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School Board approves 13 teacher layoffs

By Crystal Hayduk
Special Writer

At their regular meeting on Monday, March 23, the Chelsea School Board unanimously voted to implement the layoff provisions as outlined in the Chelsea Education Association's collective-bargaining agreement for staff members with the least seniority. Thirteen teachers will receive formal layoff notice as a result of the vote.

Public input was taken prior to the vote, during the first opportunity for public input.

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For the list of the 13 teachers receiving layoff notices for next year, see Page 6-A

Susan McKee of Chelsea spoke to the board on behalf of the loss of media specialist positions. McKee said that she is a 30 year Chelsea resident whose children attended Chelsea Public Schools. She expressed concern that only one media specialist to serve all five schools in the district is not nearly enough to meet the demand for academic excellence that should be the district's priority. While she commended the board's commitment to keeping class size low, she also reminded them of the hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of assets sitting in the school libraries that will be largely unused without a media specialist to help direct the children in their use.

Also speaking on behalf of the media specialists was Genie Knudstrup, a 16 year Chelsea School District employee who is currently the media specialist at the high school, but has been reassigned to teach eighth grade English next year. She remarked that while today's students may be computer literate, they still need to become proficient in research skills.

She cited a report of research conducted in 19 states and Ontario that said, "An abundance of evidence strongly supports the connection between student achievement and the presence of school libraries with qualified school library media specialists. When library media specialists work with teachers to support learning opportunities with books, computer resources, and

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By Janet Ogle-Mater

On Saturday, 60 area veterans gathered at the Chelsea Depot for the first event in celebration of Chelsea's 175th Anniversary. With accompanying family members, there were about 120 people in attendance.

Veterans from World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War eras attended the "Honoring Our Veterans Day" event.

They were presented a homemade luncheon donated by Thompson Pizza while given the opportunity to share stories and camaraderie with each other. Forgotten faces and friendships were remembered. Pride and honor were the virtues displayed.

Washtenaw County Commissioner Mark Ouimet was in attendance and extended gratitude and appreciation to the men and women who have served the country. While the event was in their honor, many of the veterans extended their own appreciation for the reverence, demonstrating their humility and a sense of duty.

Local photographer Burrill Strong captured the gathering of veterans in a large group photograph. He also took separate group photographs for each of the wars represented. These photos will be used in the anniversary commemorative book, which will be available in June.

Organizers of the event, members of the Chelsea 175th Anniversary Planning Committee, were pleased with the turnout. Their unanimous sentiment was that of a wonderful afternoon spent on a well-deserved community event.

Both Silver Maples of Chelsea and Chelsea Retirement Community assisted in the day by transporting residents to the event and supplying staff assistance.

Photo by Burrill Strong.

Waterloo Twp.

Gravel Pit expansion knocked down – but not out

By Crystal Hayduk
Special Writer

Aggregate Industries' application for a special land use to expand their gravel pit on Loveland Road by approximately 18.9 acres was denied by the Waterloo Township Board Tuesday night.

The Board upheld the Planning Commission's recommendation to deny the special land use application by a unanimous vote.

Derek Young, manager for corporate social responsibility and communications for Aggregate Industries, spoke from his office in Rockville, Md., on Thursday. He said that AI intends to continue the discussion surrounding the property and will be looking at all available options.

"It is the company's intention to work with the community to identify possible solutions that will be mutually beneficial to all parties involved," he said. "Aggregate Industries is committed to working with our communities in a transparent and "productive

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Mover & Shaker

Bill Harmer is making things happen at McKune with innovative ideas

By Sheila Pursglove
Special Writer

Bill Harmer, head of adult services at McKune Memorial Library in Chelsea, has added another line to his C.V. – "Mover & Shaker" – so named by the editors of Library Journal.

Harmer, whose profile appeared in the eighth annual Movers & Shakers supplement that came out March 15, is considered one of the up-and-coming individuals across the United States and Canada who are innovative, creative and making a difference. Movers & Shakers are professionals in public libraries, school and academic libraries, in law firms and hospitals, in companies and government who are transforming libraries for the better.

Harmer, who didn't start out in the field, originally worked full-time as an editor for the reference publisher Gale Group, whose primary customers are libraries.

"I went to night school to finish my master's in Library Science and started subbing at libraries in the area," he says. "The rest is history."

The Port Huron native, who earned his master's degree in Library Science from Wayne State University, subbed at the Farmington Community Library while working full-time in the publishing industry.

"I discovered, unlike my work in publishing, that I was pretty good at it," he says.

Although an interview for a full-time adult reference position didn't pan out, he landed a newly created position as Teen Services librarian, a position he held for five years before looking for a new challenge. Harmer, who also has worked at the Baldwin Public Library in Birmingham, came to Chelsea in 2006.

A "devil may care' attitude and sense of mischief have contributed to his success, he says. Since he had no preconceptions about the library profession, there were no boundaries. The field was wide open for his unique style that includes the different and unexpected.

A major success has been the "Rock & Roll Library Tour," featuring the Detroit band The High Strung. Harmer's goal was

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Bill Harmer (sitting in on the drums) is pictured with The High Strung, the Detroit band he manages.

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fashion in order to address community concerns surrounding our operations."

Young would like to remind the community of the economic value of aggregate, including job creation and materials that people rely on to build homes, highways, and hospitals. He is proud to announce that AI has been recognized with awards around the country for their work on mine reclamation, community engagement and sustainability.

During public comment, residents of Waterloo Township who are against the expansion took their final opportunity to address the board, reiterating previous arguments regarding quality of life, health, and property values that they believe would be adversely affected by the expansion of the gravel pit. Wendy Woodward, of Harvey Lane, said that residents in her neighborhood can hear work being done at the gravel pit, now located 3,000 feet from her home; and wondered how loud it would be if located a mere 200 feet from her home if the current application were approved.

A letter from Roger Sager pleaded with the board to take the advice of the planning commission who recommended denial of the application. He believes that it is in the best interest of the residents of the township for the leadership to follow the zoning rules that are in place.

Ted Beals, planning commission member, reminded the board that there is abundant aggregate in Waterloo and along the I-94 corridor, and to deny the expansion of a small parcel that would border a wetland to the north and families on both sides would not adversely affect the business of aggregate mining in general.

As the board prepared to vote on the special land use application, Martin Landes, property, environment and reserves manager for Aggregate Industries requested the board to table their decision until their next regular meeting so that the company could have the opportunity to further investigate residents' complaints and look at ways to mitigate the problems; for example, additional measures to reduce dust.

Although board member Arlene Walz stated that the planning commission's recommendation and the 40-acre minimum requirement could not be changed, the board as a whole compromised by agreeing to a short recess to allow Landes to prepare for one final presentation.

Landes energetically addressed the board with handouts and a slide show that focused primarily on AI's environmental policies and positive history in other areas, as well as information regarding previous court cases regarding mining. "We're not trying to threaten you," Landes said. "This is the Standard of Review if this goes to court. I hope it doesn't. It sounds threatening, and I apologize for that."

Jim Dault, who currently owns the parcel in question, intends to keep it until AI decides their next move. "I would rather sell it to them than to a developer if I can help it," Dault said.

Waterloo Township resident Wendy Woodward was pleased with the result of Tuesday's meeting. "The Board weighed all of the facts and concerns, and then made their tough decision based on the ordinance and the welfare of the township residents," she said. "This new Board conducts itself in a professional manner and isn't swayed or threatened by deep pockets. They did an excellent job – 'Listening to the residents and focusing on solutions' as their tagline states."

While residents hope that the matter is closed, Meagan Westcott realistically said that she can only imagine what will happen next. "There are a few different courses I can see them taking," she said.

But whatever happens, township residents seem to be in it for the long haul. "We've already spent many hours on AI and given up many hours with our families to work on letters, contact the DEQ and other companies, and attend meetings," Westcott said. "We are here to the end! I have a family and home to protect. The more I researched and the people I spoke with on having a possible gravel pit 200 feet from my children and the air they breathe is enough for me to keep going. I will never be done until they no longer want to be in my back yard."

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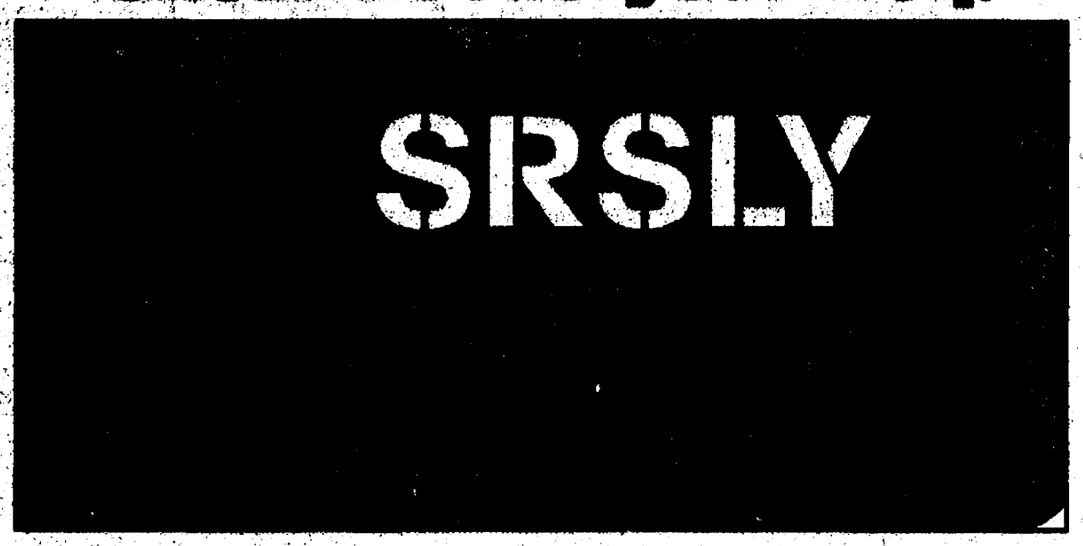

Big screen movies are coming back to Chelsea...seriously. But organizers are in need of some help to get the program up and running. There are several areas that need community volunteer participation, both youth and adults. They include: A volunteer coordinator to oversee the scheduling of volunteers; concession workers; a movie crew to help select films to show; a youth coordinator; and finance coordinator. If you are interested in volunteering to help get SRSLY Cinema up and running, please email srslycinema@gmail.com. We will be in touch with after that with more details and a formal meeting date.

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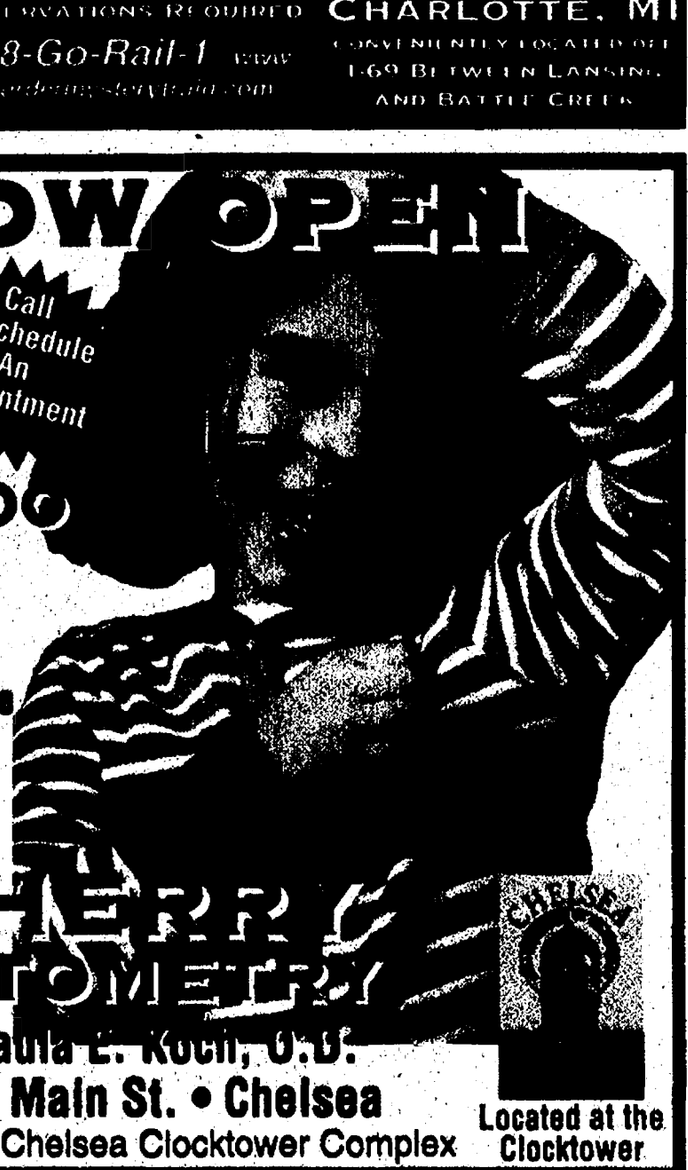

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CCA gets grant

Aubrey Thornton Martinson, executive director of the Chelsea Center for the Arts, announced last week that the CCA has been awarded a mini-grant of $2,000 for the creation of a mural celebrating Chelsea's 175th Anniversary. The mini-grant program is funded by the Michigan Council for Arts & Cultural Affairs and is re-granted through the Arts Alliance.

Work will begin May 1 and will be completed prior to June 23. The location is the south wall of the Chelsea Lanes Bowling Alley.

"Thanks to Lynn Fox who worked with us to prepare the mini-grant application," Thornton Martinson said.

Company C Jr. C

Chelsea High School's "Company C" recently announced its Jr. C program for students in grades 3-8. Jr. C will include training in voice projection, dance, poise, public speaking and stage production. Even if you've never danced or sung in a choir, come and join us. Students will spend after school time from the week of March 22 through the week of May 9 learning the art of entertainment stage production from the current members of Company C and its director Steven Hinz.

Company C is excited to bring this special workshop experience which will culminate in a grand performance at this year's Cabaret on May 8 and 9. The first rehearsal is from 4 to 5 p.m. today in the high school choir room.

Anyone who can't make the first meeting and is still interested should contact John Jolly at 475-1926 or jjolly@gmail.chelsea.k12.mi.us

Call for sculpture

The River Gallery is seeking submissions of outdoor sculpture for Chelsea's first year-long "SculptureWalk Chelsea." The selected sculptures will be secured on cement pads at 10, high profile downtown locations in Chelsea. Artists are invited to submit up to three works.

"SculptureWalk Chelsea" is funded in part by the Chelsea Downtown Development Authority in collaboration with the City of Chelsea, the Chelsea Center for the Arts, Sounds & Sights on Thursday Nights, and River Gallery. All sculptures must be able to endure the outside weather conditions. Ten finalists will be selected, and each artist will receive a $200 compensation.

The postmark deadline for submissions is May 1, 2009. The event will launch June 25, 2009.

For questions or more information, contact River Gallery at 734.433.0826.

FSW project receives backing from MEDC

By Sean Dalton
Staff Writer

The Federal Screw Works property in downtown Chelsea will get a boost from the state after Governor Jennifer Granholm announced state and local tax capture support for the redevelopment project.

The grant is valued at $281,450 and will be issued as a reimbursement for Brownfield cleanup at the historic site to Magellan Development.

The money will be issued by the Michigan Economic Development Corporation with the understanding that the mixed-use residential, commercial and office development will generate $5 million in new investment and create up to 50 new jobs in the area.

The FSW project was one of two Brownfield redevelopment projects in the state to receive grant money last week. Nearly a dozen projects in all were issued money throughout the state in a concerted effort to create and retain 2,755 jobs and generate $177.8 million in new Michigan investment.

Since January 2005, the governor and the MEDC have announced the creation or retention of more than 313,000 jobs as a result of targeted assistance provided by the MEDC, according to Granholm's staff.

Magellan Principal John Langs said he was happy to be in the mix after applying for the money two years ago.

"What this means is that when the project is developed we'll be eligible for tax credit dollars which will go to reimburse us for cleanup costs on the site," Langs said. "This is a perfect mixed use project to use the Brownfield tax credit grant," in reference to how FSW stacks up to other such projects competing for the grant dollars.

The Chelsea Downtown Development Authority already amended its development plan Oct. 28 last year to allow for Tax Increment Financing assistance to the FSW project in the amount of $546,179. That tax capture will occur over an 8-year period.

The development will consist of five buildings, 120 or so parking spaces and various nods to the historic value of FSW. Magellan will pay for a commemorative industrial monument and various historic exhibits both inside and outside of buildings at the site.

The necessary baseline environmental assessment and Phase I and II environmental site assessments have been completed.

Much of the preliminary approvals from the county Brownfield authority and the county Board of Commissioners is already taken care of, according to city officials.

The county will be acting as a pass-through for city approval for each step of the cleanup portion of the project, withholding any money until city approval is granted, at which time the funds will be released to the developer for the work.

Langs said the next step for Magellan is to abate the asbestos that is present on the property and finalize a

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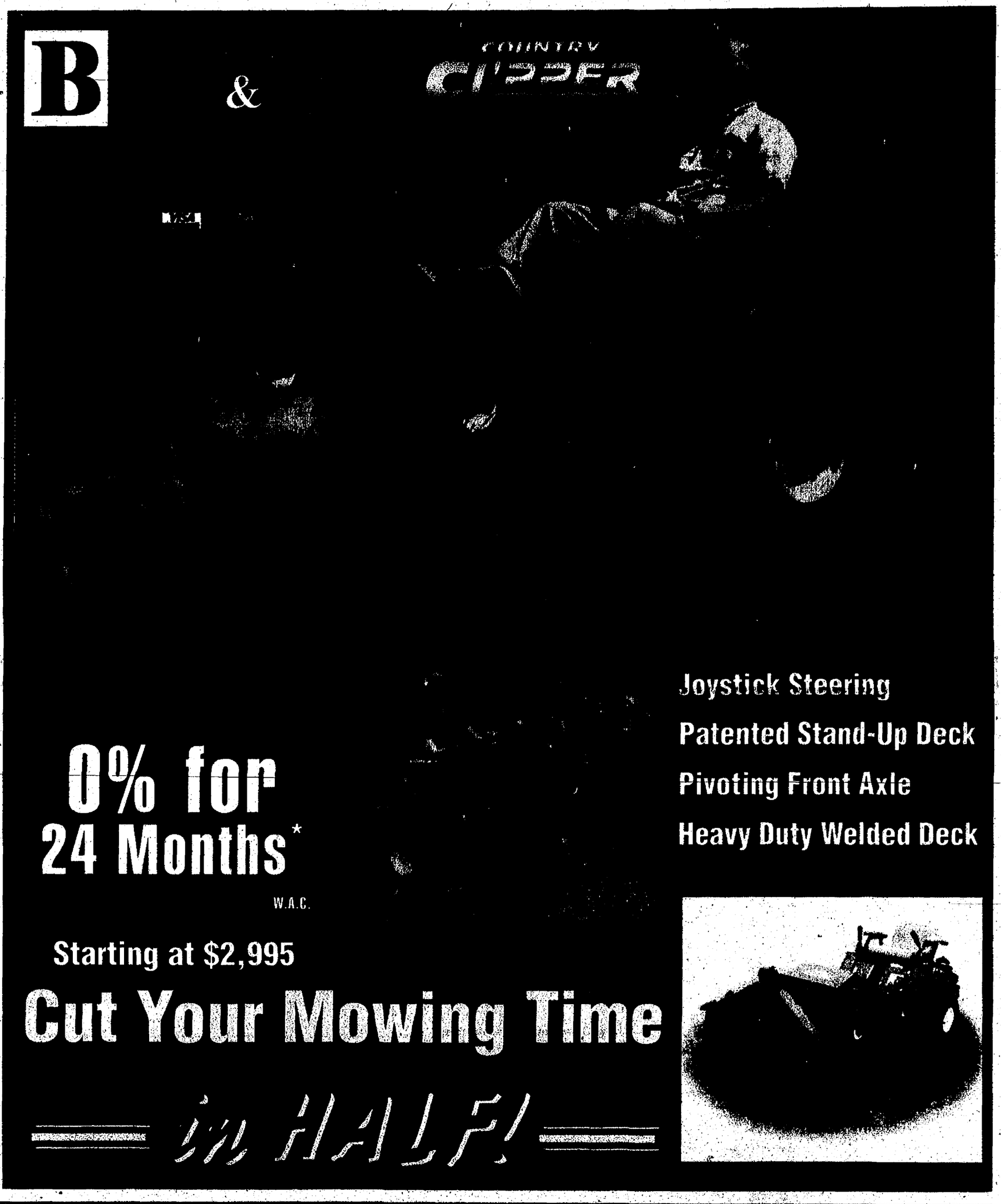

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Tuesday evening, April 21, from 7:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M., project assignments, including locations and starting times, will be made at the **Knights of Columbus Hall, Dexter-Chelsea Road, Dexter**, and it is important for all volunteers to plan to stop by for at least 10-15 minutes during this period. If you are not able to attend, please be sure to submit your Volunteer Application, and Parental Consent form if applicable, in advance, so that we can contact you with the appropriate details.

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If you are unable to volunteer, please share this application with another member of the Dexter community. You are invited to make as many additional copies of this application as are needed.

Who is Bill Harmer?

• Head of Adult Services, McKune Memorial Library in Chelsea
• Port Huron native
• Married for 14 years to Jill; son Grant is 8; daughter Miranda is 4
• Hobbies: Softball; managing a rock & roll band; going to see the Tigers at Comerica Park
• Favorite books: "On the Road" by Jack Kerouac; and everything by Fyodor Dostoevsky – he views Dostoevsky's "The Brothers Karamazov" as "the greatest novel ever written"
• Favorite movies: Simple Men, a film by Hal Hartley
• Passion for racing sailboats since childhood. Raced in Wednesday night series on Lake Erie, sponsored by the Grosse Isle Yacht Club, sailing with a couple of other librarians – "We may not be the fastest boat in the fleet but we're the most well read."

HARMER

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to find "cool, innovative ways" to attract teens to libraries with live music, and blow away fuddy-duddy ideas of keeping noise levels down.

Since 2004, Harmer and the band – who were featured in 2006 on National Public Radio's "This American Life" – have staged rock concerts at over 200 libraries in 48 states for about 22,000 people. "It's been weird, wacky, and magical," he says.

The band blows into towns and plays a full-set of rousing Beatlesque jams, patrons get a first hand look at making records for major music industry labels, an insider's view of creating a video for MTV and learn about touring on the road year-round all across the country. At each appearance the band solicits the audience's help in writing and improvising a song on the spot.

The Rock & Roll Library Tour is in perfect harmony with Harmer's self-described "punk rock ethic" of do-it-yourself, and his mantra of "Talk-Action=Irrelevance." To make a difference and be a leader means thinking like an entrepreneur, getting out in the community and building meaningful relationships, he says. "Sell yourself and you sell the library."

In addition to the music tour, Harmer also has conducted workshops and given presentations around the country on topics including outreach, programming, and senior services.

Sharing his passion with colleagues or future librarians drives him to work even harder, he says, and reinforces his belief that an unconventional approach is the right one. He enjoys shattering misconceptions about libraries and what they have to offer. In his world, apple carts beg to be upset.

Last year, Harmer went into partnership with Elizabeth Goldman, former adult services librarian at the Chelsea District Library, to create The Black River Group, based on shared ideals of the unlimited potential libraries have to transform themselves and their communities. The business connects musicians, artists, authors, poets, and filmmakers with libraries looking for something different to add to their programming.

The Black River Group also offers talks, workshops, in-service or hands-on consulting projects on such topics as innovative programming; partnerships, outreach, and community involvement; advocacy; teen services; senior services; collection development for special populations; collection development of movies and music; local history and genealogy; digitization projects; oral history projects; marketing; media relations; grant writing; technology training; and web services and usability.

The key to success is the love for his job, Harmer says. "I believe in what I do and feel passionate about this profession."

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more; students learn more, get better grades, and score higher on standardized test scores than their peers in schools without good libraries."

The study summarizes the diverse role of the media specialist. "He or she is at once a teacher, an instructional partner, an information specialist, and a program administrator. Library media specialists play an essential role in the learning community by ensuring that student and staff are efficient and effective users of ideas and information. They collaborate with teachers, administrators, and others to prepare students for future successes. (Woolls, Blanche; 2008)

Directly prior to the board vote regarding the layoffs, board member Jeff Crowder questioned when plans may be made to bring back some of the positions. Superintendent David Killips responded that the need for staff is always being evaluated, but with the current economic picture, the next question may instead be what can be cut next.

In addition to the layoffs, some teachers will experience transfers or other changes in their job status. For example, Laurel McDonald will become the one media specialist for all five schools.

Superintendent Killips said that despite the transfers, all classes will be taught by teachers who are certified and highly qualified for the area they will be teaching, as per the Federal mandate for the No Child Left Behind Act.

School superintendents met in Lansing last week with the House Fiscal Agency, one of the agencies that helps to develop forecasts for anticipated revenue. "February was a horrendous month for tax collection," Killips said. "This just adds fuel to the fire, because the taxes collected feed the School Aid Fund. In February alone, the state fell over $100 million short of anticipated revenue."

Killips explained that the decreased tax revenues are a result of decreased sales of homes, cars, and a reduction in general sales tax collections. In addition, revenue from tobacco, gambling, and liquor have also decreased. "This really says something, because the 'sin taxes' rarely go down," Killips said.

Currently, the district is in "wait mode." The Revenue Conference Committee, which normally meets each year in January and May to project revenue, has been requested by the State House of Representatives to meet earlier this year.

Additionally, there is still no final word on the Federal Stimulus Plan, but it is expected that any money from it needs to be directed towards Title I and IDEA funding (special education).

Layoffs

The 13 teachers to receive layoff notices for the 2009/10 school year are as follows:

Jaqueline Mead - special education teacher at South Meadows

Gwen Stubbs - elementary teacher at Pierce Lake

Melanie Ichesco - elementary teacher at North Creek

Amy Zimmer - teacher for early childhood special education program

Stacy Charlton - special education teacher at North Creek and Pierce Lake

Beth Carson-Bell - special education teacher at South Meadows

Jennifer Cole - elementary teacher at North Creek

Kelly Baker - elementary teacher at North Creek

Emily Liddell - part-time Spanish teacher at Chelsea High School

Nicole Burroughs (reduction in hours) - art teacher at South Meadows and Beach Middle

Monique Hunter - speech/language teacher at South Meadows and Beach Middle

Karen Hepner - business teacher at Chelsea High School

Ryann Skrypec - English teacher at Beach Middle

In other school news:

Laurel McDevitt, School Board President, reported that the Chelsea Education Foundation gala raised nearly $10,000 this year. This is less than previous years, but nevertheless will help to fund scholarships in the amount of $30,000.

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Jim Woodhams did a special presentation on Response to Intervention, which showed the importance of intervening early with students who have special needs, and not waiting for them to fail before providing help. He also showed the cost effectiveness of early identification and intervention.

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Tina Patterson did a special presentation regarding the "exceptional" senior center, who leases space from the district at the Washington Street Education Center. She said that the program has been visited by people from other districts who said "...we have the best meal program in the county."

Patterson was pleased to

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Sounds & Sights auditions

Calling all musicians, entertainers and Idol diehards – Sounds & Sights on Thursday Nights, the popular summer concert series in downtown Chelsea, is holding auditions for this year's entertainment lineup on Monday, April 20, 5-8 p.m. at the Common Grill. The restaurant is located at 112 S. Main Street in downtown Chelsea.

There are 70 paying spots available on the schedule. Auditions are open to musicians, singer/songwriters, jugglers, magicians, performers, dance troupes, artists, and other street arts performers, and will be judged before a panel of local artists, committee members and merchants. Performers should be prepared to share a 3-5 minute sample performances in front of these judges. Selected performers can sign on for a number of performances throughout the summer. Applications available only on day of audition and there is no charge to audition.

For more information, click on www.chelseafestivals.com, or call the Chelsea Center for the Arts (CCA) at 734-433-2787. Sounds & Sights on Thursday Nights is presented by the downtown Chelsea Merchants, the Chelsea DDA, and the Chelsea Center for the Arts.

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Amtrak train strikes vehicle

By Sean Dalton
Staff Writer

Late Tuesday night a train traveling east into town collided with a vehicle stuck on the tracks.

Police Chief Ed Toth said the owner of the SUV rode up onto a curb and the vehicle became stuck in the tracks shortly before the Amtrak train barreled into it at 11 p.m.

"The owner was trying to get people to help him get his truck out when it happened," Toth said. "He wasn't inside when the train hit."

Chelsea police were on the scene before the incident attempting to get the vehicle off of the tracks. Chelsea dispatch attempted to contact track owner Norfolk Southern Rail Road to notify them of the obstruction. Company officials told police to clear the track of pedestrians prior to the train coming through the area.

The tracks where the collision occurred are on Cleveland Street near Cavanaugh Lake Road within the city limits. It took the distance from just before Hayes Street to the Jiffy Mix facility for the locomotive to come to rest.

Witnesses to the collision say the vehicle was cut in two by the train with the front end of the vehicle stuck to the underside of the train's front car. The front of the train caught fire as a result.

Two of the train's occupants were transported to the hospital with reported minor injuries, according to police.

FSW

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Brownfield plan.

"Then we go in and abate any hazardous materials ... we don't think there's a whole lot, but that has to be taken care of. Then demolition can proceed."

Langs said this was an important move towards making the site more "economically viable."

Magellan is looking for one more tenant to commit to a move-in deal in order to green-light the next stage of the project he said, although there are still more preliminary steps to be taken.

"As we can land one more, we have a go project and can begin deconstruction and construction," he said.

Chelsea Planning and Zoning Administrator Jim Drolett said Friday that he was feeling bullish on the potential for job creation for the project, saying he thought it would create "at least" 50 jobs.

Drolett said that the FSW Brownfield redevelopment would be the most extensive the city has ever seen, with the redevelopment of the Clocktower building being the only other that compares.

"FSW was there for almost 100 years," he said. "All McKinley (for the Clocktower) got was phase 1 and 2 Brownfield money. This will be the first major cleanup that anyone has applied for here."

Drolett said the FSW area plan has been given tentative approval by the planning commission and that remains the case until Magellan receives curb cut approval from the state Department of Transportation for a driveway on Main Street.

"We don't know exactly what the layout of it will be ... depending on what MDOT does in the driveway approval process," Drolett said. "After that we will be finalizing (the plan) and sending the (Planned Use Development) ordinance with the final plan for approval."

Scholarship applications

The Chelsea Education Foundation continues to give back is through its scholarship program. CHS seniors and returning college students submit an application to the CEF scholarship committee. The Foundation is currently accepting applications through April 9. For more information, go to www.chelseaeducationfoundation.org.

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announce that the senior center has received a grant from the Chelsea Community Foundation to pay for the Total Wellness Program. They have hired Lisa Klinkman, a master's prepared nurse, on a part-time basis to direct the program. The program will address the needs of seniors in all areas of their lives, including physical, emotional, social, intellectual, spiritual, and vocational.

On Tuesday, Klinkman said that the seniors are currently being surveyed so that the program can be developed over the next year with their goals in mind. "The Total Wellness Program is an umbrella term now that encompasses three nationally known evidence-based programs, including Personal Action Toward Health (PATH), enhanced wellness, and enhanced fitness," said Klinkman.

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Rob Turner expressed commendations to the orchestra students for their excellent performance at their festival on March 20-21, to the Beach Middle School choir for their recent performance, and to the top five scholars at the high school who were recognized at the All-Academic luncheon. The students are Erin Benjamin, Alyson Gines, Duncan Harris, Abby Lewis-Lakin, and Zoe Rozsa.

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Sally Devol expressed commendations to the Science Olympiad team for taking second place in their competition, and to North Creek for hosting Reading Night on Thursday, March 19.

Faith in Action benefit April 25

Faith in Action will hold their Annual Benefit Banquet on Saturday, April 25, 2009 at the Chelsea Community Hospital Main Dining Room. Any interested attendees are encouraged to call 475-3305 to reserve a seat for the dinner with music, a live and silent auction, and awarding of the Howard S. Holmes Humanitarian of the Year Award.

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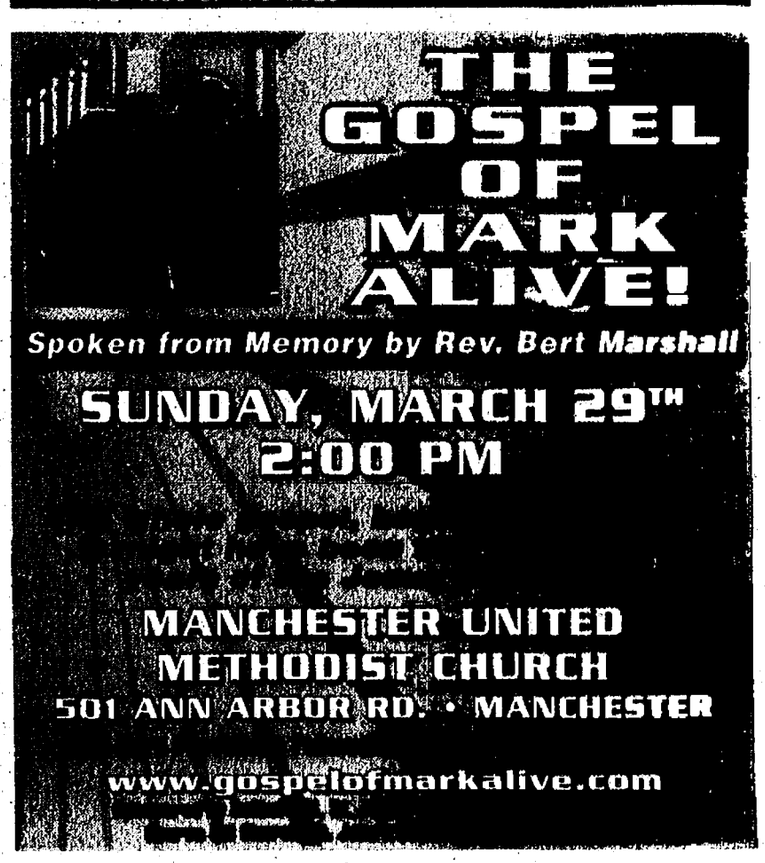

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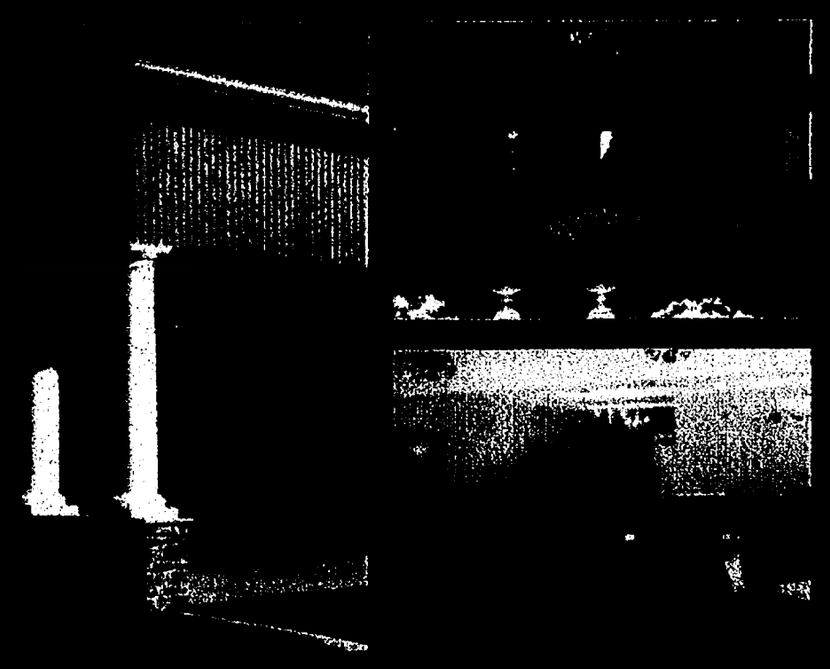

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EDITORIAL

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Polarization hurts the state

"Us vs. Them" is a long-standing tradition in the Michigan legislative culture and current events are reaffirming that attitude.

The "Us" in the House and Senate is everyone not from Detroit. You can figure out who the "Them" are, and right now some of the "Them" are making it easier for the "Us" to oppose any state help for Motown.

Tim Skubick

"As Detroit goes, so goes the rest of the state," was the insightful mantra of former Gov. Bill Milliken, who against all odds tried to put his words into action.

The likelihood that a white guy from Traverse City could work any deals with Coleman Young, the black mayor of Detroit, was far-fetched. Yet they crafted the "equity package" that saw state tax dollars flow into cultural activities in Detroit. It might have been the high water mark for temporarily putting the "Us vs. Them" attitude on the shelf.

But after Milliken left office, "Us" went back to its old ways and over time systematically disassembled the equity package, stripping away dollars here and there and redirecting them to other parts of the state.

There's been precious little Lansing action since that time that demonstrates a heartfelt willingness to help Detroit, which is why the Cobo Center expansion plan was such a hopeful event.

Again, against all odds, outstate lawmakers joined with Detroit legislators and pumped money into the redo of the crumbling convention center. Everyone was unified in wanting to save the North American International Auto Show from leaving Detroit.

Enter the Detroit City Council. By a 5-3 vote, it blew up the rare bi-partisan package because it did not have enough goodies for the city.

At this rare time when the Legislature was able to be altruistic, the city got parochial.

From the governor to the legislative leadership, they hailed the deal as a good compromise; yet, five Detroit council members wanted more.

The definition of a compromise is that neither side gets everything it wants, but everyone gets something it can embrace. There was something for everyone in the original agreement that was turned down by the council.

Detroit Mayor Ken Cockrel Jr., who worked out the deal with Lansing, could now lose his bid to win the mayor's office for good. Five hundred people rallied against him and the Cobo compromise recently, demanding more for Motown.

If Cobo becomes a rally cry for weary voters in Detroit, Cockrel could get an "A" for trying but an "F" for winning in the upcoming May election.

In a naive bit of wasted energy, two Detroit lawmakers suggest the issue should go back to Lansing. Unfortunately, they don't understand that you usually get one bite of the apple when it comes to helping Detroit.

No legislator outside of Detroit wants anything to do with revisiting the issue, especially since one Detroit council member labeled those lawmakers "racists."

The only hope right now is that the courts overrule the council and give the Cobo deal a green light.

Still, this sorry and ugly episode has done nothing to erase the "Us vs. Them" attitude. In fact, it is even more ingrained than it was before — which is really saying something.

Bill Milliken and the late Coleman Young can't be smiling on us knowing that.

Tim Skubick is the host of the TV show "Off the Record" and blogs regularly at www.thenewsherald.com.

Your take: Letters to the Editor

Editor's Note: The following letter should have appeared in last week's Chelsea Standard.

To the Editor: Are you following your policy on Letters to the Editor? Someone named Oskar Mayer wrote an opinionated, inflammatory letter last week critical of our school administration and board on what he calls a hot dog stand. Was that some kind of joke? I apologize if there truly is an Oskar Mayer, but I cannot find one in the area phone books and web searches. Everyone is entitled to an opinion and the freedom to express it, but why hide behind an alias? I have no hesitation signing my name to this. I have a sneaking suspicion of who Oskar Mayer is, and maybe it will play out, but if I 'm right I'll be disappointed.

Anyway, to the point – to think that four or five hot dog stands could handle the output of the concession stand is preposterous.

Hopefully someone from the Chelsea Athletic Boosters will speak up and tell the public what kind of revenue it generates. I don't know how much it is, but I know it's a lot. I also know that it creates revenue for ALL Chelsea sports programs. Yes, it creates revenue. Revenue that provides funding that the school board and taxpayers don't need to allocate to sports. Friday night football games are the big money nights, but that stand is used for more than the four nights alluded to in Oskar Mayer's letter.

I could pick at other things in that letter, but really only want to say this: The expenditure for the concession stand is justified. It also has nothing to do with the upcoming bond election, as the concession stand is approved and moving forward regardless of the bond outcome. For the record, I hope the citizens of Chelsea use their good sense and vote for the bond. But thank you, Oskar, for stimulating discussion on that topic.

In closing, I love hot dogs, but I'm glad I'm not an Oscar Meier wiener.

John Mann
Chelsea

To the Editor: As a former member of the Chelsea Board of Education (Beth) and longtime community members, we think a review of the accomplishments from previous bond issues is in order before the May 5 Bond issue vote.

When the original bond was passed in 1995, the 7.0 millage rate was projected to be paid by tax payers until the year 2015. The rate was then projected to decline each year until the final payment to be made in 2025. If the May 5 bond issue is passed, tax payers would still pay the 7.0 millage rate until 2013. Then it will begin to decline each year and be paid in 2024 which is one year earlier than originally projected.

How have we, the tax payers, managed to be so fortunate? Who made this savings happen?

The Chelsea School District works very hard every day to contain costs. When it came to the bond projects, favorable bids were obtained at opportune times. Bonds were refunded (refinanced) when it would save the taxpayers money. District employees worked creatively to use funds more efficiently.

As a result, more projects were accomplished with bond money than was originally planned. Students have more access to technology and laptop computers. Several district parking lots have been paved. Older buses have been replaced. Additional steps have been taken to improve our energy efficiency. North Creek Elementary School has new carpeting and flooring, and cabinetry. The new addition at North Creek was furnished with bond dollars.

These and other improvements were not promised as part of the bond issue, but the Chelsea Board of Education, the administration, and the staff has worked hard to be good stewards of the public trust and dollars and in turn, they have gotten the best bang for our tax payer buck.

It is important to remember that while operational funds received from the state government can be used for some capital projects, bond funds can not be used for operations of the classroom. Therefore, the goal is to keep as much of the operating funds received from the state used in the classroom and for teachers and move expenses like technology, busses and many capital projects to another source like the bond funds. School districts are at the mercy of the state government for operating funds for our classrooms and it has been a constant struggle because the state has not lived up to the funding promises of Proposal A. Because of this, it has been the intent of the Chelsea Board of Education to wisely use bond funds as much as possible to keep operational funds available for our students and teachers in the classroom.

Members of the Board of Education, past and present, have always taken their responsibilities seriously, and this includes being fiscally responsible. The community of Chelsea has always taken pride in its schools.

To continue to offer the programs, services, and facilities this community has come to expect, passage of the May 5 bond issue is essential. We are supporting it and urge each of you to do the same. Don't you owe it to the students and community to educate yourself and vote?

Todd and Beth Starkey
Chelsea

To the Editor: Of all the groups now receiving

eral government, which do you think should have the highest priority? Perhaps you would agree that veterans should be at the top of this list, especially those receiving treatment for wounds received in battle, or other service connected injury.

Certainly, this country has had such an avowed policy since the Civil War, long before Medicare and Medicare were a glint in Lyndon Johnson's eye. But in a meeting last week with veterans groups, President Obama proposed to have such veterans pay for their own care, through the medium of their own private health insurance. Furthermore, those in the meeting reported that when this plan was poorly received, Obama insisted that the veterans still needed to give back the roughly $540 billion this plan would have "saved."

Fortunately, the administration quickly backed

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STREET TALK

Who do you think will win the NCAA Basketball Tournament?

"MSU will because of their consistency throughout the long season."
MARIJANE NELSON
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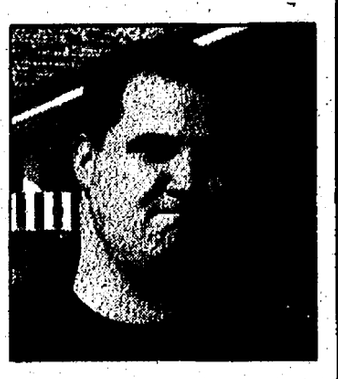

"North Carolina Tar Heels will win because they are the best team. The x factor is whether they can maintain their intensity throughout the entire tournament."
CHRIS NAAB
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"I would like Michigan to win, but I realize they are a long shot. As long as Ohio State doesn't win it all, I'm OK with the Wolverines getting as far as they can."
DEATRA ROBINSON
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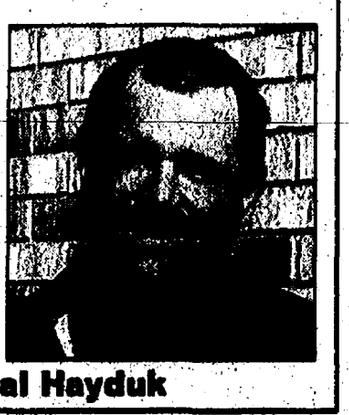

"I'm taking North Carolina. I think the ACC is right up there with the Big East as the top conference this year. They have a star player in Tyler Hansbrough with good depth."
JEFF PRENTICE
CHELSEA

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Fortunately, the administration quickly backed down on this proposal following the firestorm of criticism that followed, from both sides of the aisle.

It's hard to understand the reasoning behind this decision on any level, except one: this administration is determined to put its agenda into place, regardless of who gets hurt or what promises are broken. During the campaign, Candidate Obama promised to "Fulfill a Sacred Trust with Our Veterans." That campaign promise wasn't merely broken at last week's meeting, it was destroyed. And veterans like me won't forget it.

Rod Anderson
Chelsea

To the Editor: While a lot of lawmakers were still focused on being angry about the bonuses AIG gave to some of the same people whose behavior contributed to the current financial meltdown, President Obama used his March 21 weekly address to lay out four principles for the Federal Budget.

I agree with him when he says:

First, the budget for 2010 "must reduce our dependence on dangerous foreign oil and finally put this nation on a path to a clean, renewable energy future." ... Second, this budget must renew our nation's commitment to a complete and competitive education for every American child. ... Third, we need a budget that makes a serious investment in health care reform - reform that will bring down costs, ensure quality, and guarantee people their choice of doctors and hospitals. ... I say that making investments now that will dramatically lower health care costs for everyone won't add to our budget deficit in the long-term - it is one of the best ways to reduce it. Finally, this budget must reduce that deficit even further."

I believe that the President's agenda for clean energy, education, and health care is the way to put America on the road to lasting prosperity.

Let's use health care reform as an example. As the President pointed out: "There are millions of Americans who are just one illness or medical emergency away from bankruptcy. There are businesses that have been forced to close their doors or ship jobs overseas because they can't afford insurance. Medicare costs are consuming our federal budget. Medicaid is overwhelming our state budgets."

It looks to me like it would be fiscally irresponsible to delay in reforming health care, and I believe the same can be said for education and energy.

We will need to keep after the Congress to make sure that they pass the reforms we need. They must listen to us rather than to those whose lobbying has blocked positive change in the past.

Bernadette Malinoski
Lima Township

To the Editor: I'm sitting on the steps of the auditorium at Washtenaw Community College, rising to take photos of Beach Middle School students who are winning multiple medals at the Regional Science Olympiad Competition.

Their excitement for their fellow teammates, who are scrambling to the front to receive a medal, is contagious and overwhelming. They have worked so hard for the past three months.

I don't have children attending Beach Middle School anymore, but I love our school district and will do what I am able to support our students. So I help coach Science Olympiad and will assist maintaining the excellent school system of Chelsea by voting "Yes" on the millage proposal on May 5.

Christine Forsch
Lyndon Township

To the Editor: Having lived in Chelsea for the past seven years, I have always been impressed by how supportive the community has been towards the Chelsea schools. Whether it is supporting the athletic teams, attending music concerts, or honoring the graduating seniors, Chelsea has always seemed to understand the link between a good school system and a strong desire for others to live in this community. I count myself as fortunate to have moved our family here and have both of my children attend our schools.

In addition to the support that the community shows towards the kids in the schools, it has always been understood that when you move to Chelsea you also support the schools when it comes time for a bond to be passed. This commitment to our schools is what makes Chelsea such a wonderful place to live, and I can't imagine anyone would want to take away from this. This in turn raises property values and encourages economic growth. Obviously we have all seen our property values fall, but imagine how low they would be if we were a community with a struggling school system.

As both a teacher at the high school and a coach for the past three years, I worry what the loss of this bond proposal would mean to our schools. The amount of money that would need to be taken out of the general fund is staggering and concerning. Do we really want to tell our kids that although education has always been encouraged and supported here, it's now going to be "supported less" for them? How is this fair for our kids?

We've all seen how the loss of state funding can impact schools. Thank goodness we live in a community that understands the importance of making up the difference between what the state owes, and what they actually give. Our schools are a source of pride for Chelsea residents, and I can't imagine this won't continue into the future as well.

As more information comes out about this bond proposal, please take the time to get the facts about what the school district is asking for and why this is so important for our kids. I am confident that once this passes, our community will only grow stronger in the future.

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EMU Softball Opens MAC Play at Home

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YPSILANTI, Mich. — The Eastern Michigan University softball team is set to begin Mid-American Conference action at home this weekend, first hosting Miami in doubleheader action, Friday, March 27 at 1 p.m. EMU will then play Ball State in single games, Saturday, March 28 at 2 p.m. and Sunday, March 29 at 1 p.m. All games will take place at Varsity Field and admission is free.

The Eagles are coming off a 3-2 weekend at the Highlander Classic, March 20-22, defeating Harvard and Toledo twice. EMU was led by All-Tournament selections **Sarah Gerber**, who went 10-for-16 at the plate, and pitcher **Jaclyn Caro**, who was a perfect 3-0 with a 0.33 ERA.

Head Coach **Karen Baird**'s squad is 10-13 on the season and is looking to make the MAC Tournament this season after missing the cut last year. The Eagles are a young squad this year, welcoming seven newcomers to the team to go along with seven returning letterwinners. **Heather Han** is the team's lone senior, while juniors **Jenny Scherer, Michelle Hletko** and **Jessica Patterson** provide a veteran presence. Earlier this season, Scherer became the program's all-time leader in home runs. She now has 26 in her career. Hletko also threw the first no-hitter for EMU since 2006, blanking Albany 8-0.

Sophomore **Stacie Skodinski** leads the team in batting average, while classmate **Lauren Delapaz** is the only player to start every game and Caro anchors the pitching rotation. The freshman class has adjusted to the college game quickly, giving Baird different options all over the field.

The Eagles have faced some stiff competition in the non-conference portion of the schedule, squaring off against ranked opponents four times. EMU knocked off then No. 22 Louisville, 3-2, to earn its first victory over a ranked opponent since 2006. When the non-conference season is complete, the Eagles will have faced opponents from 13 different conferences. "We hope that playing teams from so many different conferences will give us some valuable experience for the MAC season," Baird said of her non-conference schedule.

In addition to the opening weekend of play, the Eagles will take on Oakland (DH, April 7), Central Michigan (April 11 and 12), Kent State (DH, April 17), Buffalo (April 18 and 19), Toledo (DH, May 1) and Bowling Green (May 2 and 3) at home.

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A day at the opera

Students visit Detroit Opera House

Members of the fifth and sixth grade choir spent a recent Saturday afternoon at the Detroit Opera House experiencing the magic of the opera "Brundibar."

"I am thrilled that these young people had this opportunity to venture into the world of opera and through the music, were able to experience some of the humanness of the world of the concentration camps of Nazi – occupied Czechoslovakia in World War II," said Choir Director Steven Hinz.

Choir member Savannah Steele said: "I loved seeing the young people (of the Michigan Opera Theater) perform so well."

The opera was written before World War II, but it became famous because of its extended run in the Terezin Concentration Camp in German-occupied Czechoslovakia. It helped make the tragic fate of the prisoners more human and bearable – both of those who played in the opera and of those who went to see the more than 50 performances of it.

In a few cases, it may have saved lives as well. Though most of the young performers in "Bundibar" were transported to extermination camps where they died, some of the children, especially those in leading roles had their transports delayed.

Sixth-grader Hailey Mathis said: "My favorite part was the lady, (Ela Stein Weissberger) who came out to share her story about the concentration camp."

Weissberger appeared as a special guest to talk before the opera to the audience. She was a member of the cast playing the role of the Cat for all 55 performances in Terezin. She was one of only two of the cast members who were not ultimately murdered in the Auschwitz Deathcamp. Weissberger shared vivid stories of her experience, but most importantly shared how the experience of singing and being on a stage helped transport them all for that brief moment out of the horrible circumstances of being a prisoner.

The opera, which is told in a fairy-tale style, is a story of hopefulness.

"We continue to share this story so that we can look at our world and find the places where hatred causes us to treat people terribly and without dignity," Weissberger said.

The trip to Detroit was funded in part from a program grant from the Chelsea Music Boosters to fund opportunities to enhance students' experiences in music. Members of the choirs will round out their opera experience this year, by attending "Carmen" in May.

Members of the fifth and sixth grade choir travelled to the Detroit Opera House to experience the magic of the opera "Brundibar."

Japan Society members include Tomoyo Koehler (left), Keiko Kinoshita, Minako Yoshino and Yumiko Narita.

Chelsea Garden Club hosts Japanese Tea

Chelsea Area Garden Club hosted a Japanese Tea Ceremony on March 9 in the fellowship hall of Chelsea First United Methodist Church, following their Garden Club Tea. The ceremony was performed by four members of the Japan Society of Detroit Women's Club. The ladies re-created a Japanese Tea Room in one end of Grams Hall and Tea Master, Tomoyo Koehler, led them through the ceremony while Minako Yoshino, President of the JSD Women's Club, narrated. Nearly sixty Club members and their guests watched in fascination and total silence.

Kay Miller and Thyra Throop, co-chairs of the Tea committee, along with Neta Mills' Hospitality committee selected one Japanese tea to be tasted along with three others.

Several members baked Japanese desserts.

"The Tea Ceremony was not only educational, but also incredibly beautiful," Miller said. "The kimonos hanging gracefully from the ceiling and the Japanese fans, figurines and other art objects displayed on tables draped with colorful obis created an ambiance that everyone seemed to enjoy immensely."

All of the Japanese artifacts on display were loaned to the Club by members and friends.

Chelsea Area Garden Club began its 12th year this past January and this was their seventh annual Tea. The Club meets at noon on the second Monday of the month in Grams Hall at the Methodist Church. Along with educational programs, tours of local gardens, civic plantings, their popular annual Plant Sale in May, and a growing membership, CAGC has had an ever-increasing presence in the community in recent years.

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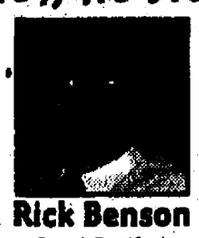
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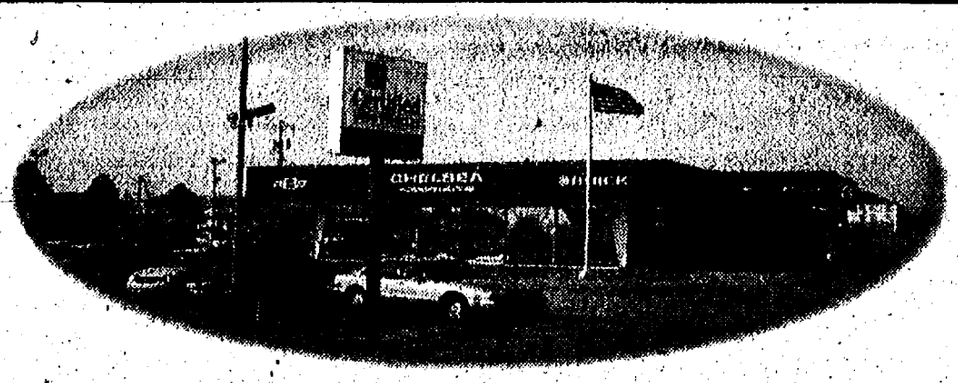
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Clark-MXR is poised for great things

By Sean Dalton
Staff Writer

Dexter's own Clark-MXR, Inc. is one of the many companies trying to change the way business is done in Michigan.

The company has been designing and developing laser solutions since 1992, when it was incorporated by the owners of Clark Instrumentation, Inc. in Pittsford, New York and MXR, Inc. Those companies merged into Clark-MXR.

This company could unlock a multi-billion dollar industry, or at least play a part in unlocking it, right here in Dexter's backyard, according to President and CEO William Clark.

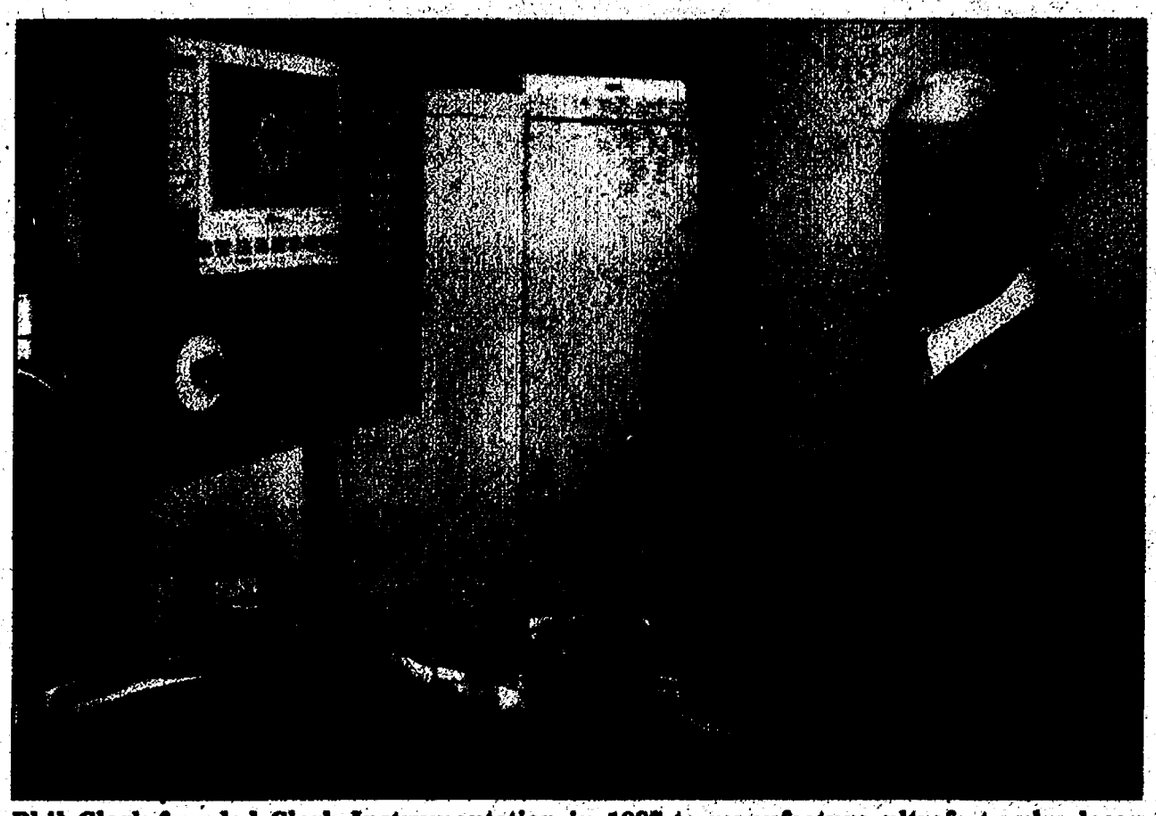
Clark discussed what his company does last week during a private presentation and tour of the facility at 7300 West Huron River Drive.

Clark founded Clark Instrumentation in 1987 to manufacture ultrafast pulse laser instruments for the research market. His company started with a single product before expanding to a larger product line.

MXR started in New York as well, under several University of Rochester professors before the merger and move to Dexter when one of the founders, Dr. Gerard Mourou, started the Center for Ultrafast Optical Science at the University of Michigan.

The two companies collaborated with Clark acting as the sales and marketing arm of the pairing, before merging.

Clark says that's where up-and-coming companies that will likely be the driving forces of the economy and job market of tomorrow are at right now – collaborating, growing markets and seeking funding. Communication is one of the challenges to realizing the potential of what the company does.



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"We're in a field where it's like you speak a totally different language, and we use terminologies that a lot of people aren't familiar with," Clark said. "It's a matter of growing up around the terminology to really ingrain it in a person's mind.

"One of my daughters told me just the other day that when she was very young she assumed everyone knew what a femtosecond laser was ... it wasn't until she was 10 or 11 years old that she realized her friends didn't know what femtoseconds were."

If a little girl can get it, Clark feels there's hope for building the markets and garnering the support that companies like Clark-MXR need to unlock an industry that some predict has the potential of $100 billion per year.

Right now the market for the laser systems that Clark-MXR builds is $250 million, which is still a big deal in the context of a lagging national economy and a continually slumping state economy, but is nowhere near the potential for job creation that Clark sees.

Right now Clark-MXR is a small operation with just 16 people working at the Dexter facility. Spinoffs have gone into other niches of the field including chip design and telecommunications. The description of the players in the field sounds a lot like what microorganisms on a Petri dish would do, dividing, expanding and absorbing each other.

"People who are participants and owners in this company are participants and owners in other companies as well ... we share ownership in each company," Clark said.

The complexity of the systems goes hand-in-hand with the complexity of the businesses that develop and produce them. There's a group of people and/or a company behind every small component that comprises larger devices, and rightly so.

"We're dealing with a technology that has a unique capability and there's a plethora of applications that are emerging from these particular products," Clark said. "Our reason for being is to create these opportunities and spin them off into new companies and new stand alone efforts in a particular focus area."

The exciting aspect of femtosecond lasers or ultrashort pulse lasers is that they have a more delicate reaction with the material they are being used on.

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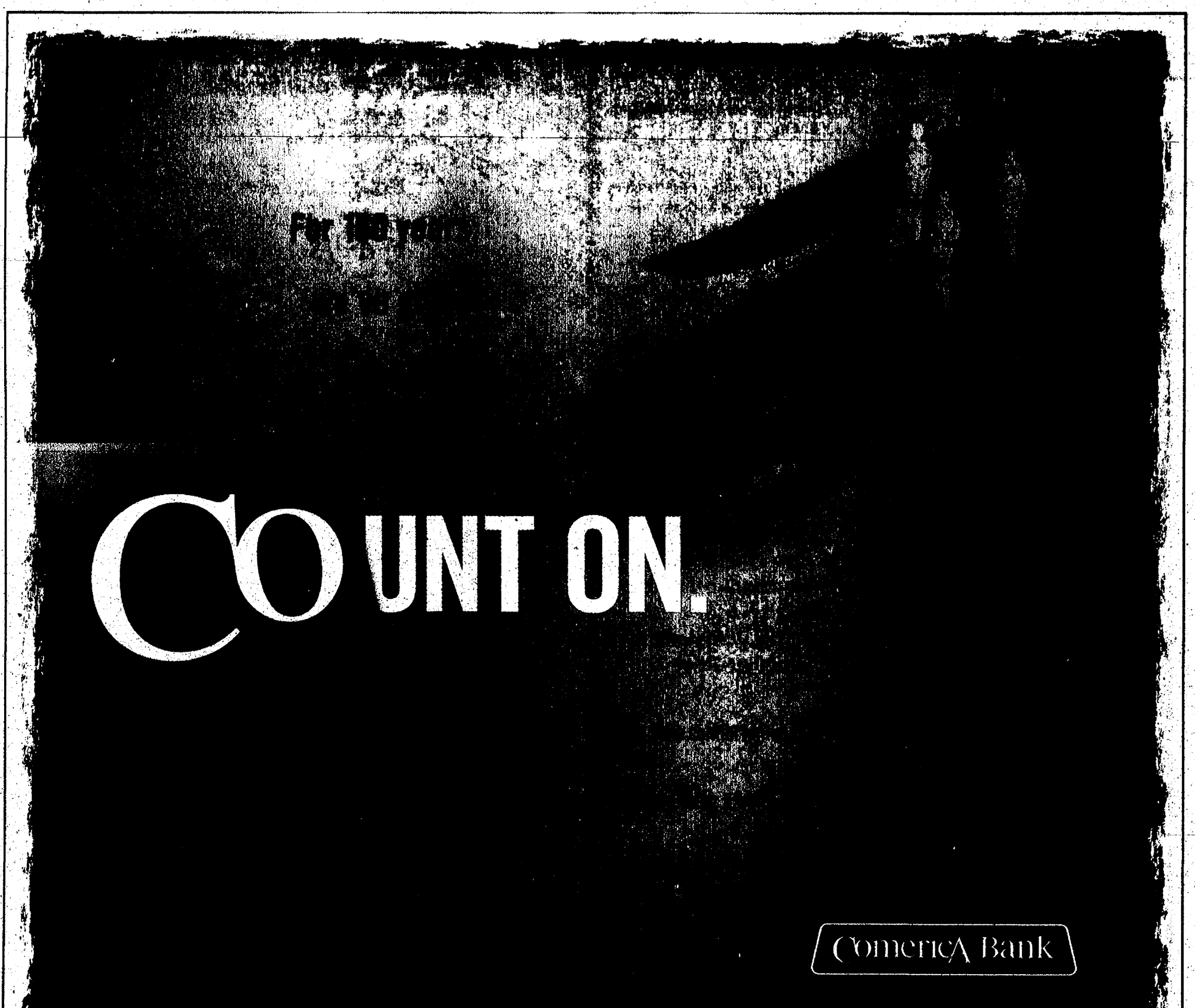

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When cutting metal with traditional laser technology or long pulse lasers the material around the cut melts, cracks and warps.

Clark-MXR's systems can make the cut without harming the rest of the structure that is being cut, which is important when using laser technology in the areas of microchip manufacturing or medicine. Computer chips and body parts can benefit from the use of laser technology, but can also be damaged if that technology causes collateral damage.

Basically the laser comes down in a "pancake" flat blast that evaporates that material that a manufacturer or surgeon wants to get rid of or "cut" in order to alter the material in such a way as to gain a desired result, effectively blasting it away without melting circuits or burning tissue.

Since Clark-MXR's technology has a different interaction with organic and inorganic materials they have different outcomes.

"And when you have different outcomes you have different benefits, and when that happens you open a huge number of doors and opportunities," Clark said.

The applications are exciting and seemingly science fiction, but are entirely possible according to Clark.

Solar cells that have 90 percent efficiency compared to the traditional 60 percent, since the laser technology can be used to create more complex solar panels that absorb more light. Traditional solar cells reflect more light since the surface is flat on a molecular level. Panels that have microscopic peaks and valleys formed using a femtosecond laser can "trap" more of the light that hits the panel in those valleys.

"What we're doing is machining materials in the scale of the very, very small," Clark said.

Pointing to a hole in a piece of metal magnified on a slide, he added, "This hole is something we machined that's an 8 micron diameter hole, which is less than a tenth of the diameter of a human hair."

It just makes sense to put Michigan on the map for micromachining said Clark.

"That's something that we do real well in southeast Michigan ... we know how to make things, because the auto industry and the other industries around here have been extremely good at making things," Clark said. "We have the knowledge and we have the capability more than any place in the world."

Doing so would create pathways into semiconductor, energy efficient device manufacture and the biomedical field, to name a few.

Michigan, along with California and Germany, is one of the few places in the unique position to capitalize on this opportunity said Clark.

"We could become what some people are calling Femtosecond Valley, like (the more well-known) Silicon Valley in California," he said.

Dexter, Ann Arbor and the entire county could potentially be a part of such a rare opportunity, according to Clark.

"Right now the Ann Arbor area is in a prime position because we have the expertise and a number of companies working with this technology in the area," he said. "It's hard to have a core cluster of companies this close together which are capable of taking this technology and applying it to real world solutions."

Higher yields of computer components, surgery without anesthesia and even detection of biological agents spread over a wide area in the unfortunate event of an attack with a biological weapon are all within grasp.

One that might interest people is instant tumor analysis during biopsy without as many steps or as much time required. Certainly that benefit would be great to those who don't know about their tumor until it's too late and they're in a hospital for a seizure or some other symptom of cancer.

It's just a matter of time, money and being in the right place at the right time. Clark says the potential is staggering and the benefit to people in the area would be immense.

Guest reader

Photo by Wallace M. Chrouch

State Rep. Speaker Pro Tempore Pam Byrnes, D-District 52, reads "Duck for President" to children at the Ann Arbor Hands On Museum Thursday evening. Rep. Byrnes was the special guest at Comcast Family Adventure Night, a free event sponsored by Comcast.

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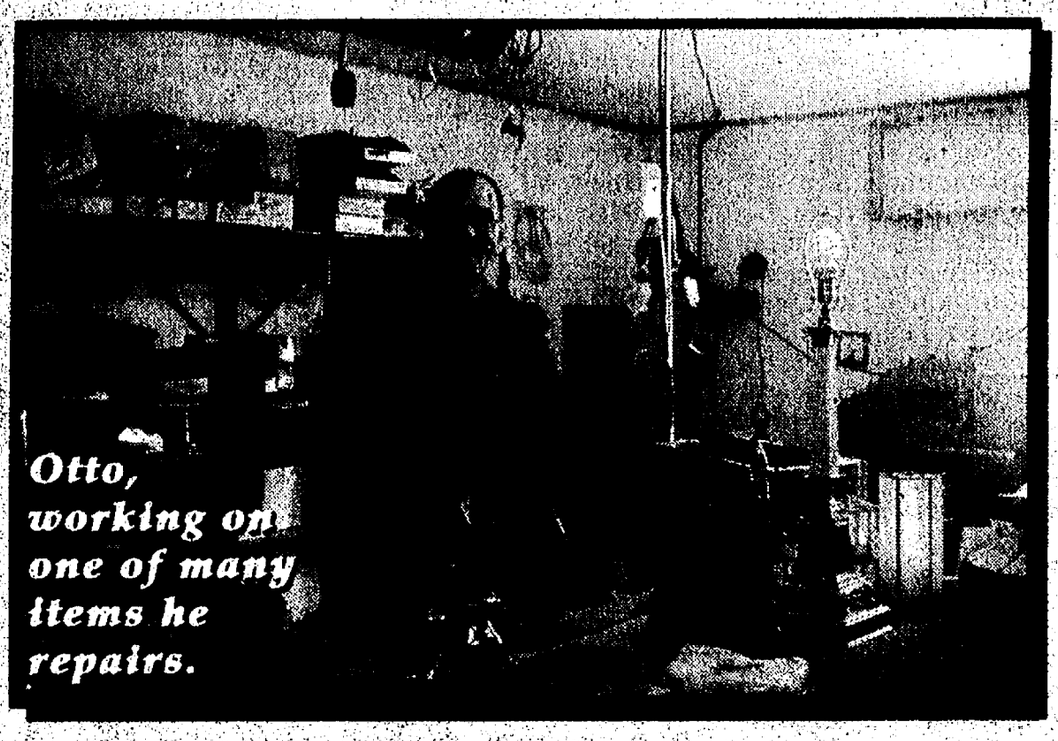

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By Lauren Eichner

Exploring the lean media news diet

Be mindful of your mind!

Huh? What exactly does that mean? How do you do that?

Let me start with a story.

I met a few friends down in Naples, Fla., a couple of weeks back. Funny thing, they live only 45 minutes away in Toledo, but we had to go to Naples, 24 hours away, to meet up. A friend of ours from this group has a very successful company related to the home improvement and construction industry. I asked him how his business was doing. Because of this you may think you know the answer to the question. After all, construction and Midwest in the same sentence hardly sounds like a winning formula these days.

However, his answer may surprise you.

He said, "Great, just as long as I turn off the news."

So what does not watching the news have to do with the success of his company? The answer lies in what 24/7 of bad news can do to your mental state of mind. If you are like most people, you probably watch the news, maybe a lot. As a result, you may have been sold into the idea that it is impossible to succeed in today's business environment. I hear it all the time, but I also hear of many success stories like my Toledo friend who just cashed a seven digit check. Unfortunately, stories like his or like most of my clients don't get broadcasted at 7am, just as you are psyching yourself up to saunter into the office to grind out another day.

On the contrary to most news stories making the boob tube, I know several individuals who are having their best year ever in business!

So, what's the difference? Have a structure to manage their minds or what they choose to focus their attention on. So let's commit ourselves to paying attention to only those things that serve our commitment to having a successful business.

Because at the end of the day, specific news stories rarely have a direct impact on your business. Your business activities stay constant in a good economy or a poor one. You still need to block and tackle or, in other words, talk to people and meet with them.

Here are a few things to keep your conscious and focused attention on:

Read a business book instead of vegging out in front of the television.

Seek out the business professionals who are doing well and ask them what they attribute their success to.

Sit outside Costco, Ikea or Wal-mart. Why? Because you will actually see that there are still people out there living life. The economy is tough, but it certainly is nothing what the media is making it out to be.

Spend your time on www.RevenueBlitz.com, going through the Free Coaching Program or watching the Motivational videos. A much more constructive use of your time.

Finally, if you find you can't do it alone, hire a coach! Have someone help you keep your head on straight and doing the activities that a successful business requires.

Written by Lauren Eichner of www.RevenueBlitz.com, a Free, Interactive Business Coaching program. Lauren has been a business coach with Getting Results (www.GettingResultsCoaching.com) for nearly a decade. Lauren has also coached many coaches over the years as the head coach of an organization prior to starting Getting Results.

Washtenaw Land Trust changes name to Legacy Land Conservancy

The Washtenaw Land Trust is now known as Legacy Land Conservancy.

Unveiled at a March 19 Legacy of Trust dinner in front of a sell-out crowd, the new name reflects the organization's growth as a regional land protection organization serving southern Michigan, particularly Washtenaw and Jackson counties, according to a news release from the conservancy.

"For 38 years, the land trust has protected the most valuable natural areas and farm land in our community. Those important lands don't start or stop with county lines, and now neither do we," said Susan Lackey, Legacy Land Conservancy executive director.

In recent years, the organization has helped protect 337 acres in Jackson County.

"Jackson County's open spaces are critically important for our entire region. They provide clean air and water, natural beauty, healthy local food, recreation opportunities and much more," said Lackey. "Landowners there recognize this, and have increasingly asked us to help them protect the lands they love. It was time for us to acknowledge our added commitment to them."

In addition to the increased conservation efforts in Jackson County, the Legacy Land Conservancy will continue its commitment to land protection in Washtenaw County. In 1971, the organization began in Washtenaw County as the first local land trust in the state of Michigan. Since the organization's inception, the conservancy has protected 3,756 acres.

Death Notices

HERITAGE NEWSPAPERS

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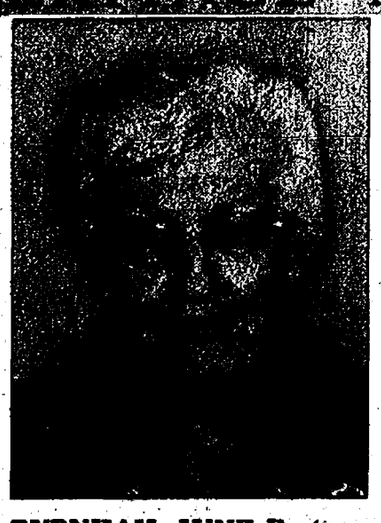
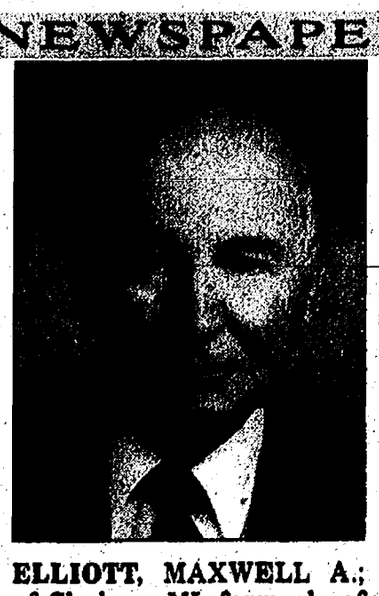
BACON, LEON F.; Saline, MI; age 81; went to be with his Lord and Savior Friday, March 20, 2009 at his home with his family by his side. Funeral Services will be held on Wednesday, March 25, 2009 at the Saline Baptist Church located on the corner of Saline-Milan Rd. and Willis Rd. in Saline, MI at 11 a.m. Friends may begin calling at the **Robison-Bahnmiller Funeral Home** on Tuesday, March 24, 2009 between the hours of 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. and at the Church on Wednesday, March 25, 2009 from 10 a.m. until time of Service at 11 a.m. Burial will follow in the Lodi Twp. Cemetery Lodi Twp, MI with Military Graveside Services under the auspices of the Veterans Honor Guard of Washtenaw County. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the Parkinsons Foundation or the American Diabetes Association. Arrangements by the Robison-Bahnmiller Funeral Home of Saline, MI. A full obituary will follow.

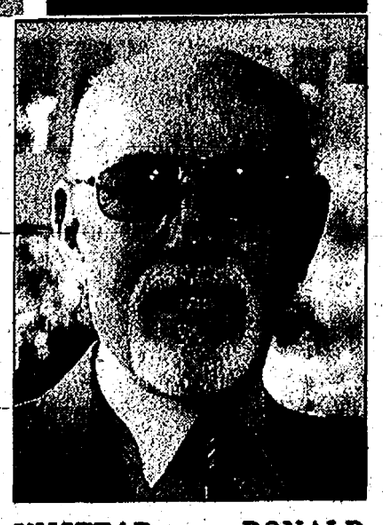


BURNHAM, JUNE E.; (nee BURKHARDT) of Saline, previously of Riverview; age 85. Loving mother of Bonnie (Bruce) Bennyhoff of Saline, MI and Betsy Sue (Martin) Shannon of New Canaan, CT; cherished grandmother of Brian, Maureen, James and John Patrick; beloved wife of the late Bruce Burnham (d. 2001.); sear sister of Dona Mae Cobbledick of Bay Village, OH. She also leaves many loving nieces and nephews and dear friends. June was born in Rocky River, OH and spent her youth enjoying the beautiful Ohio valleys. She attended Kent College (now Kent State University) and became Personnel Director for Fawick Airflex in Cleveland, Ohio, contributing on the home front during World War II. After marrying, she and Bruce moved to downriver Detroit and settled in Riverview. June became active in the community and schools. June returned to work in the Accessor's Office then the Clerk's Office of the City of Riverview after her children were grown. She joined Beta Sigma Phi professional sorority and enjoyed lifelong friendships with her sisters. After retiring she joined the Red Hat Society and continued to enjoy new adventures and make new friends. June will be remembered for her devotion to family and friends, her love of life and joyful spirit. The family will receive friends on Saturday, March 28, 2009 from 10 to 12 Noon at **R.J. Nixon Funeral Home**, 2544 Biddle Avenue, Wyandotte. A Memorial Service will be held at R.J. Nixon Funeral Home at Noon followed by a Celebration of her Life at Portofino's Restaurant at 3455 Biddle Avenue, Wyandotte at 12:30 p.m. Cremation has already taken place. Memorial donations may be made to Arbor Hospice, 2366 Oak Valley Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48103 or to the charity of one's choice.

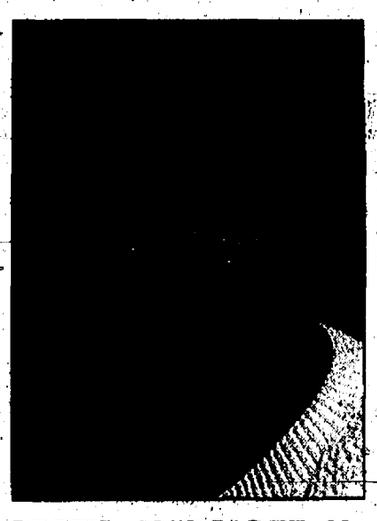


ELLIOTT, MAXWELL A.; of Chelsea, MI, formerly of Ypsilanti, MI; age 96; died at the Chelsea Retirement Community on March 19, 2009. He was born the son of Alexander R. and Kathron Mae (Kimmel) Elliott on September 18, 1912, in Comins, MI. On January 24, 1942, he married Lila (Liimakka), and she preceded him in death in 2004. Max loved to dance and enjoyed playing golf. He was a member of St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Ypsilanti, where he was a member of the Vestry, and he was also a member of the City of Ypsilanti Planning Commission. Most of all he was a loving father, grandfather and great grandfather. Max is survived by his children, Maxine C. Moulton of Chelsea and Marsy A. (Dennis) Doan of Chelsea; also surviving are his grandchildren, Bradley S. Doan of Manchester, Robert J. (Erin) Moulton of Ypsilanti, Matthew A. (Miki) Doan of Chelsea and Kathryn M. (Todd) Brown; as well as his great grandchildren, Nathan, Carter, Parker, Will, Payton, Ruby and Mitchell; along with many nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by an infant sister, Maxine Elliott. Max's family would like to thank his special friend, Diana Cramer, for helping him over the past four years and Mary Lynn Baker for being his "third daughter." A Memorial Service will be held later this spring. Expressions of sympathy may be made to St. Luke's Episcopal Church. Arrangements are by the **Staffan-Mitchell Funeral Home**.

KATZ, BARBARA A.; of Saline, MI; age 72; died Thursday, March 19, 2009, at the St. Joseph Mercy Hospital located in Ann Arbor, MI. She was born October 4, 1936, in Detroit, MI, the daughter of Thomas and Cecilia (Zane) Edwards. On May 1, 1965, in Saline, MI, she married Robert A. Katz, and he survives. In addition to her loving husband, survivors include three children, Patricia (Randy) Anderson, Richard Petrowski and Terry (Laurie) Petrowski; 16 grandchildren; 30 great grandchildren; and one sister, Pat Morrison. She was preceded in death by her parents, one son, Robert M. Katz, and one brother, Douglas Edwards. Barbara worked for 10 years as a beloved paraprofessional in the special education department with the Saline School District. She was a member of the Ann Arbor Airport Flying Club and a licensed pilot for over 27 years. Barbara was also an active member of the Ann Arbor Kiwanis Club for several years. Friends called at the **Robison-Bahnmiller Funeral Home** in Saline, MI, on Saturday, March 21, 2009, between the hours of 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Funeral Services were held on Monday, March 23, 2009, at 1 p.m. at the Ypsilanti Free Methodist Church located at 1800 Packard Road, Ypsilanti, MI, with Pastor Craig Watson Officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, and envelopes will be available at the funeral home and the church.



UMSTEAD, DONALD JAMES; Chelsea, Michigan; passed away at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital on Sunday, March 22, 2009 after a difficult battle with pneumonia. He was born in Chelsea, Michigan on March 20, 1936 to Alvin H. and Elizabeth Blossom (Currier) Umstead. Don served in the U.S. Army, stationed in Germany, during the Korean Conflict. While raising four children, he worked at Buhr Machine Tools for several years as a machine tool builder. He later worked at the University of Michigan in the Maintenance Dept. retiring in 1998. He attended Washtenaw Community College pursuing his A/C and Refrigeration degree. Don was blessed with many talents. Especially anything that involved working with his hands. His tools allowed him to perform magic on any project that he set out to accomplish, whether it was woodworking, fabricating, plumbing, electrical or carpentry. He was referred to as "A Jack of all trades and a Master at most". He recently became a member of the Chelsea Rod and Gun Club where he enjoyed his new hobby of shooting but most of all, nothing could take the place of his grandchildren, he loved them all. He was known to some as their handsome, charming grandpa. He will be missed by his daughter, Annette (William) Riddle of Naples, FL; son, Curtiss J. (Mary) Umstead of Marquette; and their siblings Christopher (Diane) of Ann Arbor and Michele of Wichita Falls, TX; eight grandchildren, Danielle, Amanda, Austin, Rebekah, Alexis, Michael, Amanda Mae and Andrew; one great granddaughter, Natalie Paige; also Matthew, son of Christopher and Nathaniel, son of Michele; a brother, Richard A. (Barb) Umstead; two sisters, Marjorie Burnett and Joyce Freysinger. Funeral Service will be held Thursday, March 26, at 1 p.m. at **Cole Funeral Chapel**, Chelsea. Burial will follow at Oak Grove Cemetery, Chelsea. The family will receive friends Wednesday, March 25, 2009 from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Memorial contribution may be made to the National Rifle Association.



DREWS, MARGARET M.; Pinckney, MI, formerly of Brooklyn and Manchester; age 83; died Saturday, March 21, 2009 at Chelsea Community Hospital after a long illness. She was born August 19, 1925 in Detroit, Michigan, the daughter of Clarence Albin and Mae Florence (McGee) Blaker. Margaret drove school bus for Brighton Area Schools for 10 years in the '70's. She had been active in the Plymouth Presbyterian Church, where she sang in the choir. Margaret was a member of Livingston Rock and Gem. On April 20, 1945, she married Donald A. Drews, and he survives. Other survivors include a daughter, Christina (Larry) Duty of Moscow, MI; two sons, Donald Duane (Tami) Drews of Wyandotte, Kirk F. (Sue Ann) Drews. of Pinckney; six grandchildren, Joey, Lisa, Jody, Scott, Angela, Nina; ten great grandchildren, Ryan, Ashley, Jason, Taylor, Tyler, Amber, Halie, Brandi, Mia, and James. She was preceded in death by a brother and a sister. A Memorial Service will be held Saturday, April 4, 11 am at **Cole Funeral Chapel**, Chelsea. Burial will be at Riverside Cemetery, Plymouth. The family will receive friends before the service from 10 to 11 a.m. Memorial contributions may be made to the Michigan Parkinson Foundation, 30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 150, Bingham Farms, MI 48025.

PARR, LENORA E.; age 89; of Manchester; died Saturday, March 21, 2009, surrounded by her family. Lenora was born in January, 1920 to George and Hannah (Jedele) Haab in Freedom Township. She was a graduate of Manchester High School, and Ypsilanti State Normal College. On March 3, 1946 she married her husband Howard Parr and he survives. She taught at Roseville, Yale, Manchester and Redford Union Schools. In addition to her husband, of 63 years, she is survived by her children, Lizabeth (John) Snell, Marcia (Daniels) Arnett, Miriam (Jeff) Moore, Alice (Kath Edsall) Parr and Clayton G. (Lois) Parr; a dear niece Beth Anderson; 16 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother and one sister. A Christian Funeral will take place at Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church where visitation will take place Tuesday from 3 to 8 p.m. and Wednesday, March 25, 2009 from 10 a.m. until the time of service at 11 a.m. with Pastor Douglas Hartley officiating. Burial will follow in Oak Grove Cemetery, Manchester. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be given to Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church, or a charity of the donor's choice. Arrangements are under the direction of **Borek Jennings Funeral Home, Jenter Chapel**. Please sign Mrs. Parr's guestbook at www.borekjennings.com or leave a message of comfort for her family by calling 877-231-7900.

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Time may be right to convert to Roth IRA

money WI$E By Dave Werman

Do you regularly contribute to a Traditional IRA? If so, you're taking an important step toward building financial resources for retirement. But it's possible that you could take an even bigger step— by converting your IRA to a Roth IRA. And you may have two especially good opportunities to make this conversion in 2009 and 2010.

Before we examine why this may be so, let's take a quick look at the differences between a Traditional IRA and a Roth IRA. Depending on your income level, your contributions to a Traditional IRA may be tax deductible; regardless of your income, your earnings grow tax deferred. With a Roth IRA, your contributions are never deductible, but your earnings grow tax free, provided you've had your account for at least five years and you don't start taking withdrawals until you're 59-1/2. However, if your modified adjusted gross income exceeds certain levels ($120,000 per year if you're single and $176,000 per year if you're married and filing a joint return), you can't contribute to a Roth IRA.

Here's another distinction between the two types of IRAs: With a Traditional IRA, you must start taking required minimum distributions (RMDs) when you reach 70-1/2. But if you own a Roth IRA, you are never required to take distributions, so you can let your money grow as long as you can afford not to touch it.

Which IRA is "better"? There's no one right answer for everyone. Generally speaking, though, the combination of potential tax-free earnings and no RMDs might make the Roth IRA an attractive choice for most people. Additionally you have access to the money you put into the Roth tax-free and penalty-free at any time, as long as you are not withdrawing earnings. So, if you have a Traditional IRA, you might wish to convert it to a Roth — if you can. If your adjusted gross income is more than $100,000, you can't make the conversion in 2009. Also, keep in mind that any conversion will require you to pay income taxes on your pre-tax contributions to your Traditional IRA and any growth in your account's value.

If you meet the income limits for a conversion in 2009, you might want to consider doing so, because your tax obligation for a Roth conversion might be lower in 2009 than it would have been in previous years. Following last year's steep market decline, the value of your IRA may be down significantly — and, generally speaking, the lower the value, the lower the tax bill upon conversion. Furthermore, if your income is somewhat dependent on the state of the economy, you could end up with lower earnings in 2009 — another factor that could lessen the tax impact of a Roth IRA conversion.

Even if you don't make the conversion in 2009, though, you may still want to consider this move next year. In 2010 — and in 2010 only — you can convert your Traditional IRA to a Roth IRA regardless of your income level. Furthermore, the income taxes due on conversion can be spread over two years — 2011 and 2012.

So contact your financial and tax advisors to determine if a Roth IRA conversion is appropriate for you. Over the next two years, you've got a good window of opportunity to make this move — so you'll want to act before that window closes.

Dave Werman is a financial advisor with Edward Jones, 3170 Baker Road. He can be reached at 1-734-426-5198.

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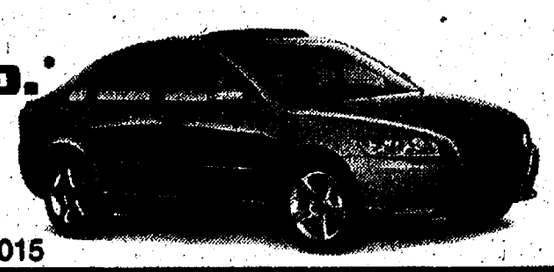
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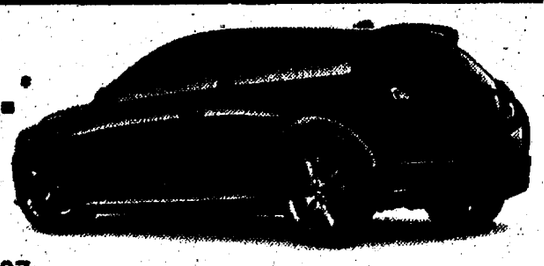
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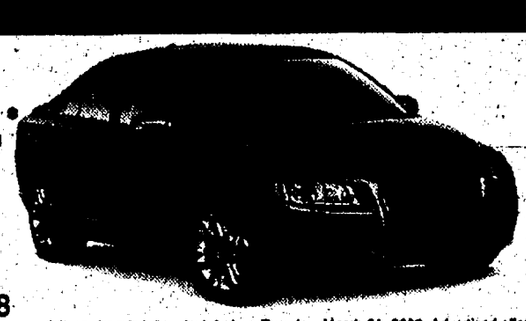
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South &West Washtenaw Consortium Agriscience students traveled to Michigan State University earlier this month to attend the 81st annual Michigan FFA State Convention and Leadership Competition.

Taylor Bartscht (Dexter High School senior) received a plaque and a check for $250 as the state winner in the FFA Home & Community Development Placement Award work based agriscience experience project category. This summer Taylor will compete against the winners from 17 other states in the FFA Eastern Region for a chance to be a National Finalist.

Amanda Koch (Chelsea High School senior) took fifth place GOLD in the Michigan FFA State Job Interview Contest out of more than 200 participants statewide.

Grace Benton (Chelsea High School senior), as the Animal Science Class Broiler Project Chairperson, took home the State Winner's Plaque for the Michigan FFA Poultry Improvement Project out of 300 entries statewide. This is the sixth time in nine years that Saline FFA was named the state winner in this contest.

Benton also earned a gold plaques in both Small Animal Care Placement and Poultry Production Placement. Koch also won a gold plaque in Diversified Livestock Placement.

Amanda Koch

Taylor Bartscht

Big Brothers Big Sisters

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Washtenaw County is hosting their annual Bowl For Kids Sake campaign. Their campaign is unlike most bowl-a-thons because the score does not matter!

Participants set a fundraising goal and raise all the money in advance! Every team has their own special web address where family members, co-workers, and friends can easily make donations. On Saturday, April 4 all the teams will gather at Colonial Lanes in Ann Arbor where BBBS will host the 17th annual Bowl For Kids Sake event. And there is another twist; most teams will be dressed up as their favorite TV and movie characters!

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Employee Bonus Cash - 1,000
Lease To Retail - 750
Owner/Conquest Cash - 2,000
Pinckney CDJ Down Payment Match - 2,000
Sale Price $15,019[1]
Equipment: V6 Engine, Flex Fuel, Auto, 2nd Row Power Windows, Stow and Go Seating, 3rd Row Power Windows, Cruise Control, Over Head Console, Power Heated Mirrors, Rear Grocery Bag Hooks, 16" Wheels, Tilt/ Dday Head Lamps, Sliding 3rd Row Doors, Keyless Entry, ABS, Front and Side Airbags, Electronic Stability Program, A/C, AM/FM/CD/MP3 Radio, Removable Floor Console, Plus Additional Standard Equipment.

2009 Dodge Charger
72 Mo. Payment $248[2]
- OR -
48 Mo. Lease Payment $275[3]
STK #9317
MSRP 25,290
Employee Discount - 2,217
Consumer Cash - 1,000
Military Rebate - 500
Employee Bonus Cash - 1,000
Lease To Retail - 750
CPO Bonus Cash - 1,000
Owner/Conquest Cash - 1,750
Pinckney CDJ Down Payment Match - 2,000
Sale Price $15,143[1]
Equipment: V6 Engine, Auto, Power Windows and Locks, Speed Control, Power Acc. Delay, Lumbar Driver and Passenger Telescoping Steering Wheel, AM/FM/CD/MP3, Alloy Wheels, Power Mirrors, Floor Mats, Body Side Moldings, Plus Additional Standard Equipment.

2009 Dodge Avenger
72 Mo. Payment $264[2]
- OR -
48 Mo. Lease Payment $276[3]
STK #9069
MSRP 20,805
Employee Discount - 1,517
Consumer Cash - 750
Military Rebate - 500
Employee Bonus Cash - 500
Lease To Retail - 750
Pinckney CDJ Down Payment Match - 1,000
Sale Price $15,188[1]
Equipment: 2.4 Engine, Auto, Keyless Entry, Speed Control, 16" Wheels, Floor Mats, 12 Volt Outlet, Temp Display, Sport Steering Wheel, 60/40 Split Rear Seat, AM/FM/CD/MP3/Sirius Radio, Front & Side Airbags, Plus Additional Standard Equipment.

2009 Dodge Journey SXT
72 Mo. Payment $273[2]
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48 Mo. Lease Payment $278[3]
STK #9406
MSRP 24,625
Employee Discount - 2,238
Consumer Cash - 2,000
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LFC Bonus Cash - 1,000
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Pinckney CDJ Down Payment Match - 1,000
Sale Price $15,487[1]
Equipment: V6 Engine, Auto, Power Driving Seat, Keyless Entry, Speed Control, Floor Storage Bins, Alloy Wheels, Heated Mirrors, Auto Head Lamps, Chill Zone Glove Box, Fold Flat Front Seat, AM/FM/CD/MP3 Radio, 1 Year Free Sirius Sat., Telescoping Steering, Security Alarm, Traction Control, Plus Additional Standard Equipment.

2009 Jeep Grand Cherokee
72 Mo. Payment $338[2]
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48 Mo. Lease Payment $385[3]
STK #9135
MSRP 31,000
Employee Discount - 3,430
Consumer Cash - 1,000
Military Rebate - 500
Employee Bonus Cash - 1,000
Lease To Retail - 750
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Owner/Conquest Cash - 2,000
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Pinckney CDJ Down Payment Match - 2,000
Sale Price $19,870[1]
Equipment: V6 Engine, 4WD, Front & Side Air Bags, ABS, Power Windows and Locks, Speed Control, Sirius Radio, Keyless Entry, AM/FM/CD/MP3 Radio, Power Seat, Full Size Spare, Heated Mirrors, Tinted Glass, Roof Rack, Alloy Wheels, Plus Additional Standard Equipment.

2009 Dodge Ram 1500 ST
72 Mo. Payment $285[2]
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STK #9332
MSRP 25,880
Employee Discount - 3,128
Consumer Cash - 500
Military Rebate - 500
Employee Bonus Cash - 1,000
CPO Bonus Cash - 1,000
Owner/Conquest Cash - 2,000
Pinckney CDJ Down Payment Match - 2,000
Sale Price $17,497[1]
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Sing! Sing! Sing!

New Michigan Pops Choir, Sing! Sing! Sing!, held auditions last month at McKune Memorial Library. The open auditions were the first for the area's newest arts organization. The choir is a new program for the Chelsea Center for the Arts and is designed to be a large show-orientated, semi-professional level choir that will perform across a wide area. Jeff Prenevost will serve as the artistic director.

Photos by Mark Bogarin

Choir Director Jeff Prenevost directs.

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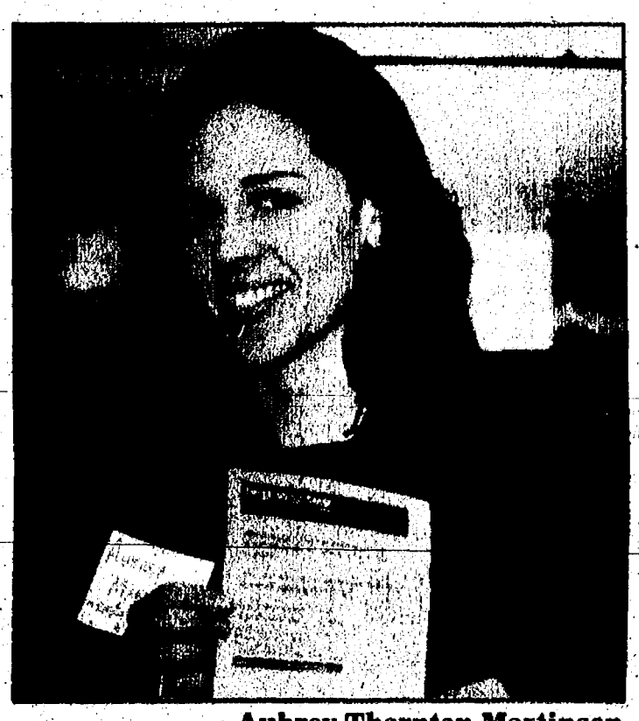

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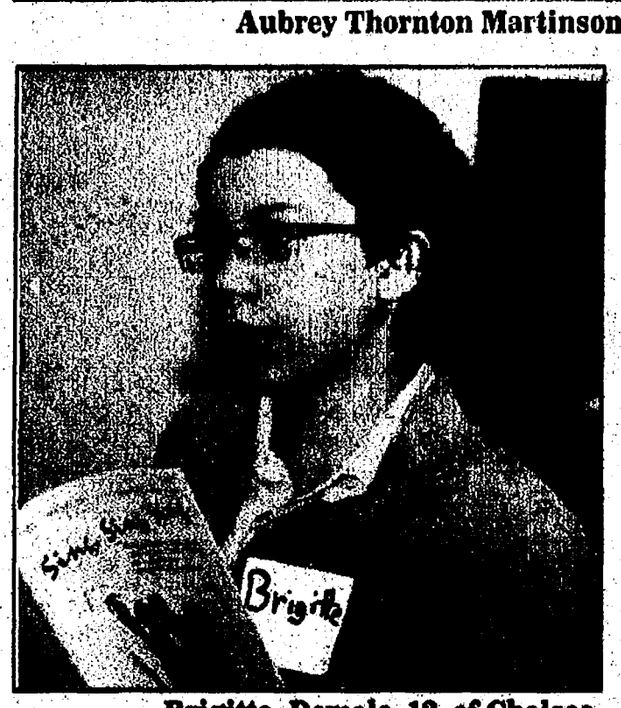

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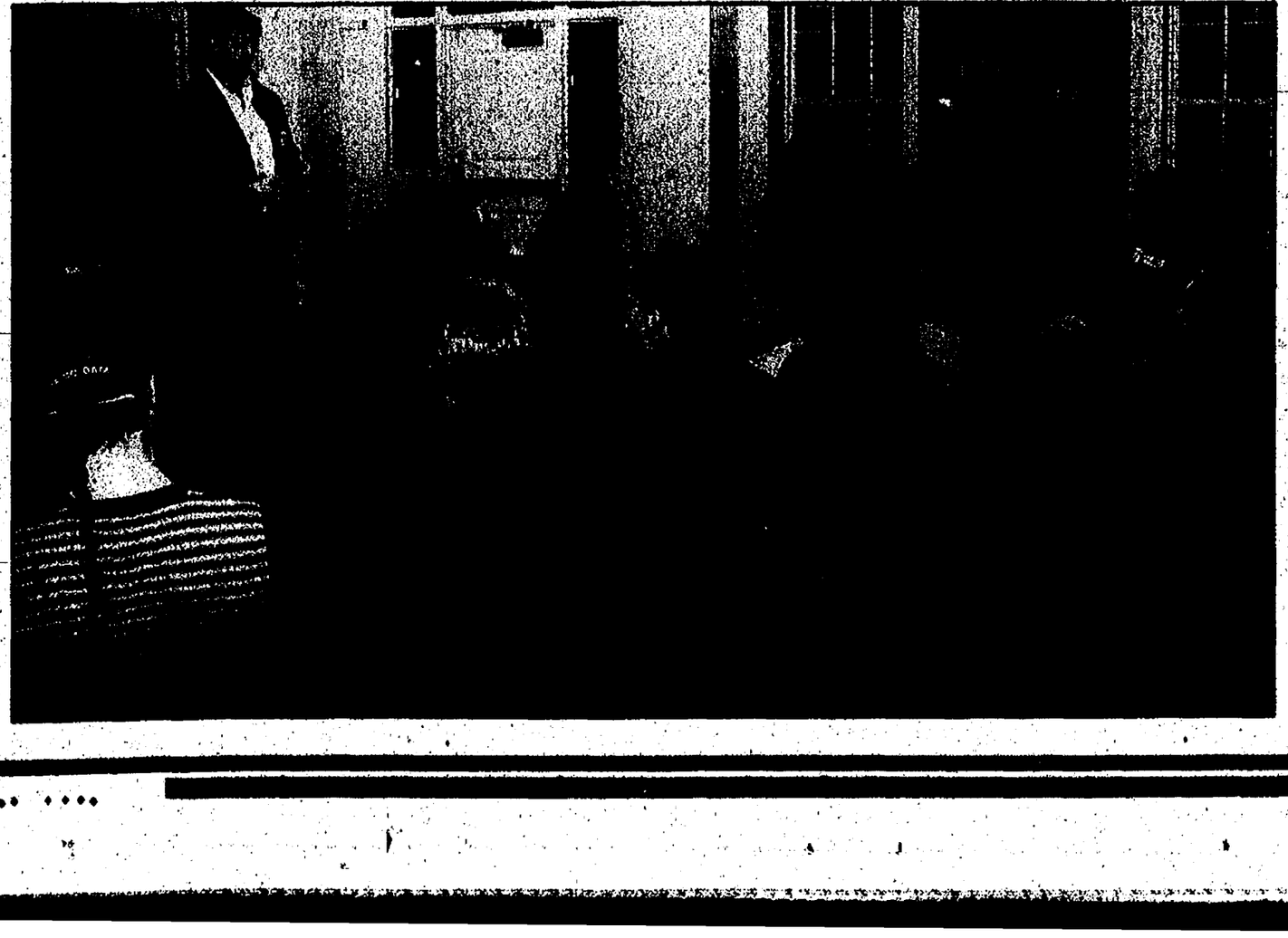


See you at McKune

Kids Read Comics Convention promotes comics and creativity

Chelsea will host the Midwest's first comic book convention especially for kids and teens on June 12 and 13. The Kids Read Comics Convention will be held at the Chelsea District Library, and will feature hands-on workshops, a chance for kids to meet and talk with comics and animation professionals, and a wide range of panels and presentations aimed at kids, families and educators.

Comics were for many decades a staple of American childhood, but in recent years they have focused increasingly on more adult themes and situations. That development has been justly celebrated. But the downside has been neglect of the once vibrant market of young comics readers. The organizers of the Chelsea event – a librarian, a cartoonist, a comic book writer and a comic shop owner who all hail from southeast and mid-Michigan – firmly believe those young readers are still out there. Even if the comic book industry isn't reaching them as well as it could, and even if some of those readers haven't found out yet how much there is to like about comics.

"Most kids really love comics once they get exposed to them," says East Lansing's Dan Mishkin, who has written for DC, Marvel, Image and Disney Comics. "They open up a universe of endless possibilities. And possibility is a lot of what childhood is about."

Chelsea youth and teen librarian Edith Burney adds that the convention itself will be as full of wonder as the best comics.

"We'll have great workshops, comics and books to give away, and lots of cool artists, celebrities and authors," she said. "With outdoor and indoor events, animated screenings and a big Saturday night costume party, it's going to be really family friendly. And best of all, it's free."

Joining Mishkin and Burney in planning the convention are Ann Arbor cartoonist and comics educator Jerzy Drozd, and Dan Merritt, owner of Green Brain Comics in Dearborn, named best comic book store four years running by Metro Times. Merritt's shop has long supported comics for kids, as well as promoting local talent, and he's excited that the Kids Read Comics Convention will highlight the work of many Michigan artists and writers who are part of a resurgence of interest in comics for kids.

Among the guests of the convention will be Dwayne McDuffie, a Detroit native, comics writer, and creator of the animated series Static Shock, as well as story editor of Cartoon Network's Justice League Unlimited; Jef Mallett, the Lansing-based creator of the nationally syndicated comic strip Frazz; and Ruth McNally Barshaw, creator of Ellie McDoodle, who will soon be appearing in her third book of mixed text and drawing from Bloomsbury Books.

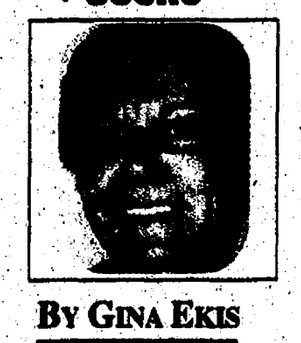
Chelsea High School graduate and voice actor Tara Platt will be returning to Chelsea as a special guest for the event, along with her husband Yuri Lowenthal. Lowenthal and Platt have lent their voices to a variety of cartoon and anime series, including Ben 10, Naruto, Afro Samurai and Bleach.

The convention will also feature Mark Crilley, writer/artist of the Akiko books and comics; graphic novelists Jane Irwin (Vögelein) and Paul Sizer (Little White Mouse); and webcomic creators Fred Gallagher (MegaTokyo) and Tara Tallan (Galaxion). There will even be kid comics creators in sisters Layne and Peri Toth, eleven- and eight-year-old published comic book artists.

The convention Web site can be found at www.kidsreadcomics.org.

Senior Center continues to offer variety of services

THE SENIOR Scene



BY GINA EKIS

The Chelsea Senior Center offers many options for seniors to gain or maintain a healthy lifestyle. From walking, bowling, golf, square dancing, the new Wii Fit workout, chair exercise and aerobics to foot care, massage and blood-pressure monitoring, the center is a one-stop haven to meet friends, enjoy a healthy lunch and work towards your fitness goals.

Ava Passino, RN, BC arrives at the Senior Center twice a month to provide basic foot care to those who cannot safely do it themselves.

Passino says the shape and size of your shoes are as important to your feet as the size of the tires on your car. Comfort and function are the key words. If you're wearing old, dead shoes, you are asking for foot misery and even injury. Go to a reliable and reputable shoe store to replace those shoes.

And have your feet measured every year. Foot size changes as we age. Because feet swell during the day, have shoes fit and feet measured at the end of the day – and remember to have both feet measured as most of us have mismatched feet. Shoes are cheaper than medical care and your precious feet will thank you. The fee for a half-hour session is $33 (tax deductible).

If you like to walk, but don't enjoy the cold, heat, snow or rain, do your walking in the climate controlled Senior Center. It's free and available every day the center is open. For the diehard walkers, the old high school track is available and a group takes advantage of the great outdoors on a regular basis. If square dancing is more

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Senior Center

CCF's 'Books to Film' program begins in April

The "Books to Film," program, funded by a grant from the Chelsea Community Foundation, will present four classic novels that have been successfully transferred to film. Each selected book represents a cultural shift in our nation and we will explore how that book was translated onto film. Books will be available for a two week loan prior to the movie being shown in the Chelsea District Libraries McKune Room.

Professor Gregory Sumner, chair of the History Department at The University of Detroit, will lead a discussion following the movie. A well-known film historian, Dr. Sumner is a stimulating and engaging speaker.

Books will be provided by the Chelsea District Library and will be available at the Chelsea Senior Center, located in the Washington Street Education Center. It is requested that you read the book prior to the movie and discussion, but it is not mandatory.

The four books and movies to be explored in this program are: "Grapes of Wrath," Sunday, April 19, 2 p.m.; "Mildred Pierce," Sunday, May 3, 2 p.m.; "Magnificent Ambersons," Sunday, May 17, 2 p.m.; "Manchurian Candidate," Sunday, May 31, 2 p.m.

Dates indicate movie viewing at the Chelsea District Library with discussion to follow.

For more information, contact the Chelsea Senior Center at 734-475-9242.

The Chelsea Community Foundation is a permanent charitable endowment fund that provides an ongoing source of revenue for worthwhile programs and activities in the Chelsea community. Founded in December 1995, the Chelsea Community Foundation has a permanent charitable endowment of more than $1.4 million and has awarded more than $850,000 in grants to organizations working to improve the quality of life in Chelsea and surrounding communities.

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your style – try it out every Wednesday at 12:30 p.m. Learn or resume a familiar game – bowling. Bowlers meet each Wednesday at 1 p.m. at Chelsea Lanes.

Chair Exercise featuring gentle stretching, and led by our director Tina Patterson, takes place every Monday at 10:30 a.m. Fit and Fun is a free exercise class sponsored by the Washtenaw Community College. It is offered every Wednesday from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. If you'd like to try a hand at the hard-to-get Nintendo

Wii Fit Exercise Program, it's available each Friday at 1 p.m.

To wrap it all up, remember to monitor your blood pressure. It is offered free on the first and thrid Tuesday of each month from 10 a.m. until noon. Then, try a massage with Dawn offered monthly from 10 till 2 p.m. Wouldn't that feel great?

Call the Senior Center at 475-9242 to sign up for any of these classes or for additional information. You won't be disappointed.

'Around Town with Linda'

"Around Town with Linda" will feature Lonnie Mitchell, CHS math teacher and coach, 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.

SRSLY celebrates St. Patrick's Day

There was plenty of good "green" fun at the SRSLY St. Patrick's Day Party on Tuesday, March 17. More than 50 students from Beach Middle School and Chelsea High School gathered to celebrate the Irish holiday – without alcohol – last week at the Chelsea Depot.

"I think that the party went very well," said Howard Cooper, a 7th grade student at Beach Middle School, and SRSLY Youth Steering Committee member. "Lots of people of all different ages were there having fun. I liked the friendly environment."

Ellen Christie, a 9th grade student at Chelsea High School and President of the Youth Steering Committee (YSC), planned the entertainment, along with her 7th grade sister Katie. They hired local teen band Moon Root, and planned contests for best dancer, and "most decked-out in green." They also organized a raffle drawing, with donated gift certificates from Twisters and Main St. Bagel as prizes.

"We threw a St. Patrick's Day party to offer a fun, safe option other than alcohol and drug use on a well-known drinking holiday," explained Ellen Christie. "I thought the band and the variety of food were great!"

"I think the party went wonderfully," said Allie Reynolds, a 7th grade student and journalist on the Youth Steering Committee. "Everyone had a great time and enjoyed themselves a lot. What I liked the most was that a lot of people showed up. That shows that a lot of people want to support SRSLY."

"I thought the party was a great time for kids. They had the band, games, food, and prizes. It looked like the middle and high school students had fun," said Beth Morris, school social worker and SRSLY executive committee member. "My favorite part was seeing the work that the SRSLY YSC did to create a fun party atmosphere. All of the green food and decorations were neat. A lot of people and organizations contributed for the event."

The non-profit Chelsea Depot Association donated the space for the party.

"That's what we're there for: to serve the community," said Lynda Collins of Thompson's Pizzeria. Collins is the President of the Depot Association.

Pierce's Pastries Plus also supported the event by donating three boxes of doughnuts and other baked goods. SRSLY Coalition members donated all refreshments and decorations, and admission to the event was free for all youth wearing green.

"The youth leaders in SRSLY wanted to take this opportunity to remind their peers how much fun we can have without alcohol," said SRSLY Director Reiley Lewis. "St. Patrick's Day is often celebrated with excessive drinking, but we've proven that you can have fun without alcohol."

RIGHT: SRSLY 'party girls' included Allie Reynolds, Julia Porter, Jordan Jacobs, and Madisen Powell.

One of the goals of the party was to provide a safe environment for kids to have fun together. At the SRSLY Youth meeting in November 2008, many kids felt there were not enough fun substance-free activities for kids in Chelsea.

"SRSLY really is about the adults in this community being there for the youth and showing them that we are open and excited for their leadership and ideas," said Morris.

In addition to substance-free parties, SRSLY is developing a set of criteria for defining another organization's event as "SRSLY-Sanctioned." This would signal to parents and youth that the event would be substance-free and safe for youth to attend. Parents who took part in the SRSLY Community Survey indicated that they would support such a system.

For more information, go to www.srslychelsea.org.

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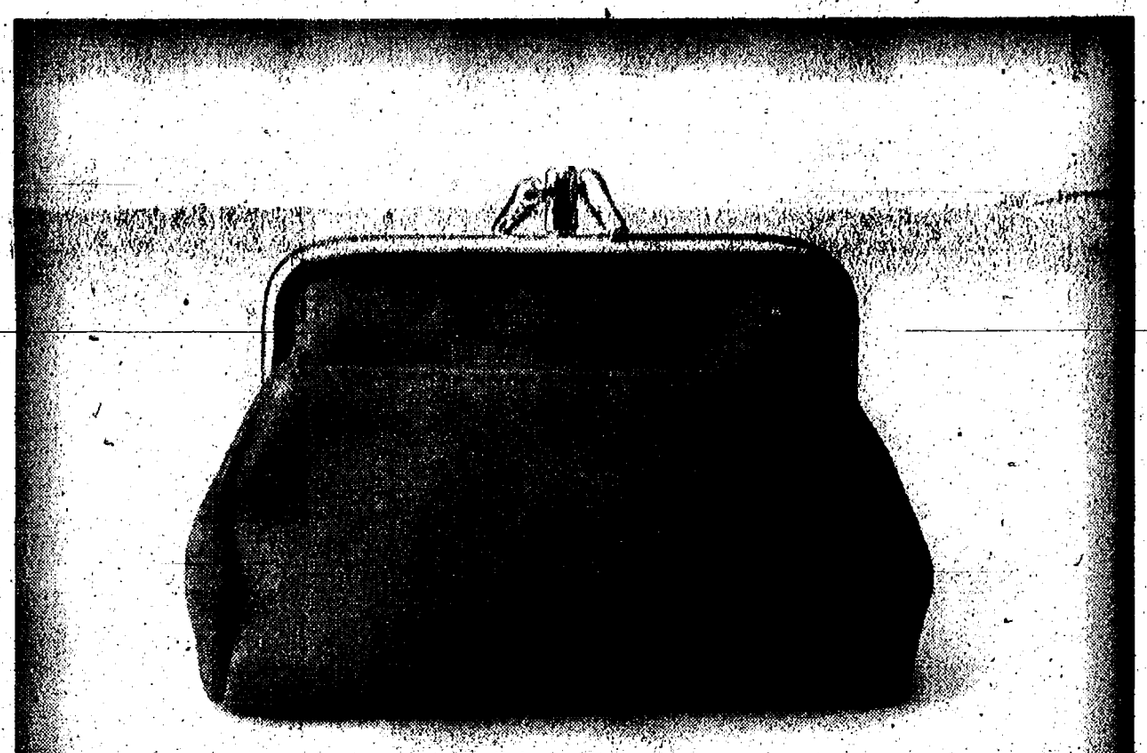

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Milan 2009 Events

March 26: Milan Blood Drive at the Milan Senior Center
March 27-April 5: Milan Area Schools Spring Break
March 28: Treasures for a Quarter at the Moose Lodge
April 4: Opening Day at Milan Dragway
April 4: Ribbon Cutting and Relocation Ceremony for Milan Physical Therapy & Rehabilitation 11 a.m. 905 Dexter St.
April 17: Milan Chamber Breakfast followed by a health fair
April 20-21: Greening of Milan Expo at Milan High School
April 25: Christmas in Action
May 2: Opening Day of Milan Little League and Parade
May 2: Annual Discover Milan Day
May 8: Milan Chamber Breakfast at Sam's Club
May 14: Fourth annual Taste of Milan sponsored by the Milan Area Chamber of Commerce
May 21 – Aug. 20: BackStreet Cruizers at Wilson Park every Thursday evening
May 25: Memorial Day Parade 9 a.m. in downtown Milan
June 7: Milan High School Graduation Ceremony at 1 p.m.
June 11: Chamber evening social at Original Gravity Brewing Co.
June 3-6: Milan Community Fair
June 5: Milan fireworks
June 5: Rotary Chicken Barbecue
July 10: Milan Chamber Breakfast with speakers from Michigan International Speedway
July – August: Concert in the Park series
Aug. 14: Milan Chamber Breakfast
Aug. 1: BackStreet Cruizers Annual Car Fest in Wilson Park
August: Milan Bluegrass Festival at K.C. Campground
Aug. 9: Second annual Milan Community Picnic 2 p.m.
Aug. 26: Ninth annual Milan Area Chamber of Commerce Golf Outing
Sept. 10: Milan Chamber Evening Social
Sept. 12-13: Southern Washtenaw County Relay For Life at Wilson Park
Oct. 9: Milan Chamber Breakfast featuring Milan Firefighters' Association
Oct. 30: Annual Chamber Downtown Merchants' Trick-or-Treat from 5 to 6 p.m.
Oct. 31: Citywide trick-or-treat
Nov. 13: Milan Area Chamber Breakfast with elected officials
Dec. 5: Milan Christmas Parade at 6 p.m. in downtown Milan
Dec. 5: Milan Hometown Christmas Festivities (tentative)
Dec. 11: Annual Christmas Breakfast with the Chamber and Community Service Awards

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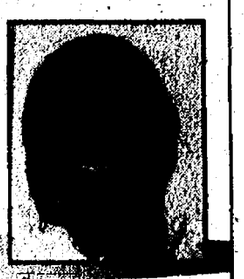

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H&R Block likes saving people money

H&R Block has been helping residents of Milan save money for nearly 30 years.

Tammy Mull, the office manager of H&R Block, finds joy working in Milan.

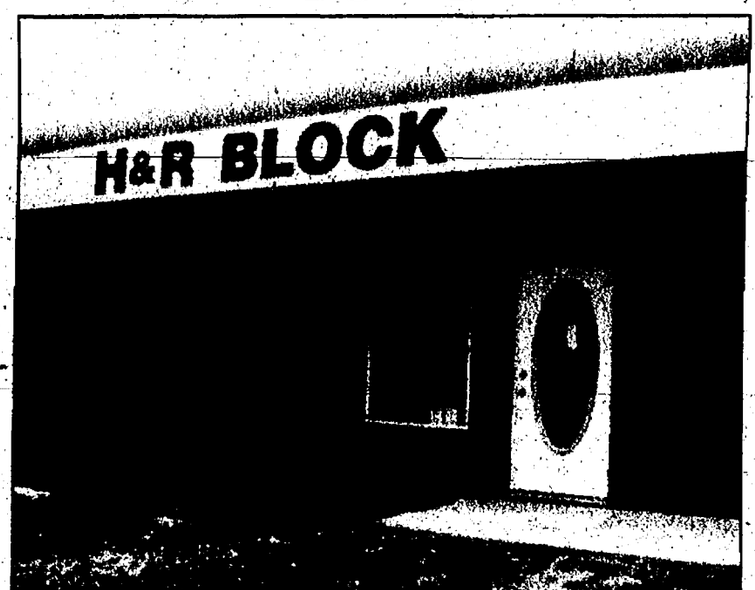
"I started working here at the Milan location in 1992, and have been happily employed here ever since," Mull said.

Also a longtime Milan resident, Mull said she loves the small-town feel the city offers. The flexible schedule H&R Block provides her also has been a blessing, she says, because she can be at home spending time with her three children.

The H&R Block of Milan offers its expertise year-round with regular business hours three months of the year, and 10 hours per week the rest of the duration.

Mull said the best part of the job is saving people money.

"We will always try our best to help to you. Whatever that need may be, any time of the year," she says.



H&R Block of Milan is located at 903 Dexter St. at the corner of Braman and Dexter streets and adjacent to Milan Physical Therapy.

Super Steamer is cleaning up Milan

Super Steamer is a truck-mounted textile maintenance company founded in 2004 by Ryan Marl and Jeff Myslinski. The company performs both commercial and residential jobs throughout Southeast Michigan.

"Of all the places we have worked, I especially enjoy working in Milan," Marl said.

"I really enjoy the hometown atmosphere here. Everyone seems to know everyone. It's a very welcoming place to work."

Super Steamer takes great pride in offering attractive rates to provide leather and carpet cleaning, as well as water damage protection.

Super Steamer founders Ryan Marl (left) and Jeff Myslinski perform both commercial and residential jobs throughout Southeast Michigan for their company.

Along with providing competitive pricing, these guys also dress to impress on their cleaning ventures. You will always catch them in a dress shirt and tie at each location.

"We started off doing odd jobs out of our rusted 10-year-old van," Marl said. "It's amazing to see the progression from back when we started to where we are at today. It's a great feeling, and proof of accomplishment to see how much we have come."

In the company's vision statement, they state it is their goal to listen to their customers in an effort to analyze what they want and expect out of cleaners.

"From this, we can tailor our services to meet their specific needs and exceed their expectations," Marl said. "Super Steamer will work hard to meet your cleaning objective."

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"I love my job, and I love working with the wonderful people of Milan. Theses people have extremely big hearts, and are sincere about helping one another out. It really is a pleasure to be a part of such a strong community."

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Milan Coney Island marks milestone

The Milan Coney Island will be celebrating 10 years of business April 9 by offering a $2.99 special on all meals and drinks.

Owner Johnny Adams thought this would be a great way to give back to the community, as well as gain new business.

"We have a really home-like atmosphere here, and everyone seems to know everyone here," Adams said. "I thought this special would be an excellent opportunity to thank all of my customers for their loyalty, in both friendship and in business."

Adams, along with the rest of the Milan Coney Island staff, invites you and your family to join them in their 10-year celebration April 9.

Milan Coney Island is conveniently located at 1152 Dexter St., right off of Carpenter Road and US-23.

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DK Kustom & RV Repair Inc.'s small-town business ideals have been fully embraced by Milan, as owners George McDougall and Dan Kemensky's conservative approach to customer care continues to thrive in the community.

"DK Kustom is the best place in town," says Roy Bailey, a customer of DK Kustom & RV Repair. "They keep me coming back time and time again. I have been working with them for nearly 10 years."

McDougall said he takes great pride in going in the extra mile to make sure their clients are always comfortable with their decisions.

"My goal is for everyone to be comfortable," he said. "We try to provide that by having a friendly, relaxed atmosphere here, along with affordable prices."

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J&R Tractor marks 3-year anniversary

Memorial Day will mark the third year of business for J&R Tractor in Milan. The business originally rented space on Dexter Street for two years and then moved into its own building at 14137 Plank Road in June 2008.

Owner Jim Marl has been around the tractor business his entire life, as he grew up working for a dealership his grandfather owned in Taylor. While working at Ford Tractor, Marl got his first taste for what would prove to make for a satisfying lifelong career.

Marl went on to attend Western Michigan University for a degree in business management, and also worked at a dealership part time. While working at the dealership, he met his future business partner and brother-in-law, Mark Faske.

Marl and Faske continued to do business together following college graduation.

Jim Marl (right), owner of J & R Tractor, and his son Ryan Marl are proud of their business, which is marking its three-year anniversary.

"The tractor never goes out of the kid," Marl said, as years later he and Faske would go on to purchase J&R Tractor in Monroe.

"I grew up doing this business," Faske said. "The tractor business is something I'll never grow out of."

In 2004, they purchased J&R Tractor in Monroe. The Dixie Highway location has been serving the Monroe area for more than 65 years. Nearly two years later, they went on to open their second location in Milan.

The 12,000-square-foot building in Milan is located on a spacious two-acre property conveniently located just off of US-23. What was once used as a storage facility has now become the home to New Holland tractors, Grasshopper and Hustler zero-turn mowers; Wood blades, rakes and rotary mowers; along with Yamaha generators and Dolmar chainsaws, trimmers and leaf blowers.

Marl is proud of what the company has accomplished, and said his favorite part of his job is having the opportunity to work alongside his family. At the Milan location, he works with his sons, Ryan and Rob, and his daughter, Rachel.

"It's great working with my kids," he said. "One of my biggest inspirations to open my own business was to be able to someday have the opportunity to work with my family. I'm happy to say I've accomplished that."

Faske is in charge of running the Monroe J&R Tractor location. Together they have successfully serviced the Milan and Monroe communities with landscaping and lawn maintenance equipment since 2004.

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Hollow's Landscape Supply is a family-owned and -operated business and is one of Southeast Michigan's premier supplier of hardscape landscape supplies.

Started in the 1980s by owner Joe Amador, Hollows has been providing services to homeowners and businesses looking for decorative or driveway stone, top soil, organic fertilizer, play sand or pool sand, natural flagstones or brick pavers, colored or natural mulch, keystone or natural stone retaining wall stone, pine trees or, perhaps, a specific aquarium stone such as lace rock.

Hollow's Landscape Supply has a variety of landscaping supplies and services and much more.

Pickup or delivery service is available throughout Southeast Michigan areas, including Belleville, Adrian, Ann Arbor, Canton, Chelsea, Clinton, Dearborn, Dexter, Dundee, Grosse Ille, Maybee, Milan, Monroe, Morenci, New Boston, Plymouth, Romulus, Saline, Sumpter, Taylor, Wayne, Westland, Ypsilanti and more. If you do not see a Hollow's location, call one of five area offices.

Amador's daughter, Lisa Amador, says the business first started with their Saline facility, but has since expanded to facilities in Ypsilanti, Ann Arbor, Plymouth and Adrian.

"We provide services to all over Southeast Michigan," Lisa says. "We also do over-the-road motor freight."

Recently, Hollow's began providing Gaia Green organic fertilizers. These fertilizers are comprised of 100 percent soil and plant food, no fillers, and supports living organisms for healthy plants as compared to chemical fertilizers that kill bad growth.

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For more information, contact Hollow's Landscape Supply via e-mail at info@hollowtrucking.com, or call at one of its five locations: Ypsilanti, 482-7263; Ann Arbor, 971-7263; Saline, 429-5388; Plymouth, 1-734-454-7524; and Adrian, 1-517-266-0500. There is also a toll-free number, 1-800-698-ROCK. Visit the Web site www.bushelcenter.com.

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Join the Humane Society of Huron Valley for the
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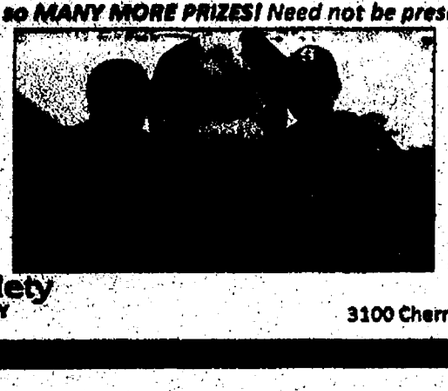
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www.hshv.org
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30th annual Walk & Wag to be held

The Humane Society of Huron Valley has chosen its 2009 Celebrity Spokesdog. The leading role has been awarded to "Tucky the Wonderdog."

Tucky is your classic rags-to-riches story, from his meager beginnings of being found as a stray at a gas station, to his bold transformation into a friendly, lovable, obedience-training graduate — and now local celebrity.

The humane society said Tucky is the ideal candidate because he represents hope, a second chance and a belief that life holds many opportunities.

The new and upcoming star will be participating in the 30th annual Walk & Wag May 16. The event will be a fun-filled day of doggie games and family entertainment, along with the biggest fundraiser of the year.

"We are really excited to be hosting our 30th annual Walk & Wag," said humane society marketing director Deb Kern. "It's a tail-wagging goodtime for your canine friends and family. I am very hopeful for this year's festivities, and am looking forward very much so to raising funds to help all of our homeless pets at the HSHV."

The 2009 Celebrity Spokesdog winner is "Tucky the Wonderdog" for the Humane Society of Huron Valley's Walk & Wag May 16.

The Walk & Wag will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at County Farm Park in Ann Arbor.

For more information, the humane society invites you to check out its Web site at http://www.hshv.org/

Salvation Army offers used bargains

The Salvation Army has a long history of operating its thrift stores. But with today's economic conditions, its stores are fast becoming the new favorite bargain spots in Southeast Michigan.

"In addition to value-oriented shopping, our stores are convenient, organized shopping environments, able to compete with many conventional retail stores," said Merle Miller, administrator for The Salvation Army's Southeast Michigan ARC, for which the stores provide total funding.

Miller said the Salvation Army's stores, located in Ann Arbor and Brighton, are as large as traditional grocery stores.

"There is no other thrift (store or chain) offering shoppers anywhere near as much in the way of quantity of quality of goods," Miller said. "Our stores have an unbeatable all-around selection."

The Salvation Army Thrift Stores are open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and stay open until 10 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. Sunday hours are from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. for donations only.

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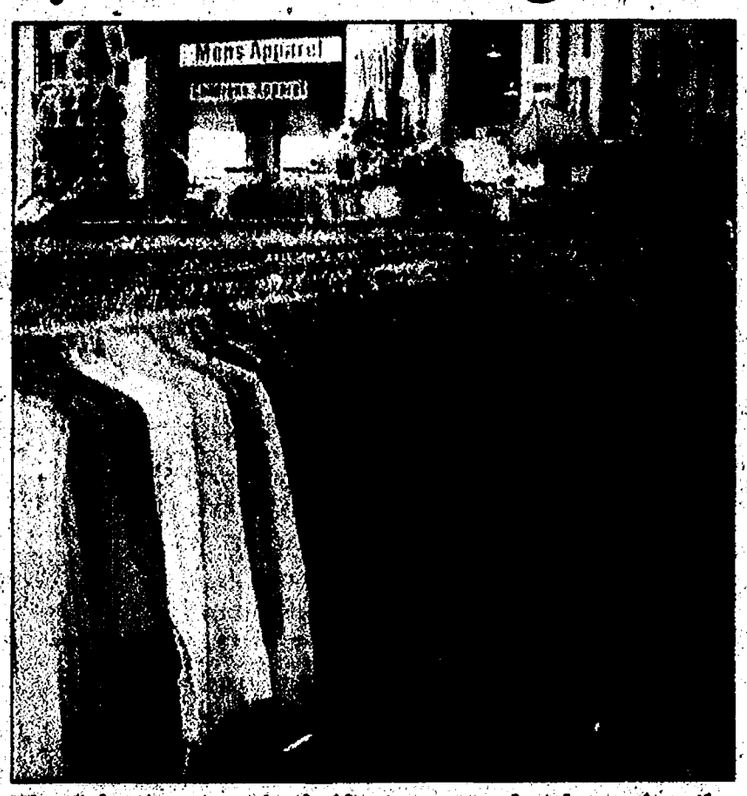

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Ministerial Message

What would Jesus do?

By Mark Porinsky

About 10 years ago it was common to see the logo, "WWJD," on bracelets and other places, and it's still around. The letters stand for "What Would Jesus Do?" Mostly younger people would wear the bracelets to remind themselves to live moral lives and make godly decisions, like Jesus.

The concept does have some application for Christians. The Bible, in a general way, encourages Christians to have the same attitude as Jesus Christ, and to follow His example.

There are limitations, however. Jesus came for a very specific purpose, namely, to be the Savior of the world. In order to do this He lived a unique life. For example, as far as we know, He refrained from marriage, and He didn't own a home. That doesn't mean we aren't allowed to get married and own homes. As a good Jewish man, Jesus would never have eaten a spiral-sliced ham, or a pork chop, or a bacon, lettuce, and tomato sandwich. Nor would He have worn a shirt that was 55% cotton and 45% polyester. Does that mean we may not?

Many of Jesus' actions, such as healing and performing miracles, most of us are unable to do. Many things about Him we don't even know: Would Jesus ever drink an alcoholic beverage? Well, on at least one occasion, He turned water into wine. You might as well ask whether Jesus would ever drink orange juice or cranberry juice, or eat chocolate.

Really the question, "What Would Jesus Do?" misses the main point of why Jesus came to earth. His primary purpose in coming was not to be our Example, but our Savior. Yes, He lived a morally perfect life, and it would be ideal if we could imitate His moral perfection. But here on earth we'll always be sinners. The good news is not that we can do what Jesus did, but rather that through faith in Jesus, God counts Jesus' moral perfection on our records. Because of what Jesus did, God looks at us as righteous.

A far more important question than "What Would Jesus Do?" is "What Did Jesus Do?" Through His perfect life and innocent death Jesus has given us eternal life. This is what we concentrate on during the Lenten Season, which we're in now. Only when we know that are we motivated, in thankfulness, to lead a godly life.

And then the question for us is not, "What Would Jesus Do?" but "What Should I Do?" To answer that, God gave us the rest of the Bible, and each of us must to apply it to the unique situations into which He has placed us.

Mark Porinsky is the pastor at Faith Lutheran Church, 9575 North Territorial Road, Dexter. The Web site is www.faithdexter.org

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Chelsea area music events

March 24: 9-12 grade Orchestra Concert 7:30 p.m. at CHS

March 26: Jazz Concert, 7:30 p.m. at CHS

April 18: CHO (Chelsea House Orchestra) Hometown Concert at WSEC, 7 p.m., $10 tickets

April 25: Mardi Gras Band Fundraiser at Beach Middle School from 6:30-9 p.m. Tickets are $5.

April 29: Concerto Concert, 7:30 p.m. at the CHS

Chelsea District Library

For more information, call 475-8732.

April 1: Basics of Microsoft Excel 2007; 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.; (three-session workshop); Wednesday evenings; Learning Lab, registration required. Basic computer and mouse skills needed. Trainer - Ed Riske, Computer and Public User Support volunteer; This workshop is a basic introduction to the number crunching Excel spreadsheet program with emphasis on the new Ribbon and menu features in the 2007 version. Also April 1, 8, 15.

April 4: Ukrainian Egg Decorating and Class; 10:30 a.m.; McKune; Registration. Learn the art of pysanky, Ukrainian egg decorating, from June Weiland, a retired teacher who has practiced this art form since childhood. Kit provided. Ages 14 and up.

April 5: Family Folk Dancing; 2-4 p.m.; McKune; Registration. Join expert folk dance teacher Drake Meadow and learn fun, easy dances from around the world. Dance to the live music of Debbie Jackson and friends. All ages and levels of experience are welcome!

April 7: Easter Bunny Storytime; 6-6:30 p.m.; KidSpot; Drop-in. Enjoy Easter stories, songs and crafts with Miss Karen.

Chelsea Senior Center

Lunch served Monday through Friday at noon. For additional information and reservations phone the center at 475-9242.

Tomorrow – Foot Care by appointment; Bingo 9 a.m.; Quilt Block a Month 10 a.m.; Meijer Gardens Butterfly trip 10 a.m.; Euchre 12:30 p.m.; Wii Fun and Wii Fit 1 p.m.; Wood Carving 1 p.m.

Monday, March 30 through April 5 – Chelsea Senior Center closed for Spring Break

Chelsea Center for the Arts

Chelsea Center for the Arts is located at 400 Congdon Street in Chelsea. For information, call 734-433-2787 or log onto www.chelseacenterforthearts.org.

Area

The Sunday Artisan Market of Ann Arbor will open for its 18th season on Sunday, April 5 at the Farmer's Market Pavilion in the Historic Kerrytown District. Each Sunday, from April through December, the Market will feature the handmade work of nearly 70 artists, as well as that of many visiting "dailies" from the region. Creations are in all traditional artistic media – and some you never would have thought of. For more information, call 734-913-9622 or visit www.sundayartisanmarket.org.

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The Adrian Senior Activity Center is currently taking reservations for their Craft and Garage Sale on Saturday, April 11, from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. The Senior Center is located inside the Piotter Recreation Center at 327 Erie St, behind St. Mary's Catholic Church. Eight foot tables are available for $10 each or two for $15. You do not need to be a senior to participate as a crafter, vendor or shopper. Call the Adrian Senior Center at 263-3585 to reserve your space now.

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The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation recently donated $355 million to Rotary International's PolioPlus program, with the challenge that Rotary raise $200 million of matching funds. To help reach this goal, the eight Washtenaw County Rotary Clubs are sponsoring a benefit concert on April 24. Three Men and a Tenor will be performing at 7:30 p.m. at Skyline High. Skyline is located at 2552 N. Maple Rd. Tickets are $50 ($25 tax-deductible) for preferred seating and $30 for general admission; they can be obtained at 734-661-0528 or rotarytickets@comcast.net.

Parks

Eddy Discovery Center: Waterloo

For more information, call the Eddy Discovery Center at 734-475-3170.

NIGHT OF THE AMPHIBIANS: 8 p.m., Saturday, April 4. Join naturalist Tom Hodgson this evening for a lively presentation featuring frogs, toads, salamanders and quivering masses of eggs. The program will conclude with a walk to a nearby pond to see and hear the frogs singing in the night. Bring a flashlight and dress for the weather.

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MEDIUM #57

LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE
Monday, April 6, 2009
FOR ELECTION HELD ON TUESDAY MAY 5, 2009

TO QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF the Townships of Dexter, Lima, Lyndon and Sylvan and the City of Chelsea:

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 6, 2009.

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CHELSEA CITY (Chelsea Schools): Terri Royal, Clerk-305 S. Main Street, Chelsea, MI 475-1771 troyal@city-chelsea.org

DEXTER TOWNSHIP (Chelsea Schools and Dexter Community Schools): Harley Rider, Clerk-Dexter Township Hall, 6880 Dexter-Pinckney Road, Dexter, MI 426-3767 clerk-dexter@twp-dexter.org

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

LYNDON TOWNSHIP (Chelsea and Stockbridge Schools): Linda Reilly, Clerk-Lyndon Township Hall, 17751 N. Territorial Road, Chelsea, MI 475-2401 clerk@lyndontownship.org

SYLVAN TOWNSHIP (Chelsea Schools): LuAnn Koch, Clerk-Sylvan Township Hall, 18027 Old U.S. 12, Chelsea, MI 475-8890 lkoch@twp-sylvan.org

IF YOU HAVE MOVED RECENTLY
YOU MUST AMEND YOUR REGISTRATION RECORD

The May 5, 2009 Election is being held for the purpose of electing school board members, voting on a Chelsea Schools bonding proposal, and voting on a Chelsea Fire Authority millage. 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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Webster Township Regular Board Meeting March 17, 2009

The Webster Township Regular Board Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Supervisor Kingsley on March 17, 2009 at the Township Hall, 5665 Webster Church Road Dexter, MI 48130.

Members present Supervisor Kingsley, Clerk Heller, and Treasurer Whitney, Trustees: Kleinschmidt, Koch, Westman, Esteleman and Township Engineer/Zoning Administrator: Pindzia and eight citizens.

Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag

Approve Minutes

Motion Koch second Kleinschmidt to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on February 17, 2009, Special Meeting with Washtenaw County Road Commission held on February 17, 2009 and Special Budget Meeting held on March 3, 2009. All ayes, and carried.

Supervisor Remarks

Approve Agenda

Motion Westman second Kleinschmidt to approve agenda as presented. All ayes and carried.

Call to Public

Certificate of Recognition Geraldine Calhoun

Supervisor Kingsley presented Geraldine Calhoun a certificate of recognition for her many years of dedication as Planning Commission member and ZBA.

Reports

A. **Treasurer's Report:** Motion Kleinschmidt second Esteleman to accept Treasurer's report and pay bills as presented as well as those anticipated bills received before the April meeting. Roll call vote, all ayes and carried.
B. **Planning Commission:** Report received.
C. **Parks & Recreation Committee:** No report received.
D. **Zoning Inspectors Report:** Report received. One new permits issued and ten zoning inspections.
E. **Sheriff's Report:** Report received.
F. **Zoning Board of Appeals:** No report received.
G. **PDR Committee:** Report received.
H. **Fire Department Report:** Report received. A Special Meeting to be held on March 19, 2009 at 6:30 pm at Dexter Township.

Old Business:

New Business:

A. **Storybook Lane Private Road** Motion Westman second Esteleman to approve Storybook Lane Private Road with six conditions stated in the Township Engineer's Report plus the addition of a special assessment district be established by developer. All ayes and carried
B. **Webster Roadside Spring Clean Up** Motion Kingsley second Kleinschmidt to have Webster Township Roadside Clean Up on April 18, 2009. All ayes and carried.
C. **Country Lane Close Out** Tabled
D. **Dexter United Methodist Church Close Out** Motion Heller second Westman to return the remaining $106.47 of escrow funds to the Dexter United Methodist Church. Roll call vote, all ayes and carried.
E. **Road Projects** Motion Kingsley second Kleinschmidt to authorize the following three projects
1. Kaiser Well Brine two solid double applications
2. Limestone Scully Road from North Territorial to Valentine Road.
3. Ditch – two culverts on Jennings Road 3/4 miles from North Territorial total cost $131,000.
Roll call vote, all ayes and carried.
F. **Budget**
1. Motion Westman second Heller to keep collecting the 1% Adm. Fee and include results in the Budget. Roll call vote all ayes and carried.
2. Motion Koch second Esteleman to adopt Proposed Budget as presented. Roll call vote Koch, Kleinschmidt, Esteleman, Whitney, Kingsley & Westman all ayes Heller no. Motion carried.
3. Motion Whitney second Heller to amend the budget back to where it was before the changes. Roll call vote Westman, Whitney, Kingsley, Kleinschmidt & Koch all ayes Heller & Esteleman no. Motion carried.

Wage Policies: Appointed Boards FY 2010
Motion Kingsley second Westman to approve the Wage Policies of the appointed boards with the exception of the Board of Review. Roll call vote, all ayes and carried.

Correspondence

Call to Public

Adjourn:

Motion Kleinschmidt second Koch to adjourn meeting. Meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m. All ayes and carried.

Respectfully submitted
Mary Dee Heller, Clerk
Webster Township

Published March 26, 2009

LYNDON TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION WILL HOLD A SPECIAL LAND USE PUBLIC HEARING THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at THE LYNDON TOWNSHIP HALL 17751 N. TERRITORIAL ROAD CHELSEA, MI 48118

AGENDA:

1. Special Land Use Application & Permit of Washtenaw County 800 MHz Radio Consortium, 1200 State Circle, Ann Arbor, MI 48104, to construct a 400' Self Support Lattice Tower on property owned by the City of Chelsea located at 8027 Werkner Rd., Chelsea, MI 48118 (Property ID# E-05-25-400-015) to ensure full coverage of the public safety initiative on behalf of Washtenaw County.

Written comments may be sent to: Roxanne Petrie, Office Manager, Lyndon Township, 17751 N. Territorial Road, Chelsea, MI 48118. The Lyndon Township Planning Commission will provide, if time after the request allows, necessary and reasonable auxiliary aids or services to individuals with disabilities at the public hearing. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact Lyndon Township by writing or calling: Roxanne Petrie, 17751 N. Territorial Road, Chelsea, MI 48118 or phone 734-475-2401.

A copy of this notice is on file in the Office of the Clerk.

LYNDON TOWNSHIP
Linda Reilly, Clerk

March 26 & April 2, 2009

Lima Township Board Meeting March 9, 2009 Synopsis of Unapproved Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. and opened with the Pledge to The Flag. Present, 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 minutes of February 9, 2009 regular meeting and February 24 work session as submitted. Carried.

The treasurer's report was received.

The zoning administrator issued one commercial use permit, 6 final inspections and 4 permits for new homes. He noted a movie is currently being filmed in Lima Township.

Motion by Unterbrink supported by McKenzie that the Washtenaw County Road Commission Right of Way Map, the Identity Theft Policy and the Ad-hoc facilities committee report remain tabled to a work session, date, March 24, 2009 at 8:00 a.m. Carried.

Motion by McKenzie supported by Laier to return to the planning commission the draft, Lima Township Planning Commission bylaws, with the recommendation in Section D to delete in paragraphs 1, 2 and 3, "or designate". In Section 2 A. change "eight" to six, and in Section B. first line, place a period after commission. Carried.

Motion by Unterbrink supported by Bareis to take the draft Lima Township Anti-Blight Ordinance to the work session on March 24, 2009 at 8:00 a.m. Carried.

Motion by McKenzie supported by Laier to revise the MCM Insurance Policy Deductible by increasing the deductible to $500, as noted on their invoice, and reduce the premium by $1930.00. Carried.

Motion by McKenzie supported by Laier to pay bills a presented, with the reduction of MCM invoice in the amount of $1930, plus normal utility bills as they occur. Carried.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Arlene R. Bareis, Clerk

Published March 26, 2009

DEXTER TOWNSHIP RESOLUTION # 09-251

ORDINANCE NO. 34-06

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE 2003 DEXTER TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE, ORDINANCE NO. 34, TO CORRECT, AMEND, ADD DELETE, AND REVISE VARIOUS SECTIONS OF THE ORDINANCE, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO: DEFINITIONS; SITE PLAN PRE-PLANNING, REVIEW, APPROVAL, AND EXPIRATION OF APPROVED SITE PLANS; ZONING DISTRICT INTENTS; SALE OF VEHICLES, RECREATION VEHICLES, AND BOATS; STORAGE OF VEHICLES; AND PARKING. THESE AMENDMENTS ALSO INCLUDE DELETING AND REPLACING INCORRECT CROSS REFERENCES, AND CLARIFYING AND AFFIRMING THE INTENT OF SEVERAL OTHER AREAS OF THE ORDINANCE.

Summary of Amendments

#	Section(s) Affected	Area of Regulation
1	2.02(A)	Definitions.
2	2.02(B)	Definitions.
3	3.03	Administration, Enforcement, and Penalties; Permit Procedures and Regulations.
4	3.03(A)	Administration, Enforcement, and Penalties; Permit Procedures and Regulations; Zoning Permit Application Required.
5	3.03(A)(1)	Administration, Enforcement, and Penalties; Timely Action on Applications.
6	3.03(A)(2)	Administration, Enforcement, and Penalties; Timely Action on Applications.
7	3.03(A)(3)	Administration, Enforcement, and Penalties; Timely Action on Applications.
8	4.02(C)	Zoning Board of Appeals; Creation and Membership; Terms of Office.
9	4.04(D)(2)	Procedures for Amendments; Procedures; Planning Commission Actions; Outside Agency Review.
10	5.04(D)(3)	Procedures for Amendments; Procedures; Planning Commission Actions; Planning Commission Recommendation.
11	5.04(E)(1)	Procedures for Amendments; Procedures; Township Board Actions.
12	6.03(B)	Procedures for Site Plan and Plot Plan Review; Data Required; Site Plan.
13	6.04	Procedures for Site Plan and Plot Plan Review; Site Plan Review Procedures.
14	7.05(A)	Procedures for Special Land Uses; Amendments.
15	8.10	Zoning Districts and Map; Schedule of Regulations; Schedule of Regulations for "Permitted Principal Uses".
16	8.10(B)	Zoning Districts and Map; Schedule of Regulations; Schedule of Regulations for "Permitted Principal Uses"; Footnotes.
17	8.10(C)	Zoning Districts and Map; Schedule of Regulations; Schedule of Regulations for "Permitted Principal Uses"; Footnotes.
18	10.01(E)(3)	Public Resources Districts; PL: Public Lands District; Site Development Requirements; Yard and Setback Requirements.
19	10.01(E)(5)	Public Resources Districts; PL: Public Lands District; Site Development Requirements.
20	11.01(A)	Agricultural and Conservation Districts; AG: Agriculture District; Intent.
21	11.01(D)(3)	Agricultural and Conservation Districts; AG: Agriculture District; Special Land Uses Permitted By Special Approval.
22	11.01(E)	Agricultural and Conservation Districts; AG: Agriculture District; Site Development Requirements.
23	11.01(E)(2)	Agricultural and Conservation Districts; AG: Agriculture District; Site Development Requirements; Maximum Density.
24	11.01(E)(4)	Agricultural and Conservation Districts; AG: Agriculture District; Site Development Requirements; Yard and Setback Requirements.
25	11.01(E)(7)	Agricultural and Conservation Districts; AG: Agriculture District; Site Development Requirements.
26	11.02(D)(3)	Agricultural and Conservation Districts; RC: Recreation Conservation District; Special Land Uses Permitted By Special Approval.
27	11.02(E)(3)	Agricultural and Conservation Districts; RC: Recreation Conservation District; Site Development Requirements; Yard and Setback Requirements.
28	11.02(E)(6)	Agricultural and Conservation Districts; RC: Recreation Conservation District; Site Development Requirements.
29	12.01(A)	Residential Districts; RR: Rural Residential District; Intent.
30	12.01(B)	Residential Districts; RR: Rural Residential District; Site Development Requirements.
31	12.01(B)(3)	Residential Districts; RR: Rural Residential District; Site Development Requirements; Yard and Setback Requirements.
32	12.01(B)(5)	Residential Districts; RR: Rural Residential District; Site Development Requirements.
33	12.02(B)	Residential Districts; LR: Lakes Residential District; Site Development Requirements.
34	12.02(B)(3)	Residential Districts; LR: Lakes Residential District; Site Development Requirements.
35	12.03(B)	Residential Districts; CU: Common Use Residential District; Site Development Requirements.
36	12.03(B)(3)	Residential Districts; CU: Common Use Residential District; Site Development Requirements; Yard and Setback Requirements.
37	12.03(B)(5)	Residential Districts; CU: Common Use Residential District; Site Development Requirements.
38	13.01(B)	Commercial Districts; C-1: General Commercial District; Site Development Requirements.
39	13.01(B)(3)	Commercial Districts; C-1: General Commercial District; Site Development Requirements; Yard and Setback Requirements.
40	13.01(B)(3)(b)(1)	Commercial Districts; C-1: General Commercial District; Site Development Requirements; Yard and Setback Requirements; Side and Rear Yards.
41	13.05	Commercial – Planned Unit Development (PUD) Overlay District; Design Standards.
42	13.07(B)	Commercial – Planned Unit Development (PUD) Overlay District; Scheduled Phasing; Timing of Phases.
43	18.25(D)(3)(a)	Standards for Special Land Uses; PA 177 Developments; Design Standards; District Standards; Minimum Lot Area.
44	18.25(D)(3)	PA 177 Developments; Scheduled Phasing; Timing of Phases.
45	17.02(B)(1)(a)	Open Space Communities (OSC) Overlay District; OSC Design Standards; Residential Density Bonus; Density Bonus for Dedicated Open Space Non-AG Districts.
46	17.02(B)(2)(a)	Open Space Communities (OSC) Overlay District; OSC Design Standards; Superior Design.
47	17.02(B)(3)	Open Space Communities (OSC) Overlay District; OSC Design Standards; Guarantee of Open Space.
48	17.02(B)(5)	Open Space Communities (OSC) Overlay District; OSC Design Standards; Scheduled Phasing; Timing of Phases.
49	18.04(A)	General Provisions; Swimming Pools; Classification.
50	18.04(B)	General Provisions; Swimming Pools; Placement.
51	18.05	General Provisions; Height Requirement Exceptions.
52	18.06(D)	General Provisions; Conditional Approvals; Performance Guarantees.
53	18.11(A)(3)	General Provisions; Moving Buildings.
54	18.17(C)	General Provisions; Keeping of Animals; Household Pets.
55	18.19(B)(3)	General Provisions; Accessory Uses, Buildings, Structures and Fences; Walls and Fences.
56	18.21(A)	General Provisions; Temporary Dwellings.
57	18.22(A)	General Provisions; Single Family Dwelling Standards.
58	18.23(A)(3)	General Provisions; Front Yard and Water Body Setbacks; Front Yard Setback.
59	18.25(B)(3)	General Provisions; Condominium Subdivisions; Procedures For Review And Approval; Final Site Plan.
60	18.25(B)(5)	General Provisions; Condominium Subdivisions; Procedures For Review And Approval; Final Site Plan.
61	18.25(C)	General Provisions; Condominium Subdivisions; Construction.
62	18.25(D)	General Provisions; Condominium Subdivisions; Monuments.
63	18.26	General Provisions; Sale of Vehicles, Recreation Vehicles, and Boats.
64	18.27(A)(1)	General Provisions; Uses, Lots, and Structures; Nonconforming Lots.
65	18.27(B)	General Provisions; Uses, Lots, and Structures; Nonconforming Uses of Land.
66	18.27(C)	General Provisions; Uses, Lots, and Structures; Nonconforming Structures.
67	18.27(D)	General Provisions; Uses, Lots, and Structures; Changes in Nonconforming Uses.
68	18.28(A)(3)	Access Control; Curb Cuts and Driveways.
69	18.28(B)	Access Control; Lots to Have Access.
70	20.05(A)(1)(b)(2)	Access Control; Shared Driveways; Application and Review Application.
71	21.02(B)	Off-Street Parking and Loading; General Requirements; Damage to Parking Areas.
72	21.02(C)	Off-Street Parking and Loading; General Requirements; Location of Parking Areas.
73	21.02(D)	Off-Street Parking and Loading; Site Development Requirements; Site Maintenance.
74	21.02(E)	Off-Street Parking and Loading; Site Development Requirements; Lighting and Screening.
75	21.03(A)	Off-Street Parking and Loading; Minimum Number of Spaces; Determining Requirements.
76	21.03(B)	Off-Street Parking and Loading; Minimum Number of Spaces; Fractional Spaces.
77	21.03(C)	Off-Street Parking and Loading; Minimum Number of Spaces; Uses Not Cited.
78	21.03(D)	Off-Street Parking and Loading; Minimum Number of Spaces; Collective Provisions.
79	21.03(E)	Off-Street Parking and Loading; Minimum Number of Spaces; Modification of Standards.

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COUNTY of WASHTENAW

I, HARLEY B. RIDER, Clerk of the Township of Dexter, a Michigan Township Corporation, do hereby certify that at a regular meeting of the Dexter Township Board, held at the Dexter Town Hall, 6880 Dexter-Pinckney Road, Dexter, Michigan 48130, in said Township at 7:00 p.m., Eastern Daylight Time, on the 17th day of March, 2009, that the above Ordinance was adopted after Public Hearing and Recommendation by the Dexter Township Planning Commission and that the following members were present:

Kelly, Rider, Koovers, Brushaber, Knight, Lesser, and Maciejewski

That upon motion made by Maciejewski and seconded by Brushaber, said Ordinance was adopted on the following roll call vote:

AYES 5 (Kelly, Rider, Koovers, Brushaber, and Maciejewski)
NAYES 2 (Knight and Lesser)

I further certify that on the 26th day of March, 2009, I caused a summary of the regulatory effect of said Ordinance to be published in the Chelsea Standard and Dexter Leader, newspapers circulated in the Township of Dexter, and that said Ordinance and the record of publication was duly recorded in the Book of Ordinances of the Township of Dexter and is available for public use and inspection at the offices of the Dexter Township Clerk, 6880 Dexter-Pinckney Road, Dexter, Michigan 48130 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday.

HARLEY B. RIDER

Dated March 17, 2009
Published March 26 & April 2, 2009

Dexter Township
6880 Dexter-Pinckney Rd.
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Summary of Action of the Dexter Township Board of Trustees

Budget Public Hearing and Regular Board Meeting 17 March, 2009

Budget Public hearing called to order at 7:02 PM

Members Present: Supervisor Kelly, Treasurer Kooyers, Clerk Rider, Trustees Brushaber, Knight, Lesser, and Maciejewski

Also Present: Patrick Sloan, Director of Planning & Zoning; DeNette Bolyard, Co-Office Manger

Absent: None

The Board presented the proposed Fiscal Year Budgets for the General Fund, Fire Fund and Police Fund for public discussion. There were no comments from the public on the budgets.

The Budget Public Hearing was adjourned at 7:07 PM

Regular Meeting was called to order at 7:15 PM

Members Present: Supervisor Kelly, Treasurer Kooyers, Clerk Rider, Trustees Brushaber, Knight, Lesser, and Maciejewski

Also Present: Patrick Sloan, Director of Planning & Zoning; DeNette Bolyard and Kim Jordan, Co-Office Mangers

Absent: None

Washtenaw County Road Commission officials, including Steve Puuri, Managing Director of the WCRC, along with Doug Fuller, WCRC Board Vice-Chair; Fred Veigel, WCRC Board member, and others, discussed the 2008 WCRC Annual Report, along with proposed projects and financial challenges for 2009. county Commissioner Mark Oulmet was also present for the discussion.

The Board discussed the proposed Fiscal Year 2009/2010 budgets for the General Fund, Fire Fund and Police Fund. No action was taken. **The budgets will be present for final discussion and action at the final Fiscal Year meeting that is scheduled for 4:00 PM on Tuesday, 31 March 2009 at the Township Hall.** Copies of the proposed budgets are available for public viewing at the township hall during business hours. The Board also approved a resolution to support Western Washtenaw Recycling Authority's application for $2.7 million in funding from the 2009 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act and readopted a resolution (Resolution 09-251) to readopt Ordinance 34-06, an ordinance to amend the Township Zoning Ordinance that was originally adopted at the February meeting, but was not fully published in our paper of record due to a printing error.

The Board also approved resolutions setting the compensation of hourly, salaried and per-diem officials – excluding elected officials; established the meeting dates for Fiscal Year 2009/2010; and approved additional assessing and web-site development duties for Treasurer Kooyers, including the establishment of compensation for those additional duties.

The Board discussed, but did not take action on, reestablishing the Annual Township Meeting of Electors.

The Board approved payment of bills in the amount of $60,484.73 from the General Fund, $74,512.20 from the Fire Fund, $47,393.06 from the Police Fund and gross payroll in the amount of $21,768.23, along with payment of $695,837.50 to Washtenaw County for Debt Service Payment on the Multi-Lakes Sewer System Refunding.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 PM

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

Signature

Summary approved by Pat Kelly, Supervisor, Dexter Township

Signature

This Summary of the 17 March, 2009, Budget Public Hearing and Regular Meeting 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 17 March, 2009, Budget Public Hearing and Regular meeting 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 17 March, 2009, Budget Public Hearing and Regular meeting of the Dexter Township Board of Trustees will be presented at the 31 March, 2009, Regular(final budget) 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.

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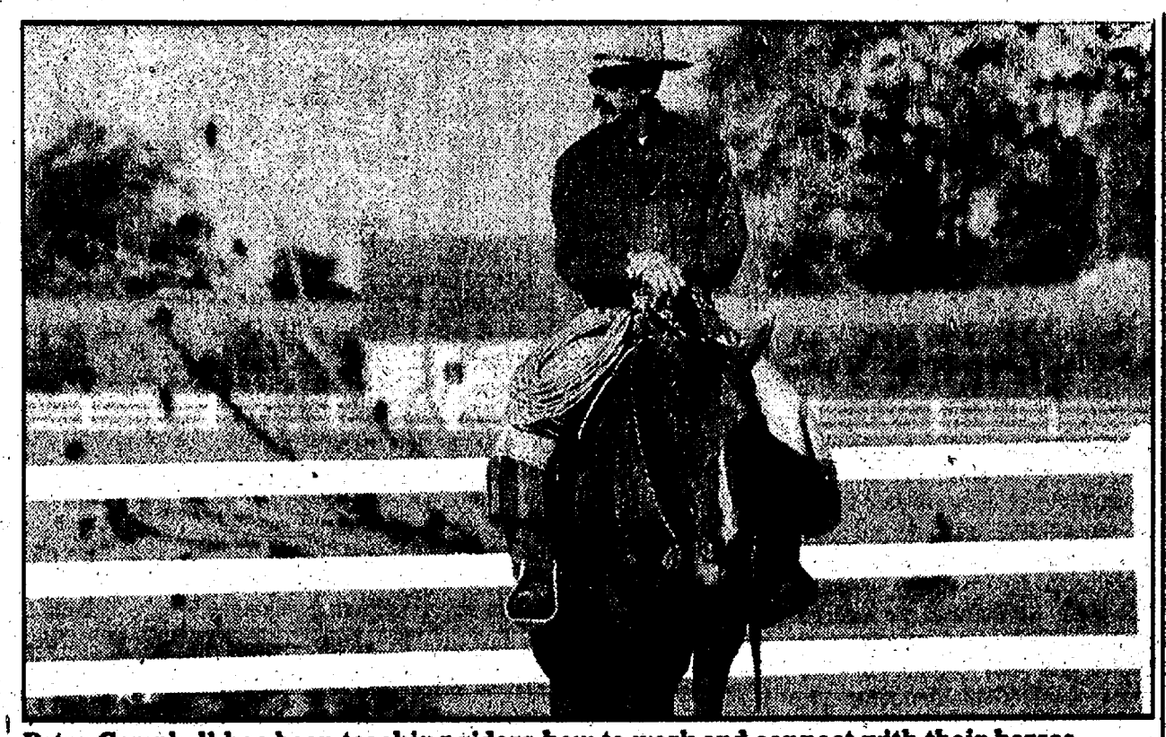

Peter Campbell has been teaching riders how to work and connect with their horses.

Horse whisperer

Expert clinician takes a unique approach

By Lindy Stevens
Special Writer

The smooth sound of Western drawl is the first clue that horse clinician Peter Campbell might not be a Michigan native. But from his hat to his boots to a lifetime of experience with horses, it's clear that Campbell is truly a one of a kind cowboy.

Local horse enthusiasts might recognize Campbell's name. He and his wife have been traveling across the country for more than 25 years teaching riders how to work and connect with their horses. And though it's true that being a clinician is a fairly common line of work in the world of horses, the approach that Campbell takes – which has been described as both an art and a gift – is one all his own.

Fenton resident Anna Brunsink, who started working with Campbell during his stops in Michigan almost five years ago, said that her time with the clinician was more than just a chance to get better acquainted with her horse, Ariel.

"It's not just about you and your horse," Brunsink said. "It will affect your whole life. How you relate to people and how you view things."

Though many of Campbell's students will tell you that it's difficult to fully explain the powerful effects of his work, Lolly Mindel of Dexter, described his approach simply as "presence."

"It's mindfulness and a 100 percent focus on the relationship with the horse," Mindel said. She went on to say, "Peter Campbell provided the insight, direction and support to me to learn to live from the quiet of the still point, being in the moment, which is always right here, right now. It's not easy to do, in order to get to the still point, I have to keep turning inward, I have to be willing to return to the moment again and again, consciously and deliberately. It's a way of being, filling my whole body with awareness. And then there is no longer a gap between my horse and me. This way of seeing, of being, opens up new perspectives, previously unseen."

Brunsink admitted that it was difficult for her to even understand Campbell's work the first few times she worked with him. From the beginning, though, she said the feeling he exudes is unmistakable.

"You feel like he could probably levitate you because he does have enough of an energy and focus and an understanding," Brunsink said. "You can actually feel that—if you're paying attention."

And in talking to Campbell, it's clear that the indescribable connection he has with horses has become second nature for him over the years.

Growing up on the eastern slopes of the Rocky Mountains in Alberta, Canada, Campbell was surrounded by horses during his childhood. His passion stayed with him, and today, it has made him into one of the foremost stockmen in the industry.

But while his name and his talents are recognized across the country, he'll be the first to tell you that his clinics aren't designed to fix riders' posture or teach horses how to jump better in competitions.

Campbell's aim is to help riders understand the workings of a horse's mind. He said that once you and your horse understand each other, whether it's jumping or barrel racing, the task will be simple as you will be working together.

"There's no cookie cutter approach to it," Campbell said. "Each horse is an individual and it's about trying to get the horse to be a willing partner."

Though Campbell said the purpose of developing this relationship is to "keep your horse between your hands and your legs," he emphasized that physical control of such powerful animals only comes from a strong, genuine connection between the horse and the rider. "You're always trying to work through the mind to the body to the legs and down to the feet," Campbell said.

For many of his students, including Brunsink and Mindel, the relationship between horse and rider seems to be a work in progress. For Campbell, it's the constant drive to develop this relationship that has kept him traveling across the country for more than two decades.

"Anybody can learn this, but you've got to do it for yourself and nobody else," Campbell said. "You've got to do it for you and for the horse. If you're not living it, you're not believing it."

Chelsea resident Gail Jackson, who has been riding horses for almost 15 years and is in her sixth year working with Campbell, said the lessons she's taken away from riding with the clinician have changed her outlook on life and brought her closer to her horses.

"You get a sense of togetherness that is hard to describe and that you get nowhere else," Jackson said of the relationship she has developed with her horse.

As a personal friend to all three women, Campbell is coming back to Michigan in the coming months to lead a set of clinics.

The first clinic will be held at Jackson's farm in Chelsea from April 3-6. The second will run July 3-6 at Sweetwater Farm in Ann Arbor. Another clinic set for July 10-12 will be hosted by Brunsink in Bay Harbor, Mich. The last one of the year will be in Ann Arbor from Sept. 4-7. For more information, log onto www.willingpartners.com.

Local Announcements

Wedding

Georgia Fisher and Christopher Guiett are engaged to be married and planning an Oct. 17, 2009 wedding in Alma. Parents of the future bride are Donna Fisher and Kirby Fisher of Dexter. Parents of the future groom are Dan and Maureen Guiett of Coleman. The future bride graduated from Dexter High School and Alma College. She is employed as the vocal music director for Alma Public Schools. The future groom graduated from Coleman High School. He is employed at Lutke Forest Products in Manton.

Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Wensel of Dexter are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary. Paul and the former Deloris (Dee) Marshall were married on April 4, 1959 in Perrysville, Ind. Paul served in the U.S. Navy for nine years, beginning in the electronic engineer trade, where he used this knowledge for other employment before retiring. Dee was a word processor for many years before retiring. They have four children, seven grandchildren and one great-grandson. They both are very active at the Dexter Senior Center and members of the Dexter United Methodist Church. They will be celebrating with a private family gathering this week.

Births

A son, Jack Steven Willey, was born Jan. 3, 2009 at St. John Hospital in Detroit to parents Steve and Sarah Willey of St. Clair Shores. He weighed 9 pounds, 10 ounces and was 21 inches long. Maternal grandparents are Ron and Deb Erskine of Chelsea. Paternal grandparents are Bill and Sharon Hassig of St. Clair Shores. Great-grandparents are Glenn and Min Erskine of Moran.

A son, Levi Henry Noble Strong, was born Feb. 27, 2009 at Providence Hospital in Novi to parents Tobin and Kara Strong of South Lyon. He weighed 6 pounds, 8 ounces and was 19 1/4 inches long. Tobin is a 1993 Chelsea High School graduate. Maternal grandparents are William and Marilyn Bossenberger of Rochester. Paternal grandparents are Robert and Eleanor Strong of Chelsea. Levi has two siblings, Ezekiel, 5, and Solomon, 3.

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 18, 2009, will be available for public inspection and copying from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, beginning Tuesday, March 31, 2009, at the Office of the County Clerk/Register, Suite 120, 200 N. Main Street, Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Published March 26, 2009

NOTICE TO CHELSEA WATER CUSTOMERS

During the next four to six weeks, (beginning April 1) the City Water Department will be doing water hydrant flushing. Water customers are asked to please check your water color and condition prior to doing laundry. Thank you for your cooperation.

Water Department

Published March 26, 2009

Lima Township Special Board Meeting/Budget Hearing
March 10, 2009
Synopsis of Unapproved Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. Present, Supervisor Unterbrink, Clerk Bareis, Treasurer Havens, Trustees McKenzie and Laier and Ed Greenleaf.

Motion by McKenzie supported by Laier to amend the line item 2008-2009 budget items, within the departmental budgets as recommended by the clerk. Carried.

The budget hearing was called to order at 4:40 p.m. Estimated revenues and expenditures, the estimated millage of .80 and the fire special assessment, as well as a request for support to the Chelsea Senior Center, were discussed. The budget hearing was closed at 6:15 p.m.

Motion by Laier supported by Unterbrink to approve the 2009-2010 Lima Township Budget as amended. Carried.

Resolution #2009-02 offered by Unterbrink supported by Laier to adopt township officer salaries, subject to MCLA 41.95(3). Supervisor, Clerk and Treasurer each $24504 annually, trustees each $3,000 annually. (Entire resolution is on file at the township office.) Roll call vote, all ayes. Resolution declared adopted.

Motion by Laier supported by Havens to adjourn at 6:10 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Arlene R. Bareis, Clerk

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LYNDON TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
17751 N. Territorial Rd., Chelsea, MI 48118

SUMMARY OF MINUTES
March 10, 2009

Meeting called to order at 7:03 PM with a quorum present.
Items approved:
- Agenda
- Minutes of 2/10/09, 2/23/09, and 2/24/09
- Payment of bills as presented.
- Table Public Events Ordinance.
- Table Sylvan Township Wastewater Collection Amendment.
- Three applications of Kaiser Well Brine.
- Support for WWRA application for $2.7 million in funding from 2009 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.
- Pete Flintoft, Township Attorney, to file Notice with Washtenaw County Register of Deeds regarding North Lake Country Store and adjoining parcel..

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 PM.
Prepared by Township Clerk, Linda Reilly
Approved by Supervisor John Francis

Copies of meeting minutes are available upon request from the Township Clerk, or at www.lyndontownship.org. Office hours are 9 AM to Noon, Tues., Wed., and Thurs.

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NOTICE OF VARIANCE HEARING

An application has been filed by **CHARLES SHIVER of CHELSEA WOODWORKING CO.** for a variance from the requirements of **SECTIONS 10.03 E1, 10.06, 4.06 C2 B&C and 3.10 A** of Ordinance No.79 (Zoning Ordinance); **TO ALLOW FOR THE REMOVAL OF A PORTION OF HIS EXISTING RESIDENCE ON A NON-CONFORMING LOT AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF A 10'X16' ADDITION TO BE 4' FROM THE SIDE LOT LINE, AND 11'4" FROM THE REAR LOT LINE. THE CURRENT RESIDENCE IS 2.8' FROM THE SIDE LOT LINE. ALSO, THE DEMOLITION OF AN EXISTING GARAGE AND THE REPLACEMENT OF IT WITH A 6' x 10' SHED 4' FROM THE OWNERS RESIDENCE, 1' FROM THE SIDE LOT LINE AND 3' 4" FROM THE ABUTTING NEIGHBORS GARAGE. CURRENTLY THE EXISTING GARAGE ENCROACHES ONTO THE NEIGHBORS PROPERTY AND IS 16" FROM THE NEIGHBORS GARAGE).** THE PROPERTY IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

TAX CODE: # 06-06-12-182-020
109 EAST ST., CHELSEA, MI

Pursuant to the procedure for a variance request: a Notice of Hearing shall be at least fifteen (15) days prior to the date of such hearing, upon the party or parties making the request for appeal, and all owners of record of property and occupants of property located within three-hundred (300) feet of such premises in question.

You are herein notified that a hearing will be held by the Chelsea Zoning Board of Appeals on **Wednesday, APRIL 15, 2009**, at 5:00 o'clock P.M. or as soon thereafter as possible, in the Chelsea City Offices, located in the Chelsea Bank Building, 305 S. Main Street, Suite 100 (lower level conference room), to consider objections to said request.

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

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

DONALD T. OSBORNE, CHAIRMAN
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

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Dexter Township Resolution # 09-249

A resolution to set the meeting dates for the Dexter Township Board, like Dexter Township Planning Commission and the Dexter Township Zoning Board of Appeals for FY 2009/2010:

Be it therefore resolved, the Dexter Township Board, by a vote of the majority at a regularly scheduled and duly noticed meeting held this 17th day of March 2009, establishes meeting dates for the Dexter Township Board, the Dexter Township Planning Commission and the Dexter Township Zoning Board of Appeals for FY 2009/2010 as follows:

Regular monthly meetings of the Zoning Board of Appeals will be held on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM.

Regular monthly meetings of the Planning Commission will be held on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 7:00 PM.

Regular monthly meetings of the Township Board will be held on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM.

A joint meeting of the Township Board, Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals will be held on Tuesday, September 29, 2009 at 7:00 PM.

The Township Board budget workshop will be held on Tuesday, February 9, 2010 at 9:00 AM. The Township Board will hold a public hearing on the proposed 2010/2011 fiscal year budget on Tuesday, March 16,2010 at 7:00 PM.

Be it further resolved that individual township meetings dates for the Dexter Township Board, Dexter Township Planning Commission and Dexter Township Zoning Board of Appeals, as summarized on the attached "2009-2010 Dexter Township Meeting Schedule" shall be posted at the township and on the township website.

Resolution offered by Board Member Brushaber / Resolution supported by Board member Kooyers Roll call vote:
Yea: Kelly, Kooyers, Knight, Rider, Maciejewski, Brushaber, Lesser
Nay: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None
Tally Y = 7; N = 0; Abstain = 0; Absent = 0
The Supervisor declared the resolution adopted.
DATE: 17th day of March, 2009
Harley B. Rider, Clerk

2009-2010
DEXTER TOWNSHIP MEETING SCHEDULE

All Meetings Held at the Dexter Township Hall 3255 Dexter-Pinckney Rd. Dexter, MI

Zoning Board of Appeals Meets 1st Tuesday 7:00 P.M.

Planning Commission Meets 2nd Tuesday and 4th Tuesday 7:00 P.M.

Township Board Meets 3rd Tuesday 7:00 P.M.

Meeting Notices Published Weekly in the Dexter Leader and Chelsea Standard Newspapers

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TUESDAY	April 7, 2009	7:00 P.M.	ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - CANCELLED
TUESDAY	April 14, 2009	7:00 P.M.	PLANNING COMMISSION
TUESDAY	April 21, 2009	7:00 P.M.	TOWNSHIP BOARD
TUESDAY	April 28, 2009	7:00 P.M.	PLANNING COMMISSION
TUESDAY	May 5, 2009	7:00 P.M.	ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
TUESDAY	May 12, 2009	7:00 P.M.	PLANNING COMMISSION
TUESDAY	May 19, 2009	7:00 P.M.	TOWNSHIP BOARD
TUESDAY	May 26, 2009	7:00 P.M.	PLANNING COMMISSION
TUESDAY	June 2, 2009	7:00 P.M.	ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
TUESDAY	June 9, 2009	7:00 P.M.	PLANNING COMMISSION
TUESDAY	June 16, 2009	7:00 P.M.	TOWNSHIP BOARD
TUESDAY	June 23, 2009	7:00 P.M.	PLANNING COMMISSION
TUESDAY	July 7, 2009	7:00 P.M.	ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
TUESDAY	July 14, 2009	7:00 P.M.	PLANNING COMMISSION
TUESDAY	July 21, 2009	7:00 P.M.	JULY BOARD OF REVIEW
TUESDAY	July 21, 2009	7:00 P.M.	TOWNSHIP BOARD
TUESDAY	July 28, 2009	7:00 P.M.	PLANNING COMMISSION
TUESDAY	August 4, 2009	7:00 P.M.	ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
TUESDAY	August 11, 2009	7:00 P.M.	PLANNING COMMISSION
TUESDAY	August 18, 2009	7:00 P.M.	TOWNSHIP BOARD
TUESDAY	August 25, 2009	7:00 P.M.	PLANNING COMMISSION
TUESDAY	September 1, 2009	7:00 P.M.	ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
TUESDAY	September 8, 2009	7:00 P.M.	PLANNING COMMISSION
TUESDAY	September 15, 2009	7:00 P.M.	TOWNSHIP BOARD
TUESDAY	September 22, 2009	7:00 P.M.	PLANNING COMMISSION
TUESDAY	September 29, 2009	7:00 P.M.	JOINT MEETING TWP. BOARD/PC & ZBA
TUESDAY	October 6, 2009	7:00 P.M.	ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
TUESDAY	October 13, 2009	7:00 P.M.	PLANNING COMMISSION
TUESDAY	October 20, 2009	7:00 P.M.	TOWNSHIP BOARD
TUESDAY	October 27, 2009	7:00 P.M.	PLANNING COMMISSION
TUESDAY	November 3, 2009	7:00 P.M.	ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
TUESDAY	November 10, 2009	7:00 P.M.	PLANNING COMMISSION
TUESDAY	November 17, 2009	7:00 P.M.	TOWNSHIP BOARD
TUESDAY	November 24, 2009	7:00 P.M.	PLANNING COMMISSION
TUESDAY	December 1, 2009	7:00 P.M.	ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
TUESDAY	December 8, 2009	7:00 P.M.	PLANNING COMMISSION
TUESDAY	December 15, 2009	7:00 P.M.	DECEMBER BOARD OF REVIEW
TUESDAY	December 15, 2009	7:00 P.M.	TOWNSHIP BOARD
TUESDAY	December 22, 2009	7:00 P.M.	PLANNING COMMISSION
TUESDAY	January 5, 2010	7:00 P.M.	ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
TUESDAY	January 12, 2010	7:00 P.M.	PLANNING COMMISSION
TUESDAY	January 19, 2010	7:00 P.M.	TOWNSHIP BOARD
TUESDAY	January 26, 2010	7:00 P.M.	PLANNING COMMISSION
TUESDAY	February 2, 2010	7:00 P.M.	ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
TUESDAY	February 9, 2010	9:00 A.M.	TOWNSHIP BOARD BUDGET WORKSHOP
TUESDAY	February 9, 2010	7:00 P.M.	PLANNING COMMISSION
TUESDAY	February 16, 2010	7:00 P.M.	TOWNSHIP BOARD
TUESDAY	February 23, 2010	7:00 P.M.	PLANNING COMMISSION
TUESDAY	March 2, 2010	7:00 P.M.	ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
TUESDAY	March 9, 2010	7:00 P.M.	BOARD OF REVIEW ORGANIZATION MTG.
TUESDAY	March 9, 2010	7:00 P.M.	PLANNING COMMISSION
TUESDAY	March 16, 2010	7:00 P.M.	TOWNSHIP BOARD BUDGET HEARING
TUESDAY	March 16, 2010	7:00 P.M.	TOWNSHIP BOARD
TUESDAY	March 23, 2010	7:00 P.M.	PLANNING COMMISSION
TUESDAY	March 30, 2010	7:00 P.M.	TOWNSHIP BOARD

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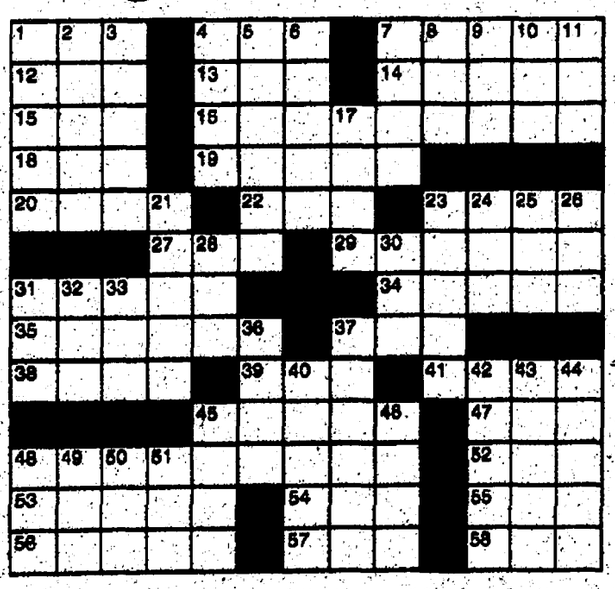

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose.
Default has occurred in the conditions of a mortgage made by RICHARD ALLAN POPE and ALEXANDRA POPE a/k/a Maria A. Pope, husband and wife (collectively "Mortgagor"), 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 26, 2006, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Washtenaw County, Michigan on May 31, 2006, in Liber 4561, Page 194 (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 Two Hundred Fifty Five Thousand Nine Hundred Fifteen and 13/100 Dollars ($255,915.13). 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 Courthouse, Huron Street entrance, located in Ann Arbor, Michigan on Thursday, April 30, 2009, at ten o'clock in the forenoon. The premises covered by the Mortgage are situated in the Township of Bridgewater, County of Washtenaw, State of Michigan, and are described as follows:

All that part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southwest fractional 1/4 of Section 31, Town 4 South, Range 4 East, described as: Beginning at the South 1/4 corner of said Section 31.; thence South 89 degrees 39 minutes 54 seconds West 1530.04 feet along the South line of said Section 31; thence North 00 degrees 15 minutes 51 seconds West 1307.91 feet along the East line of the West 1/2 of the Southwest fractional 1/4 of said Section 31, according to the previous survey by Walter E. Frazier & Associates, Inc. Job Numbers 9205683 and 93081260; thence North 89 degrees 42 minutes 05 seconds East 1529.09 feet along the North line of the South 1/2 of the Southwest fractional 1/4 of said Section 31; thence South 00 degrees 18 minutes 21 seconds East 1306.93 feet along the North-South 1/4 line of said Section 31 to the point of beginning.

EASEMENT PARCEL

Non exclusive Easement Parcel more clearly described, limited and defined in instrument record in Liber 1587, page 299 Lenawee County Records, described as follows: All that part of the East 1/2 of the Northwest fractional 1/4 of Section 6, Town 5 South, Range 4 East, described as commencing at the North 1/4 corner of Section 6, aforesaid; thence North 89 degrees 02 minutes 31 seconds West 12.50 feet along the North line of said Section 6 to the South 1/4 corner of Section 31, Town 4 South, Range 4 East; thence South 89 degrees 39 minutes 54 seconds West 1300.58 feet along the North line of said Section 6 to the point of beginning; thence South 00 degrees 05 minutes 51 seconds West 2386.00 feet; thence South 89 degrees 39 minutes 54 seconds West 150.15 feet; thence South 00 degrees 05 minutes 34 seconds West 175.39 feet; thence North 89 degrees 55 minutes 56 seconds West 66.00 feet along the centerline of Highway U.S. - 12; thence North 00 degrees 05 minutes 34 seconds East 240.92 feet; thence North 89 degrees 39 minutes 54 seconds East 150.16 feet; thence North 00 degrees 05 minutes 51 seconds East 2320.00 feet to the North line of said Section 6; thence North 89 degrees 39 minutes 54 seconds East 66.00 feet to the point of beginning.

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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 expiration of fifteen (15) days after the Mortgagor is given notice pursuant to MCLA §600.3241a(b) stating that the premises are considered abandoned unless Mortgagor, Mortgagor's heirs, executor, or administrator, or a person lawfully claiming from or under one (1) of them gives the written notice required by MCLA §600.3241a(c) stating that the premises are not abandoned.

Dated: March 19, 2009 GREENSTONE FARM CREDIT SERVICES, FLCA

Mortgagee

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FORECLOSURE NOTICE ; RANDALL S. MILLER & ASSOCIATES, P.C. IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. Mortgage Sale - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by James E. Howard, Jr. and Angela Howard, husband and wife, to WMC Mortgage Corp., Mortgagee, dated August 9, 2002, and recorded on October 11, 2002, in Liber 4171, Page 285, Washtenaw County Records, said mortgage was assigned to Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for the registered holders of GSAMP Trust 2002-HE, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2002-HE by an Assignment of Mortgage dated March 2, 2005 and recorded on March 21, 2005 in Liber 4465 on Page 965, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of THREE HUNDRED SIXTEEN THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED TEN AND 43/100 DOLLARS ($316,810.43) including interest at the rate of 10.750% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the Circuit Court in said Washtenaw County, where the premises to be sold or some part of them are situated, at 10:00 AM on April 23, 2009. Said premises are situated in the Township of Ypsilanti, Washtenaw County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot(s) 135 of Partridge Creek North, according to the plat thereof recorded in liber 32 of plats, page(s) 61 through 65 to Washtenaw County records. 8029 Mapledale Drive The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days after statutory notice, whichever is later. Dated: March 26, 2009 Randall S. Miller & Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Assignee 43252 Woodward Ave., Suite 180 Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302 (248) 335-9200 Our File No. 256.00132 ASAP# 3034914 03/26/2009, 04/02/2009, 04/09/2009, 04/16/2009

AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NOTIFY US AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Yvonne J. Warner and Keith Warner A/K/A Keith B. Warner,wife and husband, Mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., (MERS), Mortgagee, dated the 30th day of May, 2006 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for The County of Washtenaw and State of Michigan, on the 7th day of June, 2006 in Liber 4562 of Washtenaw County Records, page 364, said Mortgage having been assigned to U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE HOLDERS OF CSAB 2006-4 on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, the sum of Four Hundred Fifty Five Thousand Seventy Eight & 36/100 ($455,078.36), and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 16th day of April, 2009 at 10:00 o'clock am Local Time, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, the main lobby of the Washtenaw Cty Courthouse, Huron St. entrance, Ann Arbor, MI (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Washtenaw is held), of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid on said mortgage, with interest thereon at 7.500% per annum and all legal costs, charges, and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises. Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land, including any and all structures, and homes, manufactured or otherwise, located thereon, situated in the Township of Webster, County of Washtenaw, State of Michigan, and described as follows, to wit: Parcel I Part of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 9, Town 1 South, Range 5 East, Webster Township, Washtenaw County, Michigan, described as follows: Commencing at the South 1/4 corner of said Section 9, thence North 00 degrees 25 minutes 40 seconds East 1326.00 feet along the North-South 1/4 line of said Section 9 and the centerline of Donovan Road to the point of beginning; thence North 0 degrees 25 minutes 40 seconds East 344.50 feet along said North- South 1/4 line and said centerline, thence South 89 degrees 08 minutes 00 seconds East 700.30 feet; thence South 0 degrees 41 minutes 00 seconds West 344.49 feet; thence North 89 degrees 08 minutes 00 seconds West 698.76 feet to the point of beginning.During the twelve (12) months immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, except that in the event that the property is determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241a, the property may be redeemed during 30 days immediately following the sale. Dated: 3/12/2009 U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE HOLDERS OF CSAB 2006-4 Mortgagee FABRIZIO & BROOK, P.C. Attorney for U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE HOLDERS OF CSAB 2006-4 888 W. Big Beaver, Suite 800 Troy, MI 48084 248-362-2600 ASAP# 3016906 03/19/2009, 03/26/2009, 04/02/2009, 04/09/2009

AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NOTIFY (248) 362-6100 IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Benjamin Williams Sr. and Dee Francis Williams, husband and wife of Washtenaw County, Michigan, Mortgagor to National City Bank as successor by merger to First of America Bank - N.A. dated the 18th day of May, A.D. 1998, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Washtenaw and State of Michigan, on the 11th day of June, A.D. 1998, Liber 3682, Page 248 of Washtenaw Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal of $23,889.96 (twenty-three thousand eight hundred eighty-nine and 96/100) plus accrued interest at 8.180% (eight point one eight zero) percent per annum. And no suit proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statue of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on, the 2nd day of April, A.D., 2009, at 10:00:00 AM said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, the main lobby of the Washtenaw County Courthouse, Huron Street entrance, Ann Arbor, MI, Washtenaw County, Michigan, of the premises described in said mortgage. Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land situate in the City of Ann Arbor, in the County of Washtenaw and State of Michigan and described as follows to wit: City of Ann Arbor, County of Washtenaw, Michigan: Lot 36, ARBOR OAKS SUBDIVISION NO. 1, as recorded in Liber 19 of Plats, Pages 67 through 71, inclusive, Washtenaw County Records. Commonly known as: 16 Englewood Court PPN: 12-10-303-036 The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. Dated: March 5, 2009 WELTMAN, WEINBERG & REIS CO., L.P.A. By: Michael I. Rich (P-41938) Attorney for Plaintiff Weltman, Weinberg & Reis Co., L.P.A. 2155 Butterfield Drive Suite 200-S Troy, MI 48084 WWR# 10020836 ASAP# 3011416 03/05/2009, 03/12/2009, 03/19/2009, 03/26/2009

AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NOTIFY (248) 362-6100 IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Scott Wilson, a single man of Washtenaw County, Michigan, Mortgagor to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc dated the 15th day of September, A.D. 2006, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Washtenaw and State of Michigan, on the 6th day of November, A.D. 2006, Liber 4591, Page 625 of Washtenaw Records, which said mortgage was assigned to US Bank National Association ND, thru mesne assignments, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal of $164,424.65 (one hundred sixty-four thousand four hundred twenty-four and 65/100) plus accrued interest at 9.34% (nine point three four) percent per annum. And no suit proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statue of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on, the 23rd day of April, A.D., 2009, at 10:00:00 AM said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, the main lobby of the Washtenaw County Courthouse, Huron Street entrance, Ann Arbor, MI, Washtenaw County, Michigan, of the premises described in said mortgage. Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land situate in the Township of Northfield, in the County of Washtenaw and State of Michigan and described as follows to wit: Township of Northfield, County of Washtenaw, Michigan: Lots 830, 831, 832, 833 & 834, WHITMORE LAKE SUMMER HOME SUBDIVISION, as recorded in Liber 4 of Plats, Page 6, Washtenaw County Records Commonly known as: 136 Ash Road PPN: B-02-08-202-001 The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. Dated: March 26, 2009 WELTMAN, WEINBERG & REIS CO., L.P.A. By: Michael I. Rich (P-41938) Attorney for Plaintiff Weltman, Weinberg & Reis Co., L.P.A. 2155 Butterfield Drive Suite 200-S Troy, MI 48084 WWR# 10021652 ASAP# 3034117 03/26/2009, 04/02/2009, 04/09/2009, 04/16/2009

FORECLOSURE NOTICE RANDALL S. MILLER & ASSOCIATES, P.C. IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. Mortgage Sale - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Jason R. Zanglin , a single man, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as a nominee for Michigan Fidelity Acceptance Corp dba Franklin Mortgage Funding, Mortgagee, dated October 28, 2004, and recorded on November 4, 2004, in Liber 4436, Page 705, Washtenaw County Records, said mortgage was assigned to U.S. Bank National Association, as Indenture Trustee for the registered holders of Aegis Asset Backed Securities Trust 2005-1, Mortgage Backed Notes by an Assignment of Mortgage which was submitted to and recorded by the Washtenaw County Register of Deeds, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of FIFTY THREE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED ELEVEN AND 34/100 DOLLARS ($53,411.34) including interest at the rate of 9.750% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the Circuit Court in said Washtenaw County, where the premises to be sold or some part of them are situated, at 10:00 AMon April 16, 2009. Said premises are situated in the Township of Pittsfield, Washtenaw County, Michigan, and are described as: Unit No 7, arbor heights condominium, according to the master deed thereof, as recorded in liber 1761, pages 899 through 937, Washtenaw County Records, designated as Washtenaw County condominium Plan No 48, together with the rights in general common elements and limited common elements, as set forth in said master deed and as described in Act 59 of the Public Acts of 1978, as amended. 4198 Packard Unit 3 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days after statutory notice, whichever is later. Dated: March 19, 2009 Randall S. Miller & Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Assignee 43252 Woodward Ave., Suite 180 Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302 (248) 335-9200 Our File No. 256.00127ASAP# 3029922 03/19/2009, 03/26/2009, 04/02/2009, 04/09/2009

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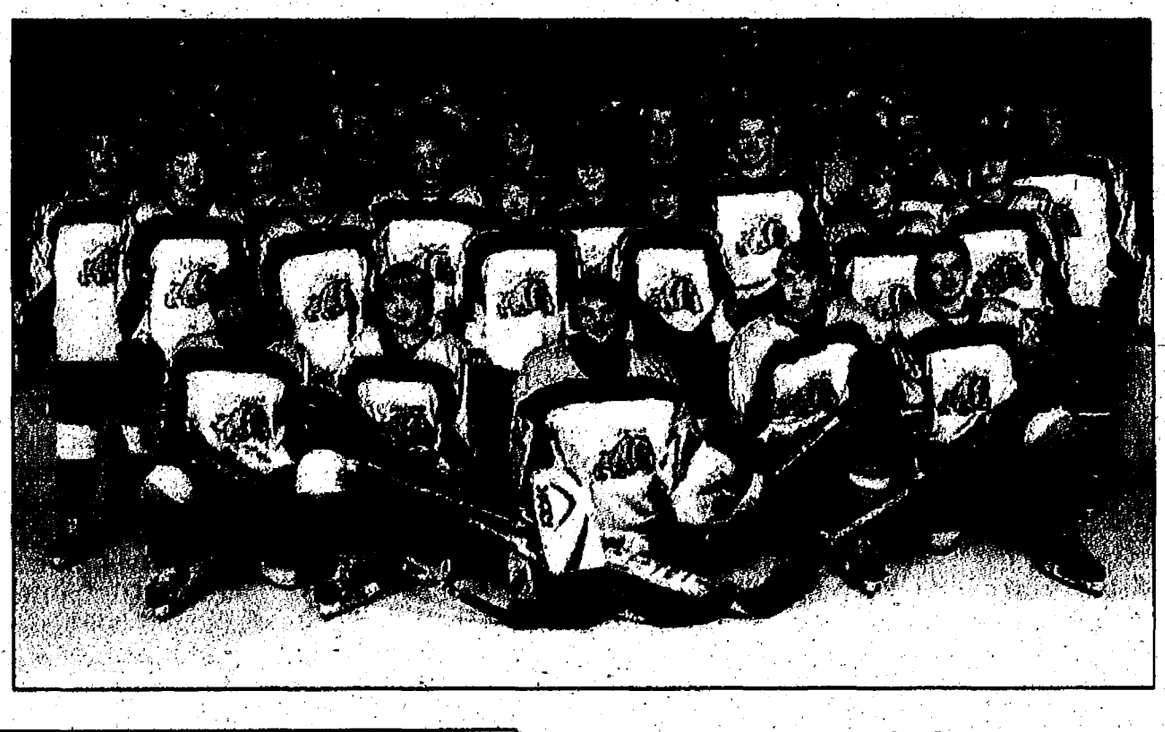
Chelsea's seventh-grade boys' travel basketball team placed first at a tournament in Vandercook Lake Jan. 24. Members of the squad included, front row, Aidan Fahle, Luke Heumann, Josh Bach and Bailey Weatherwax; back row, coach Sean Sean Fosdick (left), Aaron Fojtik, Scott Crews, Matt Caffrey, Shon Kuhn and Zach Fosdick.



ABOVE: Chelsea's Bantam hockey team captured a tournament in Jackson. Members of the team include, front row, Ken Sanford (left), Tyler Waldrop, Chandler Hill, Julian Mountain and Tyler Fullerton; middle row, Jacob Dobberstein (left), Josh Mathias, Devon Erps, Nate Saarinen, Trevor Barker, Michael Pauley, Matt Heim, Grant Crutchfield and Alec Brice; back row, Michael Muraviou (left), Cody Nikkila, assistant coach Tim Dobberstein, Brennan Hutchison, assistant coach Steve Barker, head coach Jody Fullerton, Austin Edwards and Nick Kolb.

LEFT: The Squirt AA Chelsea Chiefs, sponsored by Gilbert Company, captured the championship of the Action Tournaments Winter Chill Classic in Dearborn Jan. 16 through 18. Members of the team include, front row, Michael Brown (left), Hunter Hammerschmidt, Alec Daman, Chris Grande, Zac Walter, Mack Hubert and Alex Heath; middle row, Ryan Makowski (left), Devin McCain, Wes Gilbert, EJ Gilbert, Ian Elliott, Tater Shaughnessy, Sam Fons and Brendan Thibodeau; back row, coach Butch Fons (left), coach EJ Gilbert, coach Travis Gilbert and coach Chuck Elliott.

Chelsea's fourth-grade boys' travel basketball team finished first at the Columbia Community Basketball Tournament last month. The Bulldogs, competing in their first tournament, defeated teams from Milan, Napoleon, Columbia, Northwest and East Jackson, to capture the championship. Members of the team include, front row, Cameron Bridgeford (left), Jacob Jacobusse, Matt Klink, Alex Vasquez, Ryan Mitchell, Nick Udell and Brady Friss; middle row, Anthony Verardi (left), Bryce Jubenville and Matt McDaniels; back row, coach Randy Jubenville.

Chelsea's mini-mite hockey team captured the Big Bear Hockey Tournament championship last month. Members of the team include, front row, Brendan Westcott (left), Connor Place, Ethan Dunahoo and Parker Anderson; middle row, Christopher Gingell (left) and Drew Thompson; middle row, Cayden Brush (left), David Clark, Tyler Valik, Ryan Gross, Noah Pegg; back row, coach Bob Anderson (left), coach Ken Gross and coach Jason Dunahoo.

Basketball

Beach defeats Lincoln

By Don Richter
Sports Editor

Chelsea's Beach Middle School eighth-grade Blue girls' basketball team defeated Ypsilanti Lincoln last month 13-10.

Liz Boyce paced the Bulldogs (8-4) with six points.

On Feb. 12, Chelsea defeated Saline 12-10.

Bailey Darwin led Beach with nine points.

Earlier this month, the Bulldogs defeated Saline Gold 22-12, Chelsea finished the season winning six out of its last eight games.

"We broke the game open by scoring 15 points in a six minute time frame in the third quarter," said Chelsea coach Lonnie Mitchell. "Saline played a very aggressive defense and we had to change our offensive schemes a little to make the adjustment. Margaret Lindauer and Liz Boyce played an integral part in our success."

Darwin sparked Beach with seven points, while Lindauer had five points.

Chelsea's Beach Middle School eighth-grade Gold girls' basketball team defeated Adrian Blue 14-6 and Saline 20-8 last month.

Grace Sauers led the Bulldogs (6-6) against Adrian with six points, while Carly Wooster had 11 points to spark Beach against Saline.

On Feb. 19, Chelsea defeated Tecumseh 16-12.

Sauers paced Beach offensively.

On Feb. 26, the Bulldogs lost to Temperance Bedford 26-18.

Sauers had 17 points to lead Chelsea. Lauren Jolly added four points, while Wooster had three points for the Bulldogs.

Earlier this month, Beach defeated Adrian 20-9 and lost to Saline 16-13.

Against the Maples, Sauers led Chelsea with 15 points.

Versus the Hornets, Wooster had four points and Jolly two points.

Chelsea's Beach Middle School seventh-grade Blue girls' basketball team defeated Adrian 14-12 Feb. 9.

Taylor Langenderfer tied the contest with one minute remaining, while Kerri Benjamin scored the game-winner with 30 seconds left.

Langenderfer and Benjamin each scored six points to lead Beach.

On Feb. 5, Chelsea defeated Dexter 20-14.

Benjamin had 12 points to pace the Bulldogs.

Chelsea's Beach Middle School seventh-grade Gold girls' basketball team defeated Adrian 18-14 Feb. 9.

Dani Slinder scored 11 points to lead the Bulldogs.

On Feb. 5, Beach lost to Dexter Maroon 16-12.

Slinder had eight points to spark Chelsea.

Wrestling

Beach pins Lincoln on mat

By Don Richter
Sports Editor

Chelsea's Beach Middle School wrestling defeated Ypsilanti Lincoln Feb. 11.

Earning victories for the Bulldogs were Denrick Acton, Drew Simons, Marco Ruiz-Acosta, Taylor Cooley, Avery Osentoski, Alan Longworth, Michael Varner, Peter Reimenschnieder, Jake Brown, Jacob Layher, RJ Menge and Jay Szcodronski.

"It's nice to see the team gaining experience each week and getting better," said Chelsea coach Corey Knight. "But there is still more room at the top for improvement."

Beach has 47 grapplers on this year's team.

Rounding out the squad are Grant Bater, Alex Beaumont, Josh Borton, Trevor Branham, Nick Brodbeck, Brandon Cameron, Niko Coffman, Howard Cooper, Alex deMeijer, Tyler Eckler, Gerard Guysky, Devin Hogan, Mike Hovater, Ben Hovater, Daniel Jacobs, Craig Keyes, Dan McDevitt, Will McEachern, Nate Miller, Caleb Mouli and Travis Nichols.

Others on the team include Trevor Nold, Avery Osentoski, Ryan Pennington, Jacob Pennington, Travis Preston, Larry Read, Joe Slusser, Luke St. Pierre, David St. Pierre, Gibson Stoffer, Baily Weatherwax, Travis Weiss, Dillon Williams, Daniel Wisniewski and Wes Wright.

Wrestling

Grapplers compete in meet

The Chelsea Wrestling Club participated in a tournament last week.

At 55 pounds, Shane Nold finished first in freestyle, while Zachary Dosey was fourth in freestyle and fourth in Greco-Roman.

At 65 pounds, Nate Bergman was second in freestyle and second in Greco-Roman, while Kyle Knight was third in freestyle.

Holden Monica was first in freestyle at 70 pounds, while Mason Trinkle was fourth in freestyle and third in Greco-Roman.

Mykal Nelson was second in freestyle at 87 pounds, while Tristan Koch was first in freestyle at 75 pounds.

Matthew Kimball was second in freestyle and second in Greco-Roman at 90 pounds, while Dominic Triveline was fourth in freestyle and second in Greco-Roman.

Zach Bennett was second in freestyle and second in Greco-Roman at 105 pounds, while Morgan Waggoneer was second in Greco-Roman at 120 pounds.

At 128 pounds, Daniel Wisniewski was third in freestyle, while Logan Watkin was second in freestyle.

At 130 pounds, Ryan Eisley performed well, as did Alanzo Taylor at 105 pounds.

On March 14, Chelsea opened its tournament season competing in a meet in Springport.

In the Peewee Division, Gary Kircher III was second at 43 pounds.

In the Bantam Division, Nold was second at 55 pounds, while Russell Timmerman was second at 60 pounds, Bergman first at 65 pounds and Knight was third at 65 pounds.

In the Intermediate Division, Joshua Dosey was fourth at 75 pounds.

In the Novice Division, Bennett was first at 100 pounds, while Kimball was second at 85 pounds and Eisley fourth at 130 pounds.

In the Schoolboy Division, Brandon Cameron was second at 98 pounds, while Ben Whitesall was second at 105 pounds, Taylor third at 105 pounds, Wisniewski second at 128 pounds and Ty Nelson second at 136 pounds.

In the Cadet Division, Trevor Nold was third at 125 pounds, while Andrew Nold was first at 130 pounds.

Also wrestling well for Chelsea in the tournament were Suhjin King at 45 pounds, Zachary Dosey at 55 pounds, Nicholas Brough at 65 pounds, Trinkle at 70 pounds, Mason Bailey and Waggoner at 120 pounds.

Chelsea champs

Chelsea's fifth- through sixth-grade travel basketball team finished first in a tournament in Michigan Center Feb. 14 and first in a tournament in Addison Jan. 31. Members of the team include, front row, Meghan Cole (left), Maggie Cole, Hannah Herberle-Rose and Ashley Brooks; back row, coach Matt Cole (left), Sarah Mesko, Olivia McCalla, Melissa Robards, Madison Bell, McKenzie Mykala and coach Rahn Rosentreter. Rylee Rosentreter is not pictured.

Bowling standings

Junior House

Red Division	*W-L*
Robert Erke Builder	276-144
Norm's Body Shop	248-172
Jay-Mark Associates	229-191
Seitz's Tavern	161.5-258.5
Color Express	160-260
White Division	*W-L*
Mark IV Lounge	272-148
Cleary's Pub	214.5-205.5
Chelsea Lanes	207.5-212.5
Chel Greenhouse	204.5-215.5
Herrst Construction	190-230
Blue Division	*W-L*
Govt. Cheese	251.5-168.5
CFM	237-183
Lloyd Bridges	219.5-200.5
LaJolla Shoppe	217-203
Parts Peddler-Dex	208-212

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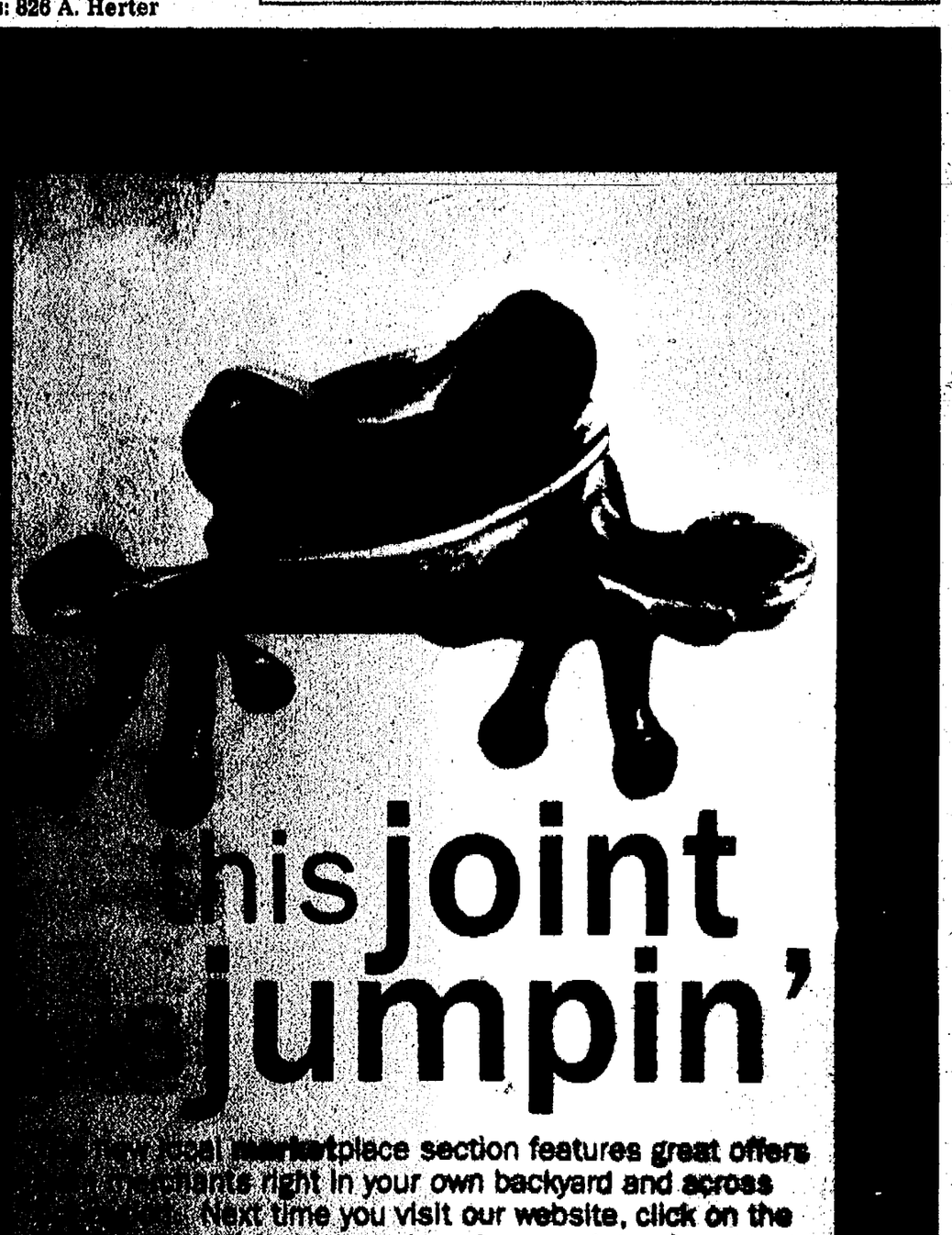
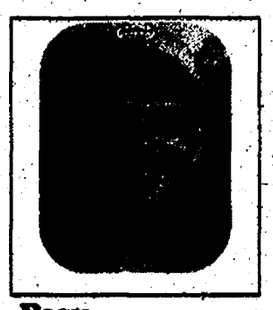


Turkey hunting surprisingly difficult

TAYLOR MADE ADVENTURES



RICK TAYLOR

Harvesting a wild turkey in the spring is very difficult to say the least. How can a bird act so dumb during the year, yet get a Ph. D. in avoiding hunters when it counts?

I'm sure many of you who read this article, but don't hunt, would argue that turkeys have no defenses against a hunter. I would have agreed with many of you out there on that assumption, until I started to hunt them. Putting it simply, I went eight years without harvesting a turkey — even with a shotgun.

The turkey's greatest defense by far is their incredible eyesight. Not only is their eyesight incredible, they also see in color — unlike deer which are color-blind.

I've had first hand experience in getting "busted" by a turkey that was over 200 yards away. A simple hand movement can catch their attention. They don't take chances, either. Instead, a turkey will just run away as fast as they can. Any turkey hunters will tell you that shooting a turkey isn't an easy task by any stretch of the imagination.

So, why hunt turkeys if they're so hard to get?

Well, I have many reasons for going after these guys. Their plumage (feathers) is absolutely beautiful. Many people think they're ugly, but not me. Our country's history is steeped in tradition hallowing the turkey as an important bird.

Did you know that some of our founding fathers wanted the turkey to be our national bird? Also, they taste great.

Finally, turkeys are elusive and difficult to call in. That's right, we as the hunter, must call the birds in using diaphragm calls, locator calls and being in the right place at the right time. Just the act of raising a shotgun can spook a turkey, and boy are they fast when they want to be.

I've always joked that a turkey flies through the trees like a bowling ball with wings. One can accidently spook a turkey before they come down from their roost and you'll never forget it. Trust me, you'll get scared out of your wits no matter how tough you are if you come upon turkeys in their roost.

I've been practicing my archery skills in the hopes of shooting a turkey with my longbow. I've got a long way to go before I feel confident enough to take a shoot at one, but I believe I'll get there.

There are "left over" tags still available to those of you who may want to hunt a turkey this spring. I challenge you to get a tag, if you haven't already and try your luck. You'll see for yourself just how awesome it is to go turkey hunting.

Calling in a turkey and listening to them call back to you with their gobbles, while watching them literally strut is one of the coolest things you'll witness in the woods.

Last year, I took my son Ricky and we were lucky enough to shoot a turkey on Opening Day. We had an amazing time watching the turkeys come in to our area.

I just hope some of you get out there and give it a try. I promise that you won't be disappointed.

Rick Taylor and son Ricky kneel next to a turkey they harvested last year.

Venturing out with Barry Lonik

Great late Winter hike is the Peace Lake loop in Pinckney

What's your first sign that Spring is coming? Many people think of shrubs and flowers blooming, the first Robin or even the first frog calls, but most of those happen after the vernal equinox (round about March 21 every year), after which it is "officially" (astronomically) Spring. But there are other, often subtle, signs not long after the first day of the new calendar year.

In recent years my ears have become attuned to the cheery call of Tufted Titmice (Parus bicolor), peter peter. That's a song they start in earnest as early as mid-January and carry right on through mating, giving us an early melodious glimpse of the next season. I've also noticed more vocalizations (a beautiful trill) and activity with Red-bellied Woodpeckers (Centurus carolinus) starting in late January. These handsome, powerful birds nest near mature woods but often venture to suet feeders at nearby houses.

For me, the first sign that Spring is indeed coming is seeing or hearing the first Sandhill Cranes (Grus canadensis). Their loud, echoing call is a hopeful sign that soon the lakes will thaw, the creeks will flow and warm days are ahead. These tall, stately birds have become quite common in our area, after years of having been a rare sight.

Sandhills migrate back north to nest in wetlands and feed there and in nearby fields. I've kept track of my first encounter for the last six years, along with other first Spring signs; the earliest Crane visit for me was on Feb. 16 in 2005, while this year it was on Feb. 23. Like last year, my first perception was while cross-country skiing, a most delightful dichotomy.

There's so much to learn about the landscape when the leaves are down, especially if there's snow on the ground. We may have had our last QSD (Quality Ski Day, defined by the International Woodland Trail Skiing Federation as at least four hours of snow conditions when the Crooked Lake Trail in the Pinckney State Recreation Area (SRA) can be skied) but there's excellent late Winter hiking on Marginal Ski Days (MSDs) and after the snow is gone with much to see, smell and hear. I particularly seek trails where there is moving water, another sure sign Spring is not far ahead.

A great late Winter hike is the Peace Lake loop in the Pinckney SRA. From N. Territorial Road, head north on Hankerd Road one-half mile to North Lake Road. Turn left and head west, then along the east and the north shore of North Lake. Between the houses on the north side of the road is a stretch of public land with a two-car parking area at the trailhead. The unmarked trail winds on high ground through wetlands and large trees and crosses a small stream. (Locals maintain the trail, including the bridges.)

At the southwest corner of a small lake – named "Dead Lake" on maps, I've taken the liberty of re-naming it Peace Lake – there is a four-way intersection. I recommend continuing forward, which is easterly, along a high ridge overlooking the gorgeous remote lake.

After some distance this trail intersects with the Potowatomi Trail. Turn left and follow the path eroded by mountain bikes west back to Peace Lake and along its northern shore. As the Poto heads uphill to the west, look for a secondary trail following the west shore of Peace that leads back to the four-way intersection. Once again continue forward (one would have come from the right and gone to the left) and through the mature woods and across the stream again.

There's an unusual diversity to the trees in this area, including several large American Beech (Fagus grandifolia) and Tulip Poplar (Liriodendron tulipifera), the latter still with the shell of last year's fruit hanging in the high tops, both of which indicative of rich woodland soils and the long-term absence of disturbance. The trail winds through some younger scrubbier woods and comes to a T intersection. Turning right heads back to North Lake Road; right again and up the road leads back to the parking lot. It's about a three-mile hike, suitable for just about anyone and vastly enjoyable.

And keep your ears open as you might just hear a Sandhill call bouncing off the hills and lakes.

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Web classic

The **Chelsea Area Players Youth Theater** group is currently preparing for its production of E.B. White's family classic "Charlotte's Web." The show will be performed on April 24, 25 and 26. Tickets will be $10 for adults and $5 for students and seniors and will be available starting on Monday, March 30 at Chelsea Pharmacy and Chelsea Farmers Supply. The shows will be at the Washington Street Education Center auditorium, 500 Washington Street in Chelsea. The producer is Vicky Wurster and the artistic director is Jeff Boyer.

Wilbur and the many baby spiders of Charlotte! Morgan Barber, Anna Knight, Nolan Peterson, Nina White, Emily Oliver, Shaunna Caffrey, (in front) Ayla Raye-Leonard, Emma Catalina, Jenna Gileczek (in back) Nicholas Beatty, Michelle Guidry and Jarod Beaver.

Nolan Peterson as Wilbur.

Emma Hess as Charlotte.

Getting direction from the director of the play (above), Nolan Peterson as Wilbur, Director Jeff Boyer, and Emma Hess as Charlotte.

Kalina Koch, Emmah Boquett, Emma Walworth as narrators; and Nolan Peterson as Wilbur the pig.

Morgan Chrisman as Fern

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Statistics for the week ending Tuesday, March 24

Temperatures:

Normal high/low ..... 47°/29°

Normal average temperature ..... 38.0°

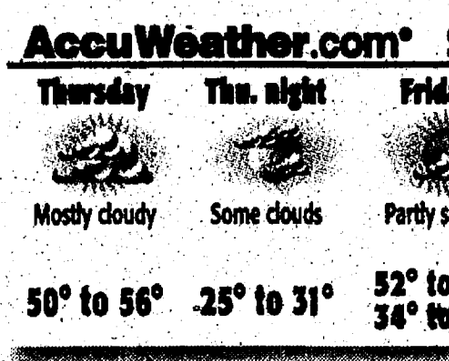
Precipitation:

Total for the month ..... 3.08"

Normal for the month ..... 2.07"

PAST WEEK'S TEMPS

Temperatures ● High ● Low



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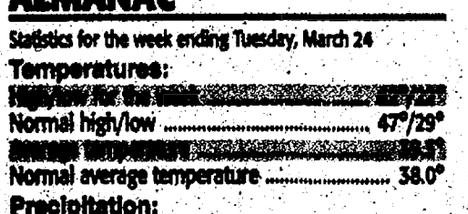

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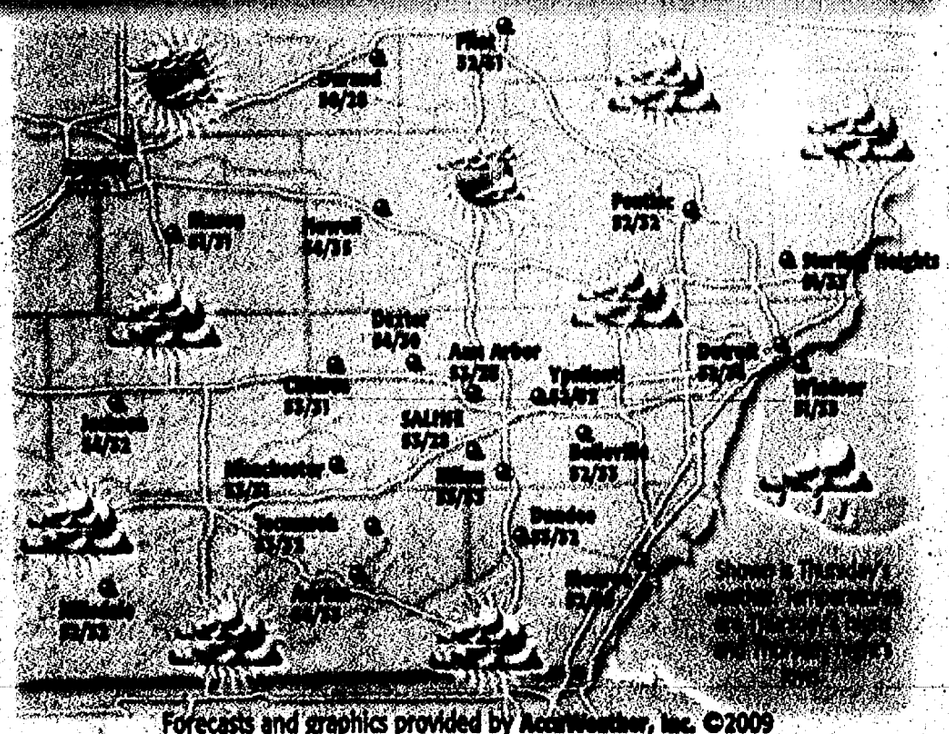

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SUN AND MOON

The Sun	Rise	Set
Friday	7:26 a.m.	7:55 p.m.
Sunday	7:23 a.m.	7:57 p.m.
Tuesday	7:19 a.m.	8:00 p.m.

The Moon	Rise	Set
Friday	7:31 a.m.	9:32 p.m.
Sunday	8:31 a.m.	none
Tuesday	10:03 a.m.	1:13 a.m.

New Mar 26 · First Apr 2 · Full Apr 9 · Last Apr 17

RIVER LEVELS

As of 7 a.m. Tuesday	Flood stage	Current stage
Huron River		
Mallets Creek		
Mill Creek		
River Raisin		

LAKE LEVELS

Lake	Normal	Current
Lake St. Clair	575 ft	574.41 ft

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Thu. Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W
Ann Arbor	53/28/c	55/37/pc	56/34/r
Bay City	49/32/pc	50/34/pc	49/30/r
Flint	52/31/pc	53/37/pc	49/34/r
Kalamazoo	55/33/pc	52/37/r	47/35/r
Livonia	52/33/c	55/38/pc	55/35/r
Midland	50/29/pc	51/32/pc	46/30/r
Pontiac	52/32/c	52/37/pc	53/35/r
Saginaw	50/33/pc	50/34/pc	49/30/r
Sturgis	54/37/pc	54/38/r	52/35/r
Warren	53/35/c	54/39/pc	53/35/r

WORLD CITIES

City	Thu. Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W
Berlin	45/38/c	46/37/r	45/35/sh
Cairo	78/58/s	76/55/s	73/50/s
Hong Kong	78/73/r	82/74/sh	82/70/pc
Johannesburg	79/56/s	76/55/pc	78/53/s
Mexico City	81/48/s	80/44/s	76/43/s
Moscow	36/14/sf	30/14/pc	34/19/pc
Rio de Janeiro	81/73/c	83/73/r	83/72/sh
Seoul	44/28/pc	46/27/pc	52/28/pc
Sydney	77/62/s	68/59/c	71/60/pc
Warsaw	39/29/s	41/36/r	45/37/r

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Thu. Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W
Boston	46/36/pc	50/40/r	52/42/r
Cincinnati	62/40/r	63/47/r	61/37/r
Dallas	75/53/t	57/37/c	62/42/pc
Honolulu	81/68/pc	81/69/pc	82/69/pc
Kansas City	58/33/sh	40/31/r	43/29/sn
Los Angeles	71/54/s	76/52/s	76/52/s
Minneapolis	41/24/c	39/25/c	38/26/pc
New York City	47/45/r	55/40/pc	52/41/r
Philadelphia	50/42/r	58/42/pc	56/44/r
Pittsburgh	54/39/r	62/41/pc	60/42/r
San Francisco	64/50/s	69/50/s	67/49/s
Wash., DC	52/44/r	61/45/pc	59/48/r

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NATIONAL OUTLOOK

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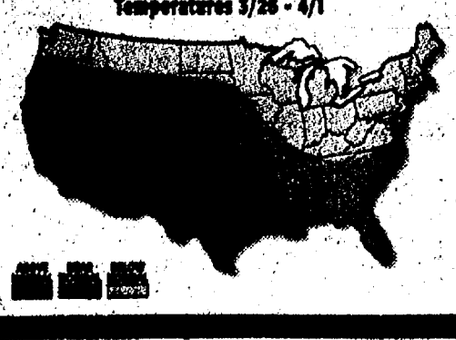

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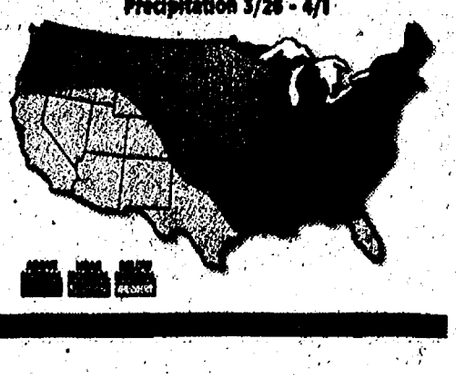

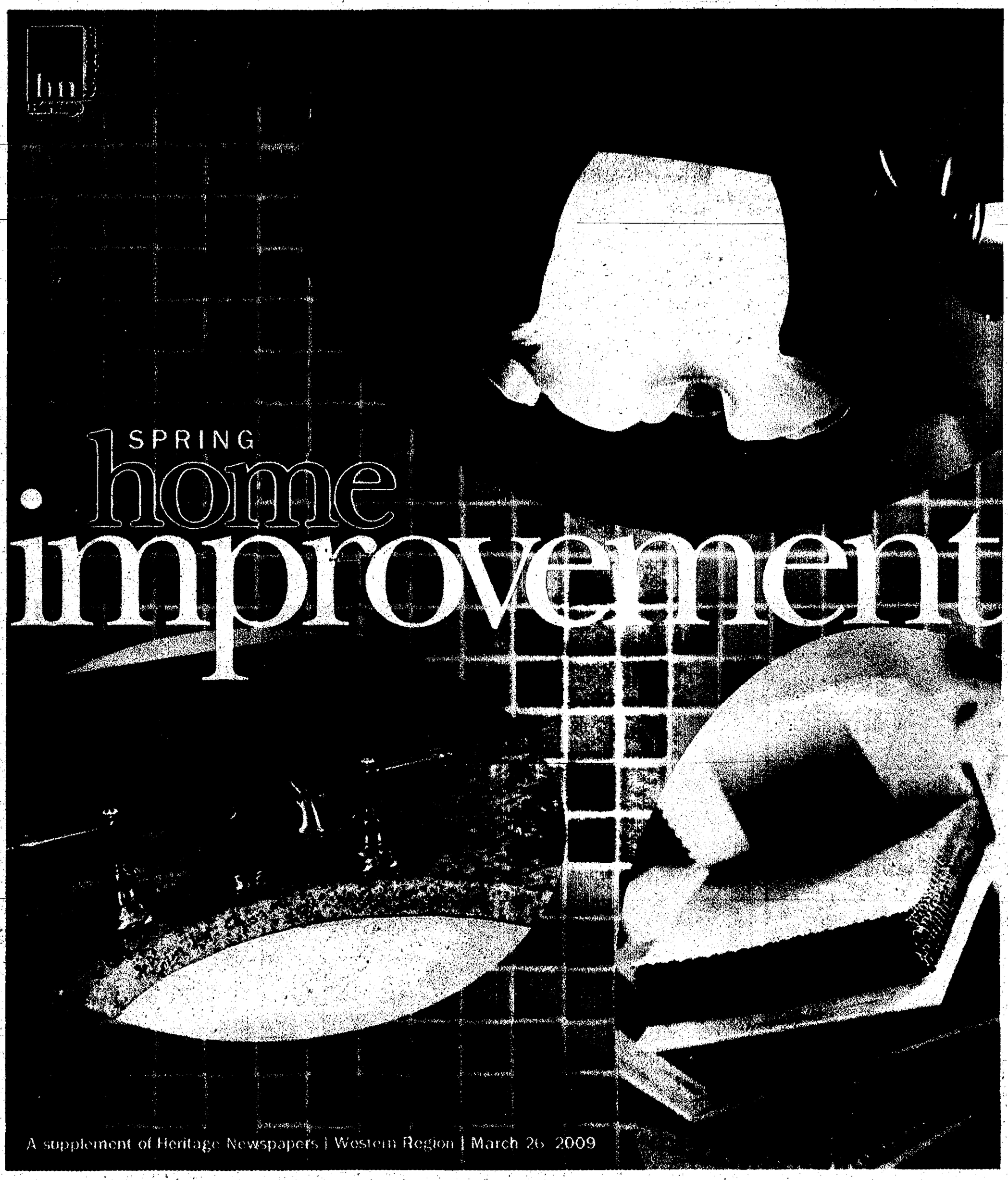

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SPRING HOME IMPROVEMENT

Home builders incorporating dual master bedroom suites

You may find a new option in homes being built by you, catering to improved comfort for couples. It's not uncommon to find dual master bedroom suites to accommodate couples who can't compromise in the bedroom. These solitary retreats help ensure a good night's sleep or give couples some personal space.

A 2005 survey by the National Sleep Foundation uncovered that nearly 25 percent of American couples sleep alone. The number was almost double of the percentage of solo sleepers from merely four years prior.

The Sleep Council of England has found that one in four people regularly heads to another room or the living room couch to escape his or her sleeping partner and get some rest.

The desire for separate spaces has begun to affect home construction. The National Association of Home Builders says there has been a steady increase in the number of requests for two-master bedroom homes since 1990, prompting the organization to predict that by 2015, 60 percent of all custom upscale homes will be built with two "owner suites."

1950s Mentality or Modern Revolution?

When many people envision separate sleeping arrangements for married couples, they think of the popular sitcoms of the 1950s. In these TV shows, separate twin beds with a night table between them were the norm. It was considered inappropriate to show a couple sharing a bed. But many couples today are choosing to sleep in separate beds or separate rooms for a number of reasons:

- Snoring
- Restless leg syndrome
- Night owl vs. early bird
- Different preferences in linens
- Different preferences in room temperatures
- TV watcher vs. book reader
- Caring for new baby without disturbing the other.

Some people say that it's not good for the marriage to sleep separately, offering that sharing a bed takes intimacy to a different level. However, Stephanie Coontz, author of "Marriage: A History" and director of research and public education at the Council on Contemporary Families, a nonprofit research organization has said that sleeping separately to get a good night's rest is "reasonable and revolutionary." She offers that there are more ways to have a good marriage and sexual relationship today. If sleeping separately is the way to that end, then so be it.

Come Over to My Place

Couples who support separate sleeping arrangements say that it's fun to invite over their spouse for "date night" and find creative ways to get together. And when well rested, they're happier and more inclined to want to spend time together or with the children.

In a report by CNN, Alisa Bowman, a 37-year-old freelance writer from Emmaus, Pa., said, "I'm a better mom and wife when I'm rested," adding that she has always had trouble sleeping with another person in the room. "I also think it makes you appreciate each other more."

Renovating Your Home

If you are not moving to a home that offers separate master bedroom suites, you can create personalized spaces if you prefer to sleep separately. If your master bedroom is large enough, perhaps you can divide the room into two spaces, even if it's with modular room dividers. Empty nesters may have the advantage of one or more other bedrooms to call his or her own. Flip a coin over who gets the bigger room. Then each can personalize the room according to his or her style.

For those who don't have a problem sharing the same space, only prefer separate beds, then go ahead and renovate with two beds in the room. They can always be pushed together if you desire closeness.

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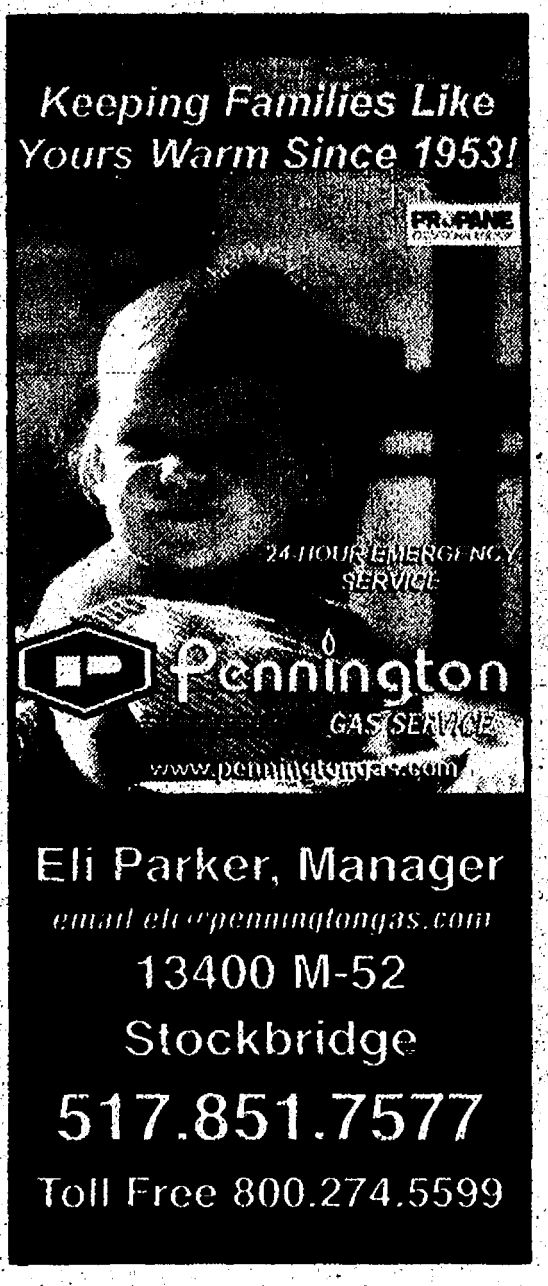

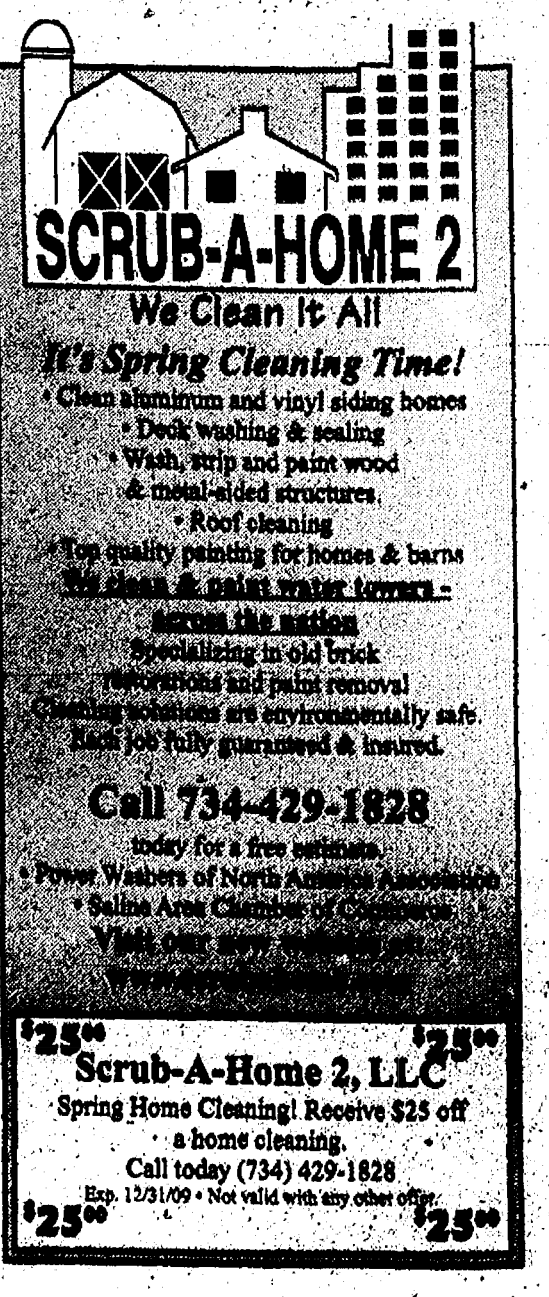

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Keep your outdoor spaces looking good

You finally made the plunge to spruce up your outdoor space with the beauty and durability of hardscape pavers. You're not alone. Home improvement trends show that outdoor spaces, such as patios, paths, decks and driveways, continue to be just as important to market appeal and value as gourmet kitchens and luxury bathrooms.

In fact, Smart Money magazine estimates that landscaping and "hardscaping" can increase home values by as much as 15 percent.

Hardscape materials such as concrete, natural stone, clay brick and other choices are rapidly growing in popularity to form the foundation for inviting new outdoor spaces. Many of these time-tested options are being used in new ways with the rise of decorative paving and ongoing innovations in veneer products.

While many of today's hardscape materials are excellent options for their environmental qualities, flexibility of design and their ease of installation, it is their aesthetic beauty that remains their main attraction.

However, once installed, these decorative materials are exposed to weather and staining from use, which over time can lead to fading, discoloration and deterioration.

Pavements are especially susceptible to the abuse of nature and traffic. This is why hardscape experts highly recommend the application of a sealant to protect and enhance the aesthetic qualities of your paving projects.

Selecting the right sealant for your particular project is often an exercise in confusion, with plenty of options. While sealant technology continues to evolve, sealants can be broken down into a few key categories:

- Film-forming versus non film-forming
- Color enhancing (wet look) versus non color enhancing (dry look)
- Solvent-based versus water-based
- All are stain resistant

According to Rick DeMarchi, director of marketing for Techniseal, the leading manufacturer of polymeric sand and treatment products for the concrete paver industry, it's important to understand this framework when choosing a product because each category brings its own features and benefits with regard to aesthetics, protective qualities and application procedures.

"For example, different sealants may be applied to a pool deck and a driveway at the same house," he said. "The pool deck is a candidate for a non film-forming sealant that has no impact on slip and skid resistance. Also, today's popular salt water pools can be corrosive to decking, creating the need for a water repellent sealant to protect the surface integrity of the pavers. On the driveway, you may want to use an oil resistant protective sealant making clean up of messy engine oil drippings easy. And in both cases, the sealant can be color enhancing, enriching the colors of your pavers, or invisible.

"Whatever the application, an appropriate sealant can help decorative hardscape materials look their best and keep them looking great for years," DeMarchi said. More information on sealant technology can be found at www.techniseal.com.

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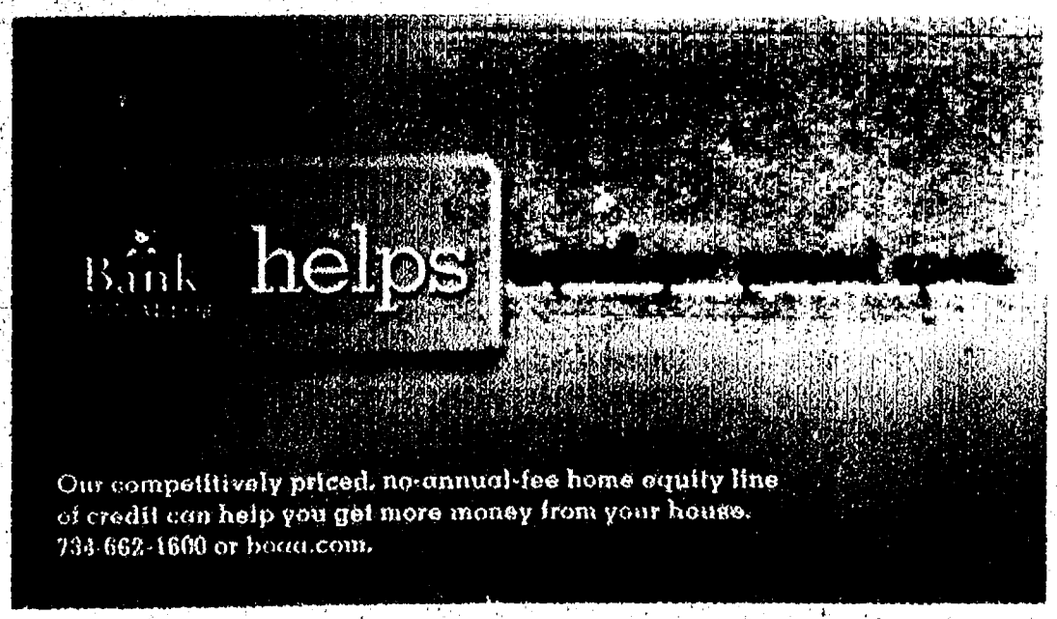

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Tips for first-time do-it-yourselfers

As if they weren't already growing in popularity, do-it-yourself home improvement projects are likely to become even more popular as homeowners continue to cope with the sagging economy.

While it's tempting and perfectly understandable for homeowners to seek ways to save while simultaneously looking to improve their homes, a do-it-yourself project can prove more work than expected for first-timers or even veterans. Those thinking of tackling projects themselves should consider the following tips.

• Establish a budget. A successful do-it-yourself project may cost you less than hiring a contractor simply because you won't be paying for labor. However, a project can quickly spiral out of control, negating or minimizing the advantages of doing the project yourself.

Establish a budget beforehand and stick to it. The longer a project takes, the more likely it is you'll spend money. So consider how much time you have available when establishing a budget.

• Embrace reality. While the idea of saving money in the current economic climate is tempting, homeowners shouldn't fall in love with the idea of doing their own home improvements if they've never even lifted a hammer and nail before.

Though some projects are beginner-friendly, others are best left to the professionals. Overestimating your abilities and starting a project you can't possibly finish could end up costing you significantly more time and money than simply hiring a contractor in the first place.

• Enlist some friends or family. Though it might be feasible for a lone individual to tackle a smaller project, it's a good idea to enlist the help of a friend or family member when undertaking a larger project. Most professional contractors are accompanied by at least one assistant when working on a larger project, and there's no reason for a do-it-yourselfer to assume he or she can handle a medium- or large-sized project all by himself or herself. Whether it's for safety reasons or for quality control, having a helping hand available is a good idea.

• Clear the project with your local officials first. One of the benefits to hiring a contractor is that a contractor will know how to handle any potential red tape with respect to local zoning laws and any other possible restrictions. However, more than one do-it-yourselfer has faced a trial by fire when attempting to undertake a home improvement project.

Rather than learning what you can and can't do on your property as you go along, contact your local zoning board or even a local contractor and seek advice on what you'll need to do legally to make sure your project goes off without a hitch.

• Put safety first. When watching a contractor work on a project, the ease with which many work has a tendency to mask the preparation and safety measures they take before they even hammer their first nail. For a do-it-yourselfer, safety should be paramount. Make sure all possible precautions are taken, and don't put too much pressure on yourself to get a job done quickly. While it's important to have a project schedule, don't take safety risks to make sure those scheduling goals are met.

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Quartz adds elegance

Outdated cabinets, faded countertops, tired appliances, stained flooring and tiles. Does this remind you of your kitchen? If you have not remodeled your kitchen in years, then the answer is probably a disheartened yes. But is it time for a complete kitchen makeover, or just a facelift?

The answer depends on your budget. The bad news is that a total renovation project can be very costly. The good news is that you can replace your countertops and feel as though you have a brand new kitchen.

That's because your countertop is your most visible source of color in the kitchen. If your cabinets are white or wood, then what immediately catches your eye is the surface you use the most, your countertop.

Countertops are no longer merely a work surface, but a key element in the design and luxury of your home. Much like the clothes we wear, the fashion statement of the environment we live in can either reaffirm the latest colors and styles or

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showcase the looks of the past. If your current countertops are dusty rose or lime green, you are long overdue for something new.

If you look at what's available, you will be amazed at the selection not only of colors but textures and finishes, as well. The primary goal now is to find a durable, stain-resistant and easy-to-clean surface that also will bring style, elegance and beauty to your kitchen.

For the past few years, the fastest growing category of premium countertops, and the one with the most allure, has been quartz because it provides the best balance of beauty, durability and style.

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Consider projects that kick up your home's value

Change the siding? Add new shrubbery? Replace the cracked sidewalk? When it comes time to enhance the curb appeal of your home, there are a multitude of improvement projects you can consider — but which ones will add the highest resale value to your home?

According to many experts, homeowners should think big and invest in projects that make a significant impact on the exterior of your home. Adding window flower pots or garden flags are a nice touch, but they don't add lasting value to a home. To enhance your enjoyment while living in your home, and to add resale value when you decide to sell your house, consider projects that impressively kick up the overall value of your home overall. Some tips to accomplish this goal include:

When it comes time to enhance the curb appeal of your home, there are a multitude of improvement projects you can consider — but which ones will add the highest resale value to your home?

• Create a bay or bow window on the front of your home. Take out a few side-by-side double hung windows and opt to replace them with a bay or bow window. These dramatic windows extend the living space on the interior of the home and create a new focal point for a house.

• Invest in a strong roof with a strong warranty. The roof is one of the most vulnerable areas of the home's structure, so when it's time to replace it, start with lots of research. Look for a low-maintenance roof that can withstand fire, high winds, impact, hail and severe weather.

• Enhance the entryway with brick panels. Set off the area surrounding the entry door with environmentally-friendly panelized brick product. Available from Performance Brick, these panels are made of recycled gypsum and reinforced with high-density polymer materials. The overlapping and interlocking panels install quickly to the exterior of the home and come in "no repeat patterns" to assure a one-of-a-kind look. The decorative panels come in cabernet red, Darlington rose, Manchester brown and pearl grey color options along with a custom color match system.

• Add decorative millwork around windows and doors. Trimless doors and windows equate to a boring home exterior. By investing in low-maintenance urethane window crossheads that sit atop windows, and pilasters that travel vertically up the sides of doors, homeowners can embellish the exteriors of their homes. Small touches can go a long way. Fypon keystones added to the crossheads, or pediments added on top of the entry door, create stunning complements to the home's exterior.

• Replace a window with a decorative glass accent window. Select a front-facing window on your home's exterior that's in a hallway or guest bathroom and replace it with an artistic decorative glass window to add sparkle inside and outside the home. Sunlight entering through a Hy-Lite decorative glass window is transformed into colorful prisms of light. Considered "art for the walls," these windows feature a variety of clear and colored glass pieces and swirls accented by black or patina caming for added elegance.

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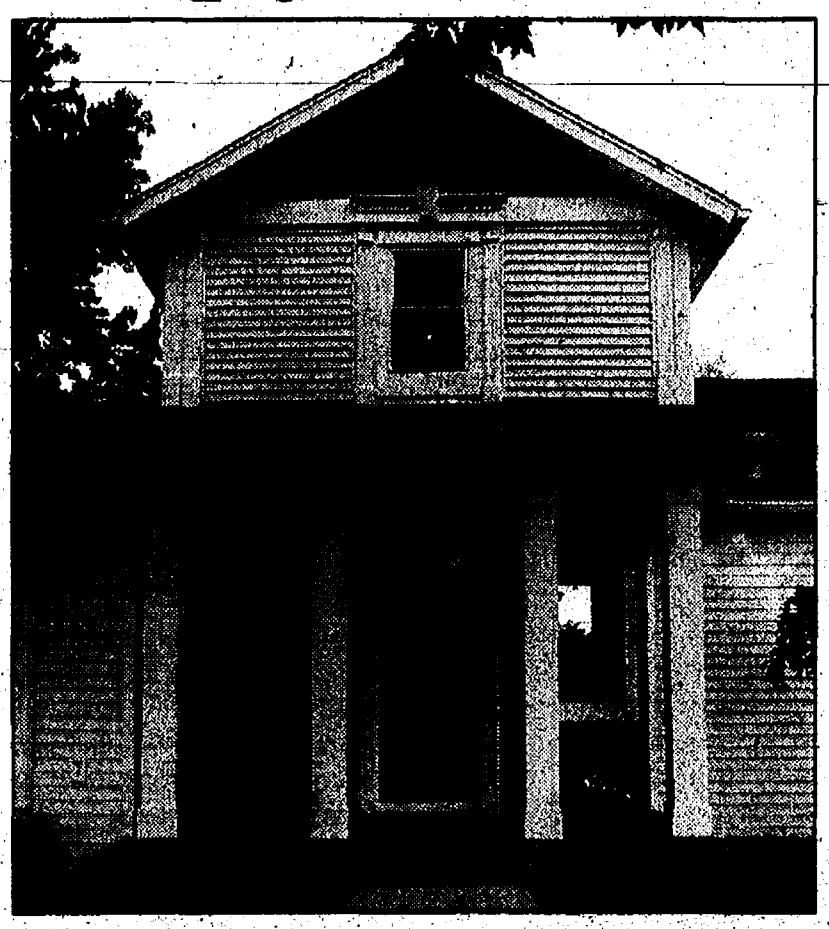

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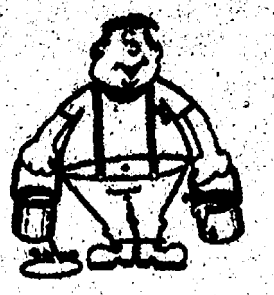

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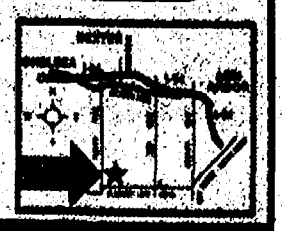

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Don't let spring thaw lead to a wet basement

Water from spring showers can lead to basement moisture problems. New homeowners may not even be safe from the water Mother Nature delivers each year.

The majority of homeowners' water seepage problems can be attributed to seasonal conditions. Rapid runoff and the frozen ground's inability to absorb the water leave only one place for the water to go — and, unfortunately, it's right through the walls. Typically, the spring and fall rainy seasons are peak times to experience water seepage.

Homeowners commonly associate water problems with expensive excavation and drainage. But, a waterproofing project can be completed for around $500 using a high-quality masonry waterproofing paint, such as Drylok Masonry Waterproofer by United Gilsonite Laboratories, a Scranton, Pa.-based manufacturer that has been helping homeowners safeguard against water seepage problems since 1957.

The first thing to remember when looking for a product to stop water seepage is that you need a waterproofer, not a watersealer. There are differences between the two. Watersealers only repel water, but will not stop actual water penetration. A product, such as Drylok Masonry Waterproofer penetrates the surface and bonds itself to the masonry to act as an integral barrier to stop water seepage. Ordinary paint merely adheres to the surface, and oncoming water pressure can force it off.

Here are the steps to take to address seepage and stop basement damage.

Find the Water Source

Homeowners must remember that a wet basement wall might be a symptom of a larger problem. Water may be coming from a variety of sources such as leaky downspouts or gutters, blocked drainage pipes, improper grading, or ruts that direct ground runoff toward foundations. Correcting these problems — combined with the application of a quality waterproofing paint — is the best way to prevent water on masonry surfaces.

Similarly, it is necessary to find out if seepage or condensation is the source behind wet walls. This can be determined by performing a simple test. Tape a 1-foot square piece of aluminum foil tightly to a dried interior basement wall. You can dry a small area to test with a cloth or hair dryer. Remove the foil after several days. If the room side is wet, the problem is condensation and a dehumidifier should be used. If the wall side of the foil is wet, there is seepage. Remember that both problems can occur at the same time.

Once you determine your problem, there are two main parts of any waterproofing job: Surface preparation and application of the waterproofer itself.

Surface Preparation

As in any painting job, surface preparation is a critical step. Loose or broken mortar, dirt, dust and other foreign matter always should be removed before putting on a new coat of paint.

Before applying the waterproofer, clean the surface thoroughly. Waterproofing paint works best when applied to a clean, bare masonry surface. It may be applied on a slightly damp surface, but best results are obtained when applied over a dry surface.

To determine if the wall is too wet to paint, try this simple test: Rub your fingertips over the surface you want to paint. If your fingertips are wet, do not paint the surface. Wait 48 hours and repeat the test. For best results, wait for a dry spell.

Remove old paint by wire-brushing, sandblasting or another suitable means. The worst enemy for any masonry paint is efflorescence, or white, crystal-like salt deposits that prevent a waterproofer from adhering to a surface. Muriatic acid or a product like Drylok Etch should be used to rid the surface of efflorescence. Holes should be patched with a hydraulic cement.

A common area that may be overlooked as a source of water seepage is the floor/wall joint. Typically, when concrete floors cure, they shrink and pull away from the wall, allowing a space for water to enter. That's why it's necessary to seal all gaps between floor and walls with a fast-drying cement, such as Drylok Fast Plug. Clean the area and wash with water prior to sealing.

Applying the Waterproofer

Now, you're ready to apply waterproofer to your basement walls. For best results, apply the first coat with a nylon or polyester bristle brush. The second coat can be applied with a brush or masonry roller. Work the paint thoroughly into the pores of the masonry. For optimum bonding, apply to a dry surface.

Follow directions for application carefully. If the area you covered is more than the recommendation on the label, you're spreading the paint too thin. Two coats are usually sufficient to stop seepage. However, if seepage is still present after several days, an additional coat may be necessary.

Open windows and use a non-sparking exhaust fan to provide adequate ventilation when applying a waterproofer in closed areas. In places, where good cross-ventilation is not possible, or if you are sensitive to solvent odors, the experts at UGL recommend using a latex-based product, such as Latex Base Drylok or Drylok Extreme. Remember to read the label of the product thoroughly for application and ventilation requirements.

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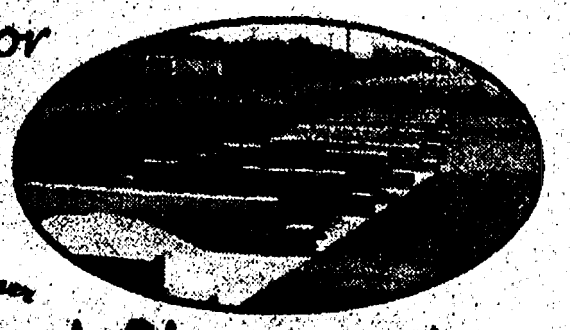
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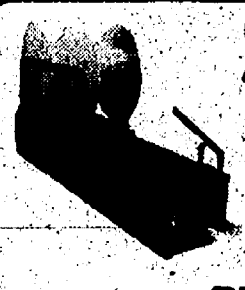

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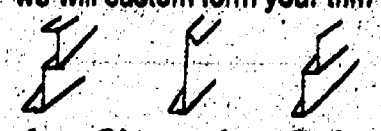

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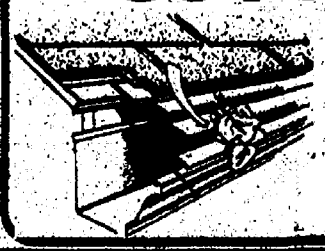

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Shop for foods that can help lower cholesterol

According to American Heart Association estimates, 106.7 million adults in the United States live with a total blood cholesterol value of 200 mg/dL and higher. Of those, about 37.2 million have levels of 240 or above.

By now, it is well known that high cholesterol levels can lead to heart disease, heart attacks and stroke. However, many people are still in the dark about how they can conquer cholesterol.

Diet and heredity play key roles in cholesterol levels. While it's relatively impossible to change what you've inherited from a long line of relatives before you, you do have control over what foods you eat -- especially those that can help lower cholesterol in a natural, drug-free way.

• Enjoy oatmeal and other fiber-rich foods: Oat bran and rice bran have been shown to moderately reduce cholesterol levels. But results require a healthy helping each and every day (approximately 3 packets of instant oatmeal) to see marked results. Still, fiber is good for the body in other ways, and every little bit helps in the fight against cholesterol.

• Consume five servings of fruits and vegetables daily: Fruits and vegetables are high in antioxidants, which in general are good for fending off diseases in the body. Filling up on healthy foods may also fend off cravings for less healthy foods that may be high in saturated fat -- a contributor to cholesterol.

• Choose legumes several times a week: Replace the animal protein in your diet (meat and poultry) with plant protein. Beans are a good source of protein and fiber and can make for filling meals. Soy products are also effective for keeping cholesterol in check. Try replacing a few foods here and there with soy-based products.

• Go for garlic: Research indicates that compounds in garlic help to staunch production of cholesterol in the liver. It works in much the same way as some of the prescription cholesterol-lowering drugs. Raw and cooked garlic have similar effects. So choose garlic to flavor foods for an added health benefit.

• Get the benefits of blueberries: Studies show that a compound in blueberries (pterostilbene) may help lower cholesterol as effectively as commercial drugs, with fewer side effects.

• Factor in good fats: Not all fats out there are bad. Omega-3 essential fatty acids can help raise levels of "good" cholesterol, or HDL. Good fat foods include olive oil, avocados, olives and some nuts.

• Pour a glass of pomegranate juice: This tart treat is full of antioxidants and has been touted for years as a sound choice for improving health. A National Academy of Sciences study showed that pomegranate juice reduces cholesterol plaque buildup by increasing nitric oxide production.

• Grab some yogurt with live active cultures:. Yogurt may help to prevent reabsorption of cholesterol back into the blood stream.

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Stay on track by spicing up workout routine

At the dawn of a new year, many people resolve to get back in shape, eat better, reduce stress at the office and at home, and quit smoking. Unfortunately, as anyone who has ever made a New Year's resolution knows, sticking to these resolutions is often not easy and many resolutions end up an afterthought by the end of January.

The common thread among many resolutions is the notion of getting healthier. Many individuals fail to make it a month before being tossing aside resolutions, which means lots of people are, in essence, tossing aside their health as well. Such a trend is a frightening prospect when considering the effects of regular physical activity on health and disease. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, physical activity has a direct impact on mortality rates in two notable ways:

1. Higher levels of regular physical activity are associated with lower mortality rates for both older and younger adults.

2. Even those who are moderately active on a regular basis have lower mortality rates than those who are least active.

The first point illustrates that regular exercise can increase life expectancy (not to mention quality of life), while the second illustrates that even moderate exercise can as well. From that perspective, don't be so quick to give up on fitness — any kind of fitness. It's never too late to reap the benefits of exercise. Though the midway point of the year might have come and gone, it's not too late to make your New Year's resolution a reality. For those looking to get back into shape, consider the following tips before beginning.

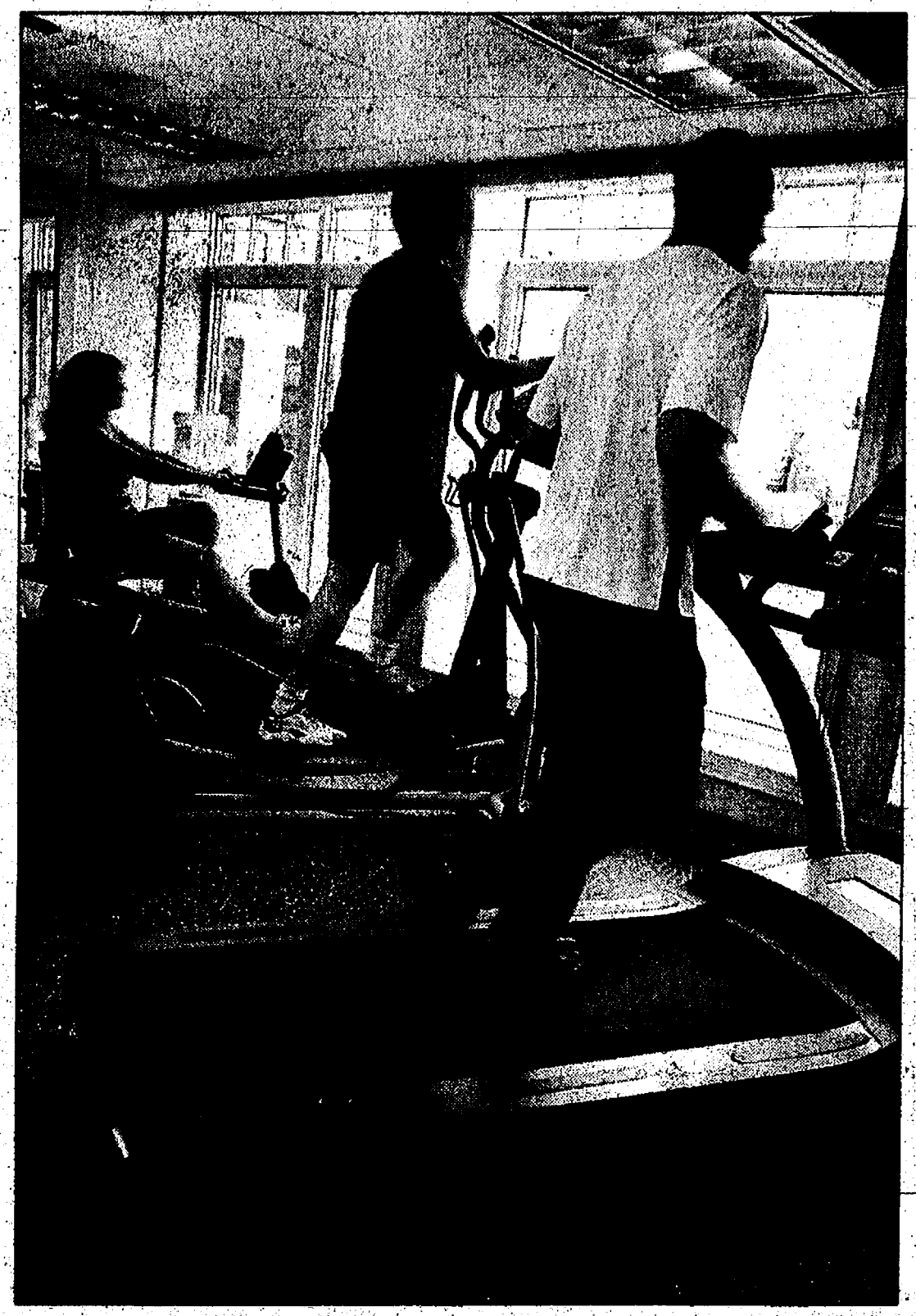
Be committed: If you made a resolution earlier this year but didn't stick with it, don't make the same mistake again. Getting back in shape takes time and results won't show up immediately. However, once you've committed, each day begins to grow a little easier than the one before.

A big part of staying committed is setting realistic, attainable goals. Someone who wants to lose 50 pounds in three weeks, for example, won't stay committed because that's an impossible goal to reach. Once the three weeks are over, and you haven't dropped anywhere near 50 pounds, you'll give up.

Begin with a realistic goal that promotes commitment, such as making it to a gym five days per week. If you reach that goal in your first week, you'll want to do it again, and you can then set new goals once you've established a routine.

Find a motivating factor: Proper motivation is also key to sticking to a fitness program. If you have young children, they can be a great motivator, ones for whom you set the example of good fitness. Other people are motivated by getting in beach shape. While that can be great to get you through the winter, once summer is over and there are no more beach visits on the horizon, the temptation to revert back to unhealthy behavior might be too strong to resist. A motivating factor should be something that keeps you going all year long.

Spice things up: Another reason many people fail to realize their fitness resolutions is they find their program too monotonous and eventually stray away from it. But exercise should be something you enjoy, and your program isn't etched in stone. If your cardiovascular exercise includes daily jogs on the treadmill, change it up to include a jog in the park once or twice a week. If you find your workout unenjoyable, consult a trainer and discuss your goals before working on a new regimen that's likely to keep your interest more.



Diet soda not the right path to weight loss

Those who regularly drink diet soft drinks may not lose weight. In fact, they may gain more weight for every diet drink they consume.

After collecting eight years of data, Sharon P. Fowler and colleagues at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio reported in 2005 that diet soft drinks may do more harm than good. Fowler discovered that the overweight risk soars 41 percent with each daily can of diet soft drink. That isn't to say that diet sodas and such actually cause obesity, but they may be a contributing factor.

There are some theories behind why diet sodas may trigger weight gain. First and foremost is the human factor. Many times people drinking diet sodas believe they can get away with eating higher calorie foods because of all the calories they "save" by drinking diet sodas. There are actually those who regularly order high calorie fast food and then round out the meal with a diet soda. Some wonder, "what's the point?" While beverages do contribute to overall caloric intake, the drinking of diet soda does not negate the amount of fat and calories that a poor food choice would bring to the table. The result may actually be over-indulgence.

There is another factor in the diet soda/obesity connection. The body may actually be smarter than one gives it credit for. Upon drinking a sweetened diet beverage the body tastes the sweetness and thinks there are calories that will be coming with it. When there are no such calories, the body becomes confused and actually starts to crave even more calories to overcompensate.

Fowler offers proof to this idea. In a recent study, the feeding of artificial sweeteners to rat pups made them crave more calories than animals fed real sugar. So it stands that diet sodas with artificial sweeteners may actually boost appetite and make a person crave foods that aren't quite healthy. The better idea for individuals is to just consume a sugared beverage, or better yet, opt for a tall glass of water instead.

Chiropractic can improve overall health

By Dana Andrews
Special Writer.

The world as it stands right now is a very stressful place for many people to live in.

People are at a point when insurance is hard to afford, but you can't afford to get sick without insurance either. Many people are in careers and doing jobs that are unfulfilling just to collect a check. Many people are caring for their sick parents. Many parents are caring for their sick children. Many children are not being given the chance be productive in life because they are labeled or not cared for properly from birth.

What is the problem? We all know the problems. We see them every day. We should want to be educated on solutions.

Everyone wants to lead a happy and healthy life, but few are willing to work for it. The most discouraging part of all of this is that the average person doesn't know what health is. There is hope.

Unfortunately, from birth, people have been sold a bill of good that says that health is a feeling. They have been told that if you feel good, you are healthy. This is why many people feel great until they are diagnosed with cancer. Many people brag to me about how healthy they are even when I have them list the number of medications they are on, which sometimes total more than 10, 15 or even 20.

The concern is not so much that people are getting on drug regimens; my concern is that people are not getting off of them. If people are healing and getting better, wouldn't the need for the medication decrease?

The reality is that people ignore their own health for years and sometimes decades until things start to really head south. At this point the body is in some sort of emergency condition. This is when people are put on medications to save their life. These drugs usually keep the heart pumping while the person decides what they want to do with their life. This is an important time because people can keep doing the same things that got them into the mess that they are in, or they need to start making changes. What if people could learn to be healthy?

Dana Andrews

What if people could learn to make healthy decisions throughout their entire life so that there is not a break down in function causing sickness and disease?

Here is where the solution of your problems begins

Step 1: Knowing what True Health really is.

"Dorland's Medical Dictionary," defines health as "a relative state in which one is able to function well physically, mentally, socially and spiritually in order to express the full range of one's unique potentialities within the environment in which one is living. Current views of health and illness recognize health as more than the absence of disease.

Realizing that humans are dynamic beings whose state of health can change from day to day or even from hour to hour. Most authorities feel it is better to think of each person as being on a graduated scale or continuum ranging from obvious dire illness through the absence of evident disease to a state of optimal functioning in every aspect of one's life."

When you understand that health is an optimum state and every decision you make takes you closer and further from your goal, you begin to take all the fear, chance and mysticism out of health and empower yourself to take responsibility for your health physically, mentally, socially and spiritually.

Step 2: Chiropractic

This is a health care area that is designed to remove interferences in the nerve system and balance the function of the body on every level so that it is able to heal and move towards health.

Millions of people have been positively impacted by chiropractic care. I personally have had patients come in for neck pain, back pain, headaches, etc., but have left my office eventually without a liver tumor, with bowel function, with bladder control, with normal blood pressure, without seizures, without vertigo, without migraines, without a need for medications, no anxiety and the list goes on and on.

Chiropractic does not treat diseases or symptoms, but as the body gets healthier these problems usually fade away into the past. If you are tired of living with a label and you want to get past it and get back to doing all the things that you have always wanted to do, make an appointment and get your nerve system working for you again.

The only cure for anything is becoming healthy. The only disease in the world is lack of health. It is possible to be a healthy baby who grows up to be a healthy adult, but it all depends on the decisions that a person makes throughout life. Being under specific chiropractic care will be the best decision you ever made.

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Regular meals can help with weight loss

Optimal health is the goal for most people, but even the biggest of exercise buffs would likely admit there's room for improvement.

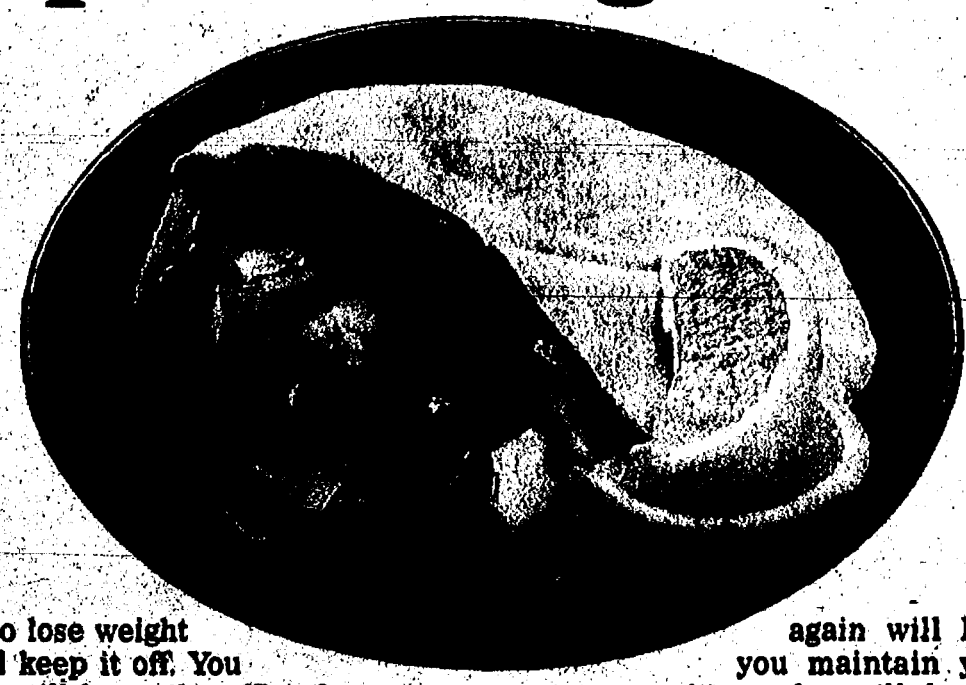
Much of that room for improvement lies in what we eat. Diet and exercise go hand in hand, so even if you spend ample time at the gym, you might not be as healthy as you think if you're not combining those workouts with a proper diet. While this can seem like a lifestyle overhaul, eating healthier doesn't have to involve so much sweat and sacrifice. Below are some healthy eating tips that, when combined with exercise, can help you become both healthier and happier..

• Eat your fruits and veggies: Fruits are more than just great sources of vitamins, antioxidants and fiber. They also fill up your stomach fast, lessening the hunger pangs that many find overwhelming when adjusting their diets. And because fruits and veggies are low in calories, they'll fit nicely into a diet with people who are intent on counting their calories.

• Don't skip meals: Skipping meals is counterproductive and unhealthy to boot. Missing meals makes us hungrier, which increases the likelihood we'll overeat when we finally do eat a meal. Rather than skipping meals or sticking to the traditional three hearty meals per day, eating several smaller meals can be more beneficial. This helps balance the daily caloric intake better than three spread out meals.

• Reduce portions: Even if what you eat is healthy, how much you eat might not be. Consider a dish of whole-wheat pasta. That can make for a healthy dinner, but only if you stick to the serving size, which is usually 1/2 cup of cooked pasta for a single serving. Now, consider that a restaurant serving of pasta is typically 2 cups, which equals four servings. If you stick to recommended portions of healthy foods, you'll be fine. But larger portions, even of healthy foods, are not good for you.

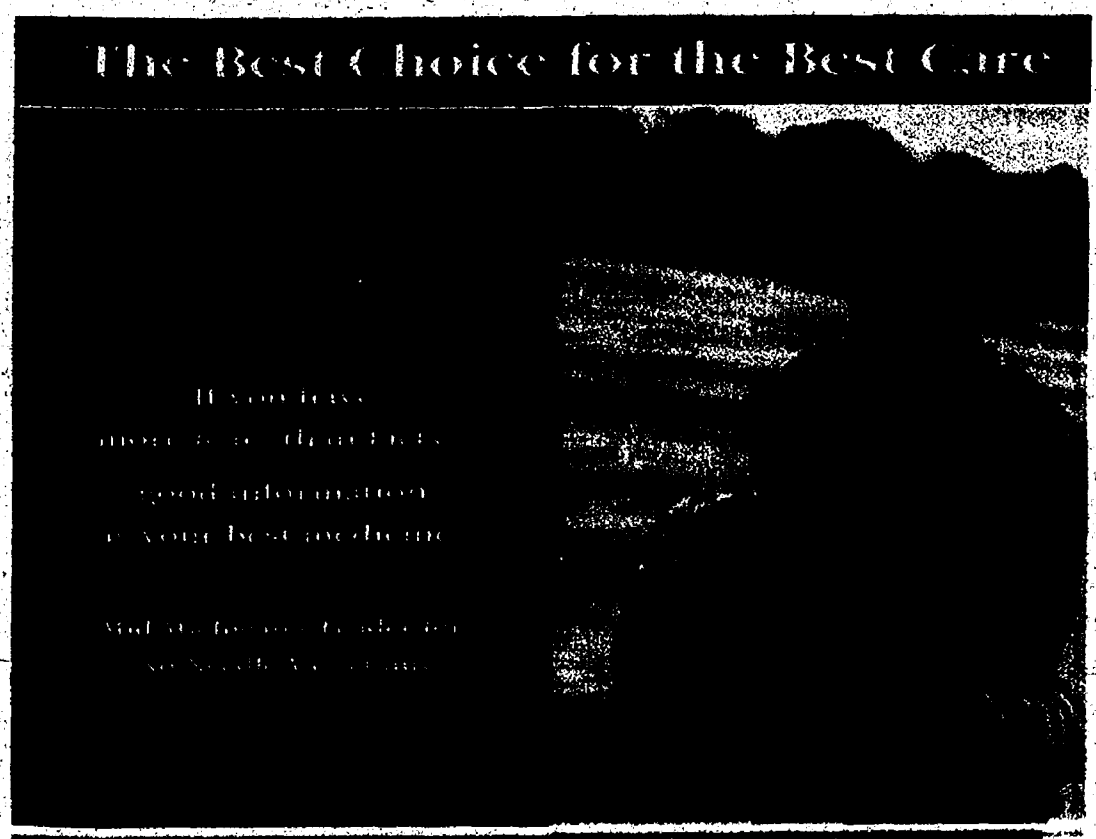
• Bring your lunch to work: Many people are fond of going out to lunch every day at work. Unfortunately, lunch is when many people eat packaged or processed foods, such as those sold at fast food restaurants. By simply bringing a healthy lunch to work every day, you're far more likely to lose weight and keep it off. You can still leave the office for lunch, but you'll be eating healthier and likely saving money as well.



Take it easy on yourself: Just because you're trying to eat healthier and possibly shed some extra pounds doesn't mean you have to live like a monk. If there's one special treat you especially like, such as an ice cream sundae or a hamburger, don't be afraid to indulge every so often.

While it shouldn't be a daily occurrence, a small treat every now and again will help you maintain your sanity, and you'll be far less likely to succumb to a dietary relapse.

It's not just what you eat, but what you drink as well. Dieting isn't just about food but beverages as well. Sugary drinks, such as sodas, coffees with cream and sugar, tea with sugar, and some mixed alcoholic beverages, can have a negative impact on your every day diet. In lieu of such beverages, try a minimum of eight glasses of water per day.



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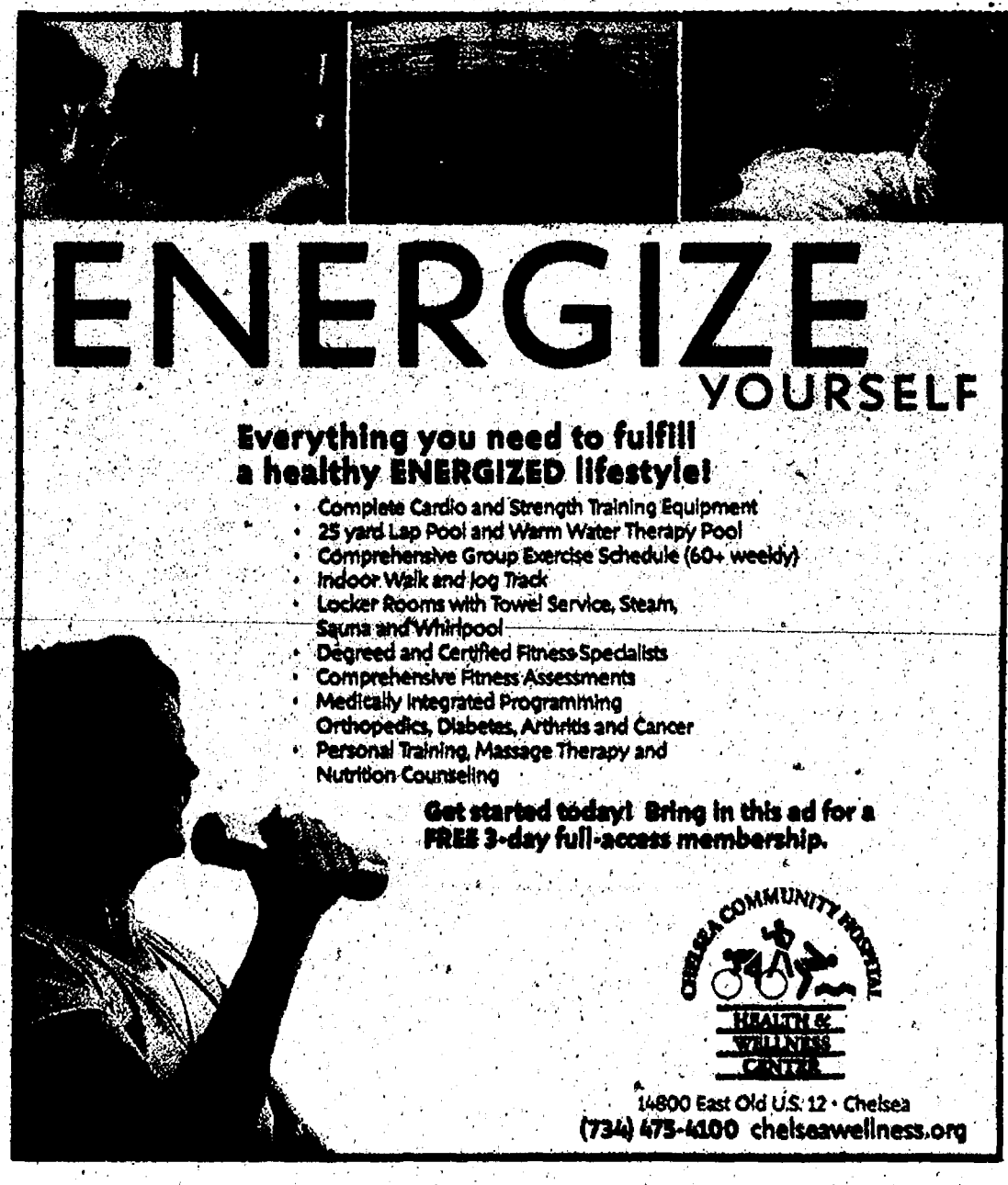

Simple recipes can help make living with cancer easier

According to the Prostate Cancer Foundation, more than 186,000 men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer this year. When diagnosed, men must make several difficult decisions, including some pertaining to personal diet and lifestyle.

But diagnosis isn't the only time men concerned about prostate cancer should begin making decisions regarding diet and lifestyle. In fact, the PCF notes that recent research has shown that diet modification might decrease the chances of developing prostate cancer. For men who have already been diagnosed, diet modification has also proven effective in reducing the likelihood of a recurrence or to help slow the progression of the disease.

Making more men aware of diet changes was the goal of David Ricketts, an experienced cookbook author who also happens to be a prostate cancer survivor. In his "Eat to Beat Prostate Cancer Cookbook," Ricketts presents more than 200 healthy recipes, including foods thought to fight prostate cancer and recipes eliminating those believed to contribute to the disease.

The following recipe for "Rotelle with Sausage and Red Bell Pepper" will not only please the palate, but might help fight prostate cancer in the process.

ROTELLE WITH SAUSAGE AND RED BELL PEPPER

Serves 8

1 tbsp olive oil
2 medium-size onions, thinly sliced
3 large red bell peppers, cored, seeded, and thinly sliced
2 cloves garlic, finely chopped
1 tsp dried basil, crumbled
1/2 pound Italian-style soy sausage links, sliced
1/2 cup pitted black olives, coarsely chopped
1 tbsp balsamic vinegar
1/4 tsp salt
1/4 tsp black pepper
1 pound whole wheat rotelle or farfalle
Grated Parmesan-style soy cheese, for serving

In a large nonstick skillet, heat oil over medium-high heat. Add onions and cook, stirring frequently, until softened and lightly golden, about 5 minutes. Add bell peppers, garlic and basil, and cook, stirring occasionally for 5 minutes. Add sausage and cook, stirring, until peppers are very tender, about 10 minutes. Remove the skillet from heat. Stir in olives, vinegar, salt and pepper.

Meanwhile, in a large pot of lightly salted boiling water, cook pasta according to package directions. Drain, reserving 1/4 cup cooking water.

Return pasta to the pot, along with the reserved cooking water and sausage mixture, and toss to combine. Serve with grated Parmesan cheese on the side.

Serving suggestion: In a large salad bowl, toss together a variety of greens, or try one of the prepackaged organic greens combos, drizzled with a little vinegar and oil and topped with toasted sliced almonds or toasted chopped Brazil nuts.

Make-ahead tip: Pepper and sausage sauce can be prepared a day ahead and refrigerated. Gently reheat in a saucepan, adding a little water if mixture seems too dry.

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Bladder problems can be treatable over time

It's not every day we wake up and say, "Hey, I really haven't been paying attention to my bladder health, I wonder how it's doing?" It tends to be human nature that generally what is out of sight is out of mind.

As we age, we may notice a new wrinkle when looking in the mirror, or realize when stepping on the scale that we have gained a couple of pounds from a slower metabolism. But we tend to forget about the less visible health effects of aging until something doesn't feel quite right.

Aging brings with it a host of positive changes. We are wiser, more experienced, and generally more financially secure in our places in life. But there are some downsides of aging as well. Systems of the body may show a little wear and tear after many years of reliable service. We slowly notice an ache here, a pain there.

Perhaps we're not as limber or fast as we once were. Maybe things that worked well before aren't working just right anymore. Wouldn't it be nice to drive ourselves to the mechanic and get a "tune up"?

The cost and emotional impact of bladder control problems

One area that individuals seldom consider as they age until something goes awry is bladder health. It can be one part of the body that shows some deterioration over time – although bladder conditions are not exclusive to seniors.

Certain symptoms may be indicative of bladder dysfunctions, including increased urgency to use the bathroom, urine leakage and multiple trips at night to the bathroom. Bladder problems can cause a person to feel older beyond his or her real years, partly because of the assumed lack of control a person has over the situation. But that doesn't have to be the case any longer. With bladder health, fast action can mean faster relief and cost savings.

It is estimated that billions of dollars are spent each year in the United States to diagnose, treat and rehabilitate patients with urinary incontinence and other effects of bladder conditions. Medicines are often a first line of defense, but many of the popular overactive bladder and UI drugs can cause side effects from constipation and dry mouth, to more troublesome ones like cognitive trouble and memory loss.

Frequent trips to the doctor or pharmacy and the purchase of hygiene pads can quickly add up to a lot of money, not to mention added stress. Bladder conditions that aren't remedied can lead to a loss of sleep from frequent trips to the bathroom, irritability, embarrassment and a feeling of hopelessness.

Natural solutions for bladder control

At the onset of any symptoms you should develop a plan to improve your health and wellbeing. Don't feel you are alone about the situation. Millions of people in this country suffer from incontinence or have experienced a bladder condition at one point in their lives. Many women have already taken action to use a natural remedy — BetterWOMAN — to improve bladder control as well as aging related health and wellbeing.

BetterWOMAN is the first clinically tested all natural Chinese herbal supplement proven to improve bladder control. Reduced urinary leakage and urgency, as well as reduced urination, have been documented. The supplement is also appropriate for women of all ages, boosting overall health as well as addressing urinary incontinence. In addition to improved bladder health, some women taking the supplements have reported increased energy and vitality, as well as improved sexual desire.

"I used to spend $80 a month on incontinence medications plus pads. The side effects of the medications caused such a bad dry mouth that my dentist told me my dental decay would become worse and worse due to dry mouth. I found BetterWOMAN much less expensive and more effective for my bladder control, with no side effects," Deborah Feora said.

BetterWOMAN is doctor and pharmacist recommended. It works well even for women with multiple sclerosis for their bladder control. Best of all, it is all natural with no side effects, and much less costly than medications.

Other options for better bladder control

While you're on the road to feeling better and younger, try these other strategies for improved bladder health:

* Smoking has been linked to bladder cancer. If you're a smoker, one of the healthiest things you can do for yourself is begin a smoking cessation program today.

* Kegel exercises work the muscles of your bladder. When urinating, stop and start the flow of urine -- those are the muscles you want to focus upon. During the day, do several repetitions of Kegels to strengthen your pelvic floor.

* Use the bathroom regularly; do not hold in urine excessively. A full, distended bladder for long periods of time could cause a stretching of the bladder muscle, thus leading to a more floppy bladder, which cannot contract as well as before being stretched.

* Eat healthy foods and drink plenty of water. The best way to look and feel good is to nourish the body from the inside out.

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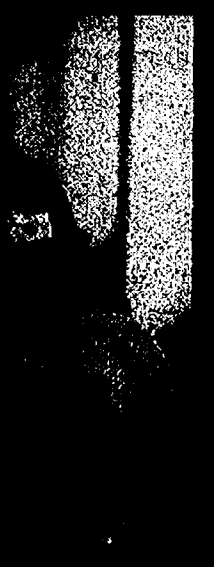

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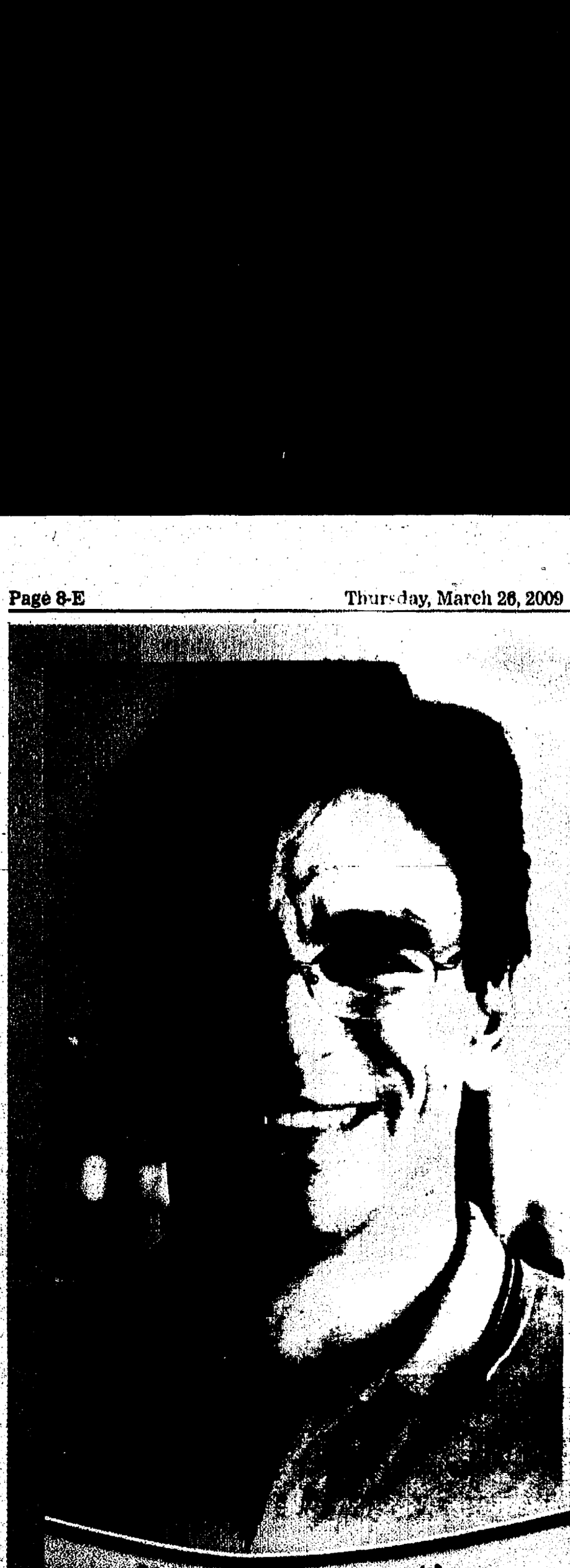

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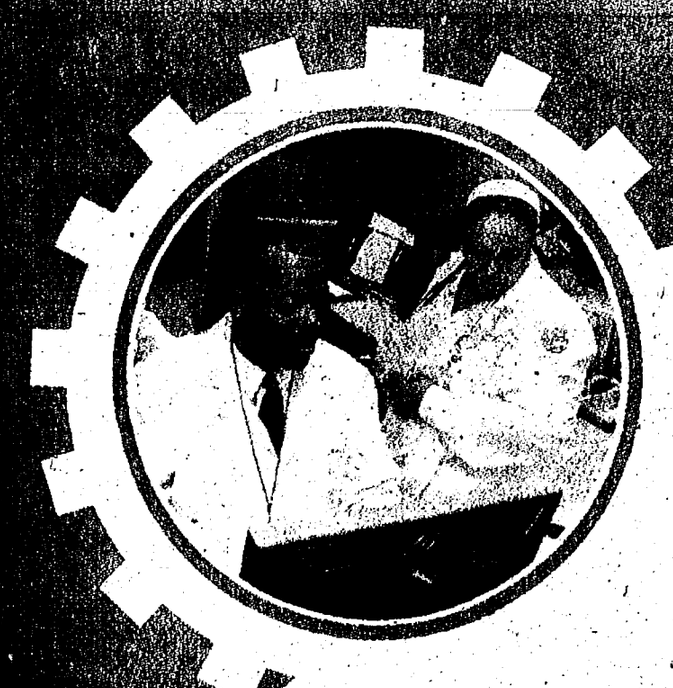

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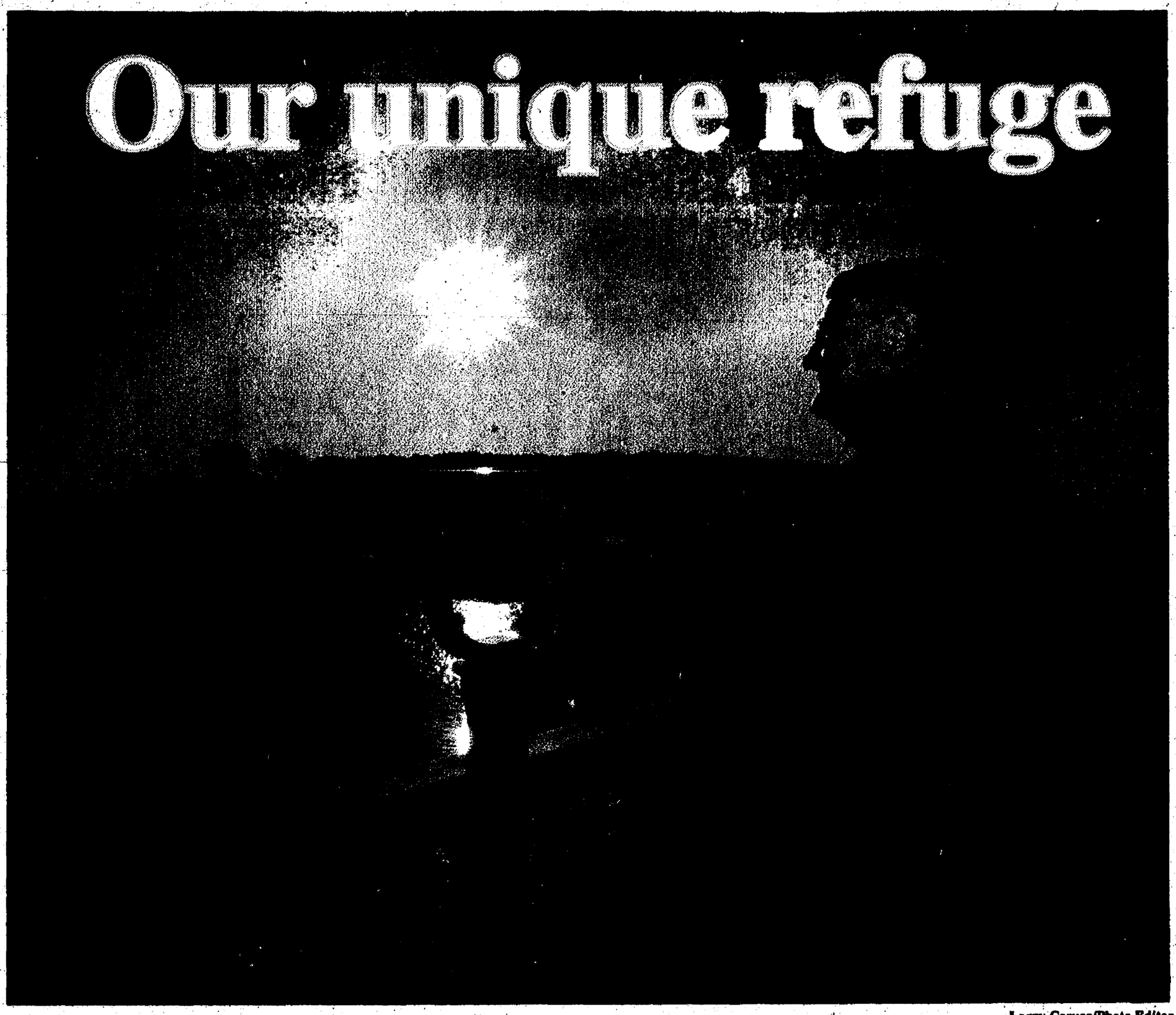
The Environment

Downriver's wildlife refuge is the only one in the country

By Francesca Chilargi
The News-Herald



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Looking over the Detroit River are Ron Welch of Wyandotte (right) and Bill Corbett of Brownstown Township, standing at Welch's boathouse in Wyandotte. Both men grew up on the river, fishing and hunting. They believe the Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge protects and pre-serves the environment while allowing wild-game hunters to continue with their hobbies.

The Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge is one of a kind in the country — and it now is an integral part of the Downriver landscape.

Since the refuge's birth in 2001 through an act of Congress, its wildlife and habitat have been protected from pollution and destruction.

The refuge connects waterways from the Huron River to western Lake Erie and the Detroit River. It encompasses islands, coastal wetlands, marshes, shoals and waterfront lands along 48 miles of Detroit River and western Lake Erie shoreline.

And its unique location is in a heavily populated and industrial metropolitan area.

The boundary of the refuge extends from the confluence of the Rouge and Detroit rivers to the Ohio state line in the western basin of Lake Erie.

"The Detroit River has a long history of environmental problems like massive, winter duck kills due to oil pollution in the 1960s and 1970s, the 'Mercury Crisis' of 1970, loss of 97 percent of its coastal wetlands and suburban sprawl," said John Hartig, the refuge manager.

Because of the environmental turmoil during those years, many adversarial relationships were spawned among governments, businesses and area residents, Hartig said.

In the past 10 years, the relationship among those institutions and individuals has changed.

"It is no longer perceived as environment or development, but is now understood by most that healthy economies and communities need healthy environments," Hartig said.

What's vital now is preserving habitat, open spaces and wildlife, all of which correlate to enhancing the quality of life, he said.

The refuge is attracting international attention for its private-public partnerships cultivated for "conservation, sustainability and close-to-home outdoor recreation," Hartig said.

Bill Corbett, 59, of Brownstown Township, vividly recalls a much different waterway from when he was growing up in Wyandotte.

Corbett was mainly a duck hunter on the Detroit River, as well as a fishing enthusiast since the age of 4. He still fishes today, but he quit hunting as he became older. Now, he carves hunting decoys.

There were times in the past, Corbett said, when the water turned red from the Great Lakes Steel pickler and the sewage Detroit dumped into the river during heavy storms when the system was at capacity.

"When I grew up, as kids we always fished on the Canadian side of the river because it was cleaner," Corbett said. "Through the years, it did clean up when the federal government passed the Clean Water Act; that got the ball rolling."

The federal government stepped in back in the 1970s after the Cuyahoga River in Ohio caught fire in 1969 because of the loads of oil and other debris that had been dumped into it, Corbett said.

The burning river near Cleveland prompted the federal government to pass the Clean Water Act legislation, he said.

Through the years, the federal government cleaned up the toxic contaminants and started setting mandates on municipalities.

"We had so much industry on the river, and back in the old days they didn't actually realize the damage they were causing in the river," Corbett said.

He views the refuge and the enhanced environment as a boon for the region.

"I think it's one of the best things for that river and for the future for young people," Corbett said.

Since the refuge was created in 2001, it has grown from approximately 300 acres to more than 5,100.

More expansion is planned, as there are proposals to increase the refuge on the U.S. side to 12,000 acres, and it could easily grow to 8,000 on the Canadian side, Hartig said. That would make it one of the most unique urban wildlife refuges across the globe.

U.S. Rep. John Dingell (D-15th District), who was a major proponent of the leg-islation that created the refuge, recalls walking the shores of the Detroit River with his late father, John, also a longtime member of Congress.

Dingell calls the refuge "one of the gems of Downriver."

"Not only does it set the region apart, but it also serves as an economic engine by bringing in green investment and ecotourism," he said.

When others think of Downriver, the hardworking residents come to mind, he said. But now, people also will think of the refuge and its opportunities.

The Detroit River and the refuge are idyllic for hunting, fishing, wildlife observation, photography, birding and environmental education, Dingell said.

As the refuge stands now, it is a source of community pride, Hartig said.

Because it not only uplifts the quality of life, it is instrumental in luring and retaining the next generation of employees while giving the region a competitive edge, he said.

The auto sector, such as AutoAlliance International in Flat Rock, has benefited from the refuge, Hartig said, as have other industries such chemical manufacturer BASF.

During these tiring and bleak economic times, the refuge has brought hope by "creating a conservation legacy for our children and grandchildren," he said.

While the economy continues hemorrhaging jobs, the refuge has built trails and an environmental education shelter at Humbug Marsh, along with other projects (see related story).

Refuge officials are continuing to work at bringing other developments to fruition at Humbug Marsh and other sections of the refuge.

The contributions the refuge has made include protecting the more than 5,100 acres of unique habitat and improving outdoor recreation and ecotourism.

Although many remember the former Black Lagoon in the Detroit River's Trenton Channel, it now is dubbed the Meyer-Elias Cove – a new distinction after the refuge

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More educational opportunities available this year

By Francesca Chilargi
The News-Herald

Many exciting and educational projects wrapped up last year and more are on tap for this year.

During 2008, The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and others created an "educational triangle' to promote environmental education and sustainability," said John Hartig, refuge manager of the Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge.

Those features included building a 32-foot-by-20-foot environmental education shelter, equipped with sky-lights and an enclosed stor-age space, at Humbug Marsh.

Handicap-access trails were constructed out of recycled crushed concrete from old North Gibraltar Road and rustic trails were built by volunteers using wood chips, Hartig said.

A stream crossing was built using recycled utility poles and handrails were made from dead ash trees.

The Humbug Complex falls under the Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge and was acquired in 2004. The complex comprises Humbug Island, Humbug Marsh and neighboring undeveloped upland habitats.

The complex has 410 acres of fish and wildlife habitats in Trenton and Gi-braltar. Humbug Marsh is the last mile of natural shoreline of U.S land along the Detroit River.

Another part of the work was a wetland boardwalk constructed out of recycled plastic decking.

An 85-foot utility pole and a bald eagle nesting plat-form that's in viewing sight from the wildlife observa-tion deck also now are part of Humbug Island.

A much-anticipated project also under way is the visitor center at Wayne County's Refuge Gateway.

The schematic and master plans have been completed and funds are being sought to build the center, which is expected to take two years.

"With economic uncertainties it may be four to five years before we see the visitor center," Hartig said. "In the meantime, we continue to move forward with projects at the Refuge Gateway consistent with the master and schematic plans."

One of those projects was building a pedestrian walking bridge between the Refuge Gateway and Humbug Marsh.

Designs for a boat dock and fishing pier at the Refuge Gateway are being done by Hamilton Anderson Associates. The work will be completed by summer.

Architectural and engineering renderings to restore the natural wetlands along the shoreline of the Refuge Gateway are being drafted by Pheasants Forever and JF New, Hartig said. That also is expected to be done by summer.

Coming up this year, Hartig said, Wayne County will bring Monguagon Creek from underground and build innovative storm water retention basins to restore the natural hydrology to the Monguagon Delta in Humbug Marsh.

Outdoor lovers also will be in for a treat when a trail becomes part of the Downriver Linked Greenways Initiative from North Gi-braltar Road and West Jefferson Avenue, heading north to where the Refuge Gateway will be built.

The trail will be a mile and a half long and will cost $800,000, which is being financed by the U.S. Department of Transportation.

Gibraltar will build an outdoor trail as well for the Greenways from Lake Erie Metropark through Gibraltar to Humbug Marsh.

The refuge additionally can be seen on the Detroit Heritage River Water Trail map, which highlights canoeing and kayaking.

It also collaborated on 30 soft shoreline engineering projects to benefit wildlife and people.

Officials are in the processing for formulating a visitor service plan for the refuge. Every wildlife refuge across the country – more than 500 - - addresses its mission, Hartig said.

This mission of this international refuge is to protect wildlife first, followed by the habitat, and then to develop recreation services such as hunting, fishing, photography and education.

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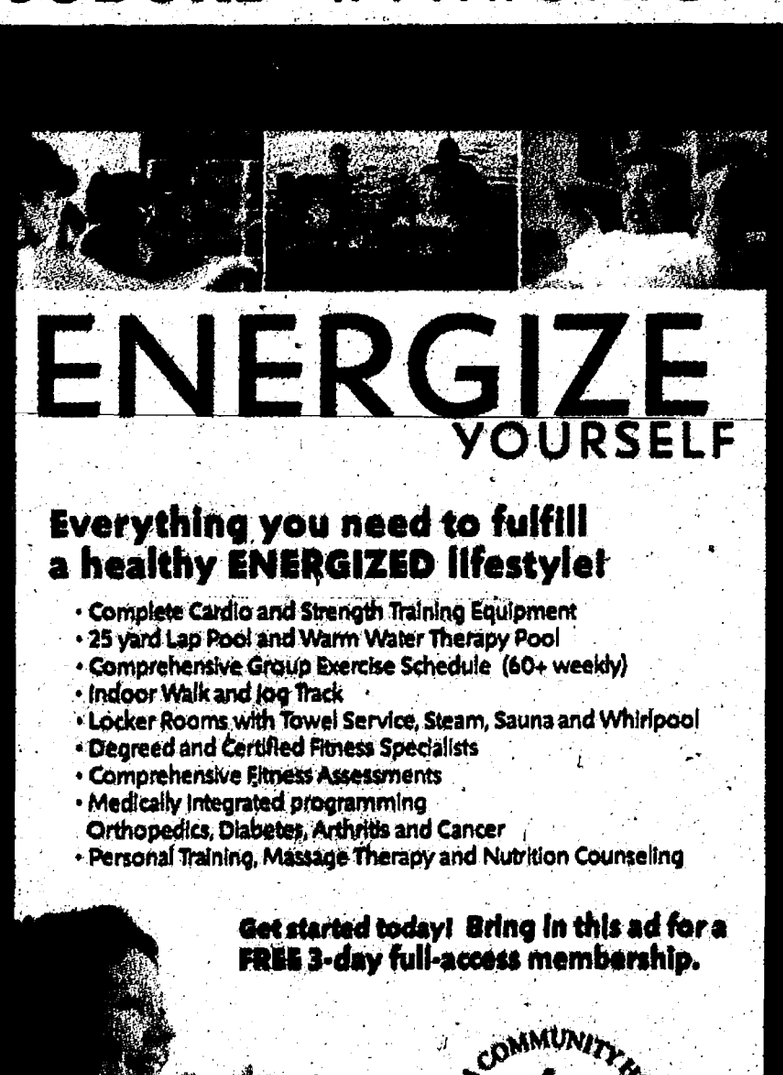

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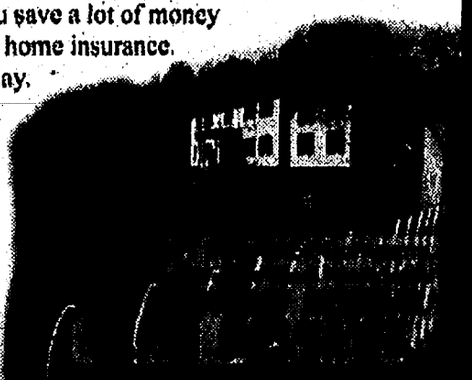

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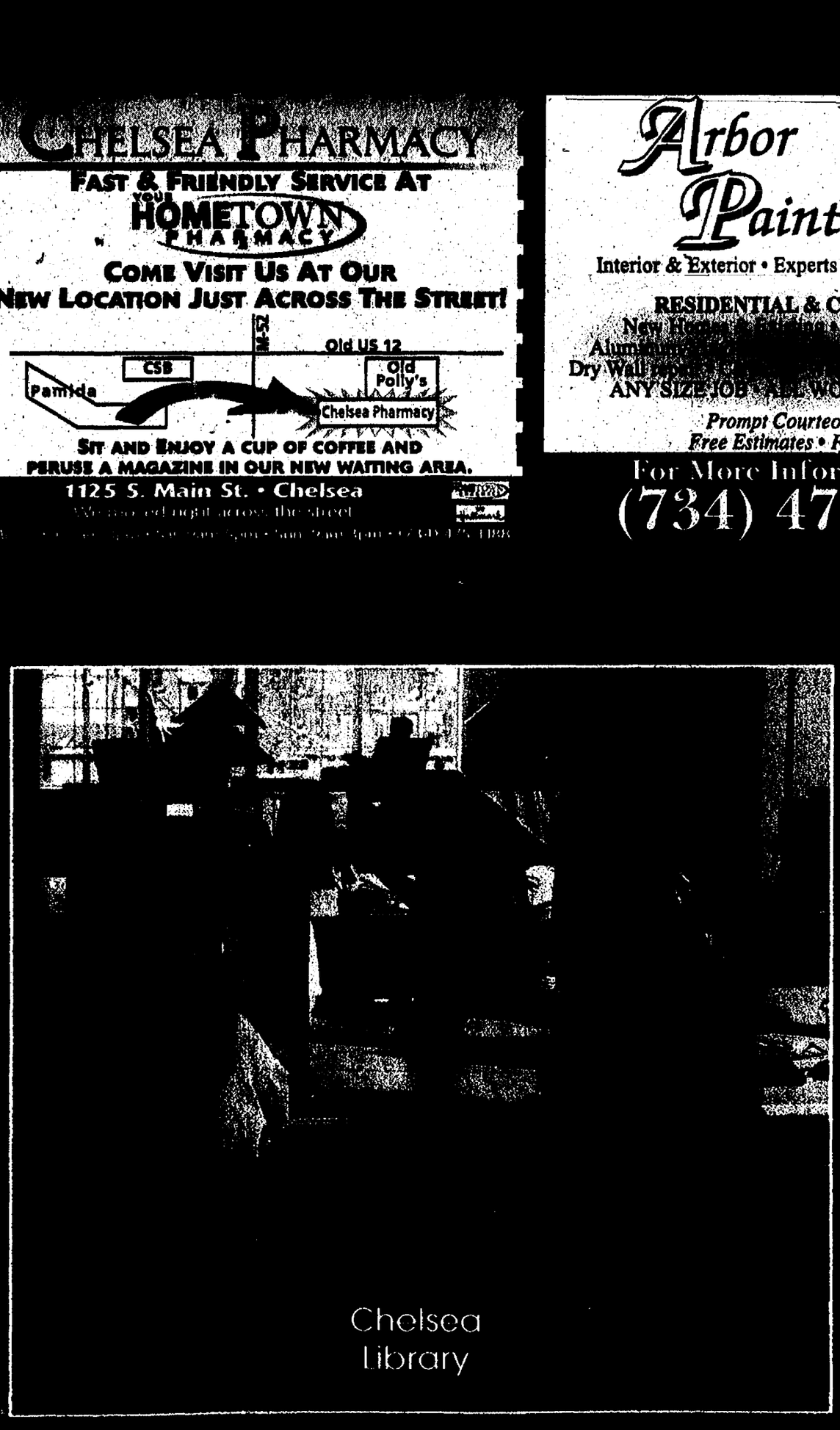

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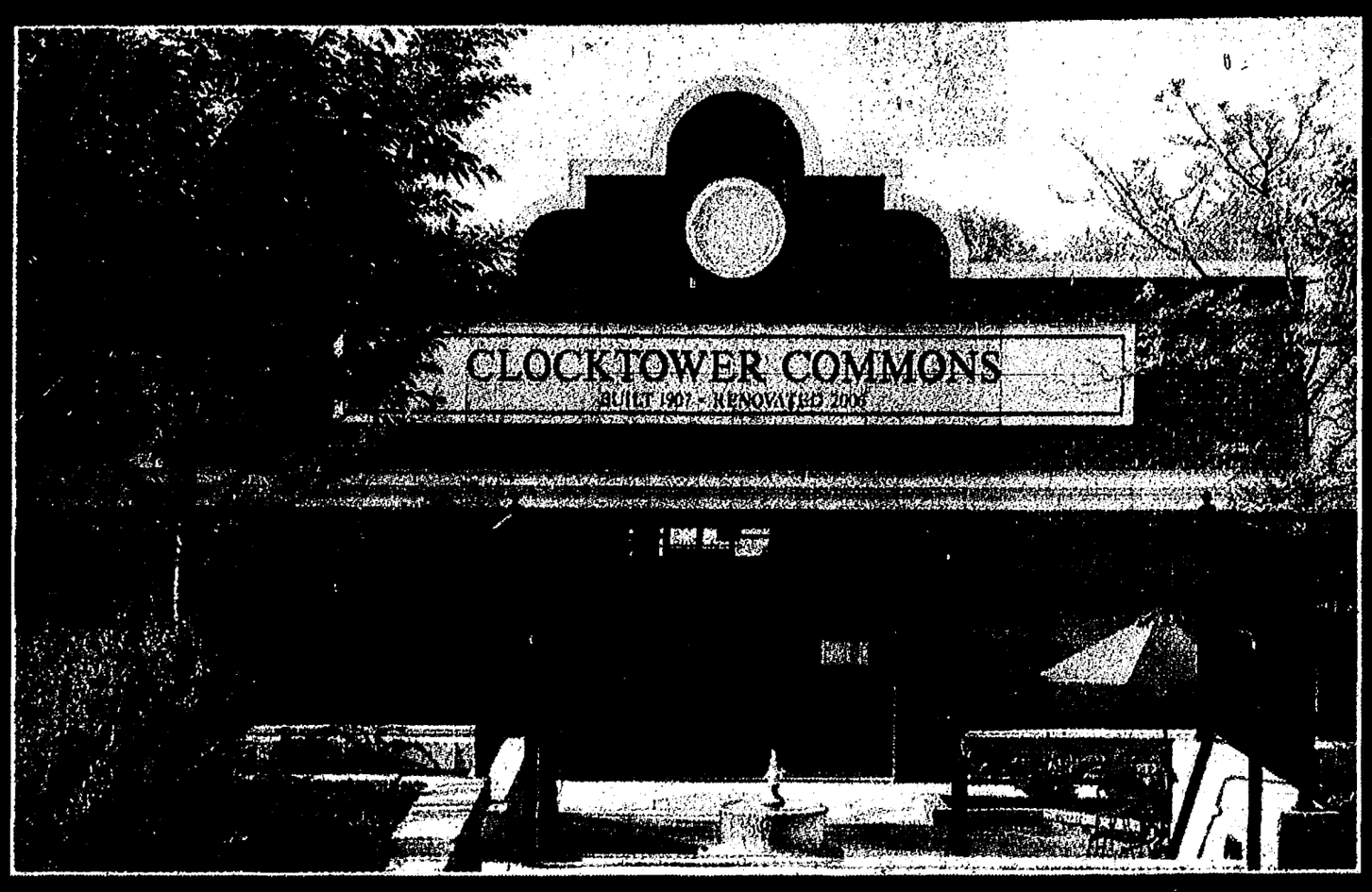

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Nonprofits finding new ways to raise money

By Daniel Lai
Heritage Newspapers

Nonprofits throughout southeastern Michigan might be in uncharted waters dealing with the continued blows to the local, state and national economies. But they still can raise funds if they follow a few fund-raising basics and think creatively, industry professionals say.

"When you have a good case for support and are able to get that out to the public in ways that they can understand and appreciate, then you can raise money in an adverse environment," said Eileen Spring, Washtenaw County Food Gatherers director.

The Food Gatherers, like many nonprofits in Washtenaw County, have seen a steady decline in both financial donations and volunteers as compared to recent years.

"Our demand is way up and the contributions are not meeting the number of requests," Spring said. "We are a much larger organization than we were 10 years ago and we are servicing a lot more people."

The Food Gatherers are not alone. According to Crain's List of Largest Capital Campaigns, local nonprofits in southeastern Michigan collectively sought more than $4.3 billion in 2008. That's down from the $5.3 billion they sought in 2006. A 2008 survey conducted by the Lansing-based Michigan Nonprofit Association and the Johnson Center at Grand Valley State University in Grand Rapids found that of 300 Michigan nonprofits reporting, 90 percent of them had seen fund-raising decline because of the economy.

"We glean surplus food from more than 300 sources such as restaurants, food retailers, food wholesalers and dormitories like Eastern Michigan University's dining services," Spring said. "When the economy takes a dive, there is a lot less food available for donating. We are trying to be proactive right now by looking at the economy as a six- month, two-year and five-year problem in order to establish a proactive way of acquiring more donors."

One of the group's newer tactics is sending out acquisition letters asking for support from the surrounding communities while explaining how Food Gatherers works and offering opportunities for volunteers to help out.

"We are expanding our database," Spring said. "Right now we have about 300 food donors and distribute 4 million pounds of food a year."

However, financial contributions continue to be slow.

Dale Austin is a volunteer in the senior leadership position for the Emergency Services Department of the Washtenaw County Red Cross chapter. He first came to volunteer in September 2005; since that time, he has been deployed to national disasters three times.

"The number of financial contributions is not good right now," she said. "We do have a reserve fund that we are prepared to dip into if we need to in order to meet our needs despite the economy."

Another major fund-raiser for the group is its annual Grillin' For Food Gatherers, which takes place in June. The fund-raiser attracts corporate sponsors and food donors in a relaxed picnic atmosphere at the Washtenaw County Fairgrounds.

"It's one of our biggest fund-raisers of the year," Spring said. "More than 1,000 people came last year. We've put all of our eggs in that basket since we've been doing it for 20 years. It's a lot easier to continue this fund-raiser than trying to start a new one."

However, Spring said sponsorships have decreased and any funding cuts from the county could spell trouble.

"We have to advocate less cuts from human service agencies to the county commissioners faced with a challenging budget," she said.

Despite the hardships, Spring said she is optimistic the economy will eventually rebound and donations will increase.

"There's a lot that we need to do," she said. "To simply maintain is not OK. We have to increase dramatically."

Deb Bratkovich, communications director for the United Way of Washtenaw County, also has seen a decrease in the amount of financial donations over the past several years.

"We've decided instead of doing a fund-raising push during one specific time of the year, we are going to move to a year-round fund-raiser with more solicitations," she said.

Previously, the United Way campaign season ran from September through December, which limited the nonprofit's ability to educate the public on its goals.

"In terms of soliciting sponsorships, we instituted a new cornerstone sponsorship, which is a donation of $10,000 or more," Bratkovich said. " It is relatively new and works well because the sponsorships can be cash or in-kind donations or a combination of both. This gives our sponsors a lot more flexibility."

United Way also is building a year-round ad presence with public service messages in radio, television and newspapers.

"By changing our campaign structure, it is more welcoming for people who might be willing to make a small donation rather than a one-time larger payment," Bratkovich said. "We don't want to be something that people think about one time a year."

She credits the campaign's new vision to President Barack Obama's presidential campaign.

"The idea is to get small pledges throughout the year that add up to a larger goal," she said.

And though the economy continues to falter, Bratkovich said she is pleased with the number of donations.

"We are getting less than previous years but people continue to be generous," she said. "It's not just us. United Way groups all over Michigan are in the same boat."

To combat this, Bratkovich said the United Way has begun looking at ways to partner with other nonprofits to alleviate financial burdens while still providing quality services. Contributions from the United Way are spread out among five impact areas — education, financial stability, housing, food and health care.

"Health care is a huge area," Bratkovich said. "We try to make sure people that qualify for the county health care program receive help. There is a real need for dental services. Sometimes people have such severe dental issues that prohibit them from eating or working. By the time they get to us, some of these people need five or seven visits for extractions and other problems.

"It's critical that people in the community recognize the United Way as a fund-raising organization that puts money back into the community. We try to help people so they can give back to their communities and help their neighbors."

The worsening recession, coupled with a national surge of house fires and natural disasters, has depleted the resources of many American Red Cross chapters as they struggle to meet rising demands at a time of dwindling donations.

"We're doing the best we can right now," said Julia Dean, communications director for the Washtenaw County Red Cross. "We've cut expenses and eliminated positions in preparation for the coming year."

Eliminating jobs is not an uncommon practice for nonprofits across the country.

"Every chapter is finding this a challenging environment," Dean said.

According to the Associated Press, last year The Red Cross national operation, which relies on local chapters to raise their own funds, faced notable challenges of its own. Faced with a deficit that peaked at more than $200 million, it laid off one-third of the 3,000 employees at its Washington, D.C., headquarters and made an unusual appeal to Congress that produced a one-time, $100 million infusion for its disaster relief program.

While many nonprofits have suffered a drop in donations, the circumstances of the Red Cross are unique in some respects.

Chapters consider two core services — disaster response and emergency communications assistance for military families — to be congressionally mandated obligations they must meet regardless of other factors. And recent months have taxed many local chapters with an unusually high number of house fires, often linked to unorthodox heating methods used by financially ailing families as bitter cold enveloped much of the country.

House fires account for the vast majority of the roughly 71,000 local disasters that the Red Cross responds to annually. No chapter, no matter how low its financial reserves, wants to cut back on the assistance routinely offered to families made homeless by such fires — temporary lodging, clothing, rent money and other essentials.

For the Washtenaw County Red Cross, donations tallying $812,745 were contributed during the 2008 fiscal year which ended June 30. Its total expenses were $1,637,093 while its total revenue came to $1,504,412.

"Our budget for this year was submitted with a deficit," Dean said. "And we budgeted flat revenues and expenses, compared to last fiscal year. So far, with eight months into our fiscal year, we are holding our own. However, pledges are taking longer to be paid due to the tough climate, and grants are significantly down. Also, we have experienced, like everybody, our operations reserve funds which were in investments, tank.

"Needs are rising, and we cannot continue for next year with a deficit budget. so we are all concerned. We are cautious, concerned and working hard to show and communicate our value to the community, and continue to ask for their support."

To showcase the services of the Red Cross, Dean said the group holds regular standing appointments for tours where the public can hear real-life stories about how people's lives have been affected by the Red Cross.

Fund-raisers also are a way to engage the public and seek financial assistance.

"We just had our first Red Cross Ball in October and had over 200 people attend," Dean said.

Direct mailings and donor solicitations also help alleviate the financial burden.

"People are still assisting us," she said. "Are we hitting all of our financial targets? No."

In the summer, the Red Cross will serve a free breakfast as an information- gathering session to the public.

"We feel it's a way to connect to the community," Dean said. "If people know us, they might donate. We do not force anyone to contribute to our organization. We want to get the message out there that our primary goal is people helping people.

"We're committed to making sure that, while it's tough for the Red Cross, it's not tough for our clients."

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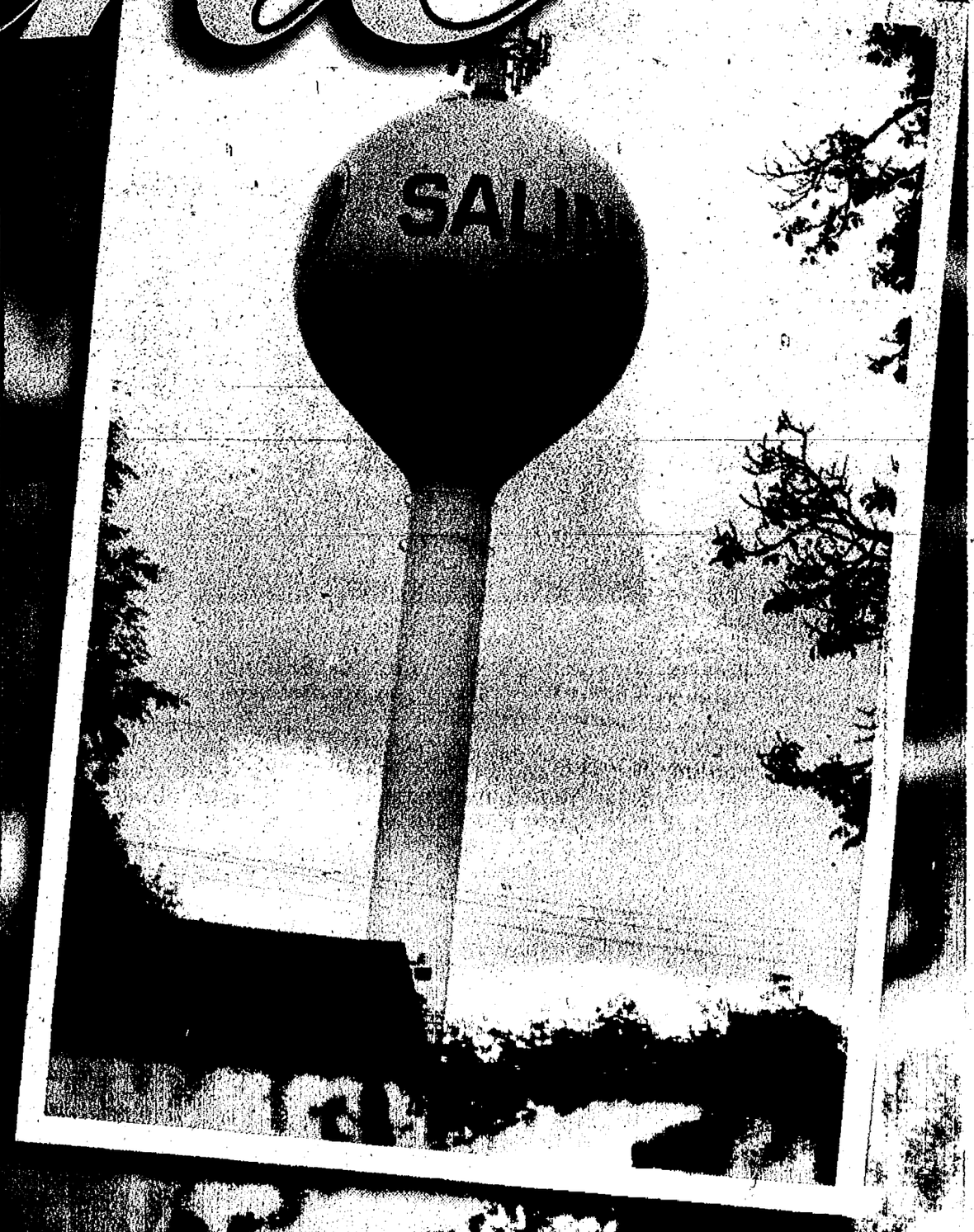

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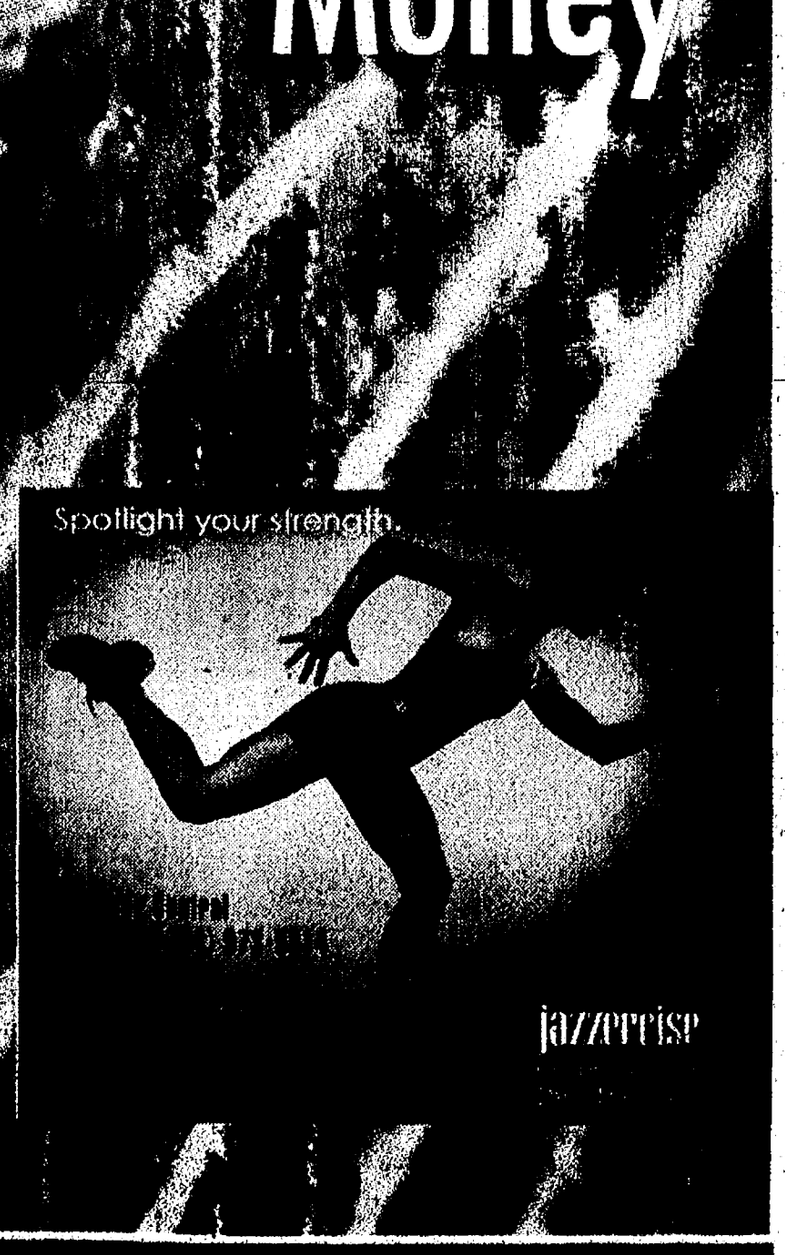

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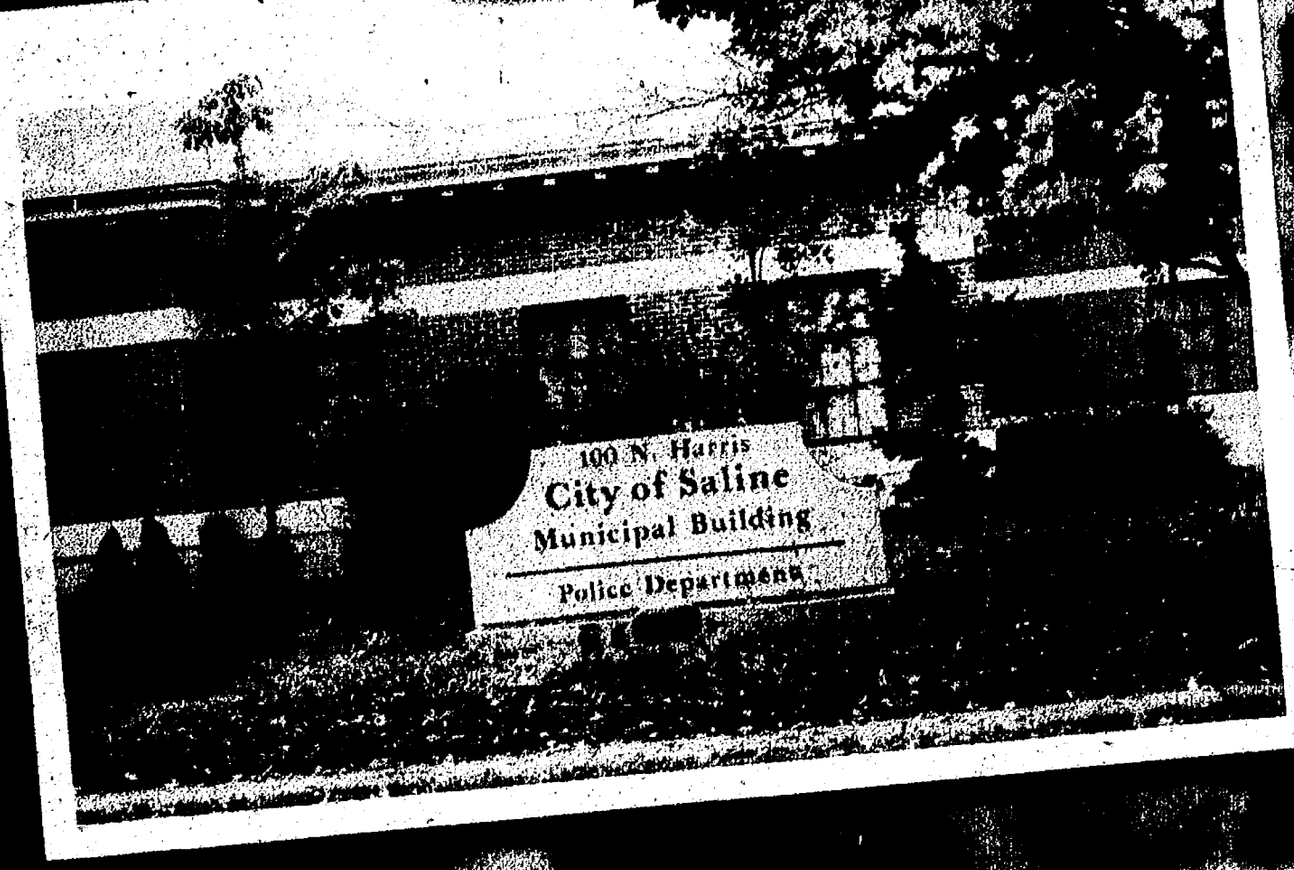

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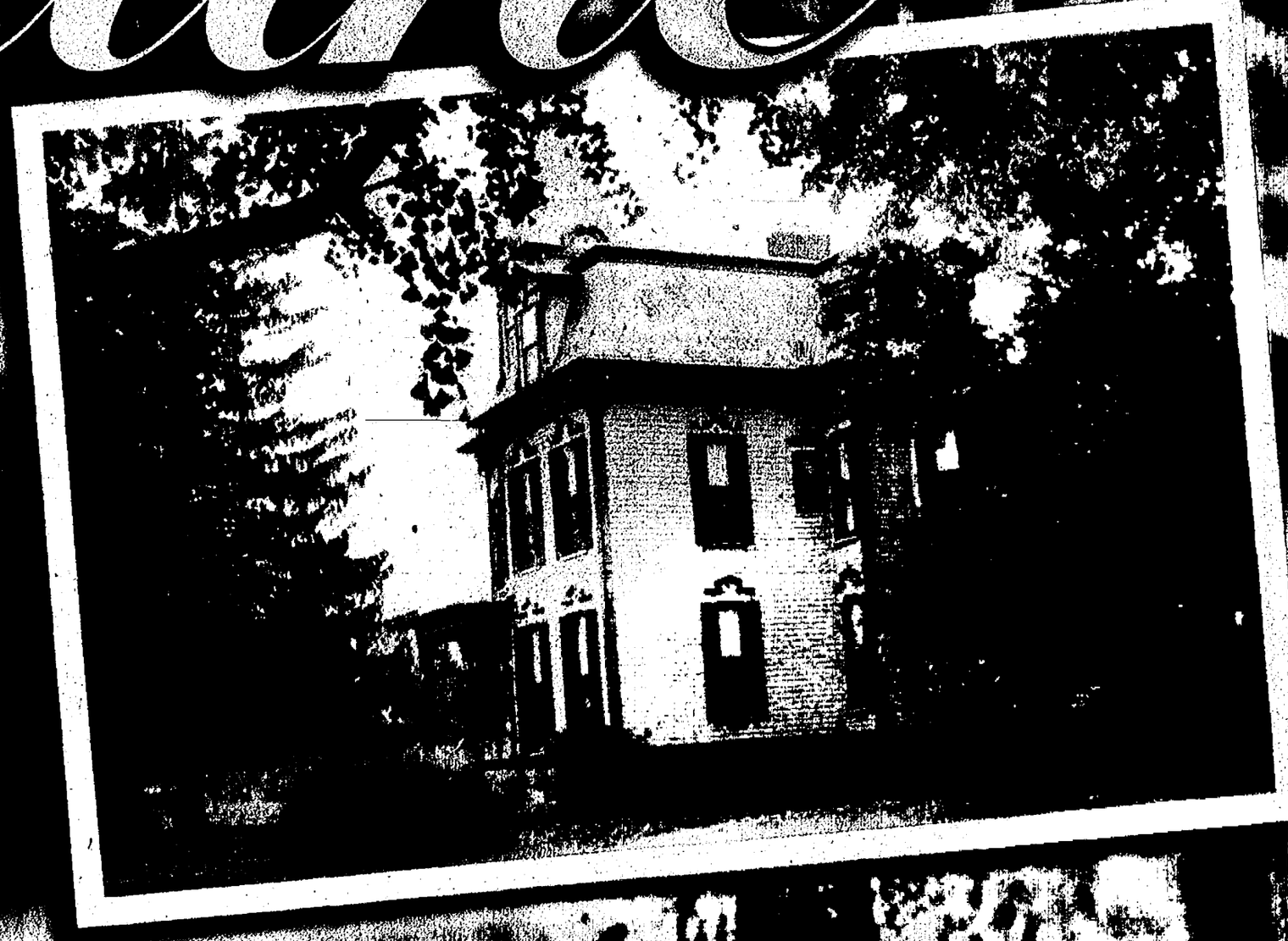

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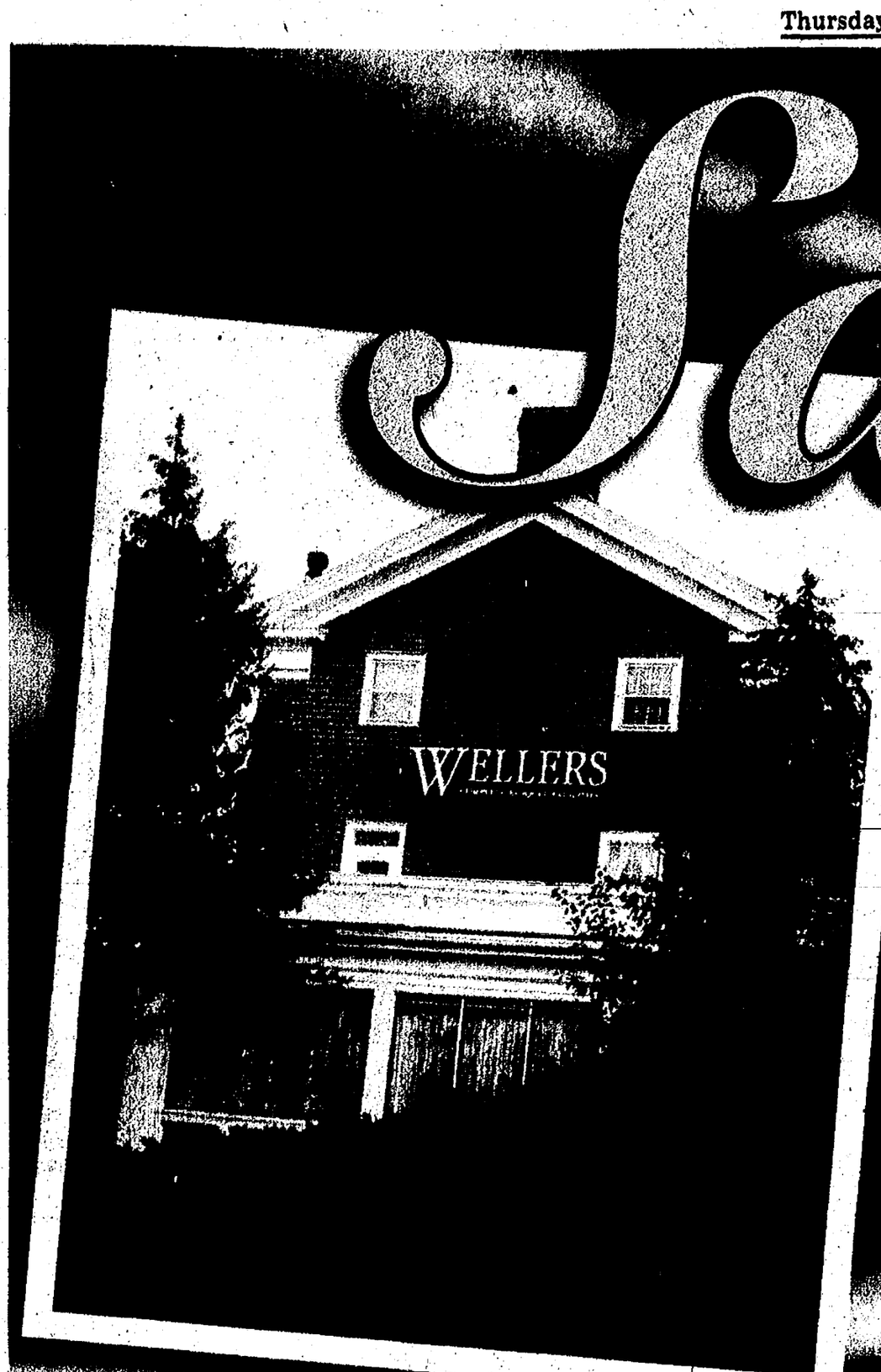

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Displaced workers opt for retraining

By Jodi Rempala
Heritage Newspapers

For more than a century, Michigan has been home to the three American automotive companies, General Motors, Ford Motor Co., and Chrysler.

These companies provided not only a strong tax base in the cities they called home, but for a long time they also employed a significant number of workers.

Daily, the economy is shifting away from manufacturing and more and more people find themselves unemployed and looking for a new direction.

During this time of uncertainty, many Michigan organizations are working to make sure no employees are left behind during the transition.

As the economy in Michigan continues to struggle, those who have already lost their jobs grapple with where to turn next. They are left wondering if there will be an opportunity to re-enter the work force.

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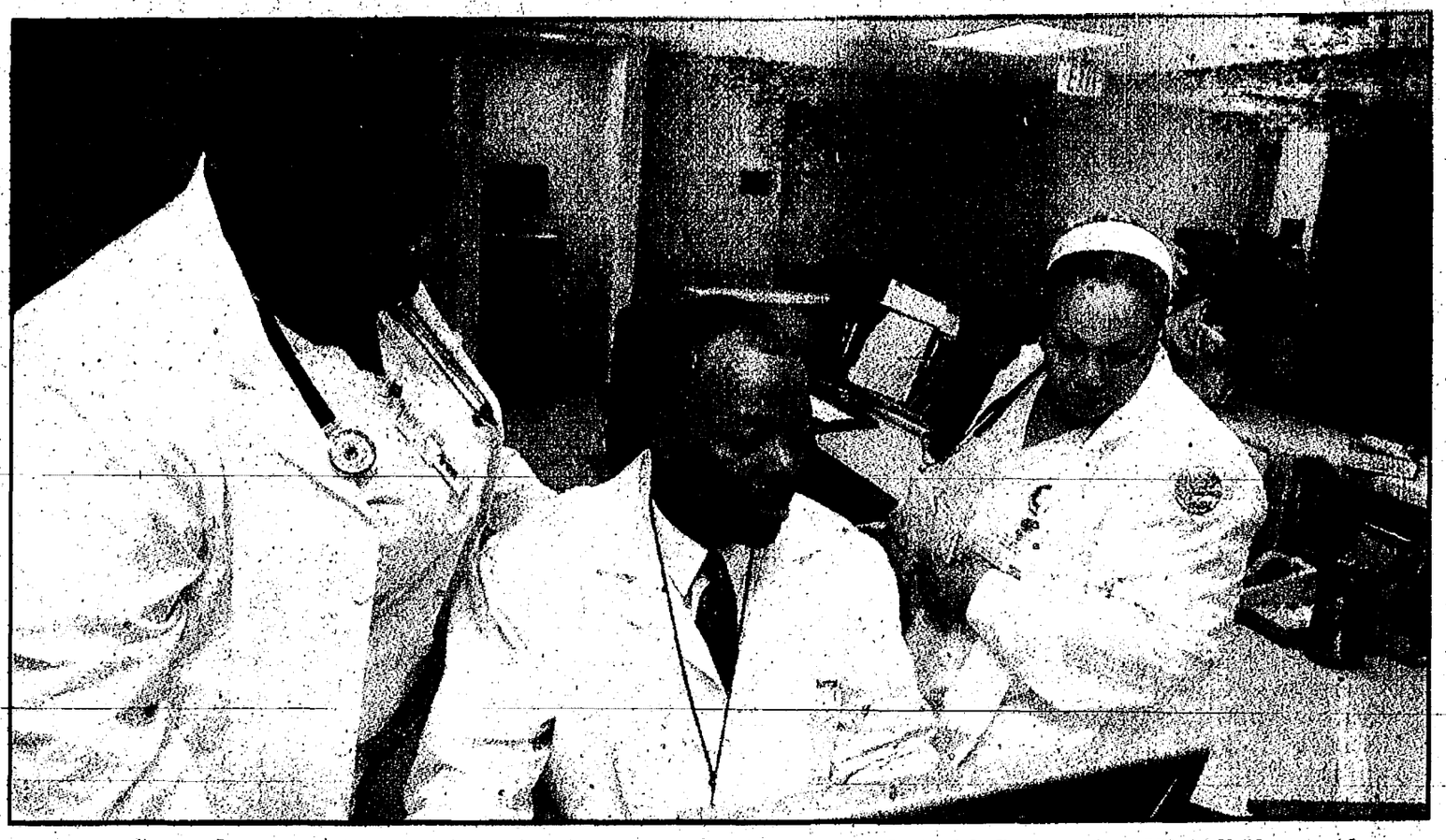

Lakecia Davis, a former Chrysler employee; Norman Lancit of Henry Ford Health System; and Michell Vesey, a former Ford employee, look over charts on a computer.

Help is available

Several organizations have programs to train people such as former autoworkers in new, high-demand fields like nursing and alternative energy.

While some jobs are fading into the sunset, new fields are just appearing over the horizon, waiting to become the next high-demand career opportunities.

According to the state, there are several career fields in Michigan that are in need of hard workers.

Those fields include commercial and industrial designers, public relations specialists, accountants, auditors, cost estimators, loan officers, financial advisers, computer software engineers, computer support specialists, network analysts, carpenters, nurses, electricians, plumbers, pipefitters and steamfitters, mechanics, heating and cooling specialists and truck drivers.

Many Michigan residents have the opportunity to retrain in a field, at little

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Nursing workforce in demand

As Michigan's once-vibrant economy declined and increasing numbers of automotive employees were being offered buyouts, it also was becoming apparent that the state — as well as the rest of the country — needed more nurses. In fact, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics estimates more than 1 million new and replacement nurses will be needed by 2012.

Mary Kravutske

With an eye toward resolving the dual problem of growing unemployment and a nursing shortage, Henry Ford Health System partnered with Oakland University two years ago to develop an accelerated three-year bachelor of science in nursing program called the Displaced Auto Workers for Nursing program.

When considering how to help any displaced individual, it's necessary to look at what positions will be available in the future. Health care is one of the largest employers in the state, and unlike some fields, the need for employees is expected to increase, which is why retraining programs

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Gregory Pitoniak

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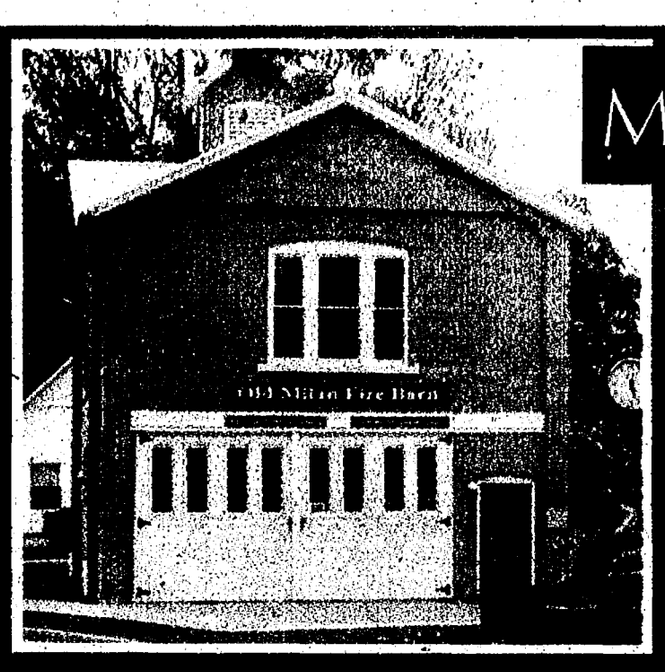

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Guest Column

Refuge has made 'remarkable' progress

BY U.S. REP. JOHN DINGELL

Ten years ago, the Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge only existed in the minds of me and the late Peter Stroh.

We shared a goal of protecting the few undeveloped spaces along the river while also providing other parcels of land the chance to regenerate.

As tens of thousands of residents and tourists can attest, the refuge has come a long way very quickly, as it now stands at more than 5,200 acres with more public access than ever and new opportunities every month for both kids and adults to enjoy.

It took just five years for the refuge to grow from its original 304 acres to its current acreage.

Because of the fine work of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the refuge provides protection and safe habitat for 29 species of waterfowl, 65 kinds of fish and 300 species of migratory birds in Michigan and Ontario.

Visitors to the refuge can find an environmental education shelter, handicap-accessible trails, an observation

John Dingell

deck, a wetland boardwalk and a pedestrian stream crossing.

In short, we have made remarkable progress in just 10 years time. I think we can make remarkable progress in the next 10 years, as well.

As we look forward and think about the future of the refuge, we must continue to build on this positive momentum.

For example, we need to continue the use of public-private partnerships in building this urban refuge. Partners like Ford, DTE Energy, GM, Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan, The Mott Foundation and the Navy Seabees have been a huge force in the growth of the refuge throughout its brief history.

Besides giving land or giving their time and sweat, many of these partnerships came together in just the last year to help raise more than $1.5 million for projects, including increased public outreach programs with a full-time park ranger and a part-time ornithologist.

Along with protecting habitat and wildlife, this remarkable resource continues to provide outstanding opportunities for quality-of-life improvements as well as ecological and cultural opportunities for present and future generations.

In terms of economic impact, over $15 million has been leveraged in the local economy to grow the refuge and reap these many benefits.

Most importantly, though, in 2008 alone the refuge was able to connect over 20,000 individuals with the preserved natural beauty stretching throughout their communities along the Detroit River and Lake Erie.

But we are not done by any means. The refuge continues to thrive, and it stands to expand its availability to residents and conservationists even more in the future.

This impressive project, under the management of John Hartig and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, will produce even more terrific results in the years to come.

U.S. Rep. John Dingell (D-15th District) is the dean of the Michigan delegation in Congress and is the longest-serving member of the U.S. House of Representatives.

What I learned: By Francesca Chiargi

From covering several communities for The News-Herald Newspapers, I had an idea of the havoc heavy industry had wrought over the years on the waterways and habitats Downriver.

What I realized even more after writing about the Detroit International Wildlife Refuge for this "Moving Forward" special section is how deeply our actions are integrated with nature.

I knew our actions impact the environment and pollution ends up downstream, occasionally leading to severe consequences. Global warming and greenhouse gas emissions are the major ones that come to mind.

What I hadn't known much about until I spoke to Bill Corbett of Brownstown Township was of the many islands that dot the Detroit River.

One island — Mama Juda — eventually disappeared, he said.

That happened, Corbett said, as a result of the Army Corps of Engineers changing the shape of nearby Grassy Island into a square, and also because of the movement of water onto Mama Juda when heavy freighters move up and down the river.

Corbett's friend, Ron Welch of Wyandotte, spent his youth in the late 1950s and early 1960s playing and fishing on the once picturesque Grassy Island, just off the north end of Wyandotte.

The beach areas were pristine and the island was a prime fishing spot, Welch said.

But all of that changed when the Army's engineers built dikes that changed the island into a square and then pumped sediments, contaminants and mercury onto it.

Now, the island is a toxic stew that's so hazardous that humans are prohibited from visiting, Welch said.

Only wildlife such as deer and coyotes now roam the island. And, what effects the contaminants will have on those animals remains unknown.

Hearing of Welch's adventures on the idyllic island made me wish I had been there before the environmental hazards took over — swinging in the trees, fishing and swimming.

The lives, the childhood and the early adulthood men such as Corbett and Welch had is what fascinated me the most.

Through their memories, they told of serene and clean streams and islands. They spoke of soaking in the sights, of taking their boats out, of hunting ducks or fishing for walleye before the fish were endangered and had to struggle to recover.

I learned about how the outdoorsmen took advantage of nature and lived to the fullest right here, Downriver.

Refuge

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helped clean up contamination.

Refuge experts also compiled data about the ecological recovery of the Detroit River and relayed the information throughout the region, Hartig said.

"Our Detroit River is one of the most dramatic ecological recovery stories in North America, including the return of bald eagles, peregrine falcons, lake whitefish, lake sturgeon, walleye and mayflies," he said.

Thanks to the refuge, hunting, fishing and birding have been enhanced and all bring in many dollars each year to the region, strengthening ecotourism and the outdoor recreation economy (see related story).

"We created a bird driving tour map called 'Byways to Flyways' that promotes exceptional birding opportunities throughout our region," Hartig said.

Amid all of the accomplishments, however, the refuge like other industries faces challenges, though on a different scale.

Those challenges range from the impact of historically released contaminants to urban development, exotic species and to continued loss of habitat and wetlands.

Transportation issues, greenhouse gases and global warming also are problems for the refuge.

The refuge encompasses many sections of land scat-tered along the shoreline. Those places include Mud Island, Grassy Island, Mama Juda Shoal, Calf Island, Humbug Marsh, Strong Unit, Brancheau and Fix Units in Monroe County, Lady of the Lake Unit at the Whiting Power Plant, Eagle Island Marsh in Monroe, Lagoona Beach Unit at Fermi, Erie Marsh and Gard Island.

Stony Island also was given to the refuge as were some little marshes on Lake Erie.

In Corbett's younger days, Mud Island off Southfield Road didn't exist. It was a shallow sandbar, 20 inches to 3 feet deep, that was immersed in water.

The Army Corps of Engineers filled the site with limestone and formed the "perfect square island," Corbett said.

Mud Island now is vital to migratory birds that stop and roost in the trees on the island and hop-scotch down the Detroit River, said Robert Burns, the man who has the designation as the Detroit riverkeeper.

The Friends of the Detroit River organization works closely with the refuge, as both entities share common goals to protect the environment, promote education and conservation, Burns said.

"Our organization's main directive is the protection of the river, wetlands and habitats," Burns said. "The lands being acquired by the refuge are extremely important to sustaining that."

The Army Corps of Engi-neers also affected Grassy Island, located behind the BASF plant in Wyandotte and the Wyandotte boat-house.

The government pumped sediments, contaminants and mercury off the top of the island and filled it in, Corbett said.

In the early 1950s, when Grassy Island was pristine, Ron Welch, 72, of Wyandotte, along with friends and with his boat in tow, would fish in the river and swing from the trees on the island. The island then had wetlands surrounding it and a creek running through it.

He also said he and his friends swam on the Canadian side of the island because it was cleaner than the U.S. side.

Welch spent his childhood on the river ice fishing, barbecuing fish they caught and also living on muskrats and ducks.

Even with its contamina-tion so severe that humans cannot go there, Grassy Is-land is home to wildlife such as deer and coyotes, Welch said. He sees the animals when he's fishing for walleye in the vicinity.

The concerns officials have with Grassy Island are making sure the covered contamination doesn't seep into the river and harm the wildlife.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has obtained a grant to investigate whether to clean up Grassy Island.

Before scientists can de-cide what to do about the contamination at the 72-acre strip built in the mid-dle of the Detroit River on a major shipping channel, they have to answer two ma-jor questions, Hartig said.

They are investigating whether the island is leak-ing contaminants, as 3 mil-lion cubic yards of sedi-ments were disposed of there, and what the dike was built from.

Answering those questions will involve costly en-gineering and scientific work, Hartig said.

One wild-game hunter who would like Grassy Is-land restored to a duck hunting retreat as it once was is Welch. However, he doubts that will happen in his lifetime.

Welch said he envisions the refuge's scenic proper-ties will become an anchor for ecotourism. He believes the refuge will continue restoring as much land and marshes as possible.

"The refuge is a good idea," he said. "It helps pro-tect the little waterfront we have now."

Refuge officials have plans to acquire more land through cooperative man-agement agreements, Hartig said.

The refuge's comprehen-sive conservation plan has set a target of 12,000 acres by 2015 on the U.S. side and officials are pursuing sev-eral priority tracts in Monroe County.

Currently, the refuge has $1.8 million for land acqui-sition due to the efforts of Dingell.

The refuge is an economic engine for the area, the congressman said.

"In fact, over the course of its history, more than $15 million in capital or in-kind donations has been in-vested in the form of trails, acquisitions, educational improvements, public ac-cess points and environ-mental maintenance," he said.

Dingell has met with Jeff Watson, a member of the Canadian Parliament, sev-eral times about the signifi-cant interest to expand the refuge on the Canadian side.

More land was added to the refuge in January, when the trash hauler Waste Management donated 320 acres of mitigated wetland to federal protection.

Continuing forward, Burns said he believes the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, which oversees the ref-uge, and the refuge will continue to provide educa-tional opportunities for everyone.

Already, people can watch birds or tour Humbug Marsh on the many trails built along with a pedes-trian stream crossing.

Last year, under the aus-pices of the Navy Seabees and others, the refuge built an environmental education shelter in Humbug Marsh.

The refuge hired a full-time park ranger, Kristi Thiel, to spearhead outreach and environmental education programs with children, school groups and clubs.

Greg Norwood also was hired as a part-time ornithologist to study bird popu-lations in the area, includ-ing leading the way on hawk watching in the Detroit River.

The river is one of the three best places in the country to watch hawks, Hartig said.

Norwood's research also is paving the way to try to restore a threatened bird species, scientifically known as the common tern, for the Detroit River.

In the future, besides ex-panding the refuge to 12,000 acres, Hartig said he hopes for art or outdoor niche stores to be built next to the Refuge Gateway after it is built.

"Can you imagine being on the Detroit River next to us and how compelling that would be," he said.

Hartig said he doesn't ever imagine the refuge will charge public admission to see the wildlife or the amenities because it strives to engage everyone in the outdoors and the environ-ment.

Outdoor recreation is a multibillion industry in the United States, according to a 2001 National Survey of Fishing, Hunting and Wild-life-Associated.

For instance, walleye fishing alone generates more than $1 million each spring Downriver.

In 2008, the FLW Outdoors Chevy Open fishing tourna-ment on the Detroit River and western Lake Erie doled out more than $1.5 million in prize money.

"Hunting, birding and other outdoor recreation undoubtedly bring in millions more," Hartig said. "Clearly, by any measure, the value of our 'great out-doors' is impressive."

If hunting, fishing and wildlife watching were a corporation, he said, it would net $108 billion annually, making it the seventh largest corporation in the nation.

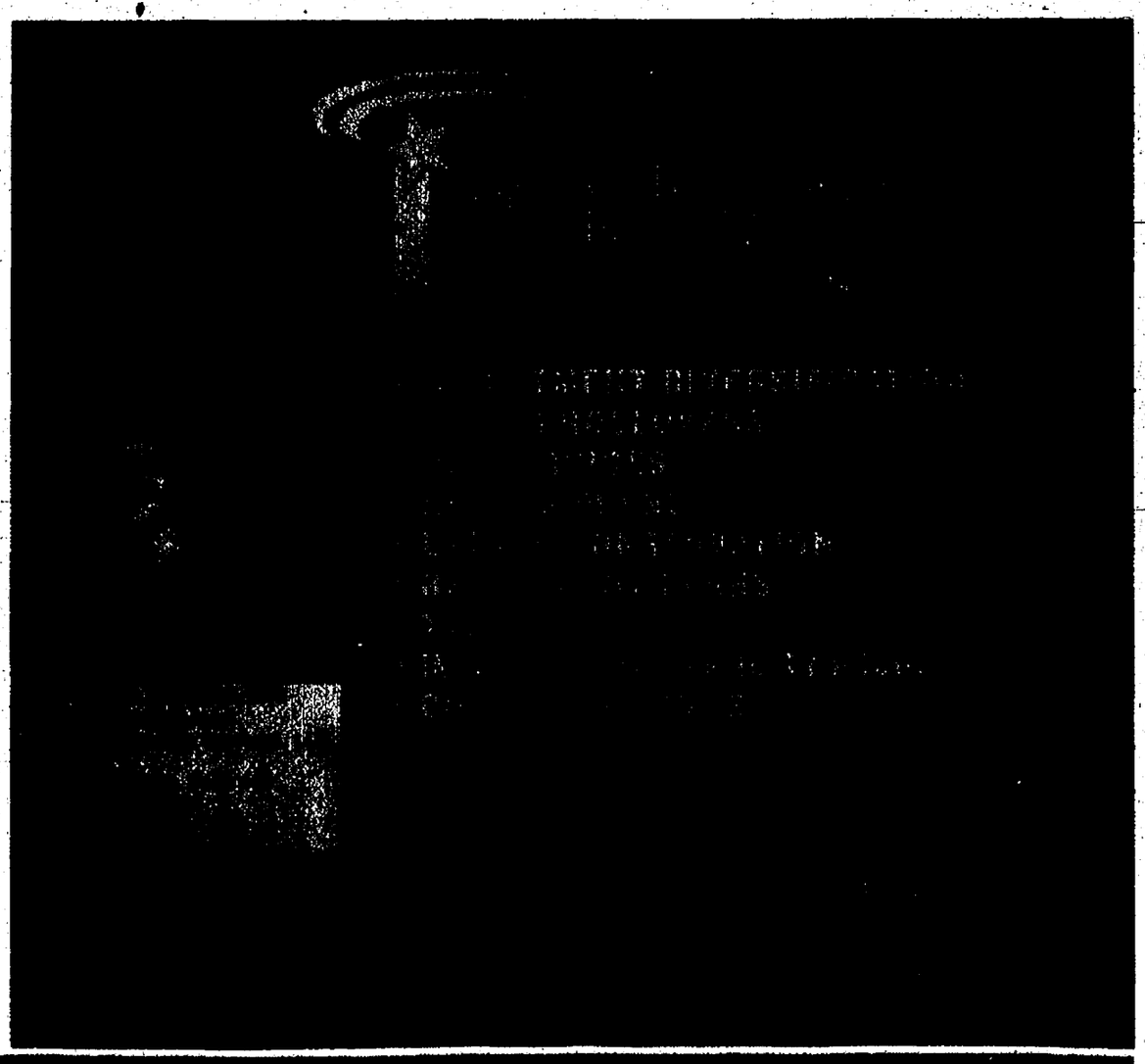
Outdoor recreation con-tributes $730 billion annu-ally to the U.S. economy and creates almost 6.5 million jobs across the country, ac-cording to a 2006 economic study published by the Out-door Industry Foundation.

"Paddle-based" activities contribute $36.1 million to the economy and urban property values jump when open space, greenway trails and conservation spots are close by, Hartig said.

Tourism is the No. 2 economy in Michigan and outdoor recreation is an integral part of that.

"What we are doing to-gether in Downriver is pro-tecting our natural resource base that makes the region so special and enhancing our ecotourism economy," Hartig said.

"We hope you will join us in pursuit of our goal to pro-tect the wildlife and their habitats, improve outdoor recreational opportunities and reach and teach the next generation of conser-vationists and sustainability entrepreneurs."



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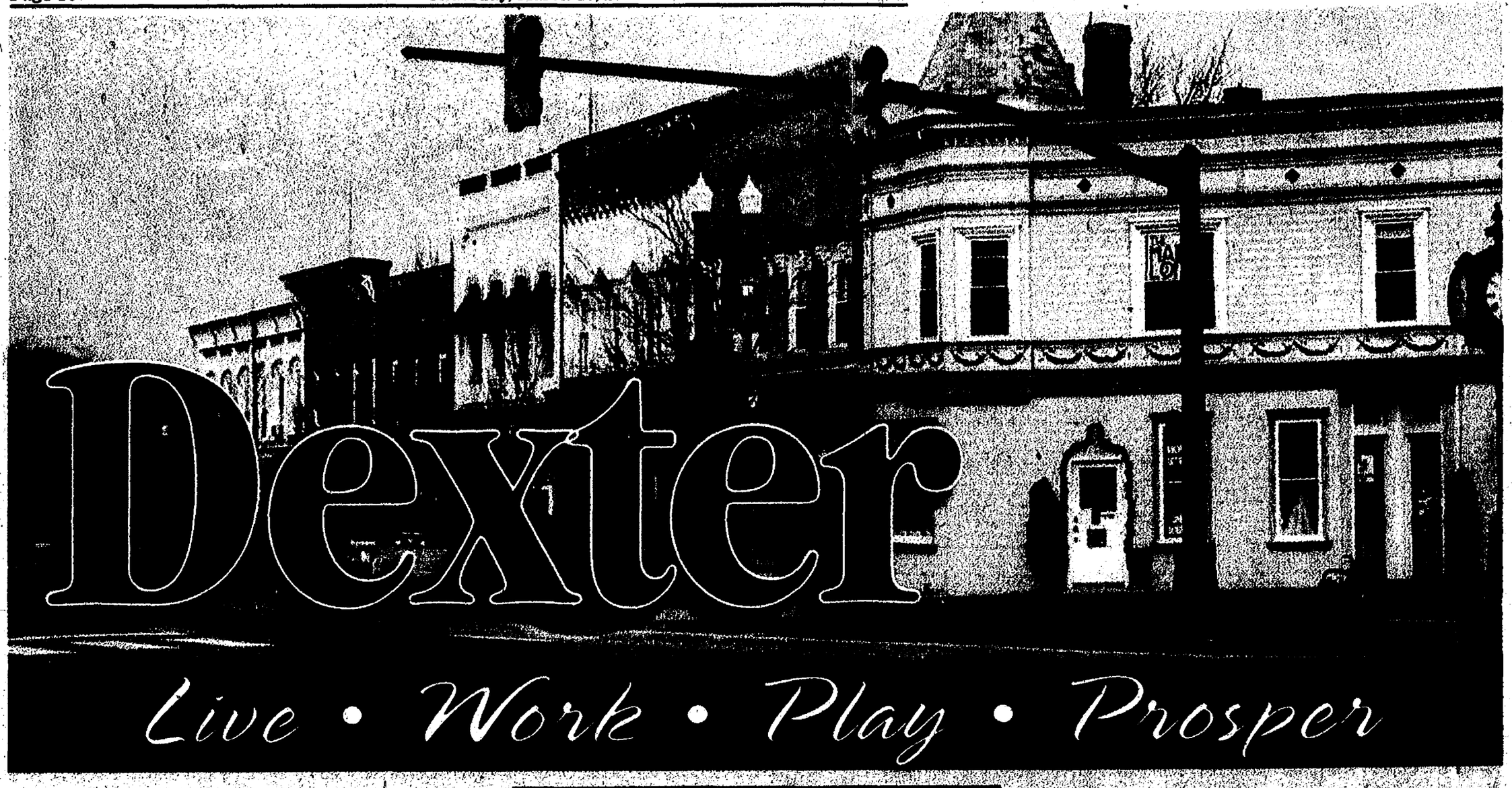

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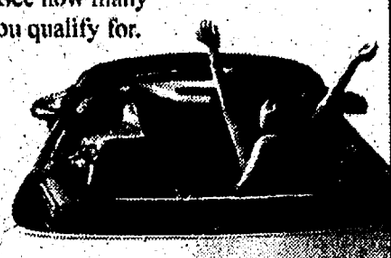

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NWLB expands on the job training and education services currently available through Michigan Works! service centers.

"NWLB is intended to prepare Michigan residents for employment within a growth sector of Michigan's changing economy," Pitoniak said.

The state will provide up to $5,000 for two years of education. The program must be completed within four years.

Anyone who is unemployed, has received a layoff or termination notice or is employed but has an income of less than $40,000 annually is eligible for retraining through NWLB. Applicants must be at least 18 years old.

Interested residents need to visit a local Michigan Works! service center to begin the eligibility and skills assessment process.

Dearborn and Downriver residents can learn how by contacting SEMCA.

The Dearborn service center is inside the Arab Community Center for Economic and Social Services, 6451 Schaefer.

Call 1-313-945-8380 for assistance.

The center is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesdays.

Downriver residents can visit the Downriver Community Conference Southgate service center, Suite 179, 15100 North Line Road, or call 1-734-362-3446.

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"Be advised, NWLB will not provide funding for training unless it is for an occupation that Michigan employers need now or in the near future," Pitoniak said. "We do not want to waste your time or taxpayers' money to train you for something with little or no prospect of you getting long-term employment."

For more information about any programs, residents can call Michigan Works! at 1-800-285-WORK (9675) or visit the Web site at www.michiganworks.org.

Like SEMCA, the Downriver Community Conference aids residents in training for new jobs and finding employment.

Double-duty

As demand for jobs in the automotive industry continues to decline the need for nurses continues to increase.

Officials at Henry Ford Health System thought there had to be a way to assist the many workers losing their jobs and find some new, well-trained nurses.

Working together with Oakland University, the hospital created a program to aid the people losing their jobs.

"The program began in March 2006 when Ford Motor Co. first started laying off workers and offering money for re-education in their severance packages," said Mary Kravutske, interim director of the retraining program.

"This is an ongoing three-year-program targeted at the displaced autoworkers."

As the job losses continued to mount, Henry Ford opened up the program to workers from Chrysler and GM, as well.

Students began their prerequisite courses in the fall of 2007. If they meet all the requirements for Oakland University's nursing program, they will continue and after three years will have earned a bachelor's degree in nursing.

Unlike traditional students, those in the accelerated program will take courses year-round to complete their training sooner.

In the fall, students who finished their prerequisites began taking nursing courses.

About 100 seats were offered in the program by Oakland University. About 50 students are still in the program.

"There was a lot of interest, but some took the prerequisites and decided it wasn't for them," Kravutske said.

Working toward the degree is no easy task. Students take 15 to 18 credit hours per semester — a daunting task if you have not been in school for a while.

"This is an innovative way to do nursing," Kravutske said. "It's a creative way to help individuals who lose a job and are considering making a career change."

She said demand in the nursing field continues to grow, especially at acute care hospitals and for intensive care units and operating rooms.

"Any individual interested in working at Henry Ford we will be working to help place," she said.

So far, the program is working, but Kravustke doesn't know yet if it is one that will continue after these students graduate, but if it is successful in growing the pool of nurses, it will probably continue.

Working for the future

Many of Michigan's community colleges also are working to retrain displaced workers.

In fact, SEMCA works in collaboration with Henry Ford Community College as well as M-Tec, Schoolcraft Community College, Wayne County Community College District and Monroe County Community College. They already are an integral part of the Workforce Investment Act system.

The community colleges are always a first choice for training so that customers are getting quality training and credentialing, officials said. The service delivery process and educational cost per participant also is considered to be very reasonable.

According to SEMCA officials, community colleges have been a major source for training for workers since the inception of the incumbent worker program because they are for adult and dislocated workers.

Henry Ford Community College in Dearborn recently created several new programs to meet the evolving needs of the Michigan work force.

In the past year, HFCC has created programs for the film industry because of the increased volume of movies being made in the state, as well as for the biotechnology industry and the alternative energy industry.

To help with economic development in southeastern Michigan, HFCC has been offering two-week courses at its Michigan Technical Education Center to prepare people for entry-level careers in the film and television industry.

The school has partnered with the office of Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano, the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth, SEMCA and TicTock Studios in western Michigan.

"The goal of the program is to help put Michigan's unemployed residents back to work," said Gail Mee, HFCC president.

"Henry Ford Community College's mission is to provide needed education and training for local residents and employers and our M-Tec specializes in training for business and industry," she said.

For more information, call 1-313-317-6600. M-Tec is at 3601 Schaefer Road, Dearborn.

To aid students looking for work in the growing biotechnology industry, HFCC implemented the biotechnology technician training program.

After earning an associate's degree or certification in the program, students will be able to acquire an entry-level job in the field, or continue studying in the field at a four-year university, according to Charlie Jacobs, associate dean of the science division at HFCC.

"The main thing biotechnicians do is study the genes of organisms," Jacobs said. "Students in the program learn how to do that and determine DNA bases with a sequencer."

Work is under way on a new state-of-the-art lab to ensure students' success in the field.

For more information on the biotechnology program, call 1-313-845-6310 or visit http://sciweb.hfcc.edu.

HFCC also is working to train people for a generation of "green jobs."

The new programs are part of a campuswide effort to institute environmentally friendly practices, including promoting and practicing energy efficienc, and incorporating green technology.

Currently, there are five courses on renewable energy in the energy technology program, according to Greg Laskowsky, HFCC energy technology instructor.

For more information on these programs, visit www.hfcc.edu.

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you can post your resume on the Michigan Talent Bank, which is required if you are filing for unemployment benefits. Our Career Service Center has reference and research material on career and labor market trends, as well as education and apprenticeship programs.

And, our experienced staff provide workshops in developing effective resumes, creating a job search plan, networking techniques, interviewing for success and more. We will guide you on how to find and apply for thousands of job openings on the Michigan Job Bank and other Internet sites. Our service centers have available, for your use, not only computers and printers, but fax, copying and telephone services.

If you determine that you want to pursue additional training or education but are not sure how to pay for the tuition, Gov. Jennifer Granholm has created a program — No Worker Left Behind — that may be just what you are looking for. And, once again, your MWA service center is where you need to go to learn whether or not you qualify.

NWLB is intended to prepare state residents for employment within a growth sector of Michigan's changing economy. It provides up to two years of free tuition at any Michigan community college, university or other approved training program.

Qualifying workers must pursue a degree or other occupational certificate in a high-demand occupation, emerging industry, or entrepreneurship program. Tuition assistance is capped at $5,000 per year for two years and your training must be completed within four years of starting the program. This free tuition program is a one-time offer.

To qualify for NWLB, you must be a Michigan resident who is currently unemployed, has received a termination or lay-off notice from employment, or, if employed, have a family income of $40,000 or less. Participants must be at least 18 years old, must not have graduated from high school in the last two years, and cannot be a current full-time college student.

A MWA service center is where you go to apply for NWLB. The MWA staff will schedule you for an NWLB orientation and review your eligibility for the program. You will also take a skills assessment test to see what training programs would be best suited for you. Be advised that NWLB will not provide funding for training unless it is for an occupation that Michigan employers need now or in the near future. We do not want to waste your time or taxpayers' money to train you for something with little or no prospect of you getting long-term employment.

Michigan Works! service centers all across the state are certainly busy right now. It may reassure you to know, however, that the state and federal decision makers have understood the benefits of providing adequate funding for the employment services and training funding of the Michigan Works! system. Indeed, President Barack Obama's economic stimulus package provides a substantial increase in funds that will allow Michigan Works! agencies to continue to maintain a high level of service to you and to fund the training needs of those who would be eligible for NWLB. So now it is up to you to make the next move to a better future.

Yes, there are job vacancies going unfilled right here in Michigan. And there truly are some growing industries and occupations. You can become part of this exciting future by taking the first step at a Michigan Works! service center. To find one convenient to you, visit michiganworks.org (click on the "agencies" link) or call 1-800-285-WORKS (9675).

Gregory Pitoniak of Taylor is executive director of the Southeast Michigan Community Alliance, one of 25 Michigan Works! service agencies in the state.

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similar to this one will likely become increasingly important.

Students in this program, former auto workers, have now started their clinical rotations in conjunction with the classroom courses. Being in an acute care setting is dramatically different than their previous experience in factories, but they're all excited to discover how what they've learned in the classroom translates into a hospital setting and are adapting well to the environment and the expectations.

Many of these students were already pursuing nursing degrees or considering careers in health care when this opportunity presented itself. Others were also taking college classes, although not necessarily in health care. So it's no surprise their instructors have found them to be prepared and engaged.

The retraining program they're enrolled in has its roots in the Henry Ford Health System's long-standing commitment to our community and our support of lifelong learning. It was conceived as a one-time only program based on a unique set of circumstances, beginning when Ford Motor Co. offered employees buyouts that included funding for education. The program was later expanded to include displaced autoworkers from General Motors, Chrysler and automotive suppliers.

Sufficient data is not yet available to determine whether this program or a similar one should be offered again. But some of the lessons we have learned will benefit others who may undertake similar programs in the future. One is the value of partnerships. Programs of this magnitude work best when more than one entity is involved. The Displaced Auto Workers for Nursing program would be less successful if either the Henry Ford Health System or Oakland University had chosen to go it alone.

This program presented a unique opportunity for Henry Ford to partner with a university to help fulfill our commitment to the community. It's anticipated that the health system will offer employment to qualified graduates of this program. Our belief is that through this retraining effort, we are assisting not only a group of men and women who have lost their jobs, but our patients, who will benefit from the outstanding care we're confident these future nurses will provide.

Mary Kravutske, Ph.D., R.N., is interim administrator for nursing development and research at Henry Ford Health System.

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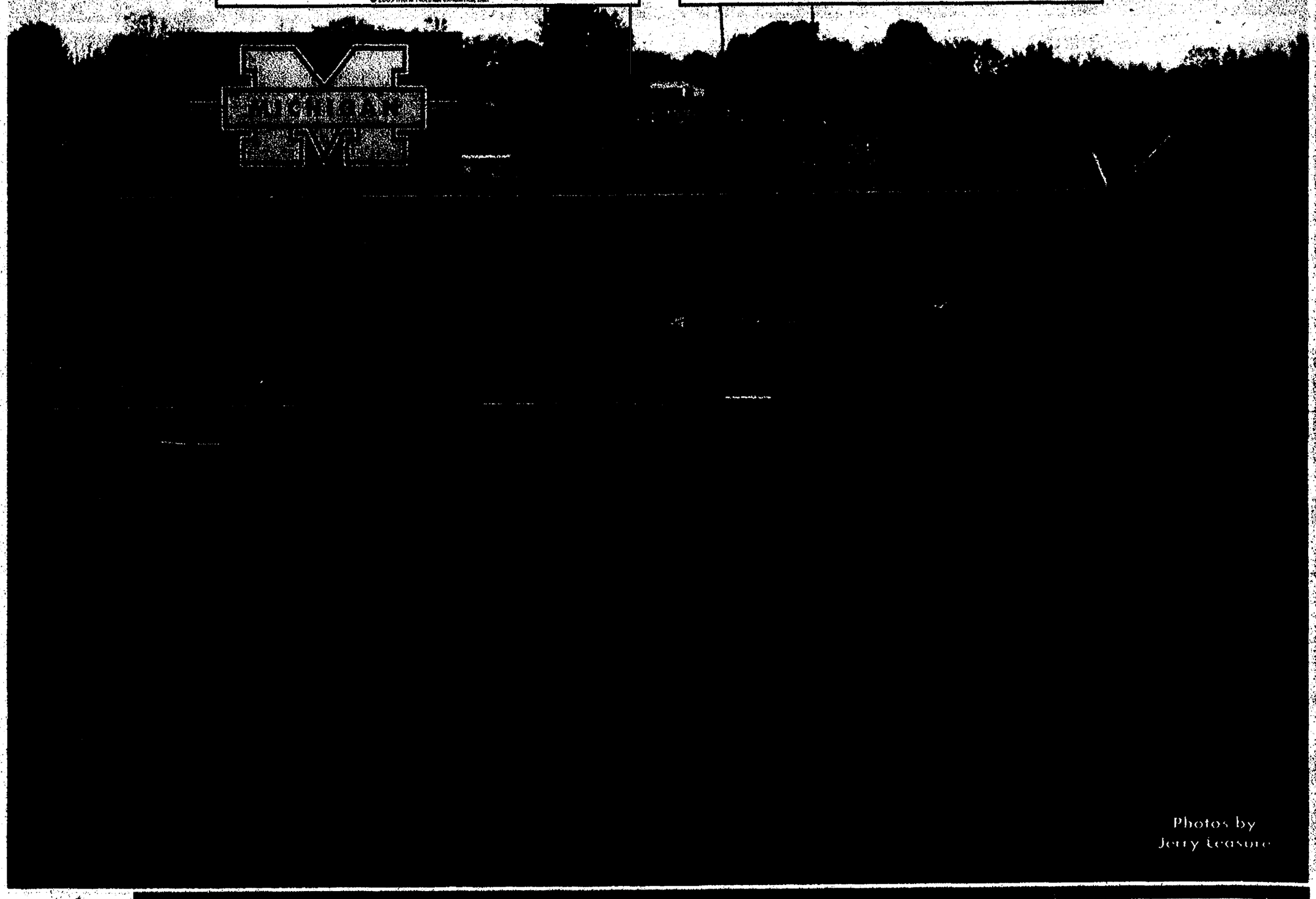

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Be brave enough to make change

By Colleen Harding

While many people only began experiencing the downturn in the economy during the past year or so, those of us working in the automotive field knew the industry was becoming unstable several years ago. So after an 11-year career at the Michigan Truck and Assembly Plant in Wayne, I knew it was time to move on in 2007 when Ford Motor Co. announced it was cutting our facility back from three shifts to one. I decided to take the buy-out I was offered.

I had been taking college classes off and on for years, and after examining all of my options, I decided the Displaced Auto Workers for Nursing program offered by the Henry Ford Health System and Oakland University was the best fit.

The thought of pursuing a nursing career wasn't a new one — many people I talked with had suggested I consider it. Their belief that I was well-suited for nursing gave me the incentive to pursue it. I realized that nurses are in demand and the opportunities are endless — important considerations for a mother with three children to support. I also knew I would have many choices of career paths within nursing I could choose to pursue.

Colleen Harding prepares to visit patients during her clinical work at Henry Ford Hospital.

I was nervous at the beginning, but once the semester began, I realized my classmates were just like me, so my apprehension lessened each day.

So far, all of my experiences with the program have been positive. I like that my classmates are in the same situation as I am. This is our chance for a second career or job change, so we have a strong connection and would do anything for each other.

The teaching staff is available and respectful, willing to listen and gives us advice. They know we have families, but they also remind us we are still responsible for assignments — just as traditional students are. We're all learning how to juggle our personal situations and our schoolwork.

The program is time consuming, but it's only for a couple of years and time is going by fast. I will graduate in the fall of next year. While I don't know exactly what type of nursing I'll be doing, I know I like interacting with others and the thought of being a part of someone's healing process.

I am excited about my future and ready for whatever challenges lie ahead. I will finally have a career instead of a job. What I am going to do matters to people everywhere. I'm not knocking factory work, but I am pretty sure that while anyone could help put a vehicle together, I don't think most people could help put people back together.

The best advice I can give to others contemplating a major change in their life is to not be afraid of any of the choices they make. Be proud of whatever you choose to do, whether it's embarking on a new career or choosing to be a stay-at-home parent, and never doubt yourself.

I did have serious doubts about leaving the automotive industry, even though times were rough, and I was picking a career I knew very little about, but I had an opportunity to complete my education so I took it. While it hasn't been easy, I am fortunate to have a great support network. I look forward to my new life and meeting new people, and I think I am making my kids proud.

While it is super scary trying something completely new, the end result for my classmates and me will be one of our greatest accomplishments.

Colleen Harding is one of the students in the Displaced Auto Workers for Nursing program sponsored by the Henry Ford Health System in partnership with Oakland University.

PTA creates walkathon to raise money for school events

By Sue G. Collins
Heritage Newspapers

Tired of listening to parents complain about never-ending, nightmarish fund-raisers that left them with rolls of unwanted wrapping paper, poor quality chocolate and plastic landfill-waste "reward" toys for kids who sold a higher volume, one local Parent-Teacher Association put the brakes on the traditional annual fund-raiser and hit the track running.

For years, families at Pleasant Ridge Elementary School in Saline had been asked to sell magazines, cards, candy and other items with a portion of the proceeds benefitting the good work of the PTA.

The group of volunteers has provided for assemblies, field trips, classroom supplies, playground equipment and teacher training for years, but the old fund-raisers were wearing out both planners and parents.

So, last year parents put their heads together to come up with a more successful, productive, hassle-free and healthy way to raise money to fund museum trips and chapter books.

The result was a hugely successful walkathon around the school's new track that generated big bucks and happy parents while engaging students in an activity that truly connected them to the process.

In the past, using catalog companies, the PTA would earn only 40 percent to 50 percent of the profits. And it was usually mom and dad pushing the goods to coworkers, relatives and sympathetic neighbors. In 2007, families sold more than $32,000 worth of wrapping paper and paraphernalia. The PTA earned about $15,000.

By asking for pledges for the laps or period of time they walked, skipped, hopped or jogged backward along the track during the one-day super-charged event, the kids raked in just about the same amount as the catalog fund-raiser — and learned about walking for fitness during the process.

The volunteers were tired but ecstatic. The treasurer was thrilled. Parents were satisfied. The kids had a blast.

Thanks to the forward-thinking ideas of the PTA planners and a supportive board and principal, the looming challenges — tough economic times and overly tapped parents — were left in the dust as the young students clocked dozens of miles on the track to raise $15,000.

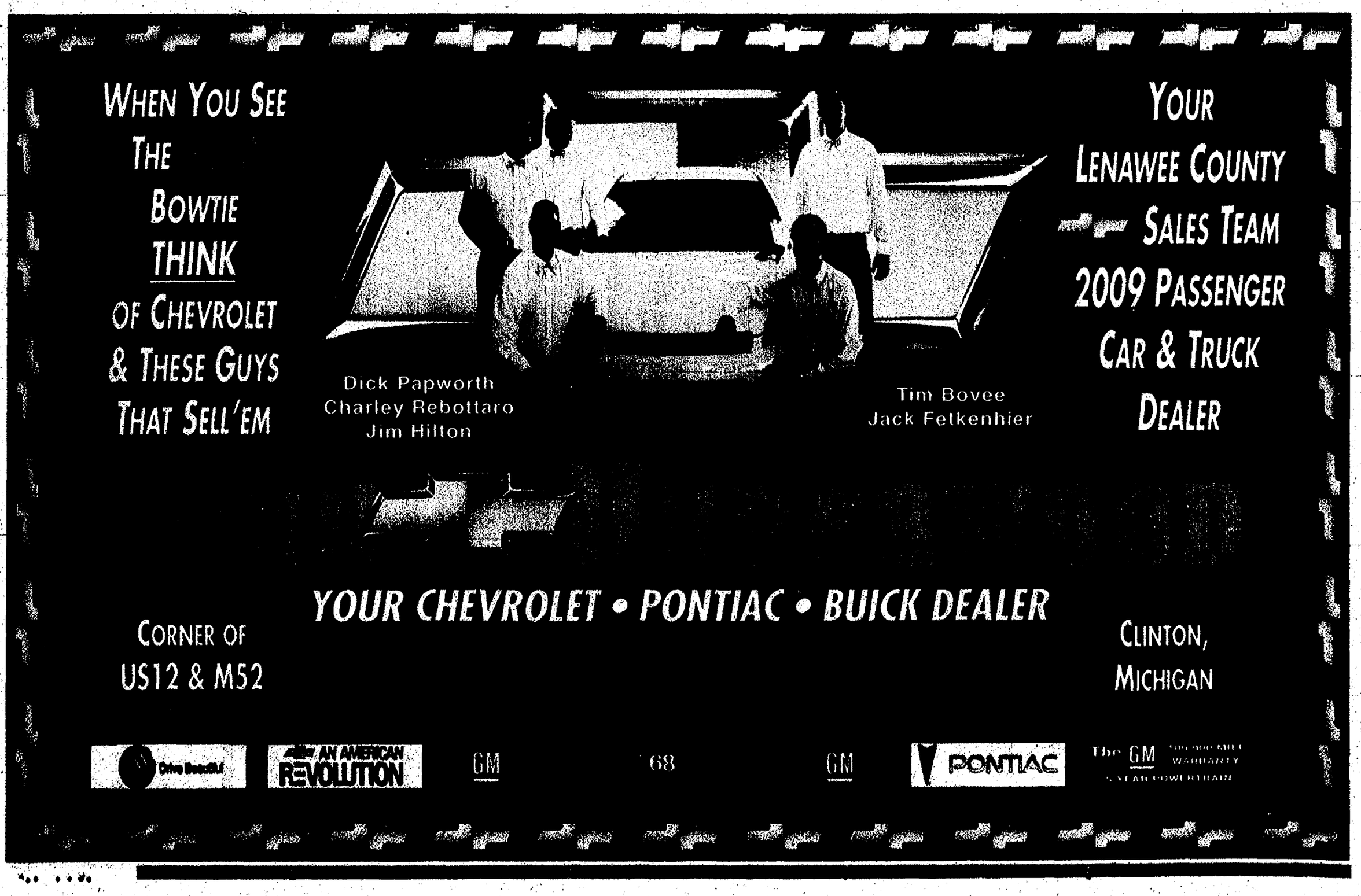
Boards and PTAs continue to reach beyond the catalog pages and order forms to raise money to support budget-stressed schools.

In Chelsea, volunteers are careful to coordinate the many fund-raisers throughout the year in the different buildings with a clearinghouse calendar on the district's Web homepage. From the first holiday wreath sale benefiting the orchestra program to a golf outing planned in June to fund the athletic boosters, families are encouraged to give where they can.

At Lindemann Elementary in Allen Park, PTA President Diane Peyton makes an appeal on the school's site, asking directly for donations of products, services and discounts from parents and the companies they work for.

One thing will never change when it comes to the hard work of PTAs. It's all about the kids — their safety, their education and recreation and their future.

Contact Sue G. Collins, a Heritage Newspapers staff writer, at scollins@heritage.com or 1-734-429-7380.



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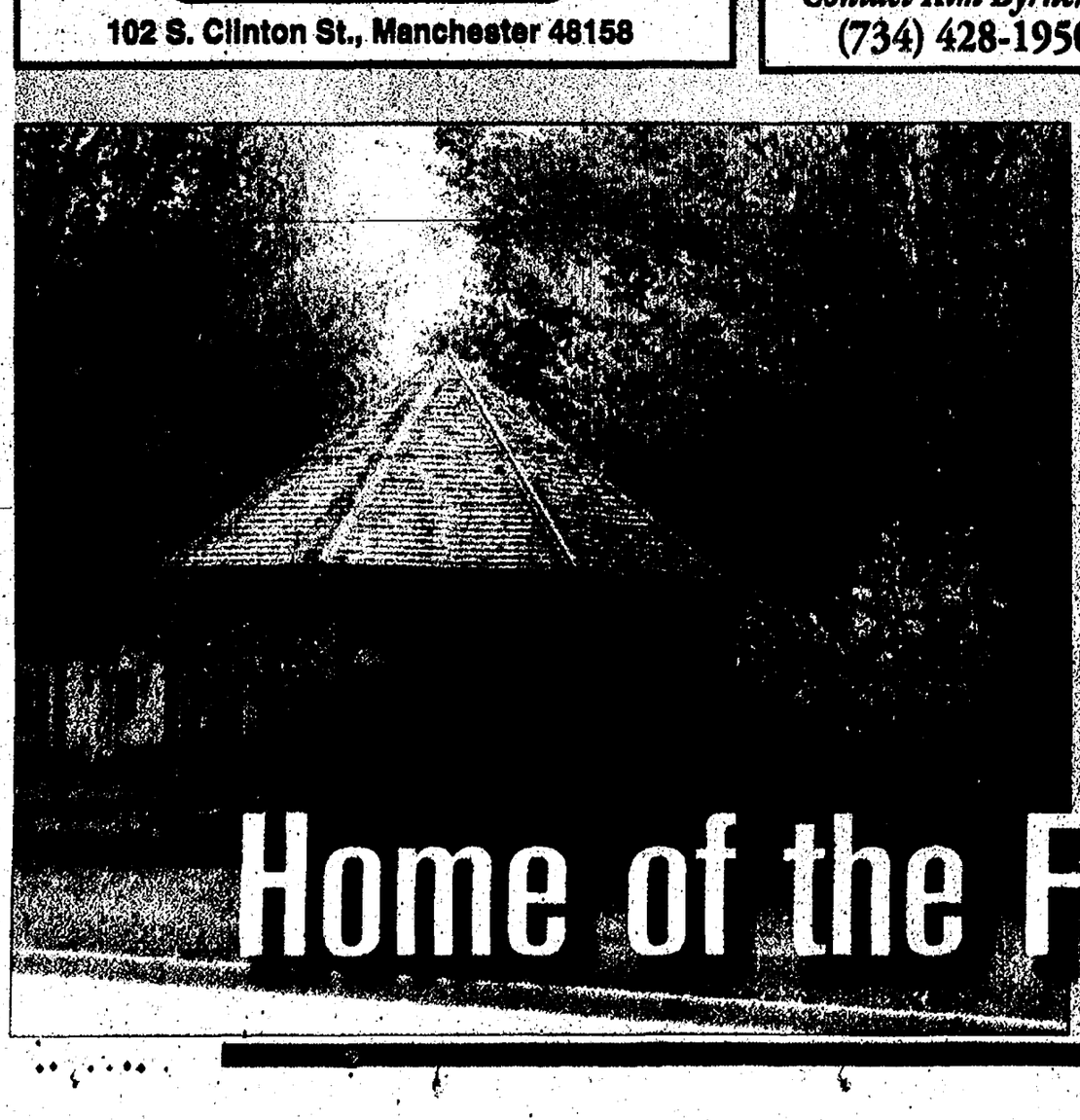

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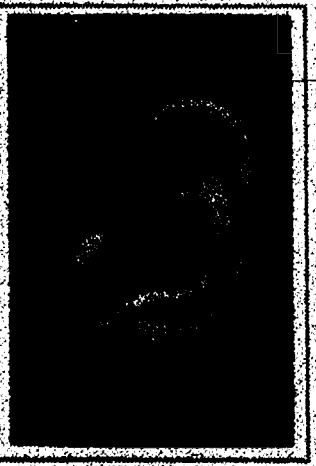

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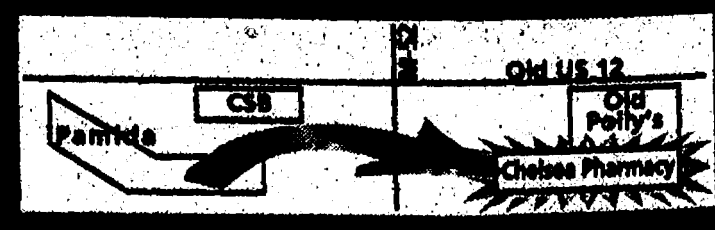

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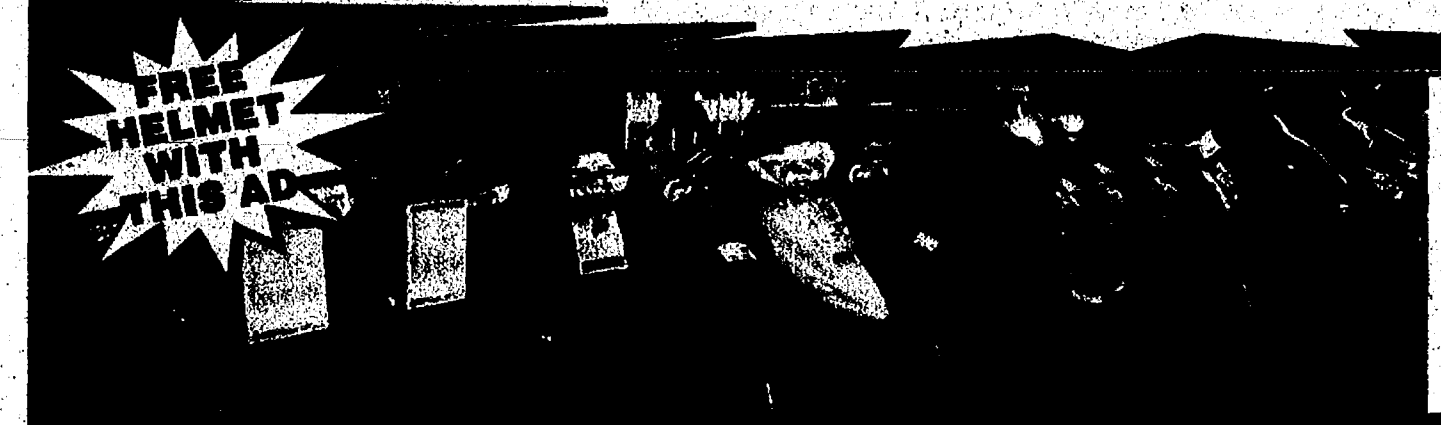

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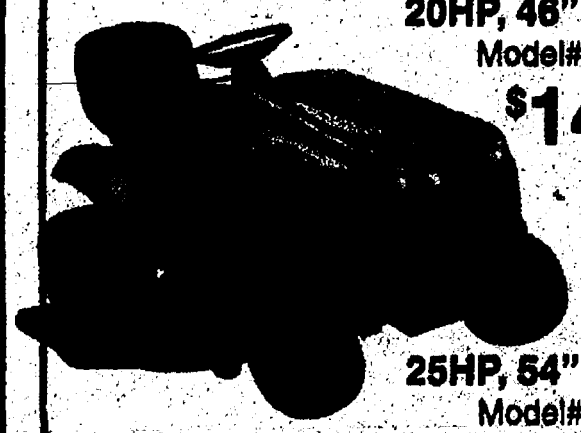

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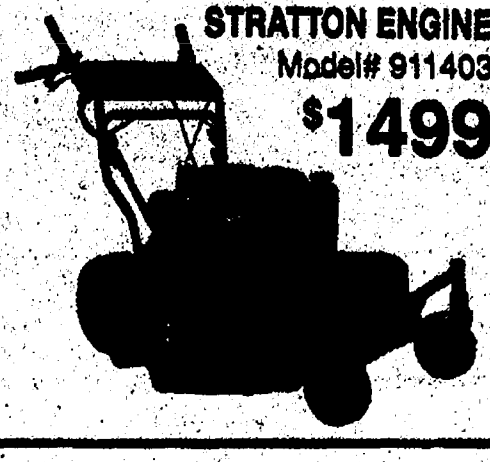

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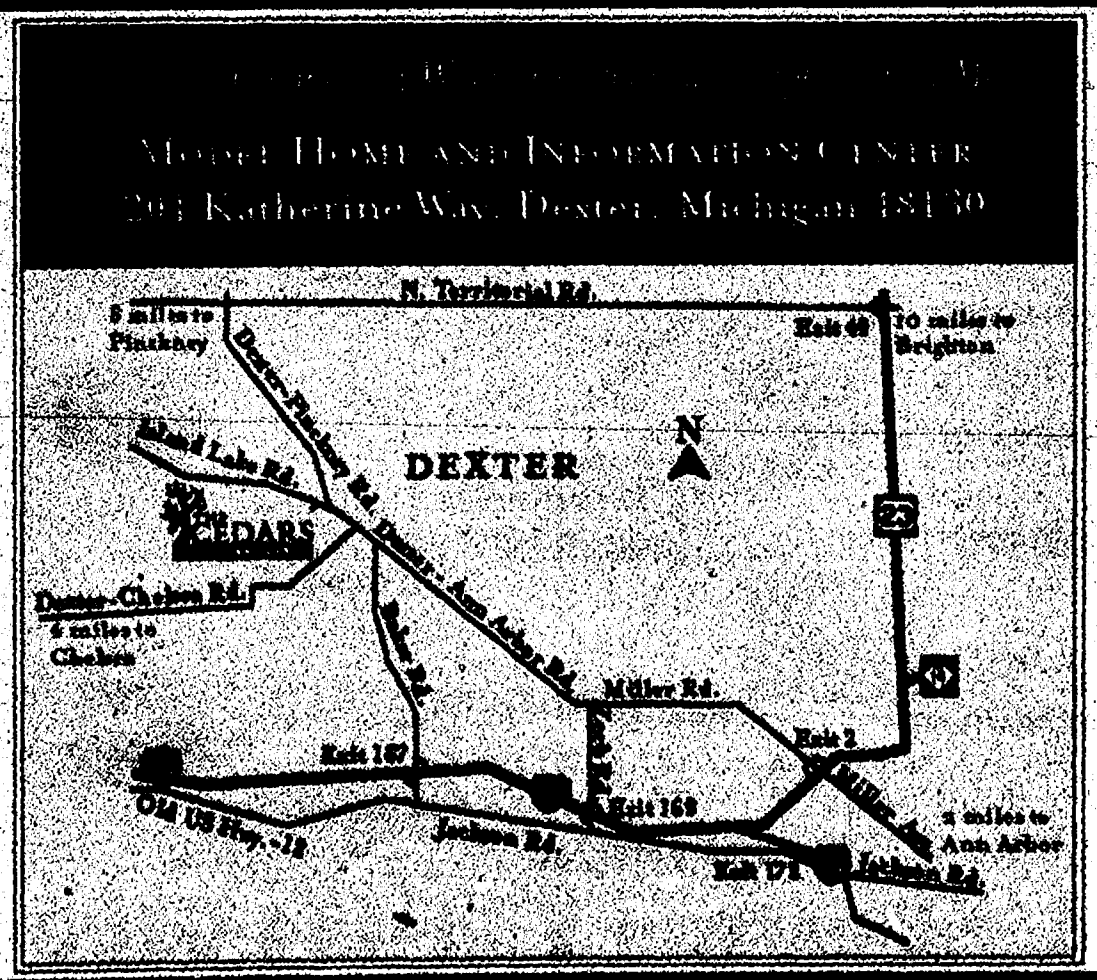

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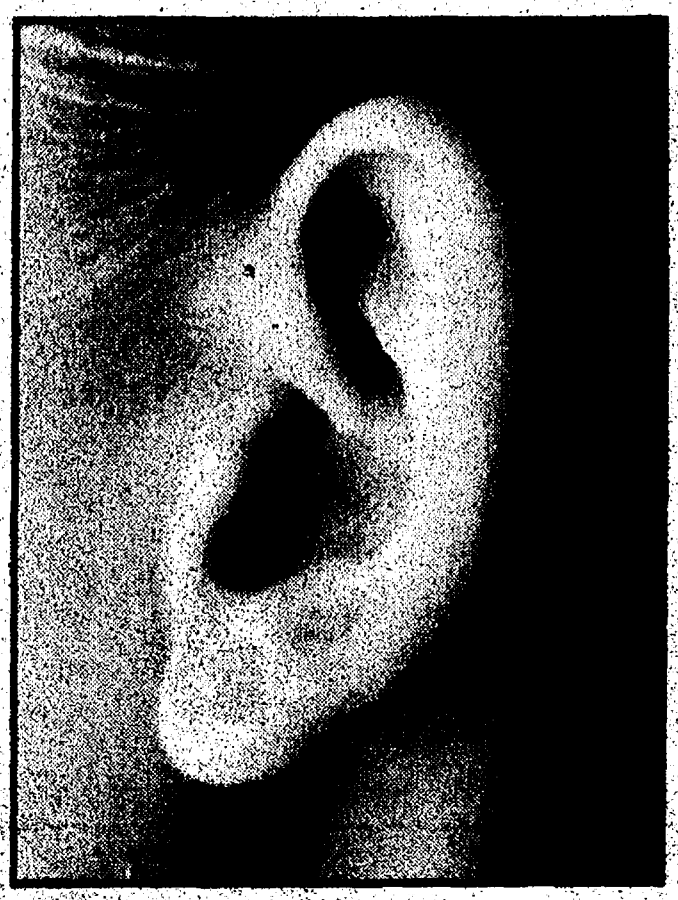

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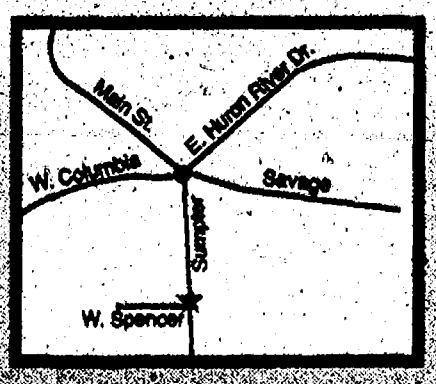

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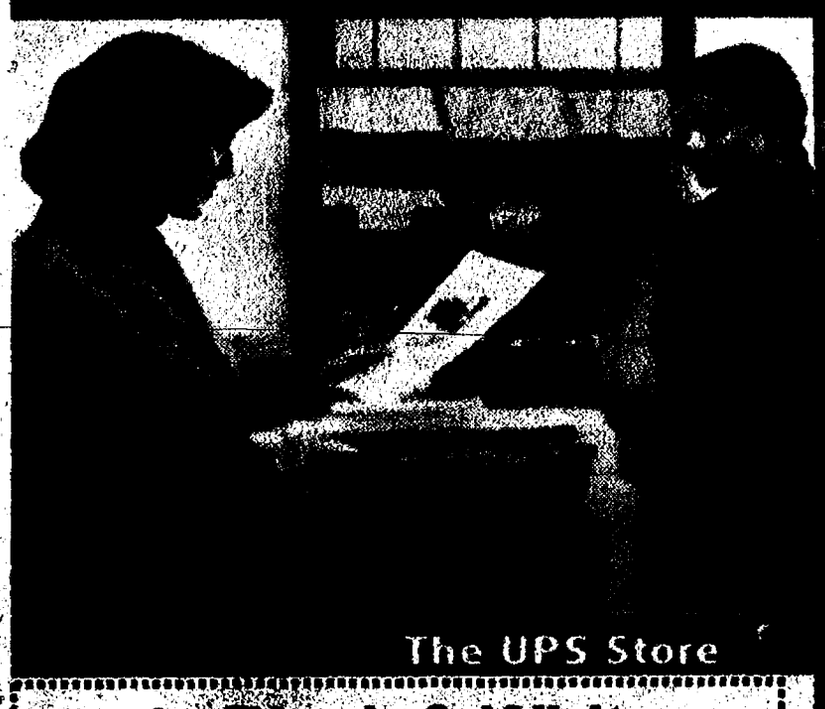

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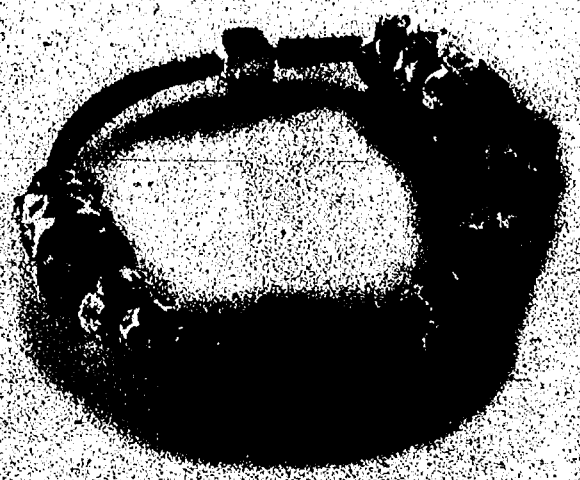

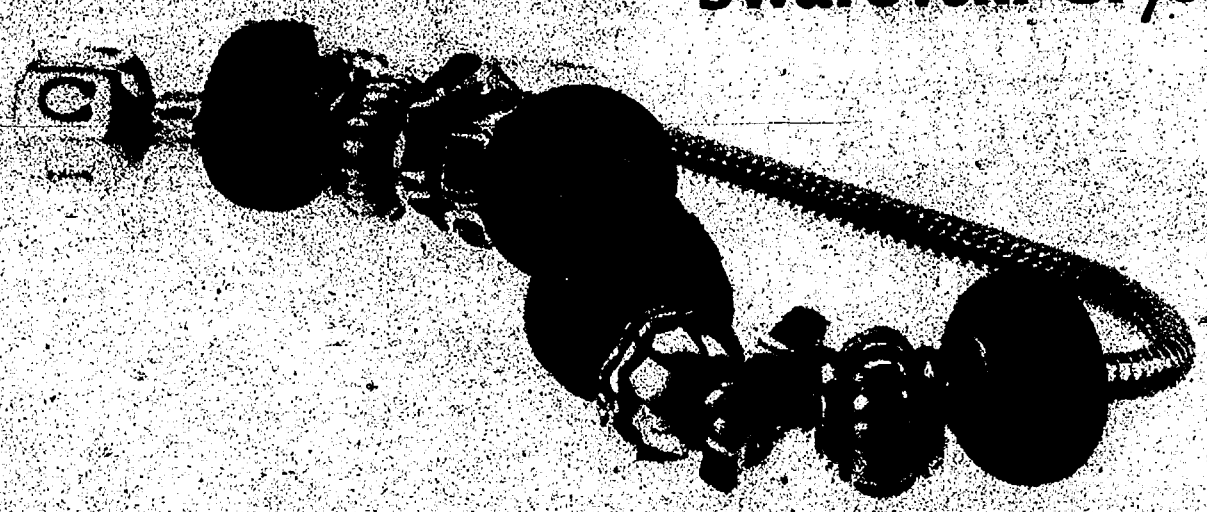

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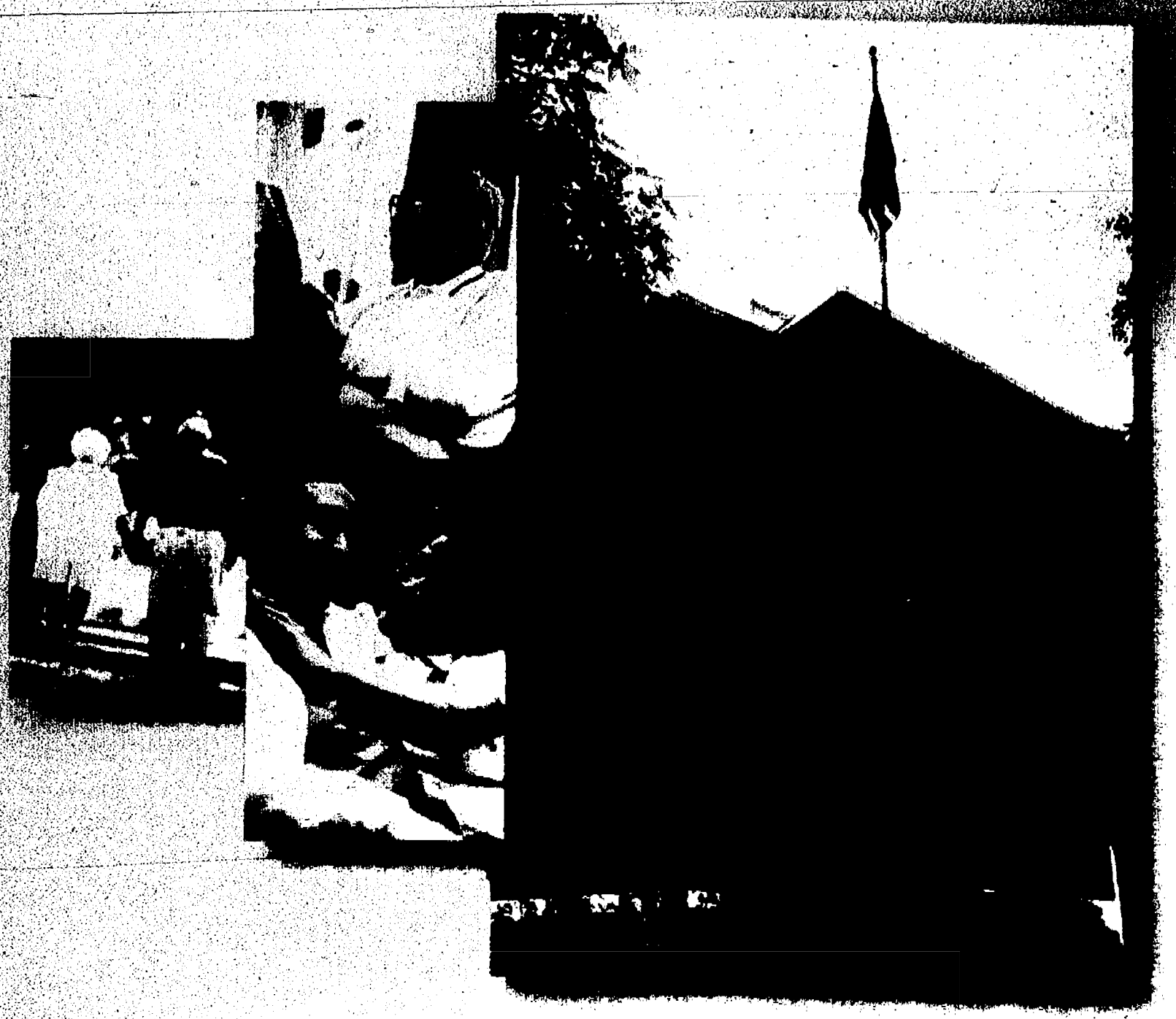

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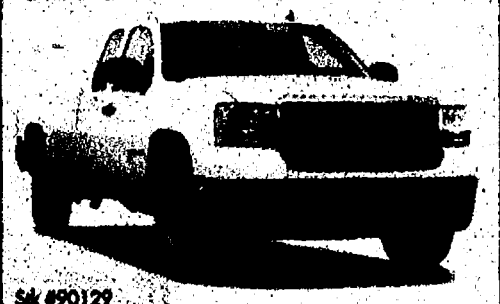

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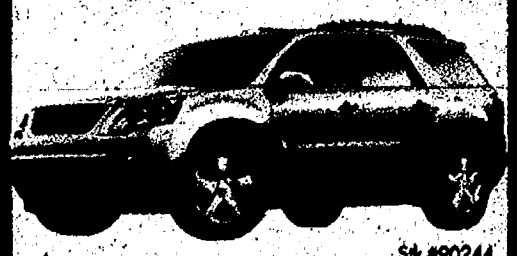

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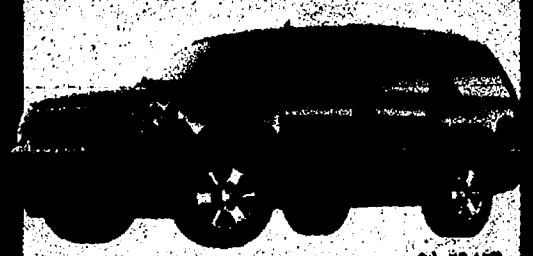

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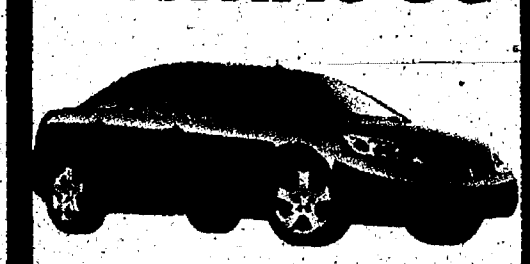

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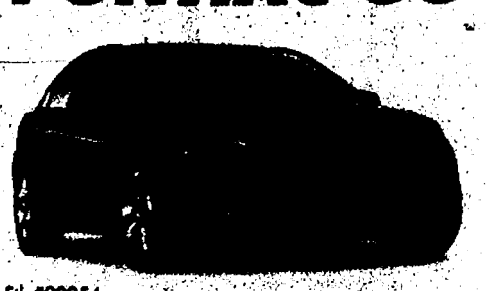

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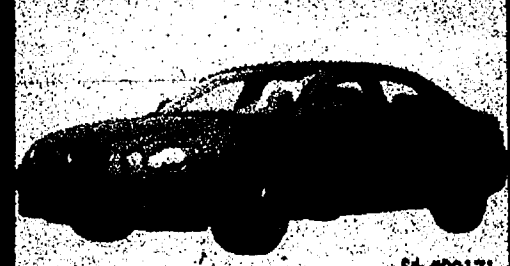

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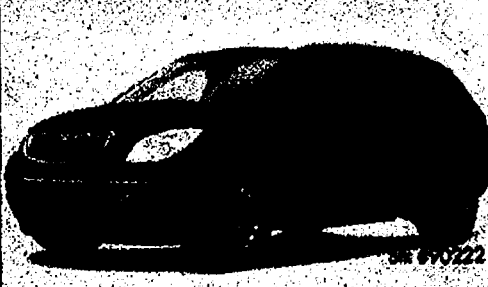

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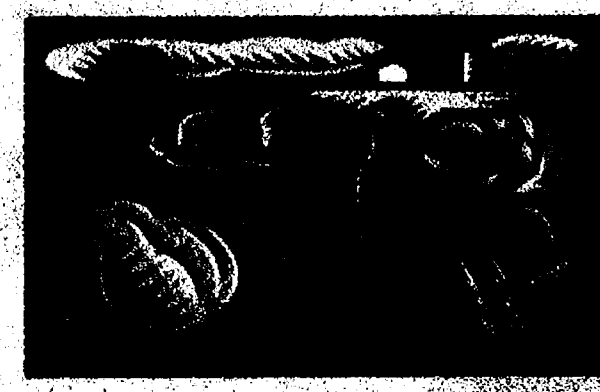

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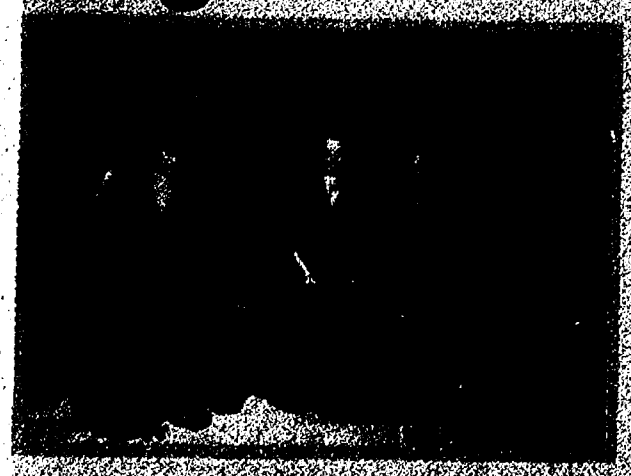

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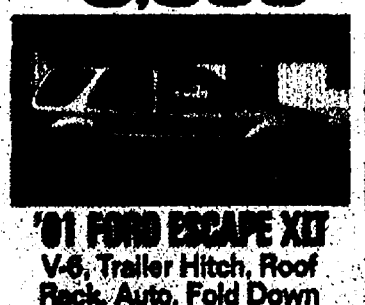

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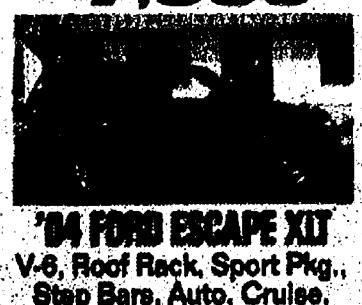

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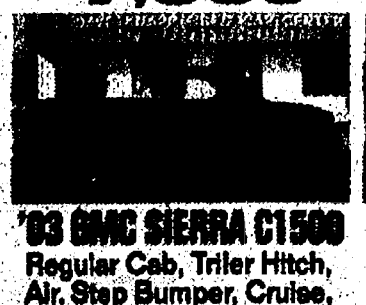

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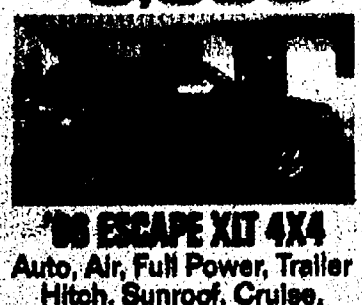

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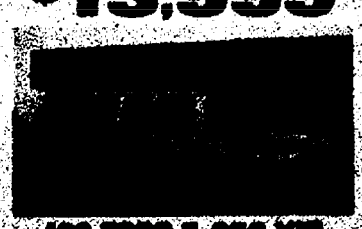

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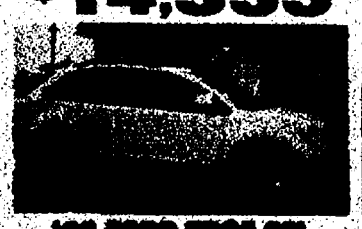

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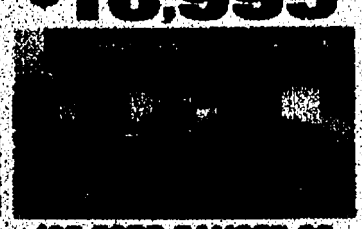

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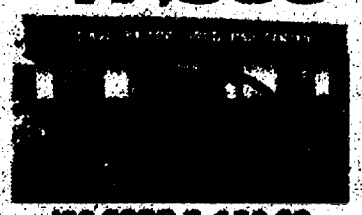

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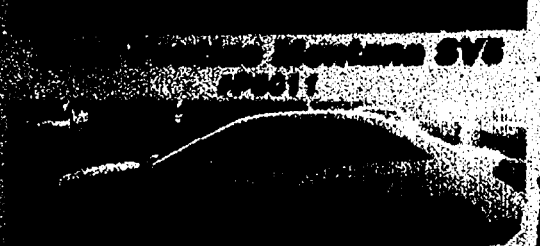

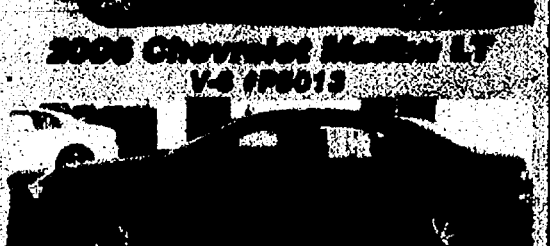

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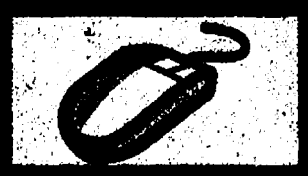

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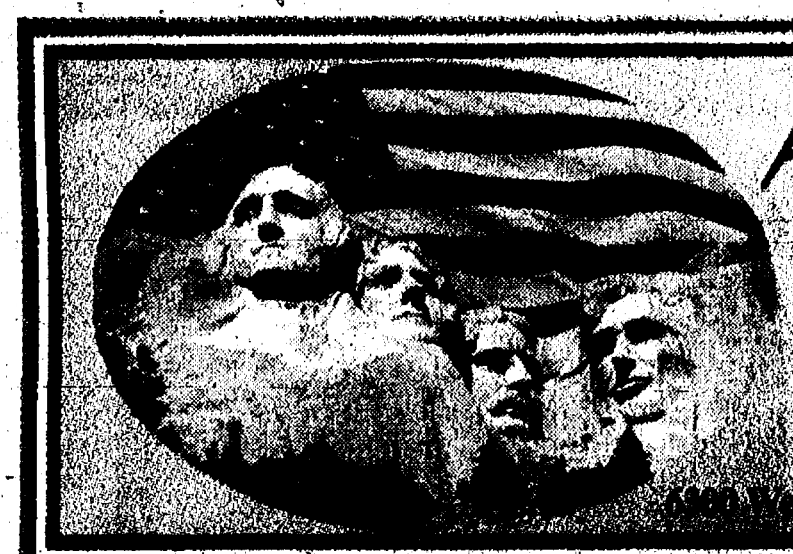

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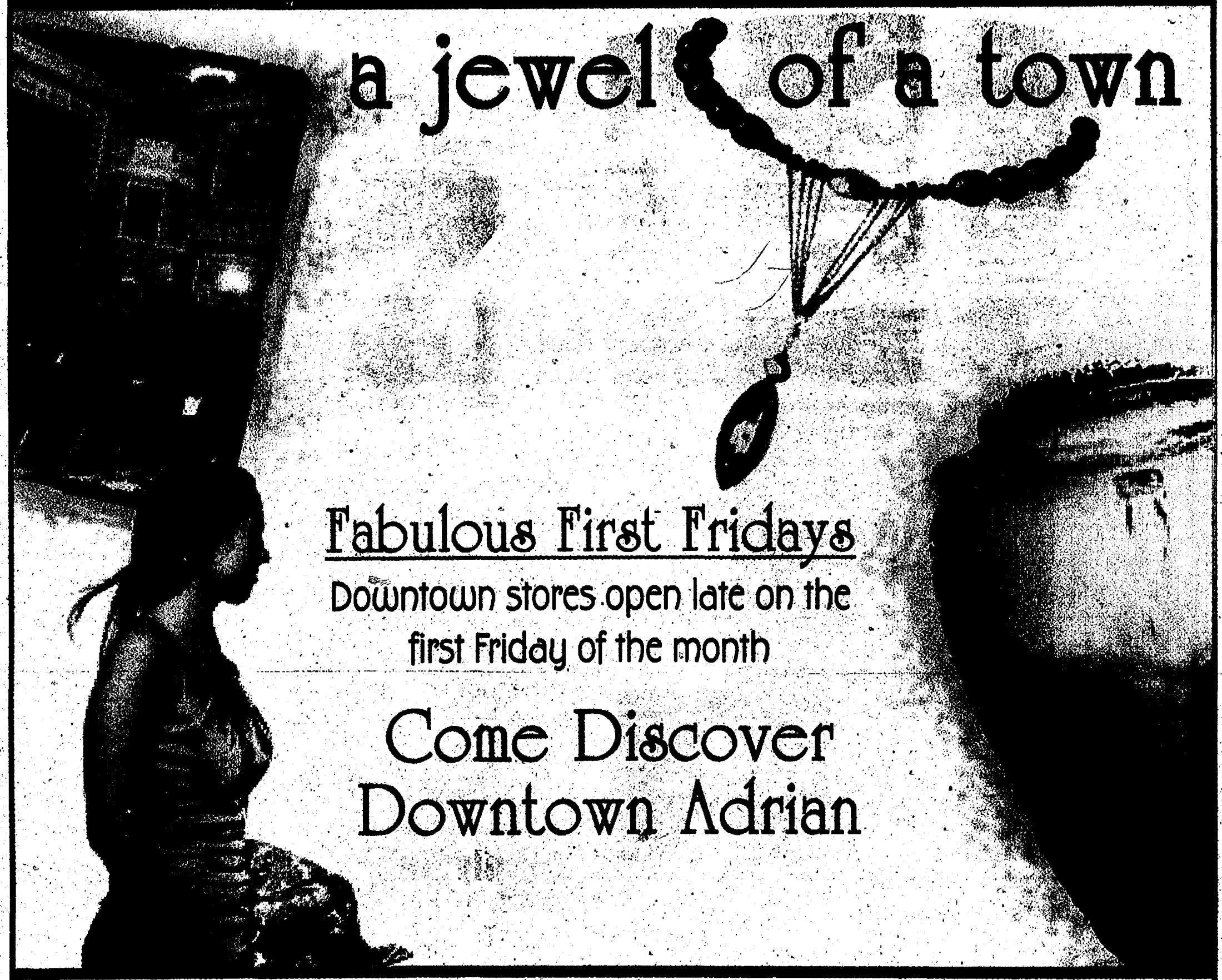

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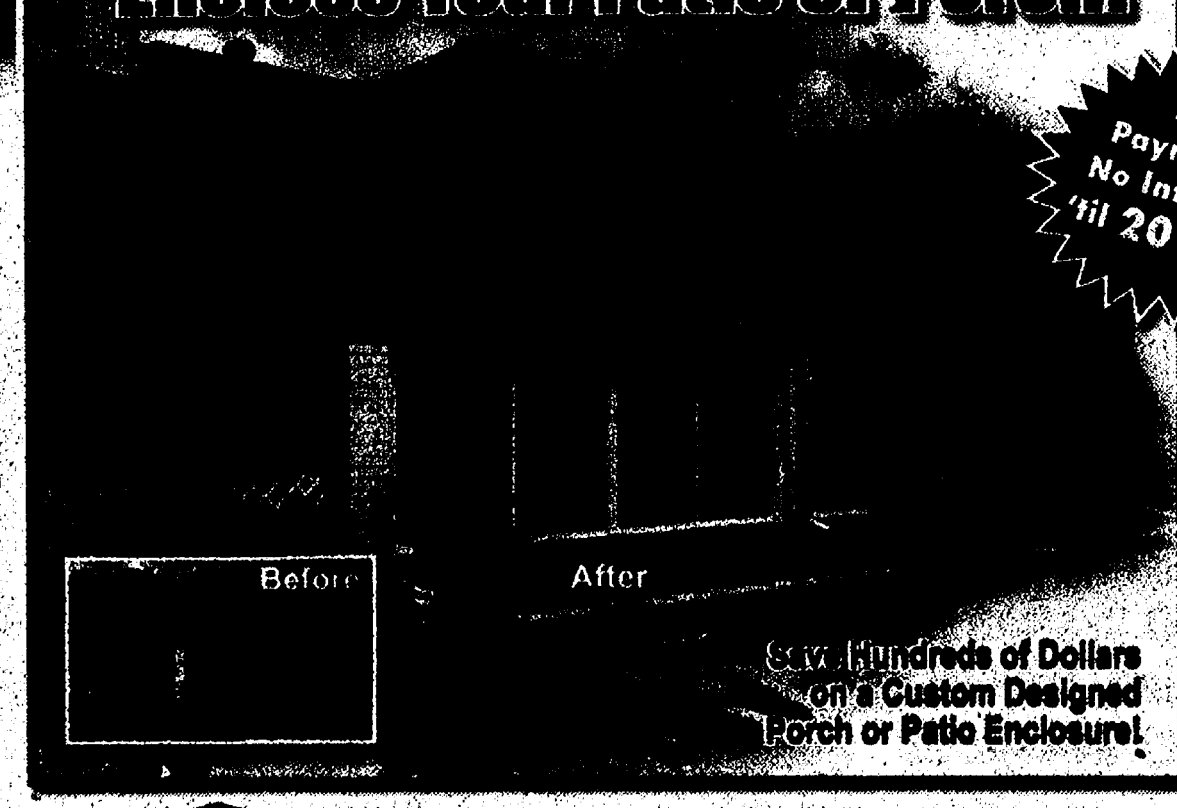

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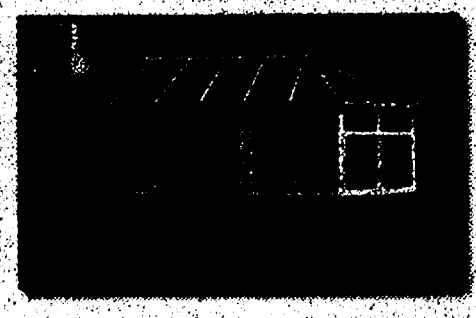

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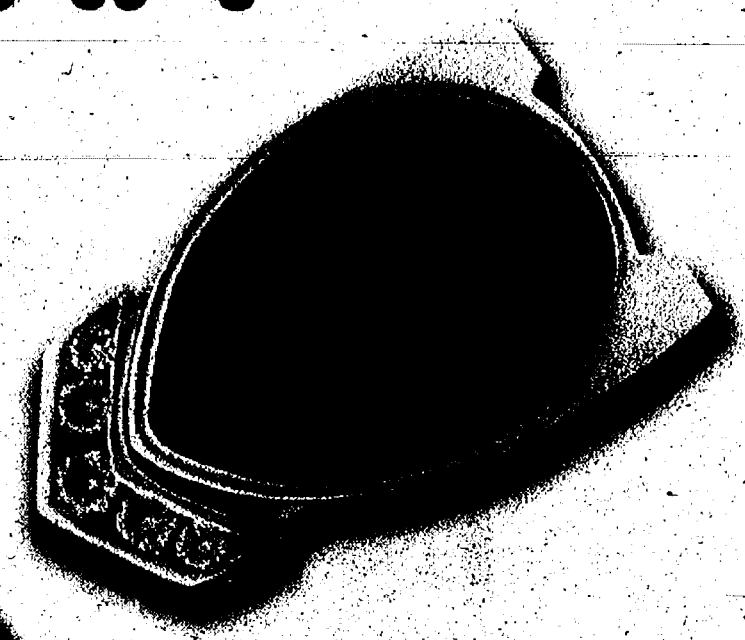

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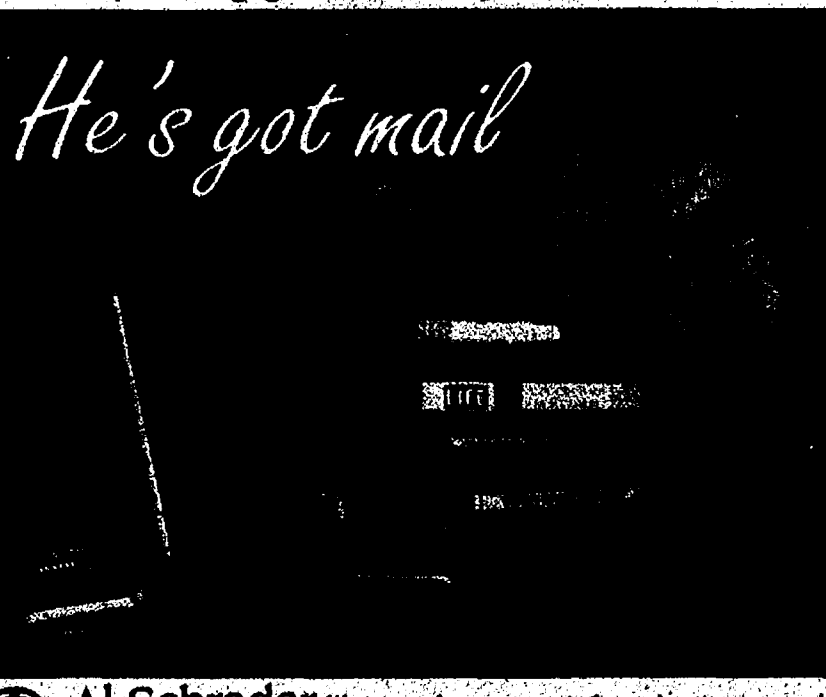

Al Schrader likes to keep up. When he isn't reading his favorite books on Great Britain, he keeps up with his 3rd generation spoon collection. Cambrian Assisted Living offers residents internet access and Al keeps up with that too. This 95 years young former photographer has a laptop that fits nicely on his roll top desk where Al enjoys e-mailing friends and family! He's "got mail", a cell phone and an optimism for life.

Sailing through retirement

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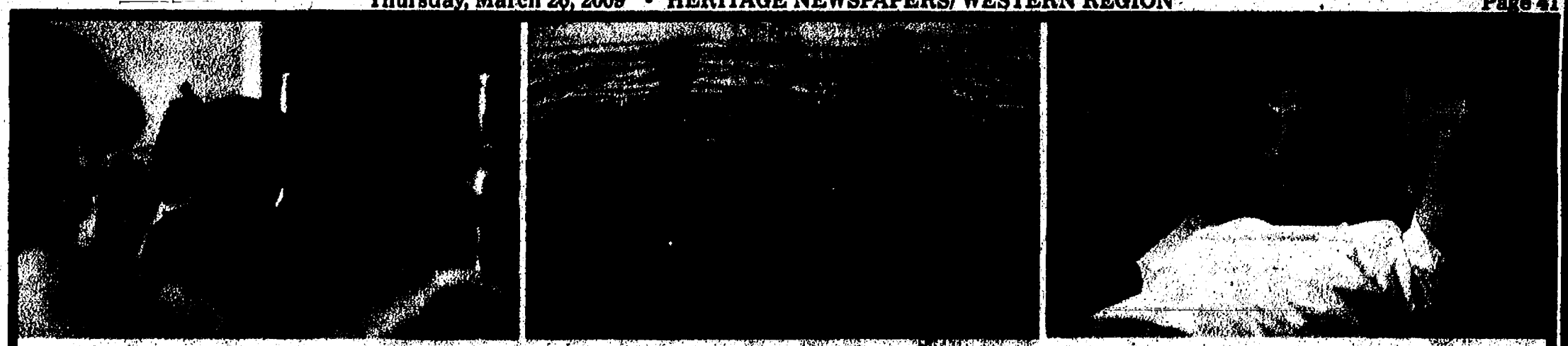

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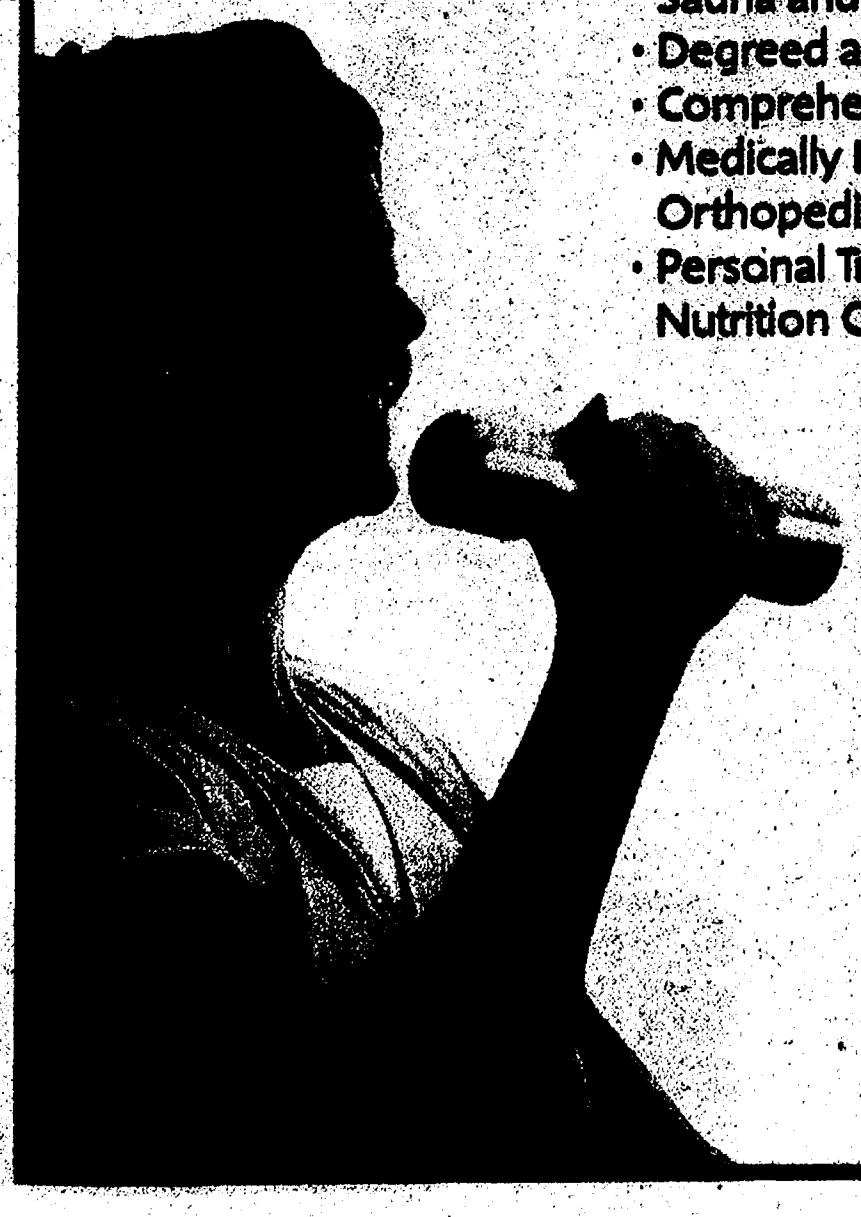

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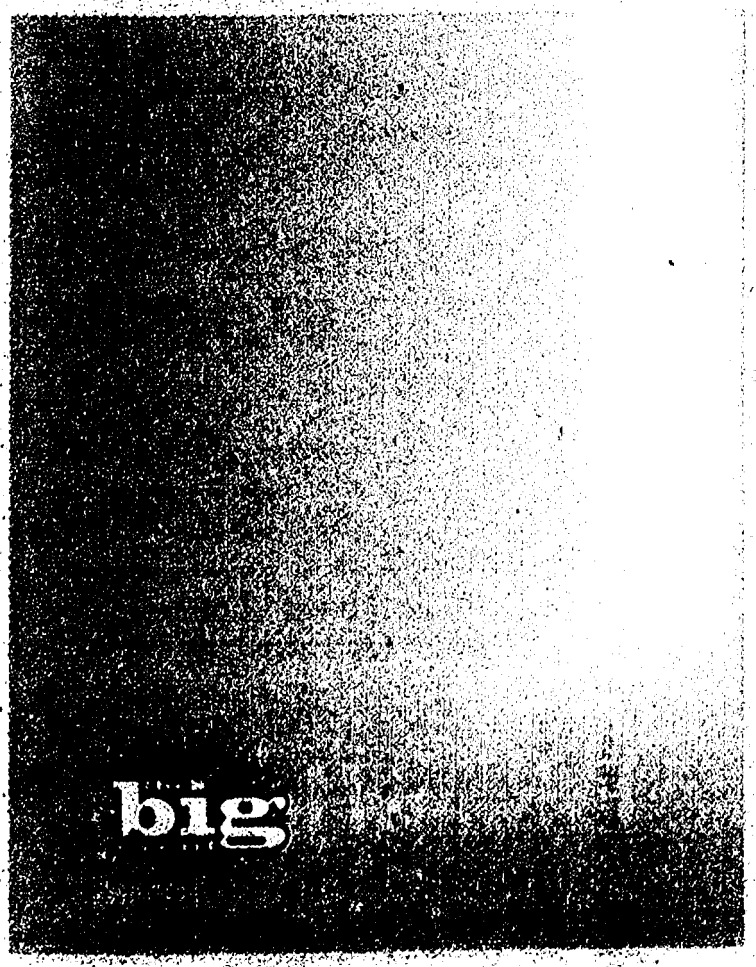

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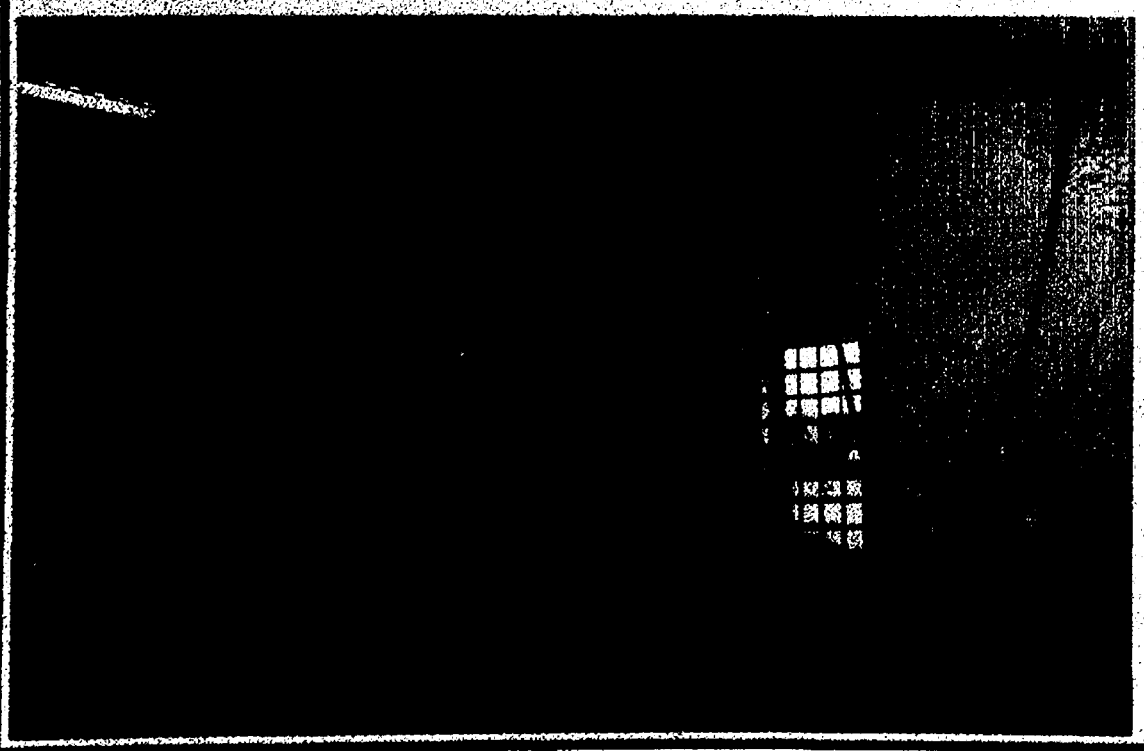

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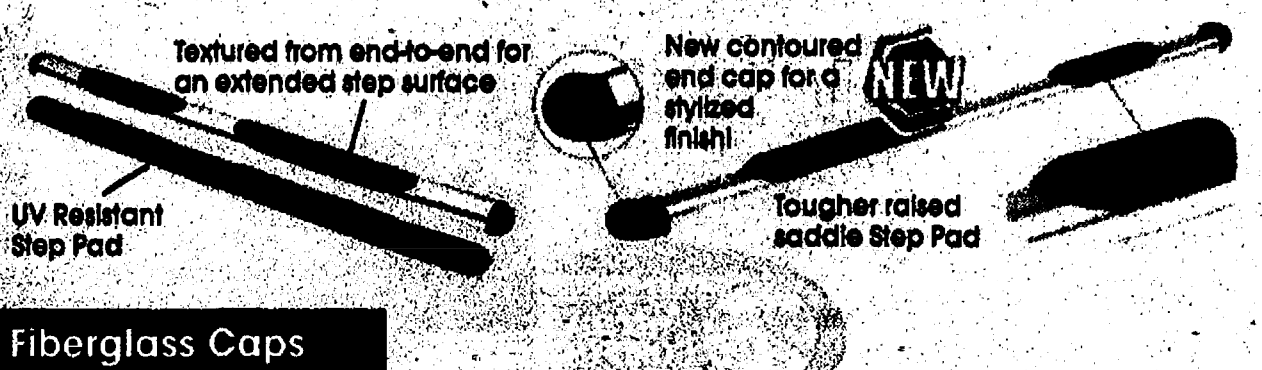

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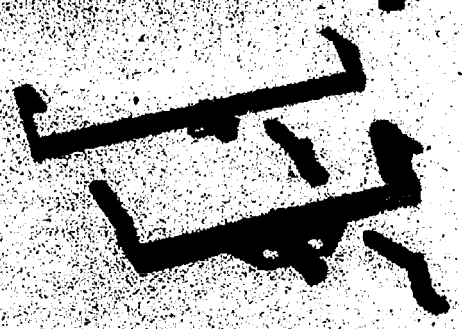

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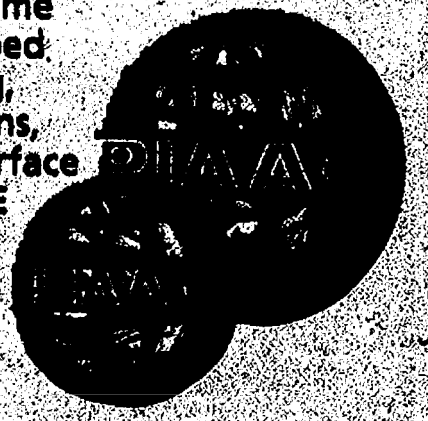

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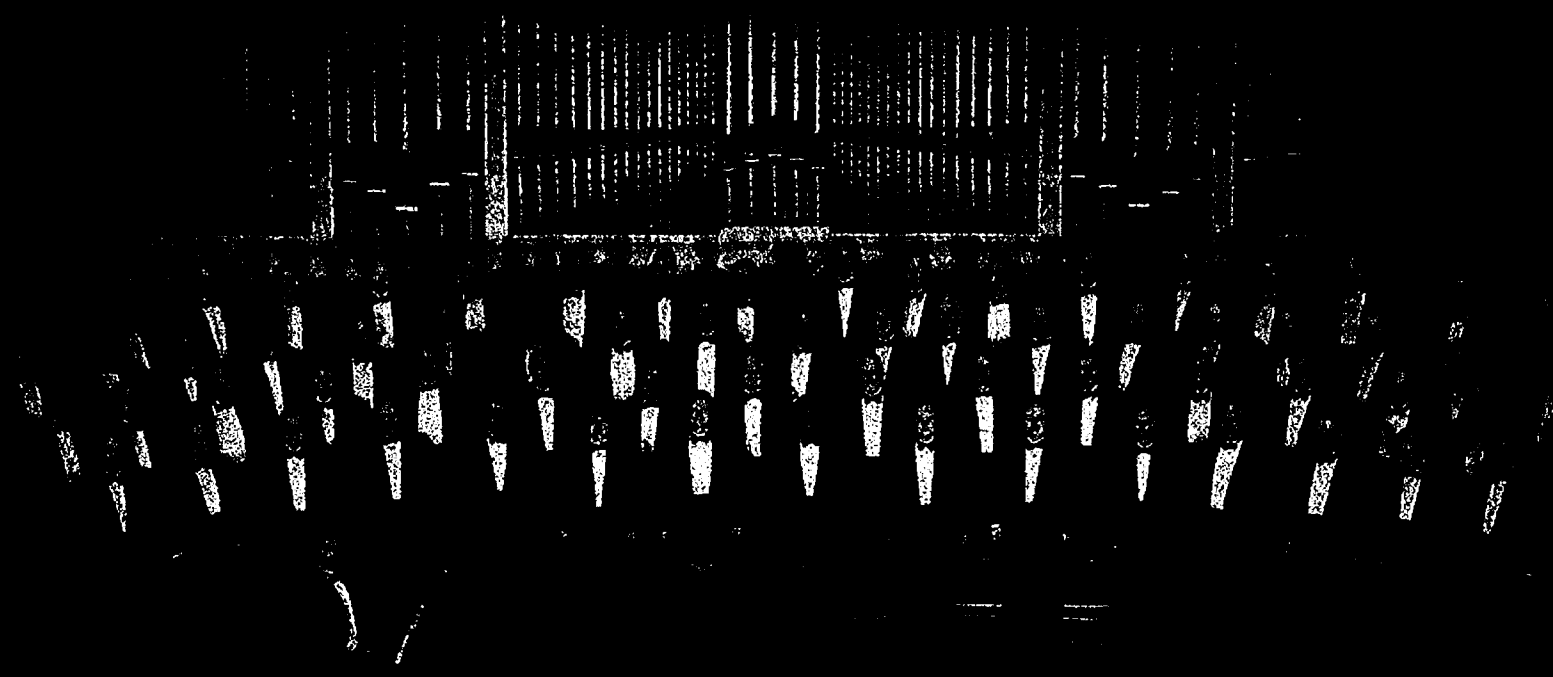

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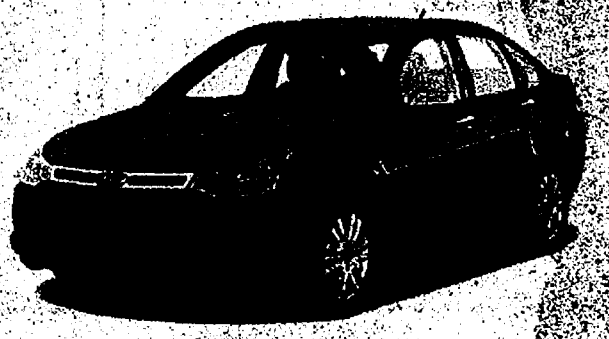

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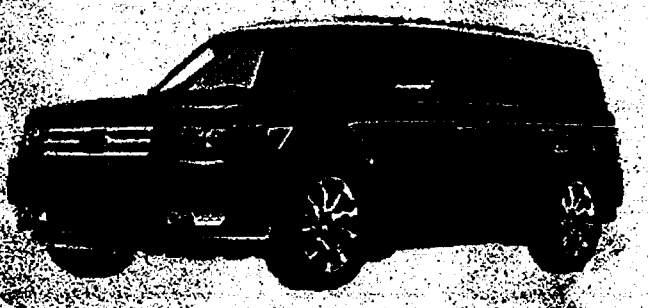

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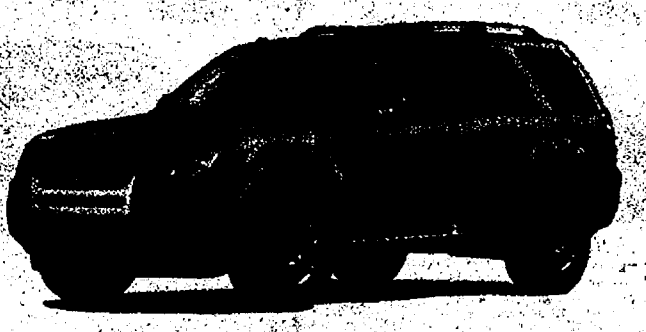

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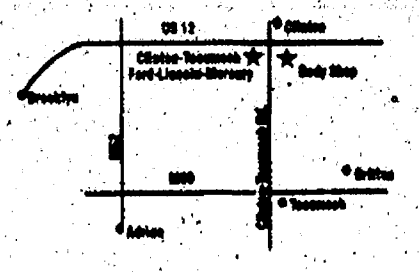

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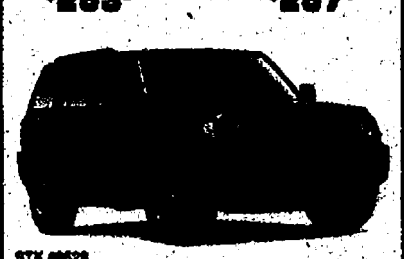

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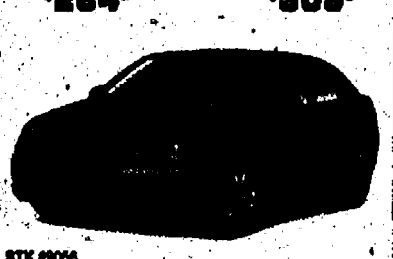

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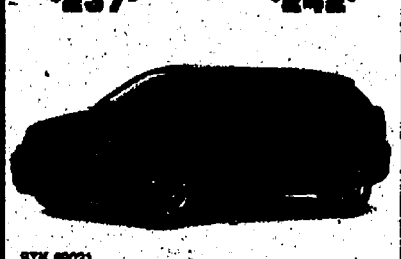
2009 Dodge Caliber SE

72 Mo. Payment $237[2] - OR - 48 Mo. Lease Payment $242[3]



STK #9021

MSRP	18,396
Employee Discount	1,438
Military Rebate	500
Employee Bonus Cash	500
Lease To Retail	500
Owner/Conquest Cash	750
Pinckney CDJ Down Payment Match	1,000

Sale Price $13,707[1]

Equipment: 2.0L Engine, Front & Side Airbags, A/C With Chill Zone, Antilock Brakes, 60/40 Folding Seat, Flat Load Floor, 15" Wheels, Rear Window Wiper, Tilt Wheel, AM/FM/CD/MP3 Radio, Sentry Key Theft System, Power Acc. Delay, Intelligent Wipers, Plus Additional Standard Equipment.

2009 Dodge Grand Caravan

72 Mo. Payment $247[2] - OR - 48 Mo. Lease Payment $278[3]

STK #9283

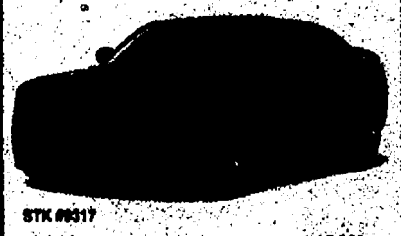
MSRP	26,275
Employee Discount	2,516
Consumer Cash	500
Military Rebate	500
Employee Bonus Cash	1,000
Lease To Retail	750
Owner/Conquest Cash	2,000
Pinckney CDJ Down Payment Match	2,000

Sale Price $15,018[1]

Equipment: V6 Engine, Flex Fuel, Auto, 2nd Row Power Windows, Stow and Go Seating, 3rd Row Power Windows, Cruise Control, Over Head Console, Power Heated Mirrors, Rear Grocery Bag Hooks, 16" Wheels, Tilt Delay Head Lamps, Sliding 2nd Row Doors, Keyless Entry, ABS, Front and Side Airbags, Electronic Stability Program, A/C, AM/FM/CD/MP3 Radio, Removable Floor Console, Plus Additional Standard Equipment.

2009 Dodge Charger

72 Mo. Payment $245[2] - OR - 48 Mo. Lease Payment $275[3]



STK #9317

MSRP	25,360
Employee Discount	2,217
Consumer Cash	1,000
Military Rebate	500
Employee Bonus Cash	1,000
Lease To Retail	750
CPO Bonus Cash	1,000
Owner/Conquest Cash	1,750
Pinckney CDJ Down Payment Match	2,000

Sale Price $15,143[1]

Equipment: V6 Engine, Auto, Power Windows and Locks, Speed Control, Power Acc. Delay, Lumbar Driver and Passenger Telescoping Steering Wheel, AM/FM/CD/MP3, Alloy Wheels, Power Mirrors, Floor Mats, Body Side Moldings, Plus Additional Standard Equipment.

2009 Dodge Avenger

72 Mo. Payment $284[2] - OR - 48 Mo. Lease Payment $278[3]

STK #9080

MSRP	20,505
Employee Discount	1,817
Consumer Cash	750
Military Rebate	500
Employee Bonus Cash	500
Lease To Retail	750
Pinckney CDJ Down Payment Match	1,000

Sale Price $15,188[1]

Equipment: 2.4 Engine, Auto, Keyless Entry, Speed Control, 16" Wheels, Floor Mats, 12 Volt Outlet, Temp Display, Sport Steering Wheel, 60/40 Split Rear Seat, AM/FM/CD/MP3/Sirius Radio, Front & Side Airbags, Plus Additional Standard Equipment.

2009 Dodge Journey SXT

72 Mo. Payment $273[2] - OR - 48 Mo. Lease Payment $276[3]

STK #9466

MSRP	24,535
Employee Discount	2,288
Consumer Cash	2,000
Military Rebate	500
Employee Bonus Cash	500
Lease To Retail	750
LFC Bonus Cash	1,000
Owner/Conquest Cash	1,000
Pinckney CDJ Down Payment Match	1,000

Sale Price $15,497[1]

Equipment: V6 Engine, Auto, Power Driving Seat, Keyless Entry, Speed Control, Floor Storage Bins, Alloy Wheels, Heated Mirrors, Auto Head Lamps, Chill Zone Glove Box, Fold Flat Front Seat, AM/FM/CD/MP3 Radio, 1 Year Free Sirius Sat., Telescoping Steering, Security Alarm, Traction Control, Plus Additional Standard Equipment.

2009 Jeep Grand Cherokee

72 Mo. Payment $338[2] - OR - 48 Mo. Lease Payment $388[3]

STK #9188

MSRP	33,060
Employee Discount	3,430
Consumer Cash	1,500
Military Rebate	500
Employee Bonus Cash	1,000
Lease To Retail	750
CPO Bonus Cash	1,000
Owner/Conquest Cash	2,000
Great Lakes Bonus Cash	1,000
Pinckney CDJ Down Payment Match	2,000

Sale Price $18,870[1]

Equipment: V8 Engine, 4WD, Front & Side Air Bags, ABS, Power Windows and Locks, Speed Control, Sirius Radio, Keyless Entry, AM/FM/CD/MP3 Radio, Power Seat, Full Size Spare, Heated Mirrors, Tinted Glass, Roof Rack, Alloy Wheels, Plus Additional Standard Equipment.

2009 Dodge Ram 1500 ST

72 Mo. Payment $288[2] - OR - 48 Mo. Lease Payment $328[3]

STK #9533

MSRP	28,980
Employee Discount	3,123
Consumer Cash	500
Military Rebate	500
Employee Bonus Cash	1,000
CPO Bonus Cash	1,000
Owner/Conquest Cash	2,000
Pinckney CDJ Down Payment Match	2,000

Sale Price $17,437[1]

Equipment: 4.7L V8, Flex Fuel, 40/20/40 Bench, ABS, Sentry Theft System, Locking Tailgate, Class IV Hitch, Anti Spin Diff., Speed Control, Sirius Radio, Rear Sliding Window, Tilt Steering, 17" Wheels, Auto Headlamps, Intelligent Wipers, Front & Side Airbags, Plus Additional Standard Equipment.

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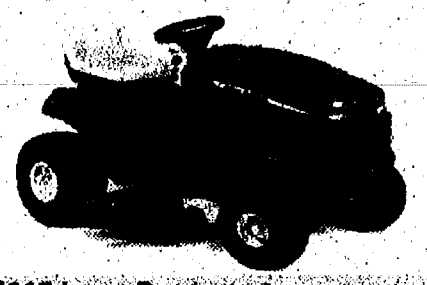

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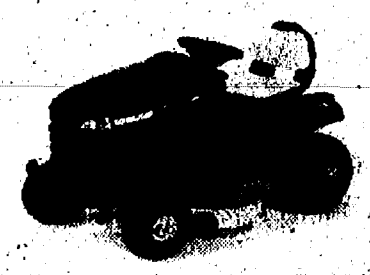

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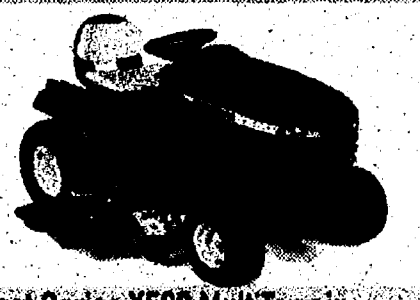

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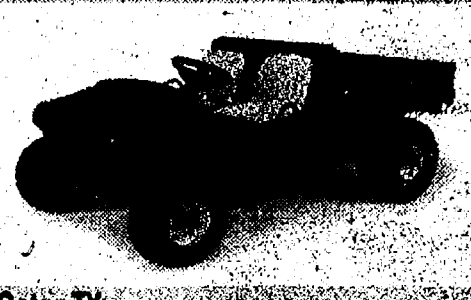

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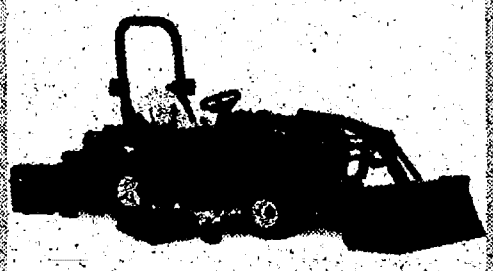

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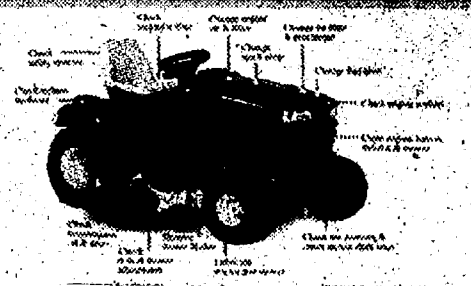

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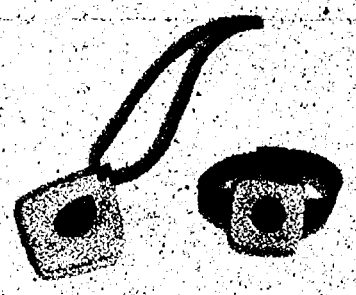

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Tues, March 24th	9am-8pm	Fri, March 27th	9am-6pm
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Play Cards: 2:30-4 pm (Optional)
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- ***"Financial Security"***
  Deb Bauer, Edward Jones
  Tuesday, April 14
- ***Prostate Health and Incontinence***
  Drs. Peter Fischer and Laris Galejs
  Center for Urology
  Tuesday, May 12

CCH Main Dining Room
Call (734) 475-3913 to register

Diabetes Sharing Group

Join us for our monthly discussions held the 2nd Tuesday of every month

- ***Diabetes and Obesity***
  Kim Campbell, RN, BSN
  Tuesday, April 14, 3:30-5 pm
- ***21st Annual Luncheon***
  CCH Woodlands Room
  Tuesday, May 12, 11:30 am-1 pm
  Must RSVP by May 1
- ***Dental Disease Complications***
  Chelsea Family Dentistry
  Tuesday, June 9, 3:30-5 pm

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Babysitter Training

American Red Cross course for 11-13-year-olds that includes First Aid and CPR skills.
Saturday, June 13, 9 am-3:30 pm
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  Tuesday, April 28
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- ***Basic First Aid:*** **6-10 pm**
  Tuesday, May 12
  Fee: $42
- ***Adult/Infant/Child CPR*** **(for Lay Responders): 6-9:30 pm**
  Thursday, May 14
  Tuesday, June 16
  Thursday, August 20
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  Learn about pre-diabetes and self-management techniques; get it under control before it controls you.
  Kim Campbell, RN, BSN and Emily Nease, MS, RD,
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  Thursday, April 23
- ***"Relief from Back Pain"***
  Learn about prevention and treatment options for osteoporosis and lumbar spine stenosis.
  Tony Cucchi, DO, Michigan Brain and Spine Institute
  Thursday, May 7
- ***"Yoga for Every BODY"***
  Learn about the different styles of Yoga and benefits that they each provide.
  Rachel M. Yu, RYT
  Thursday, May 21
- ***"Lets Talk Bones: Shoulder Injuries and Treatment"***
  Mark Pinto, MD, Chelsea Orthopedic Specialists
  Thursday, June 4

All lectures are held from 7-8 pm at the Health & Wellness Center Conference Room
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Session 1: Wed., May 20-July 1
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Session 3: Wed., August 26-October 7

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- ***Sanchin-Ryu for Families!***
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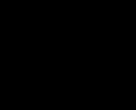

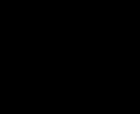

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- **Session 2: Tuesdays, June 16-July 14, 10 am-12 pm, CCH Health and Wellness Center Conference Room**
- **Session 3: Mondays, August 3-August 31, 6-8 pm, CCH White Oak Center Atrium**

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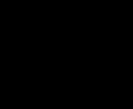

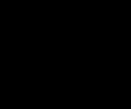

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  Mondays, 4:30-5:30 pm or 5:30-6:30 pm
  Session 1: April 27-June 22
  (No class May 25)
  Session 2: July 6-August 24
  Fees: $48, $43 (55+) *Members $33.50
- ***Tai Chi* - Greg Knollmeyer**
  Ancient mind/body discipline to help strengthen and improve balance.
  Tuesdays, 4:30-5:30 pm
  Session 1: May 5-June 23
  Session 2: July 7-August 25
  Fees: $72, $64.50 (55+) *Members $50
- ***Aquacize with Arthritis* - Stacy Sheets**
  Warm water exercise class.
  Wednesdays, 12-1 pm
  Session 1: May 6-June 24
  Session 2: July 8-August 26
  Fridays, 12-1pm
  Session 1: May 8-June 26
  Session 2: July 10-August 28
  Fees: $56; $50 (55+), * Members Free
  (Registration Required)
- ***Line Dancing* - Susan Bauer**
  Learn line dance routines, to fun upbeat music.
  Tuesdays, 1-2 pm
  Session 1: May 5-June 23
  Session 2: July 7-August 25
  Fees: $48, $43 (55+), *Members Free
  (Registration Required)
- ***Senior Yoga* - Nancy Schumann**
  A gentle stretch yoga class designed for people with special needs. Gentle chair & standing exercises comprise the first 45 minutes of class followed by more challenging exercise during the last half of class. Will accommodate all levels of fitness and those with arthritis, chronic pain or other conditions.
  Fridays, 11:15 am-12:45 pm
  Session 1: May 8-June 26
  Session 2: July 10-August 28
  Fees: $72, $64.50 (55+), *Members Free
  (Registration Required)
- ***Pilates Healthy Spine Program* - Elaine Economou**
  A six-week program introducing the basic elements of healthy posture. Participants will learn exercises to support proper alignment and build strength in their trunk, pelvic floor, and back to support the spine.
  Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5-6 pm
  Session 1: April 14-May 21
  Session 2: June 2-July 9
  Fee: $160

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