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Severe weather course to be held

Washtenaw County is offering Skywarn spotter training free to adults beginning Saturday. The basic course is 2 1/2 hours long.

A course will be held from 7 to 9:30 p.m. March 19 at Chelsea UAW Hall Local 1284, 2795 M-52, in Sylvan Township.

To register, call the Emergency Management Division at 973-4900.

District to send school information

The Chelsea School District will mail information packets regarding kindergarten March 21.

Parents who have not yet registered their child for kindergarten should call 433-2206, Ext. 6002.

Foundation to award scholarships

The Chelsea Education Foundation is accepting applications for scholarships.

Last year, the foundation awarded 38 scholarships, totaling over \$33,000, to graduating seniors, returning college students and teachers.

Applications are available at all school buildings, administration office, Community Education, Chelsea District Library or at the Web site www.chelseaeducation-foundation.org.

Applications must be turned in by April 14 to the high school counseling office, Chelsea Community Education or mailed to P.O. Box 295, Chelsea MI 48118.

Scholarships will be handed out May 30 at Chelsea High School's Class Night or mailed to adult recipients.

For information, call 475-7170.

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Voter turnout low in race

■ Only 1.75 percent of registered voters cast ballots.

By Sheila Pursglove
Associate Editor

Jim Myles was disappointed to find himself the 18th voter by 11:30 a.m. Monday.

And it didn't get much better from there.

Only 59 people — 1.75 percent of Chelsea's 3,232 registered voters — exercised that right in the uncontested Village Council election.

Village Clerk Jill Branson said Tuesday that it was the slowest Election Day she had encountered and made for a long day at the polls.

Myles returns for a fourth two-year term, Charles Ritter returns for his second term and newcomer Cindy MacFarlan — who garnered more votes than the two incumbents — finds a seat at the council table.

MacFarlan received a total of 45 votes, Myles collected 43 and Ritter, 35.

Precinct 1 has 1,717 registered voters. MacFarlan received 31 votes, Myles had 32

and Ritter grabbed 23.

Precinct 2 boasts 1,515 registered voters. MacFarlan received 14 votes, Myles grabbed 11 and Ritter captured 12.

Myles said Tuesday that he wondered if everyone is waiting to participate in the cityhood consideration that will include city council seats.

He said residents of the community are at a "major intersection" in regards to what direction is taken to maintain the quality of life and preserve Chelsea's uniqueness.

With all of the challenges ahead, he said, "It makes anyone sitting on council question whether this is a good time to step up and do their civic duty."

Among the challenges he cited were increased development around Chelsea, the impact of current and future traffic, the quest for cityhood, Fire Authority and library millages, a new municipal hall, the possibility of a new senior citizens' facility, and issues with the Chelsea Area Transportation System. And "all during an

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Photo by Rita Fischer
Election inspector Mildred Huehl (left) helps Sandy Weber complete the ballot process in Monday's village election. Jim Myles, Charles Ritter and Cindy MacFarlan ran unopposed for three, two-year terms.

Village manager announces retirement

■ Clerk-treasurer also
resigns post.

By Sheila Pursglove
Associate Editor

After 12 years at the helm, Chelsea Village Manager Jack Myers gave notice at Tuesday night's Village Council meeting that he will be retiring June 10.

In his resignation letter, read aloud by Village President Richard Steele, Myers, who turns 60 in April, said he regretted that he would be unable to see through the completion of current projects, particularly the cityhood initiative.

"However, I find that I cannot continue to work effectively for the village of Chelsea with the lack of support, the atmosphere of distrust and micro-managing displayed by some members of council," he wrote in the letter.

"I also will not work under an annual contract, as proposed by council."

Council voted Feb. 11 to terminate Myers' three-year pact when it comes due June

10 and renegotiate the pact annually. His current salary is \$78,000.

Myers has been wooed by the Stockbridge Village Council, which terminated its village manager Jan. 6. He said Wednesday that he has not yet signed a contract with Stockbridge.

Despite receiving good employee evaluations the last two years from council, there has been a certain amount of tension between Myers and some trustees in recent months.

Myers particularly came under fire from Trustee Jim Myles, who expressed dissatisfaction recently with the

manager's performance in the last year and said there had to be substantive improvement in the upcoming year.

On Wednesday, Myles said a number of trustees were surprised by the announcement. He said he viewed Myers' accomplishments and service to the community as "substantial."

"He has excelled in a number of areas that fall under his responsibility," Myles said. "Certain conditions that have developed over the last year or so, as well as the need to update a 12-year-old contract, required some action. We were prepared to negoti-

ate a new contract, but obviously that is now a moot point.

"I wish him well and thank him for the commitment he made to Chelsea over the last 12 years."

Myers took a lot of heat for a water main construction project that caused major upheavals with construction on Main Street last year. He counts the project, financed with 2.5 percent interest loans, among his accomplishments.

The construction of the new water plant and incorporating a reverse osmosis

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Lyndon family devastated by loss of home in fire

■ Blaze destroyed house and
family's possessions March 1.

By Rita Fischer
Special Writer

Martin Groening and his family moved to Lyndon Township last summer looking for a little piece of rural paradise after two decades in Ypsilanti.

Instead, their lives were shattered March 1 when their home at 547 Oakdale Drive — a home they fell in love with on sight — burned to the ground.

Close to 40 firefighters from Chelsea, Dexter, Stockbridge and Manchester, who spent about nine hours battling the blaze, were unable to save the home.

The cause of the fire, which caused an estimated loss of \$150,000 to the home and an additional \$75,000 in contents, has been ruled undetermined, Chelsea Fire Inspector Matt Tuttle said Monday.

Thankfully, no one in the family was harmed. Martin and his wife, Linda, lived with their three sons, Jacques, Stephen and Sean, Jacques' girlfriend, Liana Holly, and her 14-month-old son, Austin.

Sean Groening was watching television when he heard the smoke detector go off, a fact he said saved his life and those of Liana and her baby, and the family's three dogs.

Sean said he smelled something like plastic burning. Opening the basement door, he didn't see anything, but saw smoke after opening the door into the garage.

When he tried to call 911 on his cellphone, the call didn't go through. He yelled at Liana to grab the baby, whose room is directly over the garage, and the three of them and their pets got out of the house. The next thing that they heard was an explosion from the garage, where a Ford Bronco was parked.

The pair ran to a neighbor's house and called 911.



Photo by Rita Fischer
The Groening family of Lyndon Township lost their home to a fire March 1. The family is temporarily housed at the Holiday Inn Express in Chelsea. Pictured in back are Sean (left) and Jacques Groening, Sean's girlfriend, Liana Holly, and Stephen Groening. Martin Groening and his wife, Linda, are seated in front, with Liana's child, Austin.

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Fire Authority changes billing rates

■ **Decision prompted by complaints from Sylvan Township.**

By Michael Rybka
Special Writer

The Chelsea Area Fire Authority agreed March 5 to charge actual costs for crashes requiring extrication or involving three or more vehicles.

The decision was prompted by complaints from Sylvan Township that absorbing accident costs on Interstate 94 was bleeding the township's budget dry.

The decision was a partial victory for the Sylvan Township Board, which wanted a separate rate for crashes that take place on the highway.

Now the change in billing for extrication and multi-vehicle collisions will apply throughout the Fire Authority's jurisdiction.

The compromise was reached because Fire Authority Chairwoman Maryann Noah, Treasurer Andrew Adrian and Secretary Ron Beyer all said that to do otherwise would result in court challenges.

Sandi Bird, the Fire Authority's business manager, said that the average response to a highway crash involved nine firefighters working for an hour and resulting in a \$585 bill.

Under the old billing system, the township absorbed anything that exceeded the initial amount. Now those involved in a crash will pay for any additional time at the scene.

The board also addressed other issues.

A legal opinion requested by board members regarding the Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Administration's ability to levy fines against local businesses that refuse to be inspected was tabled.

The board has been trying to adopt an ordinance that

gives the Fire Authority the right to inspect businesses and enforce infractions.

At last month's meeting, Chelsea Fire Inspector Matt Tuttle and Bird said inspections would commence under a public act that relied on MIOSHA for enforcement.

Tuttle, Bird and Fire Chief Dan Ellenwood painted a scenario of doom and gloom if the board allowed inspections to continue under the reliance of state enforcement.

But Bird said last week that she was not able to substantiate the threat.

In another matter, Koch said that she believes the board was misinformed on how to proceed with a "business associates contract" that was presented last month.

The contract derives from a recently adopted federal act meant to ensure the confidentiality of a victim's medical records and medical treatment.

Board members were told last month by Bird to present the contract to their respective governing boards and adopt a resolution in support of it.

Bird said that by doing so a municipality was promising that any such information given to it would not be released to the public.

The way it was explained, reports such as a billing appeal, which is discussed and voted on in a public forum, would be classified as a confidential document.

Koch said that Sylvan Township Attorney Peter Flintoft advised against the Township Board signing the

confidentiality agreement. Koch said that Flintoft informed her that it appeared to be the Fire Authority's responsibility to adopt the resolution.

Koch said Fire Authority members never see the page in an accident report listing medical information and that any requests for such information would have to be forwarded to the business manager.

Moreover, Koch said the confidentiality agreement doesn't apply until an accident victim signs a form agreeing to it. As a result, she said firefighters would have to read the contract at the scene of a crash.

Koch said the scenario would create havoc in the Chelsea Hospital emergency room.

She said patients come in unconscious or badly injured and have to be tracked down later when they're in better shape to sign a form.

Koch said the Fire Authority's attorney should have reviewed the issue before foisting it upon the board and requiring her to pursue legal advice at Sylvan Township's expense.

In another matter, an offer from a consulting firm to help the Fire Authority in launching a financing campaign was tabled.

The firm of Rehman Robson offered its services for a price not to exceed \$4,600.

Noah said that professional consulting is needed to determine the best approach for a millage request.

Adrian said the proposal ignored the option of a pub-

lic survey that he thinks is more valuable than an opinion of a professional team.

Beyer debunked any need for outside consultation saying that the Fire Authority has been "spinning its wheels for too long" and that it's time to move forward.

Adrian said it's essential for the board to gauge whether the public would consider a millage or prefers to have funding continue as it stands today.

Explaining the need for a survey, Adrian said, "CAFA has become a political football. It should not be kicked around for the town's entertainment."

In another matter, the board unanimously rejected an appeal from Joseph Lantis of Grass Lake to have a \$215 bill waived.

Lantis was involved in a Dec. 14 fender bender at the intersection of Seymour and Mount Hope roads. He based his appeal on the fact that the crash was not his fault.

The board said it was not the Fire Authority's responsibility to determine fault.

Each page of the appeal was stamped "confidential."

In another matter, the board was shown the new slate of Fire Authority officers that were appointed Feb. 20.

Michael Rybka is a freelance writer. He can be reached at 475-8597.



Photo by Rita Fischer

Pretty Miss

Danielle Lobdell, 3, of Lyndon Township, tries on some jewelry Saturday at the Country Craft Folk Art Show in Chelsea.

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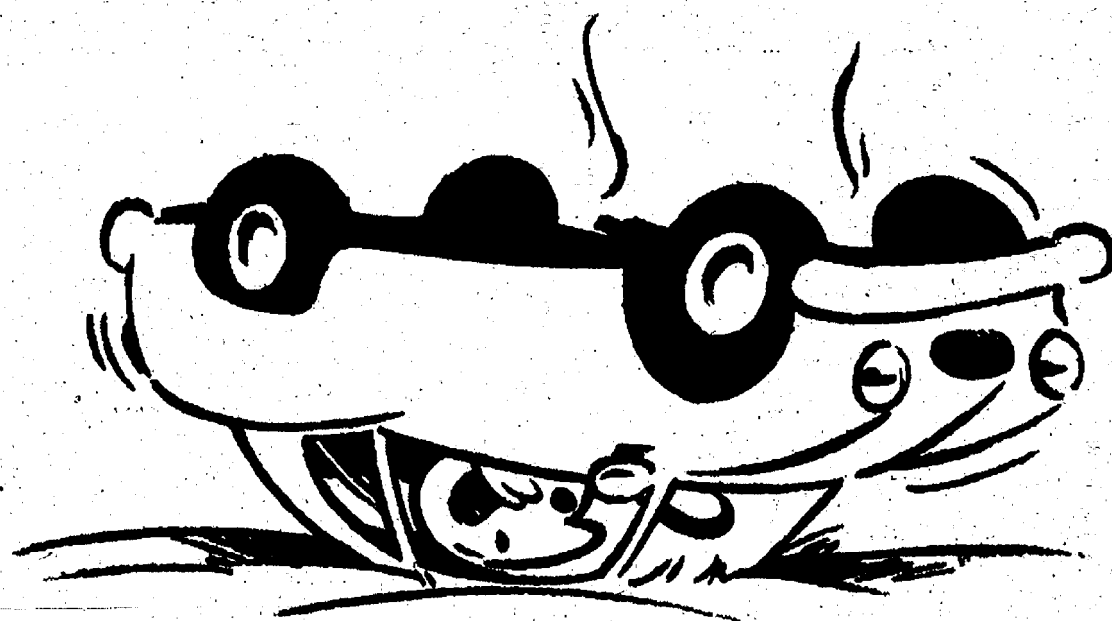
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economic downturn," he said.

"We will have to make some tough decisions," Myles said. "Priorities will have to be realigned with expected cutbacks in mind. We just don't know where at this time."

"Few citizens will like every decision we will have to make in the next couple of years. As we attempt to maintain an open forum with more effective communications and information, I believe the citizens of Chelsea will feel confident we are making the right decisions under the conditions Chelsea is facing."

MacFarlan said Tuesday that she is honored to serve the community.

"I've been attending meetings and observing the decision-making process, and I'm looking forward to the whole experience," she said. "It's a fairly steep learning curve."

MacFarlan said there are numerous challenges ahead that will have a significant impact on Chelsea.

"I'm looking forward to people's input," she said. "We have a wealth of intelligent, committed individuals. I'd like the community to take a more proactive, not reactive, approach so that what we do on council is reflective of the community."

Ritter, who was sick Tuesday, said he wasn't surprised by the low turnout. He was unable to make it to Tuesday night's swearing in by Branson.

STRAIGHT FACTS

The Chelsea High School honor roll published in the Feb. 27 edition of The Chelsea Standard should have included sophomore Mary Kate Setta.

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Schools see some budget relief

■ Governor's 2004 budget keeps per-pupil funding at \$6,700.

By Shella Pursglove
Associate Editor

The belt-tightening will continue but Chelsea schools — and other school districts across the state — breathed a little easier when Gov. Jennifer Granholm presented her fiscal-year budget to the state Legislature last Thursday.

Among some continued fiscal pain was the pleasant surprise that per-pupil funding, cut an average of \$56 per pupil in the 2003 budget, will stay at this year's level, a minimum of \$6,700.

Chelsea Superintendent Dave Killips said Friday that the news from the governor is good for school districts.

"I believe that she is sticking to her goal of keeping K-12 education as her top priority," he said.

"The proposal to maintain the foundation grant at this year's level is welcomed. We still have lost the money for this year, approximately \$175,000, but our base would be returned for next year. The foundation grant provides the majority of our funding."

However, Killips said adult education will take a severe cut. Chelsea funds are projected to be diminished by about two-thirds.

At-risk dollars, money the district receives for special programs, will be held harmless, he said.

"Even though this repre-

sents only a small portion of our income, less than 1 percent, it's money that is still vital to running our programs," he said. "School readiness programs are also held harmless in the governor's proposal."

Other areas recommended for cuts include career preparation, gifted and talented, school health curriculum grants, accreditation assistance, funding for Standard and Poors reports, and Partnerships for Adult Learning.

"The recommendation does not increase the district's contribution to the retirement system," Killips said. "Originally, school districts were anticipating a 2 percent increase in this rate."

Killips said the new budget has the potential to reduce Chelsea's \$2 million projected shortfall to approximately \$1.2 million.

The governor's proposal is just the first step in the budget process. The Republican-led House and Senate will have to approve the final budget.

"We have been informed that it could take four to six months to finalize the budget and it could have drastic changes to it," Killips said. "Another revenue-sharing conference is scheduled to be held in May and this will also drive the budget process."

"It certainly appears to be good news for schools, but the budget process, along with the political posturing, has just begun."

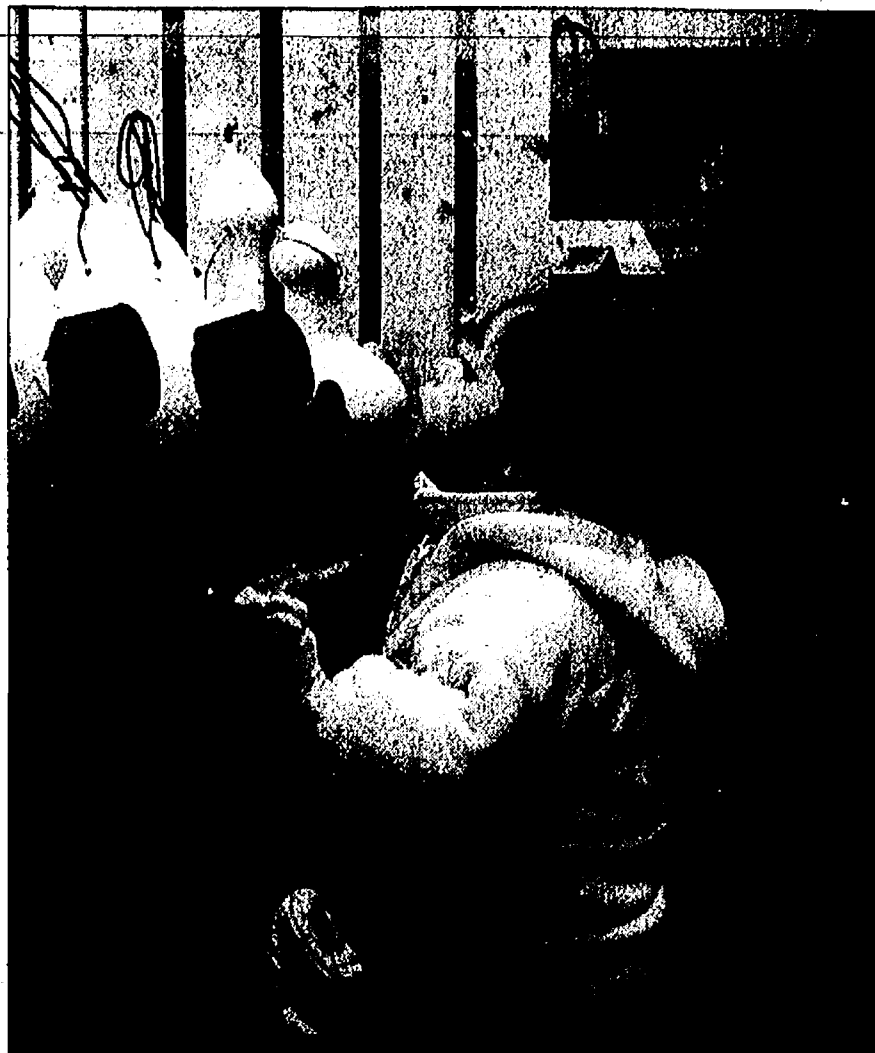


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Watch The Birdle

Janie Schultz of Sylvan Township peers into a birdhouse gourd at the Country Craft Folk Art Show Saturday in Chelsea.

Chelsea Library Building Committee looks at needs

The Chelsea District Library Building Planning Committee met Feb. 19 to estimate square footage requirements for the proposed downtown library building expansion.

To determine space needs, the committee reviewed updated population projections that showed the community is expected to grow from the 2000 census figures of 14,089 to more than 21,722 in 2020, a 54 percent growth rate.

The projections are 38 percent higher than the 1998 estimates that the former building plan was based on, said committee member Jane Dising.

Noting that The Breton Group survey suggested the community would find it difficult to support a library to meet service needs for the population in 20 years, Dising said the committee needs "to come up with a plan that is smaller but still functional in five to 10 years given the increase service population."

Ideally, the building plan will be designed with an eye to the future by providing room for expansion.

"If the design can allow for future expansion without huge renovation costs at that time, then hopefully we will have addressed the concerns (of the community)," Dising said.

Committee member Karen Dixon said the group was at a "bit of a crossroads."

"We are listening to what the community has said in that the building needs to be smaller," she said. "But, based on some of the information we have seen recently, we need to be careful as to not make the building too small."

The design will also include the historic McKune Memorial Library structure, which will add 1,000 square feet of meeting space.

The committee was charged with revising the scope and size of the expansion plan.

Committee member Leila Draugelis said she was pleased with the committee's progress to date.

"Committee discussions have been candid," Draugelis said. "And I'm confident that the committee will proceed methodically and thoughtfully toward a good recommendation to the board."

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Concert set March 22

The sounds of boogie-woogie and blues will resonate through the historic confines of the First Congregational Church of Chelsea when Chelsea Musical Celebrations welcomes pianist Mr. B. in concert.

The concert is set for 7 p.m. March 22 at the church, 121 E. Middle St., in Chelsea.

Mr. B. will be joined by local favorites Sean Dobbins on drums and Kurt Krahnke on bass, providing the solid rhythmic core and musical dialogue for the pianist's

soulful, introspective and creative improvisation.

Support and funding for Chelsea Musical Celebrations and this event is provided by the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs and the National Endowment for the Arts.

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Bingo Buddies

Shelly Deaton (left), and her sons, Ryan and Aaron, joined Board of Education Trustee Rob Turner and his daughters, Madeleine and Molly, for the recent Bingo Night at North Creek Elementary School.

Chelsea West Drive may be rerouted

■ Developer says deal could be made with hotel owner.

By Michael Rybka
Special Writer

John Langs of Magellan Properties says there may be a problem with the proposed Chelsea West Drive.

The developer told the Sylvan Township Planning Commission at a meeting last week that long-standing plans for the first phase of the drive might have to be scrapped and replaced with an alternate configuration.

The original plan calls for Peilemeier Drive to extend northward, connecting with Commerce Park Drive. Eventually, Commerce Park Drive would be arced in a north-westerly direction and connect with West Old US-12 near the Weinberg Dairy Building.

The early phase of the project involves cooperation between Sylvan Township and Chelsea Village.

The original plan relied on the Holiday Inn Express ceding a portion of its frontage. Langs said Donald Vandertoll, who purchased the hotel about a year ago, is against the land appropriation because he would lose parking spaces.

Langs said that unless Vandertoll changes his mind or the village agrees to condemn the land, a less desirable plan would have to be adopted that would have Peilemeier Drive connecting with Coliseum Drive.

The change would have the arc beginning its swing further north. Langs called it "an engineering challenge" because of the extreme changes in elevation.

Magellan Properties is planning to build 75,000 square feet of industrial buildings and 198 condominium units in the area of Peilemeier and Commerce Park drives.

Langs said that if Magellan Properties were forced to go with the alternate plan, it would lose nine residential units and one commercial lot.

Langs said that Vandertoll wants to add on a conference center to compete with the Comfort Inn.

Langs said a deal could be worked out whereby Magellan Properties would help Vandertoll with the conference center construction in exchange for the land.

Planning Commission Chairman Robert Lange said that if the alternate plan could not be adhered to, Magellan Properties would have to go through a preliminary site plan approval.

Magellan Properties agreed to finance a portion of the bypass to diffuse potential traffic problems that could have resulted from its own projects.

The original plan has been extensively researched by engineers and is the preferred configuration of the Washtenaw County Road Commission.

Michael Rybka is a freelance writer. He can be reached at 475-8597.

Sylvan adopts budget

■ Resident praises officials for keeping tight rein on budget.

By Michael Rybka
Special Writer

The Sylvan Township Board adopted a budget March 4 of nearly \$694,000, a decrease of approximately 2.8 percent from the previous year.

A projected \$6,000 loss in state revenue sharing and a projected \$7,200 reduction in telecommunication fees were offset by Clerk LuAnn Koch discovering \$13,000 of erroneous billing sent to the township by the Chelsea Area Fire Authority.

Resident Michael Williams said during a public hearing on the matter that the board was doing a good job in reducing its debt obligations. The board also addressed other issues.

Acting on a recommendation from Special Project Coordinator Gerald Dresselhouse, the board agreed to extend the time that interest-free payments could be made by residents who will receive municipal sewage service from the township in the spring.

The offer pertains to residents in special assessment districts at Cavanaugh and Crooked lakes who can now take advantage of the offer through Aug. 29.

A sale of municipal bonds to initially finance the project was expected to take place in December and, previously, the interest-free period extended until the first of the month.

The bond sale, however, was delayed when the state was slow in submitting paperwork allowing for the

Cassidy Lake Correctional Institute to be included in the sewage project, officials said.

A minimum of \$715 is required this year as an initial down payment for the \$14,300 that will be required from each recipient over a 20-year period.

In another matter, the board backed a petition initiated by Lyndon Township Supervisor Maryann Noah that a traffic signal be placed at the intersection of M-52 and Werkner Road.

A signed resolution will be taken to the next regional planning meeting, where it will be compiled with other similar resolutions adopted by local governing bodies.

The collected resolutions will then be sent to the Michigan Department of Transportation.

The Township Board went into a closed session to discuss a possible land purchase.

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The fact is, it's really dangerous to speculate about what Jesus would or would not do. Jesus is not physically alive today. When He was on earth 2000 years ago, He generally walked from place to place, as did all those of the lower economic classes. I can recall only one time He rode anything, and that was the donkey on Palm Sunday.

Furthermore, even if we could know that Jesus would not drive an SUV, that does not necessarily mean we shouldn't drive one. There's a limit as to how far Jesus' example is to be followed. For instance, as far as we know, Jesus never got married. This certainly does not mean we are to refrain from marriage. There are a few times the Bible does encourage us to.

follow Jesus' example: His endurance under opposition (Hebrews 12:1-3). His lack of retaliation (1 Peter 2:21-23). His humility (Philippians 2:4-8). These are all attitudes - attitudes you can have, no matter which vehicle you drive.

More important yet: Jesus' main purpose in coming to earth was not to be our Example, but our Savior. The Gospel message is: "He Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree" (1 Peter 2:24), and "Whoever believes in Him will not perish, but have eternal life" (John 3:16).

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Schools take security measures

■ Letters sent home provide details of plans.

By Sheila Pursglove
Associate Editor

In light of a possible war against Iraq and continuing terrorist threats, each school in Chelsea has sent letters and a school safety bulletin from Washtenaw County Superintendents to parents.

The bulletin outlines steps to be taken if emergency officials determine there is a threat level red — meaning a severe risk of terrorist attack — that impacts Washtenaw County. A national code red may not signal the same threat locally.

If an announcement regarding a red alert comes before or after school hours, schools will be closed and will remain closed until authorized to re-open. All activities and events will be canceled until further notice.

If an announcement comes during school hours, school buildings will be secured and remain open until regular dismissal. Normal trans-

portation procedures will be implemented for students unless otherwise directed by local, county or state emergency officials. All after-school activities and events will be canceled.

Parents are asked to refrain from calling the schools because the telephone lines will need to stay open for communication between schools and emergency officials.

People should tune to local radio and television stations for updated information. Chelsea Community Education Director Jeff Rohrer said the district would also have information on its Web site, www.chelsea.k12.mi.us.

Parents should advise their child's school if there have been any recent changes to emergency contact information.

"We hope we never have to deal with a code level red," Rohrer said Monday. "However, if we do, we are well prepared. Children's safety will be our No. 1 priority."

South Meadows Elementary School Principal Lisa Nickel wrote to school par-

ents that rarely does a day go by that the school is not reminded of the threat of terrorism and possible terrorist activity across the nation.

"As always, the safety of our children is and will be our first priority," Nickel said in the letter. "The threat of terrorism brings new challenges to all of us. We will do our best to meet these new challenges to our country and our community."

Pierce Lake Elementary School Principal Lucy Stieber wrote that being prepared promotes a sense of calm in the school.

"As with the 9/11 occurrence, in the event of a national disaster not directly affecting Chelsea, it is best to have the children in school," she said. "They need you to be a supportive adult and monitor the information they are given to instill a feeling of trust and safety."

North Creek Elementary School Principal Sharon Whitmore said Monday that the mission of an elementary school is to provide as much consistency and security for pupils as possible.

MYERS

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water system to provide soft-ened water, the first in the state, was also achieved with a 2.5 percent interest loan, he said.

In his letter to council, Myers cited several accomplishments achieved under his tenure, including the streetscape project on Main Street; a new electric and water department building; replacement of the water tower; implementation of cable Channel 18 for government access; and the creation of the Chelsea Web page.

Other accomplishments he named were the acquisition of 140 Buchanan St. for village use; the resurfacing of several village streets, partially funded through more than \$2 million in grants he obtained; the growth of Chelsea Power and Light, the major enterprise fund for the village; and the full occupancy of the industrial park.

Myers initiated the use of the Cassidy Lake boot camp work crews for village work; had water mains replaced using low-interest funds; purchased new finance and accounting software; and initiated the upcoming change from village to city status for Chelsea several years ago.

Myers, a West Virginia native and former Marine Corps officer, moved to Michigan in the mid-1980s with his wife, Nancy, in search of job opportunities. The couple has called Chelsea home for 18 years and their two daughters attend Chelsea schools.

Myers ran successfully for the Village Council in March 1990 and landed the post of village manager the following year.

Trustee Dale Schumann

said Wednesday: "It's a sad day for Chelsea."

"Jack took a lot of heat undeservedly, and certain people capitalized on it," Schumann said.

Ann Feeney, director of the Downtown Development Authority, said she was sad and disappointed at the news.

"I have an office in the village building and see firsthand what a good job Jack does," Feeney said Wednesday. "He handles things extremely well and has done a wonderful job. It's not going to be the same without him."

Feeney served on the Chelsea Cityhood Study Committee, formed in 1992 at Myers' urging.

"One of the first things Jack did as village manager was to ask a group to research the idea of cityhood," Feeney said. "I'm very disappointed he's leaving before he can complete this."

Village President Richard Steele said Myers has been "invaluable" in the operation of the village.

"A lot of things have been achieved and he's had a hand

in all of them," Steele said Wednesday.

Chelsea is also losing its clerk. Jill Branson surprised village officials with her resignation Wednesday, also effective in June.

Branson, who has served as clerk and treasurer since April 2001, said her resignation is not a result of Myers' departure. She said her family plans to move to Texas, where her husband has been offered a job.

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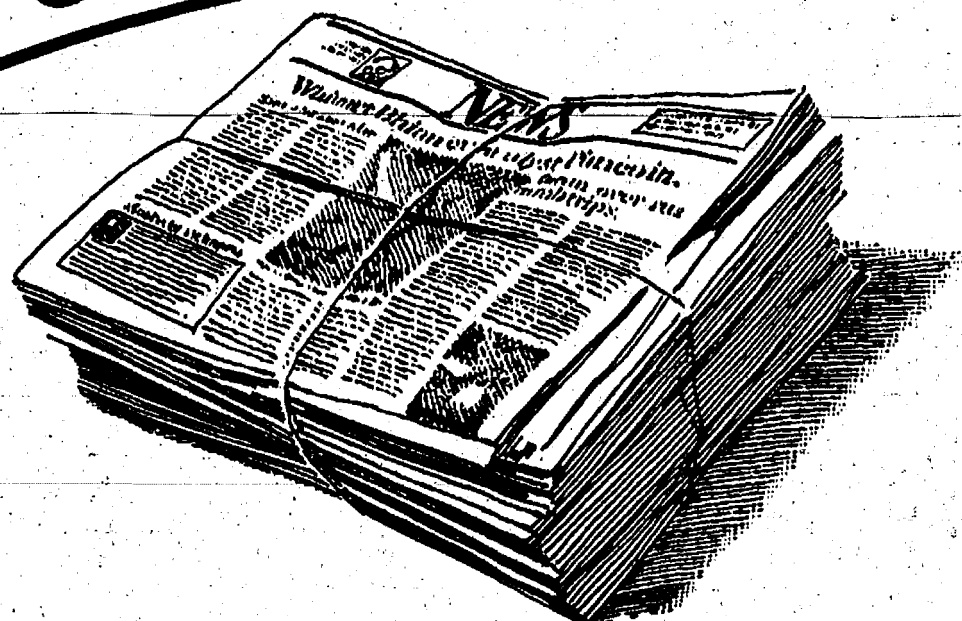
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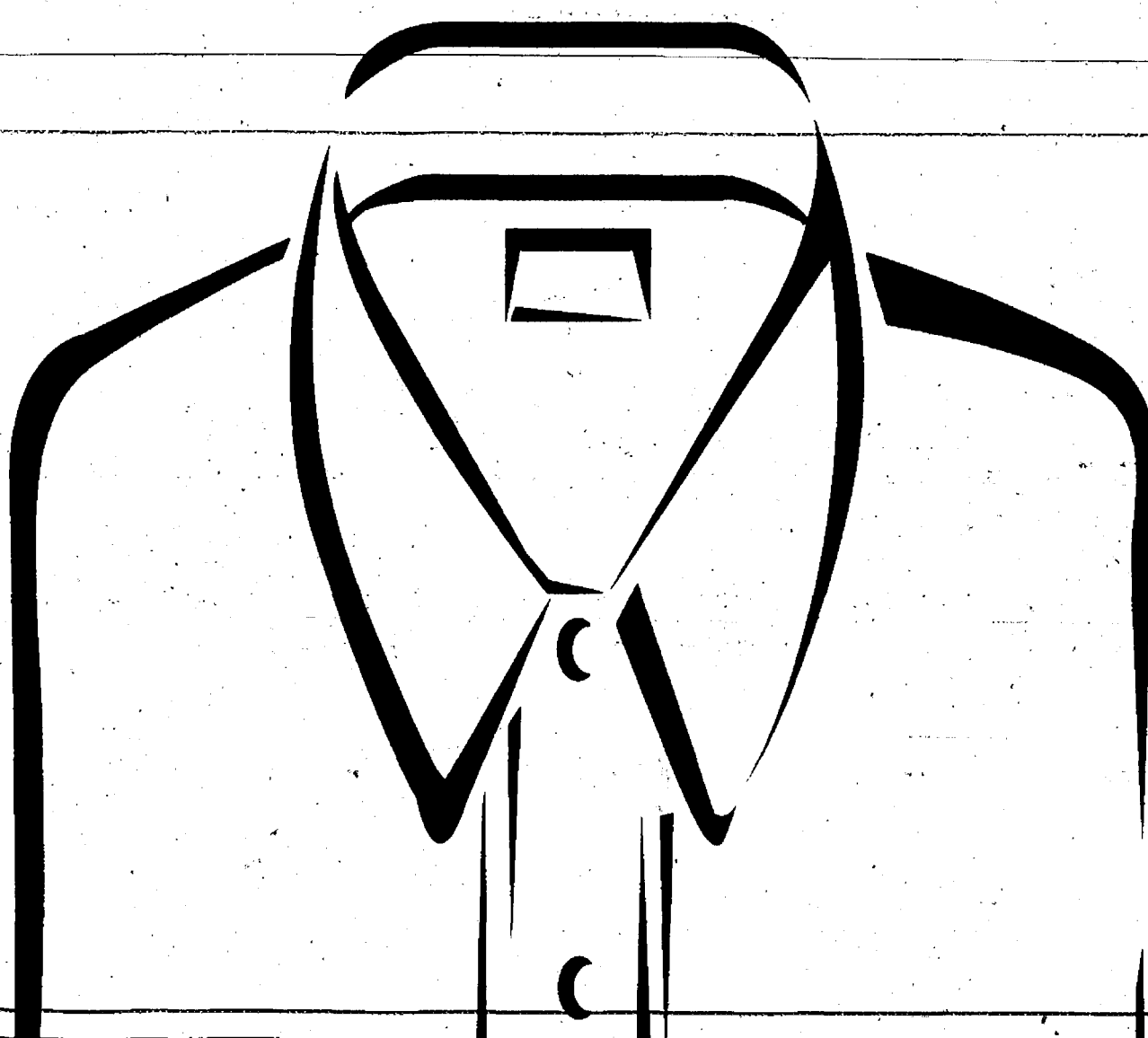
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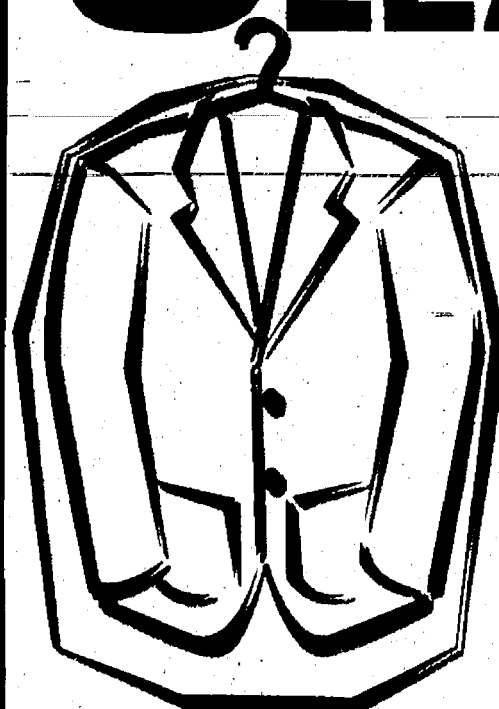
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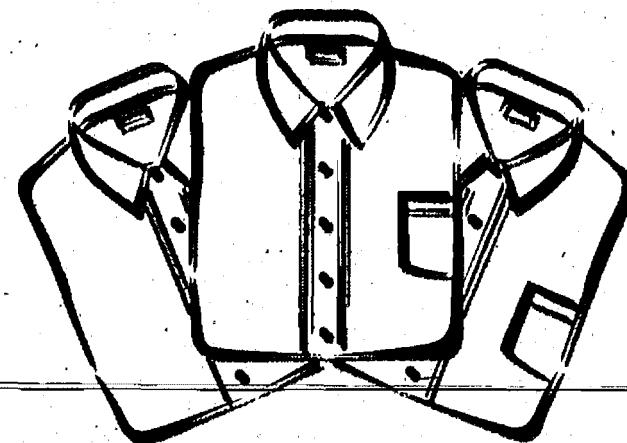


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CHELSEA FIRE REPORT

March 4

• Firefighters answered a medical call in the 300 block of Washington Street in Chelsea Village to help someone who had fallen and needed help getting up. Firefighters returned a few hours later to take the same person, who by then was feeling ill, to Chelsea Community Hospital.

March 5

• Firefighters were dispatched to Interstate 94 and Freer Road in Lima Township, where two trucks had collided, pushing one against the guardrail. Michigan State Police troopers were also on the scene. There were no injuries.

• Firefighters were dispatched to M-52 and Scio Church Road in Sylvan Township after a semi-trailer had broad-sided a sports utility vehicle. The driver of the SUV was taken to Chelsea Community Hospital with facial injuries, and neck and back pain.

March 6

• Firefighters were dispatched to Werkner and Waterloo roads in Lyndon Township after a passenger in a vehicle had a fainting episode. The victim was taken to Chelsea Community Hospital.

• Firefighters answered a medical call in the 14000 block of Edgewater Drive in

Dexter Township. Someone with breathing difficulties was taken to Chelsea Community Hospital.

March 7

• Firefighters answered a medical call in the 100 block of Silver Maples Drive in Chelsea Village. Someone having a diabetic reaction was taken to Chelsea Community Hospital.

• Firefighters were canceled en route to a medical call in the 1000 block of Main Street in Chelsea Village. Huron Valley Ambulance staff handled the case.

• Firefighters checked out a home in the 700 block of Taylor Street in Chelsea Village when the homeowner

reported a possible gas leak. No further details were available.

• Firefighters answered a medical call on West Cedar Lake Drive in Sylvan Township. Someone with diabetic problems had a seizure and fell. The victim was taken to Chelsea Community Hospital.

• Firefighters were dispatched to a crash at I-94 and Pierce Road in Sylvan Township but were unable to locate the scene.

March 8

• Firefighters answered a medical call in the 300 block of Wilkinson Street in Chelsea Village. Someone with chest pain was taken to Chelsea Community Hospital.

sea Community Hospital.

• Firefighters answered a medical call in the 15000 block of Waterloo Road in Waterloo Township. Someone who fell was taken to Chelsea Community Hospital with neck and shoulder injuries.

March 9

• Firefighters answered a medical call in the 1000 block of Pierce Road in Sylvan Township. A sick person was taken to Chelsea Community Hospital.

• Firefighters treated a diabetic at the scene in the 500 block of Main Street in Chelsea Village.

Compiled by Associate Editor Sheila Pursglove based on information provided by the Chelsea Area Fire Authority.

FAMILY

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Martin and Linda were out grocery shopping at the time, and Jacques and Stephen were out looking for car parts.

"We were on our way home when I looked over in the woods and saw what I thought was a cloud of snow," Martin said. "Then I realized that we are the furthest house back and that it was our home going up in smoke."

Oakdale Drive block captains Darlene and Gary Johnson took the family in and let them use their telephone and bought them dinner.

Faith In Action, the American Red Cross and Quakers from the nearby Michigan Friends Center also came to the rescue, providing clothing, food and personal items. Red Cross and Faith In Action arranged for the family to be temporarily housed at the Holiday Inn Express in Chelsea.

The family lost everything in a blaze that was so intense the metal house beams were twisted like pretzels, Martin said. Even the family's records and documents, stashed in a fireproof safe, didn't survive. The fire was

so hot even the safe melted. While many in the community are rallying to help the family, some items can never be replaced. Linda lost a rosary, collectible Hummel lamps, a cedar chest her grandfather built and her mother's plate collection. Martin lost an old English tea set passed down on his mother's side for generations, and his father's Swiss watch from the days his father worked on the railroad.

Martin said the past week has been "a real trial, just trying to get through it all."

"We are getting through," he said. "At least no one was hurt."

"The community in general has been very kind. Many churches have called to let us know they are praying for us and the prayers are working."

The family's immediate need is for a rental home, as well as clothing, meals and home furnishings. Martin said he plans to rebuild their home at the same location.

The family's three dogs are being housed at Lane Animal Hospital in Chelsea.

"They have been so kind," Martin said. "We visit the

'puppy home.' (The dogs) are excited to see us and cry when we have to leave."

"The dogs don't understand why we can't bring them home. We have no home right now."

The Groening family is used to pulling together through tribulation. Martin suffered two massive heart attacks last September and had bypass surgery. Linda, who takes blood pressure medication, underwent knee surgery last year. Their three sons moved back in with their parents to help care for them.

On Monday, Martin returned to work at Air Master Fan in Jackson, and Linda returned to her job at Pall Corp. in Scio Township, where she makes medical parts. The pair had each returned to work from medical leave in January.

"I'm fortunate to be able to stay vertical," Martin said. "Everything happens for a reason."

"We are able to laugh; we still have each other," Linda said.

The family has been overwhelmed by people's concern.

"The amount of love that came from people was just astounding," Martin said.

While at the Faist-Diesing car dealership in Chelsea to pick up a car, someone asked what else he needed. When Martin replied that he needed to get a coat for his son, the Good Samaritan took off his own jacket and handed it to him.

Martin said that when he

went to the Post Office, people were asking how they could help his family.

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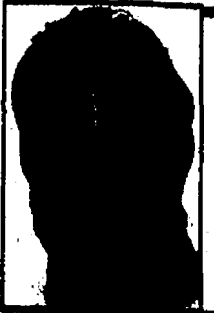
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KAY STEVENS

ADVENTURES FROM ALASKA

Since the Iditarod Trail Committee decided to hold the restart of the Iditarod dog sled race in Fairbanks because of a lack of snow in Wasilla, where the restart is normally held, I made arrangements to go to Fairbanks to participate as a volunteer.

Fortunately, I met a very nice woman, Avril Johannes, who agreed to join me in an excursion north to Fairbanks.

We rode the whistle-stop train from Wasilla; a trip that takes 10 hours. The only way to get families from remote regions and supplies transported is by the train, which stops in the middle of nowhere to either drop off or pick up passengers or supplies.

As the train wound north

Local grads participate in dance marathon

Students at Adrian College will hold a 20-hour dance marathon to benefit the Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation. The event will kick off tomorrow and end Saturday.

Holly Tobias, a 2001 graduate of Dexter High School, will dance in the event. She is a sophomore majoring in English and journalism.

Mathew McAtee, a sophomore majoring in communications, will also participate. The son of Mark and Catherine McAtee, he is a 2001 graduate of Chelsea High School.

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through the Alaska mountain range, we began seeing more snow and the rivers were showing some ice on the edges but still had open water.

At one point along the route, the train came to a stop on the trestle 300 feet over Hurricane Gulch, which is an incredible ravine with the Nenana River flowing through it. Fortunately, we spent little time on the trestle because it was certainly a spine-tingling experience for me.

We were encouraged to see that there was a good amount of snow on the ground in Fairbanks, as well as sufficient ice on the Chena River, where the restart would take place.

Avril has lived in Alaska since 1986, and one of her acquaintances is John Majak, a world-class ivory scrimshaw artist who lives in North Pole. After inspecting his very beautiful work, I was compelled to purchase several pieces as keepsakes.

On March 3, I was assigned to security duty at the main gate for the restart of the race. I was very lucky to get the prestigious position located close to the starting line. All mushers and teams passed within only a few feet from my station, which allowed excellent opportunities for photographs.

The restart was held on the Chena River, a river, about four times wider than the Huron River and easily four times as deep, with extremely cold glacial water under 15 inches of ice. There had been concerns from race officials about the possibility of ice giving way because of the uneven thickness, as well as the weight of 64 trucks, 64 dog teams, not to mention hundreds of people. But the ice held.

I found it exciting to watch each team approach the start line, listen to the countdown, then watch each musher with 16 dogs head down the trail on their way to cover 1,100 miles of very hostile backcountry. Their destination was Nome. By 1 p.m., all teams had left and the Chena River was once again devoid of activity except for several snowmobilers.

At 6:30 p.m., Avril and I were aboard Alaska Airlines for a 50-minute flight to Anchorage. For the next week and a half, we will be checking the news and radio on a regular basis to see how the mushers are doing as they reach various checkpoints along the route to the finish line.

Kay Stevens is a Dexter resident who is volunteering at the Iditarod in Alaska and writing columns about her experience.



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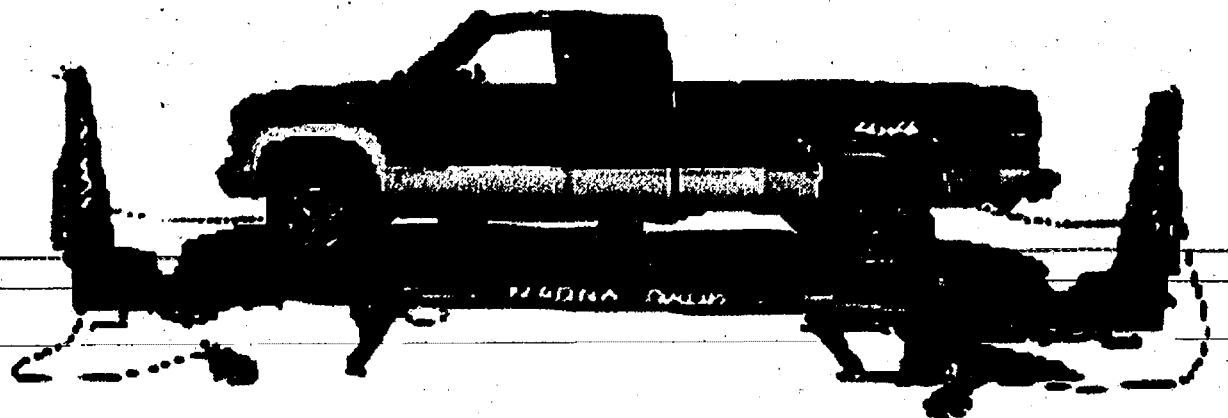
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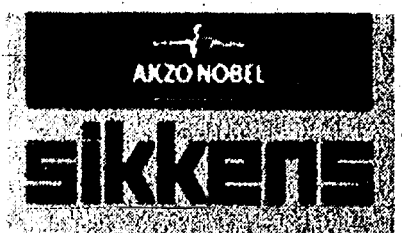
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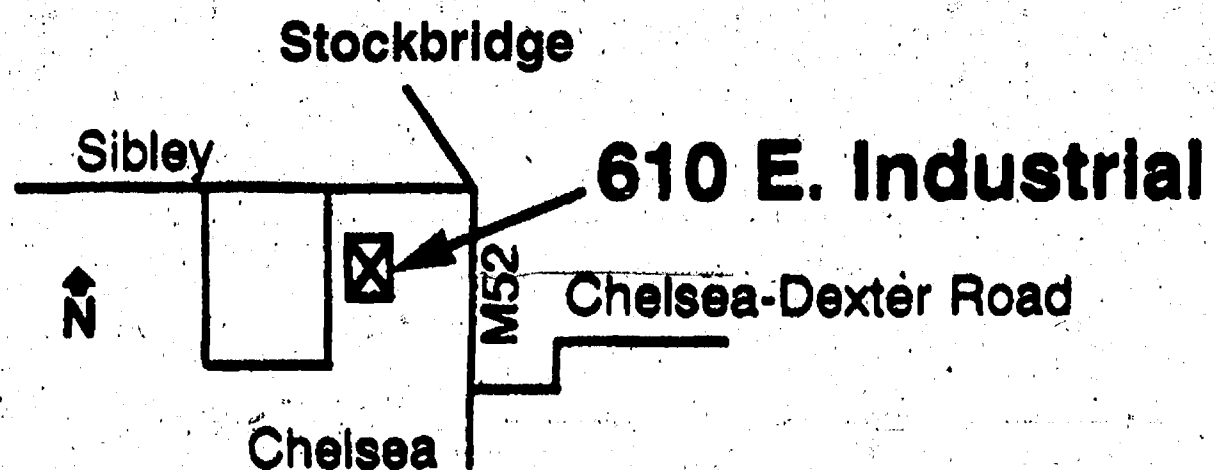
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Scio Township Larceny

More than \$1,200 worth of building materials was stolen between March 1 and March 8 at a construction site on South Zeeb Road.

The materials included ceiling tile and wiring. Sheriff's deputies looked around for fresh tire tracks and footprints but did not find any.

A suitcase and a garment bag were reported stolen March 7 from a pick-up truck Park and Ride lot near Interstate 94 and Baker Road.

The owner of the truck noticed that someone pushed the passenger-side window down and unlocked the car. Clothing and pieces of pottery were in the leather suitcase. The items and suitcase are worth \$3,300.

Sheriff's deputies responded to a burglary alarm March 4 at the Jaco car wash, 5740 Jackson Road.

When deputies arrived at the scene, they didn't see anything suspicious. They later received a call from the business owner that someone stole the change machine.

Deputies found tire tracks and footprints in the snow where the change machine had been mounted to a brick enclosure.

The owner couldn't determine how much money was in the machine. The machine

is worth approximately \$9,000 and damage to the brick enclosure is estimated at \$100.

Shoplifting

A 17-year-old Ann Arbor girl was arrested March 8 for trying to steal two bottles of vodka from Meijer Inc., 5645 Jackson Road.

Loss prevention officers at Meijer noticed the girl walking through the grocery aisle. The officer thought that she was acting suspiciously.

One officer saw the girl conceal two bottles of vodka in her waistband and walk toward the store's exit.

The girl walked out the store's front doors without paying for the merchandise. Store personnel tried to stop the girl in the doorway, but she continued out the doors.

The girl dropped the bottles of liquor as she was trying to pass other customers in the entryway.

Loss prevention officers were able to get a license plate number and turned it over to sheriff's deputies.

Drunken Driving

A 32-year-old Ypsilanti man was arrested March 4 for drunken driving near Jackson and Baker roads.

Deputies stopped the man because he was swerving his vehicle into the oncoming lane of traffic. The man told deputies that he just left his girlfriend's house in Scio Farms Estates, 6655 Jackson Road.

He said that he was tired

and didn't realize how much alcohol he had been drinking.

Deputies noticed that the man had a strong odor of alcohol on his breath.

The man was given a Breathalyzer. His blood-alcohol level was 0.24 percent. A blood-alcohol level of 0.10 percent or higher is considered legally drunk. He was taken to the Washtenaw County Jail.

Dexter Village

Suspicious Incident

Sheriff's deputies responded to a suspicious situation March 4.

Deputies were at the Clark gas station, 8135 Main St., when they overheard a customer ask a store employee for directions to a nearby coin-operated car wash.

Deputies thought it was an unusual request considering the cold temperatures and snowy conditions.

Deputies monitored the situation and patrolled the area near Central and Second streets, where the village's car wash is located based on a recent larceny at a car wash in Scio Township.

Deputies did not see anything suspicious or unusual happening, however.

Webster Township

Property Damage

A Webster Township woman reported damage to her car's gas tank March 5.

The woman told deputies that someone shoved a Danish pastry in her vehicle's gas tank. She said she wasn't sure when or where it might have occurred. It had been a week since she had filled her gas tank.

The victim wasn't sure what kind of damage may have been caused, but needed a police report for insurance purposes.

Chelsea Village

Larceny

Someone drove off without paying for \$43 worth of gasoline Feb. 27 at the Amoco gas station, 1630 S. Main St.

A store clerk called 911 to report the theft. She was able to identify the truck and its license plate number.

The truck is registered to a Sault Sainte Marie resident. He told police that he thought he paid for the gas at the pump with his credit card. He promised to make restitution.

Chelsea Police Department took a report of a missing mountain bike March 5.

The owner said he left the bike on March 3 unsecured behind the Chelsea Grill, 1129 S. Main St. After returning March 5, the \$400 bike was missing.

Family Trouble

Officers responded to a complaint of family trouble March 8 in the village.

A woman called the Chelsea Police Department after

listening to her neighbors argue outside their house for more than an hour.

When police officers arrived, they found the wife sleeping on the cement under the carport. She assured police that nothing physical had happened

between her and her husband.

Officers talked to the couple and settled the argument.

Compiled by Staff Writer Will Keeler based on reports filed with Chelsea Police and the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department.

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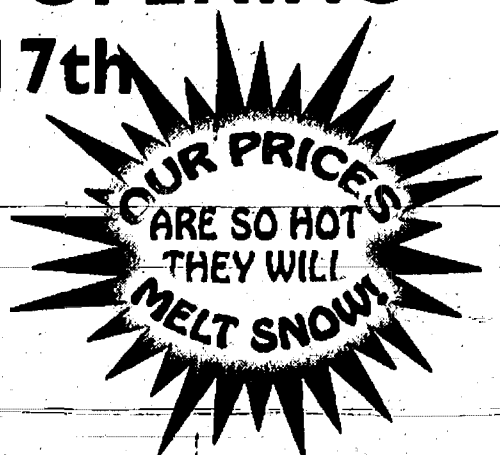
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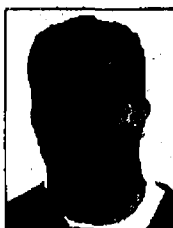
Tyler Shuler of Chelsea was presented with the God and Family Medal Feb. 9 at Crossroads Community Baptist Church in Ann Arbor. A Webelos Scout in Pierce Lake Elementary School Pack 445 in Chelsea, he received the award from the Rev. Paul Arnold. The youngster is the third Scout in the pack to earn the award, a religious award program that requires Bible study beyond regular expectations of church study. Tyler is the son of Windy and Kevon Shuler of Chelsea.

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COMMENTARY

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Street Talk

By Rita Fischer

Since March is National Reading Month, what's your favorite book?



"I like to read mysteries and historical fiction. 'The Red Tent' is my new favorite."

Barbara Lewis-Lakin
Lima Township



"When the Wind Blows," by James Patterson. It's about human genetics."

Laura Haeussler
Manchester Township



"Non-fiction. It is something that I enjoy reading."

Marc Sparaco
Sylvan Township



"Wild Magic." It's a very interesting book and there are parts of it that make you feel like the person in the book."

Antonia Silverio
Sylvan Township



"Son of the Mob" and "Stick Figure." There is a lot of adventure in both. I like to read a little bit."

Clare Frankhart
Dexter Township



"I like 'Stick Figure.' It's a true story about her struggles with life and how she gets through it."

Elise Dunn
Sylvan Township

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Learn about the impact of sprawl

I am concerned by the recent comments by Sylvan Township officials that I've seen in The Standard and other newspapers.

The idea that the township will need to "compensate" for the loss of tax base when Chelsea incorporates as a city by attracting lots of new development is frightening.

While I think that growth and development are good for an area, I also have a certain fondness for the fields and forests that surround Chelsea.

I have lived in the area for 23 years. In that time, I have seen the area along Main Street, between Old US-12 and Interstate 94, fill with strip malls and other low-density development. I also have seen the number of condominiums and subdivisions in the area explode.

Is this really a pattern that we want to see replicated all around the fringe of Chelsea?

If Sylvan and Lima townships insist on pursuing a development arms race with the soon-to-be city of Chelsea, the region between I-94 and Jerusalem Road soon will be filled with the same kind of development that already exists on Chelsea's side of the freeway, and Scio Church will be built up even more quickly.

Do we want to see Sylvan Township trying its best to encourage big chain retailers to build a store next to the DaimlerChrysler AG Proving Grounds?

The kind of development that occurs when local governments fight for tax rolls benefits nobody but the developers. Widespread, low-density development eats up rural lands, pressuring farmers to sell their land and reducing wildlife habitat, which hurts hunting and other outdoor recreation.

Far-flung commercial and housing developments increase traffic congestion on local roads, and strain law enforcement and fire prevention resources much more than centralized development.

Research in the fields of economics and planning show that scattered, decentralized development costs local governments much more, in the form of sewers, roads, and other infrastructure, than it returns in the form of taxes, as well as harming downtown businesses.

I urge the residents of Chelsea, Sylvan and Lima to envision the type of community they want to live in 10 years from now. Encouraging widespread development in the townships, instead of within Chelsea, will adversely affect traffic, the schools, local business, and the area's natural features.

I plead with the officials of these local governments to maintain the character of Chelsea and its surroundings. Consider what makes Chelsea a good place to live, and act to preserve those features.

The well-being of the townships and Chelsea are strongly connected, and cooperation between these bodies will benefit the area much more than competition.

The Institute for Local Self-Reliance is an excellent source of research on the negative impacts of decentralized development on an area, as well as a good resource for ideas on preventing this damage. If you are interested in the character of your community, this nonprofit's Web site and

publications are excellent places to start.

Richard Murphy
Sylvan Township

Basketball player erred in judgment

I am writing to try and clear up events that took place on March 3. This was the day of the first boys' district basketball game. It was a day that began with excitement, but ended with controversy and many unanswered questions involving my son, Jimmy Baker.

This was a day that the whole family had been talking about for weeks. The first game of districts was finally here. The entire family was excited for the big game. I decided to stay home in the morning longer than usual to give my son some advice before he left for school.

I knew this would be the only chance to talk to him before the game. I proceeded to tell him something that I had been preaching to him all year. I said, "This is your senior year. You must not do anything wrong to jeopardize your eligibility. When you are successful, there will always be someone trying to knock you down a peg or two, so work hard and do not get into early foul trouble. Good luck. I will be there."

After work, I rushed home. It was an early game and I did not want to miss a minute. I think I was more excited than my son, Jimmy, always excels in the big games and I could not wait to see what would happen.

I pulled into the driveway at home and walked to the front door. My wife met me at the door and told me Chelsea High School Principal Ron Mead had left a message on the answering machine. He wanted to see my son in his street clothes on the bench, so that all of Chelsea, the fans and his teammates could see him on the bench and wonder what had he done to deserve this?

What did Jimmy do that was so bad that we have to humiliate him in front of everyone?

As second-hour teachers' aide for teacher Brad Bush, he is to report to Mr. Bush and do whatever needs to be done. But on this day, Mr. Bush had nothing for Jimmy to do. And another one of Jimmy's buddies also had nothing to do. So they decide to go to McDonald's for breakfast during school hours, which is not uncommon.

Mr. Bush has sent Jimmy off campus several times in the past. But this time it was different because varsity basketball coach Robin Raymond saw Jimmy's car going out of the parking lot, off school grounds.

Mr. Raymond is also the school's vice principal. In that capacity, he decided to find out who was in the car. He knows the car is Jimmy's, but he could not see who was in it.

Late in the day, Mr. Raymond was able to con-

firm that Jimmy and his friend were in the car. At this time, he decided to report it to Mr. Mead and Chelsea Athletic Director Wayne Welton.

In their eyes, it's no longer two boys excited about the big game. It's two boys skipping school. They have to be punished. How these men came to this conclusion, I do not care to know.

I want to thank these educators for the memory that my family and I will never forget, Jimmy's senior year of basketball.

But most of all, I would like to apologize to the team and the fans for what happened. Our family enjoyed watching every game. I am truly sorry, it had to end this way.

Please forgive my son for his lack of judgment.

Alvin Baker
Sylvan Township

Protest signs a form of free speech

Five peace signs have been taken from the yards of Lyndon Township families.

We ask that those who have done this find a constructive way to express their political opinions that does not deny others their rights to free speech.

Susan Morse
Marijo Grogan
Maryann Schwartz
Lyndon Township

Public may attend commission meetings

To all the readers of The Chelsea Standard who will be living in the proposed city: Come one, come all to any of our scheduled meetings from 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday and 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday at the Washington Street Education Center board room.

Or, come to one of our public feedback forums at a business, church or with a group, call 475-1771 and ask for Jill Branson.

Chelsea City Charter Commission has crafted a first draft and is ready for public input. This has been a very exciting process and we would love to hear from you. You are invited to read our drafts online at chelsea.mi.us. Go to the charter section.

You can also join a discussion group, e-mail or phone one of the charter commissioners through the Web site. Thanks in advance for your input in this important document.

Janice Ortbriag
Chelsea Village

War would not be knee-jerk reaction

Some people will never get it. The person who wrote "Counter person should join peace activists" as a letter to the editor Feb. 27 is one of those people.

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The idea that we will be going to war over more oil for our SUVs or to bully smaller countries pretty much sealed my opinion.

I will not be joining her side of the street anytime soon. The part she does not get is that we as Americans have put 12 years of hard work, thought and money into finally acting against a brutal dictatorship.

Does that sound like a knee-jerk reaction to you?

If these people would open their eyes, they might realize we are at war. Our country did not ask for this. But speaking for myself, I am proud that we are acting to defend ourselves. There comes a time when talking no longer works.

After all of this time and 18 amendments to disarm, it's about time to start acting. It's an insult to our country that we would put our military in harm's way for any other reason than national security, as her letter to the editor suggests.

I hope someone calls me the next time you are forming a demonstration across the street.

Dave Husak
Scio Township

Check out Rural Education Days

I am really disappointed to report that Chelsea is still the only school in Washtenaw County that has not jumped on the "hay wagon" to participate in project Rural Education Days, a free program for third-graders sponsored by Washtenaw County Farm Bureau and the Michigan State Cooperative Extension.

It will be held April 29, 30 and May 1 at the Washtenaw County Farm Council Grounds near Saline.

A lot of schools in Washtenaw County have to fund their own buses for field trips. Last year, Rodgers Corners sponsored a bus so a class from Chelsea could attend. The cost was approximately \$129 for the half-day trip.

This year, there will be a Tuesday evening session. Anyone who would like to take advantage of this great opportunity to learn everything there is to know about Michigan agriculture, should try to attend.

Round up your Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, church groups or just your family to learn about soil conservation, water conservation, field crops, and taste the commodity showcase that samples bazillions of products produced in Michigan.

If you plan to attend or want more information, call the Cooperative Extension Office at 222-3825. They

need to know how many people to plan for.

If you want to hear more about the program, call me at 475-4685. I'll tell you how great it is.

Now, I want to change hats for a minute. I drive a school bus for Chelsea. To the parents who think cutting bus-ing would solve the budget problems: True, it would save a huge sum of money, but I hope you all have an alternative plan of how you would fund larger driveways and traffic flow areas.

Obviously, you do not drop off and pick up your students currently and get caught up in the traffic jams every morning and afternoon at all of the schools.

The same concern goes for the parents who are worried about the safety of their children regarding traffic issues with the reconfiguration. Just imagine how many more cars and how much more dangerous it would be if everyone had to drive their children to school. Just a thought.

Please consider attending project Rural Education Days.

Sue Rodgers
Lima Township

Children's author Dr. Seuss has it right

(With apologies to Dr. Seuss, in honor of National Reading Month.)

All the kids down in Chelsea loved their schools a lot.

But the unbalanced budget, in Lansing, did not!

The state couldn't pay what it promised, and so,

It left the school districts out cold, in the snow.

The deed was done last year, and prior.

That's where we should direct our ire.

Who was the budgetary bungler?

You're a mean one, Mr. Engler!

We do not like these budget cuts!

They make us mad! They drive us nuts!

So let's be smart, like Fox in Sox:

And think of Things outside the box.

Thing One would scramble K through Six.

Thing Two provides a different mix.

Trimming two million is tough, it's true.

But working together, I'm sure we'll get through.

Look at each program and sacred cow,

We'll find a way to get by, somehow.

And that's a solution that no one can beat,

And to think that we saw it on Washington Street.

David and Diane Bloom
Sylvan Township

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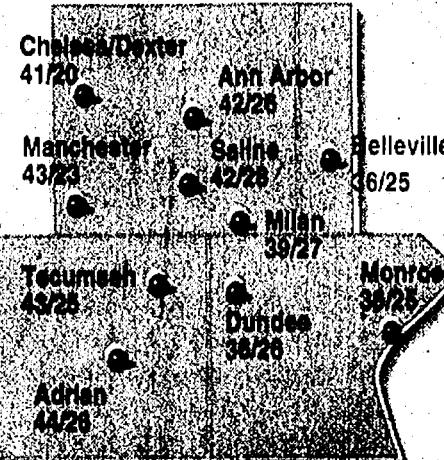
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HIGH: 40°-44° Rain or snow early; cloudy.	LOW: 26°-30° Partly cloudy.	HIGH: 46°-50° Partly sunny and milder. LOW: 30°-34°	HIGH: 52°-56° Mostly sunny and mild. LOW: 36°-40°	HIGH: 56°-60° Mild with clouds and sunshine. LOW: 38°-40°	HIGH: 48°-52° Cloudy with periods of rain. LOW: 32°-36°

MICHIGAN



Shown is Thursday's weather. Temperatures are Thursday's highs and Thursday night's lows.

LOCAL WEATHER



MICHIGAN CITIES

City	Thur. HI/Lo/W	Fri. HI/Lo/W
Ann Arbor	42/26/c	48/32/c
Battle Creek	42/24/c	51/37/c
Bay City	36/24/c	46/38/c
Coldwater	42/23/c	54/38/c
Dearborn	41/30/c	50/35/c
Detroit	42/30/c	50/34/c
Grand Rapids	35/24/c	49/33/c
Holland	40/26/c	49/37/c
Jackson	40/26/c	48/34/c
Kalamazoo	42/24/c	48/36/c
Lansing	37/22/c	49/35/c
Livonia	37/27/c	50/35/c
Midland	35/24/c	46/33/c
Monroe	36/25/c	49/34/c
Muskegon	36/27/c	47/38/c
Pontiac	38/24/c	47/35/c
Port Huron	34/22/sf	45/33/c
Saginaw	38/24/c	46/32/c
Saline	42/26/c	48/32/c
Sault Ste. Marie	30/20/c	39/27/c
Sturgis	43/26/c	49/37/c
Toronto	35/13/cf	31/22/s
Traverse City	35/23/c	45/34/c
Warren	40/31/c	49/37/c

Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, r-rain, t-thunderstorms, sf-snow flurries, an-snow, h-ice.

TRAVEL

Lansing, Monroe and Washtenaw Counties
Low pressure will bring some snow or rain to the region Thursday morning. Milder weather is then expected Friday and Saturday along with some sunshine.

REAL FEEL TEMPTM

The exclusive AccuWeather RealFeel Temperature measures how the air feels, taking into account all weather factors including temperature, humidity, wind, precipitation and sunshine. Shown is the highest real feel temperature for each day.

Highest Thursday	40°
Highest Friday	46°
Highest Saturday	52°
Highest Sunday	56°

SOLUNAR TABLE

Four-day forecast indicates peak feeding times for fish and game.

	Major	Minor	Major	Minor
Thur: 7:25 a.m.	1:12 a.m.	7:53 p.m.	1:39 p.m.	
Fri: 8:16 a.m.	2:02 a.m.	8:44 p.m.	2:30 p.m.	
Sat: 9:06 a.m.	2:52 a.m.	9:34 p.m.	3:20 p.m.	
Sun: 9:56 a.m.	3:42 a.m.	10:22 p.m.	4:09 p.m.	

UV INDEX

Highest Thursday Minimal
The ultraviolet index is a guide to exposure to the sun. The higher the UV index number, the greater the need for eye and skin protection.

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Statistics for the week ending March 10.

Temperatures:
High for the week 40°
Low for the week 1°
Normal high 41°
Normal low 24°
Average temperature 19.6°
Normal average temperature 32.7°

Precipitation:
Total for the week 0.57"
Total for the month 0.62"
Total for the year 2.47"
Normal for the month 0.80"
% of normal this month 78%
% of normal this year 49%

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise Thursday 6:51 a.m.
Sunset Thu. night 6:39 p.m.
Moonrise Thursday 1:04 p.m.
Moonset Thursday 4:10 a.m.

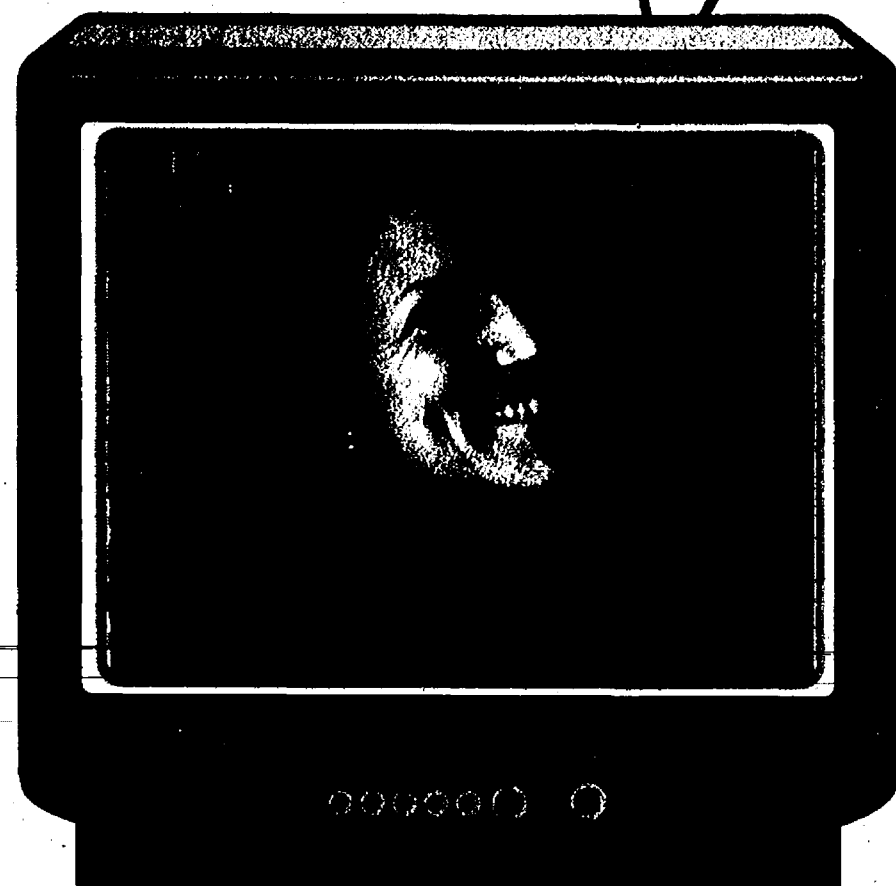
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Akron	40/30/r	45/34/c	Buffalo	33/24/c	36/28/s	Denver	70/40/s	74/40/s	Knobsville	67/48/sh	63/39/c
Albany	33/19/c	38/23/c	Burlington, IA	58/38/s	63/47/s	Des Moines	61/40/s	66/46/s	Las Vegas	80/54/s	78/54/s
Albuquerque	72/42/s	72/42/s	Burlington, VT	27/14/c	34/19/c	Duluth	37/27/c	48/37/c	Lansing, KY	57/38/s	60/40/c
Anchorage	18/4/s	22/8/s	Casper	64/38/c	66/36/c	El Paso	78/46/s	80/48/c	Lincoln	65/40/s	70/43/s
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Baltimore	44/34/r	50/31/c	Charlotte	70/46/sh	63/40/c	Fort Wayne	48/32/r	56/36/c	Madison	35/29/sf	69/49/c
Baton Rouge	79/56/c	75/50/c	Cheyenne	66/38/s	68/38/s	Gary	45/30/c	55/39/c	Memphis	72/50/r	68/49/s
Billings	63/44/c	63/40/c	Chicago	48/34/c	56/40/c	Green Bay	36/25/c	49/39/c	Miami	87/70/c	82/68/c
Birmingham	71/49/r	71/45/c	Cincinnati	56/35/r	55/37/c	Helena	65/36/c	57/33/c	Minneapolis	38/29/sf	50/40/c
Bismarck	57/34/s	64/36/s	Cleveland	38/30/sn	50/36/s	Honolulu	84/63/s	83/64/s	Mobile	77/68/r	75/60/c
Bloomington	57/32/r	57/40/c	Columbia, MO	67/40/s	67/48/s	Houston	79/58/c	76/64/c	Nashville	68/41/sh	65/41/s
Boise	69/48/c	60/42/c	Columbus, OH	48/34/r	56/40/c	Indianapolis	55/32/r	58/41/c	New Orleans	78/58/c	74/53/c
Boston	34/28/c	40/30/c	Dallas	77/53/c	77/52/s	Juneau	22/24/c	38/29/r	New York	38/33/c	45/35/c
Brownsville	86/66/c	80/62/c	Davenport	51/34/s	57/44/s	Kansas City	68/46/s	72/48/s			

COMMUNITY

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Chelsea's Linda Meloche has cable TV program

By Sheila Pursglove

Associate Editor

The first time Linda Meloche appeared on live television, she didn't even know which camera to turn toward.

Now she's a regular pro, launching her own "Around Town with Linda" TV show 7:30 p.m. daily on Chelsea cable Channel 18.

While the Chelsea resident calls this gig "a blast," her first appearance on television was less than stellar.

"I won a few cooking contests at the Michigan State Fair and went on Fox News to demonstrate my recipes," she said. "There were four cameras pointing at me and I didn't know which one to look at."

"Turns out, it was the one with the flashing red light — no one told me. I was so nervous."

Last month, Meloche received a call from "The Bart Hawley Show" in Jackson. Producers wanted her on the live

cable show to talk about the Dale Carnegie course she was starting in Jackson. Meloche has been teaching and marketing the courses for 17 years.

Wanting to feel more relaxed this time around, Meloche went to the set early and sat in the studio audience to watch the hosts interview other guests, including a couple of advertising executives discussing the effectiveness of the Super Bowl commercials.

"I had seen every one of those commercials the day before and my opinions were completely different from theirs," Meloche said. "I was chomping at the bit to talk about it, but it wasn't my turn yet."

"I was so ready to speak by the time they clipped the mike to my lapel that I felt right at home on the set chatting about Dale Carnegie — and Superbowl commercials, chili recipes and Jeff Daniels' 'Super Sucker' movie."

The cable crew was so impressed that they told



Chelsea resident Linda Meloche, the host of her own cable TV show, "Around Town with Linda," interviews local businessman John Taylor, owner of the Chelsea Airpporter.

The line-up

"Around Town With Linda" airs 7:30 p.m. daily on cable Channel 18. Linda Meloche's guest list includes:

- Rick Dake, minister of Chelsea United Methodist Church.
- John Taylor, owner of the Chelsea Airpporter.
- North Creek Elementary School secretary Becky Morse.
- Pierce Lake Elementary School teacher Tami Gillingham.
- Orthodontist Raymond Howe.
- Marie Ann Fody, co-owner of Zou Zou's coffee shop.
- Chelsea veterinarian Paula Rode.
- Innkeepers Jim and Kim Myles.
- Chelsea Police Officer John Dettling.
- Musician Lisa Hinz-Johnson.

Meloche she would be welcome to return as a guest host. Thinking that might be a fun volunteer contribution to do in her own community, and encouraged by her husband, Meloche phoned Alex Weddon at Chelsea's Channel 18 and asked if she might host a show interviewing local people.

Weddon, who already had been considering such a project, jumped at the offer.

"Honestly, it was that easy," Meloche said. "My timing was lucky because Alex had been considering doing something like this, particularly with retired folks who could share Chelsea's history and their part in it."

(Local historian) Kathy Clark is working on that part of the project. She's in charge of past history and I'm in charge of present history."

Meloche, whose own role model is TV personality Jane Pauley, has completed five interviews to date. First up was Becky Morse, whom Meloche calls, "the most universally loved person in Chelsea that I've ever met."

Meloche says she picked the North Creek Elementary School secretary for her first interview because "she's comfortable to be around, quick-witted and warm."

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Battaglia born to teach

By Rita Fischer

Special Writer

Stacie Battaglia says she was born to teach. Despite giving nursing a thought at the urging of a school counselor, she reverted to her original choice in college.

"I just always, from first grade, knew I wanted to teach," she says.

Medicine's loss was education's gain, and Pierce Lake Elementary School is the richer for Battaglia's talents. She teaches fifth-grade math and reading at the school, and is co-advisor of the Student Council.

The Dearborn Heights native attended St. Albert the Great Catholic school in Dearborn Heights and Gabriel Richard High School in Riverview, where she was involved in everything from cheerleading to Student Council before graduating in 1982.

Battaglia put herself through Wayne State University and earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education in May 1988. Recently, she added a master's degree in educational leadership, with the one-time dream of becoming the principal of a small Catholic school.

"I have a hard enough time running my house with three children," she says now.

The second of four daughters of Richard and Jackie Fron of Dearborn Heights, Battaglia says her parents — her mom retired from Dearborn Federal Credit Union and her father from Spalding DeDecker engineering firm in Madison Heights — sup-

ported her career choice.

"My family didn't really encourage or discourage me," Battaglia says. "I think we all just knew I was going to be a teacher."

"My parents supported each of the choices any of us made. I think more than anything else, our parents just wanted us, and still want for us, to be happy."

Battaglia says she has been inspired in some way by all of her teachers, the good and the not-so-good.

"The bad ones help you to see where you could make a difference and the good ones help you to understand how great it is to make that difference," she says.

However, Battaglia cites her third-grade and fifth-grade teachers at St. Albert the Great as the most memorable.

"Fifth grade was when I had two great teachers at once and was overwhelmed at how much I wanted to be just like them," she says.

"After learning the 50 states and capitals and all about the Civil War from Sr. Rita Marie, I couldn't wait to teach fifth-grade social studies."

Battaglia got her wish in her first position, teaching fifth- and sixth-grade math, social studies and language arts at St. Cyril of Jerusalem in Taylor from 1988 to 1993.

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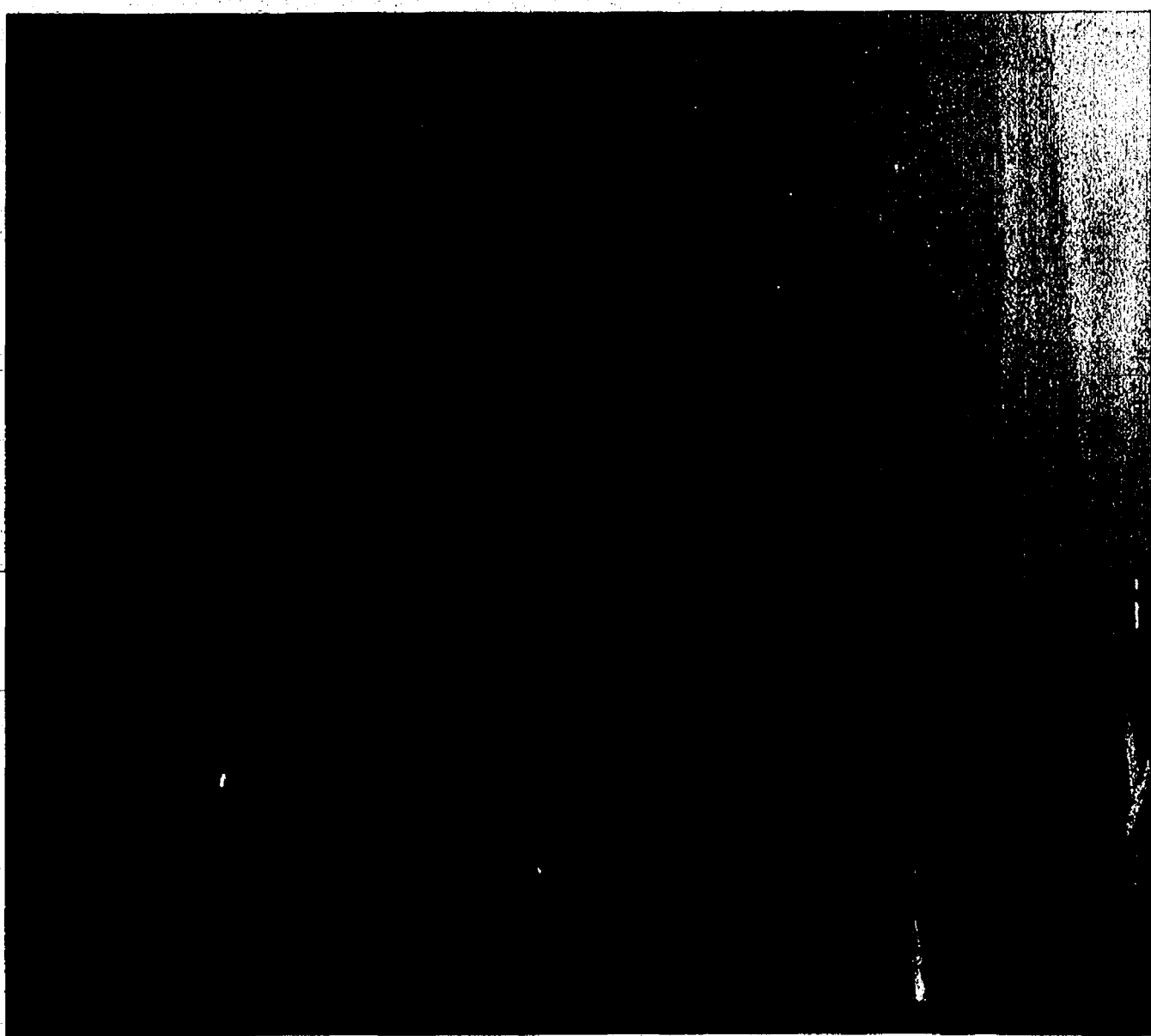


Photo by Rita Fischer

Stacie Battaglia, who teaches fifth-grade math and reading at Pierce Lake Elementary School, says she knew as early as first grade that she wanted to be a teacher. The Dearborn Heights native also serves as an adviser to Student Council.

TEACHER FEATURE

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

CHELSEA

Saturday, March 15

Monotype Workshop with Chelsea artist Jane Farrell will be held 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Chelsea Center for the Development of the Arts, 400 Congdon St., in Chelsea. Call 433-2787 to pre-register and for cost.

Pierce's Pastries Plus, 103 W. Middle St., in Chelsea presents Mochas and Music from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. This week's entertainment is Lonesome Road.

Sunday, March 16

St. Patrick's Day Dinner 3 to 6 p.m. at St. Mary Catholic Church Parish Hall, 14200 E. Old U.S. 12, in Chelsea. For information or tickets, call 475-7561. Advance tickets are recommended.

Monday, March 17

Chelsea Area Garden Club will hold a special program 7:30 p.m. at the Chelsea Depot, 125 Jackson St., in Chelsea. Scott Kunst of Old House Gardens will present "Heirloom Bulbs: Four Seasons, Forty Centuries". Tickets are \$5 and must be reserved by calling Christine Forsch at 475-4273.

Wednesday, March 19

Basic Severe Weather Spotter Training Course will be held 7 to 9:30 p.m. at the Chelsea UAW Hall, Local 1284, 2795 M-52, Sylvan Township. Training is free of charge to anyone 18 years or older. To register call, 973-4900.

Voluntary Simplicity group will meet 7:15 p.m. at Key Bank on Old Manchester Road. The public is invited. For more information, call 433-9102.

Thursday, March 20

Alzheimer's Association Support Group will meet from 2 to 3:30 p.m. at Chelsea Retirement Community, Crippen Building, 805 W. Middle St., in Chelsea. The meetings are free and confidential. Call 677-3081 for more information.

The Tamarack Greens will meet 7:30 p.m. at Key Bank, 1478 Chelsea-Manchester

Road, in Chelsea. The public is invited. For more information, call 433-9102.

CHELSEA

MISCELLANEOUS

Thursday

Alzheimer's Association Family Caregiver Support Group meets from 2 to 3:30 p.m. the third Thursday of the month at the Chelsea Retirement Community, 805 W. Middle St. Meetings are free and confidential. Call the Alzheimer's Association at 1-800-337-3827.

Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors meets the third Thursday of each month. For more information, call 475-1145.

U.S. Congressman Nick Smith, R-7th District, offers office hours from 4 to 5 p.m. the second Thursday of the month at the Chelsea Village Planning and Zoning Office in Chelsea State Bank, 305 S. Main St., in Chelsea. For information, call 1-517-783-4486 or email rep.smith@mail.house.gov.

Friends of Chelsea District Library meets 7:30 p.m. the first Thursday of the month at the Chelsea District Library, 500 Washington St. Call 475-2424 for more information.

Senior Nutrition Program meets at noon Thursdays for dinner at the Waterloo Township Hall, 8061 Washington St., in Waterloo. For reservations, call 475-7439.

Friday

Al-Anon meets 12:30 p.m. every Friday at Chelsea Community Hospital, 775 S. Main St., in the White Oak Inn. For more information,

call 475-1462.

Saturday

Hope Clinic, a free clinic for people with no health insurance, is held 9 a.m. to noon, on the second Saturday of the month at Faith In Action, 775 S. Main St., in Chelsea. For more information, call 475-3305.

Western Washtenaw Republicans meets 9 to 11 a.m. the second Saturday of each month at Wolverine Food & Spirits on Old US-12 in Chelsea. For more information, call 475-3874.

Sunday

The Parkinson Education and Support Group of Washtenaw County meets 1:30 to 4 p.m. the second Sunday of the month. For more information, call 1-800-852-9781.

Monday

Al-Anon meets 8:30 p.m. every Monday at Chelsea Community Hospital, 775 S. Main St., in the Woodland Room. For more information, call 475-1462.

Chelsea AA group meetings are held 8:30 p.m. Monday, 8 p.m. Thursday and 7 p.m. Sunday at the Chelsea hospital dining room; and Tuesday at the U.A.W. Hall next to the Chelsea Post Office.

Chelsea Area Garden Club meets 12:30 p.m. the second Monday of the month at First United Methodist Church, 128 Park St., in Chelsea. For more information, call 433-5451.

Chelsea Kiwanis Club meets at 6:15 p.m. every Monday at Chelsea Community Hospital, 775 S. Main

St., in Chelsea. For more information, call 475-5944.

Masonic Lodge 156 of Chelsea meets 7:30 p.m. on the second Monday of each month at 113 W. Middle St. in Chelsea. Call 433-1452 for more information.

Mystery Book Club meets 7:30 p.m. on the second Monday of the month at the Washington Street Education Center, 500 Washington St., in Chelsea.

Overeaters' Anonymous meets Monday nights at the Covenant Church, 50 N. Freer Road, in Chelsea. For more information, call 433-0902.

Tuesday

Chelsea District Library

Board meets 7 p.m. the third Tuesday of the month in the Washington Street Education Center meeting room, 500 Washington St., in Chelsea.

Chelsea Lions Club meets at 6:45 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday of the month at Chelsea Community Hospital, 775 S. Main St., in Chelsea.

Chelsea Rotary Club meets 12:30 p.m. Tuesdays at the Common Grill, 112 S. Main St., in Chelsea.

City Charter Commission public meetings are held 5 to 7 p.m. every Tuesday, and 7 to 9 p.m. every Thursday in the basement of the Village Offices, 305 S. Main St., in

Chelsea.

Euchre Party is held 7 p.m. every Tuesday at the Chelsea Senior Citizen Center in the Faith In Action building, 775 S. Main St., in Chelsea. For more information, call 475-9242.

Senior Nutrition Program meets noon every Tuesday for dinner at the Waterloo Township Hall, 8061 Washington St., in Waterloo. For more information, call 475-7439.

Woman's Club of Chelsea meets 1 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of each month at The Pines, 325 Wilkinson St., in Chelsea. For more information, call 475-0467.

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WEDDINGS & ENGAGEMENTS



Schaffer, Dobry marry

Linda Schaffer of Ann Arbor, daughter of David and Darlene Schaffer of Chelsea, and Craig Dobry of Ypsilanti, son of David and Kathleen Dobry of Dorr, were married Aug. 10 at Chelsea First United Methodist Church. The Rev. Jerry Parker officiated.

The matron of honor was Laura Wynn of Redford.

The bridesmaids were Cheena Johnson of Ypsilanti, Melissa Henry of Hoppers Crossing, Australia, and

Heather Hamilton of Saline. Matthew Fisher of Milford was the best man.

The ushers were Scott Huizenga of Ann Arbor, Michael Spaly of Ann Arbor and Richard Schaffer of Chelsea.

Attending the wedding were the bride's grandparents, Doris Provencher of Proctor Vt., and Charles andileen Schaffer of Reddy Calif., and the groom's grandmother, Alice Reagan Friar of Byron Center.

A reception was held at the Chelsea Comfort Inn. The couple honeymooned in Rome, Florence, Torino and Aosta, Italy. They reside in Ypsilanti.

The bride is employed at Michigan Sports Medicine and Orthopedic Center in Ypsilanti. The groom works at Gene Works in Ann Arbor.



ENGAGED: Nicole Brandoline of Farmington Hills, daughter of Marija and the late James Brandoline of Redford, and Christopher Gayer of Farmington Hills, son of Paul and Linda Gayer of Dexter, have set a May 3 wedding date. They plan to marry at Newburg United Methodist Church in Livonia. The future bride is a 1997 graduate of Thurston High School in Redford and a 2002 graduate of Madonna University. She has a bachelor's degree in nursing and is employed as a registered nurse at Children's Hospital of Michigan. The future bridegroom is a 1995 graduate of Dexter High School and attended Henry Ford Community College. In 1999, he graduated from Alma College with a bachelor's degree in biochemistry. He is a fourth-year medical student at Wayne State Medical School and will be a surgical resident in July.

Chris House earns award

Chris House of Chelsea won first place as Webmaster of The Grand Valley Lanthorn at Grand Valley State University.

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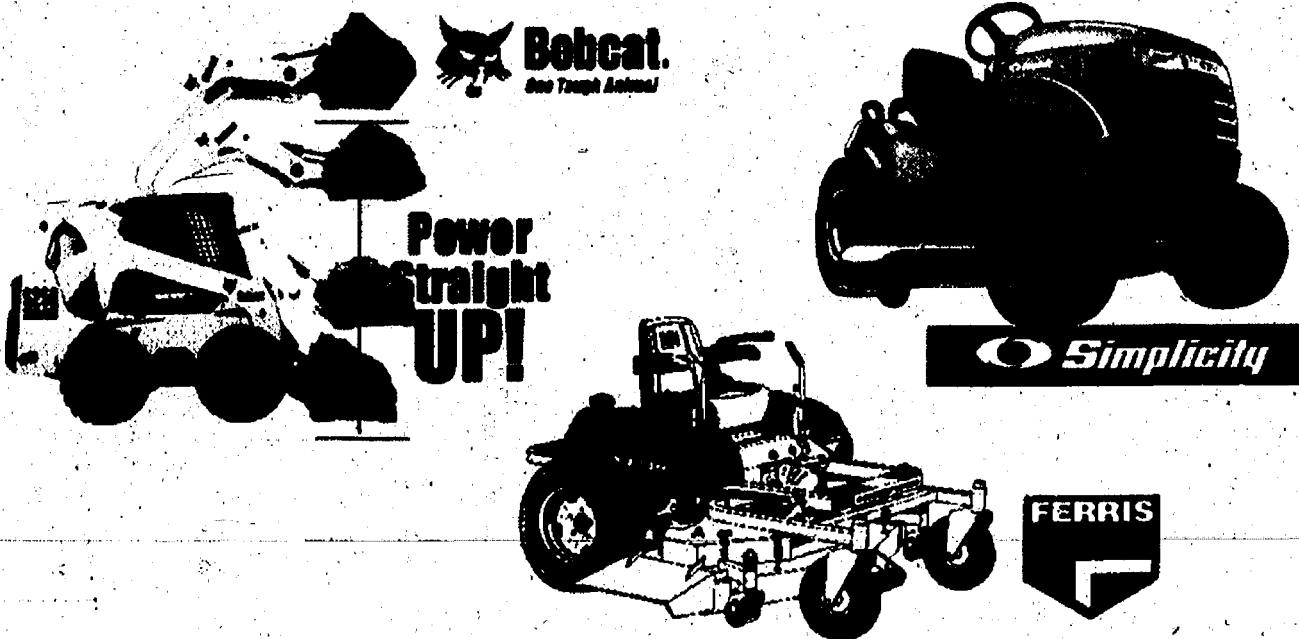
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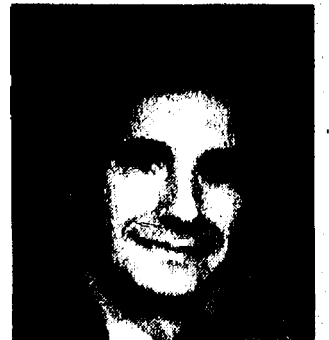
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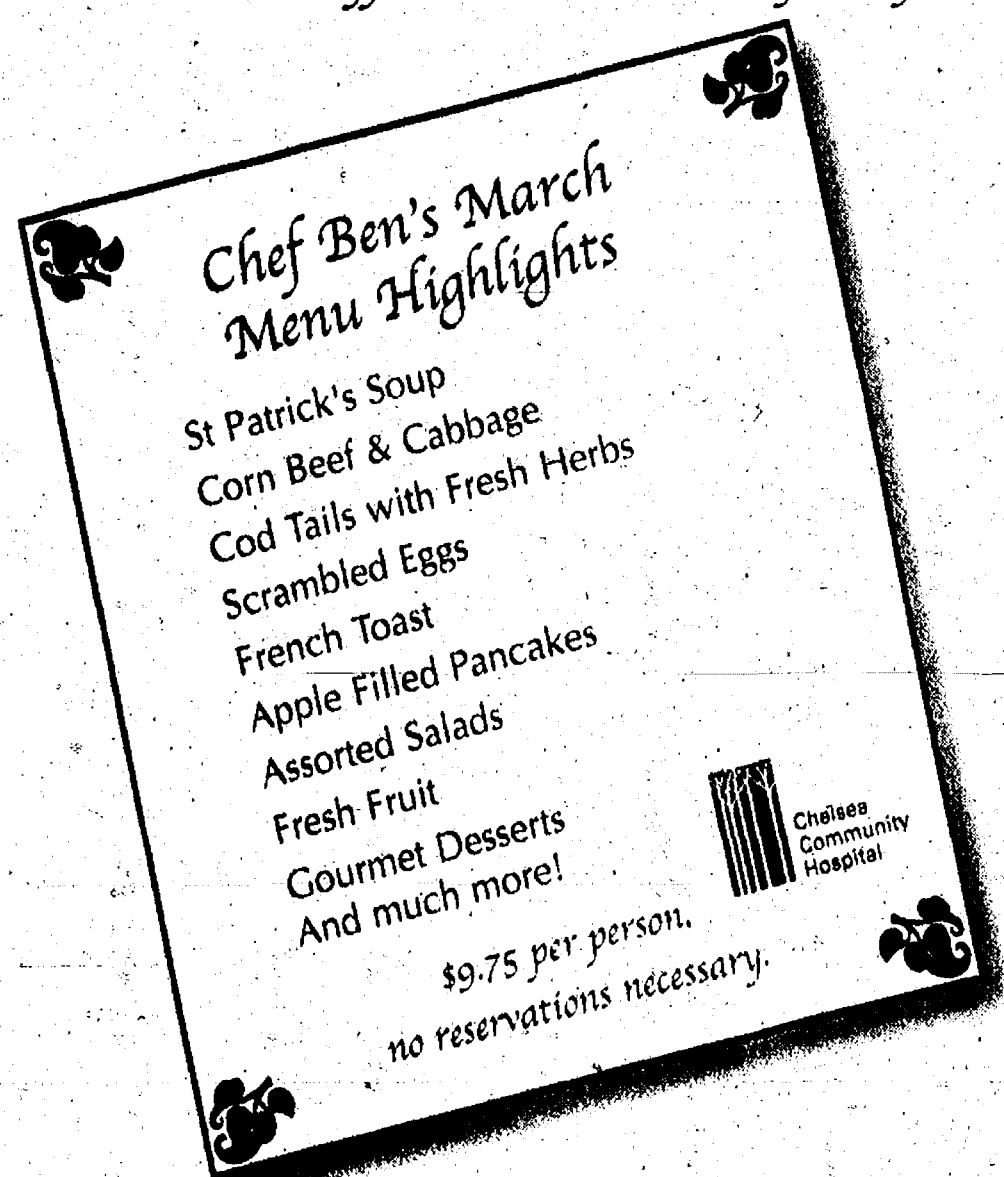
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CALENDAR

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Wednesday

Chelsea Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4076, 105 N. Main St., meets at 7:30 p.m. on the second Wednesday of the month. For more information, call 475-1448.

The Evening Primrose Garden Club meets 7 p.m. on the second Wednesday of the month at the Chelsea Depot, 125 Jackson St., in Chelsea. For more information, call 1-517-522-5859.

DEXTER

Thursday, March 13

Poetry Slam 7 to 9 p.m. at Copeland Auditorium, 7714 Ann Arbor St., in Dexter. Admission is free. All middle- and high school-age students are welcome.

Monday, March 17-20

Wylie Elementary School Book Fair will be held 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday and 8:45 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday.

Monday, March 17 through Friday, March 21

Curves 30 Minute Fitness and Weight Loss Center in Dexter will be joining the Curves International "Food for Friends" food drive to benefit local food banks. Anyone joining Curves, 8007 Main St. in Dexter, the week of March 17 may bring a bag of groceries and have the service fee waived. Anyone may drop off non-perishable food items at Curves weekdays during business hours. For information, call 426-3635.

Saturday, March 22 and Sunday, March 23

Maple Sugaring: "A Journey to the Sugar Bush" program will be held 10 a.m., 11 a.m. and noon at Hudson Mills Metropark, 8801 North Territorial Road, in Dexter Township. It will include a guided tour to the sugar bush followed by an all-you-can-eat pancake and sausage breakfast. Call 426-8211 to pre-register. The cost is \$5 per person.

Monday, March 24

Dexter School Reproductive Health Advisory Committee will meet 7 p.m. at Cornerstone Elementary School, 7480 Dan Hoey Road, in Dexter. The public is welcome to attend. Discussion on curriculum of existing K-12 health programs will be the topic.

DEXTER MISCELLANEOUS

Thursday

Dexter American Legion meets 8 p.m. the first Thursday of each month at the American Legion Post, 8225 Dexter-Chelsea Road.

For more information, call 426-5304.

Dexter Community Band meets from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday at the Dexter High School band room, 2200 N. Parker Road. For information, call 426-2734.

Dexter Historical Society meets 7:30 p.m. the first Thursday of the month at the Dexter Area Museum, 3443 Inverness St., in Dexter.

Dexter Rotary Club meets 7:30 a.m. every Thursday at Cousins Heritage Inn, 7954 Ann Arbor St., in Dexter.

Dexter Downtown Development Authority meets 7:30 p.m. the second Thursday of each month at the Copeland Administration Building, 7714 Ann Arbor St., in Dexter.

Dexter Lions Club meets 6:45 p.m. on the first and third Thursday of the month at DAPCO Industries, 2500 Bishop Circle East, in Dexter. Call 475-6945 for information.

Monday

Dexter Board of Education meets 7:30 p.m. the first and third Mondays of each month at the Copeland Administration Building, 7714 Ann Arbor St., in Dexter.

Dexter District Library Board meets 7:30 p.m. the first Monday of every month at Dexter District Library, 8040 Fourth St., in Dexter.

Dexter Village Council meets at 8 p.m. the second and fourth Monday of the month at the Dexter Senior Center, 7720 Ann Arbor St., in Dexter.

Dexter Village Planning Commission meets at 7:30 p.m. the first Monday of every month at the Dexter Senior Center, 7720 Ann

Arbor St., in Dexter.

Dexter Village Zoning Board of Appeals meets at 7 p.m. the third Monday of each month at Dexter Senior Center, 7720 Ann Arbor St., in Dexter.

Tuesday

Dexter Child Study Club meets 7 p.m. at various locations on the third Tuesday of the month. For information, call 426-3684.

Dexter Garden Club meets 7 p.m. on the third Tuesday of the month at the Dexter Museum, 3443 Inverness St., in Dexter. Call 426-2372 for information.

Dexter Kiwanis Club meets 6:30 p.m. the first and third Tuesday of the month at Cousins Heritage Inn, 7954 Ann Arbor St., in Dexter.

Dexter Touchdown Club meets 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month in the library at Dexter High School, 2200 N. Parker Road, in Dexter.

Dexter Township Board meets at 7:30 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at Dexter Township Hall, 6880 Dexter-Pinckney Road.

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Dexter Township Zoning Board of Appeals meets at 7:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month at Dexter Township Hall, 6880 Dexter-Pinckney Road.

Dexter Village Parks Commission meets at 7 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at Wylie Elementary School, 3060 Kensington St., in Dexter.

Independent Order of Oddfellows meets 7:30 p.m. the third Tuesdays at Dexter United Methodist Church, 7643 W. Huron River Drive, in Dexter.

Wednesday

Friends of Dexter District Library meets 12:30 p.m. the second Wednesday of the month at the Dexter District Library, 8040 Fourth St., in Dexter. For more information, call 426-6775.



Gallery Exhibit

Linda Leatham, visual arts director of the Chelsea Center for the Development of the Arts, is flanked by Ruth Ann Weber (left) and Marlene Blum, both members of Chelsea Painters. An exhibit celebrating the group's 36th anniversary is on display through the end of the month at the arts center, 400 Congdon St., in Chelsea.

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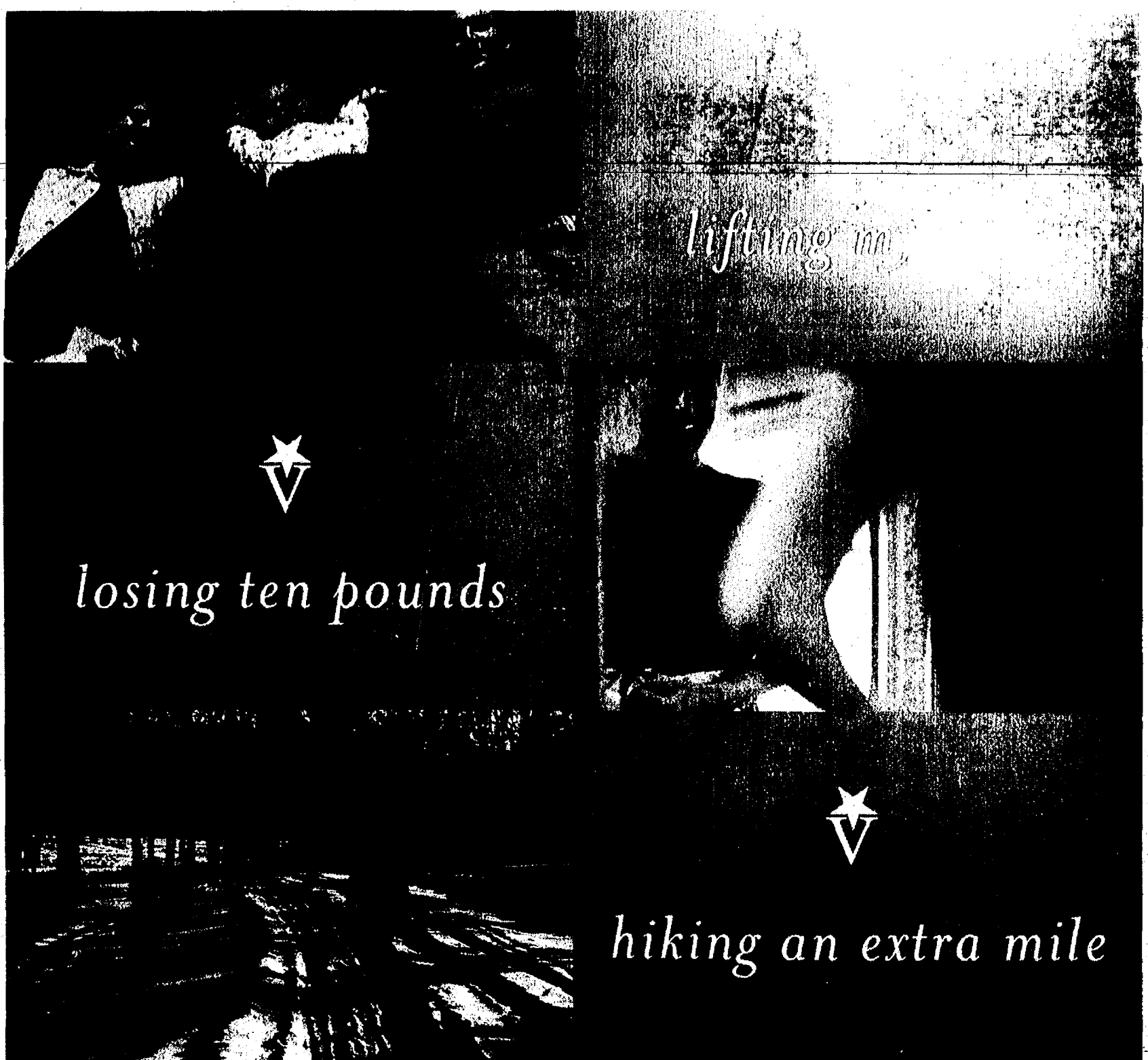
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Bookworms

Schools celebrate National Reading Month with activities

By Sheila Pursglove
Associate Editor

Chelsea schools are finding creative ways to help children celebrate National Reading Month.

The theme at South Meadows Elementary School is "Take Flight With Reading," and pupils earn feathers for the hours they read. Media specialist Barb Locks, with help from parents, created a huge tree for the center of the school library.

As children read, they make birds to put on the tree, Locks said.

The March 28 assembly is expected to be exciting for children as Principal Lisa Nickel will be the target as part of their reward.

"The end result will be a modified version of tar and feathering, with me wearing giant fabric wings covered in something sticky and a fan to blow all the feathers earned by students onto the wings," Nickel said.

"It should be silly, messy and a lot of fun. Obviously, more than just me will be covered in feathers."

Pupils at Pierce Lake Elementary School held a birthday party March 3 for celebrated children's book author Dr. Seuss.

The school, whose theme this year is "Books are Music to Your Mind," is also holding poetry readings, character day and a sock hop.

At Beach Middle School, pupils are celebrating with a program called "Everyone Reads at the Beach."

Teacher Sue Beard said the Chelsea Education Foundation gave the school a grant to buy more than 200 books from the Michigan Reader's Choice Best Books list for media center and classrooms.

Beard said pupils are reading as part of a competi-

tion to win a pizza party for their classroom.

The school will hold a book fair in the school's media center next week.

North Creek Elementary School's theme is "Diving into Reading with Good Books." On March 5, Mia Lancioni and Scott Mancha, from the Chelsea High School Theater Guild, did a choral reading of "McElligott's Pool," while pupils enjoyed popcorn.

Some other events at the school during the month include days to read a hat, button and shirt, making book marks, reading about art and bringing stuffed animals to school. Guests include author Maryanne McCabe, and storytelling by Linda Day and Trudy Buckley.

Chelsea High School athletes traded in their sneakers for books and visited the elementary schools to read to pupils.

To celebrate National Reading Month, Chelsea District Library is offering the program "The Stars of Reading and Writing."

Michigan author Marian Nelson kicks things off 7 p.m. tonight and storyteller



Holley Kranz (left), Noah Kranz and Madison Rabbit, pupils in teacher Denise Schiller's first-grade class at North Creek Elementary School, dressed up to celebrate Family Reading Night March 1.



Blake Gehringer (left), a first-grader in teacher Karen Glover's class, enjoyed a visit from the "Cat in the Hat," a.k.a. paraprofessional Sue Bainton, during the March 3 birthday party for Dr. Seuss at Pierce Lake Elementary School.

Judy Sima will be on tap 2 p.m. March 22 to close the celebration for the Winter Family Reading Program.

"Reel Books" is an after-school book club that will meet March 19 and 20 to discuss how books change when they are shown on the silver screen.

For information on library programs, call 475-8732.

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North Creek Cowboys

Nick Guidry (left), Laurel Hall, Krista Pagliarini, Jessica Baldwin, Sarah Oberholtzer, Emma Matthis, Rachel Marks and Holley Krantz put on a Wild West show as part of North Creek Elementary School's Feb. 21 talent show.

MELOCHE

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Morse's interview includes revelations from her own childhood. In answer to Meloche's question, "Did you ever get in trouble at school," Morse said she once sat stony-faced refusing to eat beets, outlasting her exasperated teacher, who conceded defeat at the end of the day.

"Such determination," Meloche said.

Her second interview was with John Taylor, who came from New Zealand to Chelsea with only \$1,200 in his pocket, and spent it on a set of golf clubs and a used Chevy Caprice. Taylor now owns several businesses, including the Chelsea Airporth.

"He's a delightful man and a real character, and talked about his first hunting experience in the states," Meloche said. "It was hilarious."

In other shows, Marie Ann Fody, owner of Zou Zou's, reveals, among other things, how much coffee she drinks in a day; Pierce Lake Elementary School teacher Tami Gillingham discusses singing in a Christian band; and orthodontist Ray Howe, who grew up on a farm, talks about the unexpected connection between farming and orthodontia.

An upcoming interview with veterinarian Paula Rode and her husband, Chris, includes dramatic footage of a cat rescue.

Others on tap include vocal instructor, artist and composer Lisa Hinz-Johnson, who co-founded the Chelsea Center for the Development of the Arts with her husband, Steve; Chelsea House innkeepers Jim and Kim Myles; and Chelsea Police Officer John Dettling.

Meloche's husband came up with the show's name, after their three children,

Carly, Emily and Jack, nixed Meloche's original idea, "The Village People."

Her interviewees have been real pros, she said. While claiming extreme nervousness before the camera rolls, the second they start talking, they relax and just have fun with it, she said. Her main frustration is hearing Weddon say "cut" just as she's getting into a deep conversation with her guest.

Weddon, who gets help in the project from Chelsea High School senior Dale Ball, will burn the interviews onto a compact disc to create a video archive.

"It will be a snapshot of who lived and worked in Chelsea in the early 21st century," Meloche said.

"Around Town with Linda" airs 7:30 p.m. daily on Channel 18. To suggest someone for an interview, call Meloche at 475-4334.

TEACH

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"I taught up to the day before I had my (first) daughter, and not returning to the classroom afterward was a very difficult choice," she says. "It was, of course, the right choice, but I was heartbroken to be giving my classroom to someone else."

Battaglia stayed home for eight years, during which the family moved to the Chelsea area. When her two daughters started school, she worked as a substitute teacher a few times in the school district before taking a full-time preschool position through Chelsea Community Education.

"Then our big surprise: We found out we were having another baby," she says. "I volunteered all the time in my daughters' classrooms and kept myself involved with the school, but there I was again starting over with a baby instead of in the classroom."

When Jacob was six months old, Battaglia had the opportunity to return to full-time teaching, taking over a second-grade classroom at Pierce Lake Elementary School from a retiring teacher. The position turned into a long-term substitute teaching position in the second-grade Job-Share Pilot

Program that, in turn, morphed into a full-time position teaching fifth grade.

"I sometimes still wonder how this all happened," Battaglia says. "I know that I have been very lucky and I am thrilled that I am working in this district."

"It has been wonderful being back in the fifth grade classroom. It is truly where I have always wanted to be."

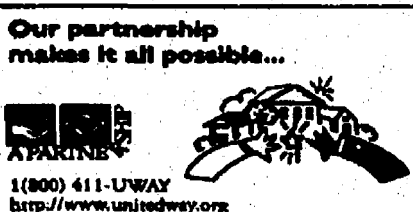
Battaglia and her husband, Bob, an engineering supervisor for Lear Corp. in Dearborn, live in Dexter Township with their three children, Jessica, Jordan and Jacob.

In her spare time, Battaglia enjoys reading, serves as a Brownie troop leader, is involved with the PTO at Pierce Lake Elementary School, and helps out in the religious education program at St. Mary Catholic Church in Chelsea.

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Top ten Chelsea tankers finish 10th at Division II swim finals

The Chelsea boys' swimming and diving team finished 10th last weekend at the Division II state finals at Oakland University in Rochester.

Placing in the state's top 10 is quite an accomplishment, considering the Bulldogs were unranked until midway through the season.

Making Chelsea's feat even more impressive was the fact that it had only one serious scorer returning from the previous year. Last season, senior Jake Holton had placed in the consolation finals in two events.

Despite all of those supposed shortcomings, the Bulldogs had something immeasurable — something that can't be timed or recorded that propelled them to a top 10 finish.

What the Dawgs had was senior power.

Senior power is hard to understand. Maybe it's the attitude that "I only have one last shot at this" that brings the best out of athletes.

Maybe it's a newfound maturity that says nothing is going to just happen — you have to earn it.

Or maybe it's just the simple fact that all the hard work of four years culminates in one last, unforgettable season.

Whatever it is, Chelsea found it, possessed it and used it to overachieve beyond anyone's wildest dreams.

The Bulldogs qualified 13

different athletes for the state championships, the most in the program's history.

"It was quite exciting and something I am very proud of," said Chelsea coach Dave Jolly. "I knew we had a great opportunity to score with Jake Holton, but other than that, it was all up in the air. It was really a season to sit back and enjoy."

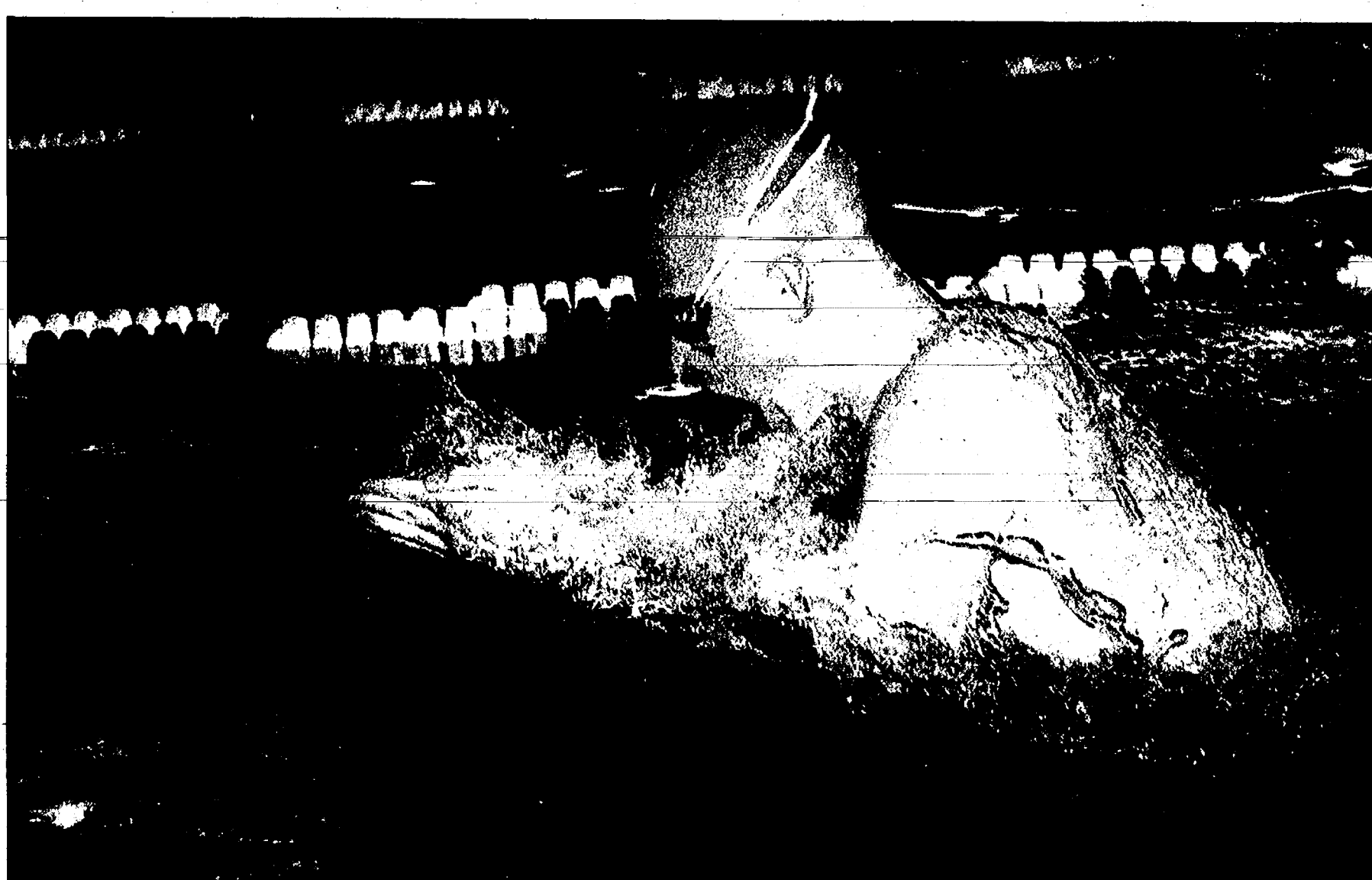
Time and time again throughout the season, different swimmers stepped up and proved they were for real, making Jolly's and the Bulldogs' season memorable.

Chelsea began the state meet with a 200 medley relay foursome that had swam well, both as a group and individually. Tim Wacker and Matt Holmes were veterans of the relay, but teammates Aaron Connell and Jeff Diekis were both new to finals-type pressure.

Despite the uncertainty, the group thrived. Though falling short of making the 16-team final in the event, the squad's time of 1:44.31 earned them 17th place overall.

"What was quite rewarding was watching Connell and Diekis come to a state meet for the first time and not buckle under the pressure," Jolly said. "I'm real excited that we have Connell back next season. He will be very important to our success."

Next up for the Bulldogs was the duo of Andrew Ceo and Matt Kellogg. Neither athlete had ever qualified



Chelsea sophomore Andy Kellogg churns through the water in the 100 breaststroke at last weekend's Division II state finals at Oakland University.

for the state championship as individuals.

Ceo had his top time in the 200 freestyle, dropping his season best clocking to 1:52.63 finishing in 28th place overall.

"What was most impressive was the fact that before this season, his best time was 1:59.67," Jolly said.

Also in the 200 freestyle, Matt Kellogg finished in 48th place with a season ending time of 1:55.92.

Andy Kellogg, who scored in multiple events all year, continued to shine at the state meet. He placed in the 200 individual medley, having his best time of the season in the prelims at 2:02.16.

In the finals, he slowed a bit to 2:03.14, but still earned 15th place overall.

"That was a great performance for this talented sophomore," Jolly said.

Wacker, a senior, ended his season and career in the 200 individual medley with a 36th-place showing in 2:10.39.

Holton led the way in sprints, earning All-State honors, placing fifth overall in the 50 freestyle with a time of 21.53. His clocking qualified him for All-America consideration and also broke the

Chelsea school record previously held by Jeff Heydlauff, a 2001 Chelsea High School graduate now swimming at Hope College.

Andre Bravo was 47th in the event for the Dawgs, but his best was yet to come. Josh Haynes was 50th overall at 23.77.

Sophomore divers Shawn Bergman and Cliff Ballard performed well, each qualifying for their first state final.

"Making it through region-

als was a major accomplishment for these two young men," Jolly said.

Though neither diver made the first cut at the state meet, they both acquired valuable experience for next year's

championship.

Back in the lanes, Holton placed fifth in the 100 freestyle with an All-State time of 48.41.

"To go from consolation finalist last year to All-State this year is a great accomplishment," Jolly

said.

The big surprise in the event was Bravo. Out of pure desire, Bravo blasted to a career best time of 50.08 earning a spot in the 100 freestyle consolation finals.

"He was the most pumped

up kid all weekend," Jolly said. "He just wanted it."

Matt Kellogg and Ceo both performed well in the 500 freestyle. Once again, Ceo saved his best for last, dropping his top time to 5:11.77.

"Not bad for a kid that started the season at 6:09 and change," Jolly said.

Matt Kellogg was right behind Ceo in 32nd place, with his best time of 5:12.02.

Chelsea's impressive 200 freestyle relay tradition continued as it scored All-State honors again.

Andy Kellogg, Holton, Bravo and Diekis performed well, stopping the clock in the final with a season best time of 1:29.07, which was good for fifth place.

"The big surprise was Diekis, who swam an incredible split of 22.27," Jolly said.

Wacker was the lone Bulldog representative in the 100 backstroke, finishing in 36th place with a time of 1:00.72.

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Bulldog Andrew Ceo helped lead Chelsea to a 10th-place finish at last weekend's Division II state meet.

Wrestle finals Four Bulldog grapplers place at prep state championship

By Don Richter

Sports Editor

Chelsea wrestling sent four grapplers to the Division II state finals last weekend at The Palace of Auburn Hills.

All four Bulldogs placed at the meet, highlighted by senior Randy Ostrowski's runner-up finish at 140 pounds.

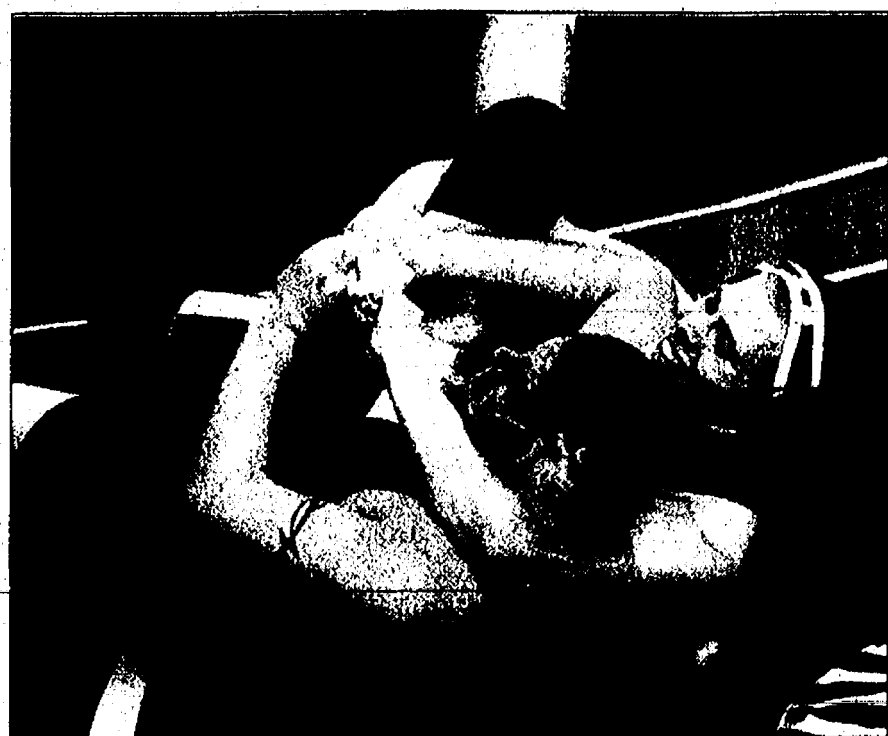
Ostrowski (48-8) lost 11-5 to Swartz Creek senior Brandon Carter (56-2) in the state championship.

Carter, whose only losses this season have come against Davison sophomore Brent Metcalf, the Division I state titleholder, defeated Ostrowski in the regional final.

"Randy wrestled well," said Chelsea coach Kerry Kargel. "He made a couple mistakes in the match. Carter controlled the match. Randy had the skill, but Carter was stronger."

Prior to the state final, Ostrowski beat Allegan senior Mike VanderKooi (53-4) in the semifinals 7-6 in double overtime. Ostrowski won the match on an escape.

"Randy made his own decision in overtime," said



Bulldog senior Darl Bauer placed third at 189 pounds at the Division II state meet last weekend.

Kargel, regarding whether to start in the up or down position in the extra session. "It was Randy's choice. He chose down and was able to escape to get the (winning) point."

In the quarterfinals, Ostrowski again went into overtime, defeating Gibraltar Carlson senior Lance Hassell (47-6).

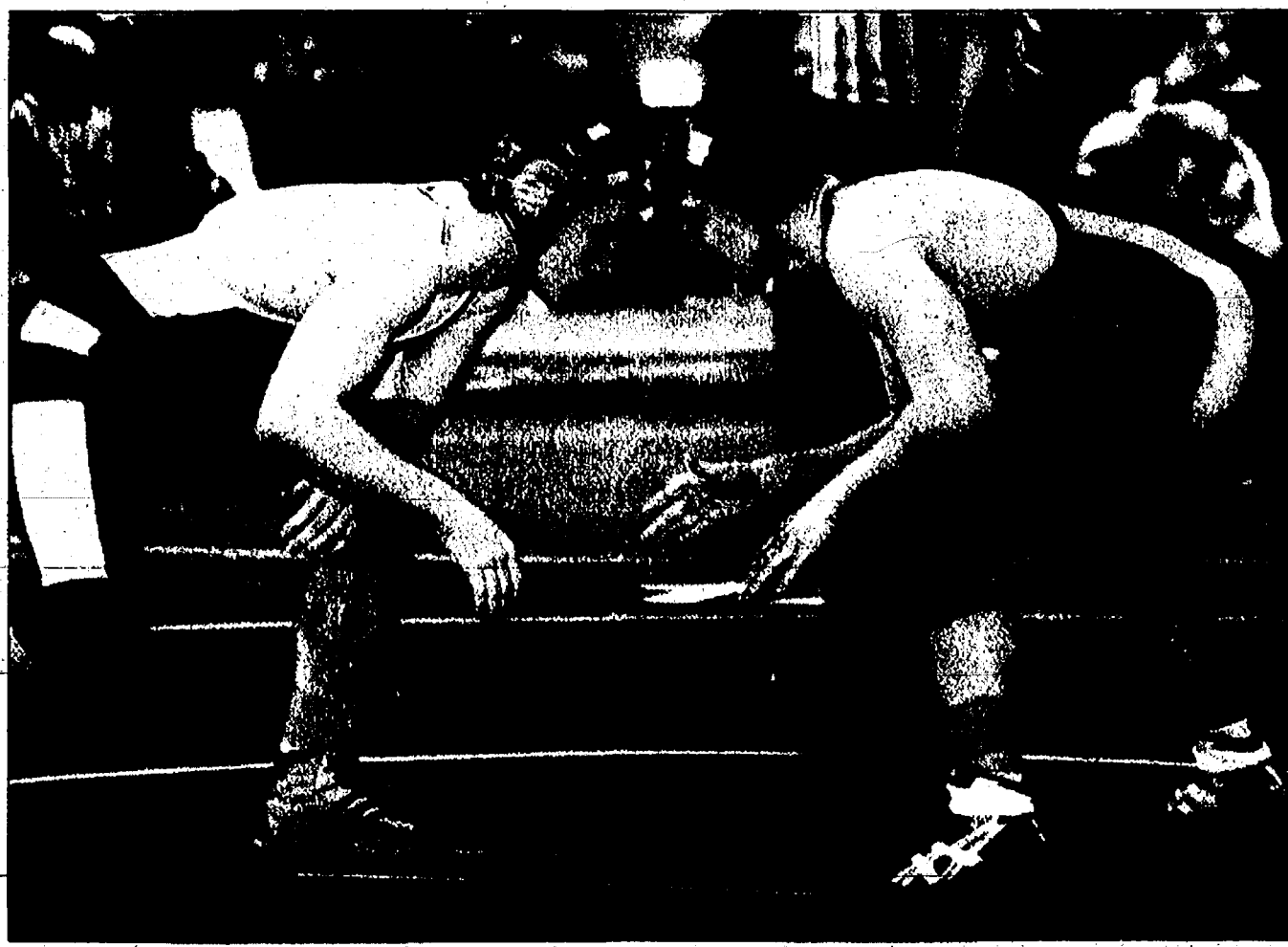
In his opening match,

Ostrowski beat Harper Woods-Notre Dame senior Matt Nemeckay (46-10) 7-3.

"Randy's technique is his strength," Kargel said. "His quickness and technique set him apart from other wrestlers."

Chelsea senior Darl Bauer placed third overall at 189 pounds.

Bauer (39-2) lost to Lapeer



Chelsea senior Randy Ostrowski (right) finished runner-up at 140 pounds at the Division II state finals last weekend at The Palace of Auburn Hills.

West senior Roger Kish (65-0) on a 26-11 technical fall in the semifinals.

"If it would have been any

other kid, Darl would have been in the finals," Kargel said. "Kish is the national record-holder for career

wins and is ranked No. 1 in the nation in his weight class."

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Kish is a four-time state champion.

"Few people go six minutes with him," Kargel said.

In prep wrestling, there are three, two-minute periods.

"Kish is so good on his feet," Kargel said. "Darl tried his best. In the second period, we hoped to catch him in a cradle, but it just didn't happen. You don't have to feel bad losing to Kish."

Bauer ended his Bulldog career as a three-time state-placer.

To open the state meet, Bauer defeated Dearborn Heights Crestwood senior Mark Krzyzanoski (30-9) on a 15-0 technical fall.

In the quarterfinals, Bauer pinned Warren Lincoln junior Chris McKuhen (40-10) on a pin in 1:25.

After losing to Kish in the semifinals, Bauer pinned Pontiac Central senior Calvin O'Neal (45-5) in 1:38.

In the third-fourth-place match, Bauer defeated

DeWitt senior Eric Schaar (45-7) 3-2.

Bulldog senior Adam Egeler finished fifth at 160 pounds.

In the fifth-sixth-place bout, Egeler (38-4) pinned Allegan sophomore Eric Simaz (43-15) in 4:27.

To open the tournament, Egeler pinned Warren Fitzgerald senior Will Russ (44-12) in 40 seconds.

In the quarterfinals, Egeler lost to eventual-state runner-up Matt Turner (45-2), a junior from Holly, 15-8.

In his third match, Egeler pinned Warren Lincoln junior J.P. Gorinski (23-10) in 2:16.

In his fourth contest, Egeler decided Oxford junior Kyle Rowley (43-11) 8-2.

In his fifth match, Egeler lost to Lowell senior J.J. Wilder (41-5) 6-2.

"He had a great year," Kargel said. "I think he was a little disappointed though with his finish."

Chelsea senior Ross Davis placed seventh at heavy-weight.

Davis improved his finish from last year when he placed eighth.

"It's always neat to see a kid improve," Kargel said.

Davis began the meet pinning Lake Odessa Lakewood senior Juddy Wierckz (32-6) in 2:53.

In the quarterfinals, Davis lost to Auburn Hills Avondale junior Chris Woodley (50-1) by pin in 2:23.

In his third match, Davis decided Lakewood senior Alan O'Donnell (23-5) 12-7.

In his fourth bout, Davis lost a close 6-5 decision to Flint Kearsley junior Brandon Failing (53-4).

In the seventh-eighth-place match, Davis pinned Hazel Park senior Delano Sanders (36-10) in 2:06.

Overall, Kargel said Chelsea performed well.

"It was a very good showing at the finals," he said. "We had four kids make it this far, while other schools don't have any."

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Chelsea senior Ross Davis finished seventh at heavyweight at last weekend's Division II state finals. Davis placed eighth a season ago.



Bulldog senior Adam Egeler prepares to pin his opponent at last weekend's Division II state meet. Egeler finished fifth overall at 160 pounds.

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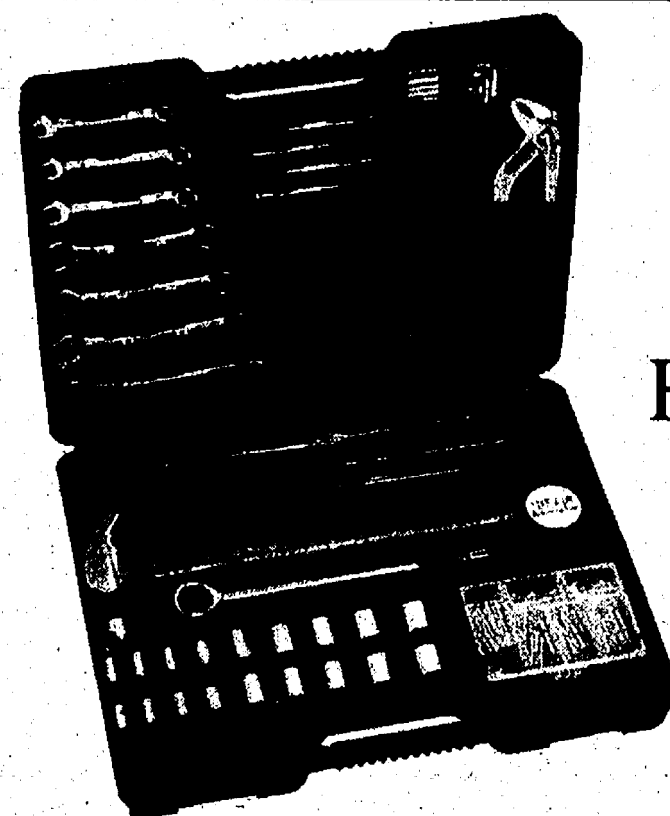
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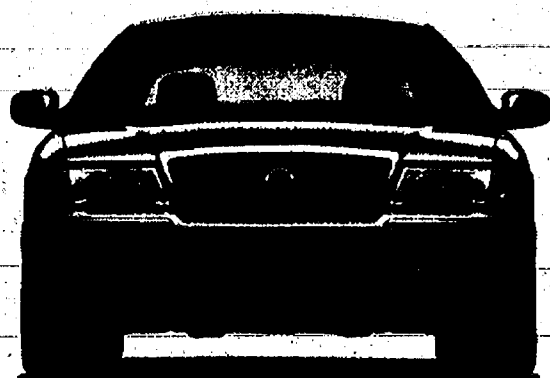
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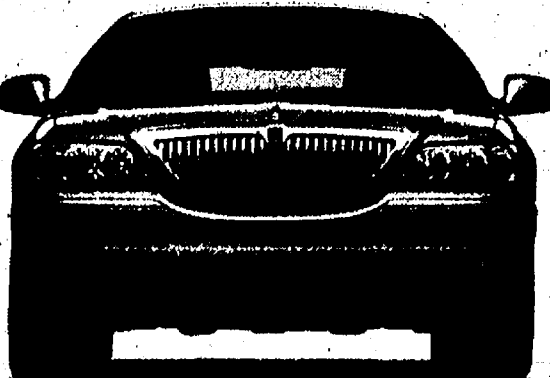
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Soccer sign up at Chelsea Recreation

Chelsea Recreation is offering spring soccer in seven divisions for youths in preschool through sixth grade.

Sign-up deadline is March 21. Cost to participate is \$41 and includes a T-shirt.

After the deadline date, there will be a \$10 late fee.

The spring soccer season runs April 7 through May 17.

Games will be played, depending on division, at either Pierce Field or Papo Field.

Divisions include coed pre-kindergarten through kindergarten; boys first through second grade; boys

third through fourth grade; boys fifth through sixth grade; girls first through second grade; girls third through fourth grade; and girls fifth through sixth grade.

Pre-kindergarten through kindergarten division will have eight members to a team and play 4-on-4 with no goalie. The field of play will be 30 yards by 15 yards. Games will be 9 a.m., 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. every Saturday at Pierce Field.

Boys and girls in the first-through second-grade divisions will have 10-member teams and play 6-on-6 with a

goalie. The field of play will be 50 yards by 25 yards. Games will be 9 a.m., 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. every Saturday at Pierce Field.

Boys and girls in the third-through fourth-grade division will have 11-member teams and play 7-on-7 with a goalie. The field of play will be 70 yards by 40 yards. Games will be at 9 a.m. for boys and 10 a.m. for girls. Both will play at Papo Field.

Boys and girls in fifth through sixth grade will have 11-member teams and play 7-on-7 with a goalie. The field of play will be 70 yards by 40 yards. Games will be at

10 a.m. and 11 a.m. for boys, while girls will play at 11 a.m. Both will compete at Papo Field.

Volunteer coaches are needed for the program.

Late registrations will only be accepted to fill remaining vacancies in programs. A wait list will be formed for all late entries once a program is full.

Consolidation of divisions may be necessary as a result of low enrollment.

Players will be randomly picked and placed on a team.

For more information, call 475-1112.

Gourlay fourth at indoor meet

Chelsea senior Genny Gourlay finished fourth in the 60-meter hurdles at the state indoor track and field championship at the University of Michigan last Saturday.

Gourlay, competing against some of the state's best hurdlers, crossed the finish line in 9.35.

Though one of the top hurdlers in the state, Gourlay participates in soccer for Chelsea in the spring.

Track, however, is where she's receiving the most attention.

The University of Michigan is one of the schools interested in signing Gourlay.

Also competing at the

indoor finals from Chelsea were seniors Savannah Hyssong and Kari Moyle.

Hyssong placed eighth in the 800-meter run with a personal best time of 2:23.9. She plans on continuing her track career in college at either Michigan State University or U of M.

Moyle also competed in the 800-meter run, but was unable to finish in the top eight. Western Michigan University and Kalamazoo College are two of the schools she is interested in attending.

All three athletes are members of the Speed Connection track and field club based in Chelsea. John Bauer coaches the squad.

Duke professor to speak at meeting

By Don Richter

Sports Editor

It happens at sporting events big and small.

It doesn't seem to matter if it's a T-ball game or a state championship event—a parent eventually overreacts and causes a scene.

On Wednesday, Greg Dale, an associate professor at Duke University specializing in sports psychology and motor learning, will hold a seminar dealing with kids and sports and, more importantly, parents and their role in athletics.

Dale's presentation, titled

"Sport in the 21st century: Keeping it all in perspective" will be held from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Dexter High School's Center for the Performing Arts.

Topics Dale will touch on during his speech include reasons youngsters participate in sports and the reasons they stop playing; lessons parents want their youngsters to learn from participating in athletics; and how parents can help youngsters be at their best.

Tickets to the event are free and available at Dexter and Chelsea athletic offices.

Parents from all eight

Southeastern Conference schools are invited to attend the seminar.

"Each school pays part of the cost to get Greg here," said Dexter Athletic Director John Robinson.

Robinson said Dale comes highly regarded.

"Some people in the Grand Rapids area e-mailed me about him," he said. "They recommended him to me. He does a tremendous job speaking to parents."

Prior to the parents' seminar, area coaches will conduct a meeting from 3:30 to 6 p.m.

For additional informa-

tion, call the Dexter Athletic Department at 426-1935 or Chelsea Athletic Department at 433-2244.

Softball tourney seeks teams

The second annual Carhart Classic softball tournament will be held at Heritage Park in Adrian April 19.

Entry fee for the event is \$125.

The tournament is double elimination.

For additional information, call Ben Bucklew at 1-517-918-3289 or 1-419-446-9224.

TANKERS

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In the 100 breaststroke, Andy Kellogg was 15th with a clocking of 1:03.28. His timing was just ahead of teammate Matt Holmes, who was unable to make the final, falling short at 1:03.73 for 17th place.

The last event of the meet was the 400 freestyle relay. The Bulldogs did not disappoint, saving their best for last.

Andy Kellogg, Holton, Bravo and Wacker finished the year with a fifth-place All-State performance. The group set a new school record by breaking the mark of Andy Hack, Jared Wacker, Heydlauff and Holton, who at the time was a sophomore.

"There were performances that left us hoping for more this weekend, that's for sure," Jolly said. "But in the scheme of life, the rewards that each of us have had throughout the season far outweigh anything that transpired this weekend."

"No one gave us much of a chance before, during and even at the end of the season. These guys proved through hard work you win."

"To say I am proud of these guys would be an understatement," he said.

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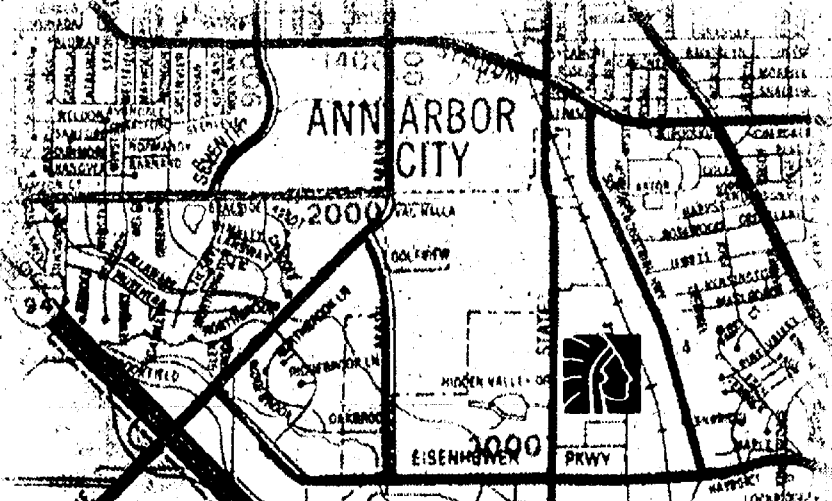
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BUSINESS

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Ford gearing up for anniversary party

■ *Celebration to be held in June at Henry Ford II World Center in Dearborn.*

By Steve Veldheer
Heritage Newspapers

Ford Motor Co. will commemorate its 100th anniversary June 16, and the plans to celebrate the milestone are well under way.

"The company's centennial offers us a unique opportunity to reflect on our many past accomplishments," said Bill Ford, chairman and CEO of Ford Motor Co. "But it also challenges us to look ahead and create a vision for continuing success in the future."

Ford's 100th anniversary programs will be targeted primarily at key audiences such as employees, retirees, dealers, suppliers, customers, car clubs and automotive enthusiasts. But interest in Ford's 100th anniversary is widespread.

The main communications channel is the company's 100th anniversary Web site, which can be accessed at www.ford.com. The Web site focuses mainly on the company's people, process and products, but also includes an events guide and an interactive section that allows site visitors to share their Ford stories — everything from their first Ford product to how the company has impacted their lives.

In anticipation of the company's 100th

anniversary, "The Ford Century: Ford Motor Company and the Innovations That Shaped the World," was published and went on sale Nov. 1, 2002.

The illustrated history book includes more than 500 full-color and archival images of Henry Ford and the machines that shaped the world in which we live.

The book tells the story of Ford Motor Co., from its founding in 1903 to the present. Two other books are scheduled to be published in the coming months.

A special five-day celebration commemorating the company's rich history and bright future will be held June 12 through 16 on the grounds of the Henry Ford II World Center in Dearborn.

"The Road Is Ours" 100th Anniversary Celebration will feature one of the world's largest displays of classic, current and concept Ford vehicles, interactive displays and exhibits, children's activities and a 100th Anniversary Concert Series with a wide range of headline entertainment, including country music superstar Toby Keith. Other artists will be announced later.

Registration is available online by accessing the 100th anniversary Web site. Tickets are \$24.95 per person (children age 12 and younger are admitted free when accompanying a paying adult). Employees, retirees and families, as determined by the company's A/Z program, receive a special discounted price of \$19.95.

Prechter Fund announces donation

■ *Money to be spent on research into mental illness.*

By Pat Andrews
Heritage Newspapers

Depression doesn't discriminate.

The death of Downriver industrialist Heinz Prechter, the former owner of Heritage Newspapers, in July 2001 demonstrated that clearly.

His death at the age of 59, though tragic, now could well assist a researcher working on a cure for manic depression.

His widow, Waltraud Prechter, is administering a fund created in his memory. Her mission consists of selecting medical facilities across the nation to receive grants for specific programs.

The second of her awards was recently announced. A \$345,000 grant will go to researchers at the Pediatric Bipolar Disorders Program at Stanford University Medical School.

The funds will be distributed over a two-year period and will be utilized to study the genetic underpinnings of early onset manic depression, a hereditary disease

also known as bipolar disorder, that affects millions of Americans.

The first grant, \$500,000, went to Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston for genetic research.

Prechter, founder and president of the Heinz C. Prechter Fund for Manic Depression, said parents with bipolar disorder stand an anxious vigil over their children, wondering whether the irritability, mood swings and depression displayed by their offspring are normal childhood changes or the first sign of the disease they have been battling themselves.

"Their concerns are justified," she said. "About 14 percent to 24 percent of children of bipolar parents have some type of bipolar disorder and about one in four displays some type of mood disorder."

Dr. Kiki Chang, assistant professor of psychiatry in the division of child and adolescent psychiatry at Stanford, said he hopes his research will one day relieve the burden of uncertainty.

Chang and his colleague, Dr. Joachim Hallmayer, associate professor of psychiatry at Stanford, will be the principal investigators of the study.

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Saline, Michigan - Bank repossessed cars and trucks are among the most hunted-for bargains in the automobile industry. Unfortunately for John Q. Public, they're also the hardest to come by.

Banks often unload these repos to car dealers at rock bottom prices allowing dealers to resell them for retail value. But bargain seekers can take heart: This week Auto Liquidators of North America has selected Briarwood Ford in Saline, Michigan, to be the official liquidation site for 228 of these incredible bargains.

This Monday, March 17, through Saturday, March 22, Briarwood Ford in Saline, Michigan will have 228 bank repos, lease returns, and other used vehicles for thousands below normal values and will pass those savings on to their customers.

"These have been acquired at incredible savings from banks (repos), factory auctions and other sources," said Bob Thompson, Used Car Sales Manager at Briarwood Ford.

"Our creditors have asked us to sacrifice this inventory immediately—regardless of loss of profit. If that means selling these vehicles for near or below wholesale, then that is what we will do."

Every bank repo and other pre-owned vehicles will be available for just \$29 plus a fee* and then start making payments.

"It's just that simple," said Thompson. "To make these bargains even easier, we'll mark the payment right on the windshield. Just pick a car and a payment. You won't find a faster, easier way to get a great deal on a pre-owned vehicle."

Almost every type and price range will be available.

able, from luxury, to 4x4's, to basic transportation. "With pre-owned vehicles near an all time high, chances are we will have what you are looking for in stock and ready to drive home," Bob said.

Auto Liquidators of North America has flown in extra sales and financial staff from three states to assure customers prompt, courteous service and the best financial terms possible. Bob said, "We will have over \$5 million in financing available for this event. So chances are we can arrange financing for just about anyone who is employed, regardless of past history."

All trade-ins will be accepted with a minimum \$2000 guaranteed value and customers are encouraged to bring their titles or payment book to expedite immediate delivery of these vehicles.


"The opportunity bargaining-hunters have been waiting for is here. Monday through Saturday in Saline, every bank repo and other used vehicle is just \$29 and then start making payments. Customers won't find a faster, easier way to save big money on a great used vehicle," Thompson said.

After the mega-sale ends at 4 pm Saturday, March 22nd, Briarwood Ford will send many of these vehicles to auction. Any questions can be directed to 1-734-429-5478. Briarwood Ford is located at 7070 E. Michigan Ave. at the corner of State Street, 5 minutes south of Briarwood Mall.

The hours of this sale will be Monday from 9am-9pm, Tues. & Wed. from 9am-8pm, Thursday from 9am-9pm, Friday from 9am-6pm, and Saturday from 9am-4pm. "We hope to see everyone there and ready to walk away with the deal of a lifetime," said Thompson.

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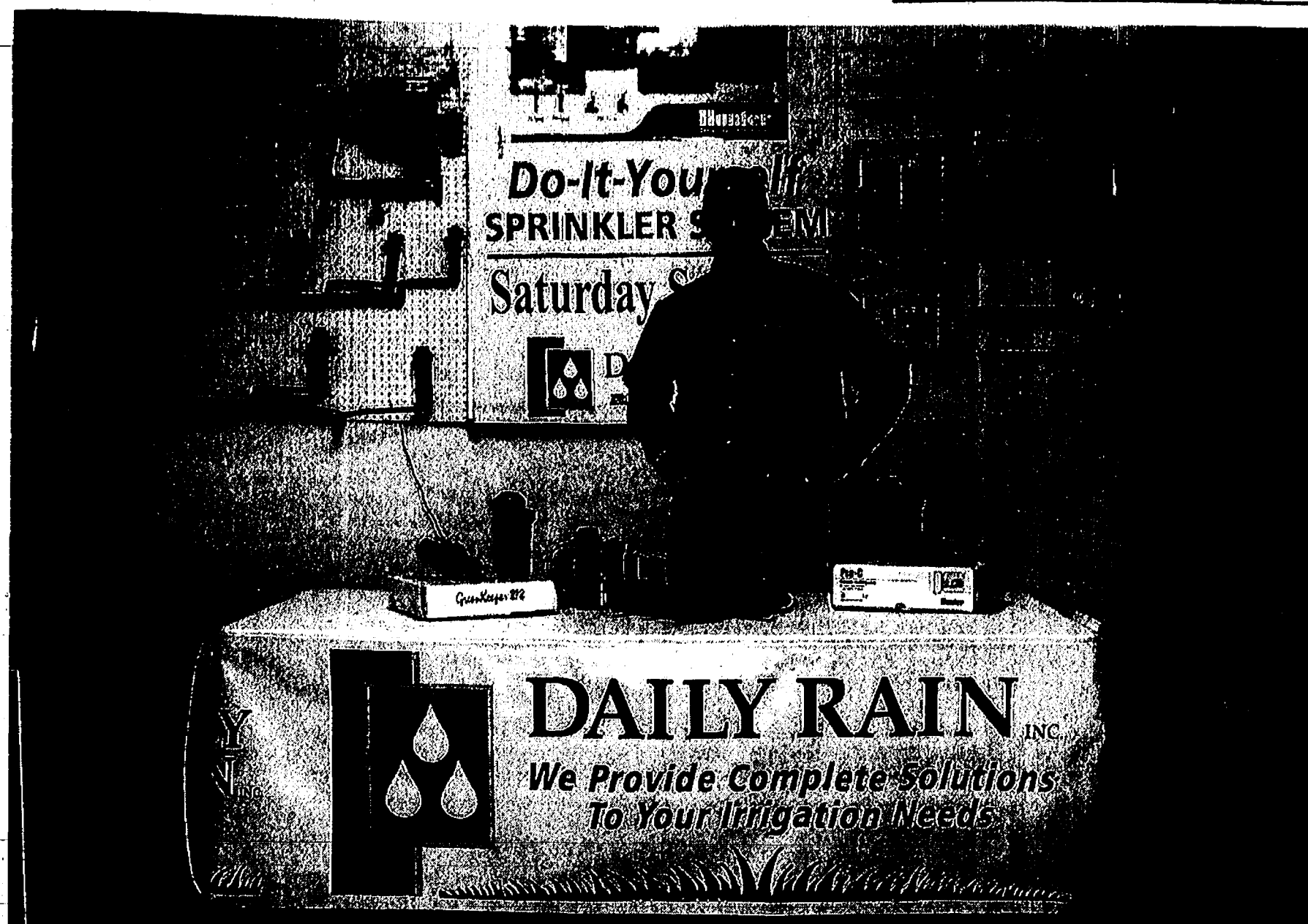
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Jerry Boquette stands in the do-it-yourself retail portion of his Scio Township business Daily Rain.

Photo by Lisa Carolin

Local business finds niche

■ *Chelsea-area family enjoys success with sprinkler business.*

By Lisa Carolin
Special Writer

All of the new homes throughout western Washtenaw County mean there are a lot of new lawns. And that's where Jerry Boquette comes in.

The Chelsea resident runs Daily Rain Inc., which is located on Jackson Industrial Drive in Scio Township. Boquette and his wife started the business out of their home at North Lake in 1996 and moved the operation to its current home last spring.

Daily Rain offers lawn and garden irrigation installation, service, remodeling and expansion. They work on already existing systems, as well.

What makes the company unique is its do-it-yourself service. Boquette teaches 90-minute seminars on Saturdays showing homeowners how to install their own systems. He also sells installation packages and

the parts needed at his retail store, located adjacent to the business.

"The seminars are free and we've had a great response," Boquette said. "We charge for designs and material lists."

A native of St. Charles, located about 60 miles north of Chelsea, Boquette met his wife, Charna, who grew up in Chelsea, when she was a student at Michigan State University. They enjoy living in the area and have two children, 6-year-old Emmah and 2-year-old Owen, and are expecting a third child in April.

Boquette started out working for a landscaper who specialized in irrigation systems. He saw the growth in western Washtenaw County and decided to target those areas. He located the business in Scio Township as a central location.

Daily Rain now has more than 1,200 clients and employs up to 40 people during the busy season.

"An automated watering system is a luxury that many consider to be a necessity," Boquette said. "Many subdi-

visions in Washtenaw County mandate sprinkler systems."

Boquette said that the soil in the area adds to the problem. Saline has sandy soil, Ann Arbor has hard clay, and the Chelsea and Dexter areas have a mix of both.

"You can set your watering times with our system and have rain sensors installed that shut the system off after a rain. The system avoids over spraying and over watering areas," Charna Boquette said.

The company will have a

display tomorrow, Saturday and Sunday at the Washtenaw County Farm Council Grounds.

Lisa Carolin is a free-lance writer. She can be reached via e-mail at LWCarolin@aol.com.

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MSU launches new venture

The Michigan State University College of Agriculture and Natural Resources is forming a center to bolster existing businesses and develop new products in agriculture and natural resource-related industries.

Jeff Armstrong, dean of agriculture and natural resources, recently announced the creation of the MSU Product Center for Agriculture and Natural Resources.

The center was developed in concert with a number of Michigan agricultural, food and natural-resource industry groups and governmental agencies in response to a need for technical, educational and research assistance.

It's intended to provide a coordinated source of information.

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ciate professor of psychiatry and behavioral neuroscience, said they hope research will enable them to predict which of these children are likely to develop bipolar disorder before symptoms begin, allowing early, more effective treatment.

"There have been many studies of the genetics of bipolar disorder, but no one particular gene or region has been identified as the main culprit," Chang said. "Most of the studies to date have concentrated solely on adults."

Chang also is involved in ongoing research efforts to image the brains of children with and without bipolar disorder and identify structural and functional changes that could be the hallmark of the disease.

The goal is to be able to identify bipolar disorder before it happens and prevent it.

"Early intervention with appropriate medications might be able to halt the

progress of the disease," Chang said. "The Prechter grant is supporting crucial research."

Chang and Hallmayer are looking for families in which at least one parent has suspected or confirmed bipolar disorder. They could be asked to participate in the genetic studies.

"We are especially interested in families with one or more children with early mood difficulties or full-blown bipolar disorder," Chang said.

Participants receive free diagnostic evaluation of the entire family and are asked to give a small amount of blood for genetic analysis. Participants also are reimbursed for their time.

To volunteer, contact Diana Iorgova at 1-650-723-7885 or go online to diorgova@stanford.edu.

The nonprofit Prechter fund raised more than \$1.25 million at its first gala dinner in October, turning the event into the largest single fund-raising benefit for manic depression in U.S. history.

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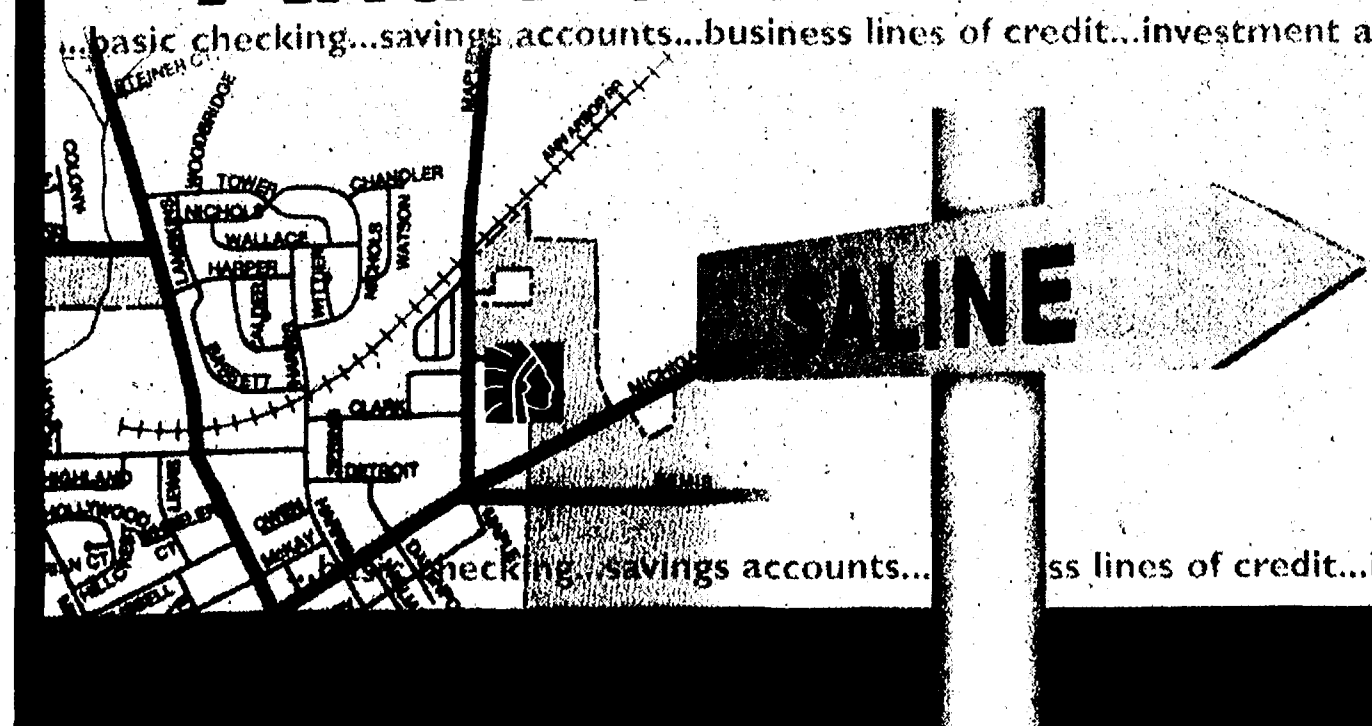
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Talented Youth Development Inc. is inviting all area youth to engage in the Talented Teen experience during the third annual Talented Teen Etiquette Luncheon 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Holiday Inn-Fairlane in Detroit.

Teens can register by calling 438-0061 or sending an email to tydiinc2000@aol.com.

Limited registration is \$35, which includes the luncheon, materials, and training. Group rates are available for 10 or more if registered by Saturday.

"This annual event continues to become more and more exciting as the years go on," says Kimberly Johnson, director of Talented Youth Development Inc. "Our etiquette facilitator really knows how to relate to both children and adults while providing a fun atmosphere."

The event places children among their peers in a learning environment both fun and educational. Participants will learn proper dining and telephone etiquette, movement, posture, courtesy

techniques and proper dress. The annual luncheon, open to the public, is step two for the three-month journey for 20 young ladies from around the state competing for the prestigious title of Hal Jackson's Michigan Talented Teen and Pre-Teen 2003 in April.

In addition to the etiquette luncheon, some participants have taken part in the first "A Better You" workshop for teens held in February. The workshop gave teens tips on proper hair, nail and skin care during their adolescent years.

Alleviate any potential for embarrassment on this special night and arm yourself with grace, poise and the ability to eat the right way. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Hal Jackson's Michigan Talented Teen Scholarship Competition 4 p.m. April 5 at Henry Ford Museum's Anderson Theater in Dearborn.

Competition tickets will be available at the luncheon for \$15.

For more information on tickets to the luncheon and competition, call 1-313-438-0061.

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mation for entrepreneurs and managers in cooperation with the Michigan Partnership for Product Agriculture.

"Despite the extremely challenging budget picture for CANR, we need to forge ahead with key priorities to keep Michigan agriculture and natural resource businesses successful," Armstrong said in a press release.

"This new center, created by reallocating existing scarce resources, will make a major difference in the success of Michigan's agriculture and natural resource-based industries."

According to its co-directors, MSU agricultural economics faculty members Chris Peterson and Arlen Leholm, the center will support the development of new products for both existing businesses and new enterprises through innovative product research, outreach and education.

"The center will help expand incomes and tax bases at a vitally important time to Michigan and its natural resource, food and agriculture industries," Armstrong said.

It will provide businesses

with a single access point to programs and resources, both inside MSU and beyond the university, that can meet their needs and help them build high-value, high-profit ventures.

"The emphasis on proactive market research within the center adds a new dimension that will increase the chances of success for value-added ventures in agriculture and natural resources," said Ian Gray, director of the Michigan Agricultural Experiment Station.

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DATE: TUESDAY, MARCH 18TH, 2003
TIME: 7:00 P.M.

LOCATION: DEXTER TOWNSHIP HALL
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AGENDA:

1) Hearing on the Proposed Township Budgets for the General Fund, Fire Fund and Police Fund

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Clerk

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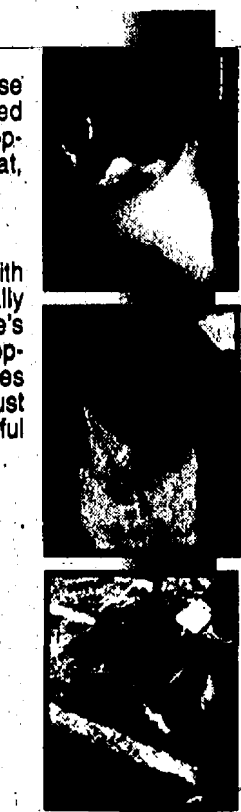
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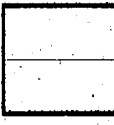
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WEBSTER TOWNSHIP BUDGET HEARING MEETING NOTICE

ON TUESDAY, MARCH 18, 2003 AT 7:30 P.M. THE WEBSTER TOWNSHIP BOARD WILL HOLD A BUDGET HEARING AND A REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING AT THE WEBSTER TOWNSHIP HALL, 5665 WEBSTER CHURCH ROAD, DEXTER, MI 48130. AT SUCH TIME AND IN ADDITION TO OTHER REGULAR BUSINESS & IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAW:

1. A BUDGET COVERING PROPOSED EXPENDITURES AND ESTIMATED REVENUES OF THE TOWNSHIP SHALL BE SUBMITTED FOR CONSIDERATION.
2. THE PROPERTY TAX MILLAGE RATE PROPOSED TO BE LEVIED TO SUPPORT THE PROPOSED BUDGET WILL BE A SUBJECT OF THIS HEARING.

WEBSTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

THE WEBSTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING AT THEIR REGULAR MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19, 2003 AT 7:30 P.M. AT THE TOWNSHIP HALL, 5665 WEBSTER CHURCH ROAD, DEXTER, MICHIGAN, TO HEAR A REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF A SPECIAL USE PERMIT BY GARY L. WESLEY, TO OPERATE A LANDSCAPING BUSINESS WITH RETAIL SALES OF TREES AND LANDSCAPING ITEMS ON 20.63 ACRES ON N. TERRITORIAL RD. EAST OF MAST RD. PARCEL NUMBER C 03-20-100-003.

Written comments may be made in advance mailed or delivered to the above address.

Those with disabilities must notify the Township Clerk no less than 7 (seven) days prior to the meeting, so that accommodations may be furnished to satisfy their disability and allow for meaningful attendance.

JOHN KINGSLEY, CHAIRMAN
PLANNING COMMISSION

POSTED 03/07/03

VILLAGE OF CHELSEA NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING PARKS AND RECREATION PLAN

Notice is hereby given that the Chelsea Planning Commission will hold a Public Meeting to review and discuss a parks and future recreation plan within the Village.

The aforesaid meeting will be held at the next Planning Commission Meeting located in the Board Room, Washington Street Education Center, 500 Washington St., Chelsea, Michigan on TUESDAY, MARCH 18, 2003 at 7:30 p.m.

Copies of the proposed plan will be available to review at the Village Office, 305 S. Main Street, Suite 100, lower level, prior to the meeting.

Persons requiring reasonable accommodations to disabilities in order that the hearing be accessible to them, are requested to notify the Chelsea Planning Commission Chairman no later than five (5) business days prior to the date of the hearing of such disability.

CHELSEA VILLAGE PLANNING COMMISSION
Chris Rode, Chair

LIMA TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING — MARCH 3, 2003

The regular meeting of the Lima Township Board was called to order at 8:00 P.M. on March 3, 2003 and opened with the Pledge to The Flag. Present were Supervisor Unterbrink, Clerk Bareis, Treasurer Havens, Trustees McKenzie and Laier, Zoning Administrator Wesolowski. Also present several residents and guests.

Motion by McKenzie supported by Havens to amend the agenda to add review draft of the 425 agreement from the township attorney, after the reports portion of the meeting, in executive session. Carried.

Motion by McKenzie supported by Laier to approve the minutes of the February 3, 2003 meeting. Carried.

The treasurers report was received.

Zoning Administrator issued no new permits and one new address.

Motion by Laier supported by Bareis to approve the Judges Order for Private Road, Steffenson/Bailey, for preliminary injunction, Case #89-36964-AZ, dated February 25, 2003. Carried.

Motion by McKenzie supported by Laier to accept the Lima Township Poverty Guidelines for 2003, as submitted with attachment, per March 3, 2003 submittal. All Ayes. Carried.

Motion by McKenzie supported by Havens to deny Palmer Motor Sales request, for applying fees from previous zoning application to current application. Carried.

Motion by Laier supported by Bareis that A Local Governing Body Resolution for Gaming Licenses issued by the Michigan Lottery, the request from Local Association of Michigan Pageants of Chelsea, County of Washtenaw, asking that they be recognized as a nonprofit organization operating in the community for the purpose of obtaining a gaming license or registration be considered for approval. All Ayes. Carried.

Motion by McKenzie supported by Laier to adopt the sample resolution supporting the Clean Water Act, for local governments, as provided by the Huron River Watershed Council, deleting the optional paragraph. All Ayes. Carried.

Motion by Laier supported by McKenzie to pay bills as presented. Carried.

Motion by McKenzie supported by Laier to adjourn to executive session at 9:55 P.M. to discuss the Draft 425 Agreement as prepared by the Township Attorney. Carried.

Motion by Bareis supported by Havens to return to regular session at 10:20 P.M. Carried.

Motion by McKenzie supported by Laier to adjourn at 10:20 P.M. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Ariene R. Bareis, Clerk

Be prepared for poison emergencies



MARCIA CAVAN

PAWS FOR THOUGHT

The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Animal Control Center alerts pet owners to

be prepared for poison emergencies during National Poison Prevention Week March 16 through 22.

In observance of National Poison Prevention Week, the Animal Poison Control Center is launching the "Make Your Pet's Home Poison Safe" campaign. The goal of the campaign is to educate pet owners of common household dangers, as well as providing step-by-step guidelines to prevent accidental pet poisoning in the home and in their pet's

environment.

In 2002, a high percentage of calls that came through the center were related to animals ingesting prescription medications, including cardiac medications, anti-cancer oral and topical products, pain medications and antidepressants.

"Ingesting prescription medications has been a problem with dogs since they are able to chew through the pill vials, even those with child-proof lids," said Dr. Steven Hansen, senior vice presi-

dent of the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center. "If not treated immediately, some of these medications can be deadly to our pets even in small doses."

To prevent a poisoning, Hansen recommends that pet owners keep all prescription and over-the-counter medications in a closed or locked cabinet above the counter.

The Animal Poison Control Center offers the following guidelines to protect pets from being poisoned in and around the home:

- Read all the information on the label before using a product on your pet or in your home. If a product is only for use on dogs, it should never be used on cats; if a product is for use only on cats, it should never be used on dogs.

- Mothballs, potpourri oils, coffee grounds, grapes, raisins, homemade Play-Dough, fabric softener sheets, dishwashing detergent, batteries, cigarettes, alcoholic drinks, pennies and hand-and-foot

warmers are some of the many household items that can be dangerous to your pet.

- Be aware of the plants in your home and yard. The ingestion of azalea, oleander, sago palm or yew plant material by your pet can be fatal. Easter lily, day lily, tiger lily and some other lily species can cause kidney failure in cats.

- Make sure your pets do not go on lawns and gardens treated with fertilizers, herbicides, or insecticides until they have dried completely. Always store such products in areas that are inaccessible to your pets. If you are uncertain about the usage of any product, ask the manufacturer and/or your veterinarian for instructions.

- Be alert for antifreeze/coolant leaking from your vehicle. Animals are attracted to the sweet taste and ingesting just a small amount can cause an animal's death. Consider using animal-friendly products that use propylene glycol rather than

those using ethylene glycol.

- When using rat, mouse, snail or slug baits, or ant or roach traps, place the products in areas that are inaccessible to your pet. Some bait contains sweet-smelling inert ingredients such as jelly, peanut butter or sugar that can attract your pet.

- Keep a pet safety kit on hand for emergencies. The kit should contain a fresh bottle of hydrogen peroxide, a can of soft dog or cat food, turkey baster, bulb syringe, or large medicine syringe, eye wash to flush out eye contaminants, artificial tear gel to lubricate eyes after flushing, mild grease-cutting dishwashing liquid, forceps to remove stingers, muzzle to keep the animal from hurting you while it is excited or in pain and a pet carrier to help carry the animal to your local veterinarian.

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Novel idea Student writes book for teens

By Dan Nled
Heritage Newspapers

High school independent study was actually beneficial for Kristi Richards.

Despite that generations-old tradition of goofing off and doing just about anything but studying, Richards wrote a book.

In 1997, her senior year, Richards used her independent study to write "Making, Managing and Milking Your Money: What Every Teen Needs to Know," a book dedicated to advising teens in financial decisions.

A month ago, five years after most of the book was written, Richards released it and is now selling it on the Internet and at speaking engagements.

"I had the full book written in five months," Richards said. "I went through a big editing process and I made adjustments in college. It was always a work in progress."

While getting a double degree in economics and business administration from the University of Michigan-Dearborn, Richards, 23, polished up "Making" and readied it for release this year.

Still, she says an important part of the book's message came in the fact that she

wrote it when she was still 17.

"I think that was one of the biggest things," she said. "I was glad to put it down on paper at that age. My intention was to write a book for a teen-ager by a teen-ager."

"I felt like there were a lot of things I could have added, but I felt the fact that I wrote the book in high school was an advantage because I knew the mindset, and by adding too much I would be going outside of that age group. I wanted to keep it simple."

"Making" has teen-friendly chapters on such things as buying a used car, creating a budget and opening a savings account. Each chapter is marked with illustrations and examples. Reasons, Richards says, that parents are buying the book for their kids.

While Richards hasn't made enough money to quit her day job as an investment accountant/analyst for AAA, she says the self-published book has been profitable and has led to a budding career as a speaker. She has already started a new book about the importance of credit.

But there is a catch.

This time she won't have the benefit of an independent study.

THANK YOU FROM THE CHELSEA EDUCATION FOUNDATION



The Chelsea Education Foundation would like to thank the following businesses and individuals for their support of our 12th annual fundraiser held on February 22 at the Comfort Inn Conference Center in Chelsea. This year's event, our Chinese New Year Dinner Dance, was a success beyond our expectations. Thank you also to each and every person who attended the event and to those who participated in our auction. The amount raised, over \$32,000, will be used to provide grants and scholarships to members of the community of Chelsea. We are grateful for their generosity and support of our foundation and community.

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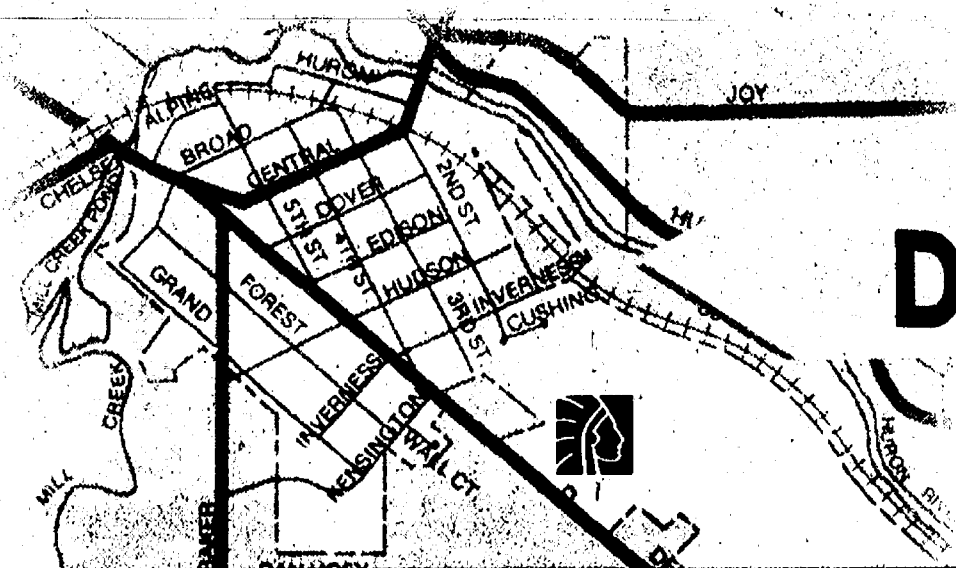
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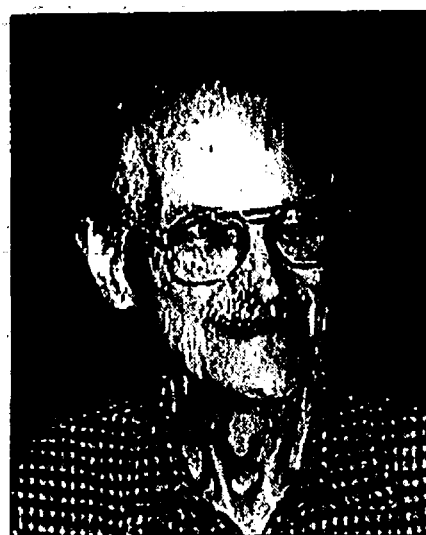


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DEATHS



WILLIAM STANLEY GILLESPIE
Grass Lake

William Stanley Gillespie, 81, of Grass Lake died March 6, 2003, at Chelsea Community Hospital. He was born Sept. 25, 1921, in Chicago, the son of Stanley E. and Virginia (Tyson) Gillespie.

Mr. Gillespie had lived near Chelsea since 1987, coming from Barrington, Ill. He graduated from Evanston High School and the University of Illinois. He married Carol Johnston Feb. 27, 1943, in Evanston, Ill.

Mr. Gillespie served as a first lieutenant in the Counter Intelligence Corps of the U.S. Army in World War II. He was a design engineer in plastics research and development for the American Can Co., and received a patent for a heat-sealing invention. He was an accomplished woodworker and mechanic, as well.

Mr. Gillespie and his wife built three houses and remodeled several homes. They enjoyed traveling, camping, visiting museums and gardening.

Mr. Gillespie was preceded in death by his wife on Aug. 29, 2001. He is survived by two daughters, Janet (Stephen) Hinshaw of Chelsea and Laura (John) Elliot of Ames, Iowa; a sister, Barbara Van Ness of Tulsa, Okla.; five grandchildren, Amy and Paul Hinshaw, Greg, Rachel and Kate Elliot; as well as eight nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society. Funeral arrangements were made by Cole Funeral Chapel in Chelsea.

CLARE B. SHERMAN

Clare B. Sherman, 84, of Munith died March 6, 2003, at Chelsea Community Hospital. He was born June 7, 1918, in Flint the son of Moses and Lois (Beagle) Sherman.

Mr. Sherman worked for General Motors Corp. for 31 years. He also worked as a midnight dispatcher with the Chelsea Police Department for several years, and as a park attendant for the Huron Metroparks.

Mr. Sherman enjoyed all kinds of music and played the violin.

On June 17, 1938, he married Irene Force in Millington.

Survivors include one daughter, Alisa (and fiancé Doug) Truette; two brothers, Frederick (Marie) Sherman of Owosso and Dale (Theresa) Sherman of Pahrump, Nev.; and four grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Irene, and one brother, Erwin Sherman.

A funeral was held Monday at Staffan-Mitchell Funeral Home in Chelsea. The Rev. Mearl Bradley officiated. Burial followed at Washtenong Memorial Park in Ann Arbor.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital.

HAROLD WHITLOCK

Harold Whitlock, 92, of Dexter died March 8, 2003, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Superior Township. He was born Feb. 28, 1911, in northeast Arkansas. In 1935, he married Lula Venable and she preceded him in death in 2000.

Mr. Whitlock retired from the University of Michigan in 1973. He was a longtime member of Ann Arbor Church of Christ.

Mr. Whitlock is survived by two children, LeRoy (Yvonne) Whitlock and Ureta (Stewart) Norwood; one daughter-in-law, Doris Whitlock; seven grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two sons, Leon and David Whitlock, and one brother.

Visitation was at Hosmer-Muehlberg Funeral Chapel in Dexter. A funeral was held Tuesday at the funeral home. Burial was at Washtenong Memorial Park.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Ann Arbor Church of Christ.



PATRICIA SUE WALZ
Waterloo

Patricia Sue Walz, 63, of Waterloo died March 10, 2003, at her home with her family by her side.

The family wishes to thank the nurses involved during Mrs. Walz's battle with cancer including those from Foote Hospital (6 East) in Jackson and Hospice of Jackson.

Mrs. Walz was born April 16, 1939, in Jackson the daughter of Wesley Paul and Mildred (Allen) Schlee. She grew up in a farming family, married a farmer and was a farmer all of her life.

Mrs. Walz loved spending time with her grandkids, feeding fish and collecting rocks. She sacrificed herself and took care of everyone else whenever help was needed.

She married Laverne L. Walz Oct. 25, 1958 in Waterloo and he survives. Other survivors include five children: Donald Walz of Waterloo, Larla (Dennis) Adrian of Napoleon, LeAnn (David) Timble of Indianapolis, Kevin (Arlene) Walz of Waterloo and Michelle (Michael) Bice of Grass Lake; three sisters, Jacqueline (Elwin) Spink of Horton, Arlene (Gary) Hawkins of Holt and Norma (Earl) Murray of Leslie; and eight grandchildren, Sarah Walz, Angela Rowe, Kayla Larson, Matthew Walz, Kelsey Walz, Victoria Walz, Michael Bice and Megan Bice.

A ninth grandchild, Katherine Patricia Timble, is expected soon. Several nieces and nephews survive. Mrs. Walz was preceded in death by a son, Larry Paul Walz, in 1962 and her parents.

The family received friends Tuesday and yesterday. A funeral will be held 11 a.m. today at Cole Funeral Chapel in Chelsea. The Rev. George Dack will officiate. Burial will follow at Mount Hope Cemetery in Waterloo.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Jackson.

MARTIN CHARLES STEINBACH

Martin Charles Steinbach, 96, of Chelsea died March 10, 2003, at Chelsea Retirement Community. He was born Nov. 17, 1906, in Lima Center the son of John and Lillian (Wolfe) Steinbach.

Mr. Steinbach had lived in Lima Center and Chelsea, and was a member of the First Congregational Church of Chelsea for more than 50 years.

Mr. Steinbach graduated from Chelsea High School. He worked at Chelsea Hardware, Chelsea Lumber Co. and owned Finkbeiner Lumber.

He was a past patron of the Order of the Eastern Star Lodge 108 and was a lifelong member of Masonic Lodge 156.

Mr. Steinbach married Aline C. Shoberg Aug. 12, 1929, in Cedarville and she preceded him in death July 21, 2002.

Mr. Steinbach is survived by one son, J. Raymond (Alice) Steinbach of Chelsea; one daughter, Connie (Roger) Hofer of Fort Collins, Colo.; five grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and 10 nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, parents, one half-sister, two nephews and one niece.

The family will receive friends from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday at Cole Funeral Chapel in Chelsea. A Masonic service will be held at 7:30 p.m. Sunday.

Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. Monday at First Congregational Church of Chelsea. The Rev. Paul Kuntzman will officiate. Burial will follow at Oak Grove East Cemetery in Chelsea.

Memorial contributions may be made to First Congregational Church of Chelsea.

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ROSEMARY MATTHEWS VAN AKEN
Dexter

Rosemary Matthews Van Aken, 78, of Dexter died March 4, 2003, at Glacier Hills Nursing Home after a three-year battle with dementia.

Her family said, "Finally the pain and anguish has turned to joy and happiness in our belief of eternity with our heavenly Father in Paradise, while those left behind grieve in our temporary separation."

Mrs. Van Aken was born May 5, 1924, in Chicago to Ted and Helen Matthews, who preceded her in death.

She was educated in Chicago, and married to Charles R. Van Aken July 2, 1949, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Dexter. Last July, they celebrated 53 years of marriage.

Mrs. Van Aken was active in the Dexter Area Historical Society. She was a charter member and served as its corresponding secretary for more than 20 years. She was also associated with a number of allied local organizations and was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church.

Mrs. Van Aken had a rare and wonderful quality of seeing and finding something to like and enjoy in everyone she met. Her relatives and friends were her most prized earthly possessions.

She is survived by her husband, Charles; son, Thomas (Diane) Van Aken of West Palm Beach, Fla.; daughter, Catherine (Mark) McCoy of Ellicott City, Md.; sister, Vivian (Richard) French of Chelsea; and many cousins, nieces and nephews.

A scripture service was held March 6 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Dexter. A memorial Mass was offered Friday.

At her request, cremation has taken place. Interment will be later in the year.

Memorial contributions may be made in Mrs. Van Aken's name to the St. Joseph Catholic Church Building Fund.

Funeral arrangements were made by Hosmer-Muehlberg Funeral Chapel.

DOROTHY BALL HUNAWILL

Dorothy Ball Hunawill, 87, of Claremont, N.C., died March 5, 2003, at Brian Center in Viewmont. She was born Aug. 21, 1915, in Detroit to the late Joseph and Rose Zink Ball.

Mrs. Hunawill served as village president in Dexter and was a member of Dexter American Legion, Ann Arbor Moose Club, Hickory DAV and Newton VFW.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Harold William Hunawill; a daughter, Barbara Bertke; and two sons, William Hunawill and Robert Harold Hunawill.

Survivors include her sister, Mary Schiller of Chelsea, and four brothers, Tommy Ball of Tallahassee, Fla., David Ball of Denver, N.C., Richard Ball of Grass Lake and Robert Ball of Chelsea.

She is also survived by nine grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was held March 7 in Newton, N.C.

Condolences may be sent to the family through the funeral home Web site: www.williamsreynoldsfuneralhome.com.

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Golf outing in June will benefit St. Louis Center

The ninth annual St. Louis Center Golf and Glory Outing is scheduled for 10 a.m. June 9 at the Fieldstone Golf Club, 1827 N. Squirrel Road, in Auburn Hills.

The St. Louis Center, located in Sylvan Township, is a residential facility for developmentally disabled people. The St. Louis Center Golf

and Glory Outing will feature 18 holes of golf with a shotgun start, lunch on the course and buffet dinner. Former pro sports celebrities from the Detroit Tigers and Lions are scheduled to play at the event.

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Local artists to work with teens

■ Project is part of Manchester's annual Riverfolk Festival.

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Stained-glass artists Bill and Marsi Darwin of Lyndon Township will bring their passion for art and glass-working to Manchester.

The couple, who exhibited their art at last year's Riverfolk Festival in Manchester, will help art students at Manchester High School make pieces that will be auctioned off at a fundraiser to benefit the Community Resource Center in Manchester as part of the artist-in-residence program.

"The kids are going to come up with the ideas and we'll help them with their designs and teach them how to execute the art of stained glass," said Bill Darwin. "We look forward to passing the art on, letting them know what it is."

Marsi Darwin said they had such a good time at last year's festival they are excited to come back.

"It was so much fun," she said. "We were thrilled with the crowds and the music was fantastic. We were amazed. It's just such a nice atmosphere."

Mark Palms, festival director and president of the



Photo by Austen Smith
Bill (left) and Marsi Darwin of Lyndon Township will be artists-in-residence, working with Manchester High School art students to create pieces to be auctioned at the town's second annual Riverfolk Festival in August.

Riverfolk Program Committee, said the committee invited the Darwins because of their enthusiasm.

"The Riverfolk committee felt that Bill and Marsi had made a positive impression," Palms said. "... They were enthusiastic and interested to be the artists-in-residence."

Palms said the committee thought that the Darwins were the kind of people who could enthuse and inspire young artists.

"I think that the Darwins definitely are committed to

the project, and that's important," he said. "It will be interesting to see what they come up with as a team because we don't give them specific directions."

The Darwins have been given creative freedom to generate original pieces of art, but Palms has encouraged them to involve the community somehow.

"We like to make connections with the community as

much as possible," Palms said. "You never know what the artist will come up with as far as the content or subject of their piece, but we want the art to reflect Manchester, if at all possible."

The couple owns Darwin's Stained Glass & Antique Slot Machines in Chelsea. Bill has had the studio since 1981 and teaches stained-art classes.

Bill, who was born in Germany but raised in Ann Arbor, says that stained glass is an addictive art.

"Once you get into it, you can't get away from it," he said. "Everybody we talk to says they will stay up until two or three in the morning working on their projects."

Marsi said there are several different methods for working glass. It can be fused together in a kiln, etched with designs or slumped and shaped into a mold.

The art of stained-glass making has become a family tradition for the Darwins. Bill's mother, Joanne Darwin, also works at the studio and with stained glass. Bill has passed on the knowledge of glass art that his grandfather gave to him at age 16.

Much of Bill's work is functional. He produces custom pieces such as kitchen cabinets, skylights and doors.

In addition, the Darwins have created prize-winning Tiffany-style lamps and take custom orders from across the country.

The Darwins are looking forward to working with high school art students and sharing their enthusiasm for

stained glass.

"We like it because it's a gathering of all the arts, both visual and musical," Bill said of the festival. "It's not overwhelming, but there are a lot of people and it isn't something that's been happening in this area."

Austen Smith is a reporter for Heritage Newspapers. He can be reached at 428-8173 or via e-mail at asmith@heritage.com.

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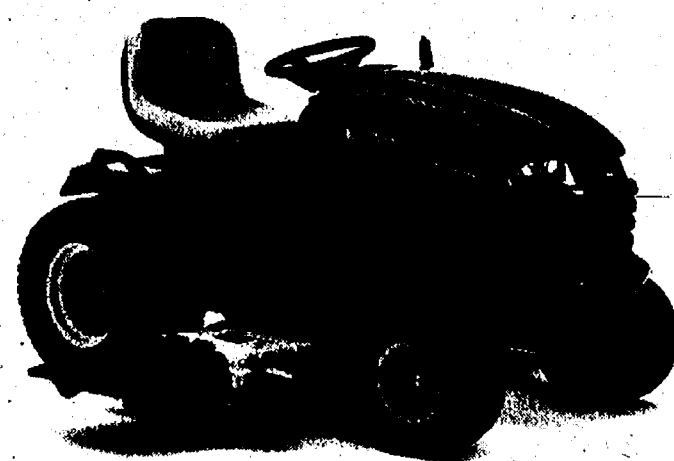
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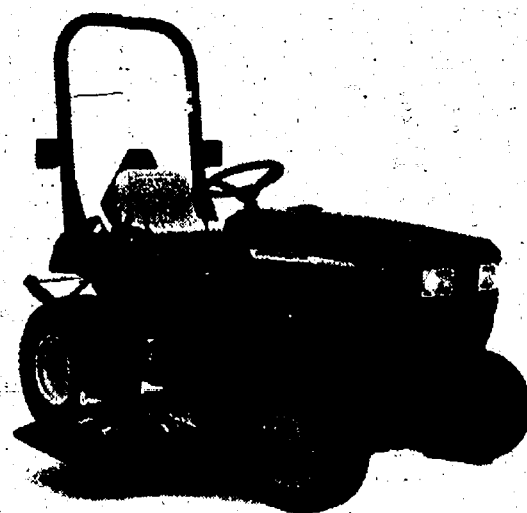


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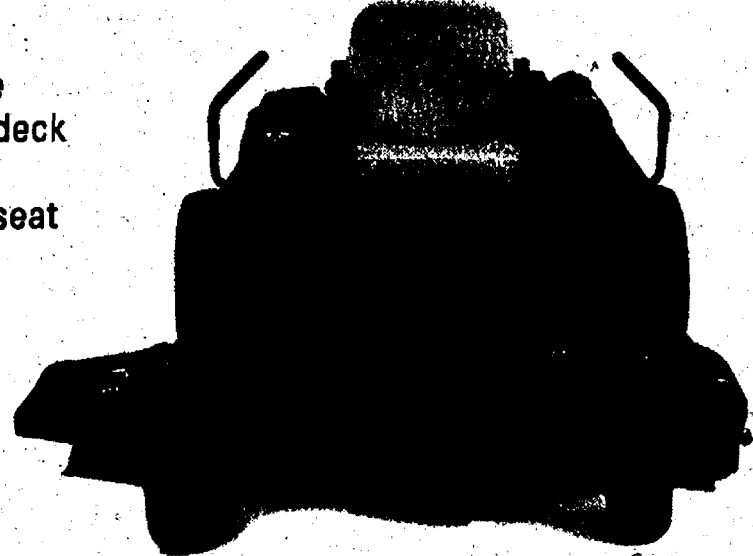


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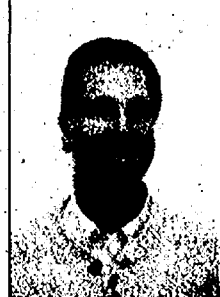
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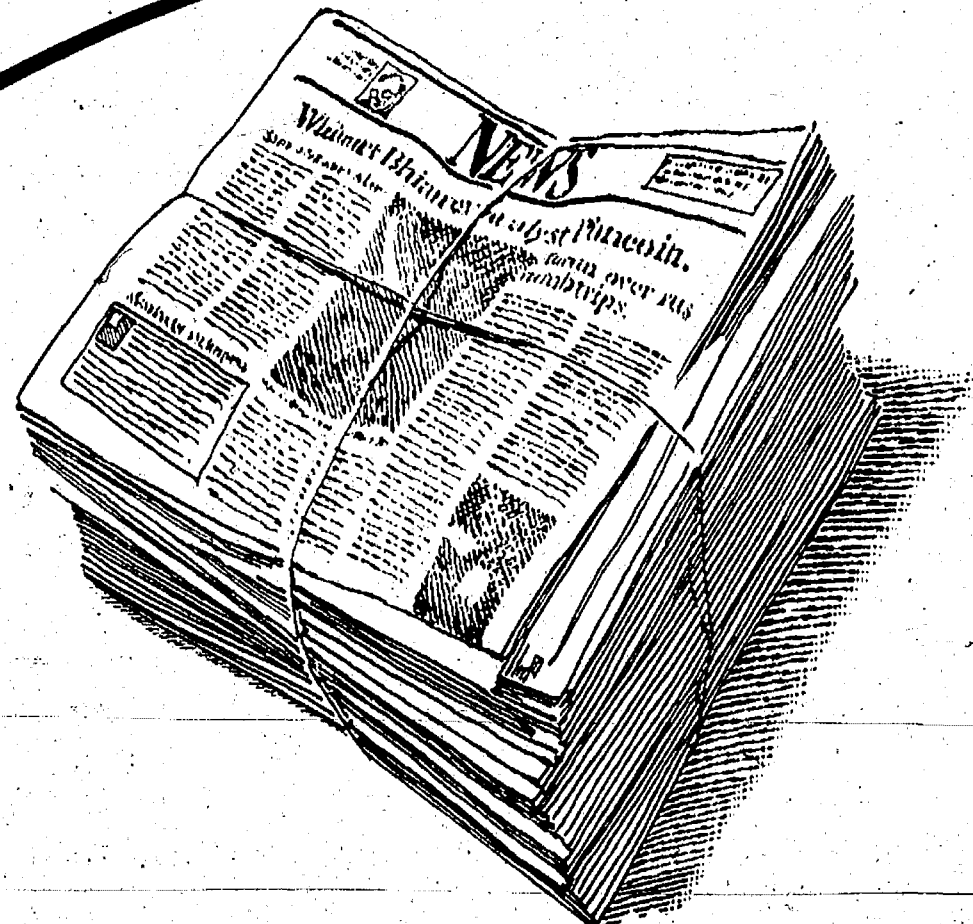
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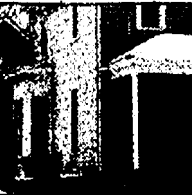
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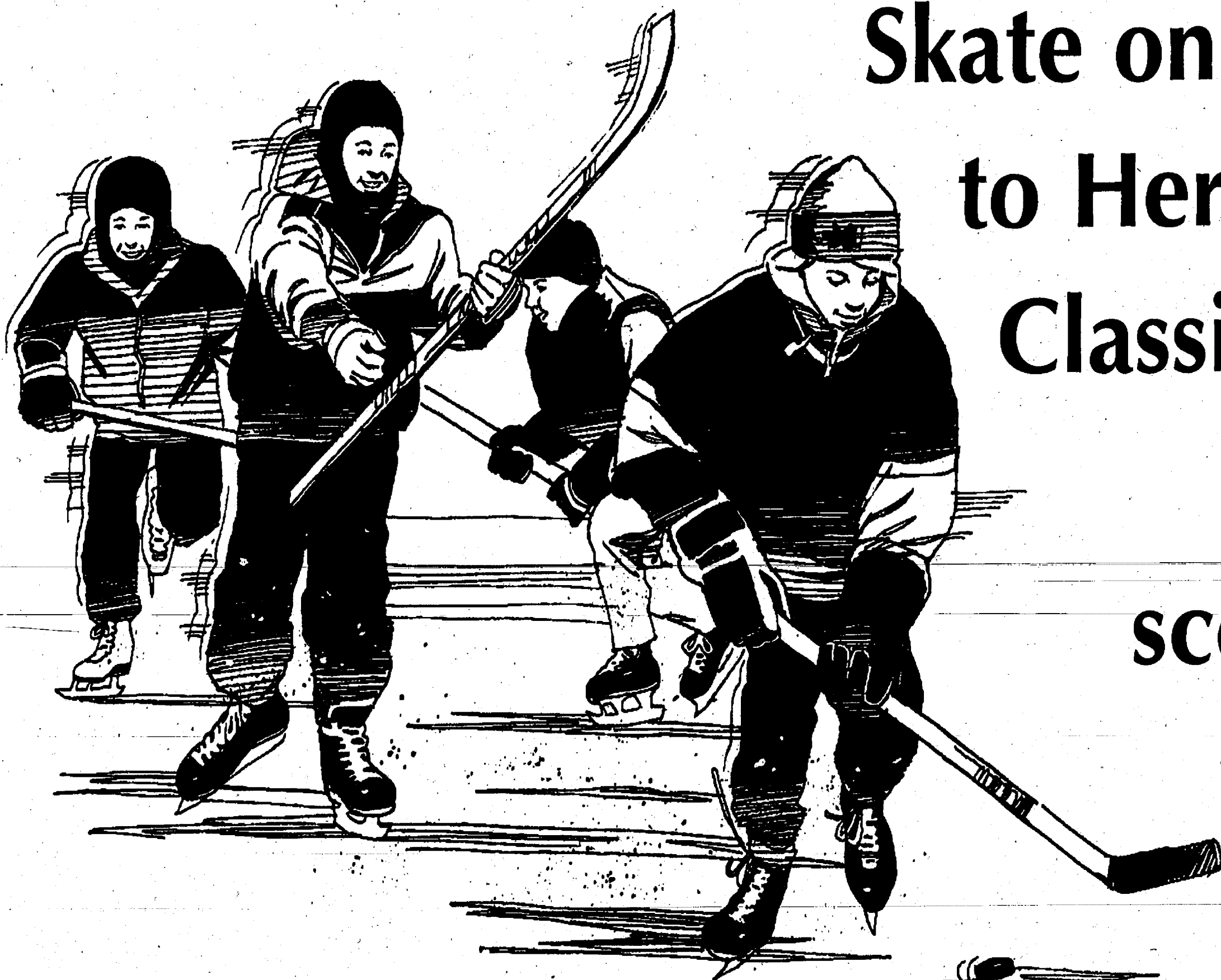
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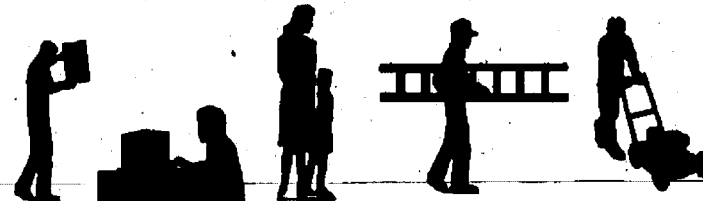


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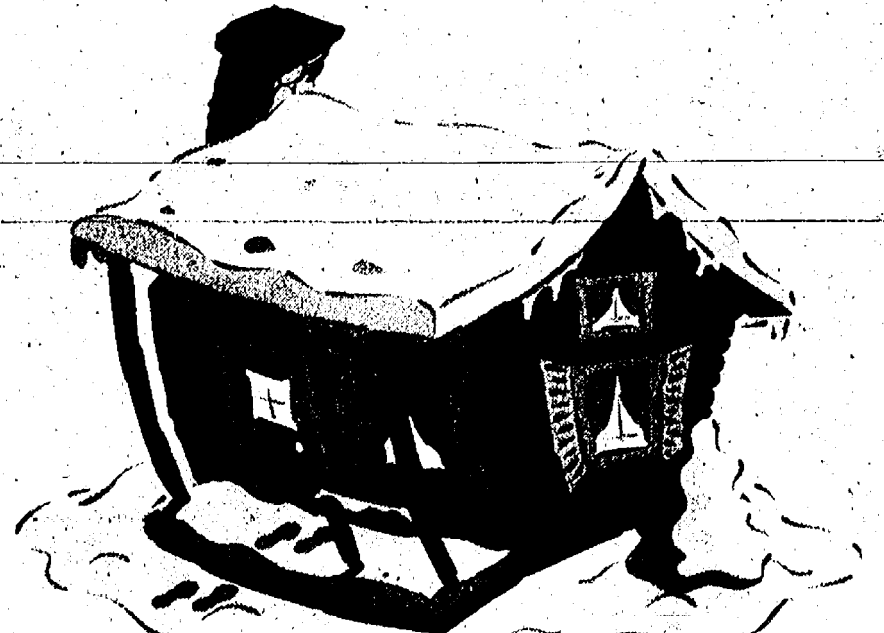
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- Resistance unit
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- Island garland
- From square one
- 1492 ship
- Mess up
- Body of laws
- Kind of lizard
- Lucy's hubby
- A billion years
- Stood up against
- Suppressed
- Approximately
- Pakistan's language
- Shoveled
- Wagon
- Open-mouthed
- Post-Renaissance period
- Shame
- Snapshot
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- Suit
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- Lennon's lady
- Started
- Lamb's dam
- Largest of the five
- Reaction to pyro-technics
- Moment
- "Waking - Devine"
- Middle Eastern nation
- Wall paint color
- Calendar information
- Campus area
- Incite
- Leaf wearer
- Work on the soundtrack
- Space
- Perfume label word
- 30-Down's offering
- Family member
- Night light
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- "Can I take that as -?"
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Academy Awards Trivia

Not even Hollywood insiders know everything about the Academy Awards®. Can anyone know everything about Oscar? Not quite. But you can come pretty close with our FAQs.

- Q. Who has more Oscar nominations than any one else in Academy history?**
A. Walt Disney holds that record with 64 Academy Award nominations. John Williams' 41 nominations make him the most nominated living person.
- Q. Which actor has the most nominations? Who has the most wins?**
A. Katharine Hepburn and Meryl Streep are tied at 12 nominations apiece. Ms. Hepburn holds the distinction of the most wins with four Leading Actress Oscars.
- Q. Who has won the most Academy Awards in total?**
A. Walt Disney is the all-time winner with 26 Academy Awards to his name, including two Special Awards and the Irving G. Thalberg Memorial Award.
- Q. Is there anybody who has won an Oscar every time he or she has been nominated?**
A. Dozens of people have that honor, but four-time Academy Award winner Mark Berger holds the record for the most. Berger won his Oscar statuettes in the Sound category for APOCALYPSE NOW (1979), THE RIGHT STUFF (1983), AMADEUS (1984) and THE ENGLISH PATIENT (1996).

Throw an Oscar Party

It's Hollywood's version of the Super Bowl!

The 72nd Academy Awards - over three hours of hype, ads, and celebrities. Nominations for the best movie, actress and actors were announced on February 15, and the Oscars will be awarded on Sunday, March 26. Since scoring tickets to the biggest show in town is nearly impossible, why not recruit your own cast of stars and host your own Oscar Night Party?

The envelope please... Use formal invitations and enclose an RSVP card designed to look like a voting ballot. Cut out Oscar shapes, cover them with gold gift wrap, and write your party details on the back. If your party will be black tie, cut out a bow tie from black construction paper and write your party details in gold or white ink. Use large gold stars as invitations and fill envelopes with gold confetti. Send ballot forms along with each invitation so your guests can fill them out before the party begins.

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The Legacy of the Oscar Statuette

It's been called "the Academy statuette," "the golden trophy" and "the statue of merit." The entertainment trade paper, Weekly Variety, even attempted to popularize "the Iron Man." Thankfully, the term never stuck. Born in 1928, the Academy Award of Merit - which we know as simply "the Oscar" - depicts a knight holding a crusader's sword, standing on a reel of film with five spokes, signifying the original branches of the Academy: Actors, Writers, Directors, Producers and Technicians. Weighing 8.5 pounds and standing 13.5 inches tall, the statuette was designed by MGM's chief art director Cedric Gibbons. Frederic Hope, Gibbons' assistant, created the original Belgian black marble base, artist George Stanley sculpted the design, and the California Bronze Foundry hand cast the first statuette in bronze plated with 24-karat gold.

The Origin of the Oscar Name A popular but unsubstantiated story has been that the moniker caught on after Academy librarian and eventual executive director Margaret Herrick said that the statuette resembled her Uncle Oscar. Its first documented mention came after the sixth Awards Presentation in 1934 when Hollywood columnist Sidney Skolsky used it in reference to Katharine Hepburn's first Best Actress win. The Academy itself didn't use the nickname officially until 1939.

Oscar has changed his look on occasion. In the 1930s, juvenile players received miniature replicas of the statuette; ventriloquist Edgar Bergen was presented with a wooden statuette with a moveable mouth; and Walt Disney was honored with one full-size and seven miniature statuettes on behalf of his animated feature SNOW WHITE AND THE SEVEN DWARFS. In support of the World War II effort between 1942 and 1944, Oscars were made of plaster, to be traded in for golden statuettes after the war. Additionally, the base was raised and changed from marble to metal in 1945. And in 1949, Academy Award statuettes began to be numbered, starting with No. 501.

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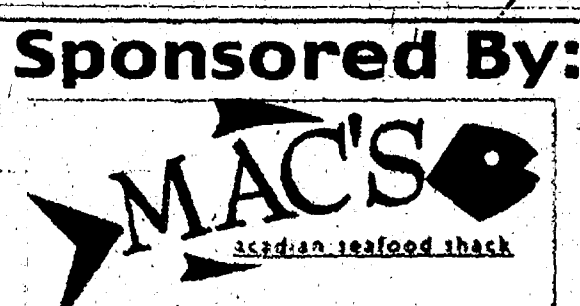
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When the first Academy Awards were handed out on May 16, 1929, movies had just begun to talk. That first ceremony took place during a banquet held in the Blossom Room of the Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel. How many people attended and what was the cost of the tickets?

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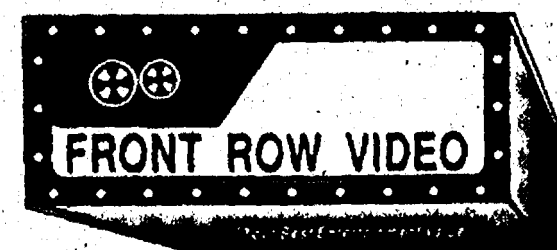
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