

Playing with U2 at Air Canada Centre a dream experience, says local guitarist

Oakville, who goes by the name of Gabrielvox. Chorlton, who always wears his black toque on stage, said they didn't know they were going to be pulled up on stage, but they did a couple of things to garner the band's attention. "We were interviewed by security ahead of time, so there was a small chance that it was

going to happen," he admitted. "It was surreal. It's just starting to sink in now. At the time, you just couldn't believe it, playing with your favourite all-time band. "I'll be the cool dad for a week or so," he laughed, noting he's married with two sons, 11 and eight years old. "It is definitely living a dream," he said, adding

he had a "really brief conversation with the Edge. "He said 'great job', gave me a pat on the back and all the guys were really great, saying we did a great job and 'thank you.'" Chorlton said he was really nervous at first, but relaxed quickly, although he figures he made a few mistakes. "Hopefully not everybody noticed," he told the Champion. Chorlton said Acrobat, which also includes bass player Mark Baker, known as U2Brothr and Michael Wood on drums, bought general admission tickets to the concert and showed up on Sunday to get rail seats. They received a number and then showed up Monday around 9 a.m. to get their front-row seats. He says his favourite U2 song is *Where the*

Streets Have No Name, off *The Joshua Tree* album — also his favourite. He said it would have been amazing to play that, but U2 fans might have gone berserk if a cover band played that fan favourite. Now, he's hoping some of the social media exposure Acrobat has encountered over the last few days will help them garner some attention and perhaps some more local gigs. But if not, "that's okay — this was pretty cool. It's not too often something like that happens, even if you like U2 or not, they're one of the biggest bands of the world." To learn more about Acrobat go to www.u2tributelive.com. Julie Slack can be reached at jslack@miltoncanadianchampion.com or on Twitter @miltonmusing




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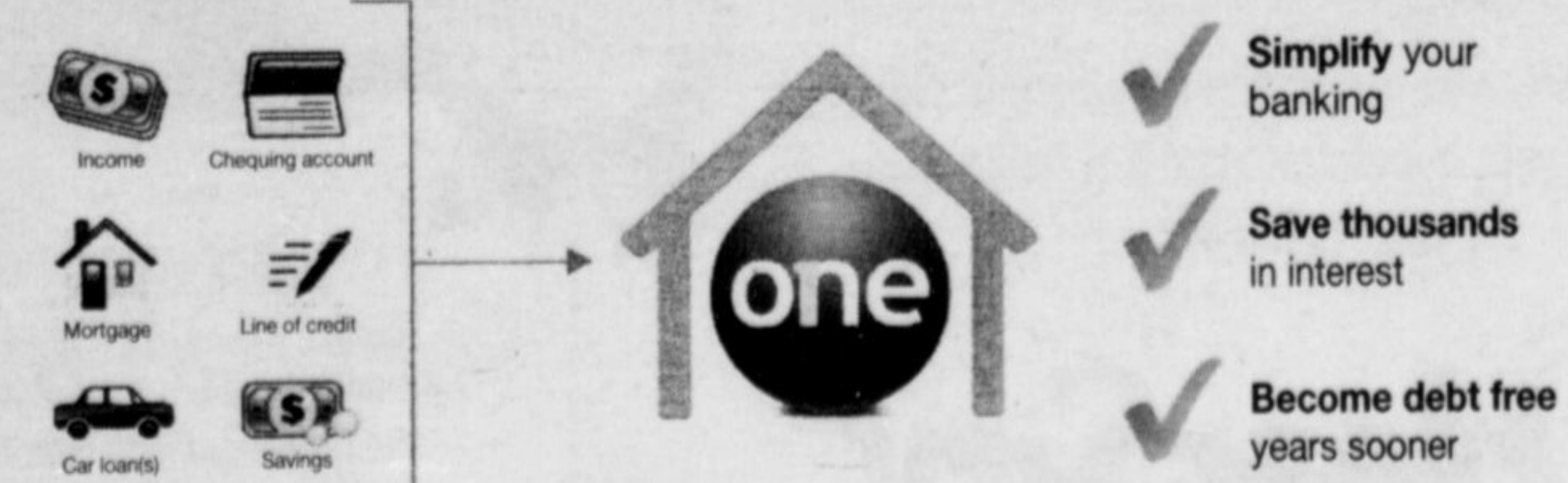
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