

# QUOTE

"Age is a high price to pay for maturity."  
—Tom Stoppard

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**CONTEMPORARIES ARE NO. 1:** Fourteen members make up the "Contemporaries," a regularly scheduled curricular vocal music group at Chelsea High school. The group participated in this past week-end's Solo and Ensemble Festival receiving a I rating. Members are, in the second row, from left, Dede Petsch, Cathy

Basso, Karen Moore, Becca Lee, Kelly Burke, Marie Bulick, Dawn Olson, and director June Warren. Front row, from left, are Carrie Collinsworth, Carol Palmer, Phoebe Strong, Lisa Smith, Jeanine Castillo, Becky Finch, and Lori Jedele.



**"MADRI-GUYS,"** an extra-curricular vocal music group, participated in the Solo and Ensemble Festival at Eastern Michigan University earning a III rating and sharing in the judge's complimentary comments extended to all local participants.

Members of the group, from left, are Dale Cole, Tucker Lee, Bob Gimney, Mark Stebelton, Christopher Herter, Mark Henson, Norman Weber, Phillip Shures, and director June Warren. Tom Carlson is absent.

## Orchestras To Present Concert

Chelsea High school and Beach Middle school orchestras, both under the direction of Carol Palms, will present a concert Thursday Feb. 28 at 7:30 in the high school auditorium.

The program will include Johann Strauss' "Emperor Waltz," Edward Grieg's "Norwegian Dances Nos. 2 and 3," and David Stone's "March Interlude and Jig," to be performed by the Beach Orchestra.

The High school orchestra will play the first movement of Howard Hanson's "Romantic Symphony [No. 2]," the "Boisterous Bourree" from Benjamin Britten's "Simple Symphony," and the first movement of Franz Schubert's "Unfinished Symphony [No. 8]."

A newly-formed, extra-curricular chamber group made up of select high school string players will make its first public appearance. The group rehearses once a week and plays without a conductor. They will perform two movements from Peter Warlock's "Capriol Suite."

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## CPR Refresher Course Offered

Chelsea Community Education is sponsoring a three-hour CPR refresher course for those with current or expired certification.

Pre-registration is required for the class beginning Saturday, March 9 from 9 a.m. till 12 noon at Chelsea High school. This may be done by visiting the Community Education office located in the high school or by calling 475-9830.

Instructors for the course will be Tom Kemp and William Koernke.

## Post Office Tells New Wrong Address Policy

Chelsea's post office will follow a new policy adopted by the U. S. Postal Service in handling mail with improper or insufficient addresses.

William Brenner, superintendent of postal operations and principal assistant to postmaster Larry Williams, explained the change this way:

"In the past, we have made every effort to deliver mail that

has been wrongly addressed. In a town the size of Chelsea, we can usually determine where it is supposed to go, because we know just about everybody.

"Under the new policy, mail with incorrect addresses will be labeled with the correct address, if we know it, and returned to the sender. To be delivered, it will

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## Kathy Becker Is Finalist in Scholarship Competition

Kathy Becker, 1365 Riker Rd., daughter of Mark and Pat Becker and a Chelsea High school senior, has completed the necessary requirements to become a finalist in competition for a National Merit Scholarship.

All high school juniors are administered the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT) in the fall and those ranking in the top half of one percent become semi-finalists for the

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## Fair Board Considering Insurance

The Chelsea Community Fair board of directors met Thursday, Feb. 21, with only 13 of 24 members present because of bad driving weather.

On hand were president Bill Stoffer, vice-president Jerry Herick, executive vice-president Lloyd Grau, secretary Mary Ann Guenther, directors Archie Bradbury, Harold Gross, Earl Heller, Jeff Layher, Reuben Lesser, Jr., Ralph McCalla, Mark Stapish, Harold Trinkle and Ed Whitaker, and scribe John Wellnitz.

Gabe Cherem of Eastern Michigan University, who is preparing a plan to promote the village of Chelsea, including the fair, made a presentation to the board.

Attorney Peter Flintoft discussed the fair's present insurance program and future needs. The board listened but took no action at this time. Insurance costs will go up, and the premium for this year's fair could exceed \$10,000.

## Dexter Hunter Bags Buck Deer Thought To Be State Record

It hasn't been officially confirmed, but a buck deer killed last fall west of Dexter almost certainly has set a new state record for antler growth.

The 11-point rack with huge beams, long tines and a spectacular circumference has been scored at 185 6/8, more than four points better than the previous Michigan record head of 181 4/8 for "typical" antlers.

The lucky hunter is Mark Ritchie, 29, of 117 S. Steinbach Rd., and his story has waited a long time to surface because, as he puts it, "I really didn't know what I had. I knew it was an excellent trophy but didn't realize how good it was. People kept telling me it was an outstanding rack, and I finally began to believe them."

"I called the sponsors of the Michigan Big Bucks contest, and they weren't interested. I guess I just didn't get in touch with the right people, or maybe I didn't tell my story right. I'm happy somebody has finally recognized my deer for what it is, a Michigan record."

The tip-off that Ritchie had killed a record-breaking buck came from Jim & Sons Taxidermy studio, 3411 Waltrous Rd. in Sylvan township, where Ritchie took the head for mounting.

Ned Fogle of Lansing, a fisheries biologist in the Department of Natural Resources and an official measurer for the Boone & Crockett Club, confirmed the record-breaking score.

The final measurement had to wait until the antlers had dried for 60 days, a condition for all trophy scoring.

As officially measured, the rack has six points on the right side, five on the left. Outside spread is 21 inches, inside spread 19 1/2 inches. The two main beams come within three inches of making a full circle. It's a spectacular rack.

Ritchie brought down his trophy late in the afternoon of Friday, Nov. 16, the second day of the 1984 firearm deer season. He was hunting on private land "somewhere west of Dexter" but

does not want to reveal the exact location. Let him tell the story from there.

"I knew the big buck was out there. I'd seen him before the season opened, and so had some other people. I was hunting for him. I didn't want just any deer. I wanted that one."

"I was sitting in a hollowed-out brushpile in thick cover. A doe came in sight. The buck was following her, about 30 yards behind. He was using his antlers like you would use your hands to clear a path for himself through the brush."

"I watched and waited for about 10 minutes for him to get into close range. I wanted a sure shot."

"I think the deer sensed that I was somewhere around, but he was being pushed from behind by another hunter and kept coming toward me."

"When he got up to about 40 yards, I fired, and made a one-shot kill through the neck. I was using a 12-gauge Ithaca with a slug barrel and a scope. There was no way I was going to miss when I got my chance."

"I've been hunting deer for 15 years and have been successful 10 times. I've seen a couple of other big deer, maybe as big as this one. I know that one of them is still out there in the area where I hunt. I'll be looking for him next fall."

Ritchie's champion buck weighed 208 pounds dressed when hung on the scales at Dunbar's in Dexter, very big but not exceptional. Several heavier-bodied bucks were recorded during the 1984 season. The state dressed-weight record for deer is 341 pounds, an animal taken in the Upper Peninsula more than 50 years ago.

A deer loses from one-quarter to one-third of its body weight in the cleaning process.

Big deer may carry relatively small antlers, and quite often do. Antler growth apparently is determined by genetic characters plus a diet that includes a lot of minerals including lime. What causes one buck to

grow a bigger rack than another of the same age and living in the same locality is not clearly understood by biologists who study deer.

Ritchie's buck was aged at 4 1/2 years, about mid-life for deer in the wild, which seldom survive past age 10 because their teeth wear out. Hand-fed deer in captivity have been known to live for as long as 20 years.

Bucks grow increasingly larger racks until about the age of six, after which antlers shrink in size. A very old buck will carry a couple of long spikes.

Trophy antlers are judged in two classes—typical and untypical. A perfect typical rack is symmetrical, with the same number of points on both sides and the two beams closely resembling each other. Ritchie's buck actually lost a little in the scoring because it has an "extra" point on the right side.

Untypical racks can be almost anything varying from the normal. They commonly include large numbers of points and nubbins and may be palmated like moose antlers. Untypical antlers are scored under a different system of point-counting.

## C of C Board, Holds Meeting, Adopts Budget

Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce board of directors had its regular monthly meeting on Feb. 12.

A status report was given for current projects, including the Amtrak depot building committee and the downtown development committee, which has recently expanded to include other interested Chelsea people as well as the downtown merchants.

The proposed 1985 budget was approved and will be presented to the membership at an upcoming quarterly meeting. New brochures are being prepared and printed and will be available in a few weeks.



**NEW STATE RECORD:** Mark Ritchie proudly shows off the mounted head of the buck deer he took last November west of Dexter. The rack of

antlers is believed to be a new state record under the Boone & Crockett Club scoring system.



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## JUST REMINISCING

Items taken from the files of The Chelsea Standard

### 4 Years Ago . . .

Tuesday, March 3, 1981—

Beginning March 8, Girl Scouts across the United States celebrated Girl Scout Week in honor of the 69th birthday of the organization. In Chelsea, churches recognized Brownies and Girl Scouts in their congregations and merchants displayed posters and badge work created by local troops.

Crisler Arena was filled with hundreds of prep wrestlers Friday and Saturday, Feb. 27 and 28, eager to participate in the state championships, in hopes of being ranked among the best in Michigan. Two Chelsea wrestlers, Rick Poljan and Jeff Osentoski, were among the crowds of high school grapplers to take to the mats and emerge with fourth-place honors in their respective weight classes.

The Chelsea Bulldogs ended their regular home basketball season on a pair of high notes. Not only did the cagers rack up their ninth win in 10 outings by defeating Mason, 60-52, but also senior Captain Jeff Dils hit the

1,000-point mark in his three-year career, a high school rarity. By the end of the evening, Dils had tallied 1,010 points in three years with the varsity cage team.

For the first time since the mid-Sixties, the annual village election featured two political parties and eight candidates on the ballot vying for six offices. Following the prior year's unsuccessful write-in campaign of incumbents and a sweeping victory by the novice Independents, former village trustee Walter Brown, established the Village Party, a political vehicle devised for the expressed purpose of offering interested parties the opportunity to run for village office.

At a meeting of the Chelsea Woman's Club, club member Edith Hoffman presented a program "History of Chelsea." The program was illustrated with pictures of the founding fathers which included the Pierce brothers, the Congdon brothers and the Glazier family, all of whom contributed greatly to the development of the Village of Chelsea.

Chelsea resident, John Hurd, Dean of Business Operations at Washtenaw Community College, was named vice-president for Instruction and Student Services at the College. Hurd's appointment to the newly created office came as part of the College's effort to refine the administrative structure of the institution to better serve student and community

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### WEATHER

For the Record . . .

	Max.	Min.	Precep.
Wednesday, Feb. 20	37	17	.00
Thursday, Feb. 21	39	12	.25
Friday, Feb. 22	17	44	.19
Saturday, Feb. 23	24	49	.13
Sunday, Feb. 24	33	48	.05
Monday, Feb. 25	39	45	.00
Tuesday, Feb. 26	35	43	.00



JOHN W. MITCHELL, Director

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## MICHIGAN MIRROR

By Warren M. Hoyt, Secretary, Michigan Press Association

### Anti-Crime Package Pending Before Legislature

House Speaker Gary Owen (D-Ypsilanti) recently announced details of an 11-bill package aimed at cutting crime by improving sentencing guidelines, permitting restitution to victims and limiting the time a prisoner can cut from a sentence under the emergency powers act.

He said the package provided "safeguards" for society and crime victims and added the package could force the state to plan for more prison construction than the six new facilities already under consideration.

Owen said enacting a sentencing guidelines bill will be the highest priority out of the package.

He criticized the Senate for failing to act on a similar measure which passed the House last year, saying it was held up because one senator was interested in a judgeship.

Owen said all the bills should be acted on in the House by the summer recess.

The package is part of an "ongoing evaluation process" conducted with other legislators and crime fighting officials, and is an attempt to deal with all the major crime problems that officials see.

One area the package does not include, Owen admitted, is an anti-auto theft bill. He said he anticipates a measure on auto parts theft will be introduced, although it would not be part of the package he unveiled.

And the package does not deal with constitutional changes to permit the death penalty. He said there are not enough legislative votes to put a constitutional amendment either requiring or permitting the death penalty on the ballot.

The best route for supporters of the death penalty to pursue, he said, is through the petition procedure. Such a petition drive is under way, led by Oakland County Prosecutor L. Brooks Patterson.

Under the sentencing guidelines bill, a sentencing guidelines commission would be formed which would establish a range of sentences for specific crimes. In effect, such guidelines, would remove much of the flexibility judges now have in sentencing different persons for similar crimes.

The guidelines measure would

also abolish the state parole board, grant specific rights to appeals from both the state and defense when a sentence falls outside the established range, require a two-year supervised community re-entry period all convicts would have to serve after release, and require the sentencing guidelines commission to recommend any changes it considers necessary in the proposal.

Other parts of the package would limit the maximum reduction a prisoner could receive under the emergency overcrowding act to 18 months for non-violent offenders and 12 months for violent offenders.

All "good time" sentence reduction systems for non-violent prisoners would be eliminated

and replaced with disciplinary credits.

New limitations on half-way houses would be set with specific staffing requirements and new prisoner regulations.

Crime victims would be allowed to be reimbursed for psychological counseling and the period in which a victim can file a claim with the Crime Victims Compensation Board would be expanded.

The package would also require pre-sentence reports to include information about specific suffering of the victim; permit local prosecutors and the attorney general's office to bring forfeiture actions against any profits criminals may have earned (Continued on page seven)

## Uncle Lew from Lima Says:

DEAR MISTER EDITOR:

The next thing he expects, Ed Doolittle said Saturday night, is for small hospitals across the country to open pencil stands in their lobbies. He told the fellers they're doing everything else to take in enough to keep the doors open.

It's a deep mystery to him, Ed declared, why education and medicine in this country allus are fighting the last war. The defense department at least is trying to prepare for the next one, even if it can't figure out how to go about it. It looks to him, Ed said, that education and medicine are more hooked on star wars technology than the Pentagon, and he wouldn't be surprised if that ain't one of their big problems.

Fer instant, he went on, schools went crazy over computers. Ever kid had to have one, and the cry went up over who would make sure that even the poorest amongst them would git their equal right to expensive computers. What we got to fight in this country, this school of thought went, is computer illiteracy. Now Ed said he sees where this cycle is coming round the bend. A professor of computer science at Massachusetts Institute of Technology has put out a plea for what he calls "a return to human judgment" in education.

This MIT feller claims computers are making robots out of students, and he's going around trying to build a case for bringing thinking back to education. Ed said the professor made one speech where he said computer illiteracy was invented for the same reason patent medicine makers invented tired blood.

Gitting back to hospitals; Ed said they declared star war on sickness and set out to buy one of everything as it is invented. The old epidemic called keeping up with the Jones is part of the problem, Ed said. If the big city hospital gits a \$500,000 3-d x-ray all the small town hospitals have got to git em to keep their folks at home. You can say what you want about the Federal Government running our lives, Ed went on, but somebody in Washington saw this coming and set up what they call a Health Systems Agency to try and put what is needed where it's needed.

General speaking, the fellers was disagreed on the issue. Zeke Grubb said the lessons we don't learn from history keep hurting us in everthing we do. To many folks, Zeke said, never have been able to see the difference in having the same year of experience 30 times and having 30 years of experience.

Clem Webster sided with Zeke, but Clem was of a mind that the doctors learn less from history than anybody. From what he can find out, Clem said, the biggest problem with small hospitals is small doctors that think the world owes them any kind of living they can dream up. The doctors was choking the golden goose so hard the Government had to step in and set up those DRG's that force doctors to say what's wrong with a patient and how long he'll be in the hospital, Clem added. Fer so long doctors were free to fill up the hospitals fer tests during the week and empty em weekends and holidays, was his words.

Yours truly,  
 Uncle Lew.

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