 and GT350R. Vehicles delivered after August 31, 2017 are not eligible for \$750 Student Bonus Cash. See dealer for eligible vehicles and complete details. May not be used with other Ford private offers. Limit of 5 purchases or leases. U.S. residents only. See dealer for complete details and eligibility. 5) SYNC[®] is an optional feature. Don't drive while distracted. Use voice-operated systems when possible; don't use handheld devices while driving. Some features may be locked out while the vehicle is in gear. Not all features are compatible with all phones. Message and data rates may apply. Optional Navigation System map updates cannot be received via Wi-Fi[®] and require a separate update. For all offers, take new retail delivery by 9/5/17. 6) Class is Extended Utilities based on Ford segmentation.