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THIS WEEK

Advanced fair tickets available

Chelsea Community Fair season tickets are now available from McCalla Feed, The Parts Peddler and Vogel's Party Store. Tickets for the fair, which runs from Aug. 25-29, are \$15 for the season or \$10 for seniors and students.

Premium Books are available at McCalla Feed, The Parts Peddler and Dexter Mill. The books have a few changes. The State Fair has informed the Fair Board that no food exhibits, except canning, may go to the State Fair this year. Also exhibits entered into the hobbies, sewing and home economics categories may be brought in from noon to 6 p.m. Sunday Aug. 23.

For more information call the Chelsea Community Fair Grounds at 475-1270.

Schools grant easement for village pump

Chelsea Board of Education granted an easement Monday night on McKinley Road near North Creek Elementary School for the village to build a pumping station for the wastewater treatment plant. The village had planned to put the pumping station across the street, but found the cost prohibitive.

Superintendent Ed Richardson said the village promised to put a high fence around the station to keep kids from climbing near the pump, which would prohibit access for children behind the tennis courts in front of the school.

Fair kitchen help needed

The Chelsea Community Fair needs volunteers to help out in the kitchen. Small and large time commitments are available during the hours of 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.

For more information call Shelley at 517-522-8238 or Ginny at 475-0792.



Summer Concert

Sunday's third installment of the Summer Concert Series in Pierce Park featured Five Guys Named Moe (pictured inside) along with Counterpoint (above). Two members of Counterpoint, Laurie Heller (right) and Debbie (Morris) Coles, second from right, are from Chelsea. Right, Stephanie Petsch of Chelsea has fun feeding banana chips to a potbelly pig, which is part of the act of the popular Colors the Clown.



Planning commission OKs grocery store plans

By Eric Bowen
 Staff Writer

Farmer Jack got the initial go-ahead from Chelsea Planning Commission at the commission's recent July meeting, receiving preliminary site plan approval on a 48,823-square-foot building off M-52. According to Planning Commission Chairman Doug Denison, out of seven members who attended, five voted for the plans with one against and one abstention.

"We had a long discussion about that, and indeed it did pass," Denison said. "It was not unanimous. This was probably the most divisive project we've ever had."

The planning commissioners did ask Farmer Jack to make a few changes to the facade on the north side of the building near where the property abuts Village Motor Sales. Denison said the commission wanted to ensure a nice looking building since that side would be exposed to the view of residents.

At the commission's request Farmer Jack also added a pedestrian walkway through the middle of the parking lot to give access to the office buildings on the south side of the plan and to divide the parking into manageable chunks. A gazebo was also included in the plans for workers in the office complex.

About the only issue that Farmer Jack wasn't willing to compromise on was the size of the building, Denison said. He said the company felt strongly that the size was appropriate for the needs of the community.

"They've addressed most of the details," Denison said. "They have been cooperative in working through nearly

every issue we've brought up except for size."

With the preliminary site plan in place, Farmer Jack's next step is to come back with a final site plan. Denison said it will include all of the appropriate plans for landscaping, setbacks, drainage and engineering specifications.

In other business at the meeting, the commission received preliminary site plans for a hotel in Commerce Park. Holiday Inn Express presented plans for a 68-room hotel near where another company is planning a hotel and conference center.

Denison said the Holiday Inn developer was from Indiana, and the commission was impressed with its previous developments. The hotel will feature a continental breakfast and a pool.

Other issues included a proposed entertainment center, Little Professor Bookstore and the United Methodist Retirement Communities Sylvan Pines development.

The commission's workload has slowly been decreasing thanks to a building moratorium imposed in early June by the Village Council. Denison said the moratorium has allowed the commission to catch up on a heavy schedule.

"The last two months we've had more plans to review than we've ever had before," Denison said. "Because the moratorium was put on it provides us a breather."

Beck and Company Realtors owner Chuck Beck, who is developing the office complex on the southern side of the Farmer Jack project said he has made some changes to the

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Alien flower invades area, killing native plants

By Eric Bowen
 Staff Writer

Standing seven feet tall with wavy hair and leafy arms, able to produce 2.7 million offspring in a single year, purple loosestrife has invaded the countryside, killing animals and plants indiscriminately and making a wasteland of the local ecosystem.

No, it's not an alien invader, but to horticulturist Charlene Harris the battle against purple loosestrife is a War of the Worlds.

"It's an exotic plant, that's not a native plant to this area," Harris said. "One that is naturalizing and spreading and displacing at a rapid pace our native vegetation, upon which all of our wildlife is dependent in wetland areas."

Purple loosestrife is a tall plant with approximately 30 to 50 stems rising from a common base. Its flowers range in color from deep purple to magenta. The plant thrives in wetlands

near streams or lakes, such as those found in the local area.

Carried over in ship ballast from Europe during the 1800s, the plant soon found a foothold in the new world. Harris said it was eagerly cultivated in gardens throughout the northeast because it is a beautiful flower that blooms in July and August, when most others are out of season.

Without any natural predators in the United States, the plants began taking over ponds and low-lying areas. With their sprawling, thick roots, the loosestrife choked out native plants, such as cattails, killing habitat for birds and fish in streams.

Harris said the loosestrife has only begun appearing in western Washtenaw County in the last few years. But since the plant reproduces rapidly, she has seen a dramatic increase in the flowers in lakes and wetlands in the Dexter and

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Charlene Harris of North Lake works on the invasive purple loosestrife plant.

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School construction 'going to be tight'

By Eric Bowen
Staff Writer

"It's going to be tight," is the latest word on the Chelsea High School construction from Operations Manager Ron Livengood. But the district still expects to be able to occupy the building as planned on Aug. 23 with school opening for students Aug. 31.

Livengood said that a materials shortage will likely keep the track from being finished by the Aug. 25 date, and the band and orchestra rooms will also require a few more days. The sound system and lighting in the auditorium will not be finished by Aug. 31.

Fire Marshal review was scheduled for Wednesday and health inspection is scheduled for today, Livengood said.

At Beach Middle School, construction is progressing well, Livengood said. He expects to comfortably have the main construction wrapped up

by Aug. 24 to allow for students to come back into the building.

The old high school is receiving new paint, phones, wiring and floor coverings. But Livengood said all the construction will not be completed until October. Community education will be housed in a different building on the site until the construction is completed. A new set of doors to divide the alternative high school from the preschool programs will also be installed.

To commemorate the construction and the residents who paid for it, the board voted to approve plaques for all of the buildings. The plaques will list all of the board members who have been involved in the process of construction and the superintendent and operations manager.

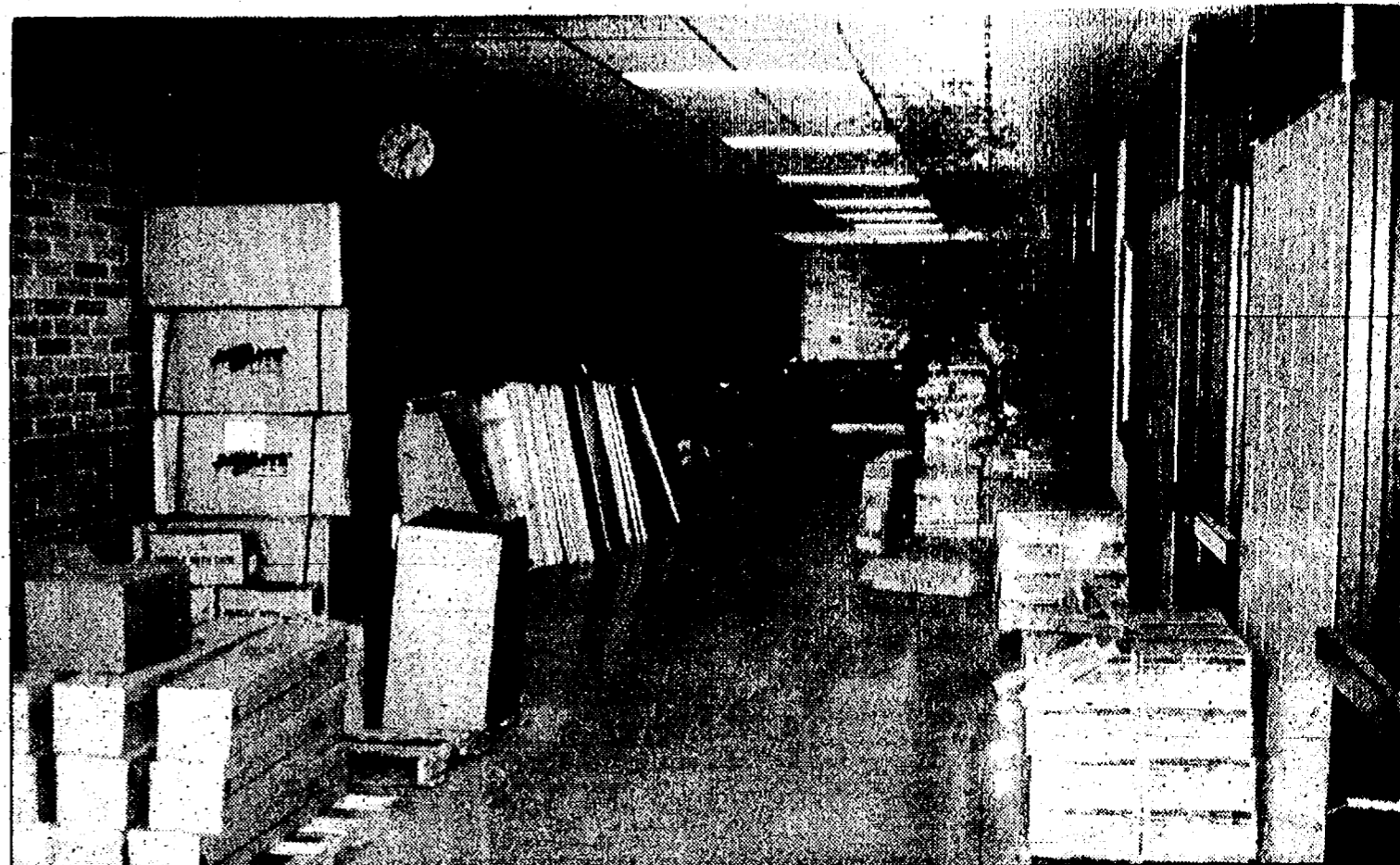
The board approved the

purchase of some miscellaneous equipment for the high school. A cover for the gym floor to be used during graduation ceremonies and other special events cost the district \$9,061 from Covermaster Master Inc.

Custodial equipment for Beach Middle School and the high school was also purchased from Michigan Air Gas for \$29,150.73. The bid includes cleaning carts, trash cans, recycling containers and scrubbers, among other items.

A contract was also approved to provide electrostatic painting for file cabinets at Beach Middle School. The contract went to Cascoat Electrostatic Inc. for \$6,910.

The old high school had two contracts approved. One for electrical renovations went to Alpine Electric for \$13,150. Another \$24,389 contract went to Decorative Flooring Services for carpet in the community education site.



Construction crews have been working on Beach Middle School since the end of the year. Operations manager Ron Livengood said construction should be largely finished by the start of school.

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south side of his building. He said that since the south side will face incoming traffic, the planning commission asked him to make it a better entrance to the village. The development will also have two entrances that will look like a street, Beck said.

Beck said he is glad the process has moved along as it did. He said it has been a lengthy and costly approval process, but he thinks it was necessary to get a good development for the village.

"I think the village in their deliberations have come up with something better than would have been there had they not been there," Beck said. "The planning commission should be commended in doing their job. To the extent that the village required something aesthetically attractive I think they produced it."



Concert Series Continues

Five Guys Named Moe entertained a Pierce Park crowd on Sunday afternoon in Pierce Park. The band's repertoire includes swing, bluegrass and jazz. The band's drummer, right, is Eric Nyhuis of Chelsea. The concert series, produced by the Chelsea Chamber of Commerce and the Chelsea Center for the Development of the Arts, continues on Sunday, Aug. 23 with the Chelsea band The Gigantics.




Local grad named to Notre Dame dean's list


Catherine Ziröli, daughter of Arnold and Mary Grace Ziröli of Chelsea, has been named to the dean's list at the University of Notre Dame for outstanding scholarship during the spring semester.

Ziröli, a 1996 graduate of Chelsea High School, will be a junior in the University's College of Arts and Letters, majoring in history.

who have succeeded in maintaining a scholastic average of 3.4 and above during the past semester.






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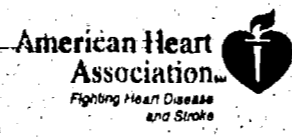
with Leonard K. Kitchen, J.D. and Thomas L. Stringer, J.D.

ADDING UP THE DAMAGES

When determining damages to awarded to a plaintiff in a personal injury case, future economic loss is taken into account. This amount includes lost wages and the cost of future medical expenses. Because they can be calculated with a certain degree of precision, these are referred to as special damages. General damages, which include pain, suffering, and mental distress, are difficult to calculate. It is usually the jury's responsibility to determine the amount of compensation the injured party should receive on the basis of facts presented as evidence at the trial. The jury is warranted neither in giving a blank check to compensate the injured party, nor in arriving at an amount based on any sympathies it might have.

The presentation of your case is the single most important factor in determining the settlement of compensation you receive for personal injury and loss due to the negligence or harmful actions of another. Give yourself the best chance for success by choosing a firm with experience; call the LAW OFFICES OF KITCHEN & STRINGER, J.D., at 426-4695 to schedule a consultation, free of charge. Our offices are located at 3249 Broad Street in Dexter. We also handle cases involving equine litigation.

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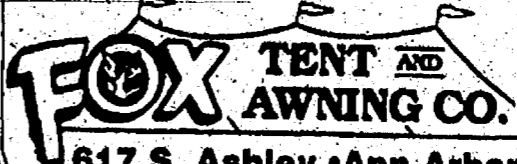
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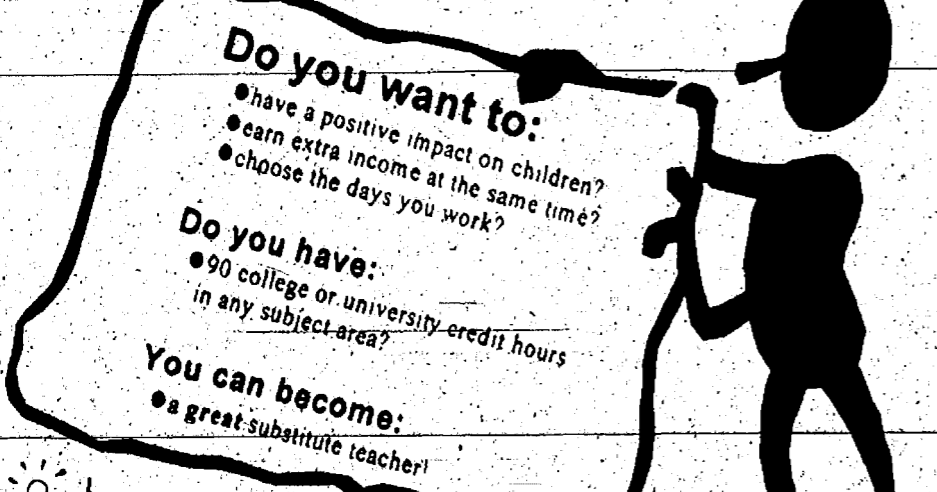
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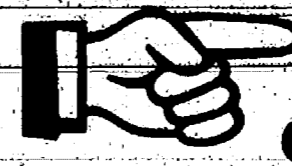
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My husband and I wed last May, vowing to love, honor, cherish and, little did we know, pay higher taxes.

While some newlyweds actually receive a bonus from Uncle Sam, we are unfortunately not among them. Instead, we join the ranks of more than 40 percent of joint filers this year who will pay a marriage penalty, also known as a marriage tax.

The marriage penalty tax exists because it is practically impossible for the Internal Revenue Service to balance three individually simple factors that when slammed together present a mathematical nightmare: the rich should pay more tax, couples with equal incomes pay the same tax, and a couple's marital status won't change their tax.

The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) uses the example of two married couples, each couple earning \$60,000. In

couple A, each spouse earns \$30,000. In couple B, one spouse earns all \$60,000.

To ensure that a couple's trip down the aisle doesn't affect their taxes, the tax on couple A should equal the taxes two single people earning \$30,000 each owe. The tax on couple B should equal the total tax owed by two single people, one earning \$60,000 and the other earning nothing.

But doing both of those would violate the tax law's other policy of charging higher-earning people higher tax rates.

Confused? The following examples from the CBO should help.

Example: A marriage penalty. A married couple with \$75,000 in earnings, split evenly between husband and wife, paid \$1,391 more in federal individual income taxes in 1996 than they would have if they had not been married.

Two factors contribute to that marriage penalty. First, when filing jointly, the couple can claim a standard deduction that is \$1,300 less than two single standard deductions of \$4,000 each, which they would receive if they were not married. At a marginal tax rate of 28 percent, the smaller deduction costs them \$364 (28 percent of \$1,300) in additional taxes.

Second, because tax brackets for married couples are not twice as wide as those for single tax filers, \$7,900 that is taxed at 15 percent on the two single returns faces a 28 percent rate on the joint return, yielding an additional tax of \$1,027 (28 percent minus 15 percent equals 13 percent of \$7,900).

In combination, the two factors generate a marriage penalty of \$1,391 in higher taxes.

Example: A marriage bonus. The couple described above would have received a bonus of more than \$3,500 in 1996 if all of the couple's income were earned by one spouse — the wife for example. Three factors generate the bonus:

First, because the husband has no earnings, he would receive no benefit from the personal exemption when filing as a single person. Filing jointly, the couple thus receives an additional \$2,550 exemption worth \$791 in lower taxes (31 percent of \$2,550).

Second, the married couple can claim a standard deduction that is \$2,700 greater than that which they can claim as single filers, again because the husband, without earnings, receives no value from the deduction as a single filer. The additional standard deduction lowers the couple's taxes by \$837 (31 percent of \$2,700).

Finally, because tax brackets for joint filers are wider than those for single people, \$16,100 more of the couple's income is taxed at 15 percent rather than 28 percent, yielding tax savings of \$2,093 (28 percent minus 15 percent equals 13 percent of \$16,100), and \$5,050 is taxed at 28 percent rather than 31 percent, saving another \$152 (31 percent minus 28 percent equals 3 percent of \$5,050).

The three factors combine to provide the couple with a marriage bonus of \$3,872 in lower taxes.

Send your financial questions to "Your Money Matters" c/o the Michigan Credit Union League, P.O. Box 5040, Southfield, MI 48086-5040.

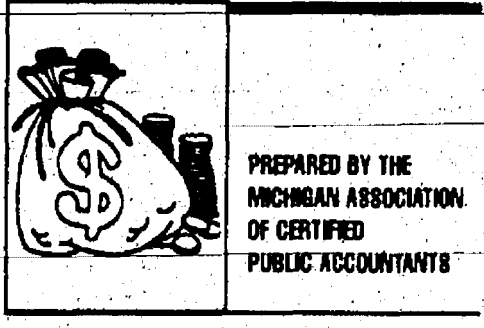


Memory Lane

Chelsea Seniors Widow Group had lunch in the cafeteria on the last day of school to celebrate the last day of Chelsea High School. Doug Van Gorder exorcised the ghosts in the old halls and walkways with his bagpipes. Pictured are (front from left) Pat Kaminsky, and Thomas, Bethany and Jake Van Gorder. Back row are Cedora Dryer, Jane Finkbeiner, Barb Van Gorder, Zada Zimmerman, Doug Van Gorder, Ruth Broesalme, Vivian Michealson, Rosemarie Tucker, Stella Sroka, Dorothy Lentz, Nancy Schutze, Hildah Harmon and Anna Labon.



Retirement not not easy decision



MONEY MANAGEMENT

When should I retire? That's a question you've undoubtedly asked yourself more than once. Unfortunately, there's no one answer that works for everyone. The right age for you to retire depends on a number of factors and includes personal lifestyle decisions as well as financial considerations.

To help you in the retirement decision-making process, the Michigan Association of CPAs suggests you apply the following questions to your situation.

Am I willing to accept lower social security benefits?

Although federal law prohibits mandatory retirement in most fields, Social Security

benefits are still based on reaching full retirement age. That age, as defined by Social Security, is currently 65, but beginning in the year 2000, the age for retiring with full Social Security benefits will start to rise gradually.

You don't have to wait until you reach full retirement age to collect Social Security, though. You can start receiving benefits as early as age 62, as long as you're willing to accept less than full benefits. The benefits paid to retirees between ages 62 and 64 are permanently set at 80 percent of the full benefit. The earlier you begin to collect Social Security, the smaller your annual payment. Those retirees who continue to work past normal retirement age get a bonus for each year of work up to age 70. To help you plan, the Social Security Administration will provide you with an estimate of how much you can expect to receive in your monthly benefit check. Call the Social Security Administration and ask for Form SS-7004. Request for Earnings and Benefit Statement.

What type of lifestyle do I want in retirement?

Your anticipated lifestyle in retirement will, to a large extent, dictate your financial needs. The Michigan Association of CPAs points out that you will need approximately 70 percent of your current income in order to live as comfortably during retirement as you do today. However, if you long to travel to faraway lands or have high medical bills, that figure is likely to be higher.

Once you've calculated how much annual income you will need, estimate how much you can expect from each of the four major sources of retirement income: company pensions, Social Security benefits, Individual Retirement Accounts (IRA), and personal savings. If there is a gap between what you'll need and what you want, you'll need to come up with a financial strategy to bridge the gap before seriously considering retirement.

Do I plan to work at a post-retirement job?

To supplement retirement income or simply keep active, many retirees rejoin the workforce on a part-time basis. If you plan to work while retired, you may be able to retire sooner than if you make a clean break from the work world.

When will my mortgage be paid off?

While it's not a necessity, having your mortgage paid off and being relatively debt-free means you can retire on less income. Making extra principal payments while you're working can shorten the term of your mortgage, reduce the amount of interest you pay, and free up funds during retirement.

Am I prepared to continue or replace company-provided benefits?

Before you retire, evaluate your current benefits to determine which you will need during retirement. Then, find out what your company's post-retirement coverage is likely to be, how much it will change, and how much it will cost you.

Pay particular attention to your company's post-retirement group medical coverage. While you worked, chances are, your company shared the cost with you. In retirement, it's likely that you will be responsible for a greater portion of the cost, if not the entire cost.

If your company's medical coverage ends upon your retirement, you should be able to continue coverage under your company's plan for 18 months under federal COBRA protection. However, you'll have to pick up the tab.

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The wrong place is in surface or groundwater. And everyone who grows a garden or tends a lawn has a role in keeping those nutrients out of the water supply.

"Like farmers, home gardeners need to realize that applying only the nutrients needed at the best time for plants to use them is best for the plants, the pocketbook and the environment," says Darryl Warncke, crop and soil scientist at Michigan State University. "Applying excess nutrients wastes money and may contaminate surface and groundwater."

Nutrients may reach surface or groundwater through runoff — water that moves across the surface of the land and picks up soil particles and contaminants, carrying them into ditches, streams, ponds and rivers; or by leaching — being carried down through the soil in water.

How much fertilizer you apply is a factor in how much is lost to runoff and leaching. Soil type, soil moisture, rain and irrigation, and ground cover are other considerations. For instance, if you apply the same amount of fertilizer on a clay loam soil and a sandy soil, the chances of leaching are greater on the sandy soil because water can move through it more quickly, carrying nutrients out of the plant root zone before the plant can take them up. Likewise, if the soil is saturated, surface-applied fertilizer will run off rather than soak in with rain or irrigation water. Nutrient runoff is also more likely on bare soil than on soil covered with turf, crop debris or mulch.

To use fertilizer appropriately, begin with a soil test. Warncke suggests. Follow the recommendations closely. Avoid the mindset that if a little is good, more is better.

"Applying more nutrients than plants need simply means more is lost and may end up in surface or groundwater," Warncke points out.

Check the calibration of your fertilizer applicator to make sure you're applying the recommended rate, he advises. If fertilizer falls on hard surfaces such as walks and driveways, sweep it up to prevent its running off into

ditches or storm sewers leading directly to surface water.

Especially if your soil is sandy, consider splitting the recommended amounts into two or more applications, and be sure to apply them when plants are actively growing to reduce the potential for leaching. Also avoid overirrigating.

"Especially in sandy soils, excess irrigation will contribute to leaching of nutrients out of the root zone," Warncke warns.

Whether you choose a quick-release inorganic fertilizer or a slow-release or organic type depends on the plants you're growing.

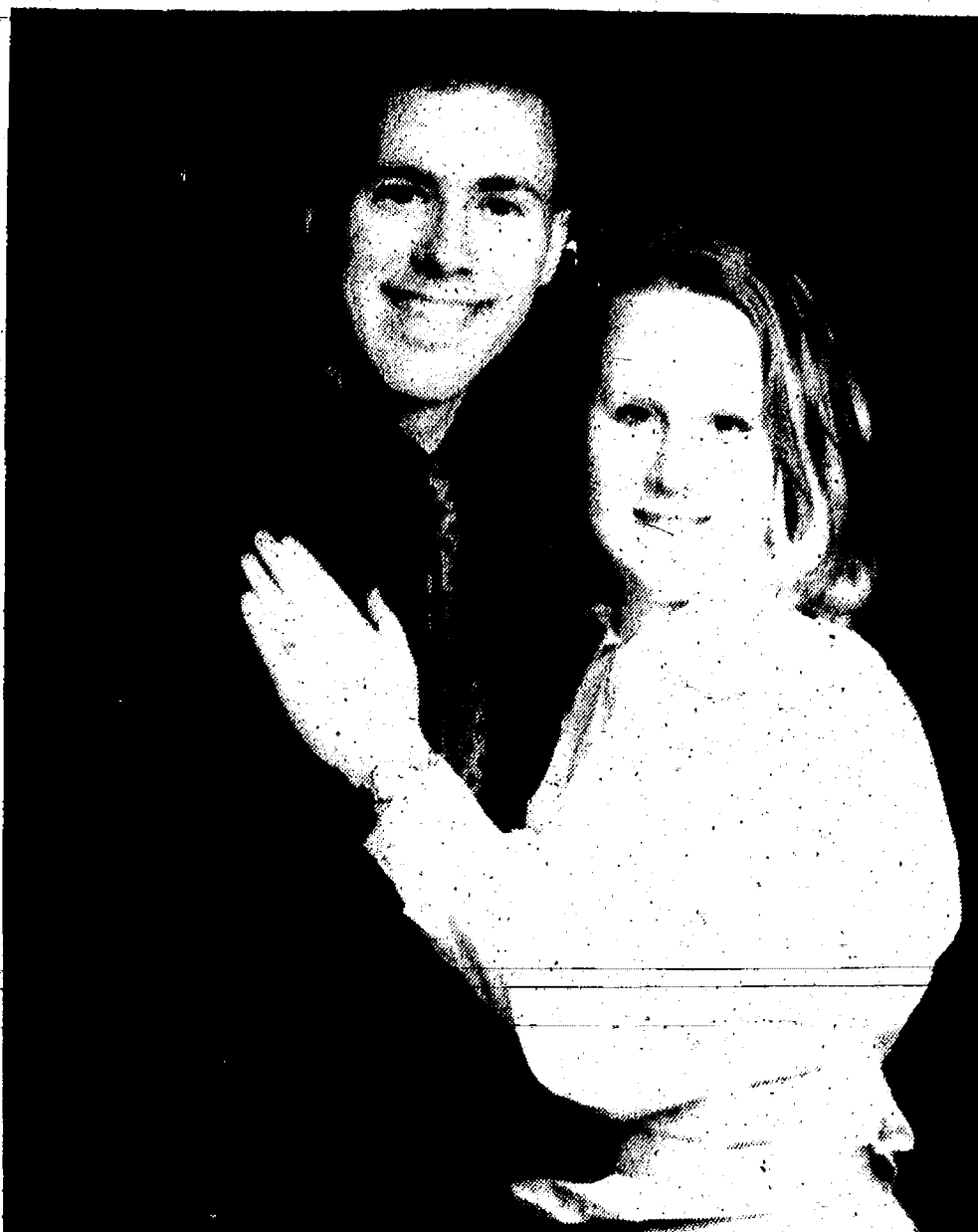
Quick-growing annual crops such as garden vegetables and annual flowers and landscape ornamentals showing signs of nitrogen deficiency need a fertilizer whose nutrients are available quickly, Warncke says. In these cases, inorganic fertilizers high in nitrogen are recommended. For maintaining perennials and landscape ornamentals, organic or slow-release forms of inorganic fertilizers can provide lower levels of nutrients over a longer time with little potential for nutrient loss to surface or groundwater.

"Again, the key is having a soil test done and following the recommendations," Warncke says. "Think about where the fertilizer you're applying is likely to end up, and do everything you can to assure that the nutrients end up in the plants rather than the local creek."

Homeowners need to take special care in fertilizing sloping areas, especially those adjacent to lakes or streams.

"One homeowner's careless use of fertilizer may not do much damage, but a lot of home gardeners being careful with fertilizer and other potential contaminants can go a long way to maintaining the quality of our surface and groundwater," Warncke says.

ENGAGEMENTS



ENGAGED: Melissa McNally of Onstead and Jared Galazin of Menan, Idaho, are engaged and planning a Sept. 5 wedding. The future bride is the daughter of Mary and Michael McNally and granddaughter of Margaret and Richard Stephens of Dexter and Ruth and Jack McNally of Adrian. She is a 1993 graduate of Onstead High School and 1998 graduate of Michigan State University. She has a bachelor's degree in environmental science and management and bachelor's degree in anthropology. McNally is employed by the Lenawee County Sheriff's office as a marine deputy. The future bridegroom is the son of Mary Miller Galazin of Massachusetts and John Galazin of Idaho. He is a 1993 graduate of Union College in Schenectady, N.Y. He is a captain in the United States Army currently stationed at Camp Sear in the Republic of Korea.



ENGAGED: Cynthia Gaken of Chelsea and Mark Lesser of Chelsea are engaged and planning an Oct. 24 wedding. Cynthia is the daughter of Shirley Gaken and the late James Gaken, of Chelsea. She is a graduate of Chelsea High School and works at the St. Louis Center. Mark is the son of Beulah Lesser of Chelsea and Reuben and Pam Lesser of Chelsea. He is a graduate of Chelsea High School and Michigan State University, and is employed at Lloyd Bridges Traveland of Chelsea.

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Kolanders reunite at local party

The annual Kolander reunion was held Saturday, July 25, at the Huron Metropark. Present were 58 descendants of six of the original seven children born to Gustave and Hulda Gerstler Kolander, originally from Germany.

Following registration and a potluck, special announcements concerning family members were made as well as announcements of births, graduations, marriages and deaths within the families during the past year.

A paper was read on the sisters of Gustave Kolander, who also came to the United States from Germany and settled in Ann Arbor.

Awards were presented to those who have attended all of the nine reunions, all 9 year-olds present, with a special award going to Steve Campbell, Leo and Virginia Kolander's son-in-law, for the job he does each year as the auctioneer on the cleverly wrapped "white elephant" items.

Linda Kolander Wilson took over the remainder of the program with games for the children.

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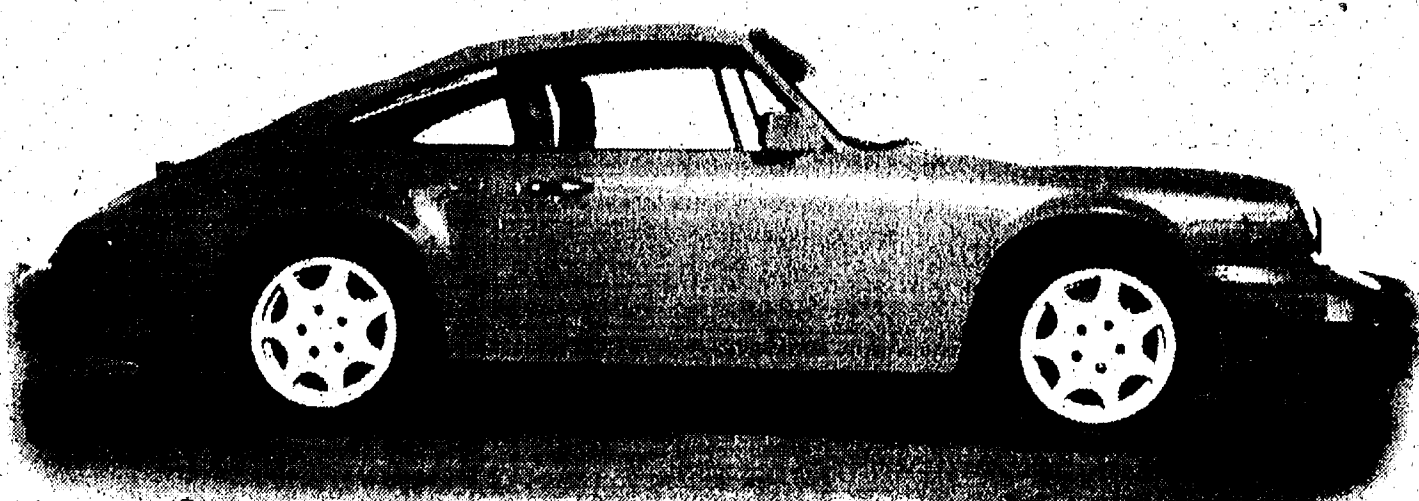
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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

CHELSEA
Thursday, Aug. 13
 Alzheimer's Assoc. Family Caregiver Support Group meets at the Crippen building at Chelsea Retirement Community, 805 W. Middle St. 7:30 p.m. Info: (734) 337-3827.
 Lyndon Township Planning Commission meets at the township hall 7:30 p.m.
Monday, Aug. 17
 Chelsea Kiwanis Club meets at Chelsea Community Hospital, 615 p.m.
 Waterloo Area Historical Society Board of Directors meets at the Waterloo Farm Museum, 7 p.m. Info: (734) 498-3395 evenings.
 Chelsea Area Players Board meeting at KeyBank, 7:30 p.m. Info: 475-2629.
 Chelsea Recreation Council meets at the Village of Chelsea offices, second floor 7:30 p.m.
 Chelsea Village Planning Commission meets at Sylvan Township Hall 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Aug. 18
 Rotary Club meets at the Community Grill, 12:10 p.m.
 Lions Club meets at Chelsea Community Hospital, 6:45 p.m.
 Chelsea Athletic Boosters membership meeting at Chelsea High School media center, 7:30 p.m.
 Chelsea District Library Board meeting at Faith in Action, 7:30 p.m.

Chelsea Village Planning Commission meets at Sylvan Township Hall 7:30 p.m.
 Lima Township Planning Commission meeting at Lima Township Hall 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Aug. 19
 Chelsea Zoning Board of Appeals meets at Sylvan Township Hall 5 p.m.
 Chelsea Athletic Boosters membership meeting at Chelsea High School media center, 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, Aug. 20
 Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors meets in the Chelsea Community Hospital private dining room at noon. Info: Sue Starkey 734-475-1145.
Monday, Aug. 24
 Chelsea Kiwanis Club meets at Chelsea Community Hospital, 6:15 p.m.
 Eating Disorders Support Group for family and friends of teens and young adults with anorexia and bulimia meeting at the Chelsea First United Methodist Church 7:30 p.m. Info: 475-0558.
 Chelsea School Board meets in the board room, 7:30 p.m. This is the final meeting for the 1997/1998 school year.
Tuesday, Aug. 25
 Rotary Club meets at the Community Grill, 12:10 p.m.
 Chelsea Village Council meets at Sylvan Township Hall 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Aug. 26

Fraternal Order of Eagles, Ladies Auxiliary No. 2154 meet at 7530 Jackson Rd. 7:30 p.m.
DEXTER
Thursday, Aug. 13
 Dexter Rotary Club meets at Cousins Heritage Inn, 7:30 a.m.
 Village of Dexter Downtown Development Authority meets the second Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Aug. 15
 Breathers Club will meet at the Chelsea Community Hospital Dining Room, 11 a.m.
 "Huron River Clean Up," between Huron Mills Metropark and Delhi Metropark will be 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. Volunteers are needed to help. Info: (734) 426-8211.
 Huron River Watershed Council will hold a Clam Hunt, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., teaching volunteers to identify clams. Free, but pre-registration required. Info: (734) 449-4592.
Monday, Aug. 17
 Dexter Village Planning Commission meets at First of America Bank for workshop session, 7:30 p.m.
 Dexter Community Schools Board of Education meets at the Copeland building, 8 p.m.
Tuesday, Aug. 18
 Kiwanis Club of Dexter meets at Cousins Heritage Inn, 6:30 p.m.
 Dexter Garden Club meets at Dexter Historical Area Museum, 7:30 p.m. Info: Lori Arbour, 426-2372.
 Dexter Township Board meets at Dexter Township Hall, 7:30 p.m.
 Lima Township Planning Commission meeting at Lima Township Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Webster Township Board meeting at 8 p.m.
Wednesday, Aug. 19
 Dexter Heritage Guild meets at the Dexter Museum, 1 p.m. Public is welcome.
 American Legion Auxiliary Unit No. 557 meets at the American Legion Home, 8 p.m.
 Webster Township Planning Commission meeting at Webster Township Hall, 8 p.m.
Thursday, Aug. 20
 Dexter District Library Board of Trustees will hold a public hearing on the 1998-1999 Budget at 7 p.m. in the meeting room at the library, 8040 Fourth St. in Dexter. Open to the public.
 Dexter Rotary Club meets at Cousins Heritage Inn, 7:30 a.m.
Monday, Aug. 24
 Dexter Village Council meeting at First of America Bank, 8 p.m.
 Dexter PTO meets in the pool lobby, 7:30 p.m. All-parents invited to become actively involved.
 Huron Mills Metropark presents "Wetland Wildflowers" at 1 p.m. Info: (734) 426-8211.
Tuesday, Aug. 25
 Dexter Village Parks Commission meets at First of America Bank, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, Aug. 26
 The Village of Dexter Parks Commission meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m.

MISCELLANEOUS
 Adult Support Group for Relatives with Family Members with Mental Illness meets Wed., Aug. 26, at 7:30 p.m. in the St. Clare Temple Beth Emeth Building, 2309 Packard, Ann Arbor. Open to all parents, relatives, friends — free. Info: (734) 994-6611.
 Alcoholics Anonymous meets at St. Joseph Parish Hall in Dexter, Tuesdays at 8 p.m. and Thursdays at 7:30 p.m.
 Chelsea Senior Nutrition Program at the Senior Center. To reserve lunch, call Arlene Larson a day ahead at (734) 475-0160.
 Chelsea Together. For more info call week days (734) 475-4030, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., or (734) 475-5935, 5 p.m.-9 p.m.
 Dexter Family Service, contact Pat Burnett, (734) 449-2149, Marian Burgett, (734) 426-2196, Shawn Dettling, (734) 426-4343 or Judy Wheeler, (734) 426-2160.
 Dexter Senior Nutrition Program delivers meals M-F to elderly homebound. Serves lunch M-F at Dexter Senior Center, Copeland building. To reserve a lunch, call 24 hrs. ahead, Cindy White, (734) 426-5397.
 Domestic Violence Project Safe House Support Group meets every Monday at Chelsea Community Hospital, Behavioral Health Services building, 6:30-8 p.m. Info: (734) 426-0369.
 Domestic Violence Project Safe House presents a monthly brown bag seminar series on domestic violence at no charge, on Tuesdays. Meetings will take place at 4100 Clark Road, Ann Arbor, 12:00-2 p.m. Info: (734) 973-0242, extension 296.
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 Home Meal Service, Chelsea. Meals served daily to elderly or disabled. Cost per meal, \$3.25 with milk, \$3 without milk, for those able to pay. Interested parties call Mary at (734) 475-9494 or Faith in Action at (734) 475-3305.
 Huron Valley Mothers of Multiples and Huron Valley Mothers of Twins, thirtieth reunion celebration for all current and former members will be at 219 Russell St., Saline, on August 17. (Children not included.) Info: Susan Allen, (734) 971-3569.
 Hudson Mills Metropark Golf Course — "Two Person Scramble" will be held on Sun., Aug. 23. Applications and fees due by 5 p.m., Aug. 16. Info: Paul Gilson, (734) 426-0466.
 Immunizations through Washtenaw County Public Health, the Multi-Service Center in Ann Arbor. Info: (734) 484-7219.
 New Beginnings, a support group dealing with death and divorce, meets Tuesdays at St.

James Episcopal Church, Dexter, at 5:30 p.m. Call Faye Wisely, (734) 426-8931 or the church, (734) 426-8247 for information.
 New Eeginnings, a grief-support group for people experiencing the loss of a loved one. Offered as a community service by the Chelsea Retirement Community, meetings are in the Crippen building, first and third Wednesdays, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Info., Kearney Kirkby, (734) 475-2868.
 Overeaters Anonymous meets Mondays at First United Methodist Church 7:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Info: (734) 475-4264.
 The Parkinson Education and Support Group of Washtenaw County meets the second Sunday of the month at 1:30 p.m., at the St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Education Center, Building 5305, 1:30 p.m. There will be no August meeting, but the new program schedule will begin in September. Info: (734) 741-9209.
 Parent to Parent Program in home, friendly, visiting support system for families with children. Call (734) 475-3305.
 Parents Without Partners, support group for single parents. Youth activities, social events, discussion groups. For membership, call recording at (734) 973-1933.
 Play-N-Chat, a home-based group for moms and their children under five years old, meets Wednesdays and Fridays. For place and times call Jackie Esch, (734) 426-5437.
 The Washburn Area Chamber of Commerce invites the public to free concerts, held in City Hall Park at 7:30 p.m.: Saline Fiddlers Philharmonic, Aug. 18 (American folk fiddle music); Dorworth Saxhorn Band, Aug. 25 (dressed in Civil War costume, playing era music in brass).
 Senior Nutrition Program meets Tuesdays and Thursdays at noon, Waterloo Township Hall. For reservations call (734) 475-7439, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Lunches, cards and fellowship.
 Smokers Anonymous meets Tuesdays at St. James Episcopal Church, Dexter, 7:30-8:30 p.m. Call (734) 426-8696.
 Volunteers Needed M-F from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. to deliver mid-day meals to senior citizens in the Dexter area. For info., call Cindy at the Dexter Senior Nutrition Center (734) 426-5397.
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 Waterloo Natural History Assoc. and State Recreation Area offers programs at the Eddy Geology Center, located on Bush Road, open 9-5 daily. A Michigan State Park Motor Vehicle Permit is required for entry, daily \$4, annual \$20. Info: (734) 475-3170.

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Local kids garner top honors in 4-H fair

Below are results of the 4-H Youth Show held recently in Saline.

The Best of Shows of the still exhibit judging are as follows:

Club Educational Exhibit: Jolly Farmerettes and Farmers of Manchester for their sheep exhibit.

Individual Decorated Trash Barrels: 1st Rosalie Cohn of South Lyon, 2nd Olivia Cohn of South Lyon, 3rd Krystal Welshans of Chelsea.

Club Decorated Trash Barrels: 1st TLC, 2nd Voyagers, 3rd Blue Ribbon Livestock.

Demonstration: Ben Ernst of Howell.

Teen Leadership: Renee Thelen of Saline.

Vegetables, Herbs and Fruit: Susan Burns of Ann Arbor.

Outdoor Flowers: Cyle Schroeder of Milan.

Indoor Flowers: Debby Poet of Ann Arbor.

Flower Arranging: Tammy Olton of Dexter.

Flower Container: Beth Hammond of Saline.

Grains and Field Crops: Ryan Rentschler of Saline.

Young Food Preparation: Paul Espinosa of Ann Arbor.

Junior Food Preparation: Elizabeth Espinosa of Ann Arbor.

Senior Food Preparation: Susan Stone of Dexter.

Young Food Preservation: Beth Corrigan of Saline.

Junior Food Preservation: Crystal Duible of Saline.

Senior Food Preservation: Emily Parr of Manchester.

Young Dairy Food Preparation: Debby Poet of Ann Arbor.

Junior Dairy Food Preparation: Elise Kaczmarczyk of South Lyon.

Senior Dairy Food Preparation: Andy Jones of Ypsilanti.

Candy Making: Heather Duncan of Dexter.

Young Cake Decoration: Ashley Heiss of Ypsilanti.

Junior Cake Decorating: Mary Manney of Dexter.

Senior Cake Decorating: Amy Finke of Dexter.

Young Clothing: Katie Lyons of Whitmore Lake.

Junior Clothing: Martha Gornik of Ann Arbor.

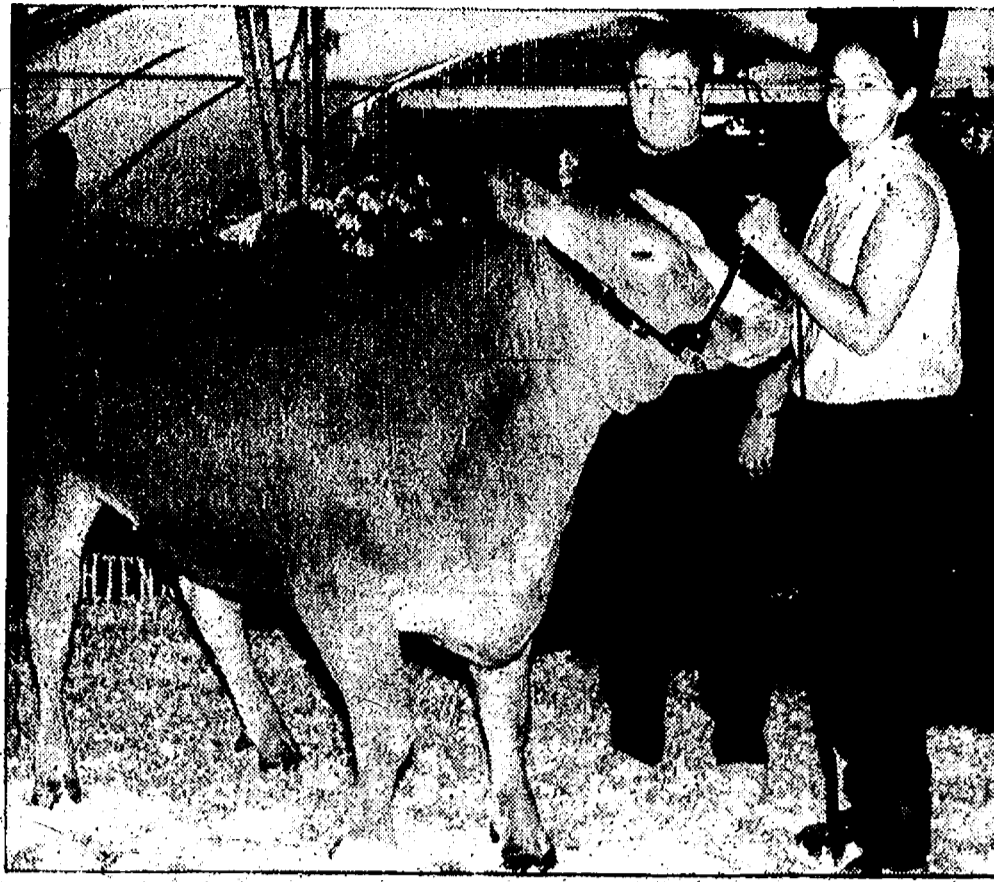
Senior Clothing: Laura Haeussler of Manchester.

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Photography - Darkroom: Lenore Yaeger of Ann Arbor.

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Reserve Grand Champion market heifer went to Cindy Grau, whose heifer weighed 1,040 pounds. Provide Inc. of Chelsea bought the bovine.

Junior Creative Drawing: Stacey Burmeister of Manchester.

Young Creative Painting: Frank Kopinski of Dexter.

Junior Creative Painting: Patrick Keene of Ypsilanti.

Senior Creative Painting: Sharon Fox of Ann Arbor.

Vet Science: Asia Zierle Ghosh of Ypsilanti.

Wool: Ben Rodgers of Chelsea.

Individual Livestock-Educational Exhibit: Samantha Rich of Dexter.

Individual Dairy Science Educational Exhibit: Nathan Cort of Northville.

The results of Monday afternoons dog show are as follows:

Junior Handling Champion, Age 8-12 Novice: Asia Zierle Ghosh of Ypsilanti.

Junior Handling Champion, Age 8-12: Julia Alexander of Ann Arbor.

Junior Handling Champion, Age 13-14: Chelsea Clark of Ann Arbor.

Junior Handling Champion, Age 15-19 Novice: Jennifer Higgs of Ypsilanti.

Junior Handling Champion, Age 15-19: Catherine Jacques of Chelsea.

Obedience - Sub Novice: Julie Alexander of Dexter.

Obedience - Novice: Joshua Czapiewski of South Lyon.

The results from the poultry show on Tuesday are as follows:

Champion Showmanship: Jessica Zalucha of Dexter.

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Woodworking - Basic Skills: Greg Schaible of Manchester.

Woodworking - Apprentice: Jeanna Nuber of Dexter.

Woodworking - Handyman: Ashley Finkbeiner of Clinton.

Creative Sculpture: Heather Duncan of Dexter Kits.

Kits: Jeff Grau of Chelsea.

Ceramics - Original Works: Drew Enger of Ann Arbor.

Ceramics - Greenware: Glazed: Angela Fiegel of Saline.

Ceramics - Greenware - Stained: Meredith Walton of Saline.

Ceramics - Greenware - Stained: Linda Lambarth of Saline.

Ceramics - Whiteware: Cindy Grau of Chelsea.

Graphics: Rosalie Cohn of South Lyon.

Stenciling: Joanna Nuber of Dexter.

Holiday or Seasonal Decorations: Joanna Nuber of Dexter.

Recyclables or Found Articles: Kristen Hayes of Milan.

Creative Album and Scrapbooks: Jenna Sowash of Whitmore Lake.

Nature Craft: Lauren Deak of Dexter.

Candles: Joanna Nuber of Dexter.

Basketmaking: Renee Thelen of Saline.

Metallurgy: Kevin Lyons of Manchester.

Glasscraft: Johanna Kane of Chelsea.

Papercraft: Angela Lynch of Manchester.

Leathercraft: Marinda Ramey of Milan.

Decorated Clothing: Beth Hammond of Saline.

Crafted Jewelry: Joy Oberdick of Ann Arbor.

Other Craft: Jonathon Luckhardt of Napoleon.

Quilting: Laura Haeussler of Manchester.

Embroidery: Emily Kormash of Ypsilanti.

Plastic Canvas: Laura Lynch of Ypsilanti.

Collections: Nathan Ernst of Howell.

Natural Resources: Caitlin Paul of Chelsea.

Entomology: Roy Benjey of Dexter.

Engine/Power Exhibit: Patrick Keene of Ypsilanti.

Pocket Pets: Lenore Yaeger of Ann Arbor.

Junior Individual Educational Exhibit: Asia Zierle Ghosh of Ypsilanti.

Senior Individual Educational Exhibit: John Sowash of Whitmore Lake.

Young Creative Writing: Katie Lynn Mangold of Ypsilanti.

Junior Creative Writing: Katie Magill of Dexter.

Senior Creative Writing: Tammy Olton of Dexter.

Young Creative Drawing: Stephanie Heussler of Manchester.



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Senior Showmanship: Marty Kaczmarezyk of South Lyon.
Immediate Showmanship: Ellen Macnee of Dexter.
Junior Showmanship: Jessica Zalucha of Dexter.
Young Showmanship: Adam

Cares of Dexter:
Novice Showmanship: West ern Schroeder of Milan.
Grand Champion Production Pen: Rachel Malick of Ypsilanti.
Reserve Champion Production Pen: Nick Norton of Pinckney.
Grand Champion Meat Pen: Steve Farha of Pinckney.

Reserve Grand Champion Meat Pen: Elise Kaczmarezyk of South Lyon.
Grand Champion Waterfowl: Amber Finkbeiner of Clinton.
Reserve Grand Champion Waterfowl: David Vella of South Lyon.
Grand Champion Fancy Chickens and Bantams: Steve Farha of Pinckney.
Reserve Grand Champion Fancy Chickens and Bantams: Marty Kaczmarezyk of South Lyon.
Grand Champion Pigeons, turkeys, Guinea and Gamebirds: Jenny Viers of Willis.
Champion Eggs: Charity Malick of Ypsilanti.
Reserve Champion Eggs: Nick Norton of Pinckney.
Best of Show: Elise Kaczmarezyk of South Lyon.

Breeder's Fleck: Jillian Wesolowski of Chelsea.
 The results of the swine show on Wednesday morning are as follows:
Senior Showmanship: David DeVooght of Chelsea.
Intermediate Showmanship: Joel Powers of Chelsea.
Junior Showmanship: Brock Welshan of Chelsea.
Young Showmanship: Adam Cares of Dexter.
Champion Breeding Pig: Steven Farha of Pinckney.
Reserve Champion Breeding Pig: Jamie Powers of Manches- ter.
Champion Individual Market Hog: Amy Feldkamp of Saline.
Reserve Champion Individual Market Hog: Craig Baldus of Dexter.
Champion Pair Market Hogs: Amy Feldkamp of Saline.
Reserve Champion Pair Market Hogs: Scott Baldus of Dexter.



Stephanie Fischer of Dexter sold her animal to Napoleon Feed during the 4-H Youth Show July 26-Aug. 1. The event featured many local youth and buyers from the Dexter-Chelsea area.

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 By Jeff La Huis, D.V.M.

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Intermediate Showmanship: Renee Thelen of Saline.
Young Showmanship: Jared Meeks of Manchester.
Champion Market Lamb: Renee Thelen of Saline.
Reserve Champion Market Lamb: Karen Kuhl of Chelsea.
Champion Pair of Market Lambs: Cassie Palmer of Chelsea.
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Junior Showmanship: Alivia Graham of Milan.
Intermediate Showmanship: Channon Mason of Stockbridge.
Junior Showmanship: Forrest Cohn of South Lyon.
Young Showmanship: Stacey Kempher of Milan.

The results from Wednesday evenings Beef show are as follows:
Senior Showmanship: David DeVooght of Chelsea.
Intermediate Showmanship: Renee Thelen of Saline.
Junior Showmanship: Christopher Fischer of Dexter.
Champion Angus: Renee Thelen of Saline.
Reserve Champion Angus: Rachel Vassen of Ann Arbor.
Champion Simmental: David DeVooght of Chelsea.
Champion Cross Breed: Stephanie Fischer of Dexter.
Reserve Champion Cross Breed: Brock Welshan of Chelsea.
Grand Champion Market Heifer: Jackie Martin of Saline.
Reserve Champion Market Heifer: Cindy Grau of Chelsea.
Grand Champion Market Steer: Matt Noggle of Manchester.
Reserve Champion Market Steer: Ryan Rentschler of Saline.
Best Home Grown market Beef: Julie Thelen of Saline.

Rate of Gain: Laura Heller of Chelsea.
Pair of Market Beef — Champion: Ryan Rentschler of Saline.
Club Herd Champion: Rodgers Corners Herdsman.
 The results of the Goat show Thursday morning are as follows:
Senior Showmanship: David Vells of South Lyon.
Intermediate Showmanship: Elise Kaczmarezyk of South Lyon.
Junior Showmanship: Debby Poet of Ann Arbor.
Young Showmanship: Alicia Jedele of Saline.
Grand Champion Dairy Goat: David Vella of South Lyon.
Reserve Grand Champion Dairy Goat: David Vella of South Lyon.
Champion Angora Goat: Debby Poet of Ann Arbor.
Champion Pygmy Goat: Debby Poet of Ann Arbor.
Reserve Champion Pygmy Goat: Debby Poet of Ann Arbor.
Champion Nigerian Goat: Elise Kaczmarezyk of South Lyon.
Best Mother/Daughter Pygmy Goat: Debby Poet of Ann Arbor.
Club Herd Pygmy: Cloverleaf Lane.
Club Herd Dairy: Pioneers.
Best Mother/Daughter Dairy Goat: David Vella of South Lyon.
Grand Champion Market Goat: David Vella of South Lyon.

The results of the Thursday morning Dairy show are as follows:
Senior Showmanship: Lisa Burmeister of Manchester.
Intermediate Showmanship:

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Craig Baldus of Dexter sold his 259-pound Reserve Grand Champion swine to Diuble Equipment Inc. of Ann Arbor. Baldus was among many local youth to participate in the 4-H Youth Show July 26-Aug. 1. He is pictured with Ron Diuble.

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 Alex Plouff of Ann Arbor.
 Junior Showmanship: Jared Cort of South Lyon.
 Young Showmanship: Scott Ruhlrig of Dexter.
 Champion Holstein: Sandi Schaible of Saline.
 Reserve Champion Holstein: Alex Plouff of Ann Arbor.
 Champion Brown Swiss: Natalie Weidmayer of Ann Arbor.
 Grand Champion Dairy Animal: Sandi Schaible of Saline.
 Reserve Grand Champion Dairy Animal: Alex Plouff of Ann Arbor.
 Club herd: Townline Workers.
 Individual Herd: Kevin Cort of South Lyon.
 Best Udder: Sandi Schaible of Ann Arbor.
 Produce of Dam: Lam Burmeister of Manchester.
 Dam and one of Produce: Kevin Cort of South Lyon.
 The results of the Friday afternoon Ewe Lead with Wool class are as follow:

Judges: Julie Thelen of Saline.
 Senior: Jodi Feldkamp of Manchester.
 The results of Friday night Sweepstakes are as follow:
 1st: David DeVoght of Chelsea.
 2nd: Lisa Burmeister of Manchester.



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Top Dog

Former Chelsea resident named Entrepreneur of Year

By Eric Bowen
Staff Writer

For most dental patients the tooth drilling machine is one item in the office that's often feared. But former Chelsea resident Thomas Depping sees it differently. That machine and many others like it are the foundation of his \$500 million business, a business that earned him the title "Entrepreneur of the Year."

Depping, who now lives in Houston, received the award for the Texas area in the Financial Management category of the award nominations. He was given the nod for the growth of his company, First Sierra Financial Inc., from an idea to a multimillion dollar company in three years.

"What entrepreneurs do is create something where there was nothing before," Depping says. "They take that business and turn it into something."

Sierra Financial leases equipment such as computers to small offices throughout the country. Most of the business

is centered around the medical fields like doctors, veterinarians and dentists.

Depping says he focused on the small businesses because they weren't being served well by large banks. The majority of Depping's transactions average \$20,000, which is too small for many larger companies.

Depping saw an opportunity for a small business like his to use better technology to be more efficient in selling blocks of leases and took the chance.

Depping was nominated for the entrepreneur award by several business associates near the end of 1997. He first heard about the nomination early this year and was given a trophy at an awards banquet sponsored by organizer Ernst and Young.

"I was pleasantly surprised," Depping says of the award. "It was a little bit of recognition for doing something and putting it together."

Depping first got into the business of financial services when he moved to Houston in 1981. He was trained as an accountant at Eastern Michigan University, receiving his bachelor's degree in 1980.

He heard about a variety of job opportunities in Houston by scanning about 10 pages of job listings for accountants in the Texas city. He combined a family vacation with a job-hunting trip and returned with five job offers, one of which was with First City National Bank.

Depping moved to Houston with his family, now consisting of his wife and three children. The bank opened a rental subsidiary and then was sold to SunAmerica Insurance. Depping became the president of the equipment leasing division.

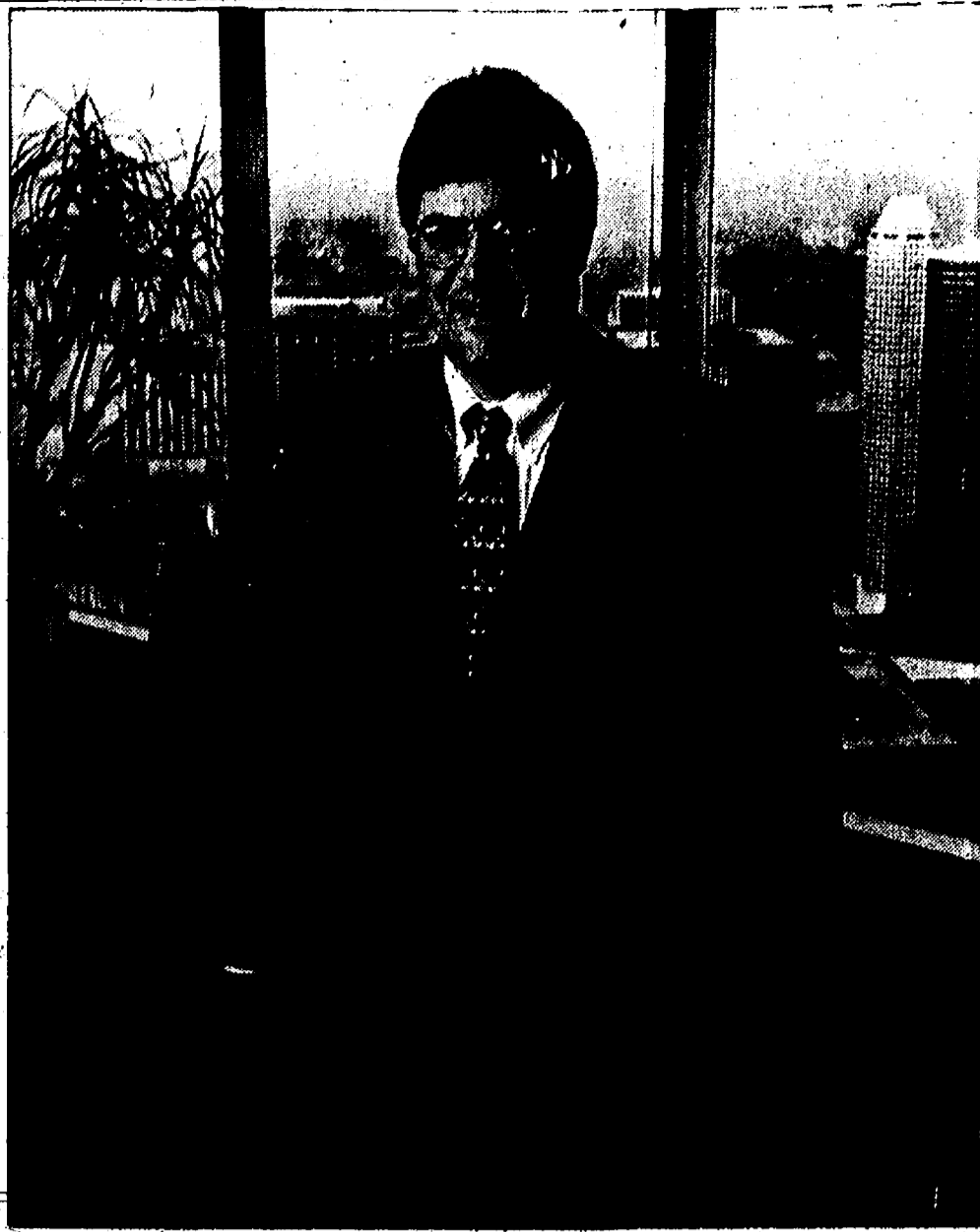
Depping quit the post there in 1994, and with some backing from private investors, opened First Sierra. The business

went public in 1997, at \$8 a share, rising to \$28 since then, putting the company's worth in stock at \$500 million and making it the best initial public offering in the area for 1997.

The company employs about 700 people nationwide. The growing business has seen income rise more than 100 percent over last year, and Depping intends to go global soon.

Depping will be in the running for the national level of the entrepreneur award at an awards ceremony in November. But he doesn't take all the credit for his business' success giving much merit to his management team.

"The key management team has been together for 15 years. When you're growing the way we're growing it's important to have a good management team together," Depping says. "I was the founder, and I get a lot of credit for it, but there have been a lot of people who have worked there that have created a lot of value."



Former Chelsea resident Tom Depping recently won the Texas-area Entrepreneur of the Year Award for his equipment leasing business First Sierra Financial. Depping's company was among the best initial public offerings last year and is now valued at \$500 million.

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School construction deadline to be tight

By Eric Bowen
Staff Writer

"It's going to be tight," is the latest word on the Chelsea High School construction from Operations Manager Ron Livengood. But the district still expects to be able to occupy the building as planned on Aug. 25 with school opening for students Aug. 31.

Livengood said that a materials shortage will likely keep the track from being finished by the Aug. 25 date, and the band and orchestra rooms will also require a few more days. The sound system and lighting in the auditorium will not be finished by Aug. 31.

Fire Marshal review was scheduled for Wednesday and

health inspection is scheduled for today, Livengood said.

At Beach Middle School, construction is progressing well, Livengood said. He expects to comfortably have the main construction wrapped up by Aug. 24 to allow for students to come back into the building.

The old high school is receiving new paint, phones, wiring and floor coverings. But Livengood said all the construction will not be completed until October. Community education will be housed in a different building on the site until the construction is completed. A new set of doors to divide the alternative high school from the preschool pro-

grams will also be installed.

To commemorate the construction and the residents who paid for it, the board voted to approve plaques for all of the buildings. The plaques will list all of the board members who have been involved in the process of construction and the superintendent and operations manager.

The board approved the purchase of some miscellaneous equipment for the high school. A cover for the gym floor to be used during graduation ceremonies and other special events cost the district \$9,061 from Covermaster Master Inc.

Custodial equipment for Beach Middle School and the high school was also purchased from Michigan Air Gas for \$29,150.73. The bid includes cleaning carts, trash cans, recycling containers and scrubbers, among other items.

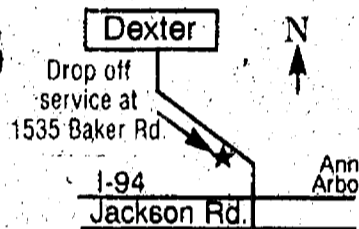
A contract was also approved to provide electrostatic painting for file cabinets at Beach Middle School. The contract went to Cascoat Electrostatic Inc. for \$6,910.

The old high school had two contracts approved. One for electrical renovations went to Alpine Electric for \$13,150. Another \$24,389 contract went to Decorative Flooring Services for carpet in the community education site.

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POLICE BLOTTER

Chelsea Village Family Trouble

A Chelsea woman called police July 28 to instruct them not to let her son, 18, into their house. She and her husband then went on vacation. The husband called police on Aug. 8 to inform them that the house sitter, a 33-year-old Chelsea woman, said that the son had been in the house the night before. Police were dispatched to the house, but did not find anyone there. On Aug. 6, a call came in that said the son was in the house again. Police arrived and found the son and another man, 18, of West Bloomfield in the house. They were both arrested. The son was questioned and he said he had been in the house a few times since he was

kicked out by his parents. The last time was Aug. 4, at which time he took a shower. The son was turned over to his mother, and police later received a call that they do not want to prosecute the son.

Larceny

A 31-year-old Chelsea woman told police Aug. 4 that her license plate had been stolen from her car while it was parked in the parking lot outside Arbor Drugs, 1125 Main St. Total value of the stolen item is \$50.

Police responded to Old US-12 and Freer Road on a complaint that a golf cart was blocking the road at 11:47 a.m. Aug. 9. Police found two youths riding the golf cart on the grounds of Chelsea High School, 500 E. Washington St. The officer tried to cut the two off by driving to Book Street, but they ditched the cart and ran away. Police impounded the cart and found alcohol the youths had purchased. Score cards for Inverness Country Club were also found.

Property Damage

A 42-year-old Chelsea man told police Aug. 4 that someone had spray painted the name Zachery on the outside

of the Masonic Temple Lodge, 113 W. Middle St. Total damage is estimated at \$20.

General Assistance

Police mailed a letter to an Ann Arbor man whom they believe littered unlawfully in Veteran's Park. Police found two to three garbage bags at 1:20 p.m. Aug. 4 in the Dumpster at the park on Main Street near Sibley Road. Envelopes were found in the trash that indicated the man's name and address.

Additional garbage was found with the name of a Gregory man, and he was also mailed a letter informing him of a violation of the littering ordinance.

Bad Checks

A Chelsea man, owner of Parts Peddler, 1414 S. Main St., reported several bad checks Aug. 3.

One check was from a 56-year-old Ann Arbor man who came into the store to buy a battery. The check returned to a closed account. The store has received three checks from the same man that have returned as bad checks.

Another incident involved the same man, who bought an air hose and some fittings. The check was found to return to a closed account.

Credit Card Fraud

An 18-year-old Belleville woman told police July 29 that her purse had recently been stolen. She had thought she misplaced the purse, but found that her ATM card had been used to withdraw money from her account. Police contacted the bank and a bank employee said he had a video tape of a man making 12 withdrawals from the woman's account on July 28 at 11:38 a.m. The man exited a car and used the machine, then returned. Two other people were in the car at the time.

Larceny

A 24-year-old Chelsea woman told police at 3:53 p.m. Aug. 7 that someone had entered her garage and taken her mountain bike. She last saw the bike Aug. 5. Total value of the stolen bike is \$320.

Manchester Township Larceny

Several tools and an outboard motor were taken at 5:51 p.m. Aug. 2 from a garage in the 10900 block of Sooten Road. A 57-year-old Manchester man told police that a former man told police was given a key to the garage. The man is currently receiving workers compensation after being injured on the job.

Sylvan Township Accidental Damage

A 58-year-old Battle Creek man told police Aug. 4 that his windshield was shattered on I-94 near Parker Road when a rock hit it. The man was passing a semi truck when the damage occurred and believes the truck may have kicked up some gravel into the window. Sheriff's deputies checked the area and found gravel on the roadway. Total damage was \$100.

Lyndon Township Minor in Possession

Police were on routine patrol at 1:52 a.m. Aug. 3 when they saw a car in Lyndon Park. The officer decided to investigate because the park is closed at that time. He made contact with a 19-year-old Chelsea man and a 21-year-old Chelsea man in the car. Police noticed a pipe believed to contain marijuana, and asked whose it was. The 21-year-old told police it was his, and police placed him under arrest. The officer also noticed a smell of alcohol on the younger man's breath, and placed him under arrest for minor in possession of alcohol.

Police found a bag of marijuana in the vehicle.

Scio Township Medical Assist

Police responded to a medical assistance call in Scio Farms Estates, 6655 Jackson Road, at 1:50 p.m. Aug. 6. A 2-year-old boy was found by his caregiver face down in a pond. The caregiver, a 61-year-old Scio Township woman, told police she was watching the child and went to the restroom. The boy apparently went outside and fell in the water, at which point the woman grabbed him and began CPR. The boy was taken to the University of Michigan Hospital and was reported to be in good condition.

Vehicle Fire

An 18-year-old Southgate man told police at 4:15 a.m. Aug. 8 that he was visiting a friend across the street from the Washtenaw County Road Commission, 555 N. Zeeb Road. He saw a large fire burning inside the fenced yard of the road commission. Firefighters found a road grader burning in the compound. Police determined that the fire had started in the engine compartment of the grader. It had been used the previous day, but it apparently had no defects. No one was seen entering or exiting the road commission.

Recovered Stolen Vehicle

Police were on patrol at 11:30 p.m. Aug. 8 near Park Road and Myrtle Road and noticed an abandoned vehicle on the side of the road. The car had damage to the bumper and mirror. The officer did a computer check and found the vehicle was reported stolen out of Taylor by a Taylor woman. The Taylor Police Department said it didn't want the vehicle returned. Total value of the car was \$2,000.

Larceny

A 30-year-old Ypsilanti man told police that two items were stolen out of his storage locker in the 3800 block of Jackson Road. The man was behind in his payment, and the storage company put a new lock on the unit until he came to pay the back rent. When he came to pay the rent he found an antique model car and stereo speakers missing. Total value is \$325. The theft occurred sometime between July 20 and Aug. 3.

A 51-year-old Ann Arbor man told police a.m. Aug. 6 that his cellular phone was taken from a golf cart at the Polo Fields Golf Course, 5200 Polo Fields Drive. Total value of the stolen item is \$400.

(Compiled by staff writer Eric Bowen based on reports filed with Chelsea Police and Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department.)

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Consumers had to pay slightly more for food during the second quarter of 1998, according to the most recent American Farm Bureau Federation Marketbasket Survey. The average price of selected grocery items increased 27 cents from the year's first quarter.

The 16 selected items on the survey cost \$32.18, up from last quarter's \$31.91 average. And the increase follows two consecutive quarters of drops in the average price.

Second-quarter increases have been the norm since the survey's inception in 1989. Prices fell only once during the second quarter, that coming in 1991.

"The summer months are typically the time of year when prices increase," said Ken Nye, director of Michigan Farm Bureau's Commodity and Environmental Division. "With barbecues and holidays, prices tend to increase slightly during the late spring and summer months."

A five-pound bag of flour and a pound of pork chops represent the largest increases on the survey. The price of flour jumped 14 cents to \$1.47, while pork chops increased 12 cents to \$3.03.

Of the 16 items on the survey, 11 increased in price. A 32-ounce bottle of corn oil cost \$2.52, an 8-cent jump. Other increases included vegetable oil, \$2.25 per 32-ounce jar, up 7 cents; white bread, \$1.21 per 20-ounce loaf, up 4 cents; potatoes, \$1.55 per 5-pound bag, up 4 cents; bacon, \$2.13 per pound, up 4 cents; cereal, \$2.74 per 10-ounce box, up 3 cents; apples, 96 cents per pound, up 2 cents; whole milk, \$2.55 per gallon, up 2 cents; and whole fryers, 96 cents per pound, up 2 cents.

A 32-ounce jar of mayonnaise fell 19 cents to \$2.49, representing the largest decrease on the survey. Other decreased included ground chuck, \$1.65 per pound, down 8 cents; sirloin tip roast, \$.64 per pound, down 4 cents; eggs, 92 cents a dozen, down 3 cents; and cheddar cheese, \$3.09 per pound, down 2 cents.

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Street Talk

By Amanda Tarantowski

How do you feel about a hotel coming to Chelsea?



"I think that it'd be a cool place to have birthday parties and things like that."

**Katie Minnick
Sylvan Township**



"I don't think that we need a hotel in Chelsea. I think that it's one more step in growth that is unnecessary."

**Ron Schlegelmilch
Sylvan Township**



"It's an OK idea. It gives the opportunity for locals to put up out-of-town family and friends."

**Ben Myers
Sylvan Township**



"I think it's a good idea. The people of Chelsea need a hotel closer than the ones in Ann Arbor."

**Wanda Cooper
Sylvan Township**

Graffiti artists can't help themselves



UNCLE APOLLO

Dear Uncle Apollo,

Okay! That's it! Enough is enough. The over-painted rock at Pierce Park has to go. Time to bury it.

The ever-changing graffiti that our idiot youth indulged in has now attracted idiot

"adults." The graffiti madness has now migrated to all the rocks around the parking lot, and also the pavement of the lot. Worse yet, the spray paint cans are left as mute testimony of what Chelsea has become.

Do you supposed that we could talk some of those graffiti addicts into repainting the bent "L" on the Chelsea water tower?

RGL

Dear Riggie,

These are all issues which have been troubling me for some time as well. It has seemed to me that somehow these things are related, but until recently I was no expert. So went to the University, where all the spurts are,

and talked to this professor of anthropology and he set me straight on the whole deal.

It's pretty intellectual stuff, so take a break for a minute if you need to get ready.

OK, here we go. Something like a billion years ago, or maybe 10,000, people started painting on rocks. Some researchers believe this is an instinctual response to the fact that we ultimately evolved from rocks. So today when we paint on a rock it's kinda like painting our toenails, getting a tattoo, or giving somebody a hickey.

Well, once we have begun to get in touch with our ancestry by painting rocks, we begin to merge with the cosmic oneness of the universe and realize that we are all interrelated. So these primordial instincts take over and we begin painting everything in sight. Like smaller rocks, parking lots, and so forth.

You can see from this discussion, this isn't because we are selfish jerks that don't care or take any responsibility for our actions, it's because we are connecting with the universe.

And the can thing, well, that's being evolved cosmic ones. Also being evolved from rocks.

and all, there are also dogs somewhere in our evolutionary history (or maybe it's in our future — I can't remember), and you know how they like to mark off their territories and communicate with other dogs who have been there before them.

Well, there are ordinances against humans and wooden cows marking things in that way, and so out of a desperate urge to fulfill this instinct to mark our path, we carefully place our paint cans in prominent spots as a sign for others.

I repeat, it's not because we're stupid, selfish jerks who care nothing for other people's property or the quality of life in the Village. We just aren't responsible when these primordial urges take over.

Frankly though, given this instinct thing, I wouldn't recommend turning these people loose on the water tower. When their ancestral hormones take over, no telling what they might do. We're likely to end up with crop circles in the greens at Pierce Lake, M-52 painted to look like yellow brick, and "Go Blue" painted all over the Jiffy Towers.

Hope this answers your question.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

McKune House still an option

An article that appeared in the July 30 edition needs clarification.

The article referred to the July 27 school board meeting. Lynn Fox, Lew Green and Metta Lansdale Jr., who represented the library task force and the district library, attended the meeting.

The library board is concerned about what we believe are statements taken out of context. We are further concerned that these statements might misinform and confuse readers.

First of all, McKune House is one of the locations currently under consideration as a potential library site.

Second, in response to school board trustee Jill Taylor's question of whether the library would be one or two stories, I stated that at this point no one knows how many stories the building might be. Green, in response to Taylor, said the ideal building has not yet been presented, but that for handicap access, a one-story structure would be ideal.

A goal of the library board is to keep the public apprised of on-going explorations into the best possible

site for the Chelsea District Library. Right now, the task force is still evaluating various site options. As they continue their work and narrow down the list of available sites, the public will be informed through press coverage and public meetings.

We want to thank district library patrons who have called requesting clarification of this request and hope that anyone who has questions or concerns will contact any library board member or write to us in care of the Chelsea District Library.

**Lynn Fox, President
Chelsea District Library**

Clock Tower windows wonderful

I am sure that I am not the only one to want to send sincere kudos to Mr. Ronald Weiser for beginning to restore the Chelsea Clock Tower building so successfully. Those new windows look wonderful!

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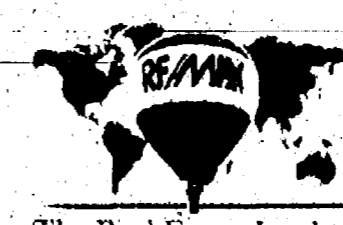
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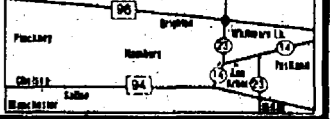


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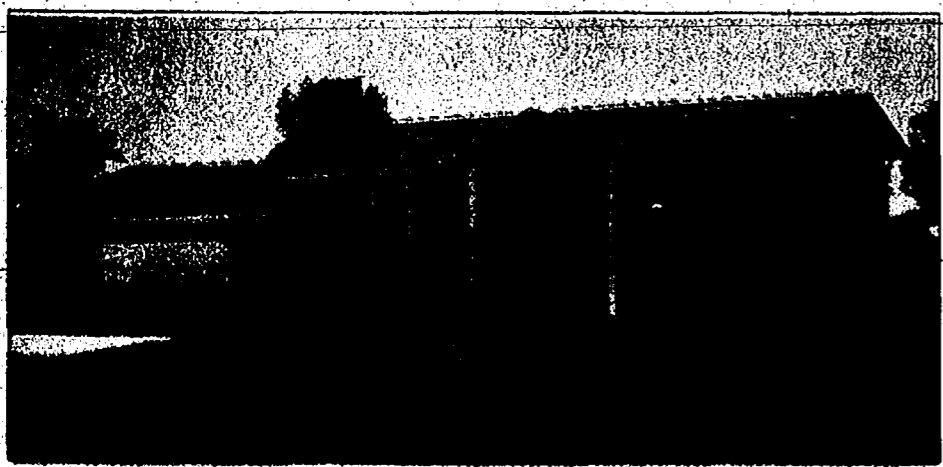
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Small Ticket Success

Former resident named 'Entrepreneur of Year'

By Eric Bowen
Staff Writer

For most dental patients the tooth drilling machine is one item in the office that's often feared. But former Chelsea resident Thomas Depping sees it differently. That machine and many others like it are the foundation of his \$500 million business, a business that earned him the title "Entrepreneur of the Year."

Depping, who now lives in Houston, received the award for the Texas area in the Financial Management category of the award nominations. He was given the nod for the growth of his company, First Sierra Financial Inc., from an idea to a multimillion dollar company in three years.

"What entrepreneurs do is create something where there was nothing before," Depping says. "They take that business and turn it into something."

Sierra Financial leases equipment such as computers to small offices throughout the country. Most of the business is centered around the medical fields like doctors, veterinarians and dentists.

Depping says he focused on the small businesses because they weren't being served well by large banks. The majority of Depping's transactions average \$20,000, which is too small for many larger companies.

Depping saw an opportunity for a small business like his to use better technology to be more efficient in selling blocks of leases and took the chance.

Depping was nominated for the entrepreneur award by several business associates near the end of 1997. He first heard about the nomination



Former Chelsea resident Tom Depping recently won the Texas-area Entrepreneur of the Year Award for his equipment leasing business First Sierra Financial. Depping's company was among the best initial public offerings last year and is now valued at \$500 million.

early this year and was given a trophy at an awards banquet sponsored by organizer Ernst and Young.

"I was pleasantly surprised," Depping says of the award. "It was a little bit of recognition for doing something and putting it together."

Depping first got into the business of financial services when he moved to Houston in 1981. He was trained as an accountant at Eastern Michigan University, receiving his bachelor's degree in 1980.

He heard about a variety of job opportunities in Houston by scanning about 10 pages of job listings for accountants in the Texas city. He combined a family vacation with a job-hunting trip and returned with five job of-

fers, one of which was with First City National Bank.

Depping moved to Houston with his family, now consisting of his wife and three children. The bank opened a rental subsidiary and then was sold to SunAmerica Insurance. Depping became the president of the equipment leasing division.

Depping quit the post there in 1994, and with some backing from private investors, opened First Sierra. The business went public in 1997 at \$8 a share, rising to \$28 since then, putting the company's worth in stock at \$500 million and making it the best initial public offering in the area for 1997.

The company employs about 700 people nationwide. The growing business has

seen income rise more than 100 percent over last year, and Depping intends to go global soon.

Depping will be in the running for the national level of the entrepreneur award at an awards ceremony in November. But he doesn't take all the credit for his business' success, giving much merit to his management team.

"The key management team has been together for 15 years. When you're growing the way we're growing its important to have a good management team together," Depping says. "I was the founder, and I get a lot of credit for it, but there have been a lot of people who have worked there that have created a lot of value."

Facility policy to face public consideration

By Eric Bowen
Staff Writer

Chelsea Board of Education will likely be asking for some kind of public input on a new policy for using the district's facilities. Board members debated Monday night about the best way to take suggestions without losing sight of the needs of the school district.

The general consensus was that groups would be invited to a session of the policy committee to go over their concerns. A forum for all residents was also discussed.

Trustee Conrad Knutsen said he wanted to ensure that the board's goal of paying for the maintenance of the old high school was met by the policy. He suggested using the first year of the policy as a trial year and adjust it according to problems during the year.

Treasurer Scott Broshar said that public input was important before a defined policy was in place. He and Secretary Dayle Wright agreed that the school should issue a draft policy that could be easily changed.

But Trustee Jan Roberts cautioned that because of the tight timeline for finishing the policy, the board can't get bogged down too much. She said that rewriting the entire policy from scratch is not what they intend.

One policy the board did agree on was the Chelsea High

School Athletic Code of Conduct. Athletic Director Wayne Welton kept the policy largely the same as last year's with a few procedural changes.

The policy that drew the most response was requiring kids to have parental and administrator permission to go home from athletic contests with someone other than the school representatives. Board President Jane Diesing said that she has had complaints that students can't leave, especially when the weather is bad.

The school board also nixed Chelsea District Library's request to purchase property from the district. Superintendent Ed Richardson said that the district was willing to talk about temporary housing, but didn't want to sell any property. He said that with current growth projections in the district, it didn't make sense to sell off property.

Growth in the district also prompted the board to vote in an additional full-time elementary teaching position. The position will likely be at North Creek Elementary and will be posted within the district for five days.

With previous teacher position approvals in place, the district hired two new teachers. Deb Bentley will be a full-time computers and math teacher. Jennifer Hartson was hired as a full-time Spanish and English teacher.

School district to teach substitutes

Washtenaw Intermediate School District is offering free substitute teacher training for anyone who would like to work with children and has at least 90 hours of college or university credit. The training will be held on Thursday, Aug. 27, and Friday, Aug. 28, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at WISD's offices on Wagner Road.

"The training program is a new way for us to address the growing shortage of substitute teachers in Washtenaw County," explained WISD Superintendent Michael Emlaw.

Schools need the help of substitute teachers when teachers are sick or are called away from their classrooms to

do required school improvement work, develop curriculum or attend training.

"We can't provide quality education in Washtenaw County without quality substitute teachers," Emlaw said. "For a student, every day in school is important. And every day they need the guidance of a well-qualified teacher."

The training sessions will teach participants how to manage a classroom, follow lesson plans, use proven teaching techniques and keep student interest. Participants must attend both days of training. Lunch will be provided.

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Chelsea Retirement Community breaks ground on memory loss center

The Towsley Foundation voted at its July 31 board meeting to give \$1.5 million to Chelsea Retirement Community's new Memory Loss Center.

The Harry A. & Margaret D. Towsley Memory Loss Center is slated to open in late 1999 as a residential facility for all stages of memory loss and Alzheimer's disease. The Towsley Center will be a 120-room facility (skilled and assisted living) specifically designed for seniors with memory loss and Alzheimer's disease. It is one of the first continuum of care facilities in the country specifically designed for memory loss.

The Towsley Center is divided into four neighborhoods with secure outside court yards. Each neighborhood will be divided into two separate units with living, dining and kitchen areas. The four neighborhoods will be linked to a central town center which will contain a theater, cafe, chapel, winter garden, beauty and barber shop and doctor's office.

Chelsea Retirement Community, in partnership with the University of Michigan, created one of the first resi-

dential memory loss and Alzheimer's programs in the country — Wesley Hall. Chelsea Retirement Community has a national reputation for innovative care for those with memory loss. It manages Huron Woods, St. Joseph Mercy Hospital's memory loss program in Ann Arbor. The Towsley memory loss center will be a national model for memory loss residential care and research.

The groundbreaking ceremony for the Towsley Center was held on Aug. 4, on the grounds of Chelsea Retirement Community. Margaret Reicker, president of the Towsley Foundation, represented the Towsley Foundation.

Alzheimer's disease affects over 4 million people in the United States. It is the most common form of memory loss and is the fourth leading cause of death in adults. Affecting the entire family, it is held that for every individual diagnosed with memory loss, four others are directly affected. It is estimated that by the year 2020, over 12 million individuals will have some form of memory loss.



Participating in the groundbreaking for the Harry A. and Margaret D. Towsley Memory Loss Center were (from left) architect Jordan London; landscape architect Howard Deardorff; Jan Culbertson UMRC board trustee; Margaret Reicker, Towsley Foundation president; Judy Runelhart, Towsley Foundation board member; Don House, UMRC interim president; construction manager August Kehn; Connie Amick, Chelsea Retirement Community administrator; Catherine Durkin, former Chelsea Retirement Community administrator; John Capes, project manager and UMRC vice president; and Bruce Franklin, UMRC board trustee.

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It's time Myth behind Mound is finally answered

It's time. That's right, it's time to unveil the true origins of the menacing Mound and his venomous verbiage.

Actually, the verbiage is more sarcastic than venomous, but the latter sounds better.

The Mound is really a kind and gentle creature, not one seeking conflict of opinion, but enlightenment of the soul.

Chaa, right.

OK, here's the scoop. The Mound is me. I'm the Mound.

Get it? Dennis Mansfield and the Mound are one and the same, kind of.

Much like Dr. Franken-



DENNIS MANSFIELD

FROM THE MOUND

stein, a few years back I created a monster out of nothing while trying to create a catchy title for my weekly column at the Crawford County Avalanche in Grayling, where I was the managing editor.

Each week, I'd pick or find something in the mound on my desk that would make my blood boil and fingers smash the keys on my computer.

But, unlike the other columns we published there on our opinion pages, mine had no catchy phrase.

Desperate for a column name, I even consulted with my old college roommate, the anal one who continually kept telling me to clean up my mound of junk piling up in our dorm room.

And I pondered what another college compadre, a fel-

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Football means soccer for Orlandi

Coach takes
over both boys'
and girls' teams

By Dennis Mansfield

Sports Editor

Chris Orlandi won't help patrol the sidelines for the Chelsea High School junior varsity football team this fall, as he has done in years past as an assistant coach.

This fall, Orlandi is already taken over the reins as the head coach of the Bulldogs boys' varsity soccer team, according to CHS Athletic Director Wayne Welton.

Orlandi replaces David Cooper, who had resigned. Orlandi is already head coach of the girls' varsity soccer team, which plays in the spring.

"He's got the boys (in the fall) and he'll do the girls again," Welton said. "Chris loves to coach football, but he said he'd be willing to take over the (boys') program."

"He's great for the kids. They love him."

Welton added he had been conducting an intensive search to find a replacement for Cooper, who had taken the boys' soccer team from a club sport to a varsity sport.

"We just hit a roadblock," he said.

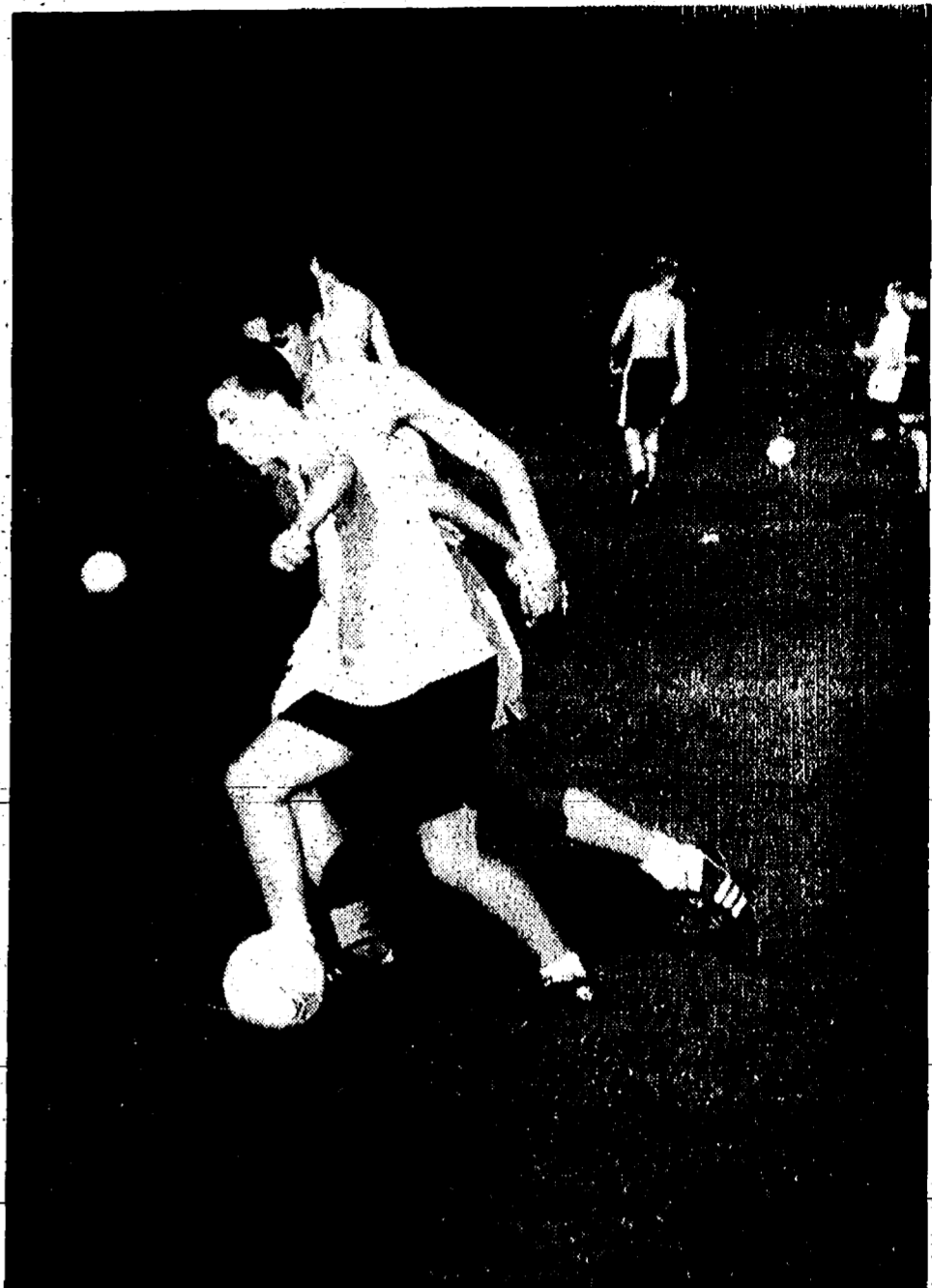
Cooper is not an employee of the school district, and Welton said he resigned for personal reasons.

And one concern, Welton said, was that he and other administrators wanted a coach who was also a teacher within the Chelsea district.

"I really believe that's good for the kids, having someone they can see in school, too," Welton said. "That was one of our goals."

Welton said the choice was left up to Orlandi to coach both boys' and girls' soccer, or keep his former duties as the JV football coach and coach of the girl varsity kickers.

"I know he'll miss football, but he's great for our soccer program," Welton added.



Chelsea varsity kicker Ben Hicks tries to keep the ball away from a teammate during practice. The team is now under the watchful eye of coach Chris Orlandi.

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Deer camp holds fond memories

Good memories do not necessarily have to come from the era often referred to as "the good old days."

Some of my good memories, took place during a period when things were not all that good. The United States was involved in the worst part of the Korean war, jobs were not too easy to find and wages were at that point where many people had enough to get by on, but not enough to really enjoy the getting by part.

At that time, taking a vacation did not mean taking the family on a two week trip to Disneyland. In our household it usually meant the wife took the kids to her mother's house while dad slipped away to spend the week roughing it in the woods with the guys at some temporarily set up deer camp.

Temporarily set up means it was just the basics needed by five or six guys and usually consisted of only a couple of



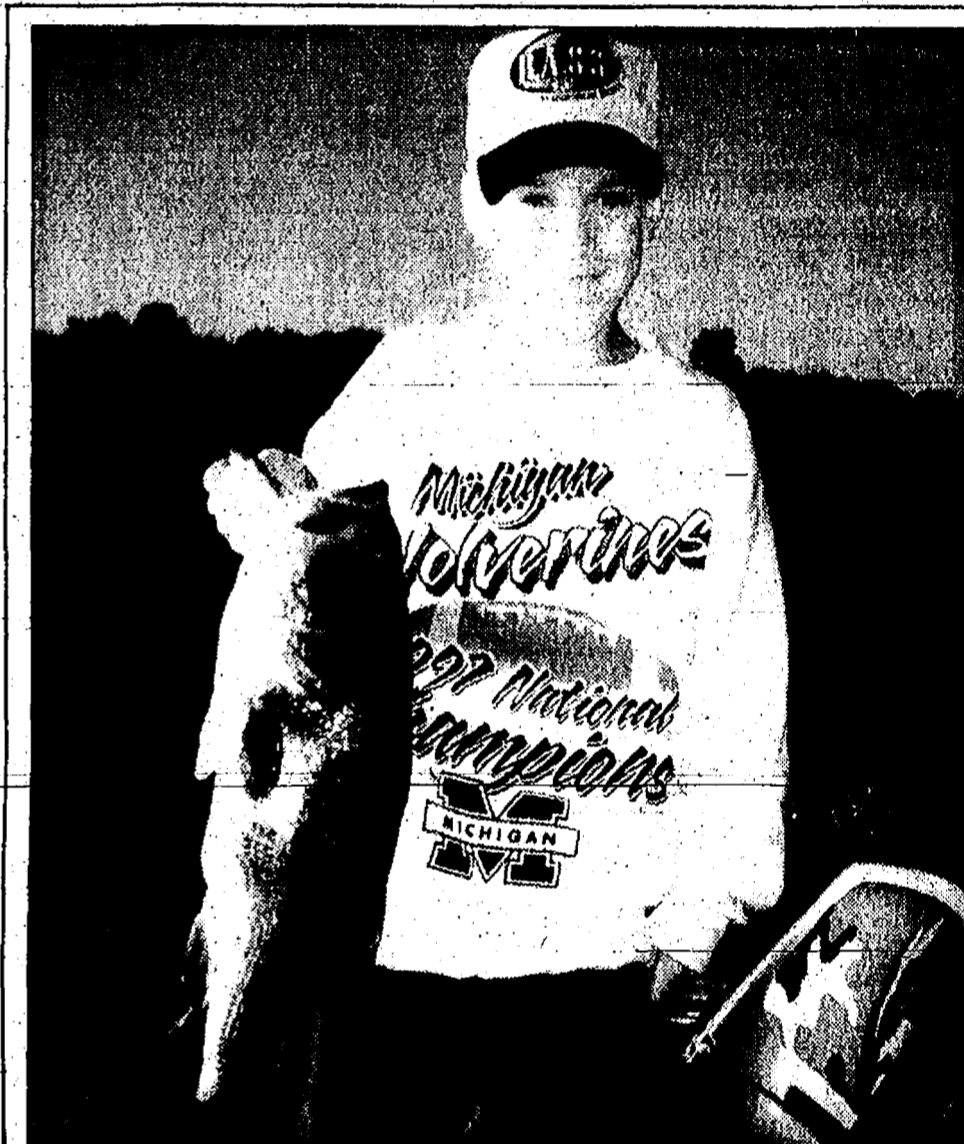
JERRY D. POSEY

ABOUT THE OUTDOORS

tents and a buck pole. The fancier ones may have had a small shelter of some kind that was used as an outhouse but ours was usually nothing more than a hole in the ground with a short pole mounted between two trees, about two feet off the ground and surrounded by a few shrubs and bushes.

None of the fellows in our group owned any land that was suitable for hunting deer so we usually had to travel northward, usually to the Ro-

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Catch of the Day

Jim Krishbaum, 9, of Chelsea caught a 21.5-inch large mouth bass at a local lake recently while with his father, Joel. The young fisherman caught his trophy using a 5-inch Kalin Grubb bait. The catch weighed in at 5 pounds, 8 ounces and the Krishbaums plan to have the bass mounted.

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common area, where we would set up our camp on state-owned land where the deer were more plentiful and there was no charge for the camping site.

In those days, we all contributed something, one fellow owned the sleeping tent, another brought the cook-tent, someone else had a small wood burning stove and we all had our own sleeping bag or a pile of blankets. We could always find a couple of Coleman lanterns and a two burner cook stove.

During the years that I remember best, we had one fellow who went along for the trip but did not really go to hunt. I always felt that he just wanted to get away from the crowd for awhile and was willing to do all of the cooking for the rest of us if we would take him along. He also did the dishes and kept the campsite in order while the rest of us spent our prime time in the woods waiting for that big buck to wander within range.

Since most of us did not like to cook or do dishes, we would often do a lot of sweet talking to get this fellow to join us.

The deer hunting license at that time cost only five dollars each and we would split up the food and other expenses such as gas used to get to the hunting area. The total cost per person would sometimes be less than \$20 or \$30 and that would be for the entire week.

After returning from the woods at the end of a day's hunt, we would often find a big kettle of chili simmering on the wood stove and the cook

making up a batch of fresh sliced ham sandwiches to be eaten before we sat down to the nightly poker game. One of the fellows always brought along a folding poker table. I usually forgot to mention that part to my wife, too.

If the season was a good one and the deer had chosen our area to winter up in, we would sometimes all get a buck to bring back to town, since at that time shooting a doe was not permitted in Michigan. Some years even the cook brought back a deer although he didn't really go hunting. Other years only one or two of us would score and the deer would be split up among the group.

Some of the best memories were of the later years when several of us regulars had sons that were old enough to join us on our annual trips to the north. I can still remember each year the youngsters getting their first deer. From that time on they were the pros, giving the younger ones all kinds of advice and tips on how to become a deer hunter.

Bathing was not a required practice in the weeklong camp-out. By the time the week of hunting all day — and sleeping in most of your clothes to keep warm at night — was over, some of our hunters smelled worse than the animals we were hunting.

Most of us held secret desires for the last couple of days to pass more quickly so we could get back to the wife and the rest of the family, and to a warm bath and a soft bed.

The times were not the best but they were surely not the worst. If the memories are good then the times were good. At least they look good now, as I sit here and remember only the best parts.

However, there seemed to be a theme developing. And, for once, I decided to go with the flow. Thus, the Mound was born.

The odd thing, was, when the mad Mound was born, the boyish-looking Dennis Mansfield was pushed aside.

I write the column, but he gets the credit (except from Mom). It's not fair, I tell you.

Not that I'm complaining. The Mound not only takes credit for my satire, but also most of the abuse it may cause from week to week. And, being the thick-skinned (not to mention carrying a few extra pounds) guy he is, it really doesn't bother him too much.

Heck, say "hola" anytime, for any reason. By the way, hola is Spanish for hello. I know, I asked.

Now, with the answer to the Mound question out of the way, let us prepare for the upcoming fall sports season.

That's right, it's time.

MOUND

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low writer and hoops junkie would call a column. But Miles and I are different people, with our basketball skills being a perfect example.

Miles is tall, can dribble, shoot and block shots. He is like a shorter Kevin McHale, with all the moves around the basket.

Meanwhile, I was and still am like a bull in the proverbial china shop. My favorite move to the basket is putting my head down, lowering my shoulder and plowing a path to the rim.

Miles says I played a lot like the NBA's Charles Barkley, the round mound of rebound.

But hoops wasn't going to provide me with a catchy column title, at least not a unique one.



Chelsea sluggers

TOP LEFT: The Chelsea Recreation Council Pre-K T-ball Team No. 3 included sluggers (not listed in order pictured) Cooper Nickels, Natalie Kaczorowski, Spencer Mykala, Luke Heinen, Philip Arbogast-Wilson, Alexander Mawhinney, Bobby Beneteau, Amanda Gates, MacKenzie Cole, Sean Owsley and Chris Millen. The team was coached by Doug Nickels and Jon Mykala. **ABOVE:** The Chelsea Recreation Council T-ball team No. 1 included (#6) sluggers Anna Herter, Stefanie Peyton, Gabrielle Brown, Kyle Whitley, Noah Gebbard, Steven Buss, Brittany Erskine, Megan Brooks-Plank, Joey Hume, Adam Bauer and Courtney Thacker. The team was coached by Bruce Herter. **LEFT:** The Chelsea Recreation Council T-ball team No. 3 included sluggers Benjamin Christie, Nicholas Morrow, Alex Mote, Amelia Raines, Michelle Mallory, Brian Bazydlo, Danny Merkel, Geoffrey Smith-Wollams, Melanie Burchett and Schuyler Adkins.

Local linksters hit aces

Bert Cobb of Chelsea added her own highlight to the "Doe Day" at Inverness Country Club on Aug. 1, hitting a hole-in-one on the par-3 fifth hole.

Cobb used her driver to ace the 136-yard hole.

"Screaming and screaming" in celebration of the ace were Peg Johnson, Betty Murphy, Jan Kalahar, Val Scriven, Donna Moldozan and Barb Miller.

About 76 lady linksters participated in this year's Doe Day, a nine-hole, best-ball tournament.

Also, Jerry Martell of Chelsea hit a hole-in-one at the Cascades Golf Course in Jack-

son, aching the par-3 fourth hole on July 17.

Martell used a 7-wood to ace the 191-yard hole. Those witnessing Martell's hole-in-one were John Heyhelfingen and Tim Grove.



Bert Cobb of Chelsea hit a hole-in-one at Inverness.

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Bill Coelius gives some last-minute tips to camera operator Clif Ballard prior to shooting a video sequence.

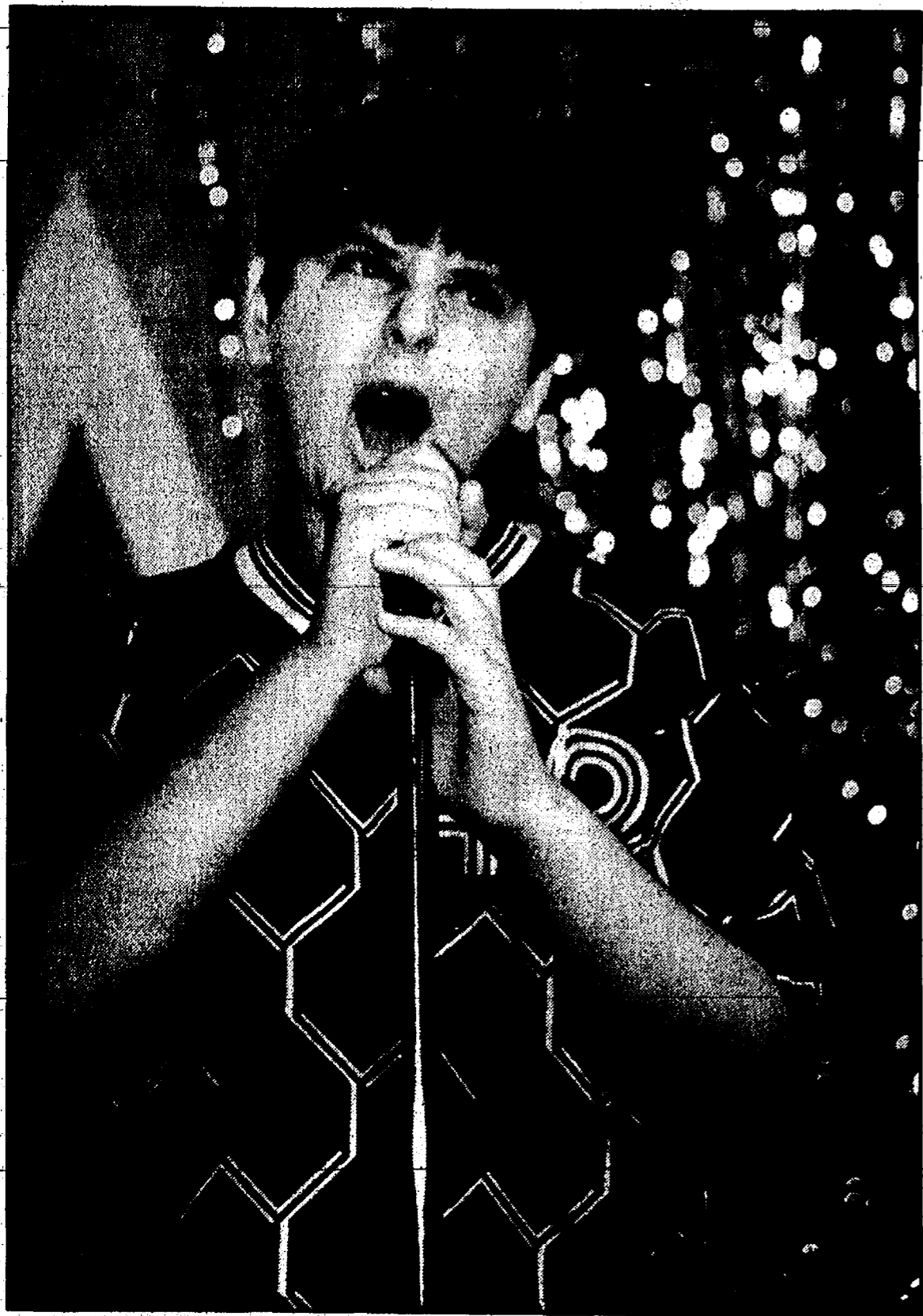


Margaret Wheeler checks with the film and sound crew before filming.



With the cameras rolling, all video campers share in the excitement of creating a music video.

“Each camper learned the importance of teamwork in creating a successful video production.”



Rob Knopper belts out a snappy rendition of “Labamba” during a music video production.

Move Over, Hollywood.

Chelsea Video Camp was again held this summer, taught by Chelsea High school video instructor Bill Coelius and his wife, Pat. After a weeklong, hands-on class, sponsored by Chelsea Community Education, at the studios of the Coelius' Chelsea Video Production Co., the students in grades 5-8 were ready to make movie magic. Students participated in everything from sound and camera work, stage settings, graphics, floor management, direction and creative development of scripts. Bill introduced students to the technical side of sound and camera operation, while Pat helped with preparing scripts and rehearsing each production. The students were busy for five hours each day and they used both interior lighting and props and outside location shots. Videos included MTV-like music videos, commercials, newscasts and talk show spoofs such as the Okra Spinfrey Show. The idea of the camp is to introduce youngsters to the video class taught at the high school. Two, one-week camps were offered with a total of 28 participants. Each camper received a professionally produced videotape of the week's activities.



Rehearsing for the next musical number is lead singer Hanna Taylor, backed up by, from left, Angela Munger, Margaret Wheeler and Jessica Kozar.

Photos and Story
by
Mark Reesman



45th Class Reunion

Twenty-seven members of the Chelsea High School Class of 1953 celebrated their 45th reunion with a dinner party at Reddeman Farms on Saturday, July 18. Sunday featured an afternoon picnic at Bob and Elsie Heller's farm in Lima Township. Out of the original class of 64 members, seven are deceased and two have unknown addresses. Many classmates who were unable to attend telephoned or sent letters and pictures to update the class information. In front from left are Dixie (Rowe) Weik, Leona (Hatt) Kuhl, Dorothy (Speer) Vangor, Charles Staphis, Richard Eisele, Shirley

(Riihimaki) Chapman, Karen (Chase) Bierer, Nancy (LaPrel) White, Virgil Clark, Gary Wortley, Bud Hankerd and Alfred Knickerbocker. In the second row are Norm Bauer, William Weber, Dan Murphy, Linda (White) Ott, Eleanor (Schmidt) Hall, Joseph Greenwood, Douglas Schneider and John Bauer. In the back row are Frank Sweeny, Gena Lake, Otto Riegger, Norma (Morgan) Knaikiewicz, Shirley (Segerstrom) Lynch, Richard Bareis and Robert Heller.



Colors Entertains at Concert

Chelsea's own clown, Colors, again put on a show for children at Sunday's Summer Concert Series in Pierce Park. Here, Austin Rodgers has Colors looking inside the bag for a white bird, part of Colors' magic show.

MOVIE REVIEWS

"Saving Private Ryan"

By C.J. Nodus
Heritage Newspapers

Steven Spielberg, one of the top-grossing producer/directors of all time, created another masterpiece in "Saving Private Ryan."

More than just well-done entertainment, this film ranks with "All Quiet on the Western Front" and "Platoon" as one of the greatest anti-war films ever made. It is stylistically, visually and storywise a masterpiece.

The opening 30 minute montage of the assault on Omaha Beach on D-Day is some of the most graphic and disturbing war footage ever shot.

Often carrying a hand-held camera through the chaos himself, Spielberg achieved the ultimate feeling of what it must have been like that day.

To lessen the graphicness without losing the horror, he ingeniously washed out most of the blood so the carnage is

evident without being too much.

This opening sequence sets the tone of the film and establishes Tom Hanks as the guy his superiors go to when an impossible mission needs to be done.

After getting a foothold at Omaha Beach, Capt. Miller (Hanks) is ordered to take a squad behind enemy lines to retrieve one man - Pvt. James Ryan, played by Matt Damon.

This seeming waste of manpower, whereby eight men are asked to risk their lives to save one, creates the moral dilemma that fuels the rest of the film and turns "Saving Private Ryan" into a superb moral diatribe.

In addition to Hanks and Damon, what distinguishes this movie from other "war pictures" is that the rest of the squadrons is made up of ordinary people. It is not a colorful stereotypical group of misfits out to defeat the Axis powers.

Most notable of the supporting cast are Edward Burns and Tom Sizemore.

Sizemore plays Sgt. Horvath, Miller's right-hand man and go-to guy. A graduate of Wayne State University, Sizemore is the epitome of the good soldier.

If Horvath is Miller's right arm, then Pvt. Reiben (Burns) is the thorn in his side. Burns is superb in this role and offers another aspect to the moral argument that permeates the film.

In addition to muting the red of the blood, Spielberg used jump cuts, uneven editing and excellent set-ups to depict realistic battle scenes.

This is no John Wayne movie where he rides in to save the day with bullets flying and emerges unscathed.

If there ever was a film that should be required viewing for the Pentagon, "Saving Private Ryan" is that film. As for the rest of the film audience, despite its graphic nature, see it on the big screen.

Rated: R Grade: A

SUBS

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This is an opportunity for interested community members to assist in providing an excellent education for all children in Washtenaw County," added WISD Assistant Superintendent Patricia MacQuarrie. "because it does take

an entire village to raise a child."

For more information or to register, call WISD's Staff Development office at 994-8100, ext. 1220 by Aug. 21.

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AUTO REVIEW



GARY GOSSELEIN
HERITAGE NEWSPAPERS

ROAD TEST

Don't like attention? Don't like people staring at you or coming up to you and asking questions about the vehicle you are driving? Then you probably should not drive a shiny, new 1999 F-350 Ford dualie pickup with polished aluminum wheels and a V-10 power plant.

Ford's F-350 drew a crowd not only at sporting goods stores and construction sites (which brought large smiles and thumbs-up from all the workers), but it was not uncommon for people to come no matter where the truck was parked and ask questions.

Many of the questions centered on how much it can tow, what kind of fuel mileage it

gets and the cost.

During the frequent stops for fuel, people asked if they could take a peek under the hood. Because they hadn't seen a Ford Truck with a V-10 power plant.

Everyone liked the F-350's aggressive styling. They thought it looked more like a truck should look than the recently redone F-150. The front tow hooks were popular because of their heavy-duty get-the-job-done appearance.

Many people also liked the way the front doors were redone to allow a better view of the outside mirrors.

There's plenty of useable interior space in the F-350's super cab. Three-abreast seating in the front would not be a big problem, even for adults. A fold-down armrest and console located between the front seats offered plenty of useable storage space.

With the addition of a fourth rear door as standard equipment on supercab F-350s, it is easy to load and unload passengers or cargo from both sides of an F-350. Adults may fit in the rear seat, but they

may come up a little short of leg room on extended trips.

If there are no passengers, the back seat can be folded flat for additional cargo space.

Behind the cab is a full-size 8-foot-long bed, four tires and a pair of fender flares that seemed to stick out 2 feet on both sides of the truck.

Driving the F-350 took a little getting used to. Not only was it wider than most vehicles I drive, it was about 2 feet longer. The F-350's size did not come into play on the open road — just stay in the middle of the lane and there is more than enough room for the truck.

Navigating crowded city streets is another matter.

At first I was sure that I would return the truck with at least one of the fender flares resting in its bed, instead of on the truck where they belong.

Luckily, after a few days behind the wheel, I became accustomed to the truck width. It wasn't as bad as I had first thought and the fender flares stayed on the truck and dent-free. Constant concentration,

however, is necessary on narrow city streets to keep them that way.

Forget about getting those up-close-and-personal parking spaces by the front door of your favorite store. It is quicker to park at the end of a row and walk, rather than try and squeeze the truck in and out of a parking spot designed for cars.

Rearward vision and backing up were greatly aided by the optional trailer towing mirrors it came equipped with. The twin-mirror design, a regular mirror on top and a wide angle on the bottom, provided an excellent view of the road behind as well as a good view of the truck's flares.

A friend who has an older F-350 dualie and regularly tows a fifth wheel trailer said the mirrors were the best he has seen, including the aftermarket ones on his truck.

While the F-350 does not offer an ultra-smooth car-like ride, it really isn't that bad. If one factors in what the truck was designed to do, the F-350's ride is more than acceptable.

I am sure if there were some weight in the back of the truck, its ride would smooth out considerably.

The 6.8-liter power plant provided 275-horsepower and 410 foot-pounds of torque, which was more than sufficient to move the truck down the road.

The F-350 can tow up to 14,300 pounds, which should be more than enough for most folks.

While I would not recommend a F-350 dualie as a daily driver to the average person who does not tow or haul heavy loads, I would highly recommend those who do to take a serious look at Ford's new F-350.

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MILEAGE: Not given
TOP SPEED: NA
LENGTH: 247.6 inches



Bunches of Buttons
Melissa Dreffs, 2, of Whitmore Lake admired the buttons for sale in a booth during Dexter Daze. Other booths had jewelry, photography, crafts and T-shirts. Entertainment was a big draw, with Gemini, the RFD Boys and other musical acts drawing in big crowds.

Dexter library to kick off new program

On Monday, Aug. 17, the Dexter District Library will kick off its adult book discussion group program with an organizational meeting at the library. The meeting will start at 7:30 p.m.

Attendees will discuss which day and time they would like to meet as well as select titles for the first few discussions. The discussion group will read and discuss one book each month and the program will run from September through May.

"We were really happy with the participation last year," said Library Director Paul McCann.

"We had about 10 or 12 regular members in the group which made for some lively discussions," McCann said he expected many members from last year's group to return.

"There will be limited space to join last year's group, but

we're hoping there will be enough interest to form a second and possibly a third discussion group.

"We have a pretty democratic group when it comes to selecting titles," McCann said. Books read by the group last year included "A Civil Action" by Jonathan Harr, "Children of Men" by P.D. James, "Here on Earth" by Alice Hoffman, "The Color of Water" by James McBride and "Undaunted Courage" by Stephen Ambrose.

"We usually try to choose titles which are in paperback, rather than hard cover to keep the costs down and we try to find ones which have reading guides produced by the publishers."

Although all group members must buy or otherwise obtain copies of the selections, McCann noted the library purchases copies of the titles se-

lected by the group.

"The library receives a discount anywhere between 25-40 percent of the cover price for these books and we pass that discount on to the group members."

Anyone interested in participating in the book discussion group should come to the Aug. 17 organizational meeting. If you are unable to attend, please call the library at 426-4477 for more information.

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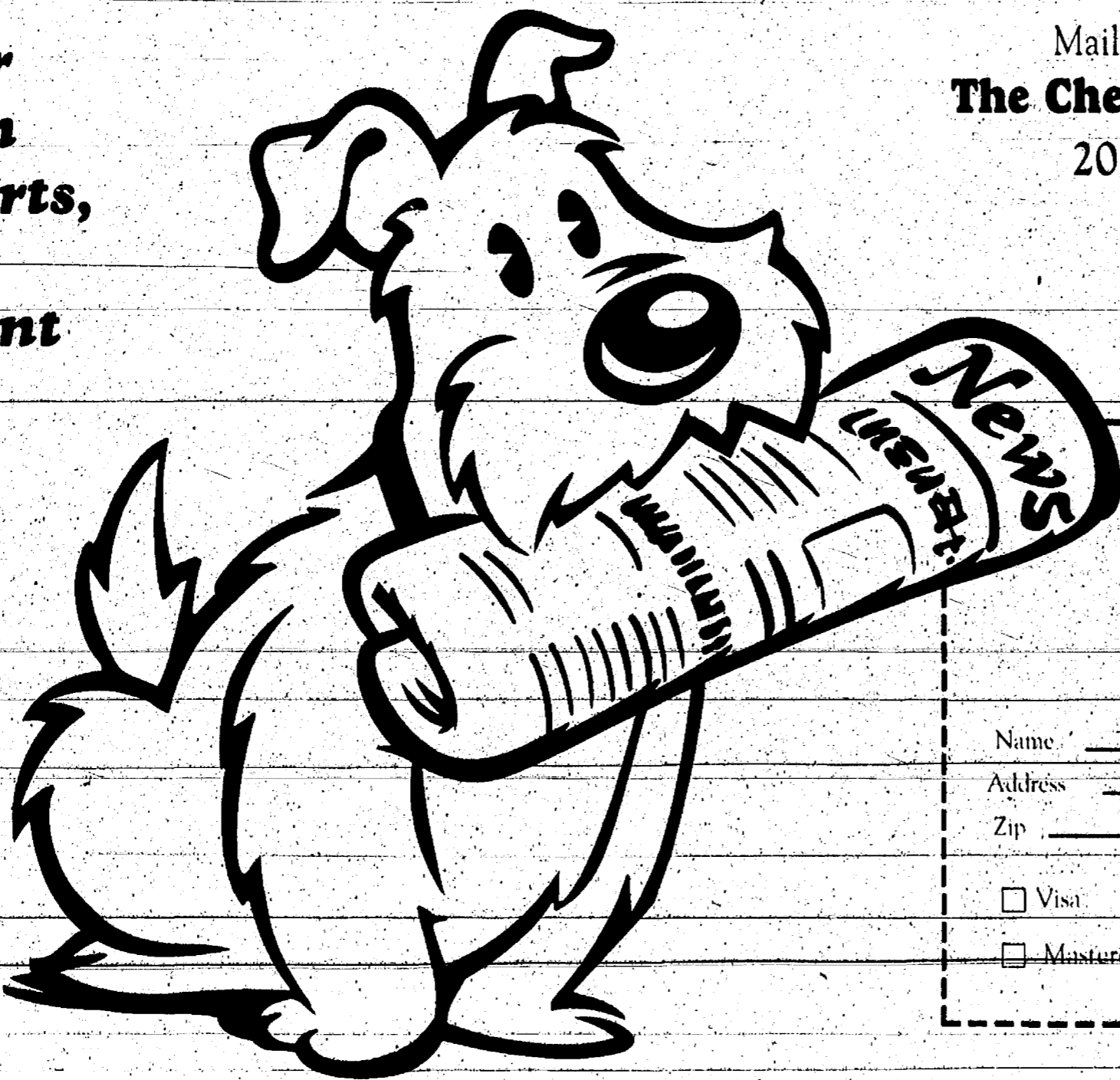
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Sparky Anderson

By Carrie Young and Joe Prigun

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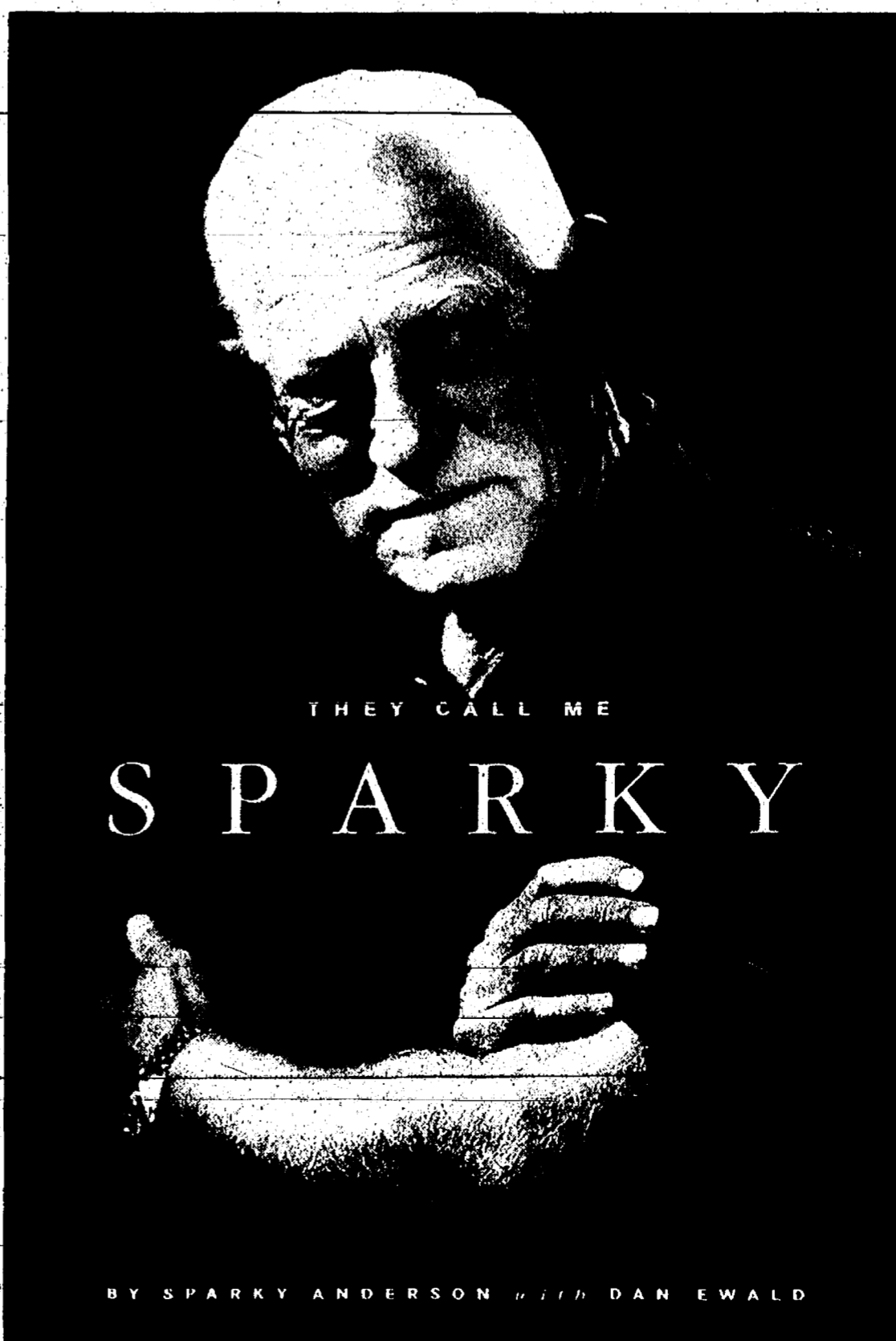
He's the only manager to have won a World Series in both leagues.

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Sparky is a baseball icon — a single-named legend who made a career out of winning as well as being a mentor.

There's nothing more precious to Sparky than his passion for our youth. He created a charity to help underprivileged hospitalized children in Detroit when no one thought it could be done. And he tirelessly preaches — and practices — the importance of honesty, integrity, commitment and discipline.

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Ms. Senior America Pageant

(Part 1 of 2 Parts)

In the golden days of radio and television broadcasting, host Jack Bailey asked as his opening question on each program: "Would you like to be *Queen for a Day*?" The answer shouted from the audience was an emphatic "yes!" The winner would be chosen from average people who were thoughtful, sharing with or supportive to others, and could converse with personality. If they had talent, all the better.

The golden days have returned as mature women from this region can enter and have the opportunity to win the Ms. National Senior Citizens Pageant. Not a beauty competition, the annual non-profit program seeks applicants age 55-or-better (as of October 11, 1998) who exemplify tal-

ent, ability, grace, energy and achievement in their mature years.

"This is the one national opportunity for mature women to be recognized for the great people they are."

— Marcelle Bear

ent, ability, grace, energy and achievement in their mature years.

"This is the one national opportunity for mature women to be recognized for the great people they are," stated Marcelle Bear, executive producer of the pageant staged in Joliet, Illinois. Bear was a board member and producer of the long-established

Chicago-area and Illinois pageants, and helped launch the national recognition program in 1991.

Entrants come from throughout the nation, many sponsored by local area pageants, businesses, senior centers or mature market publications. This year's event stages October 7-11 at the famed Rialto Theatre in Joliet, some 40 miles from Chicago. A \$25 application fee qualifies the entrant; and a \$250 local area sponsorship covers hotel accommodations, most meals and other costs for the participant at the event.

Participant costs are reasonable because national sponsors, including McDonald's restaurants, United Airlines, the City of Joliet, Joliet Township, and Days Inns of Shorewood, underwrite many of the pageant costs. Administrative costs are low because the non-profit pageant is run by volunteers experienced in management and production.

First prize winner of the Ms. National Senior Citizens Pageant receives \$1,000 in cash plus complimentary round-trip airline tickets for two anywhere United Airlines flies within the continental

United States. Runners-up receive cash and/or merchandise awards.

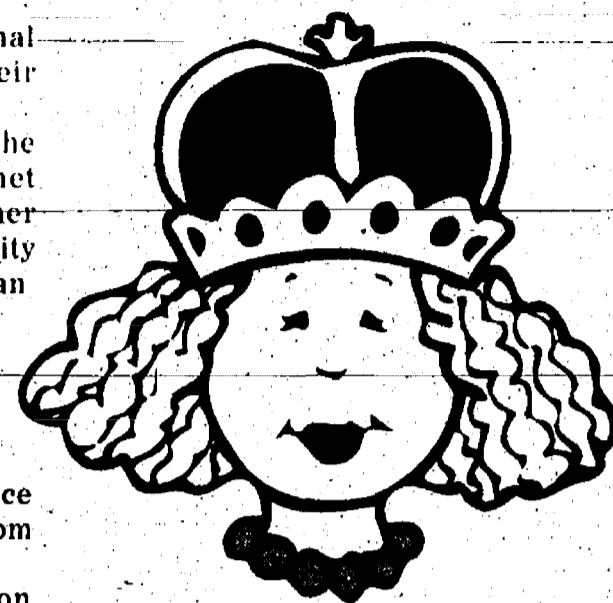
Recent winners include: Ruby Vinson of Sarasota, Florida, a pianist; comedienne Dottie Talbott from Dublin, Virginia; Anita Caselli, a singer from Las Vegas, Nevada; and Helen Wallace who performed jazz ballet, from Loudonville, New York.

Entrants may not be professional entertainers, those who make their living from performing.

"Talent may be from any of the performing arts," said Janet Karavites, pageant producer. "Other categories — such as personality and poise, how someone does in an interview, their interests and community involvement — are equally as important." There is no bathing suit competition; and an earlier evening gown event has been reduced in rating importance as more equitable to entrants from all economic levels.

"In a nation still focused on youth, the Ms. National Senior Citizens Pageant has been established to recognize the fine, traditional values of America's mature women," stated Karavites. "The pageant has grown each year in the number of participants and the states and regions represented. We have gained even greater recognition for the women participants with increasing media reportage and, soon, expanded television coverage. With this growth and strength we can now invite and welcome all the more participants from throughout the United States."

An individual may nominate and sponsor herself. Or, a community organization, business or publication may request the privilege of operating its own competition and providing the application and sponsorship fees and travel costs. Organizations and businesses may contact Marcelle Bear at (630) 289-2810. With an August 30, 1998, entry



deadline, there is still time for a business or organization to be involved as local sponsor for this year's event.

"Participants gain a lot from the pageant," said Bear. "They not only enjoy and gain from the week of activities, they share stories and experiences and meet new friends."

For information on the national pageant and recognition, individuals and/or potential sponsoring organizations should write: Ms. National Senior Citizens Pageant, 91 Irving Park Road, Streamwood, IL 60107. Entry deadline is August 30, 1998, so for quicker response, call (630) 289-2810.

Queen for a Day is no longer with us. But the Ms. National Senior Citizens Pageant is — the major event recognizing the best in mature women. There is a national crown plus cash and travel prizes to be won. It is an honor which may come to a woman from Michigan.

Register for Michigan Senior Olympics

By Carrie Young

Michigan Senior Olympics (MSO) enters its 19th year providing health, wellness and fitness opportunities for the 50-plus people in our state.

"MSO has over 6,000 participating athletes and it is very possible that one or more of our members is living in your community," says Carrie Montcalm, Director of MSO.

There are many stories to tell about MSO regarding athletes who have dedicated themselves to having and maintaining a high quality of life.

Here are stories of personal courage by overcoming health challenges in order to compete.

"Stories of athletes who made the decision to be active later in life, such as the 95-year-old race walker dedicated to a daily training

program in order to compete on the state and national level," noted Carrie.

According to Carrie, MSO is the "fastest growing organization for people fifty and older."

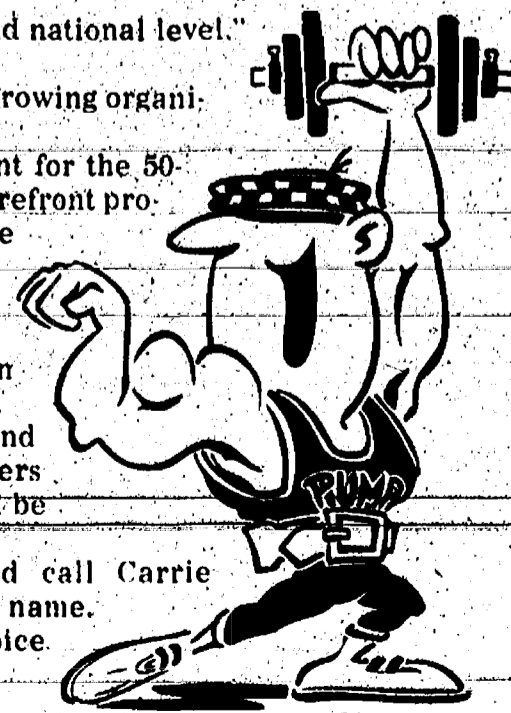
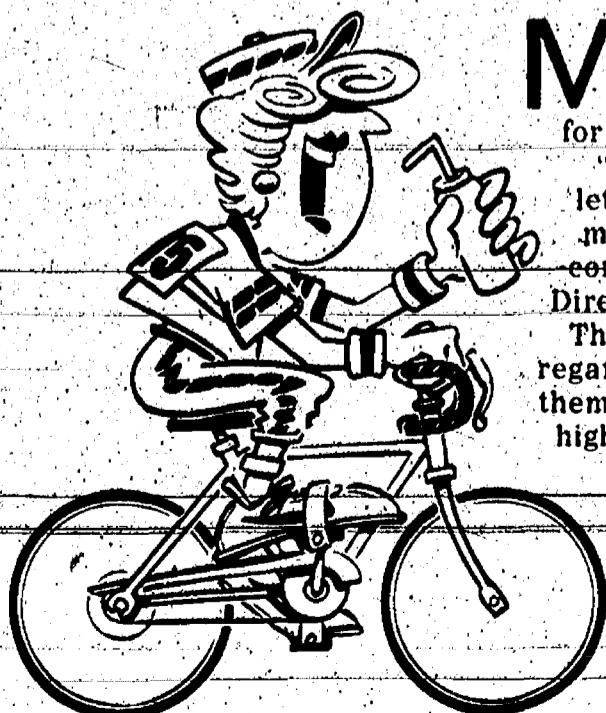
Also, MSO is the largest multi-sport event for the 50-plus population in Michigan, and is in the forefront promoting healthier lifestyles and furthering the senior sports movement.

This year, 1,349 athletes participated in Frankenmuth and Battle Creek.

Eligibility: To participate you must turn fifty (50) by December 31, 1998.

Note: The difference between medal and ribbon is medal event winners are qualifiers for the 1999 National Senior Games that will be held at Disney World in October.

For More Information: Persons should call Carrie Montcalm at (247) 608-0250, and leave a name, address, and telephone number on the voice mail.



Sparky

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"How much money does it take for a person to be considered a success?" queried Sparky Anderson. "A million dollars? Two million? Ten million? How about none of the above? How about just a dime and a smile," Sparky said.

Sparky told *Conquest* success is one of those sneaky words that can trick an Einstein into looking like a dummy.

"It's a sucker term," Sparky noted. "Sometimes it makes my stomach shiver."

"A lot of people think I twist words so much they wind up looking like a pretzel. The writers call

them 'Sparkyisms.'

"And they're right. I don't always get the right word in the right place at the right time. Sometimes I might even make up a word if it fits better than any of the words I know."

"I don't make no mistakes about success, though. That's one word I understand right down to the bone. I know if you try to judge success by the amount a person makes then you don't have a clue about what it really means."

"When it comes to people, there ain't nobody in the world better than anybody."

Off the baseball field, Sparky has

opened another world and passion.


It's called CATCH, the children's charity founded in 1987 by Sparky. (CATCH, Caring Athletes Team for Children's & Henry Ford Hospitals, is a non-profit children's charity dedicated to raising money to fund items and services that help improve the quality of life for sick, injured and needy pediatric patients.)

In a time of high salaries and pampered athletes, many will find inspiration from this unpretentious man. Sparky's gift for communicating touched the lives of his players by making them better players, but more importantly, better people.



"How much money does it take for a person to be considered a success? A million dollars? Two million? Ten million? How about just a dime and a smile?"

—Sparky Anderson



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Letters to the Editor

In response to
the article:

**Vic Damone - 50th Year in
Show Biz**

I have been a Vic Damone fan for many, many years and have had fan clubs for him years ago — he is the very best talent going and would love to hear from any Damone fans... or if anyone knows of any personal appearances he will be making.

I was blessed to here Vic Damone sing before he became a big star. He sang at an upstate TB sanitarium in late '45. He was GREAT then and still is.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY VIC DAMONE!!!

Glad to see you quoted the great Sinatra as saying Vic Damone — "the singer with the best vocal equipment in the business."

... And "OH... that... Towering... Feeling...!!!
as the introduction song on his TV show started many a palpitation this side of the TV screen.

Well... 50 YRS. huh?!!

I would like to leave a little message (who knows if he'll ever see it).

But Vic, when the kids were strong for Elvis — it was you... In '55 or thereabouts: ON THE STREET WHERE YOU LIVE was where I lived all the thousands of times I played your song. Do you remember a recording of JUNIOR MISS?

To the greatest Italian singer, I wish you well!!!

Hello, I am from the Netherlands and my girlfriend lives in Florida and her name is Diane. I have heard that Vic Damone should have a song called Diane. Can you inform me if this is true and if yes could you give me the album name and I will be very happy with your information. Thanks in advance.

I first had the pleasure of seeing & hearing Mr. Damone at the Fox Theatre in St. Louis, Mo. I think the year was 1949 or '50. I was an usher there at that time, maybe on the job for one week. The moment the man opened his mouth and that marvelous voice filled that lovely old theatre I was an immediate fan. So much so that I made myself comfortable in one of the seats that very day. I also lost my job, but it was sure worth it. I hope some day I will have the pleasure of meeting my favorite male vocalist of all time.

In response to the article: Steve Allen

It was very well written and entertaining. I was wondering if you know of a way to reach Steve Allen by e-mail or phone... my mother worked with Steve Allen a long time ago... it would be interesting to find out if he remembered her.

Thank you for your time.

**In response to the article: Soupy Sales — 19,000 Pies
in the Face**

Very nice article about Soupy. I have his article now on my Joey Reynolds Show Fan Club Home Page. Friends of Joey, WOR Radio, New York City. Home Page is:

<http://members.aol.waymur4/joey/index.htm>

**In response to the article: Sid Caesar — Legendary
Comic**

Sir: Urgent I get in touch with Mr. Caesar. I am the nephew of Sid White (formerly Sid Weiss), a

boyhood friend of Mr. Caesar in Yonkers. I have lost touch with my uncle and wish to know if Mr. Caesar knows of his current whereabouts. I have tried to call my uncle in Brooklyn but his phone is disconnected. I wrote to his old address and did not receive my letter back, so it must have been forwarded. Still no word. I would appreciate any information and thank you for passing my request onto Mr. Caesar.

**In response to the article: Phyllis Diller — New
Beginnings Are Brightening Her Tomorrow**

So glad to see two articles on Phyllis Diller.

Great article of facts of this talented woman who I adore! I try to act like her, locally here in clubs, but I just cannot spit the lines out fast in my monologues like she does. I love life and have always had a sense of humor and my aunt always told me I would be a comedienne someday... my dream is to have Phyllis clone me and hone me as herself... she is beautiful inside and out!

**In response to the article: Orville Redenbacher —
The Popcorn King**

Where can I buy Orville Redenbacher's caramel microwave popcorn at? I live in Beverly Hills, CA and have been unable to locate it in the stores. Can you help please? Thank you.

**In response to the article: New Choices For Women
with Osteoporosis**

I am taking 1 mg of Estrace and 1.25 of Provera. I have been told to continue this regimen and to walk daily. I am to also lift light weights. I have a bone loss of -1/2 at the spine and -2 at the hip. Can a person take Fosamax along with HRT? Please reply. I am 53 years old and the bone loss is comparing me with women my age. I am post-menopausal.

**In response to the article: Mr. and Mrs. Hockey —
Gordie and Colleen Howe**

I thought this article was outstanding, because Gordie Howe is my idol. I learned some stuff I didn't know about Gordie and his wife. My biggest thrill in my life was when I almost met Gordie Howe in person. Some day I hope I will get to meet him. By the way I really enjoyed this article on Gordie and his wife.

Thanks.

Great article! This really brings back the memories. Colleen and Gordie. I was the goalie from Soo Mich. and St. Clair Shores that always played against Mark and Marty.

Yes, it is true, I am still alive and still playing goal. Say hey to Mark and Marty and where will the next camp for seniors be held? I have always wanted Gordie to shoot on me.

I have kept in touch with R. Palmer and a few of the other guys.

All for now.

In response to
the article:

Meijer — Three

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My husband and I work for Meijer, both team leaders and I just wanted to say

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In response to the article: Lillian Vernon

For months I have been wondering how to get one of those catalogues. Wonder if she is on the Internet. The article did not say. Is there somewhere I can go to get on the mailing list??

**In response to the article: Joan Rivers —
Survivor**

Ms. Rivers, if you actually read this note, I want you to know how much I admire you and your work. I never miss a chance to see you on TV. I love when you're on "Politically Incorrect." I have seen you in person twice. Once in Memphis at the Mud Island Amphitheatre in 1985 and at the Cafe Pierre in the Pierre Hotel in NYC, right after the Princess Diana dress auction. I also had tickets (now in my scrapbook) to see you at the Grand Casino in Biloxi, Mississippi, but Hurricane Danny prohibited me from making the trip. I also recently got an invitation to a dinner that you are co-chairing with Carroll Petrie. Unfortunately, the cost of the dinner prohibits me from attending. I have read all your books and I think you're wonderful. Keep up the good work, and keep making us smile.

**In response to the article: Jimmy Stewart... It Is a
Wonderful Life**

Hello, great page! I'm looking for a couple of items that pertain to Jimmy Stewart. First of all, I am wanting a copy of his poem he read on the Johnny Carson Show called, "A dog named Bo." Secondly, I would like to find out where I could get a copy of his movie with Bette Davis, called, "Right of Way." If you have any ideas, please e-mail me. Thanks.

**In response to the article: Here's The Opportunity of
Being Revived After Death**

I was really interested in the article and wanted to know where to find more information on cryonics. Thanks.

**In response to the article: HAP Provides
Comprehensive coverage**

Everyone says that nothing is free... that is not true. This extensive coverage is absolutely free and has a wide range of doctors and specialists. I love it!

In response to the article: Great General

I think that many lives were saved in Desert Storm by the actions of the general. I watched on TV and admired his leadership. I was in the Korean conflict.

I'm not sure you can help me. I read your article but I was actually looking for a speech that General Schwarzkopf gave on leadership. The only thing I found so far on the net was the "Eleven commandments for leaders." I would like to know if you can help me find a copy of this speech either on paper or tape?

Cyd Charisse — She Paired Up With Gene Kelly

By Carrie Young, Executive Editor

TCM will salute one of the screen's great dancing stars with a tribute to Cyd Charisse every Wednesday in October.

Although her reign as a musical star was brief — covering just five years in the fifties — Charisse remains a favorite with fans of the genre for her dancing and sultry good looks.

Paired with Gene Kelly in *Singin' In The Rain* (1952) and *Brigadoon* (1954), Dan Dailey in *Meet Me In Las Vegas* (1956) and, most effectively, Fred Astaire in *The Band Wagon* (1953) and *Silk Stockings* (1957), she showed just how sexy good, clean family entertainment could be.

Astaire dubbed his last great big-screen dancing partner "beautiful dynamite," a fitting description for the glamour queen of MGM's classic musi-

icals. That title was a long time coming, however, for although Cyd Charisse seemed marked for stardom almost from the start of her career, a series of unlucky breaks kept her from reaching the top for over a decade.

Tula Ellice Finklea started dancing lessons when she was six and joined the legendary Ballet Russe during its American tour in the late 1930's. With the outbreak of World War II, she had to

leave the company before its return to Europe. Instead, she went to Hollywood, debuting with a small role in *Mission To Moscow* (1943) under the name Lily Norwood. She then re-dubbed herself Cyd Charisse, combining a childhood nickname with her married name (she had wed teacher/choreographer Nico Charisse in 1939).

As a contract player at MGM she played supporting roles in films like *The Harvey Girls* (1946) with Judy Garland, and *Fiesta* (1947) with Esther Williams. Her work in those pictures caught producer Arthur Freed's eye, and he chose her for a role in *Easter Parade* (1948). Unfortunately, she broke her leg, and the role became Ann Miller's entree to the studio.

So, Charisse returned to supporting roles. She scored a bit hit performing the "Dance of Fury" with Ricardo Montalban and Ann Miller in the Frank Sinatra vehicle *The Kissing Bandit* (1949). Then Freed chose another star-making vehicle for her, the lead in *An American In Paris* (1951). But fate stepped in again when she became pregnant, and Leslie Caron made her screen debut in the Gene Kelly musical.

Gene Kelly eventually cast her in a small but eye-catching role in *Singin' In The Rain*. As his dancing partner in the "Broadway Melody" ballet, she had no lines, but her glamorous get up as a twenties gangster's moll and her sensual dancing shot her to stardom. As a result, Freed cast her as Astaire's dancing partner in *The Band Wagon*, where their performances of "Dancing in the Dark" and "The Girl Hunt Ballet" cemented her popularity. She followed with dazzling musical turns in *Brigadoon*, *It's Always Fair Weather* (1955), *Meet Me In Las Vegas* and *Silk Stockings*.

By the late fifties, however, musicals were declining in popularity. Despite strong dramatic turns in director Nicholas Ray's cult favorite *Party Girl* (1958) and Vincente Minnelli's *Two Weeks In Another Town* (1952), Charisse's big screen career faded. She has continued in the limelight through nightclub appearances, often with her second husband, singer Tony Martin, and stage work in the Australian company of *No, No, Nanette* and the Broadway company of *Grand Hotel — The Musical*. Even in her late seventies, Charisse continues to be a "beautiful dynamite," amazing fans with her lithe movements and youthful glamour at revival premieres, in documentaries on the golden age of Hollywood and even in a Janet Jackson video.

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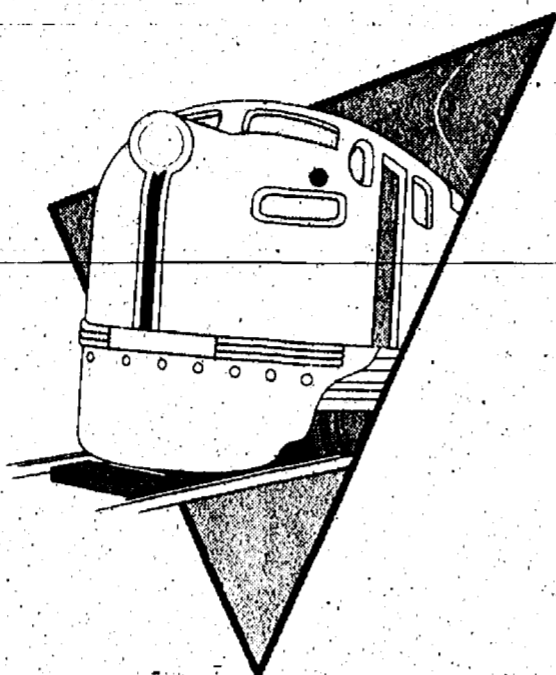
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By Larry Swartz, Travel Writer

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Nelson lawyer Blair

Suffredine and his 14-year-old son James have come up with a quick, easy and relatively inexpensive way to prepare your last will and testament via the Internet.

"It was prompted by James wanting me to do a personal web page for my company on the Internet and I couldn't see any value to doing that," the senior Suffredine explained. "But I kept thinking about what could be done on the web that would be useful and productive."

After giving it some thought the Suffredines came up with the idea of skipping a trip to the lawyer's office and making wills easily accessible to those on the information superhighway. Blair said it was a perfect match since most lawyers don't rate the preparing of wills as a priority.

"Most lawyers do them (wills) to build a client base," said Blair. "They do them at a lower cost than the time it takes; because they get to meet more people and once they establish a client they hope that person will come back for anything else they need."

James researched the subject on his home computer and found there were no web sites which could offer users an instant product. There were several web sites where you can provide information and then have the will sent in four to six weeks, but none provided a document within 15 minutes.

The Suffredines recruited a

Peace of Mind

By Bob Hall, Special Contributor to Conquest

local web site designer. Blair provided the information and James added his computer expertise where he could.

The result is www.yourwill.net — a web page that walks the user through the steps of making a will and asks them to input their own personal information. The 30-plus page site also provides the user with all the information needed about wills they will ever need to know. After 15 minutes of typing in your information all you need do is hit "print." have two adults witness it by signing the document and presto, peace of mind.

"A lot of people are afraid of lawyers and they think they're expensive. We're not intending to tap into the market of people who would otherwise want to see a lawyer, we recommend that," said Blair. "But for those people that say 'I don't have one and I'm not going to get one if I have to make an appointment with a lawyer... this will do the job and it will do it very inexpensively.'"

Blair said, "Many people don't

like to think about writing a will and put it off, so one of the major advantages of the web site is that it can be called up at any time.

"They think of them at three remarkable times — they're sick, they're going on a major holiday, they're getting divorced," he said. "For instance if they are going on

holidays, they're in a hurry. They are leaving on holidays and want to get it done right now in case the plane crashes. Most times you can't accommodate them — with this program you can do it in 15 minutes."

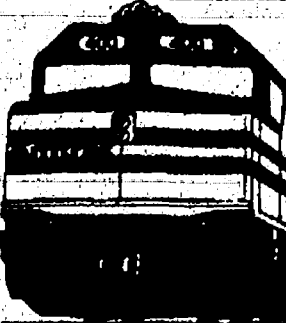
The Suffredines are charging \$35 for a service which usually runs between \$100 and \$200. When you pull up the web page on your computer, you will find some information about the site and if you decide to go through with making the will, a credit card number is required.

Since wills are a standard document in the British Commonwealth and the United States, the Suffredines figure there is a market of a half billion people for the product.

At first James was not overly thrilled to be making a web page that was heavy on the legal jargon but with the prospect that it could become a lucrative business the grade 9 Trafalgar Junior High student soon changed his mind.

"Before we got a single dollar in the door, he got a Jet Ski," joked Blair.

The finished product has also got James thinking about other possible web sites in the legal area like divorce documents and powers of attorney. But unlike his dad, the young Suffredine is not interested in getting into the courtroom. "I don't want to be a lawyer. I want to stay with the computer," said James.




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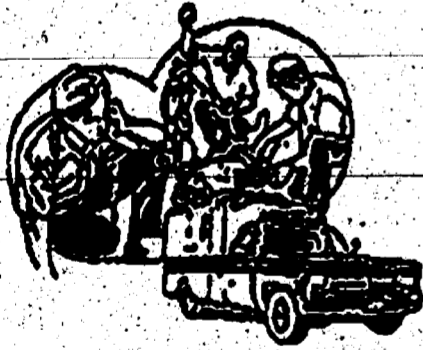
Traveling may not slow down the birthdays but it certainly is a great way to celebrate them. Asked what she thought of her vacation one participant put it simply: "Sublime," she said, "just sublime."

To get a copy of Explorations in Travel's brochure of outdoor and cultural travel for women over 40 contact them at: Explorations in Travel, Inc. 275 Jacksonville Stage Rd., Brattleboro, VT 05301 phone: 802-257-0152 fax: 802-257-2784 email: explore@sover.net.

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