

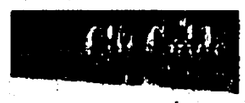
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WASHTENAW COUNTY

Townships want representation on commission

County to start interviewing Road Commission candidates soon

By Maria Sprow
Staff Writer

The Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners has started an interview process for candidates who will fill two holes on the Road Commission.

Only one of those holes is a true vacancy – the one left by Democrat Pam Byrnes, who leaves her post in January to fill a new role representing the 52nd District in the state House.

The other spot currently belongs to Norm Kennedy, whose term expired. He is seeking reappointment.

At it's last meeting on Nov. 17, the Board of Commissioners made more than a dozen appointments, but did not select a road commissioner.

County Commissioner Vivienne Armentrout, D-District 10, said the board chose to go through an interview process for the road commissioner positions because of concerns stemming from area township officials.

"Because there is so much interest in this, and because there are two positions to fill, it was felt that there needed to be very serious consideration of the candidates," said Armentrout, an outgoing board member.

Officials from a number of area townships, including Dexter, Lyndon, Lima and Scio, submitted resolutions to the board of commissioners asking that township residents fill the vacancies.

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DEXTER TOWNSHIP

Brushaber says goodbye to post

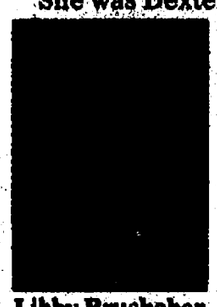
Trustee exits board to leave room for new ideas after two terms

By Maria Sprow
Staff Writer

Last week marked the end of a bittersweet era for Libby Brushaber.

With a certificate and a cake, the Dexter Township Board trustee bid goodbye to local government Nov. 16.

She was Dexter Township's lone outgoing board member.



Libby Brushaber

At the same meeting in which Brushaber, 49, was recognized for her service, Marcia Ottoman, Carl Lesser and Mark Wojno were sworn into office. They won election to the board Nov. 2.

The three, who all have some experience in local government, are still getting their feet wet as related to board duties and responsibilities. Dexter Township Supervisor Pat Kelly said one of the first items on the board's next agenda will be to appoint trustees to various township committees. That includes replacing Brushaber on the Dexter Area Fire Board and other committees.

"We have more trustees than before, so we may be able to switch the loads a little bit," Kelly said.

A two-term trustee, Brushaber had announced her decision not to seek re-election early on in the election season. She cited personal reasons for her decision, as well as the township's need to constantly receive fresh viewpoints and ideas.

"My kids are all grown and I decided it was time to step down and let somebody else take the helm," she said. "I think there should be a time when people must step down and let new ideas come in."

The need for new ideas was the reason Brushaber ran for a board seat in the first place. Now that she's had her say, she said she wants to spend more time with her two grandchildren, Nolan and Allison.

Brushaber also will stay busy with her job at the Multi-Lakes Water and Sewer Authority, serving Dexter, Lyndon, Unadilla and Putnam townships. She will remain on the Dexter Area Fire Board until year end.

Although she felt the time was right to leave, Brushaber said participating in township government was a worthwhile experience for her.

"I want to thank the township and the residents who put me there," she said. "I had fun, and it was an experience."

Brushaber wishes, however, that more residents would have been involved in township decision-making during her time on the board. Oftentimes, she said, board members were the only people participating.

"They elect you to make decisions for the township, and you get the phone calls, but you don't get the support at the township meetings," she said. "I really think that the citizens need to get more involved in just voicing their opinions."

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A few of cars is parked outside Chelsea High School Monday afternoon. A recent streak of vandalism and stolen property from students' cars parked at the high school have one parent wondering what the district is doing to prevent further thefts.

CHELSEA SCHOOLS

Vandals target students' cars

District may increase high school security

By Scott Hagen
Staff Writer

After a streak of vandalism has plagued students at Chelsea High School, parents are wondering what the district is doing to prevent future destruction.

Andrea Ball, a senior at the high school, returned to her car Nov. 3 to find the passenger side window of her car smashed open and her purse and cell phone gone. A swastika had been written into the dirt on the car.

Ball was one of a handful of students whose cars have been vandalized and broken into this school year.

And the thefts are continuing. On Nov. 18, the Chelsea Police took four complaints of larceny from students at the high school.

Police Chief Scott Sumner said one of the victims left her car unlocked because of the damage done. Items were stolen from the car, but nothing was destroyed. About 10 cars have been broken into this year, Sumner said, who added that the thefts are still under investigation.

Ball's mother, Chasey, said the car sitting next to her daughter's also had the driver-side window broken out and a stereo was missing.

"Something has to be done," Chasey said.

One senior, who asked that her last name not be used, was pulled out of class on Thursday to learn that the rear window on the driver side of her car was smashed out and her entire collection of CDs stolen. She was one of the four victims of break-ins that day.

Superintendent Dave Killips said he was aware of the situation and was working closely with police to find those responsible for the damage.

Killips also added that the district was considering expanding security measures at the high school.

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BRIEFLY...

■ **Chelsea Area Players hold auditions:** The Chelsea Area Players will hold auditions for the three-act comedy "Love, Sex and the IRS" from 7 to 9 p.m. Monday and Tuesday in the Woodland Room at Chelsea Community Hospital, 775 S. Main St., in Chelsea.

Those wishing to audition may attend either day. The cast has eight adult parts for three women and five men. Performances of the play will be held Feb. 2 through 4 in a dinner-theater format. For more information about auditions, call producer Clara Smith at 475-8713.

■ **Milk jugs needed for holiday light parade:** The Chelsea Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts and the South Main Street Homeowners Association, who are helping light the streets with luminaries for the Chelsea Hometown Holiday and Light Parade, are looking for 8,000 milk jugs needed for the display.

The display will be offered beginning 6 p.m. Dec. 5. A drop-off point for the jugs will be in the hallway outside the library's temporary location at 500 Washington St. in Chelsea.

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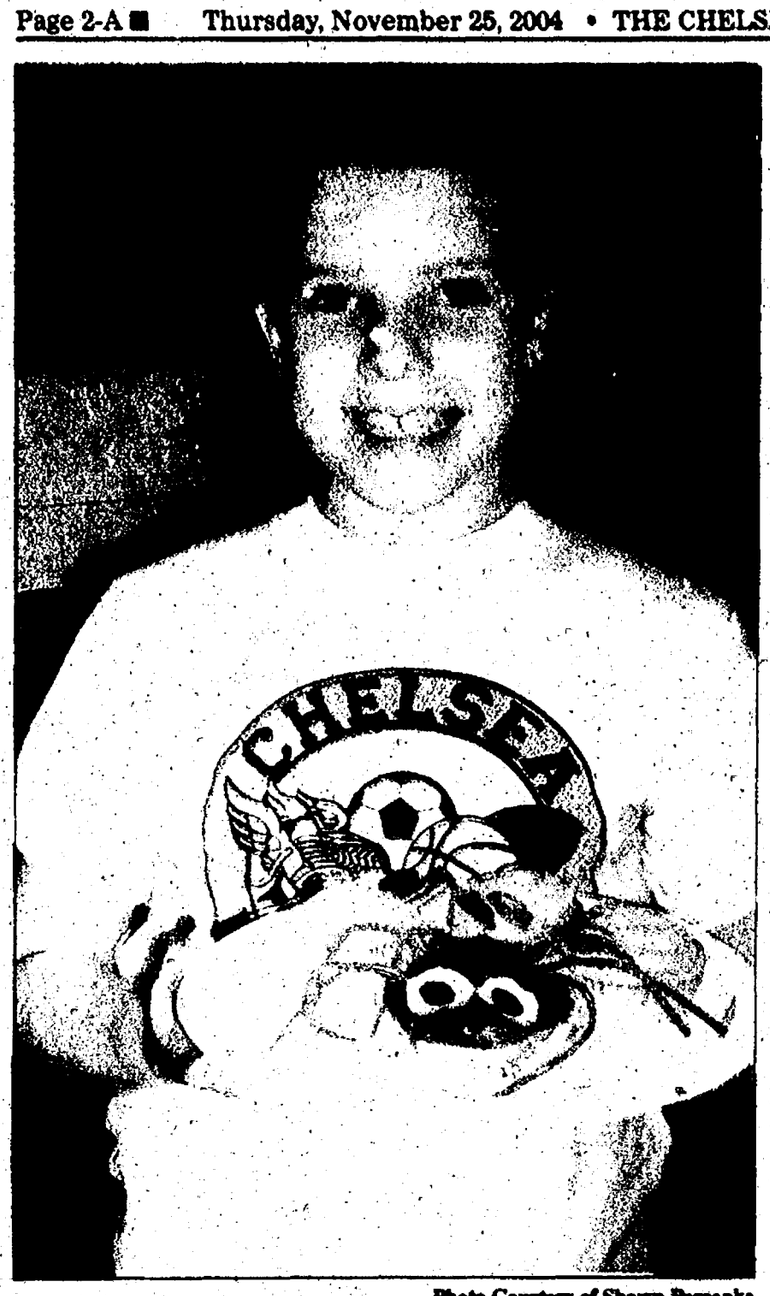


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Teen Bake Off

Claire Myers won the "Best Halloween Themed" division in the Friends of Chelsea District Library's Teen Bake Off Oct. 23. Erika Gale was the top winner in the 14-year-and-older division with her orange pecan pie. Kate Lewis-Lakin won the 14-and-younger division with her turtle sundae cheesecake. Judges Craig Common, Bob Pierce and Mia Gale all said the competition has really heated up since the first bake off in 2001, with the entries becoming more sophisticated.

FIRE REPORT

A house fire that broke out in the attic of a home on the 9000 block of Dexter-Chelsea Road kept firefighters from four different departments busy for several hours on Oct. 29.

Dexter Area Fire Department Capt. Larry Wagner said the department was first notified of the fire at 10:15 a.m. One person, an adult, was home at the time of the fire, but safely escaped.

Firefighters from Dexter and Chelsea, and Scio and Putnam townships, responded to the scene.

Six firefighters and an engine from the Chelsea Area Fire Authority were at the scene.

Wagner said Monday the fire was most likely caused by lightning, but the official fire inspector's investigation was not completed.

The fire caused heavy damage to the building's roof, but the roof did not collapse, Wagner said. The home is currently unlivable, but salvageable, he added.

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Firefighters aided in the search of a lost hunter on Oct. 20.

Chelsea Area Fire Authority Lt. Matt Tuttle said the department received a 9-1-1 call at about 11:10 a.m. The caller reported that he and two others had been hunting on some private property near Waterloo and Werkner roads when one of the men came up missing. The caller said the man, 21, had been having difficulty breathing the last time he was seen. A canine unit was sent to search the area, and nine firefighters responded with several vehicles, including a helicopter.

In addition, the Chelsea Police Department sent two officers, and the Michigan State Police sent one. An ambulance was also waiting at the scene.

The man was found at 11:55 a.m., about 1/2 mile from the other hunters. He said he was not aware there had been a problem and did not realize there was a search party looking for him.

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At 7:30 a.m. Oct. 20, firefighters responded to a motor vehicle crash involving a car versus tree incident on Rainbow Drive. Huron Valley Ambulance transported one person to the Chelsea Community Hospital for neck, shoulder and back pain.

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A two-vehicle crash on Lima Center Road south of Dexter-Chelsea Road at 4:13 p.m. Oct. 22 resulted in one transport to Chelsea Community Hospital for breathing difficulty.

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STRAIGHT FACTS

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WANT

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Supervisors said that because the Road Commission only has jurisdiction over township roads, and not city or village roads, it does not make sense to have city residents on the board.

"Our concern is that the Road Commission services townships, and therefore the commissioners should be township representatives," said Lima supervisor Ken Unterbrink.

Kennedy is from Ypsilanti. Byrnes lives in Lyndon Township but also has ties to Ann Arbor. Chair Fred Veigel also lives within Ypsilanti city limits.

Though the Lima Township resolution did not recommend any one person, a resolution sent jointly by a number of townships did.

Those townships included Lyndon, Dexter, Scio, Manchester, Bridgewater, Sharon, Salem and York, who asked that David Rutledge, William Dean and Karen Lovejoy Roe be given consideration.

Rutledge is the former supervisor of Superior Township. Dean and Lovejoy Roe are the outgoing supervisors of York and Ypsilanti townships, respectively.

"The people who we have endorsed for this vacancy are experienced township officials," said Lyndon Township Supervisor Maryann Noah.

She said that in previous years, road commissioners have not communicated well with the townships.

"This goes back for years," she said, adding that the problems do not just stem from one instance, but from a slow response time to township concerns in general.

While some of the problems have improved recently — road commissioners are now attending meetings of the Michigan Townships Association, Noah said — the supervisors feel part of the problem is that the road commissioners don't understand township problems.

"I just think they are not cognizant of how bad of a shape our roads are in, particularly with all the growth going on now," said Dexter Township Supervisor Pat Kelly.

She said she feels commissioners have failed to understand townships' positions on speed limits, as well as the sort of roads that are built and repaired.

"We want context sensitive design in roads. If you are out in the middle of the country, you don't design a great big wide 55-mile an hour road and cut down all the trees.

Noah said truck routes and road limits are also problems that the Road Commission and the townships have also failed to see eye-to-eye on.

"There still seems to be a disconnect," she said.

While they recognize that some of their concerns, such as the designated speed limits, may lie outside of the Road Commission's power, area supervisors said they still believe having a township resident on the commission will help.

"I don't know if a new road commissioner would be successful at changing that, but at least (a township representative) would understand," Kelly added.

Kennedy, a road commissioner for 24 years whose position is now in jeopardy, said he feels he has represented the townships to the best of his — or anyone's — ability.

"We meet with (the townships) on an annual basis to find out their road conditions and what their desires are," Kennedy said. "I don't think the townships have been short changed on anything. I don't think anything has been turned down or neglected just because I live in the city of Ypsilanti."

He added that money is a limiting factor, as far as how much the Road Commission can help the townships.

Originally, the county board received more than 16 nominations for road commissioners, Armentrout said. That list has since been narrowed down to about six people, she said. Of the candidates nominated by the township supervisors, Armentrout said she believes only Rutledge made the short list. She could not state the reasons why Dean and Lovejoy Roe did not make the cut.

Although the appointment was originally on this month's agenda, Armentrout, who is an outgoing board member, said it is likely new appointments will not be made until next year.

"It was not felt that these appointments should be made immediately," she said. "It was more important to go through the process and have the interviews."

She added that the interview process is not a normal procedure for the county board.

As part of the interviewing process, township supervisors will most likely be asked to submit questions to ask the candidates, she added.

Kelly expressed some concern that political parties could work against the townships' candidates during the appointment process.

Rutledge is a Democrat, but Armentrout denied the idea that his political party had anything to do with his appointment.

Noah said she hopes political parties are not given consideration in the appointment-making process, despite the heavily Democratic influence on the Board of Commissioners.

"I don't know what being a Republican or Democrat has to do with being a good road commissioner," Noah said.

For his part, Kennedy said he is hopeful he will be re-elected, but not certain.

"All I can do is put in my resume like everyone else and hope that my experience stands out," he said.

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DEXTER TOWNSHIP

Proposed bridge draws criticism

Environmentalists say Huron River bridge violates act

By Steve Ricci
Staff Writer

Area environmentalists are appealing to local politicians to halt construction of a new pedestrian bridge that would cross over the Huron River in the Hudson Mills Metropark.

The Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority is advocating building the bridge over a section of the river that is protected by Michigan's Natural Rivers Act.

The bridge would be designed to connect a western bank of the river with an internal park loop of hiking and biking paths at Hudson Mills Metropark, as part of a broader plan to link the park by trail to Dexter Village.

It also could be part of a 30-mile Washtenaw County trail that would eventually connect Livingston to Wayne County.

Because of the Huron River's protected status under the Natural Rivers Act, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources must approve a permit for the bridge.

But instead of seeking a DNR recommendation regarding the bridge, the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority held its own meeting, and concluded it would support construction of the bridge.

Although the MDNR initially opposed the bridge, it later gained support from the organization's new director, K.L. Cool, who told the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority it would get a permit to build the structure.

However, Paul Cousins, chairman of the Huron River Watershed Council Board of Directors, said building of the bridge would amount to a clear violation of the Natural Rivers Act.

Gov. Jennifer Granholm could override the MDNR decision, Cousins said.

"We're trying to have her look at it again," Cousins said, adding that the Watershed Council would argue its position with politicians such as incoming 52nd District state Rep. Pam Byrnes, 52nd District state Rep. Chris Kolb and 18th District state Sen. Liz Brater.

Cousins said the Watershed Council supports building of trails along the river, provided such construction doesn't negatively impact natural areas.

"In 30 years, there's never been a bridge with the Natural Rivers Act," Cousins said. "We feel a bridge out there in the middle of a natural area is unnecessary."

Instead, Cousins said the Watershed Council would prefer to take the money designated for the new bridge and use it to extend a new trail from the park into Dexter Village.

"We say we need to expand the trail, not extend the trail back into the park," Cousins said.

Cousins said it's usually standard procedure for the MDNR to seek public input for such matters prior to making recommendations, adding that numerous environmental groups, including the Sierra Club, have spoken out against the new bridge.

The Huron River Watershed Council opposes the visual impact of the bridge, and is concerned about the environmental impact the bridge would have on the banks of what is recognized as an especially pristine section of the Huron River, Cousins said.

Additionally, construction of the bridge could set an unwelcome precedent, Cousins said, meaning an exception to the rule in one case could lead to an untold number of other bridges being constructed.

"It sets it up for, if we do it now, then how many more will we get," Cousins said. "At one time, seven bridges were designated from here to Ann Arbor."

Sierra Club member David Brooks said building the bridge is not critical to completion of the proposed trail.

"It's a very beautiful spot of the Huron River," Brooks said of the proposed bridge site. "So we're saying build bridges only where we absolutely need them — and that's exactly what the Natural Rivers Act says."

Cousins said despite the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority decision, there is still time to convince politicians to nix the bridge.

"It's not like it's dyed in the wool once it's approved," Cousins said.

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COUNTY

Annual pet adoption campaign starts Friday

The Humane Society of Huron Valley has joined with animal shelters across the country in the sixth annual Home for the Holidays pet adoption campaign.

The campaign starts Friday and runs through Dec. 31. Last year, a record 261,839 orphaned dogs and cats were adopted during the effort.

The humane society is asking local residents to adopt one of the puppies, dogs, cats and kittens waiting at its shelter or at its adoption center at Pets Supplies Plus-Traver Mall in Ann Arbor.

For those thinking about a companion animal for someone else, the humane society does not encourage giving pets as a surprise gift. The organization, however, offers gift certificates that allow individuals to choose a pet best suited to his or her personality, family and lifestyle. Humane society counselors help adopters find the companion animal best suited to their needs.

The humane society's shelter is open from noon to 6 p.m. seven days a week. It is located at 3100 Cherry Hill Road, south of Plymouth and east of US-23, in Ann Arbor.

For more information, call 662-5585. The adoption center at the Pets Supplies Plus in Traver Mall on Plymouth Road in Ann Arbor also open every day.

Animals up for adoption may be viewed at the Humane Society of Huron Valley's Web site, www.hshv.org.

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Friendly Exchange

Luka Kuhar, a Chelsea High School exchange student from Croatia, is being sponsored by the Chelsea Rotary club. He recently brought greetings from his home country's Rotary club and shared a handmade lace sample from Croatia. Pictured with the teen is Jim Duncan, president of Chelsea Rotary. City Council Trustee Jason Lindauer, a member of the club, presented him with a signed football in appreciation for the Croatian club sponsoring a team through Chelsea Recreation.

CHELSEA SCHOOLS

Task force recognizes district

The Chelsea Area One World One Family Task Force recently recognized the Chelsea Board of Education, administration and the Chelsea Education Association for their recent decision to declare Jan. 17, 2005, an official day off from school in honor of the Martin Luther King Jr. Day holiday.

"By naming this day a holiday, we join other schools within Washtenaw County and the United States in showing our commitment toward diversity," the organization said in a letter recently sent to the administration, board and teachers' union.

"Your action has sent a message to all students and families within our district that you value each and every child's individual diversity and that you are willing to promote awareness and respect for the diversity of the human family.

"Your action has helped to bring the Chelsea area closer to becoming a community that includes and welcomes people from a variety of backgrounds — ethnic, cultural, economic and religious."

One World One Family is planning to publicly recognize the school board, administration and union at the Chelsea Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebration, which the group sponsors annually. This year's event is set for Jan. 17. The organization has asked that a representative from each body attend the event to accept their recognition.

The group plans to sponsor educational activities and informative programming throughout the year, and has committees working on diversity issues within Chelsea. Youth activities are planned during the afternoon of King's birthday, as well as a march downtown at 5 p.m. and a program at the high school.

"In the last few years, the community has engaged in a conversation about the relevance of this man to all of us: white, black, and brown," Carol Rauschenberger, one of the founding members of One World One Family, said in a press release. "Dr. King was a man of peace and during this time of conflict, his words are as relevant as ever.

"My hope is that Chelsea, an affluent community, will use this day to honor the ideals of King by promoting peace, justice and acceptance."

Joanne Ladio, secretary of the group, said she is pleased the community, including the school district, is coming together to support the slain civil rights leader.

"It is the right time," she said. "Our community is ready to join the rest of the nation in the celebration of this great American."

GOODBYE

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The biggest lesson she learned from her experience on the board was possibly the hardest one, as well. She learned that you can't please everyone. It became especially apparent during the 2 1/2 years she spent on the Township Planning Commission, she said.

"On the board, you have to look at the township as a whole and not at any one thing you want to accomplish," she said.

"On the Planning Commission ... you have to follow the township zoning ordinances. You have to follow what is put in front of you. I know there are a lot of people upset about (planning decisions)."

Planning commissioners recently experienced that same frustration when they voted to approve preliminary site plans for the Hanover Glen and Lindemann Farms developments off Island Lake Road.

Despite having dozens of residents show up for a public hearing on the matter — most of them voicing concerns on the developments — both site plans were approved because the developers followed local ordinances, Chairman John Shea said.

"When I was on the Planning Commission, I got quite a few phone calls," Brushaber said.

As she ends her career in township government, Brushaber said it's difficult to cite one issue in particular that was the most important issue during her eight years.

"Everything was important to me," she said.

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FIRE

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The fire department is investigating a possible arson related to an Oct. 24 outhouse fire at Inverness Country Club on North Territorial Road. The fire, which was noticed at 6:10 a.m., resulted in total loss of the outhouse, valued at $650.

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Firefighters responded to a two-car head-on crash at 7:22 a.m. Oct. 26, at the intersection of Hadley and North Territorial roads. One vehicle had been turning and was struck by an oncoming car. HVA transported one person to Chelsea Community Hospital.

The wind on Oct. 30 caused several problems throughout the area. At 1:08 p.m., firefighters responded to downed phone lines in the 600 block Main Street. At 1:40 p.m., they were requested to remove objects that had been blown onto Interstate 94 near M-52. At 4:38 p.m., there was a downed power line on Cassidy Row. And at 10:26 p.m., downed power lines near the 16000 block of Waterloo Road caused a small brush fire.

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Between Oct. 15 and Nov. 1, firefighters also responded to 20 medical calls and 20 miscellaneous calls. Those runs included reviving a 77-year-old man who had a cardiac arrest on Oct. 23 and several other car crashes.

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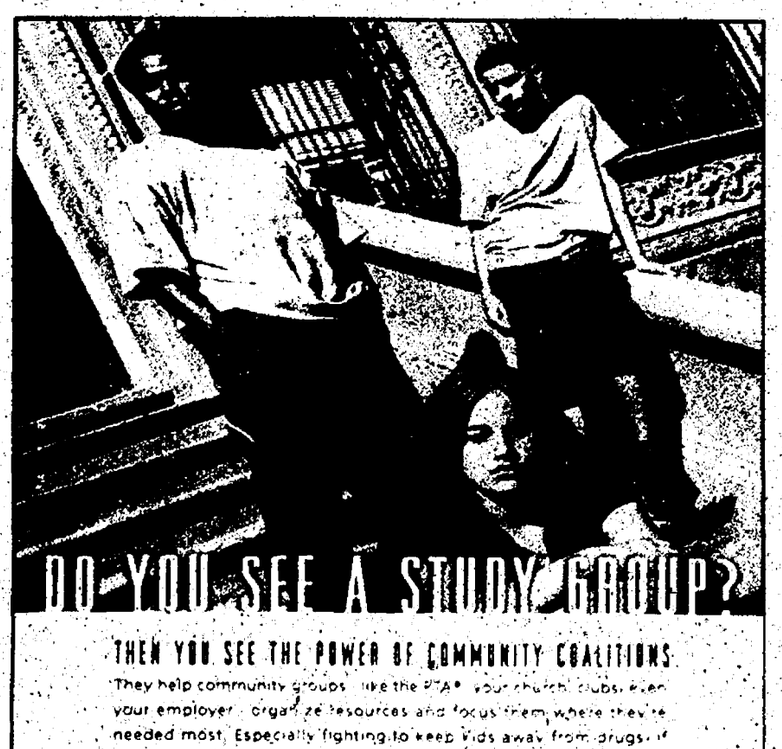
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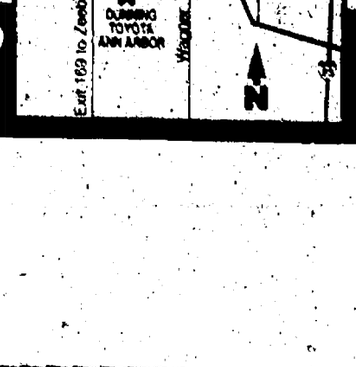
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Photo by Michelle Rogers

ANN ARBOR

Theater seeks directors

The Ann Arbor Civic Theatre is looking for directors for its 2005-06 season. The theater plans to produce three musicals and three non-musical plays in the next year.

Directors may submit ideas for plays that they wish to direct or may submit to direct a play chosen by the play selection committee.

All directors interested in the theater's next season should submit an application, resume, and — if interested in submitting a play — two copies of the play they are interested in directing. Those submitting musicals should also include a CD or cassette of the music.

The deadline for submissions is 2 p.m. Dec. 1. Submissions may be mailed or dropped off to the Ann Arbor Civic Theatre office, 322 W. Ann St., Ann Arbor, MI, 48104.

Applications are available at the theater or online at www.a2ct.org.

The play selection committee will hold director interviews in January.

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Ian Skidmore, the son of Barbara and James Skidmore of Grass Lake, is among 150 Army National Guard soldiers who departed Oct. 2 for Fort Dix in New Jersey. He is a member of the 1st Battalion, 119th Field Artillery Regiment. Further training will occur at Fort Dix. The battalion expects to arrive in Kuwait by Jan. 2 and is expected to serve in Iraq for 12 to 18 months on a security mission. Skidmore is married to Meghan (Williams) Skidmore.



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POLICE BLOTTER

Scio Township

Stolen Property

A man complained to Washtenaw County Sheriff's deputies Nov. 11 that he believed one of his former employees, a Stockbridge resident, stole two checks from his office and attempted to cash them for $2,377 and $1,737.

The man told deputies he was unaware of the theft until his bank notified him. A representative from the bank told the victim that the bank had refused to honor the checks.

Impaired Driving

A 45-year-old man could face charges for allegedly operating a vehicle while under the influence of drugs.

Sheriff's deputies believe the man was on drugs when he drove his vehicle into a tree late Nov. 14 while driving down Huron River Drive near Pine View Road.

Two witnesses saw the crash and led deputies to the man, who received a cut to his chin and a broken tooth in the crash.

The man told police he had swerved to miss a deer. However, according to the police report, he appeared confused and disoriented when answering questions.

Deputies asked the man if he had been drinking or taking any drugs or medications. According to the report, the man said he had not recently. However, when another deputy arrived at the scene, she recognized him from an incident earlier in the day in which the man had been seen driving erratically down Interstate 94. Witnesses said his vehicle was drifting between lanes and he was changing speeds.

The man eventually exited the highway and pulled into a restaurant, where he was confronted by deputies.

The deputy said the driver had been released at the scene despite the fact a syringe and an elastic band were seen on the vehicle's front seat. Track marks were also visible on his arms and between his toes. His vehicle had been impounded during the incident, the deputy said.

The driver was taken to the University of Michigan Hospital for treatment and chemical tests. Results of the tests are pending.

Drug Overdose

A 51-year-old man was rushed to the hospital Nov. 14 after allegedly overdosing on cocaine and morphine.

According to a police report, the man's girlfriend, 41, called police at about 9:20 a.m. after watching him turn purple and gasping for breath in his sleep.

The girlfriend initially told police that he had been taking Motrin for pain, but then later admitted he uses illegal drugs. She said he had been out until 7 a.m. and had taken a morphine patch and used cocaine before going to bed. She told police that he had to be carried into the home after passing out.

The police report stated the man had a pulse, and he was breathing and talking while he was being taken to the University of Michigan Hospital.

Property Destruction

A stray bullet broke a rear window at a Scio Ridge home at about 10:26 p.m. Nov. 7.

According to a police report, the bullet ricocheted through two rooms before stopping in the bathroom.

Deputies believe that after the bullet came in through a bedroom window, it went through a closet wall, then bounced backward through a bathroom wall to its opposite wall, where it ricocheted and hit another door, then bounced again and hit the toilet and dropped to the floor.

It appeared the bullet was fired from either the wetlands area behind the home, I-94 or the wooded area north of the freeway.

The bullet was a silver hollow-tip and larger than a 40-calibrator. Deputies believe it's possible the bullet was shot from a significant distance from the home.

The family who lived in the home told deputies they could not think of anyone who would want to intimidate them or cause them harm.

There were no other reports of stray bullets or gunshots heard in the area, according to the police report.

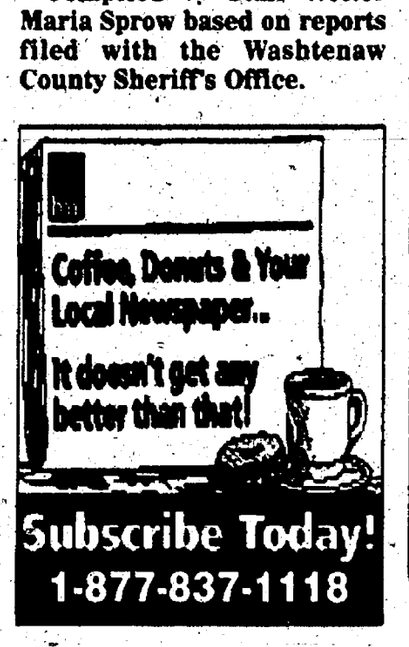
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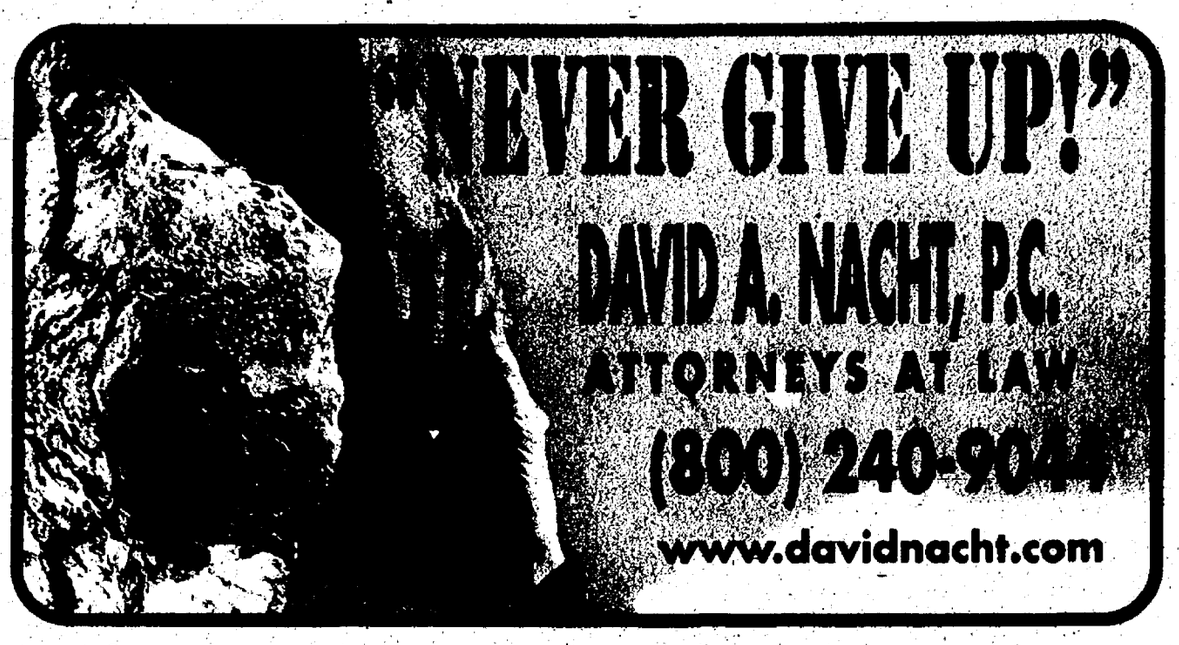


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Catching Up

Rick Catherman, director of bands at Chelsea High School, recently visited Northern Michigan University to watch former high school musician Sean Steinbach march with the Northern Michigan University Marching Band.





DEXTER AREA

Allen inducted into National Honor Society

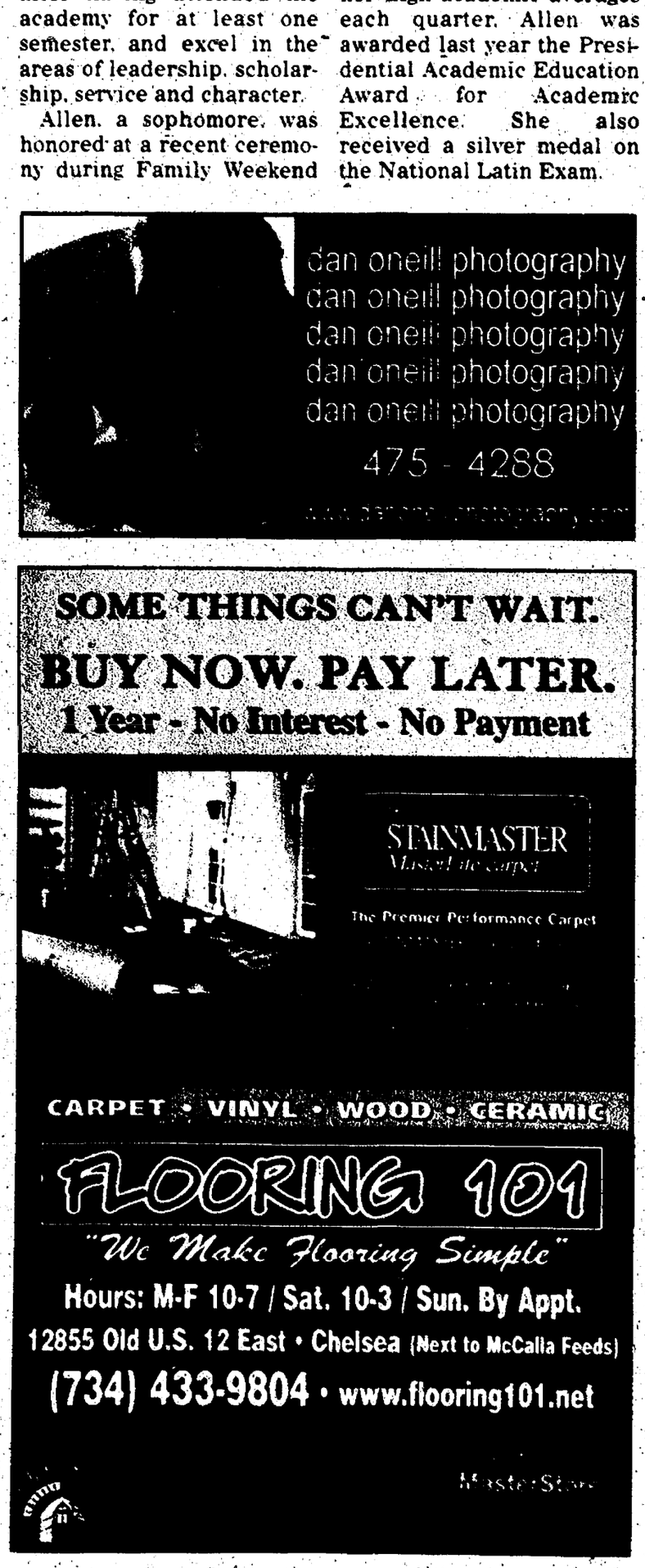
Tabitha Allen, the daughter of David and Beth Allen of Dexter, has been inducted into the National Honor Society at Randolph-Macon Academy in Front Royal, Va.

To be selected, a student must have earned at least a grade point average of 3.5 after having attended the academy for at least one semester, and excel in the areas of leadership, scholarship, service and character.

Allen, a sophomore, was honored at a recent ceremony during Family Weekend at the school. She received a National Honor Society certificate from Maj. Gen. Henry Hobgood (USAF, ret.), president of Randolph-Macon Academy.

In addition to being named consistently to the dean's list and the president's list for her high academic averages each quarter, Allen was awarded last year the Presidential Academic Education Award for Academic Excellence. She also received a silver medal on the National Latin Exam.





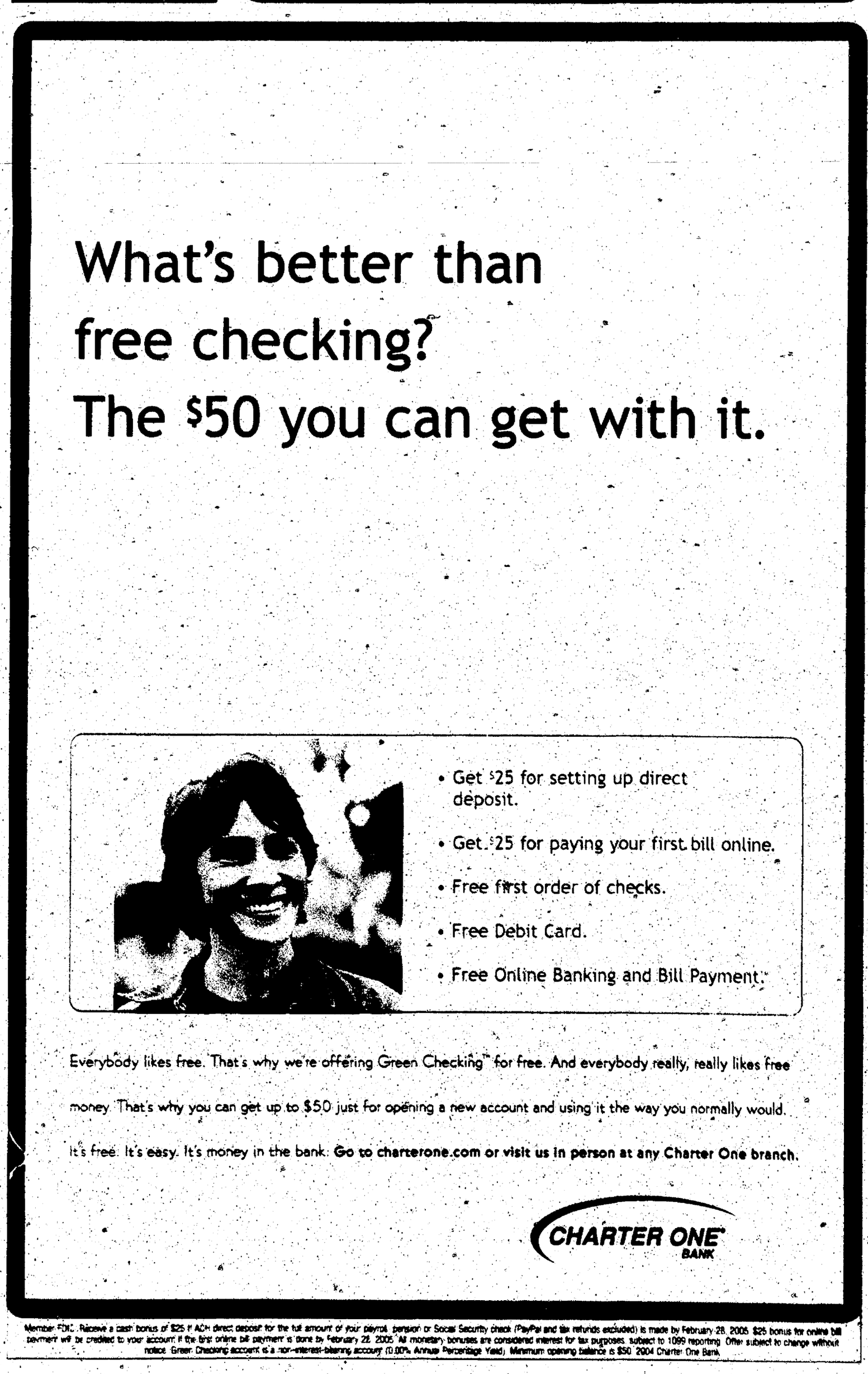




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Hundreds of residents turned out for the Buck Pole at the Mill Creek Sports Center on Nov. 15 and 16. There were 54 deer hung at the buck pole, all caught in the first two days of the firearms deer-hunting season.

DEXTER VILLAGE

Oh, deer: the buck stops here as hunters rejoice

Area residents flock to woods for opening of firearms hunting season

By Maria Sprow
Staff Writer

Nine-year-old Colt DeVries of Chelsea was excited Nov. 15. He got up early — so early, in fact, that the sun hadn't yet come up.

It was a Monday, but he wasn't going to school.

Colt was heading to the woods instead. It would be his first time deer hunting on opening day of the firearms deer-hunting season, and he was going to be hanging out with his sister's boyfriend, 19-year-old Ronnie Herrst.

"Colt was geeked all night. He was ready to go," Herrst said. "We were in the woods by 6 a.m."

Waiting for the sun to come up, Herrst and his sidekick already were hearing gunshots from other hunters in the area.

The first shots of the day kicked off firearms deer-hunting season with a bang.

At the buck pole in Dexter, a gathering held Nov. 15 and 16 at the Mill Creek Sports Center at the corner of Dexter-Chelsea and Dexter-Pinckney roads, 38 hunters hung their catch on the first day. It was a record day, said store manager Maureen Cross.

By the second day, the number had increased to 54 bucks.

"We've had that many bucks before on the second night," Cross said, adding that the event still attracted a number of hunters both nights.

"We had easily a couple hundred hunters. I would say there was probably more than that," she said.

Connie Ledwidge of Dexter was among the success stories. She was hunting in an open field when she bagged a small buck at 7:18 a.m.

"I was very excited to hang my first opening-day buck," she said. "I was out in the blind not more than half an hour.

"It was a lifelong dream to hang a buck up there."

Parking was lined up and down Dexter's Main Street and Dexter-Chelsea Road for the event, which many people turned into a family occasion.

"It's a time to socialize — a chance for people to get together and talk," said store employee Glen Bolling.

He said the event isn't just for hunting enthusiasts. It attracts the curious, too.

"A lot of them were surprised that the deer were so big," Bolling said. "I think some were people who didn't know how big deer were. But we get a lot of big bucks on the pole, too."

The buck pole has a more technical purpose, as well, in terms of meat preparation. Hanging the bucks allow the meat to cool down and tenderize. Deer should be hung for at least two days, Bolling said, depending on the temperature.

The event also attracted some anti-hunting activism. Across the road from the store on the first day, Bolling said, someone set up a counter pole with hanging dolls to imitate the bucks.

"It didn't stay up very long," he said, adding that protestors are no stranger to the buck pole.

"The first couple years that I remember, there were up to 20 or so people, then it started dwindling down," said Bolling, who has attended the buck pole for 15 years. "I think it was due to their lack of success at curtailing the buck pole, but that's my opinion.

"I believe people don't understand hunting," he said. "I hunt only as a source

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PINCKNEY

Players to present 'Nuncrackers'

Tickets are on sale for the Pinckney Players' newest production, "Nuncrackers," to be performed in dessert-theater format the weekends of Dec. 11 and 12, and Dec. 18 and 19 at the Whispering Pines Golf Course and Country Club in Pinckney.

Veteran community theater actor Lynn Wilde directs the show. Advance reserve seating is available.

In this holiday version of "Nunsense," the Little Sisters of Pinckney tape their first Christmas show for cable access from the convent basement. A live-studio audience is treated to an original ballet based on the "Nutcracker," featuring Sister Mary Leo as the Sugar Plum Fairy.

Things go wrong, however, as they might in any amateur theatrical performance. The nun-ballerina has a backstage mishap, the gifts are stolen from under the convent Christmas tree, and Sister Julia, "Child of God," has a little too much holiday cheer while making the fruitcake.

The story is written by Dan Goggin, and includes such clever and entertaining songs as "The Twelve Days Prior to Christmas," "Santa Ain't Comin' to Our House" and "I'm Santa's Little Teapot."

Stephanie Heslip will play Reverend Mother, Sonja Marquis is Sister Hubert, Deborah Henning is Sister Leo, Danielle Langenbruch is Sister Amnesia, Jeff Fritz is Father Virgil and Lynn Wilde portrays Sister Robert Anne in the production. They will be joined by some talented children from throughout the area who play the students at Mount St. Helen.

Ticket are $15 for adults and $12 for students and seniors, and are available at Busch's ValuLand or the Community Education Office in Pinckney.

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OTHER VOICES

Lawmakers will have to put up or shut up



TIM SKUBICK

Having endured three long years without any boost in state aid and faced with the prospects of taking a budget cut next year, the state's schools are finally crying, "enough is enough" and taking matters into their own hands.

Pull up a chair, because this could get nasty.

The school lobby's "solution" is not exactly opening to rave reviews from the governor's office. It will force her and lawmakers to slice other state services, or raise taxes to underwrite what the schools are demanding.

A K-12 coalition has quietly formed and wants to hire John Engler's favorite barrister, Richard McLellan, to write the language.

Here's the essence of the ultimatum: Schools want a guaranteed increase in state aid of 5 percent every year or the rate of inflation, whichever is less. And if the state doesn't give them that, they will go to the voters with a petition drive to force them to do it.

If the state balks, the question goes on the ballot for everyone to decide. And that ballot question would be smack dab in the middle of everyone's 2006 re-election campaign.

That would force them to put up or shut up about making education a top priority.

Also under review is additional language to recoup all the money the schools have lost over the last three years. Such a money grab would be widely viewed as greedy. But the lobby might go there anyway.

The governor's office has privately grumbled to the Michigan Education Association about all this.

On the eve of Gov. Jennifer Granholm's own re-election bid, apparently the governor is uneasy about that kind of "outside-the-box" thinking.

But the union, which endorsed her for governor the first time out, is still waiting for a meaningful return of the favor. If she stiffs them on this, who knows what they might do when she comes back smiling for another blessing in two years.

While some educators worried in closed-door meetings that this dicey move might offend politicians, somebody else argued that being nice has not paid off, either, and the situation is getting worse.

There's talk of closing 40 schools in Detroit. One high school in outstate Michigan already has been boarded up, plus 6,000 school employees and counting have been pink slipped.

One unknown factor in the strategy is whether higher education wants in on the largesse. Faced with its own elongated state budget whacks, getting a guaranteed yearly inflationary increase would be like manna from heaven.

However, elements in the squeamish ivory tower crowd are afraid such a bold move might cost them "access" – which means they might not get invited to the governor's house or be able to sit with lawmakers at football games.

The polling has emboldened the school lobby. Last January, 50 percent of the voters said don't cut school budgets. Now 60 percent say hold the schools harmless.

Even more dramatic: Last year, 48 percent approved of school cuts, but that has dropped to 18 percent.

Of course, all of this could be avoided by a state economic turn-around. But nobody is betting on that, which is why the education gang will surface this inflationary guarantee scheme just after the first of the year – or sooner – and then let the games begin.

Tim Skubick is a veteran Lansing political observer. He hosts "Off the Record" on public television. He also does regular commentary for WWJ Radio 950.



OTHER VOICES

Holiday spirit abounds



LENA KHZOUZ

I don't know about anyone else, but I'm tired.

For now, I don't want to hear anymore about any presidential elections.

Today, I don't care what's going on outside of my own home and job.

I don't want to hear any complaints about things ranging from gas prices to not being able to find better jobs; not today.

Today, I just want to kick back and relax.

My first thought Wednesday morning was this: I want to buy several bags of popcorn, rent a whole bunch of my favorite holiday movies, shut off any form of communication with the outside world and just sit home and watch Chevy Chase try unsuccessfully to light up the house.

I don't think I've ever looked forward to the holidays during my adult years as much as I have this month.

Halloween just doesn't cut it. That's not a feel-good holiday like Thanksgiving or Christmas.

As soon as Halloween ended, the Christmas decorations started going up at businesses, and I say they are welcome. I like seeing them. They make me happy.

Last year, Tom Tigani of The News-Herald newspaper wrote a column criticizing decorating for the holidays too early.

I beg to differ.

The sooner you can make people smile with your lights, Santa decorations, Jesus movies and religious music, upbeat general Christmas music, reindeer, angels and snow, the better — as long as it's after Halloween.

There are a lot of things that are unpleasant in this world, so if you can cheer someone's spirits by making lights twinkle at your house a month too early, by all means, light 'em up.

Of course, it's not about the lights. It's about the warm feeling you get when you look at them.

It's not about the movies. It's about sitting at home with loved ones.

I can't bake very well. I need some practice, to say the least. But even making holiday cookies or roasting chestnuts sounds calm and cozy right now.

Buying Christmas sweaters, toys for the nieces and nephews, candy canes, decorating the Christmas tree, stuffing the Thanksgiving turkey.

Oh yeah, I'm really looking forward to the holidays. I need a relaxing, carefree break, and I have a feeling a lot of other people do, too.

In the meantime, I should stop daydreaming, get back to work and get some research done, starting with this. Hmmmmm ...

"A Christmas Carol" ... "Home Alone" ... "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation" ... "It's a Wonderful Life" ... "Die Hard" ... "Jesus of Nazareth" ... "The Santa Clause" ... "A Christmas Story" ... "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" ... Warm,

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OTHER VOICES

Creationism is pseudo-science



DIRK FISCHBACH

While most Americans probably assumed that the question of whether evolution should be taught in science classrooms across the country was settled after the Scopes Trial, the issue actually is far from resolved.

A careful watch over the activities of state legislatures will show that every couple of years there inevitably arises a "balanced treatment for creation science" bill — more recently disguised under the "intelligent design" banner.

Generally, these initiatives have been centered in the South, but we now have school districts in both Pennsylvania and Wisconsin that are including creation "science" or "intelligent design" in their science curriculums. In Georgia, a court case is in progress to test the legality of placing a sticker in biology textbooks that warns students that evolution is only a theory, not a fact.

The fallout of such bills and court cases is frightening. While they are generally defeated in session — or struck down by the courts if passed — they have had a very real, chilling effect on scientific textbooks. Many biology texts now have such a watered down treatment of evolutionary theory that one would think there was open debate in the scientific community about its veracity or value.

Of course, no such debate exists.

But, the push for the inclusion of creation science and the demonizing of evolution is not at all based on truth, evidence or scientific value. It is a power play to take control of the educational systems in communities across the country to inculcate students with a specific world view. It is based on emotion, and is rooted in the concept that there is one clear and universal choice of what one should believe.

That alone should be a red flag to any thinking person. The idea that one must believe in evolution or creation is absurd. One can believe in a divine creator and also accept the fact that evolutionary theory is the best explanation currently available for the diversity of life that we see on Earth. Indeed, conflict only arises when one takes an extremely narrow and literal view of scripture.

Leading religious thinkers since Thomas Aquinas have looked upon the Genesis story as allegorical. Popes since at least Pius XII — along with virtually all other mainstream religious leaders — have reconciled their faiths to evolutionary theory, and found that it does not require an abandonment of sacred beliefs by any means. They recognize the inherent value and potential benefit of learning about the creator by studying the creation.

This is not to say that literal interpretationists have no right to educate their children in a manner that is more in line with their beliefs. It's simply that this has no place in a public school. Our obligation is to

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STREET TALK

By Rita Fischer

What are you thankful for?



"I am thankful for my husband and family, and that he is a Godly man and does what is right."

Karen Kauranen
Freedom Township



"I am thankful for a healthy family. We were sick for a while."

Rachel Kegerreis
Dexter Township



"I am thankful for deer season. I love to hunt with my husband."

Vickie Denny
Putnam Township



"I am thankful for my family and that we live in a country that is free."

Linda Rosolowski
Lima Township

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OTHER VOICES

The election is over, it's time to move on



SCOTT HELD

"We survived eight years of Reagan, so we can survive eight of George W. Bush."

I heard that three times in three different places — a restaurant lunch counter, a gas station and the lobby of our newspaper building — in the hours after Sen. John Kerry conceded the presidential election last Wednesday.

And they're right.

It's not easy being a Democrat today, but the party of Roosevelt always will have the market cornered when it comes to optimism. A lot of things can happen in the next four years, and some of them are even good.

For starters, one can hope that the Democrats left in the U.S. House of Representatives and the Senate are a lot more vigilant — and, darn it, even belligerent when it's warranted — than they were during the first Bush term.

That's especially crucial because it appears the president could appoint as many as four new Supreme Court justices before he leaves office and seems willing to try turning part of Social Security over to the private sector.

The GOP doesn't have a super majority in either house, so it needs Democrats to get what it wants. We better not see anyone rolling over for anything.

Historically, second terms can be breeding grounds for scandal. Let's revisit Watergate, Iran-Contra and Monica Lewinsky, if you don't believe me.

Hubris breeds carelessness, and the former quality is in no short supply in the GOP. If you believe Bush's pledge last Wednesday to unite the nation, you haven't been paying attention the last four years.

That about does it for the good news, so here's the bad:

We're no closer as a nation than we were before the election, and 2008 likely will be a repeat of this year: A handful of states are going to decide the presidency while the Eastern and far Western states remain Democratic strongholds and the Southern and Great Plains states remain in the pocket of the GOP.

When asked during exit polls what the most important issue in the campaign was, more voters said morals and values than anything else.

We've lost more than 1,000 Americans in Iraq, the Islamic world hates us as much as it hates Israel, we're hemorrhaging middle-class jobs and our children have elephant-choking deficits waiting for them when they grow up, but morals and values matter the most? And 80 percent of the people who feel that way voted for Bush.

Apparently it's true — the man who opposes affirmative action, used shoddy information to send us into Iraq, rejects science and wants to weaken Social Security is regarded as a paragon of morality and family values.

A lot of voters were more worried about gay guys than terrorists. It's enough to make you want to laugh out loud, but it's not funny.

People who think that way run the country.

Government can't legislate morality because, like it or not, we live in a country founded on the idea that we're all equal and deserve the same shot at individual liberty. You kind of step all over that when you start telling people how to live.

In most cases, Democratic policies and proposals would help the very people who vote against them. But, as long as the GOP is regarded as the virtuous white knight, many Americans seem willing to nod at tax cuts for the rich, diminished federal oversight and lax environmental laws.

It's easy to lampoon the morals-and-values crowd (and, sometimes they deserve it), but ignore them at your peril, because, as I said, they run the country.

And, for all we disagree on, we generally want the same things. Whoever you voted for, I'd like to think you want good schools, decent jobs, a safe place to raise families and the best and most affordable health care system possible.

Trite as it may seem, we have to get past calling each other liberal hedonists and conservative zealots and get moving. Otherwise, the hard right of the Republican Party, which seems to prefer ruling to governing, will be back for more in 2008.

And if getting along doesn't work, pay attention and organize. The next campaign starts right now.

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PSEUDO

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give students the best model available to help them understand and interpret the physical world.

"Balanced treatment," while sounding quite reasonable, is a misguided and dangerous objective.

Which creation stories are to be included in this balanced treatment? Only Judeo-Christian accounts? And which of these? Genesis 1:1 or 2:19? What about Hindu, native American and other creation stories? Each is sacred to its believers, and could probably be argued as convincingly as the Genesis account on purely scientific grounds.

Do we teach that the Earth is only 6,000 years old, even though we know of civilizations that are likely older than this? Indeed, do we teach that the sun circles the Earth as is clearly implied in the miraculous suspension of time in Joshua's battle with the forces of the Amorite kings? Do we include "flood geology" despite the lack of evidence for such a global event?

To foist the ignorance and prejudices of one age onto another hardly seems like a laudable educational goal.

Further, how does one teach so-called creation science? Having reviewed several books, I have not seen one produced by the Institute for Creation Research, a leading creationist think tank, or similar organizations that could withstand even casual scrutiny from a scientific viewpoint.

Absolutely laughable interpretations of thermodynamic law are blended with a confused taxonomy — does "kind" represent genus or species? Geology is turned on its head. Paleontology is so misrepresented as to be simply fraudulent. No reputable scientist would ever attach his or her name to such erroneous tracts.

And, I suspect strongly, the writers of these books know exactly how inaccurate and disingenuous they are being, which is sad indeed. It's hard to understand where deception fits in with Christian principles.

Creation science is, at best, pseudo-science. So-called research consists of scanning the writings of evolutionists in an attempt to find contradictory statements or hypotheses. These are trumpeted as proof that evolution is false when, in fact, they show its true value; any scientific theory that provides the foundation for continued exploration and learning is doing its job.

There is not one evolutionist who would claim that the model is perfect, or that it ever will be. Conversely, one of the biggest problems of creation science is that it does not provide a framework for future investigations, but simply purports to be the whole and sufficient answer. That's not science, that's totalitarian dogma.

The creation science believers should keep their product where it belongs, in their own parochial schools and Sunday sermons. How the promulgation of such disinformation helps their cause or leads to enlightenment, I'll never know, but they have every right to peddle it.

But, like any other harmful substance, it needs to be kept out of the public schools.

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SPIRIT

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home-baked chocolate chip cookies with nuts, shaped like Christmas trees.

Oops. That's not a movie.

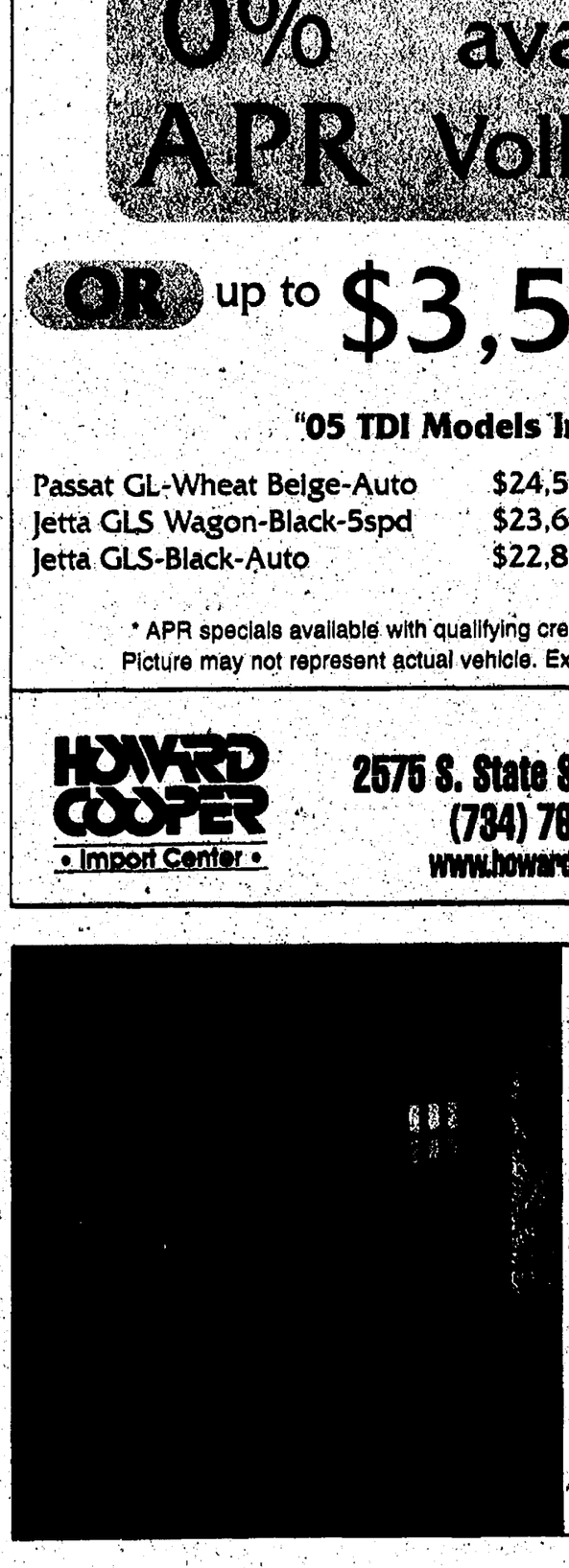
I can't wait. Just don't go renting them out of the video store before me.

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WHO'S WATCHING THE CHILDREN?

The Orange County Register thought its readers might like to know about the criminal histories of workers in the state's day-care facilities. After all, the paper's readers were placing their own trust and their children's well-being in the hands of those workers.

But the state of California turned down a series of newspaper Freedom of Information requests to look at those histories, citing the privacy rights of the workers. It also refused access to its data base of offenses and other day-care center violations unless the newspaper paid $45,000 for the information.

In the end, the Register won its fight for access to documents–which were used to track down the criminals and public court records that revealed their histories. The newspaper also built its own data base from nearly 50,000 pages of inspection and complaint reports in Orange County. These efforts allowed the Register to unveil for the state's parents the uncomfortable truth. Throughout California, thousands of day-care workers had long criminal histories. The results of the data base analysis also showed pervasive problems of mistreatment, neglect, overcrowding and unsafe conditions.

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Each week, Ernie highlights simple steps we can all take to improve our health and our quality of life. You'll find entertaining information on the benefits of walking, the value of using less expensive generic drugs and simple ways to stay healthy and fit. And nobody's a better example than Ernie himself, Blue Cross Blue Shield's Health and Fitness Advocate, who makes healthy choices and exercises every day at 86 years of age.

So read "Take It From Ernie," and as Ernie says, "Take care of your health before it's lonnggggg gone."

The truth about regular physical activity – at any age.

By Ernie Harwell



While it's not uncommon for some adults to think they're either too old or too frail to exercise, nothing could be further from the truth. Regular physical activity brings health benefits and greater well-being at any age.

Regular physical activity helps improve muscle strength, stamina, balance, joint mobility, flexibility, agility, overall physical coordination, metabolism, blood pressure, weight control, even the treatment and prevention of heart disease. It also helps slow bone loss and lowers the risk of developing adult onset diabetes. It even improves your mood.

Of course, I recommend three simple rules for regular physical activity in life's later innings: Have a physician on your team, take a lot of intentional walks and remember that, as Yogi Berra is fond of saying, "It ain't over 'til it's over."

And please remember to take care of your health before it's lonnggggg gone!

Ernie Harwell, "the voice of the Detroit Tigers" for more than four decades, retired after 54 years behind a major league microphone. Today, at age 86, Ernie's days are filled with serving as a health and fitness advocate for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, public appearances, writing, traveling and taking long walks with "Miss Lulu," his wife of more than 60 years. His latest book, a collection of his baseball columns entitled "Life After Baseball," is available at bookstores.

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Polar Party

Mackenzie Trester and Genny Stubbs show off the cards they made for residents of the Chelsea Retirement Community at the Chelsea District Library's Polar Express Pajama Party Nov. 11. The party, which featured hot chocolate, Zou Zou's special train-shaped cookies, and a free activity booklet and silver bell, helped celebrate the premier of the new movie based on the Chris Van Allsburg classic book, "The Polar Express."

CHELSEA

'The Nutcracker Ballet' set

Youth Dance Theatre of Michigan will hold its seventh annual production of "The Nutcracker Ballet."

Wendi DuBois directs this Chelsea-based troupe of young dancers in a production of Tchaikovsky's beloved Christmas ballet based on the E.T.A. Hoffman story about a little girl whose magical nutcracker doll transports her to a wondrous fairyland on Christmas Eve.

Four performances will be held 7:30 p.m. Dec. 10, 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Dec. 11, and 2 p.m. Dec. 12 at the Chelsea High School Performing Arts Center, 740 N. Freer Road.

Tickets are $15 for adults and $8 for seniors, students and children.

Reserved seat tickets are available at the Glass Slipper in Chelsea, by calling 475-3070, or at the door. Discounted group tickets are available for the Saturday matinee performance for affiliated groups of 10 people or more.

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CHELSEA SCHOOLS

Madrigal Dinner slated

The Chelsea High School choirs, under the direction of Steve Hinz, will present their 13th annual Madrigal Dinner Dec. 10 and 11 at Pierce Lake Elementary School.

Seating will begin at 5:45 p.m. both evenings. In Renaissance style, the meals will be eaten with the hands, as no tableware is allowed.

The Madrigal Dinner has become a much-anticipated tradition in Chelsea since its first run in 1991. With fine food, beautiful music, and a festive Renaissance atmosphere, the dinner marks the start of the holiday season for many Chelsea residents.

Musical preparations for the dinner began the day classes started in the fall.

The event is a major annual fund-raiser for the vocal music department. Money collected is used to supplement school district funds, both of which help support the Chelsea High School choir program.

In the past, the funds have been spent on making recordings, purchasing orchestral parts for major choral works, buying robes, paying fees for the Solo and Ensemble Festival, bringing in guest clinicians, and hiring professional musicians for special performances.

Approximately 90 students perform at the Madrigal Dinner each year. Throughout the years, more than 4,000 people have enjoyed the students' performances, as well as the dinners prepared by Chelsea Public Schools Food and Nutrition Director Karen Carty's staff.

Tickets may be purchased through the school district Web site at www.chelsea.k12.mi.us, then selecting "Upcoming Events," or by calling Linda Meloche at 475-4524.

COUNTY

Grant to subsidize sterilization

The Humane Society of Huron Valley has been awarded a grant from the ASPCA Partners in Caring program and Fresh Steps to subsidize cat sterilization for low-income and senior citizen owners.

The grant will subsidize approximately 650 cat sterilization over the next year. The cost of the sterilization to the owners will be $15, with the remaining being subsidized by the grant.

The humane society will schedule specific hours each week for the procedure. All sterilization appointments will be made by the clinic staff. They will follow regular clinic protocols and will include recovery time and medications, according to a press release from the humane society.

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of food. I eat everything that I hunt, so I don't hunt for trophies and that. If I want a trophy, I take a camera."

Herrst also said he believes hunting has gotten a bad rap.

"I would much rather put meat to good use, rather than having it lie on the side of the road," he said, referencing the area's problem with road kill and deer-car crashes. "It's helping nature."

For many hunters, the sport provides opportunities to bond with family and friends. Herrst began hunting when he was about Colt's age. He hunted with his father and older brother, who taught him how to shoot a gun.

Herrst's brother died two years ago, and Herrst believes it's important to pass along his passion.

"That was one of the things we did together," he said. "You always have to have a partner."

While catching game is the end goal, he said the purpose is not so much hunting as it is relaxing and appreciating nature in one of its most basic states.

"I do it because it's relaxing," he said, adding that his opening-day hunt left him and Colt game-less. "We got skunked that day. Colt wanted to end up with one as much as I did, but afterward he just said, 'There's always next time.'"

Bolling said the average deer on the buck pole has more than 60 pounds of meat and can weigh around 170 pounds. The largest can top more than 200 pounds.

In southeastern Michigan, hunting bucks, rather than does, allows the herd's population to remain roughly the same size, since does and fawns have a greater chance at finding food and successfully reproducing again.

The bucks are measured by the size and spread of their antlers — a six-point buck would have three branches on each antler.

Bucks, though common around western Washtenaw County, can be elusive. While some hunters nab one on their first try, for others it can take years.

While other types of hunting can be active adventures, deer hunting is largely about patience and knowledge, especially knowing the best hunting spots. But it's also about luck, and how close the deer comes before realizing it has become a moving target, hunters say.

When Bolling caught his first deer 10 years ago, he said the deer came so close that it almost ran him over.

"I had been out three or four times when I finally got one over Thanksgiving break," he said. "Some other hunters shot at one, and I turned around to look for it. It ran right behind me."

"I think we were both pretty surprised," he said. "I didn't expect to get one on my first year out."

Bolling, who repairs guns at Mill Creek Sports Center, was not among the hunters who woke up early Nov. 15 to get a jump on the firearms deer-hunting season. He was busy recovering from what had been a busy post-season.

"The first part of the season, I don't bother going out. I just sit back and rest," he said.

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Connie Ledwidge poses with the four-point buck she successfully hunted on Nov. 15, the opening day of the firearms deer-hunting season.

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Chamber Players to perform

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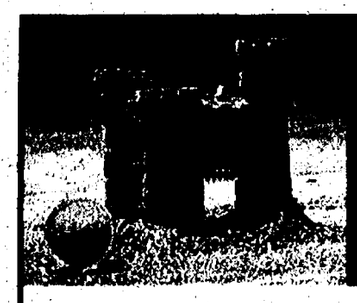
The "Sonata for Strings" and "Duo for Cello and Bass," both by Rossini, will showcase Fritzemeier, Chelsea School District's orchestra director, on bass. He is a classically trained musician who also enjoys leading the Chelsea House Orchestra in Celtic music. He also performs with the local rock band Coconut Radio.

Paula and Marie Elliott, a mother and daughter duo, will perform with the Cummings in the "Quartet in F" by Maurice Ravel.

The Chelsea Chamber Players is a nonprofit organization of local professional musicians dedicated to bringing live performance of music to Chelsea and surrounding communities.

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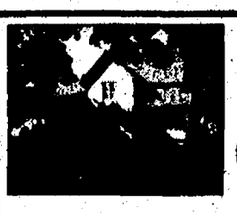


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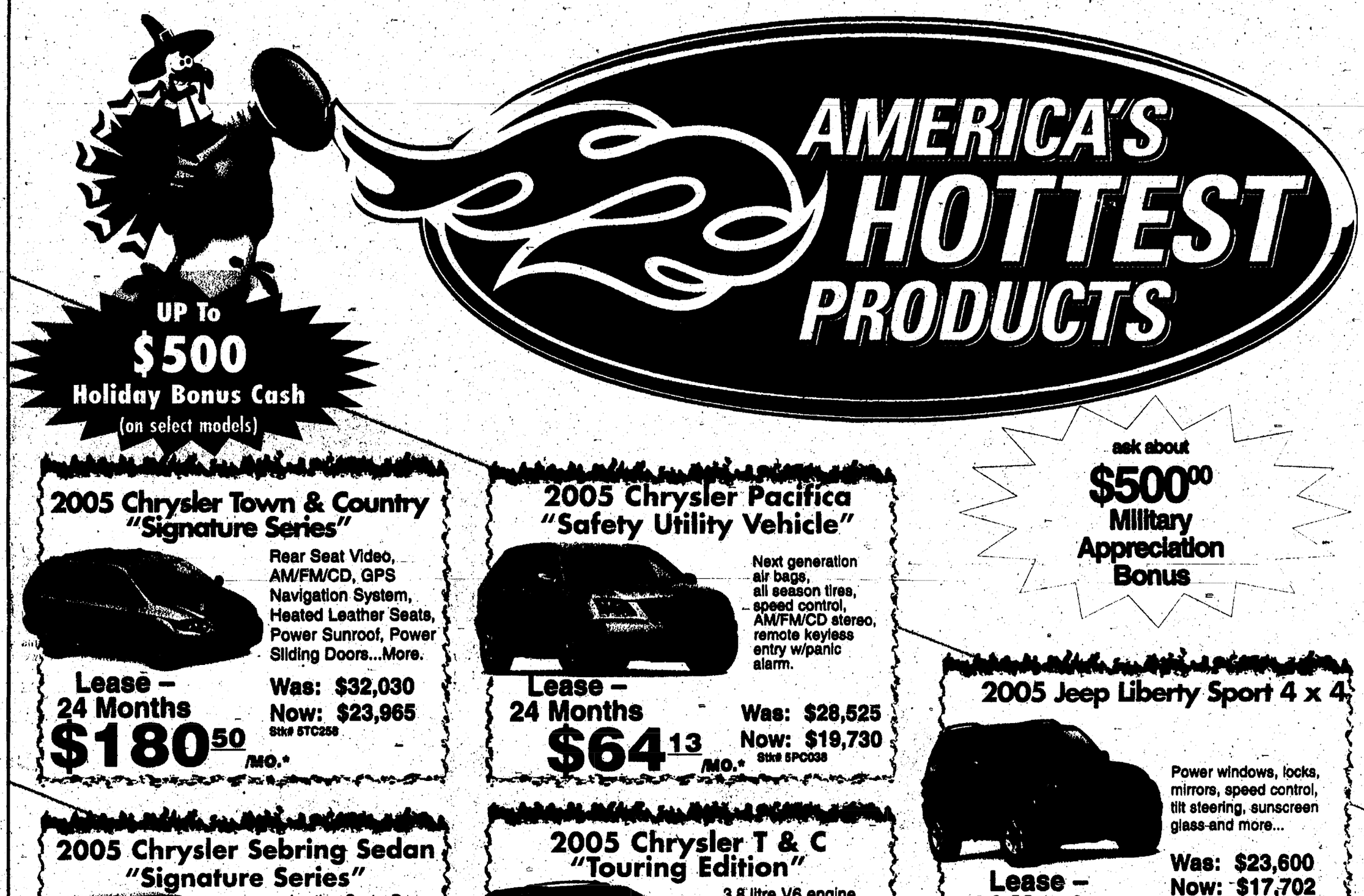
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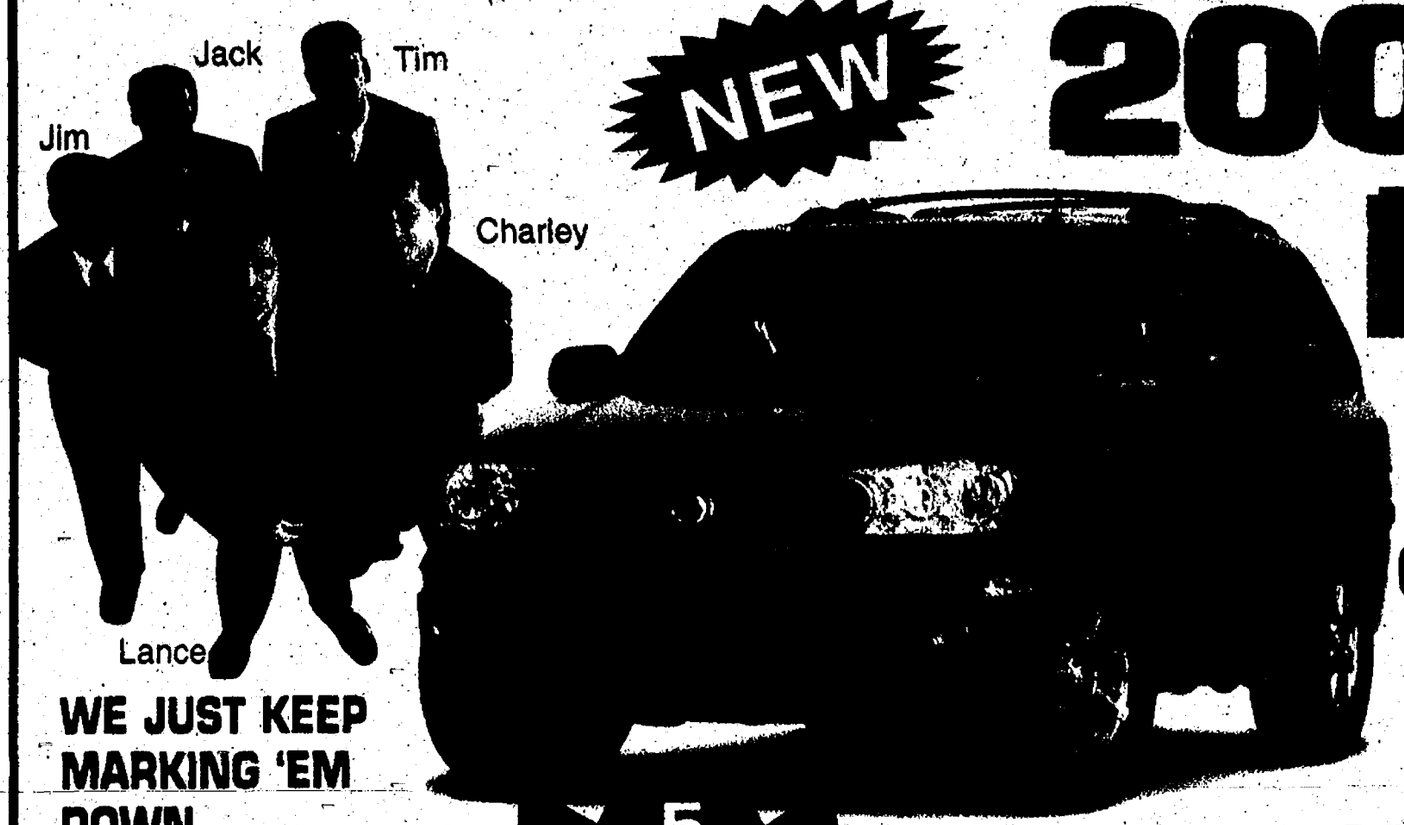
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A Fair in the Making

Volunteers with the Dexter Area Historical Society recently met to go over preparations for this spring's Dexter Pioneer Arts Fair. The fair will be held March 19 at Creekside Intermediate School, 2615 Baker Road, in Dexter. It will feature more than 50 artisans demonstrating and selling traditional folk arts or modern adaptations of them. Pictured here, from left to right, are committee members Pat Pudduck (seated), Sonie Hargrove, Cindy Henes, Ginny Ryan, Evelyn Crist, Bene Fusilier and Rita Fischer.



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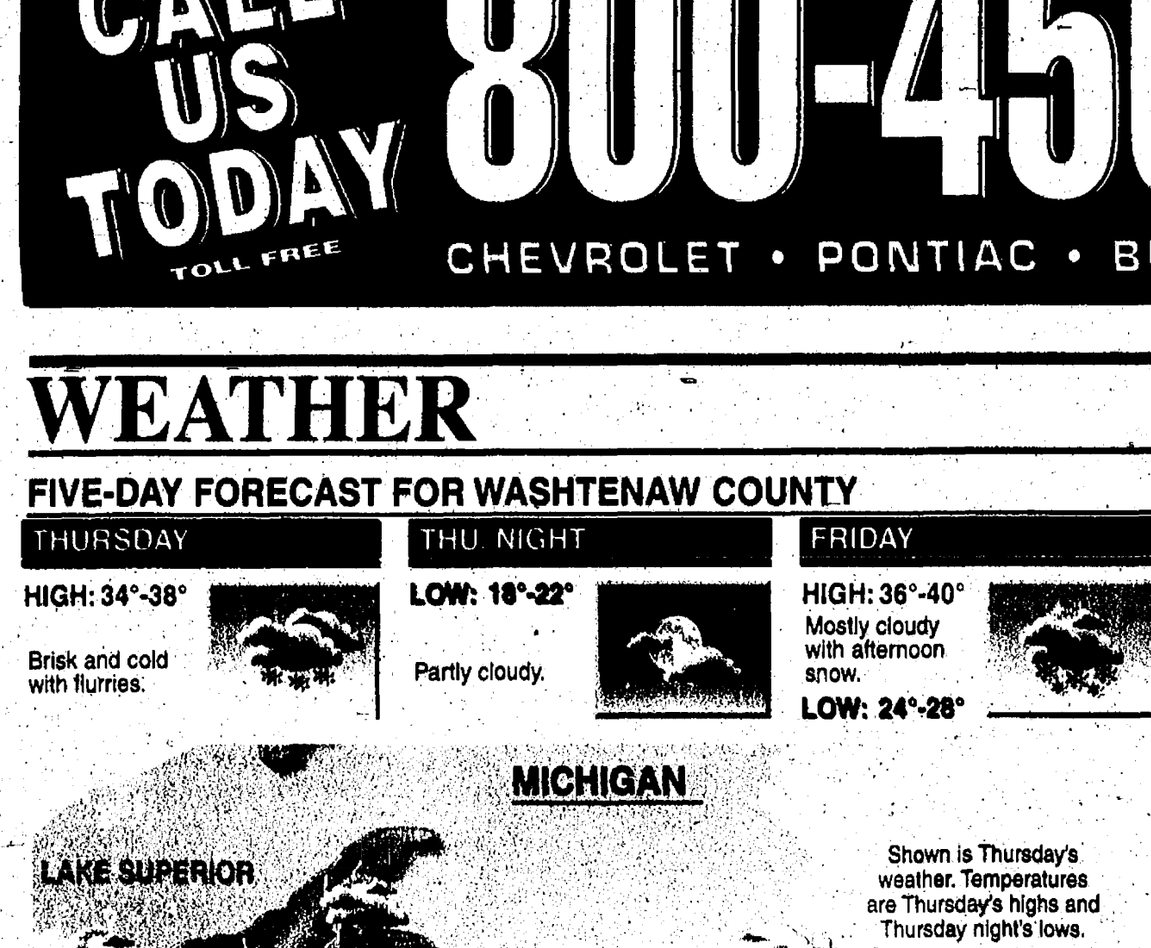
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FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR WASHTENAW COUNTY

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THURSDAY	THU. NIGHT	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
HIGH: 34°-38°	LOW: 18°-22°	HIGH: 36°-40°	HIGH: 40°-44°	HIGH: 38°-42°	HIGH: 36°-40°
Brisk and cold with flurries.	Partly cloudy.	Mostly cloudy with afternoon snow.	Rain or snow possible.	Partly sunny.	Mostly cloudy with snow possible.
		LOW: 24°-28°	LOW: 28°-32°	LOW: 26°-30°	LOW: 24°-28°

MICHIGAN



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

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Statistics for the week ending Nov. 22.

Temperatures:

High for the week	63°
Low for the week	25°
Normal high	45°
Normal low	31°
Average temperature	45.8°
Normal average temperature	38.1°

Precipitation:

Total for the week	0.48"
Total for the month	1.17"
Total for the year	23.39"
Normal for the month	2.17"
% of normal this month	54%
% of normal this year	74%

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise Thursday	7:38 a.m.
Sunset Thu. night	5:06 p.m.
Moonrise Thursday	4:18 p.m.
Moonset Thursday	6:28 a.m.

Full	Last	New	First
Nov 26	Dec 4	Dec 11	Dec 18

LOCAL WEATHER



REAL FEEL TEMP®

The patented RealFeel Temperature is AccuWeather's exclusive index of the effects of temperature, wind, humidity, sunshine, precipitation and elevation on the human body. Shown is the highest realfeel temperature for each day.

Highest Thursday	28°
Highest Friday	32°
Highest Saturday	39°
Highest Sunday	38°

MICHIGAN CITIES

City	Thur. Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W
Ann Arbor	38/20/sf	38/26/sn
Battle Creek	32/21/sf	35/27/sn
Bay City	36/21/sf	33/25/sn
Goldwater	36/23/sf	35/28/sn
Dearborn	36/25/sf	37/29/sn
Detroit	36/24/sf	38/30/sn
Grand Rapids	35/22/sf	36/25/sn
Holland	35/24/sf	35/28/sn
Jackson	36/22/sf	38/26/sn
Kalamazoo	34/22/sf	38/27/sn
Lansing	36/18/sf	36/24/sn
Livonia	37/23/sf	36/28/sn
Midland	36/22/sf	34/28/sn
Monroe	38/24/sf	38/28/sn
Muskegon	34/25/sf	36/28/sn
Pontiac	34/22/sf	36/27/sn
Port Huron	38/23/sf	37/28/sn
Saginaw	36/21/sf	33/25/sn
Saline	36/20/sf	36/26/sn
Sault Ste. Marie	32/20/sn	32/22/c
Sturgis	33/22/sf	36/27/sn
Toronto	40/26/sf	36/28/sf
Traverse City	33/20/sf	32/25/sn
Warren	37/26/sf	36/30/sn

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

TRAVEL

Lenawee, Monroe and Washtenaw Counties
An upper-level disturbance will bring cold weather along with some flurries Thanksgiving Day. Winds will be northwest at 10-20 mph.

SOLUNAR TABLE

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

	Major	Minor	Major	Minor
Thu.	5:57 a.m.	12:46 a.m.	10:21 p.m.	6:00 p.m.
Fri.	10:43 a.m.	4:31 a.m.	11:08 p.m.	6:29 p.m.
Sat.	11:35 a.m.	5:21 a.m.	11:56 p.m.	7:48 p.m.
Sun.	12:28 p.m.	6:13 a.m.		6:59 p.m.

UV INDEX

Highest Thursday 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.

WORLD CITIES

City	Thur. Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W
Acapulco	91/73/s	91/73/s
Algiers	63/45/pc	69/50/s
Amsterdam	48/40/c	50/41/pc
Athens	46/36/s	54/43/s
Auckland	60/47/pc	57/46/pc
Bangkok	86/69/c	81/65/r
Barbados	85/72/t	86/72/pc
Beijing	31/11/sn	37/28/s
Beirut	70/56/t	60/49/t
Belgrade	35/25/pc	47/37/pc
Berlin	42/32/c	45/37/pc
Bogota	69/51/r	66/49/r
Buenos Aires	78/61/pc	81/59/s
Cairo	73/45/s	63/42/pc
Calgary	37/17/pc	32/15/pc
Cape Town	74/55/c	76/55/pc
Copenhagen	42/41/r	48/35/r
Dublin	55/41/sh	50/41/sh
Frankfurt	43/36/c	46/39/sh
Geneva	50/40/s	46/38/pc
Hong Kong	77/68/r	72/68/r
Istanbul	37/24/sn	38/32/c
Jakarta	88/73/t	88/73/t
Jerusalem	63/48/pc	51/32/r
Johannesburg	85/64/s	86/66/pc
Karachi	93/64/s	92/63/s

City	Thur. Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W
Kiev	34/19/sn	30/19/sn
Lima	77/62/pc	78/62/s
Lisbon	66/50/s	66/50/pc
London	54/46/c	52/41/pc
Madrid	61/36/s	59/45/s
Manila	90/77/c	88/77/pc
Mexico City	69/47/t	70/48/pc
Montreal	47/32/r	36/28/pc
Moscow	32/21/sn	37/28/pc
Nairobi	78/52/sh	78/53/c
New Delhi	77/57/pc	77/54/s
Panama	88/73/t	87/74/t
Paris	48/41/s	50/39/pc
Rio de Janeiro	79/69/s	83/71/s
Rome	59/40/s	59/46/pc
San Juan	84/74/s	84/74/pc
Santiago	70/44/s	81/51/s
Seoul	53/36/pc	47/28/c
Singapore	88/75/c	87/75/sh
Stockholm	37/23/c	30/20/pc
Sydney	76/58/s	81/58/s
Tehran	55/37/s	61/46/pc
Tokyo	69/52/s	72/55/pc
Vancouver	46/36/sh	43/34/sh
Vienna	36/32/pc	41/32/pc
Warsaw	32/31/sn	37/29/sh

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Thur. Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W
Akron	41/26/sf	37/30/pc
Albany	55/32/sh	42/26/pc
Albuquerque	50/33/s	52/34/c
Anchorage	34/26/c	32/28/sn
Atlanta	58/36/pc	57/40/s
Atlantic City	63/36/r	48/30/pc
Austin	83/39/s	87/50/s
Baltimore	60/35/pc	48/31/pc
Baton Rouge	80/56/s	83/48/s
Billings	47/28/c	39/23/pc
Birmingham	53/33/pc	56/40/s
Bismarck	26/19/sn	38/16/c
Bloomington	41/27/pc	41/32/c
Boise	50/30/sh	42/26/pc
Boston	50/42/r	48/32/pc
Brownsville	70/51/s	78/63/s

City	Thur. Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W
Buffalo	36/28/sf	36/30/pc
Burlington, IA	37/23/pc	42/28/r
Burlington, VT	54/32/sh	38/27/pc
Casper	44/26/c	36/16/sf
Cedar Rapids	34/21/c	38/24/sn
Charleston, SC	70/42/t	62/40/s
Charleston, WV	48/31/sh	47/34/pc
Charlotte	60/35/pc	55/35/s
Cheyenne	47/28/c	38/17/sf
Chicago	36/24/pc	40/30/sn
Cincinnati	42/26/pc	42/36/pc
Cleveland	40/26/sf	38/32/pc
Columbia, MO	41/28/pc	46/34/sh
Columbus, OH	38/28/sf	39/33/c
Dallas	58/42/s	62/50/s
Davenport	32/22/pc	38/25/sn

City	Thur. Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W
Denver	49/26/pc	41/23/sn
Des Moines	37/22/c	40/25/sn
Duluth	23/9/pc	28/17/sf
El Paso	62/38/s	66/44/pc
Fairbanks	0/-3/c	-12/-5/c
Fargo	22/11/sf	28/17/sn
Flagstaff	46/24/s	46/24/pc
Fort Wayne	38/24/sf	40/30/sn
Gary	37/28/pc	39/30/sn
Green Bay	31/15/c	32/21/sn
Helena	46/26/sn	37/21/sf
Honolulu	84/72/sh	85/70/pc
Houston	82/40/s	70/54/s
Indianapolis	40/26/pc	40/35/c
Juneau	39/35/sn	38/34/r
Kansas City	41/31/pc	45/31/sh

City	Thur. Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W
Knoxville	53/32/c	50/34/s
Las Vegas	62/42/s	64/44/pc
Lexington, KY	42/28/pc	42/37/pc
Lincoln	41/28/c	45/23/r
Little Rock	52/34/s	57/42/pc
Los Angeles	72/52/s	69/52/pc
Louisville	44/30/pc	48/36/pc
Madison	31/17/pc	30/25/sn
Memphis	51/35/pc	55/43/pc
Miami	84/66/t	78/66/pc
Milwaukee	33/23/pc	37/28/sn
Minneapolis	26/16/pc	32/22/sn
Mobile	62/39/s	63/45/s
Nashville	46/31/pc	51/38/pc
New Orleans	62/44/s	64/51/s
New York	60/38/r	46/34/pc

City	Thur. Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W
Norfolk	56/45/r	53/38/s
Oklahoma City	54/38/s	56/38/pc
Omaha	44/28/c	46/25/r
Orlando	75/55/t	73/53/s
Palm Springs	74/50/s	74/52/pc
Peoria	36/25/pc	42/30/sn
Philadelphia	60/38/pc	47/33/pc
Phoenix	69/49/s	71/50/s
Pittsburgh	46/28/sh	36/30/pc
Portland, ME	54/38/r	45/25/pc
Portland, OR	50/40/r	46/39/sh
Providence	60/40/r	47/29/pc
Raleigh	62/34/pc	55/32/s
Rapid City	45/25/c	38/21/sf
Reno	55/34/sh	52/24/pc
Richmond	66/38/pc	53/32/s

City	Thur. Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W
Sacramento	62/46/sh	60/40/pc
St. Louis	41/32/pc	49/37/c
Salt Lake City	47/32/sh	37/26/sf
San Antonio	62/44/s	68/51/s
San Diego	69/54/s	67/52/pc
San Francisco	61/52/pc	63/47/pc
Santa Fe	45/26/pc	46/25/c
Seattle	48/40/sh	46/36/sh
South Bend	38/24/sf	39/29/sn
Springfield, IL	38/28/pc	44/31/c
Tampa	79/60/t	77/59/s
Toledo	37/25/sf	39/30/sn
Topeka	48/32/pc	49/29/sh
Tucson	65/40/s	71/44/s
Washington, DC	60/38/pc	50/36/pc
Wichita	48/33/pc	48/32/sh

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OTHER VOICES



PAULA EVANS NEUMAN

Migraines are deadly serious

This fall, my 27-year-old daughter had a stroke.

She doesn't smoke, drink or use drugs. She doesn't take birth control pills. Her blood pressure and her cholesterol levels are normal.

But she does have severe migraine headaches.

Her doctors believe those migraines led to the stroke.

She was awakened that awful morning by her husband asking if she was OK. She wasn't. She was vomiting and couldn't walk or talk. He called an ambulance.

At the hospital, a CT scan came back normal. The doctor there thought her acute vertigo was caused by an inner ear disturbance, got her stabilized and sent her home.

When her speech hadn't returned to normal days later and her left hand didn't work quite the way it used to, her doctor sent her to a neurologist, who ordered an MRI.

It showed that she'd had a hemorrhagic stroke — a bleed in her brain.

She's having speech therapy now, and is much improved. I am hopeful that she'll be fine. And very, very scared that she won't.

She's dealing pretty well with all this. Better than I am, if the truth be told. But every time she gets a headache of any sort, she is terrified. So am I.

And we are still waiting for some doctor to tell us how to prevent her migraines and future strokes — or if that's even possible.

I tell you this for the same reason I asked Lisa Vidaurri-Bowling, who also suffers from migraines, to write the series you see here.

I had never heard of migraine-induced strokes before my daughter had one. Neither had anyone I know.

I don't get migraines, although both my daughters do, and I think it's hard to understand how truly serious they are if you don't have the problem yourself.

I think those of us who don't suffer from them have a tendency to think migraines are just really bad headaches.

Not so.

The Migraine Awareness Group says migraine is a disease, the headache only a symptom.

Migraines aren't caused by stress or depression. And they can be life-threatening.

According to the New England Journal of Medicine, 27 percent of all strokes suffered by people under age 45 are caused by migraine.

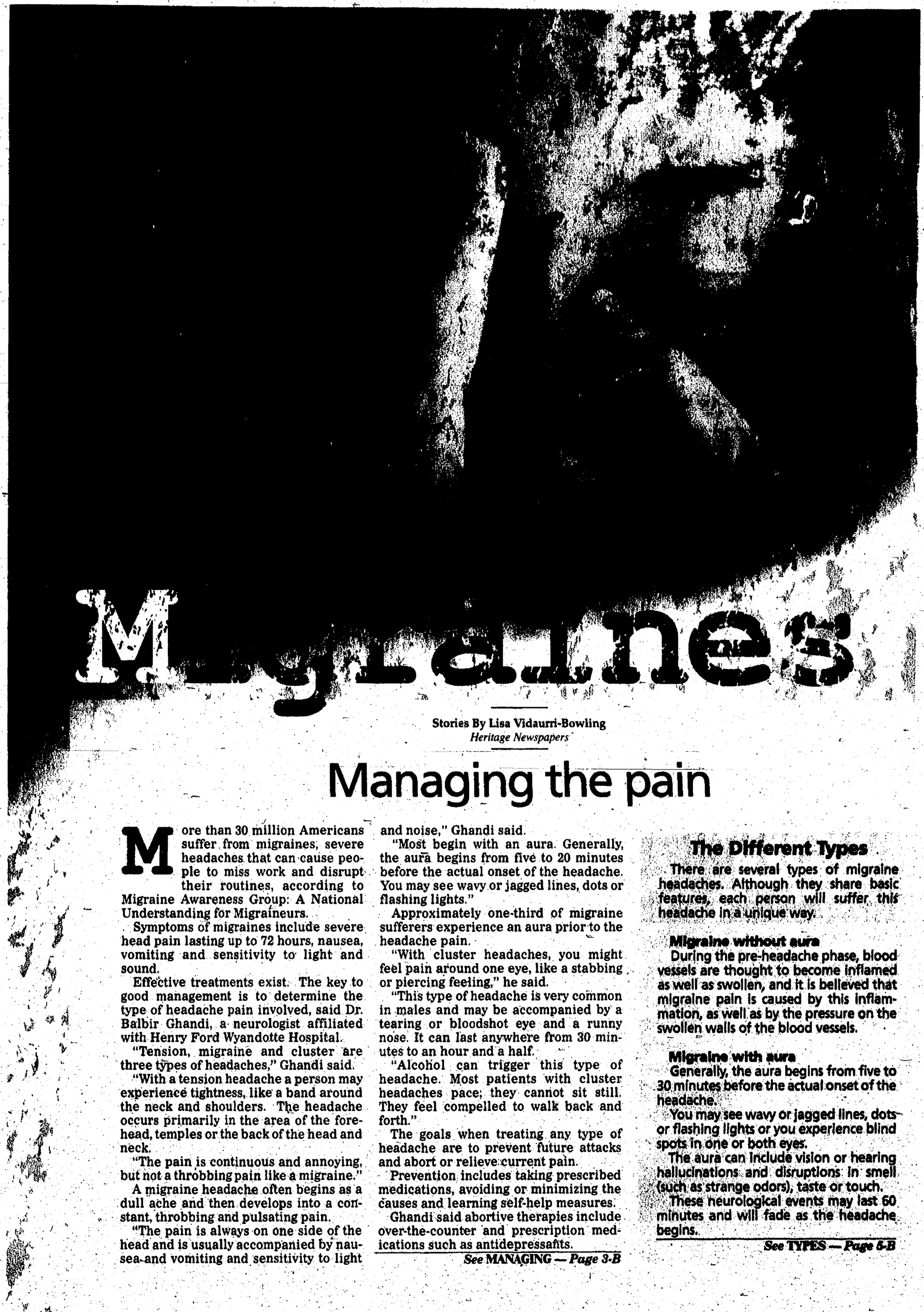
If you or someone you love suffers from migraines, see a doctor who takes you seriously. And take it seriously yourself.

"Migraine is a serious and underestimated health problem," said Dr. Joel Saper, director of the Michigan Head-Pain & Neurological Institute.

"Migraineurs (people who get migraines) are frequently dismissed as neurotic complainers who are unable to handle stress," said Dr. Stephen Silberstein, another migraine specialist.

"The truth is that they fre-

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Migraines

Stories By Lisa Vidaurri-Bowling
Heritage Newspapers

Managing the pain

More than 30 million Americans suffer from migraines, severe headaches that can cause people to miss work and disrupt their routines, according to Migraine Awareness Group: A National Understanding for Migraineurs.

Symptoms of migraines include severe head pain lasting up to 72 hours, nausea, vomiting and sensitivity to light and sound.

Effective treatments exist. The key to good management is to determine the type of headache pain involved, said Dr. Balbir Ghandi, a neurologist affiliated with Henry Ford Wyandotte Hospital.

"Tension, migraine and cluster are three types of headaches," Ghandi said.

"With a tension headache a person may experience tightness, like a band around the neck and shoulders. The headache occurs primarily in the area of the forehead, temples or the back of the head and neck.

"The pain is continuous and annoying, but not a throbbing pain like a migraine."

A migraine headache often begins as a dull ache and then develops into a constant, throbbing and pulsating pain.

"The pain is always on one side of the head and is usually accompanied by nausea and vomiting and sensitivity to light and noise," Ghandi said.

"Most begin with an aura. Generally, the aura begins from five to 20 minutes before the actual onset of the headache. You may see wavy or jagged lines, dots or flashing lights."

Approximately one-third of migraine sufferers experience an aura prior to the headache pain.

"With cluster headaches, you might feel pain around one eye, like a stabbing or piercing feeling," he said.

"This type of headache is very common in males and may be accompanied by a tearing or bloodshot eye and a runny nose. It can last anywhere from 30 minutes to an hour and a half.

"Alcohol can trigger this type of headache. Most patients with cluster headaches pace; they cannot sit still. They feel compelled to walk back and forth."

The goals when treating any type of headache are to prevent future attacks and abort or relieve current pain.

Prevention includes taking prescribed medications, avoiding or minimizing the causes and learning self-help measures.

Ghandi said abortive therapies include over-the-counter and prescription medications such as antidepressants.

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The Different Types

There are several types of migraine headaches. Although they share basic features, each person will suffer this headache in a unique way.

Migraine without aura

During the pre-headache phase, blood vessels are thought to become inflamed as well as swollen, and it is believed that migraine pain is caused by this inflammation, as well as by the pressure on the swollen walls of the blood vessels.

Migraine with aura

Generally, the aura begins from five to 30 minutes before the actual onset of the headache.

You may see wavy or jagged lines, dots or flashing lights or you experience blind spots in one or both eyes.

The aura can include vision or hearing hallucinations and disruptions in smell (such as strange odors), taste or touch.

These neurological events may last 60 minutes and will fade as the headache begins.

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Patients struggle to find relief

At 27, the thought of keeping a diary seemed odd to Carrie Edmonds.

As a young girl in school, she never really aspired to the notion of jotting down her private thoughts or divulging secret crushes in a book.

These days, the personal journal she keeps records the date and time she has a headache — a migraine headache.

In a spiral notebook, she meticulously logs the type of pain she's experiencing, along with the medication she takes to manage it.

Edmonds keeps track of what she eats and what kind of stress she may be feeling. She even documents the weather.

"I rate my headaches on a scale from one to five," she said. "If it's a one, I take something over the counter and continue with the day's schedule.

"If it's as severe as a five, I'll take something my doctor has prescribed and most likely stay in bed.

"The pain from a migraine is unlike any other pain I have ever experienced. One side of my face goes numb and the throbbing is so intense I feel like I've been hit with a sledgehammer.

"I sometimes feel confused and my vision gets blurred. It's just a horrible feeling."

Keeping a diary helps Edmonds' physician to develop a management plan for her migraines.

According to the American Council for Headache Education, Edmonds is among the 18 percent of women who suffer from migraines, one of the more common types of headache.

This type of headache, due to changes

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You're In Good Company

Celebrities and historical figures with migraine disease include, among many:

Actors: Elizabeth Taylor, James Cromwell, Lisa Kudrow, Lee Grant and Whoopi Goldberg

Athletes: Denver Broncos running back Terrell Davis, baseball's David Bell of the Seattle Mariners, Cleveland Indians Pitcher Dwight Gooden, Minnesota Twins Pitcher Eric Milton, Jose Canseco of the Tampa Bay Devil Rays, and basketball's Jason Williams of the Sacramento Kings, golf pro Se Ri

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

CHELSEA

Friday, Nov. 26

"Monster Inc.," the movie, will be shown 2 p.m. at the Chelsea District Library, 500 Washington St. Popcorn will be served and the event is free. For more information, call 475-8732.

Friday, Nov. 26 and Saturday, Nov. 27

Old Friends 15th annual Holiday Open House will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days at 11131 Scio Church Road in Chelsea. For more information, call 475-4651.

Saturday, Nov. 27

"Taste of CHO," high school Celtic and Irish fiddlers, will perform from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Pierce's Pastries Plus, 103 W. Middle St., in Chelsea, as part of the Morning Mochas and Melodies program.

Monday, Nov. 29 and Tuesday, Nov. 30

The Chelsea Area Players will hold auditions from 7 to 9 p.m. both days for the three-act comedy "Love, Sex and the IRS" in the Woodland Room of Chelsea Community Hospital, 775 S. Main St. For more information, call Clara Smith at 475-8713.

Wednesday, Dec. 1

Michigan Authors Book Group will meet 7 p.m. at the Chelsea District Library, 500 Washington St. The group will discuss Charles Baxter's "The Feast of Love." Books are available for registered participants by calling 475-8732.

"Home-schoolers Program: Holiday Traditions" will be held 2 p.m. at Cranesbill Books, 108 E. Middle St., in Chelsea. Several guests will share their holiday goodies and traditions. For more information, call 433-2665.

Thursday, Dec. 2

"Toddler Time" with storyteller Jackie Maveal will be held noon at Cranesbill Books, 108 E. Middle St., in Chelsea. Also included will be a craft project for children. For more information, call 433-2665.

Friday, Dec. 3

The 18th annual Country Kitchen Bake Sale will be held from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Chelsea Retirement Community, 805 W. Middle St.

Friday, Dec. 3 through Sunday, Dec. 5

Chelsea's Hometown Holidays will be happening all weekend. It will include a tree-lighting ceremony 6 p.m. Friday at Pierce Park and the Chelsea Light Parade 6 p.m. Saturday.

Saturday, Dec. 4

Holiday Bazaar Cookie Walk and Bake Sale will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at North Lake United Methodist Church, 14111 North Territorial Road, in Chelsea.

Sunday, Dec. 5

The fourth annual Candlelight for Women will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 1515 S. Main St., in Chelsea. The event is free and reservations are required. Call 433-1896 or 475-1404 for reservations and more information.

Community Candle Light Remembrance Service will be held 3:30 p.m. at the Chelsea Community Hospital main dining room, 775 S. Main St. For more information, call John Mitchell Jr. at 475-1444.

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.

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

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 on a regular basis. For more information, call Marie Brooks at 475-8732 or Jennifer Kundak at 475-2424.

Senior Book Discussion 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.

Mothers of Preschoolers meets 9 a.m. the second Friday of the month October through May at the Chelsea First United Methodist Church, 128 Park St. Free childcare is available on a limited basis. For information, call 475-8119.

Saturday

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 to 11 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.

Chelsea Senior Nutrition Lunch Program has moved to the cafeteria on the campus of the Old Chelsea High School, 500 East Washington St. Open to the public Monday-Friday at noon. To reserve a lunch call at least one day in advance at 475-9242.

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, 512 E. Washington 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.

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 433-9733.

DEXTER

Saturday, Nov. 27

Dexter High School class of 1994 10-year class reunion will be held from 7 p.m. to midnight at the Ypsilanti Marriott Eagle Crest Clubhouse, 1275 S. Huron St., in Ypsilanti Township. The cost is $30 per person with a cash bar and appetizers will be served. Contact Jeni (Stoker) Sobbry at 1-734-845-1091 for more information.

Wednesday, Dec. 1

The Western Washtenaw Democrats will conduct their monthly meeting 7 p.m. at the IBEW building, 7920 Jackson Road, in Scio Township. The meeting is open to the public.

Saturday, Dec. 4

"Winter Bird Hike" program will be held 8 a.m. at the activity center of Hudson Mills Metropark, 8801 North Territorial Road, in Dexter Township. Participants should bring binoculars and a field guide. The fee is $2 per person, and pre-registration is required by calling 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.

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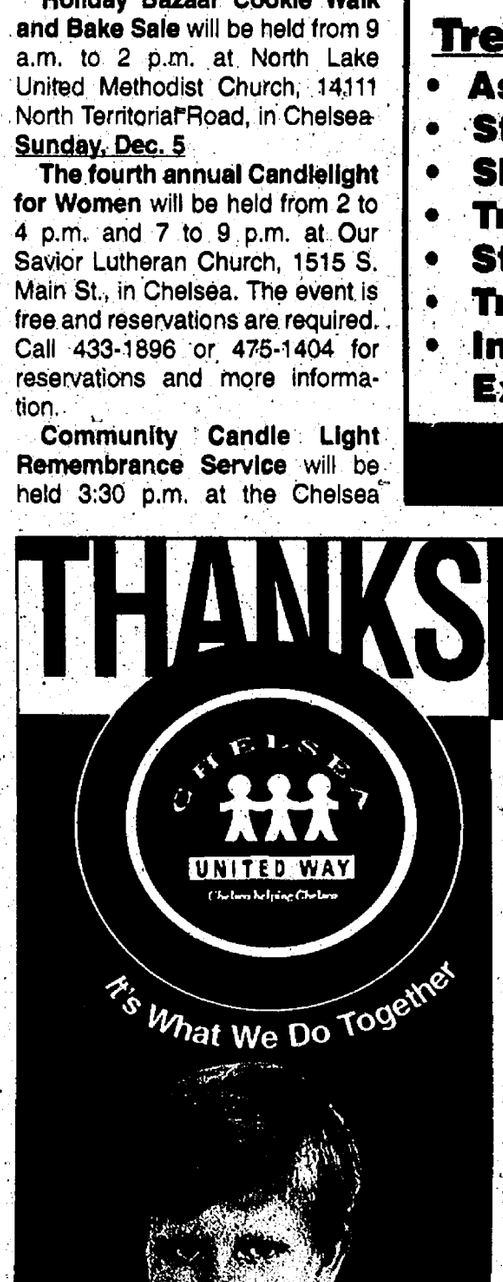
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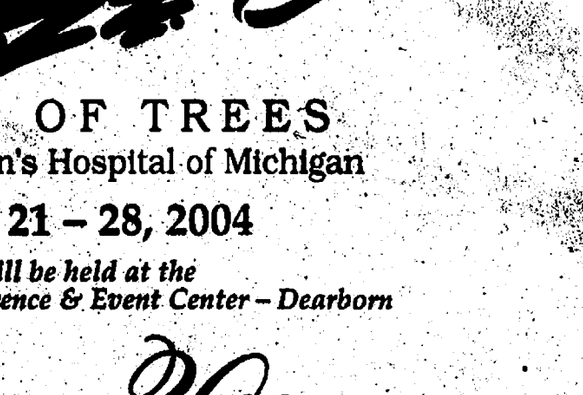
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STRUGGLE

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in the brain and surrounding blood vessels, leads to pain and associated symptoms such as nausea, vomiting, light and sound sensitivity.

Seven percent of men are migraine sufferers.

Although she's only 11, Adriana Ayala of Allen Park also suffers with migraines.

Her pediatrician first diagnosed her at age 7. She gets them once or twice a month. A prescribed medication helps manage her headaches.

"Depending on the severity, she gets nauseated," said Monica Ayala, Adriana's mother. "She manages her headaches with a prescription called Periactin.

"She also lies down in her room with the lights out and keeps her eyes closed, trying to relax. I also will rub her temples, hoping to aid in some relief.

"When the headaches occur, they do limit her activities, and she lets me know if she is capable of making it through the day at school. She will call home if the headache gets worse."

Among school-age children ages 5 to 17 in the United States, 20 percent are dealing with chronic headaches and 5 percent of these kids are coping with migraines, the National Headache Foundation said.

The foundation said about 15 percent of children experience a migraine headache with an "aura." A typical aura is blurred vision, or seeing colored or flashing lights, blind spots or wavy lines.

The aura alerts the migraine sufferer several minutes before the pain starts.

What causes a migraine? For most kids, there is a family history. Although, that's not the case for Adriana, an Allen Park Middle School student.

Adriana's mother said no one else in the family has ever been diagnosed with migraines.

In some cases, triggers can be identified. The most commonly recognized ones are good and bad stress, a change in routine or sleep pattern, bright lights or loud noises or certain foods and beverages.

"When Adriana was 5 years old we were at a high school hockey game," her mother said.

"Adriana and I were sitting in the stands when a stray puck came flying at us and it hit her in the head, just missing her temple. She was knocked off her seat and she was crying uncontrollably.

"We rushed her to Children's Hospital and they did a CT scan. She had a hairline fracture to her skull."

Ayala said that shortly after the incident, her daughter started experiencing headaches. She believes Adriana's bout with migraines is related to the head injury four years ago.

She said her pediatrician said it's common for children to have migraines and chances are Adriana will outgrow them.

"Most boys will outgrow migraines as they enter adolescence," reports the NHF. "However, migraine frequency increases for girls as their hormones change during adolescence."

Becoming a teen-ager didn't put an end to painful migraines for Darren Norton of Carleton.

He started experiencing blurred vision, muscle weakness and nausea at the age of 10, whenever a migraine was about to occur.

As he got older it wasn't uncommon to make trips to the emergency room to help manage the migraine pain.

"There were times when the pain was so bad I actually cried," he said.

Vicodin, Tylenol with codeine and Imitrex injections are a few of the many prescribed medications he would take in hope of finding some relief. Living with migraines often affected his performance in school and his employment. He said he has missed work because of being incapacitated from a migraine.

In 1998, a chemical imbalance from the long list of medications he was taking led him to seek alternative treatments.

To help in managing his migraines he decided to start acupuncture treatments, and began going three times a week.

"My mom suggested I try it," he said. "I wanted to get away from all of the medications I was taking and I wanted some other way to manage the pain."

Within a month, Norton saw positive results. He cleansed his system of medications and relied on acupuncture to manage his headaches.

"I don't have migraines any longer," he said. "Maybe I finally did grow out of them, I still have acupuncture treatments for some back pain and general well being.

"But because of my work schedule, I don't go as often as I'd like."

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He said these medications come in various forms: tablets, nasal sprays and injections.

Migraine sufferers may want to take a closer look at what they're eating. Studies indicate certain foods: red wine, food additives including MSG, chocolate, peanuts, aged cheese and caffeine can trigger an attack.

The Wyandotte neurologist said hormones play an integral role for females and migraines. Many have migraine headaches prior to their menstrual cycles due to a fluctuation in hormone levels.

As they grow older and reach menopause these headaches tend to subside.

Alternative Measures

Research indicates migraine sufferers are reaching for alternative ways to manage their pain.

In a study earlier this year, researchers randomly divided 401 adults ages 18 to 65 into treatment groups. The participants had a history of having chronic headaches, mostly migraines.

British doctors found that acupuncture can reduce the number of days a year a person experiences migraines, as well as reducing the amount of medication they need and days off work.

Results of the study are published on the Web site of the British Medical Journal March 15 issue.

"Migraine patients usually try acupuncture when the medication they are taking isn't working or they don't want to rely on medication to feel healthy," Dr. Hyo Kim said.

The Woodhaven physician said the right diagnosis is the most important part to migraine pain management.

"Migraines are always felt on one side," she said. "It can change from left to right but never both sides at the same time. More women suffer with migraines than men.

"The peak age is around 20 when these types of headaches occur."

She said acupuncture is shown to be effective in treating migraine headaches.

Acupuncture treatment is done using very thin disposable needles, which cause very little discomfort or pain. For patients with chronic headaches, treatment may involve 10 or more weekly, 30-minute sessions.

This type of alternative treatment is believed to help normalize the imbalance in the body's flow of energy.

"Many patients experience relief in a few hours after receiving a treatment," Kim said.

She's been practicing acupuncture for 15 years.

"Some of my patients will slowly reduce the amount of medication they take to manage their migraines," she said. "Of course, every individual is different, but in most cases there is a reduction in medication.

"The patient knows best."

Massage is another alternative method in migraine management.

"I'd like to think of it as more complementary medicine than alternative," said Rayleen Justice, massage therapist and owner of Body Essentials Therapeutic Massage in Allen Park.

Justice estimates about 50 percent to 75 percent of her clientele turn to massage for headache pain management.

"I recommend Swedish massage for clients with migraines," Justice said. "This is a slow, relaxation massage which increases the body's serotonin levels, the body's natural pain killer.

"A full body massage would be recommended if time permits, but primarily I would concentrate on the back, shoulders and neck areas. I would do also some light massage work on the head."

People often turn to massage when medications aren't working or they are following the advice of their physician, she said.

"More doctors are referring their patients for massage therapy and some insurance companies are starting to cover it," Justice said.

She recommends massage therapy once a week until the headaches are under control.

"The client determines the length of the session," she said. "It's whatever they are most comfortable with and can afford."

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PROBLEM

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quently battle against great odds in order to hold down jobs and support families."

New research presented recently at a meeting of the American Academy of Neurology in San Francisco shows that women with aura migraines have a 50 percent increased risk of stroke.

Yet 60 percent of women and 70 percent of men who get them have never been properly diagnosed, let alone received any sort of treatment.

My ardent wish is that if those of us who don't suffer from migraines are more knowledgeable and understanding, we can help.

Believe me, I'll never see a migraine as anything but deadly serious again.

And neither will my daughter.

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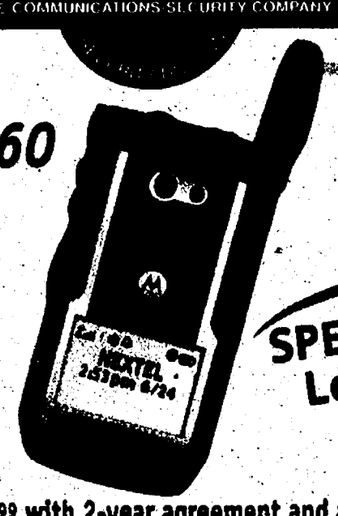
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Eagle Scout Awards were presented Nov. 14 at Boy Scout Troop 425's Court of Honor ceremony held at Chelsea Community Hospital. Pictured are Eagle Scouts Max Booth (left), Max Wineland, Mack Ruffin, Neal Turluck, Dick Kempf, Lloyd Hafner and Kevin Hafner.

CHELSEA

Turluck earns Eagle Scout award

Neal Turluck, 18, a 2004 Chelsea High School graduate, received his Eagle Scout Award Nov. 14 at a specially convened Court of Honor hosted by Chelsea Boy Scout Troop 425 at Chelsea Community Hospital.

Turluck achieved the honor through completion of the Boy Scout program and capped by his Eagle Scout service project, a communitywide book drive last spring that benefited the Chelsea Community Hospital Auxiliary and book cart.

The book drive involved local merchants who hosted collection sites and promotional posters, coordination of Troop 425 members for promoting, working collection sites, and delivering the books, as well as community donors who dropped off books.

More than 1,000 books were collected to restock the depleted library of the hospital's volunteer-run book cart. Auxiliary book cart Chairwoman Carol Kempf and auxiliary member Margaret Kuhl were key contacts for Turluck.

In addition to earning 21 merit badges, Turluck achieved recognition through serving his troop in a progression of leadership positions, membership in the Order of the Arrow, Boy Scouting's national honor society, attending the National Order of the Arrow Conclave in Bloomington, Ind., in 2002 and participating in the counselor-in-training program at Lost Lake Scout Camp in June 2000 and June 2001.

He also went on trips to Philmont Scout Ranch in Cimarron, N.M., in 2001 and 2003, and served as crew leader in 2003.

Having entered Scouting in 1992 as a Tiger Cub first-grader at North Creek Elementary School, a pack led by Becky Murillo, Turluck moved through Wolf, Bear and Webelos in Chelsea Pack 435, Den 8, which is led by David Booth. He crossed over to Boy Scout Troop 425 in March 1997. Troop 425 was led by John Tandy II from 1997 to 1998 and David Booth from 1998 to 2004.

Turluck graduated from Chelsea High School in June. He is attending Western Michigan University, where he is majoring in business. In addition, he has pledged Phi Sigma Kappa fraternity, and is a member of the Sailing Club and Team.

His parents are Daniel and Gail Turluck of Richland, formerly of Chelsea. His paternal grandparents are George and Esther Turluck of Sheboygan Falls, Wis. His maternal grandparents are Gene McCarthy of Chicago, Ill., and the late Barbara McCarthy.

Chelsea Boy Scout Troop 425 is chartered by the Chelsea Kiwanis. Chelsea Scouting is supported by Chelsea United Way.

Troop 425's Scoutmaster is Mark Schroeder of Chelsea. The troop meets 7 p.m. Monday at the Chelsea Rod and Gun Club. Membership is available for boys in fifth through 12th grades.

WASHTENAW COUNTY

Grant to help kids of prisoners

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Washtenaw County recently received a grant of $75,000 from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for its mentoring children of prisoners program. The award will help the agency serve 75 children of prisoners over the next three years.

"Mentors are the heroes who provide a trusting relationship with a child or youth in need," Tommy Thompson, secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services said in a press release. "We know that youth outcomes can be improved with the help of a mentor. These grants will give young Americans the hope and guidance they need to grow up to be successful, healthy adults."

An estimated two million children in the United States have at least one incarcerated parent. Studies show that 70 percent of children of incarcerated parents will themselves be incarcerated at some point in their lives unless intervention occurs.

Among the 8,000 at-risk youth who reside in Washtenaw County, 1,500 have an incarcerated parent or parents. An impact study showed that youth with a Big Brother or Sister were 46 percent less likely to initiate drug use, 27 percent less likely to initiate alcohol use and 52 percent less likely to skip school than their peers who do not have a Big Brother or Sister.

Big Brothers Big Sisters is a pioneer in providing mentoring services to children of prisoners. The Hope for Tomorrow Program in Washtenaw County began a month ago with the hiring of staff, and is flourishing under the leadership of Jennifer Spitler, program supervisor. Locally, there are several youth already matched with an adult role model and many more accepted or in the enrollment process.

To address the unique needs of this population, our Big Brothers Big Sisters program will also work in collaboration with social service and health agencies, school and law enforcement agencies, as well as established community groups and organizations to develop, implement and evaluate the project.

Judy Vredenburgh, president, Big Brothers Big Sisters of America, said children of prisoners are the most vulnerable of the country's youth.

"We have to reach out aggressively to serve them," she said. "We are gratified that the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has seen the effectiveness and proven track record of our mentoring programs and supported our outreach through this unprecedented grant.

"This is an extraordinary commitment and pledge of support from them."

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Washtenaw County, a program of HelpSource, was founded in 1991 in response to the need within the community to provide adult mentoring services to disadvantaged youth from mostly single parent homes. During the first few years, an average of 20 matches between children and adult volunteers were maintained.

The program has significantly grown and has more than quadrupled its average annual match count, which currently averages 210.

DEXTER VILLAGE

Volunteers needed for event

The Dexter Victorian Christmas Committee, a division of the Dexter Area Chamber of Commerce, is seeking volunteers to help with the upcoming Victorian Christmas celebration set Dec. 4 and 11.

"The committee is looking for volunteers to assist with event set-up, staffing the cookies and hot chocolate tables, assisting Santa, and carolers and musicians," said Carol Jones, executive director of the Dexter Area Chamber of Commerce.

"Most shifts are two hours and it's a great way for people to get involved in community activities," she said.

The event begins at 11 a.m. and runs through 4 p.m. both Saturdays.

To volunteer, contact the Dexter Area Chamber of Commerce office at 426-0887 or info@dexterchamber.org.

CALENDAR

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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.

ANN ARBOR

Sunday, Nov. 28

The 30th annual Western Kiwanis Christmas Sing will be held 1:30 p.m. at the Michigan Theater, 603 W. Liberty St., in Ann Arbor. Tree trimming in the lobby begins at noon. For more information, call Eason Chung at 668-6949.

Thursday, Dec. 2

The Washtenaw Bicycling and Walking Coalition will hold its monthly meeting 7 p.m. at the Ecology Center, 117 N. Division St., in Ann Arbor. The meeting is open to the public. For more information, call 913-8604 or visit www.wbwc.org.

Saturday, Dec. 4

The 29th annual St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Ball, "An Evening at The Nutcracker" will be held from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Eastern Michigan University Convocation Center in Ypsilanti. Twilight tickets are available for those who prefer to arrive after 9 p.m. for dessert and dancing only. Call 1-734-712-4040 for details.



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CHELSEA

Remembrance service set Dec. 5

The second annual Community Service of Remembrance will be held 3:30 p.m. Dec. 5 at Chelsea Community Hospital's dining room.

The non-denominational service is open to anyone who has lost a loved one in the past year.

The service, which is expected to last approximately 30 minutes, will consist of speakers who will discuss grief during the holidays, reading of the names of those who have died and lighting candles in their memory.

Members of the Chelsea High School orchestra will provide music. Each grieving family will be presented with a personalized memorial angel ornament. After the service, light refreshments will be provided, along with a time to share memories and experiences. Brochures about coping with the holidays will be available.

There is no cost for the program, and pre-registration is not required.

The service is sponsored by Chelsea Community Hospital, Cole Funeral Chapel and Staffan-Mitchell Funeral Home.

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TYPES

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Hemiplegic migraine

If you suffer from this rare but severe type of migraine with aura, you probably also have a family history of it.

The hemiplegic migraine often begins with temporary motor paralysis and/or sensory disturbances on one side of the body, followed by the headache within the hour.

It may be accompanied by numbness or "pins and needles" sensation. When the headache appears, the initial neurological symptoms may disappear.

Ophthalmoplegic migraine

Also a rare and severe migraine, the ophthalmoplegic migraine's pain usually surrounds the eyeball and lasts from a few days to a few months.

There may be paralysis in the muscles surrounding the eye. If these symptoms occur, you should seek immediate medical attention because the symptoms can be caused by pressure on the nerves behind the eye.

Retinal migraine

Another rare migraine, the retinal type starts with a temporary, partial, or complete loss of vision in one eye. It is followed by a dull ache behind that eye that may spread to the rest of the head.

Basilar artery migraine

Dizziness, confusion or lack of balance accompanies this very rare form of migraine.

It comes on suddenly and can result in fleeting visual disturbances, the inability to speak properly, ringing in the ears and vomiting.

Throbbing occurs in the back of the head. The basilar artery migraine is strongly related to hormonal influences and primarily strikes young adult women and adolescent girls.

Abdominal migraine

It is difficult to diagnose this migraine because the pain is felt in the abdomen.

Nausea, vomiting and diarrhea may occur, and the pain usually occurs in the middle of the abdomen. The attack typically lasts hours and occurs mostly in children as a forerunner of a migraine.

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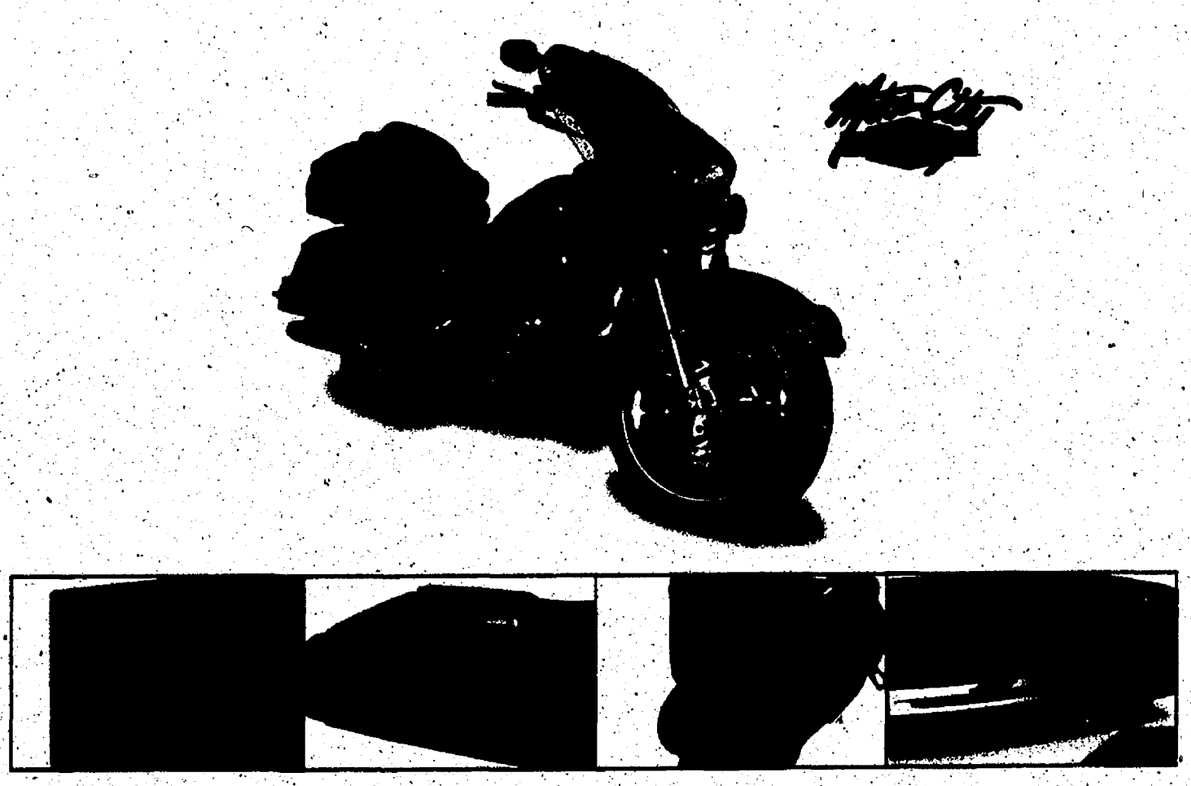
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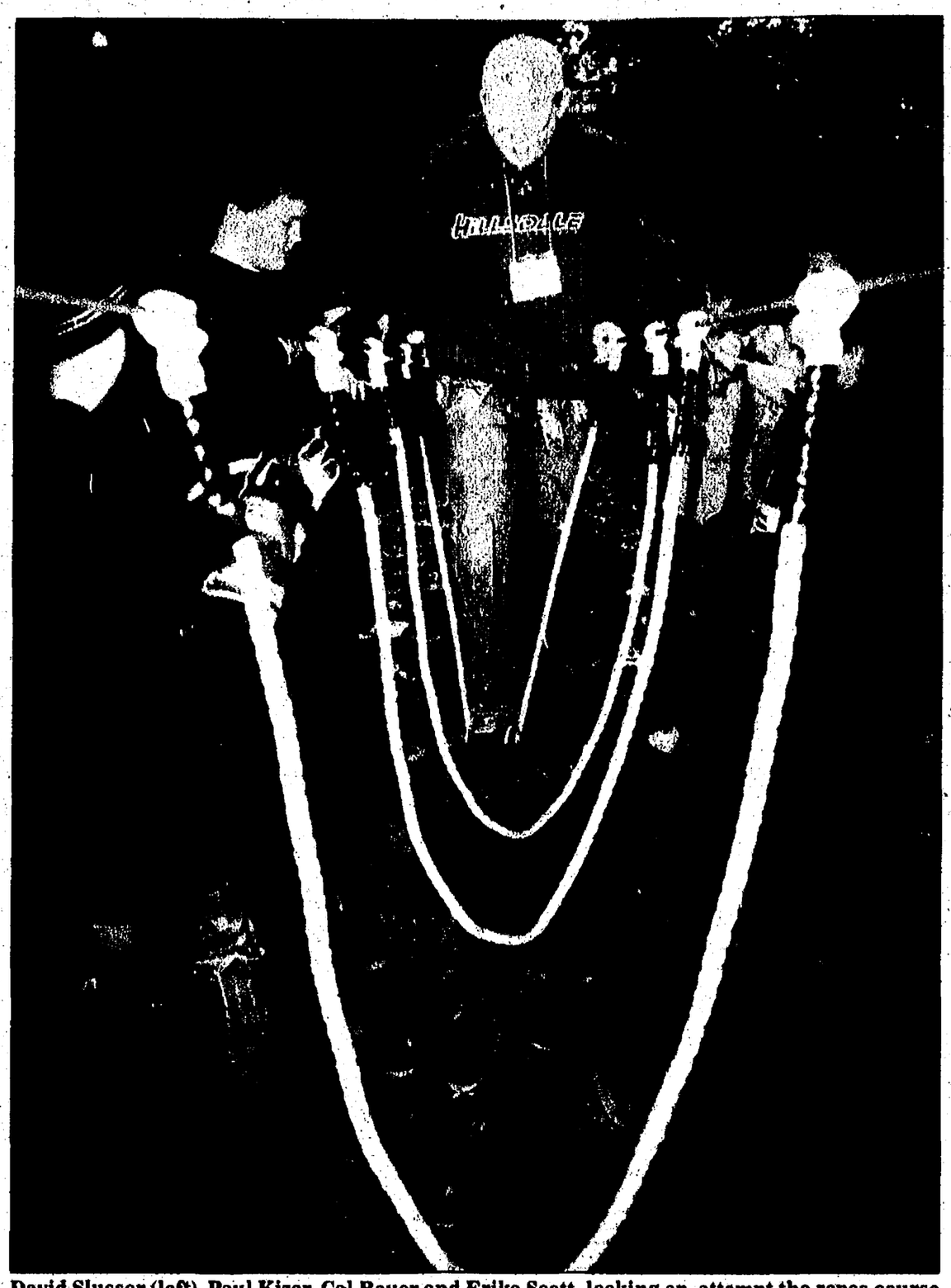
About 205 pupils attended Chelsea's sixth-grade camp earlier this year. Parent volunteers served as cabin leaders for the various activities, joining school staff for the annual rite of passage.

The camp, based in Howell, offered a curriculum that matched Chelsea's sixth-grade benchmarks, with such activities as the high-ropes course, climbing tower, global village, shelter building, wild-animal hospital, canoeing and archery, as well as square and line dancing for a group activity. The ropes courses focused on team building and problem solving.

South Meadows Elementary School Principal Lisa Nickel said feedback from staff, students and parents was overwhelmingly positive.



Elizabeth Nipper and Jenna Mason lead their classmates in line-dancing activities at Sixth Grade Camp.



David Slusser (left), Paul Kizer, Cal Bauer and Erika Scott, looking on, attempt the ropes course at Sixth Grade Camp.



Charlie Kempf (left) and Jimmy Hochrein, pupils at South Meadows Elementary School, explore the woods at a camp in Howell.



Natalie Kaczorowski (left) and Erika Scott practice their canoeing skills.



Kristin Haapala (left), Sammie Brown, Marianna Zuccala, Meghan Smith and Tori Stevens bond inside their cabin at Sixth Grade Camp. The experience, an annual rite of passage for Chelsea sixth-graders, teaches teamwork and builds relationships, while also exploring aspects of the curriculum.

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The Chelsea Standard

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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2004

ON THE SIDELINE



DON RICHTER

Turkeys, high school reunions and state capitals

. Is it really Thanksgiving?

I don't know why, but the holidays always sneak up on me.

Didn't we just celebrate New Year's?

What do you mean it's almost Christmas?

Where did the summer go?

Did the Tigers even play ball this season? They did, huh?

Next you're going to tell me the Boston Red Sox won the, er, forget about it — it's all coming back to me now, Celine Dion-style.

The Red Sox won the World Series, and the Tigers (yawn) improved — I remember now.

I also remember this is the time of the year to give thanks.

So, without further adieu, here it goes:

I'm thankful for the Lighthouse Café — the best Sunday breakfast anywhere. Can a simple plate of scrambled eggs and sausage ever taste better?

I'm thankful for Speedway in Chelsea. Not only because it's within walking distance of the office (think snacks), but because it's this Spartan's one chance to get under the skin of a Wolverine fan. "Yes, that's a Block S on my green-and-white ring. And, yes, Drew Stanton has two more years left."

I'm thankful for my walks around Dexter and Chelsea. Tell me again why I drive everywhere?

I'm thankful for my extended eyes. Mary, Alice, Jerry, Rob, Cathy, Craig and Doug, you guys consistently amaze me with your skill.

I'm thankful for Wayne and Sue and John and Linda — the best athletic departments in the state. Is there anything this foursome doesn't know? Quick: What's the capital of South Dakota? I think I finally stumped them! Yes!

I'm thankful for all the wonderful coaches and athletes I'm fortunate enough to work with and meet each season. Thanks, everyone — it's truly a pleasure.

I'm thankful for Pam's wave and Paul's smile.

I'm thankful for Debbie, Lydia and Rich — the best in the business.

I'm thankful for 20-year high school reunions. I thought this year went by fast. Where did the past 20 go, my fellow Rockets? Talk about a blur. Wasn't I just breaking the heart of ... I mean, wasn't I just breaking up with ... OK, wasn't I just getting dumped by Suzy Demers out in the John Glenn courtyard?

Ah, the memories. Anyhow, enough of my problems. Dr. Phil, anyone?

I'm thankful for "The Rock" in Chelsea; the big toothbrushes in Dexter; and the Civil War statue in Monument Park.

I'm thankful for ghosts at the Purple Rose; knick-knacks at Frivolities; and DQ in the summertime.

Lastly, I'm thankful I finally saw the original "The Manchurian Candidate." What a classic. Just don't ask me to play a game of solitaire, OK?

Happy Turkey Day, everybody!



Chelsea junior Jessica Lodewyk finished fourth in the 500 freestyle and fifth in the 200 freestyle at last weekend's Division II state meet.



Bulldog senior Kara Stiles placed third in both the 200 individual medley and the 100 freestyle at last weekend's Division II state final.

SWIMMING AND DIVING

Chelsea tankers sixth at state meet

Bulldogs give best effort at Division II championship

By Don Richter
Sports Editor

The Chelsea girls' swimming and diving team finished sixth overall at last weekend's Division II state meet at Eastern Michigan University.

The Bulldogs ended up with 134 points.

Capturing the state championship for the second year in a row was Birmingham Groves, who had 334.5 points.

Rounding out the top five were Dexter with 256 points, followed by Bloomfield Hills Lahser with 160 points and Milan and Grand Rapids Christian, each with 136 points.

Chelsea coach Dave Jolly was proud of his squad's effort.

"The girls performed so well all weekend," he said. "We were in a position to take fourth overall after the prelims. As a coach, that's all you can hope for — an opportunity.

"We took advantage of the opportunity and moved up point-wise all day Saturday."

Jolly said the fourth-place finisher was decided in the meet's final race.

"It came down to the 400 freestyle relay," he said. "It was between Milan and Chelsea. Whoever touched first was fourth. When it was all said and done, 0.08 seconds was the difference. To say it was exciting was an understatement. The girls have nothing to be disappointed about. They far exceeded expectations for the season."

In the 400 freestyle relay, Milan was fifth with a time of 3:40.92, while the Bulldogs were sixth in 3:41.03.

Groves finished first in the event with a state record time of 3:30.26.

Individually, Chelsea's Jessica Lodewyk placed fifth in the 200 freestyle with a clocking of 1:56.27. Megan Evo of Groves finished first in a state record 1:51.44.

In the 500 freestyle, Lodewyk, a junior, touched fourth in 5:12.28. North Farmington's Katya Bachrouche placed first in a state record 4:58.32.

Bulldog senior Kara Stiles finished third in the state in the 200 individual medley with a time of 2:10.58. Groves' Dana Christ placed first with a state record 2:06.22.



Photos by Mary Kumbier

Chelsea's Kara Stiles (left), Ayla Detroyer, Tara Jennings and Jessica Lodewyk helped lead the Bulldogs to a sixth-place finish at last weekend's Division II state meet at Eastern Michigan University.

In the 100 freestyle, Stiles ended up third in 53.76. Jenny Korn of East Grand Rapids finished first in 52.31.

In the one-meter diving competition, Bulldog sophomore Jillian Drow placed eighth overall with 336.10 points. Tecumseh's Joanna Corby was first with 371.20 points.

In the 200 freestyle relay, Chelsea placed fifth in 1:40.64. Dexter touched first with a time of 1:38.22.

In the 200 medley relay, the Bulldogs ended up 13th in 1:55.47. Groves was first in 1:47.82.

"The season has been great," Jolly said. "Like most seasons, we had our ups and downs. These experiences define the character of a team."

Jolly said despite graduation losses from a year ago, this season's squad performed at a high level.

"After losing three key seniors last year to graduation, it was hard to imagine being

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CROSS COUNTRY

Clarke helps Bulldog runners succeed this year

Chelsea cross country sparked by longtime head coach

By Don Richter
Sports Editor

The Chelsea girls' cross country team finished sixth in Division II at the state meet Nov. 6.

The young Bulldogs overcame obstacles on and off the field this past season.

Chelsea senior Meg Wheeler said the key this year for the squad was their personal drive to perform well for each other.

"We knew how hard everyone was working and that was what kept us from giving up," she said. "We love each other and didn't want to let any of our teammates down."

Bulldog sophomore Joy Wilke echoed Wheeler's sentiments.

"I think the key to our team's success was that we all were not working for ourselves, but working for each other and it kept us going when we wanted to give up," she said.



Chelsea sophomore Nicole Bougher (left) and senior Meg Wheeler both agreed this season's Bulldog squad was successful because of coach Pat Clarke, and the supportive atmosphere he established.

Photo courtesy of Alice Rawson

Chelsea sophomore Nicole Bougher said this year's team became a success when they started to believe in each other.

"We always encouraged one another and made sure everybody was ready to run their best race ever," she said.

One of the team's leaders this season was Wheeler, one of the squad's captains.

"Being captain this year was the most wonderful experience," she said. "I have never had more fun in a leadership position, nor have I felt closer to a team.

"I have never met a more respectful, more adorable, more entertaining, more driven or more impressive group of athletes, friends or women. I am so grateful to have had the opportunity to work with this team."

For Wilke, she will never forget having to overcome an injury this season.

"The hardest part (of injury) was having to stop a workout early, or not be able to run in a race because I was hurting too much.

"It definitely made me work harder when I was able to run, though."

Bougher, whose best time this season was 20:26, said this season she began loving cross country.

"Last year, I ran and had

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BASKETBALL

Dawgs bow out of tournament

Chelsea cagers end season with loss to Ann Arbor Pioneer

By Don Richter
Sports Editor

The Chelsea girls' basketball team ended its season last week, losing to Ann Arbor Pioneer 42-22 in a Class A district semifinal match-up Nov. 17 in Saline.

"We did not play very well," said Chelsea coach Todd Blomquist. "We managed six points in the second half."

Earning All-Southeastern Conference White Division first team honors for the Bulldogs this season were junior swing player Emily Woodruff (5-foot-10) and sophomore forward Rachel Fitzsimmons (5-11).

Receiving All-SEC honorable mention was sophomore center Paige Denison (5-11).

Earning the SEC Sportsmanship Award for Chelsea was senior forward Megan Korc (5-10).

As for Chelsea's end-of-season team awards, Woodruff was named MVP.

Most Improved Player Award went to junior center Sarah Iverson (5-11).

Receiving the Red Nose Award for team clown was senior point guard Liberty Dickerson (5-6).

Earning the Coaches Award were seniors forward Anne Seelbach (5-7) and swing player Brittany Carey (5-6).

The Bulldogs concluded the season with a 4-17 overall record.

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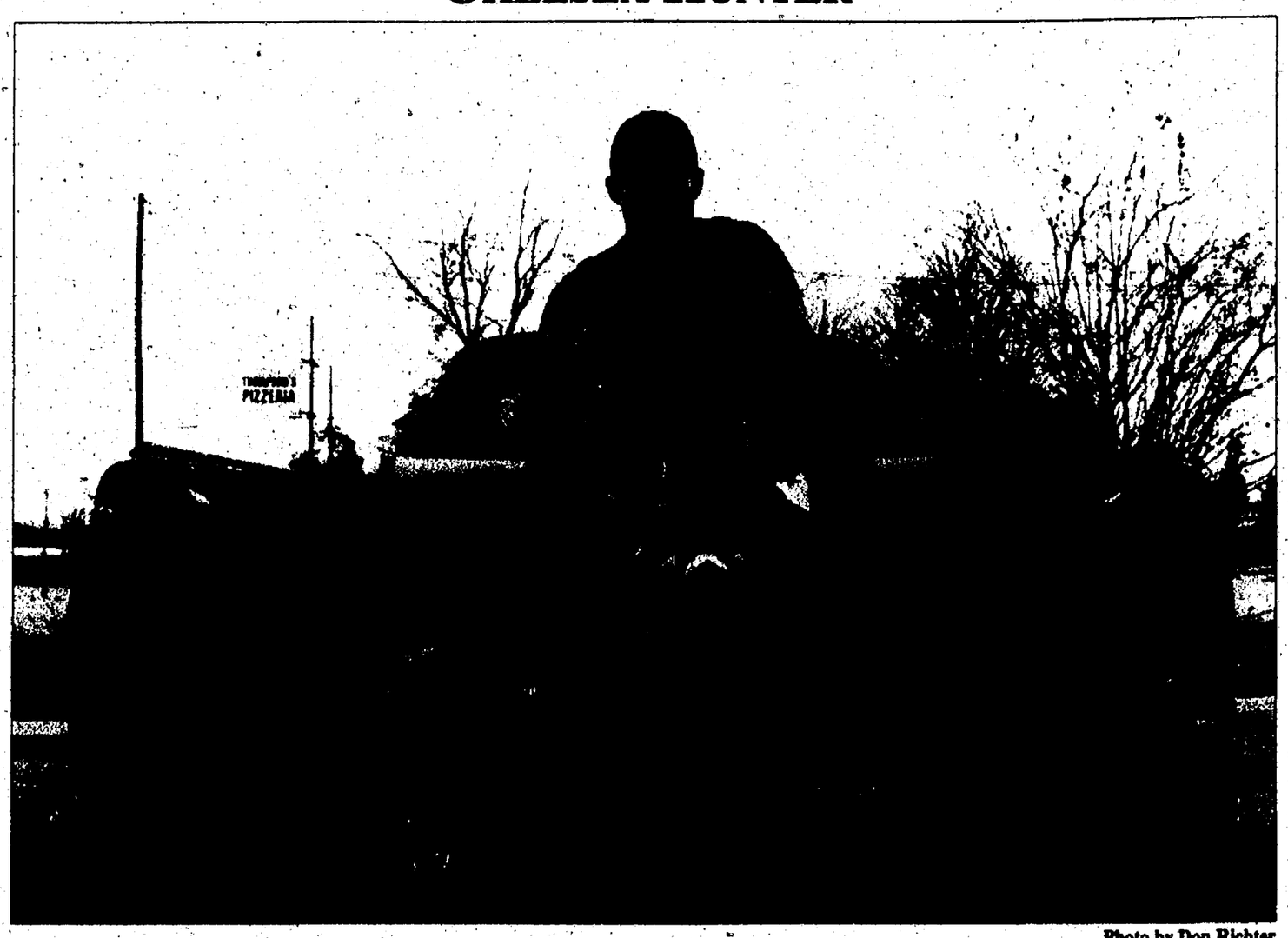


Photo by Don Richter

Chelsea resident David Bell bagged an 8-point buck last week, during deer hunting season. Bell said the buck is the largest he's ever harvested.

BASKETBALL

Beach cagers fall to Adrian White

Chelsea's Beach Middle School eighth-grade Blue boys' basketball team lost 33-30 to Adrian White last Thursday.

The visiting Bulldogs (0-4) played well, despite falling. Chelsea led by five points, with five minutes left in the game, only to see Adrian pound the ball inside to pull out the victory.

Tyler Fischhaber paced Beach, scoring 15 points.

Bret Everding added 11 points, while Jon Thompson and Aaron Gates each had two points for the Bulldogs.

Chelsea ended up 5-of-10 from the free-throw line.

"I feel we're still improving with every game, but now we must pick up the pace of that improvement and find ways to get everyone involved in the scoring," said Chelsea coach Jim Tallman.

On Nov. 16, Beach lost 40-29 to Ypsilanti Lincoln.

Chad Schiller led the Bulldogs with 14 points.

Fischhaber chipped in 10 points, while Everding had four points and Kyle Colburn one point for Chelsea.

"Our inability to shoot from the free-throw line really hurt us, as we were only 7-for-18," Tallman said.

The Beach eighth-grade Gold boys' basketball team lost to Saline 41-21 last Thursday.

"We played hard for the entire game versus a very talented Saline team," said Chelsea coach Mike Bareis.

Mike Roberts led the Bulldogs with nine points.

Mike Lenneman ended up with six points, while Mike Cooper, Mike Stratman and Travis Johnson each netted two points for Chelsea.

On Nov. 15, Beach (1-3) defeated Tecumseh 36-27.

Lenneman paced the Bulldogs with 14 points.

Roberts added 11 points, while Stratman had four points and Johnson three points for Chelsea.

Kyle French finished with two points, while William Dark and Cooper each had one point for Beach.

"Our first win of the year was an exciting game," Bareis said. "The entire team contributed to the win."

BOWLING

Herter bowls to 24th place

Chelsea sophomore Austin Herter competed in the Michigan Junior Masters Association bowling tournament two weeks ago at Eastland Lanes in Kalamazoo.

The event attracts some of the state's top youth players, including Michigan's best college bowlers.

Herter, a member of the Bulldog bowling club and the team's MVP a year ago, finished 24th overall in the tournament with a 210 average. He ended up with a 1,682 series.

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near the top at this year's state meet," he said. "But near the top we were. Thanks to some very special young ladies that gave their heart and soul over the past three months.

"Each member of the squad improved throughout the season, and all had career best performances over the weekend."

Jolly said one of the biggest thrills for him last weekend was seeing Drow earn All-State honors in diving.

"As a sophomore, she earned third at regionals and then eighth place in the state," he said. "Wow, what a huge improvement."

Jolly said he was impressed with Chelsea's effort at the state meet.

"Kellyn Pagliarini was crucial to the success of the 400 freestyle relay, as was senior Tara Jennings in the 200 medley and 200 freestyle relays," he said. "I would have to say without Kara Stiles and Jessica Lodewyk, we would not have been nearly as successful. They were both All-State in their events, and both part of the freestyle relay All-State performances."

Jolly said Ayla Detroyer and Nicole Lodewyk each had a strong state final meet.

"She was the anchor on the 200 medley relay and a part of the 200 and 400 freestyle relays," he said, of Detroyer. "Nicole Lodewyk was the spark plug of the 200 medley relay. She had the best performance of the four-member relay, swimming the butterfly leg at a career-best split."

Jolly said he would miss coaching Stiles.

"I thank God for the privilege to work with a young lady like Kara Stiles," he said. "Girls like her don't come around very often. She cares about her teammates first, but also prepares herself for unbelievable swims.

"I will miss her very much, but in the same breath I know that she has left an impression on this program that will be here for years to come."

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Not Enough Love In NFL, but Plenty of Money for Power Points Player

Midwest Results Week 10 – They say it's all about love and money, but where's the love when you have St. Louis Ram Orlando Pace pulling an NFL official to the ground and being ejected from the game? Same problem in Cleveland where the Browns and Steelers got into a brawl, resulting in the ejections of two players before the game even started. Fines to follow. Good thing the holidays are nearly here.

As far as the money part of it, no ejections and no problems. In Week 10 of the POWER POINTS of the Midwest Football Contest, James Carithers, of Hutchinson, KS, tallied a region high 127 points, then prevailed on Tiebreaker 1 against three other contestants who did the same to claim grand prize honors and the accompanying weekly cash bonanza of $1,000.

Carithers, a 24 year old bill collector, entered the contest through the Hutchinson News in Hutchinson.

Local winners in Week 10 were:

Adrian... Ashlyn Childs, Adrian (105 points)
Belleville... Penney Haas, Belleville (113 points)
Garden City... Annette Rapp, Garden City (117 points)
Grand Haven... A. Osterberger, Grand Haven (102 points)
Mount Clemens... George Stokan, Detroit (116 points)
Saline... Bryan Goetz, Tecumseh (97 points)
Southgate... Roy E. Hollis, Romulus (110 points)

Heritage Newspapers random drawing winner for **Downriver** for Week #10 was Dan Johnson, River Rouge.

Heritage Newspapers random drawing winner for **Western Region** for Week #10 was Chris Bulifant.

HOCKEY

Chelsea icers open season with two victories

Bulldogs display explosive offense, stingy defense to begin year

By Don Richter
Sports Editor

Chelsea hockey began the 2004 season last week in fine style, defeating Muskegon Reeths-Puffer and Ypsilanti Lincoln in impressive fashion.

Last Saturday, in the Bulldogs' home opener at Arctic Coliseum, Chelsea shut out the Rockets 4-0, behind the strong goaltending of senior J.R. Engelbert.

"We played well defensively," said Chelsea coach Don Wright. "We were shorthanded six times, once we were two men short. But we did a nice job. We looked better than we did Friday night (season opening game against Lincoln).

"We moved the puck well. We had a number of good scoring opportunities. We played a good game."

Bulldog Schyler Williams began the scoring for Chelsea, turning the light on early in the first period off an assist from Eric Cremer.

With fewer than three minutes remaining in the first stanza, Ryan Ford scored, converting a nifty pass from Williams and upping the Bulldogs' lead to 2-0.

In the second period, Cremer scored off an assist by Luc Daniels at 14:45 of the frame to increase Chelsea's advantage to 3-0.

In the third period, Ford notched goal No. 2, hitting the back of the net off an assist from Davis Turner at 11:12 of the stanza. With Ford's goal, the Bulldogs ended the scoring at 4-0 for the night's final margin.



Bulldog captain Davis Turner scored one goal in Chelsea's 11-1 season opening victory over Ypsilanti Lincoln last week.

Chelsea (2-0) out shot Reeths-Puffer 30-9.

To open the season, the Bulldogs defeated Ypsilanti Lincoln 11-1 at the Arctic Edge in Canton.

Chelsea skated out to a 3-0 first-period lead as Daniels began the scoring, beating the Railsplitter net minder at 10:16 of the frame. Recording an assist for the Bulldogs were Taylor Hooper and Turner.

Two minutes later, freshman Matt Heinen scored off an assist from Ford to increase Chelsea's lead to 2-0.

Williams made it 3-0 Bulldogs, hitting the back of the net 23 seconds later as Brett Common and Cremer picked up assists for Chelsea.

In the second period, the Bulldogs scored two goals as Williams turned the light on at 13:44 of the frame off an assist from Cremer and Ford.

At 5:43 of the period, Turner scored, giving Chelsea a 5-0 lead heading into the third period. Hooper recorded an assist on the play for the Bulldogs.

In the third period, Chelsea exploded offensively, scoring six goals, including three on the power play.

Matt Perry notched two consecutive power play goals, turning the light on at 14:46 and 8:19 of the period for the Bulldogs. Engerlbert and Hooper picked up assists on the plays for Chelsea.

At 6:32 of the period, Heinen scored his second goal of the night to increase the Bulldogs' advantage to 8-0. Ford and Engelbert assisted on the goal.

Twenty-nine seconds later, Lincoln finally broke through Chelsea's defense, scoring a goal and trimming the Bulldog lead to 8-1.

Daniels answered the Railsplitter tally with a power-play goal with 2:50 remaining in the contest. Ryan Ruikka and Ford assisted on the play for Chelsea.

Hooper gave the Dawgs a 10-1 lead, scoring a minute later off an assist from Howdy Holmes.

Cremer concluded the scoring, hitting the back of the net with 1:32 left in the game. Recording an assist on the goal were David Maveal and Heinen.



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Chelsea goaltender J.R. Engelbert makes a glove save. The senior net minder allowed only one goal in the Bulldogs' two season-opening victories last week.

With a 10-goal lead, the goal differential rule was put into effect, ending the contest.

Chelsea out shot Lincoln 56-5.

Zach Leszczynski and Engelbert combined for the victory between the pipes for the Bulldogs.

"I thought we did a lot of things well," Wright said. "We were able to control play. We had a lot of scoring opportunities.

"I know the score doesn't look like it, but Lincoln's goalie Andrew Ebright played very well. He made a lot of good saves."

Wright said for the season opener, his squad gave a strong effort.

"It was a good first game," he said. "We did a number of good things well."

While Chelsea outscored its first two opponents 15-1 to begin the season, the competition will get much stiffer this weekend. The Bulldogs host their annual Thanksgiving Tournament at the Arctic Coliseum, inviting state powers Southgate Anderson and Gaylord to this year's event.

Tomorrow, the tournament faces off with Gaylord and Anderson hitting the ice at 5 p.m.

Following the tournament opener will be the Bulldogs versus Haslett at 7 p.m.

On Saturday, the consolation game will be played at 5 p.m., followed by the tournament championship contest at 7 p.m.

On Wednesday, Chelsea hosts county rival Dexter at 6:30 p.m.

Last year, the Bulldogs had arguably the area's toughest schedule, with numerous state-ranked clubs dotted throughout the line-up. This year, Wright said Chelsea's schedule is even tougher.

"The stronger opponents we play, the better we'll be," Wright said.

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HOCKEY

Hoggard scores four goals in win

South Lyon, Haslett no match for local hockey squad

By Don Richter
Sports Editor

Dexter hockey opened the 2004 campaign in midseason form last week, scoring four first period goals, en route to a 4-3 victory over South Lyon Nov. 17.

"That was an exciting game to open up with," said Dexter coach Mike O'Donahue. "We got out to a good lead, but had to work really hard defensively to fight off a very determined Lion squad."

The host Dreadnaughts opened the scoring, as Mike Machnik beat the Lions' goaltender at 6:59 of the first period.

Picking up an assist on the season's first goal were Kevin Vlazny and Tony Sinelli.

Dexter increased its advantage to 2-0 as Vlazny scored at the 2:06 mark of the opening stanza.

Neil Rion and Sinelli recorded assists on the play for the Dreadnaughts.

Less than a minute later, Dexter's Lee Hoggard made it 3-0 Dreadnaughts, scoring off an assist by Nick Field and J.P. Ledwidge with 1:30 remaining in the first period.

With five seconds left in the opening frame, Jon Carrender turned the light on for Dexter, upping the Dreads' lead to 4-0.

Chad Green and Justin Jack assisted on Carender's goal.

After a scoreless second period, in which the Lions out shot Dexter 13-5, South Lyon regrouped, hitting the back of the net three unanswered times in the third stanza with the last goal coming with 1:40 remaining in the game, for the night's final margin.

The Lions finished with 35 shots on goal, while the Dreadnaughts ended up with 30.

Recording the victory between the pipes for Dexter was goaltender Zach Hansen.

"He did a fine job in his debut for Dexter," O'Donahue said. "He made a couple of outstanding saves in the last few minutes of the game to seal the victory."

O'Donahue said defense could be a strong suit for Dexter this season.

"In the South Lyon game, we kept their quick forwards in check with some physical play from our defense," he said.

O'Donahue said Zach Morhous, Scott Thompson, Hunter Lyons, Rion, Jack and Ledwidge played well defensively.

The Dreadnaughts were

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Chelsea sophomore Joy Wilke (left front) said Bulldog coach Pat Clarke helped this year's team achieve its goals. "I don't think we would have made it past regionals without him," she said.

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CLARKE

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goals and I achieved them," she said. "This year, though, something was different. I really started to care. I wanted not only to do well for myself, but for the team."

Wheeler, whose best time this season was 21:17, said she would remember finishing this year's regional competition.

"My back was in a lot of pain and I thought my cross-country career had come to a close," she said. "Then I found out my unbelievable teammates had pushed themselves far enough to win regionals for our team.

"My girls had given me one more race, and that was states."

Bougher, who finished 100th at this season's state meet, agreed with Wheeler that the regional was an unforgettable moment this year.

"Being regional champions was one of the best parts of the season," she said. "The day before, I had been counting down the minutes until we started and ended. I got so psyched. The atmosphere on the bus that morning was unbelievable. I could feel how much everyone wanted to win."

Wilke, whose top time this season was 21:46, also said winning the regional meet was a high point this season.

"We were all so excited," she said. "I'll always remember that."

Like the importance of regionals, Wheeler, Wilke and Bougher all agreed Chelsea coach Pat Clarke, who just completed his 34th season, was the main reason for the team's improvement.

"I love him. He's a wonderful coach. I don't think I will ever meet someone who can get me as psyched to run as he can."
Nicole Bougher
Chelsea runner

"Coach Clarke's knowledge, experience, dedication and character mean so much to the team," said Wheeler, who placed 203rd at the state meet. "He knows how hard we work, and understands what it takes to be successful. He's an excellent adviser."

Wilke said Clarke was always there for the squad this season.

"Mr. Clarke is a great coach," she said. "He really helps us achieve our goals. He has made our team become what we are. I don't think we would have made it past regionals without him."

Bougher said Clarke has been a big influence during her Chelsea career.

"I love him," she said. "He's a wonderful coach. I don't think I will ever meet someone who can get me as psyched to run as he can. After his speeches to us, I always just wanted to go run as fast as I could.

"I love how before and after meets Coach Clarke makes a point to talk to you individually about your performance. If you had a bad run, he'll tell you you'll do (better) next time. And if you had an awesome race, he'll let you know, too."

"I can't imagine running cross country without everyone I ran with this year, including all of our assistant coaches and, of course, Coach Clarke."

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HOGGARD

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whistled for six penalties for 12 minutes, while South Lyon was called for six penalties for 21 minutes.

Last Saturday, Dexter defeated Haslett/Williamston 9-3 at Veterans Arena.

The host Dreadnaughts (2-0) jumped on Haslett early, scoring six first-period goals, including three by Hoggard.

Hoggard opened the scoring, turning the light on at 11:07 of the first period, off an assist from Craig Jones and Field.

Three minutes later, Hoggard made it 2-0, scoring off an assist from Rion and Ledwidge.

Twenty-four seconds later, Hoggard recorded the hat trick with his third goal, upping the Dreadnaughts' lead to 3-0. Assisting on the play for Dexter were Jones and Field.

Haslett answered at 7:04 of the period, trimming the Dreadnaughts' advantage to 3-1.

Chad Green scored for Dexter at 6:20 of the frame, converting an assist from Eric Swikoski and Carrender.

Jones made it 5-1 Dreadnaughts, as Lyons and Field assisted on the goal at 4:21 of the first period.

Vlazny closed out the first stanza with a goal at 2:17, Picking up an assist for Dexter were Morhous and Thompson.

In the second period, Hoggard scored goal No. 4 on a breakaway. Recording an assist on the play for the Dreadnaughts were Field and Ledwidge.

With Hoggard's goal, Dexter increased its lead to 7-1.

In the third period, Haslett scored at the 13:47 mark to close the gap to 7-2.

Carrender answered for the Dreadnaughts, however, hitting the back of the net 45 seconds later off an assist from Alex Johnston and Field.

Swikoski upped Dexter's advantage to 9-2, scoring at 2:06 of the third period. Assisting on the play was Carrender.

Haslett ended the scoring, turning the light on with a power-play goal with 1:03 remaining in the game.

The Dreadnaughts out shot Haslett/Williamston 28-17, including 13-3 in the high-scoring first period.

Goaltender Cole McNabb recorded the victory in net for Dexter.

The Dreadnaughts finished with six penalties for 12 minutes. Haslett had five penalties for 10 minutes.

Dexter next travels to county rival Chelsea for a game 6:30 p.m. Wednesday.

On Dec. 8, the Dreadnaughts host Ypsilanti Lincoln at 7:30 p.m.

On Dec. 11, Dexter hosts Milford at 7 p.m.

The Dreadnaughts' home games are played at Veterans Arena.

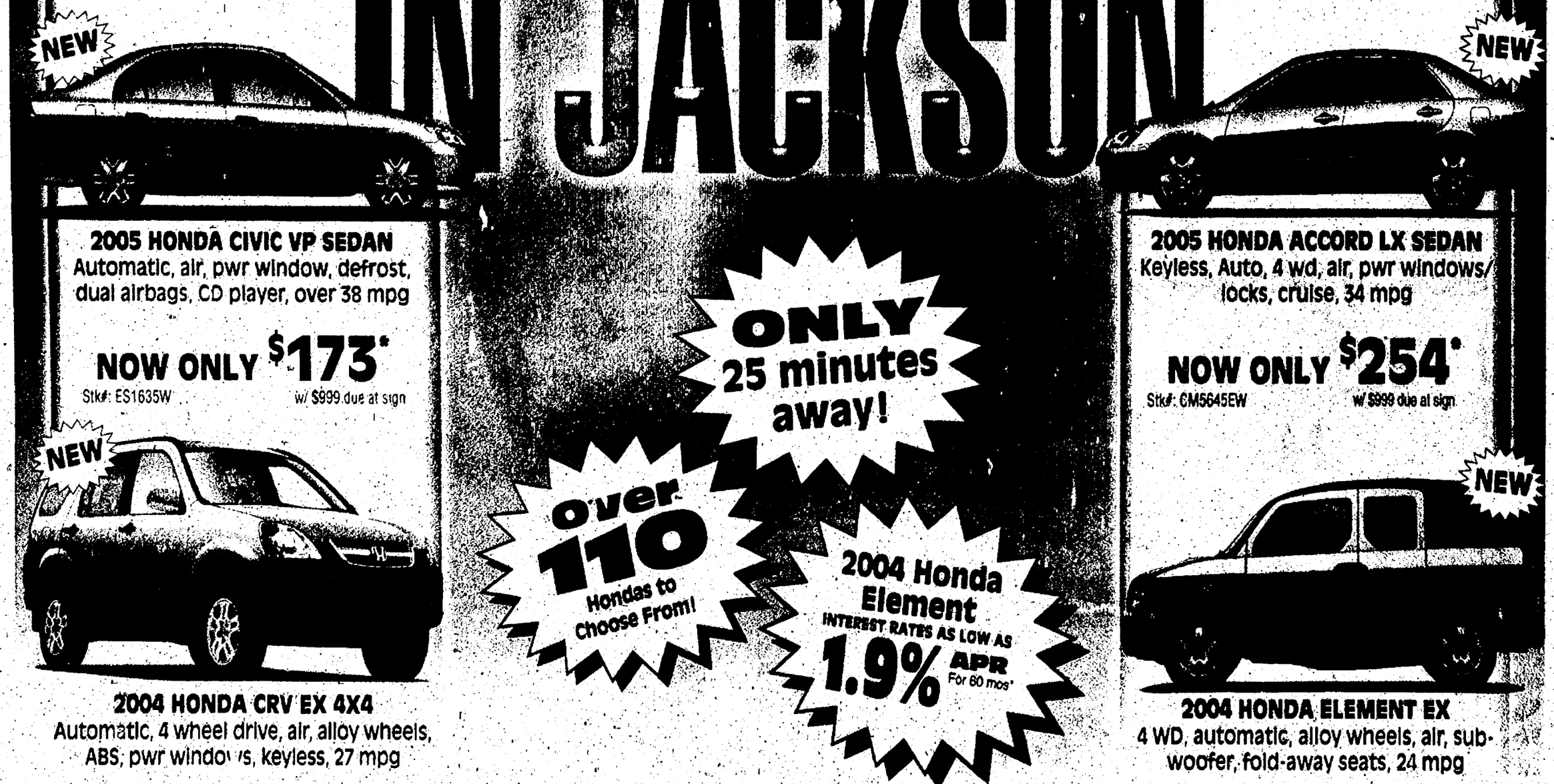
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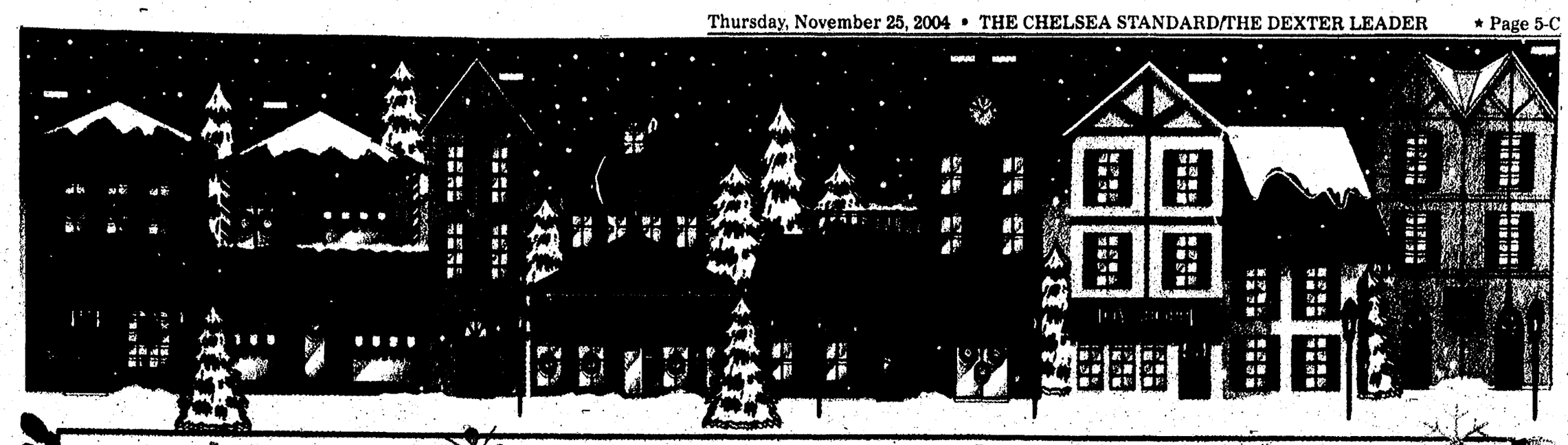
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9:00am-6:00pm	Palmer Ford	Miniature Village, Toys for Tots & Teens
9:00am-9:00pm	Pamida	Help us fill the 'We Care Tree' for local families
4:00pm-6:00pm	Cranesbill Books & Music	Holiday craft for kids, refreshments
6:00pm-6:30pm	Pierce Park	Tree Lighting Ceremony sponsored by Chelsea Rotary, lights provided by The UPS Store, Santa arrives in the American Legion Volture 957 Train
6:00pm-8:00pm	Corner of Main & Middle Sts.	Refreshments sponsored by State Farm Insurance and Hospice of Michigan
6:00pm-8:00pm	A Gathering Basket	Spinning, Knitting, & Handwork Demonstrations
6:30pm-8:30pm	First Congregational Church	Live Nativity Scene
6:30pm-8:30pm	UAW Hall	Visits with Santa, Santa's Workshop with kid's crafts sponsored by Chelsea Children's Co-Op
6:45pm-9:00pm	Middle St.	Story-telling in the American Legion Volture 957 Train, sponsored by Hospice of Michigan & Cranesbill Books
7:00pm-8:00pm	Village Shoppe of Chelsea	Pianist Brian Brill performs selections from his new CD 'Sunday Morning'
7:00pm-9:00pm	Main Street	Festive Window Displays featuring Gingerbread Houses
7:00pm-9:00pm	First Congregational Church	Cookie Decorating for Children, Refreshments
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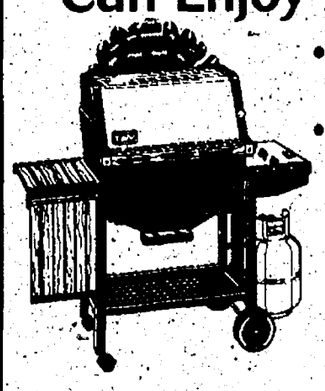
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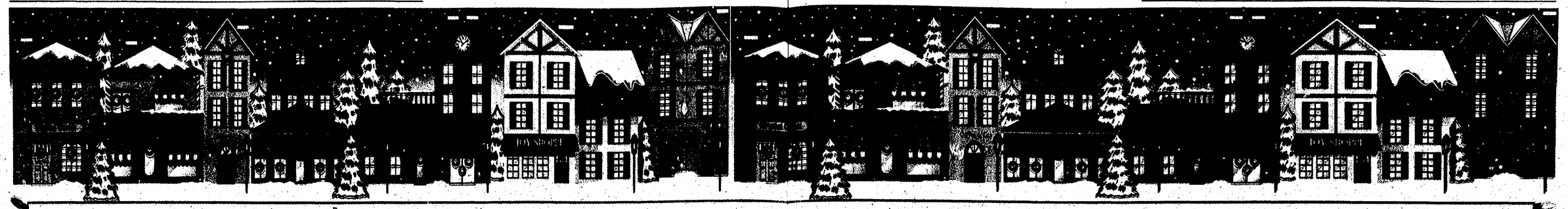
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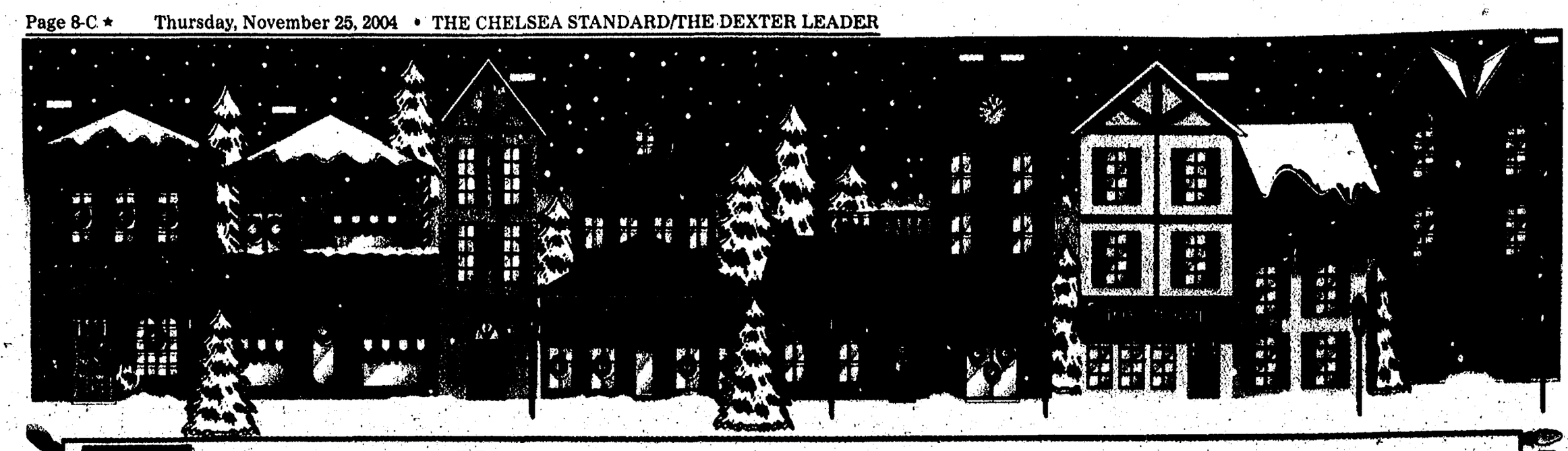
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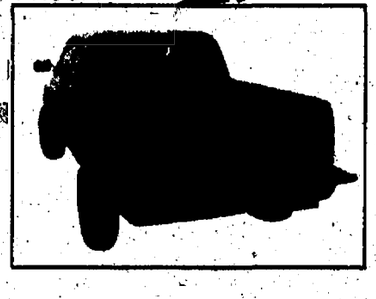
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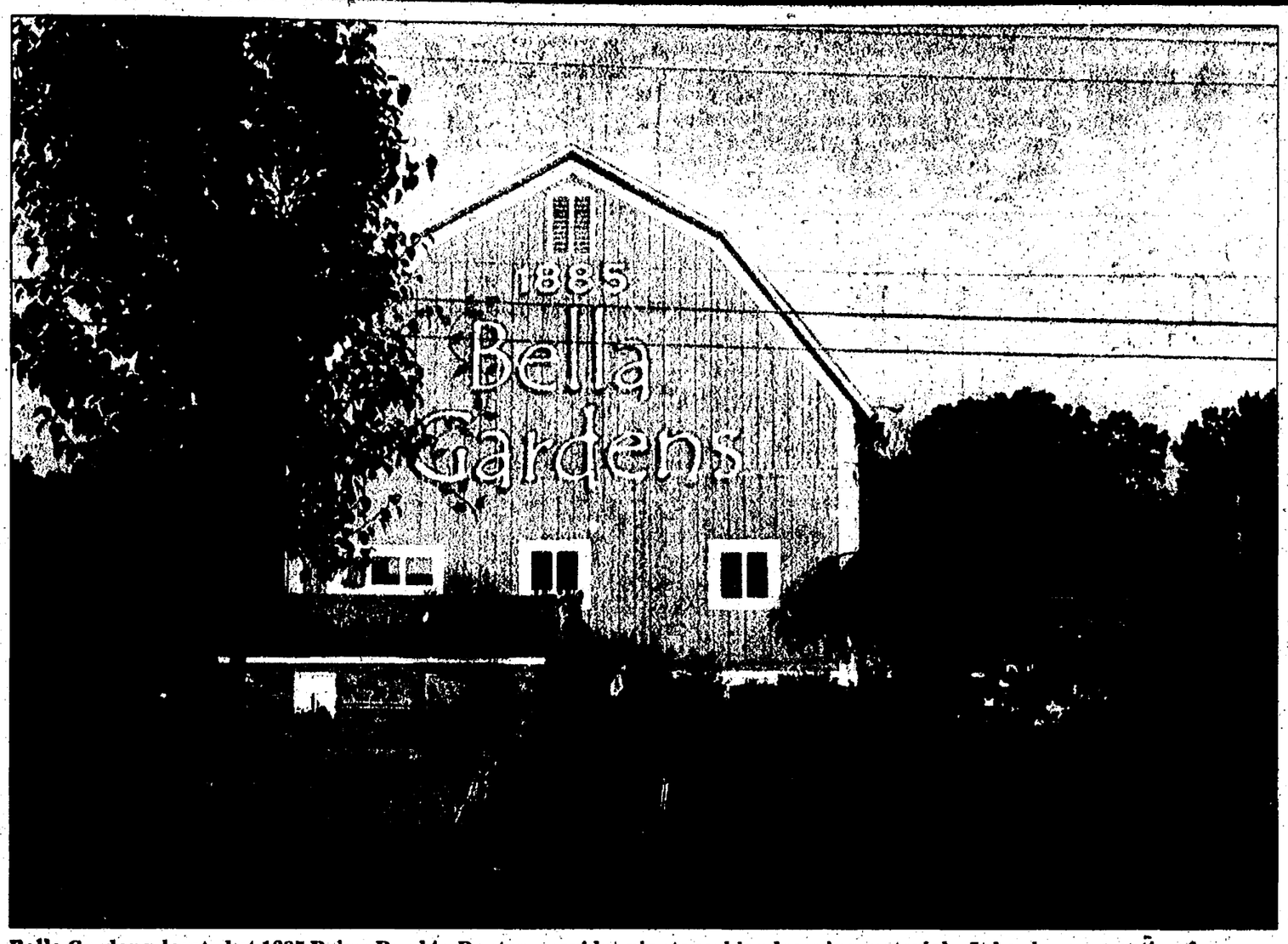
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Bella Gardens, located at 1885 Baker Road in Dexter, provides plants and landscaping materials. It has been operating for seven years. The business prides itself on providing the best customer service possible, and quality plants and materials at an affordable prices.

Biz Profile

Bella Gardens finds its niche

BELLA GARDENS
1885 Baker Road
Dexter, MI 48130

Type of business: Nursery, garden center and landscaping

Year established and number of years in business: Established in 1997 and in business seven years.

Ownership: Christina Hoffman, 26, of Plymouth; Doug Plachta, 37, of Northville; and Angela Placheta, 36, of Northville.

Number of employees: 11

Q: What makes your business unique?

A: The unique variety of gardening items that we sell, from hard to find herbs, statuary, fruit trees, landscape nursery stock, to everyday gardening needs.

Q: Why did you choose the Dexter or Chelsea area?

A: We chose the Dexter area for its small-town charm and the uniqueness of the 120-year-old barn the nursery is run out of.

Q: Describe your business philosophy?

A: Provide the best customer service possible, and quality plants and materials at an affordable price. Work hard and play hard.

Q: What's the most enjoyable part of owning your own business?

A: The most enjoyable part is making your own decisions that can benefit everyone. We have the opportunity to better ourselves and possibly the community with the great services we offer. We've had the great opportunity to create a solid family among ourselves at our establishment through the years. We take great pride in that and being the gateway to Dexter.

Q: What are your business related goals for the next five years?

A: To grow in a positive direction of introducing new products that are in demand each season; learning what people need and want, and making sure they receive it; to expand our landscape division to reach one million in sales by 2008; continue carrying quality nursery stock; and offer excellent customer service.

Washtenaw County

Sale of bank becomes final

The board of directors at Pavilion Bancorp Inc., parent company of the Bank of Lenawee, recently closed the sale of the Bank of Washtenaw to Dearborn Bancorp Inc., the holding company for Community Bank of Dearborn.

Bank of Washtenaw, which was established in 2001 by Pavilion Bancorp Inc., is headquartered in Saline and has two offices in Ann Arbor.

As of Sept. 30, Bank of Washtenaw had total assets of $76.4 million, loans of $68.4 million and deposits of $64.8 million.

The definitive agreement for the transaction, valued at approximately $15 million, was reached July 16, and regulatory approvals have been granted.

Effective at the close of business Friday, the Bank of Washtenaw consolidated with Community Bank of Dearborn. Bank of Washtenaw's three branches offices are now branches of Community Bank of Dearborn.

"It has been a privilege for all of us at Pavilion Bancorp Inc. and Bank of Lenawee to work with the talented team at Bank of Washtenaw," Douglas Kapnick, chairman of Pavilion Bancorp's board of directors, said in a press release. "We extend to each of them our best wishes for the future and thank them for their contributions to Bank of Washtenaw's success."

Saline

Ping earns promotion

Alicia Ping of Saline has joined RE/MAX Community Associates as manager and sales associate of the company's Saline office.

In August, Ping made a run as a Republican for the 52nd District state House, which represents the Chelsea-Dexter area.

"We are extremely excited to have someone of Alicia's caliber," Dennis Pearsall, president and CEO of RE/MAX, said in a press release. "She has a wealth of real estate experience in new construction sales and development.

"As a Saline City Council member, she has a demonstrated community commitment, which will help Alicia further expand our exceptional Saline market presence."

Founded in 1995, RE/MAX Community Associates has more than 80 licensed Realtors with average experience of more than 10 years, and has sold more than $1.9 billion in real estate since 1995.

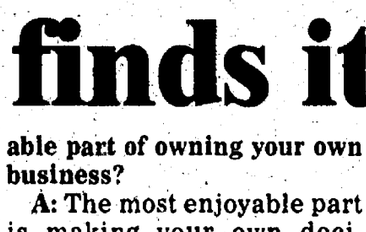

Alicia Ping

"I am very excited to bring my 11 years of real estate experience to RE/MAX Community Associates," Ping said. "My six years of City Council and managing several campaigns have prepared me to lead the highly experienced agents in the Saline office, and provide the highest personal and professional service to my clients."

RE/MAX Community Associates has offices in Ann Arbor, Chelsea and Saline.

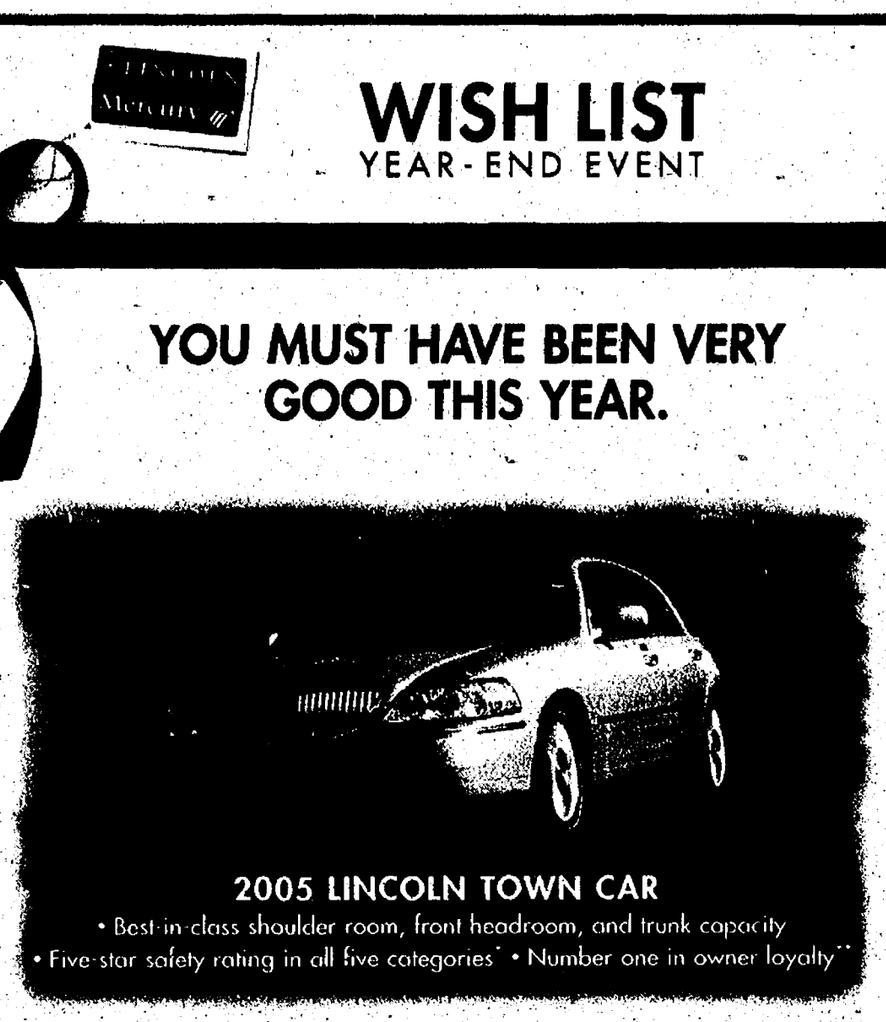
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WASHTENAW COUNTY

Harris Homes, Bayberry partner

Brian Stoy, president of Brighton-based RBS Companies, recently announced that the company has acquired 50 percent interest in Bayberry Construction and Harris Homes Development in Ann Arbor.

RBS Companies will gain expertise in building single-family homes and developing residential neighborhoods, and Harris Homes and Bayberry Construction will benefit from RBS Companies' depth of experience in operations, marketing, and financial management, according to a press release from RBS.

Boyd Harris, president of Bayberry Construction and Harris Homes, will continue as president. RBS principals Ralph Stoy, CEO, Brian Stoy, president, and David Halasz, CFO, will assume positions on the boards of directors for Harris Homes and Bayberry Construction.

"The partnership of RBS, Harris Homes and Bayberry Construction will allow for the efficient growth and continued success of the company," Brian Stoy said.

"RBS' responsibilities will primarily include business operations, allowing Harris Homes and Bayberry Construction to focus on the development of quality homes and neighborhoods."

"This is an exciting partnership for our companies," Boyd Harris, president of Bayberry Construction and Harris Homes, said. "By bringing RBS Companies together with Bayberry Construction and Harris Homes, we can better meet the needs of homebuyers."

Harris Homes Development and Bayberry Construction have constructed homes in Polo Fields, Stonebridge, Sha Esates, Lohr Lake Village, Arboretum, Waterways, Mallard Cove and Scio Hills.

Currently, Bayberry Construction and Harris Homes are building homes in Sand Hill Estates in Grass Lake.

CHELSEA

Rotary club welcomes new member



Jan Sevde is the newest member of the Chelsea Rotary Club. She is an agent with The Charles Reinhart Co. and lives in the Chelsea area.

Chelsea Rotary Club continually recruits and welcomes new members to the local chapter, as well as Rotary International, and Chelsea's Jan Sevde, an agent with The Charles Reinhart Co., is the newest addition.

The process to induct Sevde included three consecutive visits, board action to accept her as a new member, a formal welcome by the club and an "initiation speech" during which Sevde formally introduced herself to the club.

Sevde is a relatively new resident of the Chelsea area. She told members that early camping trips with her family through the northwest and Alaska formed her interests in world travel.

In addition, she said an early interest in her father's veterinary practice may have led to her hobby of keeping beehives.

Chelsea Rotary Club meets 12:15 p.m. every Tuesday in the lower level of the Common Grill, 112 S. Main St.

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LOCH ALPINE SANITARY AUTHORITY OF WEBSTER AND SCIO TOWNSHIPS COUNTY OF WASHTENAW, MICHIGAN

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Notice is hereby given that the regular Quarterly Meeting of the Loch Alpine Sanitary Authority of the Townships of Webster and Scio is scheduled. The meeting will be held on:

December 6 at 7:30 PM
In the Webster Township Hall 5665 Webster Church Rd.
Dexter, MI 48130

November 15, 2004

Neil Gerl, Chairman
Loch Alpine Sanitary Authority

Publish: November 25, 2004
December 2, 2004

LYNDON TOWNSHIP ATTENTION RESIDENTS - NOTICE -

LYNDON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF APPEALS WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2004 AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE LYNDON TOWNSHIP HALL 17751 N. TERRITORIAL ROAD, CHELSEA, MI 48118

AGENDA:

To continue the review of the application of Ralph B. Clemens and Patricia-Sinn Clemens, 1376 Sugarloaf Lake Road, Chelsea, MI 48118 (Parcel # E-05- 32- 258 -028) for a variance from the Lyndon Township Ordinance, Section 7.04, D, requiring a 20 foot set back. They would like to build an addition with no set back from the property line. This was tabled at the November 16, 2004 meeting, and will be continued at the December 7, 2004 meeting.

Written comments may be sent to: Carol A. Morrow, Office Manager, 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.

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.

LYNDON TOWNSHIP
Linda Reilly, Clerk

Publish: November 25, 2004 & December 2, 2004

VILLAGE OF DEXTER ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Dexter Village Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing at **7:00 p.m., Monday, December 20, 2004** at the Senior Center, 7720 Ann Arbor Street, Dexter, Michigan, for the purpose of hearing public comment regarding the following variance applications:

1) The applicant, **Daniel and Jeanine Fletcher,** are requesting a variance for the vacant property described as HD-03-31-476-001 and HD-03-31-476-002. The variance is requested from Section 3.09, Streets, Roads and other means of access, Section A, which states the following: In all districts, every use, building, or structure established after the date of this Ordinance shall be on a lot or parcel which adjoins a public street, such street right-of-way to be at least sixty (60) feet in width unless a lesser width has been established and recorded prior to the effective date of this Ordinance. This provision does not include alleys. The applicant is requesting the variance to permit access to the properties off of a right-of-way that is not at least sixty (60) feet in width.
2) The applicant, **Christopher Schroeder,** is requesting a variance for the property located at 3225 Central Street, HD-08-06-127-005. The variance is requested from Section 3.09, Streets, Roads and other means of access, Section A, which states the following: In all districts, every use, building, or structure established after the date of this Ordinance shall be on a lot or parcel which adjoins a public street, such street right-of-way to be at least sixty (60) feet in width unless a lesser width has been established and recorded prior to the effective date of this Ordinance. This provision does not include alleys. The applicant is requesting the variance to permit access to the properties off of a right-of-way that is not at least sixty (60) feet in width.

Information regarding the application is available for public inspection at the Village Offices, 8123 Main Street, Dexter, weekdays between 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. or by phone at (734) 426-8303 Ext. 2. Written comments regarding this project should be submitted to the Village Zoning Office, and must be received no later than 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, December 14, 2004. Sign language interpreter, or other assistance, is provided upon request to the Clerk, at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting. Minutes of all meetings are available at Village Hall.

Publish: November 25, 2004

CITY OF CHELSEA

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2004
WASHINGTON STREET EDUCATION CENTER

Roll Call

Present: Mayor Feeney, City Manager Steklac, Clerk Burtch

Council Members Present: Hammer, Lindauer, Myles, Bollinger and Merkel

Absent: Council member Albertson

Others Present: Jim Drolett, Gary Adams, and Sandra Slate

Mayor Feeney called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval Of Consent Agenda

MOVED Hammer SECONDED Myles to approve minutes and bills. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Approval of Regular Agenda

Moved Hammer Seconded Lindauer to approve regular agenda. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

New Business

1. Budget Amendment Resolution

MOVED Hammer SECONDED Myles to approve Budget Amendment Resolution. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

2. Michigan Municipal League Liability and Property Pool Board of Directors Election.

MOVED Lindauer SECONDED Hammer to approve the six Michigan Municipal League Liability and Property Pool Board of Directors as presented. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

3. Correction of Minutes for September 14, 2004

MOVED Bollinger SECONDED Lindauer to approve corrections to the Minutes of September 14, 2004. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Adjournment

MOVED Hammer SECONDED Myles to adjourn at 8:25 p.m. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Approved: November 9, 2004 with corrections.

NOTE: This is only a synopsis of the Regular Council Meeting. The minutes in their entirety may be viewed at the Clerk's Office at 305 S. Main St., Chelsea, MI or online at www.city-chelsea.org

Respectfully submitted,
Teresa Burtch, City Clerk

Publish: November 25, 2004

WEBSTER TOWNSHIP

REGULAR BOARD MEETING – NOVEMBER 16th, 2004

Webster Township Regular Board Meeting called to order at 7:30 by Sup. Fisher. Present: Fisher, Baldus, Calhoun, Fink, Kingsley, Zoning Inspector Bruce Pindzia three scouts from Troop 477 two leaders and twelve residents.

The meeting opened with the pledge to the flag.

Motion Kingsley support Fink to adopt 10/19/04 minutes as presented. Carried.

Motion Fink support Kingsley to approve Agenda as presented. Carried.

Treasurers Report Received:

Motion Calhoun support Baldus to accept Treasurers Report and pay bills as presented as well as anticipated bills received before the December Meeting. All ayes and carried.

Zoning Inspector Report Received:

Ten new permits were issued and twenty-two properties inspected and one new complaint investigated.

Webster Planning Commission Report Received:

Parks & Recreation Committee Report:

None received.

Sheriff Report, Fire Department Report & ZBA Report:

None received.

Old Business:

a) PDR Ordinance (tabled)

Motion Calhoun supports Kingsley to move PDR Ordinance off the table. Carried. Sup. Fisher propose Erica Perry pull together a small committee, with John Westman & maybe two others to study the plan, mark it up with recommendations to Planning Comm.

b) Enco Keller Violation (tabled)

Revised Plan has been received and is being reviewed.

c) Historical Society Restrooms (tabled) Remain on table.

d) Interim Retirement Benefits Policy.

Motion Fink support Kingsley to adopt the Resolution to Establish Webster Township Interim Retirement Health Care Plan. Carried.

Audience Participation:

Question pertaining to Elderberry Lane: Private Road Application needs to be filed with WCRC and permit received before being presented to the Board.

Report received from Portage Base Lake Sewer Board Rep.

(Question pertaining to who owns the voting booths and how they are divided among the Precincts.

New Business:

a) Purchase new Computer for Treasurer.

Motion Calhoun support Baldus approval to purchase computer at $1412.00. Roll call, all ayes and carried. Motion Kingsley supports Calhoun to recind motion. Carried. Motion Fisher supports Calhoun to purchase new computer not to exceed $1500.00. Roll call, all ayes and carried.

b) Resolution to require Granite Hills to connect all Future Structures to Loch Alpine Sewer Authority Sanitary Sewer and Portable Water Septum's. Lengthy discussion.

c) Resolution to Support Improvement to Mill Creek Water Shed:

Motion Fink support Kingsley to table, all ayes. Carried.

Request Representative to be present to explain Plan Implementation.

Correspondence:

Audience:

Motion Baldus support Calhoun meeting adjourned at 9:10. All ayes. Carried.

Respectfully Submitted
Wana M. Baldus Clerk

Publish: November 25, 2004

CHELSEA SCHOOL DISTRICT PUBLIC NOTICE

The Chelsea School District will conduct two public hearings on
November 22nd, 2004
&
December 6th, 2004
from 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
at the Chelsea School District Administration Office
500 Washington Street
Chelsea, MI

This meeting is to present the following to the community: **Review adjustments to Reproductive Health Curriculum of Chelsea Public Schools.** Adjustments include modifications to benchmarks at grades 5 and 8, as well as an addition to the benchmarks for the High School Health Course – Reproductive Health Unit. Changes to the resource for the Spring Grade 5 lesson may also be presented.

Publish: November 11, November 18,
November 25 & December 2, 2004

CHELSEA DISTRICT LIBRARY

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING – TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2004 – 6:30 P.M.
Meeting location:
Chelsea District Library Meeting Room

Trustees In Attendance: Jan Dohner, President; Kate McAuliffe, Vice President; Greg DeGraff, Secretary; Karen Dixon, Treasurer; Mary Budzinski, Trustee; Gary Zenz, Trustee and Metta Lansdale, Director

Trustees Absent: Colleen Verge; absence excused.

A quorum was present.

Welcome and Call to Order

J. Dohner called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

Agenda Review and Additions

None

Compulsory Segments:

Minutes

MOTION made by K. Dixon to accept the September 21, 2004 meeting minutes. SECONDED by K. McAuliffe. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Approval of Checks

Trustees requested that check Number 7685 be moved out of the General Fund and into the 2004 Construction Project Account. MOTION made by G. Zenz, SECONDED by K. Dixon to approve the list of checks with the noted change. MOTION PASSED UNAMIMOUSLY.

Director's Report and Communications

The Director informed the Board that Gigi Batsakis of Gigi's Flowers and Gifts has graciously begun donating weekly flower arrangements to the library, which will surely assist in lightening the dark gloomy winter days which lay ahead. She noted that the library's Public Relations and Development Coordinator, Shawn Personke and Volunteer Coordinator, Marie Brooks will be hosting a Home Town Holiday event on November 20th, 2004 at 3:00 PM at McKune Memorial Library. Volunteers will seasonally decorate the McKune Memorial Library as well as the corner pine tree.

S. Personke and M. Brooks informed the Board of the library's current Homebound Outreach expressing their progress on further development in this area.

Public Comment

None

Staff Presentation – Community Read Program 2005

Youth and Teen Services Librarian Karen Persello and Shawn Personke presented their efforts on the Community Read Program 2005, indicating that this year the library plans various events around the theme, once it has been selected. They will allow the community to vote through flyers and ballot boxes placed throughout the City. Voting choices will include: Middle Eastern Experience, Latino Experience, and African/American Experience. They requested the Board Members to be the first to cast their votes.

Construction Project Discussions and Reports:

Building Committee Report

The Director informed the Board that Lynn Fox with other Building Committee members were attending the City Planning Commission meeting where the library Preliminary Site Plan Review was on the agenda.

Cost Estimate @ Schematic Design Phase

Neal Morton of O'Neal Construction handed out a detailed *Updated Schematic Cost Estimate* showing both 'old' and 'new' figures stating that they have been able to verify all costs while still carrying a construction contingency. He noted that architect for the project, Jim Mumby, has been keeping them aware of budget and cost increases and they are very pleased that costs have only increased by 6.8% since they last verified the plans. He pointed out that they can work with trade-offs on interior and exterior finishes during the construction development phase allowing the library to stay within budget.

Construction Manager Report

Neal Morton was pleased to announce that the Staffan house will have power and heat this week and that the concrete driveway is scheduled to be poured before the week is over. He fielded questions from the Trustees on the bidding process as well as estimated structural costs. He stated that when Jim Mumby has completed the Site Plan process they can then begin to bid out the engineering for the project and when bids are accepted by various companies, costs become locked in. Bidding is expected to begin in late January or early February, and may be done in two or more phases. Start of construction is anticipated in March. He noted that at the Board's December meeting they will need to review Design Development.

Action Items:

Director Goals-2004

MOTION made by G. Zenz, SECONDED by K. Dixon, to accept the Director Goals-2004. MOTION PASSED UNAMIMOUSLY.

Discussion Items

Finance Policy Revision

G. DeGraff indicated that the Policy Committee had reviewed the present Policy #550 Financial Policies and felt it needed a background statement. Trustees will take action on the Finance Policy revisions at their November Board meeting.

Bylaws Revision

The Director remarked that a Conflict of Interest statement, (Section 4) had been proposed to Article II, in order to bring the library into conformity with the Library of Michigan's Quality Services Audit Checklist.

Trustees discussed the addition and possible repercussions of adding specific language (under Article IV, Section 3.) limiting a Library Board Officer to serve no more than two (2) consecutive full terms in the same office.

Reports

Nominating Committee

K. McAuliffe asked Board Members to notify, either, the Director, M. Lansdale, or herself if they were interested in being nominated. She indicated the Board needs to make a decision on the nomination process by December of 2004.

Policy Committee

G. Degraff reported the Policy Committee's progress during the Discussion Items segment.

Chamber of Commerce

Director, M. Lansdale informed the Board that the Chamber of Commerce would vote to add her to its Board of Directors on Thursday, October 21st, 2004 meeting.

Downtown Development Authority

Director, M. Lansdale stated that she was hopeful the DDA would sign the DDA/Library Agreement at their Thursday, October 21st, meeting so deeds could be transferred and the library could take the next step in obtaining one (1) single parcel number, from the County, for the complete proposed library property.

Friends of the Library

G. DeGraff welcomed all members and staff to attend the Bake-Off contest set for October 23, 2004, which would be covered by the media.

School Board

G. DeGraff stated he was very pleased with the interaction between the schools and the library. It was the sense of the Board that contact with the School District was most effective where the staffs of each organization worked together.

Parking Lot:

Trustees noted that the library's operating system, SIRSI, had been 'down' several days during this past week. The Director noted there had been a fire at one of the key stations where transmission is handled.

Adjourn:

Being no further business, MOTION by G. Zenz, SECONDED by Mary Budzinski to adjourn meeting at 9:04PM MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Gregory P. DeGraff, Secretary

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DEATHS



OLIVE ANASTASIA HALK
Chelsea
Formerly of Jonesboro, Ark.

Olive Anastasia Halk, 83, of Chelsea, formerly of Jonesboro, Ark., died Nov. 19, 2004, at the Chelsea Retirement Community with her children at her side.

She was born Feb. 12, 1921, in Elkhart, Ind., the daughter of Otto and Mildred (O'Connor) Whitehead. On March 13, 1943, she married Ralph Julian Halk in Miami, Fla. He preceded her in death June 11, 2003.

Mrs. Halk was a member of the Blessed Sacrament Church in Jonesboro, Ark., and a volunteer with St. Bernard's Hospital Auxiliary and the Red Cross.

She was a wonderful mother and will be greatly missed.

Survivors include two sons, Robert Thomas (Virginia) Halk of Kansas City, Mo., and Edward Louis (Barbara) Halk of Sunnyvale, Calif.; two daughters, Kathryn Ann (Gerard) Welch of Dexter and Patricia Ellen (Ronald) Vuz of Carrollton, Texas; five grandchildren, Nathan Halk, Erica Halk, Joanna Halk, Emily Aker and Austin Vuz.

Funeral services were held Sunday at the Chelsea Retirement Community's Towsley Village Chapel. The Rev. Beth Foster officiated. Burial was at Cogbill Cemetery in Wynne, Ark. Memorial contributions may be made to Chelsea Retirement Community-Towsley Village or the Alzheimer's Association.

Arrangements were by Cole Funeral Chapel in Chelsea.

WARD L. ERNST
Chelsea
Formerly of Milan

Ward L. Ernst, 92, of Chelsea died Nov. 16, 2004, at Grayling Nursing Home. He was born March 22, 1912, in Waltz to Lewis and Henrietta (Dahlman) Ernst.

On Nov. 4, 1932, he married Pauline Rundell in Ann Arbor, and she preceded him in death May 15, 1995.

Mr. Ernst retired from R&B Tool Co. in 1975 and then moved from Milan to Chelsea. He was a member of the North Lake United Methodist Church in Chelsea and a lifelong member of the Pittsfield Grange.

Mr. Ernst is survived by three sons, Lewis (Mary) and Dale (Anita), both of Houghton Lake, and Neil (Calvin Hall) of Wamplers Lake; eight grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Lenora Spitler of Muskegon and Alma (Robert) Martin of Monogue.

In addition to his wife and parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers, Floyd and Ambrose; and a sister, Evelyn Jewell.

Visitation was held Friday at Ochalek-Stark Funeral Home in Milan. A memorial service was held Saturday at the North Lake United Methodist Church in Chelsea. The Rev. Alice Sheffield officiated. Private burial was at Marble Park Cemetery in Milan.

Memorial contributions may be made to the North Lake United Methodist Church.

VIVA J. TEED
Chelsea

Viva J. Teed, 85, of Chelsea formerly of Apache Junction, Ariz., died Nov. 19, 2004, at the Chelsea Retirement Commu[nity].

born March 11, 1919, in Bridgeport, Wash.

Mrs. Teed was the daughter of Oral and Alvina (Garchow) Arrand. She was formerly employed at the Veterans Hospital in Ann Arbor as a registered nurse, and retired from Iosco Medical Facility in Tawas.

She married Glen Teed Jan. 23, 1947, and he preceded her in death. Mrs. Teed was also preceded in death by her parents and her two children, Carol Lynn and Marvin Teed.

Surviving are her two grandsons, Kevin (Wendy) Cammet of Caladonia and Jeffrey (Jessica McVay) Cammet of Saline.

Also surviving are close friends, Bill and Carol Cammet of Chelsea, whom she thought of as her children.

No public services will be held.

Arrangements were by the Staffan-Mitchell Funeral Home in Chelsea.

FREDRICK A. MEYN
Chelsea

Fredrick A. Meyn, 76, of Chelsea died Nov. 16, 2004, at the Chelsea Retirement Community. He was born Aug. 20, 1928, in Detroit the son of John and Ida (Helden) Meyn.

[in the area for] the past 14 years, coming from Southfield. He had taught in Allen Park and River Rouge for several years. In the summer months, he worked for the U.S. Customs Service.

Mr. Meyn was a member of Zion Lutheran Church in Chelsea and the GBU Saxsonia Choir. He was a former member of the Chelsea Lions Club and actor for the Chelsea Area Players. He also was a veteran, serving in the U.S. Army through Oct. 17, 1959.

On Feb. 17, 1951, he married Shirley Barnes, and she survives. Also surviving are their three children, Deborah (Robert) Baughman of Granger, Ind., Kevin (Cindy) Meyn of Brighton and Karen (Kent) Urbanowicz of Livonia, as well as six grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one sister, Edith Anderson.

The family received friends last Thursday at the Staffan-Mitchell Funeral Home in Chelsea.

A funeral was held Friday at Zion Lutheran Church. The Rev. Doris C. Sparks officiated. Burial was at Zion Lutheran Church Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Zion Lutheran Church, Arbor Hospice or Chelsea Retirement Community.

PAUL "DOUG" CROUCH
Jackson

Paul Douglas "Doug" Crouch, 45, of Jackson died unexpectedly Nov. 15, 2004.

He is survived by his loving wife, Robin, of four years; mother, Edith M. Crouch of Grass Lake; three sisters, Barb (Larry) Mix of Hastings, Sharon (Kevin) Parks of Grass Lake and Rita Crouch of Grass Lake; two brothers, Donald (Dee) Crouch of Jackson and Roger (Rose) Crouch of Grass Lake; and several nieces, nephews, uncles and aunts.

He was preceded in death by his father, Stanley, and a sister, Brenda Crouch.

Mr. Crouch had a passion for the outdoors, especially hunting and fishing. He was employed by Specialty Engine Components L.L.C., formally W.A. Thomas, for the past 15 years.

A funeral was held Friday at Sherwood Funeral Home in Grass Lake. The Rev. Beatrice Robinson officiated. Interment was at Maple Grove Cemetery.

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Voice problems need prompt attention

You probably don't think about your voice much, do you? It's there when you need it, to talk, sing, whisper and cheer for your favorite team.

But will it always be?

If you've been sounding hoarse for a while, or you have to strain to talk, or your throat often is sore or needs clearing, you may have a problem.

And it's better to raise your concern with your doctor now than wait for it to get worse, says a University of Michigan Health System expert who specializes in voice disorders.

That's especially true if you rely on your voice for your work, whether it's teaching, preaching, singing or just leading meetings.

"Early attention to changes in your voice can accelerate the diagnosis and treatment of everything from vocal cord nodules to throat cancer," Dr. Norman Hogikyan, director of the U of M Vocal Health Center, said in a press release. "And early detection often can mean better chances for recovery, and less time without a healthy voice."

Hogitkyan and his team at U of M think about voice problems every day when they examine and treat people who have voice disorders.

Many times, they see people who have suffered for months or years with disruptions to their voices, and went without an adequate exam to find the root cause. And when laryngeal, or throat cancer is to blame, delays can be deadly.

That's why Hogikyan wants to spread the word about the importance of recognizing voice problems and getting prompt attention. He emphasizes that effective treatments are available, and range from voice rest and voice therapy to microsurgery and injections of botulinum toxin, or Botox, into the vocal folds.

Hogikyan developed a measuring tool for voice-related quality of life. It's a questionnaire that assesses how much of a problem a person's voice disorder is causing for them. He uses it in his research and clinic, and it's available online as a "voice quiz" through the World Voice Day home page, www.entnet.org/news/voice-day.cfm.

"The bottom line is, if you've had a change in your voice that lasts a while, especially if you smoke or use your voice professionally, see a doctor immediately," he said. "Listen carefully to your voice if it's complaining to you — it may save your voice or even your life."

Hogikyan, an associate professor in the Department of Otolaryngology at the U of M Medical School and in the Division of Vocal Arts at the U of M School of Music, explains that a few questions can help.

Ask yourself:

•Has your voice become hoarse or raspy, or low and gravelly, or airy and breathy?

•Does your throat often feel raw, achy or strained?

•Has it become an effort to talk?

•Is your voice unreliable, or "hard to find"?

•Does your voice get tired easily?

•Do you repeatedly clear your throat?

•Do people regularly ask you if you have a cold when you do not?

•Have you lost your ability to hit some high notes when singing?

•Do you have difficulty swallowing, or persistent sore throat or pain with swallowing?

•Do you have difficulty breathing, pain in your ear or a lump in your neck?

The cause of these symptoms could be one of many possibilities — some benign, some dangerous.

For example, it could be a side effect of acid reflux, which can harm your vocal cords with acid from your stomach. Or it could be a polyp or nodule on your vocal cords, caused by overusing your voice or using it when you have an infection that causes temporary laryngitis.

Or, the nerves that connect to your larynx (voice box) could have been damaged during an operation, a fall, an accident or an infection.

If you're a smoker or a heavy drinker, it could be laryngeal cancer. That's a serious diagnosis, and treatment options include radiation, surgery and/or chemotherapy, but survival rates are excellent if it's caught early.

Less commonly, you could have a condition called spasmodic dysphonia, which results from spasms in the muscles that open or close the vocal cords when you speak. This condition can be treated with repeated Botox injections that prevent the spasms and improve voice quality.

"In order to determine the cause, your doctor may refer you to an ear, nose and throat specialist, or otolaryngologist who can perform thorough exams using tools such as a tiny camera that films video of your vocal cords and larynx in action," Hogikyan said.

For people whose voices are central to their work, a multidisciplinary evaluation can be very helpful. At the U of M Vocal Health Center, this type of assessment includes a physician examination, plus evaluations by a speech pathologist and voice training specialist.

The Vocal Health Center clinical staff includes experts from the U of M Health System and the U of M School of Music. Dr. Freda Herseth, chair of the Voice Department at the U of M School of Music, works with such patients at the U of M Vocal Health Center to help them adopt healthy speaking and singing habits.

Hogikyan and Herseth also have teamed up to produce an educational video, "The Living Voice," which actually shows their own vocal tracts during singing and speaking, and teaches students about how the voice works.

To learn more about the U of M Vocal Health Center or the Living Voice video visit www.med.umich.edu/oto/vocalhealthcenter or call 1-734-432-7666.



Chillin' with Cool Whip

Kindergartners Kieron Moller, Sean Wright and Ava Hermann get a visit from Cool Whip the chinchilla as part of the Science Alive program. The hands-on science program for young children recently came to Cornerstone and Bates schools. The kindergartners were able to look "eyeball to eyeball" and "nose to nose" at a chinchilla, a tortoise, a 2-month-old parrot, a baby python and an anteater. Bill Neil turned the children into "scientists" as they looked at fingers and toes, noses, ears, colors and body coverings. Teachers Cari Gittleson and Emily Bellock wrote a PTO grant to bring Science Alive to all the kindergarten classes at Cornerstone and Bates.

CHELSEA

Decorating contest to be held

Time has come to dust off those decorations, pull them from the garage or attic and plan a decorating theme.

The 17th annual Chelsea Hometown Holiday and Light Parade, formerly the Festival of Lights, will again sponsor a home decorating contest and is inviting local residents to participate.

Residents of the Chelsea area are encouraged to dazzle and wow the judges with their creativity. Judges will determine winners based on the best use of light, most artistic, most historic and best religious representation.

"The elaborate displays and decorations give us an opportunity to highlight Chelsea's neighborhoods during the festival," Pam Radcliffe, assistant director of the Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce and chair of the Hometown Holiday Committee, said in a press release.

"We have seen an increase in participation each year from area residents and are glad to keep up this tradition."

Homes will be judged Dec. 2. Those who reside outside the city of Chelsea limits and want to be included should contact the Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce at 475-1145 to register.

Winners will be announced at the Community Sing Dec. 4.

The Chelsea Hometown Holiday is possible through numerous community partnerships, including the Chamber of commerce, the city of Chelsea, McKinley Properties, the Chelsea Teddy Bear Factory and numerous others.

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EMMA LEE TURNER
Jackson

Emma Lee Turner, 91, of Jackson died Nov. 18, 2004, at Vista Grande Villa. She retired from Dexter Automatic Products. She was a member of the Harmony Rebekah Lodge of Dexter.

Mrs. Turner is survived by her loving husband, E. Conrad Turner; daughter, Shirley (Jerald) Heydlauff; and son, James (Terry) Turner.

Also surviving are grandchildren caregiver Sharon (Stephen) Starling of Jerome, Daniel (Kathy) Heydlauff of Colorado, Dale (Gloria) Heydlauff of Ohio, Sue (David) Stanley of Pinckney, David (Heather) Heydlauff of Dexter, James (Priscilla) Turner of Ohio, Robert (Kathy) Turner of Virginia and Jeffrey (Malia) Turner of Ohio; and 23 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her brothers, Christopher David and James Elmo Bugg.

Services were held Monday at Grace Church in Jackson. The Rev. Jerry Bailey officiated. Interment was at Hillcrest Memorial Park.

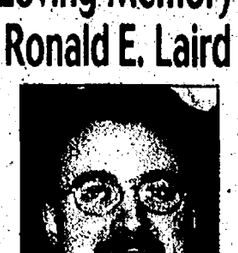
Arrangements were by the Charles J. Burden and Son Funeral Home in Jackson.

PHYLLIS A. BUSH
Chelsea

Phyllis A. Bush, 82, of Chelsea died unexpectedly Nov. 21, 2004, at Sparrow Hospital in Lansing. She was born July 29, 1922 in Mason.

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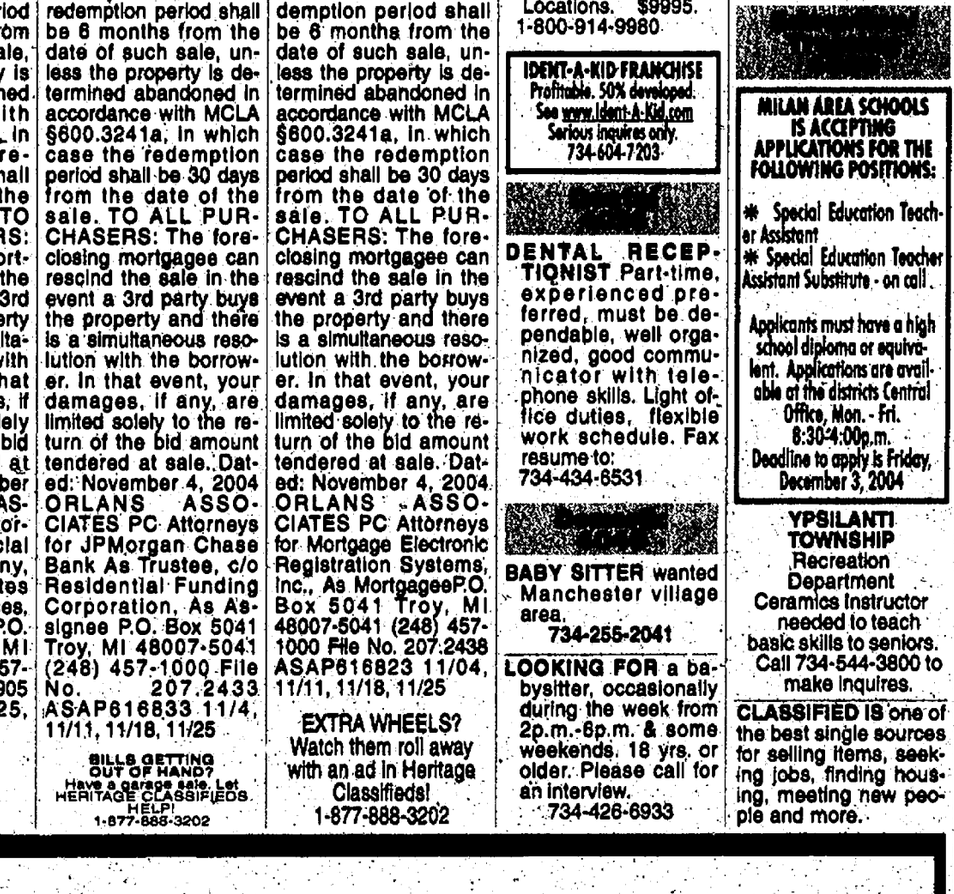
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7180 Education/Training
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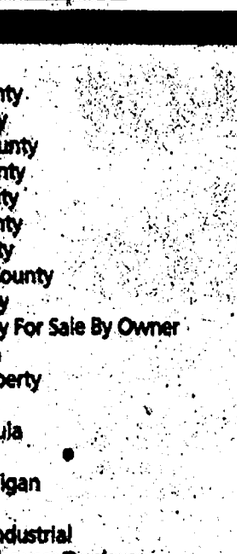
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Where the Deals Are

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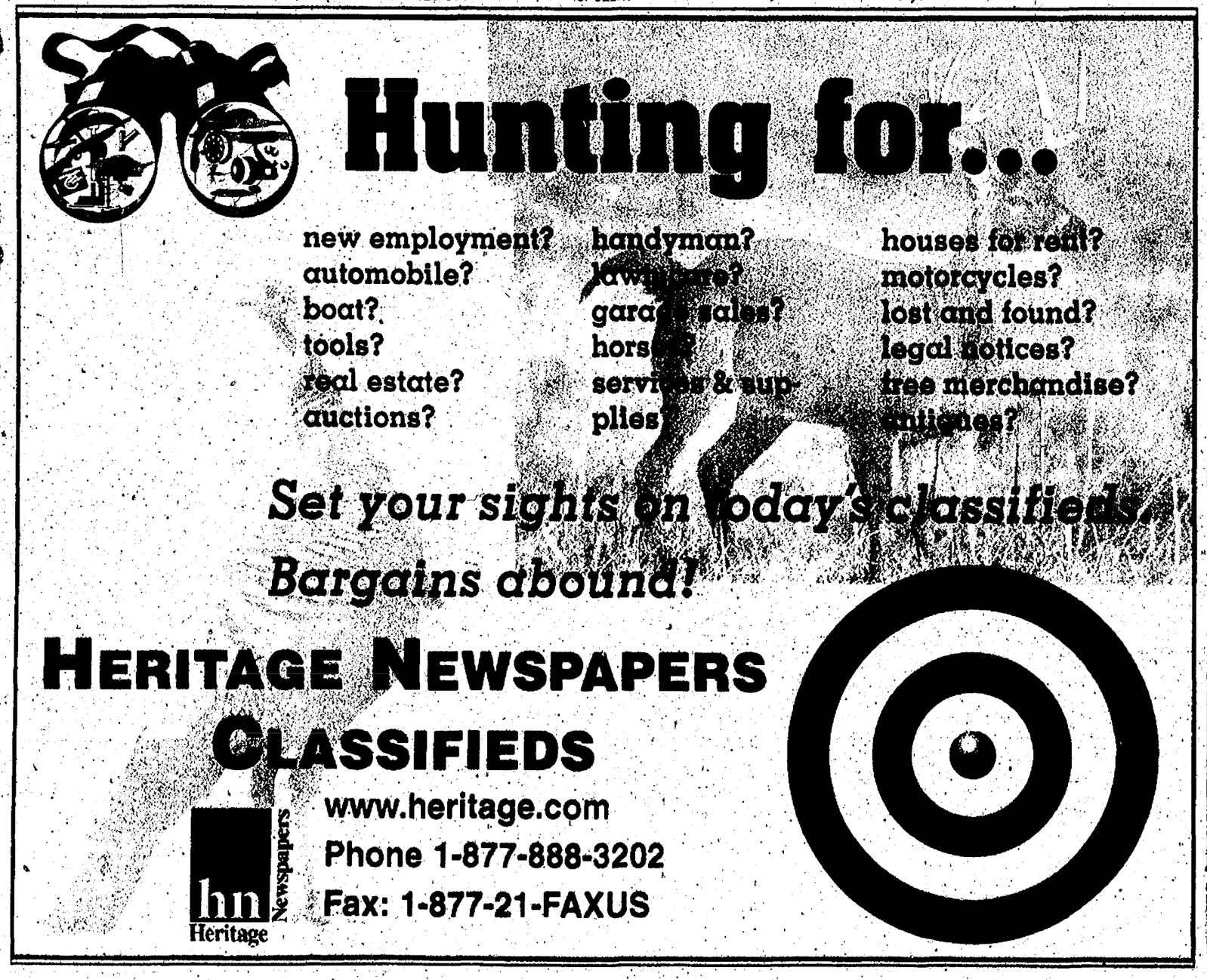
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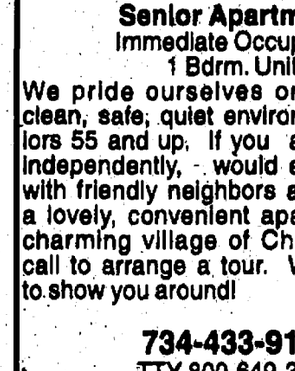
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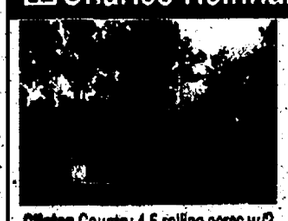
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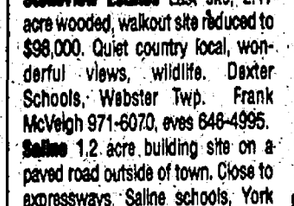


Chelsea Country 4.5 rolling acres w/2 stock ponds. Great 3 bedroom, 2 bath ranch; large rooms & a ton of windows with great views. 4+ car gar. $199,500. Barb DeLongchamp 971-6070, eves 428-9079. #2407803

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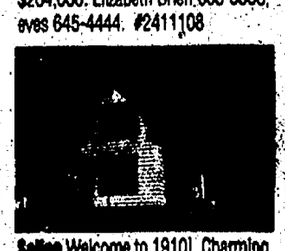
Chelsea Spacious downtown vintage home. Large country kitchen, 3-4 bedrooms, 2 baths, many updates. Great screened porch. Large fenced yard. $179,900. Edith Behringer 475-9600, eves 433-2196. #2409792



Dexter Charming, solid older home on a mature acre setting. Great floor plan includes 2 bedrooms, updated kitchen, formal dining, hardwood floors, screened porch. $199,900. Connie Velin 971-6070, eves 663-6364. #2408709



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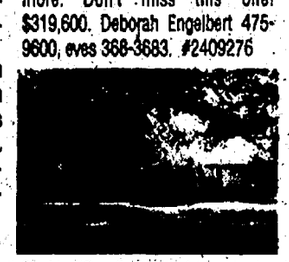
Stockbridge 2300sf, 4 bedroom, 2 bath ranch w/bright walkout. Beautiful hardwood floors, large rooms, huge kitchen, nice decking, covered front porch. Gorgeous 20 acres. $259,900. Kelly Parks 475-9600, eves 517-512-9706. #2406393

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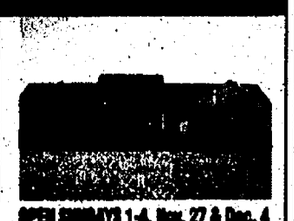
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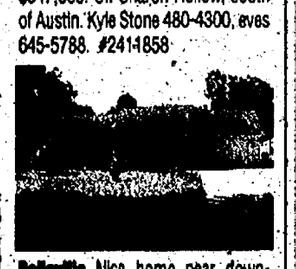
Chelsea Excellent 4 bedroom home in quiet & desirable Chelsea neighborhood. First floor study, formal living & dining rooms. Large addition in the 90's, many updates. $329,000. Norman Wetzel 475-9600, eves 433-9985. #2411861

Grass Lake Waterloo area, stunning 3 bedroom ranch w/unique features. 4 ft. halls & stairs, 2-sided fireplace, cherry floors, 3 covered porches & views! Chelsea Sch. Dac. $364,500. Bill Darwin 475-9600, eves 475-9771. #2407382

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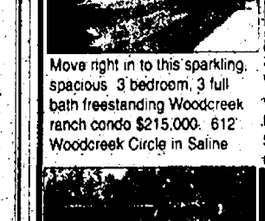
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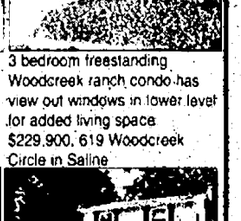
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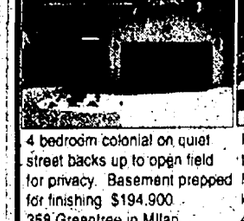
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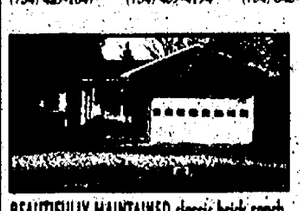
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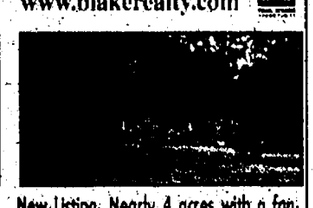
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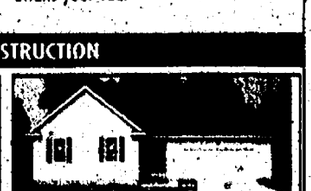
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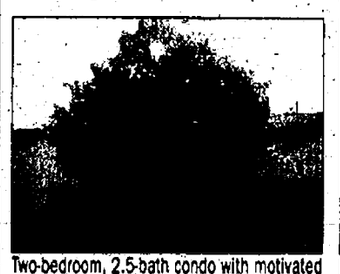
Cozy 2-bedroom country home just west of Chelsea, on 1 acre with a 2.5-car garage and a 32x48 pole barn. Easy freeway access. $192,900. **Steve Easudes, 649-4915.** 2411611.



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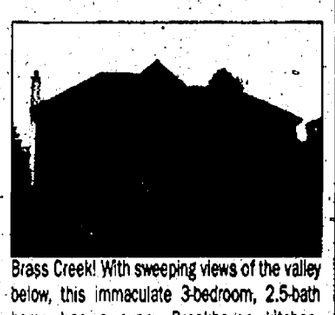
Two-bedroom, 2.5-bath condo with motivated sellers and priced to sell! Walking distance to downtown Chelsea. Full basement. Attached garage. $150,000. **Karl Newman, 732-0151.** 2410854.



Dexter Crossing! Custom-built ranch with cathedral ceilings and abundant windows. Three bedrooms, 3 baths. Finished lower level. $314,900. **Linda Forster, 320-5050.** 2407146.



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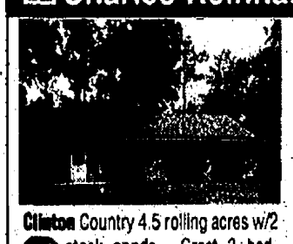
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Chelsea Beautiful views & mature trees. 3 sites in the heart of Chelsea. City sewer & water tap-in available. Walk to shopping/x-way. 2 sites $160,000 & one for $220,000. Fran Jones 971-6070, eves 994-6505. #2411116

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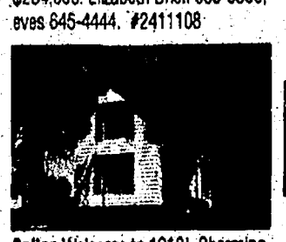
Chelsea Spacious downtown vintage home. Large country kitchen, 3-4 bedrooms, 2 baths, many updates. Great screened porch. Large fenced yard. $179,900. Edith Behringer 475-9600, eves 433-2196. #2409792



Dexter Charming, solid older home on a mature acre setting. Great floor plan includes 2 bedrooms, updated kitchen, formal dining, hardwood floors, screened porch. $199,900. Connie Velin 971-6070, eves 663-6364. #2408709

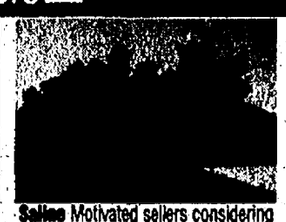


Dexter 13957 Aberdeen: Next summer's cottage, this fall's price! Fully renovated on double lot w/deeded access to all-sports North Lake. 5-piece dock in great location. $204,000. Elizabeth Brien 665-0300, eves 645-4444. #2411108



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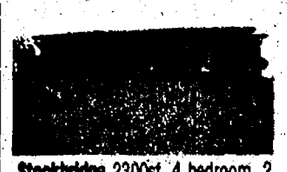
Saline Spacious ranch on cul-de-sac in one of city's most popular subs. Updated bath, electric, kitchen & windows. 2000+sf storage, walkout. Fireplace, pool, deck. $229,900. Roger Leutheuser 429-9449, eves 669-4540. #2407828



Saline Motivated sellers considering all offers! 3 large bedrooms, 2.1 bath colonial on cul-de-sac in great neighborhood. Partly finished LL. Private tree-lined yard. $241,900. Susan Gates 429-9449, eves 734-276-9335. #2408718

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Chelsea New England saltbox on nearly 2 acres. 3 bedroom, 2 bath home w/LL walkout, spacious kitchen, 3+car gar., decks & patio. Located in quiet country neighborhood. $259,500. Bill Darwin 475-9600, eves 475-9771. #2412293



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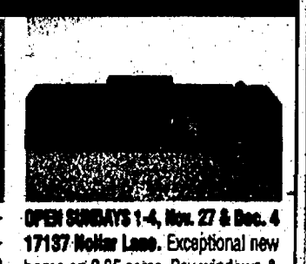
Manchester Wooded 2 acre paradisel 2600sf, lots of wood floors, 3 fireplaces, 3 baths, 4 bedrooms (2 master suites) & a lot more. Don't miss this one! $319,600. Deborah Engelbert 475-9600, eves 368-3683. #2409276



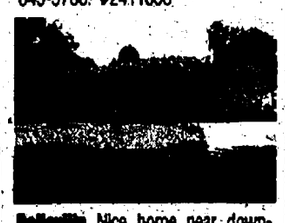
Chelsea Excellent 4 bedroom home in quiet & desirable Chelsea neighborhood. First floor study, formal living & dining rooms. Large addition in the 90's, many updates. $329,000. Norman Wetzel 475-9600, eves 433-9985. #2411861

Grass Lake Waterloo area, stunning 3 bedroom ranch w/unique features. 4 ft. halls & stairs, 2-sided fireplace, cherry floors, 3 covered porches & views! Chelsea Sch...3ac. $364,500. Bill Darwin 475-9600, eves 475-9771. #2407382

Dexter Crossing/Peters Bldg Co. Devonshire colonial 4 bedroom with many upgrades including gas fireplace,oak railing, brick elevation, central air. $293,387. Margaret Delaney 424-2773, eves 395-0689. #2410598



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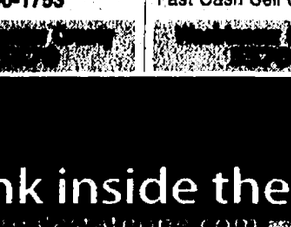
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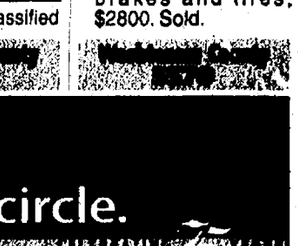
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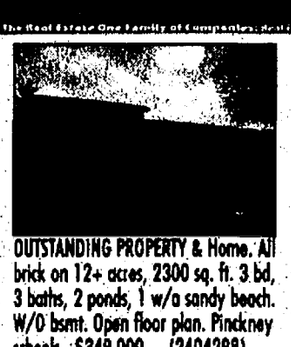
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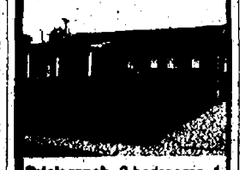
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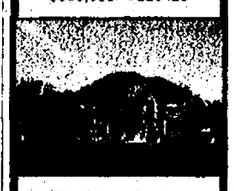
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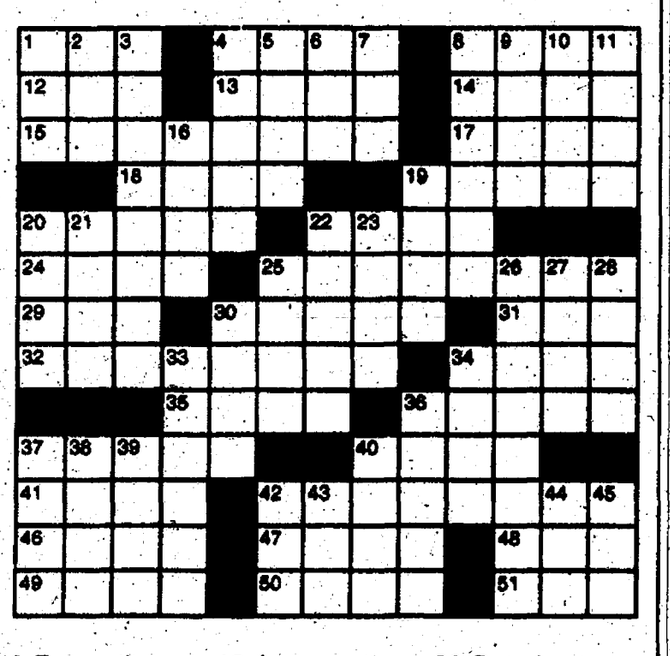
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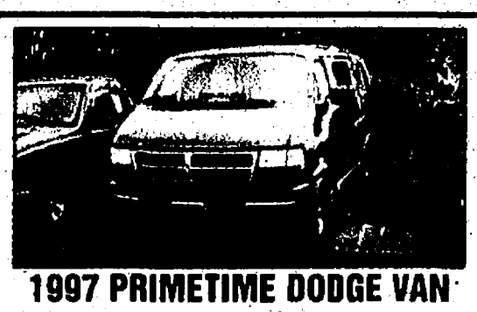
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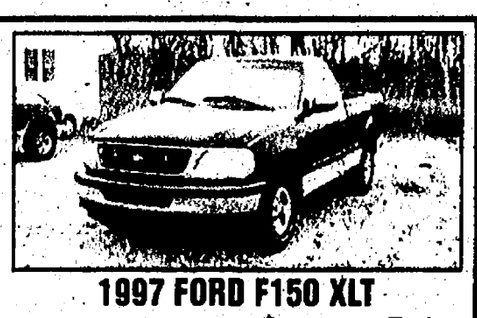
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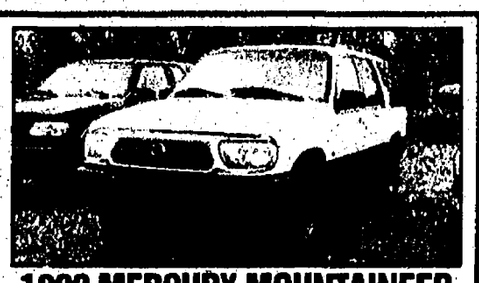
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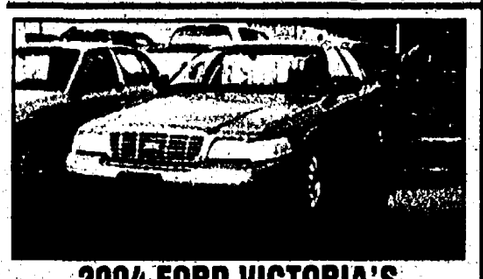
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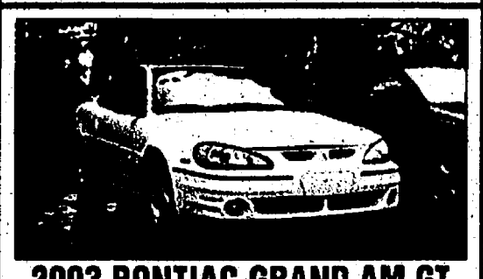
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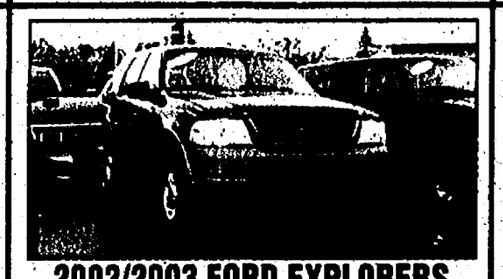
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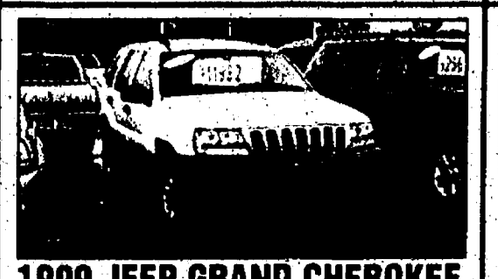
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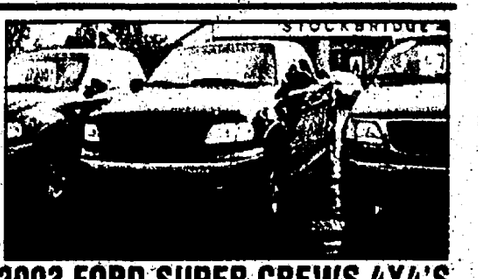
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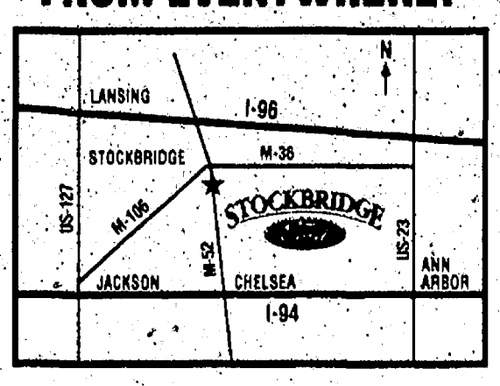
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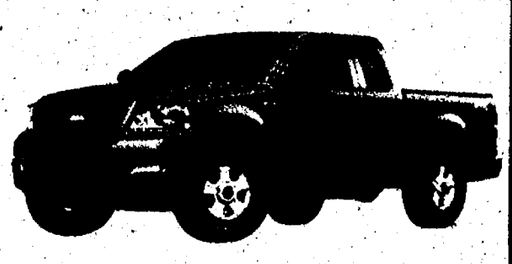
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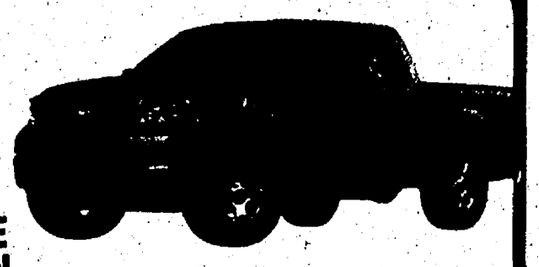
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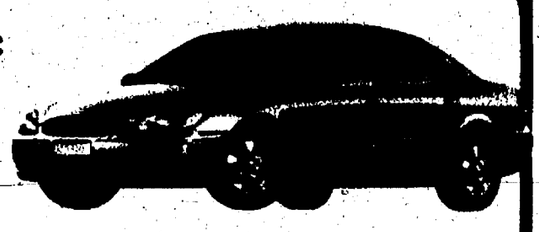


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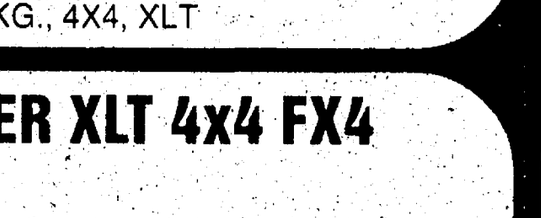


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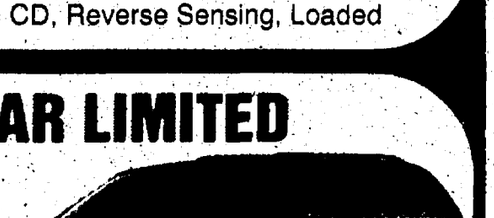


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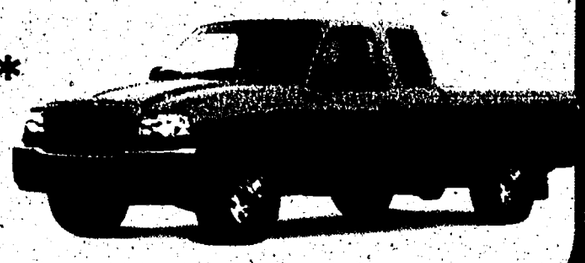


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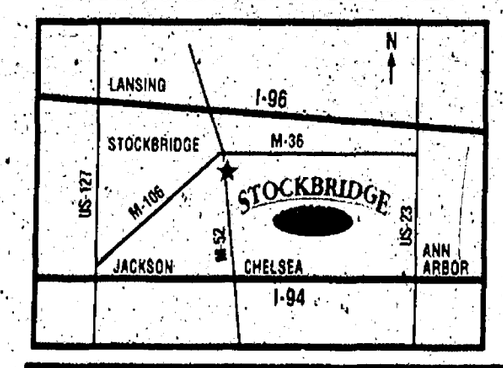
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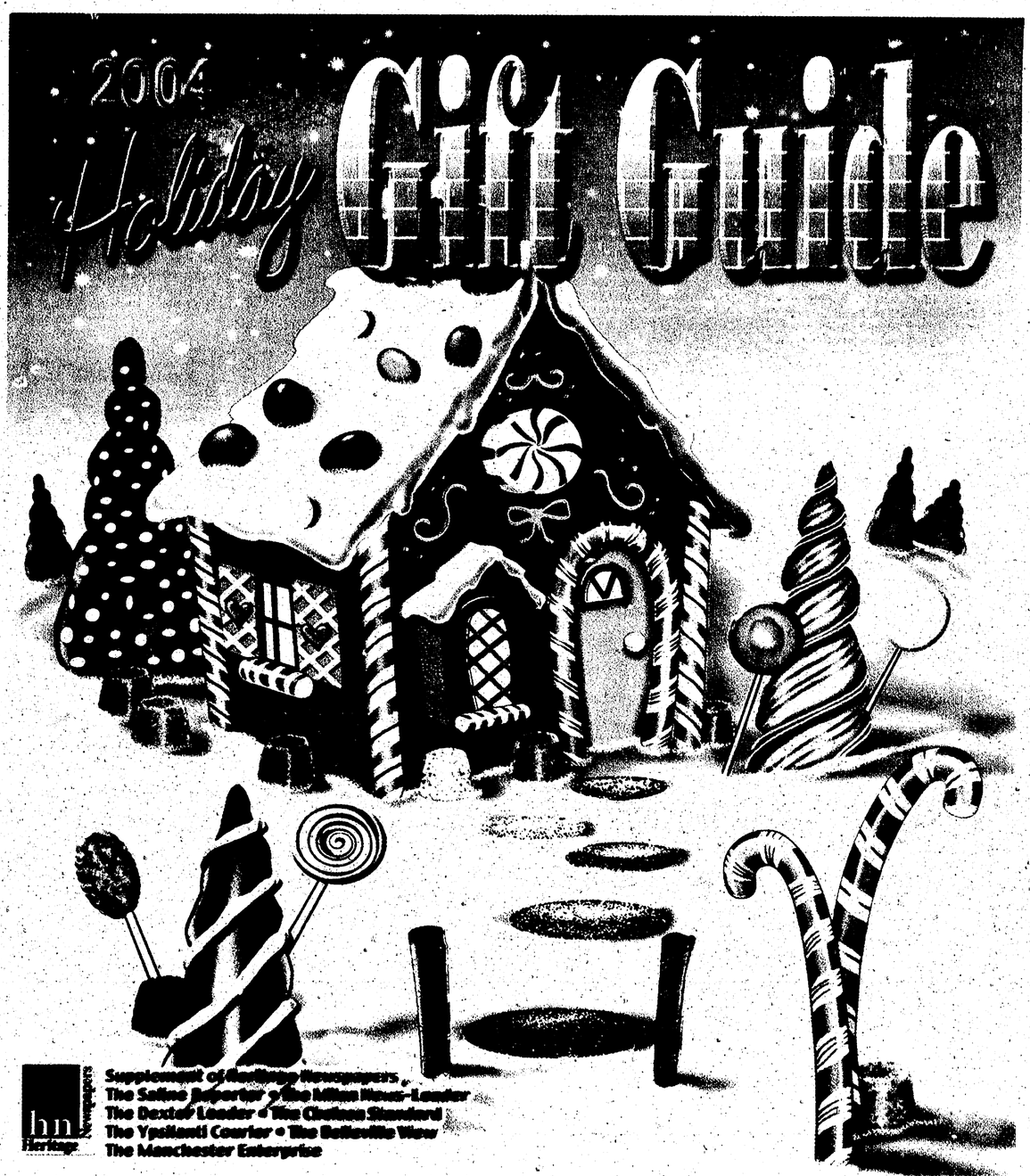
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DEXTER

Victorian Christmas promotes holiday cheer

Small-town atmosphere is part of event's charm

By Maria Sprow
Heritage Newspapers

Get out the mittens, the hats and scarves, and don't forget the holiday cheer.

Santa's coming!

Or, he will soon. He's coming Dec. 4 and 11 to help Dexter area residents celebrate the seventh annual Victorian Christmas, sponsored by the Dexter Area Chamber of Commerce.

The jolly old man and hundreds of others will celebrate the holiday season in downtown Dexter's Monument Park.

Along with Santa Claus, there will be sleigh rides – horses only, no reindeers – a petting zoo, pony rides, and plenty of hot chocolate, as well as local merchants waiting to greet shoppers and window-browsers.

The activities will conclude with the Fred Schmid Holiday Lights Parade at 5:30 p.m. Dec. 11. The parade is named after Dexter's former fire chief, who founded the event before he died.

Donlee Coss, owner of Hearts and Flowers on Main Street, said the Victorian Christmas celebration emphasizes Dexter's small-town charm.

"It has that community feeling, where people are coming and they are sharing in it," said Coss, who has seen the holiday grow since its inception.

"Some of the best times are when we've had a really nice snowfall, and people come in and are carrying a loaf of bread from the bakery ... you just really get that small-town feeling."

To her, the most important part of the event is promoting the holiday spirit.

"It's not all about selling," she said. "We don't want it to be commercial, we want to keep that feeling of what Christmas is about."

But Coss said the event does a lot to benefit Dexter's downtown merchants.

"It's a great opportunity for people who maybe just drive through Dexter to stop, look around and get to know us," she said. "It's always great to have people come in and look around. Even if they don't buy anything right then, they'll think about you in the future."

Event organizer Carol Jones said about 300 to 800 people show up every year for the event, depending on the weather.

"It's not as huge as Dexter Daze, but you have to realize it's cold," she said.

To entice passers-by into local shops during the chamber-sponsored event, Jones said there will be a free gift drawing that people can enter simply

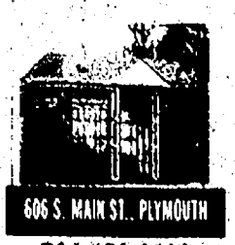
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YPSILANTI

New Year's Jubilee gets better each year

Annual event features more than 20 entertainment acts

By Judy Busack
Heritage Newspapers

Sometimes it seems impossible that an event can get better and better every year, but the New Year Jubilee of Southeast Michigan has done it.

For the 13th year, this family oriented night is filled with entertainment sure to please the entire family.

The New Year Jubilee is an alcohol-free, family friendly night of entertainment in Ypsilanti. From entertainment to food there is always something for everyone to enjoy.

The event begins at 6 p.m. and continues until an hour after the start of the New Year. The activities are held in historic buildings in and around downtown Ypsilanti and Depot Town.

Lynda Hummel, event coordinator, said although the Jubilee has lost two of its venues this year, there would still be many places to visit.

"We lost the (Depot Town) Freighthouse, which was one of our largest venues and we also lost St. Luke's Episcopal Church," said Hummel. "We do have some potential sites for the bigger groups and we are working with other venues to expand their involvement."

Many favorite entertainers are going to be back this year, said Hummel, including O.J. Anderson, Mr. B, Michael Lee, Gemini and more.

Last year two new venues were added. One was the newly remodeled Ypsilanti District Library and the Cross Street Village (the former Ypsilanti High School).

In addition to Gemini, some of the children's entertainment will include a storyteller, balloons, comedy magic and face painting.

Gemini, the Ann Arbor-based duo who also appeared at the 2004 Riverfolk Festival in Manchester, is sure to please the little ones in the family and the bigger "kids" also.

Family centered entertainment includes poetry reading, dancing, mime, and music from blue grass to boogie woogie; opera to rock and roll and classical to Celtic fiddle. And it probably doesn't seem possible, but there's more.

A new act last year, the Like Water Drum and Dance group, will return for an encore performance, according to Hummel.

"They play traditional African drums," Hummel said. "They travel to Africa at least once a year and study the dancing and drumming."

An Elvis tribute artist will perform during the evening.

If nothing mentioned so far has captured your fancy, how about a dulcimer performer at the First United Methodist Church to help ring in the New Year?

There will be more than 20 performers and activities to choose from. Any type of entertainment you could imagine or hope for will be in one location on one night.

Although not all the venues have been firmed up at press time, the festival committee is planning that everything will be in place for the evening of fun on Dec. 31.

The Ypsilanti Automotive Museum will be one venue, as will be the Ypsilanti Historical Museum.

Riverside Arts Theatre will host numerous entertainment activities during the celebration.

"We are excited about our lineup; we are going to have a great Jubilee," Hummel said.

And the Ypsilanti Jubilee makes it affordable to bring the whole family. Tickets for adults are $20, children six to 16 years old are $5 and children under five are free.

Tickets are available at area Busch's and Nicola's books in Westgate Shopping Center, Ann Arbor.

Tickets also will be available the night of the Ypsilanti Jubilee at all the venue sites.

Wear your walking shoes or take advantage of the free shuttles that will be provided between the sites throughout the evening.

A number of local restaurants also will be open on Jubilee night.

For more information about the Jubilee, call the Ypsilanti Convention and Visitors Bureau at 483-4444.

CHELSEA

'Nutcracker' ballet set Dec. 10-12

Youth Dance Theatre of Michigan is proud to announce its seventh annual production of the Nutcracker Ballet.

Wendi DuBois directs this Chelsea-based troupe of young dancers in a production of Tchaikovsky's beloved Christmas ballet based on the E. T. A. Hoffman story about a little girl whose magical nutcracker doll transports her to a wondrous fairyland on Christmas Eve.

Four magical performances will be held, with the premiere at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 10. Other shows will be held at 2 and 7:30 p.m. Dec. 11 and will conclude with a 2 p.m. matinee Dec. 12 at the Chelsea High School auditorium, 740 N. Freer Rd., Chelsea.

Tickets are $15 for adults and $8 for seniors, students and children. Reserved seat tickets are available at the Glass Slipper in Chelsea or by calling 734-475-3070 or at the door.

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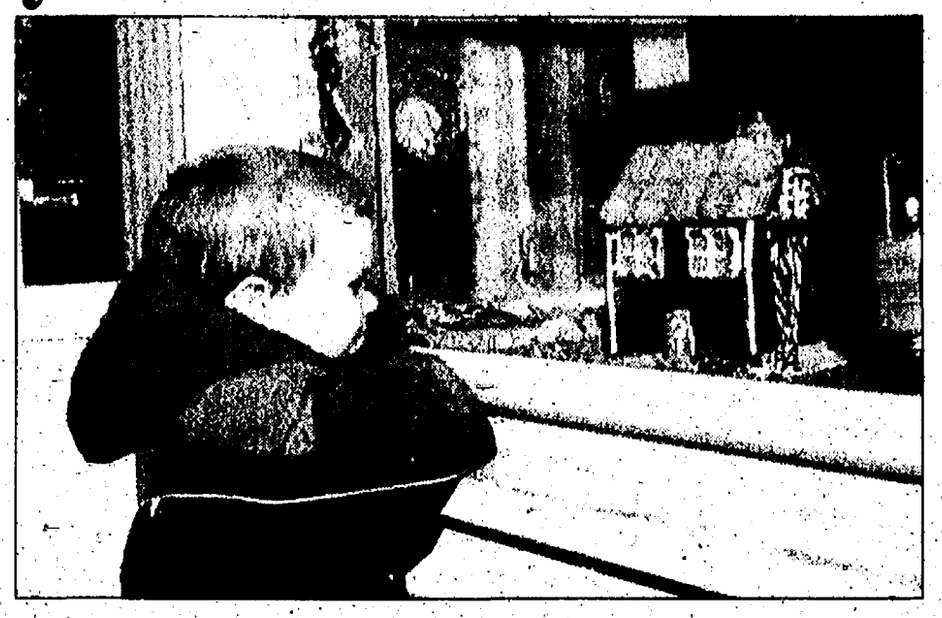
CHELSEA

Hometown Holiday event kicks off Christmas season

The Chelsea Hometown Holiday and Light Parade will be held Dec. 3 through 5.

The three-day event will include a tree-lighting ceremony, visits with Santa, merchants' events, gingerbread displays and docent-guided walks through historic downtown.

The American Legion Washtenaw County Voiture 957 train, which will be brought in by Hospice of Michigan, will arrive Dec. 3. The train will transport Santa down Main Street to his stop at the VFW Hall following the tree-lighting ceremony. It then will stop on Middle Street, where children may listen to stories and explore the train.



Alex Miller of Stockbridge admires gingerbread houses last year in downtown Chelsea during the Festival of Lights, now called Chelsea Hometown Holidays.

In addition, there will be a holiday light parade. The parade is set 6 p.m. Dec. 4 and staging will begin 1 p.m. in the parking lot of Chelsea State Bank, 1010 S. Main St.

The procession will travel down Main Street and end at the Clock Tower complex, where parade watchers will be entertained and the evening will cap off with a community sing-a-long. Refreshments will be provided.

"We are very excited to have these new additions to our event," said Pam Racliffe, assistant director of the Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce and event chairwoman. "They would not be possible without our generous sponsors, Hospice of Michigan, The Chelsea Teddy Bear Co. and McKinley Properties."

The parade is expected to feature a mixture of floats and walking units.

"We have several businesses, neighborhood associations, and community organizations already on board to participate," said Lori Whitesall, parade chairwoman.

Participants to date include the Chelsea Teddy Bear Co., Chelsea Lanes and Aberdeen Sports, Chelsea Big Boy, Curves, Chelsea Power and Light, and the Chelsea Area Girl Scouts.

Whitesall said there still are opportunities to participate in the parade. The only requirement is the unit be lighted.

In addition, there will be a home-decorating contest. Residents of the Chelsea area are encouraged to dazzle and wow the judges with their creativity. Judges will determine winners based on the best use of light, most artistic, most historic and best religious representation.

"The elaborate displays and decorations give us an opportunity to highlight Chelsea's neighborhoods during the festival," Radcliffe said.

"We have seen an increase in participation each year from area residents and are glad to keep up this tradition."

Homes will be judged Dec. 2. Those who reside outside the city of Chelsea limits and want to be included should contact the Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce at 475-1145 to register.

Winners will be announced at the Community Sing Dec. 4.

For a complete schedule of events, call the chamber or visit the Web site www.chelseafestivals.com.

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The year 2005 marks an important milestone in the history of the Belleville and Van Buren community. This special edition calendar has been designed as a keepsake for the centennial year.

The cost of the Centennial Calendar is $6 or $5 for historical society members. They can be purchased at the museum during regular business hours.

The museum is located at 405 Main St. in Belleville. For more information, or to have a calendar mailed to you, call (734) 697-1944.

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by visiting the shops and getting a ticket stamped. The light parade, Jones added, is her favorite part of the weekend festivities.

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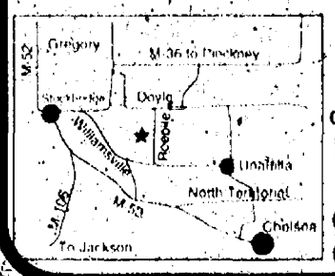
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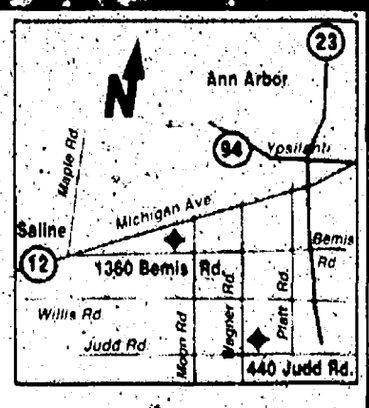
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SALINE

Thousands expected to attend Christmas parade



Saline families will welcome the Jolly Old Elf to their community on Dec. 4 during the annual Saline Holiday parade, "Toyland at the North Pole."

Parade will kick off week filled with holiday activities

By Kym Boelter-Muckler
Heritage Newspapers

The annual Saline Holiday Parade will be held starting at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4

This year's featured theme will be "Toyland at The North Pole" with floats, Santa's reindeer, music, clowns, candy and Santa Claus arriving on his sleigh.

"We expect a crowd of about 10,000 people for the parade," said Saline Chamber of Commerce executive director Larry Osterling.

Musical attractions include the Saline High School Marching Band and the Willow Run High School Marching Band.

"We expect a performance from the Twirlettes, and there are more than 10 floats participating," Osterling added.

This year marks the 29th year of the Saline Holiday Parade, and Osterling said that planning for the event begins in June.

"We have over 1,200 volunteers and participants in this city supported event," said Osterling.

The parade is coordinated by the Saline Chamber every year and the parade kicks off Holiday Week in Saline which will run from Dec. 4 -11.

"Holiday Week in Saline has the downtown merchants involved in special events every day," he said.

Holiday Week in Saline events include:
Dec. 5-Hospitality Day
Dec. 6-Giant Stocking Day
Dec. 7-Seniors Day
Dec. 8-Kids Day
Dec. 9-Gift With Purchase Day
Dec. 10 -Out of Towners Day.

Anyone lucky enough to visit Germany during the holiday season remembers the Christmas markets.

This year, folks will get a taste of the German holiday season at the second annual Saline Christkindlmarket. In Germany, city and village squares buzz with life as visitors move between Alpine stalls filled with handcrafted ornaments, toys and German goodies.

Saline's Christkindlmarket will be held from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Dec. 4 in the parking area west of Benny's Bakery.

German beer steins, ornaments, wooden toys, decorated gingerbread hearts and tasty treats will be available; including a warming favorite found at every German Khristkindlmarket — spiced wine. Proceeds from this event will benefit the Saline-Lindenberg Friendship Committee.

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A peaceful holiday tradition continues

Beauty of luminaria provides peaceful reminder of holiday

By Marsha Johnson Chartrand
Heritage Newspapers

On Christmas Eve, the village of Manchester turns into a picture-book image as the streets of the village are illuminated by the soft glow of candlelight.

It's a simple tradition: a small votive candle surrounded by a cup of sand and placed in a paper bag and placed to light the roadsides of the village.

Thanks to the efforts of hundreds of individual residents and a handful of volunteers from the Manchester Area Historical Society, this beautiful sight is replicated year after year.

Luminaria are said to have its origins in 16th-century Mexico. The tradition began as the Mexican Indians set bonfires on the patios of churches and on the flat roofs of adobe homes on Christmas Eve, to light the way for the holy family.

The American version with candles began in the southwest and has spread across the country.

Ann Arbor Hill was home to Manchester's first luminaria display in 1977 as Karen Hinkley brought the tradition to the village that year.

Hinkley recalls knocking on doors the first year to invite people to participate. She obtained all the supplies and dug her own sand at the Washtenaw County Road Commission yard.

She believed then that if she could show the effect of the luminaria's beauty on just one street in the village that the idea would spread in subsequent years.

And it has, indeed, spread. Each year, the luminaria have spread further throughout town and into the rural countryside. These symbols have lit the way for the Christmas spirit to enter the hearts and minds of those who pass through.

Carl Curtis, treasurer of the historical society, is in his sixth year of working with the program.

"It's fun to do," he says. "We meet a lot of folks and it's such a great tradition; we just want to keep it going."

When asked how he got involved at first, Carl Curtis glanced at his wife, Sharon, who quietly lifted up his arm in an imitation of how she "volunteered" him in the first place.

He says he intends to continue "until my back doesn't let me any more."

This is the 28th year for Manchester's luminaria, which create a beauty of their own on Christmas Eve. For those who chance to pass through the village on Dec. 24, the luminaria has helped to spread the message of peace at Christmas each year.



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Holiday's glow extends throughout the season

By Margie Bovee
Heritage Newspapers

The annual Milan Holiday Parade will be held at 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4

Chad Nyitray, chairperson of the parade, along with the Milan Area Chamber of Commerce which sponsors the event, are encouraging Milan businesses, organizations, churches and schools to participate in the parade.

Floats, bands, clowns, walkers, animals, costumed characters, classic cars, fire trucks and dancers and, of course, Santa along with his live reindeer are currently signed up to join the parade. And Nyitray is urging more people to participate.

He says, "Get creative! Take advantage of an evening parade and use lots of lights to make it even more festive."

After the parade, there will be many activities coordinated by Milan's Parks and Recreation Department. The evening will mark the lighting of the city tree accompanied by community caroling. Children will receive a gift from Santa and a free photo taken with him.

There will be games and a few blazing fire pits to provide warmth. Continuing with the warmth theme, the Girl Scouts will offer hot chocolate and cocoa and the youth group of Marble Memorial Methodist Church will be selling hot chili.

Donate a canned food item and in exchange, you will receive a raffle ticket for a prize donated by AID in Milan.

The BackStreet Cruizers will provide music during the event.

Lights Aglow and Mistletoe Contest

Decorate your home or business for the holidays and join the annual Lights Aglow and Mistletoe contest hosted by the City of Milan and the Beautification Commission.

Each year, residents and business owners are asked to join their neighbors in beautifying Milan for the holiday season by decorating their homes or storefronts.

To join this free and fun competition, all you need to do is decorate and call the Milan Parks and Recreation Department at 439-1549 by Dec. 15. You will be given a marker indicating your participation in this community event. Winners of the contest will receive prizes.

The community is invited to judge the decorated homes and businesses during the first holiday light tour, set to take place on the evening of Dec. 15. According to Parks and Recreation director, Jennifer Posey, plans are under way for a citywide bus tour of the lighted homes and business.

For more information or to register a home or business, call 439-1549.



Jay Semifero and Chris Singer of Dexter donned costumes and served hot cocoa last year to visitors during Dexter's annual Victorian Christmas celebration. This year's event is set Dec. 4 and 11 (See page 2).

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Popular craft show now in its ninth year

Saline Community Education announces its upcoming Craft Show from 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Dec. 4 at Saline Middle School, 7265 Saline-Ann Arbor Rd. Admission to the show is $2 per person.

The show, in its ninth year, is a juried event featuring more than 125 top-quality crafters displaying, selling and demonstrating their wares. Crafters from throughout Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Florida, Kansas, New York and Wisconsin will travel to this show to display their work. Items include decorative painting, stoneware, rugs, birdhouses, holiday décor ideas, ceramics, calligraphy, and clothing.

All products are designed, made and displayed by the individual crafters and available at affordable prices. Artists will be present and available to customize their works. Many of the items are "one-of-a-kind" selected through the jury process. Each crafter submits his/her wares for evaluation of outstanding workmanship. Quality, integrity, and creativity make them eligible for this five-star rated show.

The show is a fund-raiser for youth programming activities. Student groups from the Saline Area Schools present the raffle, bake sale and operate the concession stand. One of the highlights of the December show is the fresh Christmas greens that are available for purchase. These activities serve as a moneymaking project for the school organizations and promote citizenship and leadership.

Saline offers visitors a slice of small-town America that celebrates its Celtic roots with traditional pubs and cafes and delightful coffeehouses and out-of-the-ordinary dining with a pasty shop and Cajun-flared restaurant.

Visitors to the craft show will want to venture downtown to discover the numerous collectible and antique shops before leaving town. The Christkindlmarket, in downtown Saline, will also be open this day and have authentic German wares available for purchase.

For more information on the Saline Community Education Craft Show phone 734-429-5922 or visit on line at www.salineshows.com.

DEXTER

'A Victorian Wonderland' Dec. 4 and 11

The Village of Dexter will be transformed into a Victorian Wonderland as the community celebrates the start of the holiday season with its annual Victorian Christmas on Dec. 4 and Dec. 11.

Bring your family and enjoy Victorian ladies, strolling musicians, horse-drawn sleigh rides and carolers. Little ones can whisper in the ear of a Victorian Santa, stroll the Christmas Petting Zoo, sip hot chocolate and more.

The festival, which takes place in and around downtown Dexter and in Monument Park, runs from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. The holiday celebration will conclude with a Holiday Light Parade through downtown beginning at 5:30 p.m. on Dec. 11.

Are you looking for that special gift? You will enjoy shopping for treasures in Downtown Dexter. Shoppers will find everything from antiques and collectibles to fresh baked goods to home-style restaurants to specialty florists and more.

The Dexter area Chamber of Commerce sponsors this gala holiday celebration. For additional information, phone the Dexter Area Chamber of Commerce at 734-426-0887 or visit www.dexterchamber.org.











Holiday decorating with a floral flair

The holidays are a time for giving, family gatherings, fun-filled festivities, and savory, seasonal meals.

Creating a warm and welcoming ambience for all aspects of your holiday celebrations can be done with style and panache using artfully placed floral decor including bouquets of fresh flowers, festive wreaths and grand centerpieces. And it's easier to do than you might think.

Floral decorating — for any season — is a national trend. Flowers are aesthetically attractive, fragrant, colorful and add natural beauty. And the social activities and celebratory mood that signify the arrival of the holiday season present an excellent opportunity for showcasing your home with flowers.

Here are a few ideas from FTD that will give your home and table the freshest finishing touch for your holiday celebrations.

Decorate your Christmas tree with flowers

In addition to traditional ornaments, give your fresh or faux evergreen tree an original look by arranging miniature vases with sprigs of fresh flowers among the branches. If you are saving your money for holiday shopping, take a look at your own traditional ornaments and convert them into miniature floral vases.

For a simpler approach, visit your local FTD florist for floral waterpics that will keep your flowers fresh for days. Waterpic the flower stems and simply poke them among your tree's branches, using strong florals with a crisp, wintery look such as roses, carnations, and Fuji mums.

Design a table to complement your holiday meal

An attractive centerpiece has long been a holiday tradition. Visit your local florist for popular centerpiece styles to fit your seasonal décor.

If this year's holiday table is balancing a larger crowd and smaller floral pieces may better fit your table, try small flower-filled glass vases placed at intervals up and down the table. Or try single or dual color schemes in each small vase such as bundles of tightly knit carnations in fall colors, or roses or mums.

These festive displays will be easy to maneuver among serving pieces and promote lively conversation.

Other creative and elegant table ideas include creating a colorful pattern of petals or blooms down the center of the table, acting as a floral runner. Or bring the fresh smell of the holidays to the table with a bough of evergreen in a clear bowl among floating candles for an elegant ambiance.

Create a holiday tone in your home

When you take floral decorating beyond the tree and the table, there are three "must haves" that will combine to truly radiate a sense of holiday cheer.

Always welcome your guests with a fresh wreath on the door or a floral masterpiece in the foyer. Flanking the entranceway with flowers sets the tone and mood for the rest of your home. Of course you must not forget the importance of the mantle. Lovely garland or pine boughs interspersed with candles will do wonders to complement the shape and important function of the fireplace as a place where families gather.

The chandelier is often forgotten, but can also be highlighted with vines, berries or pine boughs to carry the theme.

If you need help planning your seasonal décor, take photos of key areas of your home to your local florist or bring in your napkins for color complementing.

This year's trendy holiday colors combine the traditional red with bright lively greens. Instead of a kelly green, floral designers are seeing bright lime greens combined with rust and a crystal white. Some exciting flowers you can use to bring the brighter greens of this holiday season into your home are Bells of Ireland, Button Green Pompons and new green roses (Envy is one variety).

There are countless floral decorating ideas and trends to explore with a local florist that will suit your mood, whim or the season at hand.

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The farm will welcome visitors from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and from noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is $2 for adults and $1 for ages 5 to 17.

Natural decorations of dried herbs, spices, flowers, nuts, cedar and pine will set the scene in the downstairs rooms of the house, where costumed guides will detail the activities that would have been taking place in each room at Christmas time.

Music will be played during the day on Dulcimers and the parlor melodeon. Singers also will entertain as days past on a Michigan wilderness farm will be brought to life once again.

In the warm farm kitchen, typical foods of the season will be prepared on the wood stove, which will lend their own special scent to the house, reviving memories of those folks who once occupied the historic farmstead.

Visitors will be asked to pause in the dining room for a living history reenactment of some family members, portrayed by Dennis Petsch and Archie King. They also will be invited to visit the upstairs of the house, which also will be open for the weekend.

The log house will be decorated as it would have been in the 1850s before the family moved into the bigger farmhouse. In addition, the gift shop will offer books, toys, soaps and candles.

Baked goods, jams, jellies and other tempting treats will be available, as well as wreaths, swags and table centerpieces made of fresh greenery, in the icehouse. Be sure to visit the blacksmith working at the forge.

Waterloo Farm Museum can be reached from I-94 by going north on Clear Lake Road into Waterloo Village, then three miles north on Waterloo-Munith Road. For more information, call 313-278-3701 or 517-596-2254.

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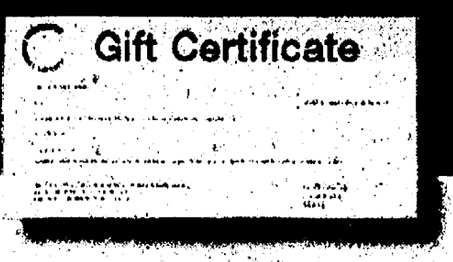
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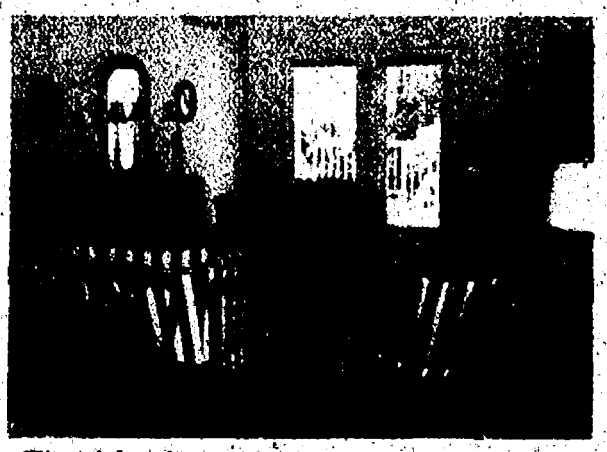
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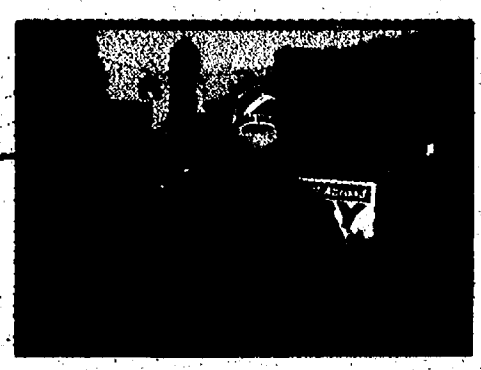
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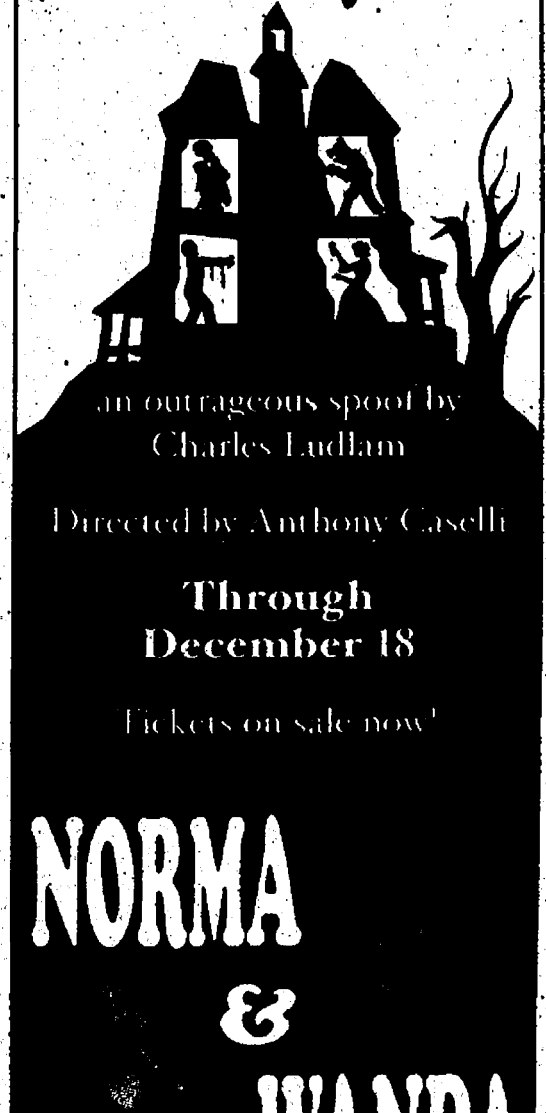
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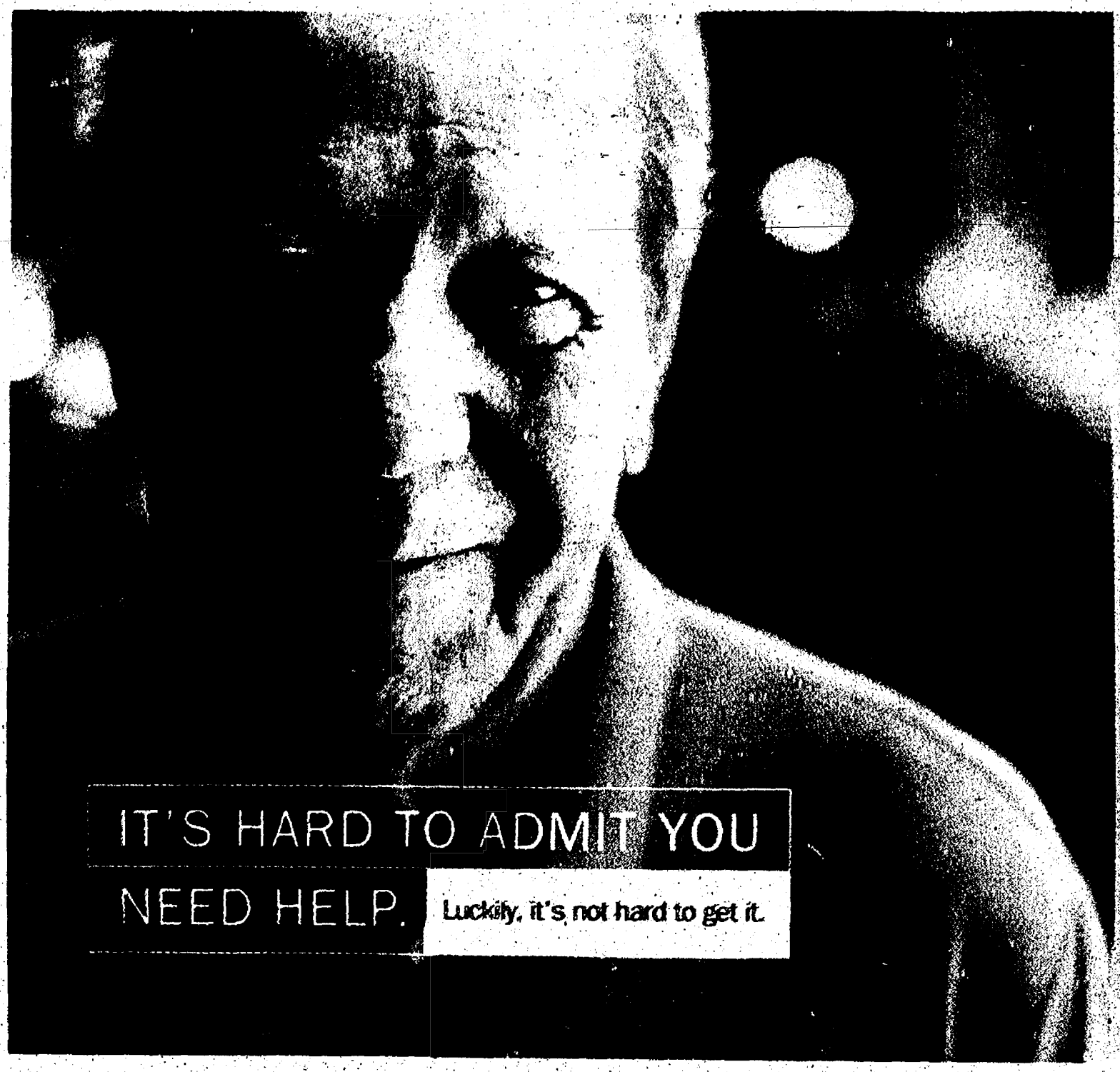
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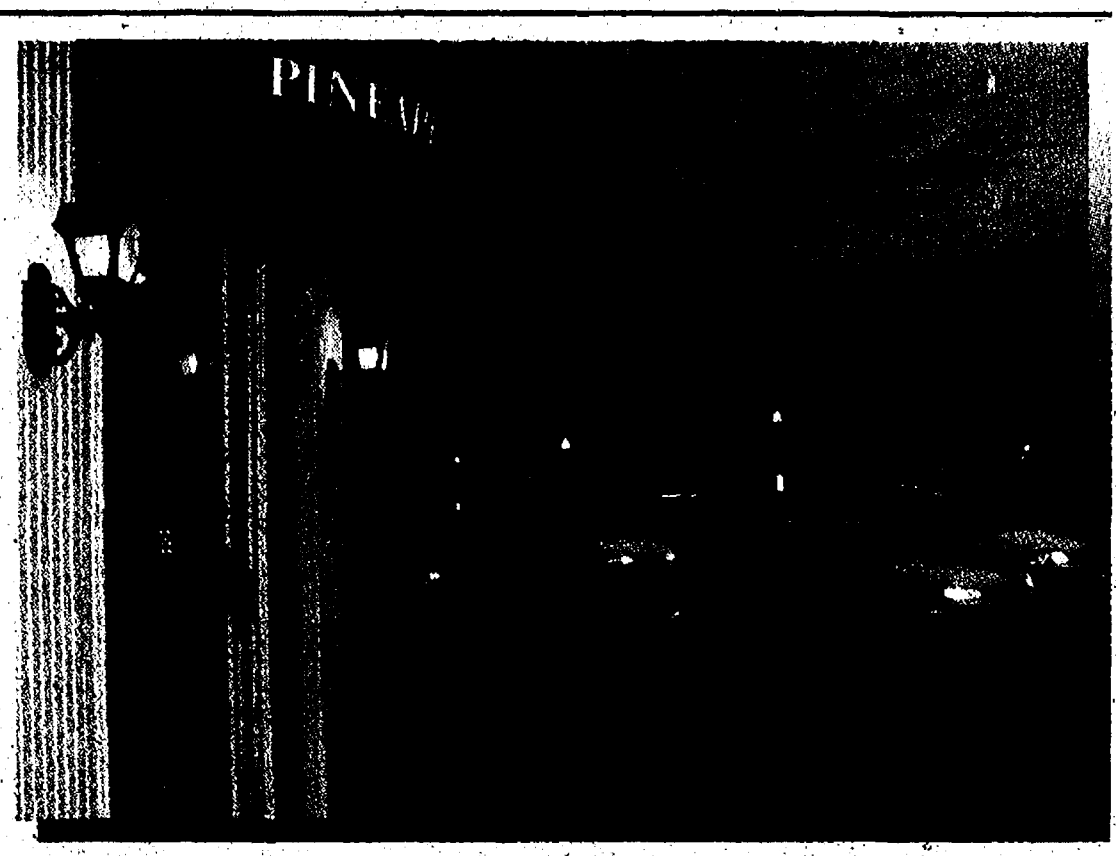
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Traffic roars past Joy Ely's shop—and divides downtown.

Downtown Saline is at a pivotal point. Its businesses are feeling the heat of regional competition, especially with the prospect of a Wal-Mart SuperCenter opening in Pittsfield Township just east of town sometime next year.

"We're struggling, just like other communities," says Rick Kuss, former mayor and outgoing city councilman. "We need to figure out how we're going to get people to stop, shop, and stay in this town."

Officials are hoping that HyettPalma, a big-name consulting firm that specializes in rejuvenating older business districts, will tell them how to do that. Saline is paying the firm $20,000 for a study, an amount matched by a grant from Blueprints for Michigan's Downtowns, a program funded by the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, the Michigan State Housing Development Authority, and the Michigan Municipal League.

City manager Larry Stoever says the intent is to develop a plan for stabilizing and revitalizing downtown Saline. "We need a strong, vibrant downtown that people are attracted to, and that makes our merchants economically viable," he says.

Joy Ely is one of those merchants. A twenty-eight-year Saline resident, Ely owns home decor shop Pineapple House and chairs the city's Business Development Association. "So many towns start expanding on the outskirts and let their downtowns just die out," she says.

Ely says merchants aren't so worried that Wal-Mart will compete directly with them. After all, downtown's specialty boutiques don't carry disposable diapers, hair care products, toothpaste, and pet food. But every item bought at Wal-Mart leaves less to spend elsewhere. "The pie just isn't that big," says Larry Osterling, executive director of the Saline Area Chamber of Commerce. "How many times can you slice it?"

Another issue is the increased automotive traffic Wal-Mart is expected to generate on crowded US-12. Noisy and dangerous, the road already brings 28,000 vehicles through Saline daily. But not many of them stop. Because Michigan Avenue is two lanes on each side of town and widens into four lanes through Saline, motorists use the town as an opportunity to pass. "Traffic just roars through there," says Kuss.

In October, the city council directed Stoever to send a letter to the Pittsfield Township Board of Trustees, outlining its traffic concerns. But Osterling admits the council doesn't really expect anything to come of it. And though there is growing opposition in Pittsfield to Wal-Mart, it may be too late. The giant retailer has cleared most of its governmental hurdles there.

With or without Wal-Mart, Saline's main drag is its biggest challenge—and greatest hope. "Is it our life's blood, or a curse?" asks Joy Ely. "It literally and figuratively divides the town in half. We've found that once people park their car on one side of Michigan Avenue, they'll only shop that side. They won't cross the street, and they won't get back in their car and repark on the other side."

Kuss, who is retiring from council, thinks traffic-calming measures, such as a boulevard, could be one answer. He also believes more residents would invigorate downtown. "We need to get back to what downtowns looked like in the nineteen twenties," he says, "with row houses and people living right in the heart of things."

Pat Little, who recently closed his downtown pub for lack of steady business (see Marketplace Changes, p. 27), agrees. "If people get out of the habit of shopping downtown, of parking somewhere and walking around, they lose that habit forever, and then you lose customers," he says. "You also lose a sense of community, and that's a critical component you need to survive."

In the short term, two potential projects could bring more residents into the city's core district. One is a proposed rehab of the former R & B Building into a mixed-use residential and retail development. There may also be an opportunity at the original Saline Dodge site, now for sale as Gary Marl prepares to move his business west of town.

Kuss notes that the city commissioned five previous studies of downtown and that few recommendations from them have been implemented. Nonetheless, he's hoping HyettPalma, with its national reputation, will make even the most cautious city officials take notice. "We're at that point where we can really influence the sense of community and sense of place in Saline," he says. "It's actually really exciting. It's a second chance."

—*Laura McReynolds*

Kamrowski's Last Hurrah

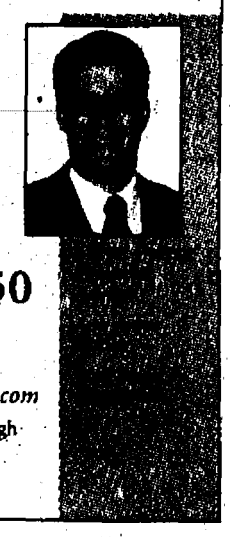
The River Gallery exhibits an avant-garde legend.

It's an anchored iridescent fish with spiky dragon fins. Or is it a scaly dinosaur in fatigues on a stick? Nearby, an enormous abstract canvas of burnt ochre and persimmon sizzles with life-affirming energy. Upon closer inspection, the drip painting reveals a buildup of sand, rope, and rocks. Pivot again and you're confronted with a haunting black-and-white constellation of cells and antennae connected by wavy spectral lines.

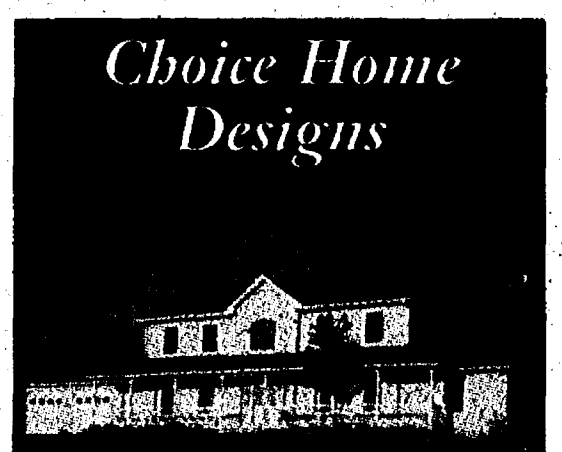
Don't panic. You're still in Chelsea, but you've just entered an alternate artistic universe, one that adroitly bridges surrealism and abstract expressionism to arrive at a beguiling visual language all its own.

The gifted creator of this cosmos, Gerome Kamrowski, died at his home in Ann Arbor in March at age ninety. Sixty years ago, he was one of the most talented painters in the New York avant-garde, along with William Baziotes, Robert Motherwell, and Jackson Pollock. But in 1946 Kamrowski effectively aborted his fast-

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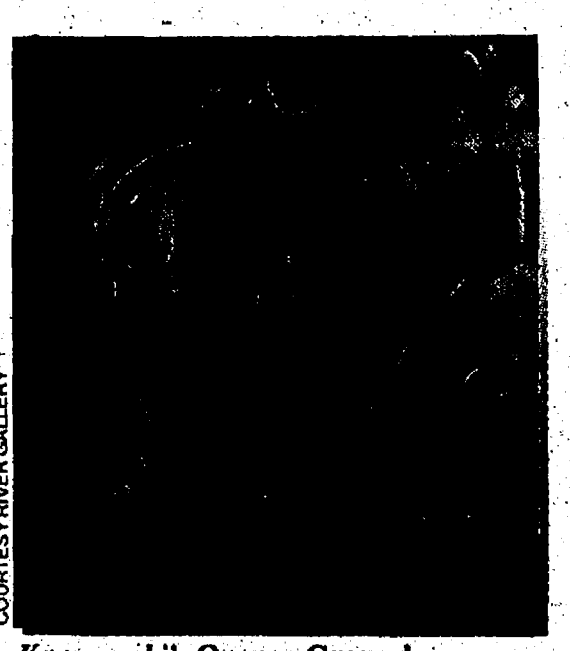
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track career to accept a teaching job at the University of Michigan. As a result of this self-imposed exile from the center of the modern art world, Kamrowski's work never gained the acclaim it deserved.

Unfortunately, Kamrowski's legacy will soon become less visible in these parts too. Since his death, Kamrowski's widow has moved to northern California, where the remainder of his work now resides. So Chelsea's River Gallery, one of Kamrowski's longtime Michigan dealers, has thoughtfully organized a sort of last hurrah—a major retrospective spanning the artist's diverse career. Outsize biomorphic paintings, abstract works on paper, multifaceted and weighty mosaics, and a colorful menagerie of Kamrowski's sculptures of animals are on view at the gallery's gorgeous new two-story space in downtown Chelsea.

Born in northern Minnesota, Kamrowski arrived in New York in 1938 and became a fixture in the downtown art crowd.



COURTESY RIVER GALLERY

***Kamrowski's* Orange Ground.**

It was a heady time, when artists explored and exchanged new ideas and techniques. "No one was concerned with turning out an identity commodity," Kamrowski later recalled.

In 1941, in what is now art-world legend, Baziotes brought some quick-drying lacquer to Kamrowski's studio, and the two of them and Pollock dripped it onto several canvases. In one wintry evening, abstract expressionism was born. "We were commanding the scene," Kamrowski reminisced in 1990. "People were paying attention."

But in 1945 his young wife of two years died of cancer. A year later Kamrowski moved to Ann Arbor, where he would be somewhat closer to their young son, whom he'd placed with family members in Minnesota. Kamrowski never publicly admitted regret; indeed, he often said, "If I'd stayed in New York I'd either be very rich or I'd be dead"—an obvious allusion to the abbreviated lives of Pollock and Baziotes.

Teaching became a second passion. According to Cecily Donnelly, a former Kamrowski student at the U-M and co-founder of the River Gallery, Kamrowski was a gifted and generous mentor. Funny



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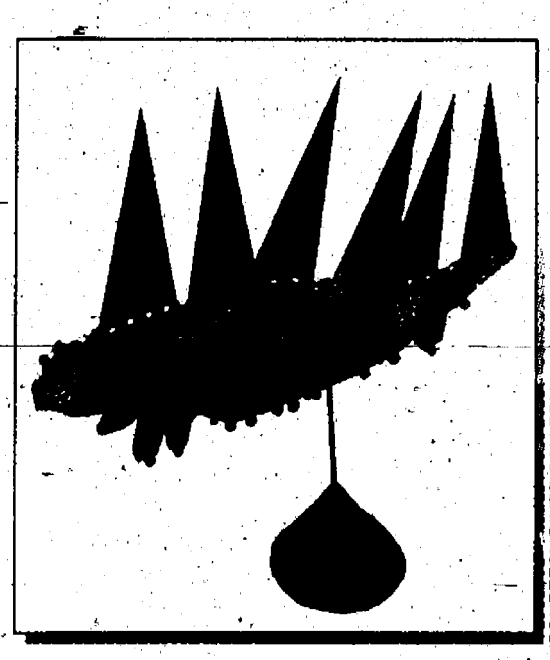
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and irreverent, with a solid build and an orange brush cut, Kamrowski made an impression, often bringing in discarded remnants from his own studio. Most of his students had no idea their professor had been in the vanguard of modern art's New York school.

Over the years, Kamrowski's energy and drive never faltered, and his style continued to evolve from the abstract intellectual exercises of the past to colorful 3-D pieces often made of glass, concrete, and random found objects. He worked regularly and exhibited steadily in Michigan and elsewhere.

Select Kamrowski pieces are represented in such blue-chip collections as New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art and the Museum of Modern Art. But his choice to live in the Midwest and his healthy skepticism toward the celebrity art market—combined with his refusal to be categorized—never made for a high-profile career.

According to Kamrowski, that wasn't the point: the freedom to experiment was. As he said in a 1993 interview, "Fame, and even money—these things don't have much relevance in art. . . . The goal of art should be an adventure and not merely a tired mechanical production."



COURTESY RIVER GALLERY

Intemperate Animal *on display.*

The Kamrowski exhibit is at the River Gallery, 120 South Main, Chelsea (433-0826), through December 5. Hours are Tuesday and Wednesday 11 a.m.–5 p.m., Thursday through Saturday 11 a.m.–8 p.m., and Sunday noon–4 p.m.

—Stephanie Rieke

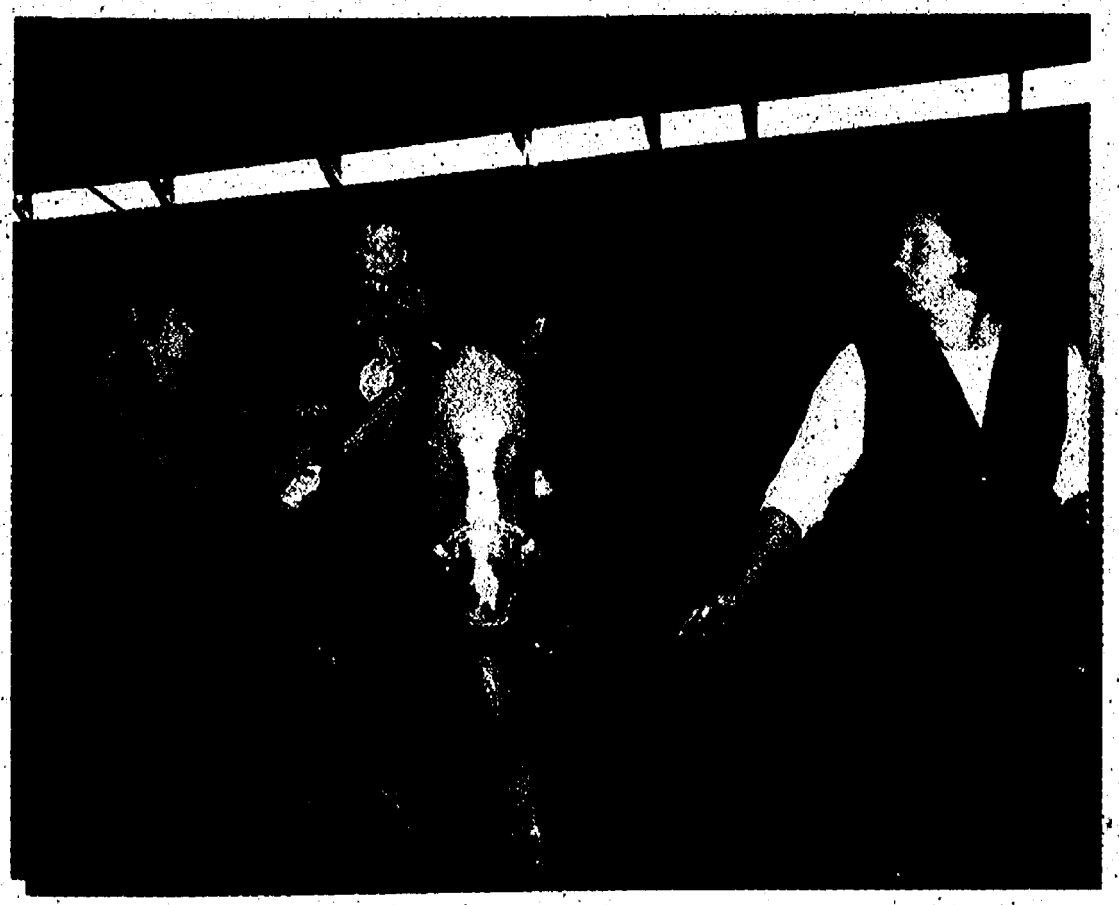
Tall in the Saddle

Horseback therapy for kids with special needs.

Disa Webb smiles as she watches her daughter Erica riding a pony named Tess. Four-year-old Erica sits upright, her little hands using reins to steer Tess around the indoor arena at White O'Morn Farm on Scio Church Road. Erica is smiling too, her pride almost palpable, as she pulls on the reins and Tess stops next to a barrel. Erica picks up a toy from atop the barrel and puts it back before walking the horse farther.

"She looks so poised and grown up," Disa exclaims. With her bright eyes and short strawberry-blond hair, Erica maintains perfect posture as she gracefully continues her tasks in her weekly riding session. "Erica doesn't even know this is therapy," whispers her mother. "To her, this is her sport."

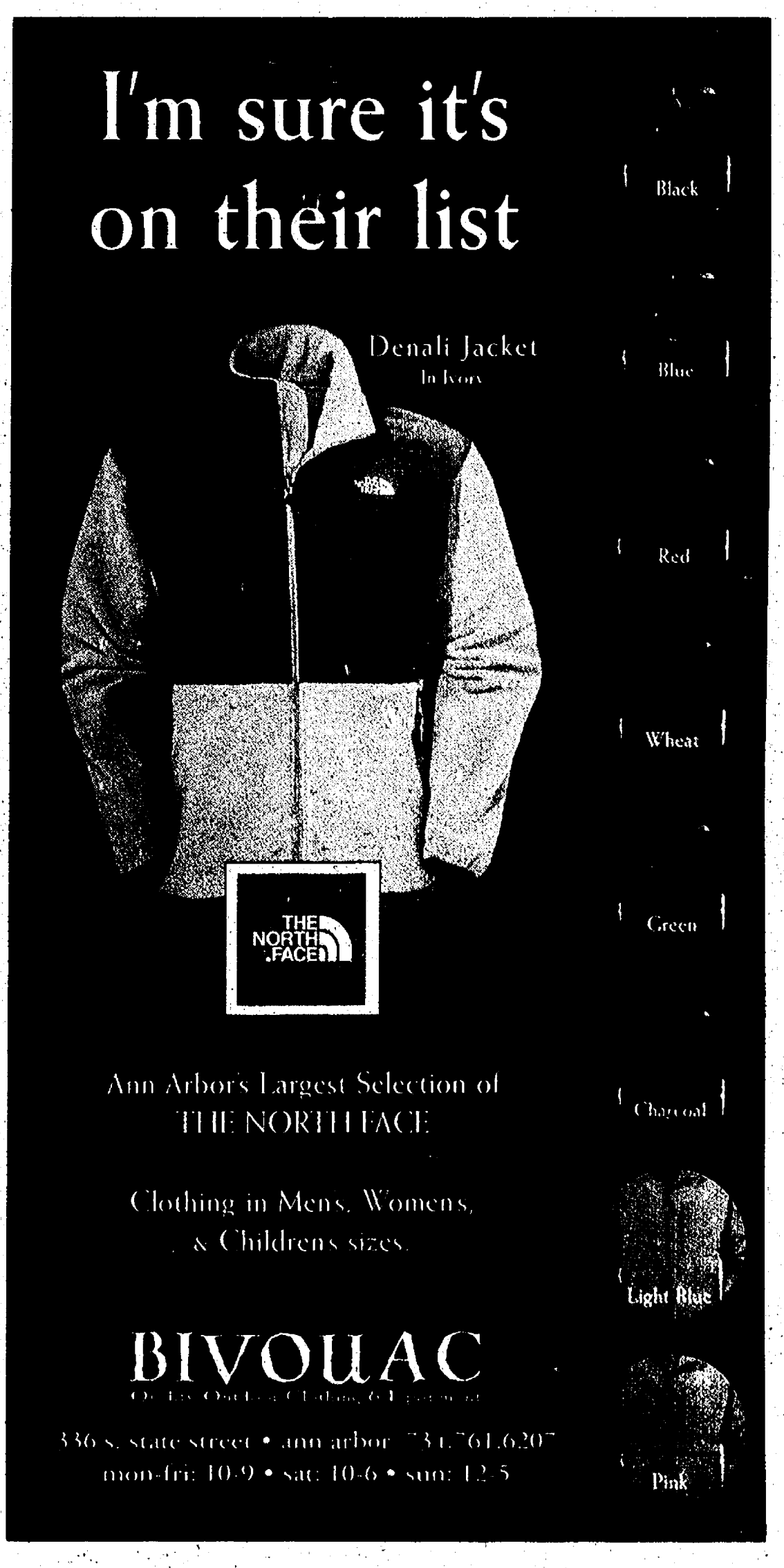
Erica is one of a growing number of people with movement disabilities who ride horses as a prescribed treatment under the care of a specially trained therapist. It's called hippotherapy—from *hippos*, the Greek word for a horse—and is increasingly covered by health insurance and prescribed by physicians as an occupational therapy treatment tool. (It's more directed and individualized than "therapeutic riding"—exercises on horseback, often done in small groups, to provide social opportunities and recreation for people with dis-



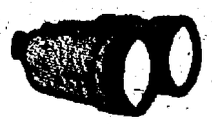
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Liz Sang supports Erica Webb as volunteer Jennifer Satterthwaite leads Tess.





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abilities.) Hippotherapy has long been used in Europe and is growing in popularity in the United States.

When Erica Webb was born, an MRI revealed that she had hemiparesis—a neuromuscular disability that affects one side of the body. Under her jeans, Erica wears a long brace on her right leg—and a shorter one on her left to prevent overcompensation. The weakness also affects her right arm and hand, so when she pulls the reins firmly with both arms and picks up the toy with her right hand, she is making significant progress. Her increasing pride and strength have come after months of riding, learning, and reaching weekly goals.

Erica receives additional occupational and physical therapy through the Washtenaw Intermediate School District's Early Intervention Program in Saline, but there's a big difference between a sterile hospital room and the rolling pastures at White O'Morn Farm. Stretching muscles is more fun if you're standing up in stirrups than if you're lying on a table.

Although riding a pony presents constant balance and postural challenges for Erica, she's mastering it. Her coordination and self-esteem have soared. She doesn't have the balance to play soccer, and she can't run as fast as her friends, but the confidence she's gained from hippotherapy more than compensates. "Her friends are impressed that she can ride a horse," says her mother.

Erica's therapist, Liz Sang, grew up riding horses. Two years ago she started her own hippotherapy business, Great Strides Therapy. She is energetic, intelligent, witty, compassionate—and knowledgeable about her work. She explains how sitting in a saddle, feet in stirrups, is a great way to strengthen lower extremities and learn how to keep heels down when walking—crucial goals for children with cerebral palsy and other movement disorders. "You just can't duplicate that in a clinic," says Sang. The horse is like a big therapy table for kids like Erica, says Sang, but the neat thing is that the patients aren't as aware that they're getting treatment—they're having too much fun.

The American Hippotherapy Association recommends that horses used in treatment be at least ten years old. Tess is fourteen, and McGuire, Sang's second horse, is twenty. Both are calm, highly trained, and at ease with children. Their pristine barn in Sylvan Township has a large indoor arena, an immaculate tack room, and an extensive array of saddles and special therapeutic riding equipment.

Disa Webb's smile lasts the whole time she watches her daughter ride Tess. "See, she's standing in the stirrups now," she says. Disa slowly nods her head as if moving in time with Erica. Disa's mother, Stella Briggs, is also there, keeping an eye on Erica's two-year-old brother, Jared. Both stop to watch as Erica carefully dismounts.

The half-hour lesson is over, and it's time to give Tess a treat. Erica is allowed to get a carrot from the tack room. "Try open-

ing the door with your right hand," suggests Sang with a sparkle in her eye. Erica reaches up and does it. "My favorite part is the standing-up part," says Erica about riding Tess, "and feeding her the carrot."

—Billie Ochberg

Skating on Thin Ice

Arctic Coliseum goes on the block.

In the minutes leading up to the auction of Chelsea's Arctic Coliseum at the Detroit Metro Marriott in September, tension filled the air. In a small banquet room, representatives of Sheldon Good & Company, a large real estate auction firm based in Chicago, wore tuxedos and red boutonnieres. Men in suits or polo shirts took chairs in the middle of the room, and a high-heeled young woman was ushered in to sit by the phone.

These were the players of the day—real estate brokers and representatives of investors interested in the tax-delinquent facility, recently repossessed by Bank One. Since it opened in 2000, skaters have loved the Coliseum, but its finances have always been precarious.

Businessman Howdy Holmes and Chelsea's mayor, Ann Feeney, sat to the side. "No, we're not bidding," Feeney said. "We don't know of city-owned rinks that make money. We really want to keep it as a hockey facility for the community. We've done what we can to make sure it's assessed at the proper level."

The new city of Chelsea won't take over assessment responsibilities for the property until 2005. But early this summer Chelsea city manager Mike Steklac successfully appealed to Sylvan Township to reduce the tax assessment of the property to make it more attractive to potential buyers. Information packets from Sheldon Good heralded the change as a major selling point, gushing that "the 2004 taxes will be reduced dramatically, as the SEV for the property is being reduced from $3,065,200 to $1,450,000."

John Stansik, the public partner of the group that built and owned Arctic Coliseum, stood stoically with arms folded at the back of the room while the auctioneers began a patter of lame jokes to relax the crowd. He had no comment beyond "You know how I feel." In previous interviews, Stansik had told the Community Observer and other publications that Arctic Coliseum's taxes were too high for it to be profitable. Now they were being lowered too late to help him.

Bidding began at $1 million and quickly escalated. The number of bidders dropped off steadily, until the sale was announced for $3.2 million to the woman representing a phone bidder. Rumors immediately started circulating about who the buyer was. An investor from Los Angeles? A group from Columbus? No one who knew would say.

At press time, no closing had taken place. City manager Steklac said he didn't know who the high bidder was. John Stansik and Sheldon Good didn't return phone calls. Only Mary Kay Bean, spokeswoman for Bank One, had a statement: "We expect a seamless transition of ownership and continuous operation of service at the arena."

And at the rink, hockey games continued, video games flashed and chimed, and patrons seemed unconcerned about ownership flux. It was business as usual at Arctic Coliseum.

—Mary Beth Lewis

FAKE AD

Jeff Libersky of Dexter won the fall Community Observer's Fake Ad Contest. Forty of forty-two entrants correctly identified the Fake Ad, which was placed by a clearly frustrated human resources assistant looking to fill the opening her departure was soon to create.

"Too bad the ad on p. 48 is fake," wrote Jody Wenger of Manchester, "because I am tired of sitting on the freakin' beach reading books [a reference to the Fake Ad itself] and should really get a job. I do have thirty years in human resources experience. I have raised one family and started a second family. What more experience is there but that, with tempers to be calmed, problems to be solved, jobs to be assigned, meetings to get everyone to on time. . . ."

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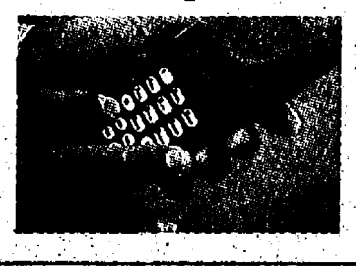
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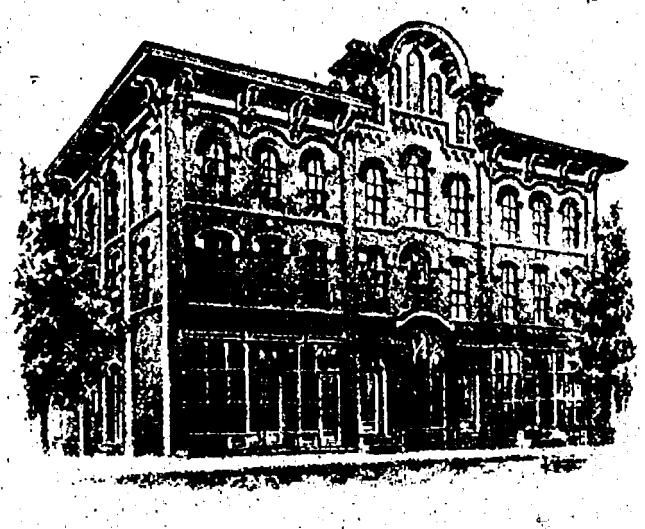
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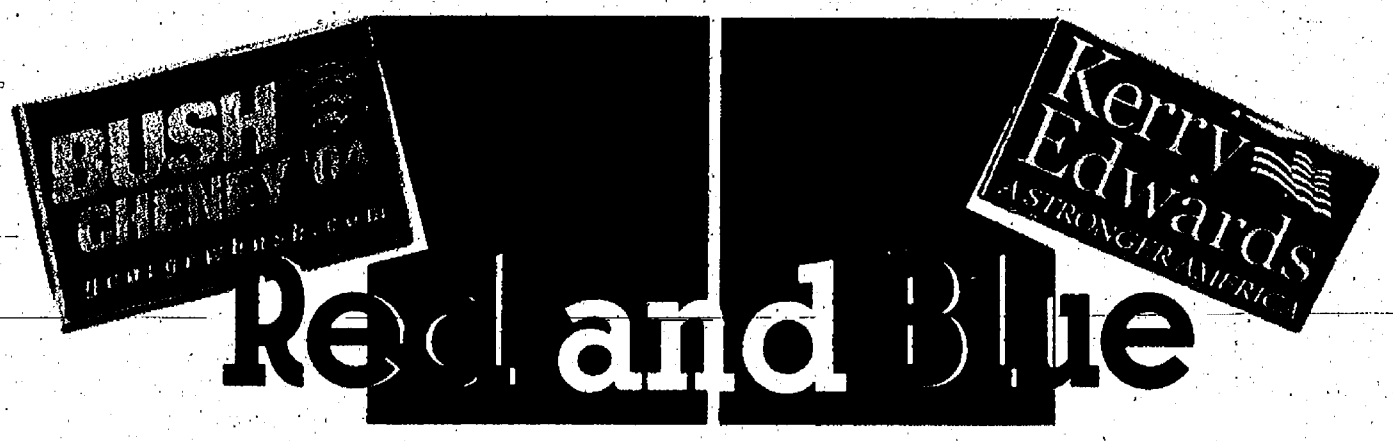
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Red and Blue Washtenaw

Democrats gain ground across the county.

by Michael Betzold and Kate Kellogg

With her trademark red-white-and-blue outfits, carefully coiffed hair, and eager sociability, Peggy Haines is the picture-perfect politician. Yet after fourteen years as Washtenaw County clerk and register of deeds, Haines will be out of the picture come January: on November 2, an electoral tidal wave swept her out of office. Clerk-elect Larry Kestenbaum is the first to admit that voters didn't reject Haines because they were unhappy with her performance. He won, he says, because she is a Republican and he is a Democrat.

While the presidential election confirmed the image of a nation divided into red and blue states, in Washtenaw County the tints of political sentiment continue to shift. The county has long had its own blue and red regions—a heavily Democratic urban area surrounded by predominantly Republican rural townships. But lately, the blue has been spreading.

While the rest of Michigan has been turning slightly more Republican in recent years, Washtenaw County has been getting more Democratic. An analysis of voting records shows that between 1980 and 2004, the Republican share of the two parties' presidential vote decreased everywhere in the county—from heavily Democratic Ypsilanti (36 percent Republican in 1980 to 21 percent in 2004) to staunchly Republican Saline Township (74 percent in 1980 to 57 percent in 2004).

Kestenbaum isn't the only local Democrat to benefit from the changing political climate. Pam Byrnes, who lost a race for the Fifty-second District state house seat in 2002, is going to Lansing after beating veteran GOP county commissioner Joe Yekulis this year. And traditionally Republican Scio Township is Republican no longer: in their first run for office, Democrats there won every race they entered.

The shift in presidential voting patterns is especially dramatic. In 1980, 52 percent of Washtenaw County major-party voters supported Ronald Reagan. In 1988, a still substantial 48 percent went for George H. W. Bush. This year, George W. Bush got just 35 percent of the major-party vote.

Of course, in presidential races, personalities and issues of the day can trump party loyalty. To factor out non-party influences, political pros look at races where most voters know little about the candidates. One prime indicator is the contest held every year for two seats on the Michigan Board of Education. Because both the Democrats and the Republicans always field two candidates, the result is a good baseline for party identification. When third-party votes are excluded, Republicans got 52 percent of the board of education vote in Washtenaw County in 1980, but just 40 percent in 2004. And in every city and township, the Democrats' share of those highly partisan votes has increased.

That trend has transformed the county's political landscape. When Peggy Haines became clerk, four of the five countywide offices were held by Republicans. With her defeat, all five are now held by Democrats.

Go blue

The dominant theory about why Washtenaw is getting bluer points to the county's growing population of educated professionals.

"As people have been replaced—as they age, move, or die—the people attracted to the areas around universities are inclined toward liberal politics," says Mark Grebner, a longtime Lansing political analyst who helped provide data for this article. "This is completely opposite to the trend fifty years ago, when people attracted to intellectually refined areas tended overwhelmingly to be Republican."

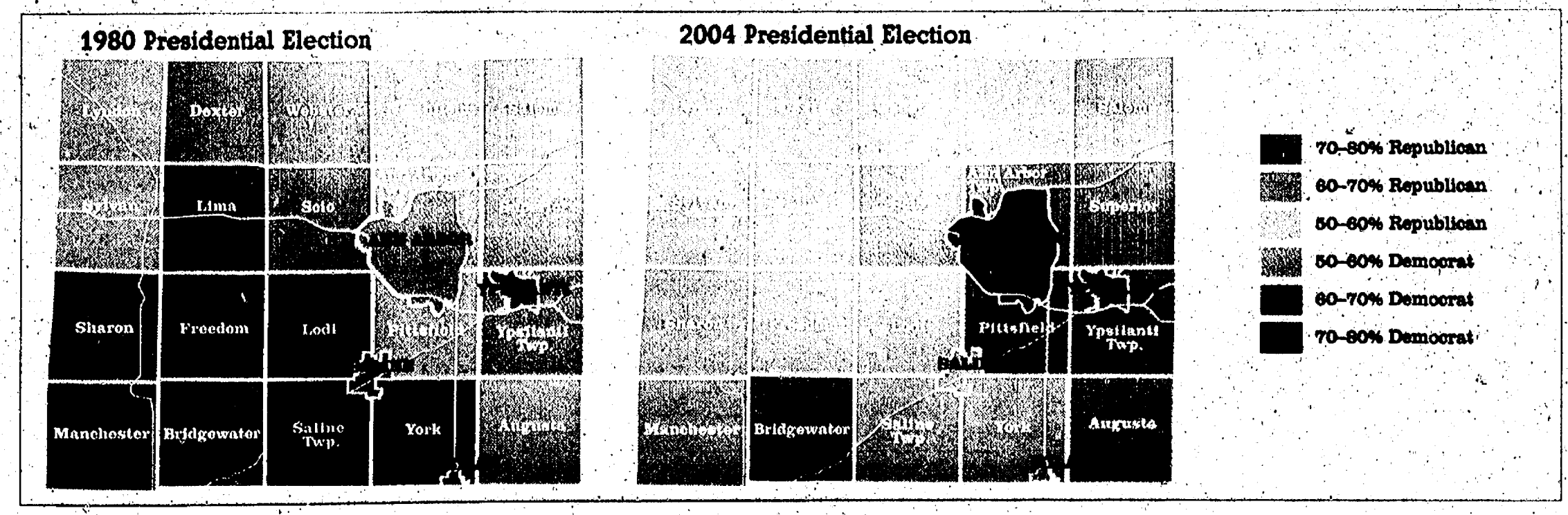
Barb Fuller, Pam Byrnes's campaign manager, says the influx of professionals and people associated with the University of Michigan has made the high-growth I-94 corridor "more progressive and Democratic." But that doesn't explain why Republican support is falling off in places far from the freeway, like Bridgewater and Manchester.

The GOP's decline locally may also have something to do with the pronounced rightward tilt of the national Republican Party—a movement that has left some moderate Republicans behind. This year, Ann Arbor councilwoman Marcia Higgins shifted from GOP to Democratic affiliation. So did Scio Township Board of Trustees candidate



GRIFFIN LINDSAY

Peggy Haines went door-to-door wooing folks like Holly Schlot of Ypsilanti Township—but sank under a tide of Democratic straight-ticket votes.



Blue advances, red retreats: These maps show the percentage of major-party votes in the 1980 and 2004 presidential elections in each city and township. Village results are tabulated by township. In the case of Chelsea, which became a city earlier this year, 2004 results are not included. Neither red nor blue this year is the city of Milan, where George W. Bush and John Kerry each got exactly 822 votes.

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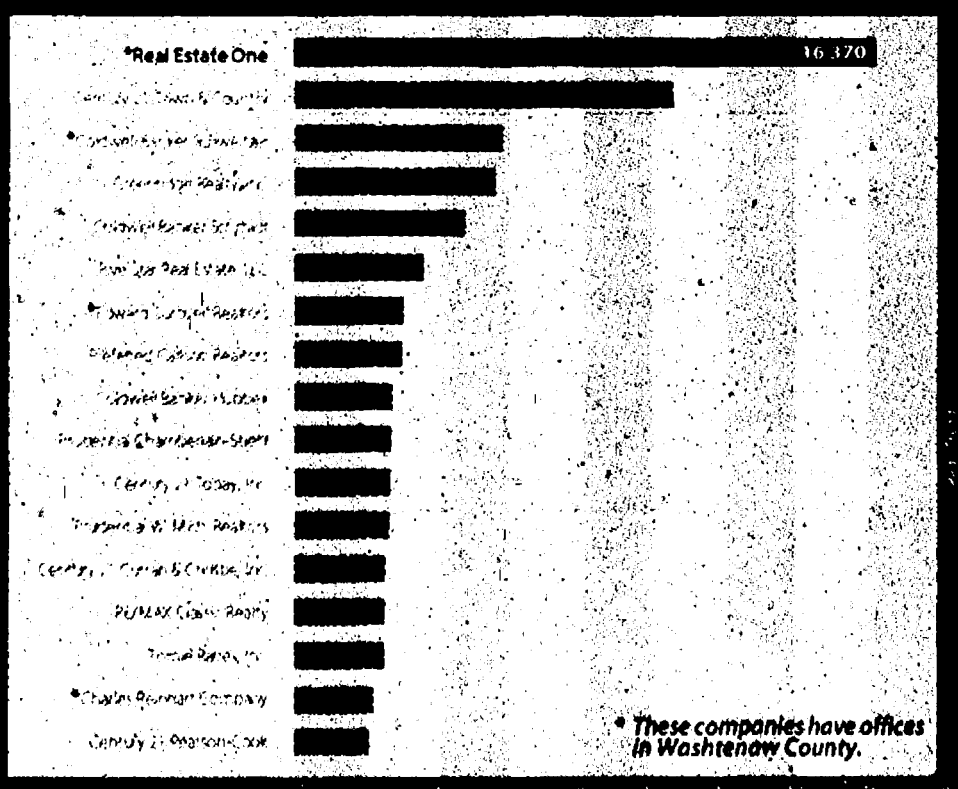
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Chuck Ream—"largely because of Bush," he says. In Ream's case, the switch paid off—he was the only incumbent reelected to the board.

Whatever the underlying reasons, the drift in party loyalties in Washtenaw County is clear on the accompanying maps (see p. 13). Many outlying townships have turned from solid Republican to merely leaning GOP. And others have turned to blue. Former Republican bailiwicks that are now swing districts include Augusta Township, Sylvan Township, and the city of Milan, where the vote for president this year ended in a flat-footed tie. Other areas that voted Republican in 1980 are now solidly Democratic, including Ann Arbor Township, Pittsfield Township, and Scio Township.

One of the greatest changes has occurred in Scio. In 1980 the township gave 68 percent of its major-party vote to Ronald Reagan. This year, George W. Bush got only 40 percent.

Pitted over growth

In Scio Township a group of Democratic challengers capitalized on the township's changing partisan demographics. They won a campaign centered on curbing sprawl—ironic, since the residents of new developments are the main force driving the township's shift from red to blue. Even veteran township supervisor Spaulding Clark lost, to Democrat Charles Nielsen.

That same scenario played out in several other local races this year—activists challenging Republican incumbents on development issues. Where those challengers ran as Democrats, they mostly succeeded; where they ran without party affiliation, they failed. That's probably explainable by one fact: 48,972 voters in the county marked a straight Democratic Party ticket this year—28 percent of all voters, and nearly twice as many as the 26,687 who voted straight Republican.

In Dexter Township, Barry Lonik, the county's foremost expert on land preservation techniques, recruited a slate of candidates to run as independents for the board of trustees. Lonik, a consultant and former head of the Washtenaw Land Trust, says he was moved to run when a proposal surfaced to extend Dexter Townhall Road for easier access to a new development. The township's political coloration has changed dramatically since 1980, from 70 percent Republican to 52 percent Republican, based on the presidential vote. But as independents, Lonik's group ended up losing by a nearly two-to-one margin.

In Sylvan Township, by contrast, a slate of five slow-growth advocates chose to run as Democrats. The challengers criticized the long-serving Republican incumbents' approval of sewer and development contracts, and their support for a proposed M-52 bypass around Chelsea. "We're running as Democrats primarily because the incumbents are Republicans," Dave



GRIFFIN LINDSAY

Paula Kremidas works a Democratic table in Chelsea before the election, talking to Breeda Miller and daughter Chloe.

Brooks, Democratic candidate for Sylvan Township clerk, said during the campaign. "And without a party affiliation, you don't get the benefit of straight-ticket votes."

Unlike Scio, Sylvan is still red—George W. Bush got 55 percent of the vote in November. Before the election, Brooks said, "A lot of people think it's great that Democrats are running for a change. Others have thrown us off their porches."

The results were mixed: Brooks lost his race for clerk to incumbent Luann Koch, and treasurer Arlene Grau also won reelection. But Michael Williams unseated Earl Heller as township supervisor. In the trustee race, Republican Patrick Merkel won one seat, yet challenger David Solo edged out Republican incumbent Reuben Lesser by twelve votes for the second seat.

In Ann Arbor Township, Democratic challenger Rena Basch easily ousted GOP clerk Catherine Braun, whose farmland was involved in a controversial development proposal. But in Bridgewater Township, antigrowth activist Laurie Fromhart (see "Mom versus Pit," p. 17) lost her independent challenge to Republican trustees Dave Faust and Douglas Parr.

In Northfield Township, the citizen group Northfield Neighbors, formed to fight a big development proposal, entered both party primaries, ousting Republican supervisor Mike McFarland. They were so successful that some Neighbors ran against each other in the general election. McFarland was reduced to running a write-in campaign and finished a distant third as the Neighbors essentially took over the local government.

Their coup repeated the success of the Pittsfield Township group Forever Green, formed to fight a big development there. A slate of Forever Green candidates, running as Democrats, took over the government in 2000, killed the project, and bought the land for a huge nature preserve. This year a slate of Republicans challenged the incumbents over their plans for the preserve. After a fierce campaign, the Democrats won all the races, even capturing all five seats on the parks commission.

Trickle-down politics

County Democrats tout these hotly contested local races as long-overdue challenges to Republican domination of rural township governments. Frank Grohnert, a Dexter attorney and president of the Western Washtenaw Democrats, a group formed in 2000, says, "We're finding that far more Democrats are out there than anyone had guessed."

More, it seems, than even Republican party officials had imagined. When the Republican-dominated legislature redrew the electoral map after the 2000 election, the thinking was that the new Fifty-second District, which basically comprises the western half of the county plus a sliver of northeastern Ann Arbor, was a safe seat for the GOP. Yet Byrnes, capitalizing on the influx of new Democratic voters to the townships, strongly challenged Republican Gene DeRossett in the 2002 race. This year she soundly defeated Joe Yekulis, winning 54 percent of the vote. And political newcomer Kathy Angerer, a Democrat, ousted Republican incumbent Matt Milosch in the Fifty-fifth, a swing district that includes the Saline, Ypsilanti, and Milan areas and western and southern Monroe County.

Larry Kestenbaum also saw the potential in local anti-Bush fervor. A data archive specialist at the U-M Institute for Social Research and a veteran local political analyst, Kestenbaum figured the time was ripe to seek the office long held by Republican clerk Haines. In Kestenbaum's view, the divisiveness of the national campaigns made many voters more partisan and less inclined to split tickets. "What's drawing people out to vote is the war and economy, as opposed to road commission or drain issues," Kestenbaum said on the campaign trail. He said many people he met told him to save his literature because they had already decided to vote a straight Democratic ticket. And his analysis was correct: although Haines was highly respected among Democrats as well as Republicans, Kestenbaum won by almost 6,000 votes, thanks to the Democrats' 22,000-vote edge in straight-ticket voters.

Marlene Chockley, chair of the Washtenaw Republican Party, clearly stated the problem for her party's local candidates when she talked in October about the gloomy outlook for the Scio Township supervisor. "I think Spaulding Clark would have a good chance of being reelected supervisor if people were looking at the quality of individual candidates," she said. "But they tend to ignore everyone who's not at the top of the ticket." ■





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LAURIE FROMHART THOUGHT THE STANSLEY QUARRY WAS A GOOD NEIGHBOR—UNTIL SHE STARTED DIGGING UP ITS RECORD.

by Michael Betzold

When they're mining sand and gravel at the Stansley pit in Bridgewater Township, the noise clangs across the pastoral landscape with a sledgehammer's insistence. That's what woke up Laurie Fromhart on a night in August 2003. And she hasn't stopped complaining since.

Marching into the Bridgewater Township Hall the next morning, Fromhart, a stay-at-home mom who is trained as a legal assistant, asked why the mine was operating after hours. Unsatisfactory answers led to more questions. Soon, she started badgering officials with phone calls, e-mails, and Freedom of Information Act requests.

The documents she obtained showed that regulators had been lax about enforcing rules governing wastewater runoff, chemical storage, soil erosion, emissions, and wetland protection. When the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) learned that the company had created a whole new lake, the agency just issued an "after the fact" permit.

As the company continued to expand the lake, neighbors noticed their wells and wetlands drying up. Yet no one had ever done an independent hydrological study to see whether the mining was responsible. The company claims there is no link and blames seasonal drought for any changes in the water table. Residents were alarmed, however, when Stansley applied last year for permits to expand the existing lake—and dig a new one.

Suddenly, a company Fromhart thought was a good neighbor—for building a new entrance road that would take gravel haulers off hers—loomed as a threat to her neighborhood's tranquillity. She organized residents into the Stewards of Bridgewater to fight the pit, and they began speaking out at public meetings.

And so the battle was joined—mom versus gravel pit. Defenders of the land versus plunderer of the land—that's how one side might bill it. The other might call it responsible businesspeople versus nattering NIMBYs.

"These folks who are so against us, most of them have moved out here in the last ten years," says Chip Tokar, the Stansley companies' geologist and self-described PR man. "They knew we were here. What did they expect?"

The answer is that many expected the pit to remain a minor nuisance. But now some see a long-term threat to their quality of life. Their deepest fear is that the soggy land in the River Raisin basin will be first drained and then developed. There's good reason to think so. After all, mining below groundwater level leaves a potential gold mine of lakefront lots once the digging is done.

Just look at the Hidden Lake subdivision off US-23 north of Whitmore Lake. Once a sand and gravel quarry, it's now the site of lakefront homes that sell for well over $1 million. Tokar says his company sees Hidden Lake as a model for what could be done in Bridgewater Township. Stansley has done soil borings on large tracts of nearby farmland that might be available for sale or lease.

The Stansleys operate a variety of pits and related businesses in northwestern Ohio and southeastern Michigan under various names. Bridgewater Township is especially attractive, because there is plenty of sand and gravel to mine in the area—and a relatively high water table that can leave behind countless acres of dug-out lakes for developers to salivate over. That's why the company didn't take Fromhart's challenge lightly—especially when her activism brought officials breathing down its neck.

Thanks largely to Fromhart, inspectors who hadn't visited the pit in years have started coming in droves—the MDEQ was there nine times last year, by Tokar's count. A company used to operating with little oversight suddenly found its plans for a new lake in trouble. And that may be why last spring—after Stansley withdrew its application for the new lake and just before it filed a revised application for a smaller lake—the company sued Fromhart in federal court for libel and slander.

"It was so classic, so obvious, so blatant, what they were trying to do to me," says Fromhart. "They were trying to shut me up."

Idle threats

In the battle over sprawl, mining is an often-ignored factor: it's both an economic engine that drives development and a large devourer of land. The face of Washtenaw County is pockmarked with pits that supply material for housing and commercial developments. These days, the mines are booming—and increasingly clashing with recently arrived home owners like the Fromharts who object to the noise, the dust, and the truck-traffic, and sometimes to the less tangible threats of water pollution and aquifer impact.

"Everybody needs sand and gravel," Tokar observes pointedly. "But nobody wants it in their backyard."

Since early in the last century, small operators had been pulling gravel out of the pit south of Willow Road. Things changed rapidly when the Stansleys, then doing business as Adrian Sand & Stone, started digging there in 1991. Longtime resident Dave Bopp remembers that it took them only a few days to level a ten-acre woods. "This used to be a real nice area around here," with plenty of deer and other wildlife, says Bopp. "It's turned into a nightmare."

The Stansleys got an air quality permit from the state but otherwise didn't feel much need to cooperate with authorities. On a 1992 inspection report, John Hofweber of the county's environmental health department scrawled this note about the pit operator: "Claims he's 'grandfathered' by DNR mining rules of the past; feels that Bridgewater Township Planning Commission is hassling him unjustly."

In 1993, the township sued Adrian Sand & Stone, alleging illegal mining. The company's attorneys argued that since mining on the site predated the township's first zoning ordinance, enacted in 1957, its activity was lawful. In a consent judgment reached in 1994, the company agreed, among other things, to properly contain fuel and chemicals and not to cause "any contamination or change in the quality of ground or surface water outside the site."

According to county inspection reports, the company didn't live up to the first promise. Debate is still raging over whether it also broke the second. And the township and the company have continued to tussle. In 1996 a judge found the pit owners in contempt of court for unspecified violations, and the parties agreed on an amended settlement, under which the company paid the township more than $10,000.

Fromhart's digging revealed that the only agency keeping close tabs on the Stansley pit in the 1990s was the environmental division that oversees the county's Pollution Prevention Program. In annual inspection reports dating back to 1992, program officials repeatedly scolded the company for not reporting hazardous materials on site, for not training employees in handling them, and for not properly labeling, storing, or containing them. Inspectors also noted gas and oil spills and empty drums of oil and chemicals at the pit. But they never fined the company, even though it never corrected many of the problems and took years to address others.

A 1997 report is typical. Hofweber, the county inspec-



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tor, noted that years-old problems concerning chemical storage, identification, and employee training still hadn't been addressed. The company also had added six new propane tanks without notifying the county as required. Yet Hofweber wrote that a follow-up inspection wouldn't be necessary, because a new supervisor at the pit "appears to be very serious about compliance issues, safety, training and improving the operation here" and "needs more time to pull things together."

A year later, Hofweber returned to find that supervisor gone. In addition to some remaining previous problems, he found a diesel fuel spill. In 1999, he noticed gas and oil containers on the floor of a storage trailer, a hole in a containment structure for a calcium chloride tank, and spills next to a fuel oil tank. He noted that "there has been no updated status sheet inventory [of



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NANCY HEBB'S WETLAND HAS DRIED UP IN RECENT YEARS AS STANSLEY LAKE HAS EXPANDED.

chemicals on site] submitted since 1994." Yet he commended the company, "for making significant improvements."

The county first requested the mine to submit a spill prevention and control plan in 1993. It was finally submitted in 2000. Since then, Hofweber has reported more oil and gas spills, an abandoned well not properly sealed off, and new problems with corroding fuel tanks and containment structures.

Asked why the county has never punished the operators for the violations, Hofweber says, "It's not been an emphasis of this program to fine people. We pursue voluntary compliance." He characterized the operators' record in the 1990s as "a lot of lack of effort on the part of the company" but says that Stansley has been "more responsive" since Chip Tokar came on board in 2000.

The company sees its record more rosily. In a letter to a state regulator in November 2003, Tokar claimed the operators were in compliance with the county's pollution program. He said that "deficiencies noted by the county inspector are corrected immediately" and added that "no reportable 'spills or leaks of hazardous material' have been noted on the property."

While county officials winked at regulatory violations, at least they inspected the pit regularly. State environmental authorities, strapped with budget and personnel cuts under Republican governor John Engler, pretty much lost track of it.

Lake de Facto

In 1992, Adrian Sand & Stone applied for a permit to operate a portable gravel crusher. The MDEQ Air Quality Division granted the permit the next year, and then forgot about the pit. Brian Carley of the Air Quality Division says the Stansley operation is such a minor source of emissions that it's scheduled for inspection only every five to ten years. In fact it was not until late last year, after Laurie Fromhart began her crusade, that quality officials finally returned for another inspection—the first in a decade.

In 1997 Stansley applied for a permit to fill in a wet meadow to build the new entrance road the township wanted. By then, the meadow had already been destroyed. The MDEQ granted the permit but required the company to create a mitigation wetland to replace what was lost. Stansley botched the job, and is only now correcting it under a seven-year-long supervision agreement with the state.

While considering the permit, the state asked for an additional $475 fee because officials believed that Stansley was creating a lake on the site. Consultants Applied Science & Technology Inc. (ASTI) responded that Stansley's "mining plan does not create a lake," and the company refused to pay the fee. "No mining will be conducted below the water table," company official Richard Stansley wrote state officials in April 1997.

Yet the company reportedly had equipment for underwater mining at the pit as early as 1995. In a 1999 letter to state officials, then-township supervisor Carol Peacock noted that a dredge had caught on fire in August of that year.

Tokar insists the company did everything required by law and that "we went by

what our consultant told us at the time." He notes that a lake under five acres can be dug without a permit, and says once the lake got bigger than that, Stansley sought the proper authorization. That wasn't the way it appeared to the MDEQ. Nevertheless, over Peacock's objections, the agency granted the company an ATF (after-the-fact) permit—legalizing the lake the company had already created.

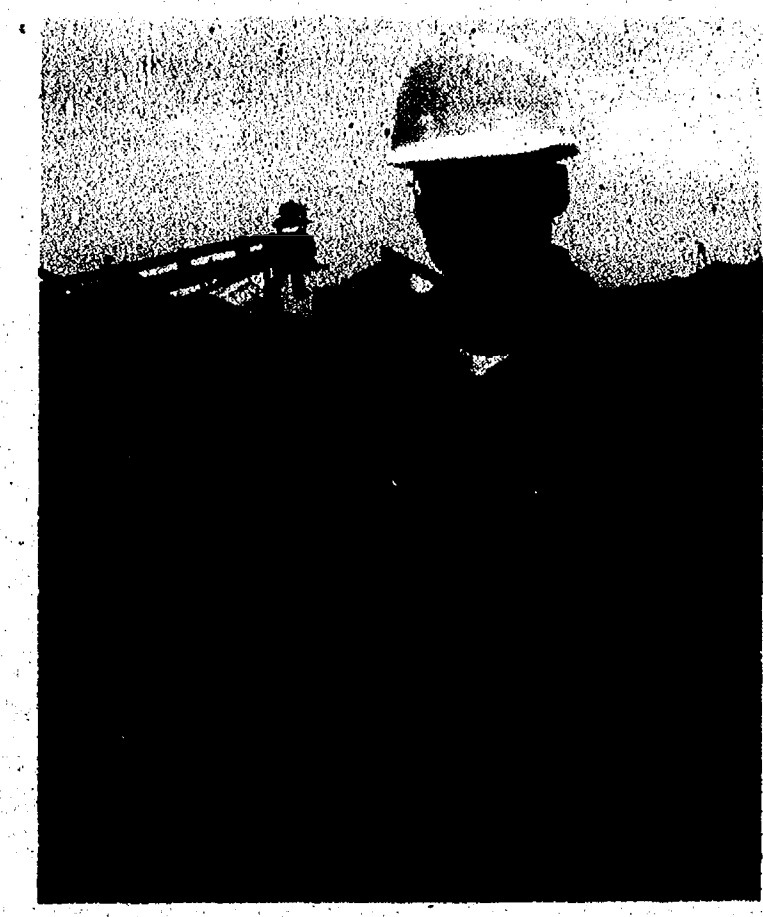
The state also missed other environmental problems at the site. It was only after a citizen complained in 2000 that the MDEQ discovered that Stansley had filled in additional wetlands. The MDEQ confirmed that two wetland areas, totaling 2.6 acres, were destroyed without a permit—but required the company to replace only one of them.

The Stansleys

The Stansley family is used to controversy. Under the umbrella of the Stansley Group, based in Sylvania, Ohio, four Stansley brothers operate a variety of businesses. They have pits in Ohio and in Hillsdale County and are starting an extraction operation near Tecumseh. Under the name Sylvester Mineral Resources, their trucks haul gravel and stone. Their concrete-making operation, Integrated Resources Inc., has worked on major building and highway construction projects in both states.

Water fight

The Stansleys' conflict with Laurie Fromhart centered on the company's request to the MDEQ to dig a new fifty-two-acre lake and to double the size of the "de facto" lake, now dubbed "Stansley Lake," which had by then grown to twenty-four acres. The application for the new lake claimed that removing four million cubic yards of sand and gravel "will result in minimal impacts to surrounding wetlands, water bodies and hydroecological conditions." ASTI, the company's consulting experts, said that the existing lake has "negligible" effects on groundwater off site.



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CHIP TOKAR SAYS THE MINE OPERATORS HAVE FOLLOWED REGULATIONS.

Neighbors and some experts dispute that. Bonnie Shadley, who's lived directly north of the pit for twenty-six years, says her children used to ice skate on a six-acre wetland; it's now dry, and tree trunks sport mossy socks that show how high the water once was. Down the road, a wetland on Nancy Hebb's sheep farm also has dried up. A consulting firm Hebb hired, Huron Ecologic, says Stansley's mining helped drain the wetlands.

Experts hired by the township also worry about the groundwater. In a report, the consulting firm Tetra Tech said further lake digging by Stansley "may pose a risk to the long-term viability of private wells with limited available drawdown."

After a site visit last fall, MDEQ official James Sallee also concluded that the proposed new lake "may effectively drain the wetland area" nearby. Another MDEQ official, Richard Sorrell, predicted, "The proposed lake will lower the water table." Nevertheless, he said, "I would not object to issuing a permit for the proposed lake."

Tokar says he's never seen any evidence that the wetlands are drying up or that there's any connection between well water levels and his employer's mining activity.

There's another controversy involving water, too. Critics say that not only is the mining drawing groundwater away from

Richard Stansley left the University of Toledo's business college in 1982 to help his father, Richard Sr., run the family businesses. The family contributed to Republican Bob Taft's gubernatorial campaign in 1998, and the next year Taft appointed the younger Richard to the University of Toledo Board of Trustees. In 2001 Stansley had to defend his decision to vote for a $32 million dorm project. He claimed he didn't know that Integrated Resources would be a subcontractor on the project. And just last year, he was charged when a handgun was found in his luggage as he tried to board a plane at Detroit Metro Airport. The charges were dismissed after Stansley told the court he'd simply forgotten the gun was in his briefcase.

In 2002 the company's shoddy work on an I-280 bridge caused headlines in Toledo. Two separate bridge segments had to be redone because of substandard concrete mixed by Integrated Resources. In a third incident, crews identified human waste in a batch of sand, and some concrete made with the sand had to be discarded.

The bridge work got extra scrutiny because Integrated Resources was using nonunion labor. When a union representative confronted Scott Stansley, one of the brothers, Stansley climbed into a backhoe and flipped the man's car. A hearing in a suit filed by the union rep is scheduled for December.

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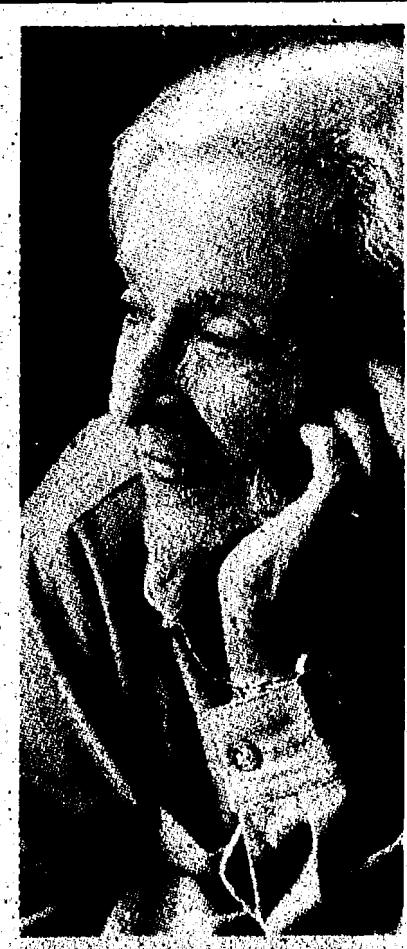
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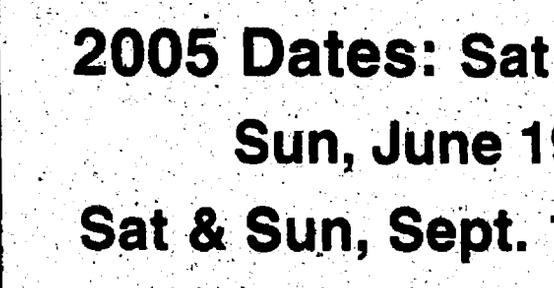
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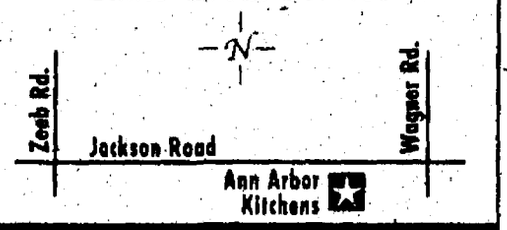
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higher land to the north and west, but it is also spilling that excess water, now polluted with sediment, into the River Raisin basin to the south and east.

When MDEQ inspectors visited the pit last fall, they confirmed that water and sediment drain off site. Stansley Lake's overflow ends up in Iron Creek, a tributary of the River Raisin. The Michigan Department of Natural Resources Wildlife Division weighed in about a possible threat to two rare fish in the Raisin, the endangered

Stansley representatives taped a public hearing and then filed a federal suit against Fromhart and another critic who spoke, accusing them of slander.

silver shiner and the brindled madtom, which is on the "special concern" list.

Eventually, after prodding by the state, the company agreed to install a "turbidity curtain" so that sediment would not escape from a wash pond into the larger lake. Although some experts say the curtain is not enough, the MDEQ has issued the company a "dewatering" permit that allows Stansley to discharge up to 168,000 gallons a day of lake runoff.

Tokar says the company has done everything it was required to do by regulators to control runoff. It's also clearly done all it can to control critics.

SLAPP'd

In recent years, businesses nationwide have increasingly sued activists who speak out against their plans. The tactic often works, because few citizens can afford to go to court to defend themselves. These legal actions are redundantly termed SLAPP suits (for "strategic lawsuits against public participation").

Stansley representatives laid the groundwork for litigation by taping a hearing on the proposed lake. Then they sued

Laurie Fromhart in federal court, claiming that her use of the word "crook" to describe Richard Stansley at that hearing was slanderous. They also contended she'd committed libel in a letter to a state official when she wrote, "We are well aware it is not uncommon for companies involved in mining and other industries to 'pay off' government officials and employees to assure favorable consideration of such matters. Our concern this may be happening in this case is very real and should be addressed by the MDEQ."

Fromhart, who was sued for more than $70,000, says she felt intimidated and distraught. "Just the legal hell of it all was stressful for me and my family," she says. Fromhart says she couldn't have fought the suit if the American Civil Liberties Union of Michigan hadn't agreed to take the case pro bono. In its brief, the ACLU argued that Fromhart's "hyperbole" at the public hearing was constitutionally protected free speech. As for her letter to the MDEQ, Fromhart was merely asking a governmental body to investigate possible corruption—just the kind of speech the First Amendment was created to protect.

Confronted with an active defense, Stansley soon abandoned the lawsuit. Its attorneys agreed to have the case dismissed with prejudice—meaning it can never be refiled.

Even so, Stansley benefited from its legal attack. If she hadn't been "distracted" by the lawsuit, Fromhart says, she would have pushed the MDEQ to conduct a public hearing on the company's revised application for a smaller lake. Instead, the state declared that previous hearings on the proposal for the bigger lake were sufficient.

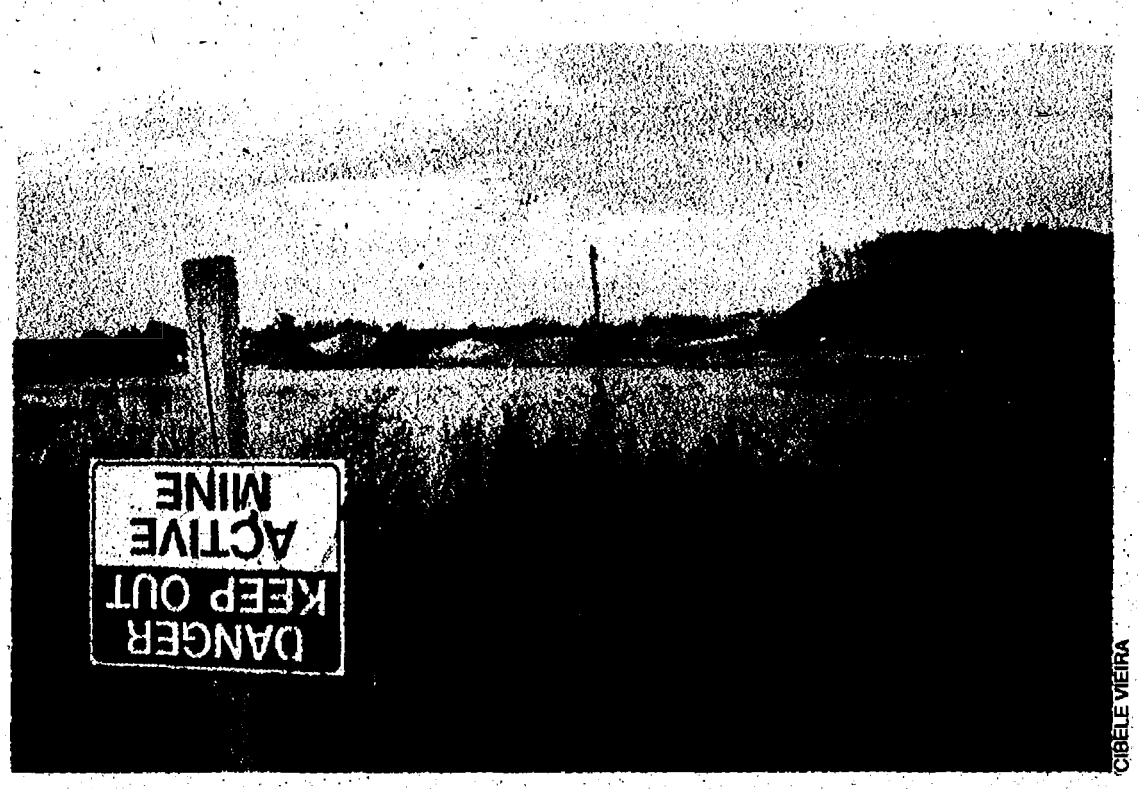
In addition to Fromhart, Stansley sued Richard Halladay, a former local resident who still owns property in Bridgewater Township but now lives in Oakland County. At the public hearing last fall, Halladay summarized his conversation with Mike Sobczyk, a business writer for the *Findlay Courier* who'd covered Stansley operations at a mine in Vanlue, Ohio. According to Halladay, Sobczyk described "a pattern of blowing smoke with regards to this operation, if not outright lying and misleading statements." Halladay also read a written statement asking officials and Stansley to disclose whether there had been any considerations exchanged between them for favorable decisions on Stansley's plans.

Faced with a lawsuit claiming damages in excess of $75,000, Halladay settled by signing a nonparticipation agreement in which he agreed not to speak about Stansley. He didn't return phone calls for this story.

Michael Steinberg, legal director of the state ACLU, says the group can't afford to defend most victims of SLAPP suits—who, like Halladay, must acquiesce or face financial ruin. Steinberg says legislation is the solution. About two dozen states now have laws raising the barriers for filing SLAPP suits and allowing courts to assess fines and costs to companies who file frivolous suits of this type. State senator Liz Brater has introduced similar legislation in Lansing.

Stansley attorney Brian Barger will not discuss the suits against Halladay and Fromhart beyond saying, "The basis for both lawsuits were not to intimidate people not to exercise their free speech and First Amendment rights, but to make sure that the facts they stated were correct."

That's sure not how it felt to the company's critics. After the pit owners sued Fromhart and Halladay, other neighbors who had spoken out at public hearings feared they'd be next. "Every day I walked out to the mailbox, I was afraid of what I'd find there," says Nancy Hebb.



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THE COUNTY PROSECUTOR HAS CHARGED STANSLEY WITH VIOLATING A STATE LAW THAT REQUIRES A FENCE AROUND A PIT. THE COMPANY CLAIMS ITS WARNING SIGNS ARE SUFFICIENT.

Digging in

Chip Tokar says Stansley is being picked on. He says the company is trying to be a good citizen, and that's why it downsized its plans for a new lake.

"We modified the permit to address all the concerns that were raised," says Tokar. "But still people aren't satisfied." He sighs. "I guess we're never going to appease everyone."

Township officials are certainly taking a harder line on the mine. Earlier this year, J&L Consulting provided the township with a report on the consent judgment, which had been amended again in August 2001. The consultants noted "noncompliance issues" that included the sediment overflow from the lake and long-standing problems with steep pit slopes.

Also this year, a township committee that included Fromhart drafted a new mineral extraction ordinance. It requires hydrological studies and environmental impact studies for new operations but doesn't apply to preexisting pits.

The township also has moved against Stansley after years of concerns about unstable pit walls. Township studies as far back as August 1998 found that steep slopes posed erosion as well as safety issues. Township supervisor Tania Kersey says she's concerned about young people who might get onto the property. Indeed, along Willow Road, a path leads directly to Stansley Lake. In April 2004 Kersey contacted the county prosecutor, citing a state law that requires anyone with a mining pit or hole more than four feet deep to have a fence around it. The prosecutor's office filed charges.

Stansley attorney Barger has filed a motion to dismiss, arguing that the statute does not apply to ongoing mineral extraction. Barger says his research hasn't turned up any other prosecutions under the law. A trial is scheduled for February.

In early November, all parties were awaiting an overdue ruling from the MDEQ on Stansley's downsized application for a new lake. But whatever the decision, Stansley isn't going away. Tokar makes it clear the company intends to keep exploring in Bridgewater for many years to come.

Whether the state will be more aggressive in policing future mines remains to be seen. But at least any new pits will be subject to the new township ordinance. Indeed, Bridgewater Township politics may never be the same.

Far from being shut up by the SLAPP suit, Laurie Fromhart is a dervish of energy. This fall she ran unsuccessfully as an independent for one of the township's two trustee slots. She claimed one of the incumbents, David Faust, has a conflict of interest, because his company, Faust Sand & Gravel, does business with Stansley.

Her fight has left Fromhart noticeably cynical. As she looks out her backyard at the tangle of untamed woods that romp down toward the wild River Raisin, she sounds wistful.

"No one seems to see the beauty in the land anymore," she says. "They just see it for what they can get out of it."

Yet, as Chip Tokar suggests, what can be gotten out of the land is the very thing that makes it possible for people like the Fromharts to live here. To see the other side of the picture, just look out the Fromharts' front windows toward Hogan Road. There, leading up to the front door of their large suburban-style ranch, is a long driveway. It's made of gravel. ■

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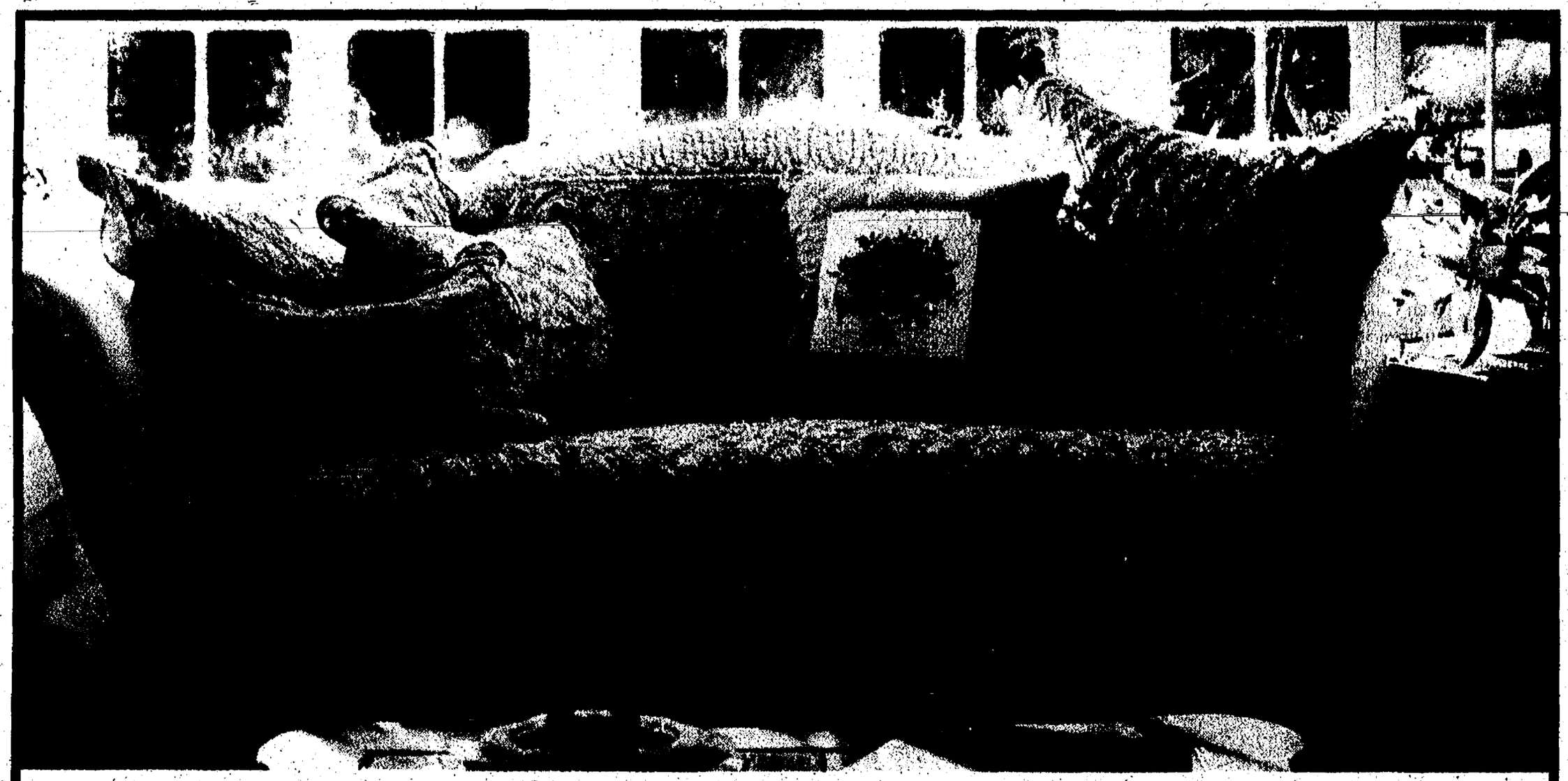
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Napa Valley East?

Brave new vintners gamble on the Pioneer Trail.

by Mary Beth Lewis

Kip Barber sold his house in Ferndale and scrounged every cent he could to create Lone Oak Vineyard Estate winery off I-94 in Grass Lake. Dan Measel emptied his retirement account to turn an old storefront in Tecumseh into Pentamere Winery.

Their start-ups in the spring of 2002 were real gambles. It's been years since anyone's made a living around here selling handcrafted wine. Grass Lake and Tecumseh are far from the three dozen wineries in western and northern Michigan that attract 600,000 tourists annually, and from the Lake Michigan shoreline's fruit-growing regions.

"Everyone told us we were nuts," Dan Measel recalls wryly.

But these entrepreneurs weren't deterred. Measel, a former disabilities services specialist, buys grapes from vineyards around the Great Lakes and drives them to Tecumseh immediately after harvest. Pentamere customers can peer down from the tasting room balcony and watch wine being made in vats below.

Barber, a former woodworker, grows his own European-derived vinifera grapes on twenty-five acres of sandy slopes in Grass Lake. He nurses his vines through the harsh seasons, using customized techniques to protect the plants and boost his yield. Several vintages into the experiment, Barber is still bullish about growing wine grapes along the glacial ridges south of the Waterloo Recreation Area.

"Jackson County," he tells you in all earnestness, "could be the Napa Valley of Michigan."

In fact, two more wineries opened in the Jackson area in 2003. From its picture-book setting amid wildflowers just northeast of Jackson, Sandhill Crane Vineyards made headlines in July, when its inaugural vintage took top awards at the 2004 Michigan State Fair wine competition. It was a coup for novice vintner Holly Balansag, a former photographer who moved back from San Francisco to craft wines from vines that her father, Norm Moffatt, planted in 1990. A longtime amateur winemaker, Moffatt moved to Jackson after retiring from the Detroit police force. The father-daughter team has been featured in *USA Today* and on WUOM radio. Moffatt's other children, siblings, and friends also regularly help out. Even his six grandchildren show up to pack boxes during Sandhill Crane's bottling parties.

Just west of Jackson, in Parma, John Burtka makes wine at Cherry Creek Cellars, which also has an off-site tasting room at Meckley's Flavor Fruit Farm, on US-12 in Somerset Center.

Additionally, southeast Michigan now has three tasting rooms operated by Michigan's two best-known winemakers. St. Julian's has local outlets along I-94 near Jackson and off US-23 in Dundee. The Dundee location thrives on visitors to the nearby Cabela's sporting goods superstore. St. Julian's salespeople also report steady business from churches (Catholics like the sweetest stuff, they say) and from customers whose doctors have told them to drink wine to reduce cholesterol or stress.

The Tabor Hill Wine Tasting Room and Gallery on Liberty Street in downtown Ann Arbor caters to well-dressed folks heading to and from expensive nearby restaurants. Tabor Hill Gallery director Ben Upton, a printmaker who lives in Saline, has a studio in Ann Arbor and is part of the wine-making company's first family. Probably the most acclaimed wine he sells is Tabor Hill Classic Demi-Sec, reportedly served by five U.S. presidents.



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Kip Barber (above) liquidated his assets to start Lone Oak Vineyard Estate in Grass Lake. Holly Balansag moved back from California to join the local wine rush.

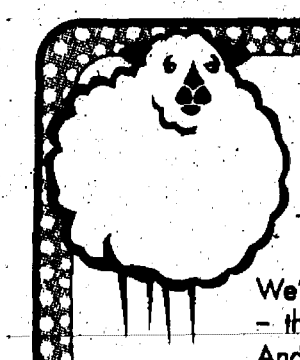
In 2003, despite their different approaches, these eight area wineries and tasting rooms formed a regional association, the Southeast Michigan Pioneer Wine Trail. They jointly sponsor promotional events year round. Capacity crowds are expected for the Pioneer Trail's second annual Holiday Cheer weekend on December 4 and 5.

Michigan's niche

Michigan is the fourth-largest grape-producing state, with about a tenth of its grape-growing acreage supporting wine production. Most Michigan-made wine is consumed within the state—and at increasing rates. In the last seven years Michigan wines have doubled their share of overall sales in the state. Wine production and tourism contribute about $75 million annually to the state's economy—but predominantly in areas within twenty-five miles of Lake Michigan, which moderates temperatures. Local winemakers aim to change that.

They're getting help from the state. Although Kip Barber and Dan Measel each encountered doubters in the late 1990s when they first approached state officials, the Michigan Department of Agriculture's Grape and Wine Industry Council has supported the Pioneer Wine Trail with a $5,000 seed grant and promises of matching grants for three years.

David Creighton, a spokesman for the state wine council, marvels at how the Pioneer Trail has hit the ground running. In addition to events, group members have served as



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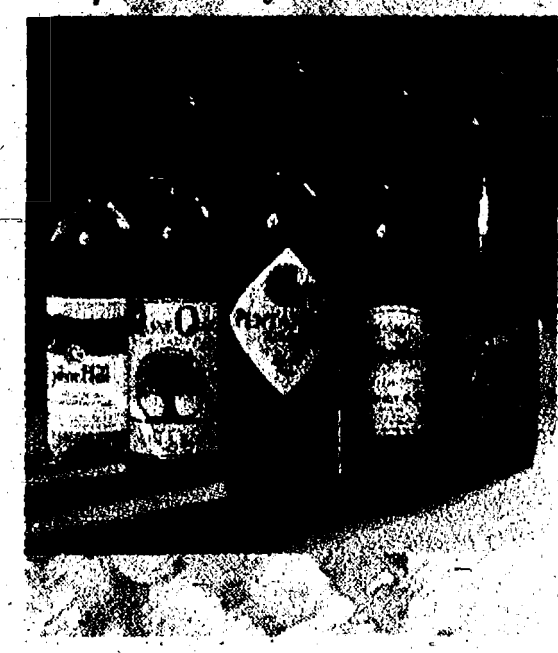
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concessionaires at music festivals and have mounted advertising campaigns—while building their individual businesses.

Barber was the group's first president, and Measel took over this year. A common "barn building" spirit prevails as members help each other find land and grapes.

The Pioneer Trail's name harks back to the area's historic winemakers. A document from the state wine council describes an earlier boom period after the Civil War, when Lake Erie was the leading wine region in the country. By 1880, vineyards extended past Toledo into Michigan. In 1919 there were eight wineries near Monroe, but none of them survived Prohibition.

The wine back then was sweet and often fortified with extra alcohol, unlike the reds and whites that became popular after World War II, when American soldiers returned from Europe accustomed to drier wines. Those changing tastes, encouraged by the popularity of international cuisine, spelled disaster for Michigan's winemaking industry, which was based on sweet Concord and Niagara grapes. Only one active winery, St. Julian's, survived.

While California was revolutionizing the wine world in the 1960s and 1970s, Michigan's wine industry was rejuvenating. First in the southwest and then on peninsulas near Traverse City, winemakers experimented with Riesling, Chardonnay, Merlot, and other grapes. In recent years, Michigan wines have steadily earned respect—and profits.

According to Creighton, critics now tout the subtle expression of fruit in Michigan's reds and whites. The growing popularity of regional wineries across the United States and southern Canada is related, he says, to consumers' displeasure with the uniformity of mass-produced wines, which blend many different types of grapes. Locally produced wines allow consumers to discover something unique and interesting, he explains.

Creighton has been impressed by the Pioneer Trail. He also knows what the winemakers are up against.

"There's an old joke in the wine industry," he says, "that if you want to make a small fortune, start with a big fortune."

The bottom line

On September 29, Kip Barber is jazzed. He's invited 3,000 people to Lone Oak's harvest blues bash on October 2 in Grass

ake. An unusually dry September means hat his grapes won't be bloated with late in. He expects the heat-stressed vines to roduce the small, intensely flavored rries he needs for full-bodied Merlots d Cabernets. He's predicting 2004 will an "awesome vintage year"—heady ords for an estate vintner.

There's more than good wine at stake Barber. He says his winery represents investment of more than $700,000, ainly derived from the sale of his house, uidation of his savings and family in- ritance, and a $200,000 loan from the deral Farm Service Agency. He appreci- es the "great faith" shown in him by his an officer, who, Barber says, was told



Andy Leidinger serves wine at the Brancidhin Crane Vineyards tasting room.

by skeptical local farmers, "If grapes can grow so well here, why isn't everyone growing them already?"

Barber believes his secret for success goes beyond sandy soil and a latitude nearly matching Bordeaux's. He's developed techniques to protect his vines in the winter, pruning them low to the ground and mulching them with wood chips from oak trees cleared from his fields. He uses horizontal trellising system to open the leaf canopy and increase the penetration of sunlight.

The result, he hopes, will be wine good enough to finance creation of a Lone Oak restaurant and nearby dream house for him and his wife, Dennise, a Northwest Airlines flight attendant. He's even planned a grand entrance to his winery, wrapping around its lone remaining namesake oak.

Who could help wondering—is the wine good enough for all that?

According to taste

The $23-a-bottle Lone Oak Merlot tasted pretty good alongside the fudgy brownies served up at the August food pairing. But we sought a professional opinion—and the wine buyers at Big Ten Market in Ann Arbor agreed to sample several bottles made at southeastern Michigan's wineries.

Ashley Stockstill, a Big Ten buyer who teaches wine appreciation classes at Eve restaurant in Ann Arbor, declared one Pioneer Trail Chardonnay-style blend "very representative of Michigan whites," with a soft purity of fruit, a little oak, and no bracing acidity. The tasters were less enchanted by the dry reds, citing one's brownish color and another's leafy taste, which suggests grapes not at their peak potential. In general, they assessed the wines as ambitious, promising, and typical of young vines—and of young wineries still perfecting their craft.

"A young wine-producing area at some point has to focus on what works best," Stockstill says. The Big Ten buyers cite the L. Mawby winery of Suttons Bay, which concentrates on sparkling whites.

The group's favorite was a $13-a-bottle unfiltered red that had been spiked with Michigan raspberry juice. The tasters applauded what one called its "big dynamic range" and pleasing authenticity. And they agreed that it would be great to discover this wine at its source.

Wineries have a unique "energy flow," says Big Ten co-owner Tommy York. Visiting them "demystifies the process and makes wine a living product," he adds. A big supporter of local businesses, he stocks Ann Arbor Vineyards wines, produced as a sideline by a quartet of local white-collar workers. Barber and Measel say tasting-room sales nearly deplete their annual production of a few thousand cases each, so retail distribution hasn't been needed yet.

Chelsea Market stocks several Michigan wines. "Customers ask for them, and are often willing to pay a few dollars more, maybe because they remember having a good experience visiting a winery on vacation at the lake," says manager Kim Flintoft.

Do-it-yourselfers now have another local option: for about $220, they can craft and custom-label thirty bottles of red or white wine at Vintner's Cellar of Saline. John and Jill Olsen opened the state's master Vintner's Cellar franchise on Michigan Avenue a year ago, and they say response has been good. They'd like to join the Pioneer Trail, but because it's supported by the Michigan Department of Agriculture, there's a problem with Vintner's Cellar's use of pasteurized juice blended from grapes from around the world.

The franchised brew-your-own concept might seem too craftsy for the snooty world of wine. But this is a world market that's been in flux since France lost its centuries-old hammerlock a few decades ago.

In the September 6, 2004, issue of the *New Yorker*, critic Adam Gopnik muses, "Well, what does make wine taste bad or good? Is there really a standard, or a way to agree on one? Within the heart of every wine drinker, there is the suspicion that no one really knows."

The folks at Pentamere Winery have a corollary to that theory at the top of their wine-list tasting notes: "First rule: Drink what tastes good to you!" ■

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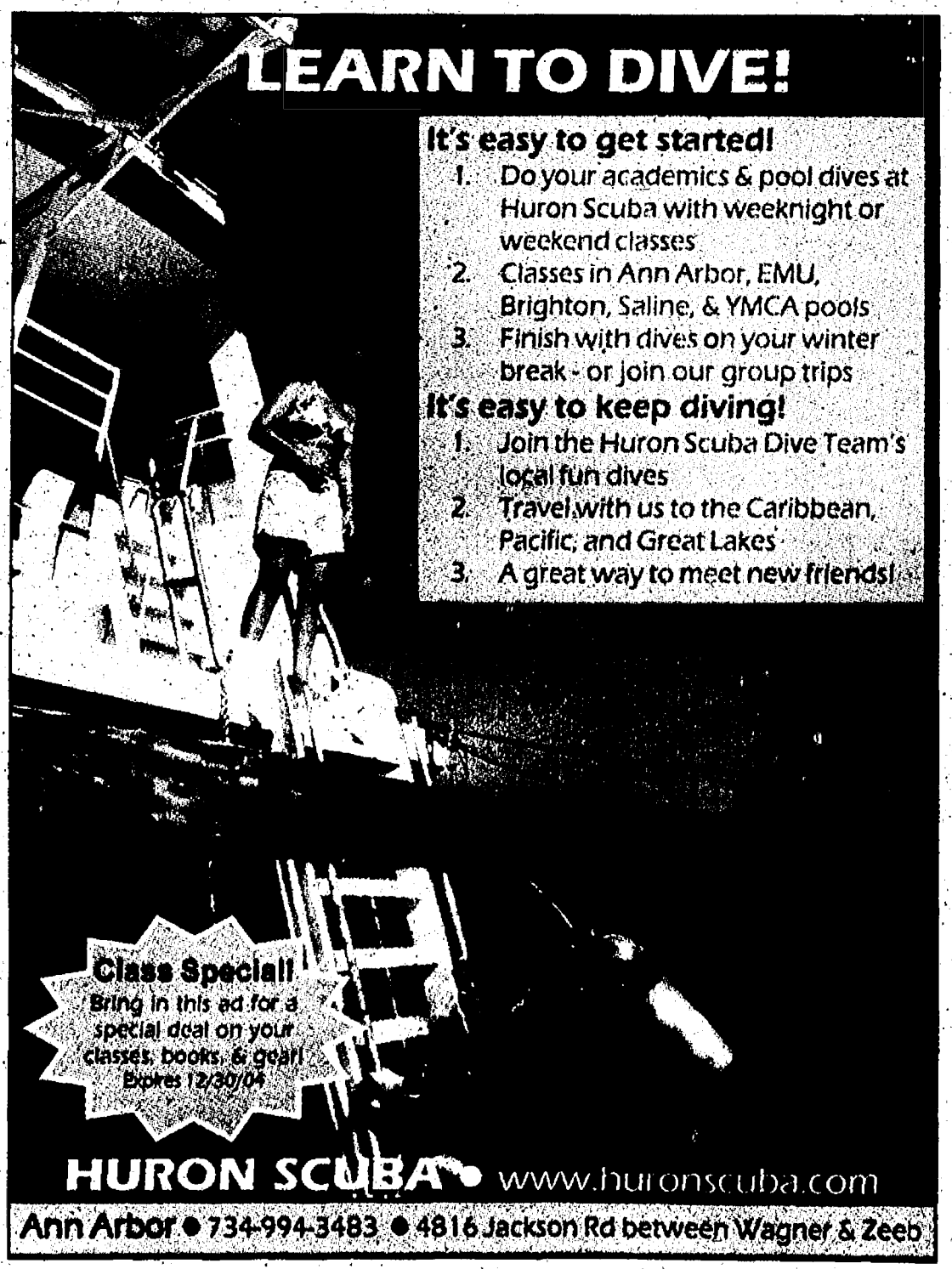
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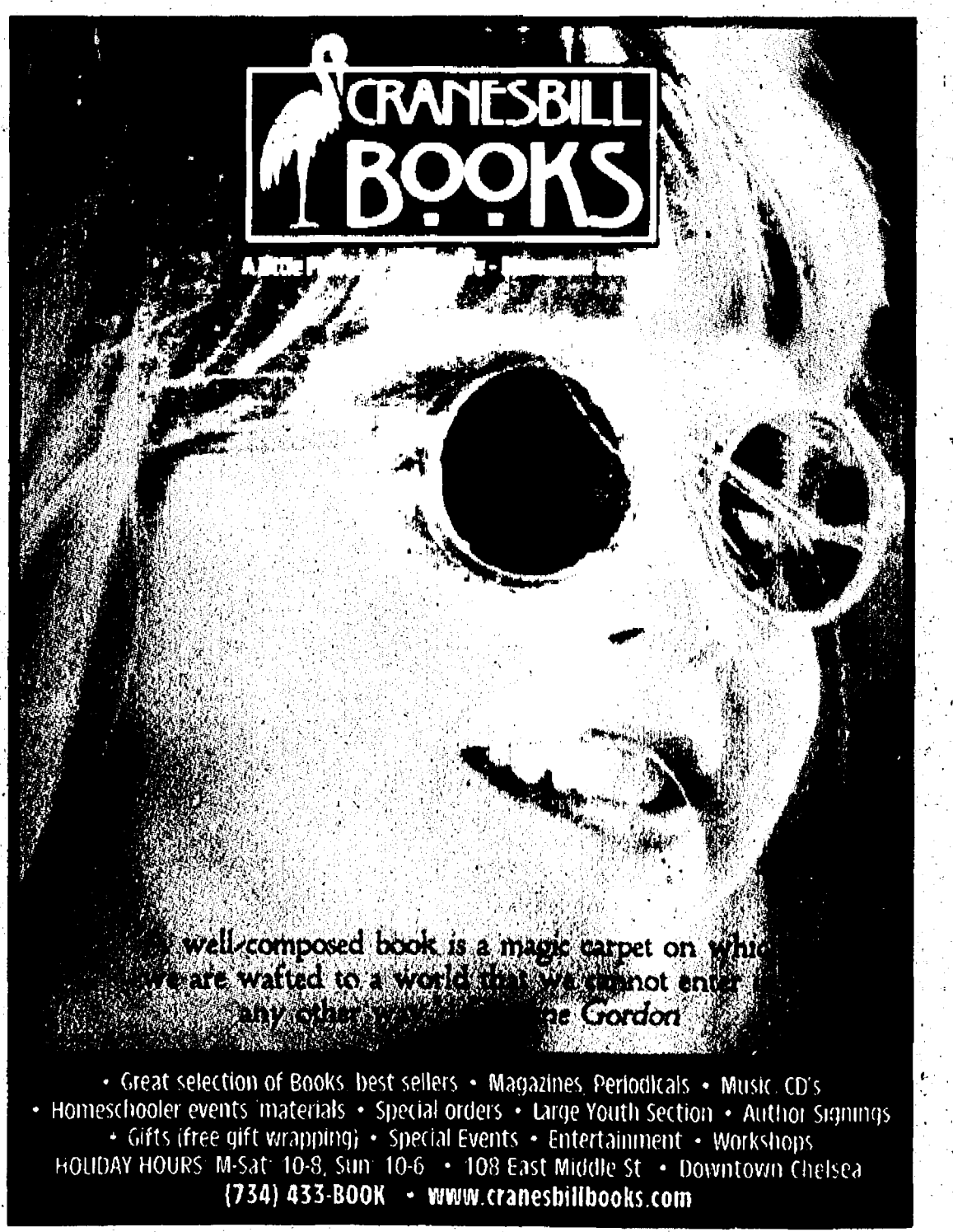
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Gourmet Chocolate Cafe delights

A nod to simpler times



CARINE LUTZ

Tom Diab aims for plain old value in the combined coffeehouse and chocolate shop he runs with his sister, Raquel.

Chelsea

In an age of sophisticated urban coffeehouses with wireless Internet access and gimmicky names for their specialty drinks, Chelsea's new **Gourmet Chocolate Cafe** is a delightful throwback. The coffee, cappuccino, café au lait, and latte come in plain old small, medium, and large; the juice in the refrigerator case is Welch's and Tropicana; and the fanciest thing on the menu is a piece of pie. It's warm, friendly, and likably unprepossessing. The chairs are wrought iron and wood, with tables to match. There isn't a sleek, upholstered chair in the place.

Best of all, the walls are lined with used books. Customers can read them while they drink their coffee, or they can buy them for a pittance: hardbacks are $3, paperbacks are $2, and children's books go for a dollar less.

Tom Diab and his sister, Raquel, opened the cafe on August 1. They take turns at the counter, which showcases brownies, cinnamon rolls, scones, muffins, and plenty of yummy-looking chocolate. The Diabs obviously love their inventory, for the walls and the menu are covered with what they call "delicious chocolate sayings." "The way to a woman's heart is through a box of chocolates," states one. "If you get melted chocolate all over your hands, you're eating too slowly," advises another.

One wall of the shop is devoted to retail: ground coffee, mugs, flavoring syrups, wicker baskets, espresso cups, and Gevalia coffee decanters. There is also local artwork for sale. This fall, the cafe is showcasing work by photographer Mark Bogarin, including an oversize, hand-tinted photograph of two flamingos priced at $200.

Gourmet Chocolate Cafe, 312 North Main, Chelsea, 475–1071. Tues.–Fri. 7 a.m.–7 p.m., Sat. & Sun. 8 a.m.–7 p.m. Closed Mon.

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Many folks know about Bill and Marsi Darwin's stained-glass studio on Beeman Road. But after almost twenty-five years in business, Bill is ready to take his artwork to a wider audience. In November the couple opened **Darwin's Downtown** in the former Changes Interiors space on East Middle Street.

The store carries a stunning selection of Marsi's stained-glass works and Bill's meticulously restored antique slot machines. Some of the slot machines are in pretty good shape; others, like the 1922 model he recently refurbished, are "basket cases" that take forty to eighty hours to restore.

Darwin's Downtown, 112 East Middle, Chelsea, 475–8724. Thurs. & Fri. 2–7 p.m., Sat. 10 a.m.–7 p.m., Sun. 1–5 p.m. Closed Mon.–Wed.

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Mancino's Pizza & Grinders closed its Main Street location in Chelsea at the end of July. The McDevitt family, which also owns other Mancino's stores in Washtenaw County, didn't return calls for comment.

More changes at Tuscan House

Catering business replaces restaurant

Dexter

Ray Lance is selling the **Tuscan House**—formerly Cousins Heritage Inn—to an undisclosed buyer, but he'll continue to run **Chef Ray's Catering** out of the former restaurant's kitchen. "I can't say who's buying the building, because everything isn't finalized yet," Lance says, "but it isn't another restaurateur. They're going to lease me use of the kitchen. Part of the deal is I have to fix them lunch every day!"

Lance, who bought the building and business from founders Paul and Pat Cousins in 2001, changed the restaurant's name and concept in early 2004, replacing gourmet cuisine with midrange Italian fare. He closed the restaurant in July, focusing instead on his catering business and on hosting on-site dinners for parties of ten or more.

Lance will continue to book reservations for large groups at the Tuscan House through the holidays, and he plans to open to the public on Thanksgiving Day. After the first of the year, he'll be doing strictly offsite catering. "I offer the gamut of all types of cooking, from picnics to fine dining," he says.

Eventually, Lance hopes to run a small carryout deli from the back of the building.

The Tuscan House / Chef Ray's Catering, 7954 Ann Arbor Street, Dexter, 426–3020. Open by reservation only.

Coffee Mill Cafe can't wait

Village president brings latte

Manchester

There are plenty of places in Manchester to get a good cup of coffee, but so far there hasn't been what village president Pat Vailliencourt calls "a true espresso machine." Craving a warm, creamy latte, and sure many other residents felt the same way, Vailliencourt decided to open her own coffeehouse. She even had the perfect name for it: the **Coffee Mill Cafe.**

"I've been planning this for well over a year, so I was content to wait until a spot opened up in the [Manchester] Mill," Vailliencourt explains. "I thought the name was so clever: the Coffee Mill Cafe—in the Mill!"

Then Vailliencourt got wind of other entrepreneurs looking at putting a coffeehouse on Main Street. "I thought, as a friend of mine said, 'Quit dipping a toe in the water and just jump in,'" she says.

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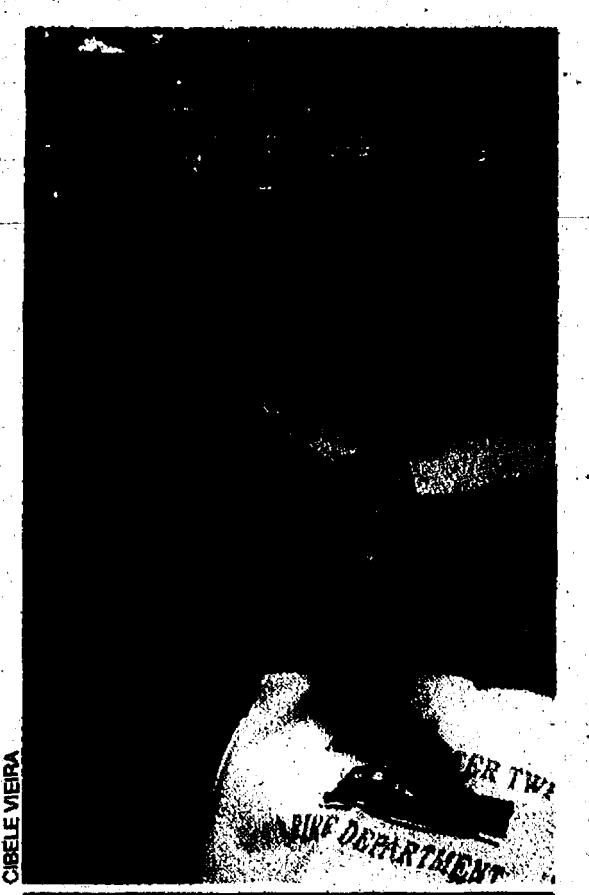
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CIBELE VIEIRA

Quentin points out what grandmother Nancy Bihlmeyer can do on shirts.

holidays in the former Stitches tailoring shop kitty-corner across from the mill. The high-visibility location already sports a repainted facade and will be outfitted with a new awning custom-embroidered by Nancy Bihlmeyer, who recently opened Sew Write on Adrian Street (see story below).

Vailliencourt is gutting the interior, right down to the original brick walls and hardwood floor. She's furnishing the cafe with chairs she bought years ago from Haarer's (where Dan's River Grill is now); she and her husband, Dwayne, are refinishing them.

The cafe will have a distinctly local flavor, with pictures of old-time Manchester and antiques donated by family and friends. "I've been getting such great stuff from the community," Vailliencourt says. "Someone gave me an old oak table that was in their family, and someone else gave me a coffee pot that belonged to their grandma."

Vailliencourt, who is better than halfway through her second term as village president, is also the sales administration manager for Uniloy Milacron. She certainly doesn't need another job to fill her time, but she says a coffeehouse is key to a lively downtown atmosphere, and she has her family's support. In fact it will be daughter Kellie Englund, not Vailliencourt, who will spend most of her time behind the counter. "She's my first, and certainly my foremost, employee," says Vailliencourt.

The Coffee Mill Cafe, 146 East Main, Manchester, no phone available at press time. Probable hours: Mon.–Sat. 6:30 a.m.–4 p.m.

Nancy Bihlmeyer has been running her custom embroidery business, **Sew Write**, out of her Manchester-area home for the past nine years. In September she took over the onetime DVD Revolution space, repainting it in restful neutrals with deep red accents and installing her four-head and single-head embroidery machines. The shop also offers heat transfers, a process similar to screen printing that melds a company logo, school mascot, or other images to fabric.

Bihlmeyer can embroider onto almost anything someone brings in, or customers can choose from a retail selection of sweatshirts, hats, jackets, and T-shirts, plus baby items, including fleece blankets, clothing, and bibs. Over time, she plans to add to the inventory, introducing towels, pillowcases, duffel bags, and aprons. The store also carries locally crafted Sun Blossom solar chimes—powered by solar panels, they respond to sunshine instead of wind.

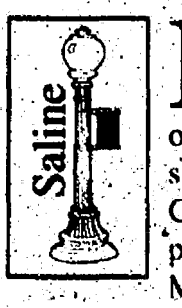
The store is big enough for Bihlmeyer to consider offering quilting classes. She already donates her store's space the second Saturday of every month (except December) for volunteers to make quilts for pediatric hospitals and agencies that help abused and abandoned children.

Regulars already know to stop by on Thursdays and Fridays, when Bihlmeyer's oldest grandson, Quentin, age twenty months, is in the shop. "He'll greet you at the door, and if you choose a hat, he'll help you try it on," says Quentin's proud grandma. "He has a big following, let me tell you!"

Sew Write, 112 Adrian, Manchester, 428–9630. Mon.–Fri. 8 a.m.–4 p.m., Sat. 8 a.m.–2 p.m., evenings by appointment. Closed Sun.

It's Jus-A-Buck

Tidy dollar store welcomes bargain hunters



In September, Tecumseh bookkeeper Sandra Smith opened **Jus-A-Buck** dollar store in Saline's Country Creek shopping center. The place is almost eerily neat. Most of one wall is devoted to kitchen utensils, each hanging perfectly straight and nesting one behind the other in soldierly formation.



CIBELE VIEIRA

Sandra Smith's not worried about competing with Wal-Mart.

Jus-A-Buck also carries small toys, household goods, stationery and other paper products, home decor items, candy and other foodstuffs, craft and party supplies—including wrapping paper, greeting cards, gift bags, and Mylar and rubber balloons—and a wide selection of the off-brand cleaning products unique to dollar stores.

Smith is keeping her day job with a Tecumseh-area construction company for now, while she gets her new venture off the ground. She's one of the few area merchants who like the prospect of a new Wal-Mart down the street. "I think it'll help my business," she says. "As a consumer, I go to the dollar stores first, and then to the high-priced stores to get what I have to there, so I don't know why anybody else wouldn't do that."

Jus-A-Buck, 7025 East Michigan Avenue (Country Creek), Saline, 944-4845. Mon.–Sat. 9 a.m.–8 p.m., Sun. 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

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Kelly's 107 and the **Saline Cafe,** the dual-named two-roomed restaurant owned by Herb and Joyce Gaudet, stopped serving weekday lunch in July, after months of unpredictable customer traffic. "Things would be so slow, we'd have to staff down, and then every once in a while, it would get busy, and we'd find ourselves understaffed," explains chef Brad Beach. "You don't want to do business like that."

In part to compensate for the lost lunch business, the restaurant is offering Sunday brunch from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The menu ranges from the familiar (omelets, eggs Benedict, French toast) to the adventurous (a steak sandwich topped with lobster hollandaise, Jamaican-style chicken with a pear-plum chutney, and cornmeal johnnycakes topped with chorizo, pinto-bean chili, cheese, tomatoes, scallions, and guacamole).

Kelly's 107 and Saline Cafe, 107 West Michigan, Saline, 429-5407 or 429-5408. Mon.–Thurs. 4–10:30 p.m., Fri. 4–11 p.m., Sat. 11 a.m.–11 p.m., Sun. 10 a.m.–3 p.m.

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Pat's Pub, the Celtic pub below Mac's Acadian Seafood, closed in September, less than a year after it opened. Owner Patrick Little, former Saline mayor and current city councilman, says the pub, a joint venture with Mac's owners Wally and Cindy MacNeil, was frequented by locals during the week and out-of-towners on the weekends—but not enough to justify keeping the doors open.

The cheerful Gaelic decor remains in place, and the MacNeils continue to use the space as a banquet room for private parties. Neither Little nor the MacNeils have ruled out a renaissance for Pat's Pub. "We're hoping we may come up with something later on this year to revive it," Little says.

—Laura McReynolds

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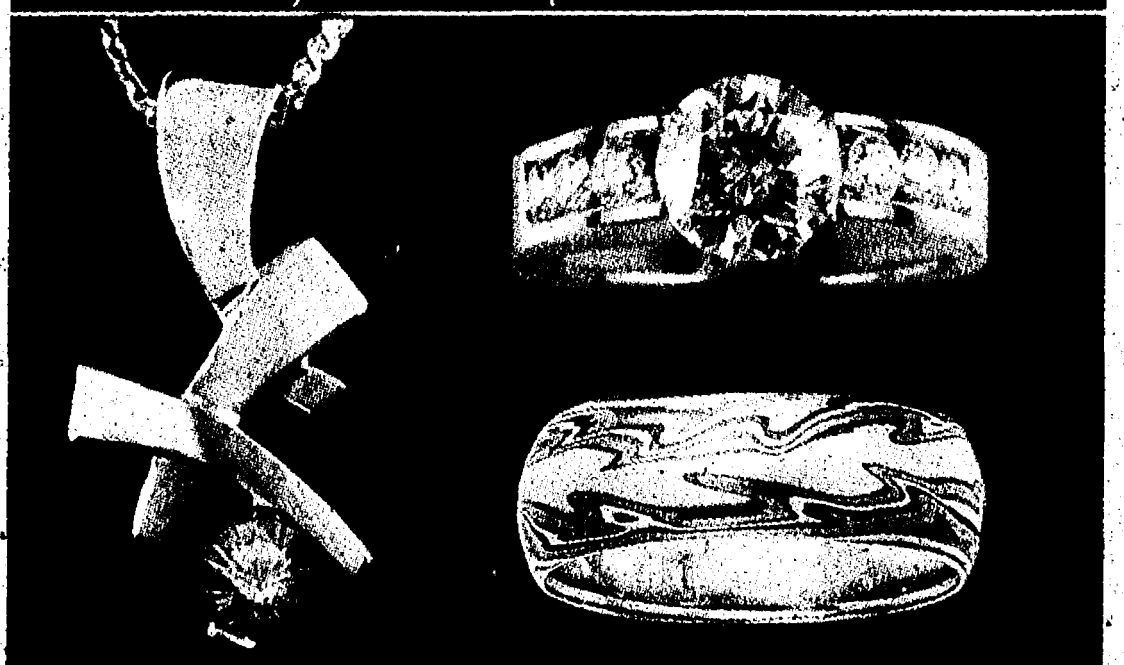
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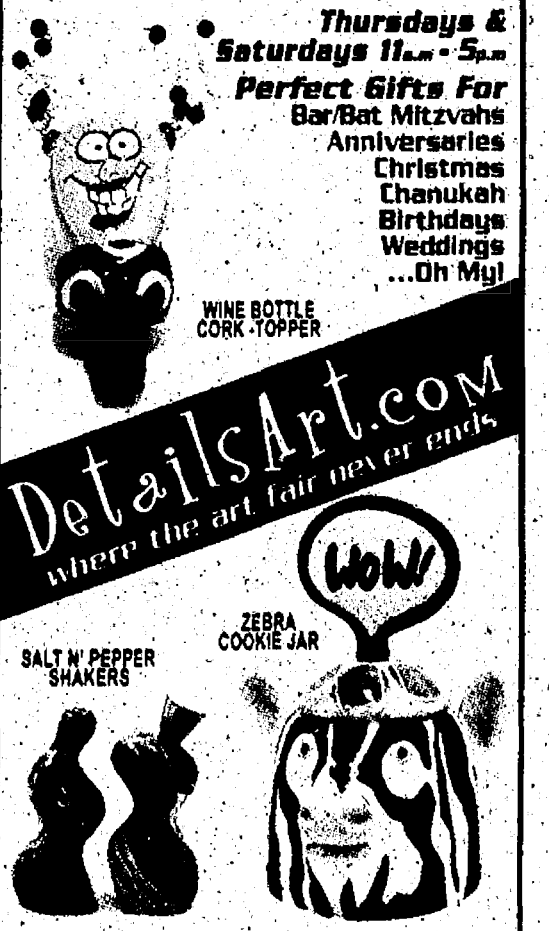
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Jasmine Thai & China Bistro

Ambitious cosmopolitan hideaway

Between a Fantastic Sam's and a vacant storefront in a nondescript strip mall is about the last place you'd expect to find a restaurant as enchanting and impressive as Jasmine Thai & China Bistro. Once inside, you're immediately transported from a bland suburban milieu to an elegant cosmopolitan hideaway.

The first thing that grabs you is a fish tank with breathtakingly brilliant colors. This is no run-of-the-mill Asian restaurant aquarium: an exotic seascape of gorgeous coral, algae, and brightly colored fish, it's emblematic of the entire Jasmine Thai experience.

The place is full of surprising delights. Warm mahogany-colored wood paneling hugs the large front dining room, with its lonely bar eagerly awaiting a liquor license someday, but for now content with producing such alcohol-free imitators as a "Virgin Colada." Wonderful decorative touches abound—Chinese-lantern-style chandeliers, eye-catching landscapes, a huge brass engraving of a historic scene. Three wooden elephants parade atop a divider. Somehow this abundance of decoration succeeds without making the place feel too cluttered.

The freshness of the surroundings is matched by the extensive menu. Jasmine Thai & China Bistro is a mouthful of a name, but it accurately describes the concept here—a huge range of dishes that include standard Thai and Chinese favorites, plus elegant appetizers and salads and soups, and intriguing and unique house specials. Both the daring and the conservative diner have plenty of options.

Although the food includes several Chinese cuisines—Hunan, Mandarin, Szechuan, and others—the Thai dishes clearly dominate in innovation and range. Meat eaters and vegetarians alike will find a bounty—not only are there nine vegetarian entrees listed, but several noodle and rice dishes can be ordered with or without meat.

Of fifteen appetizers available, we sampled four. The vegetarian crispy egg rolls were indeed crispy but also light, and neither oily nor too crunchy—allowing the fresh and savory mixture of cabbage and carrots inside to be hugged warmly rather than squeezed out. We chose to have our Peking dumplings steamed, which turned out to be a mistake. Although they were delicious, with a gingery tang, the dough was too heavy and wet. A bigger disappointment was the *satay* chicken: the meat was bland and mushy, as if it too had been steamed rather than grilled; and the sauce was too close to pure peanut butter in texture and taste.

Redemption came last (as, oddly, the appetizers arrived in waves). All hail the corn cakes, wonderfully light, crispy, and succulent, with a flour meal mixture containing just the right tiny amount of perfectly steamed kernels. A triumph of subtle, happy simplicity, they were accompanied by a superb, slightly spicy, and perfectly complementary sauce.

The one soup we sampled—the traditional *tom yum*, a Thai hot-and-sour soup—was complex and challenging. The bits of chicken (you can also have it with shrimp or tofu) were tasty, as were some of the vegetables, and the broth had a strong, pungent, and distinctive, if somewhat fishy, taste. But it was hard work to pick among the herbs and lemongrass and chilies and discard the chunks of woody and grassy pieces that were inedible.

Disconcertingly, the entrees took nearly an hour to reach us. Our waitress was apologetic, and it was a very crowded Saturday night, so it's probably safe to assume the delays were an aberration. Still, the service was a bit chaotic. The salad I'd ordered came out with the entrees. And our waitress brought us the check right after we finished the main course, not even bothering to ask if we might want dessert.

These faux pas hardly marred our enthusiasm for Jasmine. Delights far outweighed disappointments. Late or not, the *larb esan*—ground chicken garnished with a lettuce leaf and bits of fresh cucumbers, cilantro, and onions—was fantastic. A zesty but light touch of hot-and-sour sauce with mint, lime juice, and chili makes this a huge upgrade from any standard chicken salad.

Also way above average was the vegetarian fried rice—it was chock full of peas, celery, cucumbers, and other goodies steamed to a soft crunchiness. The rice was perfectly cooked, and the soy sauce was subtle and delicate. You don't expect something so ordinary to be so delectable.

On the other end of ordinary, the Empress chicken failed to impress. The batter-fried chicken was bland, the sweet sauce predictable, and the garnishes rather ordinary. This dish helped solidify our opinion that Jasmine's Thai side is more innovative and successful than its Chinese standards. That was even true, to some extent, of the somewhat plain *rad na* noodles, which we ordered with pork. The noodles in this Thai dish were like something you'd find in Polish food—hearty, huge, and addictive. The spices, however, were less daring than in the other dishes, making it a safe bet for the less adventurous.

The more adventurous waded into three quite interesting entrees selected from the twenty-one "Jasmine signature dishes" from different regions of Thailand and China. The "kiss me" ginger was something of a tease, with the ginger taste a bit inconsistent from bite to bite, but the vegetables and meat (chicken, shrimp, or duck is available) were delicate, light, and flavorful, if a little bland when the ginger buss was being withheld.

The roast duck with red curry came in a huge soup bowl; the pieces of duck, along with cherry tomatoes, Kaffir-lime and basil leaves, and pineapple, were literally swimming in the curry sauce. When I dumped the accompanying bowl of white rice into the main bowl, the rice drowned too. The duck was tender, although its immersion in the spicy sauce made it taste a little less distinctively like duck and more like beef. The pineapple and tomato were, to my stomach, an odd combination, so I skipped the pineapple. Still, it was one of the best duck dishes this duck lover has ever had.

Also fascinating was the "happy reunion," described in the menu as "a unification of fresh sea scallops, prawns, chicken, beef, roast pork, and Chinese veggies." Like almost all the other dishes at Jasmine Thai, it was appealingly presented, sitting in a beautiful basket of fried noodles. The noodles in the basket, however, had to be overcooked to hold the contents, and were so stiff as to be barely edible. For pure taste, the dish might have worked better without the basket and with white rice, although the visuals would have suffered. The meat and vegetables, and the accompanying brown sauce, were delicious nonetheless.

Despite the early check, we persisted in ordering dessert. Jasmine Thai has a raft of rich but delightfully light indulgences—the hazelnut *craquant* was especially yummy—and a selection of the aforementioned fruity nonalcoholic drink concoctions.

When we returned for lunch, we found more pleasures. The sweet-and-sour pork was terrific, with perfectly steamed, bright vegetables. The *kra pow* (spicy basil-leaves chicken) featured the same bright, delectable veggies and a sauce with a kick. These $7.95 lunch specials are accompanied by a cup of soup—the egg drop has a thick, sweet, creamy broth, and the hot-and-sour, featuring pork, tofu, mushrooms, and bamboo shoots, is hearty and pungent. We also tried the light summer rolls, with their paper-thin gelatinous wrapping and their refreshing, cool greens, and the Thai apple salad, gorgeous on a triangular plate, with spears of green apple slices thatched over chicken, shrimp, onions, roasted coconut, and cashews.

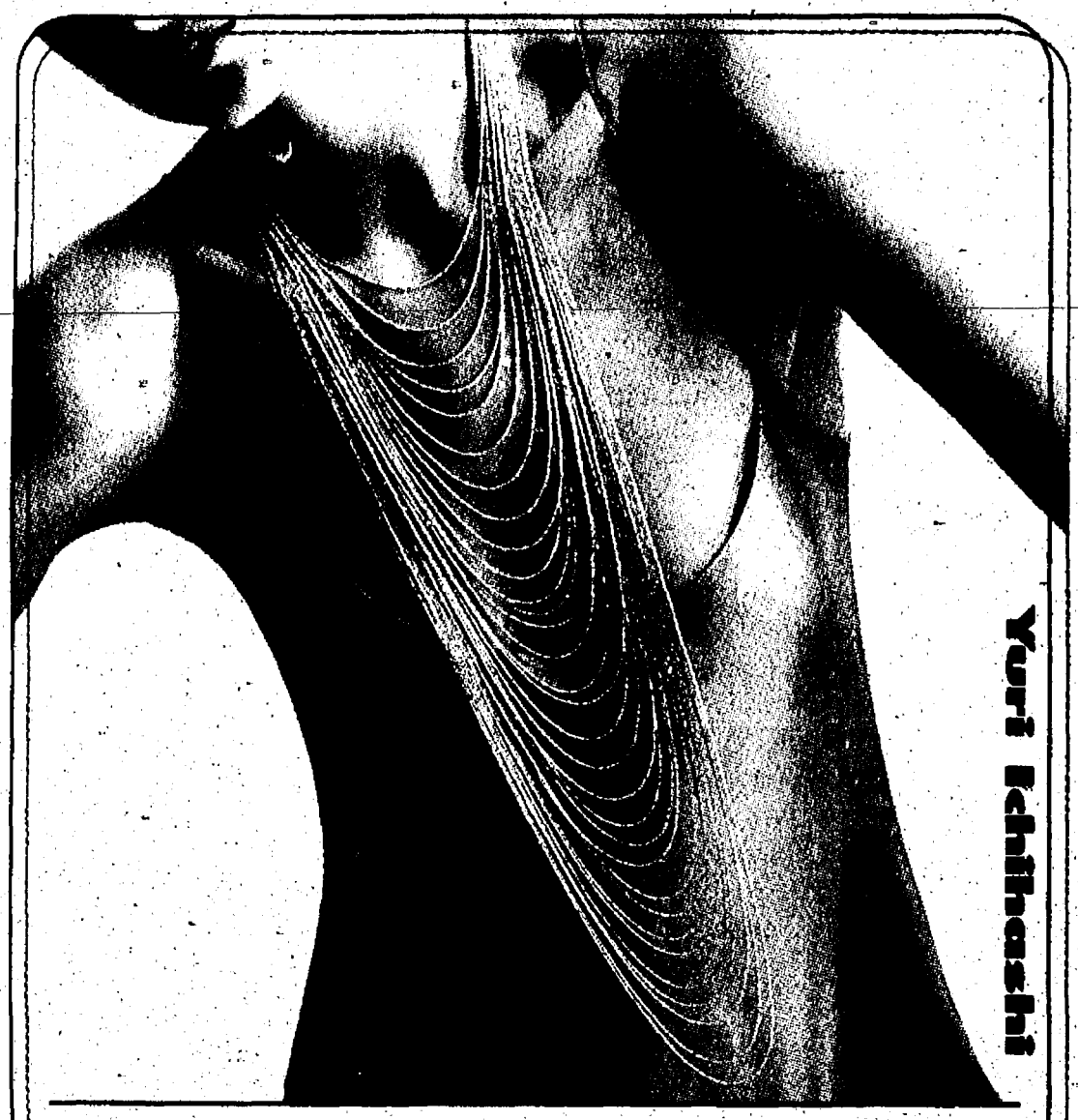
All of these dishes added up to an intriguing experience that's worth a trip from anywhere in the county. Jasmine doesn't look like a destination restaurant from the outside, but don't be fooled. Not everything worked perfectly here, but we're definitely going back, because there are many dozens of ambitious dishes yet to try.

—*Michael Betzold*

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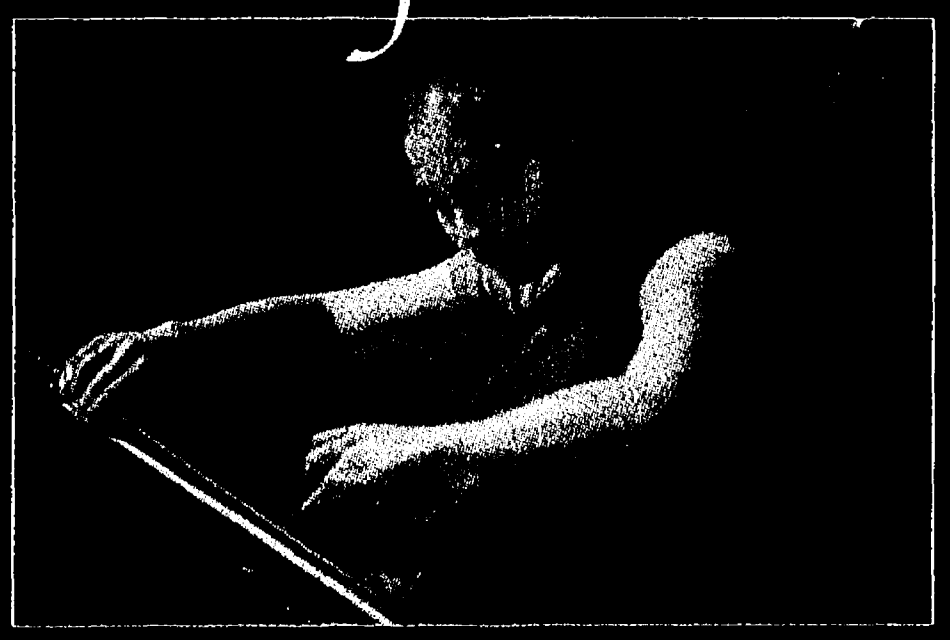
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Thursday, January 13

Saline High School Girls Volleyball vs. Lenawee Christian. *5:30 p.m., SHS, 1300 Campus Pkwy., Saline. $4. 429–8042.*

Chelsea High School Girls Volleyball vs. Tecumseh. *7 p.m., CHS, 740 N. Freer, Chelsea. $4. 433–2244.*

★Open Mike: Student-Produced Artistic Collaborative Events. All high school students invited to perform or present their art in any medium. All invited to listen or watch. Concessions. *7–9 p.m., location TBA, Dexter. Free. 424–4240, ext. 7515.*

Friday, January 14

17th Anniversary Antiques Show: Saline Area Historical Society. *January 14 & 15.* Juried show and sale of antiques from 58 dealers from throughout the Midwest, including furniture, tableware, textiles, and more. Food available. *11 a.m.–7 p.m. (Jan. 14) & 9 a.m.–5 p.m. (Jan. 15), Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds, 5055 Ann Arbor–Saline Rd., Saline. Admission $3. 429–3164.*

Big Bear Ice Hockey Tournament: Arctic Coliseum. *January 14–16 & 21–23, February 4–6, and March 4–6.* Four tournaments featuring single-elimination competition among teams from the Midwest and Canada with players of all ages. *Afternoon & evening times TBA, Arctic Coliseum, 501 Coliseum Dr. (off Old Manchester Rd., ½ mile south of the intersection of Old US-12 & M-52), Chelsea. Ticket price TBA. 433–4444.*

Chelsea High School Boys Swimming vs. Saline. *6:30 p.m., Beach Middle School, 445 Mayer, Chelsea. $4. 433–2244.*

Saline High School Boys Basketball vs. Dexter. *7 p.m., SHS, 1300 Campus Pkwy., Saline. $5. 429–8042.*

2nd Friday Advanced English Dance: Ann Arbor Council for Traditional Music and Dance. See 12 December. 8 p.m., **Saline.**

Saturday, January 15

"On the Trail of the Whitetail": Hudson Mills Metropark Interpretive Nature Programs. Hudson Mills naturalist Jennifer Hollenbeck leads a leisurely hike to look for signs of white-tailed deer and learn about their habits. *2 p.m., Hudson Mills Metropark Activity Center, 8801 North Territorial Rd. (between Dexter-Pinckney Rd. & Huron River Dr.), Dexter. $2. (Park entry fee: $4 per vehicle.) Preregistration required. 426–8211.*

Saline High School Boys Swimming and Diving vs. Ann Arbor Huron. *6:30 p.m., SHS, 1300 Campus Pkwy., Saline. $4. 429–8042.*

"Owl Hoot": Waterloo Natural History Association. River Raisin Raptor Center director Dody Wyman displays live owls and discusses their habits. Participants also receive an owl pellet, complete with instructions for discovering indigestible parts of prey that are inside. The indoor program is followed by a walk, led by WNHA naturalist Tom Hodgson, along Discovery Center trails to look for and call owls. Dress for the weather. *7 p.m., Eddy Discovery Center lower parking lot, Bush Rd., Chelsea. (Take I-94 west to exit 157, follow Pierce Rd. north to Bush Rd., and go west on Bush Rd. The Discovery Center is on the left.) $2 (family, $5; WNHA members, free). Preregistration required. $6 vehicle entry fee, unless you already have a state motor vehicle permit ($24 per year). 475–3170.*

Suren Bagratuni & Friends: Chelsea Musical Celebrations. This internationally renowned Russian-born cellist, currently a University of Illinois music professor, is joined by 3 U-M music professors in performances of Debussy's Sonata for Cello in D Minor, Beethoven's String Trio in G Major, and Brahms's Piano Quartet in G Minor. With violist Yizhak Schotten, violinist Yehonatan Berrick, and pianist Katherine Collier. *7 p.m., First Congregational Church, 121 E. Middle, Chelsea. Tickets $12.50 (seniors, $9; youth, $7.50) in advance and at the door. 475–7050.*

★Skating Party: Manchester Men's Club. All invited to bring their skates and enjoy a bonfire, free hot dogs and hot chocolate, and ice skating on an artificial skating pond. *7 p.m., Chi-Bro Park, 209 Ann Arbor St. (near Main), Manchester. Free. 428–8572. Call to confirm date.*

Chelsea High School Ice Hockey vs. Saline. *7 p.m., Arctic Coliseum, 501 Coliseum Dr. (off Old Manchester Rd., ½ mile south of the intersection of Old US-12 & M-52), Chelsea. Ticket price TBA. 433–2244.*

★"RockaBowlooza Tour": Chelsea Lanes. See 20 November. Tonight: **Chef Chris and the Nairobi Trio,** an Ann Arbor blues band led by vocalist and blues harpist Chef Chris. 9 p.m.–midnight, **Chelsea.**

Sunday, January 16

"Better to Eat You With": Hudson Mills Metropark Interpretive Nature Programs. Hudson Mills naturalist Jennifer Hollenbeck presents a hands-on program on what we can learn about animals' diets from their skulls and teeth. *2 p.m., Hudson Mills Metropark Activity Center, 8801 North Territorial Rd. (between Dexter-Pinckney Rd. & Huron River Dr.), Dexter. $2. (Park entry fee: $4 per vehicle.) Preregistration required. 426–8211.*

Family Dance: Pittsfield Union Grange. See 21 November. 8 p.m., **Saline.**

Monday, January 17

★"Memory Struggle Affirmation: Expressions of African American Artists": Center Gallery. *Every Monday–Thursday, January 17–February 11.* Exhibit of original works by three generations of African American artists from the collection of the Kalamazoo Institute of Arts. Also, mixed media paintings by Dexter artist **Marlene Blum** and acrylic paintings by Ann Arbor artist **Barbara McKellar.** *9 a.m.–5 p.m. (Mon.–Wed.) & 9 a.m.–7 p.m. (Thurs.), Center Gallery, Chelsea Center for the Arts, 400 Congdon, Chelsea. Free. 433–2787.*

★Martin Luther King Day Celebration: Chelsea One World, One Family Task Force. This 4th annual event begins with a children's program and activities and continues with a roundtrip march downtown from the Park St. municipal parking lot, next to First United Methodist Church. Followed by a program from One World, One Family and ***Jazzistry,*** an educational jazz history concert by a swinging quintet led by local saxophonist and flutist **Vincent York.** Pizza dinner provided. *1–3 p.m. (children's program and activities), 5 p.m. (walk), 6 p.m. (dinner), 6:30 p.m. (program), 7 p.m.* (Jazzistry), *Chelsea High School, 740 N. Freer, Chelsea. Free. 475–8732.*

★"Worm Castings": Saline Stone and Thistle Garden Club. Member Joanne Meyer discusses this natural fertilizer for indoor and outdoor plants. Bags of castings available. *7:30 p.m., UAW Hall, 601 Woodland, Saline. Free. 944–6912.*

Tuesday, January 18

Saline High School Boys Swimming and Diving vs. South Lyon. *6:30 p.m., SHS, 1300 Campus Pkwy., Saline. $4. 429–8042.*

Wednesday, January 19

Saline High School Ice Hockey vs. Wyandotte Roosevelt. *6:30 p.m., Arctic Coliseum, 501 Coliseum Dr. (off Old Manchester Rd., ½ mile south of the intersection of Old US-12 & M-52), Chelsea. Ticket price TBA. 429–8042.*

Thursday, January 20

Saline High School Girls Volleyball vs. Tecumseh. *5:30 p.m., SHS, 1300 Campus Pkwy., Saline. $4. 429–8042.*

★Interior Design Lecture: Merkel Furniture and Carpet One. *January 20 & February 17.* Talks by various designers TBA. *6:30–7:30 p.m., Merkel Furniture, 205 S. Main, Chelsea. Free. Preregistration required. 475–8621.*

Saline High School Gymnastics vs. Ann Arbor Pioneer. *6:30 p.m., SHS, 1300 Campus Pkwy., Saline. $4. 429–8042.*

Card Party: Manchester Senior Citizens. See 18 November. 7:30 p.m., **Manchester.**

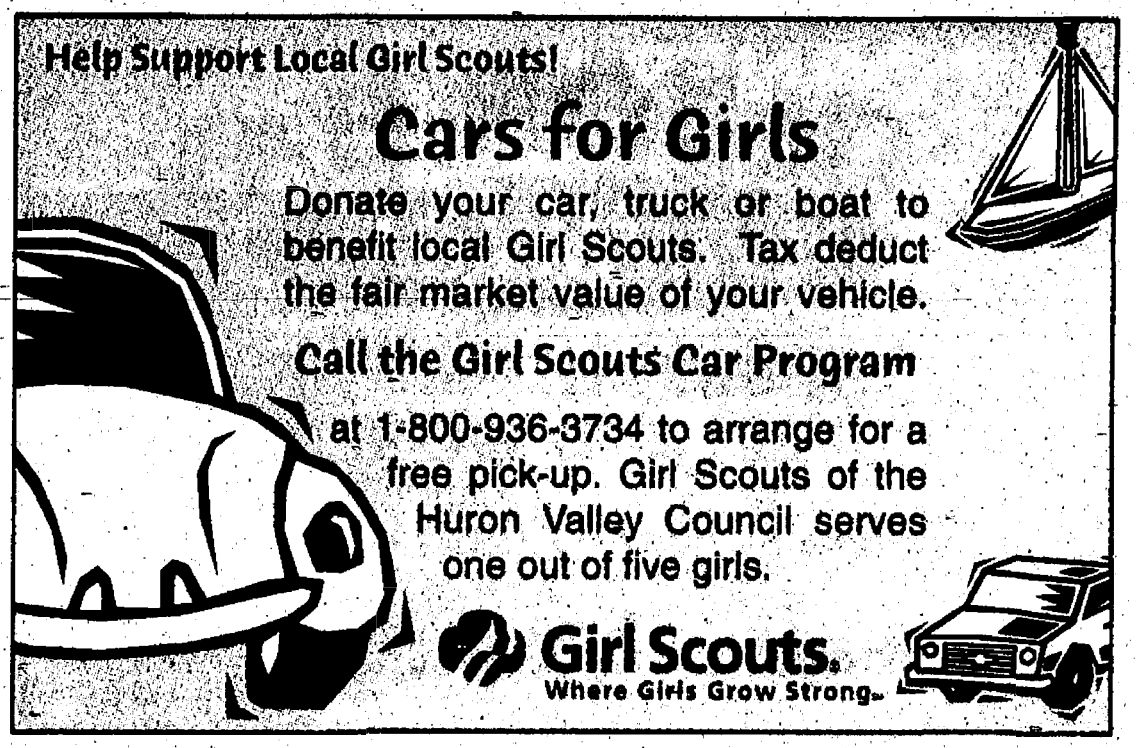
"Norma and Wanda": Purple Rose Theater Company. *Every Wednesday–Sunday, January 20–March 19.* Guy Sanville directs local actors in EMU professor and Wild Swan Theater playwright Jeff Duncan's new comedy, about 2 very different sisters who wind up in a pickle involving a hit man and a "to die for" recipe for Christmas sausage. Cast includes Michelle Mountain, Sandra Birch, Grant Krause, Jim Porterfield, and Terri Heck. *8 p.m., Garage Theater, 137 Park St., Chelsea. Tickets $22.50 (Wed., Thurs., & Sun. eves.), $27.50 (Sat. & Sun. matinees), & $32.50 (Fri. & Sat. eves.). 433–ROSE.*

Friday, January 21

Saline High School Boys Swimming and Diving vs. Tecumseh. *6:30 p.m., SHS, 1300 Campus Pkwy., Saline. $4. 429–8042.*

Chelsea High School Boys Basketball vs. Tecumseh. *7 p.m., CHS, 740 N. Freer, Chelsea. $4. 433–2244.*

"Norma and Wanda": Purple Rose Theater Company. See 20 January. 8 p.m., **Chelsea.**







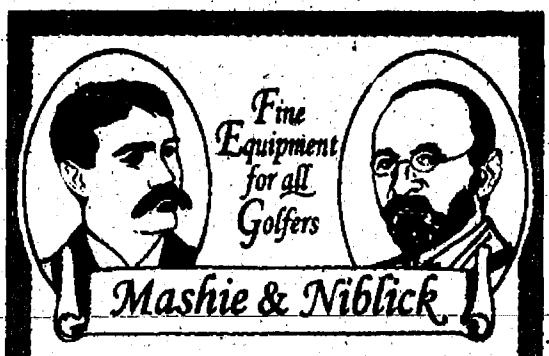
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Saturday, January 22

Farm Toy Show: Saline Future Farmers of America 14th Annual Benefit. This show and sale of farm toys is aimed at both kids and serious collectors—one gentleman last year bought $4,000 worth, and some annual regulars have $20,000 worth of such toys in their homes, guesses one organizer. Includes NASCAR items, tractors, harvesting vehicles, and truck collectibles. Vendor tables available. *9 a.m.–3 p.m., Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds, 5055 Ann Arbor–Saline Rd., Saline. Admission $3 (ages 6–12, $2; 5 and younger, free). 429–8030, ext. 2343.*

"Track-n-Trail": Hudson Mills Metropark Interpretive Nature Programs. Hudson Mills naturalist Jennifer Hollenbeck leads a forest hike to find out which animals have been there, what they were doing, and when they may come back. *1 p.m., Hudson Mills Metropark Activity Center, 8801 North Territorial Rd. (between Dexter-Pinckney Rd. & Huron River Dr.), Dexter. $2. (Park entry fee: $4 per vehicle.) Preregistration required. 426–8211.*

"Stories and Songs of the Great Lakes Region": Waterloo Natural History Association. Popular Great Lakes troubadour **Lee Murdock** presents a program of tunes and tales about the rugged days of the lumberjacks and wooden sailing schooners. *2–3 p.m., Eddy Discovery Center, Bush Rd., Chelsea. (Take I-94 west to exit 157, follow Pierce Rd. north to Bush Rd., and go west on Bush Rd. The Discovery Center is on the left.) $2 (family, $5; WNHA members, free). Preregistration required. $6 vehicle entry fee, unless you already have a state motor vehicle permit ($24 per year). 475–3170.*

Gemini: Michigan Friends Center. The popular Ann Arbor acoustic duo of twin brothers Sandor and Laszlo Slomovits perform original songs and traditional music from around the globe in a benefit for the Friends Center. *4 p.m., Michigan Friends Center, 7448 Clark Lake Road, Chelsea. $5 (family, $15). 475–1892.*

Saline High School Boys Basketball vs. Ann Arbor Pioneer. *7 p.m., SHS, 1300 Campus Pkwy., Saline. $5. 429–8042.*

"Norma and Wanda": Purple Rose Theater Company. See 20 January. 8 p.m., **Chelsea.**

Sunday, January 23

"Norma and Wanda": Purple Rose Theater Company. See 20 January. 8 p.m., **Chelsea.**

Tuesday, January 25

Chelsea High School Boys Swimming vs. Milan. *6:30 p.m., Beach Middle School, 445 Mayer, Chelsea. $4. 433–2244.*

Saline High School Boys Basketball vs. South Lyon. *7 p.m., SHS, 1300 Campus Pkwy., Saline. $5. 429–8042.*

Wednesday, January 26

★Sauk Trail Audubon Society. Speaker and topic TBA. *7 p.m., Saline Depot Museum, 402 N. Ann Arbor St., Saline. Free. 439–1297.*

"Norma and Wanda": Purple Rose Theater Company. See 20 Thursday. 8 p.m., **Chelsea.**

Thursday, January 27

★Kids' Book Club: Saline District Library. All students in grade 4 and up invited to discuss *Goody Hall*, Natalie Babbitt's tale of a young tutor hired into a peculiar, isolated house. *4:15 p.m., SDL, 555 N. Maple, Saline. Free. Preregistration required. 429–5450.*

Saline High School Girls Volleyball vs. Temperance Bedford. *5:30 p.m., SHS, 1300 Campus Pkwy., Saline. $4. 429–8042.*

★Book Discussion Group: Manchester District Library. See 18 November. Tonight: ***The Time Traveler's Wife***, Audrey Niffenegger's tale about a woman's difficult marriage to a man who suffers from a rare genetic disorder that causes him to travel through time when he's anxious. 7 p.m., **Manchester.**

"Norma and Wanda": Purple Rose Theater Company. See 20 Thursday. 8 p.m., **Chelsea.**

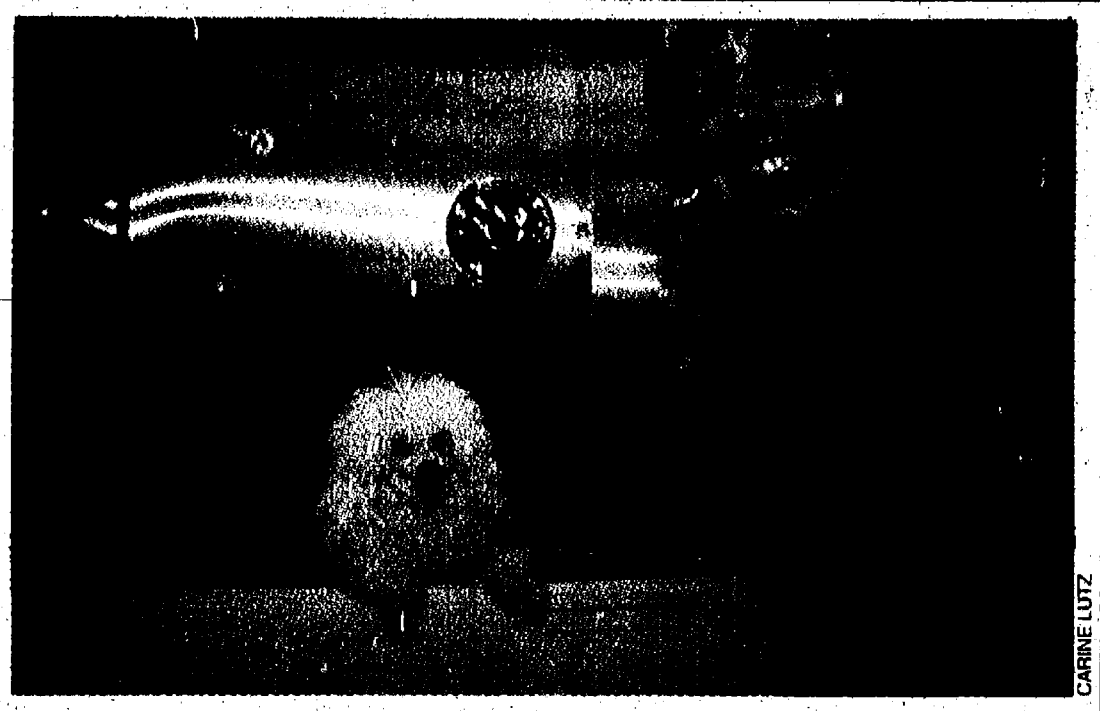
Friday, January 28

Chelsea High School Boys Swimming vs. Tecumseh. *6:30 p.m., Beach Middle School, 445 Mayer, Chelsea. $4. 433–2244.*

Saline High School Boys Swimming and Diving

Going to the Dogs

A Manchester family roams to groom



CARINE LUTZ

Cat Meyer with a newly groomed Milo in the van's tub.

When the Meyer family parks its mobile pet grooming salon on an Ann Arbor street, it doesn't take long for the neighborhood to take notice. "What's going on in there?" a woman inquires as she walks past the white Ford conversion van that's decorated with paw prints.

Earl and Cat Meyer and their eighteen-year-old son, James, who started Groomin' & Cruisin' in June, welcome curious onlookers. They're always looking for customers. They'll come to your driveway to groom your dog or cat day or night, year round.

The Meyers are finding a niche with busy people who appreciate flexible hours—Earl says he has groomed as late as midnight. Customers with several animals often get all their pets groomed in one visit. There is a $20 fee per destination, plus a grooming charge that varies with the size of the animal and the amount of work done.

The Meyers live on a seventeen-acre farm in Freedom Township with their four cats and one dog. When Earl recently retired after twenty-six years with the Ann Arbor Transportation Authority, he went looking for a fun family business. All agreed it had to be animal related. Zoning got in the way of opening a kennel or grooming business on their property, but the Meyers soon learned about Waggin' Tails, an Indiana company that sells custom-designed grooming salons on wheels.

James and Earl, who trained together at a canine cosmetology school in Lansing, are the groomers. Cat, a secretary at the U-M Health System, helps out when she can (she's had the nickname, short for Catherine, for years). The family's already developed some special treatments: for hairballs, cats are sometimes shaved from neck to tail, ending up with a lion's-mane look. The evening I join them, Cat is assisting James with Milo, a white toy poodle, while Raven, a black standard poodle, waits her turn outside the van.

"It's okay, Milo," Cat reassures the dog. "James is just going to clip around your face." Cat says most animals are more comfortable when they can look out the van window and see their house and family outside. And with grooming-on-the-go, they don't wait in crates for hours, as in traditional pet salons.

Inside the van, I notice no wet-dog smell. The stainless-steel washtub gleams, and there are no stray fur balls from previous clients. The van has a vacuum system, which the Meyers use religiously, and specially designed ventilation that keeps odors out.

While Milo is getting cut, two neighbors stroll by with their miniature poodles, Kramer and Phoebe. Two other women, walking a dachshund, stop to chat. Earl fields questions, and the people and pets seem to be enjoying the social time. "Animal people are good people," Cat says.

—Shelley Daily

vs. Ann Arbor Pioneer. *6:30 p.m., SHS, 1300 Campus Pkwy., Saline. $4. 429–8042.*

Saline High School Boys Basketball vs. Bedford. *7 p.m., SHS, 1300 Campus Pkwy., Saline. $5. 429–8042.*

4th Friday Fling Advanced Contra Dance. See 26 November. 8 p.m., **Saline.**

"Norma and Wanda": Purple Rose Theater Company. See 20 Thursday. 8 p.m., **Chelsea.**

Saturday, January 29

Used Book Sale: Friends of the Saline District Library. See 27 November. 10 a.m.–3 p.m., **Saline.**

★**"Mystery of the Missing Groundhog": Waterloo Recreation Area.** Waterloo Recreation Area park interpreter Kathy Kavanagh and other Waterloo staff present their original puppet show about a reporter's efforts to discover where the groundhog is hibernating. *2–3 p.m., Eddy Discovery Center, Bush Rd., Chelsea. (Take I-94 west to exit 157, follow Pierce Rd. north to Bush Rd., and go west on Bush Rd. The Discovery Center is on the left.) Free. Pre-registration required. $6 vehicle entry fee, unless you already have a state motor vehicle permit ($24 per year). 475–3170.*

Chelsea High School Ice Hockey vs. Howell. *7 p.m., Arctic Coliseum, 501 Coliseum Dr. (off Old Manchester Rd., ½ mile south of the intersection of Old US-12 & M-52), Chelsea. Ticket price TBA. 433–2244.*

"Norma and Wanda": Purple Rose Theater Company. See 20 Thursday. 3 & 8 p.m., **Chelsea.**

U-M Club Ice Hockey. Opponent TBA. *9 p.m., Arctic Coliseum, 501 Coliseum Dr. (off Old Manchester Rd., ½ mile south of the intersection of Old US-12 & M-52), Chelsea. Ticket price TBA. 433–4444.*

Sunday, January 30

★**Black History Month Lecture Series: Saline District Library.** *January 30 and February 13 & 27 (different locations).* Today: ***Jazzistry,*** an educational jazz history concert by a swinging quinter led by local saxophonist and flutist **Vincent York.** The performance includes examples and discussion of the music that influenced early jazz and traces the genre's evolution to today's wide range of jazz forms. Refreshments. *1 p.m., Saline Middle School auditorium, 7265 Ann Arbor–Saline Rd. (Jan. 30) & SDL, 555 N. Maple (Feb. 13 & 27), Saline. Free. 429–5450.*

"Norma and Wanda": Purple Rose Theater Company. See 20 Thursday. 2 p.m., **Chelsea.**

Monday, January 31

5th Monday Contra Dance: Ann Arbor Council for Traditional Music and Dance. See 29 November. 7:30 p.m., **Saline.**

Tuesday, February 1

★**"Memory Struggle Affirmation: Expressions of African American Artists": Center Gallery.** See 17 January. 9 a.m.–5 p.m., **Chelsea.**

★**"Let's Learn Pinochle": Saline Senior Center.** All seniors invited to learn this card game or refresh their skills. *10 a.m., Saline Senior Center, 7605 N. Maple, Saline. Free. 429–9274.*

★**Computer Club: Chelsea Senior Citizens.** *Every Thursday.* See 11 November. 10–11:30 a.m., **Chelsea.**

Senior Dinner: Manchester Senior Citizens. *Every Tuesday & Thursday (except November 23 & 25 and December 21, 23, 28, & 30).* See 11 November. Noon, **Manchester.**

Saline High School Boys Swimming and Diving vs. Milan. *6:30 p.m., SHS, 1300 Campus Pkwy., Saline. $4. 429–8042.*

Euchre: Chelsea Senior Citizens. *Every Tuesday.* See 16 November. 7–9 p.m., **Chelsea.**

Saline High School Boys Basketball vs. Lincoln. *7 p.m., SHS, 1300 Campus Pkwy., Saline. $5. 429–8042.*

Wednesday, February 2

"Love, Sex, and the IRS": Chelsea Area Players. *February 2–5.* Jane Milmore and William Van Zandt's thigh-slapping comedy about 2 male roommates who try to fool the IRS by pretending to be husband and wife. *Afternoon time TBA, Chelsea High School, 500 Washington, Chelsea. Tickets (cost TBA) in advance and at the door. 971–7207.*

★**Bingo: Dexter Senior Center.** *Every Wednesday.* See 10 November. 1 p.m., **Dexter.**

Saline High School Ice Hockey vs. Ann Arbor Pioneer. *6:30 p.m., Arctic Coliseum, 501 Coliseum Dr. (off Old Manchester Rd., ½ mile south of the intersection of Old US-12 & M-52), Chelsea. Ticket price TBA. 429–8042.*

★**Michigan Authors Book Group: Chelsea District Library.** See 1 December. Today: crime thriller ***Mr. Paradise,*** Elmore Leonard's Detroit-based tale of double murder and switched identities, featuring police detective Frank Delsa. 7 p.m., **Chelsea.**

★**Visitors Night: Ann Arbor Model Railroad Club.** See 1 December. 7:30 p.m., **Dexter.**

"Norma and Wanda": Purple Rose Theater Company. See 20 Thursday. 8 p.m., **Chelsea.**

Thursday, February 3

"Love, Sex, and the IRS": Chelsea Area Players. See 2 February. Afternoon time TBA, **Chelsea.**

★**Bridge: Dexter Senior Center.** *Every Thursday.* See 11 November. 1 p.m., **Dexter.**

★**Euchre: Saline Senior Center.** *Every Thursday.* See 11 November. 12:45–3 p.m., **Saline.**

★**New Horizons Band: Saline Senior Center.** *Every Thursday.* See 11 November. 1–2:30 p.m., **Saline.**

Saline High School Gymnastics vs. Adrian. *6:30 p.m., SHS, 1300 Campus Pkwy., Saline. $4. 429–8042.*

Chelsea High School Girls Volleyball vs. Saline. *7 p.m., CHS, 740 N. Freer, Chelsea. $4. 433–2244.*



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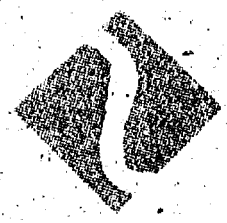
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"Norma and Wanda": Purple Rose Theater Company. See 20 Thursday. 8 p.m., **Chelsea.**

Friday, February 4

"Love, Sex, and the IRS": Chelsea Area Players. See 2 February. Afternoon time TBA, **Chelsea.**

Bingo: Saline Senior Center. *Every Friday.* See 12 November. 1 p.m., **Saline.**

Big Bear Ice Hockey Tournament: Arctic Coliseum. *February 4–6.* See 14 January. Afternoon & evening times TBA, **Chelsea.**

Saline High School Boys Swimming and Diving vs. Dexter. *6:30 p.m., SHS, 1300 Campus Pkwy., Saline. $4. 429–8042.*

★**Winter Carnival: Chelsea American Legion Post 31.** *February 4–6.* This popular community festival includes 3 days of competitive ice fishing, cross-country skiing, snowmobiling, and more winter fun at Cavanaugh Lake. Daily special events: a euchre tournament ($5 entry fee; prizes) on February 4, Monte Carlo casino games on February 5, and dancing to live music on February 6. Refreshments, breakfasts, and light lunches available. *5 p.m.–1 a.m. (Feb. 4), 7 a.m.–1 a.m. (Feb. 5), & 7 a.m.–6 p.m. (Feb. 6). American Legion Hall, 1700 Ridge Rd., Chelsea. (Take I-94 to exit 156, go north on Kalmbach, then continue straight on Cavanaugh Lake Rd. to Ridge Rd.) Free admission. 475–7212.*

Chelsea High School Boys Basketball vs. Dexter. *7 p.m., CHS, 740 N. Freer, Chelsea. $4. 433–2244.*

"Norma and Wanda": Purple Rose Theater Company. See 20 Thursday. 8 p.m., **Chelsea.**

Saturday, February 5

Draw Doubles: Ann Arbor Area Disc Induced Sports Club. *Every Saturday.* See 13 November. 11 a.m., **Dexter.**

"Love, Sex, and the IRS": Chelsea Area Players. See 2 February. Afternoon time TBA, **Chelsea.**

"Spiders and Their Kin": Waterloo Natural History Association. Cara Shillington displays live spiders, scorpions, and other fascinating invertebrates. She also talks about poisonous spiders in Michigan, where they hang out, and how to avoid them. *2–3 p.m., Eddy Discovery Center, Bush Rd., Chelsea. (Take I-94 west to exit 157, follow Pierce Rd. north to Bush Rd., and go west on Bush Rd. The Discovery Center is on the left.) $2 (family, $5; WNHA members, free). Preregistration required. $6 vehicle entry fee, unless you already have a state motor vehicle permit ($24 per year). 475–3170.*

★**Open House: University Lowbrow Astronomers.** *February 5 & 12.* See 13 November. 6 p.m.–12:30 a.m. (as long as the sky remains clear), **Dexter.**

★**17th Annual "Big Rack Night."** This very popular annual contest for white-tailed deer hunters attracts more than 400 people. The top 12 award winners (men, women, and children) in firearms and archery divisions are invited to display their game racks (whitetail antlers) and swap hunting stories. Some of the speakers are very entertaining. Also, talks by guest speakers with unusual or outstanding racks. Prizes for "biggest rack" (number, size, and mass of points on the 2 horns). Snacks included. *6 p.m. (doors open), 8 p.m. (awards), Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds, 5055 Ann Arbor–Saline Rd., Saline. Free admission. 439–7919.*

Mardi Gras: St. Joseph Catholic Church. All invited to don colorful Mardi Gras finery (the holiday's official colors are green, gold, and purple) and enjoy dinner. Also, live entertainment TBA. Prizes for good costumes. *6:30 p.m., St. Joseph Church parish hall, 3450 Dover, Dexter. Donation. 426–8483.*

Chelsea High School Ice Hockey vs. Livonia Franklin. *7 p.m., Arctic Coliseum, 501 Coliseum Dr. (off Old Manchester Rd., ½ mile south of the intersection of Old US-12 & M-52), Chelsea. Ticket price TBA. 433–2244.*

Euchre: Order of the Eastern Star. See 13 November. 7:30 p.m., **Saline.**

Saturday Night Dance: Tri-County Sportsman's League. *Every Saturday except November 27, December 25, & January 1.* See 13 November. Tonight: ballroom and Latin music by **Internationals.** Also this month: ballroom and Latin music by the **Mike Wolverton Band** (February 12), ballroom and square dance music by **Classic Combination** (February 19), and ballroom and Latin music by the **Walt Lipiec Band** (February 26). 8–11:30 p.m., **Saline.**

1st Saturday Contra Dance: Ann Arbor Council for Traditional Music and Dance. See 4 December. 8 p.m., **Saline.**

"Norma and Wanda": Purple Rose Theater Company. See 20 Thursday. 3 & 8 p.m., **Chelsea.**

★**"RockaBowlooza Tour": Chelsea Lanes.** See 20 November. Tonight: **Witch Doctors,** an Ann Arbor band that plays classic blues and R&B. 9 p.m.–midnight, **Chelsea.**

Sunday, February 6

International Standard Accuracy Contest: Michigan Atlatl Association. See 2 January. Noon, west of **Chelsea.**

"Chillin' at the Mills": Hudson Mills Metropark Interpretive Nature Programs. A family-oriented program of winter activities, including (weather permitting) cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, dogsledding, and more. Also, a craft activity. Hot chocolate. *1–3 p.m., Hudson Mills Metropark Activity Center, 8801 North Territorial Rd. (between Dexter-Pinckney Rd. & Huron River Dr.), Dexter. $2. (Park entry fee: $4 per vehicle.) Preregistration required. 426–8211.*

1st Saturday Contra Dance: Ann Arbor council for Traditional Music and Dance. See 4 December. 8 p.m., **Saline.**

"Norma and Wanda": Purple Rose Theater Company. See 20 Thursday. 2 p.m., **Chelsea.**

Monday, February 7

Bingo: Chelsea Senior Center. *Every Monday.* See 15 November. 1–3 p.m., **Chelsea.**

Euchre: Manchester American Legion. *Every Monday.* See 15 November. 7 p.m., **Manchester.**

Tuesday, February 8

Saline High School Boys Swimming and Diving vs. Canton. *6:30 p.m., SHS, 1300 Campus Pkwy., Saline. $4. 429–8042.*

Saline High Schpol Boys Basketball vs. Chelsea. *7 p.m., SHS, 1300 Campus Pkwy., Saline. $5. 429–8042.*

Wednesday, February 9

Chelsea High School Ice Hockey vs. Lincoln. *6:30 p.m., Arctic Coliseum, 501 Coliseum Dr. (off Old Manchester Rd., ½ mile south of the intersection of Old US-12 & M-52), Chelsea. Ticket price TBA. 433–2244.*

★**"Structure in the Winter Garden": Chelsea Evening Primrose Garden Club.** Talk by Eden's Gardens (Grass Lake) owner and landscape architect Wendy Tidwell. *7 p.m., Chelsea Depot, 125 Jackson St., Chelsea. Free. 443–9773.*

★**Evening Book Discussion Group: Saline District Library.** See 10 November. Tonight: ***Chocolat,*** Joanne Harris's award-winning humorous novel, subsequently made into a movie, about the conflict between self-indulgence and self-denial in a small French village during Lent. Refreshments (chocolate, of course). 7 p.m., **Saline.**

★**"Rich's Views": Saline Photography Club.** Club member Rich Lawton discusses travel photo techniques. *7 p.m., Saline High School room C247, 1300 Campus Pkwy., Saline. Free. 429–4063.*

"Norma and Wanda": Purple Rose Theater Company. See 20 January. 8 p.m., **Chelsea.**

Thursday, February 10

Chelsea High School Girls Volleyball vs. Dexter. *7 p.m., CHS, 740 N. Freer, Chelsea. $4. 433–2244.*

"Battle of the Bands": Dexter High School Student-Produced Artistic Collaborative Events. See 11 November. 7–10 p.m., **Dexter.**

"Norma and Wanda": Purple Rose Theater Company. See 20 January. 8 p.m., **Chelsea.**

Friday, February 11

"Daddy-Daughter Valentine's Day Dance": Saline Parks and Recreation. *February 11 & 12.* All fathers invited to escort their daughters of all ages to this DJ-hosted dance. Fee includes a flower for each girl, a photograph, and refreshments. *6–7:30 p.m. (Feb. 11) & 5:30–7 p.m. (Feb. 12), Saline Recreation Complex, 1866 Woodland, Saline. $14 per couple (each additional child, $6). Preregistration required. 429–3502.*

Chelsea High School Boys Swimming vs. Dexter. *6:30 p.m., Beach Middle School, 445 Mayer, Chelsea. $4. 433–2244.*

2nd Friday Advanced English Dance: Ann Arbor Council for Traditional Music and Dance. See 12 December. 8 p.m., **Saline.**

"Norma and Wanda": Purple Rose Theater Company. See 20 January. 8 p.m., **Chelsea.**

Saturday, February 12

"Winter Bird Hike": Hudson Mills Metropark Interpretive Nature Programs. See 4 December. 8 a.m., **Dexter.**

Huron Gun Collectors. *February 12 & 13.* See 11 December. 9 a.m.–5 p.m., **Saline.**

★**"Trees in Winter": Waterloo Recreation Area.** Waterloo Recreation Area park interpreter Kathy Kavanagh leads a hike to look for several native tree species and discusses how to identify them in their winter form. *2–3 p.m., Eddy Discovery Center, Bush Rd., Chelsea. (Take I-94 west to exit 157, follow Pierce Rd. north to Bush Rd., and go west on Bush Rd. The Discovery Center is on the left.) Free. Preregistration required. $6 vehicle entry fee, unless you already have a state motor vehicle permit ($24 per year). 475–3170.*

Chelsea High School Ice Hockey vs. East Lansing. *6:30 p.m., Arctic Coliseum, 501 Coliseum Dr. (off Old Manchester Rd., ½ mile south of the intersection of Old US-12 & M-52), Chelsea. Ticket price TBA. 433–2244.*

Terrie Lea and the Wild Mustangs: Chelsea Musical Celebrations. New and traditional country music by this band led by singer-songwriter Lea, named Outstanding Country Vocalist at the 2004 Detroit Music Awards. The band's repertoire includes both originals and covers by everyone from Patsy Cline and Loretta Lynn to Lorrie Morgan and the Dixie Chicks. *7 p.m., First Congregational Church, 121 E. Middle, Chelsea. Tickets $12.50 (seniors, $9; youth, $7.50) in advance and at the door. 475–7050.*

Comedy/Dinner: Dan's River Grill. See 20 November. Buffet dinner followed by a stand-up comedian. Tonight's comedian TBA. 7 p.m. **Manchester.**

"Showcase 2005": Chelsea High School Company C. This Chelsea high school show choir is joined by choirs from other Michigan schools for a family-friendly concert. *7:30 p.m., Chelsea High School auditorium, 740 N. Freer, Chelsea. $8. 475–4524.*

"Valentine's Ragtime Trot": Grand Traditions Vintage Dance Academy. The dreamiest dance event of the season. Come with a valentine or flirt with a new one, and dance to lively ragtime music by the Huron Valley Serenaders. Vintage attire (see www.vintagedance.com/wear.htm) encouraged but not required. Dancers of all abilities welcome. Refreshments. Also, $5 preball workshops (free for those attending the ball) in the Parisienne tango and the "aeroplane waltz," 12:30–2 p.m. *8–11 p.m., Pittsfield Grange Hall, 3337 Ann Arbor–Saline Rd. (½ mile south of I-94), Saline. $25. Preregistration required. 429–0014.*

"Norma and Wanda": Purple Rose Theater Company. See 20 January. 8 p.m., **Chelsea.**

★**"RockaBowlooza Tour": Chelsea Lanes.** See 20 November. Tonight: **Vinny and the Other Guys,** a 5-piece band that plays a variety of covers. 9 p.m.–midnight, **Chelsea.**

Sunday, February 13

★**Black History Month Lecture Series: Saline District Library.** See 30 January. Today: **"102nd Colored Infantry."** Civil War reenactors in full uniform discuss the all-black divisions who fought in the war. 1 p.m., **Saline.**

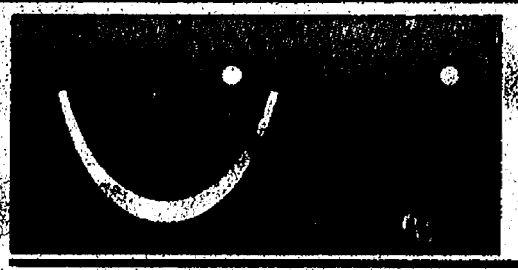
"Mammals in Winter": Hudson Mills Metropark Interpretive Nature Programs. Slide-illustrated talk by Hudson Mills naturalist Jennifer Hollenbeck. *2 p.m., Hudson Mills Metropark Activity Center, 8801 North Territorial Rd. (between Dexter-Pinckney Rd. & Huron River Dr.), Dexter. $2. (Park entry fee: $4 per vehicle.) Preregistration required. 426–8211.*

Ice Skating Party: St. Joseph Catholic Church. Join church members for a skating party. Pizza and skate rental included. *4–5 p.m., meeting place TBA, Dexter. $5. Preregistration required. 426–8483.*

"Norma and Wanda": Purple Rose Theater Company. See 20 January. 8 p.m., **Chelsea.**

Monday, February 14

★**Friends Mystery Book Club: Chelsea District Library.** See 10 January. Today: **John Harvey,** whose mysteries featuring British cop Charlie Resnick include *Cutting Edge, Easy Meat, Living Proof,* and *Lonely Hearts.* 7:30 p.m., **Chelsea.**



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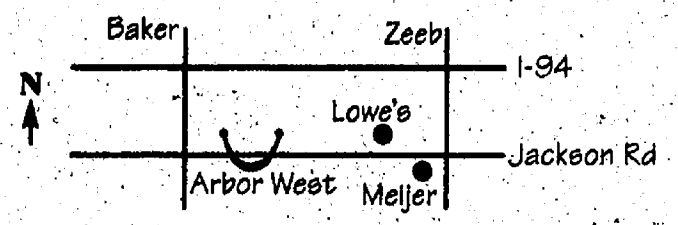
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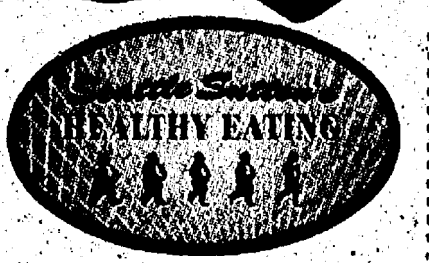


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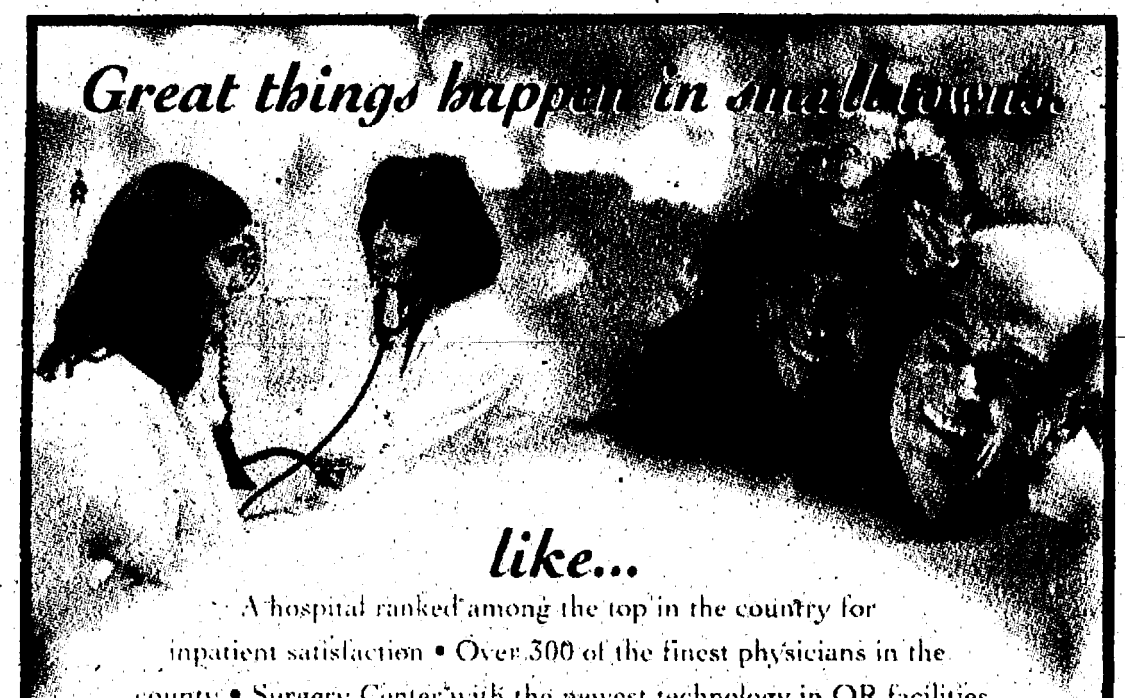
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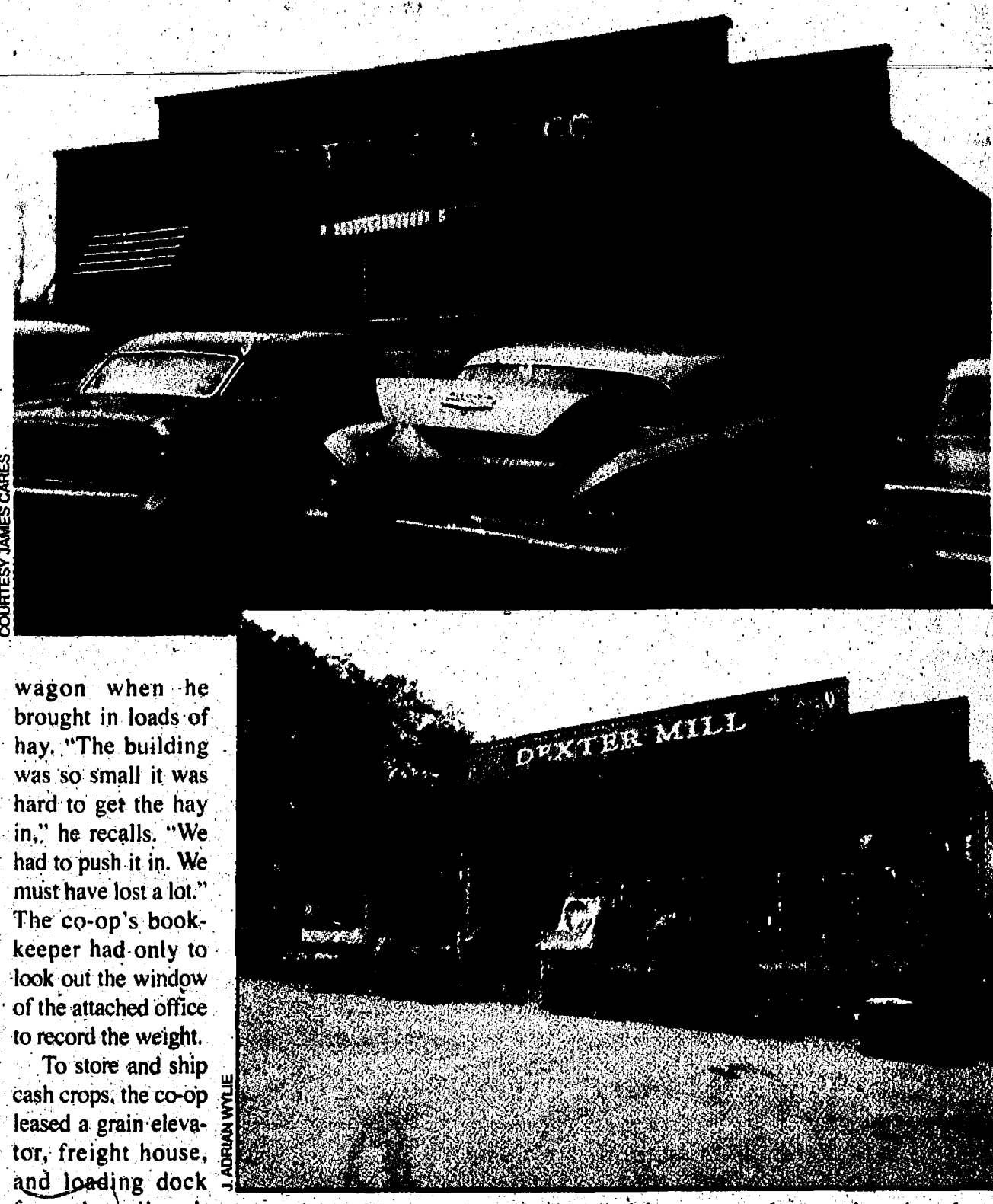
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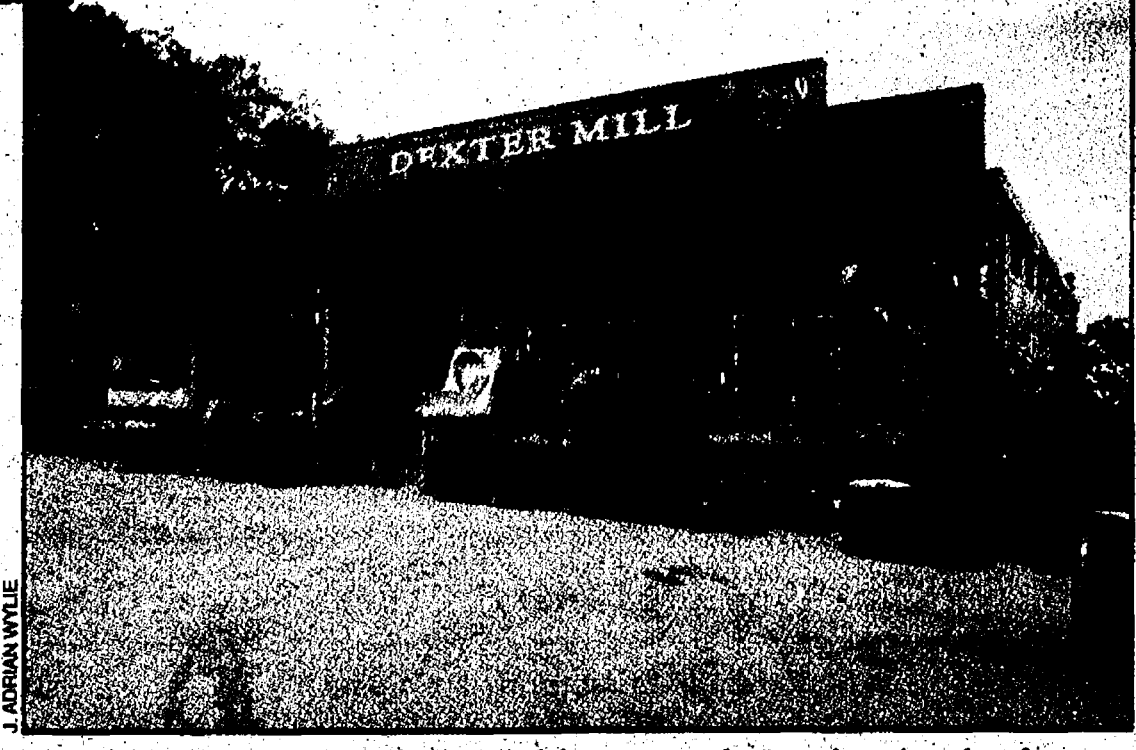
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In 1919 a group of Dexter-area farmers did something radical. One story says they did it because a Detroit buyer bragged about how much money he was making off them. Another story says that Hoey and Sons Lumber and Coal Company brought it on by charging too much for necessities like feed, grain, and hardware. "Farmers were at a disadvantage dealing one-on-one with packing companies, grain dealers," says Carl Lesser.

In November of that year, about fifty farmers, including Lesser's grandfather, met at the Dexter Opera House and agreed to put in $50 apiece—a tidy sum in those days—to start the Dexter Agriculture Association. Each also pledged an additional $50. "It was just a group of farmers who decided they should be able to buy cheaper and sell for a better price," says Bob Mast, a second-generation member.

In those days, co-ops were relatively new and controversial. The large companies that served as middlemen between farmers and consumers had tried to invoke the 1890 Sherman Antitrust Act to have co-ops declared illegal, even though the act was passed to prevent business monopolies. A 1914 law, the Clayton Act, legalized co-ops but did not define their powers. In 1922 Congress finally spelled out, in the Capper-Volstead Act, that farmers could lawfully unite to collectively process, handle, and market their products.

The Dexter group bought an old house and five lots on a triangle of land bounded by Central Street, Third Street, and the Michigan Central Railroad tracks. It was an excellent location: at the time, the railroad was the main way to ship farm produce and get farm supplies. The co-op opened for business on January 1, 1920. Within two months it had ninety-four members.

The association, renamed the Dexter Co-op in 1927, sold supplies to members at low markups and helped them sell their own products. The co-op converted the old house into a feed production area, mainly for pigs, chickens, and cows. The farmers brought in grain they'd grown, such as oats or corn; ground it in the basement; and then took it upstairs to be mixed with a concentrate. Also upstairs, co-op employees shelled corn. These services were so much in demand at harvest time that farmers lined up from dawn to dark waiting.

The co-op bought a large scale (for a time the only one in the area) and placed it near the house, protecting it with a drive-through shelter. Lesser remembers accompanying his father in a horse-drawn wagon when he brought in loads of hay. "The building was so small it was hard to get the hay in," he recalls. "We had to push it in. We must have lost a lot." The co-op's bookkeeper had only to look out the window of the attached office to record the weight.

To store and ship cash crops, the co-op leased a grain elevator, freight house, and loading dock from the railroad. All of them were flush with the tracks for easy loading. (Wheat was then the biggest cash crop, and most of it was sold to flour mills in the area.) When carloads of incoming supplies such as lumber and coal arrived, they were stored until unloaded on a spur of track in the co-op grounds. As the co-op became more successful, it offered an expanding range of items, from flour and salt to Portland cement, fencing, and twine.

The secret of its success, according to Lesser, was its ability to buy products so cheaply that it could sell competitively and still make enough to cover its operating costs. Buying from other co-ops and from organizations such as the National Farmers Group and the State Farm Bureau allowed the co-op to obtain cattle feed and fertilizer at very low prices. For a few years the Dexter Co-op even sold farm machinery produced by a co-op in Lansing.

The board of directors hired a manager for day-to-day operations. The membership of the co-op met yearly at a big dinner, usually held at either the Masonic Temple or St. Andrew's Church. The meeting included a financial report, election of board members and officers, and a speaker on an agricultural topic.

The people who originally bought shares in the co-op were common stockholders. Common shares, much in demand because they earned more than bank accounts did, were rarely available. Anyone could be a "preferred stockholder" just by doing business with the co-op. At the end of the year, the customers shared in the year's profits according to how much they bought.

The co-op did well during the Depression and outgrew its facilities. In 1940 it broke ground for a new vitrified-tile building, which the Dexter Mill still uses. To celebrate the building's grand opening on March 8, 1941, the co-op cooked up 100 pounds of free hot dogs and gave away door prizes—knives, pencils, baby chicks. The co-op now had room to stock more agricultural supplies and add new products, such as building materials, hardware, dishes, and kitchen cabinets.

In 1949 a big fire destroyed the wooden grain elevator. The co-op built a new, fire-resistant elevator and a new feed mill where the old house had stood. But the new setup couldn't save the co-op from a decline in family agriculture and a dwindling commitment to the co-op concept. "It was loyalty that kept it going," says Lesser. "The first generation knew the reason for the organization." Later generations were less loyal and more mobile: as farmers got big trucks, they could travel farther and do business with for-profit companies that, because of greater volume, could offer lower prices than the co-op did. As the co-op's business declined, it had to buy in smaller volumes, and its prices rose.

In 1969 the co-op board sold the business to Washtenaw Farm and Garden Center, which was leaving its Ann Arbor store in what is now Kerrytown. On March 22, 1980, after the Farm and Garden Center finished paying off its land contract, the co-op held its last meeting to pay off stockholders and close the books.

With the help of his wife, Thelma, Bob Mast, who was the last treasurer, was able to find a large number of the original stockholders or their heirs. The co-op made enough from the sale, plus the accumulated interest, to pay $10 a share—the original face value of the stock. "Very few co-ops could do that," says Mast.

John Cares, an agriculture graduate of Michigan State, now runs the Dexter Mill in the old co-op buildings. Cares provides many of the same services the co-op did, including making feed, and sells many of the same supplies, such as fertilizer. As full-time farming continues to decline, more of his customers these days are gentlemen farmers or suburbanites with small gardens.

Every now and then people come into the Dexter Mill with old co-op stock certificates, maybe found in Grandpa's attic, and try to redeem them. Cares refers those customers to Mast, who says, "There's not much I can do about it. I tell them to put it on the wall and look at it."

—Grace Shackman

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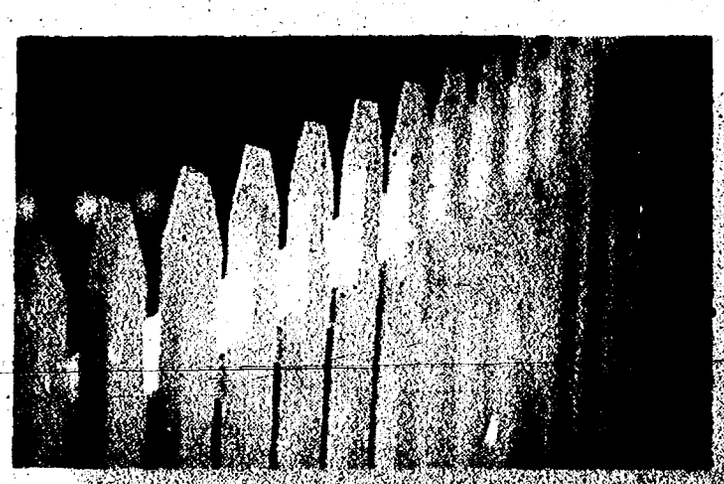
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I turn onto a crackly gravel road and drink in the intense yellow of the soybean fields bordering the speedway's parking lot. Then a chorus of explosive roars shatters the majestic tranquillity.

It's the sound of lawn mowers revving up to compete in events sponsored by the Michigan Lawn Mower Racing Association. Tracy Donihue, the group's president, weaves eagerly among the mowers, trailers, and trucks, clipboard in tow. There are plenty of things to handle before a race, and this sweet-mannered young man is a whirlwind of organizational activity.

Old tires and overgrown weeds surround the track. A flabby fluorescent-orange plastic fence separates it from bleachers full of spectators. Small blond boys with crew cuts and bruised faces knock dirt chunks against the bleachers. They wear T-shirts that say "Matuschka Racing Team."

Stateline Speedway, about ten miles south of the Michigan line, normally hosts competitions for go-karts (miniature open-frame racers), "quads" (motorcycle-based four-wheelers), and "midgets" (small race cars, with or without wings). But lawn mower racing is growing in popularity. Donihue founded the association only a few years ago with just five racers; it now has more than forty. He no longer has to seek out places to compete—fairs, festivals, and tracks contact him.

In fact, most states boast their own lawn mower racing organizations. Ohio has its own chapter farther south. The national championships air on ESPN2.

Michigan's members are scattered throughout the state, but many live near the Ohio line. Donihue is from Reading, in Hillsdale County. He learned about the sport from an acquaintance. "I used to work on lawn mowers," he says, "and the owner of the local hardware store saw it on television and asked me if I wanted to build one, and I said, 'Why not?' "

The Michigan chapter sanctions competition in seven classes. The simplest and slowest is the "stock class," in which a machine must function as delivered from the factory, without modification. In every class, the blades are removed for races, but otherwise the mowers must remain capable of actually cutting lawns.





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Each race begins with a Le Mans start. The participants line up across the track from their parked vehicles. A flagman waves them into action, and they sprint toward their mowers, hop on, crank the engines, and take off.

The flagman is a beefy, square-jawed fellow with a cell phone proudly strapped along his hip. He wears jeans stained with a fine layer of dirt, and cracked leather gloves. Despite his rugged appearance, he likes to tease. He'll say "Ready, set . . ." and then give a broad motion but jerk the flag only slightly. Without fail, several racers will make lunges, and the flagman will call a false start. The audience eats it up every time.

The shrieking mowers begin to race. Five or ten minutes later, after about twenty laps around the course, the race ends and the countryside quiet returns—after your ears stop ringing.

A stock-class lawn mower race looks about as you'd expect. The machines slowly bumble around the track. It is simultaneously funny and baffling—like watching a group of racing tortoises.

The rider must wear a tether that will kill the engine should he fall off. One racer I saw in the stock class was even more bound up: he had his entire left leg in a black Velcro brace. He was permitted to sit on his machine before the race started. Serving as his legs, Donihue performed the Le Mans start, climbing on an adjacent mower and then high-fiving the injured guy, who sped off. He placed well in the competition.

A lot of stock-class riders ham it up. I saw two drivers talking as they bounced around the course. I also spotted a racer unabashedly cheating as he cut across the infield, putting his finger to his mouth in a "shhhh" gesture. It was done solely for the audience's amusement.

Races get more competitive as the classes get tougher. There are three "prepared" classes that are defined by number of cylinders, valve placement, and horsepower. Major modifications are permitted in the "factory experimental" class—these machines look more like go-karts than mowers, lightweight with single-cylinder engines. IMOW, for "international mower of weeds," is a highly regulated class for front-engine vehicles.

IMOW vehicles hit between twenty and twenty-five miles per hour, while some other "prepared" mowers can reach forty to forty-five. Donihue says reverentially that some of the souped-up experimental mowers have clocked in at around eighty on the national circuit.

Fifteen-year-old Cody Smith from Osseo, Michigan, came across the lawn mower races on television and told his mother, Ronda, "I have to do that." They salvaged some frames and engines from lawn mowers at a local junkyard, and Cody set about creating his own mower. Now he competes in a junior class.

"We love it as a family," says Ronda, who is decked out in a tie-dyed rainbow shirt with visor and shades. She comes to all the races, along with Cody's younger brother, who is also starting to get the lawn mower bug.

Racers take their outfits seriously. Dale Becker, a nineteen-year-old Manchester native, wears a long-sleeve T-shirt in masculine tones of red and black. Yellow flames dance up his sleeves. A red-and-silver helmet matches the mood, and he wears a pair of jeans and workingman boots.

Even more energy goes into creating, testing, and nurturing the machinery. It's easy to invest between $4,000 and $5,000 in some of the fancier machines, but a basic mower is only a couple hundred bucks. It's a relatively affordable way for ordinary folks to mimic race car drivers. "People do it for the fun, and it's cheap," says Donihue. "We don't race for money, so people help each other out. If I broke down, someone would be over here helping me out so I could get back and we could all race."

In fact, breakdowns are common. Cody Smith's mower hums without a glitch during warm-ups but dies on the second lap. His mother scratches her head in bafflement while a crew runs over to help.

In the IMOW race, Becker has a rough time getting his mower to start, but he finally rolls it into motion. On his first lap his Creamsicle-colored mower, number 30, stutters to a halt. He rolls it onto a grassy knoll off the course. He cannot get it restarted, and nobody will help him until after the race is over.

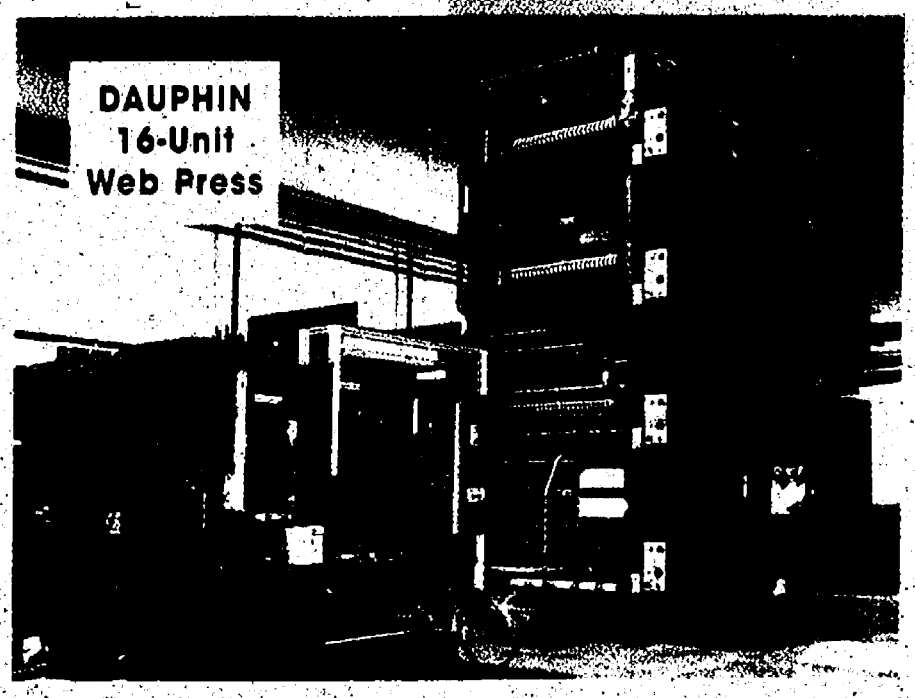
Becker leaves the track and marches back with a wrench in hand and a can-you-*believe*-this attitude. He looks at the machine tenderly and tries several tactics. Minutes later, with mowers stirring dust all around him, he raises his hands in a gesture of futility and starts mouthing words to his lawn mower.

He's all dressed up with nowhere to go. It's a funny scene. But what's even funnier is that we're watching.

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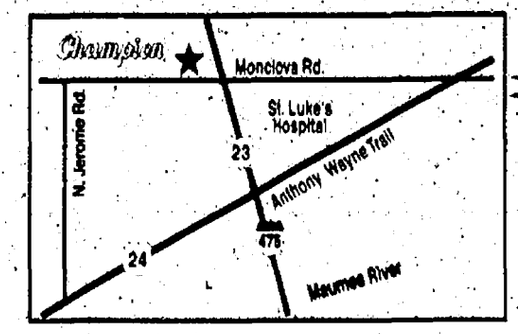
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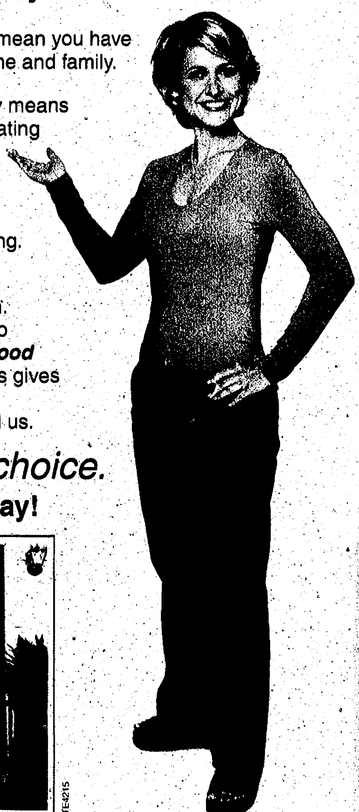
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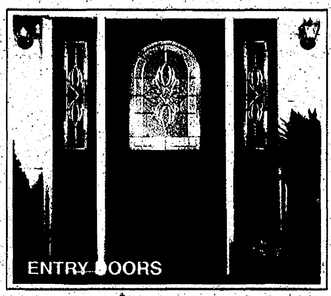
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