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P-CCS international program expanded

Joanne Maliszewski
Staff Writer

As the Plymouth-Canton schools' first International Baccalaureate class graduates this month, district officials have approved – based on demand – increasing the number of seats available in the program's ninth and 10th grades. "I think this is an amazing

program and am glad we are expanding it," said Sheila Paton, board of education vice president.

The board approved the move in a 5-0 vote May 24. Trustees Patrick Kehoe and Michael Maloney



Paton

were absent.

The IB program in the new school year will have an additional 36 seats in ninth grade and 37 in 10th grade. While in-district students will be allowed seats first, the increase comes from demand in the school of choice program, said Nick Brandon, P-CCS community relations director. "The word has spread about

the academic rigors," Brandon said, referring to the the P-CCS IB program. "(IB) is really big on critical thinking. It has a global context."

Because the district received some 389 applications from out-of-district students for the SOC program, a lottery was held last week. This year, Brandon said, the district received three times the applica-

tions for the SOC program. Also this year, the board of education expanded SOC into Washtenaw County.

"It's the most we have ever had," Brandon said.

According to Brandon, the IB increase for ninth and 10th grades is not expected to require additional full-time

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Marilyn Coopersmith (left) and Evelyn Ruiz, both of Plymouth, were the last two spellers. Ruiz won the spelling bee and Coopersmith took second place.

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Senior spellers compete at Plymouth Community Council on Aging's bee

Eighteen local senior citizens, including from Plymouth, Canton Township, Northville and Westland, took part May 19 in the Plymouth Community Council on Aging's spelling bee at the Friendship Station in Plymouth Township.

Evelyn Ruiz of Plymouth won the contest, on the word "cancellation." Mary Ann Coopersmith of Plymouth placed second and

Evelyn Smith of Allen Park was third.

Judge James Plakas of 35th District Court was the word announcer and master of ceremonies, assisted by court reporter Kate Wojtowicz. The bee was organized with the help of volunteer Jayleen Chalke, a former Wayne County employee who organized senior spelling bees when she worked for the county.

About 50 senior citizens attended the event.



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Evelyn Ruiz of Plymouth listens closely for her next word.

New police honors program hands out awards

Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

Police officers from Plymouth and Plymouth Township, plus a trio of civilians and a Northville firefighter, were honored this month during the Plymouth Police Department's new awards program.

The May 18 dinner and presentation at the Plymouth Community Cultural Center marked the expansion of departmental recognition, which had been limited to letters of

commendation but now has several different awards, each with specific criteria. Most are decided by a five-member panel, but the program also includes the Officer of the Year, named each fall by the Rotary Club of Plymouth, and the Chief's Recognition Award, which is decided solely by Chief Al Cox.

The program was held during National Police Week. The awards are for a time period

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TOM BEAUDOIN
Plymouth Police Chief Al Cox (left) presents Lt. Jamie Grabowski with the Officer of the Year award on May 18. The honor, given to Grabowski last November by the Rotary Club of Plymouth, is also part of the police department's new recognition program.

Township's Station 2 to reopen temporarily

Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

Plymouth Township's Fire Station No. 2, closed in March 2012 after layoffs in the fire department, will be temporarily staffed this summer by an ambulance and crew from the Northville Township Fire Department.

Supervisor Shannon Price announced the plan last week, saying it will provide Northville Township first responders better access to the southeast area of that community during road construction projects this spring and summer, plus offer a closer base of operations for backup emergency response in northeast Plymouth Township.

Station No. 2 is on Wilcox Road, near Schoolcraft. "Northville Township is the perfect partner for this," Price said.

Plymouth Township Fire Chief Dan Phillips said the current plan is to staff the station around the clock with two Northville Township firefighters and an ambulance, though no firm date has been set for that to begin.

Northville Township's fire and emergency medical response, from its station on Six Mile between Beck and Sheldon, will be affected by the lane closures on Six Mile in particular, Phillips said. Six Mile is to be rebuilt between Haggerty and the railroad tracks just east of Northville Road, a project that is expected to take between four and six months.

The start of the locating personnel at the station will coincide with the start of the Six Mile project, Phillips said, and that is projected for some time between mid-June and early July. The arrangement is expected to last for the duration of the project.

Northville Township will also be affected by the closure of southbound I-275 for freeway work, Phillips said, though that is thought to be less of a factor than the Six Mile closures.

Mutual aid

Phillips said the arrangement won't change the mutual aid agreement the townships'

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Holiday delays trash pickup in city, township

Household trash, recyclables and yard waste will not be picked up Monday in Plymouth Township or Plymouth because of Memorial Day.

Pickups will resume Tuesday and will be delayed by one day for the rest of the week.

Solid waste normally picked up Friday in Plymouth Township will be picked up June 4.

In the city, which has a Monday-Tuesday-Wednesday pickup schedule, garbage, recyclables and yard waste normally

picked up Wednesday will be picked up Thursday.

The normal collection schedule will resume June 6.

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce will help Plymouth Township officials mark the 10-year anniversary of township hall at 1 p.m. Wednesday.

Cake and coffee will be served.

The township hall is at 9955 North Haggerty.

Happy Red Nose Day!



Members of Michelle Meloche's kindergarten class at Tonda Elementary sport their red noses. David McGrath, who reads books to the class, has also taught the kids what Red Nose Day is all about and how everyone can help others in some way.

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equivalent staffing. But if SOC students fill the spaces, the district will receive the state founda-

tion allowance for those students, generating additional revenue for P-CCS.

As the mother of a graduating senior in International Baccalaureate, Paton read some comments from students

at this week's program banquet. They were asked to make comments for students just entering the program. Among the comments were: "Everything starts with a question," while another student said the course ma-

terial is about "recognizing all seven billion biases."

The class of 2016 has 39 students enrolled in the IB program. The class of 2017 has 45; class of 2018 has 61 and class of 2019 has 97.

The IB program is considered rigorous and prepares students for college level work, while it "encourages them to ask challenging questions, learn how to learn, develop a strong sense of their own identity and

culture and develop the ability to communicate with and understand people from other cultures," according to the district.

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fire department have with each other, but will provide a closer base for an ambulance crew in case medial mutual aid is needed in northeast Plymouth Township.

Northville Township will reimburse Plymouth Township for any costs incurred in staffing the station, Phillips said, such as for utilities.

The chief said the arrangement will be similar to the one entered into a few years ago by the city of Northville, which has a fire depart-

ment that serves the city of Plymouth, after the fire station next to Plymouth City Hall was closed for repairs after being damaged in a fire.

Price said he hopes the arrangement will set the pattern for a more permanent staffing of Station No. 2 by Northville Township personnel.

"I'm hopeful that Northville Township will see the benefits," he said.

John Werth, Northville Township's public safety director, could not be reached Friday.

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from March 2015 through February of this year.

Lt. Jamie Grabowski, who is in charge of the detective bureau, was Officer of the Year. Grabowski led the department for 10 weeks last summer while Cox attended the FBI National Academy, a training program for executive-level law enforcement officers in Quantico, Va. Grabowski, an 18-year veteran, did an "out-

standing" job while in charge, said Cox, who spoke with him regularly from Quantico.

"He handled some unexpected, very difficult personnel issues and did an overall great job leading the department," Cox wrote in an email. "Not only did I witness this, but several officers personally spoke to me regarding the great job he did."

Officer Anthony Angelosanto, Plymouth's crime prevention officer, was given the Chief's Recognition Award for his work in researching anti-drug abuse curric-

ula, helping choose one and presenting it to eighth-graders at East Middle School.

Cox said Angelosanto put in a lot of time finding an appropriate curriculum, The Truth About Drugs, and that it was well-received by students and school officials. There are plans to expand the program in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools district next year, Cox said.

Five officers — two from the city and three from Plymouth Township — along with Capt. Jim Davison of the Northville City Fire Department

received certificates of merit for their efforts in apprehending an assault suspect. The awardees were Plymouth Officer Dave Edwards and Sgt. Justin Bulmer, Plymouth Township Officers Mike Hinkle and Jeremy Schemanske and Sgt. Mark Hoffman, plus Davison.

Davison, as a medical first responder, provided aid to the assault victim, who had been knocked unconscious and, later, while on his way home, spotted a man who fit the suspect's description, Cox said. That informa-

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TOM BEAUDOIN
Plymouth Police Chief Al Cox (from left), with Officer Dave Edwards, Sgt. Justin Bulmer, Plymouth Township Officer Mike Hinkle, Plymouth Township Officer Jeremy Schemanske and Northville Fire Capt. Jim Davison, who each received a certificate of merit.

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tion led to an arrest, the chief said.

Joshua Flack was given a civilian citation. Cox said Flack provided information that led to the arrest of a retail fraud suspect and the return of hundreds of dollars of merchandise to two local stores.

Other awards handed out May 18 were:

» Lifesaving citations: Officers Jonathan Hiemstra, Dave Edwards, James Baber, Jeff Jones and Mark Farhat.

» Continued Service Award: Sgt. Chris Voorhies, for 10 or more years of continuous service to the department.

» Citizen commendations: Gary and Elise Walley.

» Academic achievement: Sgt. Justin Bulmer.

» Individual commendation: Renee Revels, department records clerk, and Paula Novak, administrative assistant.

» Safe Driving Award: Sgt. Chris Voorhies.

» Certificate of appreciation: Officers Jay Miller and Jonathan Hiemstra.

Cox said the new awards program accomplished what he hoped it would when it was organized last year: the opportunity for offi-



TOM BEAUDOIN
Plymouth Police Chief Al Cox with honorees at the Plymouth Police Department's new internal recognition program May 18.

cers, their families and other city employees to share in police accomplishments, with the timing around Police Week and Peace Officers Memorial Day (May 15 this year).

"The department did a great job overall during the last year," the chief wrote. "We have received many complimentary phone calls, notes, letters and even baked goods regarding officers' performance on calls for service. Our officers are very professional and understand the importance of customer service."

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TOM BEAUDOIN
Plymouth Chief Al Cox presents Officer Anthony Angelosanto with the Chief's Recognition Award for his work on an anti-drug abuse program that Angelosanto taught at East Middle School.



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Doris Goerke of Westland reacts to misspelling a word. Next up is Jane Shannon, also from Westland.



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Judge James Plakas of 35th District Court and court reporter Kate Wojtowicz begin the spelling bee.



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Evelyn Smith of Allen Park listens closely for her word. Smith ended up finishing third among 18 contestants.



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Gardner-White, PTSO come to the rescue

When Liberty Middle School, considered a state-of-the-art school, opened in fall 2015, it still was a bit skimpy on its teachers lounge. The school's Parent Teacher Student Organization and Gardner-White furniture store came to the rescue.

The PTSO reached out with a simple request and Rachel Tronstein, president of Gardner-White Furniture, generously delivered. On May 24, Gardner-White updated the room with a new sofa, love seat and coffee table, complete in Liberty blue. As part of the update, the PTSO personally donated a Keurig coffee machine and various K-cups to the staff.

Gardner-White also provided each Liberty family and all staff members with a \$50 gift certificate for use in its newly remodeled Canton store.

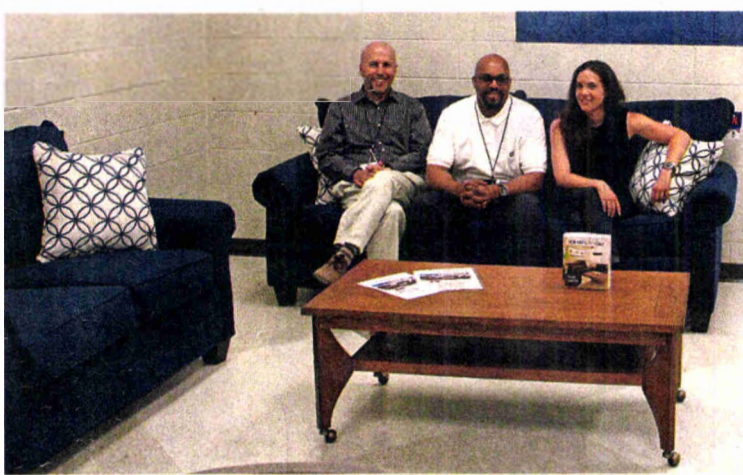
Gardner-White has been a member of the southeast Michigan community for 104 years

and members of the Canton community specifically for nearly 20 years.

"We want to see this community continue to grow and thrive and are excited to play an active role in making that happen by supporting local schools," Tronstein said. "At the same time, we are reinvesting in the community right now with more than a \$1 million in renovations to our Canton Gardner-White location on Ford Road."

Budget cuts have hit public schools hard and the comfort of furniture in a teachers lounge is often out of reach. As part of the solution, community members have turned to Facebook and other social media.

The Supply Closet is a Facebook group created by parent Kim Choi to help remedy this situation in local schools by developing a virtual "supply closet" for teachers to post their needs and the community



Liberty Principal James Hunter, Gardner-White president Rachel Tronstein and Liberty Assistant Principal Tim Authier try out the new furniture in the teachers lounge.

with generous free donations from community members. We're excited to have Gardner-White join us as our first community business partner. Having them get involved in such a thoughtful way has been wonderful and we hope this inspires other local businesses to follow suit."

The Supply Closet group was created in late January and already has more than 1,000 members, all making a huge impact on the lives of our community. The Supply Closet is a closed group to benefit the public schools in the Plymouth-Canton district. "We encourage our teachers to go to the page to post what they are looking for and ask group members to help fulfill their requests," Choi said.

To contact the Supply Closet, write to k12supplycloset@gmail.com or go to https://www.facebook.com/groups/TheSupplyCloset to request to join.

to share their donations.

Donations range from paper goods for art projects to used schoolbooks to larger items (such as furniture, tables, bookcases) to special educa-

tion items (manipulatives, fidget chairs).

"The best part of it all," Choi said, "is that we are matching up the needs of the public schools in our district

Salem High School student attends state art festival

Danielle Alexander
Staff Writer

Salem High School 11th-grader Marisa Petrarca recently attended the 54th annual Michigan Youth Arts Festival at Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo.

"It was definitely a great and unique experience," Petrarca said in a phone interview. "I've never experienced anything like it."

Nearly 1,000 Michigan high school student artists were invited to attend this year's three-day festival. The students, chosen from a pool of more than 250,000 across the state, were selected via rigorous adjudication process adhering to exacting artistic standards in multiple disciplines, including creative writing, dance, film/video, instrumental and vocal music, music composition, theater and visual art.

Petrarca and other members of her youth contemporary dance company X2 audi-



Salem High School 11th-grader Marisa Petrarca and other members of her youth contemporary dance company X2.

tioned in front of the MYAF board with their piece "Regret" in February and found out from their director Jodie Randolph they were accepted into the festival via email a few weeks later.

This year's MYAF featured workshops and master classes for the students, as well as

more than 20 student performances and exhibitions that were open to the public. Petrarca said the workshops and classes helped her company's performance of "Regret" at Saturday's Dance Showcase at Shaw Theatre.

"My favorite part, though, was being able to bond with my



Salem High School 11th-grader Marisa Petrarca and other members of her youth contemporary dance company X2 auditioned in front of the MYAF board with their piece "Regret" in February and were accepted into the Michigan Youth Arts Festival, which they attended earlier this month.

company," Petrarca said. "It was good for all of us."

Although she still has some time to decide for sure, as of now, Petrarca said she plans to pursue a dance major at Wayne State University, with hopes of someday becoming a backup dancer or part of a professional dance company.

"I am already part of a professional dance company, but it'd be nice to get paid for it," Petrarca said, laughing.

Michigan Youth Arts is an alliance of 13 statewide education associations that work together collaboratively to develop high-quality arts education programming, recognize the contributions of valuable teachers and provide advocacy resources for parents, educators and policymakers. MYAF is an annual showcase that recognizes, supports and celebrates the artistic excellence of young artists in Michigan.

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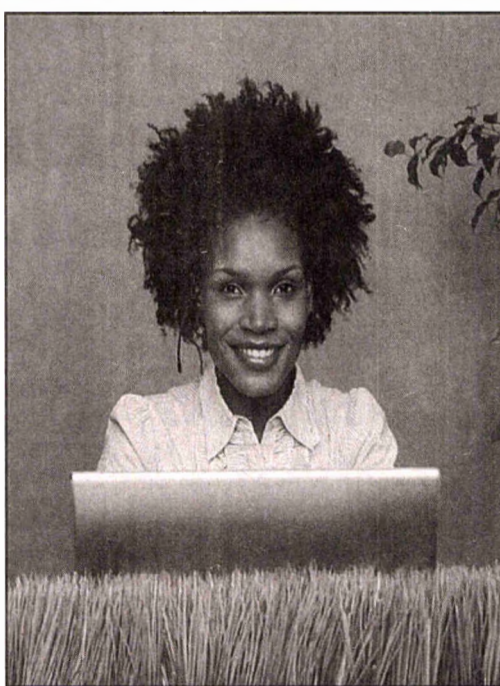
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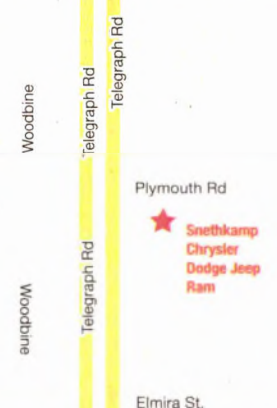
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Rachel Mifsud of Grass Lake and Kathy Morris-Stilwell of Livonia look at sorrel and curly dock held by Minjung Godfrey.

Forage for wild greens in your own backyard

Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Dinner's ready. It's in your lawn, at a nearby park and on the forest floor.

You just need to look and know what you're looking for, before you bring out the salad tongs.

Lucky for you, Rachel Mifsud of Grass Lake, Minjung Godfrey of Detroit and other experienced members of Will Forage for Food are happy to share their knowledge of living off the land.

Mifsud maintains a website, Facebook page and Meetup.com presence, while offering opportunities to members of all experience levels and ages to share and practice skills in foraging for edible wild plants, making traditional crafts, fermenting foods and beverages, making cheese, cooking wild foods, cultivating mushrooms and more. The Meetup.com group has Ann Arbor/Brighton, Lansing/Jackson and Grand Rapids/Kalamazoo chapters. Mifsud is considering a new chapter in Livonia and held a free nature walk, led by Godfrey, last week in Rotary Park.

"I started the Meetup because I was thinking, oh yeah, other people forage and we'll meet to forage together," said Mifsud, who organized the group with the hopes of building a foraging community. "It turned out almost all of them were coming to see if they could learn something. Nobody else knew what to do.

"So, literally, it turned from a hobby into this quasi-business on its own."

Free classes

Mifsud teaches biological sciences at the University of Michigan and leads a mix of Will Forage for Food activities, some free and some with fees.

"On the Meetup group, we have several partners. If you're going to post on our Meetup, you have to post free events once in a while. We want to make sure we're including everyone in the community."

A seven-class series, "Foraging 101," introduces novice foragers to plants and mushrooms through lecture, readings and hands-on nature walks. Classes are \$25 each or \$150 for the series, which is currently held in Fenton, Fruitport and Chelsea. Godfrey will lead a free walk to identify edible and medicinal plants Tuesday, May 31, in Milford. Participants must join the Meetup group to learn the exact location.

The session at Rotary Park in Livonia drew a handful of newcomers and a few Will Forage for Food regulars.

"You learn a little something every time," said Kathy Morris-Stilwell, a Livonia resident and practicing veterinarian in Redford. She has



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Esther Wroslavsky of Southfield examines garlic mustard held by Minjung Godfrey.



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Minjung Godfrey shows the flower of the garlic mustard plant.



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The mayapple produces a fruit that is toxic when green, but becomes edible when yellow.

attended several Will Forage for Food events the past few months.

"I forage in my own yard. I could spend hours. The garlic mustard, I could feed the world on the garlic mustard and plantain," she said, with a laugh. "I just made a macaroni salad with garlic mustard. I chopped it up. I added about a quarter of a cup. It adds a little bit of a crunch. You can eat the flower, too."

Your yard

Godfrey found garlic mustard and several other edible plants within a few yards of the entrance to the park's nature trail. Although garlic mustard is high in nutrients, it's an invasive plant and the focus of spring cleanups in parks and nature preserves.

"My main goal was to cover what's in season, something you could find in your yard," Godfrey told the group.

She showed tiny leaves from the plantain (plantain) plant that taste similar to mushrooms and demonstrated the medicinal use of its large leaves as a rub on bug bites and scratches.

"That's really abundant and you should see it in your yard," she said. "Another is dandelion. Dandelion is edible al-

most at any time, but after flowering, it gets bitter." Yellow flower petals add color to salads and the plant's root can be used as a coffee substitute, Godfrey said. Make an oil infusion with its flowers and grape-seed oil or sunflower oil for a muscle rub.

She pointed out sorrel leaves, a seasonal delicacy, and lambs quarter, which tastes similar to spinach.

Along the trail, the group tasted the intense lemon-flavored tendrils of a wild grape vine. They sniffed aromatic spice bush leaves and found a patch of mayapple. Godfrey described the mayapple fruit as fragrant with a tropical flavor. The green fruit "has a bit of toxicity," but can be picked when it ripens to a pale yellow.

Morris-Stilwell hopes the group will offer more programs in Livonia. She routinely drives to Chelsea, Ann Arbor and Fenton to attend Will Forage for Food events.

"This," she said, "is wonderful."

Check out the "Woodland Grocery Specials" on willforageforfood.com for ideas on using wild edible plants. The site also lists upcoming classes and events.

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Find the appealing 2015 Rogue at Nissan of Canton

The 2015 Nissan Rogue is an appealing compact SUV with a robust exterior and a high-quality look. Its sporty appearance is complemented with updated interior features. You can check out the available models at Nissan of Canton located at 42175 Michigan Ave., just west of I-275.

Styling

Nissan has definitely succeeded in crafting a compact SUV that many find appealing. The Nissan-family look is in full force, with more than a passing resemblance to the bigger Pathfinder. The look is more aggressive than its competitors, with bulging wheel arches and a bigger nose than the Honda CR-V or Toyota RAV4. Seventeen-inch steel wheels are standard on the base S trim, with 17-inch alloy wheels standard on the midlevel SV trim and 18-inch alloy wheels standard on the topline SL trim. New LED running lights up front and angular tail-lights make the Rogue distinctive even in the dark.

How it drives

The Rogue's power-train is a 2.5-liter four-cylinder engine making 170 horsepower and mated to a continuously variable automatic transmission. Front-wheel drive is standard and all-wheel drive an option.

Handling is sharp. The thick steering wheel delivers excellent feedback to the driver. Brakes are very strong and firm, with excellent pedal feel and no noticeable fade.

The standard front-wheel-drive Rogue gets an EPA-rated 26/33/28 mpg city/highway/combined.

Interior

Nissan paid a lot of attention to the interior,

The 2015 Nissan Rogue's bold, sharp bodylines offer a sporty and confident appearance, balancing its sleek style with an aggressive stance provided by large wheelwells and available 18-inch wheels and tires.



Nissan paid a lot of attention to the interior, creating a cabin that is inviting, attractive and comfortable for a variety of body types.

creating a cabin that is inviting, attractive and comfortable for a variety of body types. Slide into the driver's seat and the combination of command seating and low dashboard creates excellent visibility to the front and sides.

Seating is flexible, spacious and comfortable.

The second row of seats is also quite spacious at 37.9 inches, with much more legroom than

expected for a compact SUV, stadium-style layout and long, tall windows for rear seat passengers.

Ergonomics and electronics

Gauges are easily visible through the steering wheel and include a 5-inch color LCD, the largest in any Nissan product, to display a variety of customizable vehicle information.

A full complement of

information and entertainment electronics are available, including navigation, satellite radio and Bluetooth streaming audio and phone connectivity. The Rogue features not only a backup camera but Nissan's Around View Monitor, which uses cameras to display a 360-degree live feed of the Rogue's environment on the touchscreen.

Cargo and storage

Pop the rear hatch (a power liftgate is optional) to reveal a spacious cargo area with low bumper liftover. The second-row seats fold flat in a 40/20/40 split, and the levers are accessible with a stretch from the cargo area to unlatch the seatbacks. Fold the front passenger seat flat as well to get a cargo area able to accommodate an 8-foot ladder. For models without the third-row seat, under-floor storage is presented with two reconfigurable dividers that can also act as package shelves.

The Rogue cargo volume area is 39.3 cubic feet of space available behind the second row of seats.

Some notable features of the 2015 Rogue include the following:

Exterior highlights

- » 17-inch steel wheels; 17- and 18-inch alloy wheels available
- » Halogen headlights
- » LED daytime running lights
- » Rear spoiler
- » Available power moonroof
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- » Available power liftgate
- » Available heated outside mirrors

Interior highlights

- » Available front seat warmers
- » Six-way adjustable driver's seat
- » Six front storage areas
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Under the Hood

- » 170-horsepower, 2.5-liter four-cylinder engine
- » Continuously Variable Transmission
- » Front- or all-wheel drive
- » Active Trace Control, Active Engine Braking and Active Ride Control

Safety features

- » Required in every new car: front airbags, anti-lock brakes and an electronic stability system
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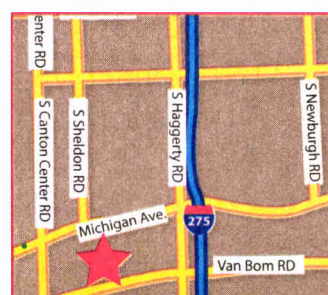


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Play ball! Buddy-baseball time at Miracle League

Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Adriana Dillon, 10, of Wayne was with "buddy" Kris Janevski, a Michigan State University senior who grew up in Plymouth, enjoying baseball fun last weekend at the Miracle League of Plymouth.

"Since day one," mom Candice Dillon said of Adriana playing at the field on the edge of downtown Plymouth, with its soft surface designed for special-needs players. "She's been one of the original players," including spring and fall seasons.

"To be able to watch her, she's so much happier," Candice Dillon said. "It brings her alive. She's a big grand slam home run hitter. It's something her brother can watch her do," Dillon added of Gavin, 7.

Of the ballpark, which took much blood, sweat and tears from volunteers along with business support, Dillon said, "It



Adriana Dillon, 10, of Wayne is about to take to the Miracle League of Plymouth ballfield with Buddy Kris Janevski, a Michigan State University senior. Volunteer Buddies help on the field, with new volunteers always welcome.

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brings awareness to so many people. To see the abilities of these kids.

They can prove they have all kinds of abilities."

Deb Madonna, Miracle League of Plymouth president/commissioner,

said the spring season started May 7 with about 106 players age 5 through adult. "It's going good," said Madonna, a Plymouth Township resident. "Everybody seems happy to be here. As you can see, we've got a lot of buddies. Everybody's happy to be outside."

The volunteer buddies work individually with players, coaching them along through plays and games. The field opened Aug. 20, 2011, and has many volunteers.

"Sometimes we'll double-buddy. It's nice if someone's new," both for the buddy and player, Madonna noted.

"And the kids enjoy when the buddies come out," she added.

Buddy Kris Janevski was volunteering his first time May 21 for the Miracle League. "I decided to volunteer because I was previously employed as a respite care provider in Lansing. I worked at a group home that housed individuals with varying

degrees of autism. The people in the home were wonderful and I miss the relationships that I was able to build," Janevski wrote.

"I learned how varied life can be and enjoyed the challenge of understanding others. I'm in a fortunate position where I am able to give my time to the community and thought it would be fun to play baseball!" added Janevski, who went to school in Plymouth. He's a chemistry major at MSU and plans on applying to medical school this spring.

Additional information on the Miracle League of Plymouth is online at www.miracleleagueplymouth.org.

Parents watched from the bleachers, cheering one and all on the sunny spring day. The announcer gave the lineup, followed by the national anthem. "Play ball!" then rang out to cheers.

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Summer reading fun is for the whole family at Plymouth library

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Staff Writer

Carol Champagne likes young readers to have fun when they visit the Plymouth District Library, especially in the summer.

"It's their chance to read for fun," said Champagne, department head for youth services. "It's so important for them to have that opportunity."

Some parents encourage heavier reading in summer; Champagne and her librarian colleagues know reading should also be fun.

"Repeating books has been shown to be really helpful to kids. We really want to engender that love of reading," Cham-



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The Plymouth District Library Summer Reading Program drew some 1,300 kids up through age 12 last summer. Sign-up this year starts June 1.

pagne said. Librarians can find a good book to suit each child, even if it takes some time and questioning on interests. Sign-up starts June 1

for the Summer Reading Program, with a family kickoff program 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 18, at the library, 223 S. Main. "We'll have all

kinds of fun things for them," Champagne said of the drop-in program, which will include a scavenger hunt and other activities.

You don't need to register for the June 18 event, but do need to sign up for Summer Reading in person or online at www.plymouthlibrary.org.

Up through age 12, some 1,300 children were signed up last year, down a bit due to library construction. Champagne noted participants don't have to live in Plymouth or Plymouth Township.

The PDL has reading programs in summer for preschool, as well as earlier elementary grades. The Edge pro-

gram is for "twens" who've finished grades 3, 4 or 5. Champagne noted the grand prize for the Edge is four passes to Cedar Point amusement park.

"That really does light their faces up, especially the boys," she said. There will also be weekly activities, starting the first week Plymouth-Canton Community Schools are out.

This summer's theme is based on the Olympics and for children is "On Your Mark, Get Set, Read!" There are also teen and adult summer reading programs, with sponsorship by the Friends of the Library.

It's a fun time for the librarians. "Oh, we love

it," Champagne said. "This is our chance to really interact with the kids." The librarians even have their own small summer reading competition.

Champagne finds kids in summer like books such as the "Diary of a Wimpy Kid" series. The PDL has suggestions for reading.

"Especially for boys, if they're reading, it's all good," she said. She really likes to see a child with a stack of books.

"And then you'll hear them giggle. It makes my day. There's nothing that beats that gratification," she said.

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Albion College

Christian Osorio graduated cum laude with a degree in kinesiology exercise science. Cum laude signifies that Osorio graduated with a cumulative grade-point average above 3.5. Osorio is the son of Mark and Karen Osorio of Plymouth.

Nicholas Troher graduated with a degree in kinesiology exercise science. Troher is the son of Athena Troher of Plymouth and a graduate of Plymouth-Salem High School.

Eric Guindi graduated magna cum laude with a degree in finance and a minor in business and organizations. Magna cum laude signifies that Guindi graduated with a cumulative grade-point average above 3.75. Guindi is the son of Robert Guindi of Northville and Sandra Wilkinson of Plymouth and a graduate of Detroit Catholic Central High School.

Wayne State University

Alex Kemp of Canton graduated May 16 from Wayne State University Law School. Kemp served as commissioner on the Executive Board



Emily Meier (from left), Vernon Crump, Canton High School athletic director, Hal Heard, principal of Canton High School, and student Samantha McGrath.

of the Wayne State University Law School Mock Trial Program, while earning his juris doctor degree. He is employed by Michigan Auto Law in Farmington Hills.

Letters

Canton resident Alyssa Lilly was one of more than 300 student-athletes to letter in their sport at Central Methodist University during the 2015-16 year. Lettering reflects the athlete's dedication and amazing contributions to the team throughout the season.

Lilly earned her letter in softball. Lilly is a ju-

nior philosophy major.

Elected

Meredith Salois of Canton has been elected to the 2016-17 Graceland University House Council as senator for Amici House.

Graceland offers a unique system that merges student government and the housing system. Each floor of the residence halls is designated as a "House" with its own name, symbol and colors. The integration of student government and the houses allows student leaders to impact the entire campus community and to plan and run programs for the house. This is accomplished by house council leaders becoming the members and decision makers in the student government organizations.

Meredith and other students participating in

leadership and service programs at Graceland University engage in a journey toward personal growth, social responsibility and building community by recognizing leadership potential and clarifying personal, academic and professional goals.

eBook contribution

Kody Hutchison of Canton was among the students who contributed to "Tales from Mythology Spring 2016," an eBook published by the ENG 233 Mythology class at Trine University.

The book is a collection of student-created myths from the class. Students were assigned the project of creating their own myth, with encouragement to explain something about Trine's campus in the process. The result is pieces about gargoyles on Taylor Hall, origins of

fraternity houses and more.

Once finished, Dr. Cassandra Bausman, who teaches the class, compiled their work into a printed document for them.

"It felt wrong to have my students write myths as an assignment that would only live in a drop box," she said.

Basuman said a focus of class was the power of mythology to change its form.

"We spent a lot of time in class talking about the life, the liveliness, of mythology," she said, "understanding it as a living, oral form, thinking through its continued relevance and prevalence, and recognizing it as an important cultural inheritance that continues to thrive because of how it is continuously transmitted and transmuted by an endless procession of tales and tellers. We simply had to share them and get in on the game we'd observed all semester!"

The end result is a collection of 22 myths by students ranging in majors from electrical engineering to professional writing and English studies. The eBook is now available through Apple's eBooks or Amazon's Kindle platforms. While the eBooks version is free, the Kindle version costs 99 cents due to restrictions by Amazon.

Basuman cites the importance of modern myth in our culture with creators such as Tolkien, Chris Cater, J.K. Row-

ling, George Lucas and others.

"Mythology matters because it's always been a way of understanding the world," she said. "It's a powerful way of making meaning, asking questions and seeking answers to universal human concerns. This is especially true as popular works of science fiction, fantasy, romance, horror and pop cultural forms, from film and video games to advertisements, continue to incorporate and interpret the images and ideals of myth."

Dean's list

Canton resident Jamie Dottavio, a junior mathematics and secondary education certification major at Grove City College, has been named to the dean's list for the spring 2016 semester. Dottavio is a 2013 graduate of Plymouth High School and is the daughter of Debra and James Dottavio.

Amanda Hunt of Canton earned another 4.0 for her second semester at Grand Valley. She is in the top 1 percent of her freshman class.

Athletic awards

Canton High school student Samantha McGrath was awarded an Academic Honor Key and the Female Scholar Athlete of the Year. Classmate Emily Meier also received an Academic Honor Key and the Female Athlete of the Year award.



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One dead, one wounded in Westland shooting

LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

Warrant requests have been submitted to the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office seeking charges in a shooting at a Westland home that left one man dead and another man wounded.

It's possible that the men could be arraigned over the weekend on any charges that are issued.

The dead man is identified as a Westland resident, 24, whose name Westland police haven't released. The wounded



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Westland police officers outside a home in the 34000 block of Glenwood after a fatal shooting Thursday morning.

man is identified as a Westland man, 23. Police

reported being dispatched to the home in

the 34000 block of Glenwood, near Second, on home invasion call at about 9:30 a.m. Thursday.

The homeowner, the man shot in the leg, told police that he had shot someone who had forced his way into the home. The suspects were no longer in the area when officers arrived, Westland Police Sgt. Robert Wilke said.

The homeowner suffered a gunshot wound to the leg and was transported to Dearborn Beaumont Hospital for

treatment. After receiving treatment and being released from the hospital, the homeowner was taken into custody as part of the ongoing investigation. The issue with the homeowner is reportedly related to the gun used to shoot the intruder.

Officers later discovered that one of the suspects involved in the incident, a Westland man, was at Beaumont Wayne Hospital, where he was pronounced dead. Two additional suspects, a 24-year-old Belleville

man and an Inkster resident, 22, were arrested for home invasion at the hospital in Wayne.

"All these people appear to have a pre-existing relationship," Wilke said. "This was not a random incident. There is nothing people need to worry about."

The incident was reportedly related to the homeowner having evicted a girlfriend and her child from his home.

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A 'crunchy' legacy: Author talks history of Better Made potato chips

David Veselenak
Staff Writer

Pitching the idea of writing about Detroit's most well-known potato chip company perplexed Karen Dybis' publishers in South Carolina.

"They just don't have a Better Made down there, to understand the obsession we have with this one chip and this one brand," she said. "There was 20-plus potato chip companies in Detroit at one time, over the decades. The biggest is Better Made."

Dybis, a metro Detroit journalist and author, gave a presentation Tuesday night at the Robert and Janet Bennett Library on the local potato chip company, which has existed for 85 years in Detroit. She's the author of "Better Made in Michigan," which looks at the history of the company and how it came to be.

The company was launched by Cross Mocerri and Pete Cipriano in 1930. The idea came as Mocerri worked for Ernest Nicolay and Russell Dancey, who owned Best Maid Potato Chips.

"That's where Cross worked before he started



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Karen Dybis is the keeper of the history of Detroit-area potato chips, especially Better Made.

the company," Dybis said. "Cross was working for Nicolay and Dancey when he gets the idea, 'I can do this and I can do it better.' Hence the name, 'Better Made.' It just irked Nicolay and Dancey to no end."

That resulted in Best Maid becoming New Era Potato Chips, which continued for many years before closing.

Today, the chip company makes a variety of products, such as pop-

corn, pretzels and potato sticks, at its Detroit factory. The company has moved to a completely automated system from its old ways of handling potatoes, Dybis said, a process that really only takes minutes once it begins.

"No human hands touch that potato from the minute it comes to the factory to the minute it's bagged," she said. "It's completely untouched in any way,



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Detroit used to have several makers of potato chips.

shape or form."

One of the approximately 75 people who listened to the presentation was Livonia resident Judi Fanco, who planned on having a blind taste-test of chips at a picnic this Memorial Day weekend with her family.

While Fanco is a Better Made loyalist, her sister tends to like Lays. She hopes the test will sway her over to becoming a Better Made fan this weekend.

"So I've got to bring a blindfold and we're going to be in Dearborn," she said. "I'm going to have to put them in two containers so they won't be able to know which is which."

Better Made fits into the narrative of the great foods of Detroit, which includes such local staples such as Sanders, Vernor's, Buddy's Pizza and Faygo, Dybis said, and continues to this day.

"We're such a foodie

town. And it's really evidenced by how many new restaurants that are coming into the market now," she said. "If you look back, we have a magnificent food history."

Dybis' book can be found through Amazon, Arcadia Publishing and is available to check out at several area libraries.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

Time/Date: 9 a.m. Monday, May 30
Location: Plymouth, Main Street
Details: The Plymouth Lions Club, American Legion Post No. 391, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 6695 and the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter No. 528 are planning the 2016 Plymouth Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony.
Contact: If your organization is interested in marching in the parade, contact Lee Ekholm at 734-812-8724.

HONOR GUARD MEMORIAL DAY

Time/Date: 10 a.m. Monday, May 30
Location: Canton Veterans Memorial in Heritage Park, 1150 Canton Center Road
Details: Canton Fire Department's new honor guard will host its first Memorial Day service. The honor guard will be



Luzvilla Dresbach shows the embroidery details on a Barong Tagalog, worn by Filipino men on festive occasions. The exhibit is at the Canton Historical Museum.



Examples of Islamic culture include hijab, headscarves worn by some women, jewelry and art at the diversity exhibit at the Canton Historical Museum.

available at <http://connectingwithgod.org/resources/deeperwalk>.
DIVERSITY EXHIBIT
Time/Date: Exhibit runs through July 30. Hours are 1-4 p.m. Tuesday, 6-8 p.m. Wednesday and 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday.
Location: Canton Historical Museum, on Canton Center, south of Cherry Hill
Details: Wood carvings of Filipino dancers, Muslim prayer beads known as tasbeeh, a Buddhist monk's brass bowl and a Brazilian special-occasion dress are on display as a Canton Historical Museum exhibit pays tribute to this community's cultural diversity. Muslims, Filipinos, Sri Lankans, Brazilians and the American Federation of Ramallah, Palestine, are represented in the exhibit — "A Diverse Township: Looking at Canton's Cultural Community."
Cost: Free

joined by representatives from the U.S. Marine Corps, who will present a ceremonial wreath to the 1st Battalion 24th Marine Division Memorial, located on the same site in Canton.

VETERANS CEREMONY
Time/Date: 1 p.m. Monday, May 30
Location: Canton Veterans

Memorial in Heritage Park, 1150 Canton Center Road
Details: The Canton Veterans Memorial Association will have a brief ceremony, including the Pledge of Allegiance, an opening prayer, ceremonial remarks and a reading of war poem "In Flanders Fields," followed by a closing prayer, an honor volley and the playing of "Taps."
'BECAUSE OF THE BRAVE'
Time/Date: 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Monday, May 30
Location: The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, corner of Cherry Hill and Ridge roads, Canton
Details: BeckRidge Productions will present the eighth annual "Because of the Brave" performances, featuring the BeckRidge Chorale and Cherry Hill Singers.
Cost: To reserve tickets, go to www.beckridge.org or call 734-667-3127. Any remaining tickets will be available at the door.

Location: Miller Woods, at entrance on Powell, between Beck and Ridge roads
Details: Help the Friends of Miller Woods with their spring cleanup. All ages welcome to help remove garlic mustard and other invasives, picking up trash from the surrounding meadow and other general maintenance. Bring work gloves, boots and mosquito repellent. No dogs.
Contact: Cheryl Bord at 734 459 7666

EEF GOLF
Time/Date: 7:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. June 20
Location: Fox Hills Golden Fox, 8768 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth Township
Details: The Plymouth-Canton Educational Excellence Foundation will host its 25th annual Educational golf outing. Proceeds are used to provide grants to teachers to enhance classroom learning.
Cost: \$175 donation or \$125 for teachers and district support personnel. To register, go to <http://eefforkids.org/get-involved/2016-golf-outing-registration/>.

WOUNDED HEART CONFERENCE
Time/Date: June 17-18
Location: St. Michael Lutheran Church, 7000 Sheldon Road, Canton
Details: Understanding the Wounded Heart Conference will feature Dr. Marcus Warner of Deeper Walk International and Tessie Wilson of Freedom in Christ Ministries
Contact: For registration information, contact Brenda Stilley at 734-255-3131 or brendastilley@connectingwithgod.org. Online registration

CANCER SUPPORT
Time/Date: 6-7:30 p.m. third Monday of each month
Details: Connecting with others who know what it is to have lung cancer can help during this difficult time. To start, join the Lung Cancer Support Group at the Beaumont Cancer Center-Farmington Hills, 27900 Grand River Ave., Suite 230. Thoracic surgeon Dr. David Sternberg leads the group. The group is open to anyone living with lung cancer and their loved ones. Meetings are free the third Monday each month. For more information, call 248-473-4828

Widowed Friends
Time/Date: 9 a.m. the second and fourth Thursday of each month.
Details: Join Widowed Friends, a peer support group, hosting a Men's Only Breakfast and Fellowship at Steve's Family Restaurant, 15800 Middlebelt Road, Livonia. Contact Dick at 313-534-0399.

Time/Date: 9 a.m. the first and third Monday of each month.
Details: Join Widowed Friends, a peer support group, hosting a Ladies Only Breakfast and Fellowship at Connor's Restaurant on Haggerty/Five Mile Road, Northville. To save a seat, contact Carol at 313-562-3080.

Time/Date: 9 a.m. the first Thursday of each month.
Details: Join Widowed Friends, a peer support group, hosting Co-Ed Breakfast at Richard's Restaurant on Plymouth Road at Eckles Road. Contact Jerry at 734-455-2651.

Public Budget Hearing will be held for the following Public School Academy:

South Pointe Scholars-10550 Geddes Rd., Ypsilanti-734-484-0118-June 9, 5pm

Copies of the Budget for the listed Public School Academy will be available at the school office.

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Sweets, booze get mixed at state's first dessert bar

Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

You can have your cake and ice cream — and drink it, too — at the new Browndog Dessert Bar opening next month in downtown Farmington.

Brian Scherle and Paul Gabriel, owners of Browndog Creamery & Dessert Bar in Northville, will merge two concepts, craft cocktails and small-batch ice cream, at their new second location, 33314 Grand River Ave.

Alcohol-infused cakes and ice creams are nothing new at Browndog. The creamery, which opened in February 2015, has created such flavors as Irish Girl Scout, using creme de menthe and Bailey's ice cream, and Soco Toco, a Southern Comfort-infused ice cream with toasted coconut. But Scherle and Gabriel will take the concept a step further in Farmington by mixing unique cocktails made with their desserts and ice creams.

"We may put blood orange cocoanut sorbet into a martini," said Scherle, whose current favorite cocktail includes gin with muddled strawberry, falernum and



Browndog Creamery & Dessert Bar's Southern Comfort-infused ice cream with coconut.

Strega liqueur. "Bourbon shakes, stout floats ... we're taking desserts and parlaying them into cocktails."

Beer, ice cream

The new location also gives Scherle and Gabriel a chance to pair plated

desserts, such as their signature lava cake or Fruity Pebbles cannoli, with beer, wine, champagne and other beverages.

"Last month, Cowley's (Irish Pub in Farmington) asked us to come down and do a beer, ice

cream pairing. Instead of beer being in the ice cream, it was truly a pairing," Scherle said. A representative from the Michigan Brewers Guild talked about beer and Browndog weighed in on the ice cream. "It was fun and magical."



Paul Gabriel and Brian Scherle of Browndog Creamery & Dessert Bar, Northville, are opening a second location in Farmington.

Browndog also has participated in a scotch and ice cream pairing at a restaurant in Brighton and recently teamed with Detroit City Distillery for ice cream sampling and cocktails. Beverages included a float made from root beer, bourbon and ice cream; a cooler with ginger beer, vodka, lime and ice cream; and coffee infused with sweet vermouth, bourbon, bitters and ice cream.

The dessert bar will offer a limited menu of appetizers, "in case you want a savory before dessert," several plated desserts, ice cream and a walk-up area for customers who want to take

their ice cream cone to go.

Scherle said the Farmington store will be the first dessert bar in Michigan.

"There's one in Washington state and San Francisco," he said. "There are other places. A lot of them are built on the soda fountain concept."

Scherle said opening day likely will be "around June 10." Health department and city inspections are set for next week. Browndog Dessert Bar also is in need of a pastry chef and mixologist. For more information, go to browndogcreamery.com.

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Ovarian cancer survivors connect at meet-and-greet event in Northville

Sixty ovarian cancer survivors gathered May 22 at George's Senate & Coney Island Restaurant in Northville for a survivor meet-and-greet hosted by the Michigan Ovarian Cancer Alliance. The group of survivors shared 388 years of survival.

As part of its mission, MIOCA provides resources and support to ovarian cancer survivors.

"An ovarian cancer diagnosis can be very isolating," said Terrie

Karebian, a Northville resident who is a survivor and who co-organized the event. "The meet-and-greet allowed survivors from many parts of the state to come together to connect with others who have traveled a similar journey."

Guest speaker Sandy Frankenstein was diagnosed in 1973, before chemotherapy was an option for treatment. She likened fighting a cancer diagnosis to "running in a race."

"You need to stay in

your lane and focus on your goal," Frankenstein told the group. "Don't let what is happening in the other lanes bring you down. When tragedy happens, it can destroy us, define us, or strengthen us. I chose door No. 3."

MIOCA plans to continue hosting similar events, with one planned in Grand Rapids this fall. More information about MIOCA and ovarian cancer can be found online at <http://mioca.org>.



Some 60 survivors of ovarian cancer shared stories in a meet-and-greet at George's Senate Coney Island in Northville.

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PREP SPOTLIGHT

QUIET FORCE

Salem track, cross country star Jeffress leaves lasting legacy

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Chaz Jeffress relishes the open path, getting from Point A to Point B with speed, determination and hard work.

And so it figures that Jeffress might be the best male runner ever at Salem High School — last week he qualified for the Division 1 state track and field finals for his fourth consecutive season (in the 800 and 1,600 runs this time); he also is a perennial all-stater in cross country.

Just don't go trying to tell the 18-year-old senior and Canton resident how talented he is.

Chances are the humble, soft-spoken son of Tara and former Novi High School and Eastern Michigan University track standout Conway Jeffress will shrug off the compliment.

"I don't know, I've always had high-level competition around me, guys that are pushing me or I'm pulling them, whatever it is," Chaz Jeffress said during a recent interview. "And all the encouragement that I've always gotten, everybody believing in me and pushing me to do my best, that's kind of where the majority of that success comes from."

"Especially on the track. It's not something you can do yourself, especially because it's so mentally grueling. It's the people around you that are encouraging you and keeping you in it."

Giving props

There is one non-family person he points to for his outstanding legacy in two sports.

That would be Salem coach Steve Aspinall, who guided Jeffress all four years of his boys cross country career and the first three years in boys track and field. Dale Maskill coached the Rocks this spring.

"Mental toughness is part of it, but it's also the people around you," Jeffress said about any special blueprint for his success. "My coaches and my teammates and everything like that, like my coach Aspinall, he's like a second dad to me."

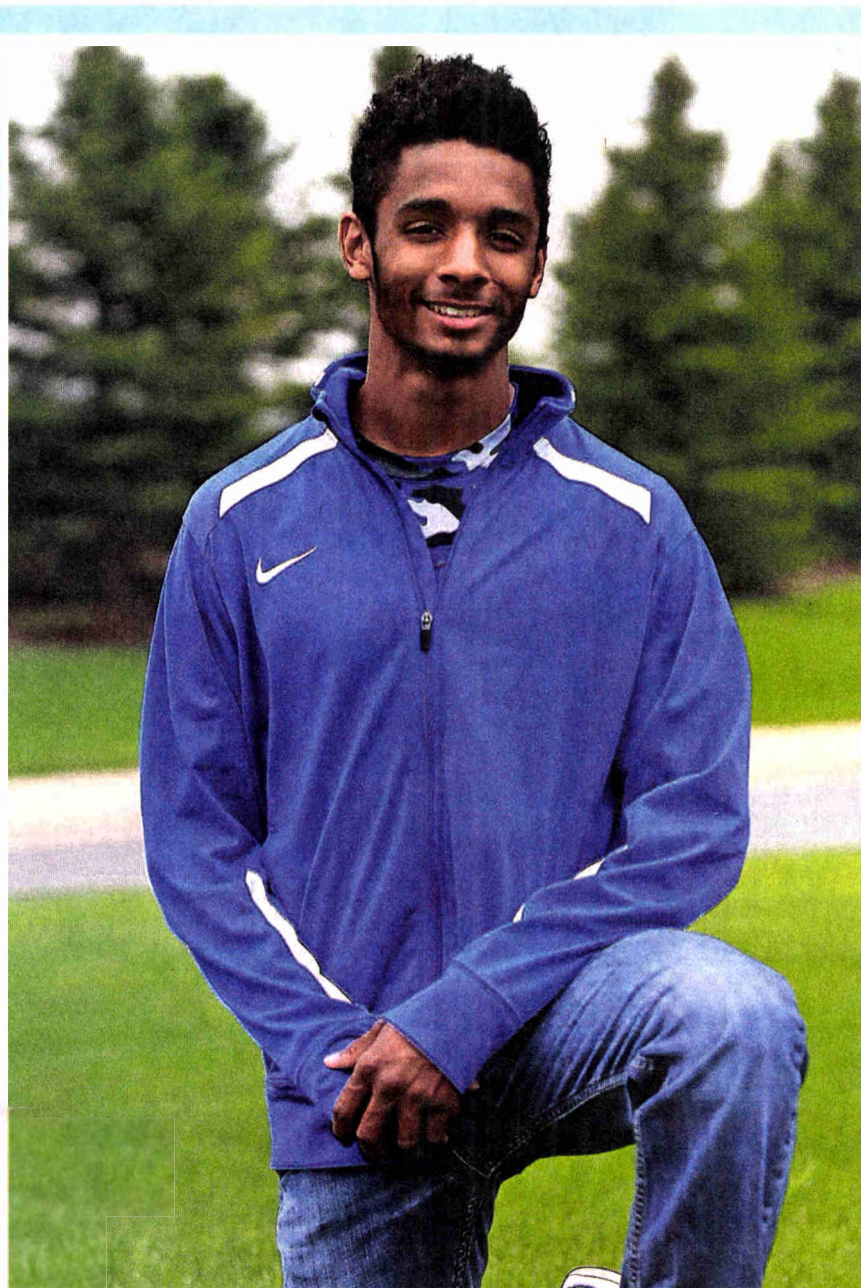
"I've never seen anybody seem to enjoy their job so much as much as he does. He puts his life into it."

There is a mutual admiration thing going on between Jeffress and Aspinall and that's perfectly fine.

Aspinall rightfully gushes over the career Jeffress carved out, both in cross country and track.

"It has been a joy coaching Chaz over the past four years," Aspinall said. "He has grown as both a person and an athlete and he has the potential to be an

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JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

For Salem senior Chaz Jeffress, taking a moment to reflect on his Rocks legacy is worth smiling about.

ALL ABOUT CHAZ

Who: Chaz Jeffress, 18, senior distance runner in cross country and track at Salem.
What: Jeffress added to his impressive legacy when he recently qualified for the Division 1 state track meet in the 1,600 and 800 runs. The state meet is June 4 in Hudsonville.

Family: His parents are Conway and Tara Jeffress of Canton. His dad set records at Novi High School in sprint events and went on to run at Eastern Michigan University. Chaz's sister Hannah is a sophomore at Salem and also runs cross country and track. Younger brother Curtis attends Pioneer Middle School, where he is on the track team. His grandfather is Dr. Conway Jeffress, president of Schoolcraft College.

Track: Jeffress is one of a select few to qualify for the state meet in track all four years. He is No. 1 in school history in the 3,200 run with a time of 9:08.54, which also is a Plymouth-Canton Educational Park record. Other top Salem marks include sixth in the 1,600 run (4:24.91) and eighth in the 800 run (1:58.11). He also is a key member of the 1,600 relay.

Cross country: He has broken 20 class or course records and is the school record holder in the 5K. In 2015, he won the Wayne County, KLAA and regional championships before earning all-state honors by finishing ninth with a new Salem record time of 15:30. His senior year also was outstanding, as he earned all-state honors and qualified to represent the state in the Mid-East Meet of Champions.

Misc: Jeffress holds a grade-point average just under 3.0 and intends to study for a degree in business, possibly at Eastern (which has interest in him for cross country and track). He also played varsity football for the Rocks his sophomore year, as a wide receiver and defensive back, while running cross country that same autumn.

DIVISION 1 BOYS GOLF



Boczar

'Cats roll through districts

Plymouth led by medalist Boczar; Canton also qualifies as team

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

The hits keep on coming for Plymouth's varsity boys golf team.

Three days after the Wildcats topped the 24-team KLAA field to win the Association championship at Tanglewood Golf Course in South Lyon, the squad captured the Division 1 district at Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center.

Plymouth shot 283, to headline the six teams moving on to the regional.

Sparkling the Wildcats was overall medalist Jack Boczar, a junior who broke his own school record for 18 holes with a stellar 6-under 64 score at the Plymouth course.

"My guys played well today and Jack got on a roll again," Plymouth head coach Dan Young said. "Another school record. Very happy for him. He deserves it because he works."

Young also pointed to standout performances from the rest of his lineup. Senior Kyle Kozler had a great day with 71, followed by senior James Baldwin and junior Justin Kapke, both registering 74.

Rounding out the Wildcats' impressive scorecard was junior Matt Decker, with 82.

"Kyle Kozler also got it going today, which I feel will be very important to our team going forward," Young said. "He's a great ball striker and he can play with anybody in the state."

"Kapke and J.B. were again also very good. This is a great group. We have awesome chemistry and we can't wait for the next opportunity."

That next opportunity will be the regional Wednesday at Pine

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GIRLS LACROSSE

Gutsy effort by 'Cats falls short

Despite three goals by Nowicki, Plymouth falls 10-9 in regional

Tom Morelli
Correspondent

As she gracefully lifted her stick to unwind a shot with 46 seconds left, little did Northville's Charlotte Beaudoin know that she was about to the score the game-winning goal.

Beaudoin has been a bit of a dream-weaver for this Mustangs team, having also come through in the clutch just nine days earlier in a 9-8 decision over Brighton to secure the KLAA Association girls lacrosse crown.

This time, the stakes were even higher as the sophomore did it again in the opening round of the MHSAA Division 1 regional as the host Mustangs

held off Plymouth, 10-9, at Tom Holzer Field.

While Beaudoin downplayed the importance of her play afterward, Northville coach Amanda Asher and teammate Sarah Chase couldn't help but gush about the web of excitement that this particular Charlotte had sewn.

"She's just been a clutch player for us," said Asher, whose team improved to 15-2 overall and is riding an 11-game winning streak.

"You can always rely on Charlotte," said Chase, who led Northville with three goals.

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Vying for the ball Wednesday night are Northville's Sarah Chase (left) and Plymouth's Marissa Cirino.

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Raise requests require planning, purpose

BY DEANNA HARTLEY
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While a lucky few naturally exude confidence and have no qualms about self-promotion, for most of us, asking for a raise can be an intimidating experience.

Keep these tips in your back pocket to increase the odds of scoring a raise as you muster the courage to ask your boss.

Get the timing right. One of the most important steps in your quest for a raise is to try to pinpoint the right time to bring up the question.

"Find out when your company makes decisions about salary increases. Most organizations do this either midyear or at the beginning of a new fiscal year," says Jaclyn Westlake, a certified senior HR professional, former recruiter and HR manager who founded the Job Hop, a career and job-search strategy resource. "If possible, get your request in before these meetings take place. You'll also want to be sure that you initiate this conversation at a time when your manager can give you her full attention. Don't pop into his office first thing Monday morning — send him a meeting request in advance."

Do your homework. Don't pull numbers out of thin air



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and hope for the best. Show your manager that you've researched salary ranges on third-party sites.

Westlake recommends getting a feel for the competitive salary range for your role so you can cite that data. "You can browse sites to get an idea of what your company's competitors are offering," she says.

Don't make it personal or emotional. When it comes to asking for a raise, there are certain phrases you should avoid, according to Juanita Hines, owner of Regional Consulting, a company that specializes in providing

customized employee development workshops and training for job seekers.

Hines points to a few common things that employees say: "I deserve this," "I haven't had a raise in a while," "I've experienced this life change and I need a raise" (such as kids going to college, a new home, etc.), and "(So-and-so) got a raise; why can't I have one?"

"Managers are not moved by your life changes," she says. "They are moved by the impact that you've had on the organization, as well as how you have contributed to the organization."

Strengthen your case with evidence. "Provide examples of your contributions and accomplishments, how the company has benefited both directly — think dollars earned and saved — and indirectly — perhaps efficiencies and innovative approaches you have introduced — and how to find the resources to make the raise a reality," says Roy Cohen, a career coach and author of "The Wall Street Professional's Survival Guide." "So when your boss asks, 'Why you?' you will be equipped with a defensible strategy."

It can work in your favor to be as specific as possible


about why you deserve a raise.

"For instance, if you acquired clients last year, come in with the exact amount of revenue you brought to the firm," says Elle Kaplan, CEO and founder of LexION Capital, a wealth-management company. "The more specific and tangible you can get with your accomplishments, the harder it will be for someone to deny your true self-worth."

Have a backup plan. Don't be disheartened if your boss can't loosen the purse strings. Have alternative requests ready. "If you don't get the number you want and believe you deserve, it is wise to have a backup request to offset the gap," Cohen says. "It could be additional vacation, flex time, sponsorship for an executive MBA or membership in professional associations or clubs, to list just a few options."

Westlake echoes that sentiment, adding, "If your request is denied, be prepared with alternative solutions like an adjusted work-from-home schedule, a title change or more paid time off."

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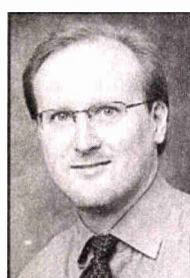
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Cadillac Unveils One Reason for Its Controversial Move to New York – Cadillac House – As It Rolls Out CT6, Then XT5



By Dale Buss

Cadillac is opening the public part of its year-old global headquarters in New York: Cadillac House, a 12,000-square-foot, highly curated "design house" for coffee, art, fashion—and an occasional automobile—on the ground floor of its HQ at 330 Hudson Street in west SoHo.

Aiming beyond retail or the traditional car dealership and showroom, it's a platform to

brand and its "Dare Greatly" marketing campaign focused on achievers in design and other high-level pursuits who are "driving the world forward." Cadillac has been trying to persuade premium auto consumers that it has broken with its stodgy traditions and become a marque worthy of its products.

This has laid the groundwork for its most important product launches in many years: the all-new, flagship CT6 sedan, which is trickling into Cadillac dealerships right now, and the upcoming XT5, a mid-size crossover that replaces the SRX and comes along at a time when this segment is dominating sales across the auto market.

With Cadillac House opening its

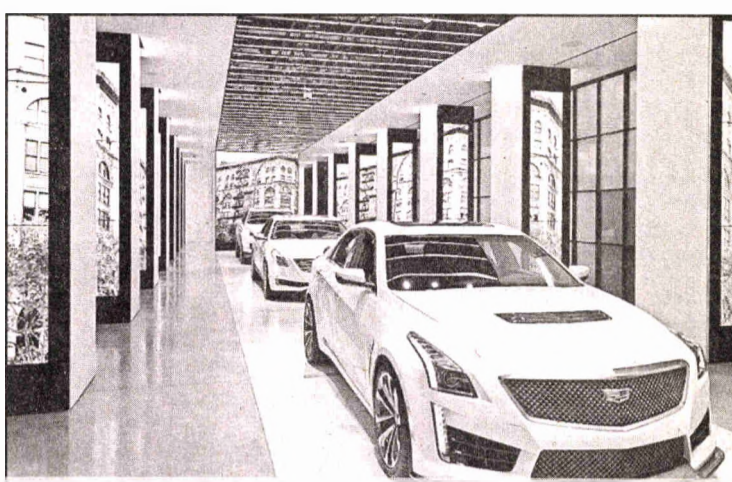
"Context still matters," Cadillac CMO Uwe Ellinghaus told me. "If we can find a way to use the fact that we're in this very cool location in SoHo and become one of the many 'in' places to be for the curious and the creative, the innovators and the creators, we have achieved something. And I think that this great location and the creative vibe that surrounds 330 Hudson is the perfect place to get to the creative class and crowd—but only if you offer the proper program."

At Cadillac House, the order of the day will be creative collaborations and programming, with a menu that includes art exhibits and even a signature "Cadillac" fragrance created for the space.

Yes, Cadillac will populate the spot with vintage car models and its new CT6 and XT5 models, but visitors can't purchase, or even order, a car. That's beside the point for this soft-sell lounge. "The people we will have there will be brand ambassadors, not sales executives," Ellinghaus noted.

I talked with Ellinghaus further: **Q: Uwe, why open a brand experience center for Cadillac? Certainly this isn't a new idea, even among premium auto brands.**

Ellinghaus: Sure, we're not the only brand with a brand experience center. But we're not trying only to create a "Cadillac world" with a physical manifestation of our brand identity—but to create a reason to come to Cadillac. We really think



Cadillac's latest lineup will be featured in its Cadillac House in Manhattan.

we need a carefully curated program that goes all over the place, over the course of a year, to give people a reason to come.

Q: How does Cadillac House underscore your brand, especially with your target audience of cultural creatives?

Ellinghaus: We want to demonstrate how serious we are about building a contemporary auto luxury brand and that we go our own way, and walk the talk, and actually "dare greatly." And there's a certain amount of risk involved in this. It's not easy to find your way in the art and fashion scene in New York, but [we] have very good partners in the entire space, and that helps a lot.

Q: Are you getting what you hoped for a year or so after you left Detroit for New York, which was certainly a daring move?

Ellinghaus: It's difficult to judge.

As far as motivation in my new team is concerned, I couldn't have wished for a better result. I hired world-class talent that, fortunately, believed in the Cadillac mission—and New York helped a lot to attract them. But we can only keep them passionate and motivated if they realize we walk the talk.

Q: How important are the upcoming launch campaigns for CT6 and XT5?

Ellinghaus: We are very optimistic about both CT6 and XT5. We have huge numbers of hand-raisers (expressing interest in purchasing). The public interest in CT6 is absolutely amazing and dealers are telling me they are seeing clientele in their showrooms who they haven't seen over the past decade—people who want or need cars larger than our ATS or CTS and now are coming back to Cadillac.



Cadillac House: more sumptuous than a Starbucks

communicate the heart, art and soul of the GM-owned brand.

By controversially moving its headquarters from Detroit's Renaissance Center building to Manhattan last year, with its pivot to positioning as a lifestyle luxury

doors to the public on June 2, the goal is to underscore, in an understated but impactful way, the new attitude and brand positioning championed by the automaker's brain trust as its playbook for reviving a venerable brand for a modern era.

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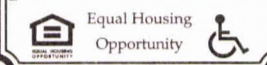
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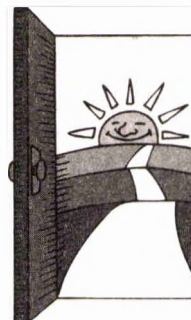
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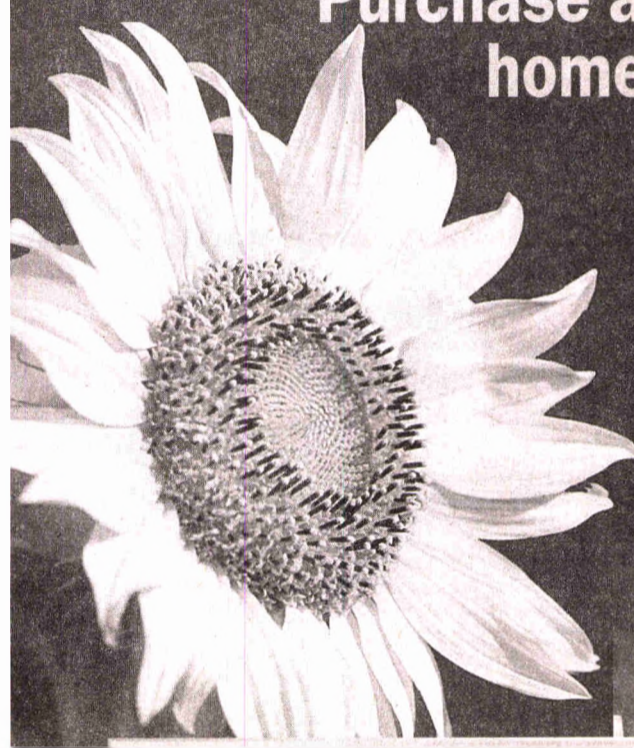


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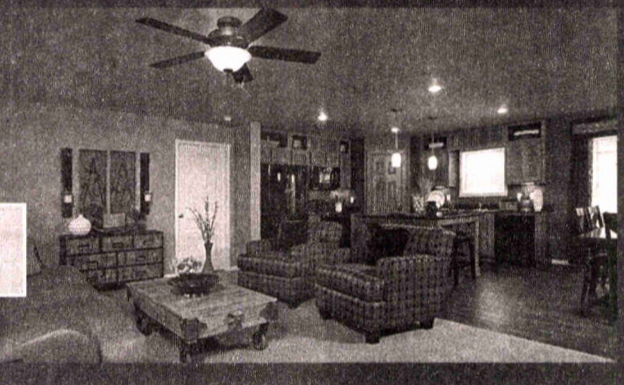
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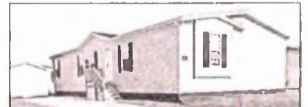
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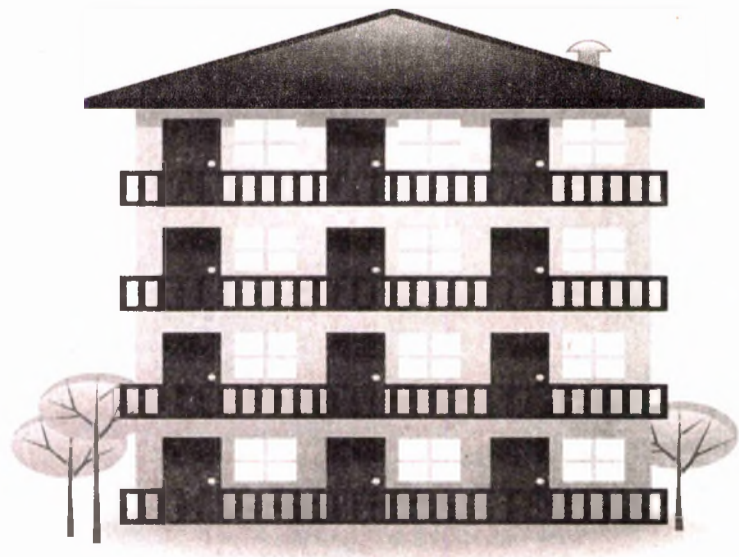
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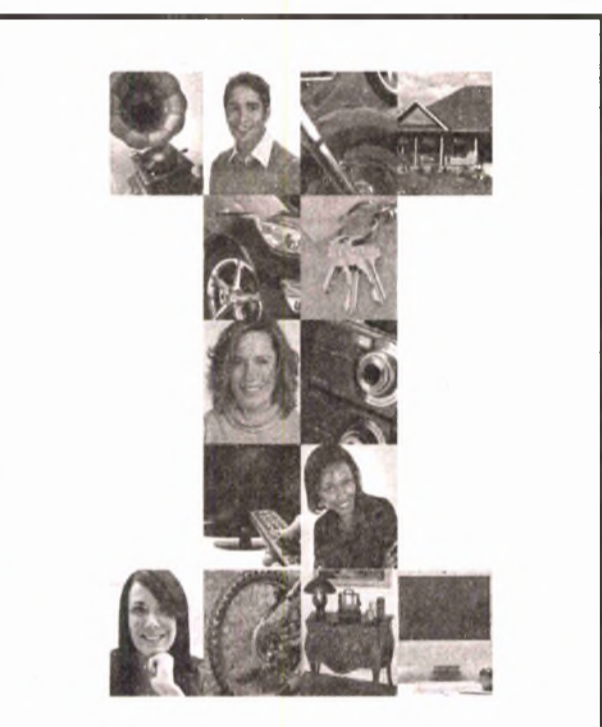
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