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CHELSEA AREA

Crops delayed by rainy spring

Wet soil causing problems for local farmers and their cash crops

By Andrew DerVartanian
Special Writer

One of Michigan's rainiest springs on record is causing more problems than simply threatening parades or ruining picnic plans.

Local farmers are attempting to deal with the aftermath of an unusually rainy May and June that caused some to replant most of their crops and left them scrambling to recover lost revenue.

"Weather is quite a factor in farming," said Lloyd Grau, a farmer in Sylvan Township. "We need moisture, (but) we just don't need 4 inches in six hours."

Grau has been farming since 1962, producing corn, soybeans, hay and wheat as his primary crops. Precipitation and farming need to strike a delicate balance for the soil to be in good enough condition for optimal crop production, he said.

"The soil underneath is still quite wet and has certainly delayed the advancement of plants," Grau said. "The soil should be loose, a lot like flour or sugar. But, as of now, the roto-tiller pulls up chunks the size of apricots."

The extraordinary rainfall this spring has set back the planting schedule of crops, which, in turn, has hit farmers in their pocketbooks.

"We've lost around $500,000 in profits this season, so far, because of replanting and sales lost," added farmer Mike DuRussel of Manchester. "We're just now recovering and starting to get back on schedule."

DuRussel's family has been farming for more than 130 years and produces everything from potatoes and spinach to red beets and strawberries. He said that this has been one of the rainiest seasons that he can remember.

The entire state has been hit by non-stop rain since March. Lansing and Muskegon have had their rainiest seasons on record, with 14.47 and 16.17 inches, respectively, from the beginning of March through the end of May.

Grand Rapids had its wettest spring since 1976 with 16.12 inches.

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— ARTISTIC LEGACY —

Photo courtesy of Susan Forner

Beth and Susan Forner enjoy time together at a 1997 art fair in Chelsea. They were selling paintings by the elder Forner, who died last month.

Daughter carries on mom's dream

By Maria Sprow
Staff Writer

There's no hello more appreciated than the kind that comes with a bouquet of flowers, and Susan Forner is hoping her mother's flowers are no exception. Maybe they'll even be better.

After all, they were perfected over time and with great care. They'll never go out of season. And unlike the three-dimensional kind that eventually withers away, they're guaranteed not to die.

The flowers in question aren't genetically modified, and they aren't plastic. They are painted, and if everything goes according to Forner's plan, they may be coming to a greeting card stand nearby.

Susan's mother, Beth Forner of Chelsea, spent most of the last 50 years painting still life and landscapes. Painting was her passion. Her artwork has been displayed at various art shows, including those in Chelsea and the Ann Arbor Art Fair.

Beth Forner, 91, died last month in her home from natural causes. Born and raised in Saskatchewan, Canada, she moved to Ann Arbor in 1937 and had lived in Chelsea since 1939. She and her husband, Albert, who is also now deceased, raised six children in the area.

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CHELSEA

Chelsea Fair Queen contest struggling

More contestants needed

By Maria Sprow
Staff Writer

The Chelsea Fair Queen program is struggling to attract contestants, and first-time fair queen contest Superintendent Danielle Hale is feverishly attempting to figure out why.

Is the talent portion of the contest scaring possible contestants?

Is the scholarship money not lucrative enough?

Are businesses just not willing to sponsor contestants anymore?

Are the girls afraid they won't have the time to find a sponsor, build a float and develop a program before the Chelsea Community Fair?

Maybe. But Hale has been working hard to ease those concerns.

She raised the scholarship money to $1,000, which is up from last year's $500 prize, and added a $500 bonus for the runner-up.

Moreover, Hale said several area businesses are excited about the contest, but still don't have anyone to sponsor.

"It was fun. I had a blast and it was good for my scrapbook. It gave me confidence," Hale said about her own attempt to win the crown in 1996 when she earned the title of first runner-up.

She said the hardest part for many students is finding a talent to perform, but added thta once competitors begin to think more creatively, the term "talent" doesn't have to refer to just singing and dancing.

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WASHTENAW COUNTY

Virus turns up in crows

Residents should still report sightings of dead birds

By Marsha Johnson Chartrand
Heritage Newspapers

Three dead crows in Washtenaw County have tested positive for the West Nile virus, one of which was located in Dexter and another in nearby Sharon Township, outside Manchester.

The Sharon Township bird was discovered June 22 and infection was confirmed June 28 by Washtenaw County Public Health.

"The real significance of viral multiplication at this point in the summer is that it warns us of an increased possibility of transmission to humans," said Dr. Stan Reedy, medical director at Washtenaw County Public Health.

The location of a West Nile-positive crow within the 48158 ZIP code means the county will no longer accept birds from this area for testing. However, residents should still report sightings of dead crows, blue jays and ravens by calling the West Nile hotline at 1-734-544-6750. These birds will be counted and mapped to predict the level of virus activity in a geographic area.

"It's certainly not panic time," said Angela Parsons, Environmental Health Educator for Washtenaw County. "It's more of a wake-up call. It's a reminder that we're not out of the woods yet."

Out of the woods, indeed. The county's plan for dealing with West Nile virus includes reminders to dress appropriately in wooded areas to minimize exposure to infected mosquitoes.

The Sharon Township sighting was actually the first in the county. A second crow was found in Dexter June 27.

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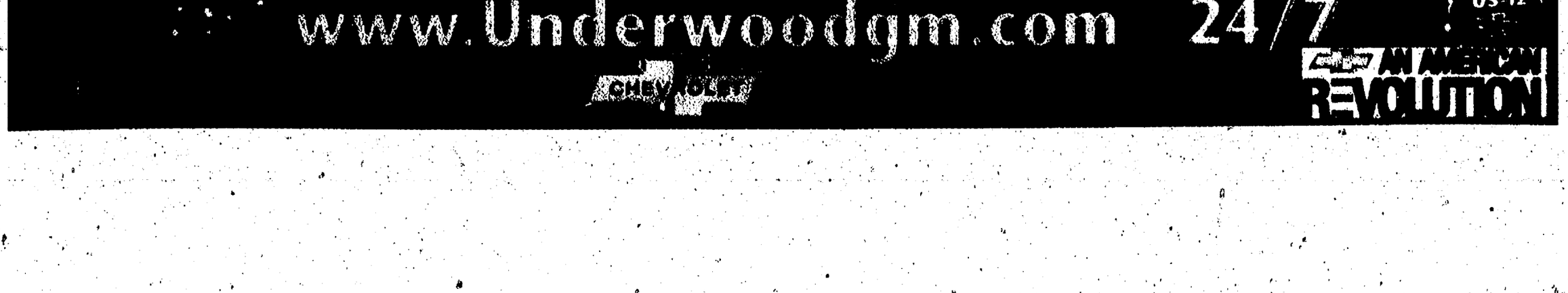
■ **50th Anniversary Community Picnic:** The Chelsea First Assembly of God, 14900 Old US-12, is holding its 50th anniversary celebratory community picnic 1 p.m. Sunday.

■ **Area youth perform in "Annie Jr." production:** More than 70 children performed in the Chelsea Area Players Junior Theatre group's performance of "Annie Jr." July 1 and 2 at Chelsea High School. The group's next event is titled "Mime Your Own Business," and is a drama class on pantomime techniques. It's scheduled for July 24 at Beach Middle School.

The cost to participate is $10 for members and $15 for non-members.

■ **Air Conditioned Bingo:** The Manchester Community Fair will host bingo night from 7 to 10 p.m. tonight, tomorrow and Saturday at the Manchester fairgrounds.

■ **Zion Church Day Camp 2004:** The Zion Church Day Camp, for youth ages 5 through 12, starts Monday. The camp runs every day this week from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and features outdoor games, crafts, "water day," nature walks, camp songs and Bible stories. For more information, call 475-8064.



Fire Safety

Jacob Hasting (left) pours on the water during a tour of the Chelsea Fire Department. Firefighter Kenny Bauer taught the kids the importance of "stop, drop and roll" when one's clothes catch on fire. His participation was part of the Safety Town program offered through Chelsea Community Education.

Photo courtesy of Heather McDougall

STRAIGHT FACTS

The article "Arctic Coliseum may get new owners" in the July 1 edition should have said that an equalization factor above 1.0 would be applied to all city properties if the county determines that properties on average are under-assessed. If the county determines that properties on average are over-assessed, then an equalization factor below 1.0 would be applied to get the equalization valuation.

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The article "Cyclists camp out in Chelsea" in the July 1 edition should have said the Newman family is from Sylvan Township and they did not camp at the school overnight. In addition, Kaia Newman's name was misspelled and photo credit should have been given to Heather Newman.

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MDOT produces guide

What are the best routes for navigating around and through construction on state roads?

The Michigan Department of Transportation has released "Paving the Way," its 2004 road repair guide to help motorists as they travel throughout the state.

The free publication is a reference for major road and bridge projects taking place during the 2004 construction season and identifies major projects in all seven MDOT regions. It also details construction in Detroit and Grand Rapids, with two maps specific to these two areas.

"Growing Michigan's economy means delivering the best roads possible to Michigan motorists and visitors," State Transportation Director Gloria Jeff said in a press release. "By planning ahead and consulting MDOT's construction map, Michigan travelers will have a safer, smoother trip."

The brochure is available at MDOT's Transportation Service Centers, region offices, and Michigan Welcome Centers, and it's posted at state rest areas.

In addition to the printed map, motorists may access a regularly updated electronic version on the MDOT Web site at www.michigan.gov/mdot and clicking on the "2004 Construction Map, Paving the Way" link found below "Getting Around."

In addition, a regularly updated list of lane closures appears on the MDOT Web site at www.mdot.state.mi.us/laneclosure.

MDOT also operates 24-hour phone lines with information about metro Detroit and west Michigan road reports. Motorists may call 1-800-641-6368 for 24-hour, toll-free access to project information for the Detroit's tri-county area.

For information about travel in west or southwest Michigan, drivers may call 1-888-305-7283. To request copies of "Paving the Way," contact the MDOT Office of Communications at 1-517-373-2160.

Seniors on the Go

Chelsea Senior Citizens recently gathered for a potluck to reminisce about the group's trip to Washington, D.C., Williamsburg, W.Va., and Norfolk, Va. The group visited the World War II Memorial a week before it was dedicated. Eighteen of the 35 travelers are pictured at the potluck. In front are Pat Trinkle (left), Onalee Hartley, Yvonne Johnson, Nancy Schutze and Stephanie Swinder; center, Eloise Schulz, Maryann Myers, Earlyne Figg, Barbara Braun, Kurt Braun, Henry Johnson, Barbara Roderick and Ruth Schauer; in back, Cameron Figg (left), Forest Hartley, Carl Schauer, Willis Schulz and Gary Roderick.

WASHTENAW COUNTY

Students' work in magazine

If its vivid orange color doesn't get your attention, the stunning graphics on its front and back cover will, as will the works of local contributors.

The third edition of Washtenaw Community College's award-winning The Huron River Review is now available in bookstores and features contributions from Susan Pulju of Chelsea, and Morgan Barrie and Lindsey Harnish of Dexter.

The journal includes an array of fiction, poetry, nonfiction, illustrations, photography, and graphic design.

Readers are expected to enjoy submissions such as those of photography student Heather Mitchell, whose vivid purple, red, orange, and blue graffiti photograph, titled "Paydirt," adorns the cover of the issue.

Barrie, a Washtenaw Technical Middle College student, contributed a poem titled "Black - Liquid Envelope," which, on the surface, is about jumping off a dock into a lake, but may be read also as a metaphorical meditation on solitude, death and rebirth.

Accolades continue to come in for the Review's second edition, according to a press release from the college. Most recently, the Columbia Scholastic Press Association, a program of the Graduate School of Journalism at Columbia University, awarded it the Silver Crown Award for collegiate magazines, one of only seven given in that category.

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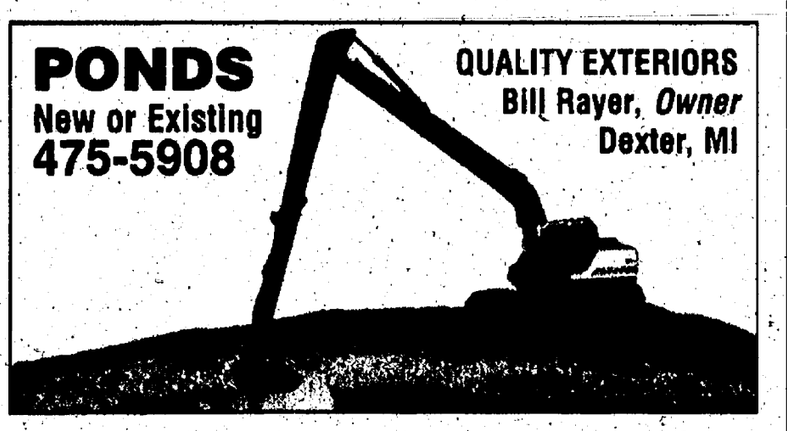

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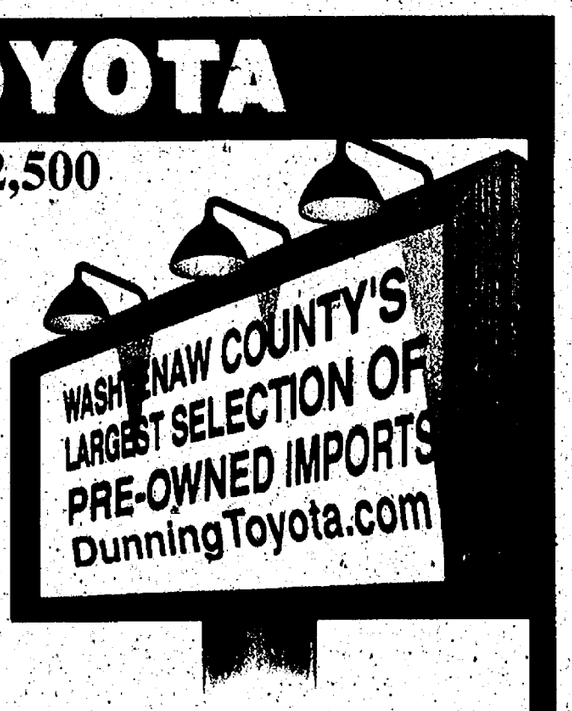

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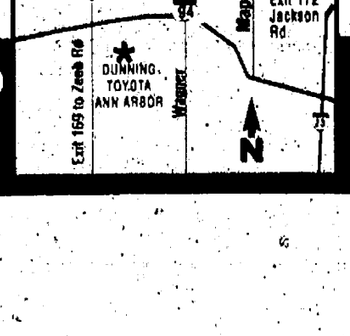

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VIRUS

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and a third in the 48105 ZIP code of Ann Arbor June 29. There have been no reported cases of West Nile virus in humans, horses or other animals at this time.

Dexter and Manchester villages, in a proactive measure for mosquito control, have applied larvicide to storm sewer catch basins to eliminate some of the breeding grounds.

Rural townships, however, have no real means — financial or otherwise — to take preventive measures, said Shafon Township Supervisor Gary Blades. In this case, Parsons said, the responsibility for preventing exposure to infected mosquitoes rests on individual residents.

"While rural wetland areas can be a breeding ground for mosquitoes, they are also an excellent habitat for predators of mosquitoes," she said. "And since mosquitoes can breed in something as small as a bottle cap, we'll never eliminate all the standing water.

"But draining standing water from bird baths, pools, gutters, flower pots and buckets can reduce the risk."

Also, taking personal protection measures such as using insect repellent containing DEET, staying away from mosquito-infested areas and keeping the screens on your home in good condition can help avoid exposure to the West Nile virus.

"These are all just things you have to do to be responsible, and little measures we should be doing anyway," Parsons said. "Not only to prevent West Nile and other mosquito-borne illnesses, but it's no fun being bitten, either."

Parsons stressed that the discovery of three dead birds in the county is not cause for alarm, but, more importantly, an opportunity to inform and remind people of the need for vigilance.

"It's not unexpected that these birds came back positive," she said. "We have had (infected birds) each summer since 2001. There aren't any pockets of hot virus activity that we need to be concerned about. It's just the knowledge that there is active transmission in the county.

"Be on guard, take measures to protect yourself."

Since it was first discovered in the United States in 1999, West Nile virus has been considered a late summer occurrence.

"It has typically taken time for the virus to build up in mosquito and bird populations," Parsons said. "But the virus hasn't really been around long enough to determine what is 'typical.' The million-dollar question is what will happen this year ... or next year."

Again, Parsons stresses that there is no need to panic. Even with a reported case of human West Nile virus in Kalamazoo County, there had been no local reports in southeastern Michigan at press time. And most people who are infected with West Nile won't know they are infected or become ill.

"Enjoy the outdoors," she said. "Just be vigilant; protect yourself."

CONTEST

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One year, she said, a competitor delivered a speech about her shoes. Another girl showcased her steer for the contest.

"You don't have to have a singing talent," Hale said.

This isn't the first year the title hasn't given area teenagers dreams of royalty. The contest's level of participation has been dwindling over the years.

When Hale vied for the crown, she was among 14 competitors. That was less than 10 years ago. Only five girls competed last year, down from seven in 2002.

This year, the initial applicant pool was at eight competitors, but five of the girls either never finished their applications or decided to withdraw from the contest.

Incoming Chelsea High School senior Beth Muszkiewicz, who is among the three declared contestants, said one of the problems may be that those thinking about participating don't believe they'll have a decent chance of winning.

"I had some doubts about my ability to compete, and so maybe other people are being doubtful of themselves," she said, adding that she talked to several previous competitors before deciding to join the contest. "They didn't have anything bad to say about the competition. They said they would do it again."

Mia Lancioni, the 2003 fair queen, said one problem with the competition is the belief that senior girls always claim the top prize. So, they wait a couple years to participate and later find themselves too busy.

But Lancioni said there could be several advantages to entering the contest at a younger age.

"I think they should do it when they are younger ... It could definitely help build your confidence level because you have to meet new people and go up on stage. If you're just entering high school, that's a big help," she said.

To be eligible for the contest, girls must be from either Chelsea or Dexter and entering ninth through 12th grades. Candidates are judged on community, school and church involvement; talent; a private interview with the judges; and a question-and-answer public speaking portion.

Prior to fair week, contestants must obtain a sponsor and build a float for use in the fair parade. During fair week, contestants hand out ribbons at the livestock auction, model for Ladies' Day and attend the parades, among other obligations.

Girls interested in participating or wanting more information should contact Hale at 475-7428 by July 22. The first event for fair queen candidates is set July 23.

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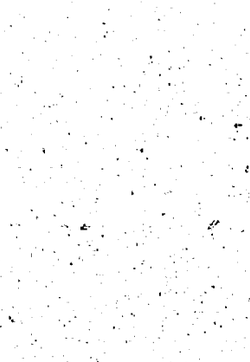
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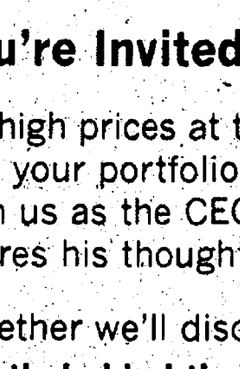
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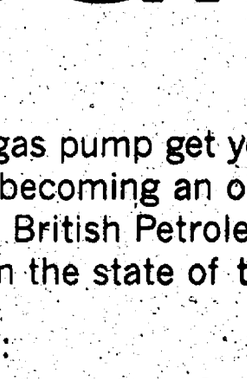
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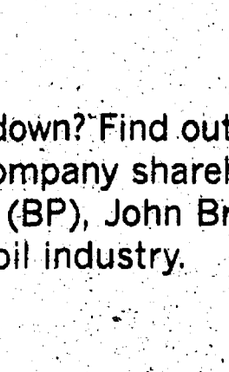
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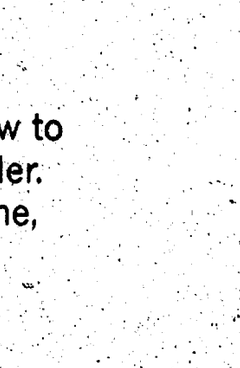
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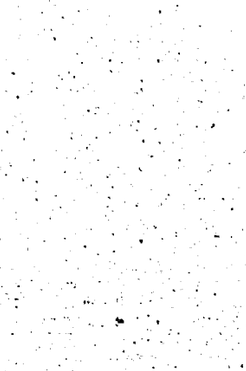
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GRASS LAKE

Edgar earns promotion

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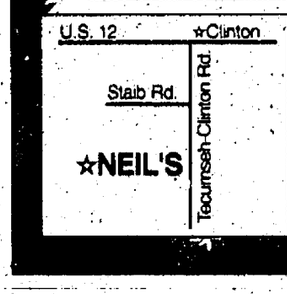

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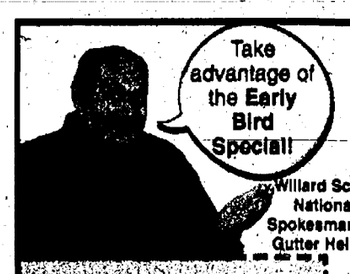

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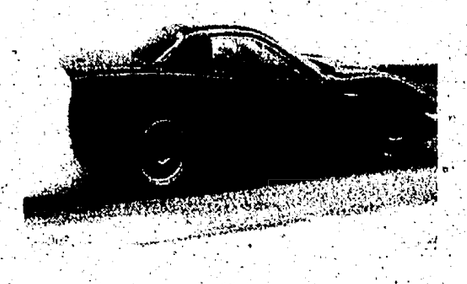
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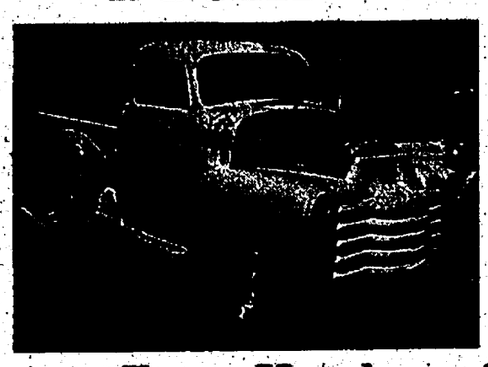

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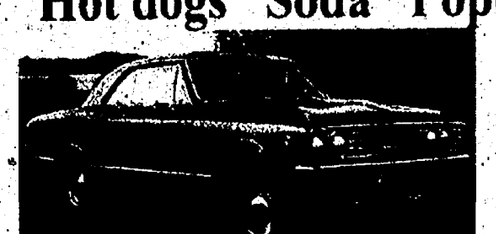
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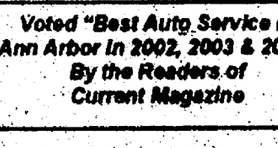
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Beth Forner works on a painting in her home in Chelsea in an undated photograph. Forner began painting in the 1950s and continued developing her skills for the next 50 years.

DREAM

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Art has played a major role in the family's genealogical history, running from Susan's grandmother — known for her ability to draw pigs — down to Beth and each of Beth's six children, as well as a number of grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Susan Forner, who now lives in the Chicago area and is delving into porcelain-related art, said she first knew she wanted to be an artist after attending an art class with her mother in 1957. She was only 7 years old.

"I was hooked. That's when I decided I was going to be an artist when I grew up, just like my mother," Forner said. "I was just totally enthralled and said, 'This is what I want to do.'"

Susan Forner said her mother had always wanted to be an artist, but did not start until 1956, when her son Jerome came home from his part-time job at the local drug store with paints and an easel in hand.

Thus started the next 45 years of painting landscapes, seascapes and flower portraitures. She took classes in oil, acrylic, watercolor and china painting, as well as abstract art, charcoal drawing and ceramics.

Once she started, she didn't want to stop. But eventually, her eyesight began to go bad and painting became difficult for the elder Forner. Her daughter said she tried valiantly to come up with a solution to keep her mother working on her passion.

"She would just talk about all the different paintings she had done, and she would really start to reminisce," Susan Forner said, adding that it was difficult to watch her mother suffer because she could no longer do the thing she most loved.

Forner began thinking of creative ways to keep her mother in touch with her passion. The duo started creating an art portfolio, making copies and prints of the family's favorite paintings. It was then that the idea to turn the art into greeting cards first started forming.

"It really made her happy, for people to be able to enjoy her art," Susan Forner said.

Forner said she has talked to several businesses in Chelsea and Dexter about selling the greeting cards, though she said those discussions are only in the preliminary stages.

Though no businesses are lined up to offer the greeting cards, Forner said she is still working on the business plan, but for personal reasons.

"I wanted to finish what we started together," she said. "I want to make some sort of tribute to her in my own way."

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POLICE BLOTTER

Scio Township

Child Neglect

A 29-year-old man called police after a small child wandered on his front lawn June 27 at his home in Scio Farms Estates, 6655 Jackson Road.

The man told police he was working on his front door when he noticed the boy on his lawn. The man said he saw a tricycle in the middle of the road.

The boy would only say his name and could not give any more information. The man's wife decided to call 911 to help the boy find his home.

After an initial interview with the child, a deputy noticed a woman walking up and down the street. The woman, 23, confirmed the boy was her son.

The woman said she has a problem with her son wandering off. She said she was in the back of her home working and assumed her son was in front playing on his bike. When she didn't hear him for 10 minutes, she went looking for him.

A police report said the boy was wearing blue pajamas and torn blue socks, and appeared healthy and nourished.

The woman said she is a single mother who has trouble caring for her son without any additional help.

A police report said the woman did not make contact with her son until 85 minutes after he went missing.

The case is open pending review by a social worker, a report said.

Recovered Property

A 59-year-old man called police June 22 after finding a small fort built in the woods near his home in the Loch Alpine subdivision.

The man told police he was aware that teenagers had built the fort in the woods, and that some neighbors knew there were teenagers hanging out in it.

Police found two small couches, two mattresses and some stolen road signs from the subdivision.

Police advised the man to call 911 when there were cars in the area that didn't belong.

Larceny

A 56-year-old man called police June 22 after discovering that his trailer had been stolen from a "park and ride" commuter lot located on Miller Road near the M-14 expressway in Scio Township.

The man told police that he had run his vehicle off the

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Photo by Steve Ricci

Marvelous Morel

Sam and Jeff Picklesimer of Lyndon Township found as 12-inch morel mushroom May 10 north of Lyndon Township.

OTHER VOICES

Stars, stripes mean freedom, responsibility

BARBARA ZIEMBA

The flag hung limply from the top of the flagpole. Clouds had moved in the early afternoon on Memorial Day, drenching everything, including the old standard.

The people who lived next door to my cousin were going to raise a new flag in its place. But before they did so, they were going to give Old Glory a proper sendoff — with a meticulously researched flag-burning ceremony.

The word had gone out to one and all to witness the event. Neighbors were invited to bring their old flags so that they could properly be disposed of as well.

As with most ceremonies, this one was running late, but it gave people time to visit and catch up with each other.

Little ones came in the arms of their dads and moms. Youngsters spotted each other across the yard and raced together, like little drops of mercury melding into one large pool once they're in range of each other.

One little girl looked like a medieval princess, complete with crown and flowing velvet dress. She cut quite the imperial figure among the democratic rabble.

Over time, about 50 people of all ages had gathered in the back yard, all anxiously awaiting the big moment.

After some to-ing and fro-ing, we were ready. Our host welcomed us, and then gave us an overview of what would happen.

A recording of the national anthem was cued up on a boom box, and we all stood quietly. I spotted a friend's husband in a corner of the yard. His baseball cap was in his right hand, covering his heart.

Out of nowhere, a breeze drifted across the yard. The banner that had hung rather dispiritedly now was waving pretty strongly, the familiar stars and stripes clearly visible to all.

As the anthem ended, the old flag came down and the new one was hoisted into position.

Four boys solemnly carried the old banner to the front of the yard. The homeowner's son took a pair of scissors and cut out the field of blue with white stars while the flag's owner read what the emblem signified. Then, each stripe was cut until the flag was in shreds.

As we watched in silence, the teen carried the shreds to a fire pit. As each piece of the flag was about to be burned, he kissed it, and then lowered it into the pit.

But the pieces weren't just dumped into the fire — each was held over the coals and just a tip was allowed to touch them. Only after the fragment was aflame was it placed on the coals.

It was tremendously touching. Even the little kids looked on with a sense of reverence, which was palpable in the crowd.

Other flags followed. While they weren't cut into pieces, each was treated with respect and care.

All of the cinders were going to be buried at a special spot in the yard set aside for that purpose.

Fittingly, the light rain had ended a little earlier. We glimpsed something of the sunset that was going on behind the scattering clouds.

Making my way through the knots of people, I encountered an interesting vignette playing itself out: a tearful older woman thanking our host for inviting all of us to the ceremony.

"My father was a prisoner of war in Korea," she said. "He never came home. He died there."

I didn't stop to talk to her, but I hope her tears also signified a sense of pride in what her father and others like him accomplished, not only in Korea, but throughout our 228 years as an independent nation.

During that time, we've managed to keep ourselves — and a good portion of the world — free. That is some record.

But the work goes on. From Washington's desperate gamble at Trenton, N.J., to keep the Continental Army in the struggle against the British (now our closest allies — don't you love irony?) to Saddam Hussein's appearance in a sovereign Iraqi court last Thursday, the long hard slog seems never-ending.

We stand on the shoulders of giants, and now it's our turn to shoulder the responsibility that freedom requires.

In the meantime, the stars and stripes will fly above it all as long as we never forget what it stands for.

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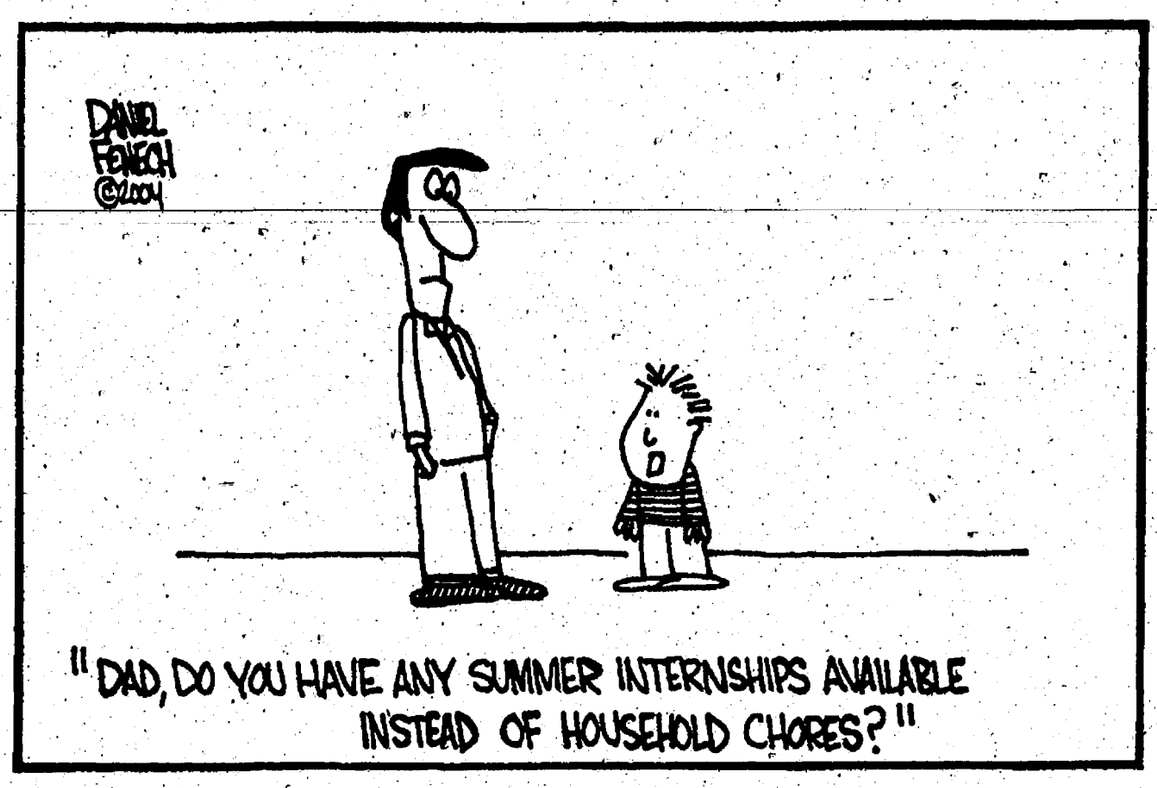

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Events in Iraq a matter of perspective

For me, the transfer of "sovereignty" to the new interim Iraqi government started at 7:07 a.m. Monday when my significant other called me with the news.

"Chad, we transferred power to the Iraqis two days early," said my girlfriend, Amanda Draper.

To which I replied, "Yeah, so what? It's just a puppet government. Who cares?"

Amanda, who shares my love for news events, knows to let a subject die when I use my liberal euphemisms to denounce its importance.

And so it was. A day full of everyone talking about how sovereign Iraq is now.

I went back to sleep for an hour and woke up to find most of my cable channels fuzzy and distorted. Only the FOX News Channel continued to broadcast with biased clarity.

The anchors on FOX did everything short of break open champagne bottles in celebration. They were so excited. Everyone acted like this was it; the occupation was over.

Luckily, I have opposed this war not because of the cause of freeing an abused society, but because I don't think we should give the same group of neo-conservative hawks a second chance to clean up problems that they created. Remember the 1980s?

So, I blew off FOX and went to work at The Daily Telegram, the newspaper in Adrian I am interning at this summer. My assignment was covering a press conference in which U.S. Sen. John McCain, R-Arizona, was speaking in Battle Creek to share his support for 7th District Congressional candidate John "Joe" Schwarz.

I was ready to bombard the disgruntled Republican with questions about the national deficit, the stagnant Bush doctrine, health care, Social Security and Michigan's unemployment rates, which just went up again.

Instead, all McCain wants to talk about is how he liked the Bush administration's sneaky move to bump up the hand over of power. As a result, I had no story that could be localized for Lenawee County.

"Great," I told myself. "I drive 90 miles to Battle Creek to hear McCain praise Bush, who he usually criticizes."

So, I call an Iraqi-American living in Adrian. This 65-year-old man was nearly in tears as he spoke to me about his excitement about Iraq getting closer to becoming a democracy.

As I shared his feelings in my story, I came to realize something about this whole "Operation Iraqi Freedom." He is so optimistic; I am so pessimistic. I focus myself on the deceitful politicians who fed the American people the fear that some country we helped arm 20 years ago could use their crusty anthrax on us.

This guy was just so excited that U.S. soldiers have helped liberate his family members still in Iraq 24 years after he fled the country.

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OTHER VOICES

GOP getting down, dirty

TIM SKUBICK

Some Republicans did not have the common courtesy to wait until Ronald Reagan was buried before they violated his 11th commandment: Thou shalt not say anything negative about a fellow Republican.

Take the case of Sharon Wise. In 1997, she became the national committeewoman for the state party. She was running for re-election earlier this year. When she showed up at the state GOP convention, she ran into what one of her backers described as a "brutal, underhanded, down-and-dirty" effort to defeat her.

She says her backers were screamed at on the floor of the convention and the situation almost degenerated into "hand-to-hand combat."

Here's why: Wise accuses her opponents of handing out literature suggesting she was pro-choice on abortion. That's because she once nominated a pro-choice woman to run for the University of Michigan Board of Regents. Wise says she did embrace Judy Frey, but quickly adds, "I'm so pro-life."

The flier went on to suggest that Wise tried to remove the pro-life plank from the party platform and implied she opposed a ban on partial birth abortion.

She says all that stuff was false. One of her backers called the attack a "typical (Chuck) Yob move." National committeeman Yob opposed the Wise nomination.

For those of you from another planet, the abortion issue inside the state GOP is the cutting-edge issue — much to the chagrin of Wise and others, including Oakland County executive L. Brooks Patterson.

Wise says she cried when she got home from the conclave, fearful that her party is headed in the wrong direction.

"I'm concerned there's a faction in the party that is about subtraction, not addition," she said. "We have to be a party of all sorts of Republicans."

She blames the west Michigan wing of the party for engineering her defeat.

Then there is House GOP candidate Kevin

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STREET TALK

By Rita Fischer

What is your favorite form of summer transportation?

"I like to drive my neighbors four wheeler around or Rollerblade."

Hank Dreffs
Webster Township

"I enjoy riding the boat to Mackinac Island in the summer months."

Katie Sullivan
Chelsea

"I enjoy sail boating to Sutton's Bay or any islands."

Joanna Nuber
Dexter Township

"I enjoy riding my bike around Hudson Mills Metropark."

Porter Wesson
Lyndon Township

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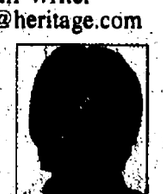

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POLICE

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road the night before. State troopers had called a tow truck to help him get the car and trailer out of the ditch.

The man noticed that a tire needed to be changed on the trailer and decided to leave the trailer in the commuter lot overnight.

When the man returned the next day to fix the tire, the trailer was gone.

The man told police he had two cars and a large amount of wood inside the trailer. The value of the trailer and its contents is estimated at $7,000.

Malicious Destruction of Property

A 39-year-old man called police June 27 after he saw three teenagers throwing rocks at a vehicle near his house in the 4100 block of Liberty Road.

The man told police that he looked out his rear window and saw two boys waving guns. He said they were hanging out near some heavy equipment and trucks, located behind his house. The man said he was unsure if the guns were real. A girl was also with the boys.

After watching the boys pick up rocks and throw them at a truck, the man drove toward them. The boys started to run toward the area of Eagle Pointe apartments, located behind the man's property.

Deputies arrived at the apartment complex and immediately found the girl who had been with the boys.

The girl, 14, said she was hanging out with the two boys, who fit the description of the suspects described by the man. The boys had pellet guns and decided to go find something to shoot.

Police found the younger boy, 14, who told police his older brother was visiting from Ypsilanti Township.

The man who reported the crime told police the equipment belonged to another man who was doing some work for him.

Police found the equipment, including a truck and a front-end loader, with multiple broken panes of glass.

The owner said his insurance does not cover vandalism and that he would forego prosecution if the children pay for the damages.

Home Invasion

A 36-year-old woman reported items stolen June 27 from her home in the 800 block of Dornoch Drive.

The woman said the family was on vacation at a cottage nearby and returned home to feed her cats when she noticed parts of the house had been ransacked.

The woman told police that jewelry, cash, a computer monitor and a watch had been stolen.

The woman also said the person who committed the break-in could be a young man who the family took in years ago. The woman said neither she nor her husband spoke with the boy in the past year because he was unwelcome at the house after having some behavior issues.

The woman also told police she recently learned the boy had been released pending a breaking-and-entering charge.

Police are investigating the incident.

Webster Township

Drunken Driving

A 45-year-old man was arrested June 11 for drunken driving after being stopped on Mast Road near North Territorial.

Sheriff's deputies stopped the man after noticing his car drift into an oncoming lane of traffic.

A deputy spotted a 12-pack of beer in the car and smelled a heavy odor of intoxicants coming from the man.

The man told police that he had two beers after leaving work in Ann Arbor.

A preliminary breath test revealed the man had a 0.18 blood-alcohol content, which is more than twice the 0.08 percent legal limit under state law.

The man's record showed a previous arrest for drunken driving.

Dexter Village

Operating A Vehicle Under the Influence of Drugs

A 26-year-old Ypsilanti man was arrested for driving without a license and smoking marijuana June 14 after police stopped him and two friends on Broad Street in Dexter.

Police stopped the man after observing erratic driving in which the driver appeared to be eluding police.

When a deputy approached the car, he immediately smelled burnt marijuana. The driver admitted he had smoked marijuana and that he was driving without a license.

Compiled by Staff Writer Scott Hagen based on police reports filed with the Michigan State Police, Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department and Chelsea Police Department.

GOP

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Green. He's running against Kent. Vanderwood to fill a soon-to-be vacant west Michigan seat now held by Rep. Joanne Vorhees. Green's campaign manager reports that Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land is quietly involved.

Doesn't she have other, more important stuff to do? It turns out Land is a cousin of Voorhees and Vanderwood is a "good family friend," as one GOP insider puts it.

The Voorhees folks have done battle with Green before. He defeated a Voorhees nephew for a local council seat in 1999. The contest "got nasty," according to a Green confidant.

Fast forward to this year, and the Vanderwood team asked Green to leave the race. He declined the generous offer and now things are getting "dirty," according to someone in his camp.

On the eve of a critical Grand Rapids Chamber of Commerce endorsement, Vanderwood told the group Green was endorsed by the Teamsters. The Green campaign believes somebody has been hinting that his marriage is in trouble.

"That's really dirty," one source argues, especially since none of it is true.

Vanderwood denies all of the allegations and makes one of his own. He says Green's gang is hinting that Vanderwood is against public education, given his private school background. Vanderwood pleads not guilty, even though he says he would decline a Michigan Education Association endorsement.

Maybe it's time to re-name the Grand Ole Party the Grand Ole Prevaricators.

Tim Skubick is a veteran observer of Lansing politics. He hosts the public TV show, "Off the Record," and also does commentary for WWJ-AM 950.

LETTERS

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I still don't believe this so-called "sovereignty" is real. But somewhere out there, we're winning at least one man's heart.

Chad Livengood
Adrian
Formerly of Chelsea

Ping would help make a difference

I would like to endorse Alicia Ping for state representative of the 52nd District. I have known her for three years and I have had the pleasure of working on the Saline City Youth Council with her for those three years.

Alicia started the Saline Youth Council as a way to get the youth more involved in the community where they live, and to get them to speak up and give a more youthful opinion on city issues.

Being on the youth council has taught me many useful skills like being a great leader and team player. Alicia took the youth council to different symposiums around the state and around the country.

We met other youth councils and we shared ideas on how to get funds for the projects we wanted to do in our community. We had the opportunity to speak about why we joined a youth council, which gave all of us on the council the confidence to speak in front of groups.

Working with Alicia has been a great experience and a huge pleasure. She has given the youth of Saline a chance to make a difference in our city.

Give Alicia a chance to make a difference in our state.

Stephanie Targgart
Saline

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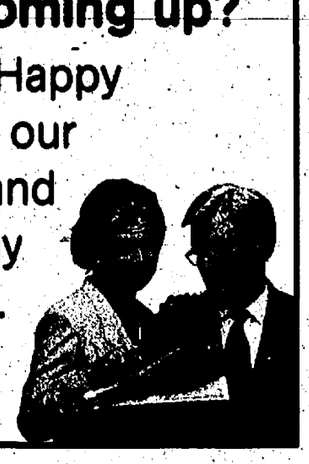

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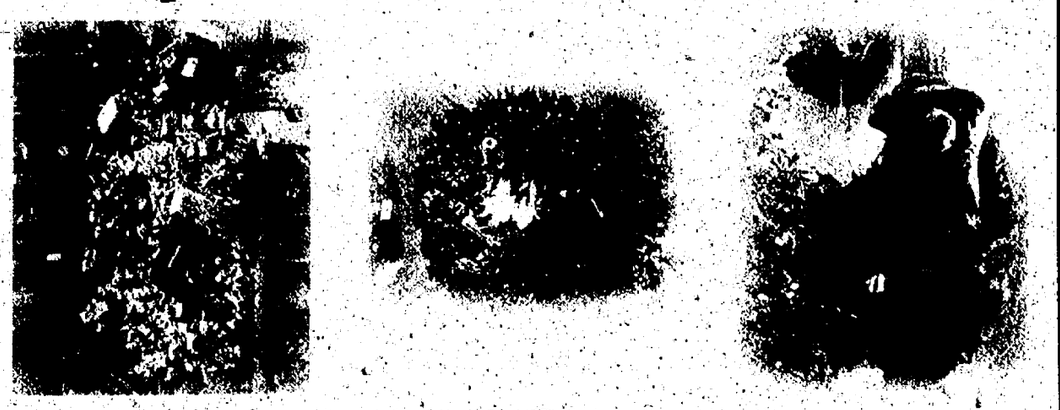

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STATE

Retailers brace for fallout over cigarette tax increase

Some customers say they are heading south to feed their addictions

By Marsha Johnson Chartrand
Heritage Newspapers

With a new statewide tax increase on cigarettes, retailers are hoping their profits won't go up in smoke.

At the Chelsea Mobil gas station, Manager William Campbell has listened to the incessant groans from smokers since the 75-cent tax increase went into effect July 1.

The tax raised the price of regular cigarettes at his station from $5.09 a pack to $5.88.

"We're not selling as many, but it hasn't hurt us that bad," he said. "There's a lot of people complaining, but they're still buying."

Campbell added that a few of his customers have declared they are heading south to Indiana or Ohio, to take advantage of cheaper prices.

A few smokers have made their commitment to quit smoking since the price has risen so high.

Other gas station owners are ready to feel the long-term effects.

"Sure, it's going to affect my business," said Rick Gould, owner of the Clark on the Go gas station and Subway on Main Street in Manchester. "People are going to go somewhere else to buy cigarettes."

While state officials say the new tax, enacted last Thursday, will generate $97 million in revenue for 2004 by raising the current tax from $1.25 to $2, storeowners across the county are worried about their customers buying cheaper cigarettes out of the state or on the Internet.

Sybil Chantelois is the manager at Village Gas and Mart in Manchester. She said people are going to smoke no matter what the state does, and smokers will find a way to buy cheaper cigarettes.

"There are always people who will say, 'Oh I'm going to quit,' but they never do," Chantelois said. "This just means more people are going to buy cigarettes in Ohio and on the Internet."

Gould echoed the comments, saying people will always find a way to continue the habit. Customers at the Clark station said cartons of Marlboro cigarettes are available online for approximately $15, compared to a carton at Clark, which skyrocketed to more than $40.

It was reported on the state Web site that it's illegal to purchase untaxed cigarettes and other tobacco products on the Internet, by telephone, through the mail or by crossing state lines.

In a report released by the State Treasury Department, state officials plan to conduct aggressive enforcement action against the importation or illegal sales of untaxed tobacco products. Consumers who purchase untaxed or unstamped tobacco products would be liable for cigarette and use tax, as well as face a significantly higher penalty.

The report further stated that since 2001, the law enforcement arm of the treasury department – the Treasury's Discovery Unit – has assessed cigarette and tax liabilities to more than 1,000 state residents with $454,000 in cigarette and use tax revenues collected.

State officials also will be on the lookout for unstamped cartons of cigarettes, which violate state law, according to the Tobacco Product Tax Act. Law agencies seized nearly 3,000 cartons of unstamped cigarettes between Jan. 1 and April 30 of this year, according to the report.

The new increase, House Bill 5632, is expected to generate $313 million in revenue for fiscal year 2005, which is tax revenue sorely needed by the state because of a looming deficit crisis.

Sherry Perkins, 22, works at the Village Gas and Mart in Manchester during the day and has been a smoker for seven years. She said the tax increase isn't going to make her decide to quit smoking.

"If I were going to quit, it would be for reasons other than just a higher tax; for health reasons," Perkins said.

Chantelois estimated that 75 to 80 percent of her daily customers buy packs of cigarettes. Perkins, who buys packs at Village Gas, also said most of the people who come into the store buy cigarettes on a daily basis.

"It seems like just about everybody who walks in the door (buys cigarettes)," she said.

Chantelois said she agrees with the new tax hike because cigarettes are a luxury item.

"But my argument is they have high taxes on cigarettes, but they don't have high taxes on beer and wine," she said.

"Right now, a six-pack of beer costs the same as a six-pack of Pepsi. Why do they single out cigarettes with higher taxes and not beer and wine? They're all bad habits.

"I don't think they handled the best way they could have."

— Staff Writer Scott Hagen contributed to this story.

Lions Lend a Hand

Louis Ceriani hands Dexter Community Development Manager Allison Menard a $500 check from the Dexter Lions Club at a June 14 Village Council meeting. Ceriani said about eight Lions Club members signed on to volunteer at the June 26 "community build" project at a new park in Dexter.

WASHTENAW COUNTY

New director named at Honey Creek

Sarena Conaway is the new executive director of Honey Creek Community School, which houses 150 kindergarten through eighth-graders in Washtenaw County.

She was recently chosen by the school's Board of Education to assume the full-time position previously filled by Interim Director Bill Morgan.

Conaway previously served as principal of a multiage, year-around elementary school housing kindergarten through fifth grades in Indianapolis. She started in her new post July 1.

Honey Creek, chartered by Washtenaw Intermediate School District in 1995 at 1819 S. Wagner Road, has a community-based curriculum. It was the school's curriculum that first drew Conaway to the school as a doctoral student.

In August 2002, she worked with Honey Creek as the subject of her dissertation for her doctorate in educational leadership and policy analysis at Indiana University. She focused on how teachers at Honey Creek designed and created student work and how that work affected student achievement.

"Back in 2002, I could have never dreamed that I would return one day as the director," Conaway said. "I am very excited about joining the family at Honey Creek Community School."

Conaway earned a doctorate in July 2003. Prior to becoming an elementary school principal, she spent three years as an assistant principal. She also has experience teaching second through sixth grades in Baltimore, Indianapolis and overseas at a military base in England.

Conaway received her undergraduate degree from Morgan State University in Maryland and graduate degree from Ball State University in Muncie, Ind.

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Fun at the Beach

Benjamin, 3, and Alexandra Lipski, 5, play on the beach at Portage Yacht Club during the Fourth of July weekend. With sunny weather and fireworks on schedule for the evening, the club filled up throughout the afternoon until the fireworks show boomed overhead shortly after dark.

STATE

Legislation proposed to change motorcycle registration

Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land recently announced that legislation moving the expiration date for motorcycle registrations and tabs from the fixed date of March 31 to the owners' birthdays is now on its way to the governor's desk.

The new legislation will provide greater convenience to bikers and improved efficiency for the department, according to a press release from Land's office.

"This common-sense approach brings multiple benefits to customers and the department," Land said. "By issuing motorcycle registrations in accordance with an individual's birthday, as we do with other vehicles, we consolidate the number of renewal notices that must be mailed.

"This also reduces the number of times customers must interact with the department and translates into fewer people in line at a branch."

The bill, sponsored by state Rep. Bill Huizenga, R-Zeeland, will take effect Feb. 1, 2005, if signed by the governor. To accommodate the changeover to the new registration dates, motorcycle renewal fees will be prorated for the first year based on the number of months from April 1 to the owner's birthday.

After 2005, registration renewal fees are calculated for a full year from the owner's birthday.

By aligning the renewal dates for motorists and motorcyclists, the renewal process is streamlined, thereby reducing the chances that motorcyclists will accidentally overlook the renewal date for their bikes.

The measure also allows motorcyclists to renew their plates up to six months early, a convenience already afforded to motorists. Under current law, motorcyclists may only renew their plates up to six weeks before the March 31 deadline, creating headaches for the snowbirds who take their bikes to warmer climates for the winter.

While the consolidation of renewal dates only provides a modest cost savings, it has a sizeable impact on staff workloads. The change allows Secretary of State staff to spread the motorcycle renewal workload over 12 months, integrating the procedures and equipment required for motorcycle renewals with vehicle renewals.

There are about 200,000 registered motorcycles in Michigan. The department, which unveiled its Motorcycle Rider and Safety Education Program this spring, expects to graduate about 10,000 motorcycle riders from the nearly 50 training sites across statewide by year's end.

DEXTER

Boy Scouts go on adventure trip

In June, Dexter Bay Scout Troop 442 traveled to Fayetteville, W.Va., for a three-day adventurous weekend.

Scouts who participated were Jeremy Loy, Eric Gamble, Jake Simmonds, Steven Blair, Ben Smith, Travis Chaffee, Ethan Breuninger, Max Overhouser and Craig Loy. They were joined by four leaders.

On the first day, the troop rode mountain bikes until dark, enjoying the views.

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—By Louis Fead
Troop 442 scribe

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		LOW: 56°-60°	LOW: 58°-62°	LOW: 60°-64°	LOW: 60°-64°

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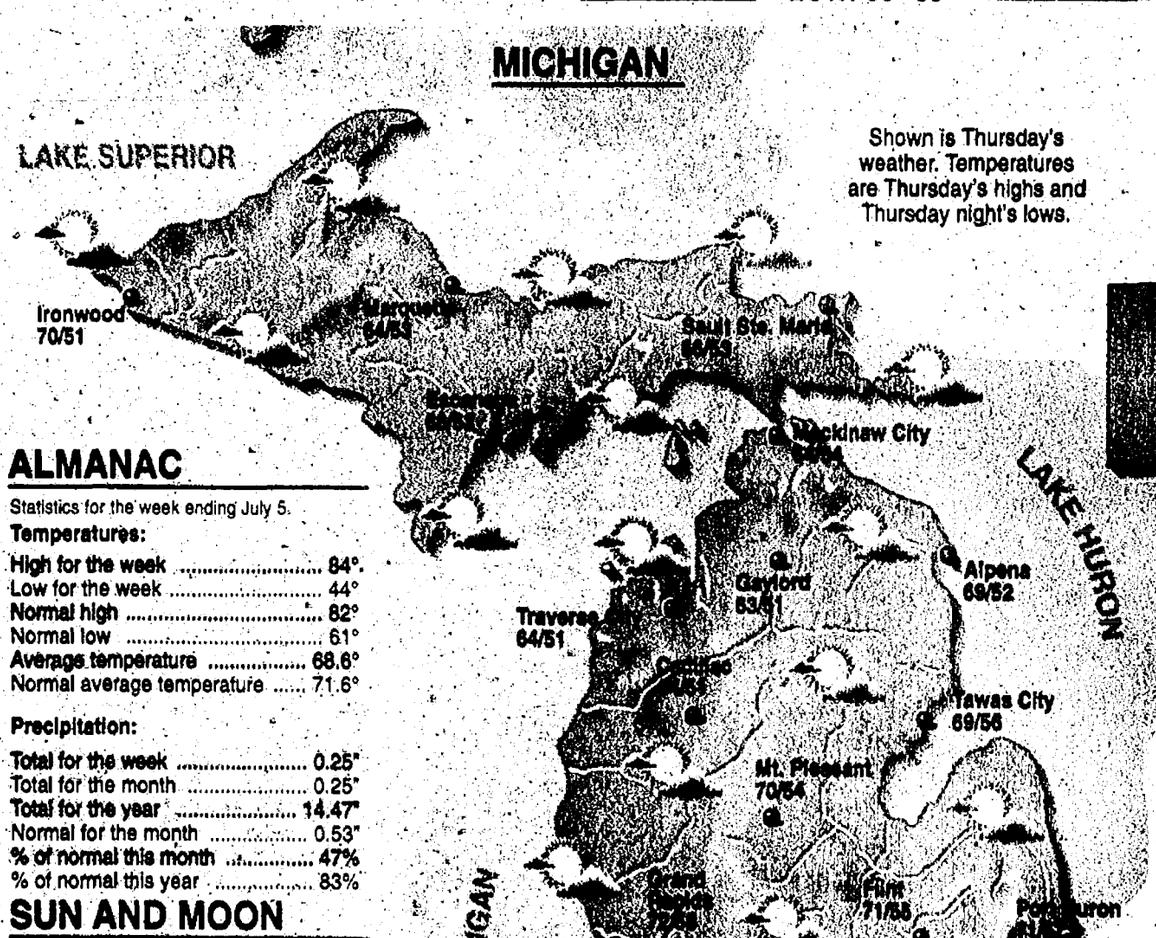

Shown is Thursday's weather. Temperatures are Thursday's highs and Thursday night's lows.

ALMANAC

Statistics for the week ending July 5.

Temperatures:

High for the week	84°
Low for the week	44°
Normal high	82°
Normal low	61°
Average temperature	68.6°
Normal average temperature	71.6°

Precipitation:

Total for the week	0.25"
Total for the month	0.25"
Total for the year	14.47"
Normal for the month	0.53"
% of normal this month	47%
% of normal this year	83%

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise Thursday	6:07 a.m.
Sunset Thu. night	9:13 p.m.
Moonrise Thursday	12:52 a.m.
Moonset Thursday	1:13 p.m.

Last	New	First	Full
July 9	July 17	July 24	July 31

LOCAL WEATHER

AGRICULTURE

Lenawee, Monroe and Washtenaw Counties

High pressure building across the Great Lakes will result in dry weather Thursday with 10-12 hours of sunshine. Winds will be northwest at 7-14 mph.

REAL FEEL TEMP™

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 realfeel temperature for each day.

Highest Thursday	79°
Highest Friday	80°
Highest Saturday	88°
Highest Sunday	90°

SOLUNAR TABLE

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

	Major	Minor	Major	Minor
Thu.	5:52 a.m.	12:08 p.m.	6:14 p.m.	—
Fri.	6:36 a.m.	12:26 a.m.	6:57 p.m.	12:47 p.m.
Sat.	7:17 a.m.	1:06 a.m.	7:38 p.m.	1:28 p.m.
Sun.	7:57 a.m.	1:46 a.m.	8:19 p.m.	2:08 p.m.

UV INDEX

Highest Thursday	7	11

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.

MICHIGAN CITIES

City	Thur. Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W
Ann Arbor	74/54/pc	80/58/s
Battle Creek	70/58/pc	84/66/s
Bay City	71/57/pc	81/62/s
Coldwater	71/59/pc	83/66/s
Dearborn	75/60/pc	82/66/s
Detroit	76/60/pc	82/64/s
Grand Rapids	72/58/pc	82/65/s
Holland	71/59/pc	83/64/s
Jackson	74/52/pc	80/58/s
Kalamazoo	74/59/pc	84/65/s
Lansing	70/54/pc	82/60/s
Livonia	75/59/pc	82/63/s
Midland	70/56/pc	81/63/s
Monroe	75/59/pc	82/64/s
Muskegon	73/57/pc	81/65/s
Pontiac	72/57/pc	82/63/s
Port Huron	71/57/pc	80/60/s
Saginaw	72/57/pc	81/60/s
Saline	74/54/pc	80/58/s
Sault Ste. Marie	66/52/r	74/58/pc
Sturgis	74/58/pc	83/68/s
Toledo	74/58/pc	76/57/s
Traverse City	64/51/pc	77/61/s
Warren	72/61/pc	82/67/s

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

WORLD CITIES

City	Thur. Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W
Acapulco	92/78/t	92/79/t
Algiers	87/58/s	83/64/pc
Amsterdam	69/52/t	81/50/r
Athens	93/77/s	93/75/s
Auckland	65/54/s	64/43/pc
Bangkok	90/77/t	89/77/t
Barbados	90/79/pc	88/80/pc
Beijing	90/70/pc	88/68/pc
Berlin	69/52/t	84/61/s
Belgrade	88/68/pc	91/72/pc
Bermuda	79/67/t	72/62/c
Bogota	67/52/r	65/52/r
Brussels	68/52/t	85/56/s
Cairo	103/71/s	105/73/s
Calgary	68/46/t	68/45/pc
Cape Town	74/53/s	73/52/s
Copenhagen	69/52/t	83/61/t
Dublin	61/42/pc	52/40/c
Frankfurt	84/64/t	82/63/t
Geneva	65/48/r	68/51/r
Hong Kong	88/79/t	84/79/t
Istanbul	84/65/s	83/64/s
Jakarta	91/73/pc	91/73/pc
Jerusalem	93/63/s	93/63/s
Johannesburg	60/39/s	58/39/pc
Karachi	92/80/s	91/81/pc

City	Thur. Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W
Kiev	72/55/pc	77/61/s
Lima	68/58/s	69/59/s
Lisbon	70/55/s	74/59/s
London	70/48/r	68/46/sh
Madrid	96/62/s	95/60/s
Manila	86/73/r	88/73/c
Mexico City	73/54/t	74/55/pc
Montreal	80/57/t	75/59/sh
Moscow	69/50/pc	70/54/pc
Nairobi	74/50/pc	74/51/pc
New Delhi	105/88/pc	97/80/t
Panama	84/74/t	87/74/t
Paris	81/59/t	85/63/s
Rio de Janeiro	79/67/c	77/62/c
Rome	91/66/s	90/67/pc
San Juan	90/76/t	90/76/sh
Santiago	59/35/s	60/36/pc
Singapore	84/72/t	89/72/t
Stockholm	66/50/c	70/54/r
Sydney	66/41/pc	65/43/pc
Tehran	95/79/s	93/77/pc
Tokyo	87/73/pc	84/72/pc
Vancouver	67/49/sh	66/51/pc
Vienna	84/59/s	84/59/s
Warsaw	72/59/r	77/63/t

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Thur. Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W
Akron	77/58/pc	82/62/s
Albany	79/59/t	77/60/pc
Albuquerque	92/64/s	87/65/t
Anchorage	77/54/pc	72/56/s
Atlanta	88/70/t	90/70/pc
Atlantic City	82/67/t	85/65/s
Austin	95/72/pc	94/72/pc
Baltimore	88/70/t	86/64/s
Baton Rouge	90/71/t	89/70/t
Billings	80/55/pc	82/56/pc
Birmingham	88/70/t	92/71/pc
Bismarck	80/61/t	80/57/t
Bloomington	76/63/pc	87/66/s
Boise	80/51/s	86/56/s
Boston	74/64/t	82/64/sh
Brownsville	95/78/pc	92/78/pc
Buffalo	74/58/t	76/60/s
Burlington, IA	80/68/t	88/70/t
Burlington, VT	79/60/t	75/59/pc
Casper	85/50/t	80/51/t
Cedar Rapids	77/65/t	85/68/t
Charleston, SC	92/75/t	92/75/t
Charleston, WV	80/60/t	85/63/s
Charlotte	90/70/t	88/68/pc
Cheyenne	85/54/t	78/54/t
Chicago	76/58/s	84/64/s
Cincinnati	78/59/pc	82/64/s
Cleveland	75/57/pc	78/60/s
Columbia, MO	84/68/pc	90/70/t
Columbus, OH	79/63/pc	86/67/s
Dallas	95/76/pc	98/75/pc
Davenport	77/65/t	86/69/pc

City	Thur. Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W
Denver	90/58/t	80/58/t
Des Moines	79/69/t	87/69/t
Duluth	73/54/pc	70/58/t
El Paso	100/70/pc	96/71/pc
Fairbanks	71/50/t	71/52/s
Fargo	79/65/t	82/60/t
Flagstaff	76/48/pc	76/48/pc
Fort Wayne	76/68/pc	82/62/s
Gary	72/63/s	88/68/s
Green Bay	72/56/pc	80/65/pc
Helena	78/48/t	77/53/pc
Honolulu	88/75/pc	88/75/pc
Houston	94/76/t	92/76/t
Indianapolis	76/65/pc	87/69/s
Juneau	72/51/r	65/51/sh
Kansas City	85/70/t	91/71/t

City	Thur. Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W
Knoxville	81/64/pc	86/66/pc
Las Vegas	100/78/s	100/76/s
Lexington, KY	82/66/pc	87/67/t
Lincoln	86/70/pc	93/69/t
Little Rock	88/71/t	91/72/t
Los Angeles	76/62/pc	78/62/pc
Louisville	81/66/pc	86/70/s
Madison	73/60/s	84/67/pc
Memphis	88/74/pc	91/75/pc
Miami	92/78/t	90/78/t
Milwaukee	71/61/s	80/66/pc
Minneapolis	79/67/pc	85/67/t
Mobile	92/72/t	92/73/t
Nashville	86/67/t	87/70/pc
New Orleans	93/77/t	94/77/t
New York	82/68/t	85/66/s

City	Thur. Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W
Norfolk	91/74/t	88/70/pc
Oklahoma City	92/72/t	92/73/pc
Omaha	86/72/t	92/70/t
Orlando	94/72/t	92/72/t
Palm Springs	101/72/s	103/72/s
Peoria	76/67/pc	88/69/s
Philadelphia	86/73/t	86/68/s
Phoenix	102/80/s	104/81/s
Pittsburgh	80/60/t	80/62/t
Portland, ME	71/58/t	74/57/sh
Portland, OR	78/56/sh	80/58/pc
Providence	78/62/t	83/62/pc
Raleigh	92/70/t	90/70/pc
Rapid City	87/60/t	78/56/t
Reno	90/56/s	97/58/s
Richmond	90/70/t	88/69/s

City	Thur. Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W
Sacramento	88/56/s	89/57/s
St. Louis	82/72/t	89/74/pc
Salt Lake City	88/60/pc	89/63/s
San Antonio	95/74/pc	93/73/pc
San Diego	71/63/pc	70/63/pc
San Francisco	70/54/pc	70/56/pc
Santa Fe	87/55/t	85/54/t
Seattle	68/56/sh	74/56/pc
South Bend	72/62/pc	86/67/s
Salt Lake City	88/60/pc	89/63/s
Tampa	92/76/t	90/76/t
Toledo	77/60/pc	86/64/s
Topeka	87/72/t	93/72/t
Tucson	100/70/s	98/68/pc
Washington, DC	90/73/t	89/69/s
Wichita	88/73/pc	93/72/t

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COMMUNITY

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Photo by Rita Fischer

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Lima Township man reunited with World War II buddy

By Rita Fischer
Special Writer

After several decades, Lloyd Zill has finally found one of the buddies he lost touch with after they served together in the U.S. Army during World War II.

Zill, 79, was a combat medic with the 88th infantry division. He was drafted into the U.S. Army only six months after graduating from Ann Arbor High School, now Pioneer High School. He served for two years, from 1943 to 1945.

Part of the first group of men in the nation to be drafted at the age of 18, Zill was inducted at Fort Custer in Battle Creek. He then went on to Arkansas to complete his basic training, and underwent more extensive training in Oklahoma and Texas.

Zill then headed to Italy, where both he and Chuck Young were in the field together as buck sergeants and section leaders. Their group was the first of many soldiers sent to Italy.

"We were the first troops in Rome," Zill said. "When we first arrived there, a soldier from the other side came and handed me his rifle. He had not even fired it. I told him to go to the rear of our troops."

The division that Zill was with was totally replaced as they had more than 15,000 wounded, dead or captured. His job was to get wounded soldiers out to receive medical attention.

"We were in the mountains of Italy and had to carry the men out," Zill said. "That made it worse to get them out of there to get help. A lot of them bled to death. They just couldn't make it. If they would have had helicopters, we would not have had to physically carry them out.

"I was one of the lucky ones. I stayed with them all the way through. You bet your boots the good Lord kept me alive to help everyone else."

After the war, Zill was told that one of his buddies, Charles Young, was killed in Korea after re-enlisting.

And, yet, Zill did not give up hope.

"I knew in my heart he was still alive," Zill said.

For years, Zill tried to find out what had happened to some of his army buddies and tried every angle to figure out where Young went.

And then, after all these years, Zill saw Young's name in the division's quarterly newsletter.

The Lima Township resident followed up through the membership chairman, and within two hours he was talking to his old war buddy, now living in Tennessee.

Not that it was easy – Young now suffers from a hearing loss, and had to put his wife on the phone to take the call. She told her husband who was on the other end of the line.

"He was hollering with joy," Zill said. "I have never met Chuck's wife, but he had talked to his wife about me."

In March, Zill sent a long letter with many questions to Young. The buddies have been corresponding ever since.

"He is just as happy that we are writing back and forth, and sent a seven-page letter back from Tennessee," Zill said.

The letters contain some happy memories, even from the horrors of war.

"The good times were swimming in Northern Italy in Garda Lake, and running up and down the beach together," he said.

After the war, Zill came back to his fiancée, Mary Jean, and the two were married 16 days after he stepped off the boat in Virginia. The couple has lived in the area ever since and has raised three children, Gail, Nathan and Gordon.

Zill, formerly part owner of Hutzel Plumbing and Heating for more than 40 years, enjoys attending military division reunions throughout the United States, including a recent one in Traverse City where he was reunited with more wartime buddies.

Zill and Young stay in close touch through letters and hope to visit with one another in the future.

"He was one of my best buddies back then," Zill said. "Our friendship has since been rekindled because I got a hold of him."

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Ashli Welshans lines up a shot as part of a photography class.

IN Focus

By Sheila Pursglove
Special Writer

Patti DeYoe has a passion for photography. And students in her class at Chelsea High School have benefited from her love of the photographic lens.

"One of my favorite classes of the day would be black-and-white photography," said student Jenny Carty. "I love working with things hands-on, and in photography you get to learn things and understand them for yourself with plenty of guidance from teachers that really know what they are talking about."

DeYoe said the techniques used in traditional black-and-white photography take much thought, planning and exact processes to achieve the desired results.

"This critical-thinking exercise is what we, as teachers, are always striving for in a perfect lesson plan," she said.

Not only did students learn the techniques of traditional black-and-white photography, they also learned the more commonly used techniques of digital photography through the computer program Adobe Photoshop.

"This is a marketable skill that they can use in the real world," DeYoe said.

DeYoe created lesson plans in which students created photos with a purpose — work that had meaning for them.

"I call this assignment 'The Big Idea,'" DeYoe said. "This is where students move from critical thinking to synthesize what they have learned into something that is their own."

Students wrote an explanation of their Big Idea, explaining their pictures and how they illustrated an intended meaning.

"This also covers the national teaching goal of having students write in every class, across all disciplines, so they may become better with written communication," DeYoe said.

Many of the students' photographs were on display in the boardroom and cafeteria at the Washington Street Education Center in the final semester of the school year. DeYoe said the works showed well-thought-out ideas that exemplified higher-level thinking that were then synthesized into beautiful pieces of art.

"These pieces not only demonstrate good photographic techniques, but they also hold passion and feeling behind them," she said. "That is the goal behind my teaching of this photography class and in the teaching of art in general."

Student Cat Carty said the show was her favorite event of her senior year.

"Being able to see my own work in an art show — I was proud," she said.

This coupling of meaning with art technique is the latest trend in art education, DeYoe said.

"It promotes critical thinking while encouraging students to produce not only good-looking art pieces, but something that is meaningful to them. If they accomplish this, the final art piece will also evoke emotion in the viewer, as well, which is the goal of every professional artist and photographer," she said.

Photos courtesy of Patricia DeYoe

Jennifer Carty and Erika Palmer, who both just finished their sophomore years at Chelsea High School, look over stills in photography class.

Student Renee Johnston said her favorite part of the class was working in the darkroom and making prints.

"At times, it can be frustrating. But it's also very satisfying to get a good print," she said.

Student Brittany Denison said the class was a wonderful addition to the art curriculum.

"You learn valuable information that is most likely to show up again in the future," she said. "You learn to see things in a new perspective.

"You learn to look into photography and find a deeper meaning — the ideas and attitudes that the artist is trying to convey."

DeYoe is working on her master's degree in art education at Eastern Michigan University, where she obtained a teaching certification and completed a bachelor's degree four years ago.

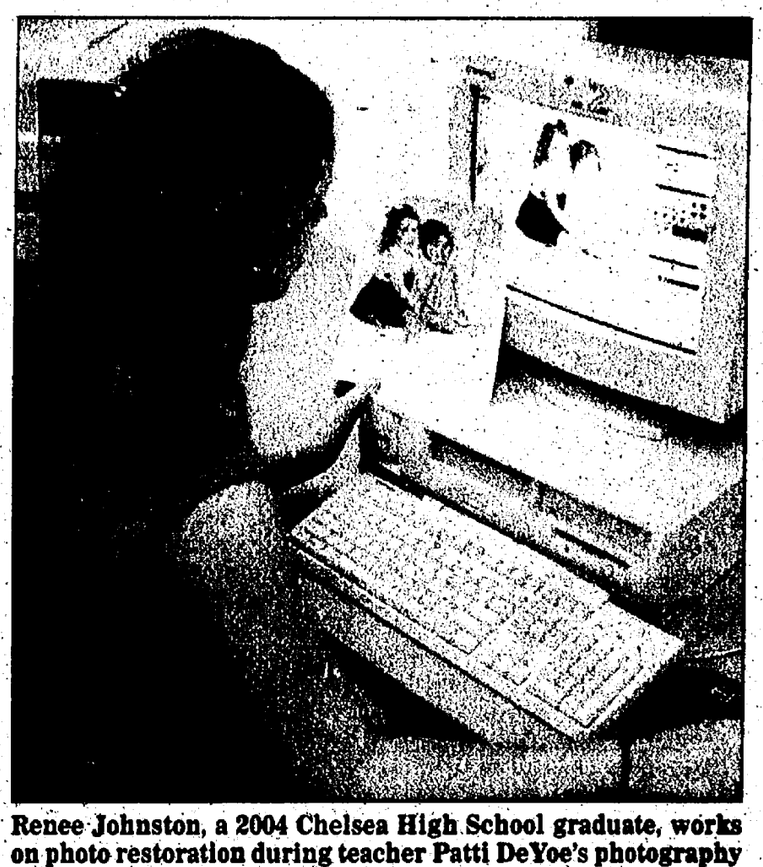
"I am dual certified in both English and art, but my heart lies in the teaching of art," she said.

"I receive much satisfaction from seeing students produce something they are proud of. I enjoy the immediacy of seeing students feel like they have learned something new that they can apply right away.

"Teaching art gives me the feeling that I have somehow been a catalyst for students to see things differently, take a new direction or think about things in a new way."

DeYoe, who studied photography at Michigan State University and was later employed at The Chrysler Proving Grounds as a photographer for five years, suggested the class as an elective last year.

Chelsea High School Principal Ron Mead agreed to offer the class to see if there was student interest. The response was overwhelming, and this year three sections of photography were added to meet student desires.



Renee Johnston, a 2004 Chelsea High School graduate, works on photo restoration during teacher Patti DeYoe's photography class.

DeYoe taught two sections and Chelsea High School art teacher Cathy Opoka taught one.

With limited funds available, the two were only able to purchase four enlargers to add to one working enlarger the class had.

To accommodate a class of 22 to 25 students, DeYoe encouraged coupling digital photography with traditional black and white. The class was then equipped with 17 Adobe Photoshop licenses, and the two teachers structured the class using a rotation-like schedule, from developing film and printing, to working on digital assignments.

Students learned how to restore damaged family photographs, collage images to create a meaningful piece of graphic art, and create an assignment called "Visual Journey," photography that tells a story.

"Students can take the pictures with a digital camera or a traditional one and then scan-in the photos," DeYoe said. "They can manipulate the photos if they like, but the goal is to incorporate the student-generated photographs into a PowerPoint presentation in which a story is told."

"The story can be accompanied by music that is appropriate for their narrative, which makes the presentation much more entertaining."

"These stories are entertaining and students enjoy creating them," DeYoe said.

"This idea came directly from a project I had to do in the fall in one of my graduate courses. I told my professor of the great success I had using her idea in my class, and now she has invited me to present this lesson with her at this fall's Michigan's National Art Conference, an honor I am proud to be part of."

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

CHELSEA
Wednesday, July 14

"Wetland Mammals" program will be held 1:30 p.m. for children ages 7 through 12 years old at the Eddy Discovery Center, 17030 Bush Road, in Chelsea. All children must be accompanied by an adult. To register, call 475-3170.

"Canoe Basics" program will be held 2 p.m. for kids ages 11 to 15, as part of the "Wild Wednesdays" summer reading program at the Chelsea District Library, 500 Washington St. It's free, and registration is required. For information, call 475-8732.

Saturday, July 17

"Picking Wild Blueberries/Hike to a Bog" program will be held 10 a.m. at Park Lyndon South-East Lot, located on North Territorial Road in Lyndon Township. Participants should bring long pants, shoes that can get wet, a hat, water and lunch. The hike is 2.5 miles round trip. For information, call 971-6337.

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. Call 1-800-337-3827.

Bingo is held 6:30 p.m. every Thursday at Chelsea American Legion and VFW, 1700 Ridge Road, in Chelsea. Call 475-7212.

Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors meets the third Thursday of the month. Call 475-1145.

Chelsea Community Farmers Market is from 4 to 8 p.m. every Thursday through October at the Chelsea Fairgrounds on Old US-12.

U.S. Congressman Nick Smith, R-7th District office hours are from 4 to 5 p.m. the second Thursday of the month at 305 S. Main St. Call 1-517-783-4486.

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.

Senior Book Club meets 1:30 p.m. the third Thursday of each month at the Chelsea District Library, 500 Washington St. For information, call 475-8732.

Senior Connections is held the second and fourth Thursday each month 10 a.m. at the Chelsea District Library, 500 Washington St. A free bus ride is available by pre-registering. A $2 lunch is also available at the Chelsea Nutrition Service. For more information or to register, call 475-8732.

Senior Nutrition Program meets noon every Thursday 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 Center Great Room. Call 475-1462.

Bingo is held 6:30 p.m. every Friday night at Chelsea Rod and Gun Club, 7103 Lingane Road, in Chelsea. Call 475-7910.

Saturday

Chelsea Farmers' Market is held every Saturday through October, weather permitting, from 8 a.m. to noon on Park Street in Chelsea.

Hope 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. Call 475-3305.

Western Washtenaw Republicans meets from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. the second Saturday of the month at Cleary's Pub, 113 S. Main St. Call 475-3874.

German Social Club meets 1 p.m. the last Saturday of the month at Wolverine restaurant, 20460 Old US-12. Call 475-1583.

Sunday

The Parkinson Education and Support Group of Washtenaw County meets from 1:30 to 4 p.m. the second Sunday of the month. Call 1-800-852-9781.

Monday

Al-Anon meets 7:30 p.m. every Monday at Chelsea Community Hospital, 775 S. Main St. 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 noon the second Monday of the month at First United Methodist Church, 128 Park St. Call 475-1493.

Chelsea Kiwanis Club meets 6:15 p.m. every Monday at Chelsea Community Hospital, 775 S. Main St. Call 475-5944.

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

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

Overeaters Anonymous meets 6 to 7 p.m. every Monday at the Covenant Church, 50 N. Freer Road. Call 995-1835.

Tuesday

Chelsea District Library Board meets 7 p.m. the third Tuesday of the month at the Washington Street Education Center, 500 Washington St.

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

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

Euchre Party is held 7 p.m. every Tuesday at the Chelsea Senior Citizen Center, 775 S. Main St. Call 475-9242.

Grandparents as Parents program is held 12:30 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at First United Methodist Church, 128 Park St. Call 712-3625.

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

Woman's Club of Chelsea meets 1 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of the month at The Pines, 325 Wilkinson St. Call 475-0467.

Wednesday

Chelsea Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4076, 105 N. Main St., meets 7:30 p.m. the second Wednesday of the month. Call 475-1448.

Summer Storytimes every Wednesday through July 21 from 10:15 to 10:45 a.m. for 2 to 3 year olds, and 11:15 to 11:45 a.m. for 4 to 6 year olds at The Chelsea District Library, 500 Washington St. For information, call 475-8732.

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

DEXTER
Saturday, July 10

"Bird Hike" program will be held 7:30 a.m. at Hudson Mills Metropark, 8801 North Territorial Road, in Dexter Township. Participants should bring binoculars and a field guide. There is a $2 fee per person. For more information or to register, call 426-8211.

DEXTER
MISCELLANEOUS
Thursday

Dexter AA group meets 7:30 p.m. every Thursday at St. Joseph's Parish Hall in the education building, 3470 Dover St., in Dexter.

Dexter American Legion meets 8 p.m. the first Thursday of the month at the American Legion Post, 8225 Dexter-Chelsea Road. Call 426-3112.

Dexter Community Band meets from 7 to 9 p.m. every Thursday at the Dexter High School band room, 2200 N. Parker Road. 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 The Tuscan House, 7954 Ann Arbor St.

Dexter Downtown Development Authority meets 7:30 p.m. the second Thursday of the 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 Thursdays at DAPCO Industries, 2500 Bishop Circle East, in Dexter. Call 426-8549.

Girlfriends Inc. is for women of all ages. The group meets 6:30 p.m. the second and fourth Thursday of the month. Call 424-3404.

Monday

Dexter Board of Education meets 7 p.m. the second and fourth Mondays at Creekside Intermediate School, 2615 Baker Road, in Dexter.

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

Dexter Village Council meets 7:30 p.m. the second and fourth Mondays at the Dexter Senior Center, 7720 Ann Arbor St.

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

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

Tuesday

Dexter AA Group meets 8 p.m. every Tuesday at St. Joseph's Parish Hall Education Building, 3470 Dover St.

Dexter Child Study Club meets 7 p.m. the third Tuesday of the month. Call 426-3664.

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

Dexter Kiwanis Club meets 6:30 p.m. the first and third Tuesdays at The Tuscan House, 7954 Ann Arbor St., in Dexter.

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

Dexter Township Planning Commission meets 7:30 p.m. the first and fourth Tuesdays at Dexter Township Hall, 6880 Dexter-Pinckney Road.

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

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

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

The Washtenaw County Board of Road Commissioners meets 1 p.m. every other Tuesday, 555 N. Zeeb Road, in Scio Township.

Wednesday

Dexter American Legion Auxiliary meets 7 p.m. the third Wednesday of the month at the American Legion Post, 8225 Dexter-Chelsea Road. Call 426-3112.

Dexter Touchdown Club meets 7 p.m. the first Wednesday of the month in the media center at Dexter High School, 2200 N. Parker Road.

Friends of Dexter District Library meets 12:30 p.m. the second Wednesday of the month at the Dexter District Library, 8040 Fourth St. Call 426-4477.

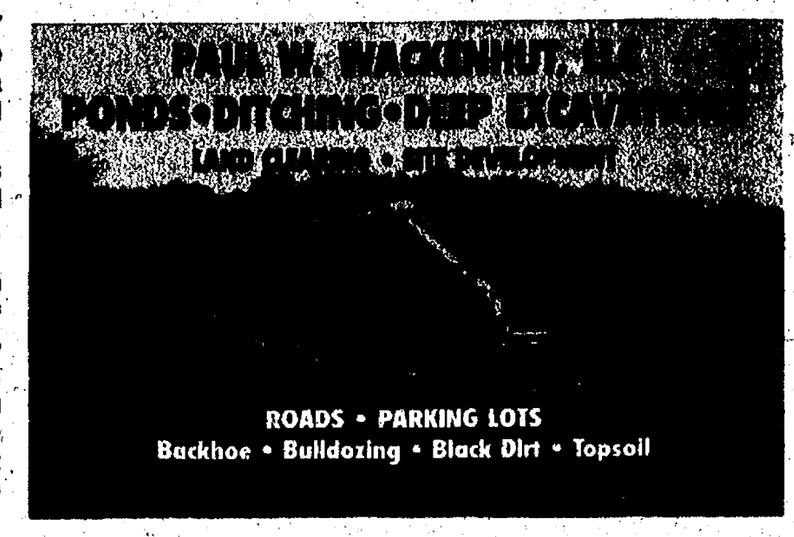
La Leche of Western Washtenaw meets from 10 a.m. to noon the first Wednesday of the month. Call 426-5648.

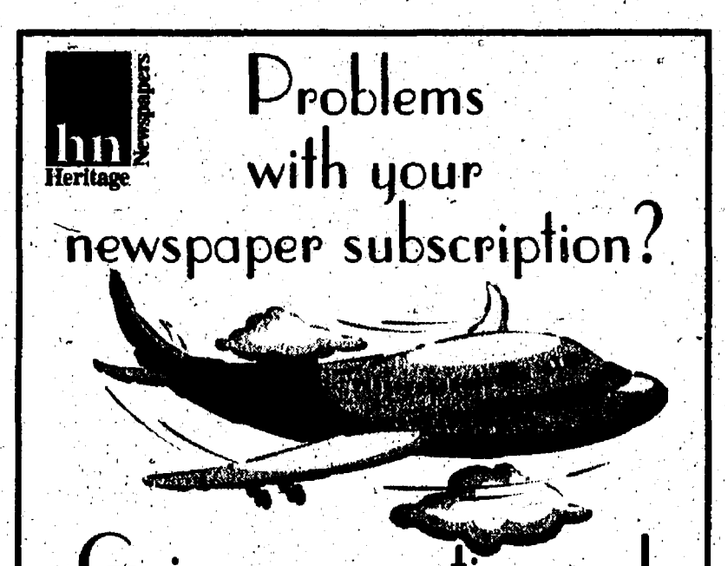
ANN ARBOR
Saturday, July 17

"Learn how to read a river" free workshop will be held from 2 to 5 p.m. as part of the Huron River Watershed Council. Participants will help to measure and map sites on the river and streams. For more information, call 769-5971.

Manchester
Saturday, July 10

The 20th Century Club of Manchester will present "A gathering of gardens." A tour of six private gardens will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Pre-sale tickets are $8 and tour-day tickets are $10. They are available at Village Gifts, McLennan Landscape in Manchester or the Potting Shed in Chelsea.





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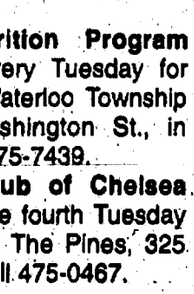

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Marijane (back, left), Dan, Madison, Mikal (front, left), Kaye and Ty make up part of the Nelson Bunch.

WEBSTER TOWNSHIP

The Nelson Bunch

Local family adopts 3 siblings

By Rita Fischer
Special Writer

Much like the popular 1970s sitcom "The Brady Bunch," Dan and Marijane Nelson of Waterloo Township have blended two families together to create one.

But there's a twist.

The Nelsons and their three biological children have formed one family unit by opening their hearts and home to three siblings whose parents were unable to care for them any longer.

Marijane Nelson, who was raised in a family with 10 foster children, welcomed the idea of opening their home to foster children. "It's what I grew up with," she said.

Fostering siblings 6-year-old Ty, 5-year-old Kaye and 4-year-old Mikal became a full-time affair that has lasted well beyond three years and recently led to adoption.

"We asked Ty for his permission first," Marijane said. "We did not tell the others until we talked to him about it. His face lit up when we asked if it would be OK if we became his parents.

"It was a real confirmation for him that we really did want him. We did not want to give them up. He has called us mom and dad since then."

The Nelsons initially had no plans to adopt. However, the kids became an integral part of their family.

"We could not give them up," Nelson said. "We love them, and they became a part of our lives. When the time came for us to adopt, it was an easy choice.

"The children have been a blessing in our lives. It has been a blessing to see the changes in them, from being sad and angry to seeing that huge smile on their faces."

When the children first came to their four-bedroom home outside Chelsea, it was quite an adjustment as they joined 17-year-old Danielle, 11-year-old Stephen and 7-year-old Madison.

Madison had to make the transition from being the youngest child to being in the middle, while Stephen was excited to have more brothers to "gang up" on his sisters.

The family has made it work by juggling schedules and working together.

Occasionally, the Nelsons see some of the adopted children's family members in Jackson. One aunt even gave them some baby pictures of the children.

"The (biological) family is pleased that the children are happy," Marijane said. "They are happy that we are taking good care of them."

The Nelsons said the community has been supportive and welcoming to the newest members of their family.

The Nelsons have developed a network of support with other families who have adopted or are fostering children within their church.

"It's a noble path to take," Dan said. "We admired our friends for doing that. We also saw the need and have tried to apply ourselves."

Rita Fischer is a freelance writer. She can be reached at ritafisch@yahoo.com.

WEDDINGS

Montange, Lindner exchange wedding vows

Malia Montange of Chelsea and Paul Lindner of Jackson were married May 1 at Chelsea First United Methodist Church in Chelsea. The Rev. Richard Dake officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Ron and Nancy Montange of Chelsea. The groom is the son of Tom and Sue Perino of Dexter and the late Bruce Lindner.

The maid of honor was Dreamala Koch of Jackson.

The bridesmaids were Erica Bloomensaat of Ypsilanti, Katrine Korsgaard of Denmark, Shelby Henrys of Grand Ledge, Jenna Brooks of Chelsea and Meghan Marshall of Dexter.

April Montange of Oak Grove, Ky., niece of the bride, was the flower girl.

Mike Lindner of Ann Arbor was the best man.

The groomsmen were Kevin Hafner of Munith, Tony Hicks of Jackson, Gabe White of Munith, Ed Keitur of Westland and Tom Hungerford II of Ann Arbor.

The ushers were Matt Montange of Battle Creek, Jeff Montange of Ft. Wainwright, Ark., Mike Montange of Oak Grove, Ky., Alex Lindner of Waterford, and Steven Williams of Canton.

A reception was held at Polo Fields Country Club in Scio Township. The couple honeymooned in Corpus Christi, Texas. They reside in Jackson.

The bride is a 1999 graduate of Chelsea High School and a 2003 graduate of Central Michigan University. She is employed at Gretchen's House in Ann Arbor.

The groom is a 1997 graduate of Chelsea High School and a 1999 graduate of Michigan Institute of Aeronautics. He is employed at Sheridan Books in Chelsea.

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Waiting to come home

Family's adoption in limbo as finances become obstacle

By Maria Sprow
Staff Writer

Vlada Chelyabinsk is an 8-year-old girl without a family. She lives halfway across the world in a Russian orphanage, where birthdays, Christmases, and other holidays aren't celebrated. There's no time, there's no money. She's getting old, and if she's not adopted soon, she may never get adopted.

The caretaker-to-child ratio averages 1 to 10 — about the same as what is advertised at some universities.

The Cashmans are a family of five who desperately want to become a family of six. They live in Chelsea and are anxiously waiting to celebrate Halloween, Christmas, Easter and birthdays with Vlada, the little girl from Russia who they housed for two weeks.

The caretaker-to-child ratio is 2:3. The Cashmans hope it will soon be 2:4.

"We know her. She knows us. She knows we're coming, but yet, here we sit," says mother Peggy Cashman, frustrated and sitting at her kitchen table.

This is a tale of one international adoption, going so well until the Cashmans discovered a common problem with people who want to adopt: They can't afford the $20,000 in initial costs.

Across the board, adoptions can vary in cost from $2,500 for a public domestic adoption to as high as $30,000 — or more — for domestic private and independent adoptions. International adoptions can cost anywhere from $7,000 to $25,000, depending on the agency and the country.

Not that they didn't know finding the money would be a problem. Two of their three children are adopted, both from Russia. But the previous adoption — when they brought Nicholas, now 4, home — forced them into bankruptcy. Now, finding loans is difficult, they said.

"With a bankruptcy on your record, nobody is going to give you anything. Now we're trying to do everything we can to come up with it, and it's difficult because you have to do it quickly," said Peggy, a preschool teacher at Tutor Times. Her husband, Brian, is an engineer and former council trustee.

Because of Vlada's age, a year or two could change everything. She had move from the orphanage she's in now to an orphanage for older kids.

"That's when a lot of things happen that are not on the positive side," Peggy said.

"We had always wanted a big family, and we were only able to have one biological child. I had always known in the back of my mind that adoption was something I wanted to do," Peggy said.

Making the Decision to Adopt

The Cashmans first decided to adopt internationally in the mid-1990s, a period of time during which the battle of "Baby Jessica" made national headlines. In that adoption, an Iowa family adopted a child but did not have the birth father's consent. The birth father sued for custody; the court decided in his favor.

"There was all that back-and-forth stuff, and we didn't want to deal with that," she said. "We went international because there's really no chance of (the parents) coming and wanting to take the kids back."

Their biological daughter, Stephanie, was 11 years old at the time. Stephanie wanted to be a big sister; the Cashmans wanted a second child, but were unable to have one biologically. So, they went to Hands Across the Water, an Ann Arbor-based adoption agency, and started filling out paperwork.

Brian and Peggy Cashman, daughter, Lena (middle, left), and son, Nicholas, stand with 8-year-old Vlada Chelyabinsk after watching Vlada perform a Russian cultural show to raise money for her orphanage.

In December 1999, Elena — then only 4 years old — became a member of the family. They adopted 1-year-old Nicholas, now 4, in March 2001.

For both previous adoptions, the Cashmans flew to Russia prior to adopting the children. They visited the orphanages, sat down with the children for an hour or two and then watched as the children were taken away again.

Finding Vlada

When it came time to adopt a third child, they returned to Hands Across the Water. But, this time, the process was different.

For the first time, the agency was participating in a special program that brought the children to the United States for two weeks.

The benefits of the program were three-fold: The children would give Russian dance and culture performances, raising money for their orphanages and the adopting families would get to spend a substantial amount of time with the children.

"We got to spend 13 days with her, practically all day and all night, and really see the way she interacts," Brian Cashman said.

Another benefit was for the children, who were able to experience life outside of the orphanage.

"It really lets them know that the world doesn't end at this orphanage," said Teresa Light, who works with the Cashmans at Hands Across the Water.

Because of the program, 13 children in Russia will be adopted by Michigan families, Light added.

The Cashmans are not the only family experiencing financial difficulties because of their desire to adopt. Light said such difficulties are so common that the agency sets up donation boxes for almost all of their families, to which family, friends and strangers can donate.

"Adoption is so expensive, and it's too bad because there are so many kids that need to be adopted," Light said.

At the Cashman residence, the time is spent trying to figure out how to come up with the funds needed to bring Vlada back home.

"We're looking at grants and we're looking at what we can look at," Brian said.

The family has a scrapbook filled with pictures taken during the time when Vlada was here.

"We got to see her playing with Nicholas and Lena and Stephanie," Brian said, describing the two-week period.

And played they did. Together with Lena, who admits to wanting a sister more her own age — Stephanie is 16 and in high school — Vlada played on the swing sets, jumped on the trampoline, saw the Chelsea Teddy Bear Factory Outlet and played Barbies.

"She's a lot of fun and she's kind," Lena said, shyly describing Vlada.

"Lena had always said that she wants a sister more her same age," Peggy said. "The little girl when she did come, she was just such a sweetheart."

The Cashmans are hoping Lena doesn't have to wait too long to see her sister again. Like any expectant parents, they are looking forward to all the "firsts" they'll get to share with Vlada when she arrives.

"There will be Christmas that will be coming up, and all the first things during that first year. Easter egg hunts and Halloween," Peggy said, before sighing dejectedly. "At this point, the whole process is hinging on whether or not we can get the money.""

Sitting with the rest of her family at the kitchen table, she adds: "We know her. She knows us. She knows we're coming. But, yet, here we sit. ... We just want her to be a part of the family."

Staff Writer Maria Sprow can be reached at 475-1371 or msprow@heritage.com.

Photos courtesy of the Cashman family

Vlada Chelyabinsk poses with Nicholas and Lena Chapman, who were also adopted from Russia. During her two-week stay at the Cashmans' home, Vlada visited the Chelsea Teddy Bear Factor Outlet, among other area attractions.

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Picnic Trio

Olivia Catherman (left), Katrina Williams and Candace Williams enjoy the beautiful weather and a nice lunch while picnicking on a recent sunny day.

TALKING HEALTH

Don't wonder what could have been

ERNIE HARWELL

"For all sad words of tongue or pen, the saddest of these: 'It might have been!'" – John Greenleaf Whittier.

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And I've always been grateful that I didn't let my young age keep me from pursuing it.

When we challenge ourselves – physically, mentally or both – we stretch ourselves as individuals and discover more about ourselves – no matter what age we are.

Take some time to think about your interests and what opportunities you could pursue. It's great mental exercise and, when you go after that opportunity, it's certainly a lot more rewarding than someday saying, "It might have been."

Remember to take care of your health before it's long gone.

Ernie Harwell, known as the voice of the Detroit Tigers, now serves as a health and fitness advocate for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan. His latest book, a collection of his baseball columns titled "Life After Baseball," is available at local bookstores or by calling 1-800-245-5082.

ACADEMIC HONORS

Washtenaw Community College graduates for December 2003, and candidates for April, June and August 2004 were recently honored at commencement.

Full-time students who have achieved academic excellence were recognized May 24. These students earned a grade point average of 3.5 or better while attending WCC with 12 or more credits for spring 2003, fall 2003 or winter 2004 semester.

The graduation candidates from Chelsea are Christina Marie Batsakis, Collin Bertram, Sara Fleischmann, Alisa Gardner, Judy Grabarkiewicz, Joel Grimm, Sarah Hafner, Bryan Hancz, Margaret Jarvis, Kelly Jedele, Kay Lantis, Michael Offenbacher, Susan Pulju, Taylor Schmidt, Annissa Schoening, Brian Schulze, Colleen Shanks, Kimberly Touroo and Karin Watko.

Honor students from Chelsea are Katie Allen, Denise Arntson, Anna Balyo, Adam Beeman, Brandon Butler, Robert Dorer, Margaret Doub, Erica Forshee, Aaron Fredette, Travis Garman, Fred Glassford, Kevin Griebe, Joel Grimm, Ben Gunderson, Sarah Hafner, Cara Harder, Christine May Hinderer, Douglas Houk, Paul Howard, Jeffery Johnston, Jennifer McIntosh, James Mckee, Lindsey Miller, Erin Nelson, Melinda Newhouse, Stacy Peters, Alissa Porter, Andrea Steer, Nicolas Valchine and Scott York.

Graduates from Dexter are Katie Anderson, Steven Anderson, Janet Birk, Laura Bosko, Steven Bristow, Jill Bulmon, Mauro Cervantes, Angela Chabot, Christopher Craig, Jeff Crays, Laura Durance, Lee French, Talitha Gilyard, Elizabeth Hinz, Victor Hola, Jennifer Klepaski, Clare Leidy, Cameron Lippert, Bradley Malinich, Philip Manners, Beth Mitchell, Kevin Peters, Kathryn Selby, Britt Staebler, Benjamin Thompson, Darryl Uphaus, Caitlyn Vert and Heather Zahn.

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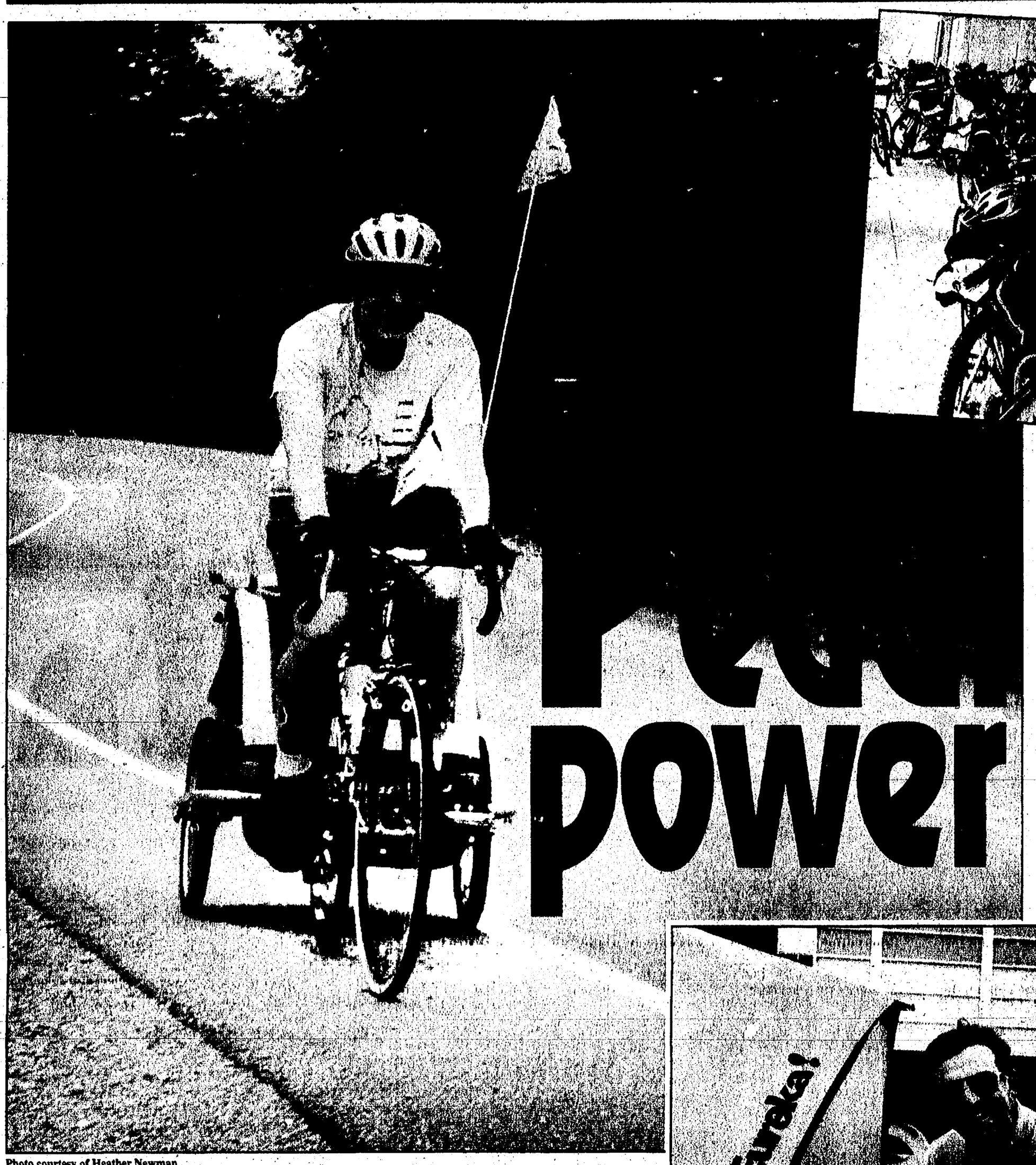

More than 600 bikes filled the grounds of Chelsea High School.

Kevin Newman of Sylvan Township was among the participants in Pedal Across Lower Michigan.

Photo courtesy of Heather Newman

Tom Glowacki of Dexter Township closes his tent after setting it up for the Pedal Across Lower Michigan bike tour.

The Pedal Across Lower Michigan tour stopped and camped overnight June 23 at Chelsea High School. With more than 300 tents, it was a sight to behold.

Chelsea House Orchestra provided music and the district's kitchen staff prepared food. Area businesses and restaurants also welcomed many of the riders to the community.

Tom Glowacki of Dexter Township helped organize the event. The 23 groups, including 600 cyclists, started out June 19 in Holland, riding along the shores of Lake Michigan. Nightly stops were made in Allegan, Hastings, Eaton Rapids, Chelsea and Tecumseh.

Tents take over much of the grounds surrounding Chelsea High School June 23 during the bike tour.

Students and instructor from the Chelsea House Orchestra play for the Pedal Across Lower Michigan tour that stopped off for a night at Chelsea High School.

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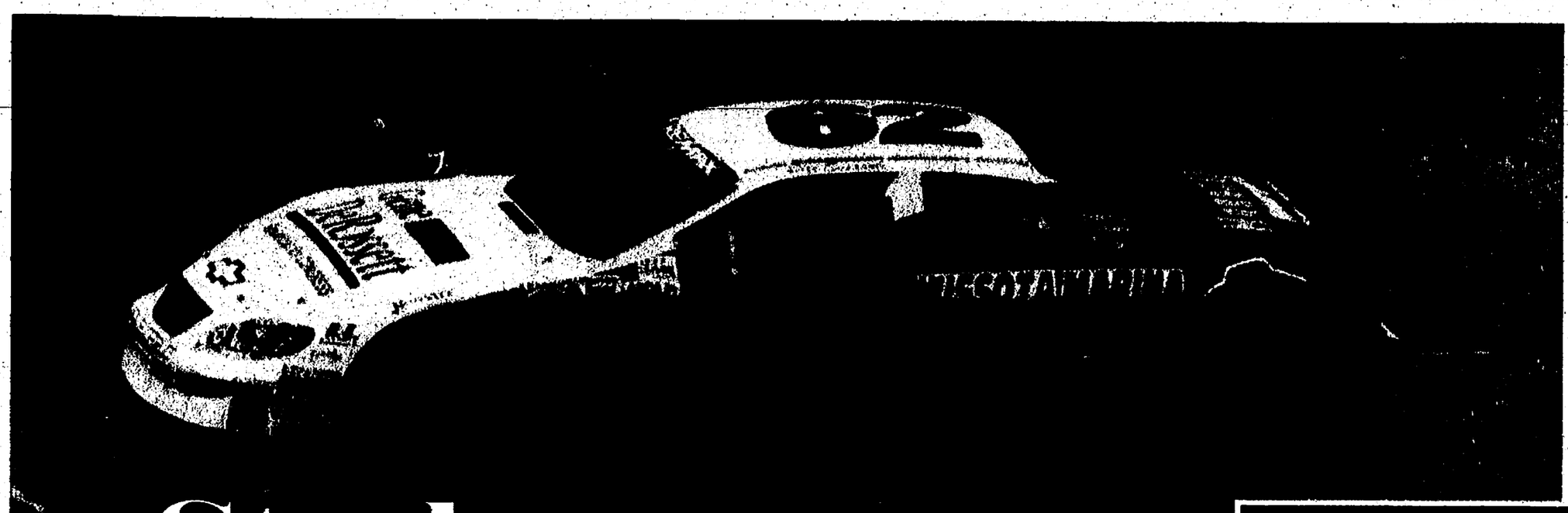

Bill Eversole's Monte Carlo makes the rounds at Michigan International Speedway on June 19. Eversole, last year's ARCA Rookie of the Year, placed sixth in this year's ARCA-ReMax Flagstar 200 at MIS.

Stock car racer Eversole competes at MIS

Local driver overcomes setback to succeed on ARCA circuit

By Austen Smith
Heritage Newspapers

Hometown heroes usually receive warm receptions.

Local stock car racer Bill Eversole proved to be no exception to the rule when he arrived June 19 at Michigan International Speedway for the ARCA/Re-Max Flagstar 200.

Eversole, who drove the No. 62 Chevrolet Monte Carlo, signed autographs and talked to fans after the race, where he finished in sixth place after starting in the No. 31 opening spot.

"We had Matt Kenseth's spotter working for us and we had the same crew from last year," Eversole said. "So, with him crew-chiefing me and a team that was going to be dominant, if we would have had the right set-up (in the car), we would have been dangerous and definitely would have finished in the top three."

Just days before the race, the Eversole team wasn't sure if they were going to race at all because they were still building the car they planned to put on the track. Eversole said they built that hot-rod in two days.

"And when we did have the car ready, my caution light wouldn't come on, so they wouldn't let me out on the track. We missed a whole day's practice," Eversole said. "Then, on Thursday, the rain came down, so we missed practice all day again, but we got out on the track on the Friday before the race."

Eversole said that because they rushed to build the car, there were a number of problems that held him back from finishing higher.

Coming off a solid display of talent at MIS, the Eversole team has plans to run a short season with the ARCA series. It also plans on racing in the July 31 Craftsman Truck series race at MIS and then trying to qualify for the Nextel Cup race, also at the Brooklyn-based race track.

Eversole, who owns Track Time Driving School in Manchester with his wife, Trenda, said his team has a lot of plans for the upcoming racing season and are armed and ready with a new sponsor.

An incredible season last year was topped off when Eversole was named Rookie of Year for the 2003 ARCA series.

Shortly after completing his season and winning the rookie title, devastation hit the Eversole team when car owner Brad Kemp announced that he was pulling his car out from Eversole for another driver.

Eversole said despite initially being upset, he has come to realize that Kemp was simply making a good business decision.

"I was mad as hell when it happened, but I probably overreacted," Eversole said. "It was just a money issue; it's business. I can see now that it was the best decision that he could have made.

"And, really, he had no other choice."

Eversole said he is grateful for the time that he was under Kemp's flag.

"He spent a lot of money to let me race and, of course, he tried to handle it in a nice fashion," Eversole said.

But being dropped from the owner after coming off such a successful season was the hardest part to handle, he said.

"It was hard to let it all go," Eversole said. "We had a good team from last year and we would have been dominant."

For its upcoming scheduled of races, the Eversole team has found a number of new sponsors, including state Rep. Gene DeRossett, R-52nd District, Dresch Brothers Gym in Manchester, Jim's Collision in Brooklyn and Hardcore Sports in Flint.

A mutual friend, Manchester resident Dan Burch, linked Eversole with DeRossett.

"I go out there to MIS every opportunity I get," DeRossett said. "I had heard that Billy and Trenda needed a sponsor. I wanted to do it (become a sponsor) because it's about community."

DeRossett said he had an opportunity to view the race from a new vantage point on Saturday.

"I watched the pit crew and everyone doing exactly what they are supposed to do," he said: "It was a real experience seeing all of that first-hand."

Looking to the future, Eversole is optimistic.

"We've got big plans," he said.

"So now we are hooked up with a sponsor for the car; now we're talking business. We are going to race at the Chicago-land race for ARCA and we are going to spend some big money doing these races. So, that's our plans."

DeRossett said that Eversole ran "a fantastic race."

"There were some cars there that were really tweaked," he said. "If Bill's car speed and performance had been at its max, I don't think anyone there would have beaten him."

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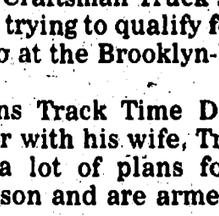
Photos by David Jose

Eversole prepares for his race. With new sponsorship this year, Eversole is running a "short season" in the ARCA series.

Is Moneyball key to building a baseball champ?

TALKING BASEBALL



CHRIS DESIMONE

There's a new phenomenon invading Major League Baseball these days.

In Oakland, it's already been implemented with precision. It's also brewing in the front offices in Boston, Toronto, Los Angeles and Texas. This new philosophy is called "Moneyball."

When author Michael Lewis released his book "Moneyball: The Art of Winning an Unfair Game" in May 2003, it became an instant hit. Lewis followed around Oakland General Manager and Moneyball pioneer Billy Beane for much of 2002. The book portrays Beane as a maniacal genius and uses Oakland's 2002 draft as its centerpiece.

But just what is "Moneyball?" Is it a useful tool for building a championship team or merely a group of money-saving tactics?

The people who practice it will tell you that through statistical analysis, they can predict what type of career a player will have.

Moneyball values performance over potential, and values statistics such as on-base percentage over the eyewitness observation of conventional scouting. Because Moneyball stresses sustained performance, these teams almost always draft only college players.

There is something to be said, however, for Oakland's recent success. With Beane at the helm, Oakland has been able to compete each year with a payroll less than a third of the New York Yankees. Over the last several years, Oakland has one of the best regular-season records in baseball, although it has failed to advance in the playoffs.

Oakland's success, however, was due in large part to players such as Mark Mulder, Eric Chavez and Miguel Tejada, all products of the pre-moneyball scouting system.

But in Michael Lewis' book, that same old scouting department is continually degraded as inferior to Beane's analytical methods.

That's strange, considering what Rocky Mountain News columnist Tracy Ringolsby pointed out about the 1995 draft. He said when former A's Scouting Director Dick Bogard was ready to draft and sign Todd Helton in the first round, Bogard was overruled by then-assistant GM Billy Beane and ordered to draft Ariel Prieto. I guess we can't expect Lewis to fit everything in his book.

It's not just Beane.

Everybody in Oakland's system has bought into Moneyball, from the front office down to the coaches and the players on the field. Everybody is pulling in the same direction, a must when adopting a strategy like this. Yet Oakland has continually bowed out quietly in the playoffs.

But what caused Moneyball to develop? And why are other teams trying to mimic it?

Perhaps the answer lies in Beane's past.

He was once a highly touted outfielder drafted out of high school by the New York Mets. He supposedly had all the tools and great potential, yet failed to make an impact in the majors. He retired with a .219 career average and only 301 Major League at-bats.

In one way, Moneyball is a reaction against drafting prospects such as Beane. Raw, athletic high school players with high ceilings are avoided in favor of college players with longer track records and more refined skills.

Ironically, the trend may have started to evolve after Oakland's 1990 draft choice. That was the year Oakland selected high school pitcher Todd Van Poppel in the first round, setting a precedent by giving him a hefty Major League contract.

After Van Poppel flamed out as a Major League starter — he has since forged a career as a journeyman reliever — teams began to avoid raw prep stars because of monetary worries and the risk involved.

As they say though — no risk, no reward. For every Van Poppel, there are countless other first-round picks out of high school who have realized their potential.

Consider Alex Rodriguez, Chipper Jones, and Derek Jeter, just to name a few.

Moneyball may have been a reaction to the "closed" way of thinking among traditional baseball scouts, but it seems to be far more restrictive and limiting.

If the Montreal Expos were following a Moneyball strategy in 1993, do you really think they would have signed a very raw, 17-year old Dominican named Vladimir Guerrero?

It would be great if statistics really could tell the whole story. But, in baseball, there are just too many things that can't be quantified and those are often the things that win championships.

For all of Beane's analysis, they have no stats on clutch hitting, performing under pressure, a player's makeup or character and, above all, knowing how to win.

Baseball is a game played by humans and should continue to be scouted by humans rather than computers.

It is a game that is played on grass, not on spreadsheets in stuffy offices.

The jury is still out, but I wouldn't put much stock in Moneyball.

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Local golfers earn postseason All-State honors

The local community was well represented on this year's Michigan Interscholastic Golf Coaches Association All-State squads.

State champion Dexter had two golfers named to the Division II All-State first team.

Dexter High School senior Lindsay Davis was selected to the elite team for the Dreadnaughts after shooting a 159 (76-83) at last month's two-day state tournament. The University of Michigan signee finished runner-up at last season's state tournament and is a two-time All-State selection.

Also making the Division II All-State first team was Dexter's Meghan Hunter. The junior standout tied for ninth place overall at this year's state tournament, carding a 155 (77-78).

Behind Davis and Hunter, the Dreadnaughts captured a Division II state championship with a score of 661 (325-336). Dexter's tally was the state's best, regardless of class. The Dreadnaughts' score was the lowest ever in the Division II state final.

Besides Davis and Hunter, Chelsea's Blythe Crane also made the Division II All-State first team. The senior closed out a phenomenal prep career, with a fourth-place finish at the state tournament.

The Brown University recruit scorched Michigan State University's Forest Akers East Golf Course, shooting a 151 (72-79) at last month's state match.

Crane's score was four strokes behind state runner-up Jenny Calkins of Greenville and 12 strokes over Division II champion Missy Ward of Linden.

Earning Division II All-State honorable mention was Chelsea's

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— Special Olympics Snapshots —

Chelsea and Dexter sent 21 Special Olympians to Central Michigan University for three days last month. The local group competed in the state Summer Games. Members of the team include, front row, coach Tara Thorburn (left), Ramsey Reed, Melissa Sprague, coach Nancy Cooper, Jacob McCarthy, Stephanie Fitzpatrick and Sarah Safer; second row, chaperone Tom Malloy (left), chaperone Barbara Scheel-Ayers, Becky Klaus, Martha Taylor, Megan Carlisle, Kyle Davidson and Kayoma Harris; third row, Zach Woods (left), Kevin Casady, Bob Vasas, Robert Martin, Kolan McConiughey, Doug Peterson, coach Doug Cooper and chaperone Mary Warren; back row, Tracy Keezer (left), Hunter Burtch, Peter Hillaker, Tara Lane and Mike Hand.

The gold medal bowling team includes Peter Hillaker (left), Zach Woods, Bob Vasas and Robert Martin.

Members of the gold medal-winning bowling team included Melissa Sprague (left), Kevin Casady, Kyle Davidson and Mike Hand.

Individual bowling winners include Megan Carlisle (left), Becky Klaus and Martha Taylor.

Davis, Tandy earn awards

Chelsea's Sean Davis and Meghan Tandy earned Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association Academic Honor Roll accolades for the 2003-04 year.

Davis, who played on the Britons' men's basketball team, was selected to the MIAA honor roll for the first time. Tandy, a member of Albion's women's cross country and track and field teams, has earned MIAA honor roll distinction twice.

To receive honor roll accolades, an individual must earn a varsity letter in a sport and maintain a 3.5 grade point average or better for the entire school year.

— Turkey Hunter —

Chelsea's Melvin Stephens bagged a 24-pound turkey last month. The bird had a 10 3/4 -inch beard and spurs 1 3/8-inch. Stephens hunted the turkey 20 yards away from his mushroom patch in Sylvan Township.

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Courtney Aili. The junior ended up with a one-day total of 83 at last month's state tournament.

Rounding out the Division II All-State first team was Megan Carter of Bloomfield Hills Lahser, Rose Cassard of East Grand Rapids, Camille Gardner of East Lansing, Becky Hoffman of Swartz Creek, Kathryn Kennedy of Marshall, Stephanie Mory of Haslett, Shanna Page of Jackson Northwest, Megan Petzko of Coldwater and Audra Walter of Flint Kearsley.

In addition to Aili, earning Division II All-State honorable mention were Liz Clement of Grand Rapids Forest Hills Northern, Jennifer Domagalski of Okemos, Vanessa Hanba of Flushing, Julie Hoogerhyde of Grand Rapids Forest Hills Northern and Louisa Shu of Birmingham Seaholm.

Other area golfers receiving postseason honors included Super Team selection Brie Rowdon of Jackson Lumen Christi and Division I All-State honorable mention pick Ashley Mantha of Ann Arbor Pioneer. In Division III, Jackson Lumen Christi's Elizabeth Iocca and Megan Mitchell both earned All-State first team accolades.

Named the state's Miss Golf was Laura Bavaird of Grosse Ile.

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— Happy Valentine —

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Mark Valentine of Ypsilanti made a hole-in-one at last month's Drug Abuse Resistance Education Golf Tournament at Pierce Lake Golf Course in Chelsea. Because of his perfect shot, Valentine won a Ford pick-up truck. Standing with Valentine (second from left) are WXYZ TV Channel 7 reporter Kristin Smith (left), Ken Butman of Gene Butman Ford and Washtenaw County Sheriff Dan Minzey of Chelsea.

Hudson Mills hosts tournament

Dexter Township's Hudson Mills Golf Course hosted its Junior Tournament June 25.

Winning the Championship Flight, for golfers 17 to 18 years old, was Patrick Wong, who shot a 74, eight strokes better than his nearest competitor.

Placing second in the Championship Flight was Dan Suminski with an 82, while Marc Richard was third with an 83.

In the first flight tournament, for players 15 to 16 years old, Paul Burger bested the field, carding a 75. Finishing second was Matt Talbot with a 78, while Ryan Langan was third with an 80.

In the tournament's second flight, for golfers 13 to 14 years old, Mike Gardner placed first, ending up with a score of 80. Jess Liker was second, shooting an 85, while Charles Jorgensen was third with an 86.

In the nine-hole third flight tournament, for players 12 years old and younger, Alex Smith finished first with a 47. Christian Richard was second with a 53, while Daniel Muller was third with a 59.

Winning the Championship Flight's longest drive competition was Marc Richard. Earning the title in the closest-to-the-pin event was Wong.

Adam McGee recorded the longest drive in the tournament's first flight, while Dave Moilanen was closest to the pin.

In the tournament's second flight, David Muller captured the longest drive competition, while Jorgensen was closest to the pin.

In the third flight tournament, Smith won the longest drive event, while Christian Richard was best in the closest to the pin competition.

Hudson Mills next hosts its Senior Tournament, for players 62 years old and older, Monday.

— Soccer Stars —

The Ann Arbor United U-12 girls' indoor soccer team captured a national championship. Members of the team include, front row, Hannah Ulrich; middle row, Kelly Fournier (left), Kelsay Elassar, Sara Bingle and Autumn Jacobs; back row, coach Sasha (left), Lauren Birdsong, Jordan Chick, Tyler Hardy, Allie Fendrick, Cara Johnson and coach Karen Karry.

Softball Standings

Monday night co-ed	W-L
1. Cleary's Pub	9-1
2. Chelsea Lanes	6-3
3. D & J Floors	5-4
4. McCalla	4-5
5. Chel. Free Meth	2-7
6. Chel. Free Meth	2-8

Tuesday night women	W-L
1. Thompson's Pizza	9-1
2. Cout. Hand. Funeral	6-4
3. Farm Bureau Insur.	4-5
4. Roberts Paint & Body	4-6
5. Chelsea State Bank	1-8

Wednesday night co-ed	W-L
1. Creative Stitchery	11-1
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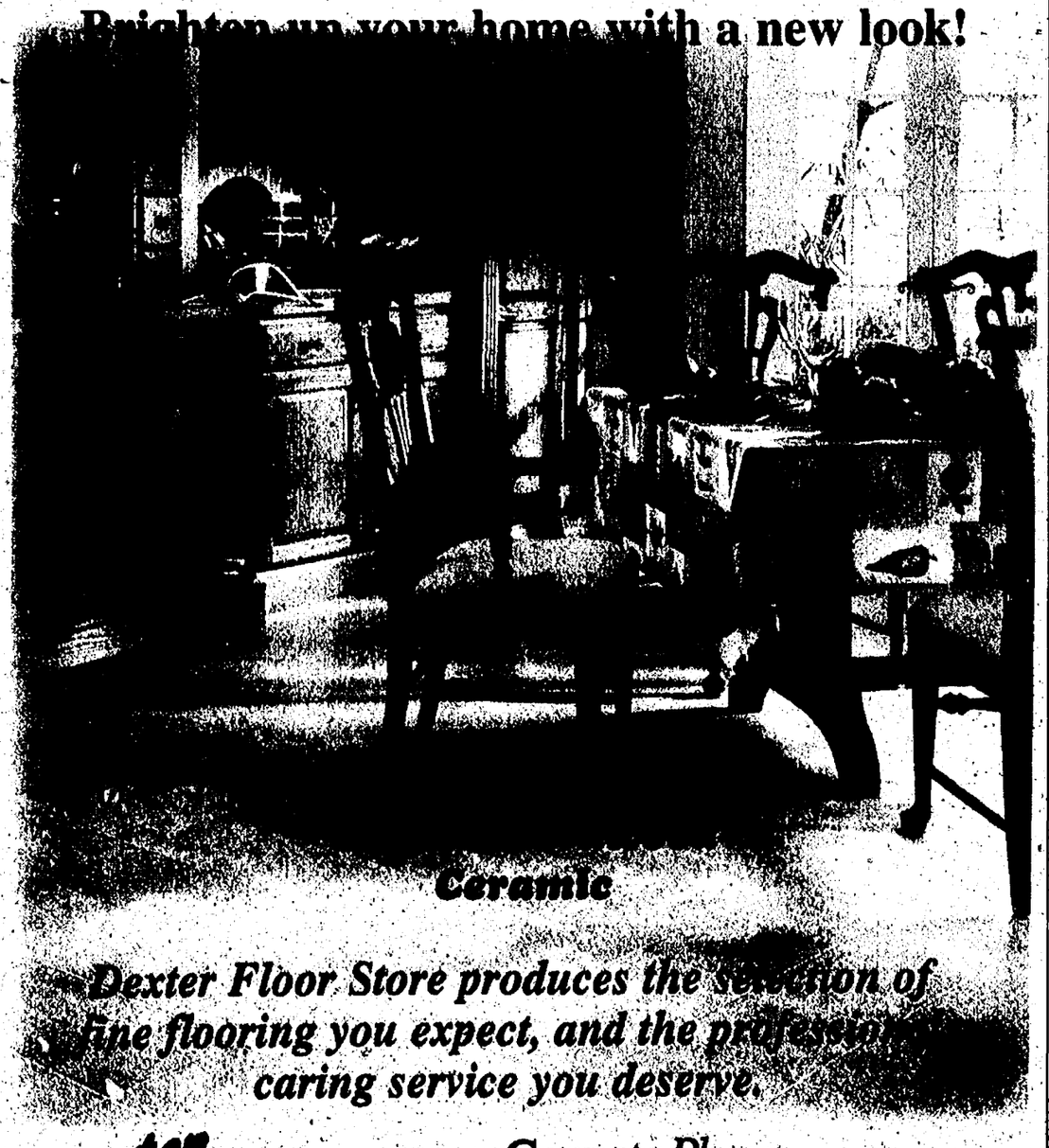

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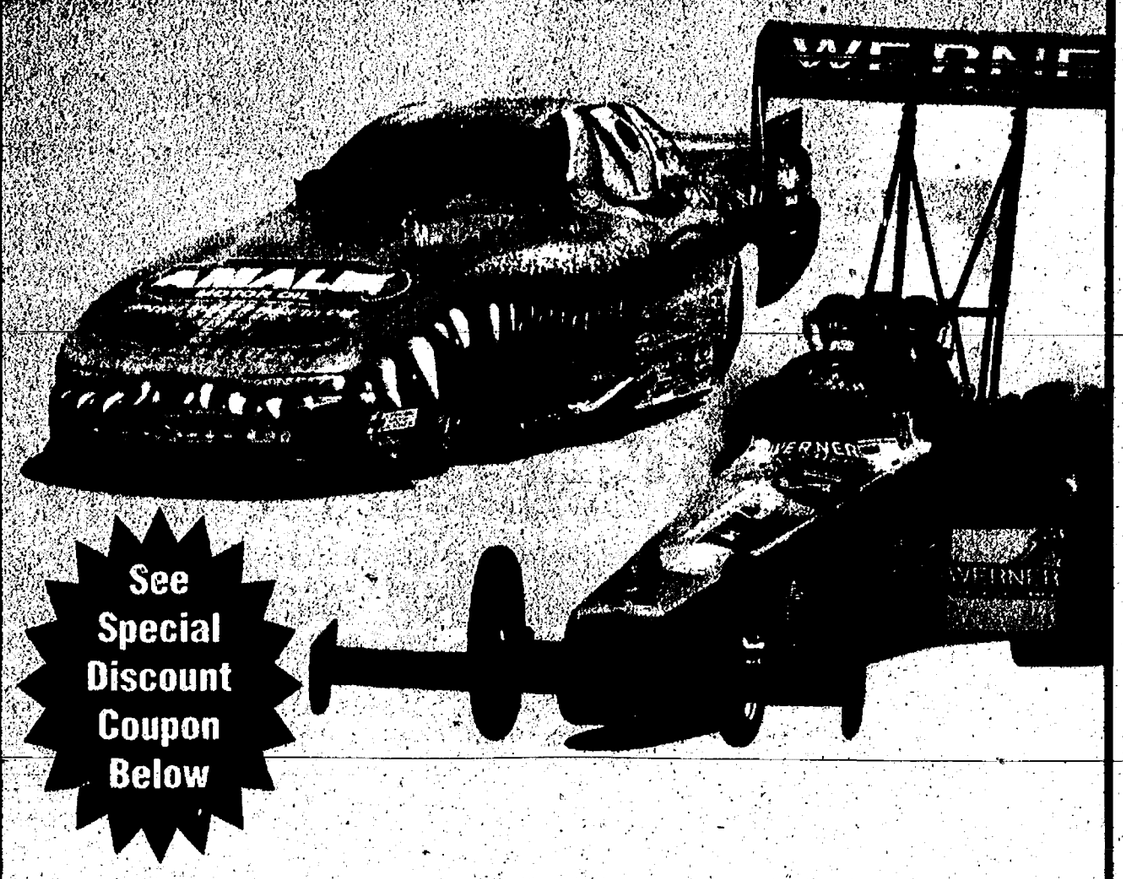

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Cool Licks

Five-year-old Parker Doan, 2-year-old Payton Doan and 5-year-old Connor Christian, pupils at Chelsea Children's Co-op Preschool, recently enjoyed a field trip to a Dairy Queen in Ann Arbor.

For love of country

Former POW continues to serve

By Jennifer Decker
21st Century Newspapers

Life has changed remarkably for Christopher Stone since he was held captive in the Balkans five years ago.

Stone is in the National Guard and was promoted to rank of lieutenant in an April 8 ceremony. For the last two years of being in the Guard, Stone attended officer candidate school.

"As a sergeant, I worked in marketing and recruiting," he said. "Now I'll be in budget and personnel for the recruiting office. I will monitor and control funds for recruiting."

While Stone admitted to still having occasional nightmares about his ordeal in the Balkans, he said, "It's in my thoughts, not consciously.

"We couldn't see when we were held and were rushed in and out."

The first time the Lansing man talked about being a prisoner of war, he almost couldn't finish.

"I spoke at a Veteran's Day event," he said. "I got through the first part, then had tears and it was very difficult. I missed my freedom. You go from living in control and you miss that. We weren't fed much —bread and water, sometimes broth. We were interrogated intensely."

Talking about his ordeal is therapeutic, he said, and hopes he can help others.

Stone said what kept him focused as a POW was the U.S. flag he drew on toilet tissue and a cross he made out of two old burned match sticks.

It would do him no good to harbor hatred toward those who held him captive, he said.

Stone's future plans include spending eight more years in the National Guard, then retiring to put his degree in marketing and advertising to use.

His son, Ryan, 9, lives in Virginia with his birth mother.

"Ryan was really little," Stone said of his son, who was 4 at the time of his father's capture. "He had made comments, 'Bad guys had daddy.'"

Stone said one day he would like to go back to the Balkans to see where he was held captive.

After his service, capture and release, Stone still keeps up on the political actions of the U.S. government. He compared the U.S. capture of former Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein to the downfall of former Yugoslavian President Slobodan Milosevic, as both fell from power. Hussein and Milosevic both face prosecution for alleged war crimes.

As for the location of missing al Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden, Stone said, "I think he's in a cave in the mountains. It can't be easy for him to be on the run."

Stone said he felt the Iraqi war was "necessary" and "not because I'm interested in having soldiers shot at. When we were in Macedonia, we had a lot of people who thought we weren't supposed to be there."

HOME HAPPENINGS

Home improvement should be done for the home owners

HARRY CASSIDY

For some people, the official start of summer means vacations, barbecues and leisurely afternoons by the swimming pool.

For others, it means cleaning, planting and weekend pilgrimages to the local home improvement store.

Summer's warm temperatures and extra hours of daylight make it the perfect time to undertake remodeling projects. In back yards across the country, contractors and do-it-yourselfers are erecting new decks, building home additions and sprucing up landscaping.

According to the Joint Center for Housing Studies at Harvard University, Americans spent an estimated $130 billion on such projects in 2003. And it's no wonder why: They add enjoyment and provide a sense of satisfaction when completed, especially if you are able to do the projects yourself.

But before you start installing that new hot tub or finishing that basement, make sure you're doing it for the right reasons. Some people start such projects thinking only about how much more their house will be worth after they're done.

While many home-improvement projects are priceless when it comes to the pleasure they provide, as investments, their dividends are mixed. Many homeowners only recoup a portion of remodeling costs when selling their home.

Two trade magazines, Realtor and Remodeling, recently published a joint nationwide study of the costs associated with midrange and high-end remodeling projects and the economic returns they provide when a house is sold.

Not surprisingly, the returns varied greatly, based on location and what's popular in different parts of the country. For example, in the Detroit area, the common home addition of a 16-by-20-foot backyard deck would cost about $6,600, according to the magazines' study.

While that's close to the national average, a deck in metro Detroit would only be worth about half its construction cost when the home was sold.

Compare that with Seattle, where the deck costs about the same to build but is worth more than $10,000 when the home changes hands.

Here's another example: A 6- by 8-foot full bathroom, added to a Detroit-area home that previously only had one bathroom or one bathroom and a half bath, would cost almost $17,000. When you sold it, you could expect to recoup around $11,200, or 66 percent of your investment.

If you lived in San Francisco, a new bathroom

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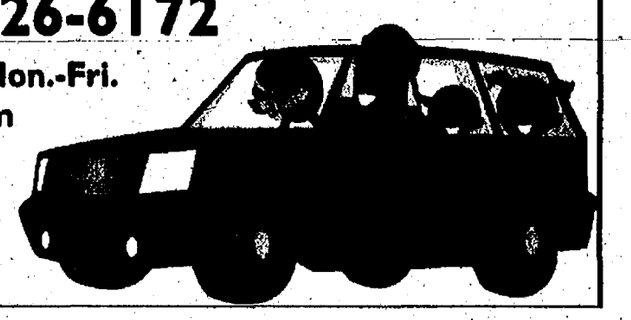

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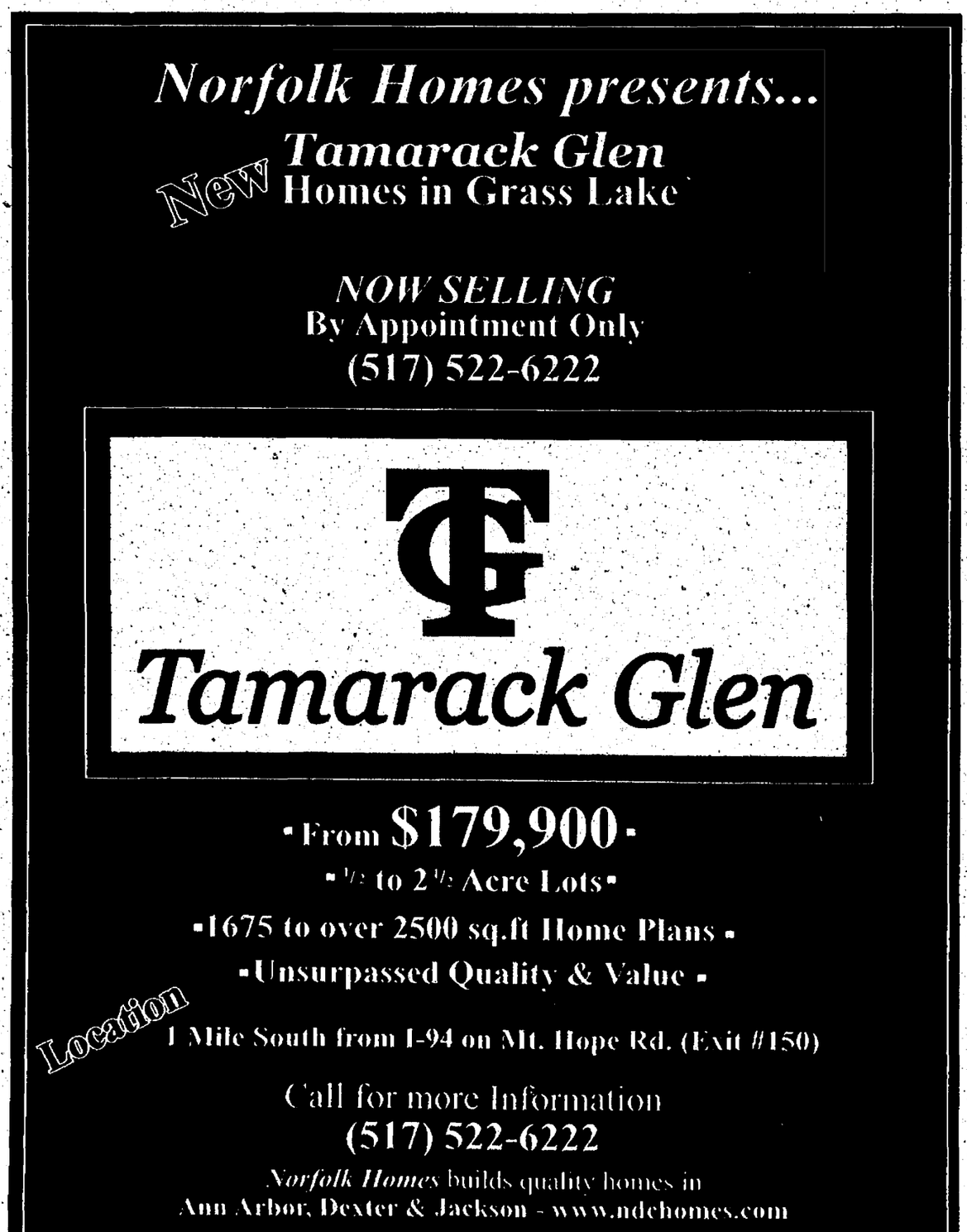

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Fun on the Fourth

Sisters Danielle (left) and Deanna Herr build a sandcastle on the beach at Portage Yacht Club in Dexter Township during the Fourth of July weekend. The small beach bustled with children, with most scampering up and down a huge pile of sand in the middle of the beach.

NATIONAL

Contest set for baked bean lovers

National company seeks America's biggest beaneater

By Klint Lowry
Heritage Newspapers

Has anyone ever accused you of being full of beans?

It could be worse. And it could even pay off if your love of baked beans is enough to blow away the competition.

July is National Baked Beans Month. Americans consume more than 35 million pounds of baked beans around Independence Day, almost 122 times the weight of the Statue of Liberty, and eat more baked beans in July than any other month of the year.

The good folks at Bush's Baked Beans think it's the perfect time to celebrate one of America's favorite side dishes.

They've even compiled some graphic statistics to illustrate how many baked beans are eaten during the month of July.

Did you know...

•Americans across the country eat enough cans of baked beans around the Fourth of July to construct a tower of empty cans 1,300 times the height of Mount Rushmore.

•Or, thinking laterally, all the baked bean cans Americans consume around the Fourth of July placed end to end would cross The Golden Gate Bridge three times daily until 2005.

•Beantown? You bet. The amount of beans Bostonians eat around the Fourth is more than 1 1/2 times the amount of tea dumped into Boston Harbor during the Boston Tea Party.

•Sparked by Fourth of July cookouts, Americans eat more than 57 million pounds of baked beans during the month of July, more than any other month of the year.

•Historic Route 66 covered 2,400 miles from Chicago to Los Angeles. If you laid all the cans of baked beans consumed during July end to end, they would traverse the entire route.

•Or running north-south, all the baked beans cans consumed in July laid end-to-end would stretch the length of the Mighty Mississippi River.

Is it any wonder July is the warmest month of the year?

This year, Bush's Baked Beans is going to raise the heat a bit in its search for America's biggest bean-eater.

To enter, take pen in hand and in 50 words or fewer why you think you are "America's Biggest Bush's Baked Beans Fan."

Submit your entry online at bushsbeans.com or mail the entry, along with your name, address, and daytime phone number to: Bush's Baked Beans Contest, 125 Park Avenue 19th floor, New York, NY 10017.

The contest is open to U.S. residents at least 18 years of age.

Entries will be judged based on their originality, creativity and appropriateness to theme.

One grand prize winner will receive a catered Labor Day backyard barbecue for 25 guests hosted by Bush's Baked Beans spokesman Jay Bush and his dog, Duke.

That person will also get a $5,000 cash prize and a one-year supply of Bush's Baked Beans.

Five first-prize winners will receive a "Summer Essentials Entertaining Kit" containing a Weber Q gas grill, Bush's Country Style Baked Beans, barbecue utensils, steak sauce/marinade, tablecloth, sparklers and drink charms.

Ten second-place winners will receive the Better Homes and Gardens' "The New Grilling Book."

Entries must be received by July 31. Potential winners will be notified by mail on or about Aug. 20.

HOME

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would cost almost $4,000 more, but it would add close to $34,000 to the home's value.

Still, Detroiters who add a bathroom fare better than homeowners in Buffalo, N.Y. new bathrooms only return about 47 percent of their cost in that city.

The differences in value are because no market is the same. What's a "must have" in one area may be a negative in another.

But in warm states and areas such as southern California and Florida, a pool is almost as common as an attached garage.

These variables are why your No. 1 reason for undertaking any project should be the enjoyment you and your family will get out of it, not how much extra money you think you'll receive when you sell your home.

People choose a house for many different reasons, and the backyard gazebo your family loves may not matter to the next people who own your home.

If there are some "money-motivated" readers out there, wondering what home-improvement project will provide the best return on investment in the Detroit area, it's kitchen remodeling.

A new kitchen should definitely provide some added enjoyment and satisfaction for the family chef and at the same time prove to be a good investment.

Realtor Harry Cassidy can be reached at harry@harrycassidy.com.

LIMA TOWNSHIP PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that a Public Accuracy Test for the August 3, 2004 Primary Election will be conducted on Wednesday, July 14, 2004 at 10:00 A.M. at the Lima Township Hall, located at 11452 Jackson Rd., Dexter, MI.

The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to Demonstrate that the program and computer that will be used to tabulate the results of the election have been prepared in accordance with the law.

Arlene R. Bareis, Clerk

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LYNDON TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS ABSENT VOTER BALLOTS PRIMARY ELECTION AUGUST 3, 2004

Absent voter ballots, for the Primary Election, August 3, 2004 are available as of July 13, 2004 in the Clerk's office at the Lyndon Township Hall, 17751 N. Territorial Road, Chelsea, MI 48118. Ballots are available from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and on Saturday, July 31, 2004 from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

LINDA REILLY
Lyndon Township Clerk

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VILLAGE OF DEXTER PLANNING COMMISSION VACANCIES

The Village of Dexter has vacancies on the Planning Commission and Parks Commission. Interested individuals should contact the village for more information, or fill out an application, available at www.villageofdexter.org and return it to the village offices.

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WEBSTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW

The Webster Township Board of Review will meet on Tuesday, July 20, 2004 at 11:00 AM to correct "Mutual Mistakes of Fact" and "Clerical Errors". The meeting will be held at the Township Hall, 5665 Webster Church Rd, Dexter, MI 48130.

Dean F. Fisher, Secretary
Webster Township Board of Review

Posted: 6/30/04
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WEBSTER TOWNSHIP NOTICE CHARTER TOWNSHIP INFORMATION FORUM

At the August Primary Election, the Electors of Webster Township will decide a Ballot Proposition for Webster to become a Charter Township. You are invited to a discussion of the issues surrounding this proposed change from a General Law Township to a Charter Township. The meeting will be held at the Township Hall, 5665 Webster Church Road, on Thursday July 15 beginning at 7:30 P.M. The objective of this meeting is to answer questions the electors may have about the impact of this proposed change.

Dean Fisher, Supervisor

Publish: July 8, 2004

LYNDON TOWNSHIP ATTENTION RESIDENTS - NOTICE -

THE LYNDON TOWNSHIP BOARD WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON Monday, July 12, 2004 at 7:00 P.M. At The Lyndon Township Hall 17751 N. TERRITORIAL ROAD CHELSEA, MI 48118

AGENDA:

1. An application for an approved private road status by John H. Hood of 7750 Werkner Road, Chelsea, MI 48118 (parcel # 05-36-200-035).
2. An application for an approved private road status by Thomas J. Capper of 7738 Werkner Road, Chelsea, MI 48118 (parcel # 05-36-200-040).

Written comments may be sent to:
Lyndon Township Clerk, Linda Reilly,
17751 N. Territorial Road, Chelsea, MI 48118.

The Lyndon Township Board will provide, if time after the request allows, necessary and reasonable auxiliary aids or services to individual with disabilities at the public hearing.

Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Lyndon Township Board by writing or calling: Linda Reilly, Clerk, 17751 N. Territorial Road, Chelsea, MI 48118 or phone 734-475-2401.

A copy of this notice is on file in the office of the clerk.

Linda Reilly, Lyndon Township Clerk

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LYNDON TOWNSHIP NOTICE TESTING OF VOTING EQUIPMENT

To the qualified electors of the Township of Lyndon, notice is hereby given that the Lyndon Township Clerk will conduct a PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST of the voting equipment to be used in the August 3, 2004 Primary Election. The test will be conducted on Friday, July 9, 2004 at 12:15 p.m. at the Lyndon Township Hall, 17751 N. Territorial Road, Chelsea, MI 48118.

The Public Accuracy test is conducted to demonstrate that the program and computer that will be used to tabulate the results of the primary have been prepared in accordance with the law.

Linda Reilly, Clerk
Lyndon Township

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LYNDON TOWNSHIP NOTICE

LYNDON TOWNSHIP BOARD AND LYNDON TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION WILL HOLD A SPECIAL MEETING ON THURSDAY, JULY 15, 2004 AT 7:00 P.M. AT LYNDON TOWNSHIP HALL 17751 N. TERRITORIAL ROAD, CHELSEA, MI 48118

AGENDA: To discuss the Washtenaw County Road Commission Draft of 2004 Procedures and Regulations for Public Roads

Written comments may be sent to: Helena M. Robinovitz, 17751 N. Territorial Road, Chelsea MI 48118.

The Lyndon Township Board will provide, if time after the request allows, necessary and reasonable auxiliary aids or services to individuals with disabilities at the public hearing.

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LYNDON TOWNSHIP
Linda Reilly, Clerk

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CITY OF CHELSEA NOTICE OF VARIANCE HEARING

An application has been filed by **RANDY ROSENTRETER** of **221 RAILROAD STREET, CHELSEA** for a variance from the requirements of Section 310B of Ordinance No.79 (Zoning Ordinance), to **ALLOW FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A GARAGE 17½ FEET HIGH AS MEASURED AT THE MID-POINT BETWEEN THE PEAK AND THE EAVES. THE ZONING ORDINANCE ALLOWS 12 FEET, A DIFFERENCE OF 5½ FEET. THE TOTAL HEIGHT OF THE GARAGE AT THE PEAK WILL BE 27 FEET.**

The property is described as follows:

TAX CODE: # 06-06-12-109-008
221 RAILROAD STREET, CHELSEA

Pursuant to the procedure for a variance request: a Notice of Hearing shall be given and will be served personally or by mail at least ten (10) days prior to the date of such hearing, upon the party or parties making the request for appeal, and all owners of record of property and occupants of property located within three-hundred (300) feet of such premises in question.

You are herein notified that a hearing will be held by the Chelsea Zoning Board of Appeals on **Wednesday, JULY 21, 2004** at 5:00 o'clock P.M. or as soon thereafter as possible, in the Chelsea Village Offices, located in the Chelsea Bank Building, 305 S. Main Street, Suite 100 (lower level conference room), to consider objections to said request.

The petition is on file in the office of the Planning and Zoning Department, 305 S. Main St., Suite 100, Chelsea and may be examined prior to the date of the hearing.

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

DONALD T. OSBORNE, CHAIRMAN
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

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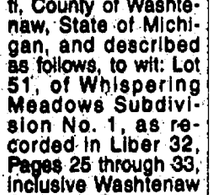

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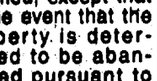

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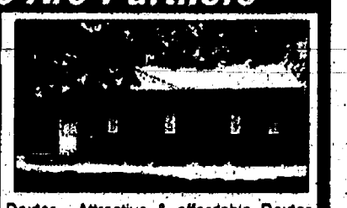

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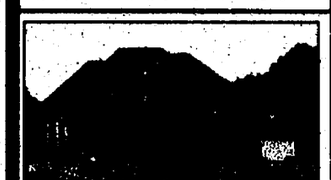

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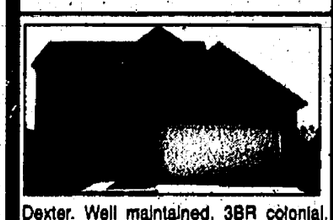

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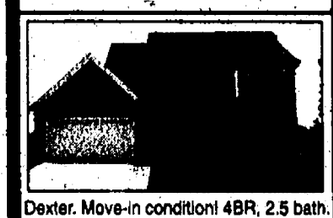

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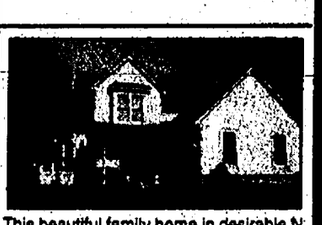

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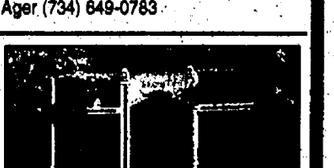

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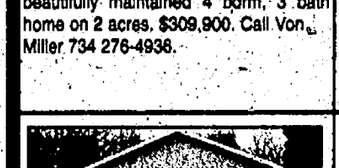

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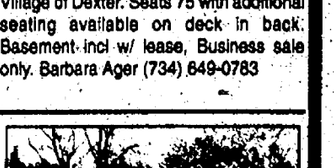

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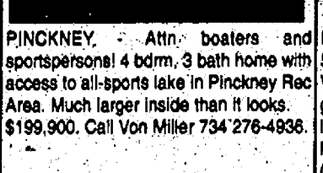

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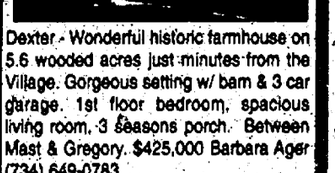
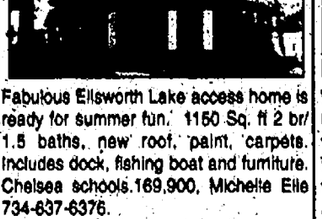


LOCH ALPINE: Newly Listed Colonial 4 bedrooms 2.5 baths, sun porch, 2nd floor laundry room and study. Formal living room, family room with fireplace $409,000 Liz Rauser, 476-4911



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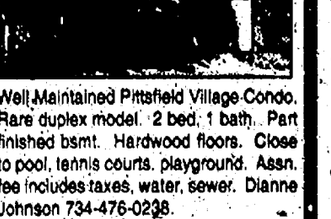

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ALLEN PARK, BIG SALE, 9229 Marlborough, (off Wick and Allen), July 9th and 10th; 9-5p.m., Plus size clothing and more

ALLEN PARK: Estate Sale; Friday-Sunday, 9am-?. 14876 Jonas. Tools, golf equipment, antiques, etc.

ALLEN PARK, Friday - Sunday, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Something for everyone of all ages. 14911 Belmont, near Champaign and Rosedale.

ALLEN PARK, Garage Sale. July 8th-10th, 8-4. 6547 , 6557 & 6616 Osage. Postage stamps, infant/adult clothes. Infant car seats and toys. Many misc. items. No early birds.

ALLEN PARK Garage Sale, Thurs. & Fri. only 9-4 p.m. Lots of good buys at half off! 9657 Manor.

ALLEN PARK: Huge 4 Family Sale! Thurs.-Sat., July 8-10, 9-4. Lots of children's clothes & items, Avon products, furniture; something for everyone! Don't miss out!

ALLEN PARK, Huge garage sale! Quality kid's clothing, maternity, toys, housewares. All priced to go! July 8-9, 9-4 9324 Joseph (off Vine, between North & South Yost). No early birds.

ALLEN PARK July 7-11 5 piece bedroom set, pop-up camper and much more. 15115 Champagne.

ALLEN PARK - July 8, 9 & 10, 9-5. 8971 Niver. Saws, bikes, kids stuff, and lots more.

Allen Park, July 8-9, 9-4p.m., Love seat, toys & misc. 9299 Chatham

ALLEN PARK - July 9 & 10; 8-4. 14916 College (between Roger & Lawrence). Good quality, 1X clothing, purses, wallets, misc. household items, lots of nice stuff.

ALLEN PARK - July 9 & 10, 9-3. 14554 Markese. Two family. Furniture, clothing, toy box & more.

ALLEN PARK, moving sale, 16174 May Avenue, by library, Sat July 10th, 8-5p.m.

ALLEN PARK MOVING SALE! Lots of furniture! Kitchen items & lots, lots more!! 14610 Paris, (N. of Southfield Rd. & W. of Dix-Toledo). July 10, 8-3p.m. July 11, 9-4p.m.

ALLEN PARK, Multi-family. Refrigerator, dryer, furniture & more. 8:30-4, July 9-10. 14548 Philomene.

ALLEN PARK Sat. 8-4 & Sun 11-3, 15917 Crescent; Christmas, vintage dishes, TV, housewares, misc.

ALLEN PARK. Sat. July 10th, 8-5. 6440 Larme. House wares, home decor/candle light, children's toys and misc.

ALLEN PARK Thurs & Friday 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. 9064 Niver, corner house at Wick/Niver, 1 block W. of Park Ave.

ALLEN PARK, Yard Sale Friday. & Saturday, 9-5 p.m. 9825 Niver, Wick Rd. and Midway.

BELLEVILLE, HUGE tent sale! 1 Day only. Sat. July 10, 9-5. 40100 Willis Rd. & Clark Rd.

BELLEVILLE, JULY 8-10, 9-4. Fantastic multi-family, Little Tykes, Honda scooter, exercise equipment, dishwasher, new housewares, linens, clothes, womans sizes, girls. 17689 Savage, S of Bemis.

BELLEVILLE-MOVING In/moving out sale, 575 Sumpter, corner of Owens. Belleville Co-op. July 10, 10-4.

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Fri., July 16, Sat., July 17. Shop or sell. Vendor space available. Bring your garage sales crafts or hobbies to Bridgewater. Call 734-429-2504 for information.

BROWNSTOWN: 3 Family Sale, Fri.-Sun., 9-5. 19710 Gudith, between Sibley & Dix. Tools, bikes, furniture.

BROWNSTOWN, July 7 & 8, 9-4. Stroller, car seat, something for everyone!
34401 W. Jefferson.

BROWNSTOWN - July 8, 9 & 10, 9-4. 23628 Andrew Blvd., Meadowbrook Village Sub. Multiple home sale. Brand name childrens clothes, household items, and more.

BROWNSTOWN TWP. Huge Garage Sale, July 9 & 10th, 27630 Oakcrest (Close to Allen Rd. & Vreeland)

CHELSEA, 17364 N. M-52, (1st house past Roepke Rd) Hoosier Cabinet, luggage, pieces of carpet. Lots of books and kid's stuff, etc. Thurs. thru Sat. 9-5p.m., Sun -2p.m.

CHELSEA ANTIQUES, baby items, LPs, household items, plus size clothing. 220 Madison July 9-10 from 10-5 p.m.

CHELSEA, BIG yard sale. Lots of stuff!! Fri. July, 9, 9-7. 7751 Clark Lake Rd. M-52 & Waterloo.

CHELSEA, GARAGE sale, 11200 Boyce, Sat. July 10, 9-5, Crib, clothes, misc. household items.

CHELSEA, GARAGE sale. Friday June 9th, 8a.m.-?
705 West Middle St. (located in back)

CHELSEA MULTI-FAMILY Garage Sale, Thurs.-Fri, 9-3 p.m. 1238 Sugarloaf Lake, M52 N., left on Waterloo, left on Gulnan, follow signs.

Dearborn - 1751 N. Wavery. Thurs. July 8 & Fri. July 9, 9a.m.-4p.m. Everything must go!!!

DEARBORN 22100 Watsonia (Outer Dr. & Ford Rd.) Thurs. thru Sat. 7/8-10. Gigantic Sale.

DEARBORN: 2961 Geneva July 8-10, 9-5 p.m. Antiques, collectibles, & **Much Much More!!**

DEARBORN: ESTATE sale 1815 Geneva, July 8-10, 9 - 4 p.m. Antiques, collectibles, tools & misc.

DEARBORN ESTATE Sale!! Furniture, snowblower, lawn/garden, tools, lots more!! Inventor's paradise!! July 8-9, 9-7p.m. July 10, 9-5p.m. 1848 Kingsbury (1 block S. of Ford)

DEARBORN, FARMHOUSE .Telegraph Rd. 2 blocks N. of Cherry Hill, antiques, collectibles, furniture, etc. June 10 & 11, 9-5. No early sales.

DEARBORN: FRI. only 9:30-?. 22939 Murray, Outer Dr. & Cherry Hill area. Collectibles, household, clothes, etc.

DEARBORN GARAGE/MOVING SALE. 1 day only! Thurs., July 8, 9a.m.-5p.m. 15160 Colson (S. of Ford, E. of Greenfield).

DEARBORN GARAGE sale, 9:30-4:30 July 8-10. Old Glasswear and Feistawear. Melmac dishes and lots more! 22900 Lodge Lane.

DEARBORN Garage sale Three family, baby jogger. 1832 Culver, July 9, 8-4, July 10, 8-12.

DEARBORN HEIGHTS: 23289 S. Brookside. Thurs-Sun. 9-5. Antiques, Nascar, parrot stands, EKJ, etc

DEARBORN HEIGHTS Fri & Sat, 7/9 & 7/10, 9am-6pm 5300 Michael St., 1st block E. of Gulley, just N. of VanBorne, S. of Thorne School. Stove, washer, bowl balls & unique items.

DEARBORN HEIGHTS HUGE GARAGE SALE July 8-11, 9-6. Plus size clothing, household and misc. items. 4128 Huron and 4161 Hipp between Lehigh and Colgate.

DEARBORN HEIGHTS- July 8, 9 & 10, 10-5. 3990 Detroit St. Tools and other large items.

DEARBORN HEIGHTS, Thurs.-Sat. 9-6 p.m. 24147 McDonald, 1st block W. of Telegraph

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DEARBORN HEIGHTS, tools and misc. household items. July 10th, 9-5. 5731 Evangeline

HUGE SALE
DEARBORN Heights tools, appliances, furniture and misc. July 8-10, 10-4pm, 5754 Belmont, off Ford Rd.

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DEARBORN HGTS, 24771 Andover, moving sale. Sat July 10 9-5p.m. Household and furniture. Walnut dining suite $200.

DEARBORN HTS, Estate Sale, Sat. July 10, 10-4p.m. 26847 Richardson, 1 blck s. of Warren, e. of Inkster. E-Z lift chair, bdrm set, dressers, cookware, appliances, lrg variety of collectibles.

DEARBORN HTS, Garage sale. 4136 Grindly Pk. Come see!!! July 10, 9a.m.-3p.m.

DEARBORN HTS; July 7-9, 9-4p.m. Collectibles, dolls and much more.
24728 Hopkins

DEARBORN HTS Multi family, baby clothes, small & large toys & more!! 4203 Merrick, by Van Born. July 15-17, 10-3p.m.

DEARBORN HTS, Wed. thru Sun. 10-4:30. Asst. of clothing & household items: 24090 Hopkins, 1 block from Telegraph.

Dearborn Hts, Yard Sale, 4956 Mayfair St. between Powers & Eaton. July 9 & 10, 9-6p.m.

DEARBORN - Huge Sale Fri. July 9th only 9-4 pm 2051 Nightingale (Doxtator)

DEARBORN, JULY 8-10, 9-5p.m., 2615 Walnut. Tools; antiques housewares, toys and collectables.

Sale!
DEARBORN: July 8-10, 9am-4pm. 5481 Horger.

DEARBORN, MOVING sale, lazy boy sofa, end tables, TV, chairs. Sat 9-4p.m. 22258 Donaldson

Dearborn-Moving Sale Something for everyone!! July 8 & 9, 9-4. 3546 Hipp. Between Carlysle & Penn.

DEARBORN: SALE Thur. & Fri. July 8 & 9, 10-4 p.m. 322 Tannahill, off Cherryhill, 2 blocks W. of Military. Photo equipment, guitar, household items, 1930's bdrm. set & more.

DEARBORN: YARD sale, 23120 Nona, 7/9 & 10, 9-4p.m. Too much to list. No early birds.

DEXTER - July 9 , 8-4. July 10, 8-2., Big moving sale, tools, pool table, & lots of goodies. 6944 Wellington Dr. off of Carrington, next to Country Market.

DEXTER: YARD sale. July 7-8, Thurs-Fri, 8-5pm. Numerous estate items, antiques, tools and planes, theology books, Peavey Bass guitar, amplifier, Limoge dishes and more. **10411 DEXTER-CHELSEA RD.**

DEXTER, YARD sale. Tables, chairs, chest-of-drawers, salt and pepper collection, Christmas decorations, pictures, lamps, dolls, sofa, microwave, 3 piece bar set with rooster design and a variety or great items! Fri. July 9th, 8-5. 6103 Joy Rd.

ECORSE, BABY stuff & more. 4412 6th St. Between Southfield & Outer Dr. Thurs, Fri. & Sat. 10-5

Flat Rock 29305 & 29314 Van Riper Furniture, misc. baby clothes.
July 7, 8 & 9, 10-5

FLAT ROCK 30401 TORRY. Fri., July 9, Sat., July 10 9a.m.-4p.m. Tons of name brand kid's clothes, boy's, 3 months-3T, girl's, 0-6 months, air conditioner, knick knacks, much more. great prices!

FLAT ROCK, 4 Homes on Country Vjew Lane, 23109, 9-4. July 10. Something for everyone!!

FLAT ROCK Moving Sale. July 9-10, 9-5. 36" Console TV, Furniture & More!!!
29456 Evergreen

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GILBRALTAR: Kid's/baby accessories/toys. 30333 Lisch.
7/8 9-3p.m.
7/9 10-4p.m.

GRASS LAKE, Moving sale, some antiques at 3411 Welpon Way, off Francisco. Fri., Sat. 9-5p.m.

GROSSE ILE: 24530 Hickory Dr. Bikes, guitars, patio furniture, computers, & household goods. Thurs. & Fri. 9-4p.m.

GROSSE ILE, 8347 Thorn tree, July 9th and 10th, 9-4p.m. kid's stuff and households.

GROSSE ILE, furniture, clothes, exercise equipment, lots more! July 10, 9-4 7795 Island Blvd, Off E. River (between Ferry & Church)

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19606 Kathron Court.

GROSSE ILE, Sat. July 10th, 9 to 3.
8227 Hampton. Adult's and kid's clothes. Aero, LTD2 ..nd Gap. Home items and much more.

GROSSE ISLE One day sale! July 8, 9-4pm. 24360 E. River Unit #33 Macomb Parkway

GROSSE ILE, Moving sale! Bdrm. furniture, sofa, wicker furniture, and more. 26872 East River Road. Sat. July 10, 10-6.

LINCOLN PARK, 1792 Pagel, Multi-family, July 8 & 9, 10-3. Something for everyone!!!

LINCOLN PARK 2171 Markese, Fri-Sat 9-4, July 9-10: SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE. Scrubs, and crafts and etc.

Lincoln Park -2 family garage sale. Baby clothes, toys & furniture. Maternity & Women's clothes 2-5. Household items. DVDs etc. Fri-Sat July 9-10 8:30-4. 2146 Leblanc; 2 blcks west of Dix Toledo Road

LINCOLN PARK, Fri. July 9th thru Sun. July 11th from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.. 673 Highland, off Fort.

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LINCOLN PARK Garage Sale July 8-10, 9-4. Household goods and more!
708 Mill St.

LINCOLN PARK Huge Sale, 854 Stewart, Fri. and Sat. 9-5p.m. Tons of; Name brand clothes, children's, teen's, adult's, new jewelry, households items, baby items, princess house, books, something for all and new to Vintage.

LINCOLN PARK, Jewelry, arm saw, golf clubs,dolls. Lots more! 2081 Le Blanc July 8-9, 8-4p.m.

LINCOLN PARK, July 10, 7-7 p.m. baby clothes, toys, power wheel and misc. items. 1543 Keppen.

LINCOLN PARK - July 8, 9 & 10. 7-?. 1256 Ferris. Toys, household items, and miscellaneous.

LINCOLN PARK - July 9-10, 9-5. 2155 Leblanc. Records, plants, puzzles & lots of miscellaneous.

LINCOLN PARK, Kid's toys, strollers, swing, walkers, baby clothes, much more! July 8-10, 9-4p.m. 1722 Le Blanc, E. of Dix & S. of Moran.

LINCOLN PARK, Large garage sale! Furniture, Total Gym, stereo, clothes, much more!! July 9-10, 9-5p.m. No early birds. 558 Mill.

LINCOLN PARK Moving/Garage Sale, 807 Highland. July 7-9 from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sorry no early sales. Household items, some collectibles, pool accessories and C.B. equipment.

LINCOLN PARK, moving/yard sale. 1430 Mclain, 1 st. N. of Champaign. July 10-11, 9-6 p.m.

LINCOLN PARK MULTI-FAMILY SALE!! 985 & 989 Emmons Blvd. July 9 &10, 9-4p.m. Furniture, electronics, toys, clothing, including kid's & lady's X sizes, seasonal, & lots, lots more!! No early birds.

LINCOLN PARK, Patriotic Sale, Sun & Mon, July 4 & 5 7-7p.m. 1524 Morris Inexpensive items!!!

LINCOLN PARK, pool table, household, lots more!!! July 7-9, 9-6p.m. 1577 Detroit (between Dix & Fort).

LINCOLN PARK Thurs., Fri. and Sat. 9-4 p.m. Lots of girl's clothes, toys, and odds and ends. No early birds.
1051 Merrill

LINCOLN PARK, Thurs. July 8, 10-6; Furniture, tools, electrical parts, appliances, women's clothes & misc. 1060 Cloverlawn.

LINCOLN PARK: Yard Sale 1473 Grant. Lots of great treasures. July 7-9.

LINCOLN PARK Yard Sale 2877 Lafayette, between Dix and Fort St. off of Champagne July 9th and 10th 9am to 4 pm

LINCOLN PARK yard sale July 9-11, 9-4 3026 Serris. Antiques, baby items and misc.

LINCOLN PARK: Yard sale, Thurs. - Sun. 8-7 p.m. 826 Champaign

MANCHESTER 10962 Hogan Rd. July 8 -10, 9-4. Computer games, household, sporting, plus more!

MANCHESTER, BIG garage sale, antiques. July 15-17, 9-5p.m. 323 Woodview

MANCHESTER GARAGE SALE, 316 Morgan St., July 16-17, 9a.m.-5p.m. Furniture, household goods, clothing, & much, much more!!!

MANCHESTER MULTI-FAMILY 7/9-7/10 from 9 until 2. 419 E. Main Street

MELVINDALE - July 9, 10, 11. 9AM-5PM. 17454 Park. Bikes, men's suits, lg. women's clothes, & more.

MILAN 307 Marvin July 9-10, **9-3:30. Videos, toys, bikes, girl's clothes, lots, lots more!!!!!**

MILAN, 923 Williana July 8-10, 9-6p.m. Proceeds go to Relay For Life.

MILAN HUGE Sale! Furniture and household items. July 8 -10, Thurs. and Fri. 9-4, Sat. 9-noon. 13851 Dennison Rd., S. of Redman Rd.

MILAN, JULY 8, 9 & 10, 9-4. Dressers, high chairs, table/chairs, Playstation games & misc. Ann Arbor Rd. & Cooper 1 mile S. of Cone.

MILAN, MULTI-family sale, Sat. July 10, 9a.m - 2p.m. 236 O'brian. No early birds

MILAN, YARD Sale 71 Hurd. Multi family sale. Sat July 10. From 9-?p.m.

NEW BOSTON: Craft, Christmas, pictures, miscellaneous. July 10 & 11, 9-5 p.m. 32855 West Road.

RIVERVIEW: 100 yr. old wicker rocker, tons of unique items, baskets, reefs, old picture frames, Little Tykes house, slide, & toys. Toddler clothes, men's & women's clothes up to 3X. 18160 & 18150 Valade, Pennsylvania to Quarry turn right, to Longsdorf, turn right, to Valade turn left. Sat. only 9-?.

RIVERVIEW - 2 family sale. July 8-10, 9-3. 20526 Coachwood Rd. off King. Something for everyone!

RIVERVIEW; JULY 9 & 10 14045 Huntington. Ladies lg. sizes, toys, children's clothing, & misc. 9-4p.m.

RIVERVIEW - July 9 &10, 9-3. 17065 Grange (corner of Penn. and Grange). 3 family. CHEAP.

RIVERVIEW, KID'S toys, Christmas bike & household items. 14061 Village Lane. **Thurs./Fri. 9-2.**

RIVERVIEW, MISC. kid's items, misses dress and casual, furniture, household items and more. July 9-11, 9-5 p.m., no early birds.
14654 Parkview.

RIVERVIEW MOVING sale! Loads of furniture, tools, garden tools, compressor, etc. Saturday only, July 10th, 9-5.
14625 Brookline

RIVERVIEW, SALE, household and miscellaneous. Fri. and Sat. 9-4p.m. 14307 Stratford.

ROCKWOOD, MOVING Sale. July 9-11, boating, fishing and many items. 35710 Errie Dr.

SALINE 820 Lambkin multi family sale. Fri. 7/9 8-6p.m. & Sat. 7/10 8-3p.m. Furniture, household, clothing, collectibles.

SALINE, FRI. 9-3, Sat. 9-1. July 9th and 10th. Multi-family sale. 7883 Spruce Tree Court (off Bemis, between Moon and Warner Rd.)

SALINE, Garage Sale, Fri. July 9, 8.-3p.m. & Sat. July 10, 9-12p.m. 368 Saline River Dr. (Mi Ave) 2 Austin Rd. 2 Austin Dr. Furniture, household items, twin bds. Sorry no baby items.

SALINE, JULY 9 & 10, 9-5. Dining room/china set, kitchen ware, collectibles, band & miter saw, tools & muzzle loader. Case back-hoe. 11800 Jordan, 4 miles off MI Ave at Monroe.

SALINE MOVING SALE! Saturday, July 10, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Bunk beds, glass dining room table w/ six chairs, two corner cabinets, wall units, stereo w/ speakers, TV/stand, clothes, and misc. items. 5737 Fox Run, Lodi Country Estates.

SOUTHGATE 12317 Pearl July 9-10, 9-4. Men's, women's, children's clothing, toys and misc.

SOUTHGATE - 13380 Mercier, 3 families. Hope chest, home decor, clothes & misc. Sat. 8-3pm

SOUTHGATE, 13666 Mark behind Southgate P.O. Sat./Sun., 9-4 multi family. Kid's clothes, toys, tools, misc items, & household.

SOUTHGATE: 15381 Devoe, corner of Plum. Friday, July 9, 9-4 p.m. Lots of stuff

SOUTHGATE, A little bit of everything! China cabinet, down riggers, fishing, and misc. 16700 Poplar. July8 -10, 9-4.

SOUTHGATE - Gently used clothing, girl's 10/12, lady's plus sizes, toys, games, Barbie, kitchen misc., rugs, rabbit hutch, bikes, XL Glider, lots more! Very clean, priced to sell. Thursday - Saturday, 10 - 4 p.m.
15160 Devoe

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SOUTHGATE - July 7, 8 & 9, 9-6. 13296 Cunningham. Huge sale. Tools, household items, cabinets, treadmill, air conditioners, odds and ends.

SOUTHGATE, July 8th - July 9th. 9a.m.-? No early birds! Lots of toys, scrap booking, and misc.
13347 Pullman

SOUTHGATE, MULTI-Family. July 10, 9-3p.m. Clothes & odds & ends. 13538 Kerr.

SOUTHGATE SALE Baby car seat, pack & play, kid's & baby toys, furniture and many great household items. Fri. & Sat. from 9-3 p.m.
13472 Superior

SOUTHGATE WAVERLY Subdivision Sale, July 10-11, Sat. 8-4 p.m., Sun. 10-4 p.m. Located across from Sam's Club.

SOUTH ROCKWOOD, Huge yard sale! Antiques, linens, collectibles & misc. July 14th-16th. 9-?
10462 North Dixie.

TAYLOR, 2 many items to mention. Sun., Mon. & Tues. from 10 a.m. to 3p.m. Rose Garden Sub. 11754 Dudley (off of Goddard, between Mortonview and Pardee, in back of Sub.)
NO EARLY BIRDS!

TAYLOR: 4 family yard sale, Wed. July 7 thru Fri. July 9, 9-5p.m. no early birds. 8394 Weddel, between Champaign & Wick. Home school curriculum, Amway S.O.T.'s, home interiors, antiques, new items, & much more.

TAYLOR - 5878 Sellrath. July 10 - 11, 9 - 5 p.m. **LOTS** of guy stuff!

TAYLOR 5 Family Garage Sale, 7/7-7/10, 9a.m. until 5 p.m. To many items to list! 7541 Sloan St.

TAYLOR - Huge 8 family garage sale. July 7 thru 12, 10-5. 22042 Harmon. Furniture, household, and baby stuff.

TAYLOR - July 8, 9 & 10, 9-?. 15331 Jackson. Housewares, Harley, christmas, clothes, and more.

TAYLOR LARGE multi family yard sale. Tools/home furnishings/hand painted lawn ornaments and much more. Thur-Sat. 7/8-10, 9-5p.m. 5987 Michael.

TAYLOR, SPORTS card, clothing and dishes. July 6th - July 10th. 9a.m.- 5p.m. 14668 Ziegler

TAYLOR THURS. - Sat. 8-5 p.m. Washer/dryer, electric fireplace, king size waterbed, clothes, toys.
13926 Lorato Dr.

TECUMSEH FLEA MARKET July 10th, 10-5p.m. On M-50 E. off Matthews Hwy. 10"x 20" space $10. Parking & admission free. 517-423-2780

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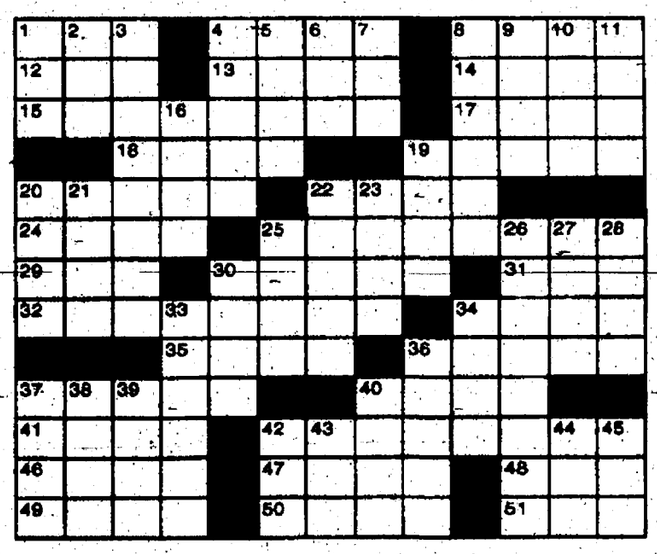

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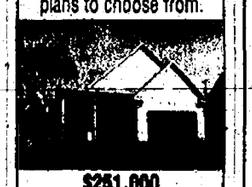

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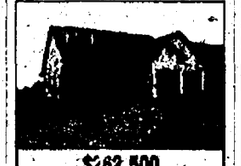

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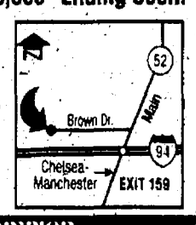

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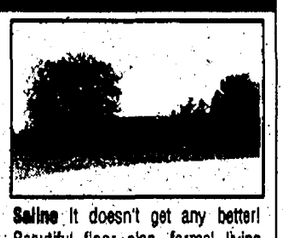
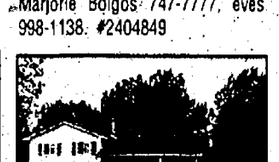
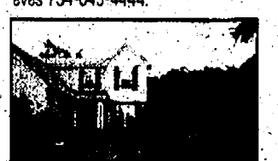


Saline It doesn't get any better! Beautiful floor plan, formal living room w/dome ceiling, marble fireplace, columns. Gourmet kitchen w/top appl. View of 2 fairways! $535,000. Kim Hanschu 665-0300, eves 395-0987. #2406874

Open Sun, July 11 1:00-3:00 10675 Roberts Dr., Chelsea Beautiful 3 bedroom family room is secluded among nature & pine trees, on almost 60 acres. Pole barn. Deck. Sara Oetting 517-522-3737; eves. 517-740-2622.

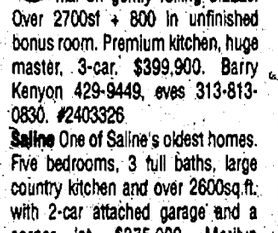


Saline Tri-level on cul-de-sac, 1.3 acres. New roof, well pump, gutters & H2O heater. Newer windows & drain field. Saline schls, Pittsfield Twp. taxes. Sold as is. $209,000. Debbie Kofahl-Leutheuser 429-9449, eves 323-7067. #2405525

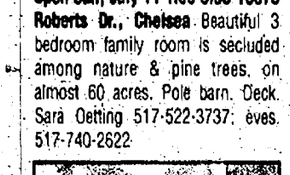


Dexter Better than new! Great 3 bedroom, 3.1 bath in Westridge sub. Many upgrades, stainless appl., maple cabinets, ceramic. Media room & wet bar in fin. LL. $330,000. Bona Barth. 747-7777, eves 730-7539. #2406860

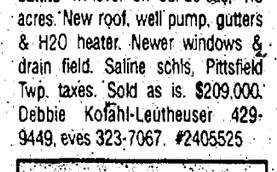
Manchester Exceptional custom home in Duetschgrat with park-like setting. Over 2600sf, 1st floor master, 3 additional bedrooms, cherry kitchen, finished LL, 3-car garage. $429,000. Deborah Engelbert 475-9600, eves 368-3683. #2406895



Saline 1262 Woodland Ct. Terrific, newer & immaculate! 2300sf, 4 bedrooms, 2.1 baths. Great floor plan, finished LL, sprinkler & alarm systems, deck and a great yard! $312,900. Elizabeth Brien 665-0300, eves 734-645-4444.



Chelsea Country French estate on 10 acres. Sensational 6150sf, hardwood floors, gourmet kitchen, wonderful finished LL, gorgeous views. 3 sites available w/city water. $1,250,000. Fran Jones 971-6070, eves 994-6505. #2406742



Grass Lake Custom 2-story, 4 bedroom, 2.1 bath w/study, upgraded interior finishes, side entry garage and a full walk-out basement on a wooded, 1 acre homesite. $279,900. Sherry Grammatico 971-6070, eves 604-0367.

Dexter 5023 Sandstone Ct. Mission style cedar shake & stone. 2004 Showcase home. 5200sf +1700 in walkout. 5 bedroom, 5.1 bath, home theater. Built by David Prentice. $1,350,000. Lisa Stetter 665-0300, eves 669-5959. #2404270

Manchester Large, updated home for the growing family in move-in condition. Neutral tones, 5 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2.5 car garage. Park-like back yard. $195,000. Barbara DeLongchamp 971-6070, eves 428-9079. #2401294

Saline Attractive ranch in country sub with beautiful treed lot. Great room w/cathedral ceiling, fieldstone fireplace & ceiling fan. Nice working kitchen. Deck. $289,000. Rosemary Blackman 665-0300, eves 429-2372. #2405251

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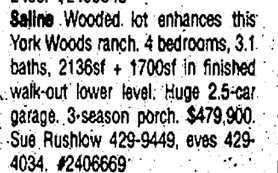
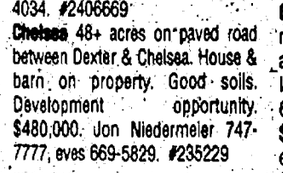
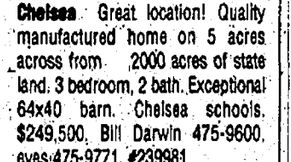


Chelsea Great location! Quality manufactured home on 5 acres across from 2000 acres of state land. 3 bedroom, 2 bath. Exceptional 64x40 barn. Chelsea schools. $249,500. Bill Darwin 475-9600, eves 475-9771. #239981



Chelsea Step into the delight of an open & airy great room adjoining den, 4 bedroom, 2 bath, new oak kitchen, dining area. Deck. 1.25 acres, 2 ponds, mature trees. $274,900. Arlene Koker 475-9600, eves 498-2860. #2400466



Chelsea North Lake access, 5 bedrooms, 3.1 baths, fantastic finished walkout. Screened deck room, 1.9 acres on quiet cul-de-sac. Gardens. $395,000. Norman Wetzel 475-9600, eves 433-9985. #2404779

Willis Great value, wooded building site w/city water, perked, surveyed, ready to build. acre plus w/mature trees. $60,000. Karen Pokrywki 429-9449, eves 646-9612. #2403554

Chelsea Beautiful 3 bedroom, brick ranch, 3-season porch, full basement, 2.5 car attached garage. Many extras. $289,900. Jeff Hollywood 429-9449, eves 734-846-0763. #2404929

Gregory Upgraded custom colonial to be built. Quality const., 2687sf, 4 bedroom, 3 bath, oak kitchen, hardwood floors, vinyl/stone exterior. Pond view. 1.24 acre. $378,097. Steve Wickland 747-7777, eves 216-2498. #2405940

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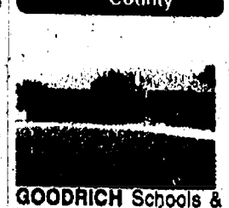

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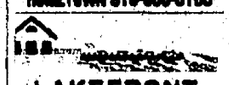

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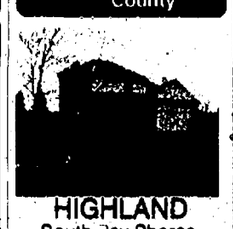

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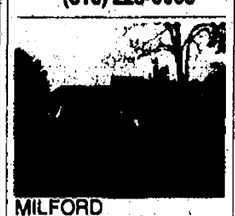

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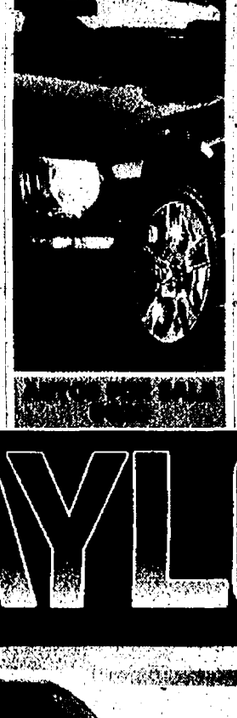

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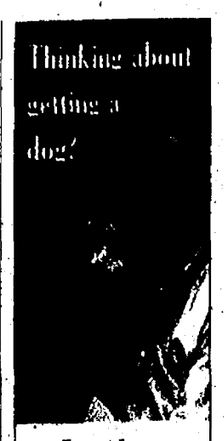

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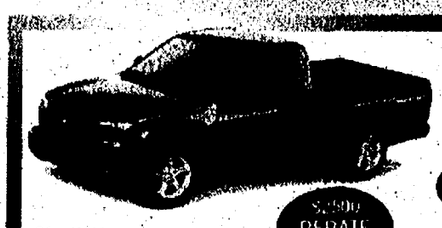

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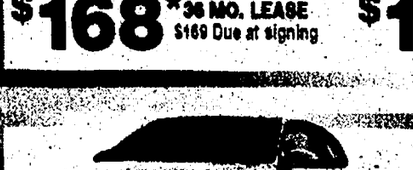

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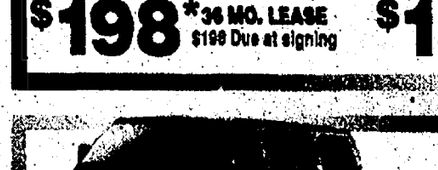

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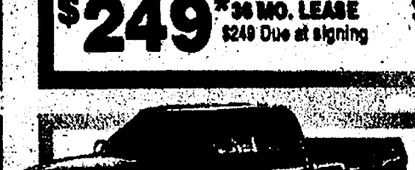

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PLAY REVIEW

MARIA SPROW

Albom's 'Angel' offers laughs, falls flat at end

OK, so you see, there was this angel. And it was shot. In a swamp. In Alabama. No, no, it's not a joke. It's real, this time. A real, live angel. Swear to God. Well, maybe not alive anymore.

Wait. Can angels even die? Thought they all had already died? Must be some other kind of angel. Still an angel, though.

Fell right from the sky. Got her wing right here. Must be awfully upset right about now, what with the missing wing and all.

Oh, man, I can see the headlines already: "Duck Hunter Shoots Angel. God Very Upset."

So goes the tale of two duck hunters in writer Mitch Albom's new play "Duck Hunter Shoots Angel," showing only at the Purple Rose Theatre in downtown Chelsea.

The tale starts off with Sandy (James Krag), a former "legitimate" journalist who left the love of his life to further his career. He moved North, got stuck in deep gambling debt and finally gave up, taking a high-paying job at a New York City biweekly tabloid called The Weekly World and Globe.

Once an aspiring and passionate reporter, he now writes about half-man, half-alligator swamp creatures. But he left inspiration behind with that girl he once cared about. Now he believes in almost nothing except his paycheck, which is the only reason he agrees to go down to Alabama after hearing about two redneck duck hunters who may or may not honestly believe they shot one of the Divine's finest.

He doesn't believe in half-man, half-alligator swamp monsters, and he surely doesn't believe in angels. This is a man who believes "life is about stumbling from one mistake to another" and that "everyone has their price." Krag puts in a nice performance playing a character you want to dislike, but easily feel sorry for, anyway.

Together with a black tabloid photographer, Lenny (Wallace Bridges), they set South. The script between Lenny and Sandy is humorous, and the exploration of race and racial understanding is witty and thoughtful.

Duwell (Joseph Albright) and Duane (Wayne David Parker) are the two "duck hunters," brothers who are now trapped in the swamp because they fear the eye of God will catch them if they leave the murky area. As simple Southern folk, they believe Sandy's stories of half-alligator men, and they believe in angels, too. And oh, man, are they *freaking out* about this.

Once again, the script between Duwell and Duane is comical, though the dumb-Southerner jokes get old after a while. Actors Albright and Parker, with director Guy Sanville's help, do a wonderful job timing their physical comedy.

Almost any decent human being will want to run to the stage during an excruciatingly painful-seeming fight

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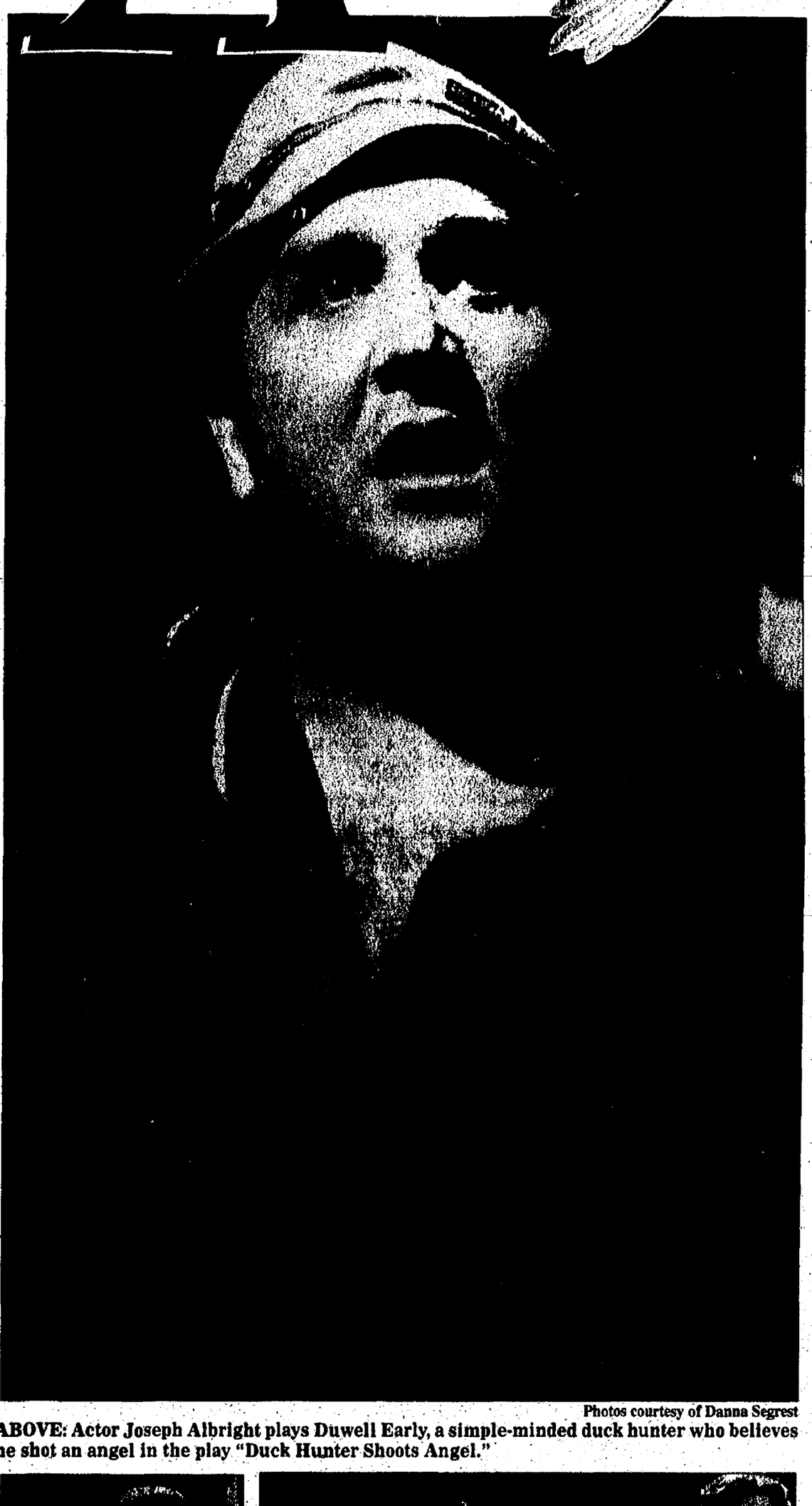
Shooting your own *Angel*



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ABOVE: Actor Joseph Albright plays Duwell Early, a simple-minded duck hunter who believes he shot an angel in the play "Duck Hunter Shoots Angel."

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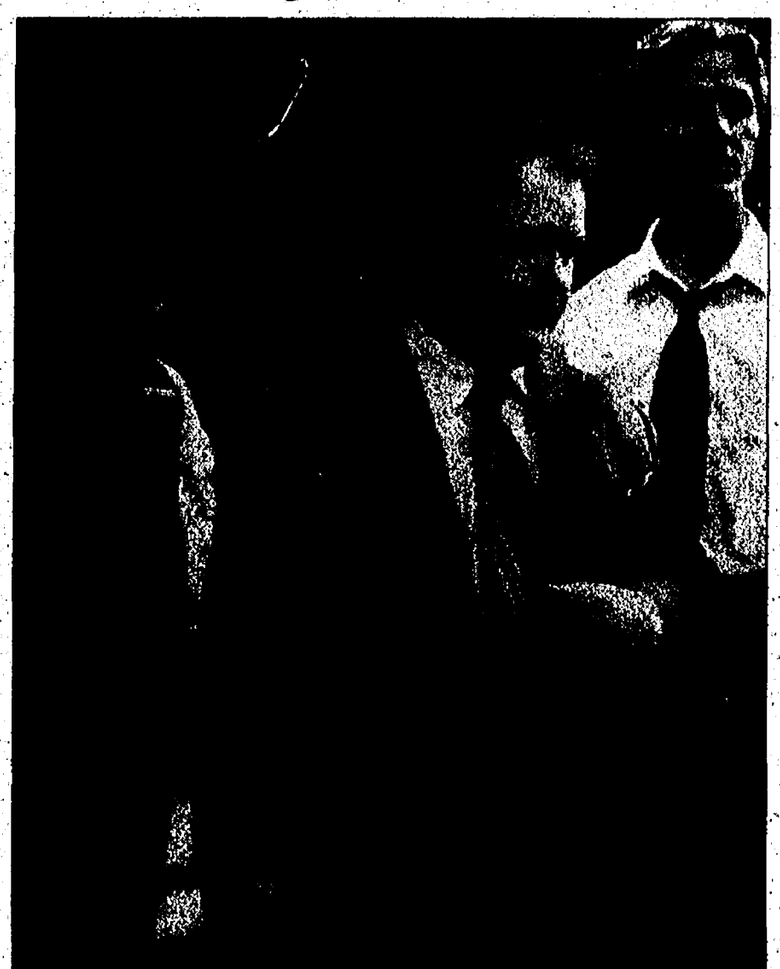
ABOVE: Duane Early, played by Wayne David Parker, looks toward the sky in search of the angel he accidentally shot while duck hunting.

RIGHT: Phil the Alligator Man (Randolph Fitzpatrick), Lester the tabloid editor (Ryan Carlson) and Sandy (James Krag) help tell the tale of a tabloid journalist who must head to Alabama for a story that could turn out to be true.



Tabloids and alligators: The story behind 'Duck Hunter'

Purple Rose premieres Albom's first solo script

By Maria Sprow
Staff Writer

Most people, when they finish one large project – say, a novel – would probably take a day or two off – maybe a week – before starting another.

Not so with novelist and columnist Mitch Albom, who says he finished writing the best-selling novel "The Five People You Meet in Heaven" the day before he started his first playscript, "Duck Hunter Shoots Angel."

> **"I just heard the title initially, and I just thought, 'That is a great hook, a great premise.... Mitch was able to turn it into something other than just a couple of rednecks shooting an angel."**
>
> *Jeff Daniels*
> *Founder, Purple Rose Theatre*

The play had its official world premiere July 2 at the Purple Rose Theatre Co. in Chelsea.

But it wasn't his fault, not entirely. Partial blame can go to actor Jeff Daniels, a personal friend of Albom's who owns the Purple Rose in downtown Chelsea.

Daniels had been asking Albom to write a play for years, he said. Time was always a factor, as Albom is a busy man.

But after reading more than 500 playscripts and working on the theatrical adaptation of "Tuesdays With Morrie" – Albom's first national best-selling novel – Albom eventually came around to the idea of writing his own play, Daniels said.

"He goes, 'OK, I'm ready. I want to do it,'" Daniels said, describing a meeting between himself, Director Guy Sanville and Albom, during which Daniels once again asked Albom to write a play to be performed at the theater.

> **"I've always wondered what the rules are for working at those papers.... You can't be honest, you can't be factual. I mean, who even works for papers like that?"**
>
> *Mitch Albom*
> *Journalist, novelist and playwrite*

Daniels said he never had any doubts that Albom was capable of writing a play.

"He's such a good writer. It's just a matter of adapting to writing for the stage," Daniels said, adding that he was impressed from the beginning. "I just heard the title initially, and I just thought, 'That's a great hook, a great premise.'"

The title was "a great launch," Daniels said. But "Mitch was able to turn it into something other than just a couple rednecks shooting an angel."

Albom said the original goal of the play was to develop something different from his other works.

After spending months writing the sad-but-inspiring tale of a mechanic who dies and goes to heaven, Albom wasn't ready to rest. He was ready for some fun.

"In this play, I just wanted to see if I could make people laugh," he said.

> **"I put that skin to breaking your heart. What do you do when you break your heart?"**
>
> *Guy Sanville*
> *Director, "Duck Hunter Shoots Angel"*

So he tried writing about the craziest thing he could think of. Thus begins the tale, featuring a half-alligator man declining a cup of coffee from the tabloid journalist who created him.

What was he thinking?

"I don't know why I came up with a man and an alligator. I just thought it was nuts," Albom said, sitting in the Purple Rose Theatre after watching the play's debut July 2.

The idea to use a tabloid journalist, he said, came partly from his career as a journalist and partly from buddy and bandmate Stephen King's fascination with the headlines that scream out at people waiting in line at the grocery store: "Eskimo Tribe Found on Mars." "U.S. Air Force Captures UFO – And Crew!" "Duck Hunter Shoots Angel."

Wait, that last headline was his.

"I've always wondered what the rules are for working at those papers," said Albom, whose sports and news columns in The Detroit Free Press are nationally syndicated. "You can't be honest, you can't be factual. I mean, who even

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MANCHESTER

Riverfolk festival coming next month

Daylong celebration to feature jazz, swing, Celtic rock music and dancing

By Marsha Johnson Chartrand
Heritage Newspapers

While residents in Chelsea prepare for Summer Fest and those in Dexter gear up for Dexter Daze, Manchester is planning its own summertime events.

The Riverfolk Music and Arts Festival, set for Aug. 7, promises a lively lineup featuring workshops, an art fair and musical entertainment.

The all-day entertainment event will include main-stage performances by Gemini, Ann Doyle and Doug Howell, the River Rouges Jazz Band, and the Red Stick Ramblers.

Free music and dance workshops will include fiddle jam, Celtic folk to Celtic rock, songwriting, Cajun two-step, Appalachian clogging and traditional swing dancing.

A juried art fair, a kids' activities area and silent auction will be among the attractions. A free shuttle will provide transportation to area parking.

A prelude to the Riverfolk Festival is Riverfolk Unplugged, a pre-festival dance party from 7 to 11:30 p.m. on the downtown riverbank behind Dan's River Grill.

The "black tie and blue jeans" event will feature the Red Stick Ramblers and the River Rouges Jazz Band, plus John Roberts and Tony Barrand, and Lou and Peter Berryman.

The event will include gourmet Cajun cuisine from Dan's River Grill, along with wine and micro brews.

More information about Riverfolk Unplugged can be found at www.riverfolk-festival.org. Tickets are $35 per person and are available through the Web site, at Dan's River Grill or by calling 1-734-323-1761.

Tickets for the festival are $12 in advance and $15 at the gate; children 10 and younger get in free.

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works for papers like that?"

The answer is a guy like Sandy. A guy who needs money. A guy who has already given up on the things he once held on to. A guy who walked away from love. A guy who shot his own angel.

But "it's not really about alligators and ducks" or shooting angels, Albom said. "It's about people who leave the best parts of themselves behind. There's nothing sadder."

But this was supposed to be a comedy, right?

"I don't think I'm capable of writing something that just makes you laugh," Albom said, noting his most famous work, "Tuesdays With Morrie," which documented the life lessons he learned while watching a former mentor die.

He said he needed that spiritual, moral component so vivid in his other works.

"It just didn't feel right otherwise," he added. "I guess because I spend a lot of time thinking about those things, and talking with people about those things — life, death, what does it really mean."

Not that there weren't plenty of laughs in the finished script, which was first read by "Dunk Hunter" Director Guy Sanville.

"I thought it was great," Sanville said.

"I think people are going to enjoy the humor and heart. Hillbillies and magic, what a combination," said Sanville, who is already looking forward to directing Albom's next play, "And The Winner Is," scheduled to premiere at the Purple Rose in 2005.

"By the time he writes his fourth or fifth (play), he's going to have a masterpiece on his hands," Sanville added.

Sanville said that after reading the play, he realized that he's also shot his own angel.

"I put that akin to breaking your heart. What do you do when you break your heart?" he said, adding that the philosophical questions raised by the play's characters are balanced by the script's humor. "It'll make you laugh and it'll make you cry. Mostly laugh."

After watching the play's opening night, as well as several special preview shows, Albom is breathing easy about the play's apparent success with audiences.

"They did the same show this night as last night. They are like a machine, this group," Albom said. "I feel very confident that they are going to continue to do it.

"They were steady. I was sweating."

Sweating, but still not ready to rest.

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scene between the duo, just to ask Parker if he's truly OK.

For the first act and well into the second, Albom's script — made even better by the actors' ability to draw emotion and comedy from it — keeps audience members engaged.

Transitions between scenes are well done and creative and keep the play moving in a fast-paced, story-telling flow. The technical work is both creative and traditional — with opera-like singing operating as the angel's voice and a beam of light acting as the angel itself.

Crewmembers do a fine job of recreating a murky swamp through fog and lighting.

All that said, the play's final twists are disappointing — a little bit cliché and somewhat unbelievable. The timeline of events is slightly confusing, and while it may be a small world after all, the changes seen in Sandy come too quickly to comprehend.

While it's easy to comprehend how one can find himself lost in life so quickly, it's difficult to understand the ease with which Sandy returns once he is given his second chance.

The script asks a lot of questions, and it also leaves quite a few unanswered. What is there left to believe in? How can we avoid shooting our own angels? And will we one day read a tabloid headline that's true?

Moral of the story? Don't shoot your angel. See the play instead.

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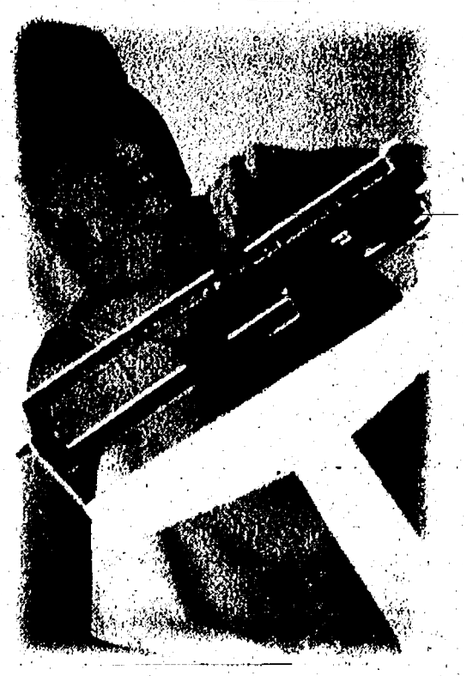

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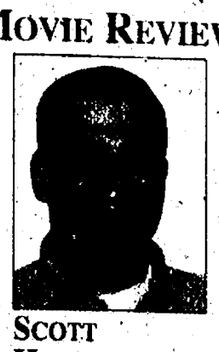
'Fahrenheit 9/11' provokes closer look at democracy

MOVIE REVIEW



SCOTT HELD

"Fahrenheit 9/11," Michael Moore's new film, is amusing.

Full of the director's trademark snarkiness, he throws darts in all directions, hitting President Bush, the Democrats in Congress who essentially rolled over for him and the national news media, which went along with the administration's claims of an Iraq-Al-Qaeda tie like stenographers.

It's all great fun; the kind of wit we've come to expect from Moore, the Flint native who first gained fame with "Roger & Me," then went on to win an Oscar last year for "Bowling for Columbine."

It's in the second hour of his newest film, however, that Moore does his best work to date.

Whether you support the president or think our action in Iraq is woefully wrong — and I'm firmly in that camp — if you have an open mind, it will make you angry, or at least ready to talk about it.

It's one of the best films of the year.

More than 800 American servicemen and -women have been killed in Iraq since our military action began there in March 2003. Since then, we've learned that there are no weapons of mass destruction — the administration's rationale for war — no link between Saddam Hussein and Al-Qaeda and that the administration appears to have tacitly approved the torture of prisoners.

Meanwhile, we're still not allowed to see images of flag-draped coffins shipped back from Iraq.

Meet Lila Lipscomb.

The film's sharpest personality lives in Flint, raised her children to believe in the merits of service and, tragically, learns that her son has been killed in Iraq.

Her story is accompanied by a trip around Flint with Marine Corps recruiters, hitting a mall populated by lower-income shoppers. They apparently know better than to go to the more affluent mall.

That's juxtaposed with footage of Moore asking members of Congress to have their children enlist (only one of the 535 members of Congress has a son in the armed forces, according to Moore). He gets no takers.

But back to Lila Lipscomb.

She wants to know why, and in a moment when she perhaps says more than she knows, she remarks that there is far too much ignorance in America today.

It's a shame Moore doesn't go much further with that, because, I think, it says a lot about why we're in the mess we're in today.

Too many of us wanted to believe Saddam and Osama bin Laden were in cahoots. Too many of us wanted to believe there were weapons of mass destruction out there.

Not enough of us want to know what happens to the families of American military casualties or the Iraqi civilians killed. That's because, Moore subtly points out, the war is being directed by people who have no connection to the families sending their kids to the armed forces.

In many communities, that's the only path to upward mobility.

Conservatives love to accuse the other side of encouraging class warfare when America's wealth disparity is pointed out.

In a way, Moore makes the most powerful argument against this by pointing out that it's often the families that have the least that give the most for the rest of us.

People who love Moore and/or dislike the president are going to see this film. There's practically no need to advertise to that crowd.

However, it's just as important that everyone else check it out as well. Yes, Moore is far from balanced in what he presents, but the same can be said about the administration and its acolytes.

The best thing about America is that we can hear both sides, and like few films that make it to the screen today, "Fahrenheit 9/11" has the power to provoke discussion and a closer look at our democracy.

Grade: A

— Theater Scholarship Winner —

Jenna Crawford of Dexter accepts the Judy Turck Memorial Scholarship from Robert Turck at a recent practice for the Dexter Community Players' upcoming summer musical "West Side Story," which is being directed by Ron Miller. The $500 scholarship is administered by Dexter Community Players and awarded annually to a female student active in theater.

DEXTER

Former resident pens novel

A former Dexter resident has penned a modern-day social and legal commentary and is now hoping local residents check it out.

"Blind Baseball: A Father's War," written by A. Green, is a story of a vicious divorce. Metaphorically, it's the story of the death of the American family, according to a press release from Green's office.

When Barry Ballinger receives his summons and petition for divorce, he finds himself legally victimized in countless ways. Although the law gives fathers a theoretically equal right to achieve custody, Barry discovers that women have been given monopolistic rights of custody. With custody comes the rest: the marital home, child support and exclusive execution power over children.

Sally Ballinger is out to destroy her husband. She uses the power the state has given mothers to execute every vicious act she can think of. She even executes a plot to have Barry incarcerated on the lock ward of a mental institution and then uses the hospitalization as proof that Barry should not have custody or even visitation with his six children.

Sally is successful at destroying her husband. She ruins his medical practice by destroying his reputation. She destroys his credit and drives the marital estate into

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Theater to produce readings

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Eighteen plays, selected from more than 75 submissions from theaters across the country, each will be read in concert-reading style twice over the week and include comedies and dramas, mysteries and romances.

They will tackle personal and national issues, explore psychological realism and fantasy, as well as history and myth, and take place in both period and contemporary settings.

Performance Network will produce readings of plays by American playwrights Jane Martin, Joan Ackermann and Tracy Shaffer Witherspoon, featuring a combination of local and national talent, including Detroit and Ann Arbor actors and directors from New York, Denver and Seattle.

Directors include University of Washington Theatre faculty member Steve Pearson, Shakespeare and Co. member Daniela Varon and Curious Theatre of Denver Artistic Director Chip Walton.

The Performance Network also will showcase "The Home Team" by Michigan Playwright Kim Carney.

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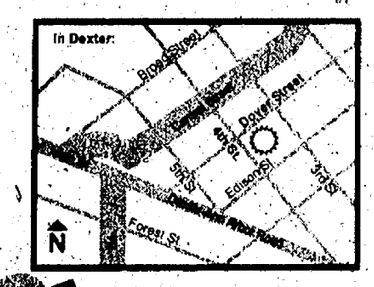

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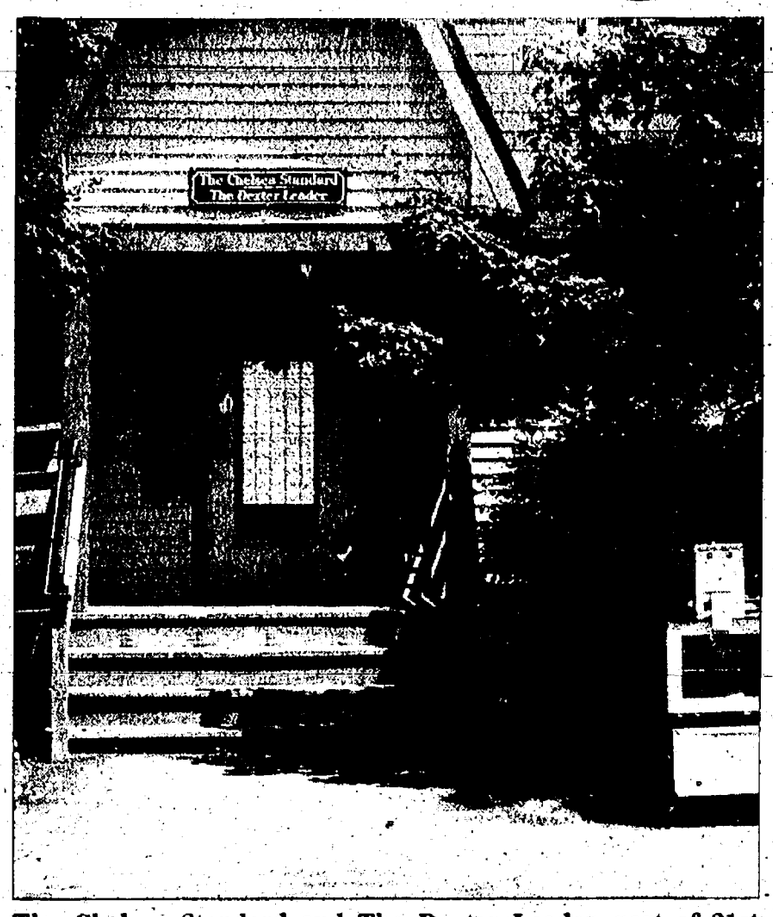
Journal Register Co. buying newspapers

Chelsea, Dexter papers among acquisitions



The Chelsea Standard and The Dexter Leader, part of 21st Century Newspapers, parent company of Heritage Newspapers, has been sold with the rest of the chain to the Journal Register Co. of Trenton, N.J.

The parent company of Heritage Newspapers has been sold to the Journal Register Co. of Trenton, N.J.

The sale of Pontiac-based 21st Century Newspapers Inc. was announced Tuesday. 21st Century Newspapers' owns four daily newspapers and 87 non-daily papers, including The Chelsea Standard, The Dexter Leader, The Saline Reporter, The Milan News-Leader, The Manchester Enterprise and The View in Belleville, in addition to papers in Wayne County under the Heritage umbrella.

The announced purchase price is $415 million, to be paid in cash.

"We believe that community and suburban newspapers that serve local markets represent the most attractive segment of the newspaper industry and, like the Journal Register Company, 21st Century Newspapers is committed to delivering the best in local news and local sports," said Robert Jelenic, chairman and chief executive officer of Journal Register Co.

"We are delighted that 21st Century Newspapers and its talented staff will join Journal Register Co."

Prior to acquiring 21st Century, the Journal Register Co. owned 21 daily newspapers and 240 non-daily newspapers. It also operates 161 Web sites.

All of the company's operations are centered in six geographic regions: greater Philadelphia, Connecticut, greater Cleveland, central New England and the Capital-Saratoga and Mid-Hudson regions in New York.

The Journal Register Co. is a public company (NYSE: JRC), and the change from a privately owned company to a public company is exciting to Frank Shepherd, chairman and chief executive officer of 21st Century Newspapers.

"I am so pleased for our employees," Shepherd said. "It has always been my dream to be public and for our employees to have the opportunity to purchase stock in the company. Now that dream has come true. It will only get better for everyone."

The closing, which is subject to governmental approval, among other things, is expected to be finalized in this quarter of the year.

Heritage Newspapers was purchased by 21st Century Newspapers in 2002. The Chelsea Standard and The Dexter Leader were purchased by Heritage Newspapers in 1995 from the late Helen and Walter Leonard.

21st Century Newspapers is currently owned primarily by affiliates of Kelso & Co. and Goldman Sachs Capital Partner, as well as Shepherd.

CHELSEA

Local resident joins real estate sales team

Diane Wright of Chelsea has joined Remax Community Associates/The Korican Team, bringing 10 years of real estate sales experience. She will handle residential and commercial sales for the greater Ann Arbor markets.

Diane Wright

Wright was most recently sales associate with Delcor Homes, where she coordinated new home sales and managed the model homes, as well as customer service for Hometown Village and Country French Estates in Ann Arbor.

"Diane's commitment to customer satisfaction and experience with building and new home sales will be invaluable to our office," said Patricia Korican of Remax in Saline. "Her local market knowledge and ability to help a buyer or seller through a transaction will be a real asset to our clients."

A resident of Chelsea for the past 10 years, Wright and her husband, Don, have two grown children. Her husband is employed with Arctic Arenas and coaches the Chelsea High School hockey team.

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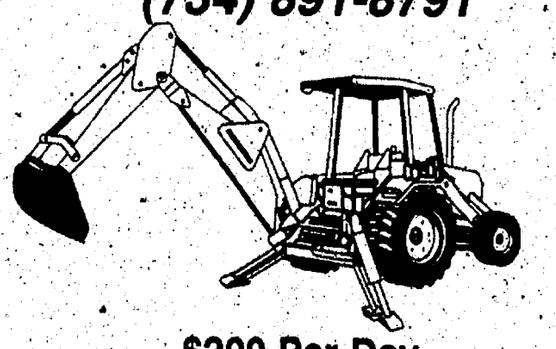

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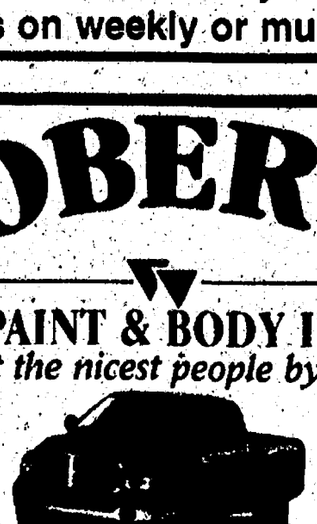

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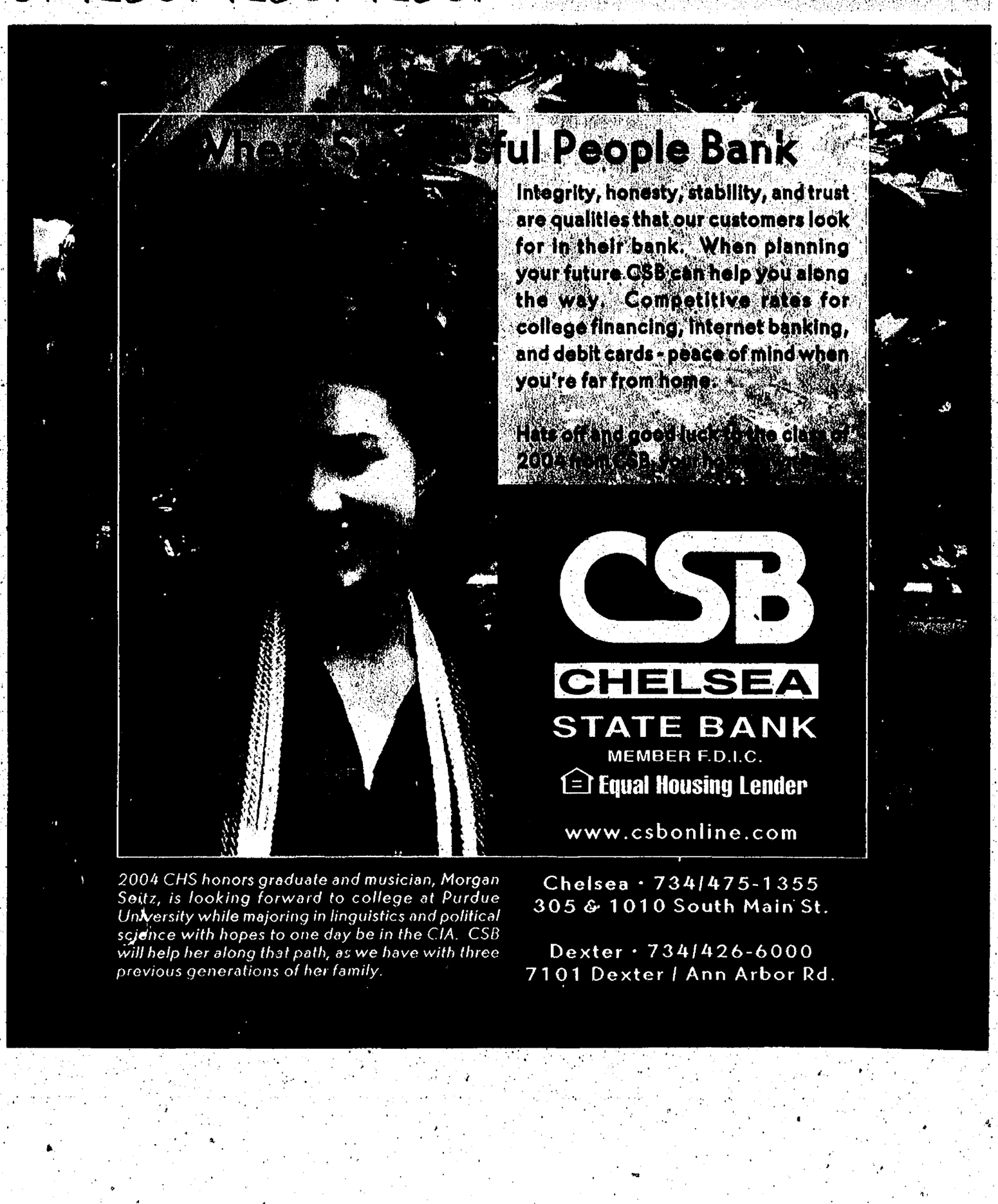

MONEY SENSE

Life in the new economy

MICHAEL CEASER

Over the last 50 years, those who built careers in the major manufacturing industries such as automobile and steel, as well as those employed by the utilities, banks and similar industries, could expect to work for one company for their entire careers.

In addition, they could expect that once retired, they would live a comfortable lifestyle supported by a safe "guaranteed" pension, in addition to "free" medical insurance.

The virtual lifetime employment that was a backbone of the old economy no longer can be expected. For those who might not have noticed, in the new economy, the rules have changed.

Many jobs such as those in the electronics and clothing industries have moved overseas, where labor costs are mere fractions of their domestic counterparts.

Others, such as those in the steel industry, have been radically changed or eliminated through advances in technology and the accompanying increases in productivity, as well as through mergers and acquisitions.

The changes are not limited to the United States. As The Wall Street Journal reported in October, worldwide more than 11 percent of the factory jobs disappeared between 1995 and 2002 due to technology and over capacity. The upheaval in the job market now being experienced has been traumatic, but it is not without precedence.

During the last turn of the century, the buggy whip makers, leather tanners, weavers, blacksmiths and coopers (barrel makers) saw the virtual elimination of trades that had been around for centuries.

Many other industries simply vanished or were radically changed as the country made the transition from an agrarian to a manufacturing society. One reflection of the changes that have occurred over the last century can be demonstrated in the makeup of the Dow Jones Industrials.

In 1896 some of the leading companies that made up the Dow included American Cotton Oil, National Lead, American Sugar, U.S. Leather, and Distilling and Cattle Feeding. In fact, the only company still in existence from the original Dow list is General Electric.

Since by all accounts, the rate of change in society seems to be accelerating, it is reasonable to expect that the job market will continue to undergo changes as some industries experience dramatic transformations while others will simply disappear.

When is the last time you saw a new mechanical adding machine or typewriter, or someone who repairs them? It might not

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Woman of the Year

Barbara Gergely of Dexter (right) was named the Chelsea-Dexter chapter of the American Business Women's Association's 2004 Woman of the Year for her dedication and outstanding leadership since joining the group five years ago. Dorothy Bates, last year's recipient, presents the award at the recent banquet.

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Retirement Celebrations

Jean Sheufelt, who retired April 1 after 26 1/2 years of service at Federal Screw Works in Chelsea, received a watch and plaque from the company and a Bible from Union Local 437. She is pictured with Supervisor Jeff Long (left), Plant Manager Mark Bohlman and Union Chairman Steve Kincer.

CHELSEA

Local resident named director

Elizabeth Longley has joined Hospice of Michigan as director of development for the Washtenaw County area.

Dorothy Deremo, president and CEO of Hospice of Michigan, recently made the announcement in a press release.

Elizabeth Longley

In this new position, Longley will oversee development efforts in the organization's Washtenaw County region.

Prior to joining Hospice of Michigan, Longley served as a workforce consultant with the state of Michigan's Department of Career Development. She previously was president of Resource Connection, a private non-profit company that specialized in fund development activities for non-profit organizations.

A resident of Chelsea, Longley earned a bachelor's degree in urban studies and political science from Marygrove College in Detroit.

NOVEL

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bankruptcy. Then Barry is accused of being a deadbeat father. The judge punishes him with jail. The state is Sally's willing ally.

Explained late in the book, "Blind Baseball" is a game of absurdity and a game of monstrosity.

Green, who has bachelor's and master's degrees from Eastern Michigan University, runs a successful independent general securities business in Ypsilanti. He is president of A. Green Charity, a sponsor of youth baseball and the Santa Project.

He lived in Dexter for 15 years, including the time in which he wrote the book. His children grew up in Dexter and attended Dexter schools.

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ECONOMY

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seem fair, but it is a fact of life in the new economy.

Workers can no longer expect to work for one company for their entire careers. Those pension programs that once promised a "guaranteed' retirement income based upon length of service, age and income have become the exception rather than the rule.

A company's loyalty to its employees now seems to extend only until the next quarterly profit and loss statement. The changes we are now experiencing present some great lessons for those who are just starting out or who are even at the midpoints of their careers.

Perhaps the most important of these is that you must provide for your own financial security.

The uncertainty of the new employment market dictates that workers commit themselves to saving a significant portion of their gross incomes. You probably have many bills that must be paid every month; one of your most important bills should be the one that you pay to yourself.

In order to accomplish this, you must live within your means. That used to imply not spending more that what you make. In the new economic environment it means that you must not only control your spending, but also attempt to save and invest 15 to 20 percent of your gross income (including contributions to retirement plans).

If your current level of income does not allow you to save enough, you might need adjust your lifestyle or re-evaluate your career options.

Saving 15 to 20 percent of gross income might seem like a difficult task, but many of the financially secure older workers in their 50's and 60's who now are faced with the loss of employment have done just that. They might not have always had the biggest house or the most expensive car, but now they have a degree of financial security while many of their free-spending peers are facing extreme financial hardships as their employers downsize them out of their livelihoods.

It's easy to fall into the trap of believing that you can save later; when the kids are through college, after the RV is paid for or when you get that next promotion.

Unfortunately, many people are losing their jobs just when they thought that they would be at their highest earning years, when they hoped to maximize their savings. Now they're finding that's impossible, and the outlook for a comfortable retirement is bleak.

Beyond saving a significant portion of your income, another major component of career and financial security has to do with upgrading your job skills. This also means cross training in related areas so that your marketability is enhanced.

In the new economy, those who don't continually retrain and take advantage of continuing educational opportunities are setting themselves up for career obsolescence and the inevitable unemployment line.

The days of depending upon your employer to envelope you in a cloak of financial security are over. One of the few good things that can come out of the current employment upheaval is that younger generations can see the necessity of establishing their financial independence.

The smart ones will take the steps necessary to safeguard themselves and their families.

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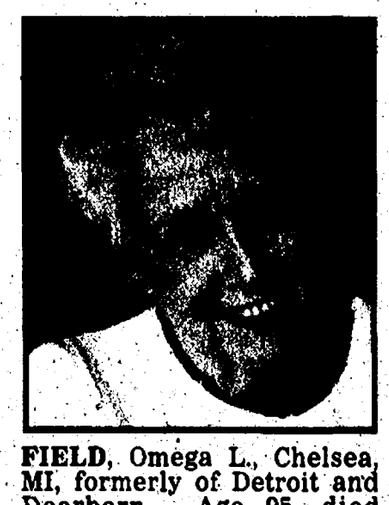


FIELD, Omega L., Chelsea, MI, formerly of Detroit and Dearborn. Age 95, died Thursday, July 1, 2004 at the Chelsea Retirement Community where she had lived for the past 9 years. She was born May 24, 1909 in Lawton, Oklahoma, the daughter of Edward A. and Lillian T. Tucker. She graduated from Lawton High School, class of 1927, and married Edgar G. Field of Mangum, Oklahoma in 1928. He preceded her in death in June, 1976. They moved to Detroit and later to Dearborn, Michigan. A life-long Methodist, Omega was active in Mt. Olivet Community Methodist Church for 45 years, serving on various committees and as President of the Women's Society. She was a Camp Fire Girls leader and served on the Board of the Dearborn Association. As a volunteer with the Michigan Cancer Foundation, she led a group who made cancer pads for 25 years. She also was on the Election Board for the City of Dearborn, was a Captain for the Mothers' March on Polio and United Way, was active in the PTA and many other community groups. She obtained a real estate license in her fifties and sold real estate for several years. She moved to Chelsea in 1995. She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Elaine F., and Joseph H. Owsley of Dexter; granddaughter, Julie L. Johnson and husband Tom of Tecumseh; grandson Clay G. Owsley of Cave Creek, Arizona, and granddaughter Amy B. Reineri and husband David of Newport News, Virginia. She is also survived by two great-grandchildren, Arwen E. and Thomas J. Johnson of Tecumseh. Numerous nieces and nephews also survive. Omega was preceded in death by brothers, Jesse W. tucker, Edward A. Tucker, Walter R. Tucker and sisters Josephine Tucker, Audia Vogel, Georgia Lutkt, and Juanita Haness. In lieu of flowers, memorials in Omega's name may be made to the Humane Society of Huron Valley, 3100 Cherry Hill Road, Ann Arbor, MI 48105. There will be a private family service at a later date. Arrangements by Cole Funeral Chapel, Chelsea.

HANSEN, Ruth M. of Ft. Mill, South Carolina, formerly of Milan, MI. Age 77, died Saturday, June 19, 2004 at Piedmont Hospital in Charlotte, N.C. of an extended illness. She was born on February 18, 1927 in Azalia, MI, the daughter of Harrison R. and Elvira (Featheringill) Heldt. Survivors include 2 daughters, Sandra (Mike) Hinsen and Melva (Barry) Filbeck, of South Carolina, 3 grandchildren, 2 great grandchildren, 2 brothers, Carl A. Heldt of Chelsea and Warren H. Heldt of Milan, and several nieces and nephews. Ruth was preceded in death by her parents, 2 brothers, Russell in 1974 and Delbert in 1987. A memorial service will held at a later date.

McDANIELS, Nina L., 91 of Chelsea, died Thursday, June 24, 2004, at her son's home. She was born Aug. 21, 1912, to William and Julia Brown of North Lake and spent her life in the Chelsea area. In 1930 she married Stacey Hall. He preceded her in death in 1932. She married Charles Edward McDaniels on Aug. 2, 1939. He preceded her in death on July 3, 1992. The parents of both Charles and Nina were members of the North Lake Methodist Church. Both Charles and Nina were entered into the church cradle roll by his mother, Susie W. Daniels. They remained long-time active members of that church.

Survivors include one son, Edward William (Ann Schmunk) McDainels of Hudsonville; three grandchildren, Sarah (David) Bainbridge of LaGrange, IN, Thomas (Mathilde) McDaniels of Chelsea, and Charles Arthur McDainels of Hudsonville; and five great-grandchildren, Abigail, Jacob Charles and Katerina Bainbridge of LaGrange, and Matthew and Aaron McDainels of Chelsea; a sister-in-law, Edna Brown of Chelsea, and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by two sisters, Lucille Saunden and Mary Prinzing; and three brothers, Cecil, Perry, and William.

Services were Saturday, June 26 at North Lake United Methodist Church with Rev. Alice Sheffield officiating. Burial followed in Oak Grove Cemetery, Chelsea. Memorial contributions may be made to the children's library of North Lake United Methodist Church. Arrangements by Cole Funeral Chapel.

MULL, Donald N., 82, passed away Friday, July 2, 2004 at Gilbert Residence in Ypsilanti.

He was born on Oct. 8, 1921 in Monroe to Nelson and Edith (Sanderson) Mull. On March 24, 1945, he married Barbara Jean Passow and she preceded him in death on June 20, 1982. Then on Aug. 4, 1984 he married Janis Pickett and she preceded him in death on March 29, 2002.

Don farmed all his life on his sesquicentennial farm on Willis Road. He also belonged to the National Farmers Organization and was a lifetime member of the Tri-County Sportsman's Club. He will be greatly missed by all whose lives he touched.

Survivors include: two daughters, Donna (Robert) Winkle of Ypsilanti and Carol (Lee) Pickett of Milan; a stepson, Bill Pickett of Milan; two granddaughters, Sheri (Mark) Winkler and Laura (Glenn) Mason; four great-grandchildren; and two brothers, Gerald (Ivy) and Robert (Peggy) Mull.

Besides his parents and wives, he was preceded in death by one brother, Erwin Mull, and a sister, Lucy Turner.

Funeral services were held July 5 at Ochalek-Stark Funeral Home in Milan with the Rev. Peter Harris of Stony Creek United Methodist Church officiating. Burial followed at Marble Park Cemetery in Milan.

Contributions may be made to the Gilbert Residence or the Stony Creek United Methodist Church.

BLACKMER, Gladys Marie Blackmer, 89, died peacefully at Arbor Hospice Residence on July 3, 2004.

She was born on July 18, 1914 in Blissfield to Cornelius and Flora (LaBounty) Wilson. Her parents died very early in Gladys' life and she was raised by her older brother Arthur Wilson of Saline. On June 26, 1938 she married Charles DeVere Blackmer in Clinton and he preceded her in death in 1966. Gladys attended and graduated from Michigan Normal Teachers College, now known as Eastern Michigan University, where she received a bachelors and post-graduate degree in education. She was an elementary school teacher for 30 years and started her career in a one-room school west of Milan. Most of her teaching was in the Lincoln School District. Mrs. Blackmer lived most recently at the Glastonbury Adult Foster Care Home in Ann Arbor where she spoke often of her travels around the world. She was always happiest when talking about her grandchildren and two boys.

Gladys is survived by: two sons, Charles W. (Tracey Wentz) of Ann Arbor and Robert (Carol) Blackmer of Traverse City, formerly of Ann Arbor; four grandchildren, Ben, who is studying at NYU as a jazz performance major along with economics and a master's degree in French studies, Eleanor, who is a foreign studies major at George Washington University in Washington, D.C., Nathan (Megan), a teacher living in Chicago, and Grant, a builder and volunteer fireman in Traverse City.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial service will follow later this summer. Those desiring may make contributions in Gladys' memory to: Arbor Hospice Residence, 2366 Oak Valley Dr., Ann Arbor, MI 48103

LEE, Marion E., 72, died Monday June 28, 2004, at home with his loving family by his side.

He was born November 12, 1931, in Cozad, Neb., to Harry and Ruby (Crews) Lee. On May 8, 1954, he married Joan Conway in Roseville and she survives. Marion retired from Ford Motor Co. in Dearborn as an automotive body designer. He served our country in the Air Force from 1951-55. He was an active member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church where he also ushered. Marion was a member of the Howard Heath Knights of Columbus Council 7587, the Tuesday morning Men's Prayer Group at Domino's Farm, the Ford Retirees Group and the Saline-Brecon Friendship Group. In addition to his wife of 50 years, survivors include: his children, Paula (Bill) Sarge of Castle Rock, Colo., Danette (Ken) Lee Crawford of Highland, Mich., Don (Karen) Lee of Northville, Rebecca (Andrew) Porthoy of Tuckahoe, N.Y., David (Carolyn) Lee of Redmond, Wash., Laura Lee of Ann Arbor, and Jennifer (Scott) Fritz of Ferndale, Mich.; 13 grandchildren; one brother, Jim Lee of Longmont, Colo.; and a sister, Harriet Vickerman of Rapid City, S.D.

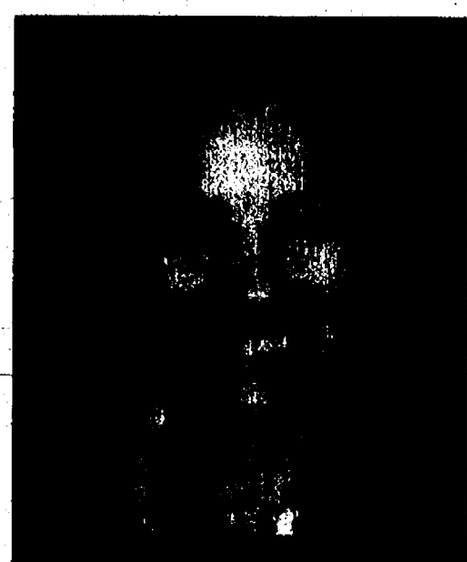
He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Walter and Dan.

At his request, Marion donated his body to the University of Michigan Health Services Department of Anatomy.

In lieu of flowers, those desiring may make contributions to Holy Cross Children's Services (formerly Boysville).

Envelopes are available at Ochalek-Stark Funeral Home, Milan, where the family received friends and shared memories on Friday, July 2, from 4-7 p.m. with a Scripture Vigil from 7-8 p.m. A Funeral Mass was celebrated Saturday, July 3, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Milan.

"A special thank you to the kind and caring people of St. Joseph Mercy Hospice," said a family spokesman.



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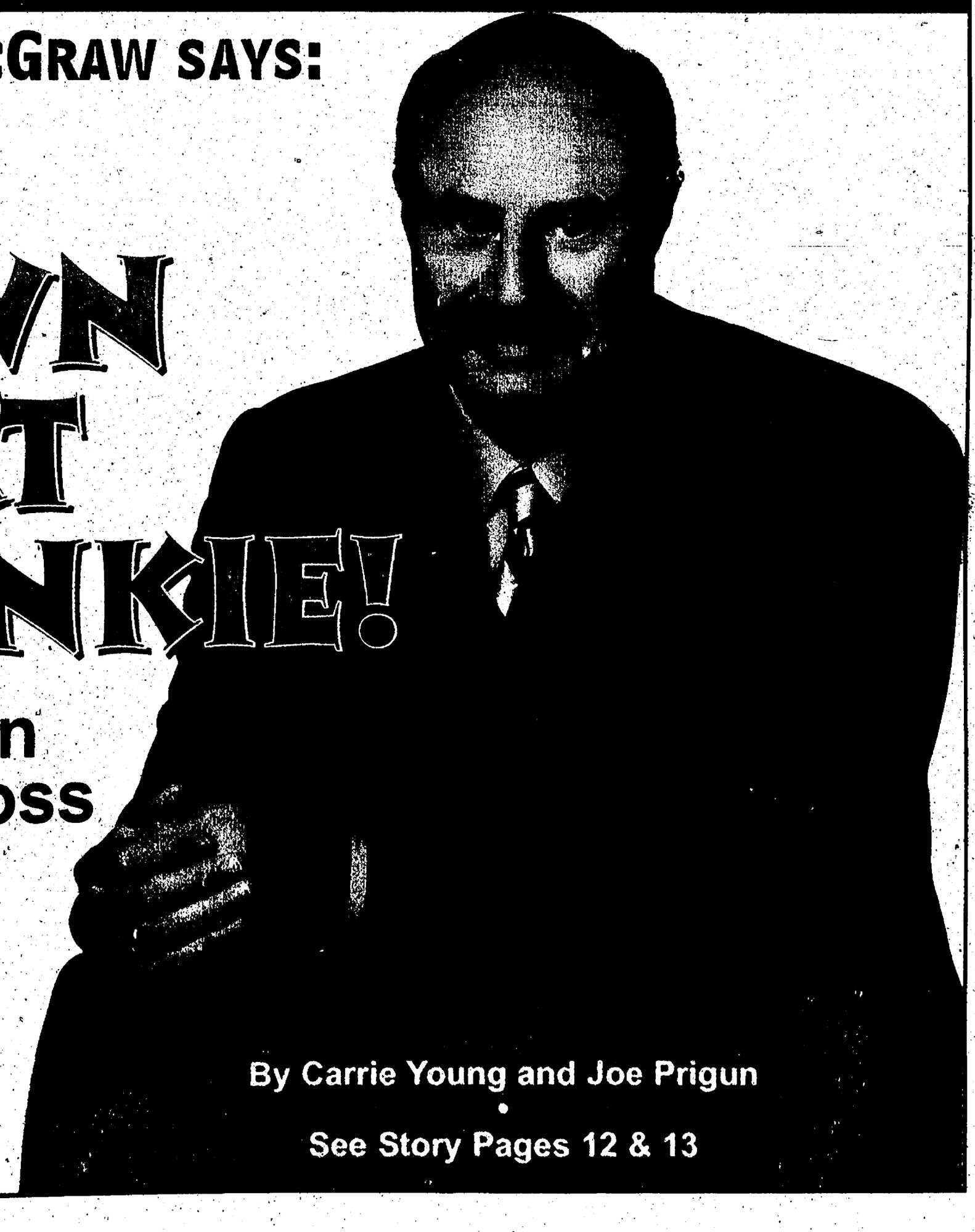

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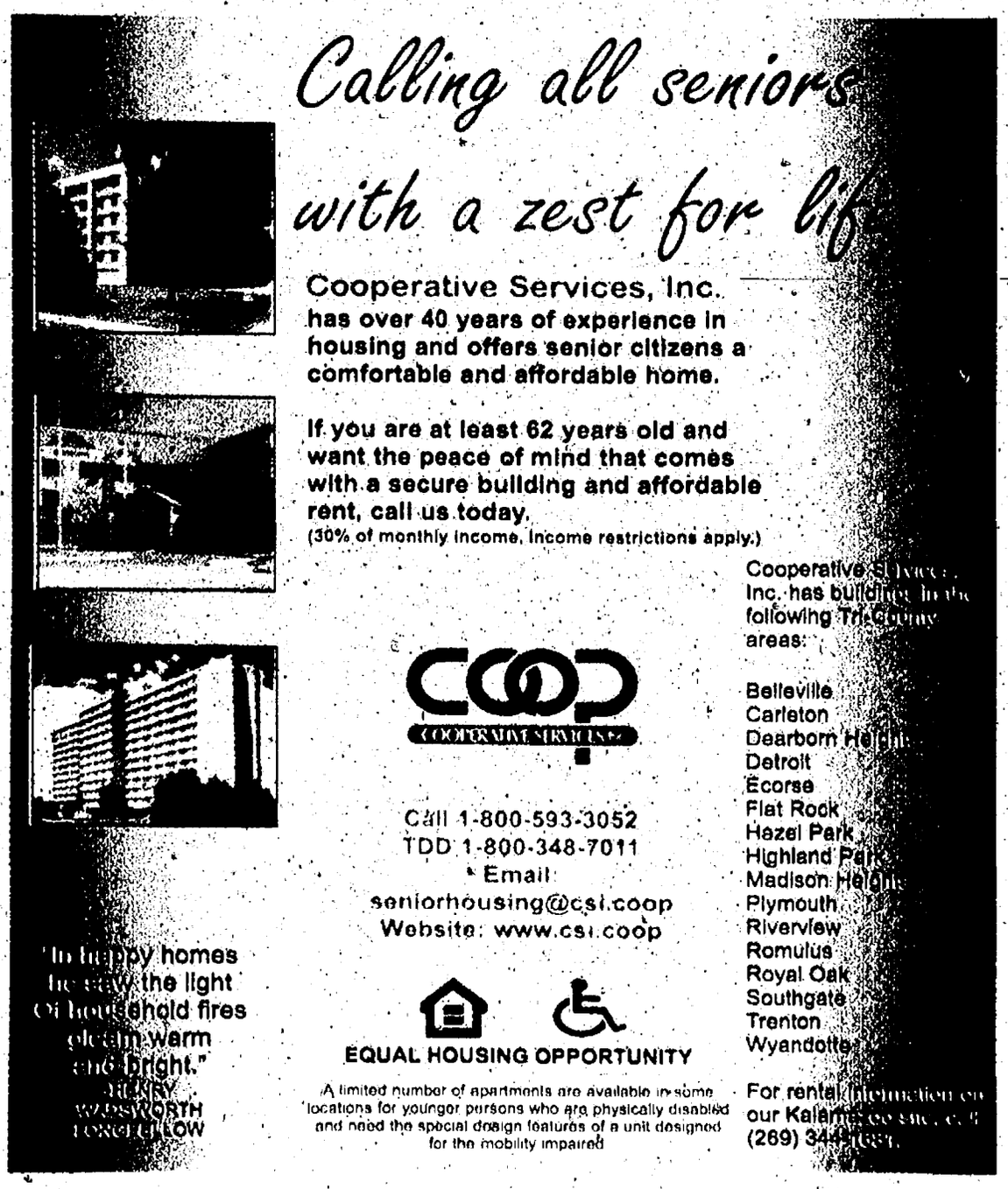

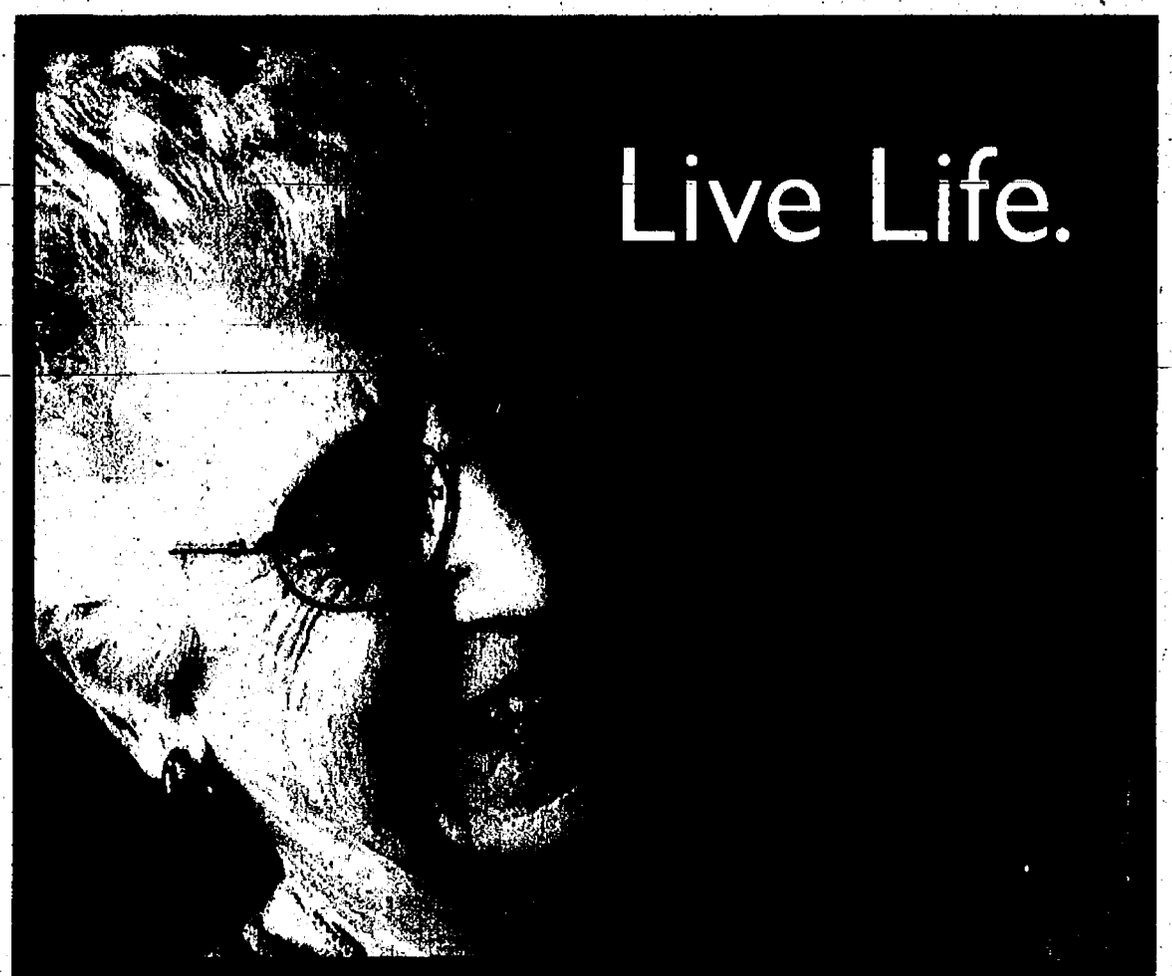

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Letter From the Editor

Carrie Young
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Older Americans "WEIGH IN"

Obesity, says Dr. Phil, is a key factor in major health problems, illness, diseases, and death

It's 6:45 p.m. After a bruising day at the office and a hair-raising commute on the freeway, you are standing in the kitchen about to prepare a healthy, satisfying dinner for your spouse, your two school-age children and yourself.

As usual, all they want to know is "What's for dinner?" and "When do we eat?"

You dump a box of thin spaghetti into a pot of boiling water, zap 3 cups of green beans in the microwave, pop a loaf of frozen garlic bread into the toaster oven and pour a medium-size jar of marinara sauce into a saucepan to simmer. While all that's bubbling, you chop up half a head of iceberg lettuce and a couple of tomatoes for the salad, which you'll sprinkle with a light dressing.

Dessert will be two scoops of frozen yogurt per person and a plate of assorted low-fat cookies for the family to share. Sounds pretty healthy, right?

Wrong.

While this meal may be better than what most Americans eat for dinner, it's enough for a family twice the size of yours.

In addition, it contains some nutritional traps that in the 'best-case' scenario will make you fat . . . and in . . . the 'worst-case' scenario will increase your chances of developing **diabetes, heart disease** and certain types of cancer.

That's the main message of Dr. Phil, and of many of these **CONQUEST 'Health and Wellness'** stories in this special issue.

Simply: "You are what you eat."

Oprah Winfrey conceded to CONQUEST that chest pains that had her racing to the hospital emergency room only to be diagnosed with a mild heart attack, "gave me a real wake up call.

"I was not going to turn 50 fat, or not make it to 50, because I was so fat I would die," she said flatly.

The Queen of Daytime Talkshows dieted, with the assist of Dr. Phil, and lost more than 30 lbs.

"I feel healthy. And that's what it's all about.

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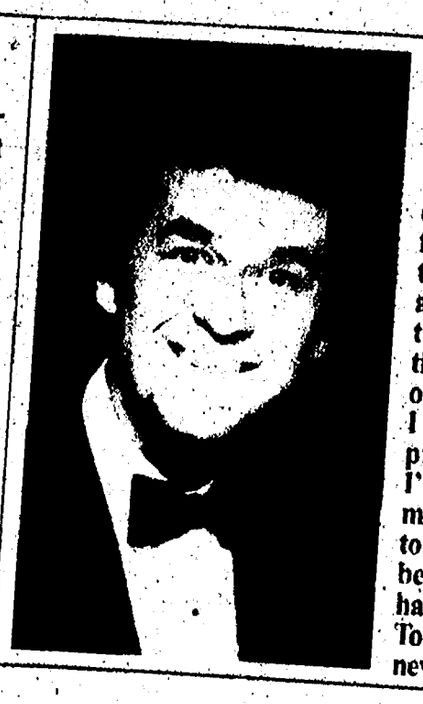
In a world that is raining food, making healthy choices about what and how to eat is not easy.

Oprah Winfrey conceded to CONQUEST that chest pains diagnosed as a mild heart attack "gave me a wake up call. I was not going to turn 50 — or not make it to 50 — because I was obese." She dieted, and exercised and lost more than 30 lbs. "I feel healthy. That's what it's all about. I want to live a long life. Looking good is a very nice by-product."



Dick Clark has known he had Diabetes since diagnosed in 1994, but felt the need to keep it a secret from everyone except close friends and family. Today he is getting used to his new role as a spokesperson for the American Association of Diabetes Educators. "At least once a day I thank God in a silent prayer for everything I've been blessed with in my life. My father lived to be 93. Despite this diabetes, I would like to hang on as long as dad. To me, retirement will never be an option."

Florence Henderson, Carol Brady of "The Brady Bunch" but few know of health dilemmas that nearly ruined her life both professionally and personally. She is doing just fine today, thank you. And shares her story in hopes of helping others in similar health conditions.

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a byproduct," she reasoned.

Then There is the Nasal Nanny.

Otherwise known to T.V. viewers as Fran Fine, the nanny from Queens, New York, on CBS' "***The Nanny***."

In real life Fran is actually known as Fran Drescher who has struggled with weight problems and 'yo-yo' dieting.

Before creating the role and producing the show, "*The Nanny*," Fran says she had to lose more than 40 lbs., and she did it with the help of **Weight Watchers**, which she swears by.

Then in 2000, a year after her show was cancelled, she was diagnosed with cancer. She chronicled her battle, and victory, in the 2002 book release "***Cancer Schmancer***."

Her career is back in gear.

She promotes healthy eating, and continues more than ever her advocacy role for improved women's health care.

Other celebrities who've encountered diseases, and illnesses, have gone on to speak out and spread knowledge, education and awareness include "***America's oldest teenager***" Dick Clark who has type 2 diabetes since 1994 and now is spokesperson for the **American Association of Diabetes Education.**

And there's the real 'Lisa Simpson' who battled bulimia. Her name is Yeardly Smith who earned an Emmy and fan-following voicing the character of Lisa since "***The Simpsons***" debuted in '89, but the actress says she's had major bouts with bulimia and depression.

She confronts her demons publicly

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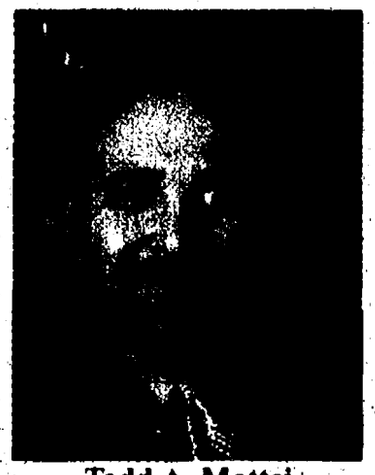
> *— Florence Henderson*

Equity Indexed Annuities: Is Yours Good or Not So Good?

Investors have snapped up billions of dollars worth of equity indexed annuities over the past few years. These investments provide attractive features to many investors:



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- Guarantee of original deposit
- Increasing value based on stock market index

In short, you can have your cake and eat it too. But let's look closer to help you discern good from not so good. In comparing equity-indexed annuities, the item to focus on is how each company assigns the interest to your account. Insurance companies use the term "participation rate" to calculate how much of the S&P 500 index change will be credited to your account.

Some companies use the average annual change in the S&P 500 index in calculating your interest. They record the S&P 500 index on the first day of each month. At the end of the year, they total these 12 numbers and divide by 12. This average is compared to the index at the start of the year, and the calculated gain is your interest for the year. However, by testing this averaging system over three decades, one study found that investors gave up 45% of their returns (past results may not be consistent with future results). In other words, all else being equal, an index annuity which simply measures the change in the S&P 500 index from the original date of your investment to the last day of your term (point A to point B), will provide for much larger interest credits.

So why do investors choose an index annuity with averaging? They either don't understand the above ramifications or perhaps other options weren't made available to them.

Index annuities are attractive because of the combination of the guarantee provided by the insurance company and the interest that is based on the S&P 500. Some annuities give you a choice of indexes to be linked to such as the Dow Jones, NASDAQ, and 2003's best performing index, the Russell 2000. Does your annuity offer all these options? If not, a tax free transfer to one that does may be the right move for you.

Todd A. Mattei is a junior partner with Money Strategies of Michigan in Livonia. He specializes in financial matters relating to seniors. If you own an annuity that you have considered switching or have an interest in tax deferral, you can contact Todd for a free annuity check-up at (800) 489-1165.

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through a self-help one-woman play called "*The Good Life*," a humorous work, in which she had to act out her worst fears in order to graduate. She no longer fears being a celebrity.

Her eating disorder is in check, and today she advocates for others who suffer from the disorder.

She is on the speech-making circuit for the association and stresses "early diagnosis and medication that can help with maintaining independence . . ."

Then there's the story of a lovely lady . . . no her name is not Carol Brady of **The Brady Bunch**.

But rather this is an even better story about:

Florence Henderson.

This 69-year-old actress, has gone through trials and tribulations — otherwise — only to come out of the tunnel to a new light that makes Florence — not Carol — an even more 'sunnier,' wife, mom and the professional she has always been.

"I almost lost my hearing completely. It would have ruined me," Florence says, "and that is just one problem. I did survive my share of these health risks."

And like these other altruistic celebs, she went on to help others who now faced the same healthwise dilemmas.

That is what makes these celebs CONQUEST storys. Not their health woes. Not their mere survivals. But their willingness and desire to share of themselves time and energy to help their fellowman . . .

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How the Real 'Lisa Simpson' of "The Simpsons" Battled Bulimia

By Carrie Young and Joe Prigun

When you've made it to the top as the voice of **Lisa Simpson**, life is one big party, right?

No way, dude.

Yeardly Smith earned an Emmy and a loyal fan following voicing the character of Lisa since "***The Simpsons***" debuted in 1989, but the actress says she's had major struggles with bulimia and depression.

"It's been a perpetual problem," the 39-year-old actress says "Success made me feel fat and greedy instead of satisfied."

Smith has confronted her personal demons by turning them into a revealing one-woman play called "***The Good Life***," a humorous work about her ups and downs, including her attempts to conquer depression with food and her problems with bingeing and purging.

The one-act play — which she hopes will open Off-Broadway next spring — also gives a comic account of Smith's experience with a self-help cure called "shame therapy," in which she had to act out her worst fears in order to graduate.

For the shy actress, that turned out to be going grocery shopping with her Emmy and attending a party decked out in an evening gown, tiara and a sash with the giant words, "I'M A CELEBRITY!"

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— Yeardly Smith

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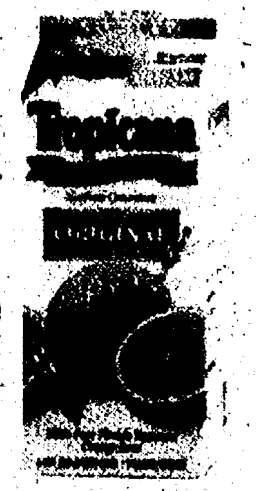
Here are the 14 (slightly edited) health claims that the FDA has approved. Some are more popular than others. In fact, the claims without photos were so scarce that we had trouble finding them. Words in [square brackets] vary according to the food bearing the claim.

Diets rich in **whole grain foods** and other plant foods and low in total fat, saturated fat and cholesterol, may help reduce the risk of **heart disease** and certain cancers.

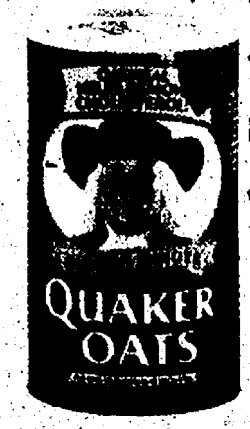


Diets containing foods that are good sources of **potassium** and low in **sodium** may reduce the risk of **high blood pressure** and **stroke**.

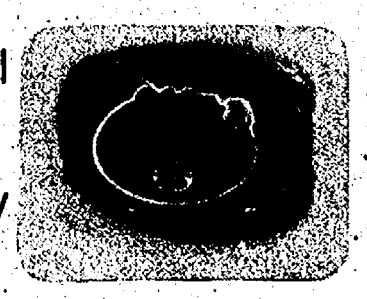
A diet low in **total fat** may reduce the risk of some **cancers**.

Diets low in **sodium** may reduce the risk of **high blood pressure**.

Low fat diets rich in **fiber**-containing **grains**, **fruits**, and **vegetables** may reduce the risk of some types of **cancer**.



Three grams of soluble fiber from [**oatmeal**] daily in a diet low in saturated fat and cholesterol may reduce the risk of **heart disease**. This [cereal] has [two] grams per serving.

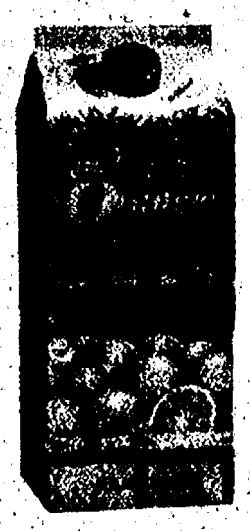


While many factors affect **heart disease**, diets low in **saturated fat** and **cholesterol** may reduce the risk of this disease.

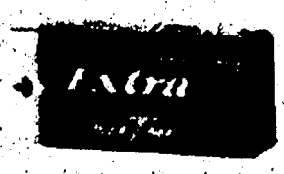
Healthful diets with adequate folate may reduce a woman's risk of having a child with a **brain** or **spinal cord defect**.

Two or three servings per day with meals, providing 3.4 grams of **plant stanol esters** daily, added to a diet low in saturated fat and cholesterol may reduce the risk of **heart disease**. [Benecol Spread] contains [1.7 g] stanol esters per serving.

Diets low in saturated fat and cholesterol that include 25 grams of **soy protein** per day may reduce the risk of **heart disease**. One serving of this produce provides at least [6.25 g] of soy protein.



Diets low in saturated fat and cholesterol and rich in **fruits**, **vegetables**, and **grains** that contain some types of fiber, particularly **soluble fiber**, may reduce the risk of **heart disease**.



Does not promote **tooth decay**.

Low fat diets rich in **fruits** and **vegetables** containing **vitamin A**, **vitamin C**, and **fiber** may reduce the risk of some types of **cancer**.

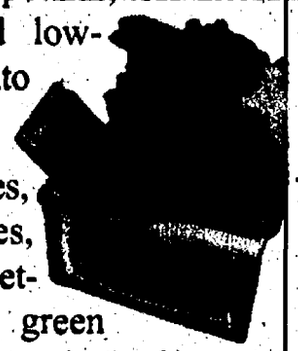
Regular exercise and healthy diet with enough **calcium** helps teens and young adult white and Asian women maintain good bone health and may reduce their high risk of **osteoporosis** later in life.

NOTE: Each food that makes a health claim must meet specific criteria. For example, foods with the soy claim must contain at least 6.25 grams of soy protein per serving and be low in saturated fat and cholesterol. "Does not promote tooth decay" can only appear on sugar-free foods that contain maltitol, xylitol, or other sugar alcohols. Foods that make health claims must also meet general criteria. They can't be high in fat, saturated fat, cholesterol, or sodium.

— Compiled by Carrie Young and Joe Prigun

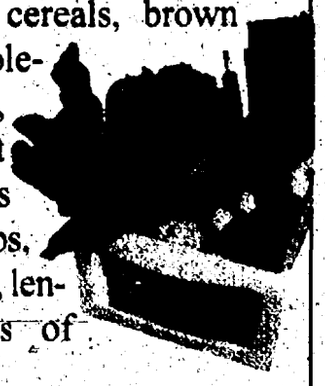
the stay-slim fridge

The stay-slim fridge. If your goal is to lose a few pounds, toss these fiber-filled and low-calorie foods into your cart.



Produce. Apples, bananas, berries, broccoli, dark lettuce, dates, green beans, kale, pears, pineapple, soybeans, spinach.

Grains and legumes. Whole-wheat, pumpernickel and rye breads, flax, cereals, brown rice, whole-wheat pasta, whole-wheat bread sticks and pita chips, lowfat granola, lentils, all types of beans.



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Leslie Uggams.

What Possessed Me to Want to Hugg 'em Uggams?

With An Accent on Low-Carbs The Versatile Singer, Dancer and Actress Leslie Uggams is Shockingly Youthful Thanks to a Liberating Workout Regimen and Common Sense Diet with an "Accent on Low-Carbs"

By Hal Drucker

It was 45 minutes before her performance as "**Muzzy Van Hossmere**" in the musical "***Thoroughly Modern Millie***," which she had been doing since April, 2003. "Come in," came the mellifluous voice that could melt M&M's, and for a moment I regretted not having a bouquet or champagne in hand rather than a tape recorder.

Peering into the makeup mirror framed by light bulbs, and '*Break A Leg*' messages that adorned it was an extraordinarily young, gamin-like visage. When she rose to greet me, her youthful countenance was matched by a lithe figure that belied her 61 years.

Sensing that I was giving her the old Double-O, I explained that I had received instructions from Carrie Young of *Conquest Senior News* to obtain **Leslie Uggams'** '*secret of youth*' for Carrie's vast Michigan readership.

"With eight shows a week, a couple of dozen costume changes and miles of walking from the wings to the stage to the dressing room and back, the need for a regimented work-out routine, in my case, is not exactly a must.

Leslie Uggams with Andy Williams.

"But because **Grahame** [Uggam's husband] has fashioned a very inviting and functional workout area complete with treadmill and Vectra Equipment in our West Side apartment, I find it easy to squeeze in 45 minutes or more at least three days a week prior to heading to the theater.

"As for our menu, we take a common-sense approach with the accent on 'low carbs.'"

In the next half-hour, Leslie Uggams surveyed her own history inhabited by a cast of characters: **Ethel (Waters)**, **Ella (Fitzgerald)**, **Louis (Armstrong)**, **Dinah (Washington)**, **Sarah (Vaughn)**, **Cab (Calloway)**, **Leontyne (Price)**, **Mitch (Miller)**, **Alex (Haley)**, **August (Wilson)** and **Eloise (Uggams)** that came trippingly from her tongue.

New York-born Uggams began her singing career 80 blocks uptown from the Marquis, winning various radio contests with her voice and vocalizing her way into Harlem's fabled Apollo Theater on 125th Street, during its glory days.

"I would stand in the wings and watch every little move and study every little thing and think, 'OK, why is the audience jumping to their feet for this person?' So I'm a sponge and I think that pays off."

She soaked up performances by such stylists as Washington, Vaughan, Armstrong and Fitzgerald. "They were big influences in my life and fortunately I got to work with most of them.

"Ella was sweet, gentle and very shy. She just loved me — and would ply me with ice cream, complaining I was too skinny. I spent a lot of time with **Satchmo** and his family at his house in 'St. Albans' which has been turned into a museum."

You may ask, who was Eloise Uggams? Well aside from being her father's sister, she was in the ensemble of "***Porgy and Bess***" in 1954 that featured the likes of Cab Calloway as Sportin' Life and William Warfield and the great future opera star Leontyne Price in the title role. Here too, 10-year-old Leslie was an omnipresent visitor backstage at the **Ziegfeld Theater**. "Because I was a baby, they took me under their wing," she recalls. "I really didn't realize that I was working with legends." The DNA for music and dance extended not only to her aunt but her father who sang briefly with the Hall Johnson Choir and her mother who danced in the famed **Cotton Club** revue in Harlem some years after a leggy 16-year-old, name of **Lena Horne**, first came to notice in the club in 1933.

Leslie Uggams with Bob Hope and Raquel Welsh.

Reverse the tape four years from the time of *Porgy and Bess* to an audition in which Leslie, then six years old, tried out for the Ethel Waters TV sitcom, "***Beulah***."

"A friend of my parents thought I was talented and '*so cute*' so she, schlepped me around. I had no idea who Ms. Waters was; all I know is she was a very sweet lady to my mother and me — and embraced us. I got to see "***A Member of the Wedding***," and we stayed friends for many, many years whenever she'd do what she called a soiree." I too, saw Waters in Carson McCuller's *A Member of the Wedding* in 1953, which co-starred **Julie Harris** and young **Brandon de Wilde** (a fellow student of Uggams at New York's Professional Children's School). It was clear to me at the time that Water's remarkable talents extended to comedy and tragedy as well as singing the blues. Not until Uggams entered adulthood, and more recently, **Audra McDonald**, had any contemporary vocalist since Waters evidenced equal facility with dramatic roles.

Yes, of course Leslie Uggams was a hot commodity as a child. At eight she was featured on Paul Whitman's "***TV Teen Club***" and from eight to 12 she sang on tour in big-city theaters and did guest spots with such TV icons as **Arthur Godfrey**, **Milton Berle** and **Garry Moore**. At 12, much like an Olympic gymnast, she was fast approaching retirement — only to reemerge as a contestant and singer on the mass appeal Tv quiz show "***Name That Tune***" and an eventual prize winner of $25,000. In the process, she became America's:

"***Little Darling***."

Leslie Uggams today.

"**Mitch Miller** saw me on one show when I was singing "***The Lord's Prayer***.

"He then signed me to **Columbia Records**. About a year later he sold the idea for "***Sing Along With Mitch***" and put me on a special. Originally, I was supposed to do a one-shot. Because the mail was so substantial, I wound up being a regular. Now in his nineties, Mitch is my neighbor in the Lincoln Center area of the city/neighbor. I ran into him about a month ago — we had a nice chat."

As for that baby daughter in Mama Leslie's lap, she is, **Danielle**, a rising singer/actress who recently performed at the **Apollo**, where she unexpectedly found her mother's face beaming down as part of a mural in the lobby. "You were a part of history," Danielle excitedly told her mother when she got home. Brother Justice is also a skilled actor. The two are products of Uggams' 38-year marriage to Australian-born Grahame Pratt. "We met in a Sydney nightclub where I was performing, thanks to the popularity Down Under of *Sing Along With Mitch*."

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She continues to make great music live and electronically. As I compose this, I am listening to her rendition of the haunting "***Summer Me, Winter Me***" on the newly released CD on the **Fynsworth Alley** label entitled "***On My Way To You: The Songs of Alan & Marilyn Bergman***." It's produced, arranged and orchestrated by **Dan Levine**. You'll find it at leading record stores and on the internet. To my ears, her "pipes" are as good as ever.

For which I say "***Hallelujah, Baby!***"

Dr. Phil Weighs In

The Self-Help Guru Talks About His New Weight-Loss Book, the New Twist on His Second Season and His "Feud" with David Letterman

By Carrie Young
and Joe Prigun

"Have you ever seen a fat coyote?"

Phillip C. McGraw sits in the backyard of his Beverly Hills home, a gated mansion well-suited to the man who controls the growing empire that is: 'Dr. Phil.'

"Coyotes eat to live," he says, his voice rising over the phone due to the roar of his gardener's lawn mower. "Coyotes don't say, 'Well, I'm kind of a sad coyote today. I think I'll have an extra rabbit.' They just eat what they need. And then they walk off."

It's a simple story, told with perfect timing and that trademark Southern drawl.

And it's a story that helps explain McGraw's newest and boldest crusade: To help overweight Americans learn to eat just what they need and, like the coyote, walk off.

"I want to start a movement in America to Say, Hey! . .

"THAT'S ENOUGH!"

McGraw, who turns 54 on September 1, became a best-selling author and 'self-help' icon by urging legions to deal with what is going on inside.

His last book, ***"Self Matters: Creating Your Life From the Inside Out,"*** spent 50 weeks on the New York Times best-seller list.

But last Fall, his focus included: What's on the 'outside,' too.

His latest book, ***"The Ultimate Weight Solution: The 7 Keys to Weight Loss Freedom,"*** was followed six days later by the debut of the second season of his wildly popular daytime talk show, ***"Dr. Phil."***

It was a season that McGraw promised and delivered, as he focused on "Shedding Fat" as a signature theme.

CAMERAS FOLLOWED overweight participants for the entire season as they implemented McGraw's plan and would hopefully, get thinner.

Viewers at home could follow the progress on his website (www.drphil.com).

With his ample physique 6-foot-4 and 240 lbs. — and his 'cut-the-crap' approach to vanity, McGraw seems an unlikely champion for the thinning down of our nation.

"I've never been a **Pierce Brosnan,"** he told CONQUEST in an interview. But McGraw is no blimp.

His shoulders may be too broad for off-the-rack suits, but his bulk is mostly muscle. A lifelong 'jock,' he counts among his few dieting experiences a short relationship with liquid protein.

"I lasted about three hours," he says. Then he confessed "I can't do this. I've got to *kill* something and eat it."

BUT HIS WAR ON FAT is personal. His father — **Joe McGraw**, also a psychologist — was "chronically obese" for many years, he says, and died in 1993 of heart problems:

"Obesity shortened his life by 10 or 15 years, to be sure." In fact, McGraw says his family tree is laden with obese people, including one man who is more than 500 pounds.

McGraw says Americans get to be that size through "emotional eating."

The Doctor explains for CONQUEST that he is bending his body and arms as if to rock an imaginary infant. 'The first time a baby is held and patted and cooed is when it's fed," he says.

"So we pair food, love and comfort from the moment we're born. How can you deal with someone's weight if you *don't* deal with their emotions?"

His book suggests lifestyle changes that can break the pattern of emotional eating. His advice comes from his work with overweight patients in the early days of his career, when he was a clinical psychologist.

He claims an 80-percent success rate among those who committed to his program. But just what the program entails — the "seven keys" mentioned in the title — he is reluctant to say, citing a deal for it to debut in **Oprah Winfrey's** "O" magazine. (McGraw is a regular 'O' columnist; Winfrey's company produces his show.)

McGraw also declined to provide names of past participants who could back up his success claims, saying, "I don't talk about private patients."

Although McGraw won't dish the specifics of his plan, he will say what he's against: quick-fix diets, including the popular **Atkins** plan. McGraw acknowledges that followers can drop pounds but believes most will eventually put them back on:

Is there a diet that will work long term?

"I don't think so," he says matter-of-factly.

What else bugs him?

"Fast food. Advertising that makes eating a taco look like sexy fun. Sweatpants. And women who obsessively ask;

"'Does this make my butt look fat?'"

With only sketchy information, it's difficult for others in the weight-loss field to comment on his book. However, **Dr. Neal Barnard**, president of the **Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine**, says he is pleased that McGraw is addressing obesity.

"He can make a huge difference," he said. Barnard hopes McGraw's book extends beyond just a focus on emotional eating. "A lot of people who have bad diets aren't doing it for emotional reasons. They're doing it because they grew up on it," Barnard says.

BUT EMOTIONS *are* McGraw's stock-in-trade. **Jerry Springer** has his fist-fights, **Judge Judy** her gavel. McGraw has his penchant for dissecting human behavior.

It's a talent that has lifted ***"Dr. Phil"*** to become the No. 2 daytime talk show in America, bested only by ***"Oprah."***

McGraw himself is so popular that his appearance last year, on the ***"Late Show"*** gave **David Letterman** his first ratings victory, over **Jay Leno** in three years.

McGraw is frequently the target of Letterman's ***"barbs,"*** and the doctor wanted his audience to know that he's **OK** with it.

"My fans and my people wanted me to push back some," McGraw said. On his own show, he recited the names Letterman has called him: "Pinhead," "evil genius" and "half-baked quack," then invited Letterman to come on *his* show. "We're going to do neurotics next

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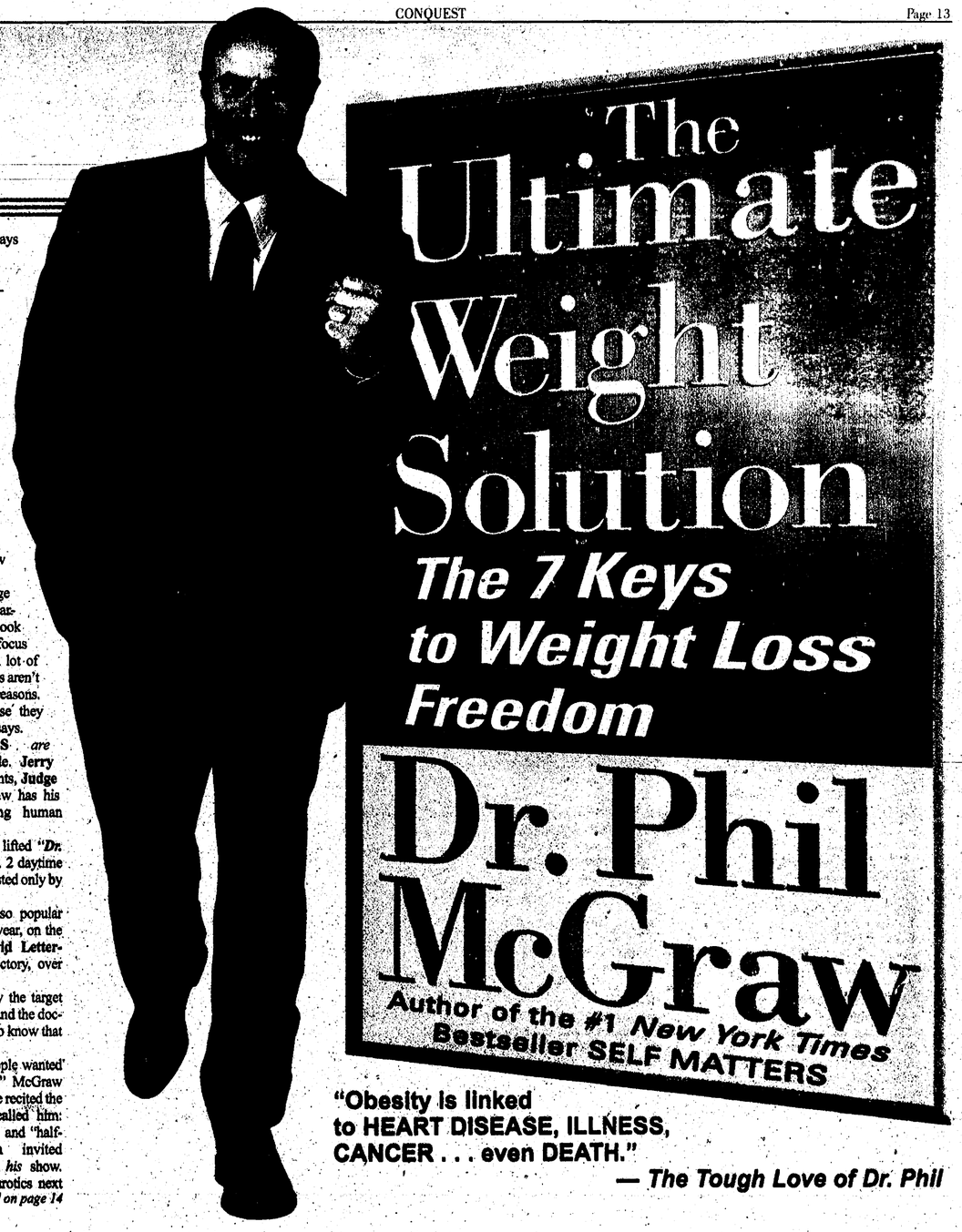
Weight Loss Challenger Barbara Rodrique of Niagara Falls, Ontario is greeted by Dr. Phil McGraw after being chosen as an Ultimate Weight Loss Challenger. In this photo her weight is 280 pounds. This show aired September 16, 2003.
Photo by: Paramount Pictures Corp. Vivian Zink

Weight Loss Challenger Barbara Rodrique of Niagara Falls, Ontario talks to Dr. Phil during the finale of the Ultimate Weight Loss Challenge. Barbara ended the Challenge at 213.5 pounds for a total weight loss of 66.5 pounds. The show aired on May 24, 2004.
Photo by: Paramount Pictures Corp. Craig T. Mathew



Dr. Phil Weighs In

Weight Loss QUESTIONS

1 Don't genetics affect weight?
Absolutely, but you have to manage your weight within that. Work with the hand you've been dealt; for example, being big-boned is no excuse for being 100 pounds overweight. Accept that you have some extra challenges — and that you'll probably never be stick-thin — but don't let that be your excuse.

2 What if medication makes me gain weight?
Some people truly have a medical reason for weight gain. If you have to take medication, or if you have a biological disorder that causes you to gain weight, the best you can do is manage it. Learn to be at peace with it.

3 What about "magic" diets that promise quick results?
Make no mistake — the billion-dollar diet industry tells you what you want to hear. But losing weight is hard work, every minute of every day. How hard are you willing to work? Do it right once, and you'll reach your goals quicker than "seven pounds in seven days."

4 My friend lost weight; why didn't her strategy work for me?
Everyone has different challenges, different resources and different gifts. Consequently, people must develop different strategies to accommodate their schedules. Find out what gives you results — and don't quit if it doesn't seem apparent right away.

5 What if I just really like food?
Just about everybody likes the taste of food, but you have to develop the maturity to balance your intake. Control the quality and the amount of what you eat.

6 How is it that I can like everything about myself except the fat?
You don't feel 100 percent good about yourself. You can't be completely happy with yourself unless you're happy about everything that makes you who you are.

7 I can't seem to get my appetite in check. What's wrong?
If you're overweight, then you're out of control. That's not a natural place to be. You're out of control with your impulses, your life or your schedule. Evaluate your behaviors, anticipate your personal challenges and restore balance.

8 Why do I keep slipping into my old habits?
You can't break habits without forming new ones. If you take something out of your life, there's a void. And when there's a void, it's easy to drift back to what you used to do. You need to replace the bad habit with a new, incompatible behavior that will crowd the bad behavior out.

9 How can I heal poor body image?
Don't let low self-esteem be an excuse to not live your best life. Get over it! Stand up and use the gifts you have. Require more of yourself than what you have been requiring. Just because you aren't proud of yourself every minute doesn't mean that you don't get to participate in life. Get specific and define what low self-esteem means to you. Then, behave your way to success.

10 I've always dealt with difficulties using food, but now I've solved my problems. Why am I still fat?
You're holding on to the response that you associated with your problems. Although the problem has been solved, the behavior — in this case, overeating — remains. When you solve a problem in your life, you must also stop "dealing" with it in negative ways.

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Tuesday," he said, "and psychotics next Thursday and Friday."

McGraw laughs and tells CONQUEST he remains a Letterman fan.

"I guess my favorite [joke] of all time was when he was introducing some make-up books that were coming out. The first one was "***Dr. Phil: More Advice I Just Pulled Out of My Ass.***"

With nearly six million fans tuning in to his show every day, he can afford to laugh. His reach is so wide that the **American Heart Association (AHA)**, which normally does not review such books, decided to look at his to make sure . . .

"The public is provided with sound information on nutrition and physical activity," says AHA's **Dr. Robert Eckel**. Apparently McGraw passed the exam — no problems were cited.

McGraw also sent his book to Winfrey, whom he calls "my best editor, my best critic." Will she follow his plan?

"We've talked about it from time to time, but I've never really gotten involved and said, 'We're going to do it,'" he said.

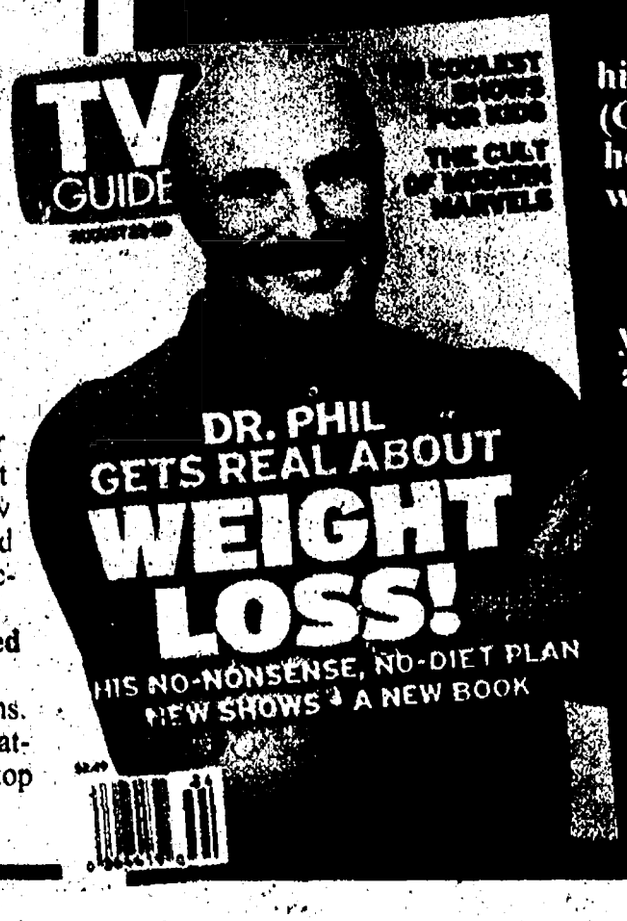
He's less shy about prodding the average American sofa spud. "We get thousands of letters every day and weight is *uppermost* in people's minds.

"Weight is one of the silent epidemics I promised to address when I started this show. And I hope I have and will continue to inspire people."

Dr. Phil McGraw, his wife Robon, (left) and Ultimate Weight Loss Challenger Barbara Rodrique lead a group of audience members at the kick-off of Dr. Phil's Booty Camp/Rapid Start program with a walk around the Paramount Pictures studio lot.

PUT DOWN THAT TWINKIE!

Dr. Phil's Homespun Weight-Loss Advice



Though Dr. Phil wouldn't divulge his "seven keys to losing weight" (C'mon! He's got a book to sell!), he did sprinkle his conversation with common sense tips:

- Stay out of the 'drAh' lane.
- Put down yourA fork before you're full — a doggy bag makes a great accessory.
- As you lose weight, also lose all your "*fat*" clothes. "Get rid of your mummuus and your house dresses!" he declares.
- Don't use food to "medicate" emotional distress.
- Stop obsessing about weight. "Rid yourself of that gnawing sense of panic that appears every time you decide to lose weight."

"Love Boat" Heyday: Fred Grandy (left) with co-stars Patricia Klous, Ted McGinley, Gavin MacLeod, Bernie Kopell, Jill Whelan and Ted Lange.

Inset: Fred Grandy as he is today.

"Love Boat" Star After Brush With Death: *The Show Must Go On!*

By Carrie Young and Joe Prigun

Former Congressman and "***Love Boat***" star **Fred Grandy**, had told pals he'd be back to work at his morning radio job — just one week after suffering a "frightening" heart attack.

"I wanted to get back to work — taking it slow — but still getting back to normalcy," Fred told CONQUEST. "Don't get me wrong. I'm no Superman but I'm back in front of the microphone, where I belong."

Some people would take off a month or more, but Fred says "I have that same 'can-do' spirit that my loveable TV character **Gopher** had on "***The Love Boat.***"

Fred, 55, who now co-hosts a popular morning radio show with **Andy Parks** on WMAL-AM in Washington, D.C. suffered his heart attack on May 7.

Andy told CONQUEST:

"Fred's lucky to be alive.

"Fortunately, he underwent emergency surgery and is now on the road to recovery.

"In Fred's low-key manner, he's brushing it off as if nothing happened, but we know he's changing his diet, following doctor's orders and feels blessed that he's going to get through this near-death experience," Andy related.

Andy boasted of his co-host:

"Fred never wants to disappoint and he's always giving 150-percent. It's like he's still working for the TV captain on the famous cruise ship."

'Nasal Nanny' Fran Fine Otherwise Known in Real Life as Fran Drescher Survives Cancer and is Moving On To Higher Goals

FRAN DRESCHER
WHO SHE WAS THEN: *Fran Fine, the nasal nanny from Queens, New York, on CBS' "The Nanny." (1993-99).*

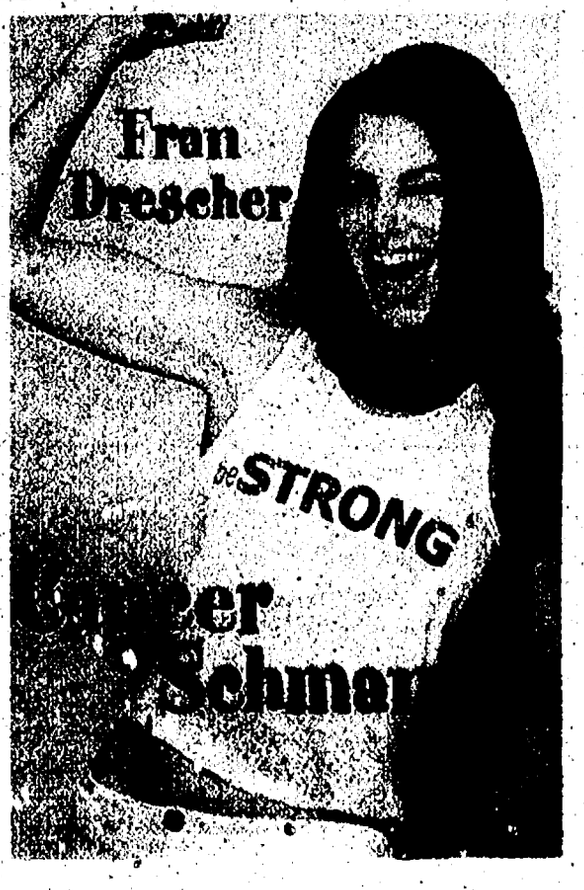
By Carrie Young and Joe Prigun

WHERE SHE IS NOW: Drescher, who was diagnosed with uterine cancer in 2000, chronicled her battle (and victory) in the 2002 book release "***Cancer Schmancer.***"

Fran Drescher as "*The Nanny.*"

With her illness behind her, she's back at work on screen, appearing in TV-movies (last year's "***Beautiful Girl***") and pitching clothes for **Old Navy**.

She continues to advocate for improved women's health care.



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Florence Henderson

No, Her Name is Not Carol Brady

By Carrie Young & Joe Prigun

Here's the story of a lovely lady:

No, her name is not Carol Brady.

Although, who could forget . . . but this is an even better story: Florence Henderson.

Not necessarily as the sunniest mom on T.V.'s "*The Brady Bunch*," but as 69-year-old Florence Henderson who has gone through trials and tribulations — healthwise — only to come out of the tunnel to a new light that makes Florence — not Carol — an even more 'sunnier,' wife, mom and the professional she has always been.

Florence will also explain the importance of good health, surmising, that modern medical technology can only do so much . . . "we have to do our part, too," she noted matter-of-factly.

TODAY: Florence Henderson interviews with CONQUEST about her "ups and downs," and delights us with good, solid tips on ways seniors can strengthen their health.

"Life begins after 50," sparkles Florence.

But before that story, Florence does reflect on the "importance" of such a phenomenal series as "***The Brady Bunch***."

Florence Henderson as "Fanny."

"At that time of the show, there were a lot of families splitting up," she readily explains. "Our show gave them hope."

***The Brady Bunch* Cast in 1969.**

And just as "***The Brady Bunch***" gave divorced families hope, Florence gives our readers hope that they can survive just about anything.

She shares with our readers some of her darkest and brightest moments both personally and professionally in her more than 30-year career in showbiz.

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But, just a l-i-t-t-l-e more than a hunch that "***The Brady Bunch***" and Carol Brady would live on in reruns on Nick-At-Night so a whole new generation could watch the nation's sunniest mom.

CAN'T ARGUE! Florence seems so honest, wholesome, bright and cheery and most importantly:

"Warm and trustworthy."

It's as though reporters Carrie Young and researcher Joe Prigun could ask her just about anything. And so CONQUEST did.

Here's the story . . . of a lovely lady: Florence Henderson.

This lady is a born survivalist, and always loves a new challenge, we learn.

When tough times have visited this lady extraordinaire — she remains remarkably, well . . . ? "Brady-like."

Florence admits her's is a familiar face. So much so that she explains simply:

"People feel comfortable with me. It *is* a matter of trust."

ENOUGH.

Let this story begin already . . .

CONQUEST: You were 69-years-young this past Feb. 14th. Yet you seem so absolutely ageless like Dick Clark . . . What's your secret? Wholesome living?

FLO: "Wholesome? Well I don't know about that . . . but I just enjoy everything I do!

"I give everything my best shot! And I really have learned to enjoy life in the moment . . .

"I suffered a severe hearing loss and threatened every aspect of my life. It was eventually taken care of surgically . . . but I truly believe it set me up for a lot of fear, anxiety and stress.

"That's when I started my fear of flying and severe stage fright — a double whammy!"

— Florence Henderson

"You know, Carrie, I don't really think about age. It's only a number. I always say if you don't know how old you are, but rather how old you feel . . .

"Then, for me, I would definitely be 23.

"Another critical factor is:

"Nutrition. I take vitamins. I eat the right food, and my body tells me when I feel good.

"I say: 'Listen to your body.'"

CONQUEST: How do feel about your age. Is this a *good* time for you? You seem to be full of "vim and vigor?"

FLO: "It is foolish to think this is not a good time for me, or anyone. No one is without problems. It is how you *deal* with them that counts and shows real courage.

"People should keep to the idea that everything will work out for the best, because it usually does. Be positive. Have a cheerful attitude. Feel blessed, no matter what your dilemma or crisis.

"I love what I do — and my advice to other older persons is to stay active, have interests, and have — find — a reason to get out of bed."

CONQUEST: Volunteer, perhaps?

FLO: "Exactly! Do *something*, my gosh."

CONQUEST: How important is good nutrition? Do you feel you are more energetic *because* of proper eating habits?

FLO: "Eat foods that make you feel good — and I don't mean *all* comfort foods!

"Eat protein. Low carbohydrates. High fiber. Don't diet. Make it a way of life.

"Luckily I don't crave sweets."

CONQUEST: Oh, that's going to drive so many women crazy who *do* crave sweets, and carbohydrates.

FLO: "We are an obese nation. People must take more responsibility about their own health. A lot of people are not in touch with their bodies.

"They eat *anything* they want. First it's 10 lbs. — then another 10 lbs. and before you know it it's 40 lbs. and thus begins obesity.

"Educate yourself. Because this is serious!

"Obesity drastically affects the heart and puts a severe strain on vital organs."

CONQUEST: Has there been any times of stress, strife or crisis that challenged you personally and/or professionally?

If so, how did you manage to conquer and overcome the odds?

FLO: "I suffered a severe hearing loss and threatened every aspect of my life. It was eventually taken care of surgically . . . but I truly believe it set me up for a lot of fear, anxiety and stress.

"That's when I started my fear of flying and severe stage fright — a double whammy!"

CONQUEST: What did you do?

FLO: "My husband's hypnotherapy clinic helped save my life. I went to the clinic in 1983. I did not know him then.

"He helped me very quickly once we addressed the problem."

CONQUEST: Had you first tried other avenues?

FLO: "Yes. I was told to see a psychiatrist. It was somewhat helpful . . . I mean I learned a lot about myself. I don't regret going. But my fears still existed.

"With hypnotherapy, I began to feel better after six sessions. By six months I really started feeling great.

"Well, I was so impressed I went to the hypnotherapist's "motivation institute" and I found out about a school where I took a course to become more knowledgeable."

In "Wish You Were Here," Florence is at the extreme left. top and bottom are Gloria Van Deweel and Phyllis Newman.

Florence Henderson as she is today.

CONQUEST: Is this how you developed a friendship, the love interest, and even the marriage to your husband, John Kappas.

FLO: "Yes. It just kind of evolved. We are now married 17 years this August 4th, (2004). I also have four children with my first husband, and we remain good friends. Anger is the most aging emotion."

FLO: "**ANGER:** It only hurts you. Not the other person!"

Florence's interest are not limited to her entertainment career, including a singer, actress, and talk show host on **Lifetime** — but also is involved in charity work. Thankful for Kappas' hypnotherapy that "saved my career," her enthusiasm for life, work, play and helping others has resumed.

"Anger is the most aging emotion." ANGER: It only hurts you. Not the other person!"

— Florence Henderson

The Kappas' live on a 87-ft. yacht which they dock in Marine DelRey, California, when they aren't sailing the Pacific Ocean.

In short, Florence Henderson has indeed earned the trust of audiences everywhere.

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Florence Henderson as Nellie Forbush in "South Pacific."

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Fabulous at 58

Lesley Ann Warren Works at Being Healthy, and Enjoys Growing Older

By Carrie Young and Joe Prigun

'Fit and fabulous' at 58, actress **Leslie Ann Warren** ***sizzles*** on the screen.

But it wasn't always that way.

TOUGH GIRL Lesley Ann Warren years ago in costume — complete with pistol — for the movie "*Clue*."

"I was the most unpopular girl in school, she laments. "I was unattractive, overweight, awkward."

To compensate for her lack of self-confidence, she took acting classes and at age 16, she made her movie debut in "***110 In The Shade***." Two years later, she won the part of **Cinderella** in a made-for-TV-movie.

But the former fat girl told CONQUEST "I kind of really knocked **James Garner's** socks off as **Norma,** the ditzy showgirl in "***Victor/Victoria***" — for which she won an Oscar nomination.

To stay in spectacular shape, Lesley Ann alternates between Pilates, yoga, weight training and cardiovascular workouts on the bike and treadmill.

She avoids alcohol, cigarettes and caffeine and uses Chinese herbal medicine to maintain her health. Instead of limiting her diet, she simply avoids sweets.

"I eat everything else, even red meat," Lesley Ann told CONQUEST. "If you listen to your body, you stop eating when you're full."

Married to hair stylist-turned-producer **Jon Peters** for 13 years, she has a son, Christopher, 35.

"My philosophy is all about the mind/body/spirit connection," she says. "Once you achieve and maintain that, . . .

". . . it's pure radiance."

Leslie Ann Warren still sizzles on the screen today.

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DICK CLARK, 'AMERICA'S OLDEST TEENAGER' HAS DIABETES

Today, Clark is launching a public education campaign to Alert Americans to the Link Between Diabetes, Heart Attacks, and Stroke

Dick Clark during one of his famous Times Square tapings.

By Carrie Young and Joe Prigun

Dick Clark, renowned as "***America's Oldest Teenager***," has graced the pages of CONQUEST's past "**Health and Wellness**" issues for years epitomizes:

"**THE FOUNTAIN OF YOUTH!**"

He has shared his healthy eating and exercise secrets.

Now just recently, Clark, 74, has shared with the world that he has Type 2 Diabetes, formerly called "adult-onset diabetes."

Clark has known he has diabetes since 1994, but felt the need to keep it a secret from everyone except close friends and family, according to Ogilvy public relations firm, which is promoting his new role as a spokesperson for the American Association of Diabetes Educators and the drug company Merck & Co.

SPECIAL CONQUEST INTERVIEW

The legendary "*American Bandstand*" host reveals he made a very special New Year's resolution in 1994 when learning of his diabetes. And he's actually kept it.

"I made a vow. I said I'll try to thank God every day for how good He's been to me, for the many blessings I've received.

Undaunted, the former host of "***American Bandstand***" told CONQUEST: "I want to reinstate The Bandstand. It's still syndicated on cable, but I want to start back at discovering new talent and have fun doing it."

Hard work, eh?

"Yes," he notes. "But it's all worth it, in the end."

Dick Clark and Diabetes almost seems like an oxymoron from a seemingly youthful man who has told CONQUEST:

"My best answer to staying young-feeling is that I keep an open mind and a closed refrigerator. I am open to all kinds of exercise, such as: Yoga and meditation, and walking an hour three times a week.

He also has his own production empire and has earned mega-millions, but never *seems* to age.

Clark: "I've dealt in fluff all my life. I don't let stress consume me, because that can age you quickly, especially in show biz."

In 1956, Dick Clark happened to be in the right place at the right time and with a clean-cut image.

He hosted a dance show.

One year later, "***American Bandstand***" went national on the ABC network.

ANOTHER HAPPY NEW YEAR:

He is already getting ready for the "countdown" for 2004-05 as the godfather of rock-n-roll for another Happy New Year as he is the undisputed "***King of New Year's Eve***" as he'll mark his 32nd year as host of Time Square's countdown.

But the ageless host has reached an even more remarkable milestone: Dick Clark's Countdown for a Happy Marriage.

"My wife and myself have been together for 33 wonderful years," boasts a proud Clark.

"**Kari** and I have been married for 26 years and we have lived together for seven years before that — 33 years altogether," Clark says in wonderment.

"Our secret is . . . I'm such a wonderful person," he says

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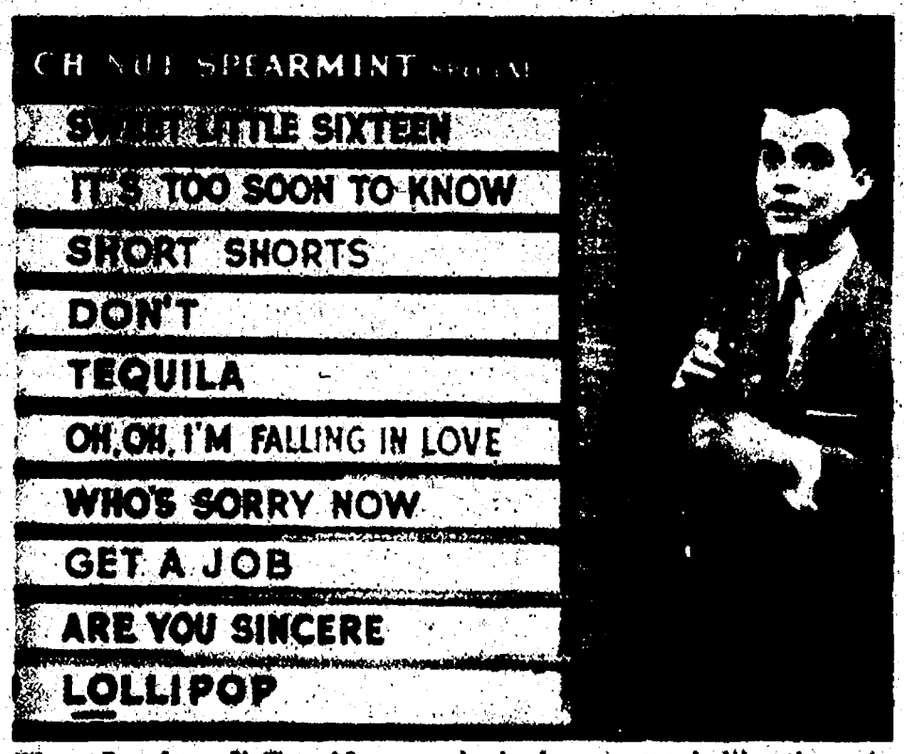
TOGETHER ALL THESE YEARS: Dick with Kari, his wife of 26 years — she's by his side during his famous Times Square New Year's Eve broadcast.



The "*Bandstand*" Top 10 never looked very much like those in *Billboard* or other trade publications. "We had no formal yardstick, only what we hard through the mail, on the phone, from gu. reaction and from the kids," Dick Clark explained. "It's amazing how often we were right."

Dick Clark smiles happily while on "*American Bandstand*." Chubby Checker sings and dances "*The Twist*" for an exuberant bandstand crowd. Clark was known for discovering new talents — some of them legends.

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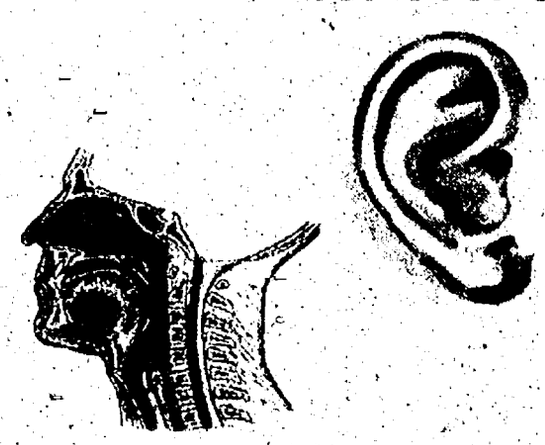

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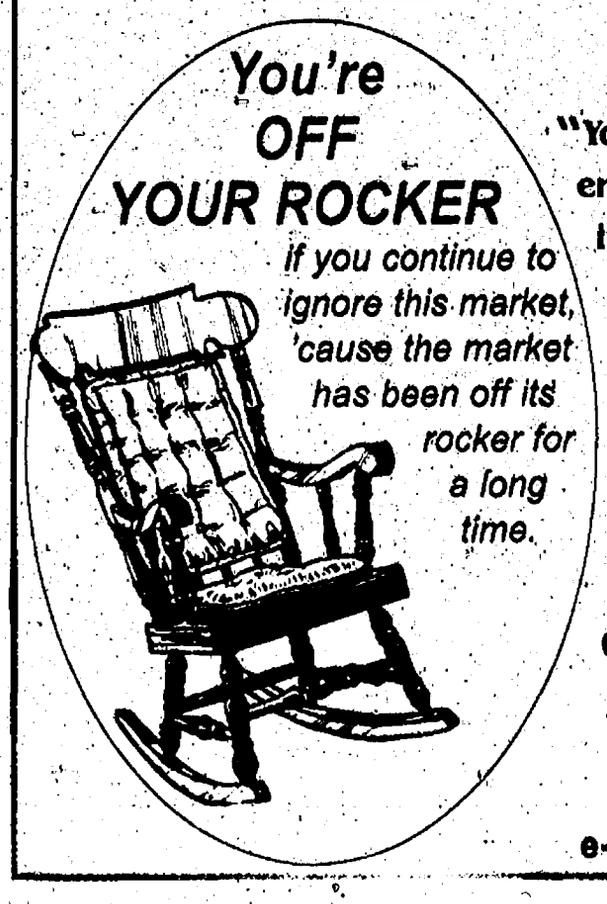

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Rhonda Fleming

Who Worked with Legends Bing Crosby, Charlton Heston, Burt Lancaster, and Kirk Douglas . . . Survived Cancer

Today this ageless beauty is helping other women with cancer.

By Carrie Young and Joe Prigun

SCREEN LEGEND, Rhonda Fleming, an ageless beauty, has focused her energies on charitable works since she left the motion picture business 20 years ago.

"Anyone or anything helpless touches my heart," says the ever-compassionate Rhonda, still ravishing at 70-plus. "I admit, I have a soft spot for animals, children, and the elderly."

Bing Crosby discovered and pushed for his leading-lady, beauty and fine soprano voice for "*A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court.*" "Bing was a sweetheart of a man," Rhonda recalled fondly.

Over the phone, she describes to CONQUEST how she is cradling her puppy **Sparky**, "a tiny fluffball of a dog," she explains.

To address her cause, she and her husband **Ted Mann** (the former owner of the Mann Theater chain) designed and built a 7,000-square-foot medical facility at UCLA to address the needs of women with cancer." This is all in my sister's honor — who succumbed to a rare form of ovarian cancer — and somehow she just knew and believed it was going to happen," she shared. "I know I'm just an instrument and God uses me for good works."

Of the clinic, which has become a model for the entire country, the actress stresses the staff's commitment to preserving hope.

"I know miracles can happen," she insisted. "My sister lived six months longer than her prognosis because she had hope. The doctor's timetable isn't the Lord's."

Little did Rhonda know that she, too, would be diagnosed with cancer, and entered her own Clinic to come out a:

Cancer Survivor.

From the moment she was discovered by superagent **Henry Wilson**, who changed her name from **Marilyn Louis**, to Rhonda Fleming (Marilyn was not considered commercial at the time). Rhonda's career moved swiftly.

"**David Selznick** saw something in me when I was 19," she relates, the producer gave her a top-featured role playing the nymphomaniac in **Alfred Hitchcock's** "*Spellbound*" with **Gregory Peck** and **Ingrid Bergmon**.

Her role in "*Out of the Past*" with **Robert Mitchum** was also a character part.

Then came Technicolor and Hollywood discovered her leading-lady beauty and fine soprano voice.

Bing Crosby selected her out of 250 women for "*A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court.*" (1949).

"Of all the actors I ever worked with (**Glenn Ford, Charlton Heston, Burt Lancaster,** and **Kirk Douglas,** to name a few), Bing was my No. 1 favorite," Rhonda says:

"Bing was a sweetheart of a man."

She also made two movies with **Bob Hope** — "*The Great Lover,*" (1949) and "*Alias Jesse James,*" (1959). "I learned a lot about comedy from Bob," she tells CONQUEST.

Diet Tips to Aid Cancer Survivors

Cancer experts recommend that cancer survivors follow these diet tips, according to the American Institute for Cancer Research in Washington, D.C.:

- Eat a predominantly plant-based diet rich in a variety of vegetables and fruits.
- Limit red meat to less than 3 ounces daily.
- Limit high-fat and high-salt foods.
- Avoid char-grilled foods.
- Limit alcohol consumption to no more than two drinks per day for men, one for women.

By the time she made "*Gunfight at the O.K. Corral,*" (1957) with Burt Lancaster and Kirk Douglas, Rhonda had 25 films to her credit. She's made more than 40.

Her personal life was less successful. She was a bride at 17, beginning the first of four short-lived marriages over the next two decades. Then, she had "closed the door" on marriage.

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Enter Ted Mann.

They met on a blind date.

"He made it very clear that he had no intention of getting married," she reminisced. "I said, 'Wonderful, I don't either!'" The Manns have been happily married for 17 years.

"My husband's ego is very healthy," she noted, "but he used to laugh if anybody asked, 'Oh, you're Mr. Fleming?' He got a big kick out of that."

Today, Rhonda's life is devoted to her family and to helping others.

She has received a "**Woman of the World**" award from '**Childhelp USA**' and she and Ted helped build a kennel for the '**Pet Adoptions**' organization.

Rhonda Fleming is clearly giving back her own good fortune.

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laughingly.

"No, it's totally due to my wife. Kari is my Rock of Gibraltar."

The 74-year-old TV mogul met Kari, 60, when she went to work for his production company in the late 1960s. Their marriage is his third and her first.

"I have managed to achieve personal stability by getting my priorities straight, says Clark.

"Family is important to me," the affable host told CONQUEST. "I'm very close to my children and I adore my grandchildren."

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"I made a vow: I said I'll try to thank God every day for how good He's been to me, for the many blessings I've received.

"At least once a day I thank God in a silent prayer for everything I've been blessed with in my life."

The godfather of rock-n-roll reveals he plans to stay active for as long as possible.

"My father lived to be 93. I would love to be able to hang on as long as dad.

"To me, retirement will never be an option," he emphasized.

Loss of "power" in cells linked to diabetes

People are at higher risk of diabetes as they age because their cells' "power plants" fail, a Yale University School of Medicine study suggests.

Older subjects studied showed a much lower level of activity in the mitochondria — which provide energy to all cells — than younger subjects, according to the report published in the current issue of the journal *Science*.

The researchers also said they found that exercise increases the number of mitochondria in muscles — a compelling reason why seniors should remain active.

Dick Clark.

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Stephanie Powers, sportswoman, philanthropist, plays polo, loves horses and is an exercise enthusiast. In between her movies, and musicals and trips to and from Africa Stephanie has found time to publish "*Stephanie Powers' Guide to Longevity and Well-Being Through Pilates.*"

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