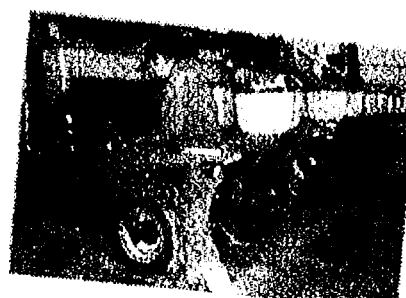


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Chelsea Hospital operates merger

Partnership studied with St. Joseph Mercy Hospital

By Edward Freundl
Staff Writer

Strengthening a bond that has existed for years, Chelsea Community Hospital (CCH) has agreed to study the possibility of a formal merger with St. Joseph Mercy Health System (SJMS).
"The reality is, we've had a longstanding collaboration throughout our history," said Kathleen Griffiths, President and CEO of Chelsea Community Hospital. "We determined we needed a closer affiliation, so for the past year or so



Griffiths

we've been talking about it more seriously."
Griffiths' counterpart, Garry Faja, president and CEO of St. Joseph Mercy Health System (SJMS), noted the deep-rooted ties between the Ann Arbor and Chelsea hospitals.
"We've been working together for years," Faja said.
"This is a continuing enhancement of that relationship."
The two hospitals released a carefully worded joint public statement on Friday detailing the accord, but Griffiths distributed an internal memorandum about the agreement to CCH employees on March 12.
"Throughout our history Chelsea Community Hospital has been very

fortunate. We had founders with the vision to create a hospital in Chelsea when few thought it possible," the memo stated.
"We have been able to attract some of the area's finest physicians and to have a group of highly competent and caring employees and volunteers who have made Chelsea Hospital the wonderful organization it is today."
"Because of our good fortune we have been able to remain independent much longer than many hospitals our size."
"Our board has taken this step to ensure that we will be able to continue to provide exceptional health care to

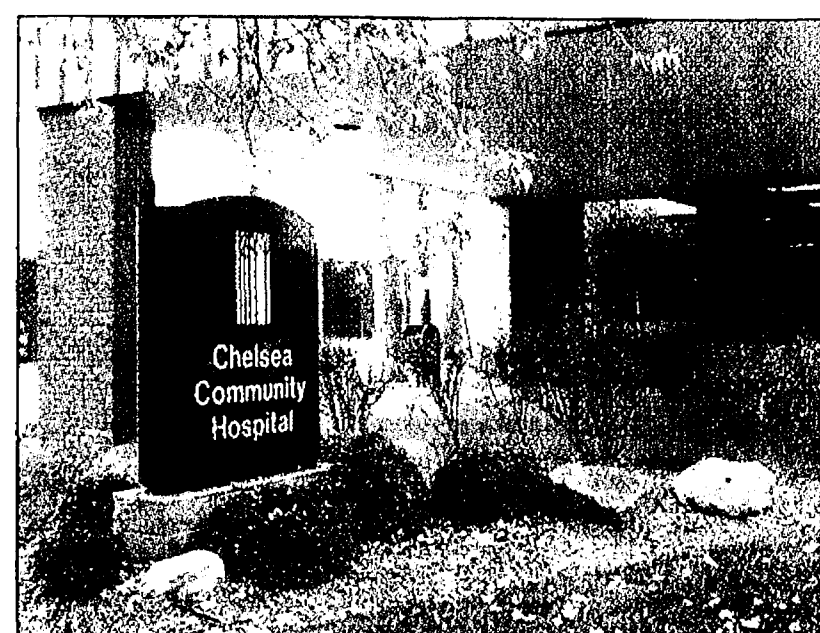


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Smaller, independent hospitals, including Chelsea Community Hospital, have struggled to survive.

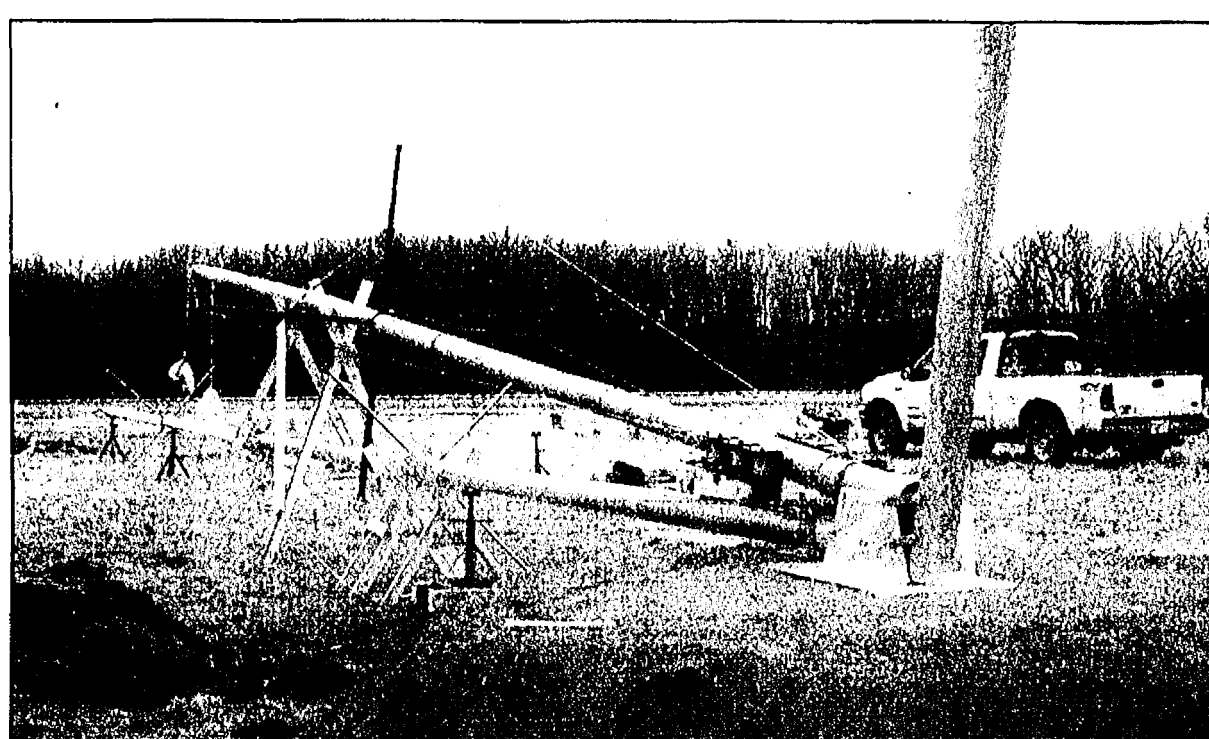
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The winds of change

Officials flying high about wind turbine tower at Proving Grounds

By Edward Freundl
Staff Writer

The next phase of building a wind turbine test tower south of Chelsea got off the ground March 18, but the high-tech tower itself did not.
For the second time in a month, the cold and rainy weather caused the construction of the tower in a field at the Chrysler Proving Grounds to be put off for safety reasons.
Yet officials connected with the project — from Chrysler LLC, the University of Michigan, North Coast Wind & Power, Washtenaw County, Sylvan Township, Lima Township and the city of Chelsea — were not to be put off.
As they gathered in a heated tent near the test plot they spoke of their plans for the wind tower



Photos submitted by Chrysler LLC

Construction of a wind turbine test tower south of Chelsea is already underway.

to help change the future.
"This is part of our whole company's focus in the future to be more environmentally conscious," said Deb Morrisett, vice president for regulatory affairs for Chrysler LLC.
It is the first tangible symbol of an 18-month feasibility study to determine

if a turbine mounted on an 80-meter (264-foot) meteorological tower can generate a sufficient amount of electricity to be of any economic benefit.
The county has been looking into the idea for several years in partnership with U-M, and in July the County Board of

Commissioners approved spending \$86,000 on the study.
The majority of commissioners voted for the resolution because they felt that it was worth the expenditure to begin to address the county's energy and environmental issues.

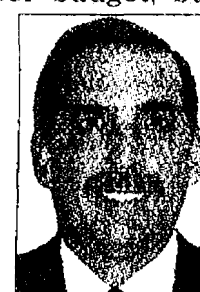
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Our Schools

Construction budget breaks even; Killips gets favorable review

By Edward Freundl
Staff Writer

Construction of four kindergarten classrooms at North Creek Elementary School continues on schedule and under budget, but just barely.
The first round of putting up the building came in at \$66,125 less than the budgeted amount of \$432,045.



Killips

But when the Chelsea School District Board of Education opened bids for the second phase of the project on Monday, that surplus nearly disappeared.
The amount budgeted for the windows, entrances, flooring, lockers, painting, electrical and mechanical work was \$420,153; bids came in at \$485,660.50.
The result was a razor-thin \$617.50 under budget for the entire project.

"We were under budget in the first phase but for this phase we were over, but we're still right on track," Superintendent David Killips said, suggesting that high fuel prices may be partly to blame.

"Transportation costs are really starting to catch up with the industry."
Construction management firm Granger Construction Co recommended approving the bids of nine subcontractors in specialty areas.

The new classrooms became necessary with the district's decision last fall to move to an all-day, every day kindergarten next year.

Being a work session rather than a regular meeting, the other important item of business was a performance evaluation for Killips as required by contract.

Based on results of the very favorable evaluation,

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REGIONAL REPORT: CHARTER SCHOOLS

Offering parents a choice Public school academies on the rise

By Christine Laughren
Heritage Newspapers

Each year since 1994, at least one charter school has joined ranks with customary public schools in Michigan to compete for students, teachers and administrators.
Although some believe charter schools, or public school academies, are a strain on traditional public schools, others say it's all about choice.

There are nearly 230

state-supported public school academies in Michigan. A public school academy must be authorized by a public university, a community college, a K-12 local education agency or an intermediate school district, according to the Michigan Department of Education.

Like regular public schools, a public school academy is funded on a per-pupil basis through the State School Aid Act.

However, by law, "this amount may not exceed the per-pupil base foundation received by the local school district where the PSA is geographically located."

Charter schools, however, are not the same as public schools.

"What I see through the charter schools system are (taxpayers) funding one kind of private school through public dollars," said Ypsilanti resident Jim Karnopp.



Wayne Millette (left), director of New Beginnings Academy in Ypsilanti, helps Cheyenne Teachoot with her math.

Karnopp's 14-year-old son, Forrest, attends Fortis Academy in Ypsilanti. The seventh-grader said he attends Fortis because regular schools wouldn't give him the special attention he needs in reading.
In fact, the public school system told Karnopp that his son would have to be

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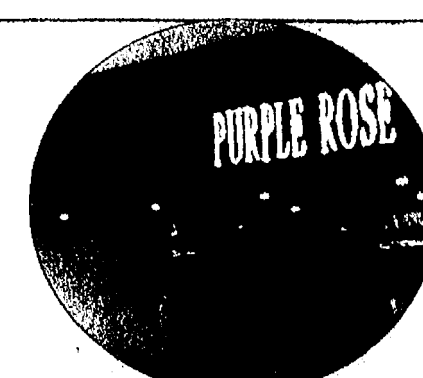


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Wolverine baseball has been played on its current site since 1923. That's a lot of history! In 1967, the stadium was dedicated to Ray Fisher, long time head coach who took his team to the first ever College World

Series Title in 1953. Again this year, Wolverine Baseball promises a fast-paced season, winning last week's home opener 7-4.

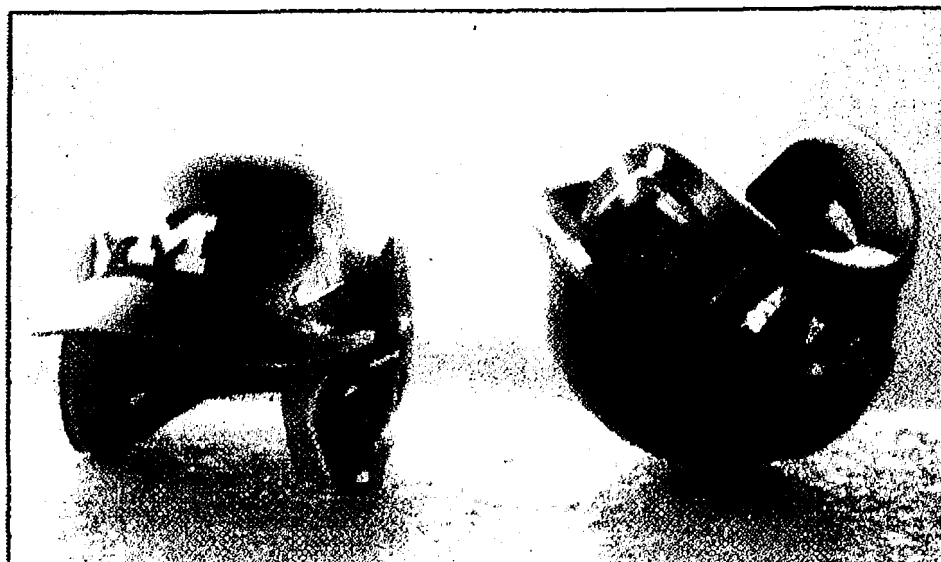
Michigan's Head Coach Rich Maloney earned his 200th career win as a Wolverine, boasting Michigan's seventh consecutive home-opening win and the first in the Wilpon Baseball Complex. "We are extremely excited that this moment has arrived," he said. "We have dreamt about this for so long, and to have this moment here is very special."

Freshman pitcher Travis Smith proudly pitched the opener. "It was pretty exciting to throw the first pitch out in a new stadium. I felt pretty confident with my stuff and the guys backed me up pretty well." Smith is 2-0 with an ERA of 2.81 thus far this season for 9-6 Michigan.

Conference play kicks off as the Wolverines meet Iowa in Big Ten baseball tomorrow at 3:05 pm, Friday, March 28 with a double-header Saturday afternoon and Sunday game scheduled in the three-game series.

There will be great baseball for fans! Four Michigan players have 20 or more at bats hitting over .300. Nate Recknagel leads the offense with an average of .393 with 7 homeruns, 17 runs and 22 RBIs. Adam Abraham, Mike Dufek and Zach Putnam are also Wolverines to watch, with averages of .387, .370 and .317 respectively.

The team, 35 strong will play 14 more home games, many on weekend afternoon and evenings. Ticket prices, convenient parking and a fabulous new facility make attending a Wolverine baseball game even more exciting. Families, youth team and die-hard fans

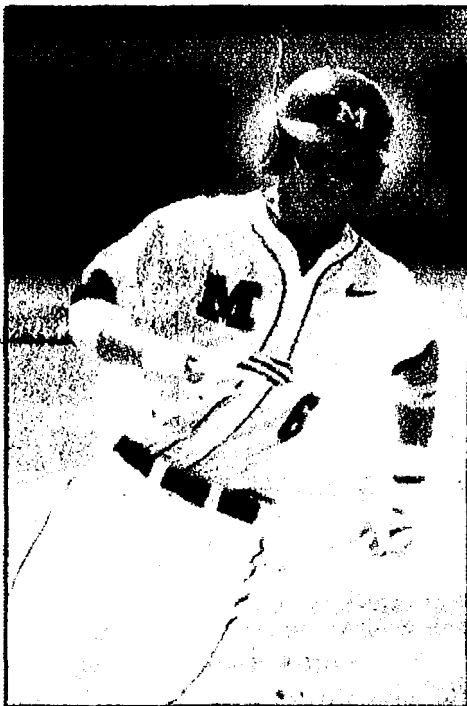
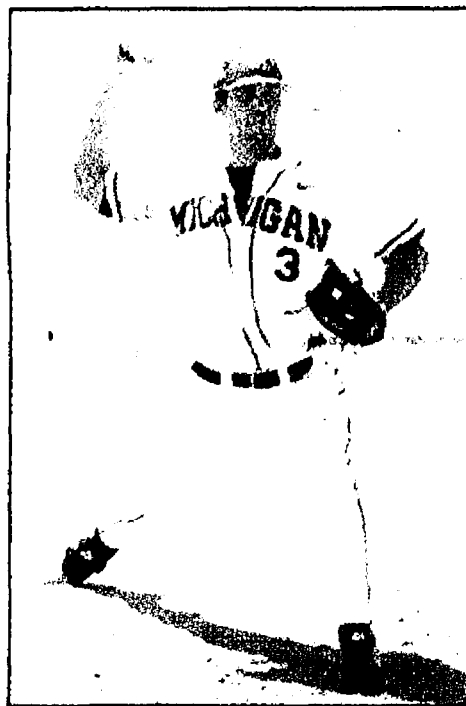


won't want to miss a game this season. The stadium now boasts 1,100 comfortable seats with backs (though don't be surprised if you catch the fever and find yourself standing at times to cheer for your Wolverines).

With brand new facilities, a friendly staff and great baseball, Wilpon Baseball Complex is also an exciting spot for your child's next birthday party. Packages include tickets for the pals and parents, snacks and all the trimmings. Check out the details at mgoblue.com where you'll find a great

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Sat., Mar. 29	Iowa (DH)	1:05 p.m.
Sun., Mar. 30	Iowa	1:05 p.m.
Wed., Apr. 9	Toledo	3:05 p.m.
Wed., Apr. 16	Eastern Michigan	3:05 p.m.
Fri., Apr. 18	Michigan State	6:35 p.m.
Sun., Apr. 20	Michigan State	1:05 p.m.
Tue., Apr. 29	Western Michigan	6:35 p.m.
Fri., May 2	Ohio State	6:35 p.m.
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Sun., May 4	Ohio State	1:05 p.m.
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March 27, 2008

Chelsea woman traces lineage to a leader of Mayflower Pilgrims

By Edward Freund
Staff Writer

A Chelsea woman has made her own mark on history by tracing her ancestry back to one of the leaders of the Pilgrims who landed near Plymouth, Mass., in November 1620.

For her dedication in researching how her family history intersects American history, Schultz was recently accepted into the Society of Mayflower Descendants in Michigan.

"I didn't really believe it until they called and told me: I didn't want to get too excited about this," Schultz said.

Mayflower Society spokeswoman Beverly Poole said Schultz was able to link her heritage to Mayflower passenger William Brewster, who was one of the 103 passengers who signed the Mayflower Compact on Nov. 11, 1620.

In fact, he was the fourth signer of that landmark document, which indicated he was from an ordinary passenger on the historic voyage.

"He was called Elder Brewster," Schultz said. "He was an acknowledged religious leader of the Pilgrims."

Schultz said the entire process of being accepted into the society took four years of painstaking research: two years to prove she and Brewster were related, then another two years to gather documentation, which consisted of birth certificates, death certificates, court and church records, etc.

"They are very detailed; the



Becky Schultz of Chelsea is seen in September in Bar Harbor, Maine, at the grave of her great-great-grandfather, Levi Higgins, a lieutenant in the Revolutionary War. Schultz was recently accepted into the Society of Mayflower Descendants in Michigan after successfully tracing her ancestry back 12 generations to William Brewster, a religious leader of the Pilgrims who landed near Plymouth, Mass., in November 1620.

Society requires that you have to have specific documentation," Schultz said.

The Society has about 743 regular members and 485 junior members in Michigan, she explained, and meets twice a year in different

parts of the state.

Ancestry is not an honorary membership, Schultz noted.

"It cost me \$75 for an application, but they have since raised that to \$100," she said. "It costs \$29 a year."

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Chelsea Area Briefs

Mill Creek Council meeting

The 43rd annual meeting of Mill Creek Research Council will be 7:30 p.m. today at the Lima Township Hall.

This is an open meeting and all are welcome to attend.

The council's executive board will be elected at the meeting.

The council's mission statement is "to preserve open space, rural character, and natural resources in the Mill Creek area."

This year the Mill Creek Research Council will support student research work from Eastern Michigan University's Department of Biology.

Possible topics are study of package wastewater treatment system performance relative to stream quality in rural areas, creek ecology, or the impact of development on the environment.

Secretary of State to visit

Michigan Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land is scheduled to be the guest speaker at a Western Washtenaw Republican Committee "town hall" meeting at 10 a.m. March 29.

The meeting will take place in Building 100 at the Washington Street Education Center.

"We're excited to have Secretary Land join us," said WWRC spokesman Craig McGregor.

"Her leadership in enhancing Michigan's election process and in bringing modern customer conveniences to her agency is benefiting our entire state."

Chelsea Mayor Ann Feeney is expected to introduce Secretary Land, and Chelsea City Council members and District 1 County Commissioner Mark Quimet are expected to attend.

Congressman's coffee hour

U.S. Rep. Tim Walberg, R-District 7, is hosting a coffee hour Saturday in Chelsea.

Before heading over to see Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land at 10 a.m., stop in from 8 to 9 a.m. at the Gourmet Chocolate Café, 312 N Main St., to discuss issues of concern with this area's Congressional representative.

City upgrades Web site

The city of Chelsea Web site has a new look at the same address, www.city-chelsea.org.

Improvements include the availability of city forms for block parties, solicitor permits and more that can be printed directly from the site, eliminating the need to visit

city offices.

Watch for further improvements throughout the year, including e-mail subscriptions for City Council meeting packets and online bill payment.

Water quality, nitrate tests

Free water quality risk assessments and nitrate screenings are offered to residents of Washtenaw, Monroe, and Lenawee counties through the Michigan Groundwater Stewardship Program.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency recommends that drinking water from wells should be tested once a year for nitrates, nitrites and bacteria.

Nitrates and phosphates from fertilizers, fuels from storage tanks, septic waste, and pesticide chemicals all can contaminate groundwater.

The Washtenaw County Conservation District offers water quality assessments through the Michigan Department of Agriculture's groundwater stewardship program, a statewide program that helps residents learn how they can protect water resources.

For a free water quality risk assessment and nitrate screening, contact the Washtenaw County Conservation District at (734) 761-6721, ext. 101.

Cranesbill contest

Cranesbill Books, 108 E. Middle St. in Chelsea, announces that March is "Dummies Month."

The popular "Dummies" book series, which aids the layman in everything from taxes to dog training, knitting to menopause, sudoku to diabetes, has reached iconic status with a book for just about everyone.

Everyone who purchases a book in the "Dummies" series from Cranesbill Books during March is eligible for a \$5 rebate.

This is a great opportunity to learn something new, get that project done, or figure something out on the computer.

In conjunction with "Dummies Month," Cranesbill Books is holding an essay contest, open to all ages.

Tell us your dumbest moment (something you're not too embarrassed about) and how a book from the "Dummies" series might have helped you.

The winner will receive a "Dummies" book of their choice from Cranesbill Books.

For more information, contact Jan Loveland at 433-2665.

Economics team takes second in state



The Chelsea Economics Team of Drew Martin (left to right), Sam Dyer, Matt Johnson, Ashley Rock and coach Matt Pedlow placed second in the state finals of the Michigan Economics Challenge. The team scored the highest of any team in the state during the three rounds of testing. The first round covered Microeconomics, the second round covered Macroeconomics, and the third round dealt with current events and economic policy. After the three rounds, the top two teams from the state compete in a quiz bowl style competition. The team competed against the International School of Bloomfield Hills, and Chelsea quickly was in a 9-2 hole, but stormed back to come within three points before eventually losing the competition. This was the first year that Chelsea has taken a team to the state finals. A sample question that was asked during the competition was "Name the only state that has two Federal Reserve districts located in it?" Answer: Missouri.

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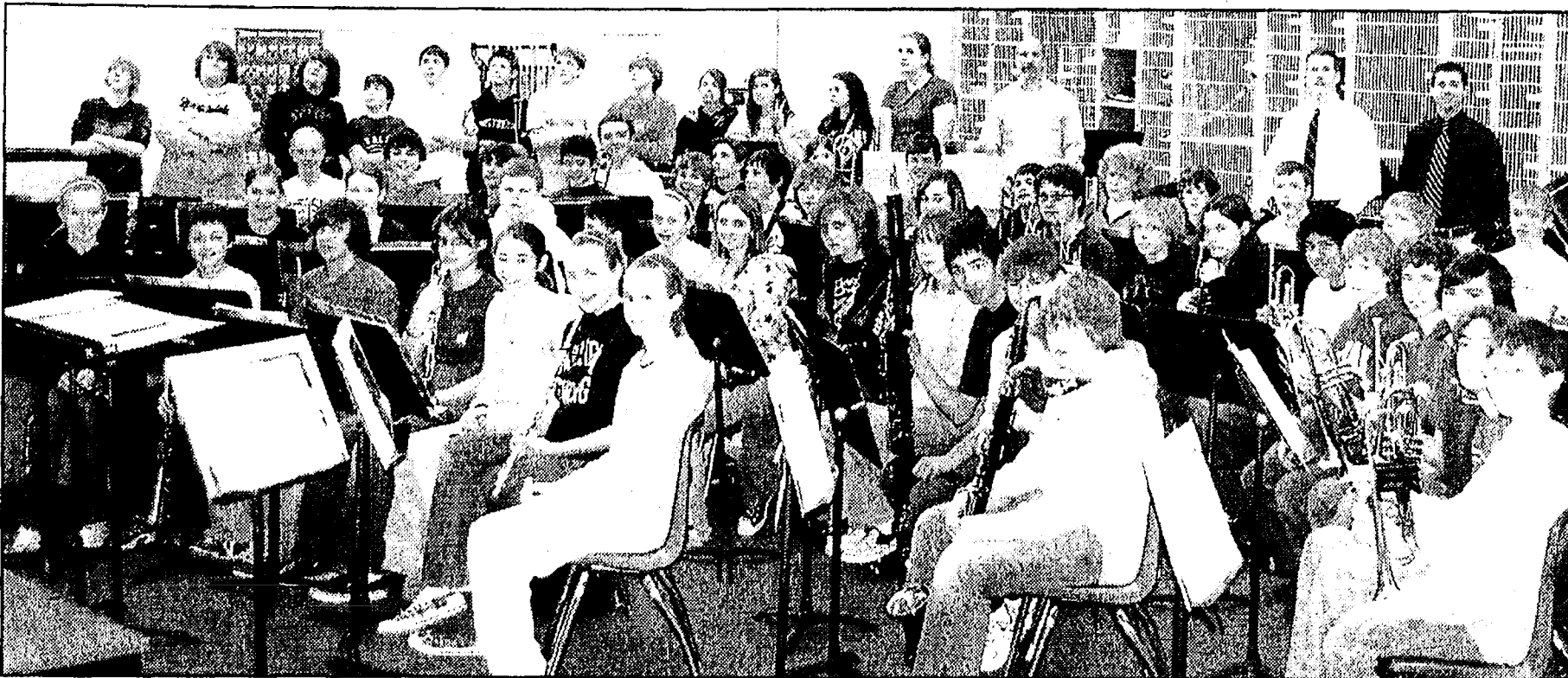


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The Beach Middle School seventh-grade band.



The Beach Middle School eighth-grade band.

Bands hit the high notes at festival

The seventh- and eighth-grade Beach Middle School bands both earned the top honor of a performance score of 1 (best) in a district band festival on March 10.

According to Beach Band Director Jim Otto, the bands were given an overall score on two levels of performance.

They first played three prepared numbers on stage at Chelsea High School, where the event was open to the public.

The band then went into the band room and had to perform an overture and a march, the only preparation being seven minutes of sight reading.

Parents and family members could hear a preview of the competition at a concert which took place at the school in February.

Also in February, many seventh- and eighth-grade band students performed in district Solo and Ensemble Band Competition, hosted in Livonia.

There they were evaluation on personal performance of a solo or a group piece.

The participating students all took home ratings of a 1 or 2, the top scores in competition.

The level at which the students are performing is evident of the hard work of Middle School Band Director Jim Otto, Associate Middle School Band Director Rick Catherman, and student teacher Dave Tenerelli.

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the board extended the superintendent's employment contract by one year.

School Board President Laurel McDevitt released this statement to the media, the wording of which had been approved

by the board as a whole:

"Superintendent Killips continues to keep a watchful eye toward the steering of our district and has placed us in the enviable position of directing our transition to a full-time kindergarten program and trimesters," the statement read.

"His methods of communicating are effective with

the board, staff and community. Communication is never finished and (Killips) continues to provide new avenues for the district administration to interact with the community.

"His continued fiscal management has allowed us to provide for the safety of our youngest students with the office change at

North Creek. His prudent and timely bond re-funding has benefited us financially, and we feel that he will continue to be a good financial leader of our district.

"Dave cares about our staff and most importantly he cares about our kids," the statement concluded.

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Healthy heart

Photo by Edward Freundl
Jaclyn Murphy, left, a freshman at Chelsea High School, attended the heart screening on March 8 with her mother, Laura Murphy.

Crash, resisting arrest keep police busy

By Edward Freundl
Staff Writer

Child Protective Services was called to check on the welfare of four children ages 1-12 to 13 after police said both parents exhibited unstable psychological behavior.

The situation started with a man being arrested for drunken driving and resisting arrest at 5:27 p.m. March 6.

At that time, Chelsea police responded to the entrance driveway of a business in the 18000 block of East Old US-12 for a green van crashed into the ditch.

According to a police report, the vehicle had sustained damage to the passenger-side front fender after running over a light pole in the entrance, and got stuck trying to get free.

A tow truck was trying to remove the vehicle when police arrived.

The driver, a 29-year-old Chelsea man, told police he had been talking on the phone to his wife's doctor when he drove into the ditch.

The officer noticed the odor of alcohol and asked the man if he had been drinking, and the man denied it.

The tow truck driver told police that he, too, smelled alcohol on the driver's breath, but the man lit a cigarette as soon as police arrived.

The officer asked the man again if he'd been drinking, and he said "one beer—a big one," between noon and 1 p.m. at a bar on West Old US-

12, according to the report.

The officer asked the driver if he'd had anything to eat there and he said no; he asked a second time and the man said he had eaten jalapeno poppers.

The officer noticed the man's eyes were glassy and bloodshot, and with the evidence of the crash and the driver's admission of drinking, administered field sobriety tests.

He failed the tests and the officer was about to give a preliminary breath test (PBT) when the suspect's wife arrived in another vehicle.

A second officer told her to leave the scene, but she ignored him and drove over to the man, the report stated.

As the couple talked, the man clenched his fist and punched the passenger-side mirror, grazing the second officer.

When he pushed toward the open car window, both officers grabbed his arms.

The suspect became aggressive and resisted the officers as they pulled him away from the vehicle.

When he pushed back, the officers took him down to the ground and handcuffed him, the report stated.

When the PBT gave a result of .159 blood alcohol content, almost double the legal limit of .08 percent, the man was arrested for Operating While Intoxicated as well as for Resisting and Obstructing an Officer.

He was taken to the hospital for a blood draw to con-

firm the PBT, then transported to the police department.

The suspect told police he and his wife, age 30, had been arguing that morning and he hit her.

He also told police that he worked for DTE Energy, and mentioned several times "grabbing power lines so my kids could collect insurance money," according to the police report, and even asked if the officer ever had thoughts about "blowing his brains out."

The suspect's wife arrived at the police station to collect the man's wallet and speak to him.

She told him that she should go home and take "a couple bottles of clonazepam (prescription sedatives)," according to the report.

When the officer asked her about that, she said she was talking about "Starburst candies, not medication," and denied being assaulted that morning.

The officer informed jail personnel about the man's suicidal statements when they arrived.

When the couple refused to cooperate, the officer called Michigan State Police troopers to visit the home outside city limits to check on the children, two boys ages 13 and 7 and two girls ages 3 and 1-12.

The officer contacted Child Protective Services the following day to make a report on the psychological state of the parents, the report stated.

Chelsea Area Briefs

Class of '88 reunion

Remember the days of big hair and school dances and visit with classmates at the Chelsea High School Class of 1988 20-year class reunion.

Organizers are in the process of collecting names and e-mail addresses to put together a list.

The reunion will be held Aug. 30 at Reddeman Farms on Dancer Road in Dexter from 7 p.m. to midnight. We will have hors d'oeuvres, a DJ and lots of visiting and catching up.

To be "found," log onto "Yahoo Groups," search for chelsea88 and join the group. Coming soon will be a Class Reunion Web site, www.chelsea88.info (Check out the home page).

Charity golf scramble

The "Barefoot Wine" Charity Golf Scramble is scheduled for June 28 at

Reddeman Farms Golf Club,

555 S. Dancer Road, Chelsea.

Cost is \$95 per person or \$380 for a four-person team. Tee box signs are \$75, and corporate sponsors are welcome. Proceeds will benefit the local Autism USA chapter.

Registration begins at 7 a.m., with a shotgun start at 8 a.m. Contests for women and men include putting, longest drive, and closest to pin.

After golf, a barbecue chicken or roast beef dinner will be served with a cash bar. Team captains should contact Holly Bulko at 734-475-4406 or e-mail hbbhawaii@aearthlink.net to reserve a spot.

Lunch at the Senior Center

The Chelsea Senior Center serves a hot lunch on weekdays at the "Taste of Home Café," in the cafeteria at the Washington Street Education Center.

The menu consists of an

entrée, salad bar, beverage and dessert.

Cost is \$5, or only \$2.50 for people 60 and up, and open to everyone in the community. The lunch is prepared by Chelsea School District food service staff and served in an inviting, friendly atmosphere.

To ensure adequate quantities, call the Senior Center 24 hours in advance at 475-9242.

'Around Town with Linda'

"Around Town with Linda" will feature Rita Fischer, Faith in Action Volunteer of the Year, beginning today.

"Around Town with Linda" features interviews conducted by the local host Linda Meloche.

The show airs daily on Channel 18 at 7:30 a.m., noon, 7:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m.

A new interview begins every Thursday evening and runs for a week.

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or \$400 for a life membership."

All that climbing around on the branches of her family tree gave Schultz an interest in history.

"I'm not a history buff but my husband David is, and now it's drawing me in," Schultz said.

"He deserves credit for this because he did 99 percent of the work."

She said she her lineage to Brewster reaches back 12 generations through her paternal grandmother, who unsuccessfully tried to become a member of the Mayflower Society many decades ago.

"They tried before, in 1918, but it was much harder then (to search records) and she just gave up," Schultz said.

"We were happy for her—we felt we had done this for her too."

In going back through the generations, Schultz discovered her great-great-grandfather's grave in Bar Harbor, Maine, last year.

"He was a lieutenant in the Revolutionary War, and we found his tombstone," Schultz said. "Cape Levi in Maine is named for him."

At that time, Dave Schultz said, Maine was a part of the original Massachusetts Colony, and Higgins' family was one of the first few families to settle in the Bar Harbor area.

Given all that early American family history, Becky Schultz is a relative newcomer to this state.

She said her family moved from New England to Iowa several generations ago, then came to Rochester, Mich., when her father got a job with General Motors.

Both she and Dave are retired and have lived in Chelsea for 10 years.

One daughter lives in Indiana and the other lives near Baltimore, and they have two grandchildren.

Fortunately for them, family members may also be Society members; they only have to prove their lineage to the relative who has been accepted into the society.

"All the hard work has been done already" to prove their lineage to the Society, Schultz said.

And, as if tracing 12 generations into the past wasn't enough, Schultz said she is close to establishing her kinship to yet another Mayflower passenger and signer of the compact.

"I'm also working on proving my connection to Thomas Rogers, which goes back 11 generations," Schultz said.

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Rising costs of heating homes causing hardships

By Daniel Lai

Heritage Newspapers

The Food Bank Council of Michigan recently reported rising costs associated with heating homes has left more residents in need of charitable assistance this year.

"The average household paid \$986 for heat this winter, 10 percent more than last year, forcing families to make difficult choices between heat and food," Bill Long, interim executive director for FBCM, said. "For many of Michigan's working families, it means turning to local food banks to fill the gap."

Long said natural gas, which is used to heat most U.S. homes, costs an average of 10.7 percent more this winter, while electricity costs an average of 2.7 percent more. While utility companies offer some shut-off protection during the coldest months and local organizations provide assistance with heating costs, it's not enough to cover the gap, he said.

"Rising energy costs and heating bills have much more impact on the most vulnerable families," Long said. "If families are forced into the position of choosing between heat and food, they should talk to their energy supplier to maintain heat and contact a local food bank for assistance."

According to Manchester Family Service Treasurer John Sahakian, the group has seen an increase in local families seeking assistance since the start of the new year.

"In January, we distributed food to 171 individuals in 58 households ranging from a single person to a family of seven. In February, we helped 168 individuals in 60 households," he said.

Sahakian said that number is up since 2002.

"In January 2002, we helped 122 individuals and 45 households, and in

January 2007 we helped 189 individuals and 68 households."

Sahakian said in January and February of this year, MFS has assisted five clients with utility (heating fuel and electricity) costs that totaled \$1,700.

"Right now we're seeing a lot of people ask for help with their heating and food bills," he said.

Dave Karr, FBCM board president and director of the American Red Cross' Regional Food Distribution Center in Lansing, said the group is also handling more requests than in previous years.

"People are calling and saying 'I can't afford food; I'm trying not to get my gas shut off,' he said. "At the same time, our ability to provide enough food is being impacted because donations to us are down."

Even though food banks across Michigan are handing out food to needy residents faster than they can stock the shelves, Long said families still need to ask for help.

"The food banks will find a way to help," he said.

However, Long said he is concerned proposed cuts in the 2009 federal budget would leave a \$24 million hole in state energy assistance, affecting up to 82,000 Michigan residents.

"The proposed cuts come at a time when a struggling economy is hurting charities across the board," he said.

Sahakian said as the need for assistance continues to grow, local organizations can help alleviate the burden on food pantries by holding food drives and other fundraisers.

"People can do a lot of things to help out their neighbors starting with supporting the Ann Arbor-based Food Gatherers Organization. Food Gatherers supplies us with the food—some free and the

rest at modest prices—that we distribute on a once a month basis at our Food Gatherers Day (third Wednesday of each month)," he said. "We also need volunteers to help our board

members with set up and grocery packing at our food distributions for about two hours in the morning."

Sahakian said during the school year, members of the National Honor Society con-

tribute valuable service hours to MFS and the Boy Scouts help in the summer.

"They are a great asset to have in the community," he said.

For more information

about MFS and how to contribute to local food banks, contact MFS Secretary Mary Sue Moore at MSJOE56@aol.com or the Food Bank Council of Michigan at 1-517-485-1202.

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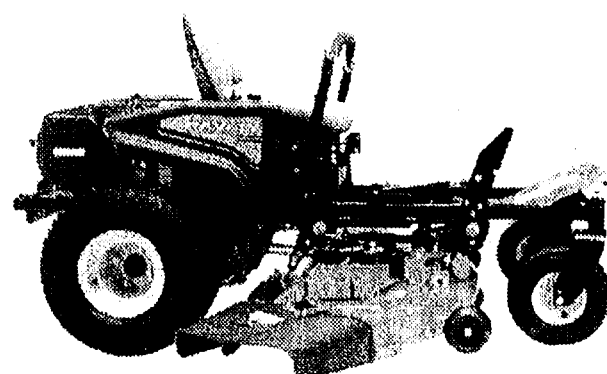
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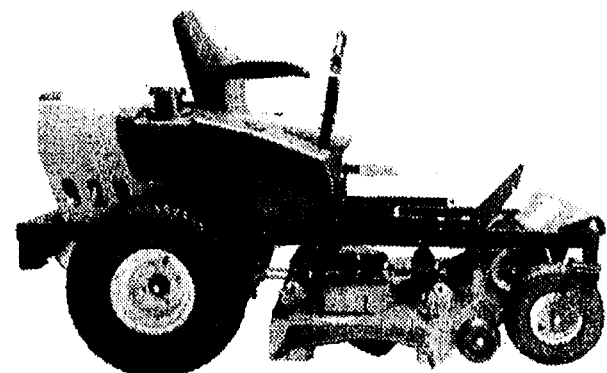
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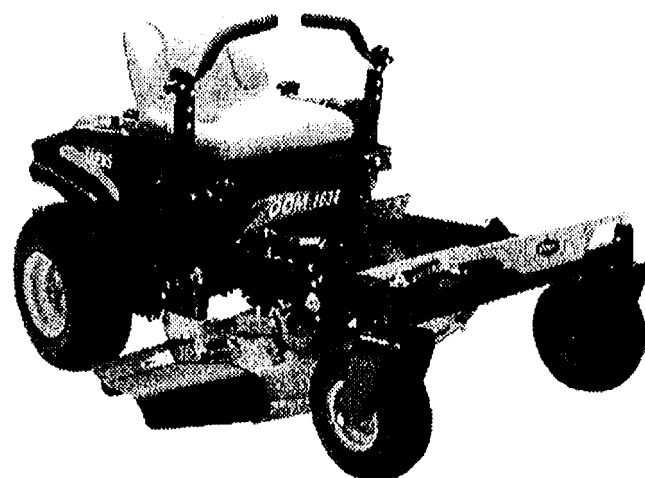
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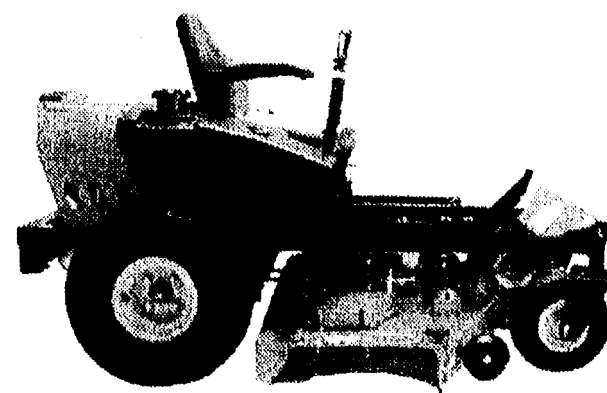
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Is it time to make a deal on redo?

If at first you don't succeed ... chuck it in.

Michigan Democrats are not following that advice and have



Tim Skubick

made an even uglier mess out of this ill-fated and mis-handled embarrassment called a presidential primary re-do. Last week an agreement was reached to restage the Michigan Democratic Party presidential primary vote. Shouts of joy were heard in Washington, but there were no shouts in Lansing.

The beloved Legislature was needed to create the primary and, more importantly, Republicans were needed to give the Democrats the necessary votes to do it.

That was an automatic prescription for another round of "Let's Make A Deal."

Republicans had the Dems over the barrel and wanted something in return. If the shoe had been on the other foot, rest assured the Democrats would have done the same thing to the GOP.

The first guy up with a demand was Rep. Craig DeRoche (R-Now). He found some irony in all this. On one hand, the Democrats are trying to recall the House GOP leader, and here they were knocking on his door asking for his support at the same time.

Now, DeRoche is a lot of things, but stupid is not one of them. He was willing to give something if the recall was dropped, but Democrats refused to back off.

But the Democrats had other problems. The Hillary Clinton campaign was eager for the redo, but the Barack Obama campaign was not.

That put the House Democratic speaker on the spot.

Rep. Andy Dillon, who leans toward Obama, has a badly divided caucus. Some of his friends are for Hillary; some of his friends are for Obama. And Dillon is caught in the middle. Gov. Jennifer Granholm really wanted this redo, and when her firehouse primary went up in smoke she talked about a revote, but ran into stiff opposition from some county clerks, who wanted no part of this mess.

Then the Senate Democrats got into the act.

After a closed-door meeting, key players emerged saying there were not enough votes to pass the primary.

Nobody would concede it was dead, but one senator concurred that it was on life support and somebody had their finger on the switch. Another chimed in that the redo needed CPR.

Ron Gettlefinger, head of the United Auto Workers union, and one of the four folks in Washington who hatched the redo scheme was not amused.

He got on the horn and called Democrats, reportedly telling them that the failure to order a new election was making Michigan a national embarrassment.

But here is the rub. Nobody from the Obama camp was in on the deal hatching and, since they had no ownership, Obama folks were not eager to say yes to any redo.

Compounding the problem, the Senate Democratic ranks were as equally split as the House Democrats, so minus a consensus on what to do, there was nothing to do on the redo.

Sometime soon, you'll know if the corpse winked.

Tim Skubick blogs daily on the M1central portion of Heritage Newspapers' Web site, www.heritage.com

To the Editor:

I am concerned that no one is looking into the contamination of the ground underneath the former Federal Screw Works site.

In 1984 there was a contaminated spill that seeped into the surrounding ground of this site. I wonder how this was managed and cleaned.

Is there some hazard we should be investigating as far as effects on neighbors of the site? Was the ground cleaned properly in the past?

Eula Eddy
Chelsea

To the Editor:

"Now Billy, you have to wait your turn like everyone else."

"Don't wanna."

"I understand that it's hard sometimes, but the rule is that we line up in alphabetical order for the drinking fountain."

"Well it's not fair. My name's Zimbalski, and I'm tired of always going last. Why does Mary Adams always get to go first? I'm just as thirsty as she is. It's a stupid rule."

"Billy, you make a good point. Maybe we should change the rules so that the same people aren't always first. But for right now, the rule is alphabetical order, so until we change the rule, that's how we're going to do things."

"Well, I'm not gonna."

"Billy, I'm warning you right now, if you cut in line ahead of any of the other children then you can't have any water."

"Yeah, right. You'll still let me get a drink."

"Billy, this is your last chance."

"Oh, give me a break. You won't let me go thirsty."

"All right then, no water for you."

"Waaah! This is so unfair. I want a do-over."

Heh. Perhaps Billy has a future in the Michigan Democratic Party.

Now don't get me wrong, I am not a member

of any political party. Yet, like many others I voted in Michigan's much debated, "Line-Jumper Up Yours!" primary election.

And while it actually would have been nice to vote for the candidate of my choice, instead, I received a ballot with only one name and a space labeled "Uncommitted." All thanks to those good people who call themselves the "Democratic" Party. Hmm.

One name? Call me cynical, but something about the whole thing just didn't seem very "democratic" to me. I'll bet Stalin's ghost is still chuckling over that one.

So the prospect of participating in a "re-do" primary where there might be more than one name on the slate and my vote might actually count (imagine!) did offer a certain romantic appeal. And yet, I must admit that the idea also made me pretty uneasy.

After all, what's the lesson we'd be sending our children? If you break the rules and don't like the punishment, whine. Maybe you can get a "do-over."

Or better yet, maybe they'll just "take back" the penalty. Consequences are for suckers.

If we are warned in advance not to break the rules, yet we choose to break them anyway because we believe the rules are unjust, that is an act of civil disobedience that I'm certain Emerson would applaud.

But an essential element in civil disobedience is to also willingly suffer the consequences, or what's the point?

As Emerson, Gandhi, and King were hauled off to jail, I'm quite certain they didn't cry out, "Oh geeze, I didn't think you were actually serious about the whole 'jail thing.' Let me take it back."

If the exclusion of the

Michigan and Florida delegates results in a contentious, brokered convention in August rather than a "Four-day Rocky Mountain Lovefest," well ... that's just too bad.

Remember, it is the Democratic Party itself that brought about this fiasco; and not just those who "broke the rules" but even more importantly, those who insist on perpetuating the antiquated primary system that Michigan and Florida were rebelling against.

In the distant past, before electronic communication was ubiquitous, candidates traveled by stagecoach and train and their statements only reached many through news stories telegraphed by stringers into their local newspaper office.

In that bygone era, citizens of states like Iowa or New Hampshire would not have had the opportunity to interact with or learn much about the candidates had their primaries not been placed early in the campaign season.

If not for this system, candidates for national office would have chosen to focus only on the larger, more populous regions of the country, leaving folks in smaller states pretty much without a voice and in the dark.

But in today's electronic age, with the Internet and more instant news sources than you can count, people across the country have an equal opportunity to follow candidates nearly every waking moment of every day.

From a pragmatic standpoint, who really cares if the candidates are in California, Wisconsin, or Rhode Island? The prevailing argument seems to be that the candidates would then only address the "regional issues" of those states with the highest populations.

Oh, please. While there certainly are important issues that admittedly are more "regional" (illegal

immigration comes to mind), the vast number of issues that matter most to Americans (i.e. the economy, the war, health care, education, etc.) are not regional but national in scope.

If we had a single "National Primary Day," candidates would be less likely to "play to the local crowd" anyway, as they would not be stumping for the local vote.

All of this is not to suggest that the Democratic Party has a monopoly on blind arrogance and an inability to fully think through its decisions.

The Republicans also perpetuate this obsolete primary monstrosity. And this year they offer us, "Uncle John's Never-ending War Jamboree."

Here, I'm reminded of a man who has stuffed his hand into a kitchen sink in an effort to retrieve his wife's valuable wedding ring that she accidentally dropped down the drain.

While she suggests he consider taking the time to dismantle and closely inspect the pipes, he dismisses her and recklessly plunges his arm into the opening.

Yet even as the disposal kicks on and she yells for him to extract his hand, through gritted teeth he declares over the deafening roar, "Never! That would mean the sacrifice of my fingers has been for nothing. I'll keep my arm in here for another 100 years if I have to."

A bad idea is still a bad idea, even if you had the best of intentions.

I suppose that even with its faults, our political system is better than any other.

Still, let's not kid ourselves: Democrat and Republican, Green Party supporter and Independent; we'd better all take a close look in the mirror before we brag too loudly about being "the prettiest girl at the ball." We can certainly all do much better.

Christopher Meloche
Chelsea

To the Editor:

So the Chelsea High School is about to lose its student paper, the Bleu Print - how is that possible?

But wait ... what happened to the famous Bulldog Barks, the official student newspaper during my senior year at good old Chelsea High (1971)?

From what I've gleaned reading last week's article/letter, CHS is losing its student paper due to lack of interest (only 20 students signing up), the cost-effectiveness of having a teacher for such a small group - and a hint of crushed student spirits caused by a censorious administration.

But do not lose heart, fellow CHS "Production Writing" students (formerly known as "Journalism" students).

For in the dark past - 1971 - there was a similar crisis. The Bulldog Barks had a classroom, students and a "teacher," but they didn't have money. The paper was short of funds due to printing costs, which were contracted out. At this time CHS did not have the expensive equipment needed to print in-house.

But what ailed the Bulldog Barks was lack of leadership and a lukewarm interest in producing a paper. It was just another class.

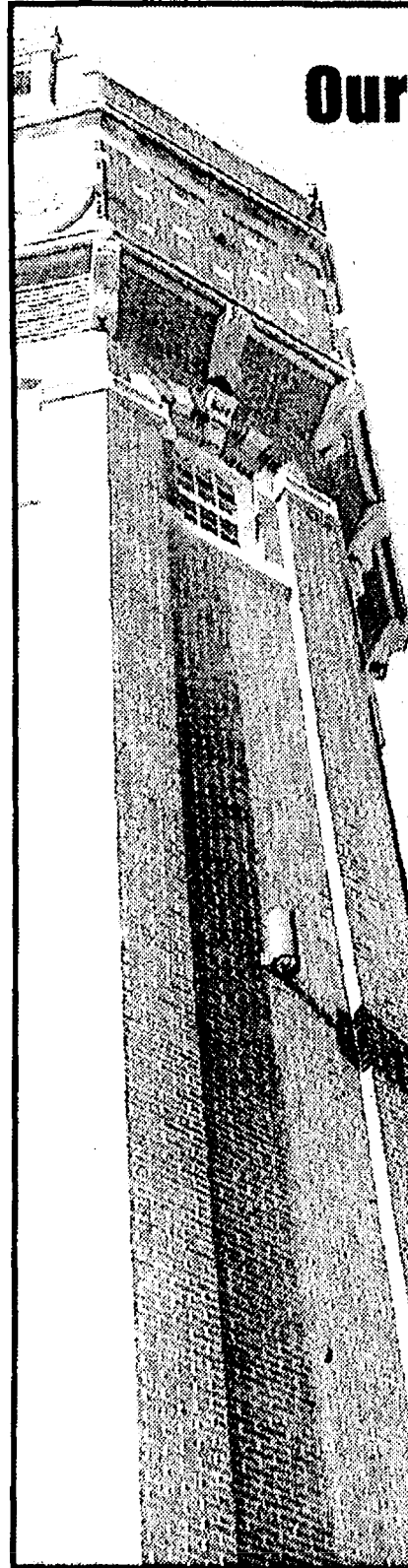
What the Bulldog Barks really needed was some inspiration that only comes from competition - and that's where the Graphic Arts II class comes in.

This was the first year for Graphic Arts II and it had a total of five students, all seniors. We were piggy-backed with another class, thus sharing the same teacher.

This teacher's inspiring words stick with me to this day: "I have enough on my hands with the regular Graphic Arts students. I want you five to come up with some ideas - I don't care what it is as long as you don't embarrass the school, do something stupid

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Our Chelsea History



What disaster in Chelsea occurred on Aug. 13, 1970?

- A tornado swept through the east side of the village.
- The Sylvan Hotel burned.
- Frigid Products store was destroyed by fire.
- Fire destroyed the Weinberg Dairy cow barn.

Answer C. One of the worst fires in recent history of Chelsea started about 11 p.m. in the lower level repair shop of Frigid Products. Fire destroyed the entire building which was once the B & B Glazier office from 1902-1907. Lloyd Heydlauff purchased the building in 1943. During the night, fire spread to the adjacent Village Beauty Salon. Chelsea Pharmacy and other adjacent merchants moved their wares fearing the entire block would be destroyed. Fire Chief James Gaken said the Frigid Products fire was the worst fire that he as a fireman had experienced. Heydlauff's set up business temporarily in the Longworth Plating building across the street, toppled the old building and rebuilt a new store.

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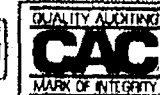
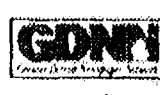
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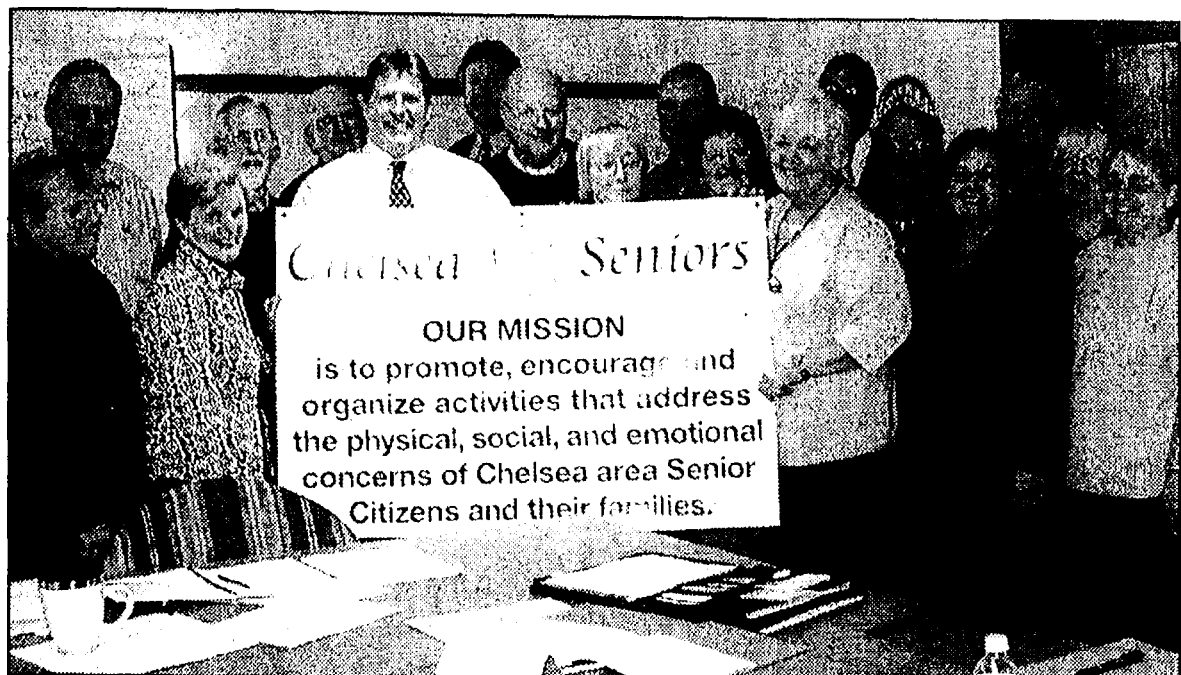
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New board, same mission



The Chelsea Senior Center Board of Directors recently held an all day retreat at the Chelsea Community Hospital's White Oak Center. Facilitated by the Director of Religious Education at St. Mary Catholic Church, Cathy Guinan, the Board focused on future growth and goals. Pictured from left to right in the front row: Jean Dunn, Maryann Merkel, Bryan Merillat, Wilma Sell, Arlene Baris, (Facilitator Cathy Guinan), Gina Ekis, Yvonne Johnson. Second Row: Chuck Schauer, Ed Riske, Bob Wehrmeister, Dave Schaible, School Board Liaison Steve Olsen, Bill Ballagh, Ray Kenner, Board President Ed Greenleaf, and Sally Leffler-Trachet.

Cashiers bring in the green with MDA shamrocks

By Edward Freundl

Staff Writer

Customers at Polly's County Market supermarket in Chelsea opened their wallets wide for a good cause this year for the annual Muscular Dystrophy Association shamrock drive.

A total of \$5,513 was raised this year, far outdistancing last year's amount of approximately \$4,200.

For the second consecutive year cashier Lori Butler was credited with raising about 25 percent of the total herself, with \$1,307 this year and \$1,156 last year.

From Feb. 16 to March 16, paper shamrocks were available at checkout lanes and the service desk for different dollar amounts: silver, \$10; gold, \$5; and green, \$1.

Although it was not a competition, the next two highest-selling cashiers were Jody Taylor with \$651, and Barb Kukulka with \$645.

"It doesn't matter how much; it's for the kids," Taylor said.

Butler said she has personal reasons for seeing the MDA drive succeed, and thanked customers for



Photo by Edward Freundl

Polly's Country Market cashiers raised \$5,513 in donations from customers for the annual Muscular Dystrophy Association Shamrock drive from Feb. 16 to March 16.

their generosity.

"Someone in my family has a disability, so I know what it's like," she said.

"Everybody was so will-

ing to give, and they put up with us asking for an entire month."

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or get me in trouble." Or something to that effect.

Thus the birth of Chelsea High School's first (?) "underground" newspaper, "The Anti-Bulldog Barks," a fun, satirical little rag loaded with inside jokes and the occasional poke in the eye.

No profanity, not too strident but not politically correct. Our main target was the "official" student paper and its inability to produce a product - hence, our name. We also went after some of the much-funded school sports programs.

They came out with three issues and we published at least 11. Granted, their paper looked beautiful, being printed by professionals. Our paper looked marginal at best - being printed by us, with paper plates on an offset printer at Huron High School - for free (we knew the teacher there).

Our printing process was so fragile, if we couldn't get the plate printing properly before a run of 200 issues, it would disintegrate. It was a big deal for us when we found ink in other colors besides black. We learned how to add photographs. We charged 5 cents a copy and even had a few advertisers with later issues. We made a profit and they had bake sales. And we had a load of fun.

Our GA teacher only read and pre-approved the first issue. We never showed him a pre-issue for approval again, and he didn't ask.

I don't think we embar-

assed the school; although I'm sure there were members in the Athletic Department that were glad to see us graduating. Did he get into trouble? He was tenured.

My advice to current CHS "journalism" - sorry, strike that - "Production Writing" students is this: You don't need 20 or more students or a teacher or even a classroom to write a student newspaper.

Judging from my property taxes, I'll assume Chelsea High School is swimming with computers and I understand with these machines it's possible to become a one-man printing empire.

So fellow students, what are you waiting for? If you have something to say in print, there is nothing stopping you. Your computer is your imprimatur - and how can any adminis-

trator or institution censor that?

In fact, a good business move might be to have your new paper censored by the powers-that-be to give it that "forbidden fruit" flavor. There's nothing like telling a high-schooler they can't have something to make 'em crave it.

With 20 students interested in putting out a paper, let's see... that should be five student newspapers floating around that school. Freedom of the press is not a privilege. You don't need no stinking permission.

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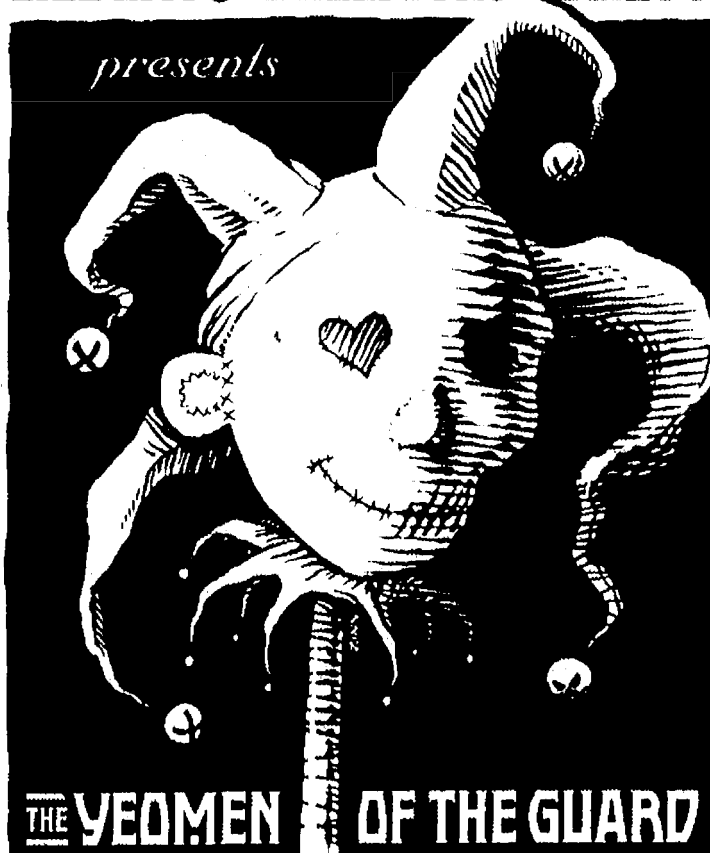
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WIND

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Taking the lead on it were County Board Chairman Jeff Irwin and Commissioner Mark Ouimet, in whose district the Proving Grounds is located.

"It's a project that came together out of different partnerships: the county, business — and by that I mean Chrysler — and U of M," Ouimet said.

"I'm pleased we were able to do this in my district. I felt strongly about the economic development opportunity that this represents."

Just as residents' concerns began to grow regarding the tower's safety, appearance and possible negative effect on property values, Chrysler stepped in to offer its facility as a vast outdoor laboratory for the testing process.

Chrysler officials offered the site for the tower about six months ago so that the county could continue the project.

"It's a great way to help Washtenaw County, U of M and the state collect data," said David Lyons, manager of Energy Planning and Climate Policy for Chrysler LLC's Environmental Affairs division.

"We're really serious about reducing fossil fuel use in the United States, and particularly in Michigan."

Proving Grounds Director Jeff Zyburt said the tower is located in a remote area of the facility that will be planted with soybeans and switchgrass.

"It's a 17-acre spot that I won't have to waste gas,

energy and manpower mowing anymore," Zyburt said. "I've got 3,850 acres here. I can put up several of these and I don't have to worry about neighbors."

Zyburt said his employees came to him with the idea.

"Why wouldn't I want to support it?" he said. "We're zoned for it here, and the county has been great to work with."

"It's not costing us anything, and I've got to pay taxes on this land anyway."

Ouimet said it was more than fortunate that Chrysler stepped in when it did.

"The challenge was finding a location where we could test this, so it was great when Chrysler came into the picture," he said.

"They clearly understood the value of it economically and is taking the lead on this with the county."

Lyons said he was glad Chrysler could help remove some of the bureaucratic burden from the project.

"It's only been about six months, but it's moved fairly quickly," he said.

"We offered the ability to cut some red tape and get permits quickly — to sort of 'grease the skids,' so to speak."

Frank Marsick, a professor of meteorology and air pollution research with the University of Michigan's Department of Atmospheric and Oceanic Science, said he had the tower would be up by now, in time for students in his wind energy class to assist in the research, but that will wait until next year.

"It's nice for us to get a chance to benefit the local community, and it's neat bringing in people from other areas of expertise," Marsick said.

"We've looked at this



(wind turbines) on campus, and this will give us another site to look at."

With all the talk about the economic benefit to wind towers, however, the project was not without its critics.

"The wind towers themselves do not have an economic impact, they are like billboards in that regard," said Lima Township Supervisor Ken Unterbrink.

"When they talk about a tax impact to a community, there's really very little."

The push for renewable energy

The soybeans and switchgrass planted in the tower area will be processed for biofuel research, adding to the tower's value in renewable energy research.

"A lot of research needs to be done," Lyons said. "Growing corn for ethanol is not a good idea. We have to go to non-food crops, which is why switchgrass is better for fuel."

"A lot of small things make the change in society," he added.

Morrissett said another area Chrysler is also looking into is redeveloping contaminated industrial sites.

"We're working with Michigan State University to find out what crops can grow in Superfund cleanup sites," she said. "You wouldn't grow food there, but you could grow fuel crops."

It's all about thinking differently and looking at all ideas, she added.

"We want to promote the next generation of biofuels for energy security and carbon reduction," Morrissett said.

"It's all part of a federal push to start looking at such investments so we can get past imported oil."

"We have to take the vehicle out of the equation," she



Deb Morrissett (right), vice president for regulatory affairs for Chrysler LLC, David Lyons (left), manager of Energy Planning and Climate Policy for Chrysler LLC's Environmental Affairs division and Proving Grounds Director Jeff Zyburt (center) talk during the March 18 event in Chelsea.

said, a statement that would have been considered blasphemy for an automobile executive five years ago, but it shows just how much of a sea change the industry has undergone in that time.

There is an element of self-preservation in the automaker's commitment to these initiatives.

"We tasked ourselves under the new federal energy bill passed in December to be much more efficient,

and we need the fuels to do the same," Lyons said.

"We need a 40 percent reduction out of whatever technology develops — whether it's battery, biodiesel or ethanol, the result has to be a substantial reduction."

Zyburt said the proving grounds was an ideal spot

for the test tower, and he was proud to be involved in the cutting edge research.

"It's kind of a win-win: it gets into people's heads," he said.

"General Electric went from zero dollars (in wind turbines) five years ago to \$5.5 billion, and now you can't get one until 2009."



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AN EAGLE EYE VIEW

Football Team working in spring drills
Green-White intrasquad set for April 5 at noon

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Spring football practice is a time for coaches to get a glimpse of the team they will put on the field next season.

For head coach Jeff Genyk's Eastern Michigan University team the competition for positions this spring will be important for his Eagles in their continuing search for improvement.



Jeff Genyk

The 2008 season will be Genyk's fifth as the leader of the Eagles and after steadily developing his team over the past four years, he feels that this year could be a breakthrough one for the Green and White.

"Generally, as a team, we need to learn how to be more consistent performers, especially after we win a significant game," Genyk said. "We need to learn from, but forget about, the accomplishment of the past weekend and move into better preparation for the upcoming game. We need to develop more consistency in all three phases of the game so that we have better performances week in and week out."

The 2008 Eagles will attempt to build on some positives from last season. Eastern managed to capture the Michigan Mid-American Conference trophy with wins over both Central Michigan and Western Michigan on the way to a third-place finish in the MAC West Division at 3-2.

While those 2007 Eagles were 4-8 overall, they finished the season with two wins in their last four games, including capturing a 48-45 road shoot-out against MAC champion Central Michigan in the season finale.

Genyk and his staff opened 2008 spring drills Saturday, March 8, and are slated to close out the spring with a Green-White intrasquad game Saturday, April 5, at noon.

The Eagles will rely once again on a Leadership Council to be a liaison between the staff and players. The members of the 2008 players' council are: Terrence Blevins, Joe Charles, Daniel Holtzclaw, Josh Hunt, Tyler Jones, T.J. Lang, Corey Riley, Andy Schmitt, Spenser Smith, Jacory Stone, Jacob Wyatt.

Following is EMU's 2008 football schedule. All times are TBA.

Eastern Michigan University 2008 Football Schedule		
Thursday	Aug. 28	INDIANA STATE
Saturday	Sept. 6	at Michigan State
Saturday	Sept. 13	TOLEDO*
Saturday	Sept. 20	at Maryland
Saturday	Sept. 27	NORTHERN ILLINOIS*
Saturday	Oct. 4	at Bowling Green*
Saturday	Oct. 11	at Army
Saturday	Oct. 18	AKRON*
Saturday	Oct. 25	at Ball State*
Saturday	Nov. 1	at Western Michigan*
Saturday	Nov. 8	Off
Saturday	Nov. 15	Off
Saturday	Nov. 22	at Temple*
Friday	Nov. 28	CENTRAL MICHIGAN*

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HOSPITAL

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Chelsea and surrounding communities for years to come.

The directors of the hospitals signed a non-binding "Letter of Intent" to spend the next three to four months looking at each other's operations and hammering out details.

The bottom line is, "Chelsea will become a member of the St. Joseph Mercy Health System," Griffiths said.

"The hospital is an important community resource and it will continue."

Faja noted that staffing will not be affected at the Chelsea facility.

"We don't anticipate any jobs being lost as a result of this merger - and it is a merger," Faja said.

Both CEOs were careful to point out the benefits the merger will bring to the people of Chelsea.

"We've been fortunate in that the community has been extremely supportive of this hospital and its visionary founders since 1970," Griffiths said.

"The residents can expect the same high-quality health care, and we expect the affiliation will bring even more services to the community, such as oncology services, enhanced cardiology services and others that we will identify when they are ready."

Faja added: "The relationship between this community and this hospital has been a special one for a long time, and we want to preserve that."

Financially, the merger of CCH has a distinctive David-and-Goliath look to it.

SJMHS currently consists of four hospitals - in Ann Arbor, Saline in 1990, Howell in 1991 and, in late January, St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia.

It is itself part of a much larger Catholic hospital system, Trinity, with affiliated hospitals and clinics across the nation.

For fiscal year 2007 (January to December 2007), net patient revenue for CCH was \$82 million, resulting in net income of \$728,000.

For SJMHS, whose fiscal year ran from July 2006 to June 2007, net patient revenue was \$758 million and net income was \$53.6 million (not including figures from St. Mary's Livonia).

Nevertheless, the CEOs said the Chelsea hospital won't be swallowed up by its larger partner.

Unlike some of its other hospitals, Faja noted, people will not see a sign that reads, "St. Joseph Mercy Hospital-Chelsea."

"Every one of our hospitals is different, and each is approached differently," he said.

"We want to preserve the name of Chelsea Community Hospital; it has a lot of equity in the community."

Griffiths added: "It was very important to us to preserve our name and our identity."

In an effort to do that, the structure of the hospitals' boards of directors will continue to have a local focus.

"We think it's important to have governance to oversee the connection," Faja said.

Griffiths expects the current CCH board of directors to continue, with a minor modification.

"We will continue to have local governance through the board of directors, but there will be some powers reserved to St. Joseph," she said.

The long affiliation between the two hospitals has led to "a significant overlap already" in the services provided and the professionals who provide them, according to Faja.

Griffiths said each hospital has certain things that can benefit the other.

"Many doctors at St. Joseph also practice at Chelsea, and there are many specialists and services like radiology, anesthesia, emergency room and laboratory," Griffiths said.

"One service that we offer here is distinctive: Our head pain treatment program sees people from all over the country."

SJMHS can also bring Chelsea up to speed in the area of advanced technology.

"St. Joseph in Ann Arbor is a large, tertiary referral center, we have specialists not available (in Chelsea)," Faja said.

For example, Faja described an innovative device known as a "cyber-knife," which uses robotic technology to pinpoint and radiate tumors of the head and neck with an accuracy and safety not possible with traditional methods.

"It's the only one in the state, but it's expensive," Faja said. "A place like Chelsea could not even consider such technology on its own."

St. Joseph can also offer advances in information technology that will benefit Chelsea, such as an electronic patient record-keeping system that increases accuracy while greatly reducing the amount and redundancy of paperwork.

"Chelsea does not have that yet, and that's one of the things we hope to acquire," Griffiths said.

The Chelsea hospital CEO said the three or four month time frame in the letter of intent will give each entity an opportunity for due diligence.

Griffiths noted that there will be an opportunity for the public to bring their concerns to hospital officials.

"Toward the end of that three-month period we will hold a community forum to describe and explain the plan in more detail, and answer questions that people may have," Griffiths said.

Organ donor program begins in April

In April, the Department of State kicks off its annual organ donor campaign, giving residents an opportunity to help transform the life of someone waiting for an organ, tissue or eye transplant.

Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land said that it only takes a few minutes of time and a "little heart" to make a difference to those in need of a second chance at life. When residents add their name to the Michigan Organ Donor Registry, they receive a heart sticker designating their wish to be an organ, tissue or eye donor for their driver's license or state identification card.

Land will bring this life-saving call to action to an April 1 news conference at the Hotel St. Regis in Detroit. April is designated nationally as "Donate Life Month" and its organ donor message is especially significant for the Motor City because African-Americans comprise 38 percent of the patients waiting for a transplant in Michigan.

"Every minute is precious to someone waiting for a transplant," Land said. "So far this year, 165 transplants have helped save or enhance the lives of numerous people. Unfortunately, nearly 3,100 Michigan residents are on the waiting list."

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By Susan Jacobs

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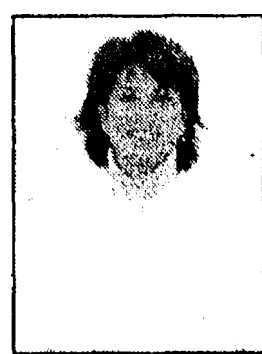
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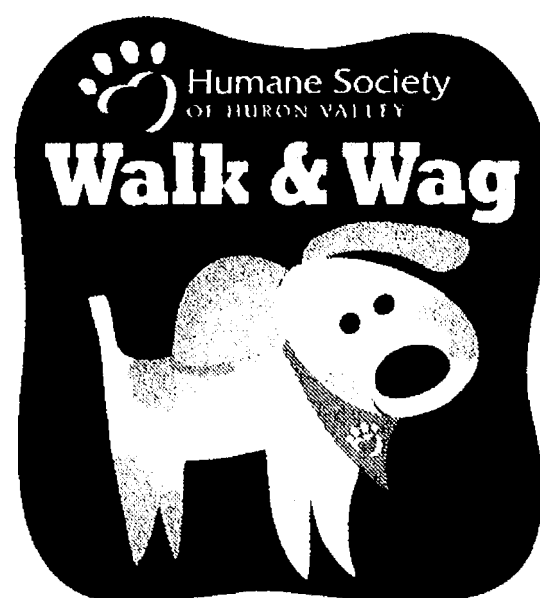
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Supporting peace

Members of CANOPAS, the Chelsea Area Network of Peace Activists and Supporters, commemorate the fifth anniversary of the U. S. invasion of Iraq, on Wednesday, March 19, in front of the Post Office on Main Street in Chelsea. More than 20 members participated in the hour-long demonstration.

SCHOOLS

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enrolled in special education classes if Forrest were to attend.

"I didn't want to put him in regular public school and have him sit in special education all day," Karnopp said.

Open since 2004, Fortis Academy is among four public school academies in the Ypsilanti area. It's authorized by Bay Mills Community College. However, like many public school academies, Fortis doesn't offer a program beyond middle school. Karnopp's son will have to find a new school next year when he enters eighth grade.

The pros and cons

According to the Education Commission of the States, 40 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico have signed charter school legislation into law since 1991.

Michigan passed public school academy legislation in 1993 and it became effective in January 1994. Since that time, the academies have been a controversial topic as people try to measure the pros and cons of charter schools.

Advocates of charter schools say they present the community with choice, they create performance competition and they are educationally innovative. Opponents argue, public school academies drain resources from traditional public schools, segregate students along racial and class lines, and lack accountability for student performance.

State Rep. Alma Wheeler Smith, D-54th District, said charter schools haven't demonstrated they are worth the drain from the public school system.

"I haven't seen any study that would change my reluctance to put them in place," Smith said. "We see no greater academic achievement on the whole, nor are they creating any new teaching techniques that couldn't be introduced to the public schools."

Not everyone is as reluctant when it comes to charter schools. Even some public school administrators say public school academies can be beneficial to communities.

Dennis McComb, superintendent of the Milan Area School District, said his district will sometimes work with South Arbor Charter Academy, a K-8 school also located in Milan.

McComb said the academy will sometimes use his district's buildings for larger events. He also said administrators from Milan High School will often make recruitment presentations to outgoing eighth-graders at the academy.

"If you want to make it a positive situation, you should work with (charter schools), not against them," he said.

McComb said South Arbor Charter Academy, which is authorized by Central Michigan University, has been a good neighbor to his district.

"I don't look at it as a bad thing," he said. "I look at it as

FYI: Charter Schools

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parents having options."

Lynn Cleary, acting superintendent at Lincoln Consolidated School District in Ypsilanti, agrees that parents should be able to pick

the best options for their children. "As long as (charter schools) are held to the same standards as the public schools, I'm all for variety and choices," she said.

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Kathryn Beauchamps and Christopher Schop deposit pennies at Pierce Lake.

Pennies for Peace

The "Pennies for Peace" program teaches children the rewards of sharing and working together to bring hope and educational opportunities to children in Pakistan and Afghanistan.

A penny in the United States is virtually worthless, but in Pakistan and Afghanistan it buys a pencil or notebook and opens the door to literacy.

The mission of Central Asia Institute (CAI) focuses on community-based education, especially for girls. A fifth-grade education improves not only the basic indices of health for a girl and her family, she will also spread the value of education within her community.

For more information, visit www.penniesforpeace.org and www.threecupsoftea.com.



Katie Lear and Jenna Sexton deposit pennies at Pierce Lake.



Chelsea State employee Betty Campbell shows Campbell Fahle how to roll pennies.

Pennies for peace

Chelsea youngsters collect coins to help under-privileged children overseas

By Sheila Pursglove
Special Writer

Pennies – you get them in change, find them down the back of the couch, clean them out of the bottom of your pocket or purse.

The humble cent doesn't get a lot of respect in this country, but to children in poorer countries such as Pakistan and Afghanistan, a simple penny can buy a pencil or notebook, and help to bring peace to these war-torn regions through education.

Chelsea schoolchildren are taking part in a "Pennies for Peace" program, spearheaded by three local mothers, Sue Beale, Karen Fahle and Misha Strauss Moore.

The trio recently met writer Greg Mortenson during a Border's Book Club program. The Montana writer is co-author of the bestseller, *Three Cups of Tea: One Man's Mission to Promote Peace...One School at a Time*. His book tells how, as a mountaineer, in 1993 he got involved in the lives of the people of Korphe, a remote village in the mountains of Pakistan – an area so poor, the village had no school.

Mortenson later founded the Central Asia Institute, a non-profit organization that promotes and provides community-based education, especially for girls, in remote regions of Pakistan and Afghanistan. The organization has built more than 60 schools.

Pennies for Peace, a program of the CAI, has brought in millions of pennies since its inception in 1994 to help pay for teacher salaries and school supplies.

"As we talked with Greg, we were moved by his stories, in particular his comments that most of the children he helps have never even touched or seen a book, let alone

Pennies for Peace

by Hannah Moore, 10, Chelsea

The hands, the face, the ears,
The eyes they stare at us
And always cry. Their minds
Are pleading for some
Knowledge so that they might
Go to college.
Donate money it's
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owned one," Beale says. "Many children have a three-hour daily walk to school, and write and do sums with sticks in dirt or sand."

The three mothers decided to start their own Pennies for Peace campaign in Chelsea, enlisting the help of school principals and PTOs at North Creek, Pierce Lake and South Meadows elementary schools.

They teamed the campaign with "March is Reading Month," a PTO event that encourages children to read and broaden their knowledge of the world and other cultures.

By week three, more than 60,000 pennies had found their way into local collection jars.

"We're hoping for a big push on the home straight, and perhaps we might just hit the 100,000 pennies mark," Beale says. "That would be fantastic."

The idea is to extend the campaign until April 25, in the hope of reaching that \$1,000 mark.

"Not that the actual amount is so important, more the fact that we are

teaching our kids to reach out," Beale says.

She hopes for a last-ditch effort during Spring Break.

"Children can ask their relatives if they're going visiting, and just turn their own rooms upside down to find those last few elusive pennies," she says.

In addition to collecting at the schools, pennies also were collected at Moore Pediatrics in Chelsea.

"A handful of the children went to the Chelsea State Bank and saw what happens to the pennies when we deposit them," Beale says. "We are, of course, most grateful to the bank staff for their patience. The staff have been so very helpful and backed us in this campaign."

By limiting donations only to pennies, all children, regardless of family circumstances, were able to participate, Beale says. Her own three children – Samuel, 9, Rosanna, 7, and four-year-old Eleanor enjoyed taking part.

"Pennies for Peace helps kids understand that we're lucky to have all these things, and we should help other children have these privileges," her son Sam says.

Chelsea children see that, in many ways, children in Pakistan and Afghanistan are similar to them, except they have very few opportunities, Beale says. "The response has been tremendous. I think the plight of these children has really struck a chord with our kids here in Chelsea."

Beale and her fellow organizers encouraged youngsters to make a game out of finding pennies – under car seats, between couch cushions, in Polly's parking lot.

Many youngsters emptied out



Stella Moore and Ellie Beale deposit pennies at Moore Pediatrics.



Campbell Fahle, Ellie, Rosie and Sam Beale look on as the pennies are poured into the sorting machine.

Giving blood & saving lives

By Crystal Hayduk
Special Writer

The National Honor Society (NHS) sponsored their annual blood drive at Chelsea High School on Wednesday, March 19.

Katie Falk, senior member of NHS said that by holding the annual blood drive, NHS meets one of their goals of providing service to the community. Each donor can help to save up to three lives.

Young people can begin giving blood at the age of 17, if they are in good health and weigh at least 110 pounds.

According to charge nurse Nicole Johnson, 85 pints of blood were collected over a five hour period, making this drive a huge success.

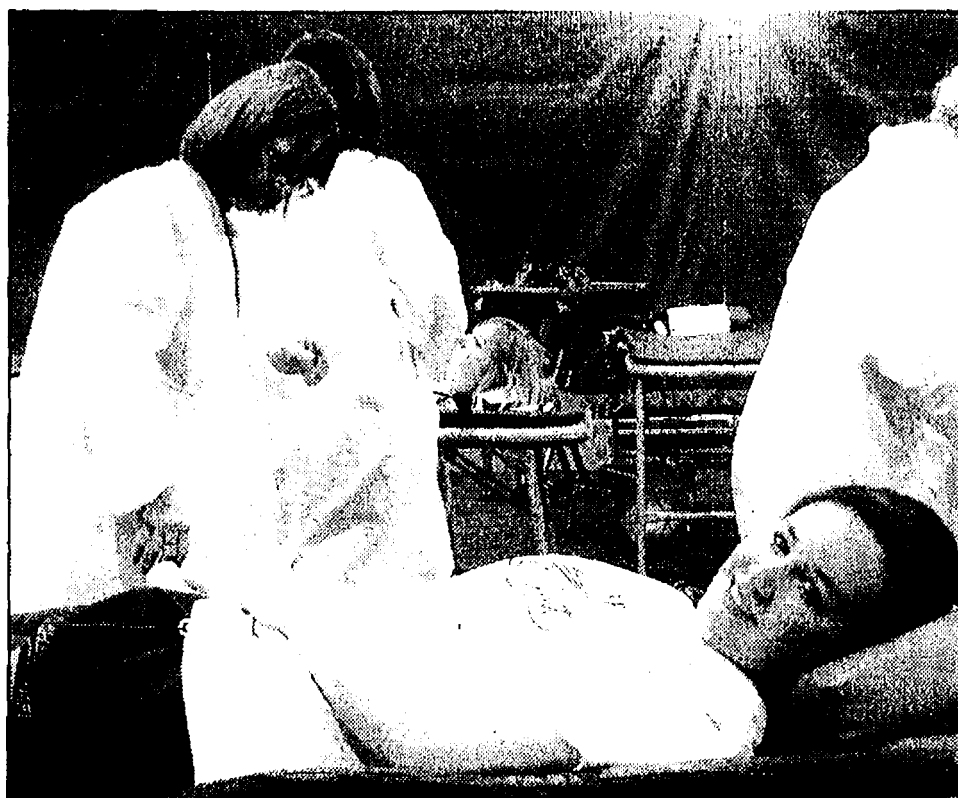
However, much more blood is still needed.

"Southeast Michigan blood supply is well below the three day base we like to have for five of the blood types," reported Christine Bobbitt, public relations specialist for the Southeast Michigan blood services region of the American Red Cross. "We should have 369 units of O negative, but we only have 6 units, which translates to a one hour supply," said Bobbitt.

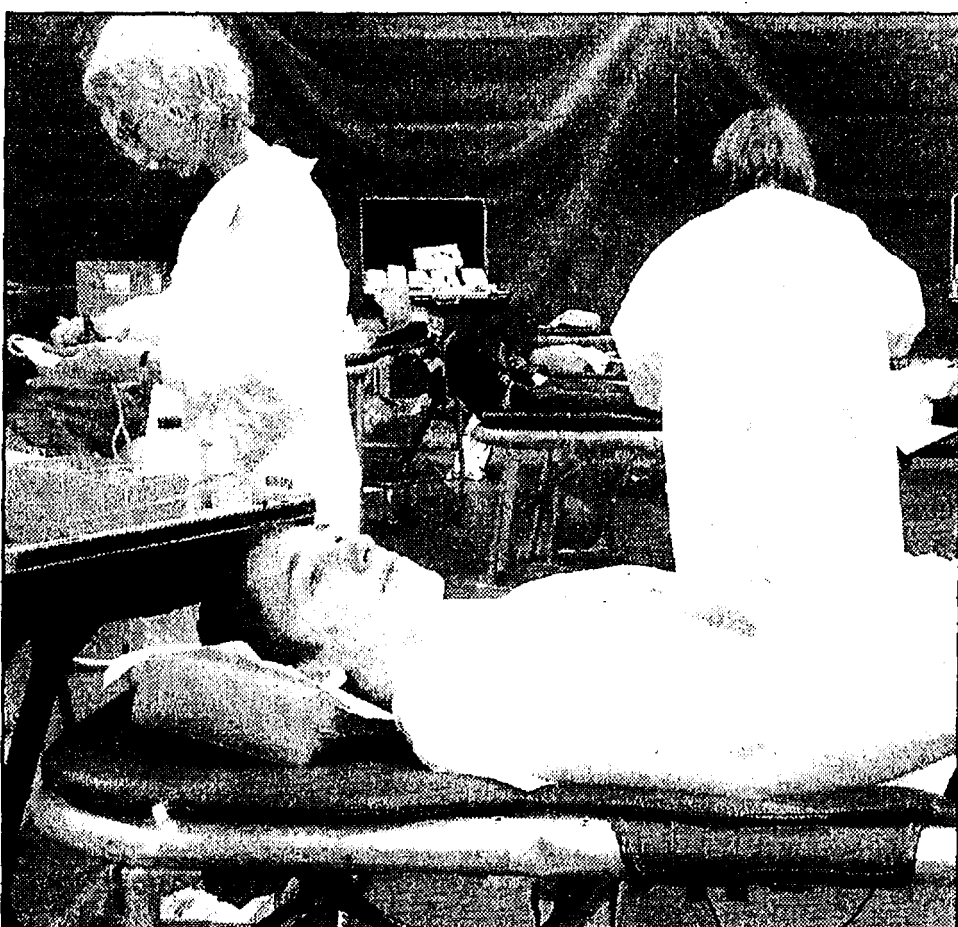
Julie Dean of the Washtenaw County American Red Cross said that persons interested in donating can find out the dates and locations of blood drives by calling (800) GIVE LIFE, or by going to their website at www.givelife.org.

Senior student Heather Zamenski fidgeted as she waited her turn to complete the paperwork before donating. "I am very nervous about needles, but it's for a good cause," she said.

Jamie Coleman, a junior, munched a cookie after donating for the first time. "It didn't really hurt at all," she said. "I feel great."



Senior Elizabeth Bentley is a repeat blood donor. Karen Stearnes, RN, checks Elizabeth's progress.



Senior Donnie Riedel thinks about the gift of life his donation is providing for others.



Previous donor Joey Millen (left) provides support to a nervous Heather Zamenski as she prepares to donate for the first time.



Paul Tooman (left), Jessica Tchoryk and Alana Wright grab a snack prior to donating. Three-year old Megan Hayduk hangs out with the "big kids" while her mother waits her turn to donate.

PENNIES

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their moneyboxes and donated pennies. It's a powerful and empowering experience for children to realize they are making a difference in the lives of other children, one penny at a time, Beale says.

"It feels great to be involved with a project that shows our children to be so kind and caring that they are willing to reach out and help kids on the other side of the world."

Beale would like to see local youngsters sending letters to children at the schools in Afghanistan and Pakistan.

"Also I encourage parents to look up these places on the map with their kids, if they haven't already done so and learn a few facts about them," she says.

The Pennies for Peace project exemplified what is so special about Chelsea, Moore says.

Her three-year-old daughter Stella finds pennies everywhere she goes, and loves dropping them in the collection bottles, while Tobin 8, and Hannah, 10, are enjoying helping children in other countries.

Karen Fahle and her children — Aidan, Campbell, Nora and Owen — have talked at great length about the plight of children in Pakistan and Afghanistan, and she is pleased to find her children are learning to look beyond their own backyard, and to reach out to someone in need.

"In the Pennies For Peace literature, my boys were struck by the pictures of the children playing soccer — sports is always the great equalizer," she says. "My daughter thought the girls looked sad. She thought it was because they didn't have a school. I pointed out that it's possible they don't know what a camera is or what a printed

picture is, and may not know to smile for that funny black contraption. A light bulb went off in her head. Nora was able to place herself in their shoes and see life differently, even if for just a moment."

Fahle and her four children have collected pennies in all the usual hiding place, she says. "Lots were found in the cushions of the chairs and couches in our house. Our Aunt Mary had a jar to share with us.

Every bit of change we received in our daily purchases, we asked for it in pennies.

"We've learned that every small step you take, every penny collected, can indeed have great impact on children halfway across the globe.

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From the pool, to the track, to the hardwood, to the diamond, Chelsea and Dexter athletes are making their marks at the collegiate level.

At the University of Michigan, Dexter junior Hannah Smith helped lead the Wolverines' women's swimming and diving team to a ninth-place finish at the NCAA Championships in Columbus, Ohio March 22. Smith earned All-American honorable mention in the 200 freestyle relay, the 400 freestyle relay, the 400 medley relay and the 800 freestyle relay. Individually, Smith placed 28th in the 200 backstroke in 1:57.69 and 28th in the 100 backstroke in 54.86.

Also at U-M, Chelsea sophomore Rachel Severin finished 12th in the 3,000-meter run crossing the line in 9:46.56 at the Big Ten women's indoor track and field championships in Minneapolis March 1 through 2. Michigan finished second with 128 points. Minnesota was first with 136 points.

Joining Severin on the U-M women's track and field squad this season are freshmen Amanda McKenzie from Chelsea and Melany Mioduszewski from Dexter. Mioduszewski placed seventh in the 800-meter run in 2:23.03 in the Simmons / Harvey Invitational Jan. 26.

Dexter junior Lex Williams was 16th in the 3,000-meter run with a time of 8:27.23 at the NCAA men's indoor track and field championships in Fayetteville, Ark. March 15. Behind Williams, who earlier this indoor season posted the nation's second-fastest 3,000-meter run time of 7:55.59, led U-M to a 44th-place finish with five points. Arizona State was first with 44 points.

On the links, Dexter senior co-captain Lindsay Davis paced the U-M women's golf team to a third-place finish at the Gainesville Shootout at the University of Florida Golf Course March 15. Individually, Davis finished fifth overall in the 15-team tournament shooting a season-best three-day 224 (70-79-75). Her first round 70 tied a career-best mark. Illinois finished first with a 916 (309-306-301).

On the diamond, Chelsea freshman Dan Augustine pitched one inning giving

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Athletes perform at NCAA finals

From the pool, to the track, to the hardwood, to the diamond, Chelsea and Dexter athletes are making their marks at the collegiate level.

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This year's Bulldog team was lethal on the power play, scoring at a school record clip of 40 percent. Not surprisingly, George, Cox and Brown manned Chelsea's No. 1 power play unit.

"They scored 30 of our 34 power play goals during the season when their line was out there (on ice)," Wright said.

On the year, George had 21 multiple point games, while Cox had 20 and Brown 19 for the Bulldogs.

"That's the most in a season for us," Wright said.

Brown set a plus/minus school record with a plus-44. George had a plus/minus of plus-43, while Cox was at plus-40.

Josh Barron set the former school record in 2002 with a plus-41.

Wright said the high-scoring threesome communicated well and had an innate ability to think one or two moves ahead.

"They knew what they would do with the puck before they got it," he said.

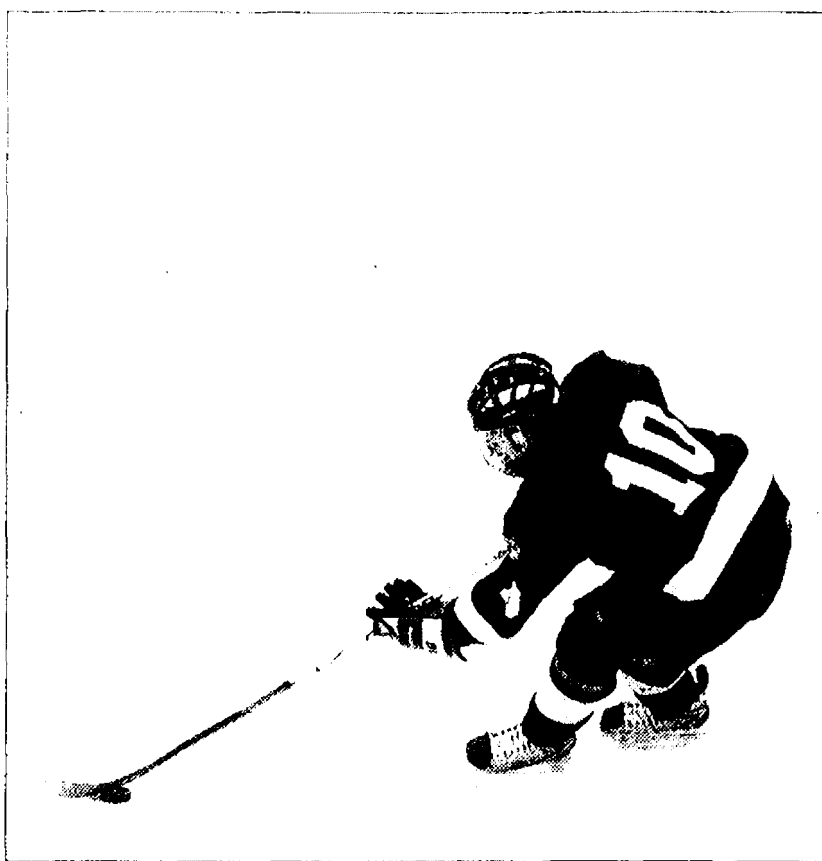


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"They made passes without even looking. They all had the ability to read the ice and know where to go. They all had hockey-sense. They were able to find the openings on the ice."

Wright said all three players worked hard in practice.

"They listened and went out and did it," he said. "They were unselfish. It didn't matter who scored the goal. They were a high speed, high skill type of line. They made smart, quick passes."

Though each player individually had an impressive season, Wright said it was

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"They couldn't have done what they did without each other," he said.

Wright, the architect of the line, said he sensed in the preseason that George, Cox and Brown would click as Chelsea's top line.

"I thought they all saw the ice well, were creative with the puck and I thought they would work well together," he said.

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Chelsea Hockey



The Chelsea Bantam Bulldogs captured the Little Caesar's Hockey League title defeating the Port Huron Blue Water Bridge Bantams 6-4 March 15 in Dearborn. The Little Caesar is the largest amateur hockey league in the nation with 54 teams. The Bulldogs finished their season 45-6-2. Members of the squad include, front row, Joe Fingerle (left) and Connor Townsend; middle row, student coach Anna Ameel (left), Chase Barnes, Jeremy Chesney, TC Shepherd, Kevin Stockwell, Neil Clapperton and student coach Zach Osborne; back row, assistant coach Mike Willis (left), Alex Dobberstein, James Rebuldela, Zach Willis, Jake Osborne, Josh Ward, Roger Cain, Aaron Johnson, assistant coach Ray Ameel, coach Bill Simpson.

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Washington University March 8 in Arlington, Va. The Grizzlies are 2-10 overall this season.

At Hillsdale College, Chelsea freshman center-fielder Adam Connell finished 3-for-3, with two hits, including a home run, and two RBIs in the Chargers' 9-5 win over Southern New Hampshire in Game 2 of a doubleheader March 15 in Fort Myers, Fla. In Game 1, he had one hit and one run scored in a 6-5 loss.

Dexter freshman first baseman Brent Opland had two hits and one RBI in Hillsdale's 6-5 Game 1 loss to Southern New Hampshire March 15. In the second game, Opland also had two hits and one RBI in Hillsdale's 9-5 victory.

Also at Hillsdale, Chelsea freshman pitcher Dan Rhodes went the distance tossing six innings, giving up one earned run, striking out two and walking two in the Chargers' 3-2 loss to Felician College in Game 1 of a doubleheader March 18 in Fort Myers, Fla.

At Hope College, Dexter sophomore forward Jenny Cowen scored five points,

including one triple, had six rebounds and one assist in the Flying Dutchmen's 53-49 loss to eventual national champion Howard Payne (Texas) in the Division III women's basketball tournament sectional final (Elite Eight) in Brownwood, Texas March 15. Cowen finished the season averaging 6.5 points and 2.5 rebounds per game for Hope (30-1), ranked No. 1 for most of the year. She ended up 38-of-47 from the free throw line for a team-best 80 percent this season.

In the NCAA Wrestling Championships in St. Louis March 20 through 22, Dexter fifth-year senior Jeff Marsh finished 0-2 for the University of Michigan. Competing in the 157-pound weight class, Marsh lost in the first round to Stanford's Josh Zupancic by a 13-4 major decision. In the consolation round, Marsh lost to Northern Iowa's Tyson Reiner by a 5-2 decision.

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Water Polo

Chelsea drops opener

By Don Richter
Sports Editor

Chelsea's girls' water polo team opened its season with a 13-1 loss to visiting Saline March 18.

The Hornets opened the game scoring four first quarter goals taking a 4-0 early lead.

In the second quarter, Saline increased its advantage to 6-0. Despite the Hornets' two goals, the Bulldogs played well defensively.

"Becca Breeze played the net really well," said Chelsea coach Brian Thomas. "She was poised. The goals that Saline was able to get by her were well earned. There were no easy goals in the first half."

In the third quarter, Chelsea scored its lone goal of the game as junior Amanda Johnson found the back of the net off an assist from junior Katlin Cottrell.

"Amanda is a gritty player who can find openings in front of the net for those scoring opportunities,"

Thomas said.

Thomas said it was a tough opening contest for Chelsea.

"It's hard to host one of the area's better teams so early in the season," he said. "Yet our season is a fast one, and we don't have time to get into shape."

JV water polo

Chelsea's JV girls' water polo team lost 12-5 to visiting Saline March 18.

The Bulldogs started strong, scoring four goals in the first quarter.

"I was really impressed at the way the girls just went straight to work," Thomas said.

Freshman Jaelyn Murphy scored two goals in the first quarter for Chelsea, while sophomore Sarah Daniel and sophomore Abby Ingall each recorded one goal for the Bulldogs.

Murphy added a goal in the third quarter for a hat trick.

In net, Christie Van Gemert played well for Chelsea making eight saves.

Despite the setback, Thomas remained upbeat.

"I'm really happy with what I saw tonight from our JV girls," he said. "Most of the girls in the water were playing their first game ever. They really did a lot of things right."

Thomas said the future looks bright for Chelsea's JV water polo team.

"The more games they get to play, the easier it is and the more sense it makes," he said.

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From the DNR

Frogs take center stage

Next month marks start of annual statewide monitoring program

On a cold, damp evening in early to mid-April, dozens of volunteers will gather around ponds, marsh or bog wetlands and even drainage ditches across Michigan, listening for the "peep peeps," raspy "quacks" and low snores of male frogs that have begun calling for mates at their breeding sites.

These frog enthusiasts will be taking part in the state's 13th annual frog and toad survey, which was initiated in 1996 by the Department of Natural Resources' Natural Heritage Program.

Although some of the volunteers are professional biologists and herpetologists, thousands of interested citizens, including entire school classrooms, have participated in the survey.

"The survey has been one of our most successful and largest public involvement efforts," said Lori Sargent, who has been the survey's coordinator from the beginning.

Almost 500 routes were registered throughout the state within the first two years.

Survey routes consist of 10 sites at which volunteers stop and listen for frogs and toads and record the species and an abundance index for each species on a data sheet. Surveys are conducted in the evening, when more amphibians are active.

Each survey route is visited three times during the spring breeding season.

The frog and toad survey is important because, over the past 30 years, scientists have been concerned about declines and/or population die-offs of several amphibian species worldwide. This concern was not only for the species themselves, but also for the ecosystems on which they depend.

Frogs and toads, like many other aquatic organisms, are sensitive to changes in water quality and adjacent land-use practices, and their populations undoubtedly serve as an index to environmental quality.

"We're hoping that more site-specific research projects may be initiated in areas where declines become significant to



Amphibians like this green frog are good indicators of the state of an area's ecosystem. Biologists and volunteers will begin tracking frog and toad populations next month.

determine the causes of those declines and to gain insight into ecosystem degradation," Sargent said. "But it may take several more years to establish firm trends based on these surveys."

The good news, at this point, is that most of Michigan's frog populations appear to be stable, unlike what has been reported in many other parts of the country.

"The abundant species, like the spring peeper, are staying abundant and the more rare species, such as the Blanchard's cricket frog, are staying rare," Sargent said. "Concerns are beginning to surface about mink frogs, which are found only in the

Upper Peninsula and the Fowler's toad, which is found only in the western and some southern counties."

Michigan also is a participant in the national North American Amphibian Monitoring Program, which coordinates frog surveys nationwide and sets standards for survey protocols.

For example, it is known that natural fluctuations occur in amphibian populations, but the intervals of natural cycles have not been discovered. Many years of data are necessary to be able to distinguish these fluctuations from those caused by man-made factors such as pesticides or habitat losses.

Weather factors also play an important role in surveys and can affect the amount and the quality of data in any one year.

Since the annual frog and toad survey began, data has been submitted from all 83 counties and more than 150 routes across the state have submitted data each year.

"These 150 routes have submitted data on each of their 10 sites for the first 12 years, so that results in more than 21,000 long term data points," Sargent said. "Our survey data has been recognized as an important monitoring tool for the environment and is being used in the 'State of Michigan's Environment' biennial reports."

With annual help from frog enthusiasts across the state, the Natural Heritage Program plans to continue the Michigan Frog and Toad Survey indefinitely and hopes to maintain a consistent and knowledgeable volunteer workforce.

These individuals are providing a wealth of information on the status of frog and toad populations and, at the same time, helping to monitor the quality of Michigan's environment.

The survey is supported

by contributions to the Nongame Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund and through purchases of the Michigan Wildlife Conservation license plate.

Individuals can help this project and many endangered-species programs by purchasing a Wildlife Conservation license plate through the Secretary of State's office or by sending a donation to the Nongame Wildlife Fund, P.O. Box 30180, Lansing, MI 48909.

Donations also can be made online through the state of Michigan eStore at www.michigan.gov/estore.

For more information on the Michigan Frog and Toad Survey or to get information on other projects supported by the Nongame Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund, visit the DNR Web site, www.michigan.gov/dnr

Hudson Mills Earth Day

The 2008 Earth Day Program at Hudson Mills Metropark will be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on April 19. Have some family fun and help the Earth at the same time. Hudson Mills Metropark is hosting an Earth Day Garlic Mustard pull. This plant is crowding out our native species and causing ecological harm. Please join us today! Bring gloves and a lunch. A "green" snack will be provided. Meet at the Activity Center. Call the park office for more information at (734) 426-8211.

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Chelsea

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Veterans For Peace will hold its monthly meeting 5:30 p.m. at McKune Memorial Library, 221 S. Main St., in Chelsea. As part of its educational mission, the group will show a film that is open to the public 6:10 p.m.

Tomorrow

Cinema Cranesbill screening: "Oh Brother Where Art Thou?" will be shown 7 p.m. at Cranesbill Books, 108 E. Middle St., in Chelsea. For more information, call 433-2665.

Saturday

German Social Club will meet 1 p.m. at Wolverine Bar and Grill, 20460 Old US-12 in Chelsea. For more information, call Edith at 475-1583.

The Chelsea Teddy Bear Co. will have tours every Saturday 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. located at 400 N. Main St. Groups are by appointment, by calling 433-5499. Visit the Web Site at www.chelseateddybear.com

Tuesday

Faith in Action will have a career advisor available every Tuesday from 12:30 to 4 p.m. at 603 S. Main Street in Chelsea, to help with resume writing, job searching, career research and talent evaluation. This service is open to anyone who could use help with employment issues.

A Michigan Works! Computer with up to date listings, and many other job search aids, is available as part of the service. For more information, call 475-3305.

Thursday, April 3

Mom's Night Out event will be held 7 p.m. at Cranesbill Books, 108 E. Middle St., in Chelsea. Local garden professionals will be visiting throughout the evening. For more information, call 433-2665.

Saturday, April 5

Outdoor warning siren

test will be conducted at Noon across Washtenaw County. If severe weather is possible on the afternoon of a test, it may be delayed until the following month.

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Events at Cranesbill Books

For further information, contact Jan Loveland or Shelby Scafuri at Cranesbill Books, 734-433-2665.

Tonight: Game Night. Scrabble Compete with fellow Scrabblers for an evening of fun. Game boards and dictionary provided.

Tomorrow: Cinema Cranesbill. "Oh Brother Where Art Thou?" Masters of the comedy of errors, the Coen brothers meet an ancient tale and bring it into the twentieth century.

April 3: "Mom's Night Out." A new monthly program for moms and friends. Tonight, get ready for the spring with advice on gardening and information about local nurseries.

McKune Memorial Library

Tuesday, April 1 (10 a.m.-noon) - Senior Computing. One-to-One individualized help in the Learning Lab. Registration requested.

Tuesday, April 1, from 10:30-11:15 a.m. - Babytime session for ages 0-23 months. Drop-in.

Wednesday, April 2, from 1-3 p.m. - Wii for Teens with the Nintendo gaming machine. Drop-in.

Thursday, April 3, at 2 p.m. - Spring Break Movie screening of Ratatouille. Drop-in.

Thursday, April 3, at 7 p.m. - The International Book Club meets to discuss "Camel Bookmobile" by

Masha Hamilton. Register to get a copy of the book.

Chelsea Senior Center

Tomorrow, 1p.m. Quilting Bee. Join other quilters and enjoy working on a quilt together.

Dexter

Sunday

Silver Lake Sporting Clays is having an open sporting clay shooting every Sunday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 8890 Dexter-Townhall Rd., in Dexter Township. Sign-up begins at 9 a.m. For more information, call 734-730-9749 or the Web site www.silverlake-clays.com

Wednesday

T.O.P.S. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) is having an Open House Program from 7 to 8 p.m. at the Dexter Senior Center, 7720 Ann Arbor St., in Dexter. To make reservations or for more information, call Dorothy at 426-3813. TOPS Web Site is www.tops.org

Thursday, April 3

Baked chicken and dressing dinner will be held 5 p.m. at St. Andrew's Church of Christ, 7610 Ann Arbor St., in Dexter. The cost is \$8 for adults, \$5 for children 5 to 12 years old and free for children under 5. Carry out is also available. For more information, call 426-8610.

Dexter Library

Monday

Spring Story Times begins and run until May 22. Toddler Story Times (ages 18 months to 3 years) are at 10:30 a.m., Monday, Wednesday or Thursday. Preschool Story Times (ages 3 to 6 years) are at 11:30 a.m., Monday or Thursday. Registration is required.

Saturday, April 5

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friends of the Dexter District Library Used Book Sale.

Wednesday, April 9

7 p.m. Retirement 101:

Social Security and Retirement Income" with Richard Truxall.

Wednesday, April 9

7 p.m. Friends of the Dexter District Library monthly meeting. Anyone interested in joining the Friends of the Dexter District Library, contact Sue Smith at sueand-bernie@aol.com

Community

Sunday

The National Kidney Foundation of Michigan is hosting the Team Michigan Bowl-A-Thon from 2 to 5 p.m. at Colonial Lanes in Ann Arbor.

Participants will receive three hours of bowling, pizza, salad, soft drinks and shoe rentals. Registration is \$25 for an individual bowler, \$100 for a team of four, or \$5 for just lunch. Participants can register the day of the event at Colonial Lanes, 1950 S. Industrial Highway or they can call 1-800-482-1455 ext. 206 to pre-register. All proceeds go to the U.S. Transplant Games-an Olympic-style sporting event held for recipients of organ donations.

Tuesday, April 1

"Teens Using Drugs Part 1: What To Know" free seminar will be held from 7:30 to 9 p.m. the first Tuesday of every month through June at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Education Center, 5305 Elliott Dr., in Superior Township. For more information, call 973-7892 or the Web Site at www.teensusingdrugs.org

Parks

Hudson Mills Metropark

The following are programs and events scheduled for the Hudson Mills Metropark. The park is located at 8801 N. Territorial Road in Dexter. For more information or to register for programs, call 1-

800-477-3191 or 1-734-426-8211.

Saturday and Sunday

Journey to the Sugar Bush 10 a.m., 11 a.m. and noon. Take a journey to the sugar bush on a guided tour. You will travel back in time and experience how maple syrup has been made over the years. You may also get a chance to tap a tree. Also, enjoy an all you can eat pancake and sausage breakfast. Guided Tour \$2 per person. Pancake Breakfast \$3.50/child and \$5/adult. Breakfast is served from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Eddy Discovery Center


The Eddy Discovery Center is located on Bush Road between Pierce and McClure roads in Chelsea. Exit 157 from I-94. A motor vehicle permit is required to enter the park: \$6 daily or \$24 for an annual permit. For more information, call the center at

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April 5, Saturday, 2 p.m.

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'Floored' by a piece of history

By George Sparrow
Special Writer

Several years ago as I was searching the interurban roadbed behind Pierce Lake Elementary School with John Terns and his companion, I became acquainted with Kirn Beck, the owner of the property that abuts the old trail.

He was most kind in letting us traipse all over his land to achieve our goal of finding old rail spikes left when the DUR (Detroit United Railway) went out of business and they tore up the old rails for sale.

Over the last few years I had seen him from time to time but had lost touch with him.

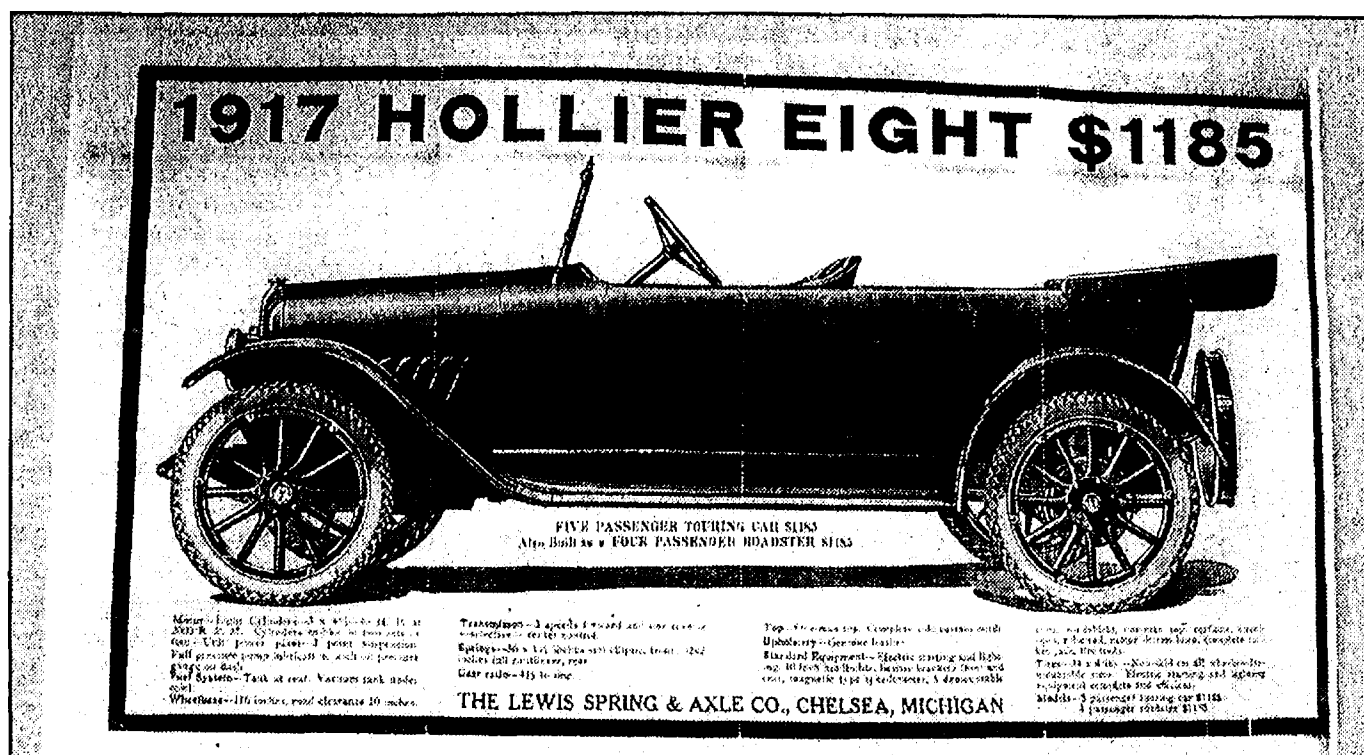
Six or seven months ago he called and left a message that he had found what he thought was a tin sign left by the DUR, because it made reference to Chicago and Detroit with arrows pointing in opposite directions.

He said he found it by tearing up a floor while redoing an area of his house. I did not return his call but put it in back of my mind, stopping over and leaving a written message on his porch.

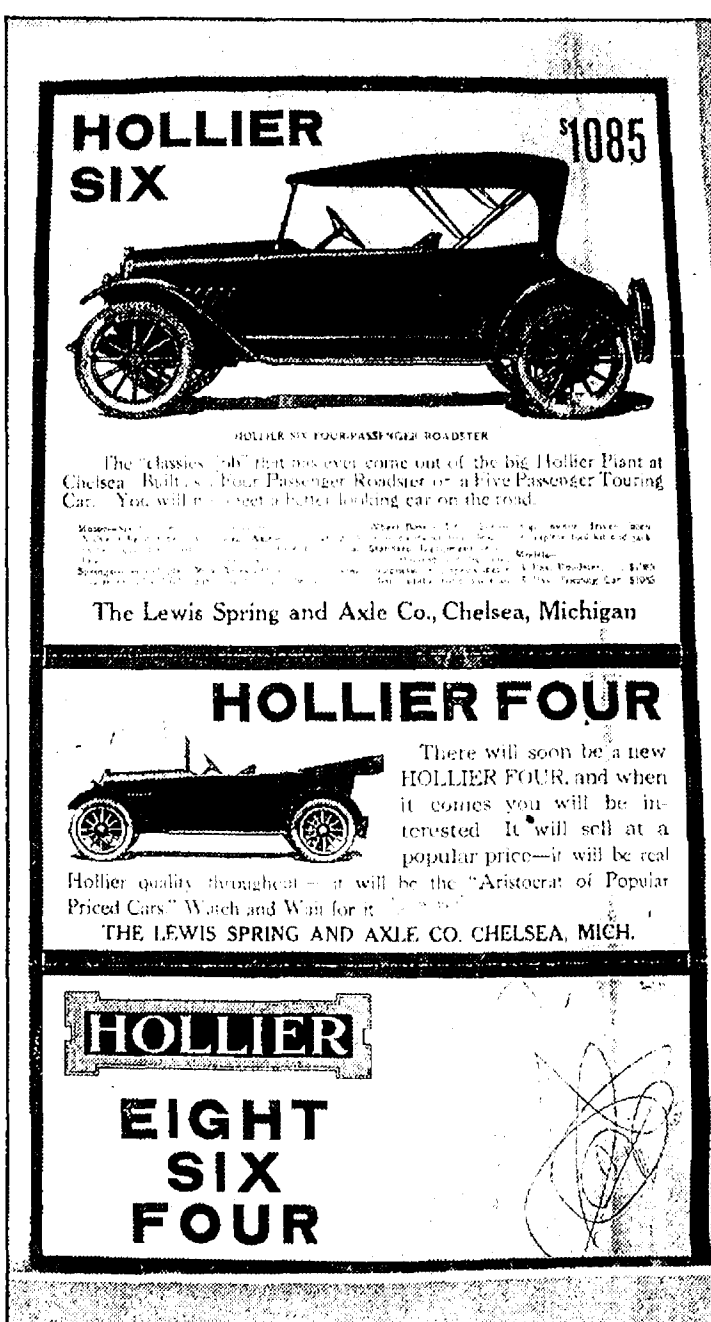
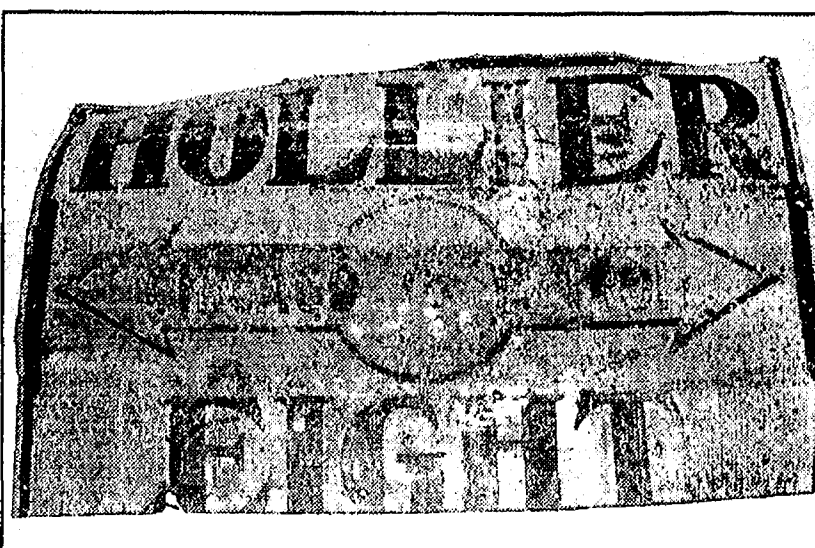
Having seen him at Subway in January, I tried once again and found him home. Taking me to his barn area, he pulled out a painted 12 by 20-inch tin sign with the words "Hollier" at the top and "Eight" along the bottom edge.

The middle words were "Chicago" and "Detroit." The color was a rather sickly yellow and some blue, but the whole sign was in sad condition - full of nail holes where it had been attached beneath flooring.

Ironically, this may have



A photocopy (above) of an original advertisement for the Hollier automobile manufactured in Chelsea in the early 20th century by the Lewis Spring & Axle Co. This 12x20-inch metal sign (right) advertises the Hollier automobile manufactured in Chelsea in the first part of the 20th century. A photocopy (far right) of an original advertisement for the different models of Hollier automobiles.



preserved the sign to be able to be read at all. If it had been displayed somewhere, the color would have probably disappeared over the years.

Clearly, this was not a DUR sign but the name was familiar to me.

While doing the inventory of the old Depot site for the Chelsea Historical Museum, I had come across the name Hollier in reference to a car made in Chelsea in the early part of the 20th century.

I brought the sign back to

the library where I am engaged in cataloging archival material, and it created quite a stir.

I had also taken it to the Chelsea Standard and shown it to Staff Writer Ed Freundl, with whom I have worked on several articles prior to this.

As a Jackson native, he recognized the name and gave me the name of the Jackson manufacturer, the Lewis Spring & Axle Company, as the manufacturers of the Hollier car.

Concerned about the poor

condition of the sign, I called my friend James Craven, head conservationist at the Bentley Historical Library in Ann Arbor, and asked how I might go about preserving this unique artifact.

He suggested that I get some naval jelly to remove the rust and keep it from spreading (there is a small, amorphous spot of same on the upper area of the sign) and the best thing I could do to preserve it was to keep it absolutely away from sunlight.

As to the flattening of the sign (it has a rather strong Quonset hut curve to it) just place weights on top of it after covering the bare surface and gradually increase it, a process that can take a long time.

My next task was to find out about the Lewis Spring & Axle Company, because I had heard of the Welch car being produced in Chelsea but had little detailed knowledge of the Hollier car.

I began my search in on the Internet and found that

at one time Jackson had been the location of the production of more than 20 different cars.

The company had been manufacturing automobile parts for other companies since the early 1900s and just decided in 1915 to start making their own automobiles.

According to an article written by Steve Ricci in 1997 for the Chelsea Standard, the Chelsea connection apparently began

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OBITUARIES



Imogene Slocum
Chelsea

Imogene Slocum of Chelsea died Thursday, March 20, 2008. She passed away peacefully at home after a long illness. She was 86.

She was born February 27, 1922 in Howard County, Indiana, the daughter of James M. & Gladys (Speece) Smith.

Imogene was a member of the VFW auxiliary. She was a Girl Scout Leader and Camp Director at Camp Newkirk and Camp Hilltop. She worked at the Methodist Home (Chelsea Retirement Community), where she was a Union Steward and Head Cook. Imogene also worked at Goodyear's, Sears, and King-Seeley.

On July 5, 1941, she married Carmer L. Slocum Jr. in Napoleon, Ohio, and he preceded her in death on December 28, 1996.

She and Carmer loved camping, and were members of the Roaming Coachman Camper's Club.

Survivors include her children, Michael K. (Judy) Slocum of Chelsea, Mary K. Corkern of Chelsea, Carmer J. Slocum of Chelsea and Gregory R. (Keith Cross) Slocum of Houston, Texas.

Also surviving are three grandchildren, Victoria Wright, Stephen Slocum and Toby Corkern; four great-grandchildren, Alexander Slocum, Kylie Slocum, Matthew Wright and Justin Corkern; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by a brother, James Smith, sisters, Lois Speer and Kyle Amon, and a son, Carmer L. Slocum III.

Graveside services at Oak Grove Cemetery will be held at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to Girl Scouts of the Huron Valley Council, 1900 Manchester Road, P.O. Box 969, Ann Arbor, Mich. 48106-0969.

Arrangements by Cole Funeral Chapel, Chelsea.

James M. Bauer
Chelsea

James M. Bauer of Chelsea passed away Wednesday March 19, 2008 at his sisters house in Ann Arbor. He was 64.

He was born on September 3, 1943 in Ann Arbor the son of Edwin and Eva (Hart) Bauer. James had lived in the area all his life, and worked for H and H distributing and Rockwell International for several years. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and bowling.

Surviving are nine brothers and sisters, Dick (Frances) Bauer of Chelsea, Dorothy Collins and Bill (Jean) Bauer all Chelsea, Shirley Jensen of Brighton, Sally Butler of Manitou Beach, Norma Bauer of Otsego, John (Shirley) Bauer of Florida, Margie (Roger) Holcomb of Pinckney, and Margaret Bauer of Ann Arbor. One sister in law, Sandy Bauer of Oregon.

Also surviving are many nieces and nephews, cousins and friends.

He was preceded in death by parents, four brothers and two sisters.

A memorial service was held Saturday March 22, 2008 from the Staffan-Mitchell Funeral Home in Chelsea with Pastor Steven L. Kincer officiating.

The family received friends at the funeral home Saturday. Expressions of sympathy can be made to Arbor Hospice.

Martin J. Merkel
Chelsea

Martin J. Merkel of Chelsea passed away Thursday March 20, 2008 at his home, surrounded by family. He was 85.

Martin was born on August 5, 1922 in Chelsea, the son of Henry and Rose (Lucht) Merkel. He was a life long member of the Chelsea community and a member of St. Mary Catholic Church. He also helped start the Knights of Columbus order in Dexter. Martin graduated from Chelsea High School in 1939. On March 2, 1957, he married Anna Marie Heller and she survives.

Also surviving are two children, Angeline (Robert Egan) Merkel of Ann Arbor, and David Merkel of Dexter. Two grandchildren, who will miss their loving 'Opa', Eva and Max. One sister Grace (Phil) Goodrich of Ariz., and one sister-in-law Mary Merkel of Ypsilanti.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother Henry Merkel and one sister Angeline Merkel.

Anyone who knew Martin knew that he loved life and lived it to the fullest. He found special pleasure in spending time with his family at home and at their lake house in Northern Michigan. He was an accomplished big game hunter and truly loved nature. He was always very conscious of wildlife and environmental causes and took pride in the beautiful land on which he and Ann have lived. Together with his wife Ann, he owned and operated an oil exploration company and land development business. This month, they celebrated 51 years of marriage. He will be dearly missed by his family and friends.

Funeral services were held Monday, March 24, 2008 from St. Mary Catholic Church with Rev. F. Joseph Rinaldo and Rev. Fr. Thomas J. Helfrich OSFS concelebrating.

Burial followed at Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Chelsea. Expressions of sympathy may be made to St. Mary Catholic Church or St. Louis Center. The family received friends at the Staffan-Mitchell Funeral Home in Chelsea.

Shirley M. Taylor
Ann Arbor

Shirley Taylor of Ann Arbor passed away on March 15, 2008 at the Glacier Hills Retirement Community. She was 89.

She was born March 7, 1919 in Detroit, MI, the daughter of Theresa Gordonier and Charles Weidman. On October 4, 1940, she married Thomas

A. Taylor who preceded her in death in 1996.

Shirley was an active member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Dexter, and St. Francis Catholic Church in Ann Arbor. She retired after more than 30 years of service from Argus Camera in Ann Arbor. During her retirement years she spent many hours gardening, traveling and enjoying MI football.

She was preceded in death by brothers Charles and Philip Wiedman, her nephew Brad Barlow and great niece Amy Klein.

Surviving are her sister, Barbara Barlow-Ponder (Bill) of Kalkaska Mich. and brother, John (Trudy) Wiedman of Tennessee. Nieces and nephews, Cindy (Dave) Kercher of Portland OR, Sandy (Herb) Klein, Dexter, Jeff (Terri) Barlow, Chelsea, Tina Barlow Raiford of Tennessee, also William (Kari) Wiedman of Ohio, Charles (Spring) Wiedman, and John E. Wiedman Jr. of Tennessee. Along with many other great nieces and nephews.

Visitation took place Wednesday March 19, at the Muehlig Funeral Chapel, Ann Arbor.

A funeral service was held Thursday, March 20, at the funeral chapel. Burial followed at St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery in Dexter.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to St. Louis School for Special Children, or High Point School in Ann Arbor.

Mike Dutzer
Dexter

Mike Dutzer of Dexter passed away at home on March 21, 2008 at the age of 83.

He was member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Chelsea, the Knights of Columbus and the American Legion. He retired from the US Army after 20 years of service to his country. He severed during World War II and was in Germany from Dec. 7, 1953 to Feb. 11, 1956. His military occupation was Ambulance Driver and he was awarded a Good Conduct Metal and a Bronze Star. Mike worked as a security officer at the University of Michigan where he retired.

Mike is survived by his wife of 56 years Gloria Dutzer, two daughters Mary Ann Byrnes and Michele (Randal) King, six grandchildren: Shannon Byrnes, Charles Byrnes, Emily King, Ryan King, Tyler King and Carly King, three great grandchildren: Anthony Sanchez, Chelsea Sanchez and Katherine Sanchez.

A visitation was held Monday at the Hosmer Muehlig Funeral Chapel, Dexter. A mass of Christian Burial took place at St. Mary's Catholic Church.

Memorials may be made to Saint Louis School in Chelsea.

Geraldine M. Rushing
Chelsea

Geraldine M. Rushing of Chelsea passed away Friday March 21, 2008 at her home. She was 87.

She was born on April 9, 1920 in Lewis County Missouri, the daughter of Lloyd and Rhoda (Brumbaugh) Clickner.

Gerry had lived in the area since 1988 coming from Ann Arbor. She enjoyed crocheting, sewing, embroidering work, gardening, and bingo. For 15 years she owned and operated Gerry Rushing Temporary Help in Ann Arbor retiring in 1982.

Surviving are two children, Kara (Donald) Crenshaw of Dexter, and Rhoda Sue (Mitchell) Zink of Chelsea. Also surviving are three grandchildren, Samantha Dey Armond, Eric Zink and Trevor Zink as well as six great grandchildren, Joey, Alex, Nicholas, Skylyr, Hailey, and Mykaela.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Wanda J. Vogel, three husbands, William Vogel, Thomas Rushing, and Winston 'Frenchy' Arnot.

Funeral services were held Tuesday March 25, 2008 from the Staffan-Mitchell Funeral Home, Chelsea.

Burial followed at Arbor Crest Cemetery in Ann Arbor. Expressions of sympathy can be made to Friends of Michigan Animal Rescue.

The Rev. Robert MacDonald
Chelsea

The Rev. Robert MacDonald of Chelsea formerly of Dearborn, passed away at the Chelsea Retirement Community, Towsley Village on March 24, 2008. He was 88.

He was born the son of

Alexander and Florence (Martin) on July 5, 1919 in Detroit. A veteran of World War II, Robert served in the United States Marine Corps in the Pacific Theater. Following the war he graduated from the Virginia Theological Seminary in Alexandria. He served many Episcopal Churches in his career as a Priest including St. Peters' in Detroit, St. Johns' in Holly, St. Pauls' in Detroit, St. James' in Dexter, and Trinity in Belleville before retiring from St. Thomas' in Detroit. Robert was loved for his sense of humor. He never let a day go by without learning something new to improve himself, sharing his experience to help others enrich their lives. He loved nature, and enjoyed camping, sailing and hiking with his family - especially in Michigan.

He is survived by his children Ann and (David Woodburn) MacDonald of Cincinnati, Ohio, Andrew (Yvonne) MacDonald of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Stephen MacDonald of Toledo, Ohio, also his three grandchildren, Maura and Kelsey MacDonald, and Alexa Woodburn. He is also survived by his sister, Jean Salem of Royal Oak, Mich. (currently living in Cincinnati, Ohio).

Robert was preceded in death by his wife, Muriel, and his brother Douglas.

A celebration of his life will take place at Christ Episcopal Church, 120 N. Military, Dearborn, on March 29, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. with Bishop Wendell Gibbs, Jr. and Rev. Daniel S. Appleyard officiating.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to Christ Episcopal Church Dearborn or The Heritage Foundation for Chelsea Retirement Community. Arrangements are by the Staffan-Mitchell Funeral Home.

Charles J. Popovich Munith
Formerly of Chelsea

Charles J. Popovich of Munith formerly of Chelsea, passed away at his home surrounded by his family on March 24, 2008. He was 80.

He was son of Charles Sr. and Mary (Bogdanyi) born on November 23, 1927 in Chelsea.

Charles was known has a hard worker and never missed a day of work in his life. Charles was also a loving father and a wonderful grandfather. He was known to have a great wit and a wonderful sense of humor that brought great joy to anyone he was around. His strength and courage was unmatched during his 15-year fight with cancer as was his unwavering faith. The family would like to thank Dr. Kenneth Pienta for his dedication, humor and knowledge in treating cancer patients.

Charles is survived by his children Joanne (Randy) Fink of Whitmore Lake, David Popovich of Clinton, Karen (ex son-in-law Dan) Rosentreter of Ann Arbor, and Donna (Dana) Jones of Dexter as well as 11 grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

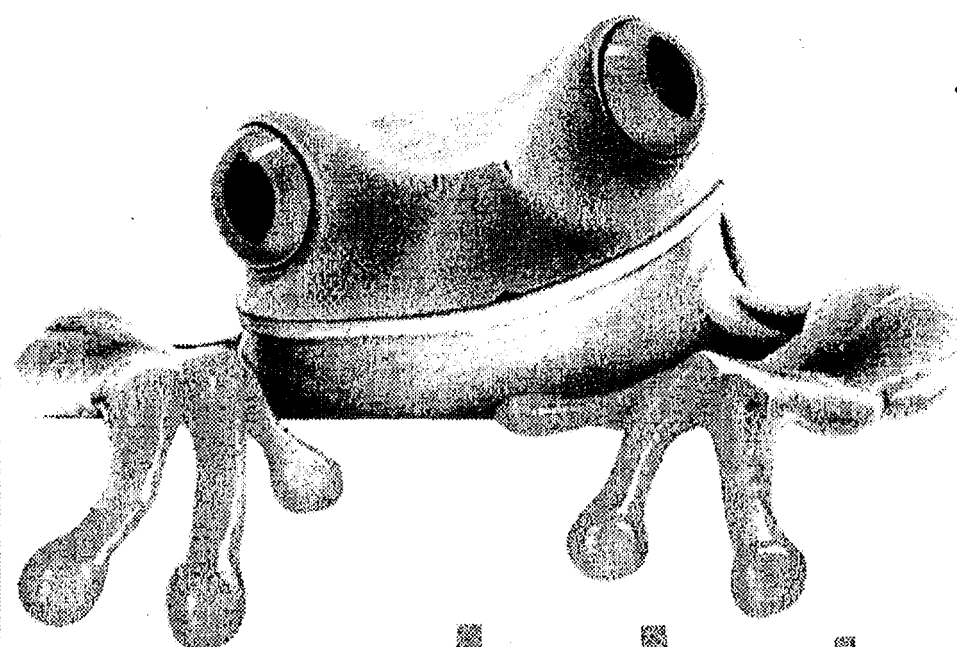
Also surviving are his sister Tootsie (AJ) Hale of Chelsea, sister, Mary Jane Spikeberg of WI and sister-in-law Lynn Popovich, as well as many nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents and brother John Popovich.

Funeral services will be Friday, March 28, 2008 from the Staffan-Mitchell funeral home at 1:00 p.m. with Fr. Fortunato Turati officiating. A private burial will take place at a later date.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to The U of M Cancer center care of Dr. Pienta.

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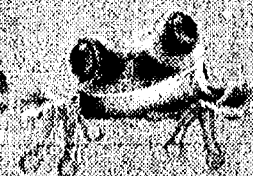
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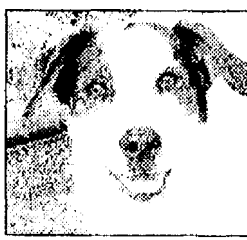
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KYSHA is a red merle Pointer/Lab mix who is just beautiful and has the softest fur! She is a little over a year old, and weighs in at about 50 lbs. Kysha is already house trained. She was brought to us because of allergies in her previous family. She is a very active pup who LOVES people and loves to play! Her previous owner says that she is great with other dogs and cats and that she knows the commands sit, come, down, stay and heel.



ARETHA Pretty little Aretta came to us as a stray, lost from her home. She had a family at some point because she is front declawed. Aretta is 6 years old, litter box trained, shy and very sweet! She needs to be an indoor only kitty and she is ready to have you visit her. Check out the cool coloring she has, with one white sleeve and one brown one. Aretta also has the most beautiful EMERALD eyes. Her cage notes say that she is gorgeous and very lovable!



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Celebrations

Engagements



Kristen Schmiedel and Mike Sullivan are engaged and planning an outdoor wedding in Dearborn on August 9, 2008.

The future bride is the daughter of Michael and Andrea Schmiedel of Boston. She graduated from Plymouth Salem High School in 2002, from Eastern Michigan University in 2007 and is currently a graduate student at EMU.

The future groom is the son of Brian and Mary Sullivan of Dexter. He graduated from Dexter High School in 2002 and is currently attending EMU.

Weddings



Megan Mary Smith, daughter of Joseph and Margaret Smith of Chelsea, and Daniel William Long, son of William and Susan Long of Pittsfield Township, were married September 28, 2007 at Risen Christ

Church in Plymouth, with Pastor Jon Shah officiating.

The bridesmaids were April Hawker of Milan, Margaret Holtz of Denver, Colo., Valerie Long of Pittsfield Township, Wendi Smith of Westland and Cara Smith of Allen Park.

Shellin Burhans of Ypsilanti was the groomsmaid.

The flower girls were Margaret and Natalie Smith, both of Westland.

The best man was Errol Sackett of Tecumseh.

The groomsmen were Hunter Hicks of Ferndale, Joseph Smith of Westland and Rex Wonsey of Milan.

The ushers were Michael Smith of Allen Park and Mark Smith of Chelsea.

The reception was held at The Inn at St. John's in Plymouth. The couple honeymooned in Ireland and currently resides in Pittsfield Township.

Births

A son, Wyatt Jacob, was born February 26, 2008 at the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor, to Mark and Danielle Matusik of Chelsea. He weighed 10 pounds, 7 ounces and was 22 inches long. Maternal grandparents are Larry and Leslie Barton of Athens. Paternal grandparents are Frank and Marilyn Matusik of South Rockwood. Great-grandmother is Esther Manor of Flat Rock. Wyatt has four sisters, Morgan, 9, Sydney, 7, Kasey, 4 and Brooke, 2.

Players host auditions

Chelsea Area Players will be holding auditions for the Gershwin musical "Crazy for You" on April 28 and 29 at 7 p.m. at Beach Middle School, Chelsea. There are principal roles for five men and five women, male and female choruses and dancers and children aged 10 years and older. Participants should be prepared to sing 16 measures from a popular or musical theater song of their choice and to read scenes from the script. For information, call 734-424-9124 or visit <http://chelseaareaplayers.org>.

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Act 344 of the Public Acts of 1982 that a REPORT OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS session held on March 19, 2008, will be available for public inspection and copying from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, beginning Tuesday, April 1, 2008, at the Office of the County Clerk/Register, Suite 120, 200 N. Main Street, Ann Arbor, Michigan. Publish: March 27, 2008

LIMA TOWNSHIP UNAPPROVED MINUTES PUBLIC HEARING/ BUDGET HEARING - MARCH 11, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. Present were Supervisor Unterbrink, Clerk Bareis, Treasurer Havens, Trustees McKenzie and Laier. Also present several residents and guests.

Motion by Bareis supported by Laier to adjust the 2007-2008 Lima Township Budget, credit Highways \$9316.45, debit miscellaneous contingencies \$9316.45. Motion carried.

The Budget hearing was called to order. There was discussion regarding the state revenue sharing and how the amount is determined. The figure for 2008-09 was reported on line. Lima Township receives only constitutional revenue sharing.

Question when will county and township coordinate to replace bridges. It was noted the Liberty Road bridge is on the replacement list. Question how many applications of brine will \$20000.00 cover? Two.

There was discussion regarding fire runs and the special assessment collected to cover part of them.

Treasurer Havens noted the line item for Tax Tribunal Refunds needs to be increased due to the Enbridge settlement to include the refund of taxes, the tax administration fee and interest. She recommended the line item be increased to \$15,000.00.

The Public Hearing was closed at 5:10 p.m.

The millage to support the budget is anticipated to be approximately 0.81 mills. The fire protection assessment is to be continued.

Motion by Laier supported by Unterbrink to approve the 2008-2009 Lima Township Budget as presented at the Budget hearing of March 11, 2008, with the adjustment of Tax Tribunal Refund Line to \$15000.00, in the amount of \$781,312.00. Motion carried.

Resolution #2008-04 to Establish Township Officers Salaries offered by Unterbrink supported by Laier to adopt township officer salaries.

Be it Resolved, this resolution is subject to MCLA 41.95(3). In a township that does not hold an annual meeting, the salary for officers composing the township board shall be determined by the township board.

Be it Resolved, that as of April 1, 2008, the salaries of the township board members shall be as follows: Supervisor \$24,504.00 exclusive of assessing duties, Clerk \$24,504.00, Treasurer \$24,504.00 winter and summer collection, Trustee \$3,000.00 each of two trustees.

Ayes: Laier, McKenzie, Havens, Bareis and Unterbrink. Nays: None. Absent: None. Resolution adopted.

Motion by Laier supported by Bareis to adjourn at 5:20 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Arlene R. Bareis, Clerk

Publish: March 27, 2008

Scarlett Ladies

Great food, great fun and "celebrity servers too!"

On Wednesday, April 9 from 5-8 p.m. the Chelsea Senior Center invites the community to participate in a fund-raiser where everyone goes home happy. The Chelsea Big Boy has again opened its doors to this highly anticipated annual event.

The "Scarlett Ladies" Red Hat group will be your hostesses for the evening and a variety of local celebs will be happy to take your order and keep your coffee cup filled. There will be whole pies sold to the highest bidder with all tips, a portion of the sales, and all pie profits going to the Chelsea Senior Center. It does not matter if you are old enough to be a member of the senior center, or young enough to wish you could be, everyone is invited to come and have a great night of fun! You never know who you might have wait on you!

Adult daycare services

With more and more baby-boomers feeling the crunch between raising families and caring for their aging parents, a demand for affordable, temporary care has grown.

Silver Maples of Chelsea, a non-profit retirement community, is exploring whether there is a need in western Washtenaw County for such a service.

"Adult day-care is a growing trend nationwide," said Jerry Wilczynski, president of Silver Maples. "We think there could be a local demand for a facility that offers supervised care that would include meals, activities, medication manage-

ment, and other daily care." Wilczynski said that two types of adult daycare exist. One is based on a medical model - providing comprehensive medical, therapeutic and rehabilitation day treatment - and the other a social model - providing supervised activities such as crafts, gardening, music and exercise, peer support, companionship and some help with daily activities.

"We would offer the social model," he added, noting that both models assist older adults and those with chronic conditions that help them remain as independent as possible in their own homes. Transportation to and from Silver Maple is also being discussed as an option, as well as meals, care-giver support groups, and referral services.

The campus currently offers independent and assisted living apartments and villa homes including services such as meals, housekeeping, laundry, a wide spectrum of activities, a social worker, support with activities of daily living and medication management for adults 60 years of age and older.

The Living River

The Huron River Watershed Council (HRWC) has a great outing on April 26. A Searcher trained in the ways of the river will lead you and your friends to find rare river macroinvertebrates. The Searcher handles the stream work, so you stay dry.

Register before April 14 and be placed on a team in HRWC's annual River RoundUp. You help a long-term study of nature

because the aquatic macroinvertebrates (bugs) are sensitive to environmental conditions and tell us about problems in the river and its streams.

See the bugs sophisticated fishing nets; their homes built of sand and silk. See their hiding places under rocks where they avoid hungry fish and river currents.

No previous experience necessary and children are welcome if each one is accompanied by an adult. As one River Round Up volunteer said, "I got involved

because it sounded like something I would never get the chance to do in my everyday life. The opportunity to learn something new, so far removed from what I normally do, was really attractive...and the results would be important to the health and future of our creek."

It will take about six hours and you may choose from two starting times: 9 or 10:30 a.m. Register by April 14. Contact Joan at jmartin@hrwc.org or (734) 769-5123, ext.11 to register or ask questions.

WEBSTER TOWNSHIP SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MARCH 13, 2008

The Webster Township Regular Board Meeting was called to order at 7:34 p.m. by Supervisor Kingsley on March 13, 2008 at the Township Hall, 5665 Webster Church Road Dexter, MI 48130.

Members present Supervisor Kingsley, Clerk Heller, and Treasurer Whitney. Trustees: Kleinschmidt, Koch, Westman & Estleman.

Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag

Supervisor Remarks

Meeting with Washtenaw County Road Commission will take place on April 15th at 6:30 p.m. before the Regular Board Township Board Meeting.

The proposed Budget for FY 2009 was presented by Supervisor Kingsley.

Discussion took place on the FY Budget 2009

Call to Public

Adjourn: Motion Kleinschmidt second Heller to adjourn meeting. Meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m. All ayes and carried.

Respectfully submitted
Mary Dee Heller, Clerk
Webster Township

Publish: March 27, 2008

LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE APRIL 7, 2008 FOR THE ELECTION TO BE HELD ON MAY 6, 2008

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE TOWNSHIPS OF DEXTER, HAMBURG, LIMA, SCIO AND WEBSTER:

NOTICE: Please be advised that the clerks of your jurisdictions will be in their respective offices to register qualified electors and amend registration records on Monday April 7, 2008.

CONTACT YOUR LOCAL CLERK FOR OFFICE HOURS

DEXTER TOWNSHIP (Chelsea School District, Dexter Community Schools and Pinckney Community Schools): Harley Rider, Clerk—Dexter Township Hall, 6880 Dexter-Pinckney Road, Dexter, MI 426-3767

HAMBURG TOWNSHIP (Dexter Community Schools): Joanna Hardesty, Clerk—Hamburg Township Hall, 10405 Merrill Rd., Hamburg, MI (810) 231-1000 ext. 207 (8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.)

LIMA TOWNSHIP (Chelsea School District and Dexter Community Schools): Arlene Bareis, Clerk—Lima Township Hall, 11452 Jackson Road, Chelsea, MI 475-2246 (9:00 a.m. - noon)

SCIO TOWNSHIP (Ann Arbor Public Schools and Dexter Community Schools): Kathleen Knol, Clerk—Scio Township Hall, 827 N. Zeeb Road, Ann Arbor, MI 665-2123

WEBSTER TOWNSHIP (Ann Arbor Public Schools, Dexter Community Schools, Whitmore Lake Public Schools and Pinckney Community Schools): Mary Dee Heller, Clerk—Webster Township Hall, Dexter, MI 426-5103

IF YOU HAVE MOVED RECENTLY

YOU MUST AMEND YOUR REGISTRATION RECORD
The May 6, 2008 Election is being held for the purpose of electing school board members and for voting on proposals for the Ann Arbor Public Schools and the Dexter Community Schools. If you have any questions regarding your voter registration or the upcoming elections, please visit WashtenawVotes.org or contact the County Clerk's Office at 734-222-6730.

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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Default has occurred in the conditions of a mortgage made by SUZIE C. BAKER, a married woman (the "Mortgagee"), to GREENSTONE FARM CREDIT SERVICES, FLCA, a federally chartered corporation having its principal office at 1760 Abbey Road, Suite 200, East Lansing, Michigan (the "Mortgagee"), dated May 13, 2005, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Washtenaw County, Michigan on May 17, 2005, in Liber 4479, Page 38 (the "Mortgage"). By reason of such default, the Mortgagee elects to declare and hereby declares the entire unpaid amount of the Mortgage due and payable forthwith.

As of the date of this Notice there is claimed to be due for principal and interest on the Mortgage the sum of One Hundred Twelve Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty and 09/100 Dollars (\$112,830.09). No suit or proceeding at law has been instituted to recover the debt secured by the Mortgage or any part thereof.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of the power of sale contained in the Mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, and to pay the above amount, with interest, as provided in the Mortgage, and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorney fee allowed by law, and all taxes and insurance premiums paid by the undersigned before sale, the Mortgage will be foreclosed by sale of the mortgaged premises at public vendue to the highest bidder at the main lobby of the Circuit Court-house, Huron Street entrance, located in Ann Arbor, Michigan on Thursday, April 24, 2008, at ten o'clock in the forenoon. The premises covered by the Mortgage are situated in the Township of Webster, County of Washtenaw, State of Michigan, and are described as follows:

Commencing at the West 1/4 corner of Section 15, Town 1 South, Range 5 East, Webster Township, Washtenaw County, Michigan; thence North 88°40'35" East 2707.07 feet along the East-West 1/4 line to the center of said Section 15 (as monumented); thence South 01°42'54" East 2366.52 feet along the North-South 1/4 line of said Section 15 and the centerline of Scully Road (66.00 feet wide); thence South 88°21'24" West 256.18 feet; thence South 01°42'54" East 178.00 feet; thence North 75°19'46" West 854.27 feet along the centerline of North Territorial Road (66.00 feet wide) for a Point of Beginning; thence continuing North 75°19'46" West 66.00 feet along the centerline of said North Territorial Road; thence North 14°40'14" East 256.36 feet; thence 99.58 feet along the arc of a 533.00 foot radius circular curve to the right, with a central angle of 10°42'17", having a chord which bears North 20°01'22" East 99.44 feet; thence North 25°22'31" East 285.49 feet; thence 42.23 feet along the arc of a 50.00 foot radius circular curve to the left with a central angle of 48°23'40", having a chord which bears South 49°34'21" West 40.99 feet; thence 362.32 feet along the arc of a 75.00 foot radius reverse non-tangential circular curve to the right, with a central angle of 276°47'19", having a chord which bears South 64°37'29" East 99.60 feet; thence 42.23 feet along the arc of a 50.00 foot radius reverse curve to the left, with a central angle of 48°23'40", having a chord which bears South 49°34'21" West 40.99 feet; thence South 25°22'31" West 285.49 feet; thence 87.25 feet along the arc of a 467.00 foot radius circular curve to the left, with a central angle of 10°42'17", having a chord which bears South 20°01'22" West 87.12 feet; thence South 14°40'14" West 256.36 feet to the Point of Beginning, being a part of the Southwest 1/4 of said Section 15.

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Notice is further given that the length of the redemption period will be one (1) year from the date of sale, unless the premises are abandoned. If the premises are abandoned, the redemption period will be the later of thirty (30) days from the date of the sale or upon expiration of fifteen (15) days after the Mortgage is given notice pursuant to MCLA §600.3241(a)(b) that the premises are considered abandoned and Mortgagee, Mortgagee's heirs, executor, or administrator, or a person lawfully claiming from or under one (1) of them has not given the written notice required by MCLA §600.3241(c) stating that the premises are not abandoned.

Dated: March 27, 2008

GREENSTONE FARM CREDIT SERVICES, FLCA
Mortgagee

Timothy Hillegonds
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DEXTER TOWNSHIP SUMMARY OF ACTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING MARCH 18, 2008

Called to order at 7:01 PM

Members Present: Supervisor Kelly, Treasurer Kooyers, Clerk Rider, Trustees Howard, Lesser, Ottoman and Wojno

Absent: None

The Board was available to receive comments from the public on the proposed General Fund, Fire Fund and Police Fund budgets for fiscal year 2008/2009.

The Public Hearing was adjourned at 7:05 PM

Respectfully submitted, Harley B. Rider, Clerk, Dexter Township

Summary approved by Pat Kelly, Supervisor, Dexter Township

This Summary of the March 18, 2008, Budget Public Hearing of the Dexter Township Board of Trustees was prepared by Harley B. Rider, Dexter Township Clerk, and approved by Pat Kelly, Dexter Township Supervisor, in accordance with the provisions of MCL 41.72a(5). A draft of the full minutes of the March 18, 2008, Budget Public Hearing of the Township Board is available for examination at the Township Hall during regular business hours (8:30 AM to 4:30 PM Monday through Friday, except holidays). The full minutes of the March 18, 2008, Budget Public Hearing of the Dexter Township Board of Trustees will be presented at the April 15, 2008, Regular meeting for review and approval by the Board. Following approval the full minutes will be posted on the Township's web site www.twp-dexter.org. Publish: March 27, 2008

LIMA TOWNSHIP UNAPPROVED BOARD MEETING MINUTES MARCH 10, 2008

The regular meeting of the Lima Township Board was called to order at 7:00 and opened with the Pledge to the Flag. Present were Supervisor Unterbrink, Clerk Bareis, Treasurer Havens, Trustees McKenzie and Laier and Zoning Administrator Frisinger. Also present several residents and guests.

Motion by Laier supported by Havens to approve the February 10, 2008 Regular Meeting and February 28, 2008 Special Meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by Unterbrink supported by Bareis to amend the agenda to add as the first item under New Business, the purchase of new voting booths. Motion carried.

The treasurer's report was received.

The zoning administrator issued zoning compliance permits for two new homes, 1 sign and completed four final inspections. It was recommended a blight ordinance be investigated by the planning commission.

There was no Old Business.

Motion by McKenzie supported by Laier to purchase two, four position, Pakflat voting booths at a cost not to exceed \$1600.00. Motion carried.

Motion by McKenzie supported by Laier to grant Medallion Homes/Thornton Farms a one year extension for the Thornton Farms Phase III Private Road Permit 2006-02, which was approved by the Lima Township Board on March 12, 2007, until March 12, 2009. Motion carried.

Motion by McKenzie supported by Laier, based on OHM Engineering Advisors correspondence dated March 7, 2008, to release \$8000.00 performance bond #22016794 for the Thornton Farms temporary sales trailer. Motion carried.

Motion by McKenzie supported by Laier based on OHM Engineering Advisors correspondence dated March 7, 2008, to reduce Thornton Farms performance bond #611020-30 to \$10000.00 with the proviso that the \$10000.00 portion of the bond be restated and remain in place for landscape restoration and repair completion. Motion carried.

Motion by McKenzie supported by Unterbrink to reduce Thornton Farms performance bond #929364047 for construction work to \$130,000.00 as recommended by OHM Engineering Advisors in their letter dated March 7, 2008. Motion carried.

Motion by McKenzie supported by Unterbrink to reduce the Thornton Farms performance bond #6388761 for construction of sewer and water systems to \$600,000.00 as recommended by OHM Engineering Advisors in their letter dated March 7, 2008. Motion carried.

Motion by McKenzie supported by Laier to authorize the clerk to issue a letter outlining parameters of the release of these four bonds before April 1, 2008. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Laier supported by Unterbrink to adjourn at 8:20 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Arlene R. Bareis, Clerk

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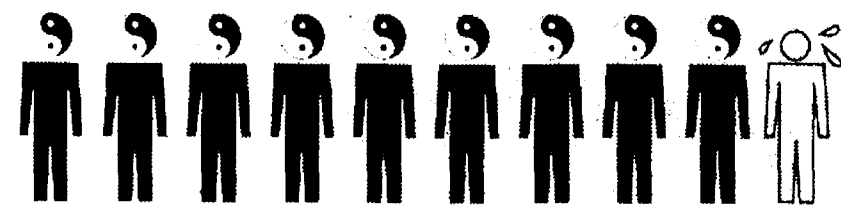
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DOG, SHIBA INU (F) Tan/white, looks like a fox. Last seen Portage Rd, Jackson. 734-355-98

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1010 Adoptions
1020 Celebrations
1025 Card of Thanks
1050 Legal Notices
1060 Lost
1070 Found
1090 Personals/Announcements

2000 MERCHANDISE

2010 Antiques
2020 Appliances
2030 Arts/Crafts/Bazaar
2040 Auction/Estate Sale
2050 Bargains
2060 Building Supplies
2070 Business/Office Equipment
2080 Cemetery Lots
2090 Collectibles/Hobbies
2100 Computers
2110 Electronics
2115 Farm Equipment
2120 Farm Produce/Flowers/Plants
2130 Lawn/Garden
2140 Firewood/Fuel
2145 Bargain Hunter
2150 Furniture
2160 Garage/Rummage Sales
2170 Jewelry & Apparel
2180 Machinery & Tools
2190 Miscellaneous for Sale
2200 Miscellaneous Wanted
2210 Musical Instruments
2220 Pools/Spas/Hot Tubs
2230 Seasonal Items
2240 Sporting Goods

3000 ANIMALS

3010 Horses/Livestock
3020 Pets
3030 Pet Services/Supplies

4000 EMPLOYMENT

4010 Accounting/Finance
4020 Automotive Employment
4030 Business Opportunity
4033 Computers/IT
4036 Dental
4040 Domestic
4050 Drivers
4060 Education/Training
4070 Employment Services
4075 Engineering/Design
4080 General Employment
4090 Health Care
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4110 Office/Clerical
4120 Professional/Management
4130 Restaurant/Hotel
4135 Retail
4140 Sales/Marketing
4150 Skilled/Technical
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5000 REAL ESTATE FOR RENT

5010 Apartments/Flats
5020 Commercial/Industrial For Rent
5030 Condos/Townhouses/Duplexes
5040 Houses For Rent
5045 Land for Lease
5050 Living Quarters to Share/Rooms
5060 Manufactured/Mobile Homes
5070 Resort/Vacation Homes For Rent
5080 Wanted To Rent

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5510 Open Houses
5520 Genesee County
5530 Lapeer County
5540 Livingston County
5550 Macomb County
5555 Monroe County

5560 Oakland County
5565 St. Clair County
5570 Washtenaw County
5580 Wayne County
5585 Wayne County For Sale By Owner
5590 Mid-Michigan
5600 Northern Property
5610 Thumb Area
5620 Upper Peninsula
5625 Waterfront
5630 Western Michigan
5640 Out of State
5650 Commercial/Industrial
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5670 Income Property
5680 Manufactured/Mobile Homes
5690 Loans/Mortgages
5700 Real Estate Wanted
5710 Lots/Vacant Land

6000 TRANSPORTATION

6005 Auto Auctions
6010 Automobile Financing
6020 Autos for Sale
6030 Autos Wanted
6040 Aviation
6050 Boats/Watercrafts
6051 Dockage for Lease
6055 "Budget Autos under \$2,000"
6060 Classics/Hot Rods
6070 Motorcycles/ATV
6080 Part & Accessories
6090 RVs/Trailers
6100 Service/Repair
6110 Snowmobiles
6120 Sport Utility
6130 Trucks
6140 Vans/Mini

7000 BUSINESS SERVICES

7010 Accounting/Taxes

7020 Alterations
7030 Animal/Pest Control
7040 Appliance Repair
7050 Asphalt/Seal Coating
7060 Attorneys/Legal
7070 Banquet Halls/Catering
7075 Basement Waterproofing
7080 Brick/Block
7090 Building/Construction
7095 Cement Work
7100 Ceramic Tile Installation
7110 Child Care
7120 Chimney
7130 Cleaning/Janitorial Services
7140 Clock Repair
7150 Computer/Internet Services
7160 Convalescent/Adult Care
7170 Decks/Patio/Sunrooms
7175 Drywall/Plastering
7180 Education/Training
7190 Electrical
7200 Electronics Repair
7210 Entertainment
7220 Fences
7230 Flooring
7240 Florists
7250 Flooring Repair/Restoration
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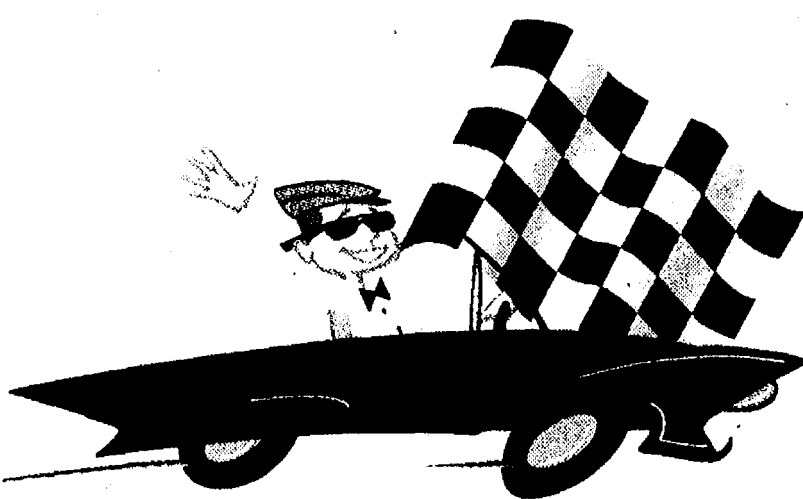
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COMMUNITY

A look in the rear-view mirror

Chelsea resident looks back at career in automotive industry

By Sheila Pursglove
Special Writer

Chelsea resident Chuck Gemmill says people need three things in order to get ahead in life.

"One, you have to be able to do the job," he says. "Two, you have to have someone who believes in you. Three, you have to be in the right spot at the right time."

That lucky hat trick has sustained Gemmill throughout his career, which included the heyday of the automotive industry at General Motors and Ford Motor Co.

A native of Ida Grove, Iowa, Gemmill was the son of an electrician, a veteran of World War I.

When his father got called to work in a California navy yard at the outbreak of World War II, Gemmill, his sister, and mother drove to the Golden State in an old '36 Chevrolet with no hydraulic brakes — a hair-raising drive through the northern Rockies with logging trucks barreling down behind them.

In California, Gemmill went to work for United Railway Service, the forerunner to UPS.

"We delivered war material to the Navy yard and parcel and steamer trunks to local residents," he says. "People were moving to California to find work. They'd ship their stuff via United Railway Service."

At the tender age of 18, Gemmill became a ware-

house manager in Vallejo, Calif. — and also was put on deferment to become an Aviation Cadet.

"Everyone was behind the war effort, it was a very patriotic time," he says. "Everyone had to sign up for the draft. You had a number — when your number was called, you had to go. My draft number never came up."

In late 1943, Gemmill was sent to Texas for basic training, followed by radio school. He became a radio operator and was stationed at the 2nd Air Force headquarters in Colorado Springs.

After the war, he returned to Iowa to work for his father, who had set up a service business for farm equipment.

"My dad was a good teacher," he says. "Never made a dime, but he was an excellent service man."

Then a district manager from General Motors came calling, having heard of Gemmill's creativity and ability in serving farm customers. The job required him to move to Omaha.

"GM offered me more money than I new was available," he says. "My dad felt bad, but two brothers-in-law wanted to come into the business."

An excellent repairman, Gemmill became an instructor at 4 GM training centers.

"I had ideas," he says. "I developed new programs." He was soon promoted to Zone Service Manager and moved to Washington D.C.

"Because I was coming



Chelsea resident Chuck Gemmill, left, and above at age 17.

up with ideas, they sent a guy down from Detroit and he wanted me to come to the main office," he says. "I said no. I felt I was a field man, not a corporate man."

But Detroit persisted. A few months later, the representative was back, again with a job offer in the Wolverine state and a higher salary. Gemmill again declined.

"I dropped the guy off at the airport, and by the time I got home, the phone rang," he says.

Bowing to fate, Gemmill and his wife moved to the Motor City in the early 1960s. They made their home in Rochester, and Gemmill worked out of GM corporate headquarters in downtown Detroit as director of Area Managers.

Gemmill wore many hats for during his years with GM, from 1954 to 1967.

"I was area manager, working with dealers to build facilities," he says. If a dealer was in downtown Podunk and he needed to move cars, he'd need a new service department. My part was to help design the service department.

"It used to be that dealers were downtown in Podunk and then automakers wanted them to display more cars. So they'd move to the edge of town."

It wasn't long before Ford lured him away, thanks to an old friend from Iowa.

Ford tapped Gemmill to run a new subsidiary in Morton Grove, Ill., and he became general manager of Ford Mercury Lincoln Car Service Clinic, opening the facility and hiring 125 people.

After several years, he returned to Ford headquarters in Dearborn. Over his years in the auto industry, it

was difficult to see the changes that globalization made, he says.

Gemmill retired in 1987 when his wife became ill. After her death, he married her sister and sadly was soon widowed for a second time.

During his time in Chelsea, Gemmill put his long-time customer service skills to good use as a 17-year volunteer at Chelsea Community Hospital, where he worked at the information desk and took care of the aquarium.

The first resident to move into the Silver Maples Villas in Chelsea in 2002, Gemmill quickly became hospitality host and "ambassador" to new Villa residents, announcing them to other residents during their first dinner in the Trellis Dining Room.

"I was the first villa owner and I'm pleased with

the progress here at Silver Maples — the activities, transportation, trips, the staff, and all kinds of help if you need. It's a great place to live," he says.

He has also continued his interest in stained glass art, something he began towards the end of his automotive career when he and started creating pieces for craft shows, and his wife did dried flower arrangements.

"I think it's neat how Chuck's creativity has carried him from one part of his life to the next — whether it was working in a rural Iowa town, to managing large automotive ventures, to crafting stained glass," says Shawn Personke, activities director at Silver Maples.

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Guest Column: By Debbie Rydzon

Why I volunteer at the Chelsea Farmers Market

By Debbie Rydzon

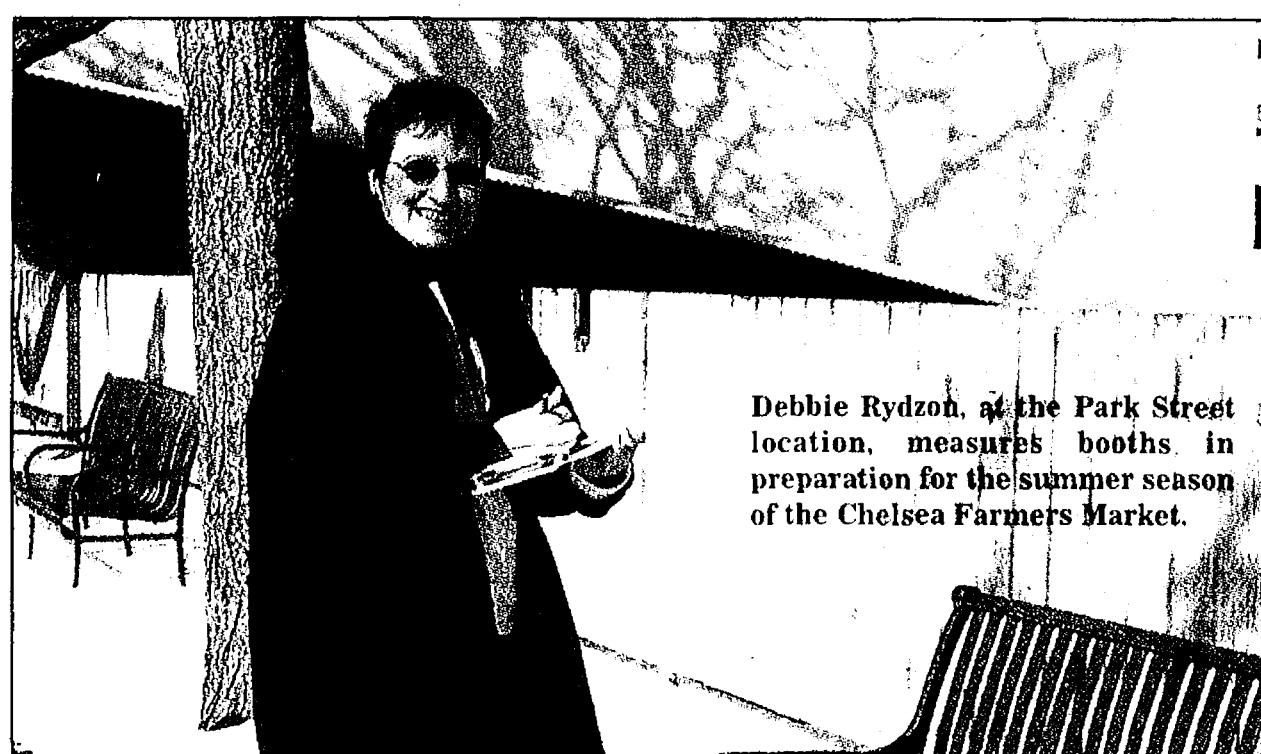
I really just volunteered at the Chelsea Farmers Market on a whim.

It was springtime, my mother had passed away that winter, and I was still struggling with the loss. I was walking through the Market one sunny Saturday morning shopping, when I spotted their sign, "Wanted Market Coordinator."

The atmosphere at the market was so upbeat and relaxed, and the people were so friendly. I felt my spirits lift immediately. So I inquired, what was involved to be the Market Coordinator? As we talked I felt an immediate connection with these wonderful people. I knew I needed something to help me redirect my life, and I felt I could do this, so agreed to be the New Market Coordinator.

This is my third year as Volunteer Market Coordinator, and I am enjoying it more than ever. Last year was yet another rough year for me, as I struggled again with another sudden loss, the death of my sister. With the growing demands of caring for an aging father, it proved to be a very difficult year for me. But without fail the Market and the people became a source of inspiration and a positive source of energy in my life.

What I have come to understand these past couple years is invaluable. I hold a great deal of respect for these wonderful hard



Debbie Rydzon, at the Park Street location, measures booths in preparation for the summer season of the Chelsea Farmers Market.

working people. It's not just the money that drives these growers to rise before dawn everyday, to work the fields through the rain, heat, flies and mosquitoes till long after the sun sets. It's their love for the land and nature, their passion to grow healthy produce, and beautiful flowers.

Before I retired, I worked in a climate controlled office. I sat in a soft comfortable chair behind a desk, and I could never imagine spending day after day in the dirt. Or in the heat where quitting time is determined by the setting of the sun. When work is in a race with the weather to seed, plow, weed and harvest the crop. Where you work, even if it's raining and the fields are muddy. You just get up a dawn put on your boots and work regardless. And if the temperatures hits over 90, you

make sure you wear your hat and drink plenty of water. This is just too hard of work for me. Yet this is how they spend their days, because they have this passion, for nature and earth.

When you talk to these people, they never complain, they are always smiling, they are sincerely interested in you, and appreciate of the work you do to help their market.

I don't know how many years I will be able to continue to volunteer, but while I am here my hope is to see this wonderful local country market gain the notoriety it so deserves. The Chelsea Farmers Market has definitely earned its place here in Chelsea's history, as this Market has been in existence since 1990, and its popularity is growing every year.

I am so grateful to these

people; they have introduced me to a different yet wonderful way of life. Every time I set my dinner table, I am reminded of their dedication, and I am eating better because of them.

On Saturday mornings when I get up, usually about 6:30 a.m., I know that most of the vendors are already on their way to the market. I think about how they have worked so hard the past couple days to harvest their produce, and how early they rise to load their trucks, to bring to the Market. I sit and sip my coffee and look outside, it's still dark, but I can feel the flurry of energy already coming together on Park Street, and I can't wait to get up there.

Chelsea Farmers Market opens the first weekend in May. Hours are 8 a.m. to noon. Located on Park Street next to the People Rose



Chelsea hosts two students from Japan

Momoka Nakajima and Toshiro Teraoka will visit Chelsea this weekend as part of the Chelsea-Shimizu Sister Cities Exchange Program. Momoka and Toshiro will be guests of honor along with Shimizu School District representative Hiroko Hosono at a welcome banquet at Inverness Country Club. Mr. Hosono has facilitated the Shimizu, Hokaido, Japan end of the exchange program for a number of years.

Momoka, 15, has two brothers, and enjoys making sweets, particularly chocolate. She plays the piano and also enjoys reading. Momoka looks forward to visiting bookstores in America, shopping at an American supermarket, and watching American television.

Toshiro also enjoys reading, particularly books by Japanese novelist Riku Onda. He plays baseball and enjoys his science class. Toshiro is



Momoka Nakajima (above) and Toshiro Teraoka (top).

looking forward to playing baseball with his hosts this weekend, and sampling American food.

The Japanese students will spend the weekend with families who visited Japan previously as well as Chelsea students traveling to Shimizu in June. The Beach Middle School students heading to Japan are: Alexis Butler, Andrew Cerveny, Chelsea Friday, Elaine Johnson, Esther Kim, Judy Kim, Alyssa Smith, Michael Varner, Leslie Waldron Grubb and Blake Wenn.

Momoka and Toshiro will be visiting Chelsea schools, restaurants and shops during their stay, which ends April 2.

HERITAGE NEWSPAPERS FARM REPORT

Preparation in progress

Local farmers gearing up for planting season

By Edward Freundl
Staff Writer

It's been a long winter, and the farmers are ready to get back into their fields.

Almost.

Many have been working steadily the last three to four months on repairing and refurbishing the equipment they put into the field that allows them to earn a living.

During the month of March, the banging and clanging coming from the heated pole barn workshop at Huehl Acres reaches a fever pitch.

"From now until we hit the field it'll be frantic; you're never fully ready to go," said Denny Huehl, as he reassembled the seed-planting mechanism on a 30-foot-wide corn planter.

Just because there's snow on the ground doesn't mean there is nothing to do on the farm. Even during the winter, work never really stops; there's always something that requires a farmer's attention.

Denny Huehl takes the lead on the repairs, but his brother Jerry and farmhand Nelson Bollinger are eager to lend a hand in order to get the job done.

"We've probably been working on this thing for a week," said Jerry. "When you tear them down and get into them, you see what else needs fixing."

Jerry was replacing the rubber depth wheels on the planter, which are very similar to rubber automobile tires mounted on steel rims.

The planter is towed behind a tractor, and the unit the Huehls were working on can plant 12 rows at a time. It is a modular design that bolts to the frame, with 12 identical units that each plants a row.

It has flat steel discs that slice through the ground to make a furrow for seed. The depth wheels run beside the furrow and control the depth of the planting mechanism.

"The rubber wheels don't pack the ground next to the furrow," Jerry pointed out.

A photoelectric sensor attached to a plastic tube measures the amount and flow of seed dropping into the furrow, either liquid or palletized fertilizer is added, and two thicker steel wheels set in a "V" pattern close up the groove.

"The electronic sensor keeps track of seed flow and count, so it alerts us if it gets clogged up and you're not dropping seed," Jerry said.

Above the wheels on each unit are hoppers for seed and fertilizer or insecticide.

"Each hopper will hold about a bag of seed, about 60 lbs., and we can get roughly 32 acres out of a bag, but only 10 acres of fertilizer," Denny explained.

The Huehls apply a 26-21-6 formula fertilizer, which refers to the percentages of nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium, in that order.

"We use about 41-1/2 tons of fertilizer at \$775 a ton; we have more than \$30,000 invested in fertilizer alone," Denny said.

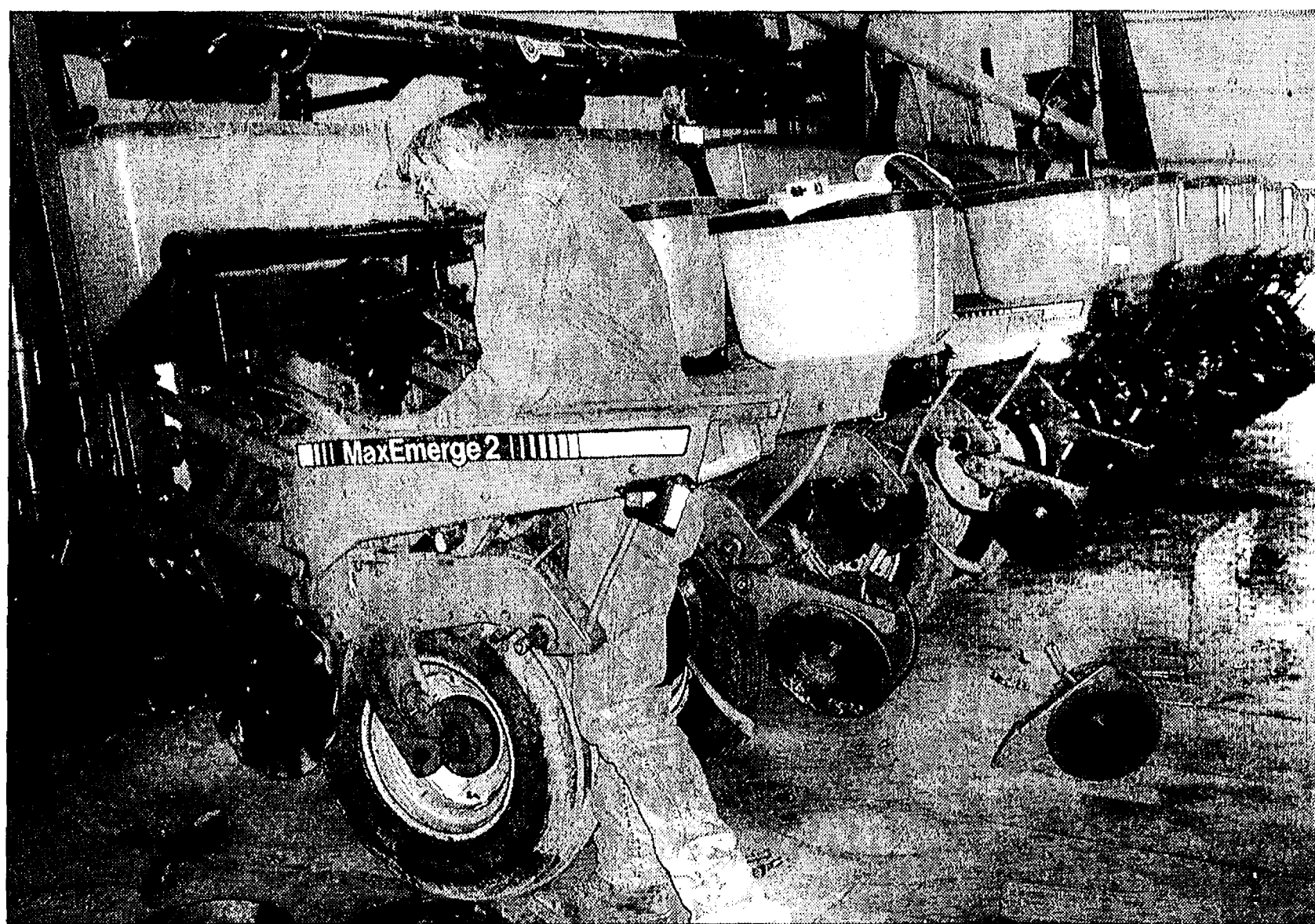
When to plant?

Scientific theories compete with folk wisdom handed down over the ages when it comes to the best time to plant, but it all boils down to one thing: location.

What works for one farmer in one area probably won't work for another.

"The biggest thing around here is moisture content," Denny said.

"There's a lot of clay in this soil so we have to wait until it's dry enough to work,



Photos by Edward Freundl

Denny Huehl (above) dismantles a 12-row corn planter to change one of its many parts. Huehl Acres farmhand and dairy specialist Rachel Girbach (below right) cleans the milking apparatus and replaces the rubber teat cups about every eight weeks. Linda's Diner, at M-52 and Pleasant Lake Road (right), is a very popular place for local farmers to meet, eat, and catch up with news and scuttlebutt.

but those guys in Grass Lake with all that sandy soil, they're usually two weeks ahead of us."

Of course, the temperature of the soil is also critical.

"If it's too cold, the seed won't germinate," he added.

A maintenance program

Besides the heavy-duty mechanical work that's saved for the winter, the Huehl Acres 80-head dairy operation requires a schedule of regular, ongoing maintenance.

While Jerry, Denny and Nelson were in the shop working on the planter, farmhand and dairy specialist Rachel Girbach was in the milking parlor replacing teat cups on the milking mechanism.

"I tore them apart, cleaned the shells, cleaned the claws, then put everything back together," Girbach said.

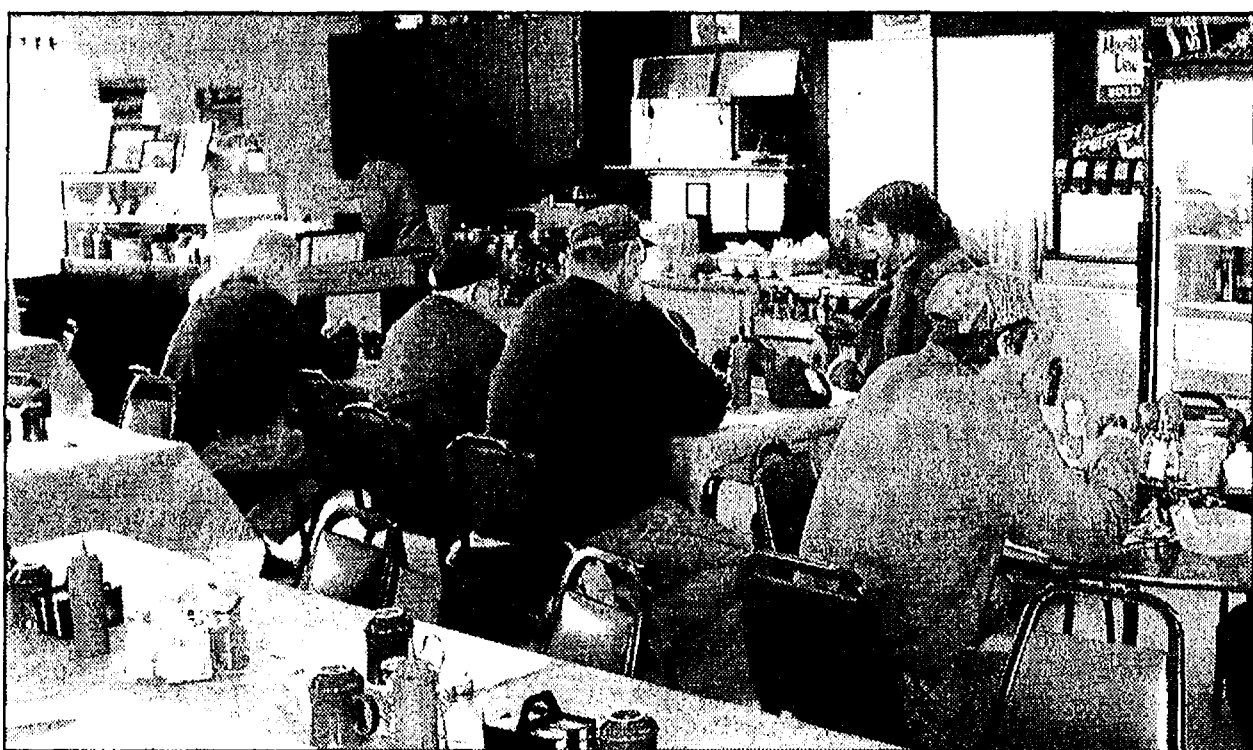
"We do it about every eight weeks here, but it depends on the number of cows you're milking."

With four cups per stall and 16 stalls in the milking parlor, "it takes about two hours to clean and change them," she said.

Girbach explained that the components have to be changed regularly because over time, chemicals break down the rubber and the squeezing action of milking stretches them out.

"It also helps to keep them clean, to keep bacteria out of them," she added.

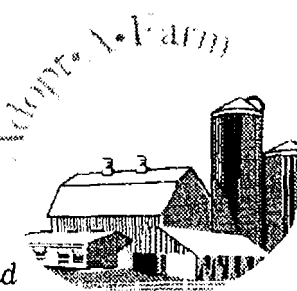
Another thing that March brings about is spring fever, the feeling that spring is right around the corner —



Adopt-A-Farm:

The Series

Heritage Newspapers is partnering with the Washtenaw County Farm Bureau in a program known as "Adopt-A-Farm," which focuses on operations at a local farm, Huehl Acres. The series follows brothers Jerry and Denny Huehl throughout the year to bring you in-depth stories to raise public awareness about the challenges faced by farmers in an increasingly technological society.



and that fact is not lost on the farm animals.

"The cows are getting excited about spring, they can feel it," Girbach said.

"We have to pay more attention to make sure the gates are closed, to keep them from getting out."

"They love to stand in the sun and keep warm — they'll almost push each other out of the way," she said.

See you at the café

One thing that doesn't change with the seasons is the need for farmers to be well-fed to accomplish the amount of work that needs to be done.

Linda Minor, owner of Linda's Diner at M-52 and Pleasant Lake Road, has satisfied that need for the past 16 years.

It is a typical small-town café that caters to a rural clientele.

The food is simple, earthy and inexpensive, mirroring the patrons.

The conversations revolve around the business of farming, crop prices, and the problems farmers are encountering.

The folks who come in may work the soil, but the

place itself is clean and neat as a pin.

"I wanted it to be a family-style place, that's why you see a lot of photos and stuff from my own family on the walls," Minor said. "I want them to feel at home and comfortable."

It is a popular place with the Huehls and other farmers in the area.

"Sunday mornings we come in here for breakfast before going to church, and we come in here for lunch quite a bit," said Jerry



Huehl.

Another farmer who frequents Linda's is Lyndon Uphaus, owner of Uphaus Farms, located just down Pleasant Lake Road.

His operation is a little different than the Huehls', with about 1,000 head of "Angus-influenced" beef cattle instead of a dairy.

Still, the diner is an important place to catch up on what his neighboring farmers are doing.

"I come down here three or four times a week just to

Farm Fest April 5

The hum of collectible tractors at idle, the smell of freshly baked goods, the sound of the cry of the auctioneer all tickle the senses at the first Farm Festival and Tractor Show at the Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds in Saline.

Bring your kids, young and old to this interactive, fun and free event from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. April 5.

The festival will feature a farm collectibles auction, a tractor show, pedal power pull, an Amish-style lunch and bake sale, a fiber expo, working exhibits, a kids' art show and trading tables.

The event is co-sponsored by Washtenaw Farm Council and Braun and Helmer Auction Service Inc.

The art show will be a fun-filled event in which classrooms from around the area will submit agriculturally related artwork.

The winning class will receive a pizza party and individual entries from each class will be chosen for realism and effort.

Several entries will be chosen for the Braun and Helmer calendar.

"This is an exciting opportunity for kids to get involved with agriculture and get some hands on experience," said Brian Braun.

WFC Manager Stan Poet said he is excited about the event.

"It's exciting to see all ages coming together," he said.

This event is made possible by many contributors, including the John Deere 2-Cylinder Club, Diuble's, Schettenhelm's, Morton's, Bollinger's, Jim Brown, Weisenreder's, Weidemeyer's, Saline FFA, Greg Shelton, Antique Truck Club and many more.

David Helmer, explained why his company decided to sponsor this event.

"We have either shown, auctioned or purchased at our community fair for over 30 years and we're proud to be teamed up with the Washtenaw Farm Council to promote agriculture in the community," he said.

For information about this exciting event, go to braunandhelmer.com.

find out what's going on," Uphaus said.

Minor said she started out there as a waitress, and bought the business when the opportunity presented itself. About 90 percent of her customers are farmers or retired farmers, and after 16 years she's gotten to know them quite well.

"In the morning you have the same people sitting in the same seats," she said.

"We have a lot of families here; it's been great watching their kids grow up."

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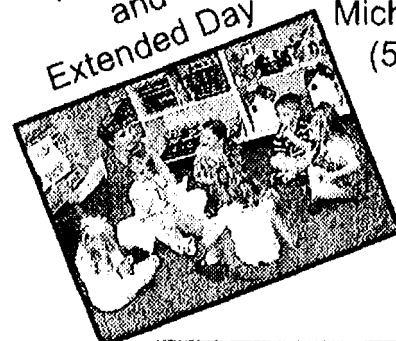
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EASY #59

MEDIUM #59

Random acts of worship

Over the years I've often wondered, in the case of infrequent worshippers in the congregation, how they decide to attend church on a given Sunday. Oh, I can understand why people would come on Christmas or Easter; those are not only important festivals of the church year, but, along with Mother's Day, they are also high profile days from the point of view of our American culture.

I'm glad so many people do attend on Christmas and Easter; by doing so, they acknowledge the importance of those occasions. But personally, if I were

trying to impress others or convince myself that I was really serious about the Christian faith, I'm not sure those are the days I would pick. You can make a much bigger impression by showing up the Sunday after Easter, or the Sunday after Christmas. Your presence will be far more noticed, and appreciated, and you might end up being more of a blessing and encouragement to the faithful few, the die-hard Christians, who attend on those days and regularly throughout



MINISTERIAL Message

By Pastor Mark Porinsky
Faith Lutheran Church

the year.

Then again, there might be some benefits in attending on the bigger holidays. For shy individuals, or first-time visitors to a church, it is probably easier to

blend in with the crowd on those days. And you're more likely to be exposed to some of the central beliefs of the Christian faith – the incarnation and resurrection of God's Son, our Savior Jesus Christ – assuming you're attending a church which still teaches those truths (if a church does not teach the basics of the Bible, worship is pretty pointless any time).

On the downside, if you limit your attendance to the major holidays, you will be missing out on many other important spiritual truths that the church teaches the other 50 weeks of the year. I've got a religious cartoon in my

files, in which a man is shaking the pastor's hand on his way out of church on Easter; the man says, "Pastor, every time I come here you're preaching on the same thing – the resurrection."

The best way to avoid that, and to get a well rounded exposure to a broad spectrum of God's truth from the Bible, is to come on the off days: June 29, July 20, August 31, November 2... Better yet, how about making 52 weeks a year your goal for worshipping?

Mark Porinsky is the pastor at Faith Lutheran Church, 9575 North Territorial Road, in Dexter. Web site: www.faithdexter.org



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Derby time

Sportsmanship reigns at Pack 435 Pinewood Derby



Jack Martin (left to right), Reese Smith, Christopher Schop and Abraham Cone feel the thrill of victory as the top four overall Pack 435 finishers.

Chelsea-area Pack 435 Scouts competed in their annual Pinewood Derby race Saturday March 8 at the Chelsea Community Fairgrounds.

Like all official Scouting events, the derby began with the Pledge of Allegiance. A short, two-act skit followed in which thirteen Scouts and parents held up letters to spell SPORTSMANSHIP and recited qualities and actions that make us good sports during competition.

In Act II, Cubmaster Allen Cole and assistant Cubmaster Gary Handloser tested the three-lane track in a mock race designed to provide a lively demonstration of unsportsmanlike conduct. Scouts were quick to point out that bragging, blaming the track for slower race times, pouting, and calling another Scout, "Loser!" were not nice ways for good sports to behave during competition.

"The boys usually do very well with the competition," said Cole, "but we like to remind them that the most important thing is to have fun and to feel a sense of accomplishment in having designed and engineered a racecar. A little drama always helps to instill those values. They definitely got the message. They were good sports, and we saw no tears, even from the youngest Scouts."

Abraham Cone, Christopher Schop, Reese Smith, and Jack Martin had the top four best race times and have the opportunity to advance to Huron Trails District Race of Champions on April 12 at Briarwood Ford in Saline.

Their secrets for designing fast cars?

"Hard work," said Cone, a Webelos Scout who placed first overall with the fastest time of 2.54 seconds in the final round. "We spackled both sides and the top. I got the weight to exactly 5 ounces."

Second place overall finisher Schop, a Bear Scout, liked the engineering challenges of constructing a racecar from a solid block of wood, stating, "It weighed about 5 ounces. I really like to paint, but I don't like the smell, so I let my Dad help with that. I like to design its shape. My car is half of an obtuse triangle, sort of a wedge."

Schop posted the fastest time of the day during the initial round of den competition and set a new track record of 2.535 seconds.

Wolf Scout Reese Smith, who placed third overall with a 2.56 second finish, had made a pact with his father Steve Smith and elected to guard his design secrets for next year's race, stating with conviction, "My Dad said not to tell."

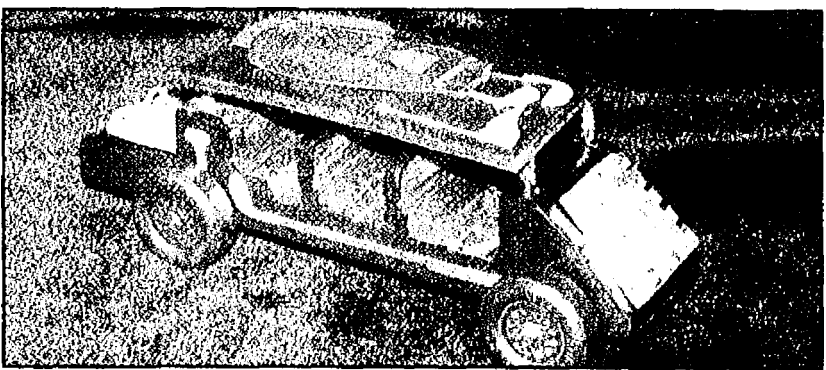
Tiger Scout Jack Martin placed fourth overall with a 2.568 finish in his first year of Pinewood Derby competition. The North Creek Elementary first grader was happy to share his engineering expertise. "A lot of sanding. That makes it smooth. We put sanding sealer on it,



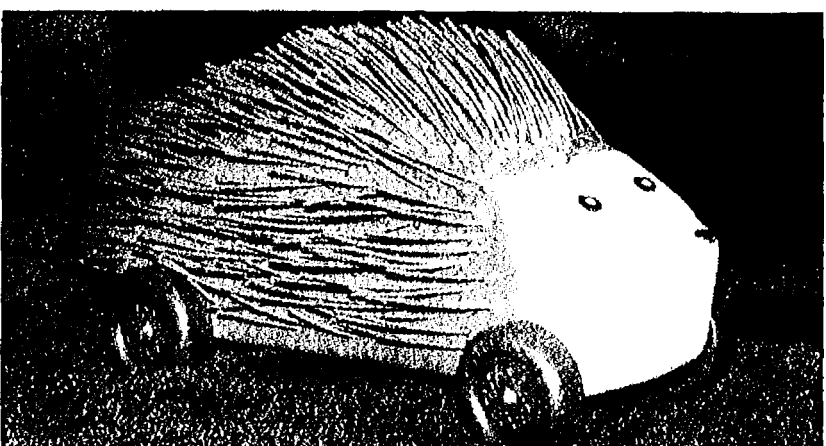
Kincaide Vargas was a great sport. Rather than get upset about his hedgehog design not qualifying for the race, he got right to work and designed an alternate Swiss Cheese car, which won the Most Original Overall design award.



Tigers Nate Bergman (left to right), Parker Shaw and Russell Timmerman watch their cars zoom toward the finish line.



Blake Barber's golf cart won Most Original Overall design.



Kincaide Vargas' hedgehog car.

and we used an axel jig to true the slots for the wheel axels to keep the wheels more straight. If your car wiggles, it goes slower. My favorite part was painting and adding the flames and lightning bolts."

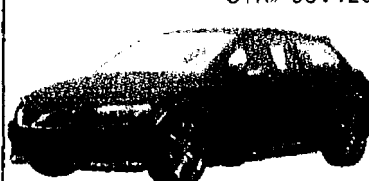
Of the 36 boys in Pack 435, 32 entered their designs into the competition and will receive a ribbon and Pinewood Derby patch for designing a car and participating in the event. Boy Scouts from Troops 476 and 425 judged the cars for paint and design accolades within

each den. Blake Barber received the Best Overall award. Kincaide Vargas received the Most Original award for his Swiss cheese car. Vargas' original car design was a hedgehog, complete with thin aluminum spikes jutting from the realistic-looking body section. When Vargas' hedgehog measured over the height limit at Thursday night's weigh-in, he quickly designed another car to look like a brick of yellow Swiss cheese, complete with holes.

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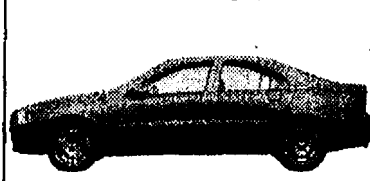
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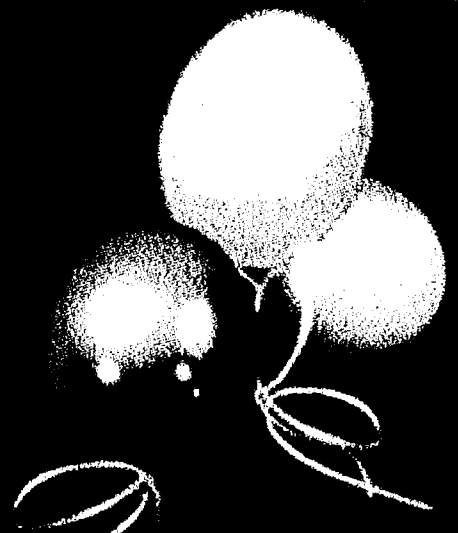
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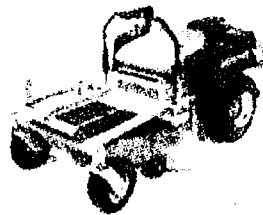
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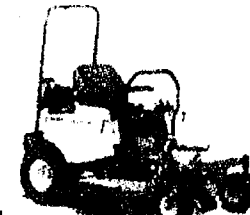
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Today, as this Dearborn-based company celebrates its 20th anniversary, it remains focused on integrity and ingenuity as the building blocks of its continued success in an ever-changing industry.

"We've survived a lot of ups and downs along the way, and we've always managed to make the company a little stronger and more adaptable as a result of each challenge we've faced," said Grosse Ile Township resident Burl Adkins, the company's founder and chairman.

"I believe that's the key to our longevity, plus the fact that we're now one of the leaders and most recognized names in our field."

Founded March 5, 1988, Global Technology Associates started out as a placement firm for contract automotive design personnel. Today, it is a full-service provider of engineering, automotive professionals and top management talent to a customer base that runs the gamut of most of the leading automakers and their key suppliers.

Despite the multitude of competitive challenges that have confronted the company, Adkins said it has managed to adapt and grow by sticking with a simple formula: "By maintaining a strong work ethic and remaining true to the ethical principles the company was founded upon."

Adkins, a past winner of the Michigan Entrepreneur of the Year Award, serves on the Southern Wayne County Regional Chamber board of directors and has been active in several other organizations throughout his career, including The Guidance Center in Southgate.

Last fall, he turned control of the day-to-day operations of his company over to Leo Hagan, a long-time friend and industry associate who joined the firm full time in 2003. Adkins initiated the recent transition to allow

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Performance of Great Lakes States

State	Per Capita Income 2006	Per Capita Income change 2000 to 2006	Share of wages in 2005 earned in high education attainment industries	Share of population aged 25 or more with a bachelors or more, 2006	Share of households in 2006 Income under \$25,000	Share of households in 2006 Income \$75,000 or more
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Blowing in the wind

Wyandotte leading the way in wind energy technology

By Sean Dalton
Heritage Newspapers

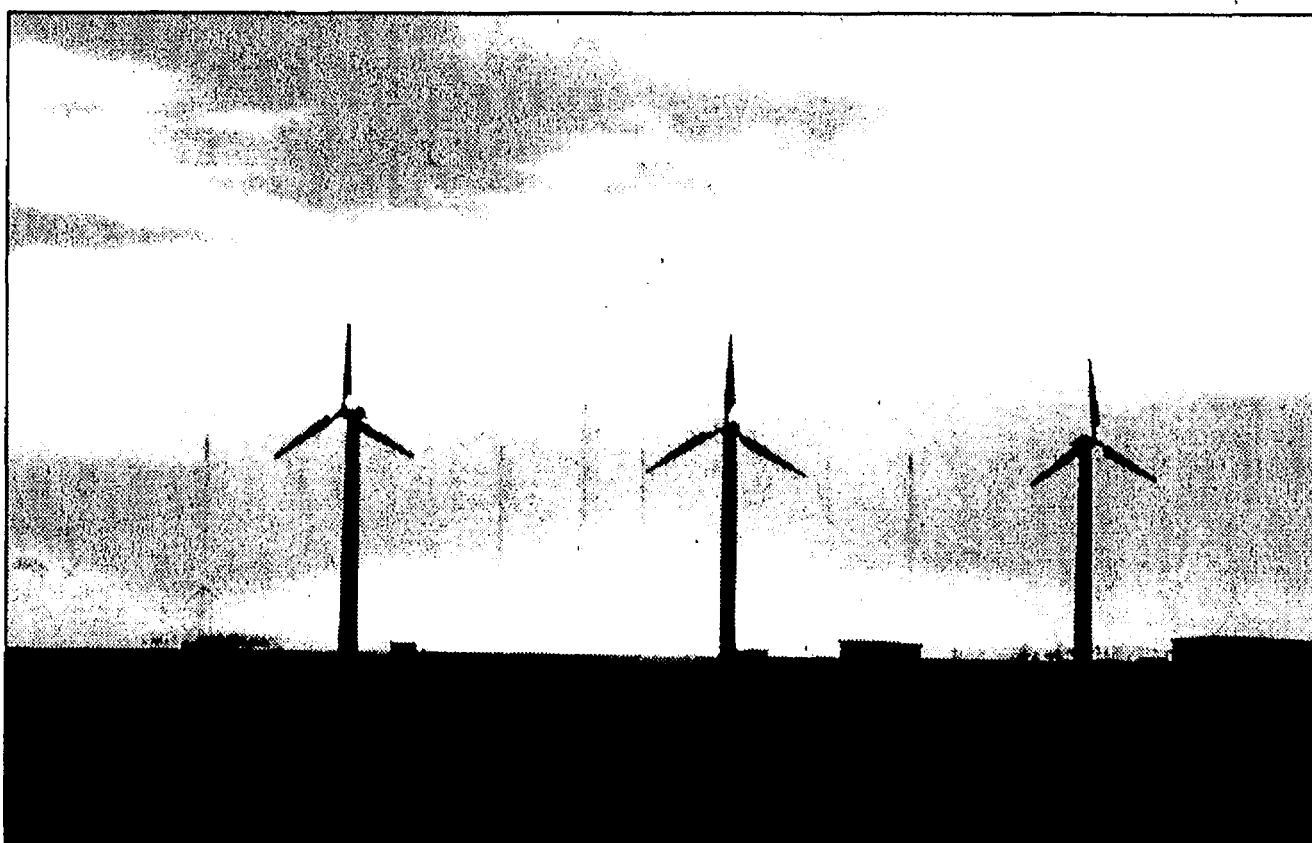
While Michigan's gold mine of wind energy is along the Lake Michigan coast, utilities in the southeastern region are taking advantage of the Detroit River's potential for pushing wind turbines.

Meteorological studies by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency indicate that the western coast and thumb areas of the state are the wind hot spots, but the Detroit River is no slouch.

One of the first urban wind farms in the state will be built in Wyandotte, now that support for the project is renewed. The results of an avian study recently were submitted to the U.S. Department of Energy and Municipal Services Director Melanie McCoy expects the farm to start with three to five turbines, which will produce between 1.5 megawatts and 2 megawatts each.

For a comparison, the Wyandotte Municipal Power Plant's two boilers can potentially produce 70 megawatts of power. Each turbine could power 500 to 700 homes if wind conditions measured by the EPA remain stable, McCoy said.

The milestone reached when the first \$2 million turbine is constructed near the BASF property in Wyandotte will be signifi-



Three Sandia experimental wind turbines spin in the setting sun of the Texas Panhandle. Hoping to reduce Michigan's energy imports, as well as air pollution, experts are exploring the idea of possibly using such technology in Southeastern Michigan.

cant, she said.

"It will be the first wind generator in (a higher population density) area in Michigan, while other ones are in agricultural areas," McCoy said.

"We're looking at this as having a new and clean technology that creates a real positive image for the city."

It's also a plus that the installation will put money in the hands of the state's dozen or so companies that deal in solar, wind and general renewable energy technology. McCoy estimates that each turbine will create one new permanent job, in addition to any

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contracting work that will be needed to install the equipment.

The city of Taylor also is planning to put up a pair of towers to measure wind currents at various elevations in preparation for

installing wind energy collection equipment in 2009.

Webster Township in Washtenaw County also will be the home to a wind turbine, after the township board hashed out an agreement recently. That township is just northwest of Ann Arbor. Other wind projects have been undertaken in Traverse City and Mackinaw City.

Huron County also is home to a 32-turbine wind farm. All of these are in rural areas and are, at best, next to major population centers.

The U.S. Department of Energy provided grant

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New opportunities: Technology

Moving forward

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himself more time for community and family endeavors.

Hagan has served as president for nearly four years and in the fall added the title of chief executive officer. He has served as the chief engineer of Global Technology Associates emergence as a growing player in the direct-placement field, a strategy that has created a new revenue channel for the company's bottom line.

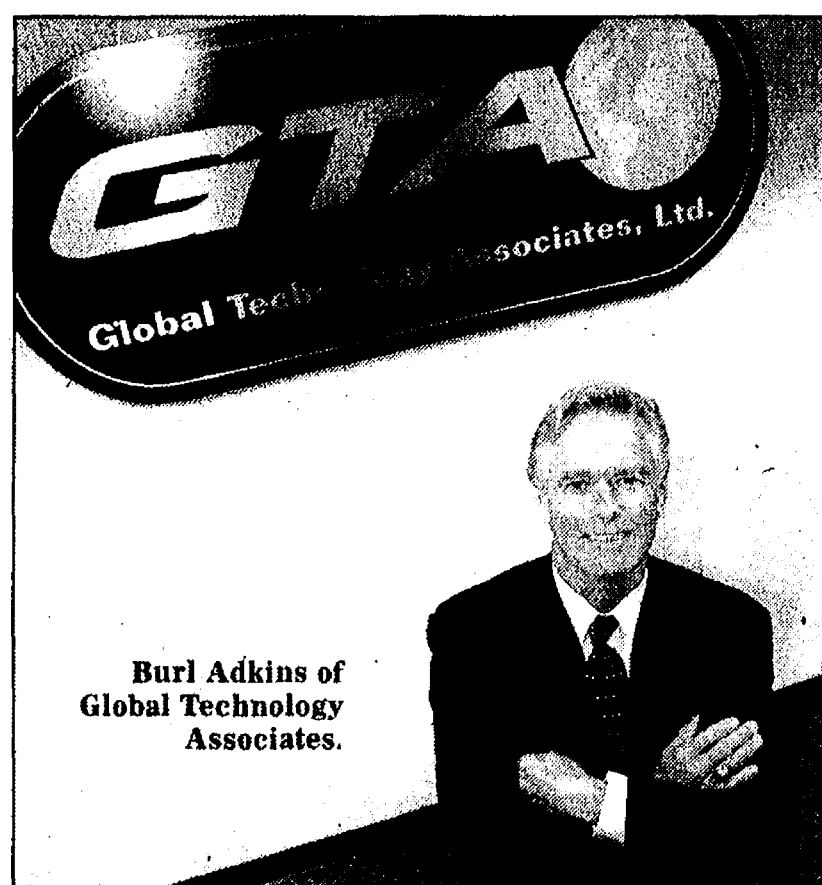
"We've been setting new records year over year in the area of direct placement," Hagan said, adding that 2007 was another record year.

The company also has invested in the development of proprietary software to better serve its customer base.

This online candidate tracking software — titled Global Technology Associates Candidate Tracking Interactive Online Network, or "GTACTION" — is being used at select customer locations as their main portal to enter all of their open positions, receive candidate submittals, schedule interviews, provide interactive feedback and, lastly, to note when candidates are hired, their start dates and location.

"Our investment in creating this software allows us to serve customers as their multiple services provider," Hagan said.

As a multiple-service provider, the company



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serves as the customer's tier one staffing supplier and all other suppliers to the company present candidate submittals through GTACTION.

"The customer receives the benefits of having many suppliers coordinated through one reliable source," Hagan said.

The contract placement side of the company's operations involves finding highly skilled engineers and other technical professionals to fill the needs of automakers and supplier firms, usually on a temporary or non-permanent basis.

On the other hand, direct placements are sought for specific permanent positions. They become the employee of the company in which they are placed.

Over the past few years, Global Technology

Associates has been building followers for its direct services, fielding and filling more and more requests for managers and upper-level executives.

"We've evolved our business model in recognition of the evolution of the auto industry," Hagan said. "We're now a much more broad-based human resource company."

Along with its services and attention to details, the company's direct placement services are gaining traction because it does not require clients to pay an advance retainer fee for its services, deferring all its compensation until the completion of the placement.

"So, there's no up-front investment for the client," Hagan said. "That is just one of the many ways we distinguish ourselves from the competition."

The company currently has nearly 200 associates on contract assignments and is seeking an additional 200 or so to fill positions with various clients throughout the region and the United States.

Global Technology Associates has employees assigned at customer locations from coast to coast. The company also is seeking experienced sales executives for clients and additional recruiters to assist in its efforts to find candidates for those positions.

From its beginnings as a one-man operation in Adkins' home, the company's administrative and recruiting functions have operated at several office locations throughout the region over the past two decades, including sites in Lincoln Park, Southgate, Warren, Troy and Auburn Hills.

The evolution of electronic communication since those early days has allowed the company to settle into a regionally centralized headquarters at Parklane Towers in Dearborn.

"From this location, we can be on site at most of our customers in less than 30 minutes," Hagan said. "We pride ourselves on timely and responsive service, so this factor was important to us when we selected our new headquarters."

While the company's path has been intertwined with the rapid evolution of the auto industry, it has maintained a culture that

tries to emphasize a personal touch.

Adkins, who worked for other employment firms as a recruiter before launching Global Technology Associates, had a long-standing company tradition of delivering all paychecks in person to every job site.

That tradition lasted well into the company's second decade — until the customer base became so widespread that the personal deliveries became impractical. One tradition that has survived is the practice of ringing a large brass bell and gathering the office staff around to applaud each time a new placement is completed.

Today, the personal touch extends to subtle efforts to encourage healthy diets — by having bottled water and fresh fruit available to the administrative staff — and supporting preventive health care — by arranging discounts for all employees on high-tech body scans.

Hagan came up through the ranks in the industry as an automotive design specialist. He remembers a time when draftsmen/designers needed six weeks to do one task. These days, that task would likely take a few hours or less thanks to complex computer-aided design software programs.

So, as the need for those types of design positions changed, so did Global Technology Associates, which now provides professional staffing in all

areas of the auto industry — from chief executive officers to plant managers, directors of quality, finance professionals, lawyers and, of course, engineers, modelers and designers.

The company also has diversified its client base, which includes members of the Big Three, top Asian manufacturers and multiple tier-one and tier-two suppliers across a broad range of product lines.

As much as the technology and methodology have changed over the course of 20 years, so has the competitive landscape.

Many of the players that were in business when Adkins first posted the open sign in 1988 have either shuttered or been folded into other firms.

Global Technology Associates also acquired one major competitor along the way with the purchase of Troy-based Engineering Technologies Ltd. in 2001, and remains interested in pursuing additional acquisitions when sensible opportunities arise.

Even though the business is dramatically different from what it was in the late 1980s, some elements are expected to never change.

"It's about doing business every day with high integrity, honesty and professionalism," Hagan said. "People can put those words on the wall, but it's different if you're living it every day. This is how we do business. This is why we're still here."

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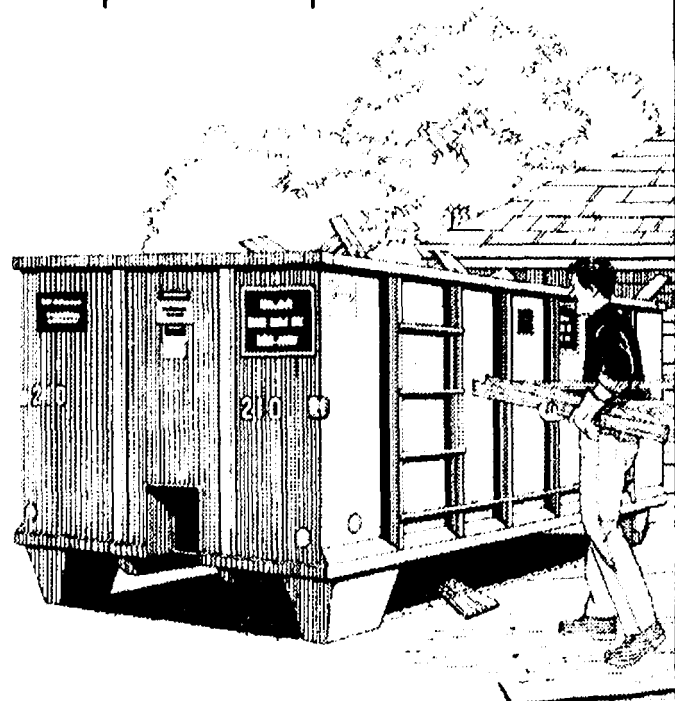
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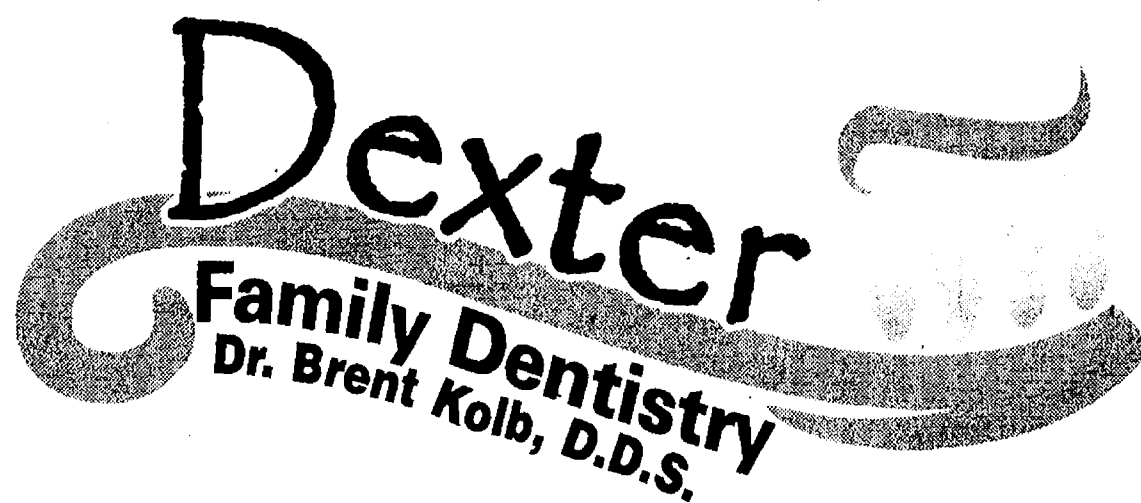
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Hybrid vehicle market penetration could help replenish auto jobs

By Sean Dalton
Heritage Newspapers

The demand for vehicles that rely less on fossil fuels and more on renewable alternative energy sources is slowly emerging, triggering healthy growth in the market last year.

Hybrid vehicle sales in the United States were up 36 percent in December over the same period in 2006, with 30,871 hybrid classified units sold for the month.

Sales were up 38 percent for the entire year, with nearly 350,000 units sold, including the Toyota Prius, with 14,212 units in December alone, and the Honda Camry Hybrid, at 4,969 units sold that month, according to Ward's Automotive Group.

Ford Motor Co. sold 2,265 units of its hybrid Escape and Mariner sport utility vehicles, according to the report. General Motors also has a hybrid vehicle lineup, but does not release sales numbers.

The most popular alternative energy sources seem to be ethanol and

electric batteries with rechargeable energy storage systems.

Most industry insiders agree that it is a slow but inevitable transition from engines that rely completely on gasoline to electric battery hybrids.

Still, those are seen largely as a stopgap until the technology and infrastructure for true alternative fuel vehicles are in place and consumer demand begins to drive the supply.

Hybrid electric vehicles accounted for just 2.15 percent of new vehicle sales last year, according to Ward's report.

While hybrid sales are slowly on an uptick, the auto industry continues to shed jobs, particularly in Michigan.

The final quarter of 2007 punctuated a steady decline in the state's economy, according to the Michigan Department of Labor & Economic Growth. It reported the highest fourth-quarter jobless rate in the state since 1992.

According to the report, the core industries in the state were down so much that other sectors of the

economy that are propped up by them saw record declines in turn.

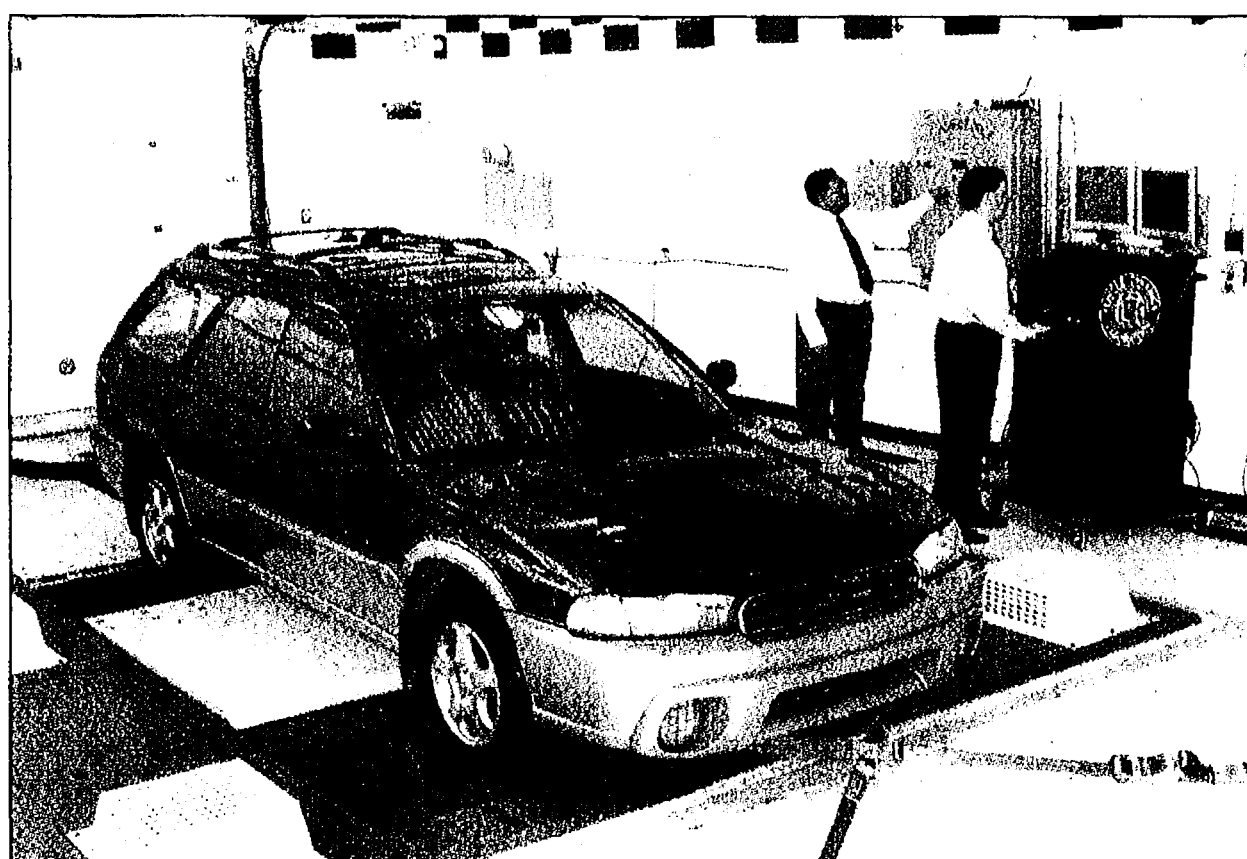
The jobless rate for the Detroit metropolitan statistical area — which includes Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Lapeer, Livingston and St. Clair counties — was 7.7 percent, compared with 7.2 percent in the fourth quarter of 2006.

The jobless rate for the year rose from 7.2 percent to 7.5 percent. The report attributed that to the consolidation and contraction of the auto industry.

The solution is simple, according to Leo Hagan of Global Technology Associates of Dearborn: Replace those jobs.

He isn't alone in believing that the lost jobs will not be returning, at least in their previous form.

There is movement within Michigan's auto industry toward a new breed of autoworker that recruiting firms are beginning to see, according to Hagan, who has watched the trend over the past several years from his vantage as president of Global Technology Associates. Listings with the word



Suresh Bansal, with Vladimir Vantsevich, is one of the trailblazers in automotive engineering education when it comes to infusing hybrid technology training into the evolving automotive engineering education curriculum.

"hybrid" are a good indicator of how the automotive job market is going, and it's only going to become more prevalent, he said.

Global Technology Associates has been operating for 20 years — the company's two-decade anniversary was March 5.

Hagan has served as president for nearly four years and in the fall added the title of chief executive officer.

He has served as the chief engineer of the company's emergence as a growing player in the direct placement field, a strategy that has helped balance the company's bottom line during low cycles for contract services.

"We have seen a lot of

modification over the last couple of years, where generic engineers are moving to more prescriptive fields, such as hybrid technology, electronics, batteries and all of those subsets of hybrid vehicle design and development," Hagan said.

Modifications to vehicle components to integrate hybrid systems into real-world products touch on everything from transmissions to hydraulics to power trains and electronics and diagnostics.

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money, based on the turbines being "brownfield" installations, according to McCoy. Brownfields are former sites of manufacturing or industry that are cleaned up for other uses.

"The grants come with a requirement that it is a demonstration of renewable energy and that there is education provided," she said.

DTE also offers a GreenCurrents service where its customers can voluntarily buy into a green options program that amounts to a small line item on power bills and helps support alternative energy in the state.

Wyandotte municipal services is no stranger to new technology, as the service provider burns shredded tires trucked in from Belle Tire locations across the region that would otherwise go into landfills.

The operation has produced 24 jobs and is \$1 cheaper per ton than coal to produce the same amount of power, according to officials. The plant's main boiler burns 200,000 tires per month or 2.8 million per year at the current rate.

The facility also is getting solar panels installed on its roof by Kulick Enterprises of Wyandotte.

McCoy expects solar to account for 0.02 percent of the plant's output. Although solar energy is much more abundant than wind, the equipment isn't

efficient enough to draw in and store a majority of the energy potential, and cloud cover drastically reduces solar collection.

Coal costs 5 cents per kilowatt, wind costs 6 to 9 cents and solar costs 20 cents, McCoy added.

"The supply of turbines is (also) very tight right now, with anywhere from a year to two years' wait," she said. "The demand for these far outstrips the ability to produce them."

Once the turbines are in, Wyandotte will be a model, McCoy said, as the company is its own supplier, whereas other power companies purchase wind power from remote areas.

"It costs money to transport that power from the western part of the state or the thumb to here," she said.

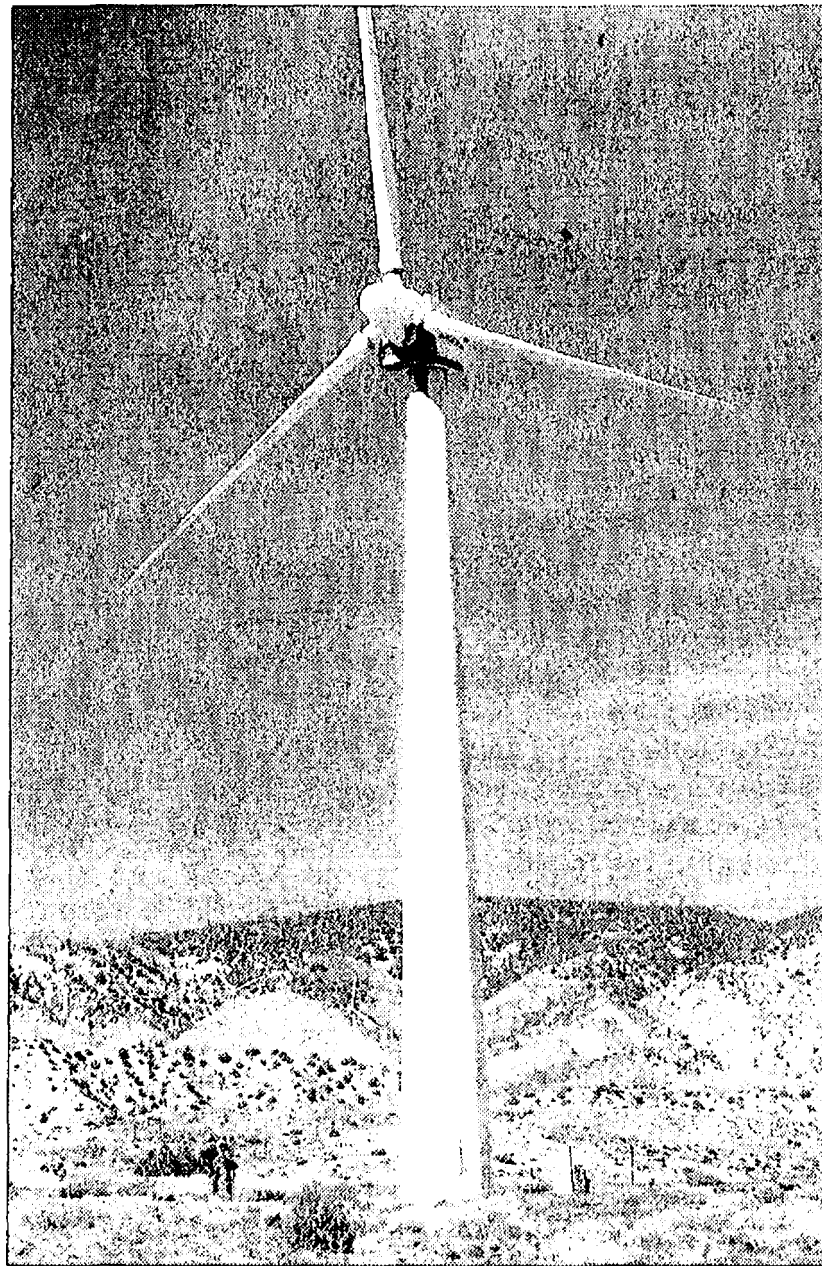
Robert Kulick, owner of Kulick Enterprises, said the key to further proliferation of wind and solar is disseminating information and fostering understanding in residents and government officials at a local level.

"I'm surprised how many people and even cities don't know what solar is or how it works," he said.

One challenge is navigating the permitting process to get there, he added.

"There are a lot of those obstacles to overcome," said.

Kulick estimates that there are hundreds of thousands of dollars to be made in his home region of the Downriver area



alone.

"When a system goes in, there are sales tax, HVAC people hired, contractors brought in for roofing, electricians and the suppliers," he said.

"Building green homes could help launch the building industry again."

Kulick also said that homes built with solar capacity probably would put their owners in a better position to avoid foreclosures.

"Was it the mortgage that got you out of the home," Kulick said. "No. It was the \$500 gas bill and

the car note. You can handle a \$1,200 mortgage payment if you just had a \$200 utility bill."

John Sarver works in the energy office at the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth.

The Michigan Economic Development Corp. and NextEnergy are aggressively trying to recruit original equipment manufacturers for turbine manufacture, considering the potential for wind collection in the state, he said.

"The big policy that we're talking about in

Lansing is renewable portfolio standards, which requires a certain percentage of energy come from renewables," Sarver said. "We would like 10 percent by 2015, which would amount to 1,250 wind turbines — big ones."

"Basically, there is a market for over 1,000 turbines in Michigan."

Sarver said the country has a lot of catching up to do with the likes of Germany, Spain and Denmark, the latter of which produces 20 percent of its power from wind. "We're just getting 1 percent here in the United States."

Sarver said Michigan is behind with respect to policies — a reflection of the state of renewable energy legislation across the country.

"Only 27 states have renewable portfolio standards," he said, adding that the policies also determine where the jobs go.

Sarver said one of the things that will determine whether the wind and solar manufacturers come to a state is the existence of a renewable portfolio standard.

"When we have wind manufacturers on the phone and they start asking about our policies and if we have an RPS, we say no we don't and hope they don't hang up the phone right away," Sarver said. "That is a prerequisite in setting up a facility."

State Sen. Raymond Basham (D-Taylor), like most other elected offi-

cials, would certainly like those manufacturing jobs to come to his district, which encompasses several Downriver communities.

"My district is an urban core, heavy industrial area that is going through transition," he said. "But there is a growing push to pursue and foster more technological ventures."

"We have the technology and skills to manufacture and produce anything. We just need to identify the growth industries and position ourselves appropriately."

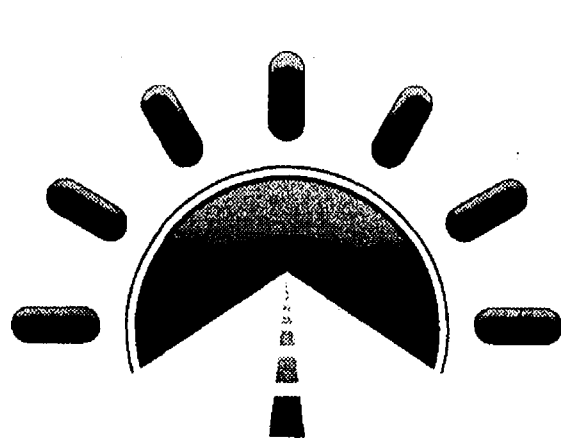
Basham named Wyandotte's wind initiative as an example and said that Taylor is even using fuel cell vehicles for city employees.

"(Wyandotte) also hopes to begin a project this spring that will run Wilson Middle School on solar power," Basham added.

"In addition to being cost effective and better for the environment, the project will serve as a demonstration program that will educate Wilson students and the public."

Basham also said officials at Detroit Metropolitan Airport plan to use methane gas to heat and cool the airport.

"A lot of good things are happening," he said, adding that area officials and residents can't do what they've always done and expect the same results under different circumstances as time goes on.



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Some municipalities face the broadband conundrum

By Sean Dalton
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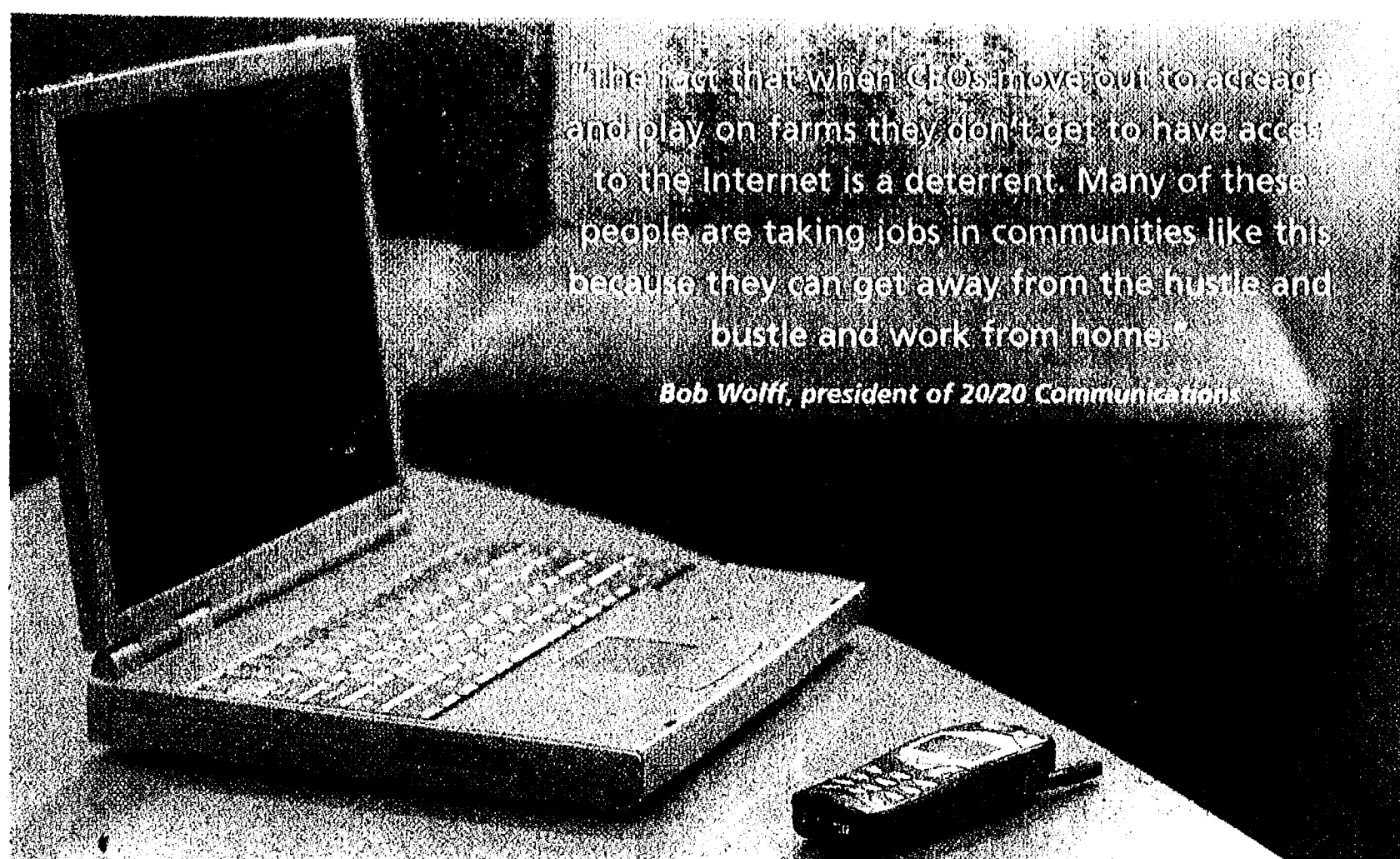
There are many good reasons for businesses to expand or relocate to Michigan.

The list is long: unprecedented water access, diverse wilderness, a highly skilled and educated labor force. Then, there are entities such as the Michigan Economic Development Corp. providing financial incentives and general support to anchor companies to the nation's glove.

But one of the state's greatest assets — a diverse and interspersed 1,242 townships, many of which are rural — is presenting a challenge when it comes to providing the contemporary necessity of high speed Internet access capable of receiving and sending large files rich in video and sound, or just containing large amounts of text and graphical data.

However, the executives at Scio Township based biotech firm Accuri Cytometers Inc. stand as examples of how a rural county can draw business.

Accuri just received a \$12,000 tax abatement from the township and a \$1.4 million abatement on future earnings from the MEDC, predicated on the promise of expanding from 20 employees to 110



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Bob Wolff, president of 20/20 Communications

over five years.

Members of the company's executive board also are happy at a personal level to grow in Scio Township. They enjoy living there.

Jack Ball, Accuri's chief commercial officer, lives in Scio Township and loves it there.

The company's chief executive officer, Jennifer Baird, also lives in Scio Township, and its chief technology officer, Collin Rich, wants to build a house there, Ball said.

Those 90 net jobs the company would bring to Washtenaw County and

other such opportunities are among the many reasons Bob Wolff is excited about "Wireless Washtenaw."

Wolff is president of 20/20 Communications, which is heading up a wireless initiative for the county.

He said it will be a "boon" to attracting the kind of businesses that will take advantage of the medical and technology research edges afforded by the University of Michigan.

Wireless Washtenaw will offer tiers of service ranging from free to vari-

ous fees that scale up with higher upload and download speeds, depending on what customers want or need, he said.

"The fact that when CEOs move out to acreage and play on farms they don't get to have access to the Internet is a deterrent," Wolff said. "Many of these people are taking jobs in communities like this because they can get away from the hustle and bustle and work from home."

The program was piloted in Ann Arbor, Saline and Manchester Village

in 2006. A chain of Siemens 2.7a GHz band transmitters, or "beer kegs" as they are called for their obvious resemblance to them, transmits the signal. They eventually will span the county in a Web configuration, providing Internet access everywhere the signal can reach, developers say.

According to Wolff, the challenge for Washtenaw County lies in its makeup.

Washtenaw is in a unique position in the state. Ann Arbor is the main population hub and it is geographically located just east of the county's

center, with comparatively small cities and villages sprawling in all directions.

According to U.S. Census data compiled in 2000, 159,330 people live in cities and villages, while 163,565 live in townships. The population density is 455 people per square mile.

With that population distribution, 62,123 of the county's 125,327 households are spread throughout Washtenaw's 20 communities.

The challenge for private sector broadband providers is making the installation of infrastructure, coaxial cable and fiber optic lines financially feasible, Wolff said. Many providers are unwilling to take that chance or they do the math and walk away.

"A company like Comcast won't go into these areas," he said. "And keep in mind that cable prices have gone up 8 percent across the state. If the infrastructure for cable broadband were put in place to these areas and the companies wanted to make a profit, the fee would be astronomical."

"It's just not cost feasible to put the infrastructure in this density, and dialup is not a solution."

While business is a big focus, Wolff said that

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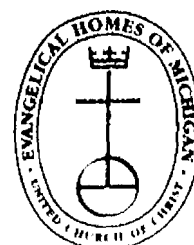
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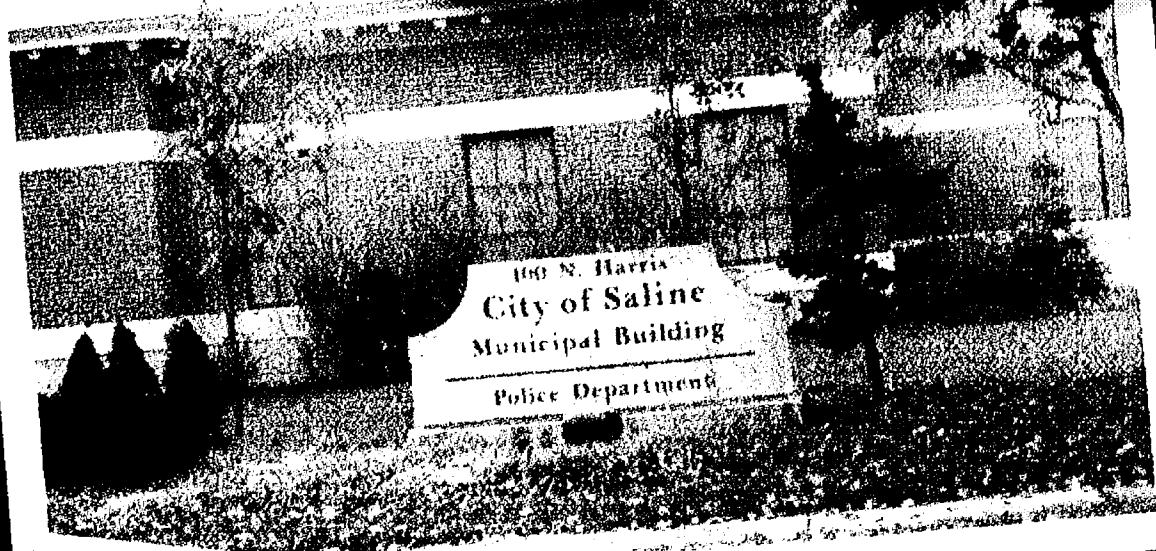
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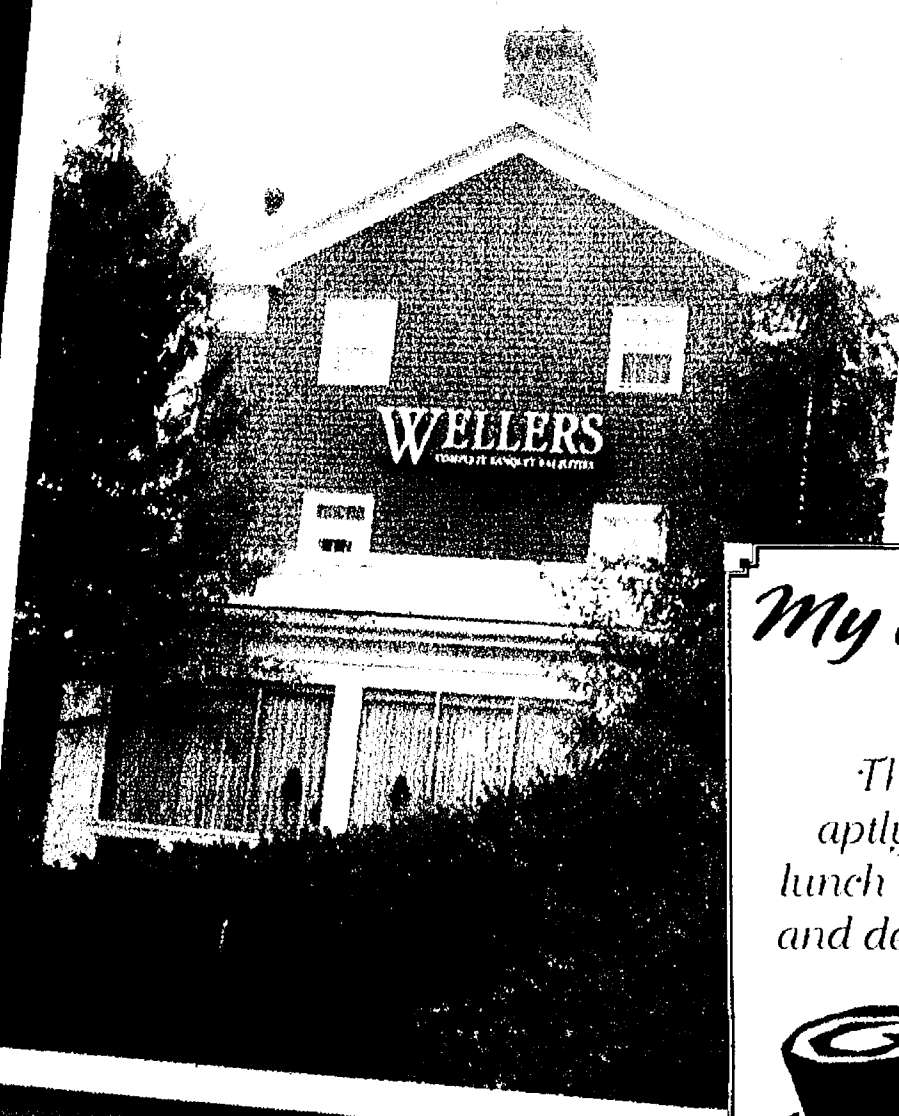
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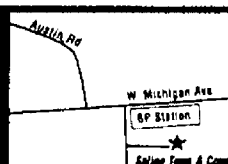
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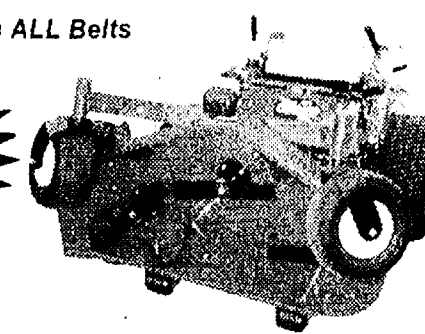
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He added that universities have some catching up to do in terms of developing a curriculum that will train the next generation of automotive worker.

There are a few exceptions, such as Lawrence Technical University in Southfield, and Michigan State University.

Michigan State is developing an engineering school that caters to a growing field of jobs with curriculum and training requirements in all aspects of hybrid technology.

The University of Michigan offers a three-day course titled "Promising Solutions for Fuel-Efficient Vehicles."

In the meantime, automotive workers are adapting their skills to these new jobs dealing with new technologies.

"Some people have made the transition out of standard auto transmission groups, for example, and migrated over to hybrid," Hagan said.

"Others who had experience in electrical motors, not necessarily in automotive, but in high-tech motors, transition to hybrid."

Hagan said these trends have created a "hybrid work force" over the last three years, whose growth from a subset of the automotive industry to a larger portion will rely heavily on the capacity of state schools and companies to

train these workers.

"It's not like you can go and get someone from aerospace and place them (in these positions)," he said.

"As they have come up in more demand and popularity, education has responded accordingly. We've seen more electrical engineering programs shift to hybrid."

From where Hagan sits, hybrid technology is just a transition in technology and work force to a more permanent replacement for traditional combustion-powered vehicles.

"This is a transition to wherever we get to eventually, whether it's hydrogen, ethanol or what have you," he said. "The hybrid power train is definitely going to be the bridge to that, but you can't get there overnight."

In the meantime, Global Technology Associates will be looking for qualified workers to place in the industry and the hybrid work force at the Society of Automotive Engineers' World Congress from April 14 to 17.

Hagan doesn't anticipate difficulty finding eager job seekers, many of whom will be qualified, he said.

After all, last quarter's Michigan labor and economic report did cite 9,000 Detroit-area manufacturing jobs disappearing, many of which were auto-related.

Suresh Bansal is one of the trailblazers in automotive engineering education when it comes to infusing hybrid technology training

into the evolving automotive engineering education curriculum.

He is the director of Lawrence Tech's master of science in automotive engineering program and Automotive Engineering Institute.

The master's program is an all-encompassing technology program that looks at the vehicle, systems and subsystems with core courses in control, electrical and mechanical systems, body and chassis, as well as powertrain systems for engines and transmissions.

Of 11 elective courses, one is "Hybrid Electric Vehicles."

"We don't just focus on (that) during those 15 weeks," Bansal said. "The final weeks of the course are about alternative fuels, such as ethanol and methanol."

"During another week, we burn ethanol fuel in an engine and we look at hydrogen fuel storage."

The elective program also takes high-voltage batteries, fuel cell systems and regenerative braking, which Bansal said is important.

"We waste a lot of energy every time we brake," he said. "Imagine being able to store that in your battery and use it."

Bansal, a former chief engineer at Ford in Dearborn, said his program is plugged into the power centers of the domestic car market.

During his 20 years with the company, he also was posted at Ford of Brazil as

an executive officer, where he watched firsthand an economy that embraced alternative fuels.

Brazil is the world's largest producer of sugarcane, which is used to produce E85 or 85 percent ethanol/gasoline fuel blend. As a result, the South American country is the largest producer of ethanol fuel in the world.

How the United States produces fuel from biomass is up to us, according to Bansal.

"You can use corn, but it takes more energy to produce the fuel than you get back," he said. "So what do you use?"

Washtenaw County, in particular, is uniquely poised to play a role in Michigan's recovery on the wings of renewable fuel, if corn-based fuels can be produced economically enough to be feasible.

Not only is it a neighbor of Wayne County — the center of the state's automotive manufacturing infrastructure and the bulk of its skilled work force — but it also is home to the University of Michigan.

The university is ranked third in the country by the National Research Council and last year spent more than \$800 million on research, making it a national leader in that regard.

Washtenaw also is the third-strongest agricultural economy in southeastern Michigan, behind Monroe and Lenawee counties.

Having manufacturing, research and agriculture are key components to leading the way in alternative fuels.

"The long-range plan must include alternative, hopefully renewable, energy vehicles," state Sen. Liz Brater (D-Ann Arbor) said.

"Alternative energy vehicles can be Michigan's ticket into the new economy, and we are better equipped to develop and produce those vehicles than anywhere else in the world."

If it isn't corn, it can be something else. Bansal has toyed with the idea of an algae-fueled vehicle, although it's just a thought at the moment.

"Algae is the most energy-dense biological material on the planet and it can be found in any body of water," he said. "We do have a lot of lakes around us."

While the future that Hagan and Bansal see in terms of hybrid technology is relatively far off, Bansal said the potential for job creation here in Michigan is great, with engineering arms of the Big Three all over southeastern Michigan.

Bansal himself didn't only work in Dearborn, but also spent some time in Ford's Livonia engineering center.

"It's all right here in Michigan," he said.

"Toyota has their technical center right in Washtenaw County. Everybody is here."

While he can't speak for

other programs, Bansal said he has a 100 percent rate of student placement and attributes that partly to training in hybrid and alternative fuel technology.

"We're producing the employees that the companies want right now," he said.

Like Hagan, he believes the traditional automotive manufacturing jobs that have been lost probably will not return, at least in their previous form.

The challenge is getting the market to adopt vehicles that don't run solely on fossil fuels, which Bansal guesses probably won't happen until pumps read \$6 per gallon.

"We've had the technology for hybrids for 10 years," he said.

According to Bansal the jobs created from battery engineering and manufacturing alone is great.

"Johnson Controls is based in Wisconsin and is also right here (in Michigan)," he said. "They produce 60 percent of the world's batteries, and anybody in the battery business is poised to be a leader."

It's all up to the will of the people and government's reaction to it, Bansal said.

"You can either wait for it or set the price (of gas) at \$6 now and invest that money," he said, mentioning consumer incentives, research funding and infrastructure investments as uses for the money.

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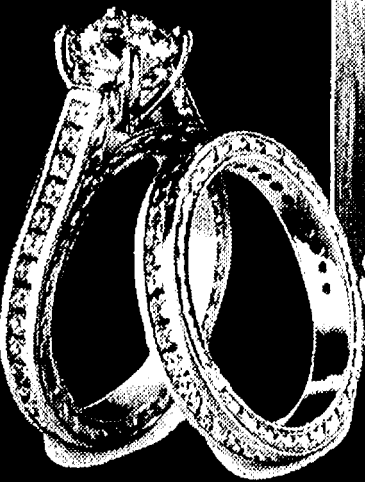
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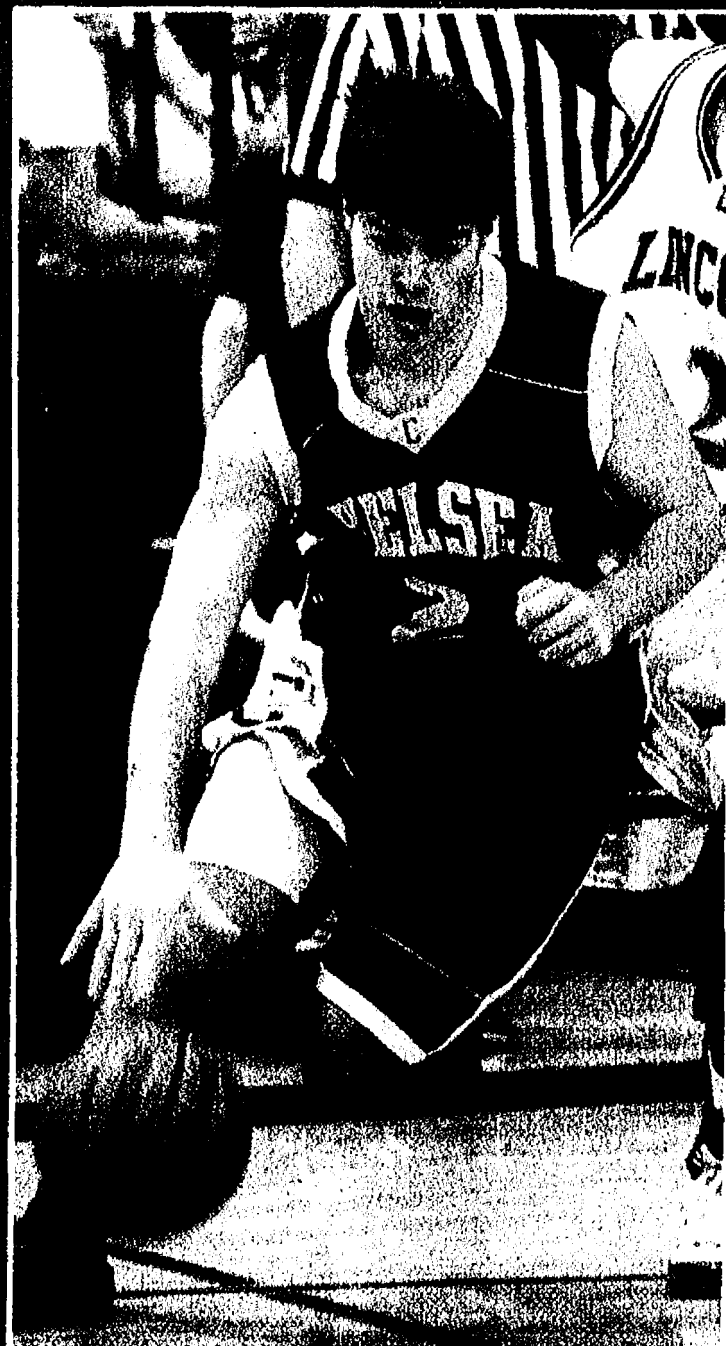
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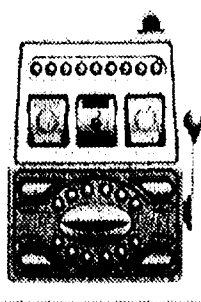
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Ray Berg, owner of Manchester Victorians LLC, is another example of a business owner who sees the benefit of Wireless Washtenaw on a daily basis as a resident of Freedom Township.

Berg also is the Southwestern Washtenaw Council of Government's representative to Wireless Washtenaw and is Freedom Township's webmaster.

"You cannot conduct business on dialup," Berg said.

As a builder of authentic 19th century Victorian houses, it isn't uncommon for him to transfer large electronic files containing illustrations and blueprints.

"If I weren't a part of this, I would have to go into Manchester more often for things other than meeting with clients," he said.

Berg was one of the first to stress the need to include rural areas in the Wireless Washtenaw program, from the perspective of a business owner and someone who works in a business at least tangentially involved with real estate.

"I knew representing the rural townships early was a priority early on," he said. "It is a strong incentive to induce small businesses to come here."

"If you say the housing cost is cheaper than in Ann Arbor and it's only 15 minute away, someone will consider coming to Washtenaw County. But in order to do that, you have to be able to say there is high-speed Internet access."

Oakland and Livingston counties, as well as various individual municipali-

ties and municipal partnerships, are getting into the public and semipublic broadband arena, where private enterprises will not venture.

Since the Michigan Legislature passed a bill to phase out the Michigan Broadband Development Authority, many rural areas have little hope of support outside of federal assistance, according to David Bertram, the Michigan Township Association's legislative liaison.

"It was the mechanism under which locals were getting grants, providers were getting grants, to cover underserved areas," Bertram said. "It might not have been perfect, but we thought there was something positive there to benefit expansion of high-speed Internet services."

In many cases, broadband isn't just a carrot for new business expansion, but it also is to protect existing businesses in markets that have become increasingly competitive over the years.

Clam Union, a township of 882 in 311 households up in Missaukee County, stands as a good example, Bertram said. The community, also home to 10,000 cows, needed broadband for the local dairy industry to stay competitive and in business.

"The providers didn't want to take the risk, so the township put up their own wireless tower," Bertram said. "With dairy, everything is so timely and the local operation needed to communicate with other businesses is much faster than dialup."

He also commented on legislation passed last year in the Michigan Legislature that revised how municipalities negotiate franchise agreements with cable providers.

"One of the things that law did was take away the requirement to build out to rural areas," he said.

"Before, you could make a deal to get cable to those areas where a provider wouldn't venture without a nudge."

"You can't say, 'If

you want to serve this densely populated pocket, you have to provide access within 18 months to these rural areas too.'"

Andy King, owner of Ann Arbor based Website Optimization LLC, tracks and presents statistics that show where the United States stands in the world when it comes to broadband adoption and infrastructure.

It's not a pretty picture.

"We're seeing broadband adoption (in this country) going down as the number of power users saturates," King said. "It happened in Canada and it happened in Korea."

The figures are presented at his site, www.websiteoptimization.com/bw.

The United States is ranked 24th in the world for broadband penetration and prices are still much higher than the United Kingdom and elsewhere, according to Nielsen.NetRatings, one of the credible sources of information King presents.

"Part of what I'm trying to do is raise awareness," he said. "We should invest some more money into this because it accelerates everything. It's a competitive advantage."

King won't stay at a hotel or pop into a coffee house for his caffeine fix unless the proprietor is sending out an open Wi-Fi signal for customers.

"I think we need universal broadband for a number of reasons," he said. "I think it's definitely been shown that broadband increases the competitiveness of business growth in an area."

"Doctors are a good example. They send medical records, X-rays and other potentially large files and they don't want to do it over narrowband connection."

King said the United States is sorely behind when it comes to investing in spreading broadband infrastructure.

"The Canadians have a 10 point advantage, and, in Korea, you can get broadband for \$10 per month," he said. "It's just like a commodity there."

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You keep your home much longer than you ever keep a car, so the investment for energy efficient items will be a greater payback to the consumer. In the last two to three years, we have been spoiled by seeing large returns on investments on stocks, properties and investments in relatively short term.

Renewable energy has a longer payback, although you won't see the savings immediately. Long term, it is an investment with savings and benefits.

As a comparison, the common light bulb is over 100 years old. A 100-watt light bulb uses 100 watts; 10 of the bulbs equal 1,000 watts, which is one kilowatt.

The compact fluorescing equivalent to 100 watt uses only 23 watts and 10 of those are 230 watts. This is a one-quarter usage that equates to about 20 percent off your electric bill. (Look at the back of your energy bill for kilowatt energy usage per day.)

There also is a savings



Robert Kulick is president of Kulick Enterprises Inc.

with geothermal heating and cooling, which uses underground tubing buried 6 to 8 feet where the temperature stays 50 degrees. Regardless of the outside temperatures in summer or winter, you are only moving the inside temperatures 20 degrees.

On a winter day, if the outside temperature was 20 degrees (normal heating systems), you would need to move the temperature 50 degrees in order to get a comfort zone of 70 degrees. On a 90-degree summer day, you would move the temperature 20 degrees to get to 70 degrees, but with geothermal, you would only move 20 degrees summer and winter, for a significant energy savings.

Regarding solar energy: In Michigan, we get 66 to 73 nonproductive (snow, fog and rain) days, which leaves us about 300 days of good performance. The technology today offers greater performance at a reasonable payback. The cost is about \$10,000 per kilowatt. Two kilowatts on an average home in a 10-hour day would produce 20 kilowatts of energy. That's 20 kilowatts of power your electric company will not need to provide you.

That's less coal that is burned, less pollution, less diesel fuel needed to transport the coal to the power company. All in all, it is a savings for you and the environment.

Solar hot water systems can be used to preheat water that is used in your existing hot water tank or to ply it directly. Groundwater delivered to your home is

40 to 50 degrees.

That water can be preheated to 70 to 90 degrees, and then your gas or electric hot water system can continue heating the water to 120 degrees. The 30 to 50 degrees solar heat transfer equates to 30 percent to 50 percent energy savings. This technology can work for swimming pools as well.

Solar heat collectors can be mounted on the outside walls and roof, and then ducted into a room or furnace main line to heat the entire house. All of these items work very well in daytime conditions.

There is additional technology that can be used to harness and transfer power at night.

We've talked about the benefits. Now what we need to address are the practical aspects of going green.

In order to make it feasible for the average consumer, cities need to offer incentives such as reduced permit fees, tax abatements and/or a freeze on taxes.

How about \$1,000 a year for five years if someone builds green, or a freeze on the tax base for five years if they update to energy efficient items on existing buildings or homes.

Banks need to be part of this as well, by offering special interest rates on green technology and programs to promote interest for people who own older homes.

Federal tax credits alone are not enough to jumpstart this effort. A full team effort is what's needed to make this work in Michigan.

Some might say no without looking at the big picture. However, consumers will save money and energy, banks will be financing improvements, jobs will be created, cities will thrive, property values will increase and the overall benefit will be less dependence on natural resources, and environmental improvements.

Are we going to be the first person on the bus or wait for the next one? Maybe there won't be one.

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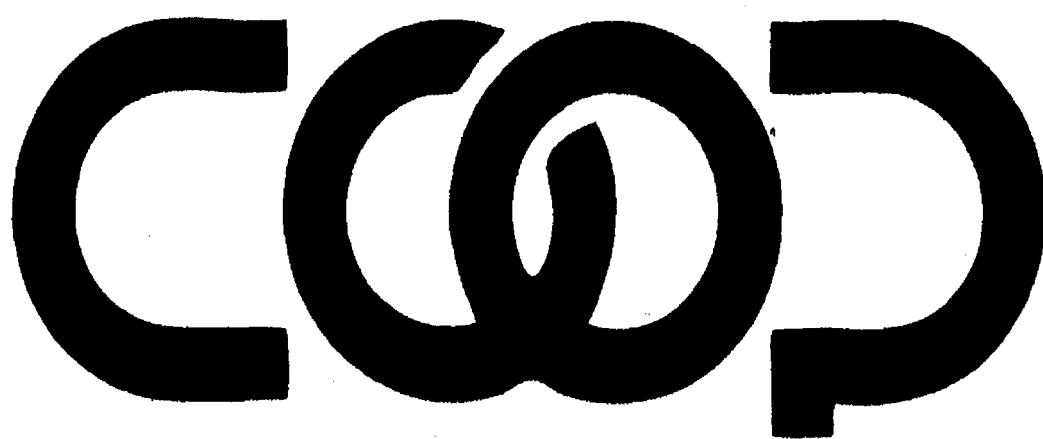
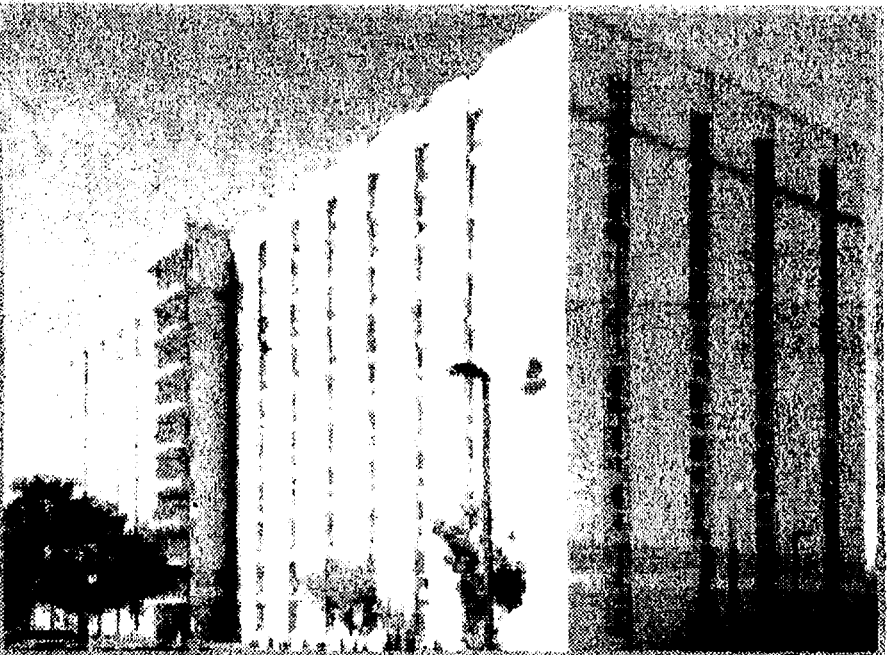
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Moving forward

Arts offer economic escape

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By Don Richter

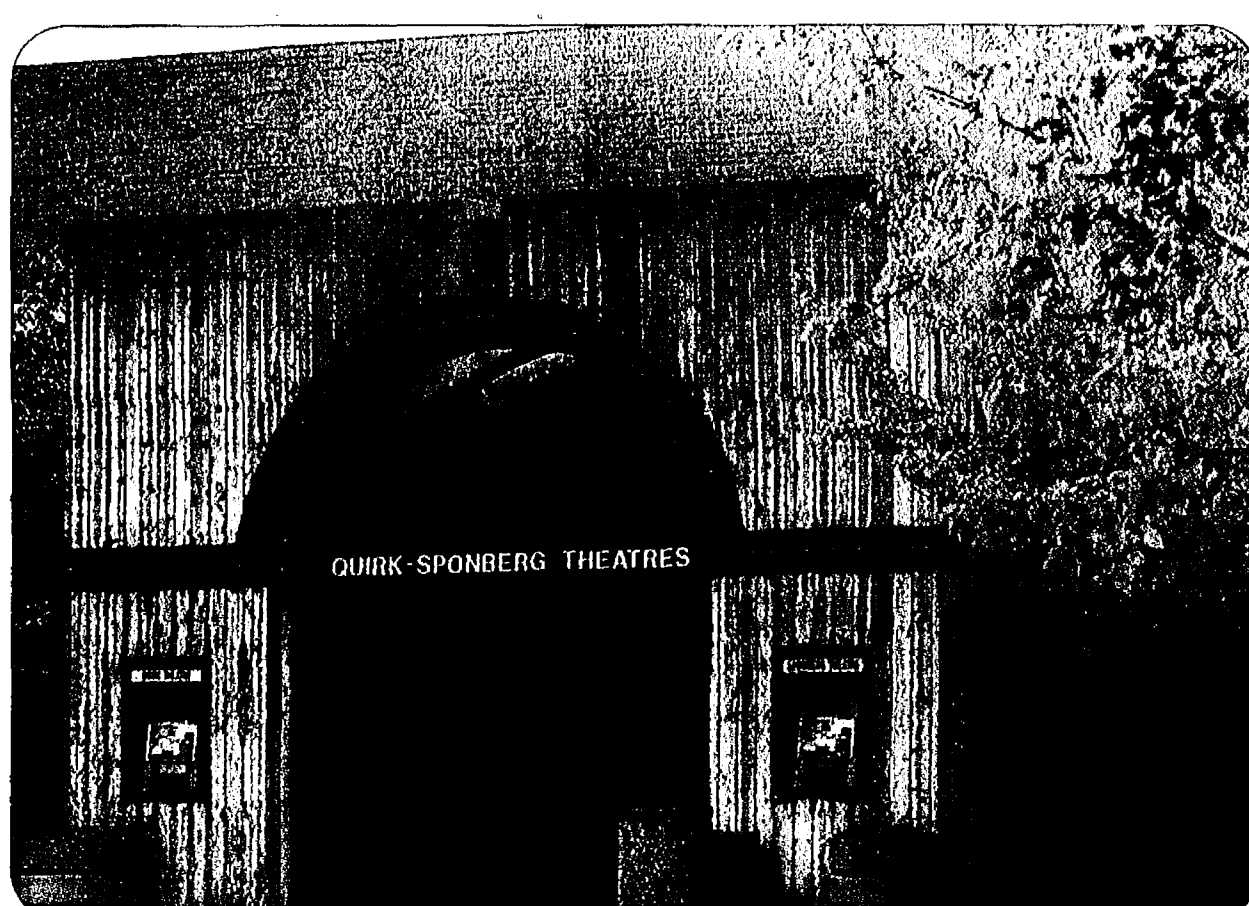
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Surprisingly to some, theater and the entertainment arts survived and thrived long before Angelina Jolie ever pouted for the camera. It's even been around longer than Miley Cyrus and her alter ego, Hannah Montana.

Theater and the performing arts, however, were quite different long ago from what we see today.

Theater first came from the cultures of early primitive societies through dance. Dancers in costumes and masks performed rituals thought to calm the supernatural powers that controlled primitive life and to rid the societies of evil spirits that caused death and disease.

From there, the ancient Greeks and their amphitheaters emerged around the sixth century B.C. It was at this time, Greek playwrights such as Aeschylus, Sophocles, Euripides and Aristophanes created their stories of tragedy



The Quirk-Sponberg Theatre on the campus of Eastern Michigan University.

and comedy for all to enjoy.

Despite the wars, famine, death and doom that followed, the theater and entertainment arts have persevered. Even with today's multimedia choices, including iPods and the Internet, MySpace and Facebook, and HDTV with 200 channels, the arts continue to thrive. Add rising gas prices and a sour economy to the mix, and one wonders how theater and the entertainment arts in

today's day and age stay above water.

In theaters and entertainment centers throughout the Downriver area, Dearborn, Ypsilanti, Belleville and western Washtenaw County, the arts continue to be an important aspect of everyday life for residents and visitors alike in each community.

"Our ticket sales are actually up this year," said Pam Cardell, assistant managing director at the Eastern Michigan

University Theater in Ypsilanti. "I think because of the poor economy and gloominess, people are looking for an escape. It's been a really great year for us."

Cardell said the face-to-face interaction with people is what she loves most about theater and why she believes theater will remain relevant throughout the years.

"Our society today is so electronic, with a lot of conversations done through e-mails and text

messages," she said. "I love the personal connection that theater allows."

"I believe theater will stay with us. We're created to be social beings. We want that contact with other people. People crave the shared experience that theater provides."

At Chelsea's Purple Rose Theatre, business has been steady, but slower than usual, despite the woeful economic times.

"We've been slightly down on ticket sales," said Purple Rose Managing Director Alan Ribant, who's been with the nationally known theater since its inception in 1991. "We're down only 5 percent, though."

With rising costs, layoffs, foreclosures and all the other maladies associated with a dour economy, the fact that the Purple Rose is only slightly off its usual ticket sales mark pleases Ribant.

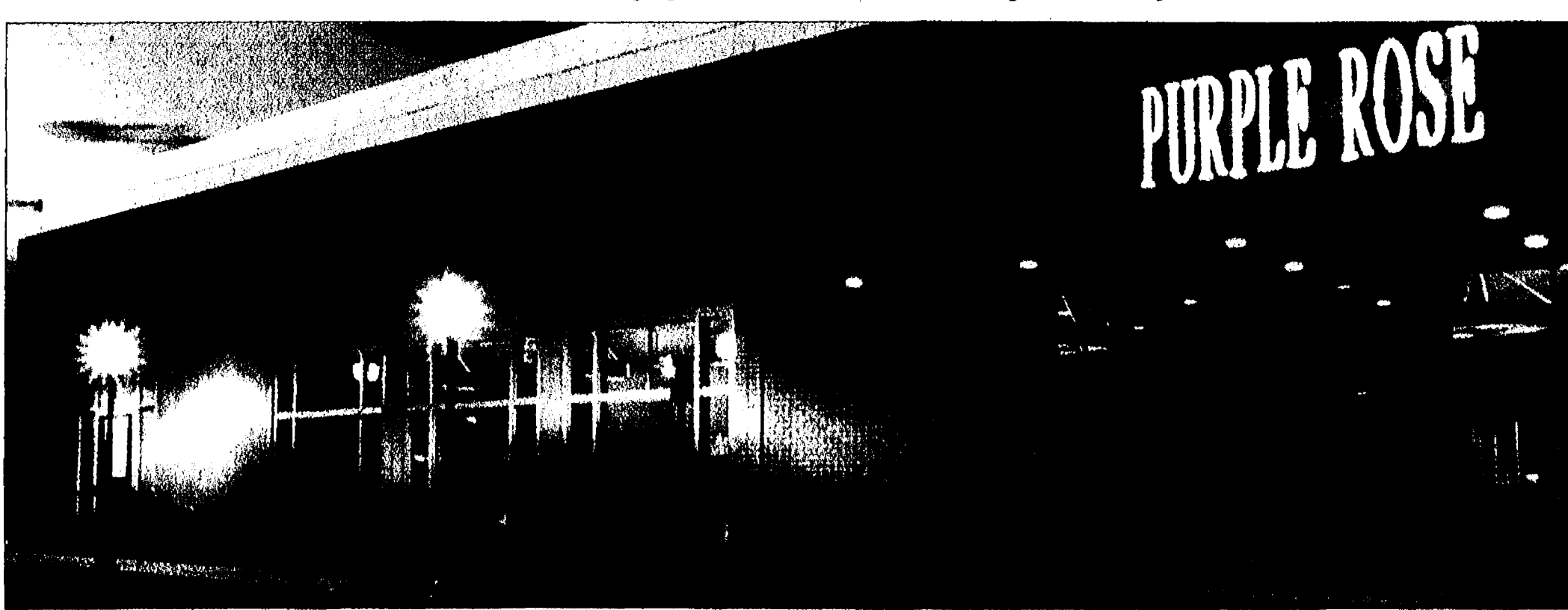
"If I could, I'd be doing handstands," he said. "We're selling at about 65 percent, which is still very strong. I'm happy."

The Purple Rose, the brainchild of acclaimed actor and Chelsea native

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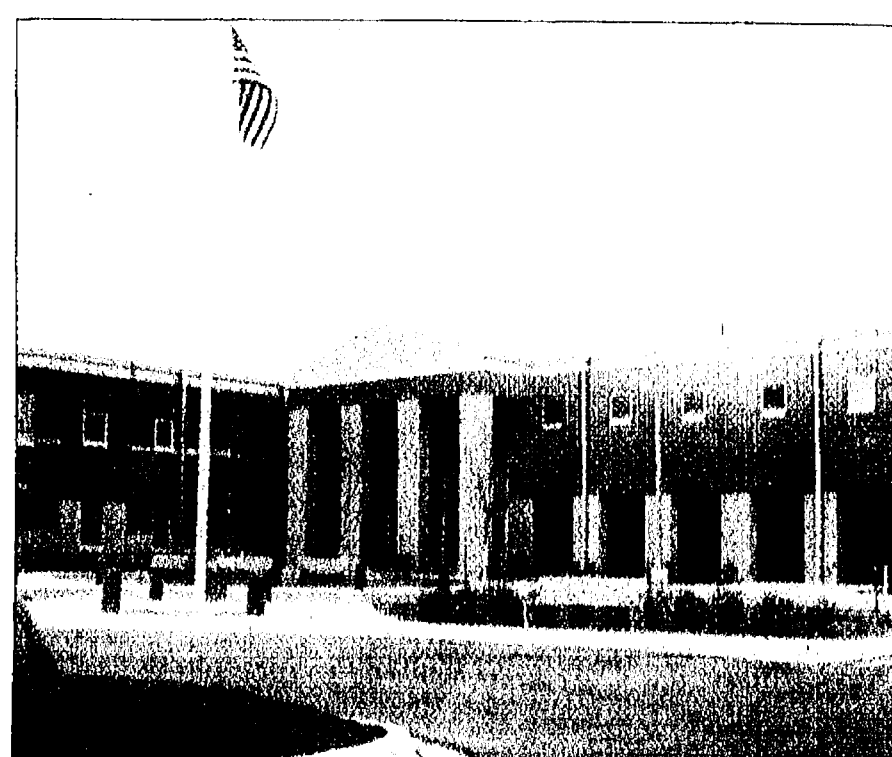
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Moving forward

Entertainment

Guest Columnist: By Larry Alexander

Revitalized Detroit offers plenty of options

By Larry Alexander

With two new luxury casino hotels, a revitalized riverfront, a newly restored art museum and championship sports teams, now is an exciting time in Detroit for cars, culture, gaming, music,



Alexander

sports and new development. In 2007, Detroit was listed as one of six U.S. cities in The New York Times prestigious list of "The 53 Places to Go in 2008" and it also named as Best Sports City in America by The Sporting News for the second time in 10 years.

The region's outstanding cultural institutions have been entertaining and inspiring visitors for more than a century, and they continue to expand, improve and reinvent themselves with new permanent and traveling exhibits and edgy, engag-

ing programs.

First-time museum-goers to art connoisseurs will be amazed by the newly renovated and expanded Detroit Institute of Arts, which reopened in November, presenting its world-class collection in a new light.

More than 5,000 objects were reinstalled in new, re-imagined galleries that transform the public's experience with a collection that ranks among the nation's finest.

From a "virtual" dining experience in 18th century Europe to a life-size video of an African ceremony and a multimedia tour of Diego Rivera's Detroit Industry murals, the DIA is designed to enhance visitors' experiences.

In nearby Dearborn, build a Model T at The Henry Ford in celebration of the 100th anniversary of the Ford Model T. Along with the 100th anniversary of General Motors, 2008 has been designated "The Year of the Car," with a variety of auto-themed events, shows and activat-

ing kicking off this spring and continuing throughout the year at The Henry Ford and across metropolitan Detroit.

Detroit's shiny new casino hotels — the MGM Grand Detroit and the MotorCity Casino Hotel — each with 400 rooms, expanded gaming space, a variety of dining options, nightlife and a spa bring Vegas-style gaming and entertainment to the Midwest.

The MGM Grand Detroit boasts restaurants by celebrity chefs Wolfgang Puck and Michael Mina. Fine dining has been elevated to new heights as Iridescence, the only AAA Four Diamond restaurant in the city, recently moved to its new location atop the MotorCity Casino Hotel tower. This fall, a third casino hotel, Greektown Casino-Hotel, is scheduled to open.

More than 2.5 miles of revitalized waterfront along the Detroit International Riverfront offers views of the Detroit and Windsor, Ontario, sky-

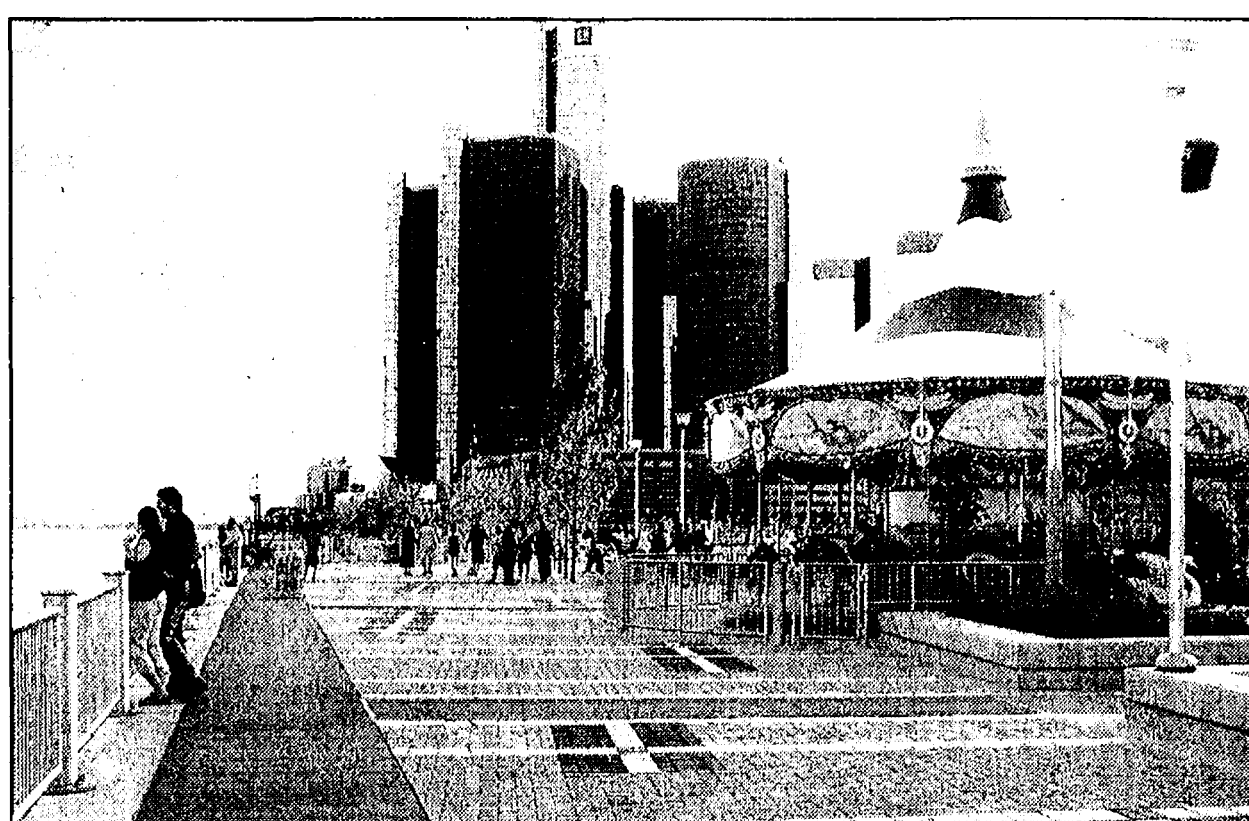


Photo courtesy of Detroit Riverfront Conservancy

Detroit has recently redeveloped more than 2.5 miles of its riverfront. The revitalized waterfront is an enjoyable place to walk, bike or jog. New to the riverfront is the River Carousal (foreground) at the Rivard Plaza.

walk, bike, jog and fish. For the young and the young at heart, enjoy a ride on the all new River Carousal at Rivard Plaza.

The 1.6 acre Campus Martius Park downtown is a centerpiece of the city's revitalization. Modeled after the world's best public parks, it is a beautiful

urban space, where people can relax, eat, see concerts and where many festivals take place.

Detroit's suburbs in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties boast walkable downtowns with quaint shops, bars and restaurants.

For details about hotels,

restaurants, cultural attractions, exhibits and events, check out the Detroit Metro Convention & Visitors Bureau's Web site, www.visitdetroit.com.

Larry Alexander is president and chief executive officer of Detroit Metro Convention and Visitors Bureau.

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Jeff Daniels, draws patrons from throughout Michigan to its Broadway quality plays and performances.

"It's the quality of our productions," Ribant said when asked why the Purple Rose has been so successful over the years. "It's still an enjoyable experience to come to downtown Chelsea."

Ribant said the performing arts have thrived in spite of the slow economy for a number of reasons.

"It's the magic and spark that happens on stage that everyone witnesses," he said. "It's the people behind the scenes and the audience members and their enthusiasm that's important. Without an audience, it's just a rehearsal. It's (theater) a human need. It's a different experience."

"People have taken time out of their busy lives to come here (Purple Rose). Even though we might have performed the show for two months or so, they (actors) have to perform like it's their first time."

In Taylor, at Wayne County Community College, live theater soon will be expanded Downriver at the Heinz C. Prechter Educational and Performing Arts Center. The building is slowly taking shape.

Though still under construction, the theater is on schedule to open a year from now. The 74,000-square-foot facility will have 14 classrooms and an 800- to 1,200-seat auditorium among other amenities.

The theater will honor the late Prechter, a prominent businessman who founded successful automobile sunroof development companies and publishing ventures in the Detroit metropolitan area. Prechter died in July 2001.

At the AMC Star



Chelsea's Purple Rose Theatre ticket sales are down only 5 percent despite the public's response to a poor economy. Even with the downturn, Purple Rose Managing Director Alan Ribant was pleased with his nationally known theater's numbers. "If I could, I'd be doing handstands," he said.

Theater in Taylor, Manager Dan Baumeister said that despite the sad state of the economy, business has stayed consistent.

"It's pretty much the same," he said. "It's affected us a little, but not too much. We haven't seen a steady drop."

Baumeister said larger movie theaters in the area have felt the economic pinch more acutely.

"I think they've seen more of a drop off," he said. "We're a smaller theater, so it hasn't affected us as much."

While ticket sales and the number of people in his theater's seats hasn't

changed despite the current economic hard times, Baumeister has noticed a change at the concession counter.

"People are still buying stuff, but their attitude is different," he said. "They get angry at the prices."

While people attending movie theaters today might grumble about the price of popcorn, and while some of the larger cinemas might have seen a drop off in attendance, for the most part, people still continue coming to the theater in droves.

"It's about the whole atmosphere," said Baumeister, who has

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John Olsen opened the Spotted Dog Winery in Saline in 2003 and is considering expanding.

OMoving forward

Taste of the future

Businesses move toward high quality

By Paula Neuman
Heritage Newspapers

Southeastern Michigan's consumers — like those across the country — are demanding gourmet food products and experiences, and the trend shows no sign of abating, experts say.

"Quality is being driven upward," said Ed Deeb, founder, president and chief executive officer of the Michigan Food and Beverage Association.

"You see more gourmet food stores and restaurants coming up," he said. "People like those kinds of gourmet markets."

He cited Westborn Market of Dearborn as an example. Others include Concessi's in Riverview and the Chelsea Market in Chelsea.

Bryan Bandyk, marketing director for Westborn Markets, said the business' owners "travel the country and world looking for unique, high-quality products we can bring into this market" to meet consumer demand for premium food.

Competitive fast food restaurants are getting in on the trend toward premium products, as well.

"They're starting to offer new types of gourmet products — gourmet coffees and so on," Deeb said.

But even as the taste buds of local consumers grow more discerning, their wallets are shrinking.

"When the economy is tough, people are going to

eat at home more," Deeb said.

The overall move toward higher food quality tempered with people's need to eat at home more often creates its own trend.

Markets and supermarkets alike are cooking up premium, ready-made meals that consumers can take home to eat.

"I see now in the supermarkets a lot of things you would normally see in restaurants, including salad bars and sandwiches made on the spot," Deeb said.

Bandyk said his stores, responding to demand, are offering more and more prepared foods for consumers to take home. The market offers hot meals to go and meals to heat at home, he said.

Those prepackaged, premium meals and a lagging economy have a negative impact on the restaurant business in general, at least for the short term.

The Michigan Restaurant Association has forecast growth of 3.2 percent for 2008.

That's down a half a percent from the 2007 forecast and also puts the state's restaurant industry dead last in the country for growth for the second year in a row.

"Michigan's growth rate will be slowest in the nation, as the poor economic climate here will continue to challenge restaurants and tavern operators," said Rob Gifford, president and CEO of the Michigan

Restaurant Association.

But the restaurant business is still a growth industry, a "major driver" of the state's economy, and a leader in job creation, he added.

Modestly priced family restaurants seem to be faring a little better than many others right now, he said.

Deeb predicted that a year from now, the restaurant business in the region will start to improve along with the economy, and "people will eat out more often again."

Bright spots exist, of course. Ethnic food is hot with consumers, for instance.

The Middle Eastern restaurants in East Dearborn are an example of popular "destination dining." And other similar spots are doing well, too.

Depot Town, down the hill from the Eastern Michigan University campus in Ypsilanti, continues to grow and thrive with its array of restaurants and bars, which get even more attention during the annual Michigan Brewers Guild Summer

Beer Festival held there each year.

The Ann Arbor Brewing Co. opened its brewpub, the Corner Brewery, a few years ago in Depot Town, and the business is doing well.

Other brewpubs, including the Fort Street Brewery in Lincoln Park, seem to be thriving, too, and draw loyal clientele as well as newcomers.

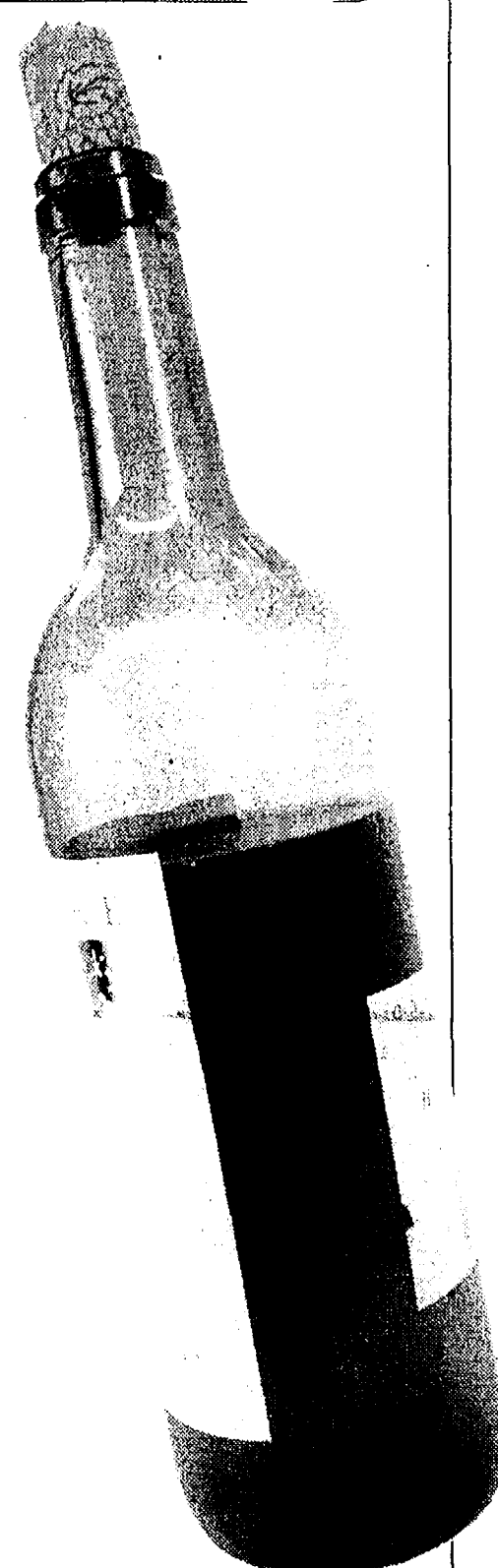
The region's microbreweries offer what might be considered a gourmet product that consumers are demanding.

But by and large, Deeb said less people in the region are buying beer and hard spirits.

"The only thing going up right now is wine," he said.

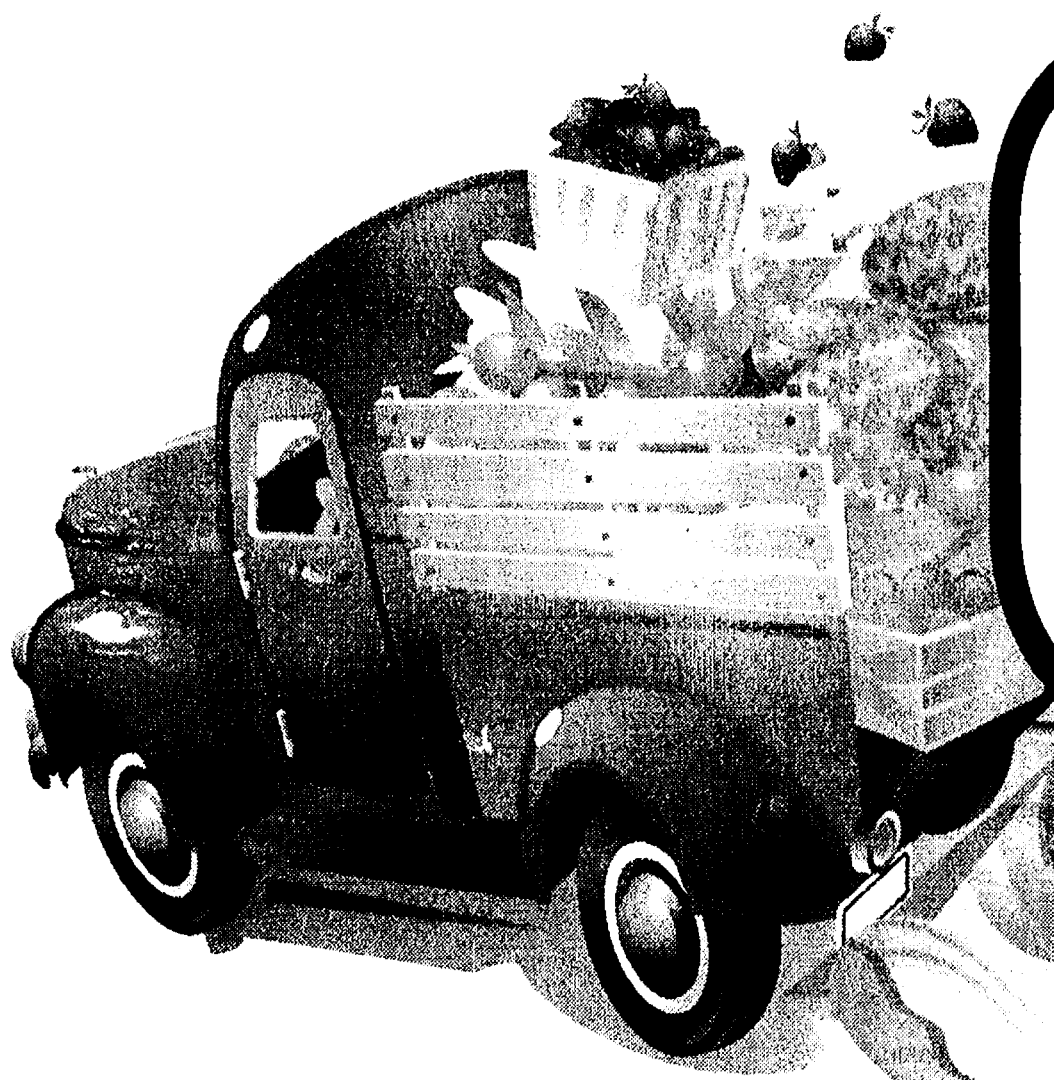
John Olsen of the Spotted Dog Winery in Saline and Michelle Climer of Bella Vino Winery in Wyandotte agreed that their business is good despite the state of the economy.

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Taste of the future: Food



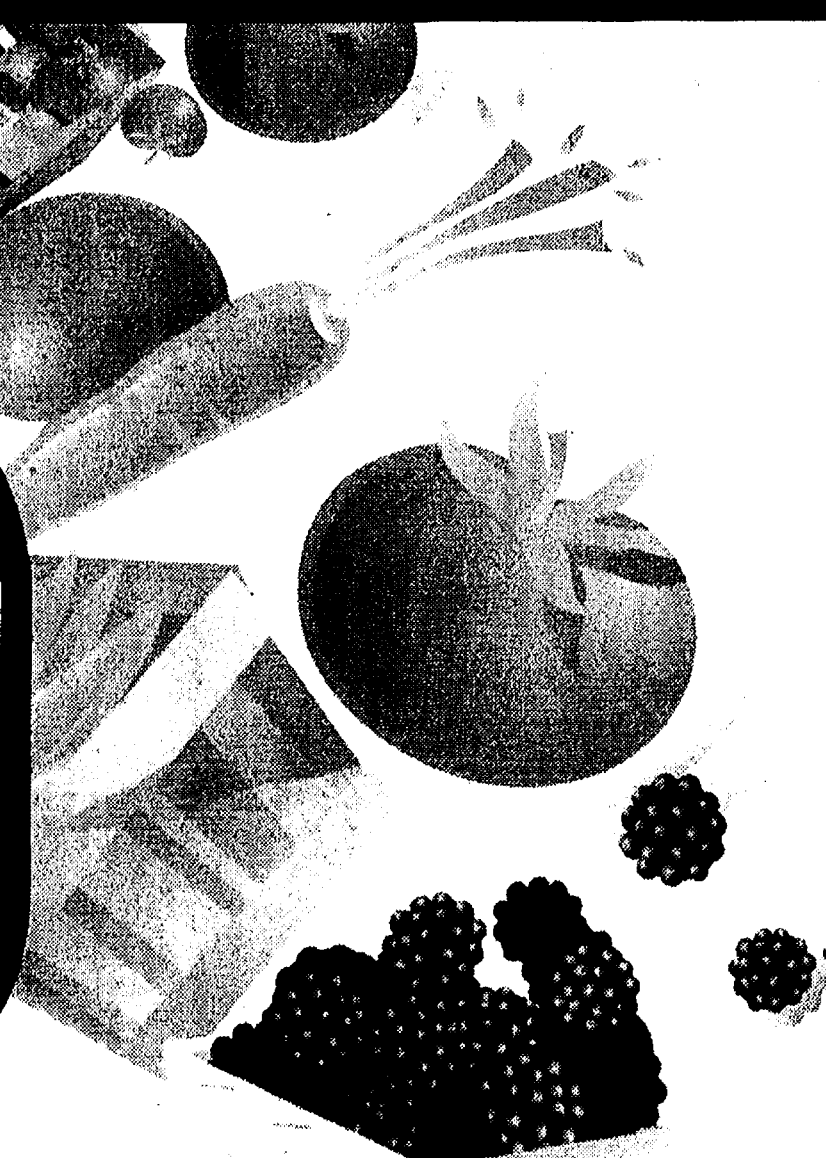


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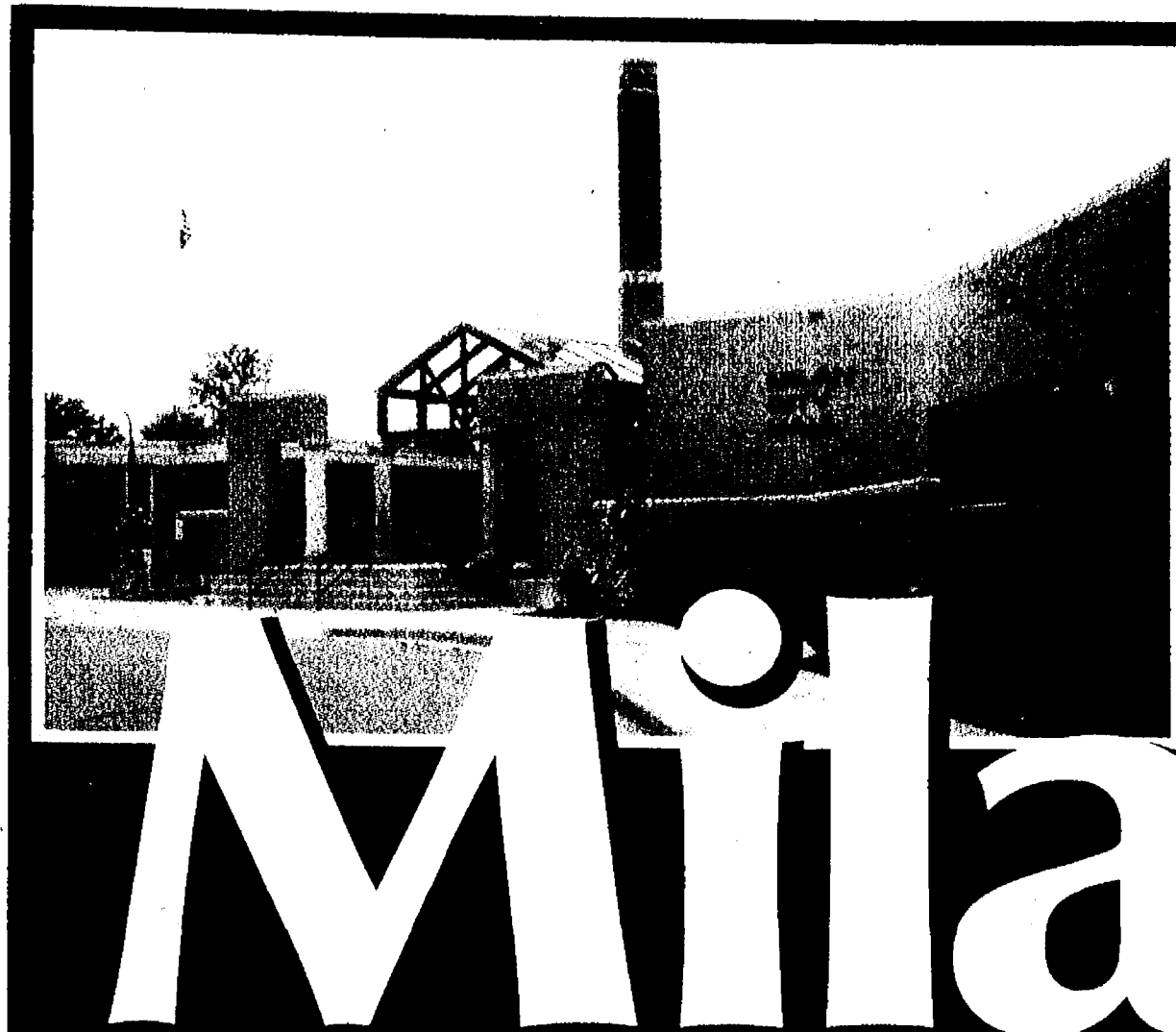
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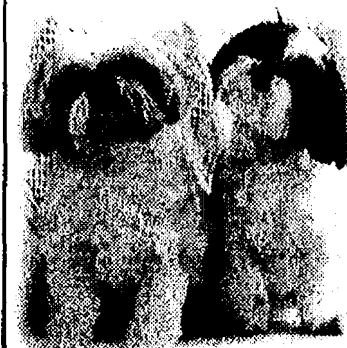
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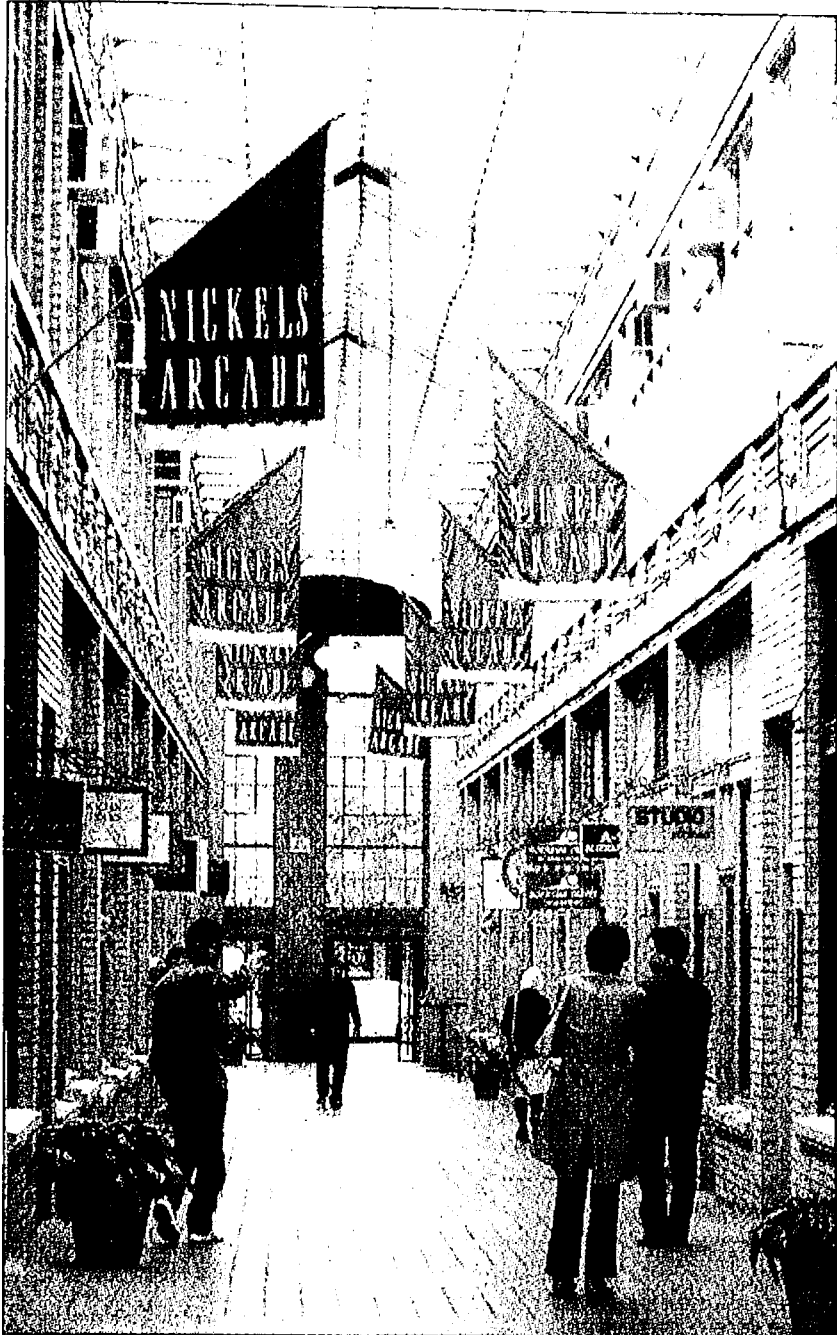
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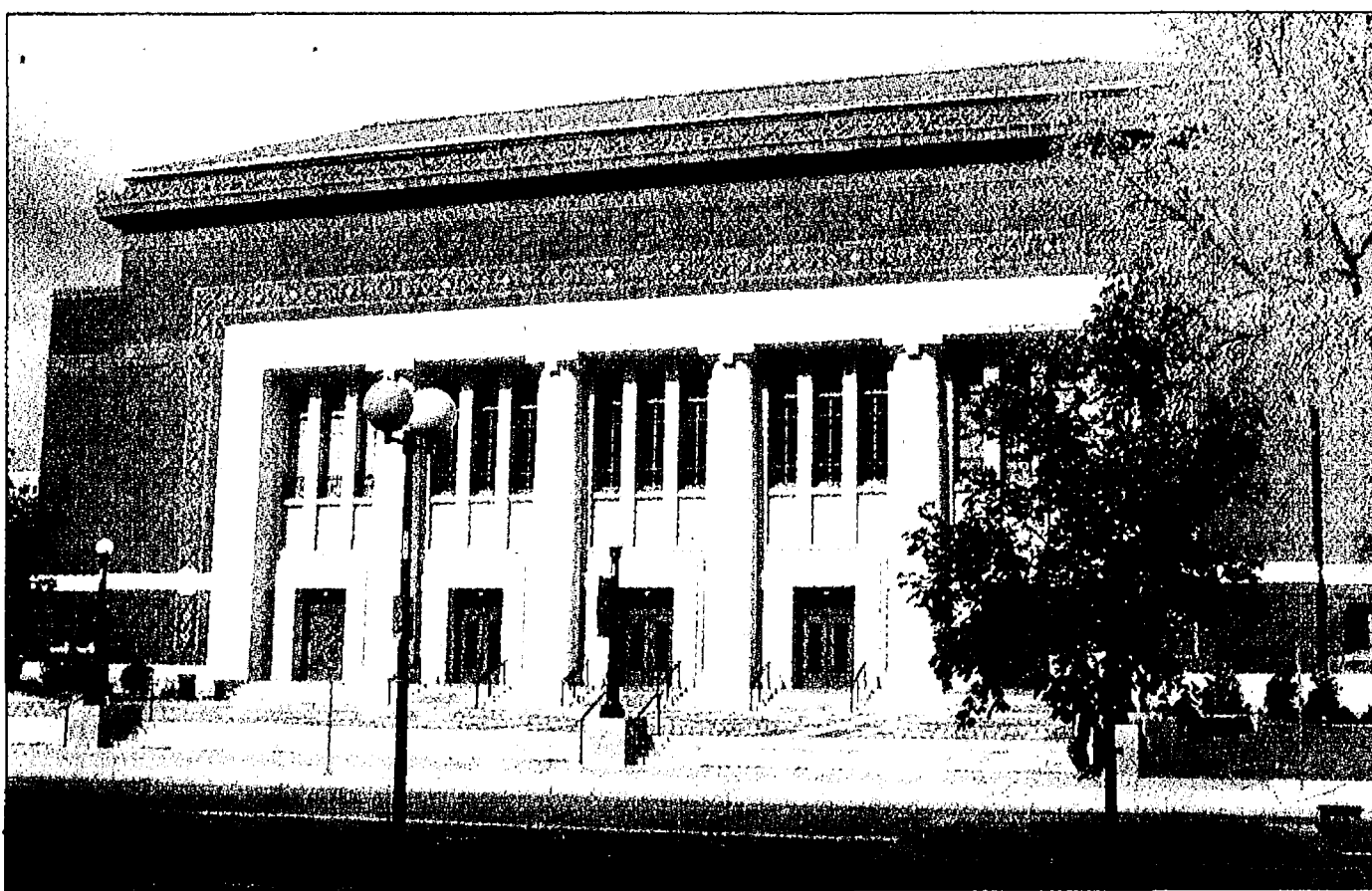
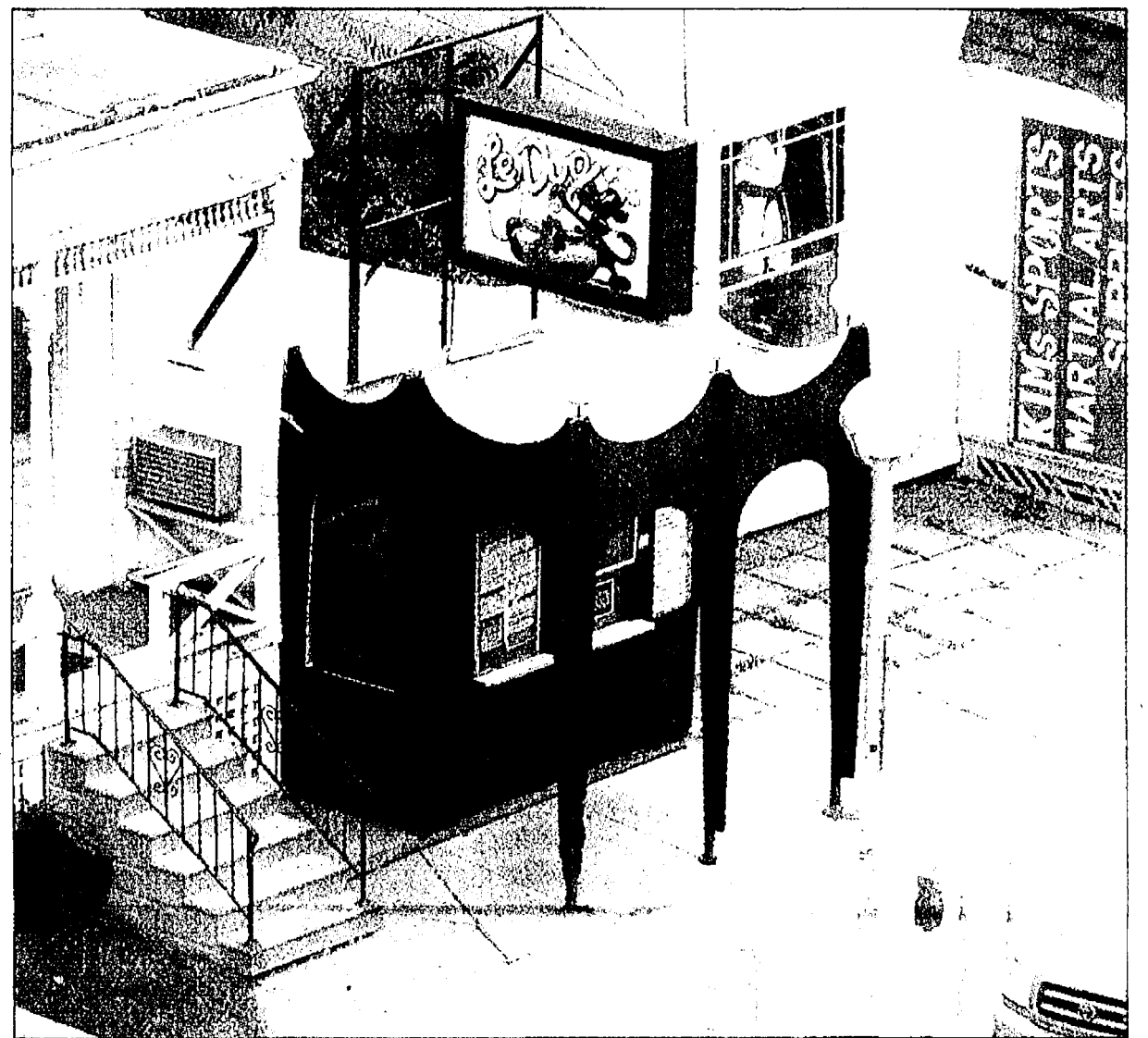
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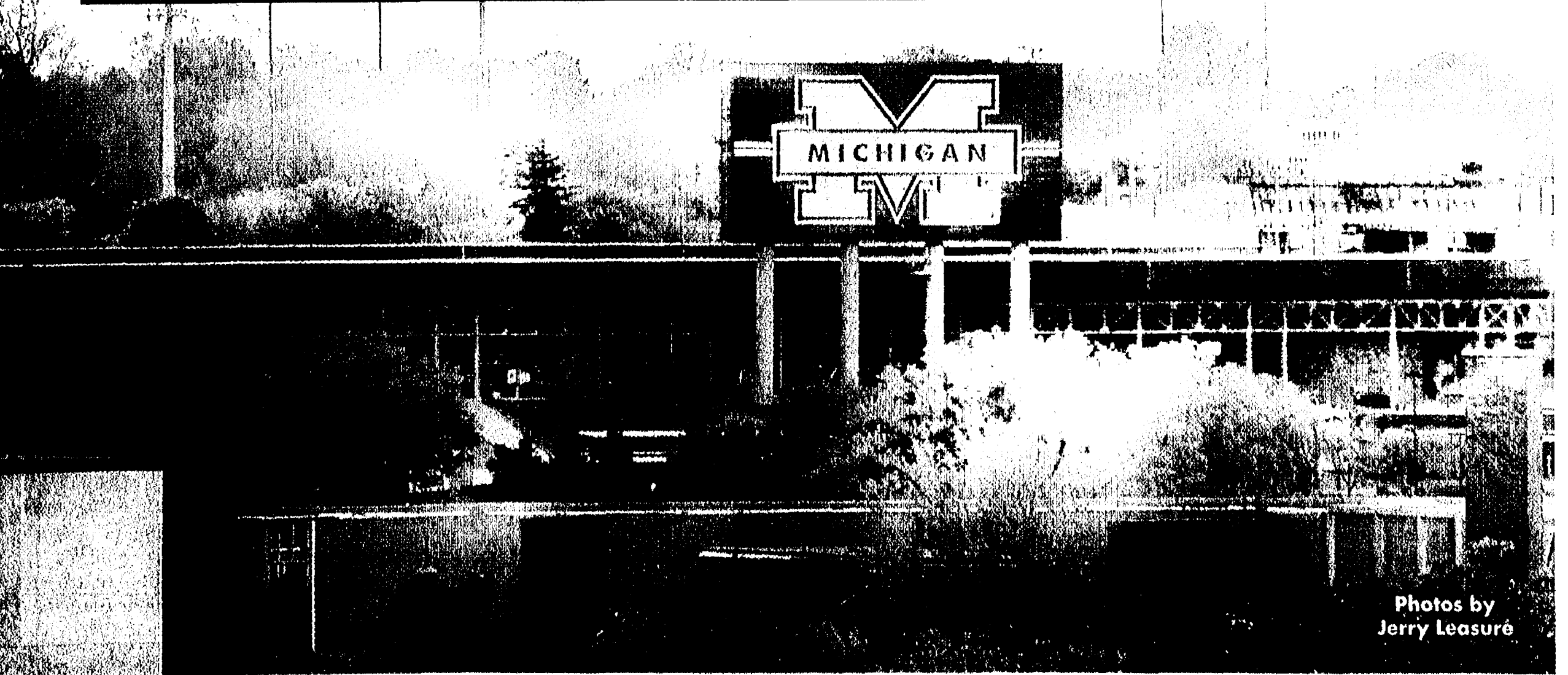
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Moving forward

Taste of the future

Guest Columnist: By Ed Deeb

Savvy shoppers are now driving the market

BY ED DEEB

Food stores have come a long way since the early days of the cracker barrel prior to World War II.

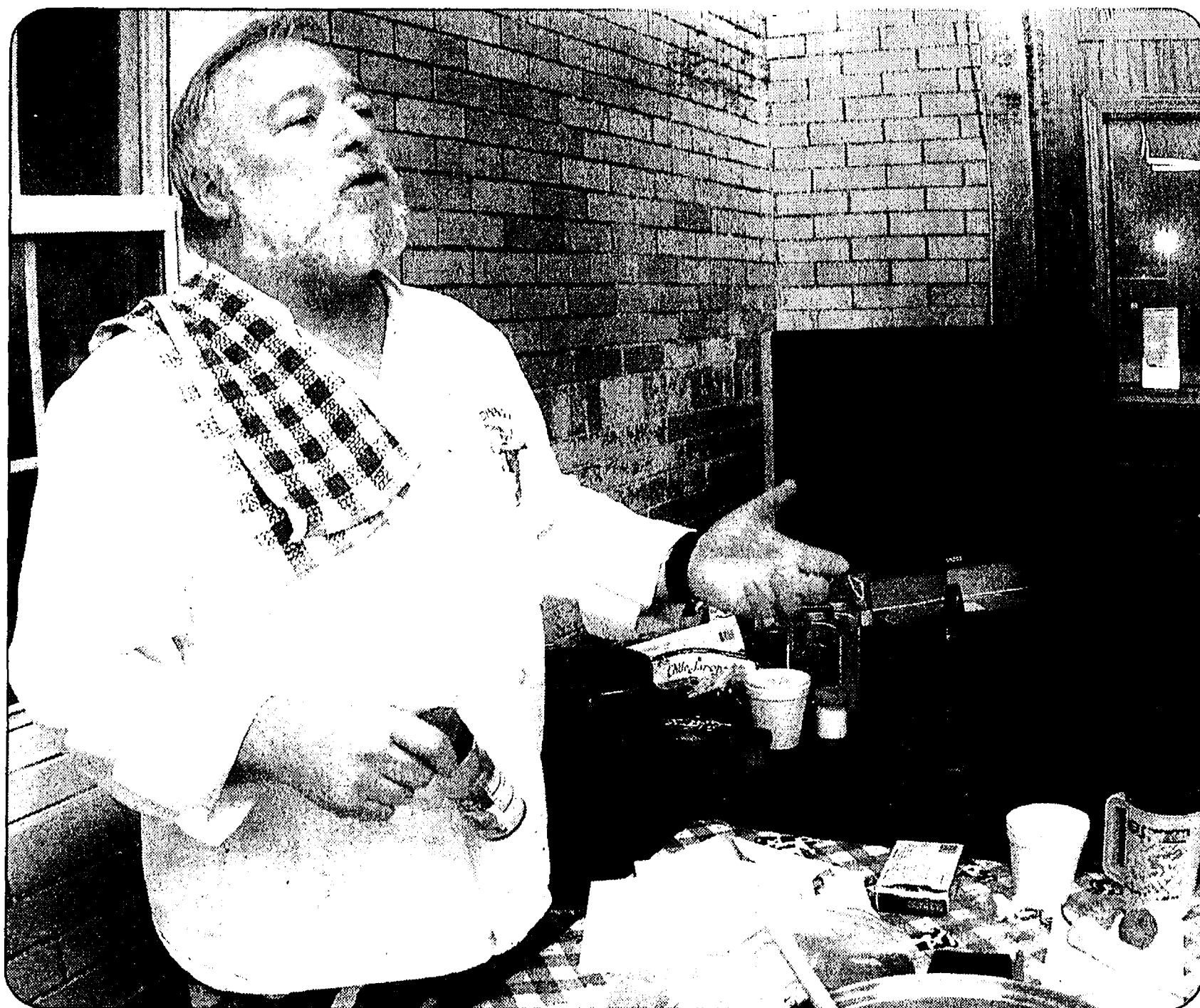
They led eventually to the traditional supermarket as we know it, and then to the warehouse clubs such as Sam's Club, Costco, Wal-Mart and Meijer.

In the 1970s, there were six major supermarket chains in the Detroit area: Chatham, Great Scott, Farmer Jack, A&P, Kroger and Meijer.

Today, there are only two: Kroger, a national food chain, and Meijer, with headquarters in Michigan — and, of course, we have many smaller independent stores.

Markets in the early days were much smaller in size, with limited products such as meats, produce and groceries. Over the years, the supermarkets tripled in size to 50,000 square feet and larger.

They were able to add new departments such as frozen foods, health and beauty aids, bakery and deli. Meats became self-service instead of something you bought directly from the butcher.



Chef Brian Ramirez, owner of Dining In Personal Chef Service and founder of the Michigan chapter of the U.S. Personal Chef Association, teaches cooking classes in Wyandotte regularly to help make ends meet.

Photo by E. L. Conley

Upscale food markets have become more and more popular today. There are gourmet stores such as Nino Salvaggio's, Westborn Markets, Pete and Frank's, Joe's Market, Holiday, Pappa Joe's, Randazzo's and Trader Joe's to name a few.

Their shoppers are looking for quality and variety rather than simply lower prices — a unique food shopping experience.

Along with the typical food and beverage products, these stores are adding gourmet foods already prepared and

ready to take home to eat.

The gourmet stores are run by smaller independent operators who are becoming more popular because of the unique products and atmosphere they offer.

Many of the larger stores have added soup

and salad bars, seating areas for senior citizens, play areas for small children, upscale wine departments and organic food departments.

As a result, we see more food stores permitting shoppers to order sandwiches, pizza and salads and staying in the

store to have their lunch, thus competing more with restaurants today.

In the past, homemakers used to shop several times a week to prepare three meals a day at home. Today, the number of trips to the market has been reduced.

And there is a decrease in the number of meals prepared and eaten at home.

Retailers of all types are battling for the buck.

Some years ago, drug stores began adding food and beverage products, hardware stores started stocking and selling food products, and grocery stores began selling non-food products such as anti-freeze and drug items.

At the same time, restaurants were selling more food for takeout and stocking some of their special pasta sauces along with salad dressings and other items.

The bottom line is that today we have more sophisticated shoppers who are more interested in quality and not as price-oriented as they once were when it came to their food dollars.

And they are willing to travel a little farther to get what they want.

Contact Ed Deeb, president and CEO of the Michigan Food and Beverage Association, at 1-586-393-8800 or edwarddeeb@michbusiness.org.

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"We opened in 2003, and we're thinking of potentially expanding," Olsen said. "We're finding that people have discerning tastes."

"People are finding that there are a lot of different wines and they are approachable, where formerly they may have seemed intimidating."

Consumers can taste, and then have their own wine blends created at the Spotted Dog in 30-bottle batches, and even create their own custom label for the wine.

The wines at the Spotted Dog and Bella Vino are made from various grape juices that the small wineries buy and blend themselves.

"Customers can get exactly what they want," Climer said.

Bella Vino opened nine years ago under a different owner. Climer purchased it two years ago.

"Business has been pretty darned good considering the economy," she said. "I think it's part of the whole trend toward being healthier."

"We use so few preservatives compared to a commercial blend. And a glass of red wine a day is good for your heart."

Healthy eating is another industry trend driving the food business in the region and the rest of the nation.

"People are demanding



Photo courtesy of Westborn Market

Gourmet markets offer savvy consumers the high-quality food products they're seeking. Westborn Market in Dearborn, for example, has continued to expand its offerings to meet consumer demands, despite a tight economy.

more organic foods," Deeb said. "That is a big thing today. At least 20 to 25 percent of grocery store products are organic now, compared to five years ago."

And he sees a corresponding trend — here and nationwide — toward locally grown food.

The number of farmers' markets, such as Kurtz's Farms of Brownstown Township and the Ypsilanti Farmers Market in Depot Town, has grown more than 110 percent nationwide since 1994, according to the U.S.

Department of Agriculture.

And chefs and local farmers are working together in some cases to satisfy consumers' appetites for locally grown, gourmet food.

For instance, Nick Seccia, executive chef for The Henry Ford of Dearborn, is a firm believer in buying local produce, and has a working relationship with the Lakeplain Prairie organic farm of Brownstown Township.

"I believe we were their

first wholesale customer," Seccia said. "I've just gotten totally wrapped up in this Michigan fresh thing."

To help consumers use those fresh ingredients at home, chefs and markets are offering cooking demonstrations and classes — another trend toward quality.

Weyand Fisheries of Wyandotte offers summer cooking classes to help consumers make the best of its fresh fish and seafood.

Wyandotte resident Brian Ramirez, a personal

chef, owner of Dining In Personal Chef Service and the founder of the Michigan chapter of the U.S. Personal Chef Association, does catering and teaches cooking classes regularly year 'round.

"I'm diversifying to keep my personal chef business going," he said, adding that others in the business are doing the same — or leaving the state.

"The personal chef industry itself is doing well, except in Michigan," Ramirez said. "I think the economy is causing more

people to cook more at home."

His business, too, feels the pinch when markets offer good quality prepackaged, precooked meals, he said.

He agreed with the other experts about the regional trend toward healthy, premium food.

"People want to eat healthier, but they want to keep it simple," Ramirez said. "They want to replace McDonald's with something healthy they can get on the table fast."

Working the Farm

With \$4 billion in annual revenue **Agriculture** remains state's No. 2 industry

By Edward Freundl
Heritage Newspapers

Agriculture is one of Michigan's top industries and it is becoming even more important because of the downturn in another of the state's major economic sectors — manufacturing.

"Downturn" has been a term associated with farming for years as farmers continue to deal with everything from bad weather to increasing legislation to urban sprawl.

Despite that, agriculture remains Michigan's No. 2 industry, accounting for more than \$4 billion in annual revenue and adding more than \$40 billion to the state's economy.

But market forces drive the income for farmers, including the Huehls of Freedom Township, who are paid for their dairy operation and cash crops, but also have to pay for their expenses.

Jerry Huehl explained the numbers game he and his brother, Denny, have to play in order to show a profit.

The milk they sell from almost 100 head of dairy cattle accounts for about 34 percent of the income, followed by 25 percent in grain: corn, wheat and soybeans; 17 percent in government subsidies and refunds; 4 percent in seed sales; and 3 percent in "custom harvest," in which another farmer hires them to harvest his crops with their equipment.

There is a small

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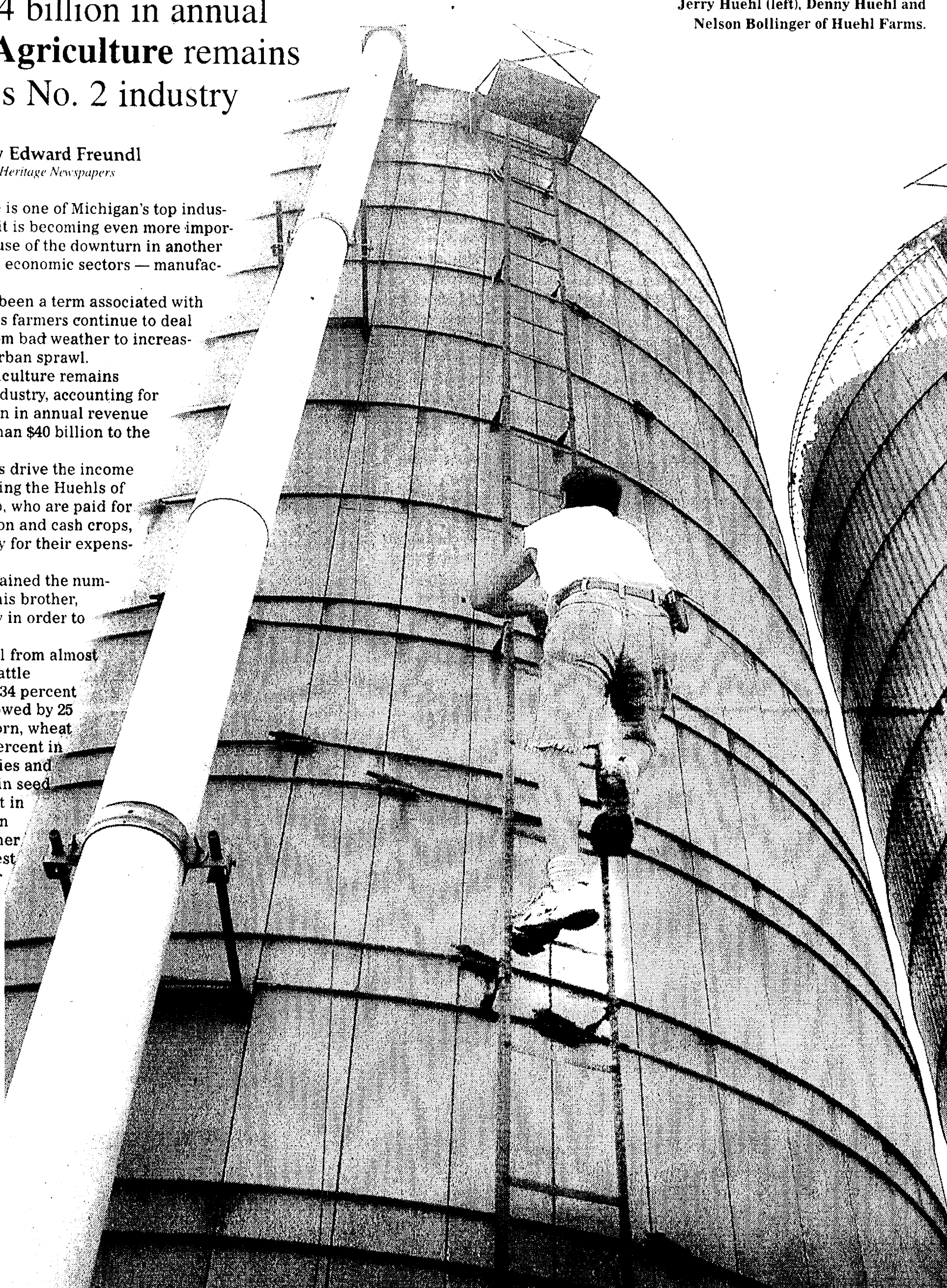
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• Bob Boehm, manager of the Michigan Farm Bureau's commodity and marketing department, says farming is big business — even in crowded southeastern Michigan.

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Jerry Huehl (left), Denny Huehl and Nelson Bollinger of Huehl Farms.



Moving forward

Working the farm: Agriculture

Farming report shows profession is changing

By Terry Jacoby
& Elaine Owsley
Heritage Newspapers

Every seven years the Agriculture Department publishes a census of farms and farming. The next one is due in 2009.

Along with the current numbers — for things such as farms in total, numbers by size in acres, crops by type, animals, woodlands, pasturelands, fallow-lands — is a comparison with the previous census seven years prior.

There is something almost biblical in the spacing of reports by seven years, bringing to mind plagues of locusts and drought from the Old Testament. But it does paint a picture of change.

Some of those changes are puzzling: Between 1995 and 2002, for

instance, the number of "farms" increased from 1,202 to 1,325, according to the census. In the same period, the number of acres in farms dropped from 189,423 to 175,259, and the average size of a farm dropped from 158 acres to 132 while market values of those farms almost doubled.

Those facts are not hard to fathom. Change can be seen from the side of the road, just by driving around the county.

The 2002 census records a drop in land enrolled in conservation reserve or wetland reserve programs. And although no figures were recorded in earlier years, the census of 2002 began tracking the number of farms and acres devoted to organically raised crops and the farms and acres enrolled in federal or other crop insurance programs.

What the 2009 census shows by

numbers and comparison will paint yet another picture of farming in southeastern Michigan.

Many local farmers are part of a long line of family members who have worked the same land for decades. They are our neighbors. They attend our churches. Their children go to school with our children. And, like the folks at Pfizer and the Big Three auto plants, their world is changing.

Breuninger Dairy Farm Scio Township

Fourth-generation dairyman Bruce Breuninger doesn't want to be seen as a pessimist. What Breuninger really is, is a realist. Looking out over the more than 600 acres of the farm his great-grandfather, Michael, founded in 1909, after emigrating from Germany, Breuninger views change

and potential, some good, some just a different way.

Because more of Breuninger's neighbors in the area were not farm-raised, it becomes a delicate dance to maintain a balance between what the farm needs and is used to and what the new folks in town expect or are unfamiliar with.

One example is the calves living in their individual little houses with fenced in yards near the big milking barn. They are not "veal," as many folks driving by or new to the neighborhood believe. They are simply young cows — too young to milk, needing special feeds and a place of their own. Eventually, they will become part of the herd of more than 200 milkers; but, until then, they have their own space to grow.

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Rules of the road are another area needing patience — and civility. Especially when the non-farm folks don't know the rules. It's a fact of farming that equipment, crops and fertilizer have to move from one place to another. It's also a fact that this can't always be done "cross country."

Originally, the roads were there for the convenience of the farmers. When you farm more than 600 acres, you need to transport things and there is no racing gear on a tractor.

In the past few years, Breuninger has been able to increase the size of the milking herd, build a new milking parlor and improve the efficiency of the operation. He has hired five full-time workers to help with milking 205 cows twice a day — 5 a.m. and 3 p.m. — and caring for the needs of a total of 400, counting the young stock.

Keeping up on improved operational methods via trade literature, agriculture information, and exchanges of information with other dairymen keeps Breuninger current and able to continue increasing efficiency.

In three years, the Breuninger dairy farm will qualify as a Centennial Farm — one that has been in continuous operation by one family for a century. Now in his mid-40s, Breuninger expects to be a working dairyman well into the second century of the farm. Whether or not his children continue the tradition remains to be seen.

Bruce didn't decide to partner with his father, Robert, in the dairy operation until he was in his 20s. He said he will let his own sons, and perhaps even daughters, make their own decisions. A lot can happen in the meantime; much of it out of their control.

They say an optimist sees a glass as half-full; a pessimist sees a glass as half-empty. Realists such as Bruce Breuninger see simply half a glass; and for now, that's good enough. Oh, and "make that milk," please.

Lesser Farms Dexter Township

It's about the 108th winter on Lesser Farms, founded by August Lesser, another of the area's German immigrant farmers, who arrived in the Dexter

Renewable energy

Much talk under the Capitol dome in Lansing has centered on Michigan developing a renewable energy standard that would require utilities to beef up their supplies of energy produced from renewable resources. Michigan Farm Bureau policy supports a standard of this kind that would focus on the in-state production of energy generated by biomass, wind and other agricultural sources.

Currently, though, legislation being considered in the Michigan House of Representatives for a state renewable energy standard is tie-barred to legislation that would repeal an act providing for greater competition among utilities in Michigan's marketplace, and the farm bureau opposes limiting customer choice.

"The Michigan Farm Bureau believes that the state's energy policy must ensure that agriculture has consistent, reliable and affordable energy sources, and we're concerned that repealing the act for customer choice could compromise affordability," bureau legislative counsel Matt Smego said.

area in 1881. After working for others, he purchased land of his own in 1899.

The 450 acres of the Lesser property lies along Donner, Waterloo and McKinley roads, bisected by Island Lake Road, which was once a trail, and pretty much still is, where it crosses the farm.

Dale Lesser, in his early 50s, partners the running of the farm with his dad, Norwin, and his brother, Tom. Another brother, David, works at Chelsea Milling and helps out after work. And Tom's young son likes helping out around the farm and might be the next generation to run the place, if all goes well.

Besides field crops such as corn, soybeans and alfalfa, Lesser Farms produces apples, cattle, hogs, eggs, honey and firewood. Part of the crops is used on the farm, and some feed goes to Chelsea to be shipped by rail out east as far as Maine for chickens there. Locally, folks are familiar with the Lesser honey. It is sold in stores or it can be bought directly from the farm. Lesser said there are 200 hives on the property.

On their best year, they produced 30 55-gallon drums of honey. Last year, it was only four.

The decline of honey produc-

tion is not a result of urban sprawl, or traffic, or some of the other impacts local farms are seeing, but is the outcome of what some say is a "good thing." It seems the honey bees have a fondness for purple looses trife, that magenta-colored plant that environmental folks have been working so hard to eradicate around lakes and streams — places like Four Mile Lake and the Dexter Mill Pond.

Dale Lesser has seen his honey production drop in direct proportion to the amount of purple loosestrife that has been removed from the area. It's a prime nectar source in August and September.

What is good for some is bad for others.

The dying of ash trees in the area is convenient for the firewood business as it makes it a bit easier to get them down. The good stuff is cut in proper lengths and stored to dry in corncribs around the barns for sale later to homeowners. Other branches and small trunks are formed into teepees around the property and used to fire the outdoor furnace that heats two of the farmhouses and the water they use.

What interests Lesser these days is the fact that only 1.9 cents of every consumer food dollar finds its way to American farmers — the lowest it's ever been. The days of growing for local consumption are past, and taking produce to any farmers' market just won't cut it time-wise or financially. The marketplace is finding other uses for crops — for instance, corn. For the year 2007, according to Lesser's reading, the Chicago Board of Trade has options on two-thirds of the corn crop — probably for ethanol. Regardless, animals still have to be fed and prices rising might be good for investors, but buying feed at a reasonable cost might join the growing list of "things of the past."

Lesser looks at the century-plus operation his family has stewarded and wonders how long it can go on, but he doesn't see himself as a pessimist. The family will keep its land producing and do what has to be done — just like they've always done.

Guest Columnist: Bob Boehm

Even in southeastern Michigan, agriculture is big business

By BOB BOEHM
MICHIGAN FARM BUREAU

Having surpassed tourism and gaining ground on manufacturing, agriculture and the food industry is Michigan's second-largest industry, now estimated to generate nearly \$64 billion annually and representing one of the few growth sectors in the state's economy.

Farming is big business across the entire state, even in the busy, developed and densely populated southeastern corner of the Lower Peninsula.

From traditional field grain crops to intensive greenhouse production, southeastern Michigan reflects the immense diversity of the state's farm sector, second only to California in the variety of commodities produced. Farming in the shadow of the state's largest metropolitan area, however, poses a mix of special challenges and opportunities.

Proximity to Detroit and its expanding suburbs at once puts a premium on agricultural land and affords farmers direct access to markets unavailable elsewhere.

With rising fuel prices, transporting harvested grain to market can bite into a farmer's already slim profit margin. But with a major grain terminal in nearby Toledo and a new ethanol plant in Lenawee County near Blissfield, producers in this part of the state enjoy a considerable advantage in marketing their crops.

"Proximity to Detroit and its expanding suburbs at once puts a premium on agricultural land and affords farmers direct access to markets unavailable elsewhere."

— Bob Boehm

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By Dan Lai
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During the past 10 years, a significant number of Michigan law firms have developed strong local ties to the clients and businesses they serve. As the demand for services increases, local firms are seeing a positive impact on their client base.

"A good law firm is concerned about the clients they serve and issues that affect normal people on a daily basis," said Gerald Morello Jr., chief attorney at the Wyandotte-based Morello Law Group.

Established in 1992 with a focus on estate law and business planning, Morello said the firm has since expanded to full service, specializing in real estate, civil and commercial litigation.

"Since Sept. 11, 2001, we've developed a very diverse client base," he said.

Despite the state and national economies inching closer to a recession, Morello said he has seen more private businesses and corporations develop in the Downriver area in recent years.

"A lot of the businesses and auto dealerships we represent Downriver have done fairly well," he said. "The owners are watching their expenses very carefully and are more inclined to use local professional service firms as compared to law firms in Detroit, Monroe and other larger metropolitan areas."

Morello said several of the firm's clients have capitalized on the current economy by accepting corporate buyouts and reinvesting their money in private businesses.

"A lot of our clients come to us looking for advice on entity selection or, if they have a business partner, they seek us out to help create the proper shareholder agreement," Morello said.

"We're seeing more and more local residents seek out law firms for legal advice for starting a business."

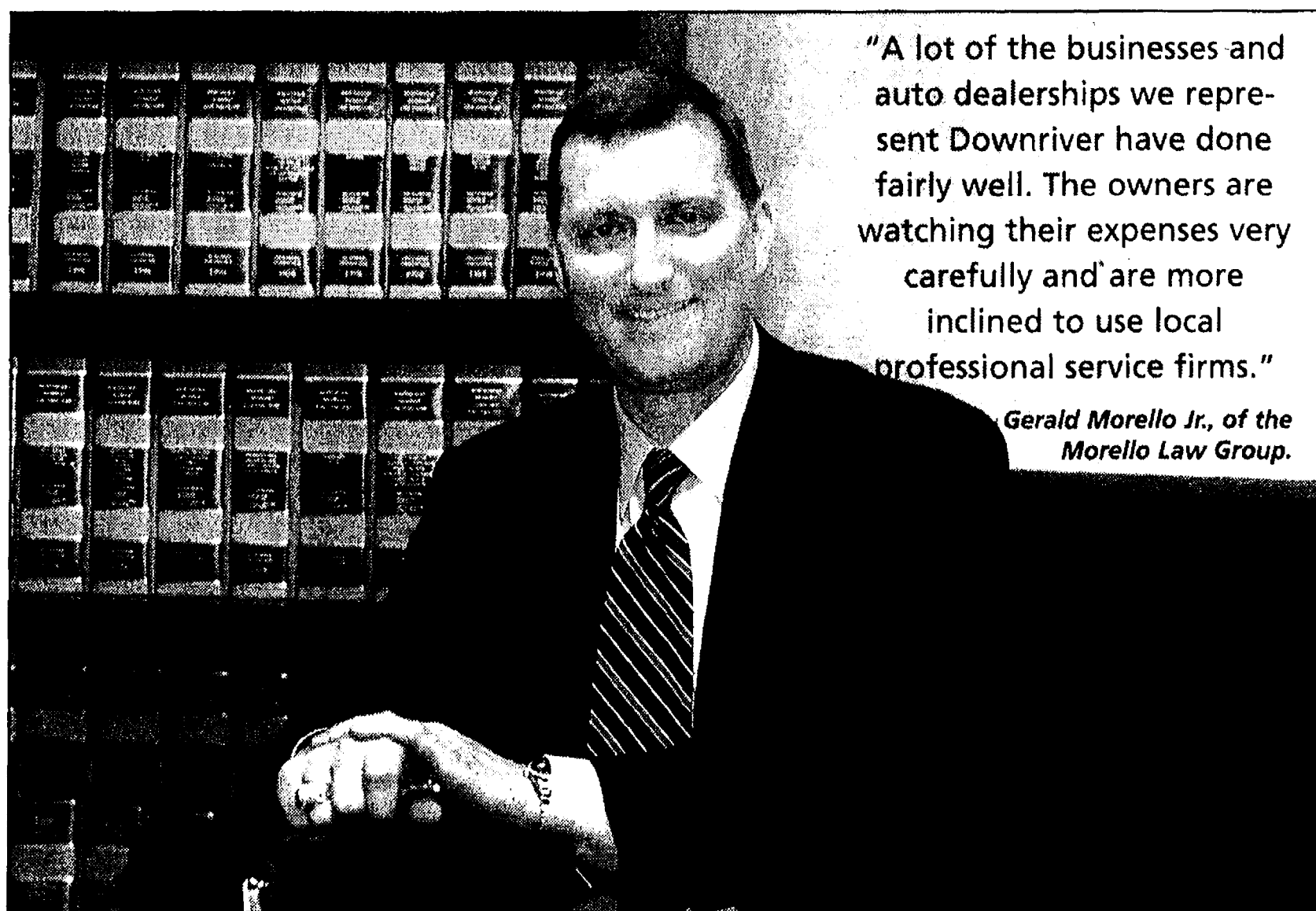
Morello said that while some clients seek advice on starting a new business, others have moved toward consolidation.

"What you see today are businesses who were once former rivals joining together to form a partnership," he said. "That's where we come in. Our firm provides the peace of mind business owners can get when they decide its time to form a partnership."

Though he hasn't seen a significant change in the number of clients, Morello said there has been a clear shift in the client dynamics.

"I think we have the same amount of clients, but we have a larger amount of corporation formations that we handle now," he said. "More clients are starting their own business just as a backup plan to protect themselves in the future."

"Every day we see United Auto Workers asso-



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Gerald Morello Jr., of the Morello Law Group.

ciation members taking buyouts and looking to make sure their buyout package is invested properly by establishing small businesses and turning one-time hobbies into profit making companies. It's an exciting time for those who show the initiative to follow a dream."

Morello said one of the firm's clients, an executive at DaimlerChrysler Corp., recently asked for private business advice.

"He may pass on a promotion in order to go a different direction in his career," he said. "He wants to make his own destiny by following his own career path, and we can certainly help with that."

"People are more inclined now to take initiatives to establish their own business than they were 15 years ago."

In addition to business planning, Morello said the firm also has seen a spike in the number of estate planning clients.

"With the baby boomers retiring and companies providing more early buyouts, we are seeing more clients coming to us with estate planning questions," he said.

From family trust funds to powers-of-attorney documents, Morello said the firm is capable of handling all of the Downriver area's legal questions.

"We don't do a lot of self-promotion," he said. "Most of our clients come from word of mouth based on the quality of our service."

Morello said the firm prides itself on its professional relationship in the community.

"We try to keep family matters private and outside of the court system," he said. "Part of it is making sure the planning is done right and that the clients understand what they are involved with."

"Implementation is critical. Nearly three-quarters of all estate planning clients we get from other firms have questions because their previous attorney did not follow through with the implementation."

Steve Jentzen of Ypsilanti-based Jentzen Law, said estate planning has risen in parts of Washtenaw County as well.

"There's several reasons why people do it, depending on the size of the estate they want to pass on," he said.

Jentzen operates offices in Ypsilanti and Manchester and has been practicing family law, estate planning and business law for 28 years.

"As far as Washtenaw County, we haven't seen a big jump in the number of clients seeking our expertise," he said. "However, in 2000, after the stock market dropped and so many people were invested in the dot.com market, we saw a quick change."

And despite businesses springing up in the Downriver area, Jentzen said he has seen less eagerness to establish businesses in Washtenaw County.

"In the past 18 months, I haven't seen much of that," he said. "We're seeing what everyone else is seeing, more people retiring early and relocating elsewhere where the economy is stronger."

"The real estate market is on hold. You can have a small business with a great reputation and strong customer service, but if the clients aren't paying, you are going to have a problem keeping the doors open."

Jentzen said one of the biggest trends in law practices he has seen involves more clients willing to represent themselves in matters of family law.

"The number of people handling their own divorces is something I've noticed as a huge change from the past," he said. "I consider this to be problematic because there are so many little things that go on in divorce hearings, it's crucial that the person is able to follow up."

Home foreclosures also are on the rise, he said.

"Our work has evolved," he said. "We do a lot more foreclosures and try to get people their money."

Jentzen, a father of seven, said it's not always easy to separate himself from cases involving home foreclosures.

"It's rough, but there always seems to be other issues involved with a foreclosure and you don't know which came first, the

chicken or the egg," he said. "Foreclosure is often the symptom and not the problem."

James Davenport of Clinton-based Wilbur & Davenport Associates, said though local law firms have not seen a significant drop in clients, the state's economy has forced smaller firms to compete harder for more business.

"Our clients are in play, our lawyers are in play and our market position

is in play," he said.

"Competition among law firms is fierce; that much is clear. The war for talent is being fought for new graduates right on up the ladder to senior partners, creating another pressure point for law firms."

As clients become more sophisticated, law firms are being held to ever-increasing standards.

Some firms have balked at this change in the relation-

ship, while others have embraced it as the opportunity it is to gain competitive advantage.

In corporate law departments, lawyers are taking on more strategic roles as leaders and business partners in their organizations. Law firms that can help them with this will be most likely to solidify and grow their relationships. At the same time, clients need to recognize — and pay for — quality, or run the risk of being underrepresented. The key is to match the right work with the right firm.

Jentzen said he believes the defining competitive factor for any law firm is execution — the ability to focus on a few key strategies and execute them very well. An unwavering focus on and commitment to a clearly drawn and well-understood strategy will make a firm stand out. Firms that understand this will be most likely to solidify and grow their relationships, he said.

"I practice estate planning and family law because you have a lot of personal contact and you get to be an intricate part and not a reactive part of someone's life," he said. "Seeing how people grow and having the opportunity to help the public are key factors in my firm's mission."

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Rolling along

Vicars Trailer Sales going strong

BY KEVIN BUNCH
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Although rising gas prices are hurting many sectors of the economy, the owners of Vicars Trailer Sales say it has been good for their business.

"We had one of our best years last year," said Vicky Rokas, general manager of the family-owned business.

Sandy Vicars, co-owner of the business, said that due to the cost of gas and sanitation issues with hotels, more people are spending vacation time at local campgrounds and using recreational vehicles to stay in.

"More people are traveling on weekends instead of taking long trips abroad, or on a cruise," Rokas said.

Vicars Trailer Sales was started by Dave and Barb Vicars in the 1960s.

Coming to the Detroit area from Virginia, they initially operated a small gas station. Consumer interest in borrowing their camper gave them the idea to open an RV dealership.

The dealership has grown since to nearly the size of a city block on Pelham Road. It is now operated by their daughters,

and recent plans are to renovate, replace the gravel lot with a blacktop one and expand the service bays.

Vicars said growth picked up after the terrorist attacks against the United States on Sept. 11, 2001.

"People were afraid to fly after 9/11," she said. "People would just get travel trailers."

Vicars considers camping and using recreational vehicles as a lifestyle. She said it is something many people grow up with, and they believe it is a good way to keep their families together.

She said customer service is a major cornerstone of the business. In addition, the company does insurance work, she said, which sets it apart from other dealerships.

Vicars said the company frequently orders parts for older vehicles that can be hard to find. If the parts are local, she said, owners can have their RVs back out within days, which is important for campers.

"The camping season is usually from April to November, and campers will want to use as much of that time as possible," Vicars said.

She added that much of the company's advertising is done by word-of-mouth

from satisfied customers out camping with friends and acquaintances.

"Camping is very social," Vicars said. "People will talk about their experience, and say to their friends to come here."

Rokas is looking at increased sales over the next few years, in spite of the Detroit metropolitan area's depressed economy. She is expecting retail sales to increase 20 percent in the next three to five years.

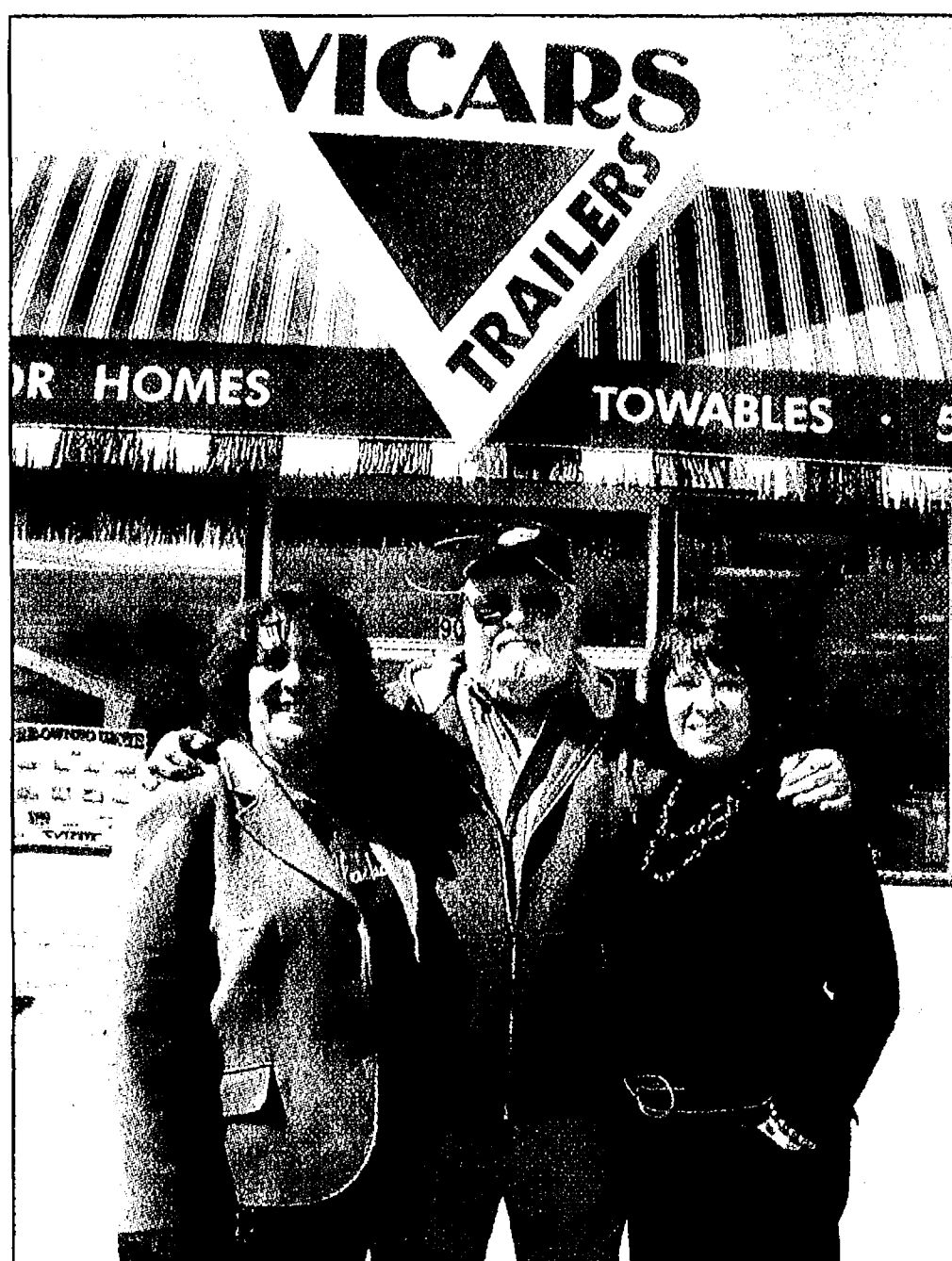
In addition, the dealership is adding two vehicle lines to its existing three. And, with its increased size, the dealership now can store more vehicles to meet additional demand.

Rokas said the overall population shift also has helped business, as its largest consumer base is those 35 to 55 years old.

"Suburbia seems to want to go back to mom-and-pop dealers," Vicars said. "The biggest isn't always the best."

Family members expect the business to stay in the family, eventually getting passed down to Rokas' children.

"It's a happy business," Vicars said. "People come back and tell you their camping stories."



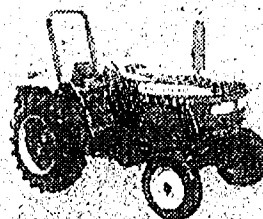
Sandy Vicars, Dave Vicars and Vicky Rokas of Vicars Trailer Sales in Taylor.

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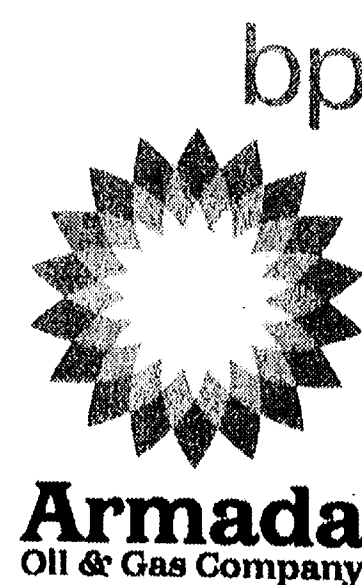
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Simple secret tips to capture youthful looks

While people may try to fight the hands of time, growing older is an inevitable process. As people age, certain physical and cosmetic changes take place. But while growing older might be a fact of life, feeling older doesn't have to be.

One of the most common ways in which people feel older is fatigue, which can rob the country's aging citizens of the active lifestyle many have grown accustomed to. For some, fatigue is merely accepted, seen largely as unavoidable. However, as more people are finding out, aging and fatigue need not go hand in hand.

Contrary to popular belief, increasing feelings of fatigue are a reflection of a person's health, not their age. That's due in large part to mitochondria, which are tiny compartments inside individual cells.

Responsible for converting oxygen and food to energy, mitochondria determine how quickly a person ages or gets sick. Therefore, if mitochondria wear down, energy levels decrease, and the aging process is accelerated.

What's important for many people, young and old, to realize is that mitochondrial function can be maintained regardless of age. In other words, fatigue doesn't have to be a part of getting older, and aging doesn't have to be a study in energy loss.

• **Reduce your risk of Cancer, Diabetes and Heart Disease:** More than 50 million adults in the United States suffer from diseases in which mitochondrial dysfunction is involved. These diseases are often debilitating, and can include cancer, diabetes and heart disease. However, mitochondrial dysfunction does not always cause a stir among patients or doctors because

it is not a direct cause of disease, but rather a contributor or side effect. In addition, the effects of mitochondrial dysfunction, such as fatigue, are often mistaken as accepted signs of the aging process.

But as recent research has shown, mitochondrial function can be maintained well into older adulthood, helping to decelerate the aging process. One way to both maintain and restore mitochondrial function is with a dietary supplement such as Rejuvacore-NT. Rejuvacore-NT restores lost metabolism and nutrient absorption, eliminating two common contributors to fatigue.

• **Maintain and restore cell function:** Scientists have long accepted the notion that many chronic debilitating diseases are the result of damage to cell membranes. Such damage is often caused by free radicals.

A younger body has the ability to combat these radicals through the production of enzymes and proteins that act as anti-oxidants. However, as a person ages, cells often lose the ability to combat these free radicals. That can be due to a number of reasons, from poor diet to increased stress levels as people get older.

As cell membranes begin to deteriorate at the hands of free radicals, the process only escalates, increasing in frequency and accumulation. Such a rapid deterioration lends credence to such statements as, "She aged overnight."

What supplements like Rejuvacore-NT do is restore lost membrane vitality, essentially reversing the aging process. In a process researchers referred to as "Lipid Replacement Therapy," healthy cell components replace dehydrated and deteriorated membranes. In as little as eight weeks, a University of



Scientists say correlation between fatigue and aging is related to decreased mitochondrial function.

California study found, a typical 70-year-old had regained a level of membrane activity typical for that of a young adult.

Moderately fatigued subjects experienced an increase in mitochondrial function ranging between 15 to 27 percent after taking the supplement for four to eight weeks. Furthermore, use of the supplement for 12 weeks revealed even further restoration of function, while those who were taken off the supplement

experienced a gradual reduction in mitochondrial function in the weeks following.

Such findings, researchers noted, suggest the continued use of the supplement is not only necessary to maintain mitochondrial function, but can lead to further restoration of function as well.

To learn more about Rejuvacore-NT and receive a risk-free, 30-day in-home trial from the company, call 1-866-753-6129.

Depression not a natural symptom for older relatives

As people grow older, they and those around them tend to grow more accepting of depression, harboring the belief that depression is a normal part of the aging process. It's not, and depression in the elderly should be treated with the same concern as one would treat depression in a young person. But recognizing depression in an elderly person is not as easy as it might be with a younger person.

A reluctance to share what they're going through makes recognizing potential warning signs all the more important.

• **Persistent sadness:** As mentioned, everyone

feels sad from time to time. However, feelings of sadness that last two weeks or longer are indicative of something greater.

• **Excessive worrying:** Many elderly people worry, but typically those worries are about family and friends. Excessively worrying about finances or health problems is a possible warning sign of depression.

• **Feelings of worthlessness:** Depression can begin to settle in if the elderly start feeling as though they're no longer needed or useful. Such thoughts often begin to creep in after losing a loved one who was reliant on the person, or just an integral part of the person's life.

• **Changes in weight:** Fluctuating weight could

indicate something more, particularly if substantial weight loss occurs as a result of not eating. This is most common when an elderly person loses a lifelong partner or friend.

• **Problems with concentration:** If an elderly person begins to suddenly struggle with concentration and such struggling continues, greater issues could be involved.

• **Thoughts of death:** Persistent thoughts about one's own death is a warning sign of depression. Again, these feelings are most common when losing a spouse or longtime friend.

For more information on recognizing and handling the symptoms of depression in the elderly, visit the Web site www.gmhfonline.org.

Drug resistant superbugs on the rise among adults

It seems that for years the medical community has been warning the public about the potential for a "superbug" to form — a bacteria that is resistant to the majority of antibiotics currently on the market. Still, many parents — and even doctors — understand the risk but fill antibiotics prescriptions anyway.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, virtually all significant bacterial infections in the world are becoming resistant to the antibiotic treatment of choice. There are even bacteria that resist single, double or multiple antibiotics, making treatment and the threat of a superbug even more real.

Ear Infection Woes

Recently, researchers have discovered a strain of bacteria resistant to all approved drugs used to fight ear infections in children, according to an article published in the Journal of the American Medical Association. Two pediatricians discovered the drug-resistant ear infection strain after performing tympanocentesis (ear tap) on children whose ear infections did not clear up with the general course of antibiotics.

The ear tap process involves puncturing the eardrum and draining fluid. Subsequent testing of the fluid can determine the bacterial strain causing the infection. The children who were not benefiting from antibiotics were found to have a superbug named 19A.

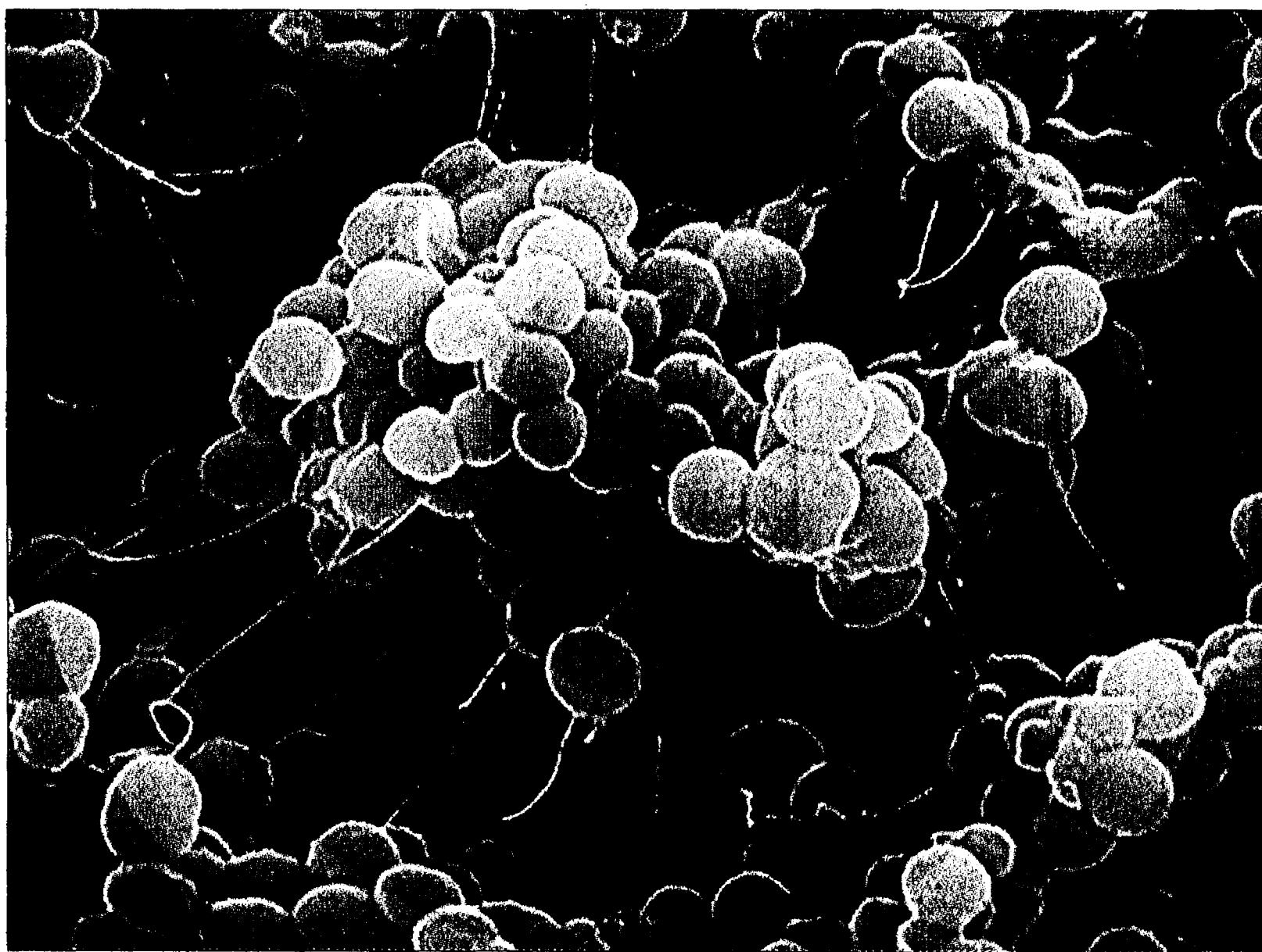
The bacterial strain could only be killed by the antibiotic levofloxacin, a medication not approved for use in children. Desperation mandated the doctors treat the children with the powerful antibiotic rather than have them face further illness or permanent hearing loss.

Resistant Staph

Drug-resistant staph infections have been in the news as of late, again drawing attention to superbugs. Staph infections, which range from urinary tract infections to bacterial pneumonia, are caused by the bacterium *Staphylococcus aureus*. In the 1940s, staph became resistant to penicillin. Today it is resistant to all but some of the most lethal antibiotics. There are even reports that the most powerful treatment is no longer effective.

Stopping Superbugs

For years experts have been warning that doctors need to determine if bacteria is at play with



Staphylococcus aureus is just one type of bacteria that has evolved over time to form stronger resistance.

regard to illness before prescribing antibiotics. It's now recommended that they go even further to determine the strain so that the proper antibiotic can be used.

Antibiotics should not be prescribed for illnesses such as colds or the flu for "comfort sake," because these are viruses and are unaffected by antibiotics.

Task force agencies chaired by the CDC and the Food and Drug Administration continue to educate and find ways to combat drug-resistant bacteria. The success of the plan — known as the Public Health Action Plan to Combat Antimicrobial Resistance — depends on the cooperation of many entities, such as state and local health agencies, universities, professional societies, pharmaceutical companies, healthcare professionals, agricultural producers and the public.

How Resistance Happens

Bacteria reside all around us. Many are helpful and not at all a danger. Some are capable of causing serious infections.

To treat bacteria-related infections, antibiotics must halt or kill

the growth of bacteria. Some bacteria have developed resistance to antibiotics naturally over time. Others have become resistant to drugs in other ways. Many develop resistance to certain drugs spontaneously through mutation.

Mutations are changes that occur in the DNA of the bacteria. These changes allow the bacteria to fight or inactivate the antibiotic.

Bacteria can also become resistant through exchanging genes with

other bacteria. Rapid growth of bacteria and a sort of "mating" creates combinations of bacteria that are not affected by drugs.

If an antibiotic is prescribed and absolutely necessary, a person should not skip doses or stop taking it as soon as they feel better; they should complete the full course of the medication. Otherwise, the drug may not kill all the infectious bacteria, allowing the remaining bacteria to possibly become resistant.

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Lowering cholesterol levels can prove tricky for some

In recent months there has been talk of an imposed ban on trans fats, also known as partially hydrogenated oils, in restaurants throughout New York City. It is anticipated that such a ban will have a ripple effect across the country and spark other cities to sit up and take notice of the health implications rendered by trans fats.

Trans fats are particularly attractive to restaurants because they don't spoil, are partially solid and are tasty. That is why trans fats are found in many foods, including cookies, cakes, candy bars and fried foods. Check the labels of the foods you eat (both in and out of a restaurant) and you're bound to find trans fats.

Trans fats were created years ago as a replacement to saturated fats, which were commonly used and known to cause heart disease and other problems, including obesity. However, while saturated fats elevate the LDL, or "bad" cholesterol levels, in the body, trans fats do even more damage. In addition to raising LDL, they

also lower the HDL, or "good" cholesterol.

This puts the body at a greater risk for heart problems — raising it four to five times faster, according to widespread research.

"We calculate that tens of thousands of people are dying every year because of trans fats,"

Walter Willett, chairman of the department of nutrition at Harvard University's School of Public Health, said.

While research is still being conducted on this subject, and many restaurants are removing trans fats from their menu items voluntarily, there are steps the general public can take to improve their heart health and moderate cholesterol levels.

• **Consume healthy fats whenever possible:** Cooking oils that are healthier alternatives include canola and olive oil.

These oils offer low levels in unsaturated fats, making them very heart-healthy. Research also indicates that they have antioxidant properties, helping to boost the immune system.

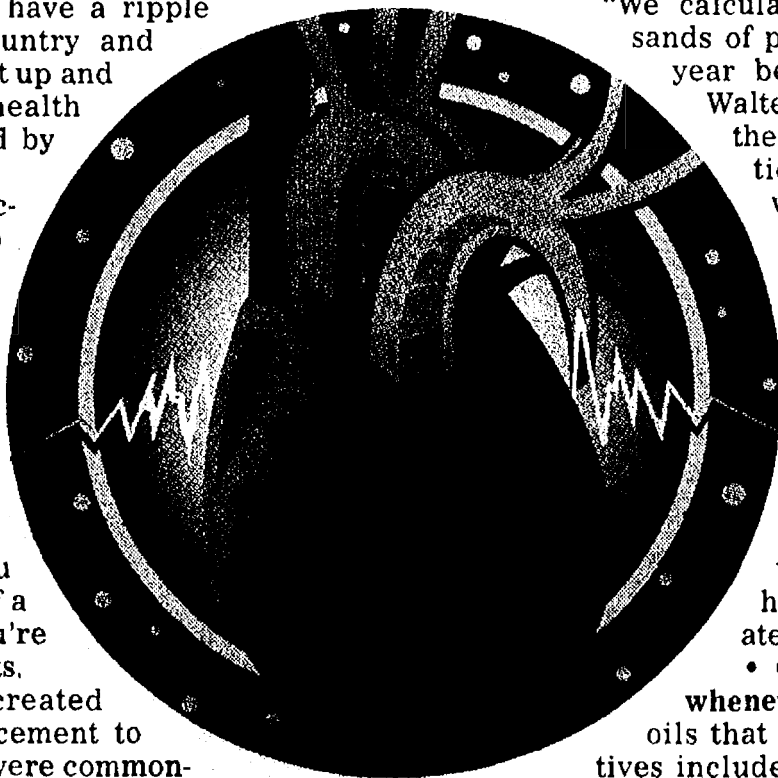
• **Exercise:** Not only does moderate exercise strengthen the heart and improve circulation, it also helps to keep weight in check. Those of a healthy weight are less likely to suffer from diabetes and other ailments attributed to obesity.

• **Supplement your diet:** The dietary supplement Cholesterolite can reduce cholesterol levels naturally with Phytosterol-Esters. The Food and Drug Administration has approved this natural compound as a solution to fighting high cholesterol levels.

Phytosterol-Esters are certified and laboratory-tested to lower cholesterol up to 25 percent in 30 days. Phytosterol-Esters are a plant compound that share a very similar molecular structure to a person's own cholesterol. They block the body's normal absorption of dietary cholesterol, allowing Cholesterolite to naturally lower cholesterol. Therefore, even if trans fats are consumed in moderation where bad cholesterol levels would rise as a result, Phytosterol-Esters will help limit the negative effect of trans fats by binding to the cholesterol in the bloodstream and transport it to the liver for excretion.

The supplement packs adequate amounts of these powerful plant compounds in a new Liquid Capsule form for easy swallowing and fast absorption.

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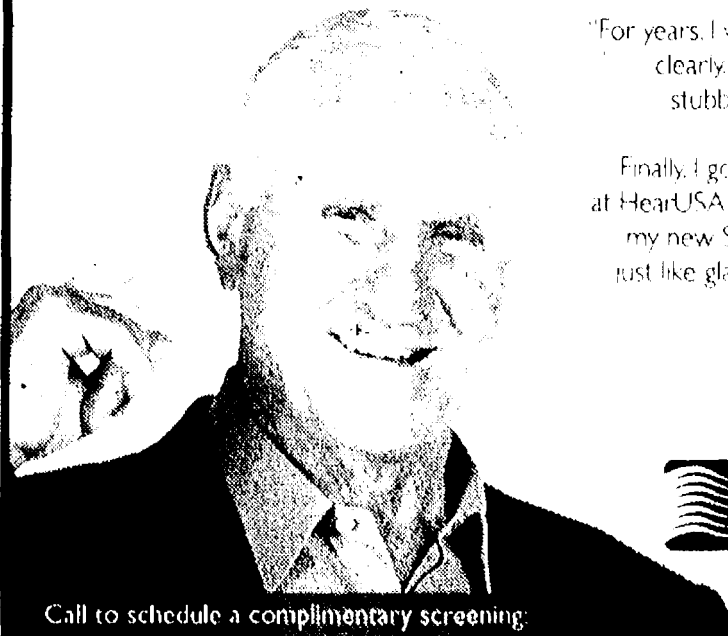
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Doctors see allergies increase among clean kids

Navigating a child's world when food allergies are present can be challenging to say the least. But for the millions with allergies, it's an absolute must to be resolute and avoid potential food triggers.

If your child is allergic to nuts, dairy, shellfish, or other foods, he or she is sharing company with about 11 million other people in the United States alone.

In the past, food allergies were not much of a concern to the medical community. Today, scientists generally agree that food allergies are a force to be reckoned with — and the numbers of those with allergies are growing. In response, parents, children and schools are taking measures to make sure children with allergies are safe from attacks that can be as mild as rashes or irritation or as severe as anaphylactic shock.

Peanut- or milk-free zones are set up in lunch rooms, and many food manufacturers are now required to list the eight most common allergies on their food labels. Because allergies can even be triggered from just inhaling foods, including "peanut fumes," many airlines and classrooms actually ban foods containing nuts or require they be stored under special lock and key — away from allergic children.

Peanut allergies and allergies from other tree nuts, including almonds and pecans, are among the most dire. Reports indicate that peanut allergies have doubled in children under 5 years old between the years of 1997 and 2002. Even trace amounts of peanuts can cause severe allergic reactions.

In 2005, 15-year-old Christina Desforjes from Canada died a few days after kissing her boyfriend who had just eaten peanut butter. People with severe allergies, such as those to peanuts, often carry around EpiPens, emergency devices that can deliver a dose of epinephrine in the case of a severe reaction.

Why do Allergies Happen?

Scientists have a basic understanding of how allergies work, but they don't have complete control over why the body's immune system reacts to something that should normally be benign when ingested.

With an allergy, the immune system mistakes food as a harmful sub-

stance. White blood cells are discharged to produce antibodies against the allergen. These antibodies attach to "mast" cells, which are found in the skin, nose, lungs, intestines, stomach and mouth. When an allergen subsequently enters the body, the mast cells are ready and respond with a chemical called "histamine." This produces the telltale allergic symptoms of itchiness, sneezing, stomach cramping and swelling, among others.

What Causes Allergies?

There is no concrete reason why allergies occur in some and not others. Many believe allergies run in families. New research into allergies has unearthed an interesting hypothesis: that oversterilization of a child's environment is related to development of allergies. It seems instead of just "an apple a day to keep the doctor away," children should regularly be exposed to dirt and animals.

Studies have shown that kids who grow up on farms around animals and dirt have fewer allergies than those who are sheltered from these conditions. The hypothesis has even been studied among lab rats. Those in a wild habitat exhibit far fewer allergies than rats kept in a laboratory. The line of thinking is that in the "wild" the body learns to judge what invaders are truly malevolent, such as a severe parasite, rather than something innocuous like a grain of pollen.

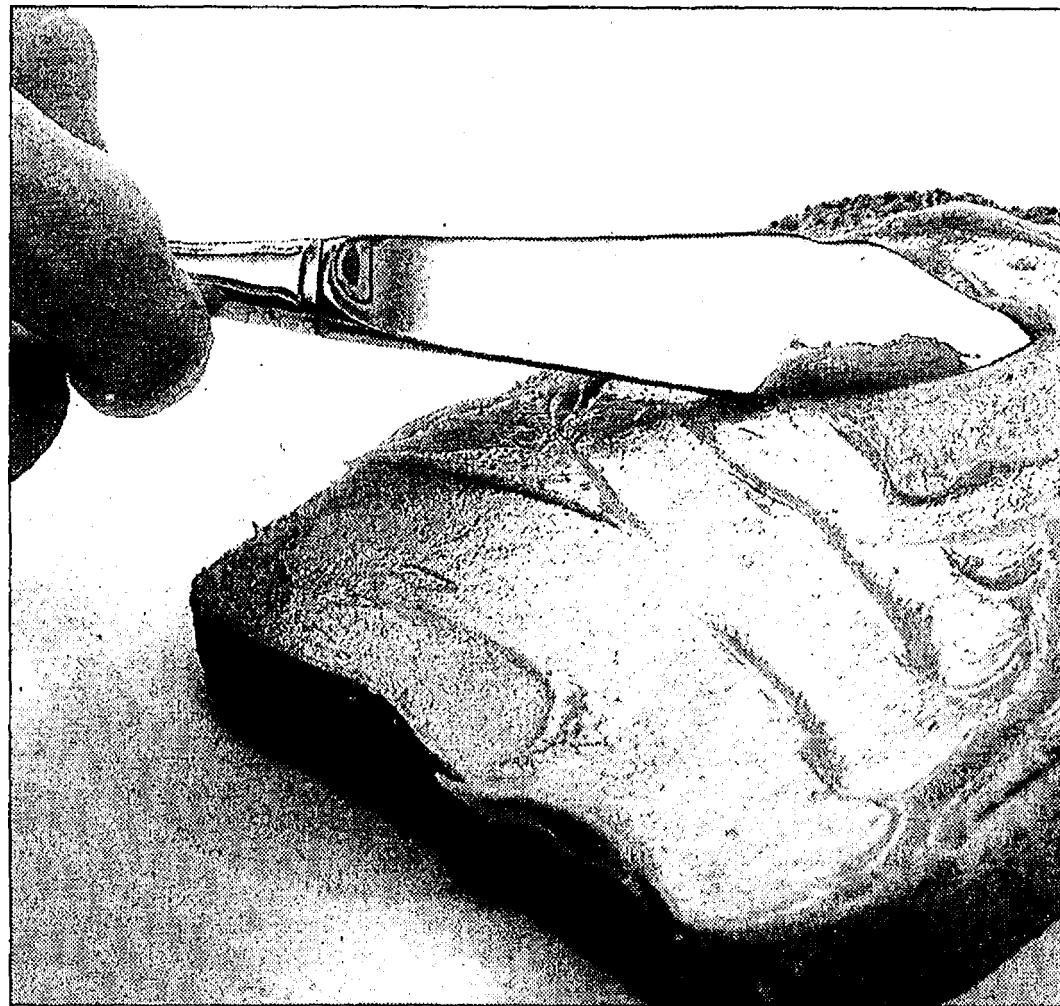
Allergy Treatment

Up until recently, there was no cure or treatment for allergies — people simply avoided triggers or took products to alleviate mild symptoms. But scientists are looking at other options. Using the problem foods themselves in extremely small doses, experiments are under way to see if an allergic individual can gradually build up a tolerance to foods they normally would be allergic to.

While this doesn't mean they'll be able to indulge in a peanut butter cup if they have a peanut allergy, it may save them a trip to the hospital if they accidentally bite into a trace amount of peanuts.

Leading a "normal" life is generally the goal for allergic children and families, who want to have their eggs, fish, peanuts and enjoy them, too.

Peanut allergies and allergies from other tree nuts, including almonds and pecans, are among the most dire.



Reports find food allergens are on the rise among school-aged children. Common allergens include peanuts and dairy products.

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Cardio key to successful exercise routines

When it comes time to lose weight, many people look to the nearby fitness center to help them shed those extra pounds. When entering a gym for the first time, newcomers are often overwhelmed by the buzz of activity and the clanking of weights coupled with the host of machines they seem to know nothing about.

While an initial foray into the gym can be intimidating, it's important to keep in mind that one of the best ways to lose weight is something you've been doing almost since the day you were born. Since the moment you took your first step, you've been doing cardio, or cardiovascular exercise. More widely referred to as aerobic exercise, cardio has a number of benefits, not the least of which is losing weight.

- **Cardio strengthens bones:** Osteoporosis is a bone disease in which the bones become brittle and fragile due to tissue loss. This tissue loss can be the result of age or deficiencies in calcium or vitamin D. A workout that includes jogging or even fast walking can reduce the risk of osteoporosis because, as the National Osteoporosis Foundation points out, these weight-bearing activities strengthen the skeletal system. NOF also notes that any exercise in which feet or legs are bearing the weight, including dancing and climbing, are effective cardio exercises.

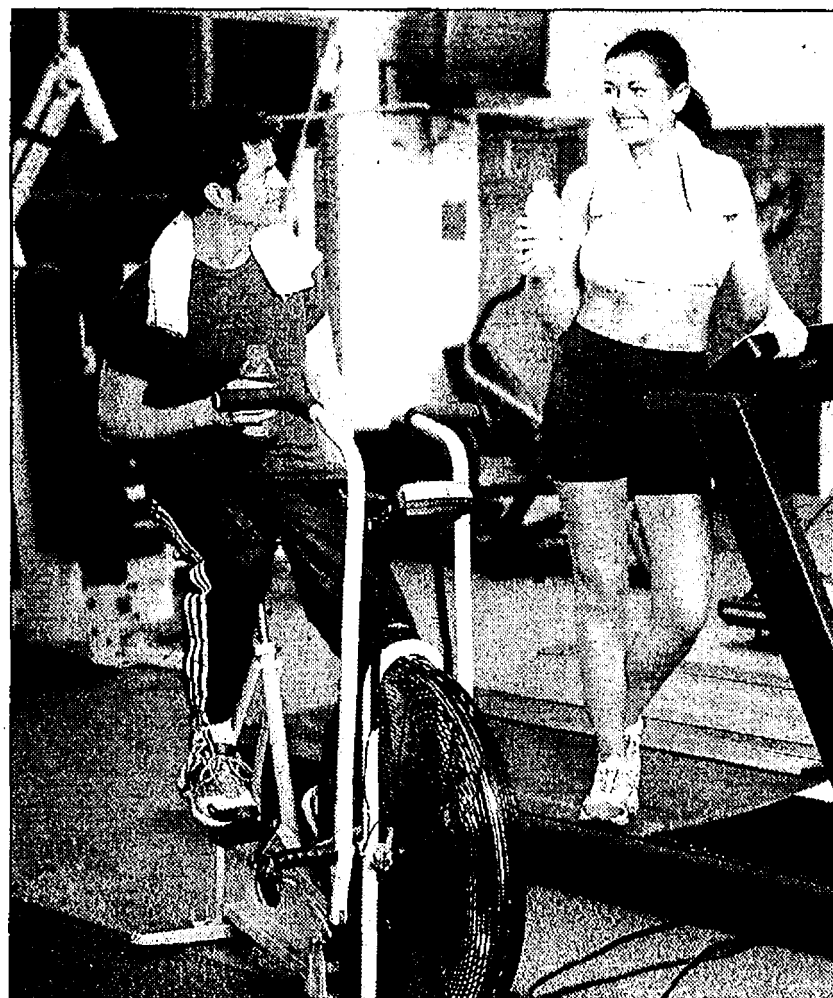
- **Cardio reduces body fat:** Including car-

dio in your regular exercise routine helps to increase lean body tissue while reducing fat. If the goal of your weight loss is to look better, then including cardio in your regular routine is a great way to achieve this. While this might sound simple, the more calories you burn, the more pounds you'll lose, and cardio has proven to be a great way to burn calories.

- **Cardio can reduce blood pressure:** Many people choose to lose weight not because of a New Year's resolution, but because their doctor (or their body) has told them they need to shed weight to survive. For those with high blood pressure, cardio has proven an effective way to lower blood pressure.

A 2002 study at Tulane University found that aerobic, or cardiovascular exercise lowered blood pressure in all groups of people, whether they had pre-existing conditions or had normal blood pressure.

- **Cardio can help relieve the pain of arthritis:** A cardiovascular program that includes water exercise can be especially valuable to arthritis sufferers. Such exercise can help keep the joints moving while strengthening the muscles around the joints. In addition, cardiovascular exercise increases energy levels, which helps arthritis sufferers better handle some the daily tasks that have become difficult as a result of the arthritis.



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Nearly half of all work-related illnesses are related to skin diseases. Look around your workplace. Are you vulnerable to chemicals, infection or contamination?

One of the most common types of skin damage is dermatitis, a painful condition that causes billions of dollars in lost time and productivity and even more spent on skin disease treatments. But even one day or one dollar lost because you develop this painful skin condition is too much.

Dermatitis is characterized by dry skin that may include cracking, swelling, itching, redness, scaling, blisters or patches that resemble burns. Any form of dermatitis can be so debilitating that people are forced to change their occupation due to excessive time off work or the discomfort.

A remarkable array of industries and employees can be affected by dermatitis. A few occupations that may include risk for employees include:

- food handlers and bartenders
- medical and dental workers
- sanitation and hospitality employees
- public safety workers
- child caregivers
- retail cashiers and bank tellers
- construction workers or outdoor contractors
- hairdressers

According to Occupational Health Journal, you don't need to be in contact with hazardous or harsh chemicals to put your skin in danger. Water is the most common irritant. Many occupations require frequent hand washing.

A whole range of chemicals (including water) can cause the skin to break down even under gloves and other personal protection equipment. This breakdown results in moisture loss, and can ultimately



Industry experts recommend using a skin protector to prevent the absorption of harmful chemicals.

lead to skin disease, especially dermatitis. Skin breakdown, even when it's very mild, can increase your susceptibility to antibiotic-resistant strains of bacteria including MRSA and Staph infections as well.

The bacteria, contamination and chemicals don't respect the boundaries of your workspace. You can also affect your customers and even bring the danger home to your family.

How do you defend your skin from the barrage of irritants that you may come into contact with?

The first, and simplest way is to avoid contact with chemicals or substances you know to be irritants. That's not always possible, though. It's also important to wash your

hands regularly. But even that can contribute to dermatitis if done too often.

Be sure to wear the right protective equipment. Choose gloves and clothes that are appropriate for the type of work you're doing. However, gloves can tear or break, allowing bacteria and irritants to reach the skin. Materials used in gloves also can cause irritation.

Finally, industry experts recommend using a skin protector, a type of lotion that helps prevent the absorption of harmful chemicals while keeping the skin's moisture intact. For best results, use a moisturizer designed to shield the skin from bacteria and irritants, even in a contaminated environment.

Bio-Safe Skin Protectant, by Eclectic Products, Inc., is one such product. It has a patented polymer formula that creates an invisible shield on your skin to help protect you against infectious bacteria and harsh chemicals that can lead to serious infection.

"I've been using Bio-Safe Skin Protectant for eight years," John Sehorn, owner of Sanitation & Safety Services in Milwaukie, Ore., said. "It does what it's supposed to do. I get cuts and they heal almost overnight. I put it by the time clock so employees can use it when they punch in and when they come back from lunch."

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Breakfast key to increased mental learning

The positive effects that eating breakfast has on students' performance in school continues to grow as more schools are serving breakfast. The School Breakfast Program has been in place for about 40 years, and today more than 9 million children eat school breakfast everyday.

Students who ate breakfast at school had general increases in math grades and reading scores, better attention levels, improved classroom behavior and perform-

ance as well as reduced school nurse visits, according to a recent study by the University of Minnesota and Minnesota Department of Children, Families & Learning.

School breakfasts are required to meet federal dietary guidelines and provide students with 25 percent of their daily allowance for protein, calcium, iron, vitamins A and C and calories. Meals are served in age-appropriate portion sizes and schools have many different serving techniques — from

'grab and go' bags and hallway kiosks to breakfast in the classroom and traditional cafeteria service. Many schools are offering breakfast at no cost students because of the proven value of eating breakfast.

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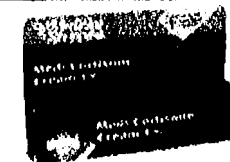
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Looking for a new way to add texture and dimension to your home décor? Consider a textured stencil. It's a quick and relatively easy way to add style and dimension to any painted surface.

With a few simple tools, and some tips from decorative painting experts, you can instantly update the look of any room. Follow these steps from Modern Masters for a professional-looking project:

- Start with a previously painted or primed surface that is clean, dry and free of dust. Before you begin, gather all of your stenciling materials in one place — stencils, painters' tape or repositionable spray adhesive, measuring tape, metal trowel, texturing medium — and make sure the surface you're about to stencil is

dry and sound.

- Select a stencil for your project. Stencils can be purchased at paint and craft stores everywhere and are available in nearly every shape and size imaginable.

Follow the reference guide located on the stencil and position it on the correct area on the wall. Use painters' tape or repositionable spray adhesive to position the stencil onto the desired area and press firmly down.

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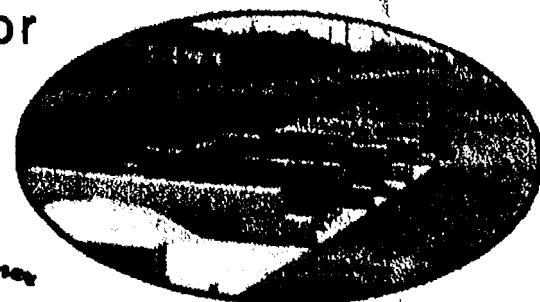
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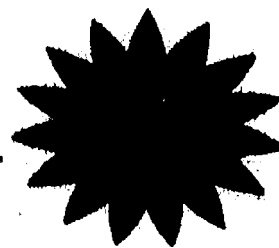
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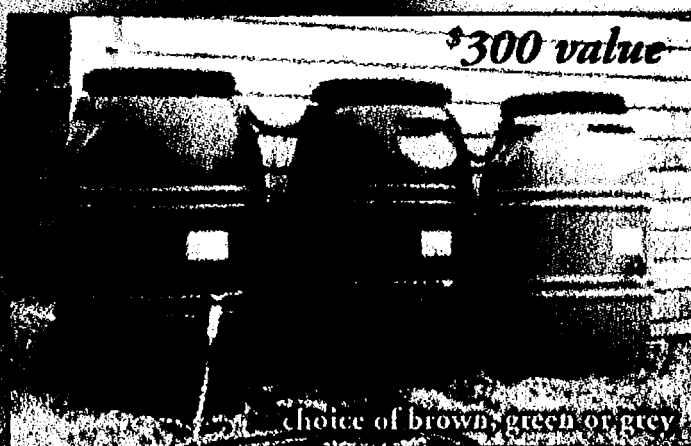
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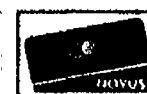
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The real estate bubble has burst, or so the economists tell us. Sellers are at a real disadvantage for the first time in several years. Where houses were once snatched up almost as soon as they were listed, now inventories of homes for sale are sitting on the market for months on end.

With this current state of affairs, sellers must do all they can to make their house the most attractive one around. Buyers are more discerning than ever and won't settle for a sub-par home when there are plenty of other options.

"Making improvements both inside and outside of the house that boost its appeal to buyers can help push a sale in the seller's favor," said Don Zeman, radio personality and host of "Homefront With Don Zeman," a home improvement expert. "When homeowners can do much of the work themselves, they'll save money and hone valuable skills that can last a lifetime."

Zeman, together with Woodcraft, the woodworking industry's leading

provider of tools, products and education, offers the following renovations and tips that could help sell a home.

- Enhance curb appeal. A home with a high "curb appeal" is one that appears inviting to prospective buyers when they first pull up to the curb to check the home out.

Curb appeal has little to do with the home's condition, but lots to do with prospective buyers' perceptions of the home. To increase a home's curb appeal, take good care of the lawn, planting appealing flowers, if necessary, and keep all bushes and trees well trimmed.

Adding architectural items such as shutters, decorative trim work, new railings, or even a porch or pergola can go a long way to improving a home's appeal. For the do-it-yourselfer, project guides for these and other items can show you the way and at a discount from purchasing a finished product.

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Something as simple as new lighting for your kitchen can create a bright new look.

Transform the kitchen with new lighting

Studies have shown that when it comes to spending time at home, no room gets more visitors than the kitchen. Even with media rooms and family rooms offering more than ever before, the kitchen remains a gathering spot.

Despite their universal popularity, many kitchens remain in need of a few adjustments. Many times, homeowners mistake the need for tinkering with the need for a complete remodeling, a job that typically costs thousands of dollars. But seeing your kitchen in a new light doesn't need to break the bank. In fact, a few relatively inexpensive lighting changes can be all a kitchen needs.

Track Lighting

The primary benefit of track lighting is the ability to direct light anywhere you need it. Rather than a single fixture, track lighting has multiple fixtures, helping to serve a multitude of purposes. Specialized fixtures can be used for mood lighting or task lighting.

When combined with a typical kitchen fixture, track lighting can allow homeowners to light their kitchens in a variety of ways. For instance, during the busiest hours, the traditional fixture can help keep the room well lit. Overnight, however, dim track lighting can be used to provide lighting for midnight snacks or if you need to keep a light on for someone arriving home late.

Another benefit of track lighting is the role it plays in cleaning. Hard-to-reach spots in cabinets are often hard

to see as well, making it difficult to know if you've done a thorough job cleaning. With track lighting, direct the light into the cabinets and your cleaning will prove a lot easier.

Recessed Lighting

Recessed lighting is usually an inexpensive option and one that sheds light on places that otherwise might not be well lit, such as cabinets and walls. However, many people decorate the walls of their kitchens or replace their old cabinets, and would like to have some light aimed at these spots.

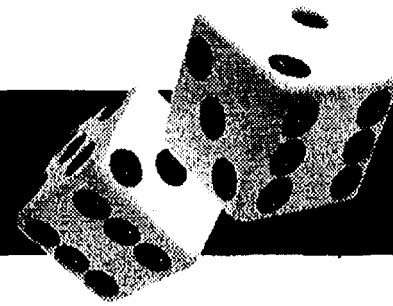
If your kitchen features artwork on the walls or new cabinets, consider recessed lighting to highlight these additions. Also, just like track lighting, if directed toward cabinets, recessed lighting can pay dividends

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when it comes time to clean, shedding light on cabinets that would otherwise be dark.

Under Cabinet Lighting

Under cabinet lighting can be a great addition to any kitchen with lots of countertop space. In many kitchens, cabinets block light from countertops, making it difficult to prepare meals or, if you have an eat-in kitchen, sit and read a newspaper or book while enjoying a meal. Installing lights under the cabinets will solve this problem. Fluorescent lights, though they burn cooler than halogen lights, can create an uncomfortable reflection off of countertops. Halogen lights, though they won't last as long as fluorescent light, create a white light that's easier to work by.

Regardless which you install, try and put it at the front of the cabinet. This will ensure more light makes it onto the countertop than the wall. Also, install under-cabinet lighting uniformly under all cabinets.

Think 'green' when making home repairs



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Most of us are overstocked with stuff to keep our homes looking good and operating efficiently.

An inventory of most garages or basements would reveal an amazing number of cans of leftover paint, cleansers and repair materials like adhesives, caulks, sealants, lawn and garden fertilizers, pesticides and herbicides, etc. Many are toxic and must be disposed of with care.

How can we maintain our homes well while protecting our environment? Experts say you can reduce toxic impact by taking a few simple steps.

- Use simple, non-toxic solutions wherever possible, like vinegar and water for cleaning windows, floors and other surfaces; rubbing alcohol for removing sticky substances; or an adhesive low in volatile organic compounds.

- If you aren't sure how to properly dispose of unused or partially empty containers, contact the manufacturer or local disposal company.

- Choose products that have minimum packaging, and check to see that it is recyclable.

- Choose products that can be used successfully in many situations and on many materials. This reduces the number of products needed for the same basic job, like cleaning surfaces. There are surface cleansers specifically designed for each of these materials: granite, ceramic, stainless steel, plastic, glass, rubber and so on. It's easy to end up with six or seven different surface cleaning products cluttering your supply cabinets.

Adhesives also tend to be marketed for specific applications. There's

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In fact, three of the four types of home improvement projects that significantly increased a home's value at the time of resale were exterior upgrades, according to The National Association of Realtors' "2007 Remodeling Cost vs. Value Report."

These improvements include replacing siding, adding wood decks and upgrading wood windows. Other upgrades that increase home value include landscape lighting, upgraded patio furniture and creating an "outdoor room" by adding an awning over a deck or patio.

"With recent housing market fluctuations, it's more important than ever to make economical home upgrades," said Michelle Sahlin, managing director of the Professional Awning Manufacturers Association. "Expanding outdoor living is not only economical as it adds valuable square footage to the home, but it's also functional. Increasing outdoor living space creates another area of the home where people can cook, play, entertain or even relax, ultimately increasing the home's value."

Outdoor rooms are already being seen in million-dollar "showcase" homes. There are covered eating areas next to the pool, covered outdoor cooking spaces with refrigerators and gas grills, and even outdoor home theaters with built-in projector screens or encased plasma televisions. These trends in outdoor living are not only for the rich and famous, but the ideas can be incorporated into any home at a range of prices.

Creating an outdoor room at your

own home can take just a few days and can cost as little as a few hundred dollars. The style and function of your outdoor room is entirely up to you.

"There are many options to consider when extending your indoor space to the outdoors; many of which make the home stylish and smart," Sahlin said. "Additions like awnings not only provide protection from the sun and heat, they also

keep your home cooler by shading windows and doors from the sun. Awnings have been proven to be a trendy tool for eco-minded and design-savvy homeowners."

Finding creative ways to increase home values can leave many homeowners at a dead end. But, by thinking beyond your home's four walls and taking your design ideas outdoors, you are opening up a new world of possibilities.

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a glue just for PVC pipe and another one just for paper. A quick survey of your home will probably reveal at least six different adhesives from white glue to "super" glues to glues designed for specific materials (wood, ceramic, plastic). Many are toxic and overpackaged with non-recyclable materials.

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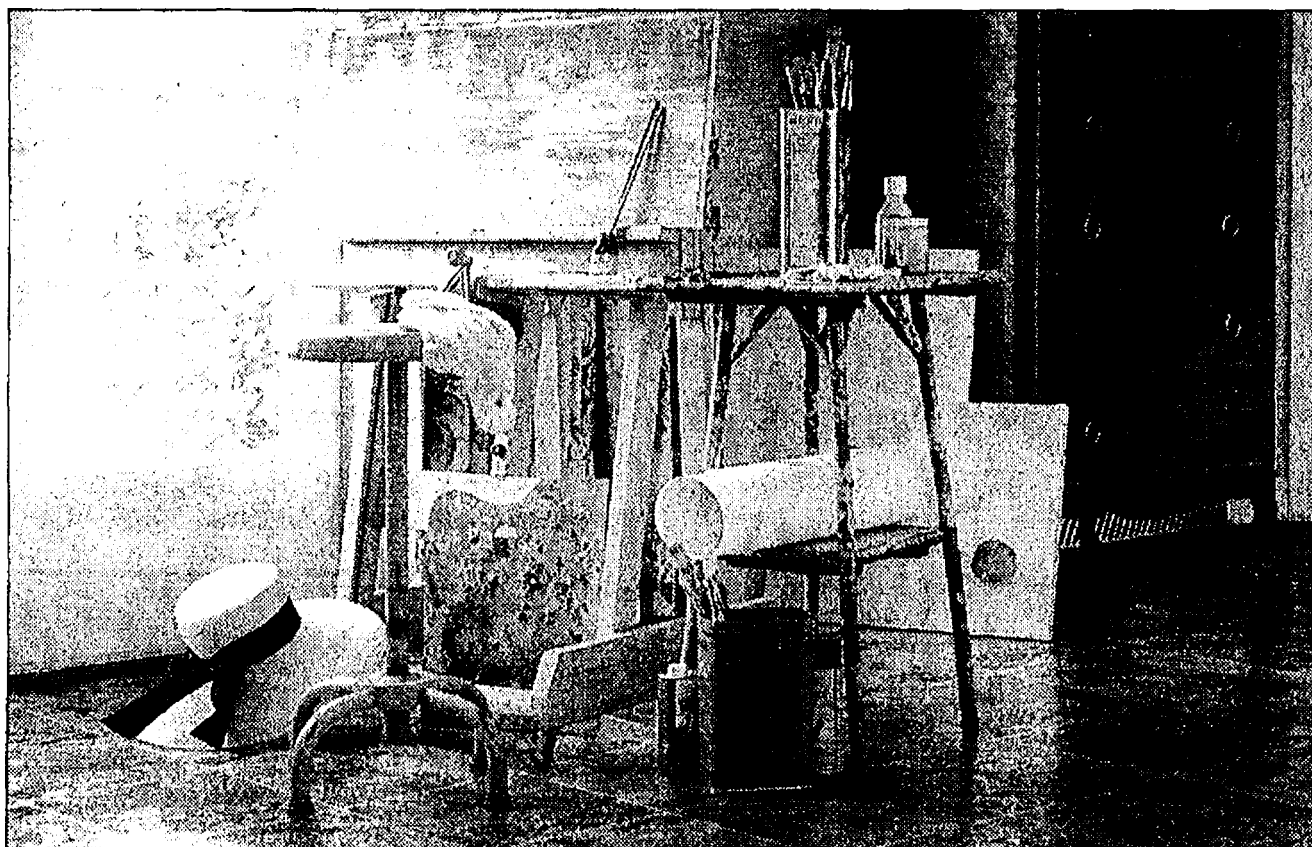
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- Once you have the texture smooth and even, carefully lift the stencil pulling straight away from the wall and admire your work.

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Is it time for new floors?

Choosing new floors for your home can be a daunting task. To help make the process a little less confusing, experts at flooring manufacturer Mannington Mills offer this advice:

- Consider the room's use. Is it a family room that gets a lot of traffic? A laminate floor would be a good choice here. They're made to look like wood, stone or slate, but don't have any of the maintenance concerns that those floors do.

Is it a kitchen or bath, where water is a concern? In that case, consider vinyl flooring. Both sheet vinyl and Luxury Vinyl are beautiful and durable. They come in a wide variety of styles and colors, and can look amazingly real, from wood, to stone and sisal.

- Consider your decorating style. Do you prefer traditional looks? You might choose a classic oak or elegant cherry hardwood. One of the most popular looks in hardwood flooring today is the handscraped floor. It offers a unique texture that can complement any décor.

Is your style more eclectic? Mannington Bamboo might be more your preference. Or perhaps you might choose a Luxury Vinyl floor like Mannington's award-winning Adura. It comes in tile and plank formats, and replicates looks as varied as hammered metal, lava stone, and barn oak.

- Consider your lifestyle. Do you have children or pets? If so, you'll want to choose a super-durable flooring, like porcelain tile.

Porcelain is harder and stronger than regular ceramic tile, and it needs little maintenance. And today's porcelain tiles come in a wide variety of colors and sizes, including the newest modular formats, with an array of beautiful decorative accent pieces to help give your floor a custom look.

Is your home your sanctuary? A beautiful, elegant hardwood floor might be just right for you. Exotic cherry, maple or mahogany bring warmth and elegance into your home, and Mannington's pre-finished hardwood floors have beauty and durability that will last for years to come.

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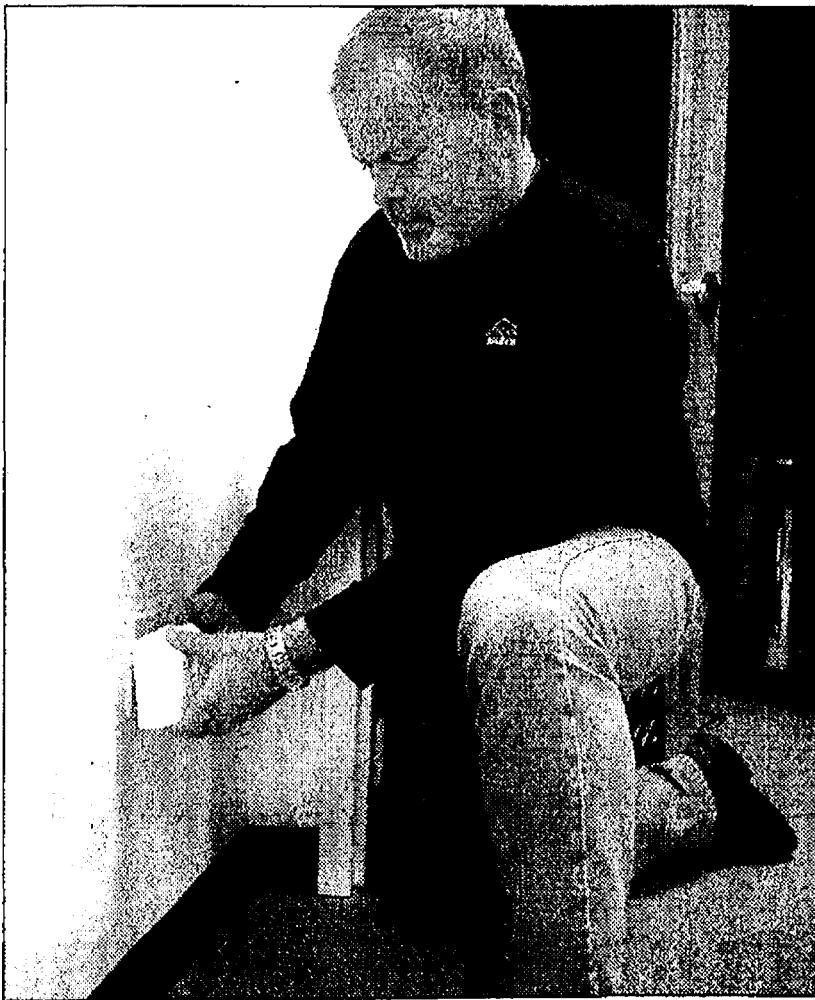
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Install a carbon monoxide detector to prevent carbon monoxide poisoning.



Protect yourself from carbon monoxide poisoning

Common household mistakes could be making you sick. With symptoms similar to the flu, carbon monoxide poisoning may be misinterpreted and ignored, resulting in deadly consequences. Awareness of common causes of carbon monoxide poisoning and some simple solutions can help keep your home safe.

With no discernable color, smell or taste, carbon monoxide has been deemed the "silent killer" and is the leading cause of poisoning deaths in the United States.

According to the Journal of the American Medical Association, there are approximately 2,100 unintentional deaths from carbon monoxide every year in the United States. Carbon monoxide is the byproduct of incomplete combustion, and can form anywhere a fuel is burned. It can kill in a matter of minutes, depending upon the levels of carbon monoxide in the air.

"If high levels of carbon monoxide are inhaled for long durations, it

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APPEAL

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can set it apart from others on the market, particularly in housing developments where many homes follow a common layout. Naturally, improvements will vary depending upon how much of an investment you can make.

Think about updating cabinetry and countertops in kitchens, if possible. Swap out cabinet hardware and knobs and change outdated fixtures for an instant update on a budget. Woodcraft offers an assortment of hardware options by Laurey, as well as tandem drawer slides and hinges by Blum to enhance the functionality of your cabinets.

Adding moldings, baseboards, mantels, and custom-looking built-ins are other ways to upgrade the look and feel of a home. You'll need a good router, like the Porter Cable Speedmatic, and there are hundreds of router bit styles to create any look you want.

Precision measuring tools, such as those by Pinnacle, will assure the correct angles and dimensions. Additionally, when you truly are "doing it yourself," the Third Hand Support System provides the extra help needed to hold these items in place while installing.

• Paint possibilities: Nothing transforms a room faster than a new coat of paint. Neutral colors throughout the home allow potential buyers to envision their belongings and décor in your home most easily.

Resist the urge to try paint treatments or texturing techniques, as anything that is difficult to change or cover-up may deter buyers. Also consider giving existing woodwork new life with an updated stain or finish.

• Keep the flooring presentable. Flooring is often a tough call for sellers. Some think the wrong flooring can make a home extremely difficult to sell, while others feel that it's easy for prospective buyers to imagine simply pulling the carpet up, making this a non-issue. Unless the flooring is in terrible shape, with tears, chips, or lots of stains, a thorough cleaning/resurfacing by a professional service is probably all it needs.

If you want to replace the flooring, keep in mind that it could be an expensive project if you hire a professional. With a few helping hands and a little know-how, you may be able to replace a floor yourself.

Determine the cost of new flooring, versus the return you'll get on that investment before beginning. Be sure to fix as many imperfections to flooring as you can before putting the house on the market if you're not going for a total replacement.

Selling a home will require a little more work than in years past. For more helpful tips from Don Zeman, click on www.homefront.com.

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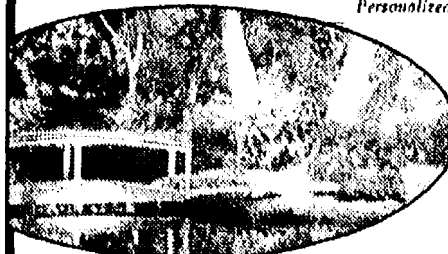
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PROTECT

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can cause breathing difficulties, brain damage, coma or even death," said Brian Gurry, master contractor and host of "American Builder" the Comcast Network. "Installing a carbon monoxide detector and taking a few precautions around the house can keep everyone safe."

A professional builder, Gurry frequently encounters homes that have easy-to-fix problems that could result in unsafe levels of carbon monoxide. He offers five simple repairs and precautions that could save a life.

- Get out of the garage. Today's high-performance vehicles don't need long warm-up times.

"Unfortunately, running a car inside of the garage happens all too often by someone in a rush or trying to avoid the elements," Gurry said.

If you must warm up the car, do it outside of the garage. When returning home, turn the car off as soon as you drive in to the garage.

- Give the generator space. Generators produce carbon monoxide and

should not be placed in the garage or close to the home.

"People lose power in their homes and get so excited about using their generator that they don't pay attention to where they place it. Check the owner's manual and make sure it's far enough from the home so carbon monoxide doesn't get inside," Gurry said.

- Clean the chimney.

"Simply brushing the ashes down the chute does not clean the chimney and, in fact, can create a problem," Gurry said. "The ashes build up and can block other points of connection."

To prevent this build-up, open the hatch at the bottom of the chimney and remove the ashes. Gurry recommends this be done weekly along with an annual visit from the chimney sweep.

- Check vents. Regularly inspect your home's external vents to ensure they are not obscured by debris, dirt or snow.

"This is especially important in cold climates, where a couple of feet of snow can easily block a direct vent to a gas fireplace or chimney," Gurry said.

- Install a carbon monoxide detector.

"This is the most important thing you can do to prevent carbon monoxide poisoning, and it's so easy. People install smoke detectors throughout the house and often overlook carbon monoxide detectors," Gurry said.

Battery operated models can start at less than \$20 and Gurry suggests installing at least one on every floor of the home. If your monitor goes off, Gurry urges, "Get out as fast as you can and call the fire department."

For more household repair, improvement and construction information from Gurry, visit www.CN8.tv.



Don't forget to protect decks from spring showers and summer sun.

Protect your deck from the elements

The long months of winter weather can take a tremendous toll on your deck. The spring and summer months can, too. Decks need protection from the sun's harsh rays and spring and summer showers.

So before you put out the outdoor furniture, make sure you protect your deck so it looks its best during the spring and summer months ahead. Follow these easy steps from the experts at Wolman Wood Care Products:

- Clean your deck thoroughly to remove dirt, mold, mildew stains and weathered gray surface wood with an acid-free, biodegradable deck cleaner like Wolman DeckBrite. Unlike chlorine bleach, which can degrade the structure of wood, DeckBrite's

oxygen activated formula cleans and restores wood to its original, like-new appearance without whitening or damaging the wood's surface.

- If the finish on your deck has seen better days, or if you want to change the look of your outdoor décor, strip away any deteriorating or unwanted pigmented deck finishes with Wolman DeckStrip Stain and Finish Remover. It removes traditional colored water sealers, wood protectors, toners and semi-transparent stains, and prepares the wood for a new stain or finish. If you need to strip a solid color, 100 percent acrylic stain, use Wolman DeckStrip ASR Acrylic Stain Remover.

- After you've cleaned and restored your deck it's time to beautify

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Spring Home Improvement Projects with payback for homeowners

Many projects in the home are decided based on personal style or design trends. However, according to industry experts, you should look at your home as an investment, and seek out projects with payback that can offer long-term benefits.

"Personal taste is important, but you should always think how any changes you make on your home today will impact its resale value tomorrow," said home improvement expert Don Zeman, host of the nationally syndicated radio show "Homefront with Don Zeman."

"Whether consciously or unconsciously, consumers are constantly making investments in their home. Something as simple as adding landscaping or painting a room is an investment," he said.

According to Zeman, a former contractor with 28 years of experience, the bigger the ticket item, the more thought people usually put into the project.

"Every time you spend money on your home, no matter how small or large the project, you should consid-

er how this affects the future resale of your house," he said.

"Most importantly, homeowners should plan for the replacement of key elements of their home during the time they live there. Don't wait for the roof to leak or the dishwasher to conk out. Smart homeowners make educated replacement decisions that can save them money now, while they're living in the home, and also in the long run when they go to sell the home."

Based on his experience in the home improvement industry, Zeman recommends these projects for maximum return on investment for homeowners.

- Give the outside of your home a critical look. Do you have trim or shutters that have faded or peeling paint? If so, now's the time to improve the curb appeal of your home by replacing these eyesore items with low-maintenance exterior trim and shutters.

- Tired of seeing your energy bills skyrocket every month? Then look at your windows. It's possible you're spending way too much money to

heat or cool air that is escaping through old, inefficient windows. Energy-efficient glass packages with Energy Star ratings can help reduce those bills. And, windows with vinyl frames are not only easy to maintain, but also serve as good insulators to help save on energy bills.

- Every product in the home has a life span. Evaluate your major home components, such as roofing and siding, on a yearly basis. While it may be tempting to wait until these features wear out completely, it's smarter and more cost-effective to replace aging items before they break down. When it's time to replace your roof, deck, siding or driveway, get competitive prices and try to have the work done during off season to save costs.

- Add a touch of elegance to your home by replacing key windows in hallways, entryways and bathrooms with decorative glass windows. Available in both functional and non-functional versions, the windows come in a variety of styles that allow sunlight into the home while protecting your privacy.

DECK

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and protect it with a stain or finish that offers water-repellency and UV-blocking pigment to protect against the sun's harsh rays. Choose a stain like Wolman DuraStain, which comes in a richly pigmented semi-transparent or a solid color finish.

DuraStain provides long-term water-repellency, mildew resistance and especially long-lasting color retention that outlasts traditional semi-transparent and solid stains. Both products are guaranteed to prevent wood graying, water damage and peeling.

Or try a rich, transparent oil finish, like Wolman F&P Finish and Preservative, which beautifies new or weathered wood with a penetrating oil sheen, and protects wood against rot and decay caused by mildew or other fungi growth, providing the strongest mildew protection available in an outdoor stain.

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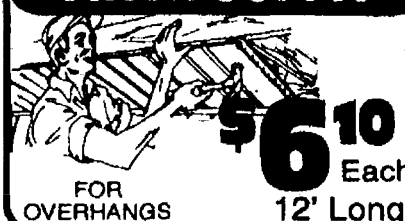
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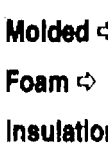
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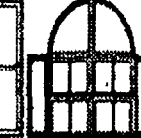
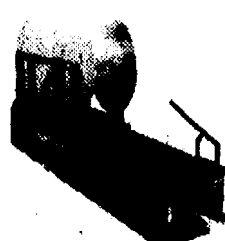
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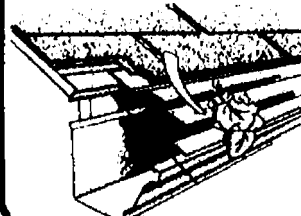
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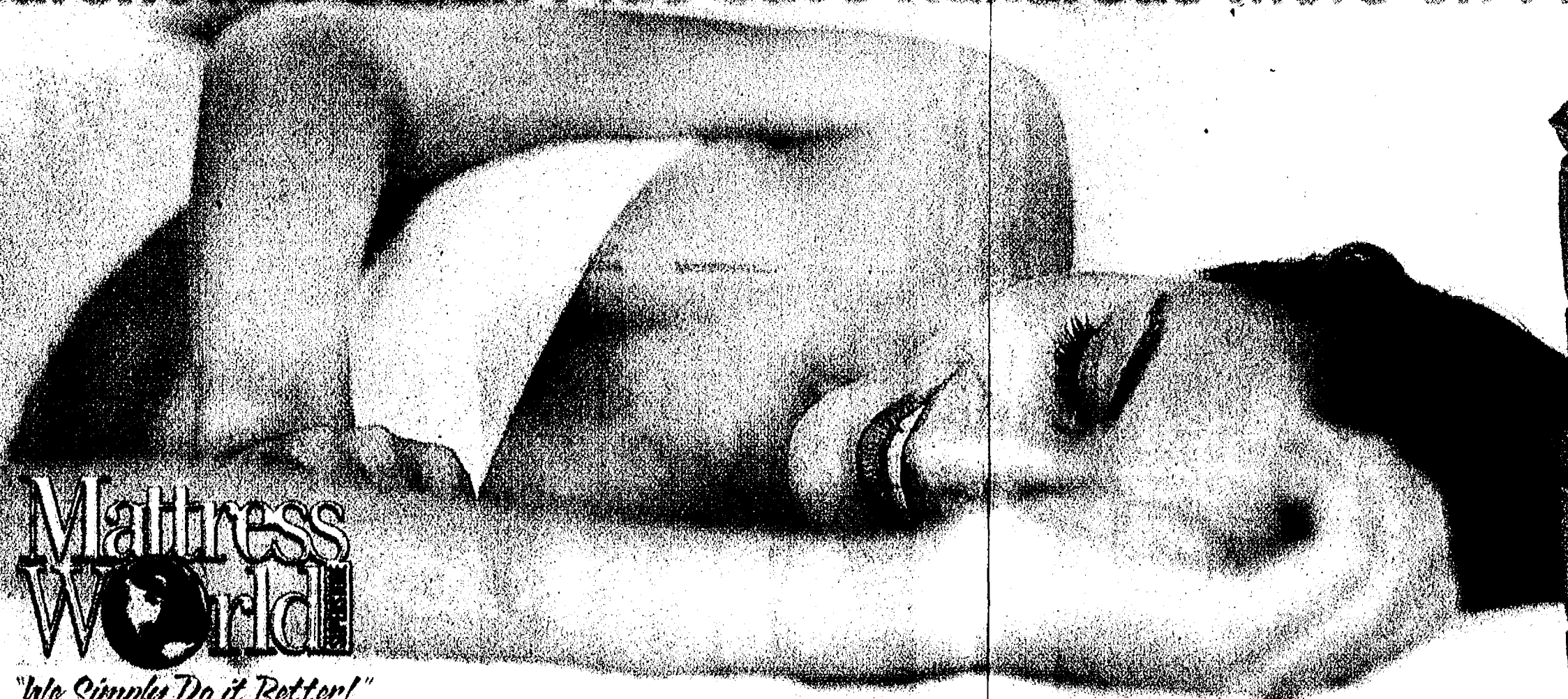
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PLUS \$100 or \$150 OFF Coupons Too!

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TAKE AN ADDITIONAL **\$50 OFF**
All Closeout Sleep Sets \$399 & Up
— CLOSEOUT COUPON —

TAKE AN ADDITIONAL **\$75 OFF**
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TAKE AN ADDITIONAL **\$100 OFF**
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TAKE AN ADDITIONAL **\$150 OFF**
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TAKE AN ADDITIONAL **\$200 OFF**
All Closeout Sleep Sets \$1999 & Up

FREE Pillows
FREE Delivery
EXPERT
See Inside for Details

✓ SETUP* ✓ REMOVAL*
*Minimum Purchase Required

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"We Simply Do it Better!"

Mattress World Signature Collection	Muskegon	Cheboygan Plush	Petoskey Gentle Firm	Charlevoix Pillowtop	Grand Traverse Luxury Plush
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Full Mattress.....	\$318 \$149	\$459 \$229	\$539 \$279	\$639 \$369	\$639 \$369
Full 2pc. Set.....	\$378 \$289	\$689 \$349	\$799 \$399	\$939 \$489	\$939 \$489
Queen Mattress.....	\$538 \$209	\$719 \$309	\$719 \$309	\$939 \$489	\$939 \$489
Queen 2pc. Set.....	\$588 \$349	\$799 \$399	\$889 \$449	\$1289 \$699	\$1289 \$699
King Mattress.....		\$1199 \$599	\$1289 \$649		
King 2pc. Set.....					

Yes! Closeout Cash Coupons on All Spring Air Qualifying Sleep Sets Too!

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Imagine a place of
relaxing

TEMPUR
welcome to bed™

Where do you go when you go to bed?

Do you go to a place where you can find both rest for your body and peace for your mind...a place where the pressures of the day seem to just melt away? Or is it just a bed?

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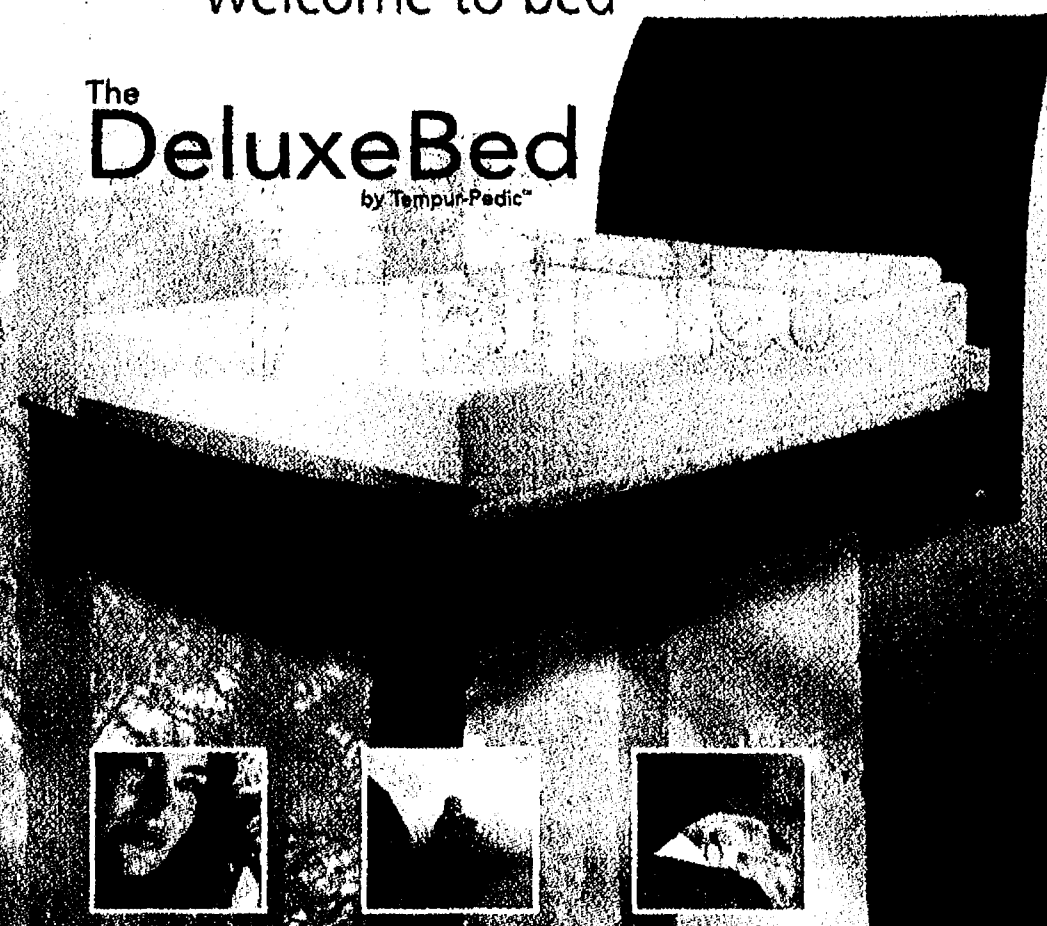
Tempur-Pedic® doesn't simply offer you a bed to sleep on... Tempur-Pedic delivers "night-time relaxation for body and mind." It's like no other bed you have ever experienced.

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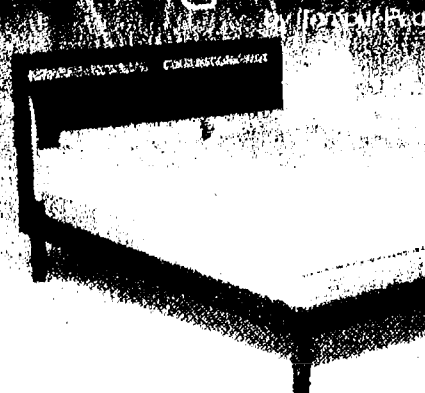
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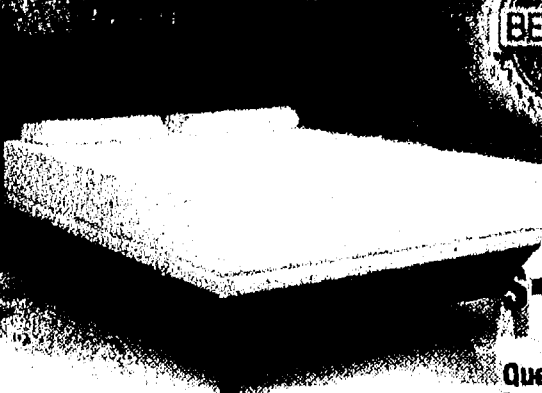


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THE ONLY MATTRESS
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As Low As
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Original
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Revolutionary support, unmatched value.
True to Tempur-Pedic's original, no-flip design, The OriginalBed by Tempur-Pedic™ features a body-conforming TEMPUR® material Support Layer.

ClassicBed
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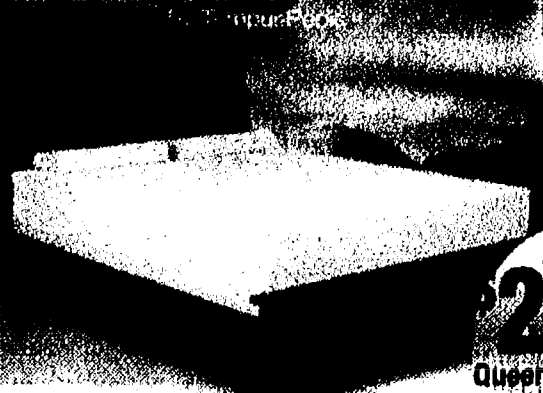


BEST BUY

NOW
\$1999
Queen Classic Bed
Complete Sleep Set

Healing support, timeless comfort.
TEMPUR® material absorbs and redistributes your body weight (pressure) across the entire surface area to relieve painful pressure points, reducing tossing and turning and increasing circulation.

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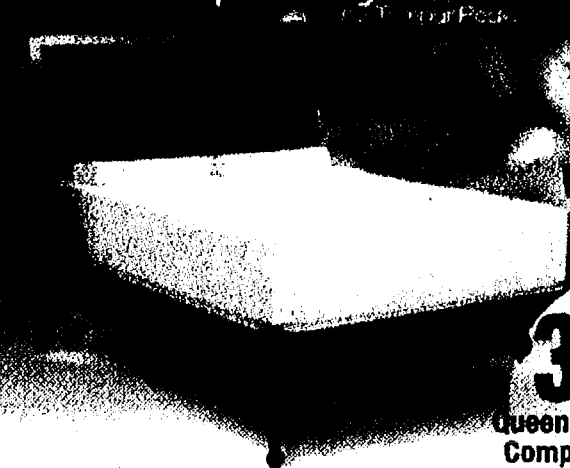


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NOW
\$2599
Queen Deluxe Bed
Complete Sleep Set

Therapy and comfort, perfectly balanced.
The DeluxeBed by Tempur-Pedic™ has a more luxurious look and feel with an extra-thick TEMPUR® material Comfort Layer and a dual AirFlow System™ Base Layer.

The
RhapsodyBed
by Tempur-Pedic™



Authentic
TEMPUR Material

NOW
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Queen Rhapsody Bed
Complete Sleep Set

Soothing comfort, unrivaled support.
A masterful composition of technology and comfort, The RhapsodyBed by Tempur-Pedic™ features a TEMPUR-HD™ Comfort Layer and Tempur-Pedic's dual AirFlow System™ Base Layer.

The
CelebrityBed
by Tempur-Pedic™



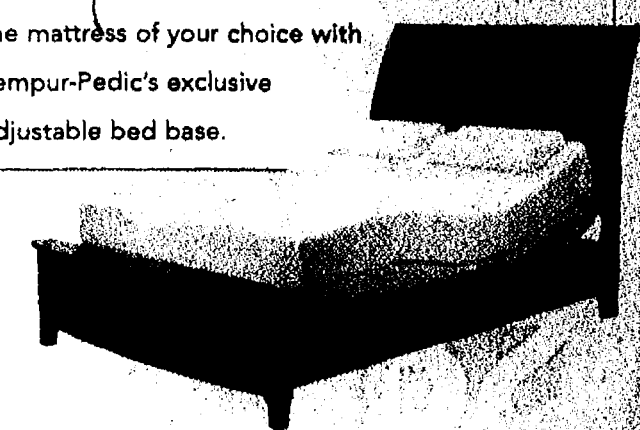
LIMITED 20 YEAR WARRANTY

NOW
\$3799
Queen Celebrity Bed
Complete Sleep Set

Indulgent design, pillow-top comfort.
The CelebrityBed by Tempur-Pedic™ is an ultra-plush pillow-top design featuring even more TEMPUR® material than most other Tempur-Pedic® mattresses and a luxurious, cashmere blend cover.

Upgrade to a
**Tempur-Pedic® Adjustable
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For the ultimate Tempur-Pedic experience, combine the mattress of your choice with Tempur-Pedic's exclusive adjustable bed base.



The Tempur-Pedic Advantage

- Conforms Perfectly to Your Body
- Reduces Tossing and Turning
- Absorbs Partner's Movement
- Allergen and Dust Mite Resistant
- Provides Deep, Rejuvenating Sleep
- Maintenance Free—No Flipping or Rotating
- 20-year Limited Warranty
- "Often Imitated, Never Duplicated"

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(734) 641-0300

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SALE HOURS: MON-FRI 10am to 9pm • SAT 10am to 7pm • SUN 12 noon to 5pm

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Chelsea
Community
Hospital

Community Health and Wellness Programs offered by Chelsea Community Hospital

www.cch.org

Visit us at
www.cch.org/events

Visa, Mastercard and
American Express are accepted

Food For Life

An 8-week cooking course designed to help participants prevent and survive cancer through proper diet and nutrition.

Jan Kemp, M.S.

Sponsored by The Cancer Project
Thursdays, April 3-May 22

11:30 am-1 pm

White Oak Center Great Room

Call (734) 475-4103 to register

Women's Health Series

• "Food Fads and Facts: How Popular Diets Really Affect Your Health"
Tuesday, April 22, 7-8 pm

• "Stop Stressing About Sleep: Things You Didn't Know Could Improve Your Sleep"
Tuesday, April 29, 7-8 pm

• "Mid-life, Menopause, Osteoporosis, and Memory: Q&A on Common Health Concerns Among Women"
Tuesday, May 6, 7-8 pm

Chelsea District Library
Co-sponsored by Chelsea Community Hospital and the Chelsea District Library
Call (734) 475-8732 for more information

55 Alive Driver Safety

Learn to adjust your driving to age-related changes, review new traffic laws

Thursday, April 17, 9 am-12:30 pm

AND Friday, April 18, 9 am-12:30 pm

Chelsea Senior Center

512 East Washington Street, Chelsea

Fee: \$13 (includes both days)

Call (734) 475-4292 to register

Co-sponsored by Chelsea Community Hospital & Chelsea Senior Center

American Heart Association Classes

(for Lay Responders Only)

• *Adult/Infant/Child CPR*
Thursday, April 24, 6-9:30 pm
Tuesday, May 20, 6-9:30 pm
Thursday, June 19, 6-9:30 pm
Fee: \$49

• *BLS CPR for Healthcare Providers*
Tuesday, May 6, 6-10 pm
Fee: \$54

• *Basic First Aid*
Tuesday, April 15, 6-10 pm
Fee: \$42
All certifications good for two years!
White Oak Center Great Room
Call (734) 475-4103 to register

Sanchin-Ryu Self Defense/Karate

No contact, noncompetitive art form helps build self-confidence, coordination, composure and self-defense awareness.

Wednesdays, May 14-June 25;

July 2-August 13;

August 20-Oct. 7

Children (K-6) 6-7 pm \$25

1 Adult Family 7-9 pm \$40-\$70

White Oak Center Great Room

Call (734) 475-4103 to register

Bottom Line on Kegels

Learn Kegel exercises and tips on how to control or stop urinary leakage.

Wednesday, May 14, 3-4 pm

Health & Wellness Center Conf. Rm.

Fee: \$12; SHC members \$10

Call (734) 475-4103 to register

Senior Women Support Group

Weekly support and discussion group for women in their 70's. Will include special topics, support and communication around issues specific to women.

Wednesdays, starting May 7, 2-3:30 pm

Chelsea O.P. Behavioral Health Bldg.

Judy Ashin, LMSW, ACSW, Coordinator

Call (734) 475-4030 ext 3513 or

(734) 475-4029 for more information.

Pre-registration required.

Babysitter Training

American Red Cross course for 11-13 year olds that includes First Aid and CPR skills.

Saturday, June 14, 9 am-4 pm

White Oak Center Great Room

Fee: \$60

Call (734) 475-4103 to register

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Physician Referral Line

(734) 475-4050

www.cch.org

LiveWell Programs Continued

"Look Good...Feel Better"

A Free American Cancer Society Program

Certified cosmetologists help female cancer patients improve their appearance and self-image by teaching them proper care for skin and nails made fragile by cancer treatment. Learn hair loss disguise using wigs, turbans and scarves.

1-3 pm last Monday of every month
White Oak Center Atrium

Call (800) 227-2345 to register

Senior Supper Club

• *"The Innate Ability of Animals to Sense Things We Do Not Understand,"*

Paula Rode, DVM

Owner of Chelsea Animal Hospital
Tuesday, April 8

• *"Chelsea Community Hospital – Meeting the Needs of the Community,"*

Phil Boham, VP of Facilities and Support Services; Kerry Colligan, Director of Marketing and Planning
Tuesday, May 13

• *"To Be Announced"*

Tuesday, June 10

Play Cards: 2:30-4 pm (Optional)

Speaker: 4-5 pm; Supper: 5 pm

CCH Main Dining Room

Fee: \$6 (includes dinner)

Call (734) 475-3913 to register

Diabetes Sharing Group

Join us for our monthly discussions

• *"The Power of Goal Setting"*

Elaine O'Neill, RN

Wednesday, April 9, 3:30-5 pm

White Oak Center Great Room

• *"20th Annual Luncheon"*

Wednesday, May 14, 11:30am-1pm

RSVP by May 6

CCH Main Hospital Woodland Room

• *"To Be Announced"*

Wednesday, June 11, 3:30-5 pm

White Oak Center Great Room

Call (734) 475-4103 for information

LifeLine

An in-home personal response service to provide you and your loved ones peace of mind

Call (734) 475-4074 for information

Support Groups

• *Low Vision Support Group*

For Western Washtenaw County

2-4 pm third Wednesday of every month in Private Dining Room A

(734) 668-7703

• *Chelsea Brain Injury Support Group*

For Survivors, families and friends on Wednesdays, 1-2 pm

CCH Woodland Rooms

(734) 475-4138

• *Chelsea Stroke Support Group*

11 am first Thursday of every month

CCH Woodland Rooms

(734) 475-4085

• *Chemical Dependency Treatment*

(800) 382-6261

• *Alcoholics Anonymous,*

Narcotics Anonymous

(734) 482-5700

Meditation Series

• *"Introduction"*

An age-old practice used in everyday life to soothe, heal and enhance well-being.

Martha Kimball, MSW, ACSW, BCD

Mondays, April 7-28, 6:30-8 pm

Fee: \$80

Health & Wellness Center Conf. Rm.

Call (734) 475-4100 to register

• *"Deepening the Practice"*

Martha Kimball, MSW, ACSW, BCD

Mondays, May 12-June 9, 6:30-8:30 pm

(NO CLASS 5/26)

Fee: \$100

Health & Wellness Center Conf. Rm.

Call (734) 475-4100 to register

CCH HEALTH & WELLNESS CENTER

• *Gentle Yoga*

Open to all levels.

Mondays, May 5-June 30 (8 wks)

4:15-5:15 pm OR 5:15-6:15 pm

Fees: \$48; \$43 (55+); **Members \$33.50

Mondays, July 14-August 18 (6 wks)

4:15-5:15 pm OR 5:15-6:15 pm

Fees: \$36; \$32 (55+); **Members \$25

• *Yoga for Every Body*

Builds self-confidence and self-awareness while strengthening the mind, body and spirit.

Tuesdays, May 6-June 24 (8 wks)

5:45-6:45 pm

Fee: \$48; \$43 (55+); **Members \$33.50

Tuesdays, July 15-August 19 (6 wks)

5:45-6:45 pm

Fee: \$36; \$32 (55+); **Members \$25

• *Tai Chi*

Ancient mind body discipline to help strengthen and improve balance.

Tuesdays, May 6-June 24 (8 wks)

4:30-5:30 pm (Continuing) LAR

Fees: \$72; \$64.50 (55+); **Members \$50

Tuesdays, July 15-August 19 (6 wks)

4:30-5:30 pm (Continuing) LAR

Fees: \$54; \$48.50 (55+); **Members \$37.50

• *Aquacize with Arthritis*

Warm water exercise class.

Weds., May 7-June 25 (8 wks), 12-1 pm

Fees: \$56; \$50 (55+).

**Members Free - Registration Required

Weds., July 16-Aug. 20 (6 wks), 12-1 pm

Fees: \$42; \$37.50 (55+).

**Members Free - Registration Required

• *Senior Yoga*

Gentle stretching and meditation.

Fridays, May 9-June 27 (8 wks)

10:30 am-12 pm

Fees: \$72; \$64.50 (55+).

**Members Free - Registration Required

Fridays, July 18-August 22 (6 wks)

10:30 am-12 pm

Fees: \$54; \$48.50 (55+).

**Members Free - Registration Required

**CCH Health and Wellness Center Member



CCH Health & Wellness Center

Call (734) 475-4100 to register for the previous classes.

Web Site: www.chelseawellness.org

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PIZZA DEALS




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LARGE PIZZA
WITH 3 TOPPINGS **\$10**
Plus Tax • Delivery Extra • Limited Area • Expires 5/31/08



2

2 SMALL PIZZAS
WITH 1 TOPPING
PLUS HOWIE BREAD **\$10**
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MEDIUM PIZZA
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PLUS 5 WINGS **\$10**
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WITH 1 TOPPING
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WITH 1 TOPPING PLUS
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HOME OF THE FREE FLAVORED CRUST

Original • Butter • Butter Cheese • Garlic Herb • Ranch • Onion • Sesame • Cajun
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Hungry Howie's Pizza®

FREE "Flavored Crust" Choose from Original, Butter, Butter Cheese, Garlic Herb, Ranch, Onion, Sesame & Cajun.

Pizza

AVAILABLE IN FOUR SIZES

10" Small, 12" Medium, 14" Large, 16" X-Large.
Crisp 'N Thin crust available in Medium only.

FREE FLAVORED CRUST

Original, Butter, Butter Cheese,
Garlic Herb, Ranch, Onion, Sesame, Cajun.

TOPPINGS

Pepperoni, Ham, Mushroom, Onion, Green Pepper,
Italian Sausage, Bacon, Ground Beef, Black Olive,
Fresh Tomato, Pineapple, Mild Pepper.

SPECIALTY PIZZAS

MEAT EATERS

Pepperoni, Ham, Sausage, Beef, Mozzarella Cheese.

BACON CHEDDAR CHEESEBURGER

Beef, Bacon, Cheddar and Mozzarella Cheese.

PHILLY CHEESE STEAK

Special Cheese Sauce, Marinated Steak, Green Peppers,
Mushrooms & Onions, Covered with Provolone Cheese.

VEGGIE

Onion, Green Pepper, Sliced Tomato, Mushroom, Olive,
Mozzarella Cheese.

HOWIE MAUI

Pineapple, Bacon, Ham, Mozzarella Cheese.

HOWIE SPECIAL

Pepperoni, Mushroom, Ham, Green Pepper, Onion,
Mozzarella Cheese.

3-CHEESER PEPPERONI PLEASER

Pepperoni, Cheddar, Mozzarella and Parmesan Cheese.

PEPPERONI PLUS

Xtra Pepperoni and Extra Cheese

COLD DRINKS

Pepsi, Diet Pepsi, Sierra Mist, Mountain Dew, Aquafina.

Subs

CALZONE STYLE

DELUXE ITALIAN

Sliced Ham, Sausage, Melted Cheese, Lettuce, Tomato,
Italian Dressing on the Side.

TURKEY SUB

Sliced Turkey Breast, Melted Cheese, Lettuce, Tomato,
Mayonnaise on the Side.

TURKEY CLUB SUB

Sliced Turkey Breast, Ham, Bacon, Melted Cheese,
Lettuce, Tomato, Mayonnaise on the Side.

STEAK, CHEESE & MUSHROOM

Steak, Melted Cheese, Mushroom, Lettuce, Tomato,
Italian Dressing on the Side.

HAM & CHEESE

Stacked Ham, Melted Cheese, Lettuce, Tomato, Italian
Dressing on the Side.

VEGETARIAN SUB

Cheddar Cheese, Green Pepper, Onion, Mushroom, Black
Olive, Lettuce, Tomato, Italian Dressing on the Side.

PIZZA SUB

Loaded with Extra Cheese, Pepperoni, Pizza Sauce.

PIZZA SUB SPECIAL

Cheese, Pepperoni, Ham, Mushroom, Onion, Green
Pepper, Pizza Sauce.

*Mild peppers for all subs available on request.

HOWIE WINGS

Buffalo-Style Chicken Wings seasoned just right.

CHICKEN TENDERS

100% White Meat cooked to golden brown. Served with
a dipping sauce.

Salads

GARDEN

Fresh Crisp Lettuce, Tomato, Onion, Green Pepper, Black
Olive. Served with your choice of Dressing.

CHEF

Fresh Crisp Lettuce, Tomato, Onion, Topped with
Sliced Ham, Cheese, Black Olive. Served with
your choice of Dressing.

GREEK

Fresh Crisp Lettuce, Tomato, Onion, Feta Cheese, Sliced
Beef, Pepperoncini, Black Olive. Served with our Authentic
Greek Dressing.

ANTIPASTO

Fresh Crisp Lettuce, Tomato, Black Olive, Onion,
Pepperoncini, Ham, Sausage, Cheese. Served with our
Gourmet Italian Dressing.

HOWIE BREAD

16 Hot Buttered Garlic Sticks topped with Parmesan Cheese.
Served with Zesty Sauce for Dipping.

CAJUN BREAD

16 Hot Buttered Breadsticks sprinkled with Special Cajun
Seasonings. Served with Zesty Sauce for Dipping.

3-CHEESER HOWIE BREAD

16 Hot Buttered Garlic Sticks covered with Parmesan,
Mozzarella, and Cheddar Cheese. Served with Zesty Sauce
for Dipping.

HOWIE CINNAMON BREAD

16 Hot Buttery Breadsticks sprinkled with Cinnamon and
Sugar. Served with a side of sweet white Icing.

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X-LARGE

\$10.00

1 X-Large Pizza

With Cheese & Any 1 Topping
(Additional Toppings Extra)

Two For \$18.99

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Hungry Howie's Pizza

REAL DEAL

2 Pizzas With 2 Toppings

Plus Your Choice - One Order of Howie Bread or Cajun Bread

2 Mediums ...\$17.99 2 Larges ...\$20.99

2 X-Larges ...\$23.99

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Hungry Howie's Pizza

\$12.99

1 Large

1 Topping Pizza

Howie Bread &

Sauce & Free

2 Liter Pepsi

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Hungry Howie's Pizza

HOWIE BREAD™ OR WINGS

16 Pieces of Hot Buttered Garlic
Bread Smothered with Parmesan
Cheese Sauce Included

\$3.99

10 HOWIE WINGS™

Buffalo Style Chicken Wings

*At Participating Locations

\$6.99

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2 OVEN
BAKED
SUBS

\$12.99

2 Whole Subs

Calzone Style Subs
Choose from: Deluxe Italian
Turkey • Steak, Cheese &
Mushroom • Ham & Cheese
Pizza Sub • Turkey Club
Pizza Sub Special • Vegetarian

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Hungry Howie's Pizza

FAMILY COMBO

One Pizza with up to 5 Toppings

of Your Choice for the Adults

One Pizza with up to 2 Toppings

of Your Choice for the Kids

2 Small \$14.99 2 Medium \$17.99 2 Large \$20.99

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