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Parents sue schools over athletic code

By Brian Hamilton
 Managing Editor

Parents of students who were suspended from athletic competition for violating the school district's athletic code of conduct are suing the district in Washtenaw County Circuit Court.

Joseph Kummer, Robert Mida, Daniel McGuire and Deborah Richard refused a settlement offered this week by the school district to end the suspensions before the final game. As it stood, the suspensions would have ended at 8:45 p.m. on Oct. 30, or probably early in the second half.

In September it looked as though the matter was settled when the Board of Education voted during a special meeting to suspend the football players for 30

days.

However, last week the district was informed that the parents had sought a temporary restraining order in circuit court to stop the suspensions. Judge David S. Swartz denied the request but set a hearing for Friday. He urged the parties to try to settle before then.

That's when the district made its offer. According to Superintendent Ed Richardson, the parents wanted the suspensions lifted in time for this week's game at Pinckney, which the district refused. The hearing has been canceled.

The players were suspended for an incident in June involving the theft of alcohol from the Chelsea Rod & Gun Club. It has been a contentious issue ever since as the parents have questioned how much authority the

district should have over their kids.

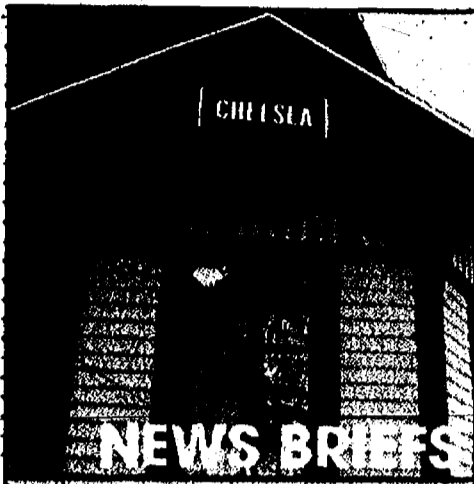
Richardson said he would recommend that the district's offer still stand for any family willing to hold the district harmless in the matter.

"I believe it's right for the kids and the resources of the school district," Richardson said.

The law suit was filed on behalf of the parents by the American Civil Liberties Union. ACLU handles the case at no charge.

The parents are seeking the removal of the suspension from the students' records, as well as affirmation that they are right in their concerns, according to ACLU attorney Mark Hugger, who's handling the case. They are not seeking monetary damages.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Village working to fix Y2K bug

The village of Chelsea is currently assessing the problems it could face in the year 2000, according to Village Manager Jack Myers. He told the Village Council Oct. 13 that the village is looking over all the computer systems and getting confirmation from vendors to assure that the systems won't crash when the calendar turns over.

With its own power, water and sewage systems, the village has a lot to look over, Myers said. Several items will have to be upgraded or replaced.

Village buys new wood chipper

Chelsea Village Council spent \$28,500 on a new wood chipper Oct. 13. The council voted to buy a Velmar Chipper to dispose of cut trees. The chipper was purchased with a vertical intake, because it offered the safest operation.

Village leases parking lot

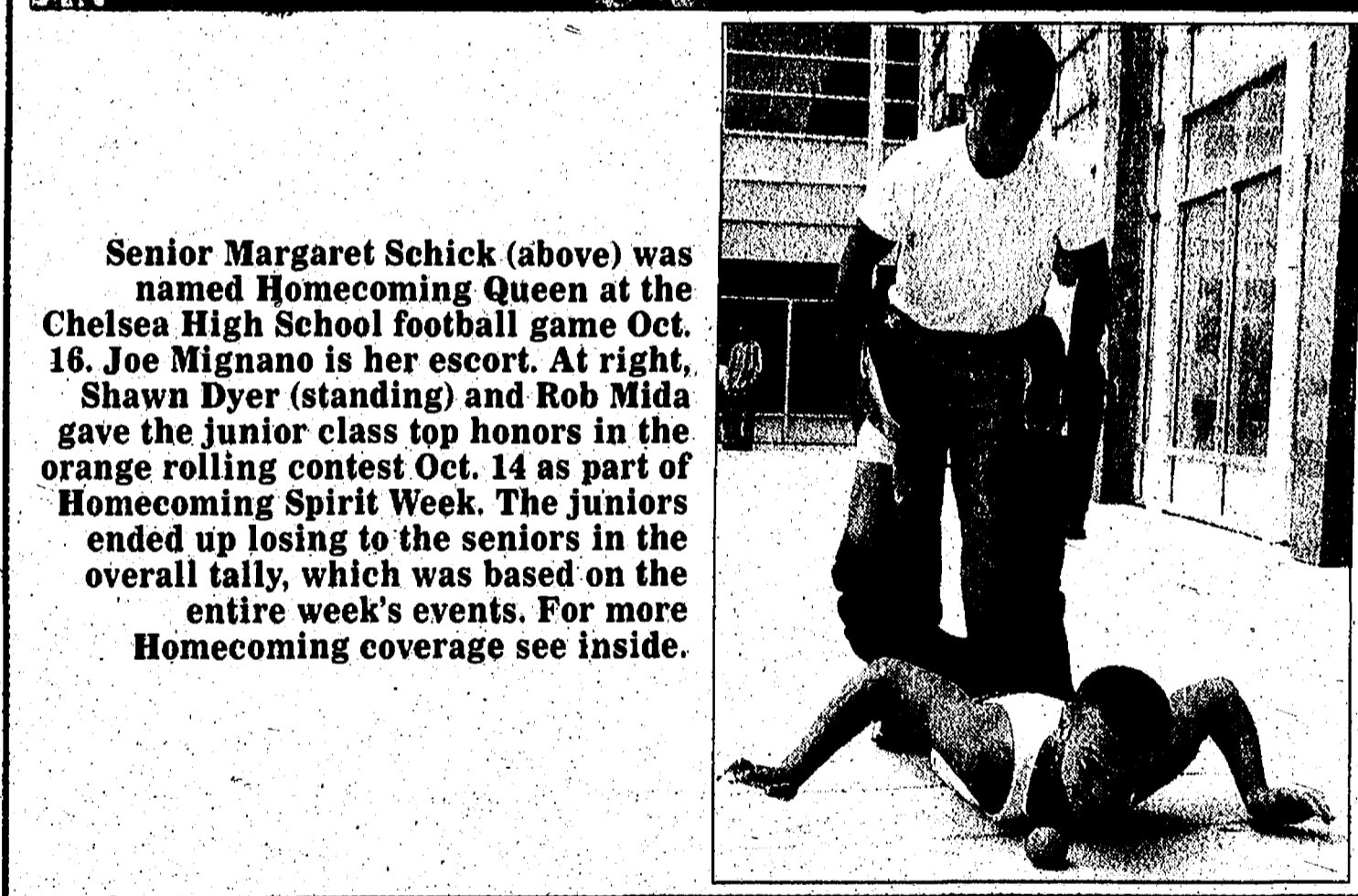
The Village Council signed on to lease several parking spaces from Sheridan Springer Oct. 13, at its regular meeting. The parking is currently in use by the village, but this makes a formal arrangement that Springer will not pay taxes on the parking spaces. The village will not pay for the spaces other than the reduction in taxes.

BookCrafters receives tax abatement

BookCrafters Inc. received a tax abatement on \$2.5 million in personal property Oct. 13 after a hearing at the Village Council's meeting. The company will pay 50 percent less in taxes on the property for seven years.

BookCrafters President Gary Davis told the council that the abatement would provide 20 new jobs in the area.

Homecoming



Senior Margaret Schick (above) was named Homecoming Queen at the Chelsea High School football game Oct. 16. Joe Mignano is her escort. At right, Shawn Dyer (standing) and Rob Mida gave the junior class top honors in the orange rolling contest Oct. 14 as part of Homecoming Spirit Week. The juniors ended up losing to the seniors in the overall tally, which was based on the entire week's events. For more Homecoming coverage see inside.

Japanese students visit Chelsea on cultural exchange between schools

By Eric Bowen
 Staff Writer

The Chelsea-Shimizu exchange program marked its fifth year last week as 15 students from the Japanese city arrived for a weeklong visit of cultural understanding. The arrival of the Japanese students rekindled friendships made in June when Chelsea kids traveled across the Pacific.

Two friends reunited by last week's trip were 15-year-old Rumiko Kojima and 13-year-old Katie Horazdovsky. Though she didn't live with Kojima on her trip, Horazdovsky and Kojima became friends during the

Beach Middle School student's trip.

"She's a lot like me," Horazdovsky says. "We both like doing the same things. I feel like I've known her forever."

When Kojima arrived, the two girls quickly found they both enjoyed shopping and talking with friends. Another similarity between Chelsea and Shimizu is that they both have clock towers, though the one in Shimizu plays Beethoven's "Ode to Joy."

An artist, Kojima says one of her favorite activities while in Chelsea was making stained glass. She also liked making Halloween decorations out of

pumpkins, which are unknown in Japan.

Horazdovsky characterized Kojima as extremely generous and says Kojima has a good sense of humor. Kojima also likes to play with her dog, Libby.

Kojima says she sees many differences between Chelsea and Shimizu, including bigger trees and roads, and people with hair color other than black. But the biggest difference is also the most difficult.

"Everyone speaks English," she says.

Horazdovsky also found differences in the two cultures. She

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Election gives voters numerous options

By Eric Bowen
 Staff Writer

Picking up the marking pen at the Nov. 3 election will net voters an array of options, from national representatives down to township officials. A variety of proposals are also on the ballot, waiting for residents to say "yea" or "nay."

On the local level, all of the officials are running unopposed.

In Lima Township, Republican Gary Adams is running to finish the remaining two years of the term of Andrew Adrian, who resigned last November. Adams was appointed to fill the position until the next general election.

Adams, 58, is a retired engineer, who moved to Lima township 10 years ago. He and his wife, Janet, have two daughters and a son. Adams has been involved in the Huron River Watershed Council Middle Huron Initiative, Student Assistance Program Advisory Council, the Ann Arbor Township Board of Review, Interfaith Counseling Services Board, Arbor Haven Advisory Board, and church and anti-drug organizations.

Republican Nanette Havens is looking to fill the post of Lima Township treasurer. Havens, 50, was appointed to the position in January of 1997 after the death of Treasurer Betty Messman, and will fulfill the remaining two years of the treasurer's term.

Havens works as an office manager and tax preparer. She has lived in Lima Township for 21 years, and has three children.

Dexter Township Supervisor Robert Tetens, an independent,

is seeking election to finish the remaining two years of the office. Tetens was appointed to the post in August of last year, after Supervisor John Sdao's resignation.

Tetens, 45, is the executive director of the Ann Arbor-Ypsilanti Urban Area Transportation Study and a former planning commissioner for Dexter Township. If elected, he will finish out the remaining two years of the term.

In Webster Township, Republican Dean Fisher, 62, is seeking re-election to finish out the term of longtime supervisor Don Zeeb. Fisher was appointed to replace Zeeb after Zeeb's death in December of 1997. Fisher was elected as a trustee in 1996.

Fisher works as director of operations for a local optical company. He has owned land in the township since 1965, but lived in Colorado for nine years before moving back in 1993. He worked on the township's board of review and zoning board of appeals. He and his wife, Nancy, have four daughters.

Republican Karl Fink is running for a trustee position in Webster Township. He replaced Fisher when Fisher took over the supervisor position.

Republican Joe Yekulis, a Chelsea resident, has two challengers in his bid to retain his District 1 county commissioner seat. Democrat Wendy Burkhardt and Libertarian James Hudler are running against Yekulis, who has served two terms as commissioner.

In county District 3, 71-year-old Richard DeLong is running

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extremely clean and schools are less crowded. She also found using chop sticks to be a challenge.

Kojima says that she wanted to come to Chelsea because her brother traveled here on the exchange in previous years. She also wanted to see all of the students she had met when they traveled to Japan. Her family has hosted two students and middle school teacher Carol Strahler, who was adviser to the student's trip.

Kojima was lucky to be in Chelsea, because the Japanese government only recently allowed more than one member of a family to travel on the

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— Andrea Maines
Beach teacher

exchange. The trip to the United States is funded by the government.

Joey Verge, 14, also traveled to Shimizu and is hosting a student. Verge says Shimizu seemed a lot bigger than Chelsea and was surrounded by forest.

He said it's been hard hosting a student because of the language barrier. His student, Tomokazu Arisawa, didn't speak much English, and Verge doesn't know Japanese.

"It's kind of weird because he doesn't know a lot of English," Verge says. "But it's been fun. We've toured a lot of places I haven't been myself."

Verge says the two spent most of their time speaking the international language of video games. He says they both liked sports games. Verge and Arisawa also played air hockey.

Arisawa is also extremely polite and cleans up everything, Verge says. The Japanese boy bows and says thank you for even small favors.

The most difficult part of the exchange was learning Arisawa's name, Verge says.

Arisawa has two brothers and a sister in Japan.

Beach teacher Andrea Maines, who was one of the organizers of the exchange this year, says the students were kept busy during their time in Chelsea.

She says the students had a hayride, pumpkin carving, hot dog roast and ate smores. The



Students from Shimizu, Japan, made their fourth-annual trek to Chelsea this week on a cultural exchange program between the two towns. Chelsea students Erin Byrne, Sarah Misenheimer, Elise Murphy, Katie Personke, Anna Marie Cooper, Jessica Katz, Jenny Wright, Devon Horvath, Michelle Oberholzer, Joyce Lewis, Kyle Brown and Augustine Syrovoy all hosted the Japanese visitors. The Shimizu students fly home tomorrow.

students also visited Waterloo Farm Museum for Pioneer Day the Henry Ford Museum and took a tour of Chelsea, which included Jiffy Mix and the Depot. The students also went to the University of Michigan football stadium and other athletic stadiums.

The remainder of the time the students had was spent at their

host's home.

Maines says the purpose of the Japanese students' visit is to open up the world to Beach kids. She says kids tend to think Chelsea is the world, but there is a lot more out there for them to experience.

"It's for them to see that the world is a much bigger place and that they can forge friendships with other people even with the language barrier," Maines says. "I think it helps with understanding of the world."

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without opposition. DeLong is a retired industrial engineer with plans to substitute teach in Dexter schools.

On the state level, local residents John Hansen and Julie Knight are battling for the 52nd District seat vacated by term-limited Mary Schroer.

After 14 years as superintendent of Dexter School District, Hansen, 55, retired in June to pursue the seat. Hansen, a Democrat, identifies himself with strong schools, but also has interests in the environment, welfare and maintenance of the state's infrastructure.

Republican Knight serves as Dexter Township treasurer, a post she has held for 15 years. She feels education is a top issue for the district's residents, and supports Gov. John Engler's reforms that led to charter schools and greater competition between schools. She also focuses her campaign on growth issues and strict law enforcement.

For Senate District 18, Democrat Alma Wheeler Smith is running against Republican John Hochstetler. Smith is seeking to retain her position as senator for a second term.

Incumbent Debbie Stabenow, a Democrat, has four challengers for her 8th district seat in the U.S. Congress. Susan Grimes Munsell, a Republican, John Mangopoulos of the Reform Party, Ben Steele, a Libertarian, and Patricia Allen of the Natural Law Party are all aiming for the seat.

Voters also will have a variety of proposals to accept in many races.

Dexter Township is the only local municipality with a ballot initiative. Voters will decide whether to pay an extra 1 mill for five years to fund the operation of the fire department. The tax, which would equal \$100 for a \$200,000 home assessed at half, would be used

for operation, maintenance, fire vehicles, apparatus, equipment and housing.

All local residents will get to vote on two controversial county proposals.

The first is a 4 mill tax for land preservation in the county, which will be divided among purchasing farm development rights, purchasing open space, urban revitalization and regional planning. The development rights proposal, which constitutes half of the money raised, has been divisive issue pitting farmers against farmers and developers and Realtors against environmentalists.

The second county proposal would raise taxes .25 mills for use to remodel the county jail and build a new juvenile detention center and a new day treatment center. The tax is expected to raise over \$2.2 million in the first year of the tax, which would extend over 20 years.

Washtenaw Community College is seeking a 1-mill tax increase to provide funds for operating purposes. The school is expected to receive \$8.9 million in the first 10 years of the tax, which is set to begin in 2001. The tax is a replacement for a 1-mill tax that expires in 2001.

State ballot proposal A would change the wording of the state constitution. The proposal seeks to change the word "handicapped" to "disabled."

Proposal B would allow doctors to prescribe a lethal dose of medication for terminally ill patients. The proposal, which is commonly referred to as "doctor assisted suicide," also sets up an oversight committee that keeps all records confidential, and exempt from the Freedom of Information Act.

Proposal C would authorize the state to sell bonds to pay for environmental clean-up throughout the state, including redevelopment of contaminated land and improving water quality. The \$675 million debt would be repaid from the general fund.

Haunted house to kick off this weekend at clock tower

The Chelsea Lions Club will hold the 11th annual Haunted House from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Oct. 23-24 and Oct. 29-31. The house will feature all

the typical ghouls, goblins and ghosts.

"Our goal has always been to provide a professional scare, yet not leave the little ones in nightmares," Lion Doug White said. "Over the years we've visited numerous haunted houses, learning new techniques in production, then bring the best of those ideas to Chelsea for our show."

Tickets for the Haunted House are available at the door for \$5. A special showing with the lights on will be held from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Oct. 31 for young children who might be afraid of the dark.

Board meeting rescheduled

The regular meeting of the Chelsea Board of Education has been rescheduled to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 28, at the media center of the old Chelsea High School. The board normally meets the second and fourth Mondays of every month.



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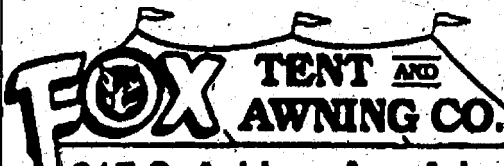
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Proposal B ... is Bad Legislation

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Ordinance change could mean higher tap fees for changing business use

By Eric Bowen

Chelsea Village Council voted in an ordinance change Oct. 13 that could make it more expensive to change the use of a building. Zoning Inspector Jim Drolett said that the change was made to ensure that increased water and sewer usage would be paid for by the building owner, not the village.

The ordinance changes require that anyone who wants to change the use of a building must get a certificate of zoning compliance, Drolett said. During the permit process, the village would check to see if the new business uses more water.

For example, if a bookstore went out of business and someone wanted to put a restaurant in the same spot, the amount of water and sewer use would be higher. Drolett said that the village would then charge the difference between the fees paid for the bookstore and the new use.

The measurement of tap fees, which are charged when a new business opens, are based on the water and sewer usage of a typical house, which counts as 1 residential equivalency unit. If the REU increases because of a change in use, the person would pay the additional tap charge.

"If someone wants to change the use, then we would go to the REU schedule and make a determination if more tap fees need to be paid," he said. "If the current REU is one and the new REU is 1.5, the person would pay an extra half REU."

The increased tap fees also would be charged if someone wants to start a home-based business, Drolett said. If the new use of a person's resi-

dence bumps it up into a higher use category, the owner of the home would have to pay additional fees. Home-based businesses are also required to pay a permit fee of \$200.

Drolett said some businesses are not allowed to be done out of the home, because they could adversely affect other people living in the neighborhood.

Similarly, if a house were converted to a duplex, an additional use fee would be paid. Drolett said this would reflect the higher usage of a second family living in the house.

Drolett said the ordinance changes cleared up a conflict between other ordinances that govern building. He said the village required a new tap fee to be assessed if a change was done, but didn't require a new permit. The permit is the way to ensure the new fees are paid, Drolett said.

The council made another change to the tap fees that changes the way square footage is figured in businesses. The amendment states that the square footage will be measured from the outside walls, and adds restrooms to the square footage.

Drolett said that before the changes, businesses were trying to measure the square footage of the building from the inside of the walls. Because many of the tap fees are figured from square footage, the village was not receiving as much money for the tap fees.

Drolett also said restrooms in restaurants were not figured into the size of the building. But he told the council that restrooms are often the biggest contributors to waste and they should be considered in the tap fees.

"Restrooms are one of the areas that impact the village

most," Drolett said.

The village also amended an ordinance governing how far back an accessory building, such as a garage or shed, could be from a property line. Accessory structures are now required to be five feet from the side and back of a property line, up from three feet in the previous ordinance.

Drolett said the changes were made to fulfill requirements for fire safety. The village's fire ordinances require that no buildings can be within 10 feet of each other.

The problem came in if one person put a structure in three feet from another person's property line. The second person would have to put a structure seven feet from the line. The new ordinance evens out the difference so each person would be required to put a structure five feet away.

Structures that are built closer than five feet are now non-conforming lots, according to Drolett. Any additions made would have to fit the new setback requirement.

In addition to the building changes, the village amended the zoning ordinance.

The village made changes to allow small animal clinics as a special use in the office zoning district. The changes were made at the request of Donna Lane, who wants to put in a clinic on the north side of Sibley Road.

Drolett said that Lane's parcel would not fit either the agricultural or commercial zoning, which both allow animal clinics, because it is an odd shape.

The council's vote did not change the actual zoning of the parcel, which still carries its agricultural zoning from when it was in Sylvan Township. Drolett said the zoning change is still under review by

the Village Planning Commission.

A separate council vote did change the zoning of another parcel on Sibley Road. The parcel, owned by Mildred Spencer, had been annexed into the village about two years ago, but had not been zoned.

The zoning change made it under a two-year deadline for zoning. If the parcel hadn't been changed, it would have been an unzoned property.

Drolett said he didn't know what effect being unzoned would have on the parcel. He said it was likely that the village would have say-so over the parcel even if it weren't zoned.

"If you had privately owned land, you could attempt to put it to use," Drolett said. "We've never had incidences where that's happened. Most of the unzoned lots are government-owned or operated."

In other business, the village appointed Dave Shiel and Al Thompson as regular members of the Village Planning Commission. Dewey Ketner, who had served as commissioner until his term expired in September, was appointed as an alternate. The terms of all three expire in 2001.

Trustee Frank Hammer made the motion to shift the responsibilities of the members, saying that he wanted to ensure alternates got a chance to serve on the full board.

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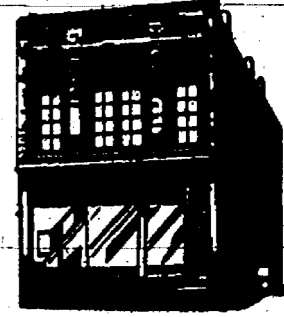
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Preschool kids get fire safety

At the end of September each year, the students of Lambs of Our Savior Christian Preschool learn about fire safety. On Sept. 30, firefighter Lynn Higelmire brought a fire engine and her two canine assistants, Aerial and Apparatus, to the school.

As the students listened, Higelmire explained and demonstrated the protective clothing and equipment firefighters wear. This demonstration allows the students to see what firefighters look like if they enter a smoke-filled home.

In the event of a fire, a child would recognize what looks a little like Darth Vader as someone there to help them, not hide from. Higelmire allowed the children to try on the clothing, which was a big hit (preschooler's love dress up, especially if it is real firefighter clothes.)

The visit included a demonstration by the fire department mascots, Aerial and Apparatus. The two Dalmatians demonstrated crawling along the ground in a smoke-filled room and how to stop, drop, and roll if your clothing catches fire.

After all their hard work, the dogs enjoyed lots of attention from the students. Comments were heard regarding the possibility of the dogs being one of the puppies from 101 Dalmatians.

Perhaps the highlight of the fire safety unit is the opportunity to climb on the fire truck. The students explored all the buttons, including the sirens, dials and hoses. Higelmire explained the buttons and helped the students up the high step onto the fire truck. For a few moments each of them had the chance to sit in the seat of a firefighter.

"Fire safety is one of the most important study units taught during the school year," said Ginger Watson, preschool director.

"If a child is in a house fire, or on the fourth of July, their clothing catches fire, from a sparkler, I want them to know exactly what to do. Teaching a child at 3 and 4 years old how to react to a fire emergency can save their life, a family member's life, or a friend's life. We want each of our students to have this very important information."

As Higelmire prepared to drive out of the parking lot of



Allison Osborn and Alexander Hicks were among the students from Lambs of Our Savior Christian Preschool to learn about fire safety recently.

the school, the students smiled and waved. They had met a real firefighter, they had sat on a fire truck and were allowed to touch the buttons.

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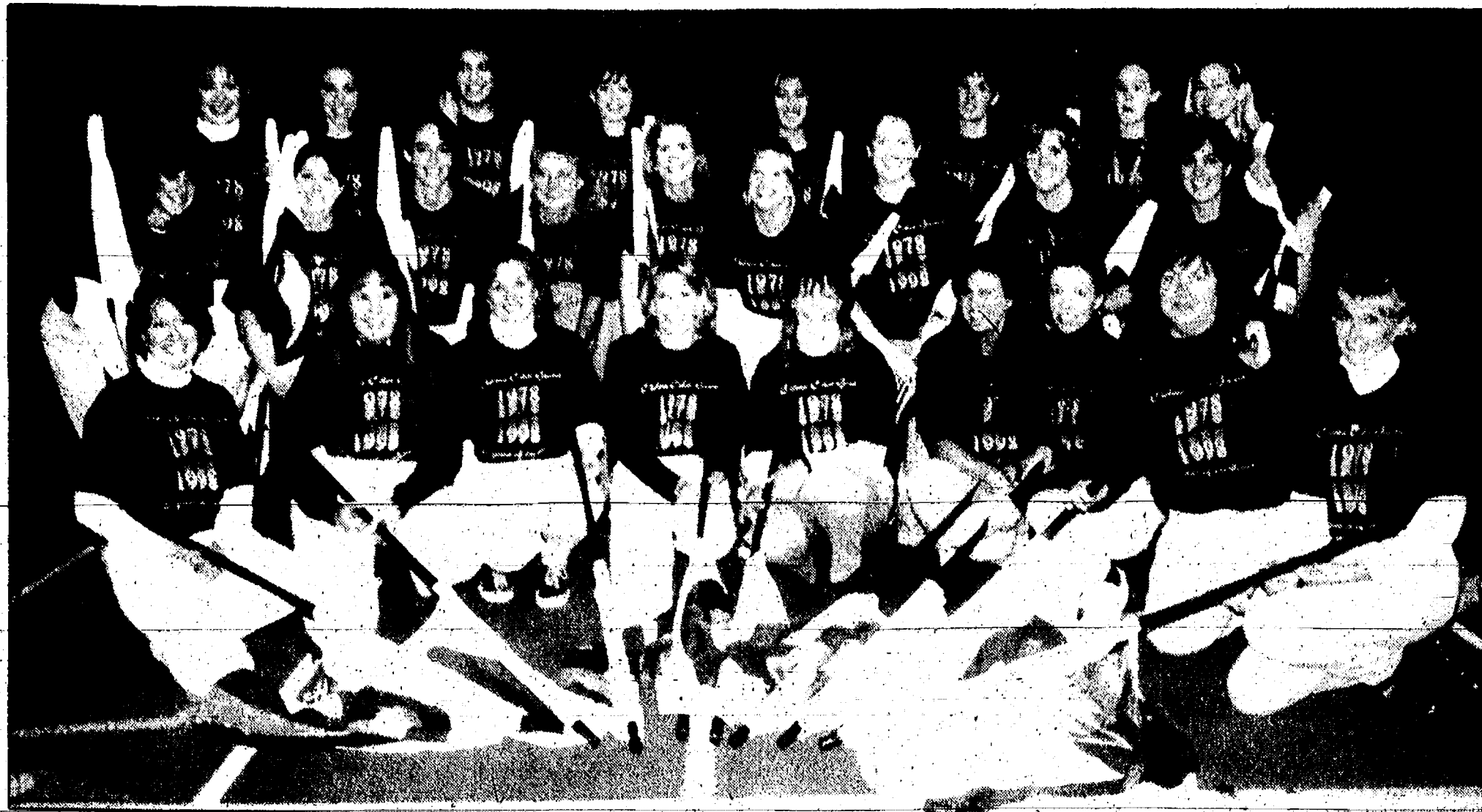
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Chelsea Flag Corps Alumnae Reunite

Past members of the Chelsea Flag Corps got together for homecoming last Friday and performed for an appreciative crowd. The Chelsea group has long been known as one of the best in the state. The women above, identified by adviser Phil Jones, are listed with the names they had as students. In front, from left, are Sally Vaught, Cindy Gerstler, Theresa Hoffman, Julie Botsford, Debbie Honbaum, Kathy Honbaum, Cindy Snyder, Michelle Alexander and

Dawn McDowell. In the second row are Richelle Jones, Erin Haywood, Phoebe Strong, Margaret Leisinger, Terri Bort, Kristen Muncer, Mercedes Hammer, Barb Scriven and Laurie Honbaum. In the third row are Michelle Mast, Rianne Jones, Jackie Riecks, Andrea Hopkins, Krystal Baird, Joellen Bell, Meghan Williams and Melody Smith.

LANSING UPDATE

GUARDIANSHIP: A seven-bill package addressing the state's guardianship laws has been introduced in the House of Representatives and taken up by the House Judiciary Committee.

House Bill 6088 establishes procedures for a family member to consent to health care decisions without going to court, if no guardian or patient advocate is named.

HB 6089 allows the court to refer a guardianship matter to mediation. HB 6090 requires the yearly collection of data on the numbers of guardianship petitions filed.

HB 6091 requires a guardian to consult with a patient before making a major decision, if meaningful communication is possible. HB 6092 requires a court be informed

if appropriate alternatives to guardianship exist.

HB 6093 prohibits giving a guardian the same powers already held by a patient advocate. HB 6094 protects people with guardians from having their homes sold without their consent or against their best interests.

The legislative package is based on the recommendations released by a Michigan Supreme Court task force. The panel was created after a widely publicized case where a professional guardian company reportedly mishandled the assets of more than 300 people in 1996.

COMMUNITY HEALTH: The House has approved a conference report on the Department of Community Health budget. Members of the

House and Senate developed the conference report to settle the differences between versions of the budget passed in the spring by the two bodies.

The budget allocates funds related to community mental health, community public health, the Office of Services to the Aging and the Medical Services Administration.

FIA WORKERS: Legislation has been introduced that would provide supplemental wages to Family Independence Agency workers assaulted while on the job.

This legislation would require the FIA to pay an employee full wages until workers' compensation benefits begin. At that time, workers would receive supplemental wages to bring their total

compensation to no more than their regular salary.

Currently, only workers at training schools and similar facilities have this protection.

DISABILITY PERMIT FINE: The House has passed HB 5898, which establishes a minimum fine of \$100 for coping, forging or selling a fake disability parking permit.

In 1994, the Legislature tightened the rules for obtaining parking permits to require a doctor's confirmation of temporary or permanent disability. The temporary permits also must be renewed every six months.

Falsifying a permit is a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of up to \$500, imprisonment for up to 30 days, or both, but does not set a minimum fine.

Area dance group plans to perform 'Nutcracker'

Chelsea's Dance Arts Performing Ensemble (DAPE), with guest performers from Jackson Fine Arts Institute, will present "The Nutcracker" Dec. 6, in Jackson and Dec. 12-13 at the new Chelsea High School auditorium.

This holiday classic will mark a first of many. It will be the first performance for DAPE in the new Chelsea High School auditorium, the first full-length ballet performed by DAPE, and the first time "The Nutcracker" will be performed in the Chelsea community.

"The Nutcracker" is based on a story written by E.T.A. Hoffman. The original ballet was choreographed by Marius Petipa with music by Tchaikovsky. The ballet debuted on Dec. 17, 1892, in Russia.

Under the artistic direction of Wendi DuBois and Laura McCarthy, dancers performing in DAPE's production are Melissa Adams, Alyssa Alger, Divya Ammanath, Cassandra Anderson, Karin Armour, Gwynne Beissel, Amy Bergman, Sarah Borden, Elizabeth Branch, Erin Byrne, Kari Ceo, Korry Chavey, Maya Chensue, Kate Cleypool-Guzik, Katrina Downey, Ashley Farr, Lisa Featherly, Elizabeth Flahie, Corrie Fletcher, Maura Fulton, Leah Gerstenlauer, Sharon Knieper, Connie Kolokithas, Kaitlyn Kooyers,

Emily Leidner, Casey Little, Lisa Locker, Amanda Loveland, Krystal Mannor, Amanda Meyer, Erin Nelson, Amanda Patridge, Sara Rizzor, Savannah Sandall, Angela Schulling, Katie Schulze, Sarah Spence, Katrina Stephenson, Michelle Swager, Hallie Walton, Alyssa Warren, Amy Whitesall, Taryn Zyburr, and several guest performers from Jackson Fine Arts Institute.

Information regarding ticket sales locations will be made available soon.

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Proposal 1 would be new way to preserve open spaces

By Alice Tippery
The Saline Reporter

Proposition 1 is a November ballot issue that has people in Washtenaw County thinking and talking about the virtues of living in this part of the state. The proposal will ask county voters to support a 10-year, 0.4-mill property tax which would be used to implement land use strategies.

The Washtenaw County MSU Extension agency says that the tax is expected to generate some \$3.5 million in revenue in 1999. A property owner assessed at \$100,000 would be taxed \$40 per year if the proposition passes.

To some it may seem like an insignificant amount to pay for helping to preserve the rich, rural setting that Washtenaw County residents now enjoy. So why the billboard campaign and outcry in opposition?

Homebuilders Association member and Washtenaw County Agricultural Lands and Open Space Task Force member Gene DeRossett says the proposal is an issue that is being tested in Washtenaw County. He says, if voted in, it will spread throughout the state.

DeRossett objects to the proposal because, he says, the plan will use taxpayers' money to aid only a few.

"It only benefits the 3 percent who apply for Purchase of Development Rights," says DeRossett.

PDR is a legal arrangement allowing a landowner to receive a negotiated financial settlement in return for relinquishing the right to develop his or her land.

DeRossett says he would rather see a county-wide fundraiser for those interested in PDR.

"I'd be the first to be there and write a check," he declares.

But supporters of Proposition 1 say the Washtenaw County 1998 Comprehensive Land Preservation Strategy, as it is properly called, encompasses more than just the purchase of development rights. Although the PDR program is expected to receive 50

percent of the funds, open space issues, urban revitalization, and planning also are a part of the proposal and would receive 25 percent, 15 percent and 10 percent, respectively.

Earl Horning has lived on his family's centennial farm all of his life. When he married Diane Feldkamp of Saline in 1964, they took up residence on the Pleasant Lake Road homestead. Horning views Proposition 1 as a viable option for preserving Washtenaw County's natural assets.

"It gives the people who moved out to this area the opportunity to preserve its heritage and keep the remaining farm lands and open spaces undeveloped," says Horning, a 25-year Farm Bureau member and chair of Farmers for Farmland Preservation.

He says those opposed to the ballot issue—mainly those in the building trades—fear development restrictions, but Horning maintains that certain restrictions are needed. He offers a ready answer for those who object to using taxpayers' money to fund the Comprehensive Land Preservation Strategy.

"Nothing's free," says Horning. "Nobody's going to volunteer to pay for my development rights so I can still farm my land."

But DeRossett views the ballot issue as a "take it or leave it" situation.

"I hope the other suggestions and ideas from the task force are not lost in the process," says DeRossett.

Former extension agent Bill Ames was a member of the Agricultural Lands and Open Space Task Force along with Horning. Ames, too, is concerned that the hundreds of hours of research, conducted by the diversified 28-member group, does not sit on a shelf unused.

"There was a tremendous amount of work put in by the task force," says Ames. "But if I had my druthers, I'd rather see another kind of program."

However, Ames says that if

Proposition 1 passes it definitely will preserve land.

"PDR is the only thing on the books right now," says Ames. "As far as Proposition 1 goes, in some ways I would like to throw it out to the politicians and forget it."

The reason? Because, according to Ames, DeRossett and others, the upcoming ballot proposal is not enough of an answer to a nationwide problem.

"It is a start," says Ames. "And Washtenaw County has taken a stand, but it is only a piece and not the total answer."

Horning also acknowledges that the proposition is not the be all and end all for the county's land use problems.

"It's an opportunity for something different," says Horning. "Washtenaw County has lots of support from adjoining county farm bureaus and when this passes it will set a precedent."

And what if Proposition 1 does not pass?

"It will be a long, long time before it comes before the voters again," says Horning. However, he says he is confident that it will be voted in.

"I hope those who have moved to the area and live here now will want it to remain as it is," says Horning. "And Proposition 1 is not just for ag land. It's for revitalizing cities to make them viable places to live, too."

But DeRossett and Ames agree that the real issue is the use and profitability of agricultural land.

"We need to look at how we tax ag land—and tax it according to use," says DeRossett. "Then we are helping all the farm families."

Ames points out that today's market prices for commodities, with the exception of dairy, are some of the lowest in many years.

"It's a complicated whole system," says Ames. "If agriculture is not profitable, then it complicates the whole thing."

Ames also draws attention to the important difference between open space and farm land.

"Open space can be anything," Ames points out. "Highly productive agricultural land is not necessarily open space."

DeRossett adds:

"If we preserve agricultural land and lose farm families, then we haven't accomplished much. We need to adjust how each farm is taxed so they all can be profitable."

DeRossett also notes that, when planning for new housing, properties should be considered on an individual basis.

"We need to look at woodlands, wetlands and work together to meet everyone's needs," says DeRossett.

According to DeRossett,

who is seeking the 55th District state seat, township and city planners have exhibited a "cookie cutter mentality" when it comes to zoning.

The written preservation plan compiled by the Washtenaw County Agricultural Lands and Open Space Task Force is a public record which DeRossett, Horning, and Ames hope will be utilized.

"It's a good document," says Ames. "The communities could just look at it and do some of the things we came up with. Anybody serious about land use needs to continue to look at this."

"As long as we keep talking and presenting both sides, we can take it one step further," says DeRossett. "Everyone needs to be willing to make

changes. But if people just want to point fingers, we'll all lose in the long run."

Ames says a "yes" vote on the land use ballot issue is a positive step.

"The proposition is an investment," says Ames, and poses a question to area residents:

"Are you willing to invest in Washtenaw County so you can continue to see farms?"

The Extension Service is facilitating educational forums throughout the county before the November 3 poll date. For information on times and locations, call (734) 994-2435.

Internet users may view the summary report filed by the Task Force committee at: www.co.washtenaw.mi.us/CURRENT/agtoc.html.

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Appointed

Richard Wallace of Chelsea has been named organizational consultant for Foto 1 Imaging in Ann Arbor. Company owner Bill Van Cleve said "(Richard's) already added significantly to the way we communicate and to our work flow processes. As Foto 1 grows, we knew that we needed to focus on leadership and communication, and Rick fills that to a tee." Wallace is dean of the School of Business Administration at Spring Arbor College. He holds degrees from the University of Michigan, and a doctorate from Yale University.

Hospital to offer free stop smoking program

Chelsea Community Hospital offers a free stop-smoking program, "The Butt Stops Here," Tuesday, Nov. 3, 7 p.m.-9 p.m. in the hospital's main dining room.

A panel of smoking-cessation specialists will demonstrate and explain the latest smoking-cessation techniques such as acupuncture therapy, hypnosis, medications and support therapies.

The panel includes Steve Strubbe, of Chelsea Arbor Treatment Center; Dr. Wendy Biggs, of Chelsea Family Practice Center; Lorrie Douglas, associate director of Chelsea Arbor Treatment Center; Dr. Evan Peele, hypnotist; and Diann Wadzinski, hospital pharmacist.

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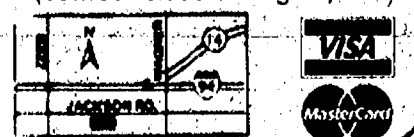
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Experts debate suicide issue

By Alex Lundberg
Heritage Newspapers

A hotly debated, divisive social issue that will appear on the Nov. 3 election ballot was given a carefully considered, thought-provoking and courteous discussion this weekend.

Proposal B, a measure that would legalize assisted suicide in Michigan, was the focus of a debate at a Downriver church Saturday afternoon.

About 100 people, mostly members of the church's congregation, attended the debate.

Arguing in support of Proposal B was Dr. Edward Pierce, chairman of the assisted-suicide advocacy group Merian's Friends. Arguing against was Dr. John Finn, director of the Hospice of Michigan.

Debate moderator Jeffrey Ellison, a Detroit labor attorney, said the issue has been characterized by extremes.

He said the purpose of inviting representatives from both sides was to take the discussion away from those extremes and toward more substantive information.

"Hopefully," he said, "they can remove some of the heat from the issue and shed some light."

Pierce fielded Ellison's first question: Should the people of Michigan have the right to assisted suicide?

Pierce told the story of Merian Fredericks, the namesake of the group he chairs, who was one of Dr. Jack Kevorkian's first assisted-suicide patients and the focus of the first Wayne County trial to attempt to put the retired pathologist in jail.

He said Fredericks, who suffered from amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (Lou Gehrig's disease) should have had other options than going to Kevorkian. He said Proposal B is that better option.

"The person who is ill must start the process," Pierce said. "That person must be mentally competent as judged by a psychiatrist and terminally ill as judged by their doctor. They would be told about alternatives and then wait seven days."

Finn said there has to be a better way of caring for the dying. He said hospice care is that way.

"Hospice is a unique voice," Finn said. "It is an advocate for competent and compassionate care for people."

Proposal B is a bad law, he said, because it does nothing to address the core issue of death and dying. He said it is bad medicine because it calls on a doctor to make a specific prognosis ("prognosis is not an exact science").

Finn also said the process would be shrouded in secrecy with the cause-of-death box on the death certificate filled out as "natural causes" rather than assisted suicide.

Unfortunately, he said, peo-

ple don't know there's an alternative.

"A 1996 Gallup poll showed that Kevorkian has a 93 percent name recognition and hospice only has a 17 percent recognition," Finn said. "People need to know about hospice and palliative care."

Palliative care is designed to relieve pain, not cure illness. The idea behind it is to give drugs to patients who are suffering from constant and severe pain — usually powerful drugs — to make them comfortable.

As a testimonial for hospice care, he said 45,000 people have been patients in facilities in recent years and only three have gone to Kevorkian.

Pierce moved to debunk a few myths about the proposal as well as to counter Finn's appraisal of prognosis.

"The death certificate is not changed under Prop B," he said. "It's not even mentioned. Doctors will continue to fill that out as normal."

"As a disease goes on, the level of accuracy in a diagnosis goes up. The organs shut down and a good doctor can see that."

He also said that framing the debate about Prop B in terms of Dr. Kevorkian is incorrect. He said Kevorkian already has come out against the proposal because its safeguards would disqualify some of the patients he has helped to die.

"Prop B gives juries set standards," Pierce said. "Who are we hurting by hastening people's dying days?"

Finn told the story of Kevorkian's 17th patient, Donald O'Keefe, a bone cancer patient who was given very few options.

"He was being fed through an IV in his neck and was set on a morphine pump in the hospital," Finn said. "They sent him home with Tylenol with codeine. Not long after that, he was in pain."

O'Keefe couldn't get stronger medication at home and no one would make a house call. Hence, he chose assisted suicide.

In the audience-participation part of the debate, a questioner wanted to know how the proposal would deal with influence on a patient from others.

Pierce said undue influence from doctors will not be a problem.

"Most physicians are not looking forward to prescribing a lethal dose of medication," he said. "Doctors are going to get up to speed on what Dr. Finn is talking about, (because) we are humane and compassionate."

Finn argued that doctors already have a great deal of power by the nature of their professions and already can get people to do things they don't want to.

Pierce brought another line of questioning to the debate, asking Finn about the hospice practice of terminal sedation.

Terminal sedation is an ag-

gressive technique for handling pain at life's end. The likely result of the treatment is unconsciousness. The patient is not fed or given water while under that treatment.

"If you sedate someone to unconsciousness and don't give them food or water, how is that OK when deciding to take your own life is not?" he asked.

"The difference is a matter of intent," Finn said. "The medications don't hasten death; they aggressively relieve the pain."

Pierce landed on that point, asking if hospices sought second opinions in cases where terminal sedation is used.

"Not routinely," Finn said.

One member of the audience wanted to know if Proposal B would add physician-assisted suicide to advance directives for medical workers like do-not-resuscitate orders.

Pierce said the proposal does not have a provision for such directives.

"You have to be mentally competent at the time," he said. "Not five years earlier."

Finn added that advance directives are routinely ignored at hospitals.

In closing, Finn said debates and advertising — even polling results — don't mean a lot.

"You can't change anyone's mind," he said. "People have probably already made up their minds. People support the death penalty verbally, but they don't vote for it because of the worry of the one innocent victim."

The problem, Finn said, is that neither of the opposing groups in the Proposal B controversy is doing anything to aid the dying.

"I challenge people to get involved in the care of the dying," he said. "I challenge hospitals to have palliative care centers at every cancer ward."

Pierce closed by saying that the cause probably already was lost.

"Proposal B will probably fail," he said. "The distortions on the TV ads against it cost a lot to counter. We have a great ad with (former Michigan Gov.) Bill Milliken that we have got to finance."

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Chelsea Homecoming Queen and Princesses

Chelsea High School girls chosen by students to represent their classes at homecoming Friday were, from left, junior princess Sarah Martin, queen Margaret Schick, sophomore princess Sarah Horazdovsky and freshman princess Katie Beard.

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Disorderly Conduct

Two Whitmore Lake girls, ages 15 and 14, were walking on Baker Road near Forest Street at 3:15 p.m. Oct. 8, when a man pulled up in a car. He spoke very low, and when the girls came closer he said he wanted their opinion on his penis. The girls said no, and the man drove away quickly. The girls got his license plate. The suspect was later identified as a 28-year-old man. The man was contacted and he said he had plans to move to Canada to become a nude dancer and wanted to get an opinion of his body. He said he was fully dressed while in the car.

Property Damage

A 16-year-old Dexter girl rode her bike to Dexter High School, 2615 Baker Road at 8 a.m. Oct. 7. She left her orthodontic retainer in a bag attached to her bicycle. When she returned from school, the retainer was smashed.

Informational Report

A 51-year-old Dexter man reported to police at 1:20 a.m. Oct. 12 that his roommate, 55, had been belligerent, and he wanted him to leave. The apartment was dirty, with cans and dishes in the kitchen. The man said the roommate had not been taking prescription medication. The roommate had been paying rent, and police could not evict him. They informed the man how to do a civil eviction.

Warrant Arrest

Daren J. Woods, 26, of Spring Port, Mich., was arrested at 6:42 p.m. Oct. 14 after police responded to an accident at the corner of Baker Road and Forest Street. Woods was wanted on a felony warrant for writing bad checks out of Jackson Police Department.

Dexter Township

Felonious Assault

A 29-year-old Ann Arbor woman was on a sales call near Reilly Drive and North Territorial Road at 8:20 p.m. Oct. 7. She pulled up to a stop sign and a black Ford Bronco pulled up beside her. The occupants yelled racial epithets at her while waving their hands. The vehicle continued driving next to her, then pulled in behind her and rammed her car from behind. She continued driving and the Bronco turned off the road. She pulled into a gas station and called police.

Suspicious Incident

Police received a 911 call at 4:58 p.m. Oct. 8 from a phone in the Trading Post parking lot, 9270 McGregor Road. The caller sounded like a child. Police suspected a prank call, and called the owner of the business, a 39-year-old Pinckney man. The man said he didn't know of any children in the area. He pointed out a residence owned by people with a similar name to what the caller had said, but the two boys there were not the callers. No further action was taken.

Cows were let loose Oct. 9 near Madden and Colby roads. The owner, a 71-year-old Dexter man, told police that the fence was not locked. The cows were not injured, and no property was damaged.

Sylvan Township

Warrant Arrest

Gary Steven Michelfelder, 40, of Ann Arbor was arrested at 9:23 p.m. Oct. 11. He was wanted on a bench warrant for failure to appear, a bench warrant for contempt of court and a civil warrant for neglect of child.

Auto Theft

A 25-year-old Sylvan Township woman told police that her sister asked her to babysit the sister's child. The sister, a 27-year-old Chelsea woman, came over to the house at 11:30 a.m. Oct. 12 in the 5800 block of Sibley Road. The sister then dropped off her child and drove off with the woman's car. The woman had not given the sister permission to use her car. The car is valued at \$10,000.

Webster Township

Property Damage

A car belonging to Sears & Roebuck Inc., 11850 Sears Ave. in Livonia, was damaged between 10 p.m. Oct. 9 and 7:30 a.m. Oct. 10 in the 9800 block of South Hamburg Road. A 59-year-old Webster Township man told police he routinely takes the vehicle home with him at night, and it was damaged there.

Lima Township

Drunken Driving

Police received a call from a driver who said there was a suspected drunk driver on I-94 near M-52 at 10:12 p.m. Oct. 11. The officer followed the vehicle and pulled the driver over after he swerved across the road. The driver, a 46-year-old Monroe man, had a New Mexico driver's license. He was given sobriety tests and failed. He was given a breath test, and found to be over the limit considered drunk.

Larceny

A 49-year-old Gregory man told police that a CD player was stolen from his car between 11 a.m. Oct. 12 and 5:30 p.m. Oct. 13. The man's car had been towed to Smith's Towing Service lot, 11453 Jackson Road, after a traffic accident. The man went to retrieve some belongings and found them missing. The car was in a fenced lot, but it was open.

Drunken Driving

Police responded to an auto crash at 6:30 p.m. Oct. 14 on Beach Road near Lima Center Road. A 22-year-old Chelsea man was walking away from the accident, and was staggering badly. Police stopped him and asked what he was doing. The man said he was jogging. The officers returned the man to the crash scene and he identified his car. He said he had swerved to avoid a deer and crashed. The man was taken to the hospital and given a blood test for alcohol.

Felonious Assault

A 32-year-old Jackson woman told police that her co-worker, a 33-year-old Jackson woman, tried to cut her off on I-94 at 7 a.m. Oct. 13 while the two were driving to work. She said the co-worker drove in front of her, then cut her off, forcing her off the road. The two were driving more than 70 miles per hour. The two have had confrontations at work.

Property Damage

A fence was broken and corn was knocked down during the night of Oct. 7 at South Fletcher and Jerusalem roads. A 70-year-old Lima Township man told police that the damaged items were worth \$250.

Warrant Arrest

Shaun Michael McWhorter, 19, of Gregory was arrested at 8:30 a.m. Oct. 16. He was wanted for failure to appear for minor in possession of alcohol. He was taken to jail.

Scio Township

Auto Theft

A car was stolen from Jim Bradley Pontiac, 3500 Jackson Road, Oct. 7. The car had been returned to the dealership from a 36-year-old Detroit man, who had leased the vehicle for six months. The car was still registered to the Detroit man, who was contacted by police for stealing gasoline. The Detroit man had registered the car, and was planning to transfer the registration over to the new buyer. The keys were missing from the storage locker where the dealership's keys were kept.

Warrant Arrest

Ian Thomas Dyer, 23, of Dexter was arrested at 1:56 p.m. Oct. 10 on Jackson Road near Jackson Industrial Road. He was wanted on a bench warrant for drunken driving and a bench warrant for driving while ability impaired.

Domestic Assault

A 45-year-old Scio Township woman told police that she and her live-in boyfriend, a 44-year-old Scio Township man, were having an argument about phone calls at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 13. The woman said the boyfriend grabbed her by the neck several times. She left and returned from a bar with two of her friends, when he grabbed her again. She tried to call the police, and he

grabbed her again. The two friends witnessed the attack. The man admitted to grabbing her shoulders and her chin.

A 58-year-old Scio Township woman told police that she and the son of her fiancé were in the basement of their residence cleaning up flooding from a burst pipe. The son, a 17-year-old Scio Township boy, moved a chair onto dry carpet, and the woman asked him not to. She then picked up the chair and moved it, then the boy picked up the chair and knocked her backward with it. She fell into a privacy screen, causing \$2 in damage.

Property Damage

A shed was damaged in the 100 block of Staebler Road at 4:45 p.m. Oct. 14. A 61-year-old Scio Township man told police that he heard a vehicle peeling out near his house, and went outside. He saw a vehicle on the road and found a rock had been thrown through the wall of the shed. He believed the vehicle had thrown the rock up when it exited the driveway. Total damage is \$50.

Warrant Arrest

Michael Alan Gillespie, 45, of Scio Township was arrested at 11:55 p.m. Oct. 15 in the 100 block of Luella. Police were investigating possible drug activity at the residence and found Gillespie had a valid warrant for failure to appear for driving while license suspended out of Ann Arbor Police Department.

Charles Clarence Banks, 44, of Battle Creek was arrested at 3:35 a.m. Oct. 19 after a traffic stop. He was wanted on a misdemeanor warrant for malicious destruction of property out of Battle Creek Police Department.

Suspicious Incident

A 48-year-old Scio Town-

ship man was lying in bed at 11:49 p.m. Oct. 16 in the 7500 block of Jackson Road when he heard a loud noise and his power went out. He went outside to check the power box and found that it had been turned off and the wire leading to the box had small cut marks on it. The man said he had called the power company about a similar incident Wednesday.

Runaway

A 37-year-old Scio Township woman told police that her daughter, 16, disappeared at 6:30 p.m. Oct. 17 from their house in the Scio Farms Estates, 6655 Jackson Road. The mother and the daughter had an argument and the daughter planned to leave the residence with her boyfriend, an 18-year-old Scio Township man. The mother told her to go to her room, which she did and escaped out the window. The boyfriend drove away with the daughter.

Found Property

Police were asked to respond to the First of America Bank, 5490 Jackson Road, at 3 p.m. Oct. 8 to recover a found gun. A 43-year-old Ann Arbor woman turned over a .38 cali-

ber pistol, a holster and 40 rounds of ammunition. The gun was found in a safety deposit box after the renter had been delinquent in his payments. The bank has a policy against putting weapons in a storage facility.

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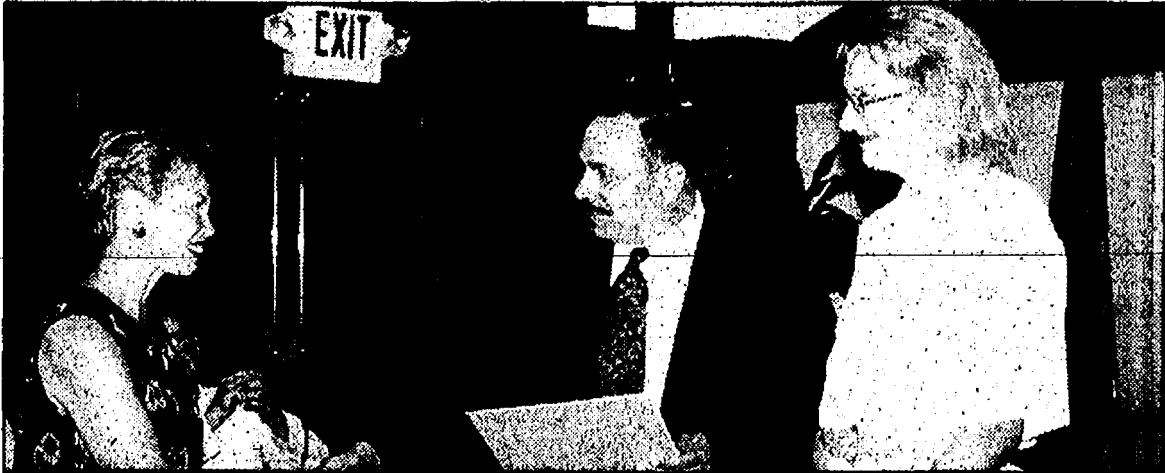
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Discussing Chelsea's transportation needs with Governor Engler and Chelsea Village President Richard Steele during the Governor's visit on April 30, 1998.

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- Washtenaw Co. Sheriff's Dept. 1975-1992 (Deputy Sheriff & Sergeant-Patrol Division)
- Public Safety Training Consultant
- Two Term Washtenaw County Commissioner 1994-1998
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Presenting a resolution of appreciation to Gloria Mitchell and Julie Rutherford for their work in chairing the Chelsea Timbertown Project.

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- Michigan Association of Counties Board of Directors (1st Director elected from Washtenaw Co. in 99 years)
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- Washtenaw County Republican Executive Committee
- Nat'l Assoc. of County Republican Officials



Sharing time with Washtenaw County Sheriff Ronald J. Schebil at the Western Washtenaw Republican Booth during the Chelsea Fair.

Community Involvement:

- Columnist *Chelsea Standard/Dexter Leader*
- Chelsea Area Planning Team
- Chelsea Area Traffic Study Committee
- Chelsea Chamber of Commerce
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NEWS FROM DEXTER

Mill Creek Middle School expansion over budget

School's expansion \$117,000 over budget.

By Michael Rybka
Staff Writer

Dexter School Board was surprised at the cost overrun of the Mill Creek Middle School expansion yet went ahead and voted approval to a budget increase.

With the full board in at-

tendance, only Trustee Paul White voted against the measure.

To complete the first 20 percent of the project, an additional \$117,000 was needed.

Jerry Brand of Granger Construction projected that \$280,000 in additional funding would be needed to complete the addition but warned that it could go as high as \$324,000 over budget.

Brand blamed the increase on the unexpected cost of trying to make the addition visibly match the existing structure, the cost of underground utilities and financial pressure from trying to have the school ready for next fall.

"Perhaps the sense of urgency to have the school ready for by next year was misplaced," said Brand. "If it was, I apologize. I realize we did not serve you well on the estimates."

"No you did not," said the usually soft-spoken White, who expressed his agitation several times throughout the exchange.

"It's easy for them (Granger Construction) to say they didn't design it right and then ask for more money," White said.

White said he suspected the addition was over-designed on purpose so that Granger could say, 'look at what you'll be missing' if a decision was made to modify the plan.

Brand denied that this is what happened and said that Granger Construction would pay Kingscott Associates to redesign the building if that

was the board's desire.

Charles Nelson of Kingscott said that replicating the old wing's traffic pod into the new wing was taking up 3,000 more square feet of wall space than they had calculated. The cost was estimated at \$200 per square foot.

Despite efforts to have Mill Creek operational at the beginning of the next school year, that goal is far from being assured, Brand said that everything hinges on whether the structural steel arrives in the first two weeks of December. If it does not, said Brand, the supplier said it would be further delayed by Christmas break.

"That's their attitude. That's the nature of the business," said Brand.

The price increase does not ensure the installation of alternate requests, such as a skylight, interior brick and a sloping corridor stairwell.

There was some discussion about taking Brand up on his offer and going back to the drawing board.

However, Secretary Jean Christian said that she was partial to the plan of having

the addition appear streamlined to the existing structure.

"Everyone seems concerned about how it looks on the outside without any thought being given to the inside," said White.

Board President Sharon Crawford said that if the school wasn't open by next fall, occupation would have to wait until 2000. Crawford said that would put strain on the facilities and on the school's general fund.

White said similar circumstances forestalled the opening of the swimming pool, yet everyone survived.

Crawford said a delay would affect the quality of the project if they were forced to redesign because more features would have to be elimi-

nated to offset inflation.

Christian said that without a new school, additional portable classrooms would have to be purchased.

"We'd eat up half of what we'd be saving," said Christian.

Portable classrooms were estimated to cost \$25,000 per unit.

A motion was made by board Vice President Sherri Munson and seconded by Trustee Ron Miller to go ahead with refinancing.

White said his opposition was based on not knowing where the money would come from.

Superintendent Bill Sparger said the search for funding would be his responsibility.

Dexter firefighters support fire millage

With the Nov. 3 election drawing near, supporters of a 1-mill proposal to fund the Dexter Area Fire Department are coming out at the 11th hour.

The township's portion of the fire department budget is currently funded by its general fund. A budget of \$130,000 is allocated to service the township. The 1-mill proposal would bring in \$164,000.

Dexter Township Trustee Libby Brushaber, who initiated the idea to change the source of funding, said that a "yes" vote is essential.

"Costs have doubled in the last four years," Brushaber said. "It's been siphoning money from the general fund that should be going to improve roads and from police protection."

Donald Dettling, president

of Dexter Area Firefighters Association, said the millage is a fair and honest request for fire protection.

Dettling said that the fire department's budget has always been based on the cost of the previous year. A millage, said Dettling, would change the funding from a reactive to a proactive system.

Dettling said the money would be used for equipment, operation and staffing and, at some point, to construct a new substation. He also said that this would keep the department from having to charge for emergency calls, resulting in double taxation to those it served.

The village of Dexter is 99 percent residential, Dettling said, making an adequately funded fire department essential.

obtain, among other things, records related to the hiring of Richardson in 1994.

"Some might interpret this as an intimidation tactic," Richardson said.

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According to Eugene Feingold, president of the Washtenaw County chapter of the ACLU, the case is of interest to his organization because it believes the school district violated its own rules by not having a hearing before the suspensions were handed down. In addition, he said once the case was appealed, the punishment became more severe. That speaks directly to the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution.

When the 30-day suspensions were initially given, the students would have missed a couple of scrimmages and perhaps the first game. Once the appeal was filed and went through its process, the 30-day suspensions meant the loss of 4½ games.

As of early Tuesday afternoon, Richardson only knew of the suit through the district's attorney. He said he understood the suit would probably address civil rights issues.

Richardson estimated that the issue has cost the district about \$10,000 so far.

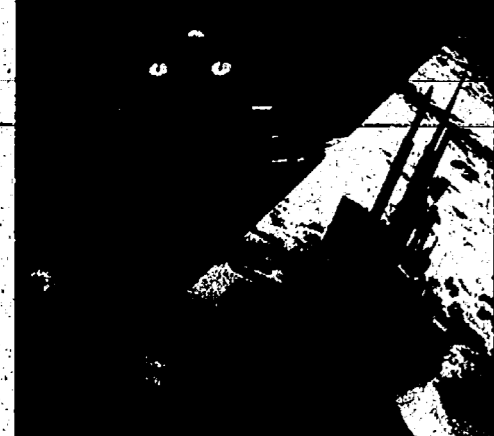
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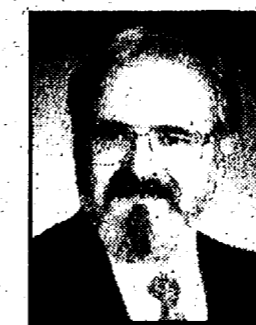
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Knight will work for people

The 52nd District needs Julie Knight as our voice in Lansing.

Julie is "one of us" from an honest, hard-working farm family, brought up on local politics. Julie will work for the people.

With a background in local politics, Julie will be in a better position to make decisions on how our tax dollars will be spent at the state level.

We need to send someone to Lansing who knows how to be conservative with our tax dollars, not someone with vast experience at spending our tax dollars.

We think Julie is the best candidate to send to Lansing to represent all of our values.

William R. Clark
Marilyn K. Clark

PDR would preserve resources

My friends and I recently took in Jeff Daniels' latest play, "Boom Town," at the Purple Rose Theatre. I was surprised to discover a backdrop to the drama which described a town's struggle to balance the advantages and the disadvantages of massive, economic development.

It was easy to make the connection between the dilemma enacted on stage and those facing Washtenaw County and (local) residents as we struggle to understand the PDR or Purchase of Development Rights issue which will be on the ballot in November.

I'd like to outline a few reasons why we may want to consider supporting this measure. Better known as the "Save Our Land, Save Our Future" campaign, this bill will place Washtenaw County at the forefront of a national effort to preserve natural habitats, revitalize urban areas, and give farmers a feasible alternative to selling their land to developers. Not only would farm families obtain a fair price for the purchase of their land development rights, but they would be free to continue living on the land and to sell the land in the future as they desired.

GUEST EDITORIAL

By Barry Lonik

Potawatomi Land Trust.

Washtenaw County's Proposal 1 — the Comprehensive Land Preservation Strategy — provides an unprecedented opportunity for citizens of our community to preserve our magnificent natural resource lands, direct investment back into our urban cores and maintain a quality of life that few people anywhere enjoy.

Proposal 1 seeks to create a balance between development and open space preservation and is the product of three years of study and debate by citizens from all over the county. It is designed to encourage development in appropriate places and away from lands which should be preserved for future generations.

Proposal 1 has four components. Farmland preservation will be accomplished by paying landowners of qualified property who voluntarily nominate their land for their right to sell it for development. Doing so will make land available for young farmers at farm prices instead of at development prices and ensure that apple orchards and gorgeous Sunday drives in the country will be available to us forever.

Open space preservation will be accomplished by purchasing fragile lands to protect water quality and wildlife habitat.

Funding is also provided for urban re-development projects where we've already made investments for infrastructure and public services (the Water Street area in downtown Ypsilanti comes to mind).

Finally, there is a portion of the program to be used for co-ordinated planning between cities, villages and townships,

We are so blessed to be able to live in such a naturally rich area of our county and state. It is important that we protect these resources for future generations. Suburban expansion, once such a welcome relief for city dwellers, now threatens to pave the country with strip malls and parking lots. It is time for this kind of enterprise to be limited and other factors influencing our quality of life to be considered.

For those who find cost to be a factor, I would urge you to examine the so called hidden costs that we pay as a community to support extensive, development efforts. As one of the character's in "Boom Town" put it, are we prepared to build the infrastructure of roads, sewage facilities, water lines, schools and hospitals, etc. necessary to support such projects.

Marijo Grogan

Farming background serves Knight well

Julie Knight was raised on a farm where she learned not to let a stone go unturned. Not only in the field when plowing but also in the fields of political and education issues.

She was taught throughout her life by her father who was presiding Judge of Dexter, and held numerous governmental positions in the Washtenaw County area and other positions with Dexter Township. It's no wonder Julie ended up so involved in politics.

She has held her position as township treasurer for over a decade, and she has done a good job at not only keeping the township taxes one of the lowest in Washtenaw County but at listening to the people and problem solving with them.

She also heard the views and concerns of education from her father, for he sat on the Dexter Board of Education for over 26 years. Yes, this is her father's background, but Julie was fed it morning, noon and night. Julie was taught to listen and use wisdom when that stone was turned over.

Read her literature, you will see she has built a strong

political and public career. She's got the experience. She will explore the issues and challenge the spending.

Terry L. (Doletzky) Stacey

Village electric department second to none

I feel that Sylvan Township is selling out the village of Chelsea and its municipal electric department to outside companies who have no interest in the well being of the village or the township residents.

The village has its own electric system that has provided electricity to the village and to some Sylvan Township residents for now over 100 years at a lower rate than Consumers Energy or Detroit Edison.

The village electric system has proven more reliable with lower rates and ranks in the top five of all the electric utilities in the state of Michigan. I strongly believe if the township opens its doors to outside interests it will soon be the end of another public power system gobbled up by the big independent utilities, which they have been trying for years to do. The service that the village electric department provides for its customers and residents is second to none, restoring power in storms of all types in hours, not days, or weeks.

You would be hard pressed to find a light out in any area of town and the money generated by the electric sales stays in the community, not in someone's portfolio or someone's bank account.

What does this mean to the community? A lot more than Chrysler getting cheaper power so they can set more records of profit at the expense of a very nice community that provides a tremendous amount of services to its residents and surrounding communities. I feel that this is an invasion into the community that we do not want or need.

Robert G. Shepherd,
Superintendent
Village of Chelsea
Electric Department

Street Talk

By Amanda Tarantowski

How do you feel about Proposal B to allow physician-assisted suicide?



"I feel it's wrong to end a person's life despite the surrounding circumstances."

Lauren Turek
Sylvan Township



"I'm definitely against it because I believe in the sacredness of human life and that there are other options for ending suffering."

Darla Bohlender
Sylvan Township



"I have to vote no on Proposal B because I believe it is morally and scripturally wrong."

The Rev. Mearl Bradley
Sylvan Township



"If it's inevitable that a person is going to die painfully with much suffering then he or she should have the right to peacefully end his or her misery."

Amelia Botsford
Sylvan Township

Election poses alphabet soup

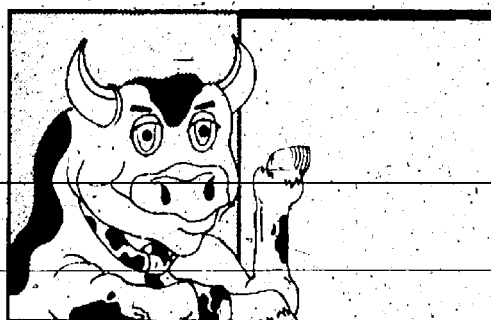
Well, the November election is on the way, and what with the alphabet soup we have coming up, I figured I should enlighten voters on what it all means. This week I'm gonna start with the state A, B, C's and I'll deal with the local ones next week.

Proposal A is to change the word "Handicapped" to "Disabled" in the state constitution. This is in direct response to the proposal that was passed a few years ago that changed it from "Disabled" to "Handicapped" in the first place. Seems that we made a big mistake the first time. Also, the guy who made all the "Disabled" signs for parking places and had to pick them up when we changed it to "Handicapped" wants to clean out his barn. Personally, I think we ought to do it, because I just bought part interest in a sign painting shop.

Proposal B is to allow doctors to prescribe stuff that patients can take to kill themselves. Of course, this is highly endorsed by one of the incoming candidates for governor, so the patients will probably get very good service. For privacy, the pharmacy will give out the medicine in a plain brown wrapper to avoid the embarrassment of having your neighbors know what you are about to do to your wife. Or dog, or kids maybe. I wonder if you can get refills?

Anyway, you take this stuff home and dissolve it in your favorite beverage. I would choose orange juice. Actually, I'd rather have it in a chocolate malt, but I'm trying to cut down on fat. Oh, and if you decide to wait for a bit to think about it, the bottle has a child-proof cap.

I think we ought to do this, because I took all my money



UNCLE APOLLO

out of the stock market right away after it crashed and invested it the new Kevorkian Pharmacy chain in Michigan. I just love their slogan: "Your pharmacy for a life time."

Proposal C is this humorous bond for doing all this good environmental kinds of stuff in the state. I'll tell you, I'm all for the environment. I mean, if we didn't have one, where else would we live? And if the environment didn't have our state to stay in, it would probably go somewhere else. So we'd better pay the price or it just might go off to Ohio or someplace that doesn't have an environment any more. I realize it's extortion and all, but I hate to think about the alternatives.

Proposal D is to change our state flag to a wooden cow. I hate to admit it, but I differ with my former running mate, Arlotta Moofellow, on this one. I mean, flags flap and sound cool in the wind, and they aren't too heavy. Wood is much heavier, and I'm not even sure you could get it to fit on those little flagpole rings. Also, it wouldn't flap in the wind, but sort of clunk. And if it ever fell off the pole, it could cause some real headaches.

Well, that's about it for the state proposals. Hope I've enlightened you on the issues. Now you have no excuse not to vote.

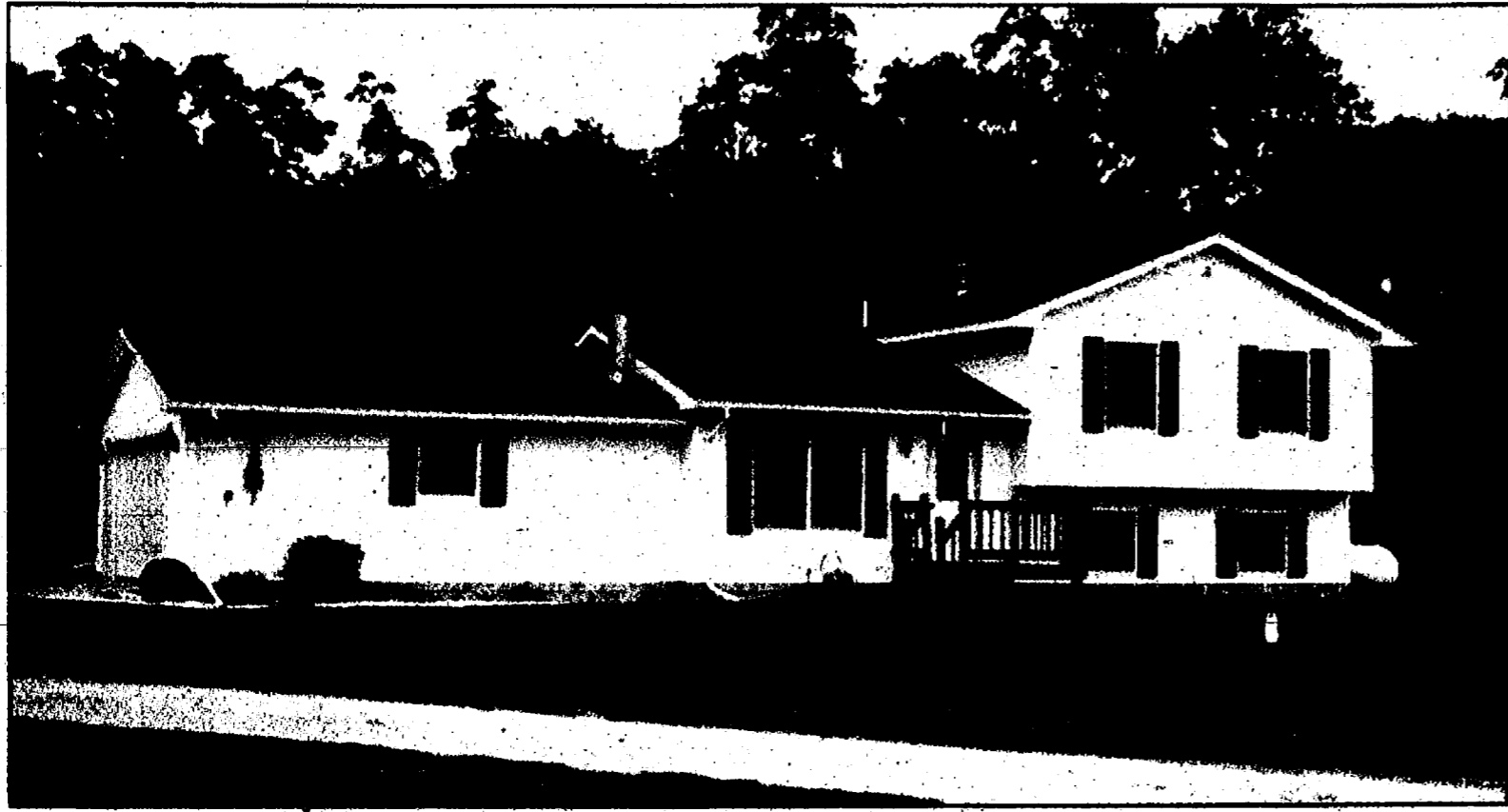
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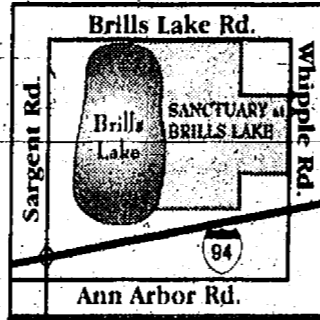
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Chelsea Standard reporter Eric Bowen, (left) blows a test in history class Oct. 14, getting a taste of what it's like to be in high school.

Back to school

Reporter spends day as CHS student

By Eric Bowen
Staff Writer

Last Wednesday I went back in time to those carefree days of high school with no responsibilities, no deadlines — just a lot of old-fashioned fun. I figured the three hours I spent going to classes at Chelsea High School would be like a well-deserved vacation, free from worries about cooking and cleaning, bills and budgets. But my pining for youth soon evaporated as I found going back to school made me glad I was an adult.

My misadventures started, of course, before I even got out the door of my apartment. So I wouldn't forget them, I had put out my cello and a nice set of clothes in the middle of the room, but I managed to get

about two blocks away from my apartment before realizing that they were not in the car. What had taken two minutes on the way there, turned into 10 minutes to travel back.

I thought I was doing OK until I approached the high school parking lot. I glanced at the clock and realized I was what every student fears — tardy for class.

Luckily I was going to orchestra first, where the teachers are generally more lenient. Mr. Jed Fritzeimer (I can't shake the convention of calling my teachers by their courtesy titles) let me off with a warning.

It seems to be a common trait among orchestra teachers that they impart the wisdom of their vast experiences to their stu-

dents. I remember my teacher in high school used to rattle off stories that always seemed to pertain to what we were playing, once he got back to the point.

Fritzeimer is no different. The class got a lecture about a recent TV show whose moral was: If you're mean to people it could come back to haunt you. This all seemed to make sense in the context of playing Beethoven's Fifth Symphony.

Fritzeimer also told his students that I was a good example of what you can become if you go to college and continue playing an instrument. Somehow I didn't think that telling the students that they could be a journalist who comes back to high school to

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German teen finds second home in Chelsea

By Michelle Rogers
Associate Editor

Hosting an exchange student from Germany has not only exposed one local family to another culture, it has made them take another look at their own.

Lisa and Michael King, their 1-year-old son, Jonathan, and Michael's 14-year-old son, Brian, are among two families in Chelsea who have opened their hearts and home to an exchange student this year.

The Kings are hosting Jan-Christian Nauck of Muellingen, Germany. Jan is here through the Youth for Understanding Program.

"It's real exciting for us to show Jan our culture," says Michael. "We want to expose him to as much of it as we can."

Trips to Washington, D.C., Florida, Niagara Falls and other places across the United States are available to Jan through YFU. Michael says he is encouraging Jan to take advantage of those opportunities to learn more about America.

But the Kings also want to show Jan their own community and other areas across the country while introducing him to their families in Florida and Kentucky.

"We're going to do a lot of things together," Lisa says. "It's going to be fun. It's going to motivate us to do a lot of things we haven't done in a while."

Among the activities they're planning is a visit to Cedar Point, the Purple Rose Theatre in Chelsea and a haunted house.

The Kings and Jan have been together just a few weeks but already feel like family. Michael says he considers Jan a

son and Brian sees Jan as a brother, not just a friend.

"I can talk to him about more stuff than my friends because he is around all the time and he won't tell on me," Brian says. "I trust him."

Like brothers, Brian says he and Jan enjoy playing video games together, watching music videos and just talking. "We talk a lot," he says.

Jan also feels like he has found a second family with the Kings. "It's gotten to be a family. I like it very much," he says.

Jan hails from a small village outside Hanover, a city of 500,000 people. He says Muellingen is much like this area, with a lot of farmland. But living out in the country with the Kings, Jan says he isn't used to homes spread apart and large lawns.

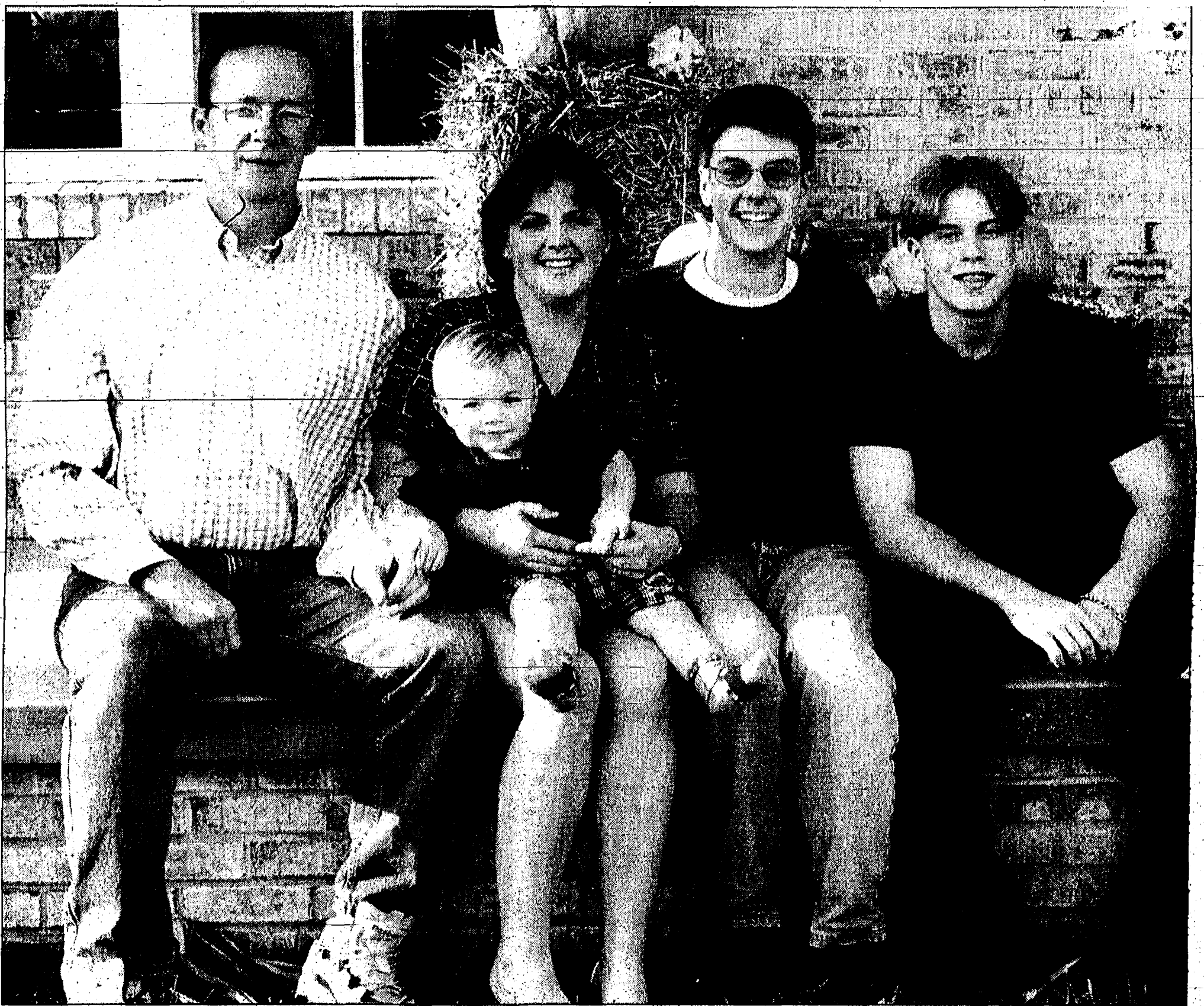
Jan left behind a mother, Angelika, who studies politics and German at a nearby university, and father, Joachim, a city planner. He has no siblings at home but says he now has two new brothers with the Kings.

During his yearlong stay, Jan is a student at Chelsea High School, where he is studying U.S. government, business technology, U.S. history, English, team sports, and stage and drama.

Jan says school in the United States is different from Germany. Back home he studies 10-12 different subjects on a rotating, weekly schedule. Students in Germany aren't allowed to choose which subjects to take until their last two years of school.

They also are given the opportunity to leave school in the ninth grade to join the work force, or they can stay until 10th grade, then go to technical

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German exchange student Jan-Christian Nauck (second from right) has found a second home and family in the Chelsea area with Lisa and Michael King, their 1-year-old son, Jonathan, and Michael's 14-year-old son, Brian.

Bainton follows his parents' career path

By Michelle Rogers
Associate Editor

Bill Bainton grew up with a love for the sea and had aspirations of becoming a naval officer. He was accepted into the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md., but his dreams were shattered, he says, because of his allergies.

So, Bainton settled on teaching, the profession of both his parents.

"I think the final decision was made early in college," Bainton says of his career choice. "I came from that background, so I knew it was a good occupation."

This year, Bainton marked 28 years as a math teacher at Chelsea High School.

It was 1970 when Bainton earned a bachelor's degree from Michigan State University, where he majored in math education and minored in physical science and physical education. That same year he was hired at Chelsea High School and moved into Sylvan Township.

Bainton worked as a camp counselor during his summers off from college. It was at camp where his fate in teaching was sealed.

"I knew I enjoyed working with young people and just kind of followed that direction, I guess."

"I enjoyed math and was good at it. I felt that I could help kids learn math," he says. "I also love science."

Bainton only has had one opportunity to teach science. This year, he is primarily teaching underclassmen courses in geometry and algebra.

Bainton describes his teaching style as demanding and admits math is not as popular as other subjects.

"I am a fairly demanding teacher, I think. I expect the kids to do homework, follow common-sense behavior rules and I expect focus in class," he says.

"It's not a subject all kids enjoy. I don't have any gimmicks or tricks. I guess I'd probably say I am straight-line teaching."

TEACHER FEATURE

"I don't expect to be the favorite of all the teachers, but I do hope they recognize I work hard for them," he says. "I hope they respect me for trying to do my job and giving the best effort I can."

Bainton says he has a "whole list" of classroom rules but respect is primarily what he expects.

"I think the biggest one I try to get kids to do is show or have respect for others, for property, for rules and for adults," he says. "You don't necessarily have to like someone or something, but you do have to have respect."

Sadly, Bainton says, in more recent years he has seen less respect from students.

"There seems to be much less respect from students than when I first started. I think that is a sign of society in general," he observes.

Throughout his tenure in Chelsea, Bainton says he has been impressed with the level of parental support in the school

district. "I think one nice thing about Chelsea is the way the parents support the schools and support the kids," he says. "I notice that at concerts, athletic events, things like that."

"I've always noticed an enthusiasm among the student body for most of the activities here," he adds.

Bainton appears to have found his niche at the high school.

"I enjoy working with the older kids," he says. "I think I enjoy the maturity level. It's a little higher."

Besides teaching high school students, Bainton coaches them in football and track. He has coached girls track for the past two decades and freshman football for 19 years.

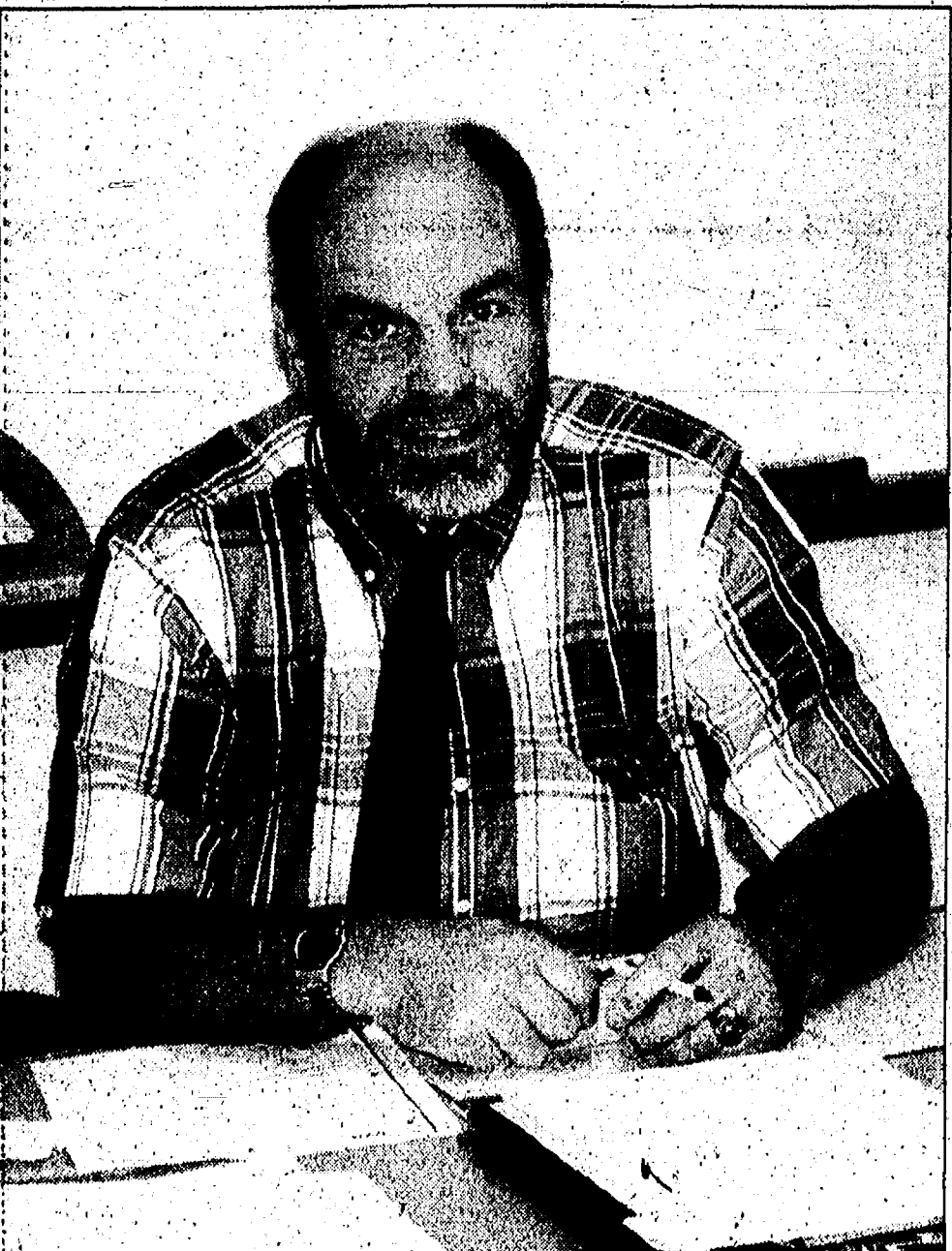
It was not a major factor in going into teaching but an important one to keep me active in athletics and share my knowledge of sports," he says.

Coaching has turned out to be one of the highlights of this veteran educator's career. He saw five seasons of runners maintain a 36-win streak. Bainton also has been named Regional Coach of the Year three times and was nominated twice as State Coach of the Year.

Other highlights for Bainton come when students in his classes learn something and then share their knowledge with others.

"Any time you see a light go on when a kid gets it (is a highlight)," he says. "And I really enjoy it when a kid gets something and I hear that kid explaining it to some-

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Bill Bainton has spent his entire teaching career in Chelsea schools. Bainton teaches math and Chelsea High School. After high school, he had aspirations of becoming a naval officer.

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act as a student was all that inspiring. But at least they may continue their music studies, even if they don't major in music.

After orchestra class ended, I was faced with another high school memory as I tried to make it to class in five minutes between the bells. Since I didn't have any friends to chat with, or a locker to go to, I made it to physics on time. There I met Mr. Eric Swager, a young, bearded physics teacher whose rapid style of questions forces students to think on their feet.

Swager is nothing like my high school physics teacher, who looked a little like Ted Kaczynski and taught us how to make nuclear bombs. Most of his students used to leave class about 15 or 20 minutes early. Those of us who stayed got a few free points when we were treated to pop quizzes with problems like "What is 2+2."

Needless to say, I don't remember a thing about physics. I wouldn't know an E=mc² from lunch. Swager's class did make some knowledge resurface out



My fellow cello players and I spent class listening to orchestra director Jed Fritzeimer explain how TV related to Beethoven.

of the back of my brain, however, and I was able to get through several of the homework problems.

One problem that particularly confounded me involved a person standing on a scale in an elevator. I was supposed to figure out whether someone's weight would be different when the elevator moved up or down. After pondering the problem, I decided that instead of solving it, I would market the idea as a new high-tech weight loss plan. I'll be accepting investors next week.

I got back into my element the next period in history class. I thought that as a his-

tory major in college I would be ahead of the game, able to follow the discussion and maybe even add my own comments. When I arrived, I was dismayed to find out Mr. Jim Winter was giving a test.

A pop quiz! It was like a bad dream where you realize you haven't studied all year and you now have to spew your knowledge back on to a harsh scantron worksheet. I suppose it could have been worse. At least I wasn't naked in the hallway.

I got 32 questions right out of 40, which is about 80 percent. I even had to fight for one point, after the computer

misread one of my answers. I think a B- is about the lowest grade I have ever gotten on a history test.

My biggest downfall were the true-false questions. I believe these types of questions were born in the nether regions, because I can talk myself into either answer depending on how I want to read the question. I also missed the definitions of "corporation," the "Gospel of Wealth," "settlement houses" and the Interstate Commerce Act, and the importance of several historical figures.

Blissfully my day was almost over when the history bell rang. I went out into the vaulted commons and found the lunch line already out the door.

Lunch was about as I remembered. Soft tacos with a bit too much cheese, lettuce and tomato in plastic cups, brownish corn, apple and milk. From the a-la-carte menu I picked up what were labeled as tator tots, but turned out to be cleverly disguised breaded mushrooms, my arch nemesis. I was relieved, however, when the snack area came through with a delicious item — a bag of M&M's.

few students, one of whom I recognized from history, I found out it was Retro Day, an annual celebration for homecoming. This explained why everyone was wearing funny clothes. Since I actually went to high school in the '80s, my retro clothes fit right in.

My final taste of the high school life came when I got in my car to leave. I had an ominous yellow slip of paper stuck

under my windshield. A parking ticket? At the high school? Apparently all of the students are issued a parking pass to park their cars in the student lot, something I was not informed of.

Fortunately, I have friends in high places. My parking ticket was ... shall we say, taken care of.

I guess sometimes it pays to be an adult.

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school, or, like Jan, stay in school until grade 13, then study at a university.

In Germany, Jan attends classes in a century-old school from 7:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. Students eat lunch, which is considered the main meal of the day, at home. Jan says a major difference between the two schools is the level of technology available in Chelsea schools. Back home, Jan says there are not TVs and computers in every classroom.

Germans aren't allowed to drive until they're 18 years

old. So, Jan takes public transportation — a bus and train — to his school in Germany.

By coming to the United States, Jan is following in the footsteps of his mother, who as a high school student came to California as an exchange student. Jan says he wanted to come so he could experience a different country, culture and have a new experience.

Jan says he didn't have any expectations in coming. However, he admits he did hold some stereotypes about Americans. Jan says he believed all Americans watched a lot of TV and ate hamburgers. And for the most part, he

says, he has found that to be true.

Michael has been very impressed with Jan's study habits. He says Jan studies four to five hours a night.

"He is such a hard worker when it comes to his school studies," Michael observes. "To be his age and to be so focused ... I am just amazed by it. He's going to go to a university over there and I know he's going to be an important person."

Michael also has been impressed with Jan's grasp of the language. Besides German and English, Jan speaks French. "His English is outstand-

ing," Michael says. "Every once in a while he'll stop and think when you use a slang term."

This is the King family's first experience hosting an exchange student, although Brian's mother, who lives in Fenton, has hosted many over the years. The Kings say they've had such a wonderful experience that they'll likely do it again.

"I highly recommend it to everybody because it's a real learning experience," Michael says. "Not only to learn about Jan's culture and our culture, but you find out what's important in your own country."

Halloween can frighten, harm family pets

Halloween festivities may be frightening or even be dangerous to your pets, warns the Michigan Humane Society (MHS). Owners need to take precautions to keep their pets safe from special holiday "treats" and unfortunate superstitions that may cause

them harm. With a little planning, Halloween can be an enjoyable time for all members of your family.

- Keep pets away from Halloween treats, especially chocolate, which is toxic to dogs.
- The arrival of trick-or-treaters may cause even calm

dogs to become agitated. It's best to keep dogs inside, confined and away from the door. As always, make sure your pet is wearing proper identification in case he escapes.

The MHS recommends keeping cats inside at all times, but especially around Halloween when they may become victims of vicious pranks or abuse. Indoor cats live longer and are much safer than those allowed outdoors, who are vulnerable to disease, accidents, and prey on small animals and song birds.

Halloween is also a great time to help the homeless animals at the three Michigan Humane Society shelters. Canisters are available for children and adults wishing to

collect donations instead of traditional treats, and all proceeds will help the over 53,000 animals MHS cares for annually.

For more information on becoming a Halloween Helper call at (313) 872-3400.

Mystery Book Club to focus on Alexander novels

Bruce Alexander's period mystery novels, which depict London's unruly 18th century, will be on Chelsea District Library's Mystery Book Club agenda in November.

Irene Ogden will host the meeting and moderate the discussion about Alexander's novels.

Ogden also will provide information about Alexander's

personal and professional life.

The meeting will be held on Monday, Nov. 2, at 7:30 p.m. upstairs at McKune House. New members and guests are welcome.

For further information call the Chelsea District Library at 475-8732.

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When Bainton is not in the classroom he can be found sailing or downhill skiing. He has managed a junior racing fleet at the Pentwater Yacht Club for several years.

Bainton is a big MSU fan, attending as many games as he can a year. He is married to Sue Bainton, a bus driver for Chelsea schools, and they have two children, Marti and Mike, both Chelsea High School graduates.

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Monday, Oct. 26
 Chelsea Kiwanis Club meets at Chelsea Community Hospital, 6:15 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 27
 Rotary Club meets at the Common Grill, 12:10 p.m.
 Chelsea Village Council meets at Sylvan Township Hall, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 28
 Fraternal Order of Eagles, Ladies Auxiliary No. 2154 meet at 7530 Jackson Rd., 7:30 p.m.
 Chelsea School Board meets in the Media Center, 500 Washington St., 7:30 p.m.
Monday, Nov. 2
 Chelsea Kiwanis Club meets at Chelsea Community Hospital, 6:15 p.m.
 McKune Memorial Library Mystery Book Club meets at the library, 7:30 p.m.
 Lima Township Board meeting at Lima Township Hall, 8 p.m.
Tuesday, Nov. 3
 Rotary Club meets at the Common Grill, 12:10 p.m.
 Lions Club meets at Chelsea Community Hospital, 6:45 p.m.
 Sylvan Township Board meets at Sylvan Township Hall, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, Nov. 4
 Friends of McKune Memorial Library meet at the library, 7 p.m. Info. 475-8732.
 Chelsea-Manchester Chapter No. 108, OES meets at the Masonic Temple, 7:30 p.m.
 New Beginnings, 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.

at Cousins Heritage Inn, 6:30 p.m.
 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.
MISCELLANEOUS
 Alcoholics Anonymous meets at St. Joseph Parish Hall in Dexter, Tuesdays at 8 p.m. and Thursdays at 7:30 p.m.
 Arbor Hospice offers various programs for dealing with terminally ill family members, as well as coping with death. Groups meet at the Arbor Hospice Residence, 2366 Oak Valley Drive, Ann Arbor. For more info. on specific groups and meeting dates and times, call Debbie Skotak or Pat Bauer, (734) 662-5999.
 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.
 The Dexter Area Museum is open every Friday and Saturday, 1-3 p.m. through mid-December. To make special arrangements, please call the museum at (734) 426-2519.
 Dexter District Library is still accepting children, 3-6, for its Fall Storytimes. Program runs through Dec. 14, and storytimes are at 10:30 a.m., Mondays and Thursdays. Info., (734) 426-4477.
 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.

Faith in Action House Community Center, open daily. Provides various free services to those in need. Services include food, clothing, financial help, advocacy and many other forms of assistance. Need friendly help? Call from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., (734) 475-3305.
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 Immunizations through Washtenaw County Public Health, the Multi-Service Center in Ann Arbor. Info., (734) 484-7219.
 La Leche League of Western Washtenaw County will meet on Oct. 27, 10 a.m., at the First Congregational Church of Chelsea. Expectant mothers who wish to learn about breastfeeding, and currently breastfeeding mothers are invited to attend. Babies welcome! Info., Adele (734) 475-8340, www.hvccn.org/info/lll/
 Lima Township Planning Commission Public Hearing is on Wednesday, Oct. 28, 1998, at 7:30 p.m. Bauer Mobile Home Residential Rezoning Petition.
 Overeaters Anonymous meets Mondays at First United Methodist Church, Chelsea, 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. Info., (734) 741-9209.
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 The Parkinson Education and Support Group of Washtenaw County meets at the St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Education Center, Building 5305, the second Sunday of each month at 1:30 p.m. Info., (734) 741-9209.
 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.
 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.
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 Washtenaw County Health Dept. is offering free and low-cost immunizations that meet state of Michigan standards for daycare and school settings. Infant and adult immunizations are also available. Call (734) 484-7220 for an appointment.
 Washtenaw County WIC Program provides nutritious foods, free coupons and health counseling for pregnant women, breastfeeding women, infants and children up to age five. Info., (734) 971-1300.
 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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Monday, Oct. 26
 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.
Tuesday, Oct. 27
 Dexter Village Parks Commission meets at First of America Bank, 7 p.m.
 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.
 The American Business Women's Assoc. holds its monthly dinner meeting at Cousins Heritage Inn, 7954 Ann Arbor St., 6:30 p.m. Info., (734) 426-5165.
Wednesday, Oct. 28
 The Village of Dexter Parks Commission meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 29
 Dexter Rotary Club meets at Cousins Heritage Inn, 7:30 a.m. The speaker will be Barry Lonik.
Monday, Nov. 2
 Dexter Community Schools Board of Education meets at the Copeland building, 8 p.m.
 Lima Township Board meets at Lima Township Hall, 8 p.m.
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Speakers will be Richard Doherty, whose topic will be "Serendipity: A Light Hearted Look at Genealogy," and Bradley Stark, who will speak on the 100 years of the Stark Funeral Home in Ypsilanti and hints on tracing ancestors through funeral-home records.

Doherty is a past president of the Detroit Society for Genealogical Research, a professional researcher for estate investigations and also speaks on Irish and German research.

Stark is the second generation family member running the Stark Funeral Home.

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Incontinence is treatable, curable

Question: Whenever I cough, sneeze or run, I leak urine. It usually is a small amount, but it is enough that I wear a pad most of the time. Occasionally, I leak enough that it is embarrassing. My doctor didn't seem very concerned when I mentioned it to him. Is this a "woman's condition" that I must live with, or do I need to see another doctor?

Answer: The leaking of urine, a condition we doctors call urinary incontinence, affects about 10 million Americans. And to answer your question quickly, it is not a condition that you must "live with." Most causes of incontinence are treatable and many are curable. Incontinence is most common in women, but it also occurs in men, so it is not just a "woman's condition."

Urinary incontinence can have several causes, and identifying the specific cause and instituting treatment may require consultation with a urologist — a surgeon specializing in problems of the urinary tract. Your physician is apparently not trained in this area and has failed to give you accurate advice. This is not a condemnation of him. Instead, look at this as a reflection of the complexity of the human body and the diversity of treatment options we have available today.

The process of bladder control is quite complex, and as is typical of any complex system, tracking down the specific cause of a problem can be difficult. The symptoms associated with your incontinence help your doctor quickly reduce the list of possible causes down to a few. One of the simple things you can do to help your doctor help you is to keep a diary of when you urinate. Include the time of day, the amount of urine you pass — yes, you'll need to catch and measure it — and whether you've been incontinent since the last time you urinated.

Additional comments about what brought about the incontinence, such as "coughed," are also helpful.

The most common type of incontinence is stress incontinence. You described the



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symptoms of this disorder quite well — the involuntary loss of urine with activities like laughing, coughing, and physical exertion, without a following urge to urinate. In women this condition is often due to excessive mobility of the lower portion of the bladder and tube that carries urine out of the body (urethra). Frequently it develops after vaginal delivery, particularly of a baby weighing eight or more pounds. Fortunately, this condition is often curable by surgery designed to provide better support for the urethra and bladder.

Another type of incontinence that predominately affects men is overflow incontinence. In this condition the bladder becomes full but the individual can't empty it effectively, usually because of an enlarged prostate. Urine frequently dribbles, and it may or may not be associated with physical activities that bring on stress incontinence. The treatment for overflow incontinence is surgery designed to remove the blockage producing the underlying problem. There are conditions that can give women overflow incontinence, too. This usually occurs as a complication of previous surgery.

So, don't believe those ubiquitous advertisements for new pads and other "bladder control" products. Instead, you should see another physician — preferably a urologist — to identify the type, cause and treatment for your incontinence.

"Family Medicine" is a weekly column. To submit questions, write to John C. Wolf, D.O., Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine, Grosvenor Hall, Athens, Ohio 45701.

ANNIVERSARIES



50TH ANNIVERSARY: Mark and Virginia Mckernan of Chelsea celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Oct. 9. The couple marked the occasion by having an open house at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Chelsea. The Mckernans are the parents of Thomas Mckernan of Chapel Hill, N.C. and Anne Theodoran of Lancaster, Pa.

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Holiday retail season looks strong, expert says

With only 64 shopping days until Christmas, Larry Meyer, president of the Michigan Retailers Association, has some observations about the upcoming season.

Meyer has headed the 4,800-member nonprofit organization since 1972 and has been an avid consumer observer in the ensuing 26 years.

Although the stock market has been up and down like a yo-yo, and despite the General Motors strike and subsequent losses, Meyer said he's looking for a very healthy holiday retail season.

"One of the great precursors of the retail season is, how well did your tourist season go," Meyer said.

"And when you see the strong sales we had coming into this quarter, and when you have as good a tourism season as we've had, I'd be very optimistic about the season."

Meyer said that up until now, the winter apparel market in Michigan has been sort of slow, but with several cool days since last week, that market should be up to speed soon.

Predictions of the "La Nina" weather system, which is supposed to bring more snow and colder temperatures, has had no effect on buying habits in Michigan, Meyer said.

He added that unless people see some evidence of severe weather — such as several feet of snow or below zero temperatures — there should be no stampede for more cold weather clothing or accessories than usual.

As for the presidential impeachment inquiry in Washington, D.C., Meyer said that although the stock market may be somewhat concerned, his organization doesn't expect that the public's holiday buying habits will be affected.

"I think that will be a process that will go through on its own, but it won't go into the retail sector," Meyer said. "The ripple into the (retail) market is something I don't see at all."

"If people are working, they will buy. The 'Grinch' will not steal Christmas this year."

In fact, Meyer said, many retailers are expecting a better year than last, thanks to low interest rates that not only translate into cheaper money, but more money.

He said there has been a lot of refinancing of homes by consumers in the last year, and many not only refinanced but also took equity out of their homes at the same time.

"There is a big bulge of liquidity," Meyer said. "Not only with refinancing, but gas prices are down and people generally are satisfied with the economy."

Most people view their investments in the stock market as "paper" investments, Meyer said, rather than as spendable money that they've gained or lost. So, the recent drop in the market and in many 401(k) programs should have no effect on short-term spending habits.

"Unless you're retiring in the next year or so, you're not using that money," Meyer said. "And you're not missing that money out of your pocket, so that is not really a factor in holiday spending."

Sales for the 1997 fourth-quarter holiday season were better than average, Meyer said, adding that the Michigan Retailers Association expects an even better retail season this year.

"There is nothing I can see that would make this a down year," he said. "There is an attitude that was created by a great summer and we fully expect that to carry over through the rest of the year."

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Fashion Show

Bridget (second from left), Katie and Maureen Lynn show off their fall fashions, which they will model at St. Mary's Catholic Church's Fall Fashion Show at 7 p.m. Nov. 2. The show is sponsored by Ladies of St. Mary's and will be held at the church's parish center in Chelsea. The girls' mother, Mary, will also be modeling with clothes from Vogel's and Foster's.

How to handle nut bounty

Fall is the season to harvest wild nuts in Michigan forests and fields.

Black walnuts and hickories are fairly common, butternuts are usually harder to find, observes Mary McLellan, Master Gardener program coordinator at Michigan State University.

"Before you gather nuts on private property, be sure to ask the property owner's permission," she urges. "You may find that some landowners appreciate having what they consider a mess cleaned up for them. Others may see it differently."

Nut crops vary from year to year, she notes. Trees that yielded bushels of nuts last year may have many or only a few this year. Nut quality can vary, also — nuts may look OK on the outside but have small, shrunken-looking kernels.

"Before you gather bags or bushels of wild nuts and carry them home, it's a good idea to crack a few to make sure the kernels are full," she suggests.

Wild nuts have tough shells, she points out, and ordinary nutcracking tools usually aren't up to the job. People often resort to cracking walnuts with a hammer on concrete or some other hard surface. This is a slow, laborious process fraught with the possibilities of smashed nuts and bruised fingers, so you may want to temper your enthusiasm for gathering nuts with some consideration of the effort involved in extracting the edible parts.

Before you get to the crack-



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ing part, however, you need to extract the hard-shelled walnuts and butternuts from the softer outer hulls as soon as the nuts ripen and drop to the ground. The hulls contain a stain that will go into and through the nut shell, discoloring the kernel and making it strong-tasting, she explains. It will also discolor skin, clothing, concrete and about anything else it touches.

A hand-operated corn sheller is one way to deal with walnut hulls. A jacked-up automobile wheel in a wooden trough can also be used. If you have just a few nuts, you can pound them through an appropriately sized hole in a sturdy board with a hammer.

To clean nuts after hulling, hose them off on the lawn or wash them in a tub of water, skimming off the nuts that float (they'll have poorly filled kernels, McLellan explains). To clean larger quantities of nuts, a small cement mixer with enough water to cover the nuts and a few pieces of broken concrete will do a good job.

Dispose of the water on lawn areas away from vegeta-

ble an flower gardens and shrubs, she advises. Juglone, a substance present in all parts of black walnut trees, can harm or even kill tomatoes and a host of other sensitive plants, and the rinse water from the hulls may contain enough juglone to damage sensitive plants.

After washing, nuts need to dry for two to three weeks. Place them in shallow layers on half-inch mesh hardware cloth and place the screens in a cool, shady and dry place with good air circulation that can be secured against squirrels.

Check by cracking a few nuts after two or three weeks to see if the kernels have dried somewhat and acquired the typical nut taste.

Hickory nuts are much simpler: gather them soon after they fall (if the squirrels don't get them first), remove the thick, hard outer hulls and spread the nuts on screens in the shade to dry. After two or three weeks, start cracking a few nuts and checking for crispy kernels.

Walnuts, butternuts and hickory nuts all contain oils that will turn rancid if nuts are stored improperly. Dry nuts in the shells can be stored in mesh bags in a cool, airy, squirrelproof location. For long-term storage, store shelled or unshelled nuts in the freezer or refrigerator. Storing them in plastic freezer containers, jars or moisture vapor-proof plastic freezer bags will prevent excessive drying of frozen nutmeats.

Area woman named head of mentor organization

Jill McKinnon of Chelsea, a Hope College junior, has been appointed president of Partners in Promise for the 1998-99 academic year.

Partners in Promise began as a residence hall project in 1994 and has now become a campus-wide extra-curricular activity. The program builds friendships by giving third-through fifth-graders from Lincoln and Van Raalte elementary schools a Hope mentor.

McKinnon has been a member of the Gospel Choir and the Alpha Epsilon Delta pre-medical honorary society. She has also participated in a spring break mission trip. McKinnon is the daughter of Joseph and Nancy McKinnon of Chelsea, and is a 1996 graduate of Chelsea High School.



Behind the Scenes

It was local businessman Bud Roberts who helped make the Apple Daze event a big success in Dexter Saturday. He did a lot of the behind-the-scenes work. The event, held in Monument Park, was organized by Dexter Area Chamber of Commerce and included the help of local service organizations. Pictured with Roberts, far right, are Rob Ewing, Lee Burkhardt and Wayne Burkhardt, all members of Dexter Rotary Club who helped out in the games tent.



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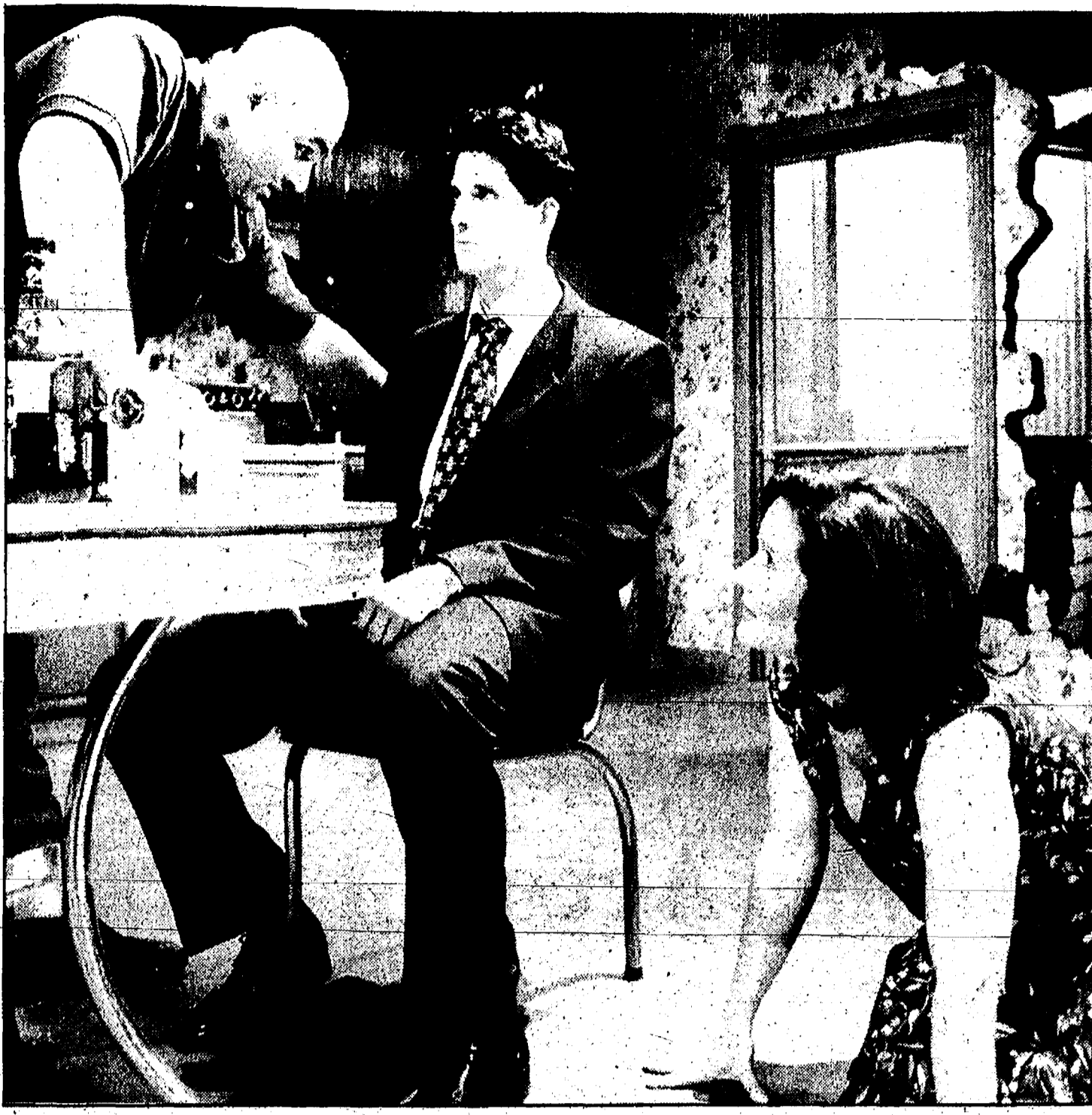
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Guy Sanville, John Lepard and Sandra Birch appear in the production of "Boom Town" by Chelsea's Jeff Daniels.

Acting enhances new Purple Rose Theatre production

Review by Steven Daut
Special Writer

Boom Town, the new play by Jeff Daniels, premiered at the Purple Rose Theatre Company on Friday, Oct. 8. With the production of this intense drama, Daniels continues to stretch his range as both playwright and director.

The playbill announces the setting as a small town "somewhere deep in the Midwest." Clearly, though, the backdrop theme was inspired locally. The town is in the midst of a controversy over a proposed trailer park development, with its attendant issues. The schools have just passed a \$30 million millage and the opponents claim they won't be able to handle the influx of children. And the traffic downtown? It will become a parking lot.

Supporting this trailer park development are Stu and Angela, owners of a failing party store that will be surrounded by trailers if the development goes forward. Stu sees this as a way out of their economic problems, and has been such an adamant proponent at a recent Village Council meeting that he was taken away to cool his heels in the local jail for a couple of hours.

Council member Frank is opposed to the project, and as the local banker he also has the unfortunate duty of telling Stu and Angela that the bank has denied their application for refinancing.

He didn't help himself in that task when he became intimately involved with Angela some time back. And today he will face the reality and the consequences of what he has done.

The play is tightly written, closely focused on the dual themes of class inequity, and the pain of facing reality. The themes are underscored with symbolism. When Frank announces his recent purchase of a Brittany, he asks Angela what kind of dog they have, and she replies, "abandoned." When Stu throws Angela's and Frank's words back at them, they are revealed as a painful echo of events from moments earlier.

The dialogue is strong and accurate, although there are a couple of points early in the play when Angela's speech draws attention to itself in an effort to emphasize her terrible grammar. Toward the end, the echoing words of Stu go on too long, and seem too accurate a reproduction of what was said before to be wholly believable. There are also moments of brilliance, when overlapping speech patterns and speech trails tumble out in a frightening echo of the way we all interact.

In the direction, also, there are moments of brilliance.

When Stu is waiting in the kitchen flipping his lighter and Frank walks in, there is an almost imperceptible delay in the pattern, an ominous

precursor to the events that follow. Silences are at times handled powerfully, reminiscent of the stunning play "Beast on the Moon," which played at the PRTC in the winter of 1996.

There were also a few moments of humor which served to break up the intensity of the action. Unfortunately, for a number of reasons, the ending didn't ring true for me, although it was clearly very moving for many in the audience.

Sandra Birch plays Angela. She delivers a wonderful performance as a woman torn between her desire to move up and her enmeshment in the life she is living. She sees Frank as her escape, and is willing to fool herself into believing that he will deliver her from her problems. When reality intrudes, she is able to draw on her inner resources to redefine her efforts to better her situation.

The way Birch handles subtlety—a look, a wave of her hand—demonstrates her strength. She tosses off the best line of the play in such an offhand manner that it becomes an indelible part of her character.

"I may be cheating, but at least I'm cheating up." It is at the other extreme, when she has to carry sustained shock and terror, when she occasionally breaks over the edge and jars you out of the action.

John Lepard as Frank, on the other hand, only seems to come alive when he is writhing in terror under the threat of death or describing the weird feeling of watching himself from the outside. In general, his character seems rather expressionless, and during the subtler moments, there is nothing at all to read from him.

To be fair, some of this may be appropriate to the part of Frank as the proper bank executive with a studied air of business about him. And wedged as he is between the

huge stage presence of Birch and Sanville, he has a hard part to play.

Sanville delivers a powerful performance as the desperate Stu. His soft spoken manner, punctuated by shouted phrases and violent action, combine with such an imposing physical intensity that when he dominates the action, the entire audience is on the edge of their chairs. We are fortunate to have him here. Seems to me that Sanville could hold his own with the best on Broadway or Hollywood.

Bartley H. Bauer's set design is wonderful. The home is a 60's style kitchen, hallway and porch, complete with Harvest Gold appliances, flowered wallpaper, and a wall full of family photos. He has shown us the place in a cutaway view, creating a feeling of uneasy voyeurism as we look in on these unfortunate people's lives.

Props by Danna Segrest, lighting by Dana White, and costumes by Colleen Ryan-Peters contribute to the feeling of class distinction between the characters. The occasional bird call and barking dog interjected by sound designer Vince Mountain provide an eerie backdrop of calm and normalcy in contrast with the extreme action going on inside the house.

"Boom Town" is recommended for mature audiences only. The play is currently scheduled to run from through Nov. 29 with performances from Wednesday through Sunday every week.

Ticket prices vary from \$15 to \$30 and can be reserved at the Purple Rose Theatre box office at (734) 475-7902. Reservations are recommended due to limited seating capacity and sellout crowds.

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 517-522-4187
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 Sunday: Sacrament, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday school, 10:50 a.m.; Priesthood and Relief Society, 11:45 a.m.

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Baha'i Faith
 705 S. Main St., Chelsea
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 Monday: Devotional meeting, 7 p.m.

Chelsea Hospital Ministry
 775 S. Main St., Chelsea
 (734) 475-1311

Covenant
 Anthony Dickerson, Pastor
 50 N. Freer Rd.
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 Sunday: Sunday School, 9 a.m.; Morning Worship, 10:30 a.m.; Communion first Sunday of every month.

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 Wednesday: Prayer Service, 7 p.m.

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 Wednesday: Choir Rehearsals, 6:00 p.m.



The Spirit of Giving
 The 19th annual St. Joseph Summer Fun Festival proved to be a success this past summer, with the church donating a portion of its proceeds to three service organizations. Dexter's Christmas in April chapter, Dexter Family Services and Hope Clinic in Ypsilanti each received \$405. The remaining funds will be used for capital improvements and maintenance at the church. Pictured, front from left, are John and Jean Hruska of Christmas in April, Jean Horak of Hope Clinic and Nellie Naylor of Dexter Family Services; back from left, are festival chairpersons Walt and Sharon Kusnier, festival treasurer Julie Drexler and pastor Fr. Brendan Walsh.

DEATHS



GERALD W. HOOVER
 Grass Lake, Mich.
 Formerly of Chelsea
 Age 75, died Tuesday, Oct. 20, 1998, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital. He was born on May 10, 1923, in Chelsea, the son of Milton A. and Ester (Dangler) Hoover. Mr. Hoover was a 20-year member of V.F.W. Post 4076 in Chelsea and the American Legion Mackinder-Glenn Post 510 in Stockbridge. He retired from Rockwell International in 1971.
 On Sept. 7, 1946, he married Goldie Ruth Clear in Detroit, and she survives. Other survivors include two daughters, Diane (Edwin) Jacobinski of Ann Arbor, Robin (Glenn) Niles of Grass Lake; two sons, Dennis (Elsie) Hoover of Hamburg and Randall (Kathy) Hoover of Jackson; 13 grandchildren, Leanne, Jodi, Jason, Louise, Michelle, Bryon, Amber, Dawn, Randy Jr., Michael, Nicole, Kelly and Christopher; four great-grandchildren, Samantha, David, Stacie and Austin; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by three brothers and two sisters.
 Funeral service will be held Friday, Oct. 23, at 11 a.m. at Cole Funeral Chapel, with burial following at Oak Grove Cemetery, Chelsea. The family received friends Wednesday 6-8 p.m. and Thursday 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to American Heart Association.

World War II, serving in Europe, where he received a Purple Heart. He also had served in the U.S. Navy. Carl was retired as a pipefitter from Hoover Ballbearing.
 According to his wishes, cremation has taken place and no services are scheduled at this time. Arrangements by Hosmer-Muehlig Funeral Chapel, Dexter.

HAZEL I. WACKER
 Chelsea
 Age 86, died Wednesday, Oct. 14, 1998, at Chelsea Community Hospital. She was born on June 14, 1912, in Chelsea, the daughter of Milton J. and Ellen Frizeen (Backus) Baxter. Mrs. Wacker had been a lifelong resident of Chelsea. She was a member of First Congregational Church in Chelsea, and the church organist for 28 years. She was a life member of the Order of the Eastern Star.
 On Jan. 8, 1932, she married Lawrence A. Wacker in Chelsea, and they were married 65 years when he died on Jan. 8, 1997. Survivors include dear friends, Charlotte and Gary Bentley of Chelsea; her sister, Helen (Wayne) Wiseman of Grosse Pointe; one niece, Leslie Joan Buhl of Paw Paw; and one nephew, James Baxter of Lewiston, Idaho. She was also preceded in death by one brother, George, in 1979.
 Funeral service was held Friday, Oct. 16, at 3 p.m. at the Cole Funeral Chapel, Chelsea, with the Rev. Dr. David Cleaver-Bartholomew officiating. Burial followed at Oak Grove Cemetery. The family received friends Thursday 6 p.m.-9 p.m. and Friday noon-3 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to First Congregational Church.

THOMAS NILES
 Whitmore Lake
 Age 45, died Friday, Oct. 16, 1998, at the University of Michigan Medical Center. He was born on May 30, 1953, in Detroit, the son of Harold and Mary (Cutter) Niles and they survive. Tom married Denise E. Miles on Sept. 20, 1996, and she survives. Tom was a Computer Engineer with Data General Corp. and worked throughout the Southeastern Michigan region. He loved to snowmobile, water and snow ski, and rock climb.
 Additional survivors include his two children, Nathan and Nicole Niles of Whitmore Lake; his sister, Terry (David) Gladstone of Warren; and several nieces and nephews.
 Funeral service was held at 11 a.m. Monday, Oct. 19, at the Dexter United Methodist Church, with the Rev. William Donahue officiating. Memorial contributions may be given to the Memorial Fund at Dexter United Methodist Church. For additional information call the Deighton Funeral Home at 1-810-629-2533.

ARTHUR G. KARVEL
 Ann Arbor
 Age 89, died Friday afternoon Oct. 16, 1998, at Chelsea Community Hospital. He was born Dec. 14, 1908, in Merrill, Wis., the son of George and Amanda (Szneci) Karvel. Mr. Karvel formerly worked for Ford Motor Co. as the Rouge plant. By trade he was a finish carpenter. Arthur enjoyed hunting and fishing.
 He was married on Sept. 1, 1928, in Ohio to Marjorie M. Jordan and she preceded him in death on Jan. 12, 1992. Surviving are his four children, Marilyn (George) Benson of Jonesville, Jean (Robert) Fenton of Mancelona, Mich., Judy (Winston) Boyer of Chelsea, and Arthur J. "Bud" (Janet) Karvel of Dexter; 21 grandchildren; 35 great-grandchildren; a brother, Raymond Karvel of Wabasha, Wis.; and a niece, Patty Karvel-Swirsk of Evert, Wash. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Leslie and Roy Karvel.
 Funeral service was held Monday, Oct. 19 at 2 p.m. at the Stefan-Mitchell Funeral Home, with the Rev. Mearl Bradley of the Chelsea Free Methodist Church officiating. Burial was in Oak Grove East Cemetery, Chelsea. Expressions of sympathy may be made to Individualize Hospice.

VERNA VEDDER KEMP
 Mt. Pleasant
 Age 94, died Saturday, Oct. 3, 1998, at the Stratford Village in Midland. She was born Jan. 14, 1904, in North Star, Mich., the daughter of Jesse and Orrie Kryder Vedder. She married Wallace Kemp in Montrose in 1923 and he preceded her in death in 1964. She was a 1920 graduate of Mt. Pleasant High School and a 1922 graduate of Central Normal School (CNU). She was a teacher in Montrose and was a secretary to the director of nursing in Marquette from 1947-59. Verna was also a member of the First Presbyterian Church. She was a lifetime resident of Mt. Pleasant, except when she lived in Marquette from 1937 to 1959.
 Other survivors include a daughter, Hilde A. Wenger of Midland; a son, Wallace (Janet) R.

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 Sunday: Sunday School, 9 a.m.; Worship 10 a.m.

Peace Lutheran
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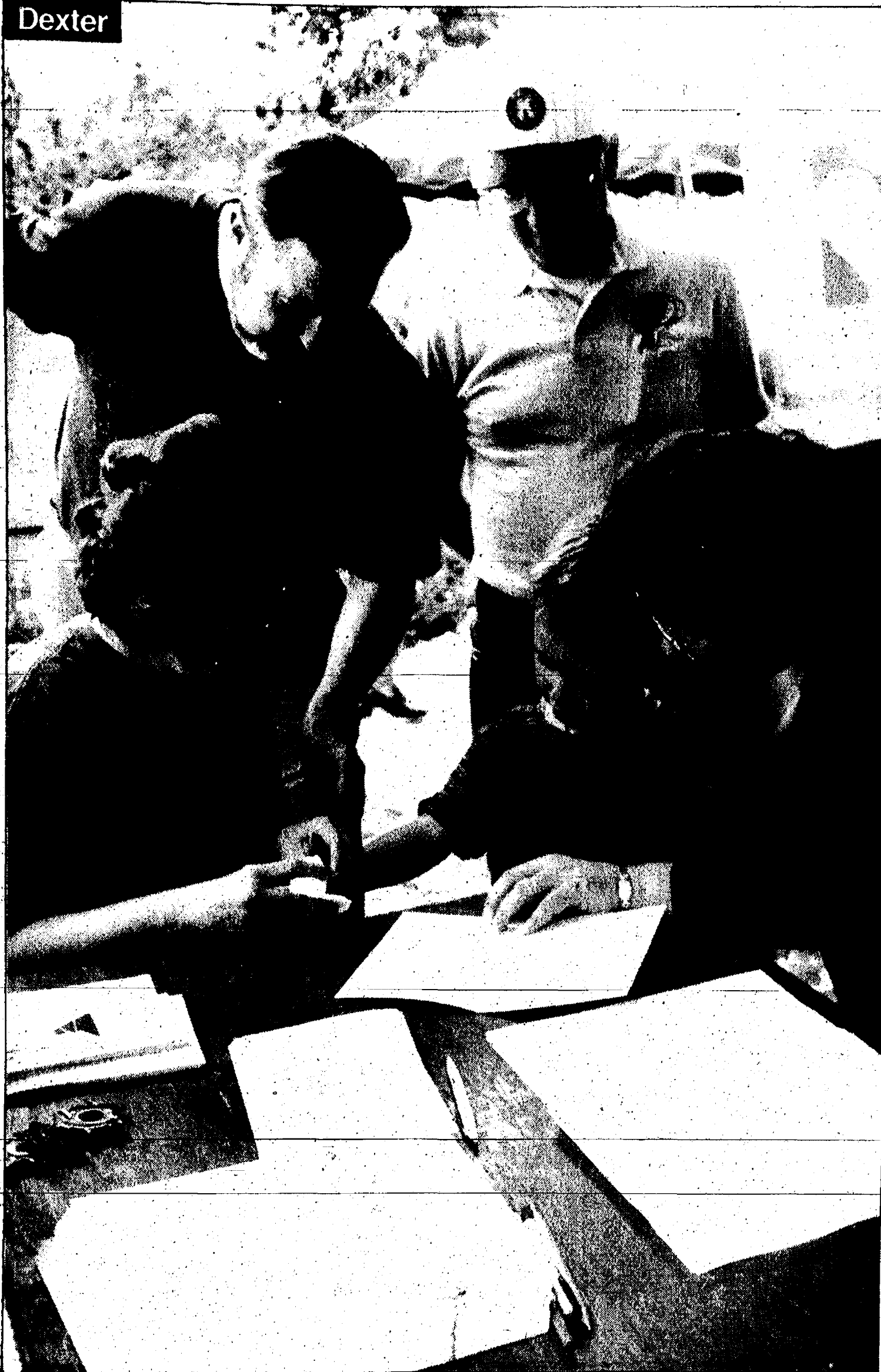
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 7643 Huron River, Dexter
 (734) 426-8480
 William Donahue, Pastor
 Sunday: Worship, 8:30 and 11 a.m.; Church School, 9:45 a.m.

MABEL LAURA NEAL
 Chelsea
 Age 81, died Sunday, Oct. 18, 1998, at Evangelical Home of Seline. She was born on Nov. 28, 1916, in Charleston, W. Va., the daughter of Mack and Della (Joseph) Ingram. Mabel was an active member of the First Congregational Church of Chelsea, and a member of the Bebekah Lodge.
 She married Kenneth Neal in Charleston, W. Va. in April of 1936, and he survives. Other survivors include one son, William Neal of Chelsea; one daughter, Priscilla Seamans of Ann Arbor; four sisters, Ruby (George) West of Chelsea, Ruth Davey of Wisconsin, Remont (Walter) Morris of Westland, Maxine Morgan of California; one brother, William Ingram of Arizona; one granddaughter, Amy Sinclair of Charleston, S.C.; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by one sister, Betty Zirkle; one brother, John Ingram; and one son-in-law, Sterling Seamans.
 A memorial service will be held Saturday, Oct. 24, at 2 p.m. at the First Congregational Church of Chelsea, with the Rev. Dr. David Cleaver-Bartholomew officiating. A private burial took place at Oak Grove East Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to First Congregational Church of Chelsea. Arrangements by Cole Funeral Chapel.

CARL A. HORNE
 Dexter
 Age 93, died Thursday, Oct. 15, 1998, at Cedar Knoll Care Center. He was born April 30, 1905, in Ann Arbor, the son of Floyd and Elsie (Ruppert) Horne of Dexter. He is survived by his sister Elsie Balmor of Wisconsin, two nieces and a nephew. He was preceded in death by his brothers Paul and Frank, and a sister Wilda Holmes. Carl was a U.S. Army veteran of

If your church is in the Chelsea/Dexter area and is not listed here, please call us at (734) 475-1371. Church Secretaries: We need information about your next week's activities by Friday. Thank you.

Dexter



A Permanent Record

Trevor Leszczynski, 4, of Dexter put his fingerprints on file with the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department with some help from Dexter Kiwanis Saturday during Apple Daze. Pictured with the boy are Karen and Joe Scheuring, Fred Model and Barb Bell of Dexter Kiwanis Club.

Friends to honor library staff members

Friends of the Chelsea District Library will hold their annual Library Staff Appreciation Dinner on Friday, Nov. 13 in the main dining room of the Chelsea Community Hospital. Punch will be served at the pre-dinner social gathering, which begins at 6:30 p.m. Dinner will be served at 7 p.m.

"We hold this event during Thanksgiving month each year. It is one way of showing the library staff how grateful the community is for the excellent library services the staff provides to the area," said Marie Brooks, vice president and program chair of the library friends organization.

This is the ninth consecutive year the friends have held this dinner, so members of the community look forward to attending an event that has become a Chelsea area tradition.

Reservations for the dinner must be made no later than Monday, Nov. 9.

Information about the cost of the dinner, main course selection, and dinner reservations can be obtained by calling the Chelsea District Library at 475-8732.

Farm fact

At the beginning of the 1997-98 marketing year, many agriculture-marketing analysts could not have predicted the United States would export the third highest total of soybeans in history. According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the U.S. exported 900.7 million bushels of soybeans in the past year, 929 million bushels in 1981-82 and 905 million bushels in 1982-83. The countries the United States exports to include Brazil (29.7 million bushels), Argentina (18.6 million bushels), and the largest importer, Mexico (11.2 million bushels). Asia imports more soybeans than any other world region, importing 384.5 million bushels of U.S. soybeans.

Classic 1940 Ford offers tale

By Gary Gosselin

In 1993, Lincoln Park resident Doug Fair purchased a 1940 Standard Ford, intending to restore the vehicle.

Fair said had wanted a 1932 Ford Roaster, but the 1940 Ford was what was available, so he sold the 1949 Chevrolet he had to purchase the Ford.

By early 1994, Fair began to restore his car and took it apart. During the tear-down process, he discovered the car was in good shape considering its age, so parts that were removed were stored for future restoration and reinstallation.

"I had parts everywhere, my son's old bedroom, chrome parts were hanging from the rafters in the basement," Fair said. "I had parts all over the place."

Shortly after the restoration process began, Fair became disinterested and the car and parts just sat there gathering dust.

"I just lost interest in the car," Fair said. "I just didn't feel like working on it. If it hadn't been for my son, Bud, the car would never got done. He pushed me until we finished the car."

Once Fair got started again, he sanded and wire-wheeled the body and frame to prepare it for painting.

Once Fair had the car's body prepped for paint, he decided that the body would be performance red with black fenders.

"I read a lot of old Hot Rod magazines," Fair said. "I got my ideas from them. I know the car's paint isn't original, but it's what I wanted."

Almost all of the glass in Fair's car has been replaced by his son, Bud. The windshield is still original.

Perhaps the hardest part of car's restoration was the running boards.

"The running boards were in very bad shape, they needed to be recovered," he said.

"The rubber for them wasn't hard to find. But it wasn't cheap or easy to install."

The tires on Fair's car are black walls, just like the originals. Fair said he had thought about putting big white walls on, but decided to keep the tires like the car

came with.

The motor is pretty much the way it was when he purchased the car, except for some paint and a carburetor rebuild.

"I didn't touch the motor, so I wasn't sure if it would run right," he said. "So I drove the car without installing the front fenders for a while just to make sure I wouldn't scratch them if I had to work on the motor."

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Dogs fall short in gridiron shoot-out

By Dennis Mansfield

Sports Editor

Sometimes, skill wins a game. Other times, luck helps one team beat another.

But Tecumseh might have just played harder, crashing Chelsea's homecoming celebration on Oct. 16 by handing the host varsity gridders a 49-40 loss.

"I just felt Tecumseh played harder than we did," said Bulldog head coach Brad Bush. "We were disappointed with our effort on the defensive side of the ball."

"Forty points should be enough to win any high school football game."

Tecumseh (2-5, 1-4 SEC) put 14 points on the board in the opening period. And it wasn't until the second stanza that Chelsea (4-3, 2-3 SEC) answered with a one-yard touchdown run by Mike Holloway.

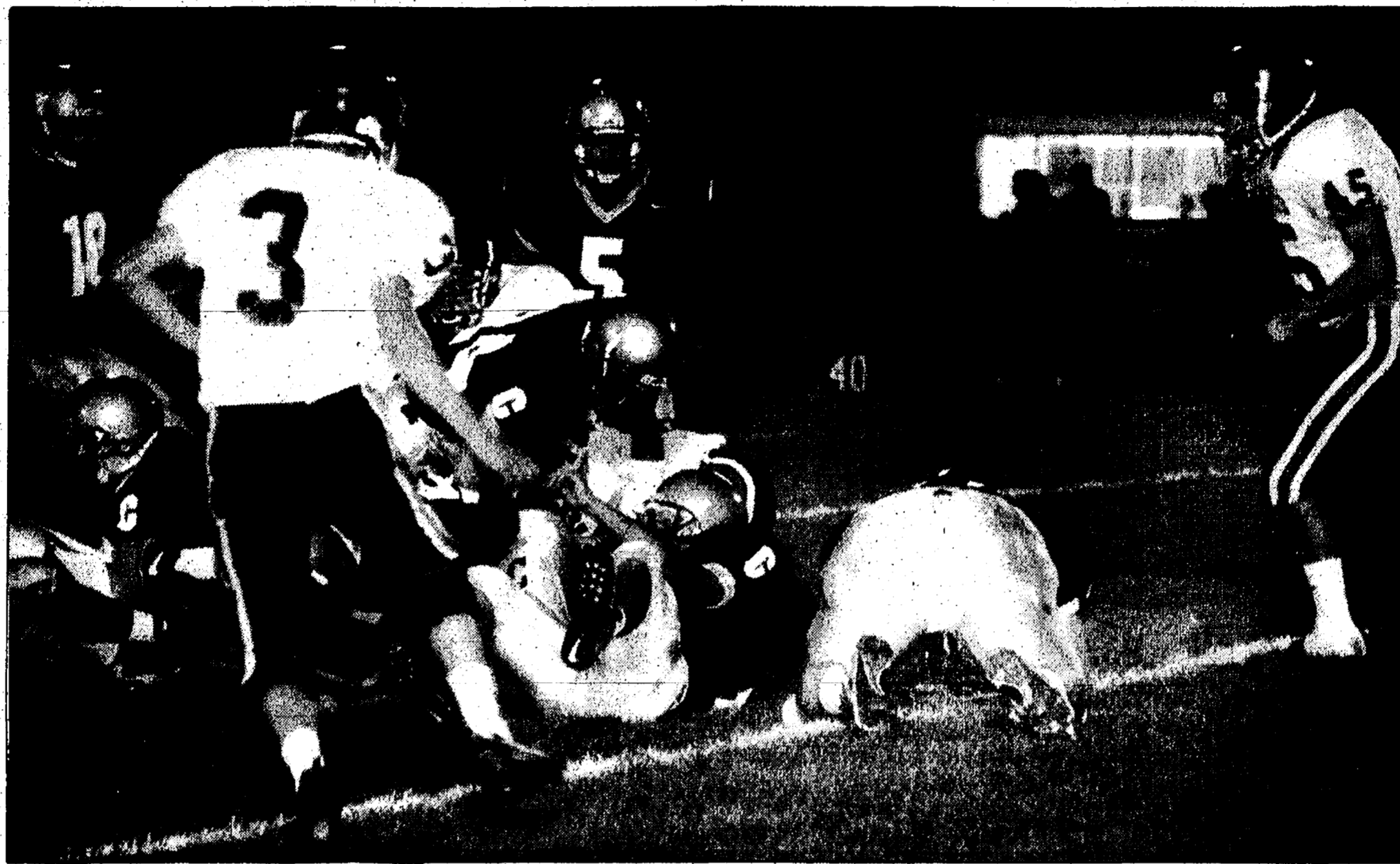
"The fact that in first quarter we didn't score and were never ahead hurt us," Bush said. "We weren't able to get over the hump."

The Bulldogs tied the score at 14-14 in the period, as quarterback Drew Henson found Bourke Skelton for a 19-yard TD strike, with Jerry Milliken again adding the extra point.

The visiting Indians put their third TD of the game on the board on a 15-yard scoring run.

But Chelsea fans wouldn't have to wait a full quarter for the Bulldogs response, as Holloway returned the ensuing kickoff 89 yards for his second touchdown of the game.

Milliken added the extra point to knot the score at 21-21.



Chelsea varsity quarterback Drew Henson (#24) fights forward for tough yardage in the Bulldogs' 49-40 homecoming loss to Southeastern Conference rival Tecumseh on Oct. 16. The defeat dropped the Bulldogs to 2-3 against SEC competition, but Chelsea is still above the .500 mark for the season with a 4-3 mark overall.

Not to be outdone, Tecumseh again took the lead on a three-yard TD run with just 25 seconds left in the first half for a 28-21 advantage.

In the back-and-forth slugfest, Skelton set up Chelsea's fourth touchdown, a three-yard burst by Holloway, by

intercepting a Tecumseh passing attempt and returning the ball 78 yards to the five-yard line.

"That was a huge play for us," Bush said of the interception. "But, other than that, we didn't play well defensively."

The Bulldogs failed to convert on the PAT after Holloway's third TD of the night, as a bad snap allowed Indian defenders to block the kick. It was a play that Bush said might have altered the outcome of the game, if Chelsea had been able to convert and

tie the score once again.

Tecumseh built an eight-point edge with 5:00 in the third quarter on a three-yard TD run.

The Bulldogs closed the gap to 35-33 on the first play of

the final stanza, a 38-yard TD pass from Henson (9-19 passing, 147 yards) to Vince Scheffler.

Chelsea seemingly tied the score again on a two-point play. But a penalty erased the two points.

Tecumseh's lead only got bigger, 42-33, with another rushing touchdown at the 3:52 mark of the fourth quarter.

Henson brought the Bulldogs back once more, this time with his feet, scoring on a two-yard run with 2:43 left to play.

And the Chelsea defense had the chance to redeem itself, forcing Tecumseh to a 4th-and-6 with 1:35 on the clock. But the Indians converted and went on to score just 20 seconds later for the 49-40 win.

Tecumseh not only won on the scoreboard, but in the stat book as well, running the ball 52 times for 278 yards. The Indians also completed 6-of-8 passing attempts for 107 yards.

The Bulldogs ran the pigskin just 27 times for 159 yards.

"Tecumseh ran the ball right at us," Bush said. "We just didn't have an answer."

"They controlled the ball (with 19 first downs)," he added. "We played pretty poorly. We just didn't get it done."

Bush said now the challenge is for the Bulldogs to rebound and top Pinckney in the upcoming gridiron clash with the host Pirates (3-4, 2-3 SEC) on Friday.

"We have to respond," Bush said. "I think we will."

- Photo by Brian Hamilton

Tankers dunk Fenton, but can't sink Pirates

The Chelsea girls' swim and dive team came from behind to dunk Fenton, 98-88, on Oct. 13.

But the Bulldogs couldn't repeat their success, falling to Southeastern Conference Pinckney, 113-73, on Oct. 15.

Against the defending SEC champions, Pinckney, Bulldog highlights included the 50 freestyle performances of Jennifer Minnick (31.16 seconds) and Margaret Yekulis (34.62).

Deb Adams scored her best time of the season in the 100 backstroke at 1:15.54. Kasey Whitley swam a 1:28.28 in the backstroke, while Chrissi

Tracy came in at 1:32.37 in the 100 breaststroke.

Chelsea took first, third and fourth in the 100 yard freestyle against Fenton to spark the come-from-behind victory.

Minnick took first at 1:00.76; Katherine Knox, third at 1:03.88; and Elena Street, fourth at 1:08.94.

The Bulldogs went on to nail every event for the rest of the meet, including Chris Broshar in the 500 freestyle (5:48.43); Knox, Minnick, Elly Wheeler and Jessi Inwood, 200 freestyle relay (1:57.71); Deb Adams, 100 yard backstroke (1:08.12); Ashley Augustine, 100 breaststroke (1:13.79); and

Knox, Adams, Augustine and Broshar, 400 freestyle relay (4:06.70).

Chelsea faces Dexter, the only remaining undefeated team in the SEC, on Oct. 22.

"Realistically, we have little chance to win," said coach John Crispin. "But we all have individual goals to realize, and with the league and state meets coming up soon, we fully expect the whole team to rise to the challenge and perform very well."

"It is a matter of competitive spirit and Chelsea pride that we will do well," the coach added.

JV gridders show fans bright future with win

The future of Bulldog football looks bright, especially after the Chelsea junior varsity football team topped Tecumseh, 24-0, on Oct. 15 in a clash of previously undefeated conference rivals.

Chelsea improved to 7-0 with the victory, including a perfect 5-0 mark in the Southeastern Conference.

"This was a big win against an undefeated Tecumseh team," said JV coach Mark Scheese. "We shut them down defensively and make big plays on offense."

Chelsea put up the only points of the first half in the first quarter, when Bulldog quarterback Chris Brigham (8-for-23 passing, 183 yards, 2 TDs and 2 interceptions) hit Cory Picklesimer (4 receptions, 109 yards) on a 60-yard scoring play.

Bulldog kicker Mike Radka added the extra point.

Radka, who rushed for 23 yards on five carries, put up the only points of the third quarter with a 30-yard field goal for a 10-0 Chelsea advan-

tage. Radka also caught two passes for 33 yards.

Chelsea's Matt Mcatee and Tony Scheffler each caught one pass for 28 and 13 yards, respectively.

Chelsea put the game out of reach in the final stanza, as Brigham again found Picklesimer for a 24-yard TD strike, with Radka kicking the extra point for a 17-0 advantage.

And Picklesimer (58 yards, 8 carries) then added a 28-yard scoring run for the Bulldogs' final TD, with Radka completing the game's scoring by kicking the PAT.

Chelsea tallied 183 yards

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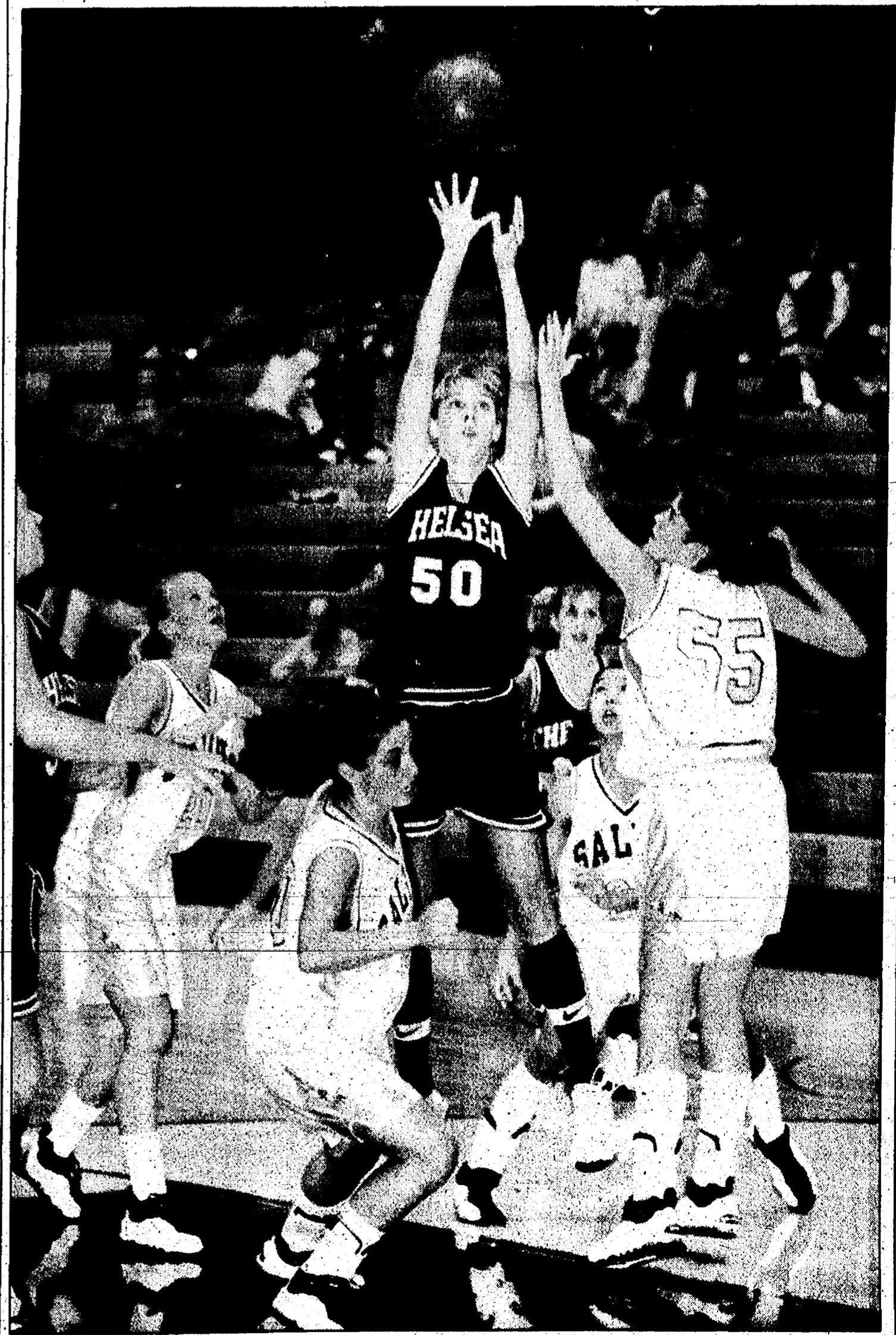
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Chelsea Cagers

Senior co-captain of the Chelsea girls' varsity basketball team, Karla Dettling (#50), goes up over and through Saline defenders to put up a shot in the Bulldogs' loss to the host Hornets on Oct. 15. It was just the second conference loss for Chelsea, with the team already having posted four wins over Southeastern Conference rivals. The cagers are 6-7 overall. For complete game coverage, see page B-4.

Harriers win again at invitational

The Chelsea boys' cross country team dominated the Onsted Invitational on Oct. 17, winning the meet with a team score of just 42 points.

Tecumseh was second at 52, Marshall 82, Onstead 82, Columbia Central 110 and Hudson 160.

Aaron Ruhlig led the winning effort with a first-place finish in a time of 16:49 over 3.1-mile course.

Ruhlig was followed by teammates Jeff Kolodica in fifth at 17:47; Nathan Zeigler ninth, 18:13; Jared Daniel, 11th, 18:30; Mike Kattula, 16th, 18:40; Max Cherem, 18th, 19:01; and George Fairley, 22nd, 19:14.

"It gets tougher each year, but we were able to win this invitational for the third straight year," said Chelsea coach Eric Swager. "This is an extremely hilly course and really separates the men from the boys."

"Aaron Ruhlig turned in a sterling effort, and Jeff Kolodica and Jared Daniel



The victorious Chelsea boys' cross country team at Onsted included: (front, left to right) George Fairley, Nathan Zeigler, Aaron Ruhlig, Jeff Kolodica, (back) coach Eric Swager, Mike Kattula, Jared Daniels and Max Cherem. Ruhlig paced the Bulldogs in the win by taking first individually in the 3.1-mile race.

battled hard," he added. "This race topped off a hard week of training, and it will be nice to taper down a bit for our last

few meets." Swager added that Chad Fortner ran well in winning the junior varsity race in a

time of 18:42. Report compiled by Frank Weir, staff writer for Heritage Newspapers.

Chelsea runners take third at Onsted

The Chelsea girls' cross country team took third place at the Onsted Invitational, running on a hilly course at Spuk Valley Camp in Irish Hills.

Marshall won the event with just 32 points, with Chelsea (83) finishing behind runner-up Hudson (58) but ahead of Southeastern Conference rival Tecumseh (4th, 96 points).

Bulldog harriers Amy Dault (12th, 23:05) and Rebecca

Metzler (13th, 23:07) led Chelsea's effort, finishing the 3.1-mile course just two seconds apart.

Other varsity runners included: Heather Steinaway (18th, 23:55); Rachel Mead (24:01); Katie Taylor (21st, 24:34); Katie Henry (23rd, 24:39); and Jessica Gillespie (25:52).

"We must improve this next week if we intend to be competitive in the final SEC meet," coach Pat Clarke said.

One harrier who has improved is Steinaway, a freshman, who posted a personal-best time at the Onsted Invite to earn a medal.

The Bulldogs enjoyed even greater success in the junior varsity and middle school races, with harrier Corinna Christian (23:58) winning the

JV event and Crystal Space taking top honors in the 2-mile middle school run with a time of 12:51.

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JV kickers fall in season finale

The Chelsea boys' junior varsity soccer team closed their 1998 regular season, hosting Saline on the high school football field on Oct. 13.

The JV game all belonged to Saline as they defeated the Bulldogs, 8-0.

Saline opened the scoring in the 12th minute putting the ball in the net from eight yards out. The Hornets put a penalty kick off the post a short time later but were able to score from the 18 yard line in the 18th minute.

Saline's second penalty kick of the night went wide of the goal. They found the net on penalty kicks in the 33rd and 35th minutes to take a 4-0 half-time lead.

Charlie DeGryse had five saves in the net for Chelsea.

Saline opened the second half as their sweeper launched a 60-yard shot over the keepers head and into the goal in the 40th minute.

DeGryse, playing in the midfield spurred an attack on the Hornet goal, as Chelsea got off three shots but all found

the Saline keepers hands. Saline took to the attack in the middle of the half scoring twice in the 57th minute for a 7-0 lead.

The Hornet's final score came as Saline squeezed another penalty kick through the hands of the Chelsea goalkeeper in the 70th minute.

Scott Holeska had five saves for Chelsea in the second half.

Coach Jim Hicks said that the team had a hard time adjusting to the referee's opinion of a foul tonight.

"We just came off a game where the officials let anything go," Hicks said. "This crew called it very close and we couldn't adjust."

"Add to that, playing on the small football field and it seemed to our defense that the whole field was inside the penalty area," he said.



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Travel soccer team stays on winning track

The Chelsea 13-and-under boys' travel soccer team finished its spring season with a 3-1 victory over the Canton Crushers.

The team won the Great Lakes Soccer League, Superior Division with an 8-0-2 record.

This followed their championship in the fall season where they won the Michigan Division with a 9-0-1 record.

For all 20 games, the team had a 17-0-3 record, scoring 12 goals while only allowing 16.

The team's players are James Ballas, Kyle Brown, Ty Christensen, David Deis, Scott Dettling, Tim Gillespie, Joel Griffith, Bryan Hayes, David Krow, Kyle Kooyers, Joel Rosentreter, Chris Ruikka, Ben Sporer, Mark Tapping, Drew Warren and Evan Wildey.

The team is coached by Dennis Hayes and Mike Gillespie.

In summer action, the team won the 13-and-under division of the America's Cup Tournament in Midland.

Players David Dault and Joe Palmer joined the team for the tournament.

Tennis team battles Ypsi

Members of the Chelsea junior varsity tennis team had mixed results in a recent match versus Ypsilanti.

Denise Arntson, as Chelsea's no. singles tennis player, dropped a 6-4, 6-4 decision against Ypsilanti.

Amanda Peterson at No. 2 singles, won 6-1, 7-6; and at No. 1 doubles, Tamra Smith and

Laura Borden lost 6-4, 6-4. Sarah Maynard and Courtney Barlow at no. 2 doubles, won 5-7, 7-6, 7-6.

Rain interrupted the match and Bulldogs Rochelle Stafford, Jessica French, Alicia Jennings, Amy Baker, Shannon Seamon and Meghan Beer did not get to complete their matches.

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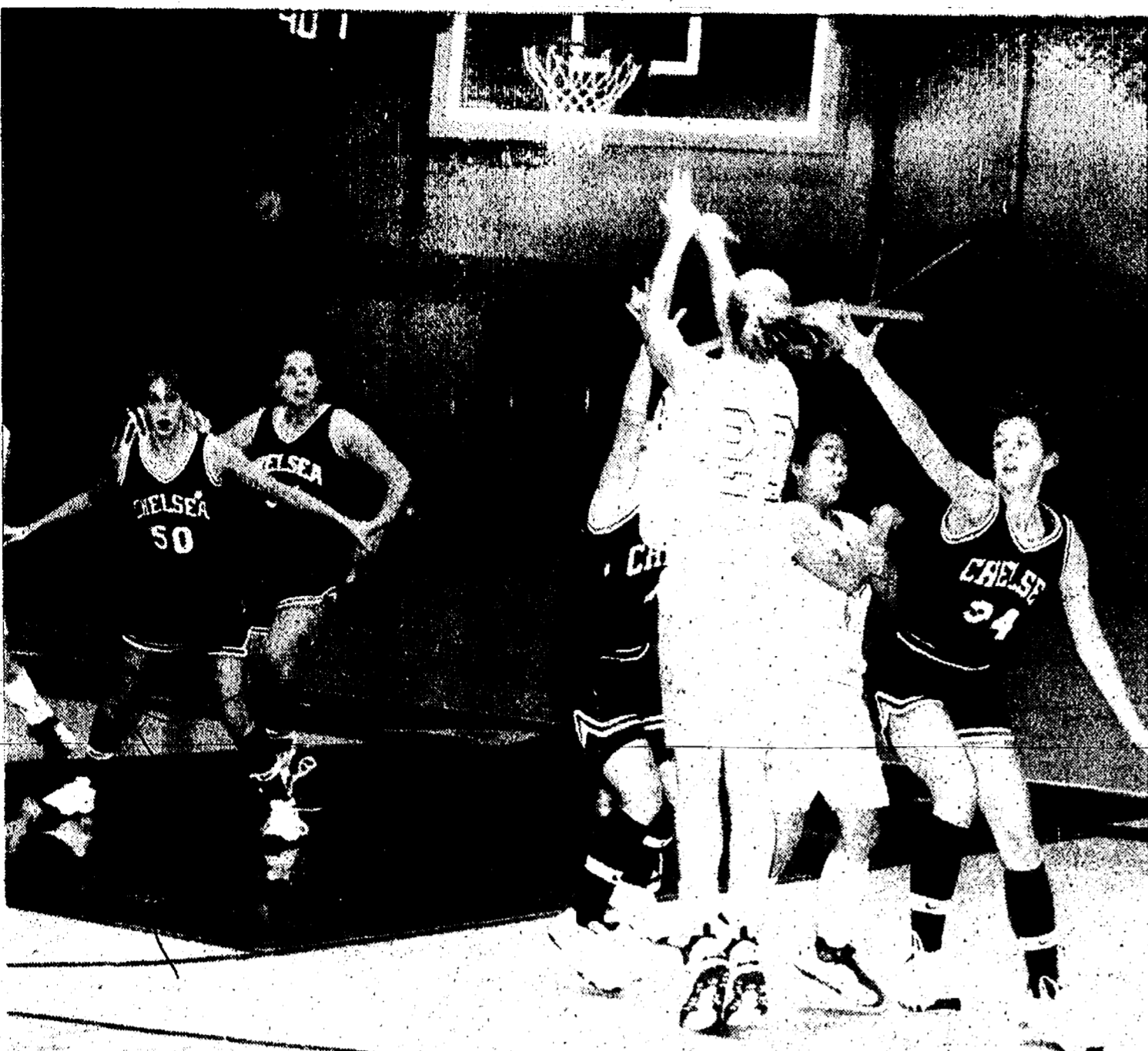
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Cagers stay above .500 versus SEC



Above: Chelsea varsity hoopster Michelle Dettling (#34), a junior, tries to jump around a pick and block the shot of Saline scoring machine Lisa Mack (#20) in the teams' clash on Oct. 15 on the Hornets' home hardwood.

Left: Senior co-captain Margaret Schick (#12), the Bulldogs' point guard, looks for a clear passing lane through Saline defenders.

Photos by Dennis Mansfield

While battling to reach the .500 mark, the Chelsea girls' varsity basketball team suffered just its second conference loss, 40-33, to rival Saline on Oct. 15.

The Bulldog hoopsters are 6-7 overall, but sport a 4-2 mark against their Southeastern Conference rivals.

Chelsea outscored the host Hornets in the second quarter, 7-6, with each cager squad scoring eight points in the third quarter.

The Bulldogs stayed within striking distance of the Hornets, trailing just 23-19 at the half and 31-27 going into the final frame.

But Saline had built a 17-12 lead by the end of the opening stanza and put the game out of reach by outgunning Chelsea, 9-6, in the fourth quarter.

Senior co-captain Karla Dettling scored a team-high nine points and pulled down six rebounds.

"Karla continued to lead the team," said coach Charles Waller.

Sophomore cager Michelle Dettling grabbed a team-best seven boards, while scoring eight points.

Margret Schick added four points to go with her six rebounds and team-high four assists, with Lindsey Brink also scoring four points.

Amy McCalla, Lindsay Powers and Traci Kern each scored two points in the loss.

Cagers Stacie Boyle and Brink helped lead Chelsea's defensive effort, both with two steals.

The Bulldogs had battled back to the .500 mark with a win over SEC foe Pinckney, 47-36, on Oct. 13.

Chelsea led most of the game after building a 10-8 advantage by the end of the first quarter and 21-14 at the half.

Pinckney finally equaled the Bulldogs in the fourth quarter, with each team scoring 15 points. But Chelsea used a 11-7 third quarter to build a nine-point edge that it would hold until the final buzzer.

"Excellent team game, good defense," Waller said of the victory. "And we broke their press."

Karla Dettling paced the

Bulldogs with 13 points and six rebounds.

Schick and Michelle Dettling each added 12 points, while Powers and Brink each scored four points.

Brink, Powers and Schick contributed more than just points, however.

Both Powers and Brink grabbed six boards, while Schick and Brink both robbed Pinckney hoopsters for four steals apiece. Schick also handed out four assists.

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JV squad tops league hoop rivals

The Chelsea girls' junior varsity basketball team had a nice week, beating a pair of Southeastern Conference rivals.

The Bulldogs cagers (11-2, 5-1 SEC) completed their week with a 54-50 win over Saline on Oct. 15.

Chelsea built an impressive 18-10 lead by the end of the first period and held a 29-18 advantage at the half.

But Saline dominated the second half, outscoring the Bulldogs 15-9 in the third quarter to close the gap to 38-33.

Saline again outgunned Chelsea in the final stanza, 17-16, but fell short in its comeback attempt.

Lindsey Baker posted a team-best 12 points, with Sally Compton added 10 points and Jessica Cole hit for nine points.

Cole also recorded a team-high five steals to lead the Bulldogs defensively.

Chelsea's Josie Wells grabbed seven rebounds and added six points.

The Bulldogs again had to hang on for a hard-fought win over Pinckney, 43-42, on Oct. 13 in an overtime thriller.

Chelsea led 16-13 at intermission, but ended up knotted up with the Pirates at 36-36 at the end of regulation. The Bulldogs then outscored Pinckney, 7-6, in the extra stanza for the victory.

Wells scored a team-high 16 points and grabbed six boards to lead Chelsea, while Cole added 12 points and four steals.

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Senior homecoming candidates and their escorts were, from left, Megan Davis, Kevin Bollinger, Margaret Schick, Joe Mignano, Celeste Bycraft and Brian McPike.



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Nathan Stoll, Kim Wilke, Cindy Seleska, Summer Linder, Phil Prentice, Nancy Rich, Jason Hill, Heather Jurewicz, Shalimar Krebs, Amber Manny, Laura Cowen, Susan Stone, Jaclyn Mitchell, Joe Zarnowski, Jessie Hudzik, Kate Jackson, J.C. Chedrick, Dan Hornback, Katie Tomshany, Becky Heller, Jenny Schaedig, Karra Tasker, Sara Maksym, Sarah Berry, Barbara Kopinski and Kim Drago. Missing from the photograph are seniors Casey Carr and Julie Kluck.

Train group flourishes despite obscurity of members

By Michael Rybka
Staff Writer

They meet in a stark room atop a long flight of rickety stairs. The garret is lit by naked light bulbs that call attention to the barren walls. Seven faces watch as the obvious ringleader mixes together a variety of powders and potions.

After having demonstrated an electrical device designed to serve their enigmatic ends.

Welcome to the Choo Choo Chelsea Train Groop, a small group of hobbyists that has been meeting in virtual obscurity for over a year.

The group was founded by Richard Ashley and David Pastor. Its most visible member is Doug Warren of Jack & Son Barbers who publishes their gatherings in his shop window. It was Warren who decided to misspell "group."

He hoped his customers would bring up his "error" and give him the opportunity to expound on the gathering.

According to Ashley, the group's purpose is to exchange ideas with fellow enthusiasts and to encourage and nurture young people who have taken up the model train hobby.

Currently, the only junior member is Gregory Bitner, who is accompanied by his parents, Ed and Julia. Ashley hopes that situation will change.

The club convenes on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at 7 p.m. They meet in a room whose access is through the doorway immediately to the left of Seitz's Tavern.

Its humble surroundings are in keeping with the club's modest goals.

Ashley is a member of the Ann Arbor Railroad Club, a subgroup of the Ann Arbor Historical Society which maintained an enormous set-up in the Dexter Train Depot. The Choo Choo Group is not an offshoot of the Society but a reaction to it.

"Dexter got out of hand and became too sophisticated," said Ashley. "We want to have fun and keep it as simple as a kid whose enjoying his train on Christmas Day."

and wood-pulp plaster. Hydrocal is a hard plaster that was first used for dental impressions. This method makes the module light and mobile for easy transport to model train shows and to schools when they have hobby days.

In the past, plaster-of-Paris was used with weighty results.

Ashley remembers the last time he had to deal with that outmoded method. When asked by the Dexter Area Historical Museum to move a model train set from the home of the late Keith Hoatlin into the museum's basement, Ashley needed four volunteers from the Dexter Area Fire Department to move even a small section of it.

In addition to creating terrain, Ashley also demonstrated how a mirror placed behind "trees" can simulate depth.

First-time attendee John Wissinger showed how notches carved in the side of a

"mountain side" with a pen-knife can simulate rock strata.

When not holed up in their lair, the group visit each other's set-ups at their members homes. They also organize field trips, one such excursion was to Owosso where a steam engine has been in the process of being restored since 1957.

Outside of the demonstration module, very little has been accomplished on some of the steam engine parts.

Ashley sidestepped the question of why that was and instead told his peers of his own train travels.

The story somehow led to a discussions about John Allen, who is reputed to have had the greatest model train lay-out of all time. Conflicting rumors of his eccentricities were discussed to determine which had more credibility.

This session went on for about a half an hour. Then it was decided to call it a night.

Before leaving, Ashley turned and said, "Now you know why so little gets done."



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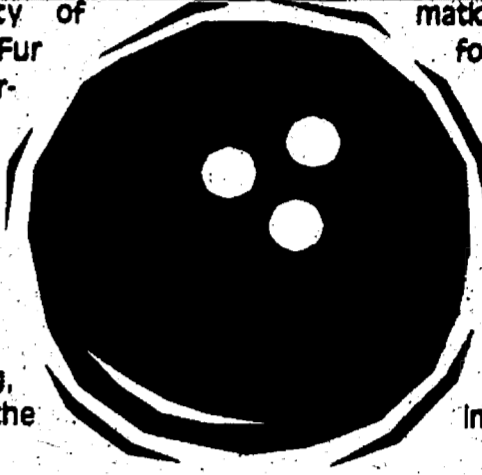
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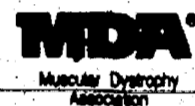


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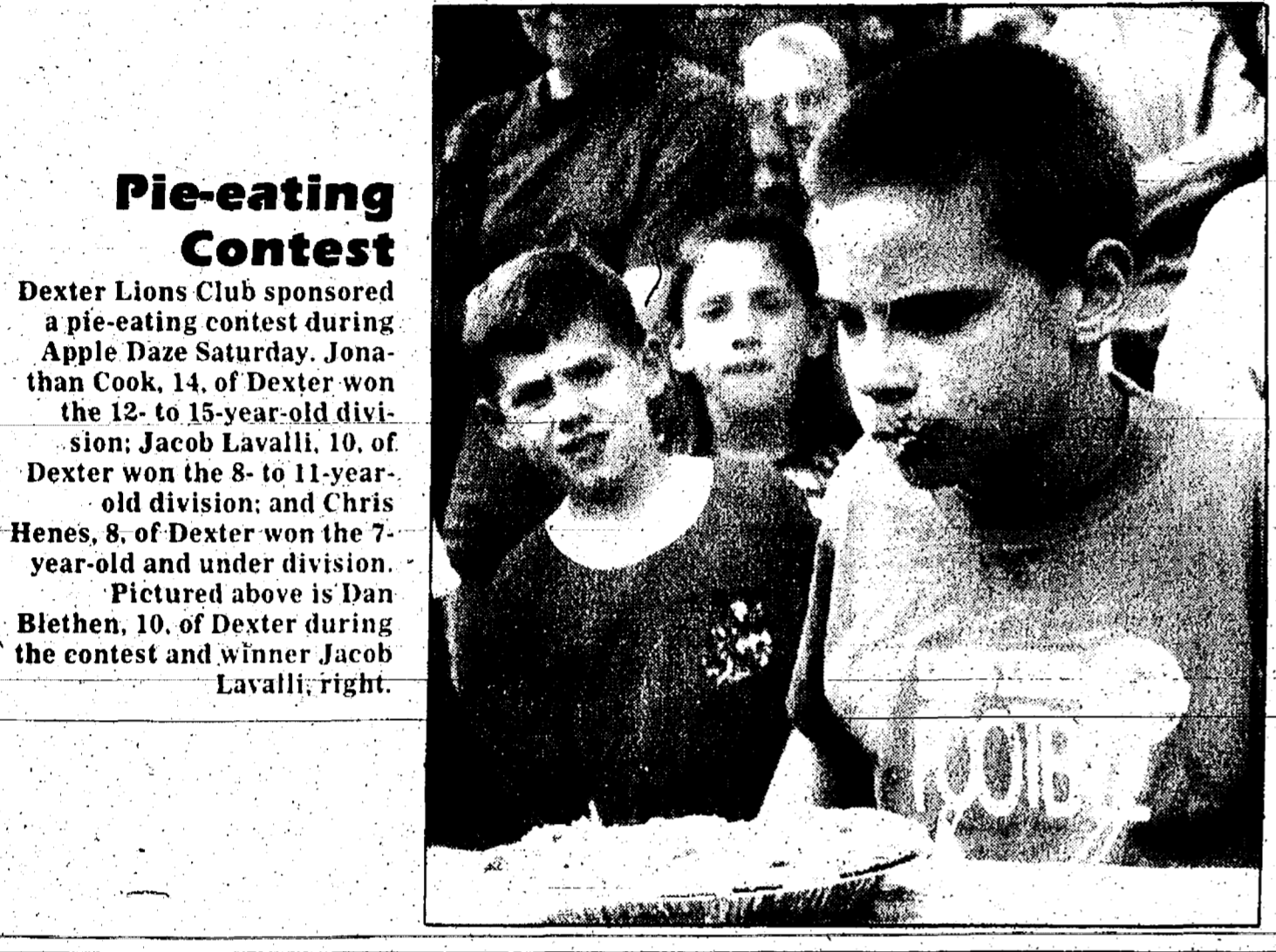
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Theory: menopause starts in brain

Researchers at the University of Michigan's School of Nursing and Medical School have received a four-year, \$1 million grant from the National Institute on Aging to test the theory that menopause starts in the brain, rather than in the ovary where the gradual loss of eggs leads to a fall in estrogen.

Some scientists believe that aging changes in the hypothalamus (the part of the brain that controls the hormone rhythms of the menstrual cycle) may trigger the acceleration of oocyte depletion which begins after age 35 and results in a dramatic decline in fertility. As a way to test this theory, researchers will compare the 24-hour pattern of LH and FSH secretion (pituitary hormones known to show distinct diurnal rhythms in young, ovulatory women) with those in women over 40 with and without menstrual cycles.

In addition, women who have had their ovaries and uterus removed and are using hormone replacement therapy

will also be studied to learn whether the ovaries help regulate any effect of age on brain hormone biorhythms.

Healthy women (ages 20-30 and 40-5) are needed for the study. The following study group are being recruited: women with regular menstrual cycles; women who are post-menopausal (no period for at least 12 months and not taking hormones); women after total hysterectomy (surgical removal of the uterus and ovaries) and taking hormones.

Participants will receive

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School of Nursing Prof. Nancy Peame, who has already tested the experimental protocol on herself, is the study's principal investigator.

For more information on this study, contact the Women's Health Research Project at the Center for Nursing Research, U-M, at (734) 936-3590 or www.umich.edu/~rspwww/html/n_reame.html.

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Couch-a-rama one activity of Young Life

If you were out and about in the Dexter area on Saturday, Oct. 10, you may have wondered why kids were carrying couches around town.

One of the fall highlights of Dexter Area Young Life, is the annual "Couch-a-rama," held each October for Dexter High School students.

Here's how it works. Students meet at the high school parking lot at 2 p.m., usually 100-120 kids. At the end of the lot is a row of six pickup trucks, each carrying one couch.

Vans driven by parents line up behind each truck.

Students are divided into six teams. Each team is given the same list of items, each carrying a point value.

Each team has 70 minutes to locate each item, remove it from the couch, climb onto the couch, pose for a picture, re-load the couch and go to the next item.

This year's list of places included a chicken roast with



Couch-a-Rama is one of the activities members of Young Life participate in. Students above are Shawna Schafer, Katie Prochaska, Jared Lawlor, Shawn Walker, Dan Tochninni, Julie Kluck, Karen Deroschers, Adam Dunigan, Cindy Seleska, Joe Monteith, Kim Wilke, Jeff Arnet, Tim Driscoll and Liz Howison.

senior citizen, the Sheriff's station with the sheriff, next to someone washing their car, in front of an out-house.

The list is extensive and

point sheet. Video clips will be shown at one of the weekly club meetings.

One student's description of Young Life is, "A bunch of kids getting together and doing weird (fun) stuff."

Young Life has been in existence for 55 years. It is a nondenominational Christian group for teen-agers that focuses on relationships.

Between 80-100 teens gather at weekly clubs held in the homes of local families. Club activities include singing, skits, and games.

Meetings conclude with a message from one of the leaders, discussing lessons in life that apply to people of all faiths.

A chapter of "Wyld Life" was started last fall to serve middle school students in Dexter. For more information on either of these organizations contact the Young Life office at 665-2378.

this year video cameras were used to catch all the action.

At about 3:45 p.m. everyone meets back at the high school and turns in their video and



Photo by Mary Kumbler

Artist of the Week

Tate Sanders, a first-grader in teacher Pam Bullock's class, was named Artist of the Week at Cornerstone Elementary School in Dexter. Students are studying architecture in art class. Sanders created a blueprint that he designed to build his million-dollar house. Line, detail, shape and size were all important, as well as using architectural symbols for doors, windows and other features. Students will build a city next week.

Halloween concert set in Dexter

Dexter Community Band begins its 16th year of concerts on Sunday, Oct. 25.

The concert will be held in the Dexter High School gymnasium at 4 p.m. Following the Halloween tradition, band members will be in costume, and audience members are invited to follow suit. The band, under the direction of Chelsea High School Band Director Bill Gourley, will present a wide variety of musical selections.

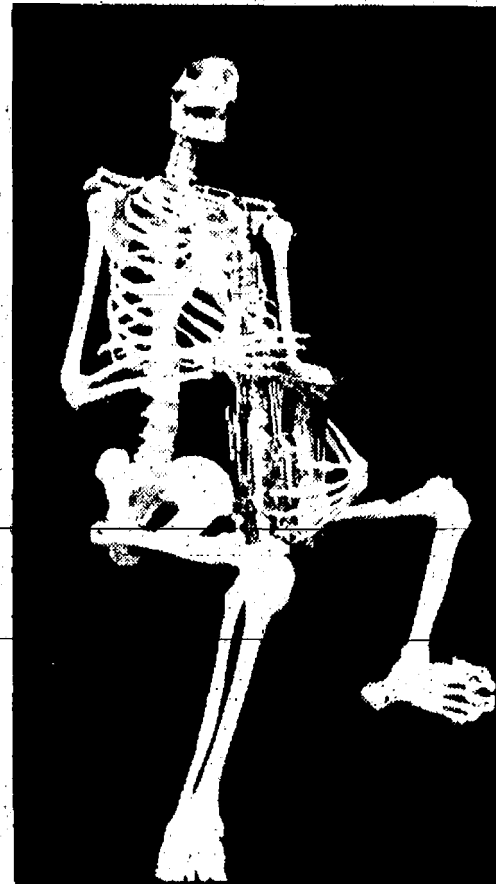
Classic band literature will be presented by "Little English Girl," a symphonic march by Delle Cese, "Italian in Algiers," an overture by Rossini, "Symphonic Dance No. 3 - Fiesta" by Clifton Williams and "Allerseelen (All Souls' Day)" by Richard Strauss.

"The Heart of the Morn" by H. Owen Reed, based upon the song "Michigan Morn," will also be performed.

The band will also present the marches "The President's March" by Victor Herbert and "The Chimes of Liberty" by Edwin Franko Goldman. Touching all of the musical bases, the band will perform "Glenn Miller in Concert" arranged by Wayne Scott and two Percy Grainger tunes "Shepherd's Hey" and "Irish Tune from County Derry".

Sponsored by Dexter Community Education, the membership of the ensemble includes teens to 70-year-olds with representatives from all of the surrounding communities. Additional members are always welcome.

Sunday's concert will be the first for the band's 1998-1999 season. Their next concert is



Dexter Community Band members will dress up for their Halloween concert Oct. 25.

scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 13. New members are welcome for the fall and interested parties should contact Dexter Community Education for further contact information.

Farm facts

Safflower's vibrant yellow petals catch the eye, but it's the deep-growing roots of this oilseed crop that farmers may find most attractive. The scientists found that safflower is well suited to no-till wheat fields because the seeds can be planted close to the surface. It germinates and takes advantage of the high moisture content of no-till, where little or no tillage preserves organic matter.

Evidence is mounting that there is more to a glass of milk than great taste, thanks to dairy farmer-funded nutrition research efforts. In addition to identifying the many nutritional benefits of dairy products, farmer-sponsored scientific studies are uncovering a variety of possible links between dairy consumption and the prevention of disease, including certain cancers.

Pregnant women can now breathe a little easier knowing that there is one fewer risk to worry about during their pregnancy. Beta-carotene, a precursor to vitamin A, has been found to be perfectly fine for expecting mothers to consume, even in larger quantities. The concern comes when the expecting mother eats too much vitamin A in the early stages of her pregnancy, increasing the possibility of delivering an infant with neural tube defects, a serious medical problem. Even people in perfectly healthy condition should monitor their Vitamin A intake — it could possibly cause liver damage. Daily vitamin A intake for any individual should be in the range of 4,000-5,000 International Units (IU) each day.

Drinking the suggested eight glasses of water each day has been found to be easier than most people make it out to be, with no change in everyday habits. Besides the water a person can drink from a glass, many more ways have been discovered to get the water intake necessary to stay in healthy condition. Drinking orange juice, eating apples, and even eating pasta helps add 1/3 to 2/3 cup of water with each different serving. Alcohol consumption, however, can reduce the amount of water in the bloodstream, and cause a person to become dehydrated very quickly. Alcohol blocks the action of a hormone released by the pituitary gland — antidiuretic hormone — which is supposed to help the kidneys conserve water. With alcohol, you can lose more water than you've consumed from your drink.

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LYNDON TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS ATTENTION

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Wednesday, November 4, 1998 at 7:00 p.m.
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AGENDA:
1. An application for a Variance from the Private Road Ordinance by Mark Scheu, 3414 Coon Road, Gregory, MI 48137.
2. Board may consider other matters as deemed necessary.
Written comments may be sent to: Lyndon Township Clerk, Janis Knieper, 17301 M-52, Chelsea, MI 48118.
The Lyndon Township Board will provide, if time after the request allows, necessary and reasonable auxiliary aids or services to individuals with disabilities at the public hearing.
Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Lyndon Township Board by writing or calling: Janis Knieper, Clerk, 17301 M-52, Chelsea, MI 48118 or phone 313-475-3686.
A copy of this notice is on file in the office of the clerk.
LYNDON TOWNSHIP
Janis Knieper, Lyndon Township Clerk

PROCLAMATION NATIONAL RED RIBBON WEEK October 23-31, 1998

Whereas, communities across the nation and our own community have been plagued by the numerous problems associated with drug and alcohol abuse; and

Whereas, there is hope for reducing alcohol and other drug abuse and associated problems, and that hope lies in the hard work and determination of our communities to create a drug free environment; and

Whereas, local leaders in the community know that the support of the entire community is the most effective resource they have in their efforts to reduce the demand for illegal and harmful drugs; and

Whereas, success will not occur overnight; our continued commitment to drug education, prevention, and treatment is imperative; and

Whereas, October 23-31, 1998 has been designated National Red Ribbon Week by the National Family Partnership and a time for Americans to demonstrate their commitment to achieving a drug free nation.

Now, Therefore we the Lima Township Board of Trustees of Washtenaw County, Michigan do hereby proclaim October 23-31, 1998 as National Red Ribbon Week in Lima Township and urge all citizens of our Township to join in the celebration by wearing or displaying a red ribbon throughout the week and joining in the year-round efforts to create a drug free community.

Gary Adams, Supervisor

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VILLAGE OF CHELSEA REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING — TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 1998

Present: President Steele, Village Manager Myers, Clerk Morrison.
Trustees Present: Hammer, Myles, Rauschenberger, Daut, Merkel.
Trustee Absent: Cashman.
Others Present: J. Drolett, C. Ritter, D. Hodder, D. Kaminsky, S. McElrath, L. Fox, J. Frank, S. Lackey, R. Larsen, A. Feeney, F. Phillips, R. Mead, E. Greenleaf, D. Lane, G. Mitchell, R. Daniels, J. Frank, D. Rosentreter, O. Hughes, P. DeLoff, M. Yunker, K. Myles, P. Flintoft.
The first order of business was Public Participation. Mr. John Frank addressed the Council regarding the District Library Task Force and their recent activities. The Task Force is looking for a site that would be used for library expansion. The Task Force would like to locate their new library at the current McKuna site with adequate parking. The purchase of the Mitchell property would be desirable for future expansion. The Task Force and the Downtown Development would like the Council to help them make this possible. Additionally, Mr. Robert Daniels, Mr. Lou Green and Mr. Dan Kaminsky addressed the Council regarding this issue. Attached, as Appendix A is a letter from Ms. Matta Lansdale, District Library Librarian.
Mr. Charles Ritter addressed the Council regarding the General Law Charter and the President's enforcement of ordinances and a home built on Taylor Street not within appropriate specifications. Additionally, Mr. Ritter addressed the Council regarding the purchase of a Breathalyzer and telephone privatization.
Mr. Scott McElrath addressed the Council regarding the moratorium on building and whether the Council would consider changing the moratorium to provide exclusion based on REU's.
Motion by Daut, supported by Merkel to approve the Consent Agenda with the addition of Chamber of Commerce and Village Offices under New Business item h). All Ayes. Absent Cashman. Motion Carried.
Department Heads provided updates regarding current and upcoming activities. Chief Ellenwood, Fire Chief, indicated there were 54 calls in the Month of August. Dan Rosentreter, Water Superintendent, indicated routine flushing would begin on September 27, 1998 for two to three weeks.
Jim Drolett, Zoning Inspector, updated Council regarding the August activity. Trustee Rauschenberger discussed the District Library Meeting.
The Planning Commission will begin holding Public Meetings the first part of October regarding the Master Plan.
President Steele and Mr. Ed Greenleaf discussed the Chamber of Commerce using office space within the Village offices.
Motion by Hammer, supported by Myles to remove from the Table; Rules of Order. All Ayes. Absent: Cashman. Motion Carried.
Motion by Merkel, supported by Myles to table the Rules of Order until the first meeting in October. All Ayes. Absent: Cashman. Motion Carried.
Council discussed the Mitchell property availability.
Motion by Hammer, supported by Myles to authorize President Steele and a committee to go forward with negotiations with the Downtown development Authority (DDA) and Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell with three contingencies:
• Working out an agreement with the DDA and property owners.
• Library locates on the property
• Village retains option of certain square footage to place a building, if they so desire.
All Ayes. Absent: Cashman. Motion Carried.
Council discussed the New Village Hall and RFP responses.
Village Manager Myers was asked by Council to pull together any pertinent information from previous studies.
Motion by Merkel, supported by Daut to keep chlorinating at a minimal level. Ayes: Merkel, Rauschenberger, Myles, Daut, Steele, Nay; Hammer. Motion Carried.
Council discussed the availability of water for new well. President Steele asked that Mr. Rosentreter, Water Superintendent, contact Chrysler Corporation and Mr. Robert Daniels and to ask the DEQ to look at these sites.
Motion by Hammer, supported by Daut to re-open the July 14, 1998 motion made regarding the removal of the minimum water usage charge. All Ayes. Absent: Cashman. Motion Carried.
Motion by Daut, supported by Hammer to clarify the Motion of July 14, 1998 to state the following:
"Motion by Hammer, supported by Cashman to modify the water rate structure to remove the minimum water usage and to bill for actual consumption for meters of 3/4" and smaller effective the August billing. All Ayes. Motion Carried.
All Ayes. Absent: Cashman. Motion Carried.
Trustee Myles indicated the camera costs will be below \$1,000.00 to use in taping the Council meetings and this item will be on the next meeting's agenda.
Motion by Hammer, supported by Merkel to accept corrective deed for Oak Grove Cemetery. All Ayes. Absent: Cashman. Motion Carried. (Attached as Appendix B).
Motion by Hammer, supported by Myles to set a Public Hearing for BookCrafters request for Tax Abatement for October 13, 1998. All Ayes. Absent: Cashman. Motion Carried.
Motion by Hammer, supported by Daut to accept the Resolution to release property (Farmer Jack Property). All Ayes. Absent: Cashman. Motion Carried. (Attached as Appendix C).
Motion by Hammer, supported by Daut to enter into quit claim deed. All Ayes. Absent: Cashman. Motion Carried. (Attached as Appendix D).
Motion by Daut, supported by Hammer to adopt the 1998 Fiscal Year Budget Amendments. All Ayes. Absent: Cashman. Motion Carried.
Council discussed the Old Manchester Road Speed Limit.
Motion by Merkel, supported by Hammer to provide a 10 foot easement for ingress and egress over the west side of Lot 8 in the Industrial Park. All Ayes. Absent: Cashman. Motion Carried.
Motion by Merkel, supported by Hammer to purchase property tax software from BS & A. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Merkel, Rauschenberger, Myles, Hammer, Daut, Steele. Absent: Cashman. Motion Carried.
Motion by Merkel, supported by Hammer to have Trustee Myles and Village Manager Myers work with the Chamber of Commerce to obtain space within the current Village offices. All Ayes. Absent: Cashman. Motion Carried.
Motion by Merkel, supported by Rauschenberger to not charge rent to the Chamber of Commerce at this time. All Ayes. Absent: Cashman. Motion Carried.
Motion by Hammer, supported by Daut to enter into Closed Session to discuss attorney confidential material. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Hammer, Daut, Merkel, Rauschenberger, Myles, Steele. Absent: Cashman. Motion Carried. 9:45 p.m.
Motion by Hammer, supported by Merkel to adjourn Closed Session. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Hammer, Daut, Rauschenberger, Myles, Merkel, Steel. Absent: Cashman. Motion Carried.
Motion by Hammer, supported by Merkel to adjourn the Regular Meeting — Time: 10:21 p.m. All Ayes. Absent: Cashman. Motion Carried.
Suzanne C. Morrison
VILLAGE CLERK

WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PUBLIC NOTICE

The Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners is scheduled to consider resumes for appointments to its various Boards, Committees and Commissions at the November 18, 1998 Board session. The meeting will take place at 6:45 p.m. in the Board Room, Administration Building, 220 North Main Street, Ann Arbor, Michigan. The appointments will include:

- Two appointments to the ACCOMMODATIONS ORDINANCE COMMISSION for one-year terms expiring December 31, 1999.
 - Seven appointments to the BUILDING CODE/CONSTRUCTION APPEALS BOARD for two-year terms expiring December 31, 2000.
 - Five appointments to the COMMUNITY ACTION BOARD for three-year term expiring December 31, 2001. (Area to be represented: Private and Public)
 - One appointment to the COMMUNITY ACTION BOARD for the remainder of a three-year term expiring December 31, 2000. (Area to be represented: Consumer)
 - One appointment to the FAMILY COURT ADVISORY COUNCIL for a three-year term expiring December 31, 2001.
 - One appointment to the FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY for a three-year term expiring December 31, 2001.
 - Six appointments to the FRIEND OF THE COURT ADVISORY COMMITTEE for three-year terms staggered to expire December 31, 1999-2001.
 - Three appointments to the GRADING/SOIL EROSION ENVIRONMENTAL APPEALS BOARD for three-year terms staggered to expire December 31, 1999-2001. (Areas to be represented: Washtenaw County Soil Conservation District, EMU Geography/Geology Dept., General Public)
 - One appointment to the HEALTH CODE BOARD OF APPEALS for the remainder of a five-year term expiring December 31, 2000.
 - Two appointments to the HEARING BOARD FOR THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT FOOD SERVICE REGULATIONS for two-year terms expiring December 31, 2000. (Areas to be represented: Restaurant/Food Establishments).
 - Two appointments to the HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION for three-year terms expiring December 31, 2001.
 - Four appointments to the HURON RIVER WATERSHED COUNCIL for two-year terms expiring December 31, 2000.
 - One appointment to the LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES for a five-year term expiring December 31, 2003.
 - Thirty-one appointments to the LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE for three-year terms expiring December 31, 2001. (Areas to be represented: law enforcement, fire fighting, local environment, hospitals, transportation, broadcast media, print media, community groups, owner/operator of facility subject to Title III, labor, education and agriculture)
 - One appointment to the O'BRIEN CENTER/COPE POLICY BOARD for a two-year term expiring December 31, 2000.
 - Two appointments to the PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION for three-year terms expiring December 31, 2001.
 - Three appointments to the PLANNING COMMISSION for three-year terms expiring December 31, 2001.
 - Two appointments to the PLANNING COMMISSION for the remainder of three-year terms expiring December 31, 1999.
 - Two appointments to the BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS for three-year terms expiring December 31, 2001.
 - One appointment to the ROAD COMMISSION for a six-year term expiring December 31, 2004.
 - Three appointments to the SHERIFF'S COMMUNITY RELATIONS ADVISORY BOARD for three-year terms expiring December 31, 2001.
 - One appointment to the WASHTENAW COUNTY/CITY OF ANN ARBOR COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS ADVISORY BOARD for a three-year term expiring December 31, 2001. (Area to be represented: Service areas).
 - Ten appointments to the WASHTENAW COUNTY WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD for three-year terms expiring December 31, 2001. (Areas to be represented: Private*, Organized, Labor, Economic Development, MESA, Public Assistance)
- *Individuals interested in appointment to the private sector must submit resumes through their local chamber of commerce.
Letters of interest and resumes should be addressed to Tammy Richards, County Administrator's Office, P.O. Box 8645, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48107. If you wish to forward via the internet or fax, letter and resume should be addressed to Tammy Richards at richardt@co.washtenaw.mi.us or faxed to (734)994-2592. Those resumes received by November 2, 1998 will be submitted to the Board of Commissioners for its consideration on November 18, 1998.
- For additional information please contact:
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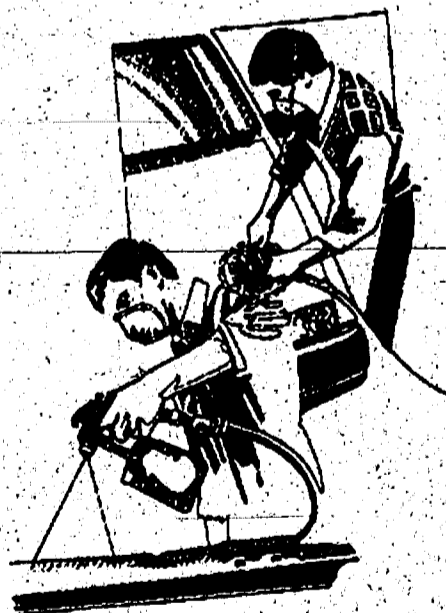
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Jerry Roberts of Roberts Paint & Body

'Harsh' winter could help business

BY MICHAEL RYBKA
CHELSEA STANDARD

For Chelsea's Jerry Roberts, the perfect year would include a harsh winter, a torrid summer and a poor season for deer hunters.

Roberts is far from being a curmudgeon, but it is to those conditions that Roberts Paint & Body, 610 E. Industrial, count on to keep themselves busy.

"Business has gone down in general because of the plastic that's being used in cars," said Roberts. "The whole Midwest has been down because of mild winters. Our shop's business was down 20 percent last year."

A combination of increased population in the area and good economic times has increased business in the slower summer months. However, it is not enough to make up for the other downturns. Roberts is taking solace in the fact that an average winter is predicted for Michigan which means "harsh."

ALTHOUGH bow and arrow season has opened, the shop has yet to work on a deer-related accident. This has Roberts wondering if the deer are running this year.

"The deer don't run until it becomes cold," says Roberts. "Maybe it's been too warm."

Roberts said from his end of things, deer-related accidents are not devastating.

"They're the nicest kind of collision work because it's mostly external. There is very little structural damage."

Roberts still places integrity over personal gain. He will try to talk people out of work if he doesn't believe it is worth the money. Not many people listen.

"People become attached to their cars. They don't want to sell. They'll keep bringing it back no matter how bad a shape it's in," said Roberts.

Even though the quantity of business is down, manufacturer's re-

quirements and government regulations keep profits steadily rising.

Truck frames are now made with high-tensile steel. They cannot be heated to pull back into shape. If the frame is damaged, the whole unit has to be replaced.

Roberts used to do a lot of "splicing" on cars. This involved welding in a strip of sheet metal into the damaged area. However, the watchdogs that oversee the collision work business decided that this weakened the frame too much.

Another factor working in Robert's favor is supply and demand.

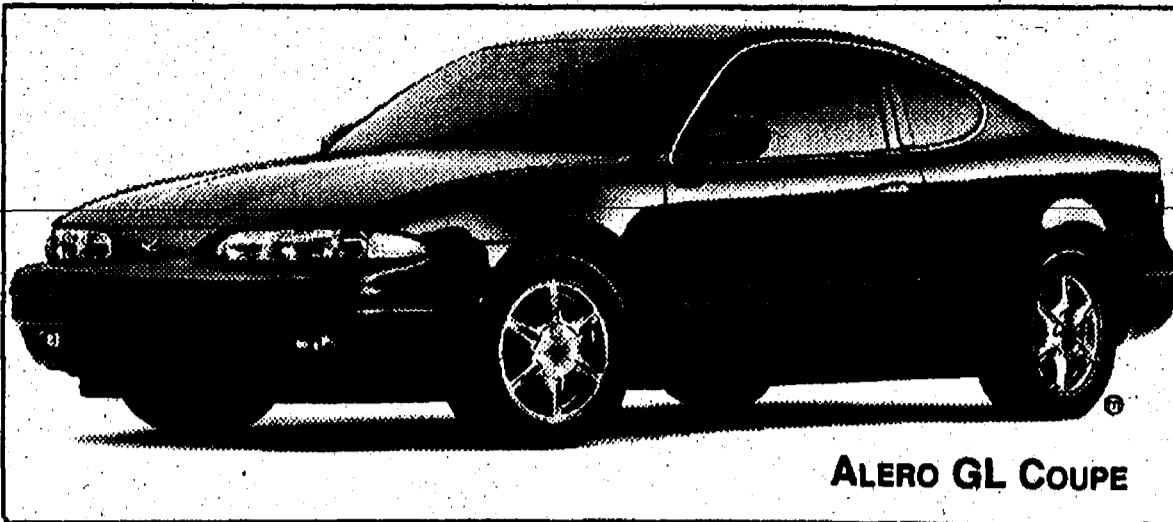
Roberts said that he has only moderate competition in the area and that it is unlikely to increase. Fewer people are entering the business, making a "body man" hard to find. Many of those who do make the attempt become deterred by the extensive and expensive training required that involves more and more computer knowledge. Even those that receive certification, said Roberts, need six years of hands-on experience before they can become confident in their work.

THIS IS quite different from the day when Roberts and his two brothers simply found a serviceable building and set up shop. When Roberts moved from his original location, the government was able to insist upon structural regulations to the building.

FORTUNATELY, Robert's years of quality work over the years was deemed sufficient enough to exempt him from the accreditation that now passes as proof that one is competent.

It has also earned him the right to distance himself from some of the more physical demands of the job.

"Now I just oversee," said Roberts, as he was making sure the doughnuts were being fairly distributed among his workers. "I'm sort of semi-retired. I like to think of myself as an overpaid gopher."



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Sales consultants Brian Quinn and Paul Conz at Phillips Pontiac-Olds couldn't say enough about the new Alero. Quinn, who is driving the top-of-the-line GLS, pointed out the many storage compartments on the interior, the premium sound system,

and the automatic door locks. The GLS is built around a 3.4-liter V6 with 170 horses under the hood. Front-wheel drive, four-wheel anti-lock brakes, and 4-wheel independent suspension are standard features on the GLS, as is the AM/FM-Cassette-Single CD combination. Leather-trimmed seating is standard as well as power seats, locks, and windows.

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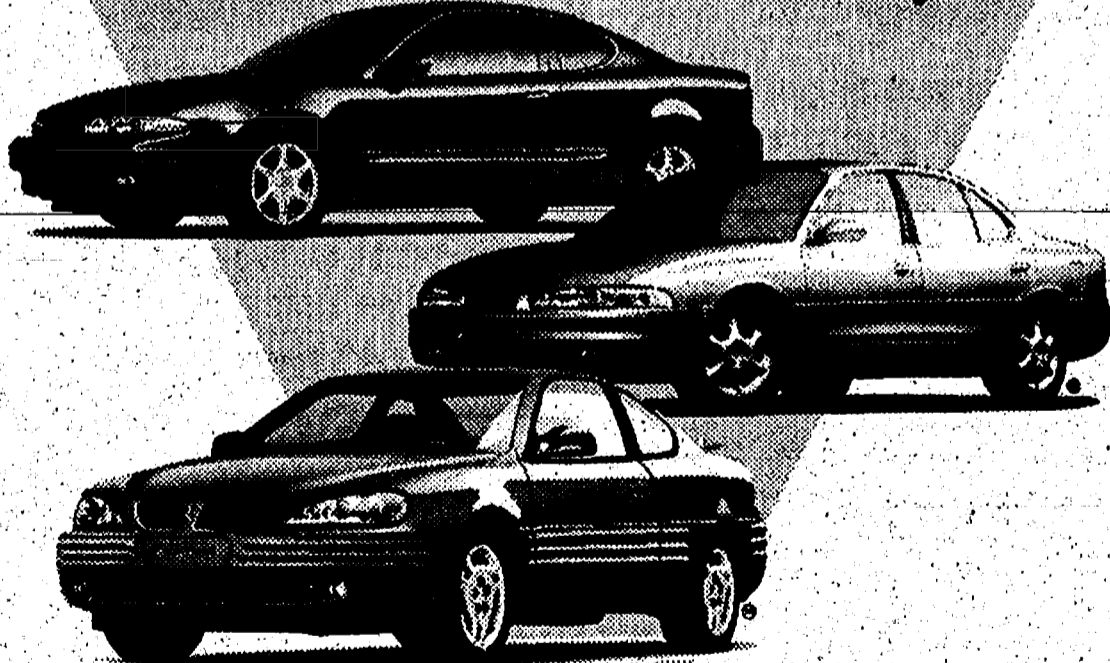
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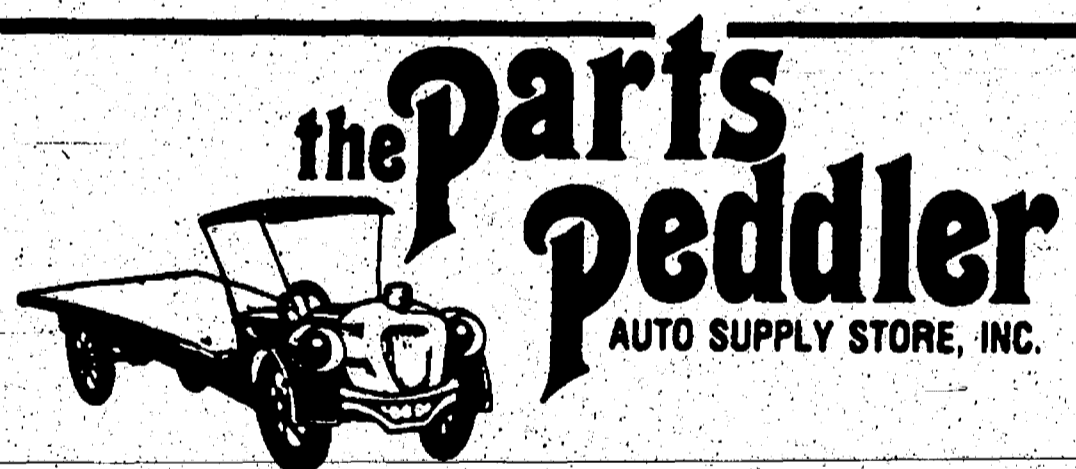
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Collection features auto memorabilia

BY MICHAEL RYBKA
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A bust of Beethoven may add a classy touch to a study. An old gas pump might well do the same for a rec room.

This may not become obvious until you've visited Yesterday's Collection, 5899 Jackson Road in Scio Township.

Gas pumps are just one of the products that proprietors Howard and Norma Weaver carry to evoke memories of the past. There also are Coca-Cola paraphernalia, jukeboxes, die-cast cars of by-gone models and the largest historic automotive book selection in the state.

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When you find yourself admiring something as work-a-day as an old gas pump, it is hard to determine where nostalgia leaves off and genuine aesthetic appeal begins.

CERTAINLY THAT green dinosaur that served as Sinclair's logo was easier to remember than whatever Clark stations have today. Cities Service was more of a consumer-friendly name than the coldly corporate Citgo into which it evolved.

Texaco didn't bother with dreary adjectives like "super" to promote its product. Instead, it called its regular gas "Fire Chief" and its premium gas "Sky Chief." They even had different decals of firemen hats on the pumps to make it clearer.

These are the type of half-remembered images that slip momentarily back into focus when you visit Yesterday's Collection.

Like those glass globes on top of the pumps that served no useful purpose other than looking cool. Nowadays, however, it is what makes an old pump very, very expensive to own.

"A good glass globe is more valuable than the pump in a lot of cases," said Howard Weaver. "In fact, we're forced to put a lot of reproductions on original pumps because the originals are becoming too expensive."

Fully restored original pumps are



Howard Weaver with some of his collection.

in the \$6,000 - \$8,000 range but they can go as high as \$15,000.

WEAVER DOESN'T even have to go out and search for these pillars of the past. Many are brought to him fully restored by Bob Lee of Dearborn Heights who has produced many coffee-table books on the topic which are sold at Yesterday's Collection.

Others individuals bring pumps in that are in poor shape. Weaver pays approximately \$1,250 for these and spends that amount or more to have his on-call artisan restore it. It then retails for \$6,000 to \$8,000.

"We could probably buy them cheaper if we went out on our own to look for them," said Weaver. "We just never seem to get around to it."

There is another reason for the lack of motivation. The gas pumps were an unintended sideline that take up a lot of space.

THE WEAVERS' showrooms, which include a 1950s-style ice cream parlor that Norma oversees, cover 8,000 square feet. When they first opened, said Weaver, it was difficult to fill up the space. Now there isn't enough room. The problem was caused by "collector's fever."

Weaver has to deal with about 200 distributors in order to keep Yesterday's Collection stocked—12 suppliers just for the die-cast models.

They generally run between \$20-\$40 but there are others that are close to \$3,000.

Weaver's "real job" is owner-operator of H & H Distributing Inc., located behind Yesterday's Collection, which deals in pet supplies.

"I enjoy the pet-supply business," said Weaver, "but something different is always enjoyable. Some places you have to rule with an iron fist. Here, we just lay back."

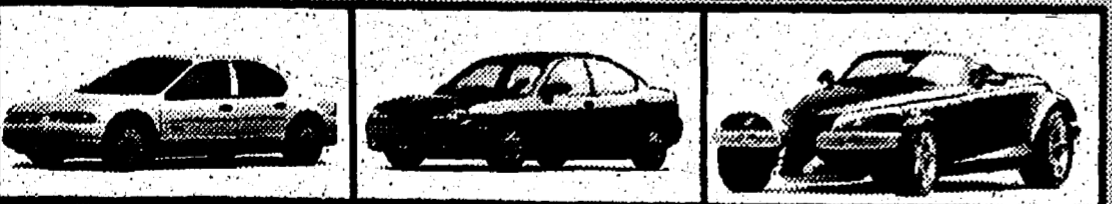
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BY JILLIAN DUCHNOWSKI
REPORTER SPECIAL WRITER

Over the river and through the woods, to grandmother's house we go...

Though the 1999 Ford Windstar LX minivan isn't quite the horse and sleigh mentioned in the traditional Christmas carol, it grants families a much more safe and comfortable ride, as I discovered during a test drive courtesy of Briarwood Ford salesman Steve Jones.

From the moment one slides into the driver's seat, buttons of convenience and comfort are the mere reach of a finger away. One puts interior lights in "sleeping baby mode," allowing only lights in the doors and under the instrument panel to illuminate and preventing dome lights from shining in rear passengers' eyes. Another activates all-speed traction control, which helps prevent wheel slippage on icy and slippery surfaces.

Also, an optional, full overhead console provides a conversation mirror, coin holder, sunglasses holder, reading light, dome light, and provisions for rear radio controls and power sliding door switch.

Once slipped into drive, the

Windstar handles superbly, smoothly shifting between gears and easily turning around sharp corners.

In addition to providing driver conveniences, the Windstar also includes several passenger comforts which could possibly alleviate typical backseat squabbles during family trips, although nothing is fool-proof.

To accommodate those with differing tastes in music, an available audio lineup allows rear passengers to plug headphones into the stereo and listen to a cassette or compact disc while front passengers are listening to the radio.

Similarly, separate climate control buttons are located in the front and the rear, and can be individually adjusted.

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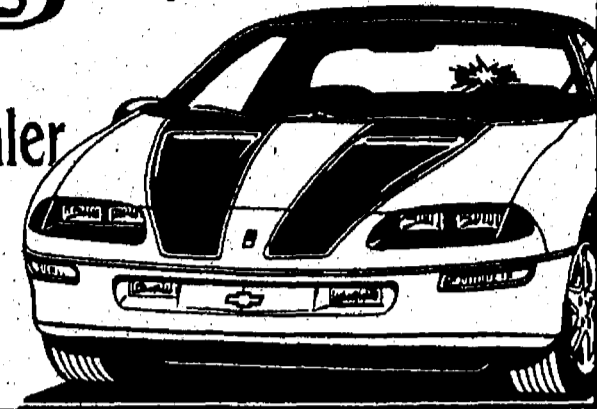
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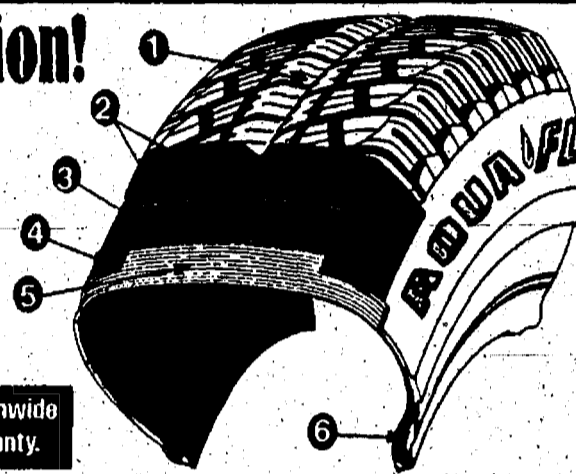
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Dealership has deep roots in Chelsea

BY BRIAN HAMILTON & KATHY CLARK
CHELSEA STANDARD

The fact that Palmer Family Ford-Mercury in Chelsea is the oldest Ford dealership in Michigan is a source of pride for the Palmer family.

Nevertheless, owners Biff and Suzie (Palmer) Weber don't take that long-term success for granted and are constantly looking for better ways to serve their customers.

With numerous Ford dealerships within easy driving distance, Biff Weber says, "We just have to treat people a little better," than other dealerships.

"A lot of people like to come to a small town and feel they are being treated as individuals and not just as another person," Weber says.

"One of the current catch words in the business is relationship marketing," he adds. "But we've been doing that for a long time. We have to, or we would die. George (Palmer, Biff's father-in-law) was a fanatic about working hard to keep our loyal customers."

WITH THE advent of conglomerates like AutoNation trying to buy up dealerships all over the country, this kind of marketing is becoming even more important to small dealerships, according to Weber.

George Palmer sold the business almost a year ago to Biff and Suzie, although he still goes to work every day.

"George is a builder," Weber says. "He's always thinking about what we want to be doing two or three years from now. He's one of the best students of the business I've ever seen."

George Palmer started working for his dad, Leigh, in 1941, as a janitor. He also changed tires.

"The biggest job I had was to watch the shop while the only other employees, dad and Earl Schanz, went to lunch," George recalls.

Leigh Palmer started the dealership in 1910, originally selling a Regal automobile. He was a civil engineer and was instrumental in laying out some of the streets in the Village of Chelsea. He was also an engineer for the Windsor tunnel.

The dealership had the first gas pump in Chelsea in 1910.

IN 1911, the business moved from a barn off Park Street to its present downtown location at 222 S. Main St. In 1912 the Ford franchise was awarded. A two-story service area was added to the back in 1918.

Leigh Palmer and his one employee started selling about 100 cars a year in the early years, with sales dominated by the Model T. The Model T initially sold for \$850 but by 1925 the price dropped to \$260,

putting the vehicle within reach of the average family.



Palmer Ford opened in 1910.

The dealership sold Studebakers and Dodges from 1915-17 and a Fordson tractor until 1927. Lincoln was added to the line in 1929 and Mercury was added in 1938. In 1942, Leigh Palmer began selling Fords exclusively.

The current showroom was built in 1948. George Palmer took over the management of the dealership in 1955.

Today the dealership has 13 new-car sales people among about 70 employees and a \$6 million inventory. The sales force has doubled in size since 1986, when Biff Weber arrived on the scene. The service department also has 13 highly-skilled employees, who all go through extensive training.

Sales are now dominated by mini vans, sports utility vehicles and pickup trucks. The dealership also has three separate lots in town, including the truck and used car lots just outside of the downtown area on Main Street. The dealership sells about 1,600 new and used vehicles per year. Vehicle leasing, which few would have predicted in Leigh Palmer's time, represents about 45-50 percent of the business.

Palmer Family Ford-Mercury markets extensively throughout the Ann Arbor area, but even has customers from Indiana and Kentucky.

"The feeling used to be, why would anyone come to Chelsea?"

Weber says. "But people are starting to realize that we're only about 10 minutes away. We've got to give a lot of credit to The Purple Rose (theater) and the Common Grill for that."

THE CHALLENGES now, Weber says, are to maintain the dealership's reputation for outstanding service, while becoming more efficient in what has become an extremely competitive business. It's all with the goal of keeping the business in downtown Chelsea for years to come, perhaps until the next generation is ready to take over.

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Mechanic advises 'Read the manual'

BY MICHAEL RYBKA
CHELSEA STANDARD

With business booming, Dan Hoffenbecker can feel secure in offering advice intended to diminish the need for his services.

Hoffenbecker is the owner and chief mechanic at Side Street Garage, 121 Buchanan St. in Chelsea.

Hoffenbecker said that more attention should be paid to the potential cost of routine maintenance and repairs—factors that should be considered in the overall cost of ownership. The more room there is a under, said Hoffenbecker, the easier it is to work on. Hoffenbecker cites sports utility vehicles as a mechanic-friendly example.

The simplest bit of advice Hoffenbecker can give is to read the owner's manual that usually sits ignored in the glove box from the day of purchase.

"And don't just read it," said Hoffenbecker. "Do what it says. I can't stress enough the importance of following what the manufacturer recommends."

THE OWNER'S manual usually includes two maintenance schedules—one for normal driving and one for severe service driving. It usually includes maintenance tips for driving on dusty roads, extreme temperature conditions and stop and go driving.

The manual also reminds drivers to have their cooling system flushed every two or three years to prevent corrosion and deposit build-up.

Hoffenbecker said that many major problems arise from neglecting smaller details such as a radiator flush.

Hoffenbecker pointed to a car in his shop that refused to start.

"We first discover that it needs an ignition module. Replacing it gets only four of its six cylinders working. Then we discover that a coil is

burned out. We replace the coil and then five of the six are working. Then we find a plug wire is shot. We replace that and in the process discover that the spark plugs haven't been changed in a hundred thousand miles. And that's where the whole problem started."

"My philosophy is—they don't want these cars on the road too long," said Hoffenbecker. "They'd rather sell you a new one. I don't think any of the manuals call for over maintenance."

Hoffenbecker said that many other companies are beginning to upgrade their maintenance schedules.

Hoffenbecker is not a big believer in quick-fix fluids and is dead-

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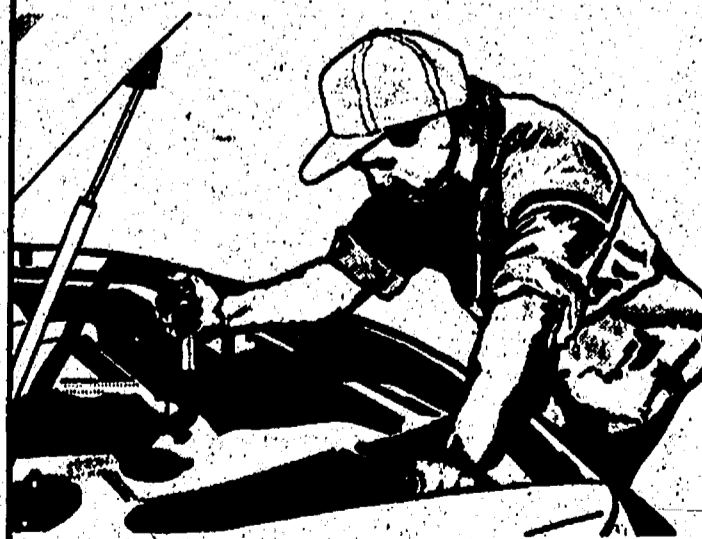
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Mechanic praises synthetic oil

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set against oil additives.

"Certain additives, such as oil thickeners or ones with detergents, will cover up particular problems. I don't believe in Duralube or Slick 50 and I've read a lot on both products."

THE ONE additive that Hoffenbecker recommends whole-heartedly is Tehran, a product of Chevron.

Tehran is a gasoline additive that cleans fuel injectors and dissolves belt deposits.

"I add it every time I change the oil," said Hoffenbecker. "It's not something you want to add every week and it states that on the bottle.

But it is one additive that genuinely has merit."

Hoffenbecker is also a strong advocate of synthetic oil. Besides its superiority over a conventional petroleum product, Hoffenbecker also believes that it can be economical. If you drive over 20,000 miles a year, said Hoffenbecker, it's cheaper to refill with an synthetic every 5,000 miles than with conventional every 3,000 miles.

THE SMARTEST route for the average person, said Hoffenbecker, is to buy a car that is two or three years old, exercise preventive maintenance, then sell it in three years before it becomes a piece of junk.

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