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Debbie Williams-Hoak, a former golfer and current teacher in the



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been unable to pay on the debt without the Chelsea Community Hospital expansion project, according to board members at the meeting

Greg McKenzie, board chairman and Lima Township representative, reported at the meeting that the agency's deposits for November were \$16,337 and in December, with the hospital project, the agency received \$202,193. Without the hospital project,

Hundreds of children in Washtenaw County received gifts this year through the local holiday charity program Magic of Christmas.

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Ann Arbor, Chelsea and Saline police departments, the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office, University of Michigan athletics programs and talk radio station WTKA 1050 AM worked together to provide a Christmas for more than 100 families in need.

Ladies Professional Golf Association tour, started the charity 16 years ago.

Residents were invited to adopt a family for Christmas Approximately 600 children received gifts through the Magic of Christmas this year, she said, including children in about 125 families and many foster children. Schools and church

leaders provide her with

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About 600 children in Washtenaw County received gifts through the Magic of Christmas charity program.

Gallery 100 to feature Roger Crispell

By Sheila Pursglove

Chelsea artist Roger Crispell will exhibit through the end of January at Gallery 1, Silver Maples of Chelsea, 100 Silver Maples Drive. A meet-andgreet reception is set for 4:30 p.m. Jan. 5.

Crispell, who studied art and design at the Pratt Institute in New York City, painted watercolors and oils for several years as a self-termed "Sunday painter"

While living in Ithaca, N.Y., and operating his own business, "Art and Design for Business," for five years, he and his wife Ann - also an artist - were active members of the Ithaca Art Association, where he served as president before moving to Michigan in 1952.

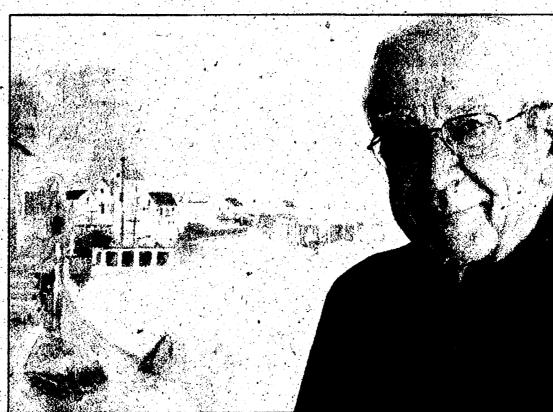
"It was an interesting mix of pros, amateurs and even an art professor/painter from Cornell University," he said. After moving to

Michigan, the couple continued with art activities and became founding members of the Birmingham-**Bloomfield Art Association**.

They brought with them to Birmingham an exhibit idea from Ithaca and spearheaded a major citywide * exhibit in which art was exhibited as part of mer-chants' window displays.

Crispell continued to paint and exhibit in his spare time, and after retiring from a long career in industrial design with General Motors in 1991, turned his attention to building Architectural Birdhouse Sculptures.

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the names of families in need and a wish list of presents for the children. she said. She said the gifts are then delivered by police officers in time for Christmas.

Other volunteers are responsible for purchasing and wrapping the gifts.

Saline Police Department became involved with Magic of Christmas three years ago. Linda Hehnlin. administrative assistant. and Jan Wegner, records, coordinated the effort within the department.

'It's an awesome thing," Wegner said. "It makes a lot of kids very, very happy."

The department collected gifts for 10 families. Hehnlin said, providing about 15 gifts per child.

'It's a lot of fun being involved, it really is," she said. "It's-very gratifying."

Last year. the department was even able to fulfill one child's wish to get an electric guitar for Christmas, Hehnlin said.

The need has been greater than ever this year," Williams-Hoak said.

She said she believes the constant economic pressure on families has had a snowball effect. Some families able to hang on for the first few years in a tough economy are no longer able to do so now, she said.

More than ever before, she is seeing essential items at the top of wish lists rather than toys, she said.

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McKenzie projected the account would have been at about \$14,000. 'Our activity is below

our expenses," McKenzie said. Bruce Connell, buildneeded -- hats and coats and clothes." Williams-Hoak said.

These items are on just about every list the charity receives, she said. Toys still make it on the lists, though, Williams-Hoak said she wants to make sure children get at least three or four fun gifts, too, related to music, sports or something else the child enjoys.

An important element of the charity is to have police officers in uniform deliver the gifts, she said. She said this helps children have a positive impression of law enforcement.

Williams-Hoak said she had some tough Christmases while growing up, and she told herself she would help others when she was in the position to do so.

Ann Arbor Police Department partnered with her the first year and they provided gifts for about 15 families, she said. She said and by four years ago the charity was helping up to 60 families a year.

WTKA 1050 AM began sponsoring it as the station's official charity after then, she said, and the charity has sponsored gifts for more than 100 families every year since. She said the radio station promotes the charity through a weeklong event.

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staff, and we've gone back to the regular work-week.' The agency serves

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municipalities, it's totally

self-funded," McKenzie

said. We're one of those

"Even though it's a consortium of the six

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Chelsea, Crispell took up painting again. "Many of my paintings

are abstract impressions of nature. As a starting point, I've referred to photographs I took while traveling and on vacations. Some of the newest paintings have been inspired by looking out our windows and across the lake during all four seasons.

"All four of our children have included paintings of mine on their walls. Two of our daughters living here in Chelsea have occasionally taken possession as soon as the paint dried. I've borrowed two of them for this exhibit," he said.

"One of the paintings in the exhibit, titled 'Portrait of Chelsea,' resulted from my love for this unique city, full of 'Sights and Sounds' - not

just on Thursday nights in summer, but every day of the week."

Crispell's exhibit in 🔔 Gallery 1 will be an eclectic mix of his art and will include a sampling of his birdhouse sculptures. His recent work is mostly acrylics, some mixed media and assemblages.

When I first opened the CD with Roger's images, I was immediately impressed," said Shawn Personke, director of activities at Silver Maples. "I love his use

of color and shape, as well as the modern feel of what seems to me to be a 21st century mix of impressionism and cubism.

"We haven't exhibited anything quite like Roger's work before, so we're very excited to host his art."

Sheila Pursglove is a freelance writer. She can be reached at bingley51@yahoo.com.

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Hamptons when visiting our son," he said. He had a one-man show at the Detroit Artists Market, exhibited and sold at the annual Art in the Park and was represented in various exhibits and Michigan galleries including galleries in Birmingham, Saugatuck and Glen Arbor.

Crispell and his wife moved to Chelsea in 1998, following in the steps of two daughters.

"We visited several times and became acquainted with many of the attractions and activities the city is well known for, and we knew Chelsea would be a great place to live," he said. Once settled in

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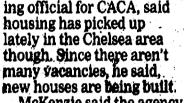
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McKenzie said the agency is also back to five day work weeks.

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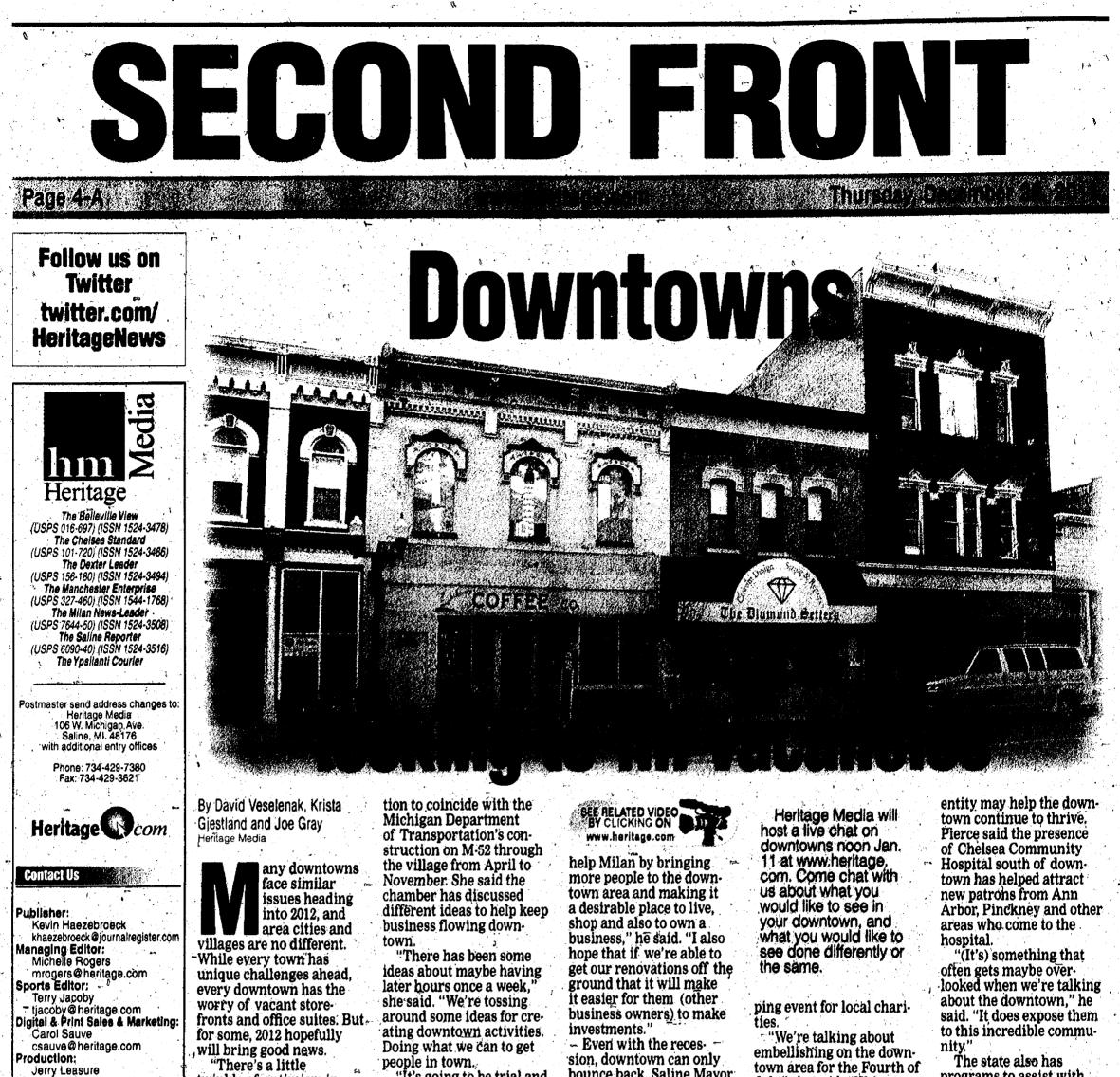
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"It's going to be trial and error." Belleville, on the other

bounce back, Saline Mayor Gretchen Driskell said. "Compared to a year ago

July," she said. "We're tossing around some ideas for

programs to assist with downtown development. The Michigan Main Street program encourages local merchants and other players to grow downtowns, as well as encouraging entre-preneurship. The program currently serves 16 communities, from Calumet to Blissfield. Saline has applied to become a Main Street community through the Michigan Main Street Center, which would help in the recruitment and retention of businesses, said Cindy Czubko chairwoman of the Saline **Historic Downtown** Alliance. "Main Street is the tool to build a very strong downtown organization for years to come," Czubko said in a previous report. "It's something that is sustainable and can be there forever as many of us go off and do other things. Text HERNews and HERWeather to 22700 to receive news and weather alerts to your cellphone. Msg and data rates may apply.

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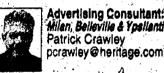
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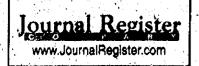
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executive director for the Chelsea Area Chamber of **Commerce.** "There seems to be an upbeat feeling. Whyre look is be ward to a very good year in 2012.

eyes," said Bod Pierce

While Chelsea is one of the rarities in area small-town downtowns - there's only one closed storefront in the downtown district, along with a few suites in the Clocktower complex — many local small towns have several openings for businesses and office suites. Belleville and Manchester have about eight, and Saline and-Milan each have about 10 and six, respectively.

Janet Larson, the Manchester Area Chamber of Commerce president, is especially concerned about what 2012 has in store for downtown Manchester. With several vacancies, including some storefronts that have been vacant for a year or more, the village is preparing a major streetscape renova-

hand, already has completed a streetscape project for its downtown. Carol Thompson, executive director for the Belleville DDA said the city's -vacancies mostly consist of smaller businesses in office suites; such as insurance agencies.

In Milan, one pair of brothers is hoping to reduce the downtown's vacancy rate single-handedly.

The Milan Bakery is on the East Main Street block downtown, where the majority of the area's vacancies are, and Dave Snyder and his nephew, Jamey, own the bakery and are hoping to brighten up the area. The Snyders bought the adjacent vacant buildings in mid-December and are hoping to renovate and bring life to the empty spaces.

The renovations and potential new businesses will help Milan, Dave-Snyder said.

"I think that it's gonna

we have hardly any vacancles downtown," she said. "We're doing really well, actually-Retail takes the hardest hit when there's a recession and is the last to come back."

Bringing business downtown

The one tool many area downtowns plan to use to keep business going is events.

By hosting events downtown, such as Winter Fest Jan. 28 in Saline-the city garners more interest, said Art Trapp, downtown director for Saline.

"When you do have events and activities that are well-attended, they (potential business owners) see what's going on in town and that it's an active and vivacious place," he said.

Larson said Manchester may look at hosting other events, as well, during its construction, such as the. Midnight Madness shopcreating downtown activities, doing what we can to do people in town."

Earlier this year, the chamber originally requested moving the farmers market out of downtown Manchester to Chi-Bro Park, north of downtown, but that idea was put on hold.

Events don't work for every city, however. Even though downtown Milan has several events downtown each year, they have not brought the business some people would like. The city puts on Discover Milan Day to garner attention in the downtown area, but DDA Chairman Robert Creal says the efforts are not very successful.

"You really have to develop a character. For some reason, we have not been able to do that," he said. "We have Discover Milan Day every year and we draw very poorly from our community. I just don't think they care very much."

In other cases, a larger

Judson Center campaigns to recruit foster parents

By Krista Gjestland Heritage Media

The Judson Center has launched a campaign called Ignorance is Bliss to combat the lack of foster homes in Washtenaw County.

Judson Center Regional Director Jennifer Trotter says more than 200 children are in foster care in Washtenaw County Because there aren't enough people willing to be foster parents in this area, many of those children are moved to Oakland, Wayne or Genesee counties.

It's that move that traumatic move from their home community that the Judson Center is trying to prevent, Trotter said.

"I think being placed in foster care is extremely traumatic," she said. "Because kids, regardless, want to be with their families. And we're just taking them-away from everything that's familiar. I just think it's devastating for kids to

be removed, not only from their families, but the community that they are familiar with."

Trotter said that children are placed into foster care because of abuse or neglect.

"Typically kids are removed because there is an abuse or neglect that happened that the family is not able to repair in a reasonable amount of time," she said.

With the Ignorance is Bliss campaign, the Judson Center is trying to educate and recruit community members to become foster parents.

To raise awareness, they have spoke about the issue at local basketball games at Pioneer and Skyline high schools.

"Traditionally foster parents are recruited by word of mouth," Trotter said. "We decided to try a different approach."

On Dec. 6 at Pioneer and Dec. 15 at Skyline in Ann Arbor, members of the



Judson Center employees Sue Benson (left) and Sandra Ohi pass out glow stick necklaces at Skyline High School in Ann Arbor Dec. 15. The Judson Center has launched a campaign called ignorance is Bliss to help recruit toster parents in Washtenaw County.

Judson Center spoke during half time, and passed out glow stick necklaces representing all of the children in foster care in the county. The center has another presentation scheduled for Feb. 17 at Huron High School in

Ann Arbor.

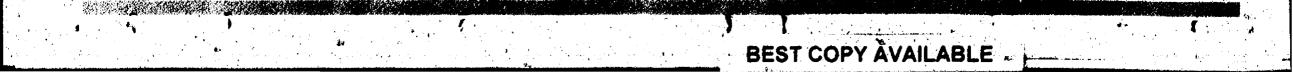
The presentations are leading up to a Light Up the Sky event they are planning to hold in May. The plan is an event similar to the high school events, but on a larger scale.

The Judson Center provides support and training for foster children, their biological families and foster parents. Their services include pairing children up with foster homes, training and helping to license foster parents, and reunifying families.

For more on the Ignorance is Bliss campaign and how to become a foster parent, visit www.ignorenow.com.

For those who can't become a foster parent, but are interested in helping, the Judson Center has a wish list that include school supplies, children's toys, clothes and diapers for donation to foster families.

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SRSLY to host fourth annual New Year's Eve party

SRSLY is gearing up for its fourth annual New Year's Eve party - and invites everyone to come join the fun.

More than 900 people have attended the SRSLY New Year's Eye Party in the past three years. This year's family-friendly event promises to be bigger and better than ever as SRSLY has extended the invitation to neighboring communities.

The party will take place on 4-8 p.m. Dec. 31 at Beach Middle School. The event is free and open to the public.

Coalition members are planning games and activities that will appeal to all ages, including: team games and competitions (eating contests, relay races, card games and more), face painting, video games on classroom Smart Boards, cookie-decorating, live music, swimming, bas-

ketball, volleyball, indoor soccer and a chili cook-off. The first 10 entrants in the chili cook-off will receive a \$10 gift card to Polly's Country Market to purchase supplies. To sign up for the chili cook-off, contact Reiley Curran at rcurran@srslychelsea.org or call 734-475-4078.

Door prizes awarded every half hour will include gift certificates to local restaurants and businesses, board games and family passes for ice skating and bowling. Pizza, pop and other refreshments will be available for a suggested donation of \$1 per item.

"Our goal is to provide a 🖲 fun and safe environment in which kids and parents can celebrate together," SRSLY director Reiley Curran said.

The party is totally free, thanks to the gen-

organizations: the Chelsea Rotary Club, Chelsea **Orthodontics**, Cole Funeral Chapel, Chelsea Milling Company, Reed Barbering – Gary's, The Middle Bead, Dr. Raymond Howe DDS, the Chelsea School District and the SRSLY Coalition, which was recently awarded a Drug Free Communities grant from the Office of National Drug Control Policy. Organizations that would like to support the event can do so by donating prizes, refreshments, supplies for activities or financial gifts to cover the cost of the event,

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"You can tell local companies care about this community when they sponsor such a fun and safe event," SRSLY member Sara Wild said.

SRSLY is seeking volunteers to help out for an



hour during the event. For more information, or to sign up to volunteer as a family, go to www.srslychelsea.org.

Mehar Brar and Maggi and Asha Lewis decorate cookles at last year's SRSLY New Year's Eve party.

When charter school grants lower than home districts, excess goes to the state

By James David Dickson Heritage Media

If a student lives in Ann Arbor and enrolls in Ann Arbor Public Schools, that student is worth a \$9,020 foundation allowance from the state of Michigan. But if a student lives in Ann Arbor and enrolls in the Ann Arbor Learning Academy, a charter school, the student is now worth only a \$7,110 foundation allowance.

That's almost a \$2,000 difference.

There are more than 250 charter schools, or public school academies, in Michigan. These schools enroll more than 123,000 K-12 students, according to a September estimate. This represents more than 8 percent of the 1.54 million Michigan children in the public school system.

Charter schools can receive a maximum foundation, per-pupil allowance equal to that of the local school district, up to a maximum of \$7,110.

But in districts such as-Ann Arbor Public Schools (\$9,020) and Ypsilanti (\$7,513), where the foundation allowance is higher than what charter school receive at their maximum, what happens to the difference?

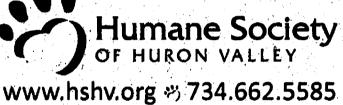
Jan Ellis, a spokeswoman for the Michigan Department of Education, said that the difference remains in the state's School Aid Fund.

Exactly how much money the difference amounts to, statewide, multiplied across 120.000 students, is tough to pinpoint, said Mark Wolf. an analyst with the House **Fiscal Agency**. And some students go to charter schools in districts where the foundation allowance is equal that of the home district.

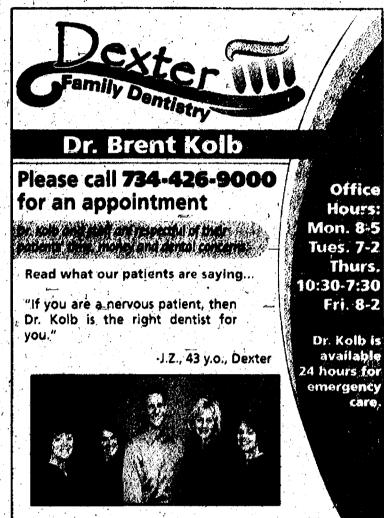
To get that figure, Wolf said, it would require figuring out each charter school student's home

district — and assuming the student would have enrolled there, rather than being home-schooled or in private school or taken advantage of school-of-choice in another district. Staff Writer James David

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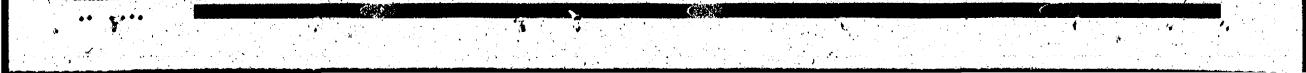
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gave to me, a 35 percent tax credit for small business owners who offer health insurance (this will increase to 50 percent in roughly two Christmases).

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annual dollar limits for job-related and individual health plans — until the annual limit is finally completely eliminated for plans

starting in 2014. On the 10th day of Christmas, health reform gave to me, coverage for many preventive services with no co-pay or deductible applied — including immunizations, mammog-

On the 12th day of Christmas, health reform gave to me, healthcare.gov - an easy-to-use website to explain the rest of health insurance reform to me in plain English.

In future years, this "new take" on an old Christmas classic will need more days to explain additional provisions that will be implemented as part of the health insurance reform law, called the Affordable Care Act.

Some of these will make it easier to shop for insurance and some will protect women from discrimination by insurance companies that can currently charge women higher premiums or can drop you for "pre-existing conditions" like pregnancy.

In the meantime, we hope this information will help you and your family to feel more secure this holidav season.

OUR TAKE: Editoriai Was country club's owner right to say no to visit from atheist?

he mission of the Center for Inquiry is to foster a secular society based on science, reason, freedom of inquiry and humanist values.

The owner of the Wyndgate Country Club in Rochester Hills should have looked first at the mission statement of the Center for Inquiry before

approving a request from the center's Michigan chapter to use the club for an appearance by a prominent atheist.

The center's mission statement makes it clear that this is a secular organization. The center's website makes it clearer that it is sympathetic to athelsm and agnosticism: It calls members' attention to a new billboard in the state espousing atheism.

The unnamed owner of the club apparently looked neither at the website nor the mission statement. What that person had looked at was an appearance by the speaker, evolutionary biologist Richard Dawkins on a Fox news program, "The O'Reilly Factor." The owner disagreed with Dawkins' beliefs, apparently put two and two together, and canceled the agreement. The organization's meeting was moved to another location, a Postbactor bately a Rochester hotel.

We don't have an argument with the owner's deci-sion to cancel the meeting, at least at first thought. Doesn't a religious owner have the right to keep the irreligious off the property and out of the house? Maybe. Maybe not.

The organization is considering a legal argument, on grounds that the action amounted to discrimination based on a person's lack of religious values, equiv-alent to discrimination based on a person's religion.

"It's important to understand that discrimination based on a person's religion, or lack thereof, is legally

On the sixth day of Christmas, health reform

Your Voice: Letters to the Editor

Leaders should put aside partisanship, make economy a priority for all

Stay tuned to see what happens in Britain with the massive public employee strikes taking place and 😁 Europe's economic crisis in general.

That ocean isn't such a great divide when it comes to human nature.

Occupy Wall Street is basically a "citizen strike" by folks who are struggling financially and afraid it will only get worse.

In Detroit, and Ann Arbor too, unions concerned for their own financial future also want their voices heard.

Bus mechanics staged a work slowdown which resulted in a complete. disruption in the lives of its hard-working bus riders. Now bus service has been terminated, leaving hard-working Detroiters no public options.

Union members in Ann Arbor are filling board of education meetings, lobbying for their share of the ever-shrinking pie.

Flint unions refused to renegotiate contracts, and now an emergency finance manager has been appointed. Benton Harbor, Pontiac, Ecorse and the Detroit's troubled Public Schools are also under Emergency Finance Management.

Now Senator Rebekah Warren wants to amend the state constitution to prevent private charter schools from taking up the slack of the failed Detroit schools. Inkster, Detroit, and the Muskegon Heights School District are on the short list for an EFM.

Senator Warren might

advertising and overhead. On the eighth day of Christmas, health reform gave to me, a 50 percent discount on covered brandname prescription drugs for seniors who hit the "doughnut hole" coverage gap under Medicare. On the ninth day of Christmas, health reform gave to me, a phase out of

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other 48 million people in the U.S. without health care.

The Occupy Wall Street movement, while hav-

hodgepodge of grievances, should be considered to be a

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John Freeman is director of Know Your Care Michigan, a nonpartisan education group focused on informing people about the Affordable Care Act. For more, visit knowyourcare.org.

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- party partisanship and her special interest pandering

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to want to give up their piece of the pie. There's still time for

equivalent to discriminating against a person because of his or her race," said the center chapter's executive director, Jeff Seaver.

"This action by The Wyndgate illustrates the kind , of bias and bigotry that nonbelievers encounter all the time."

That might fly in court, but we're not attorneys here.

Whether the club owner's action was legal or not, failure to put two and two together in a more timely way doesn't make the person look very good.

of the pie, often behind closed doors.

Ann Arbor

ACLU is ill-advised in taking case against AATA

The story on this controversial case ("American **Civil Liberties Union files** lawsuit against AATA for refusal to run anti-Israel ad," Dec. 1, 2011) is extremely one -sided, and that from the perspective of the plaintiffs.

AnnArbor.com threads on the matter reveal that most readers know the ad to be the latest provocation from a notorious public Jewbaiter.

The ACLU is ill-advised to be handling his case, and I'm-sure they hope to lose, given the abundance of evidence to support the AATA decision. Just the other day, Coleman was expelled from a U of M student council meeting (and not for the first time) for intimidation and defamation.

A more accurate and balanced follow-up is in order. **Steve Pastner** -Ann Arbor

cut each other bigger pieces **Frank Dalimonte**

In fact, extensive





Township board makes 22 appointments

By Krista Gjestland Heritage Media

The Dexter Township Board of **Trustees** made 22 appointments to various township boards during their regular meeting Tuesday night.

The board announced board and council vacancies at its Oct. 18 meeting and called for residents who were interested to submit resumes and letters of interest to the township a offices.

Mary Adams and Marty Ruhlig were re-appointed for three-year terms on the Planning Commission.

Jim Cormier was appointed to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a three-year term and Steve Burch was appointed as an alternate for three years. Clerk Harley Rider **Trustees Steve Feinman**

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Authority for four-year terms. Supervisor Pat Kelly, Trustee Carl Lesser and Deb Ceo were appointed as alternates for four years.

Lesser was also appointed to the Chelsea Are Fire Authority for an openended term.

Feinman was appointed to the Chelsea Area Construction Agency as an alternate.

Barry Lonik was reappointed to the Huron River Watershed Council for a three-year term and Doug Forsyth was appointed for a three-year term as an alternate.

Steve Burch, Brent Courson, Janis Miller, Dominc Treglia, David VanderYacht, David Waymann, Ryan

and Vickie Kooyers and Cavanaugh and Derek × Jack West were Wiseley were reappointed to the Public Safety appointed to the Multi-Lake Sewer Advisory Committee for two-year terms.

Don Darnell, Jim **Drolett Kevin McNulty Bill** Gajewksi, Bob Nester, Nia Rackham are being considered for appointments on the Planning Commission.

Jim Drolett, Kevin McNulty and Nia Rackham are being considered for appointments on the ZBA.

Kevin McNulty and Jeff McDowell are being considered for appointments on the Public Safety Advisory Committee.

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ments will be made at the \sim township board's next regular meeting. Kelly was unable to review all of the candidates before the meeting because she was out-ofstate on family business.

'Sorry that I wasn't more prepared this time," Kelly said.

Kelly also briefed the board on the current lawsuit between the Multi-Lakes Sewer Authority and Lyndon Township, which has not progressed any further.

"I have no idea where or how or when this is going and to end." she said. The board will meet

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Phone service program for lowincome families should have strict

oversight

Although I had heard rumor about this type program — the government's Lifeline Support Service. which helps low-income people get phone service -this is the first time that I've chased it down finding that it is a reality.

With America essentially abandoning "land-lines," the argument can be made that individuals and families down on their luck still require use of a phone for -employment and emergency purposes.

So, if the program is to provide a basic phone accompanied with a basic service, essentially for

usage only, I can align.-However, the problem lies with fraud and abuse that is endemic in all too

grams, always at tax payer expense. Unless this program has strict oversight restricting the government from issuing more than one phone per distressed family, then we are all being taken for a ride.

interesting to understand how TracFone Wireless or other wireless service providers may have been involved in the development and marketing of this program.

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More information can be

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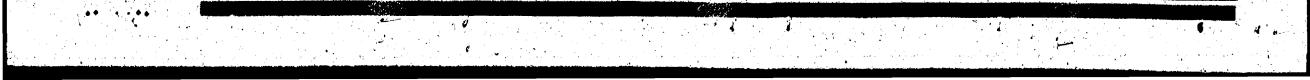
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Chelsea High School grad takes a gap year in Ghana

By Krista Gjestland Heritage Media

One Chelsea High School graduate has adopted a popular British tradition and has left home to participate in a gap year.

A "gap year" is time off. often between high school and college or undergraduate and graduate studies, a to travel abroad or volunteer that began in the UK in the 1960s.

Dylan Raye-Leonard graduated from Chelsea High School last year and is currently in Bawjiase. Ghana, volunteering at an orphanage, where he has been for the past nine weeks.

"I got all of my college acceptance letters in, and I realized I didn't want to go to college yet," he said. "I wanted some time to be able to make my own choices."

While working at the

During the time he's

'It's a fairly reasonable people have more, but it's shocking. That expecta-



"I got all of my college acceptance letters in, and I realized | didn't want to go to college yet," **DYLAN RAYE-LEONARD**

on an organic farm in Sicily with an organization called World Wide

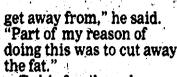
There he will work for

it's the relationships and comfort with his family and friends that he's missed the most.

"I had a very good group of friends," he said. "When you're seeing a lot culture every single day there's very little room for relaxing. It does make you can just step back and you know that everything's going to be OK."

U.S., Raye-Leonard will career path.

able to go home and sleep in and have my meals



To his family and

friends, Raye-Leonard is grateful for their support. 'Thanks a lot for giving

me the space to exist without having to be anyone because that really made a huge difference," he said.

To keep up what Raye-Leonard is doing overseas, follow his blog, http://fallintheseaeventuallytumblr com.

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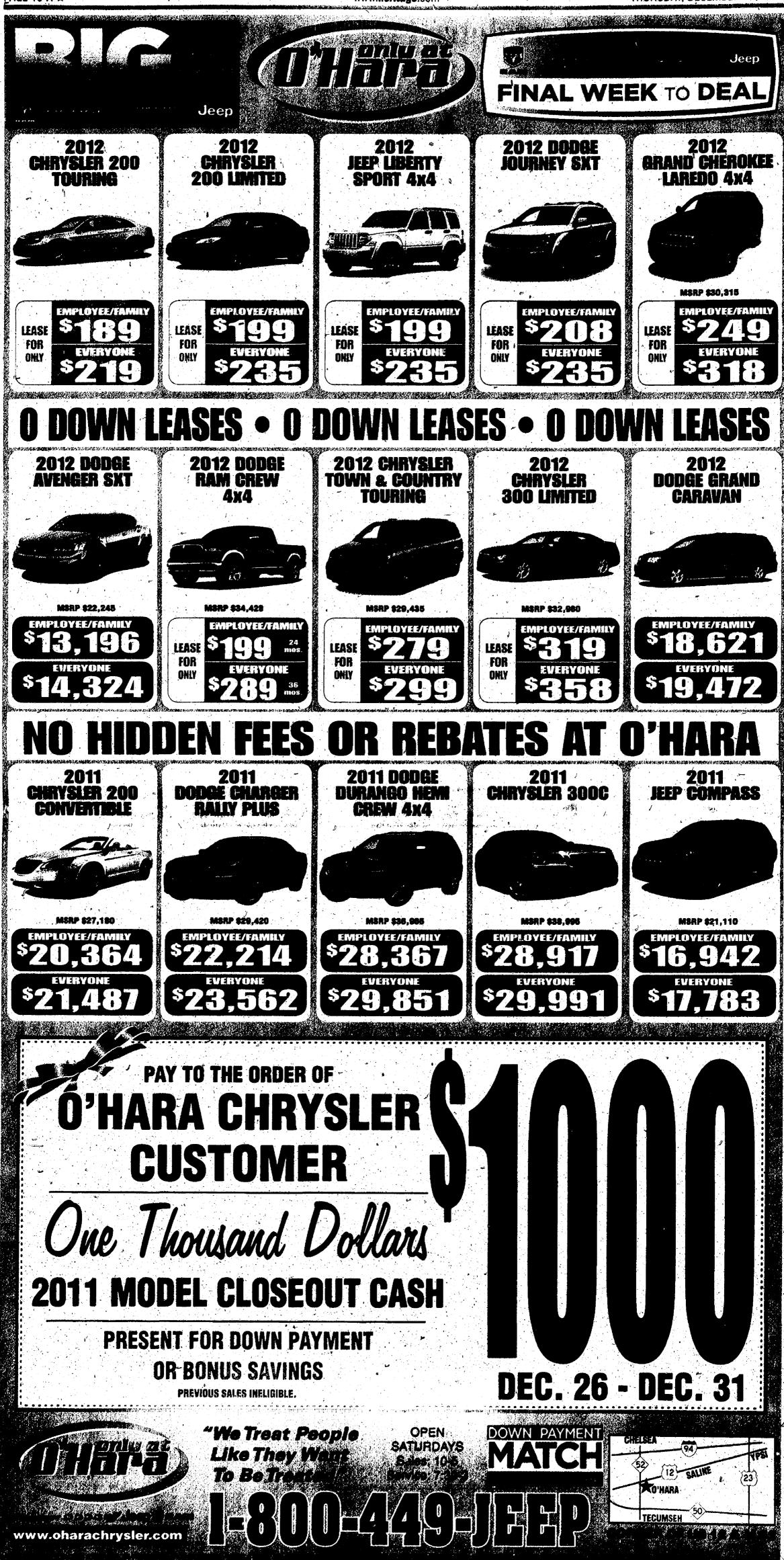




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Lodi landownders delve into concerns of oil mining

By Sean Dalton Heritage Media

Many Lodi Township residents recently approached by representatives of Paxton Resources remain incredulous toward the company's promises of fair dealing.

The grassroots group "No Paxton" met Dec. 15 in a meeting closed to the press to welcome neighbors who are just now becoming aware of the issue

Earlier this month. Paxton President Scott Lampert publically addressed residents' concerns that the company planned to engage in drilling methods that have become controversial elsewhere in the country by saying that "fracking" was not part of the company's plan. Saline resident Mitch Rohde share with Heritage Media some of the information that he and other residents have discovered in their research, and their concerns and questions surrounding some of it.

"Folks are not familiar with oil and gas companies, how they operate and what the leases are about," he said was his reason for leading the effort to organize his neighbors in the southwest corner of the township who have been aggressively pursued by company representatives.

The pressure is usually on to sign the lease immediately, based on conversations with his fellow property owners.

Rohde shared a copy of the lease that he received in the mail in late October or early November, which he believes contradicts the company's statements that the lease the company has been sending to residents is merely for well investigation.

'It's not really an exploration lease," Rohde says, pointing to the first section of the lease, which allows "exploring by geophysical and other methods, drilling, mining, operating for and producing oil and/or gas together with all rights, privileges and easements useful or convenient in con-nection with the foregoing and in connection with treating, story, caring for, transporting and removing oil and/or gas produced from said laid or any other land adjacent thereto." The way Rohde and many neighbors read it, "that's actually a lease to develop, to pump oil and gas, (even though) it says 'non-development' on top.' "That just means they're not going to do anything on the surface of our property . that doesn't mean that they're not going to extract resources," Rohde said. Rohde's position is that anyone who signs the leases is signing away the right to drill in the neighborhoods, regardless of what the company says, based on his private discussions with attorneys who have reviewed documents and statements by the residents. Their legal opinion is also that fracking is still a possibility. The lease also contains language allowing "enhanced recovery operations" and use of "other fluids" to extract resources, which Rohde says may not be "fracking," but is still potentially harmful to the environment in and around his neighborhood. Washtenaw County environmental analyst Michael Gebhard was consulted by the group. "Anyone who looks up enhanced oil recovery can see that it involves injecting water soluble polymers into wells to basically free the resources," Rohde said. "It also uses techniques that involve bringing up a lot of brine waters and other had stuff. "Even if there wasn't fracking, there is absolutely potential for groundwater contamination draining into an aquifer." Some neighbors have visited the three oil donkeys. on Braun Road in Saline to see what may be in store for them. "There's a strong petroleum smell ... breathing in petroleum fumes day in and

day out can't be good for anybody," Rohde said.

There's also concerniover the implications of signing mineral rights away to a company with regard to mortgage contracts, many of which are violated by signing a lease, as noted in New York Times reports last year.

Signing the leases constitutes "technical defaults" on the mortgage, in the view of a growing number of lenders. This could become an issue for those seeking to refinance a mortgage to get into a new home.

"It makes sense when you look at what happens to people's land," Rohde said partially in reference to a lawsuit between Wyoming resident Buck Brannaman, who inspired the film "The Horse Whisperer," and Paxton filed in 2001.

The Brannaman family sued the company for more than \$810,000 when Paxton's employees left 18,000 yards of topsoil displaced from building roads and well pads on their land.

Court documents related to the case characterized the necessity of the company to pay damages as remuneration for "excessive damage to (the family's) ranch."

"That's why a lot of banks and mortgage companies preclude people from signing away minerals rights, because it's depleting property value ... even if there isn't any contamination. Just the smell from a well is something that degrades the property value," Rohde said.

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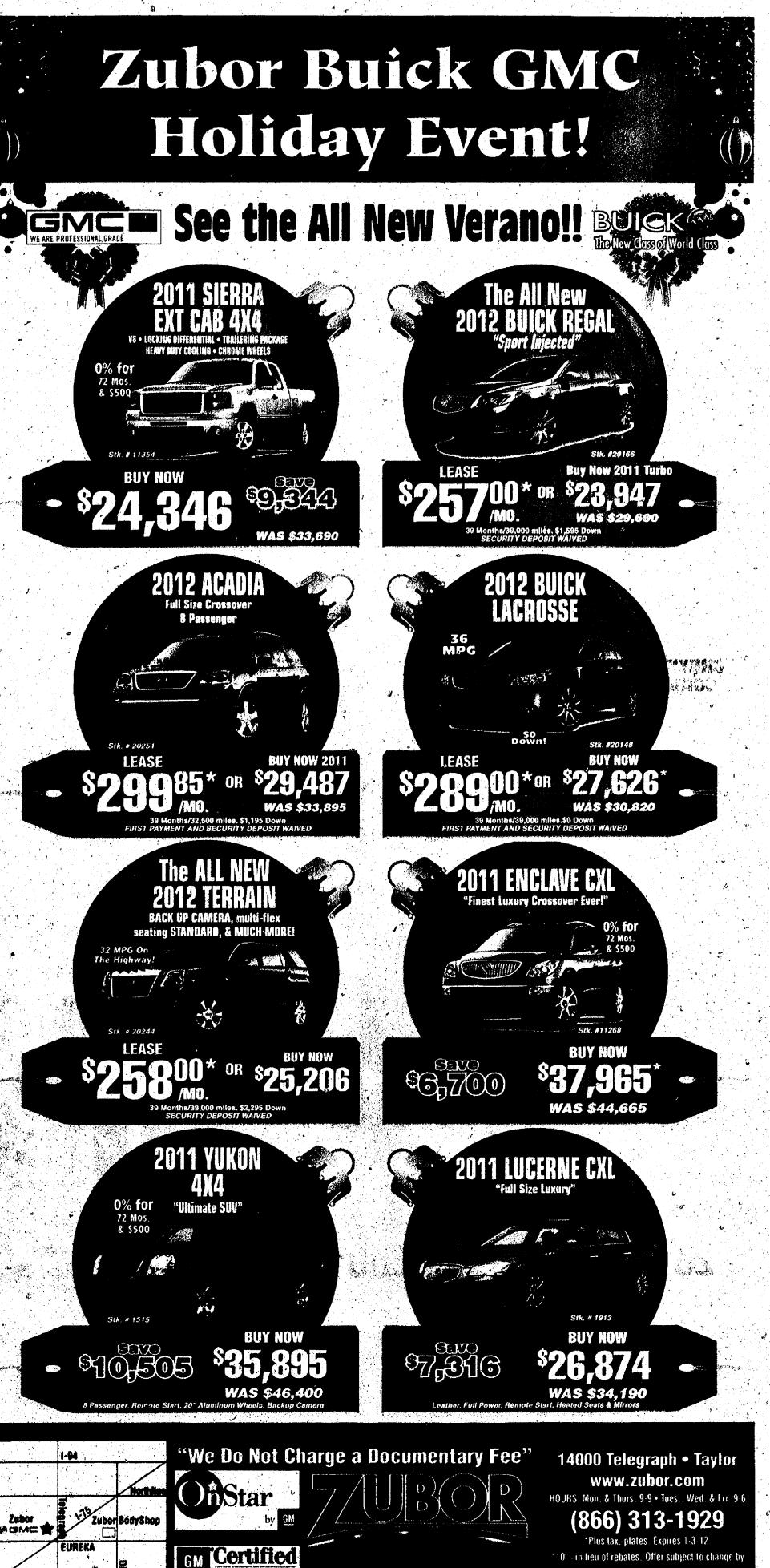
Many residents are concerned about ending up in court eventually if Paxton doesn't live up to its stated intentions or the contract, which provide little comfort for those worrying that they'll find themselves in the same boat as the Brannaman family, Rohde said.

"Rohde said nothing in the

lease he was presented quiets his concerns.

"The lawyers who have looked at it say it is strictly in the favor of the oil company," he said.

Rohde said he hopes to get to enough of his neighbors before oil and gas pooling laws kick in. Pooling laws stipulate that when a majority of residents sign their leases, the remaining minority of property owners can be compelled to automatically enter into the pact.



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The Elantra is a breath of fresh air

By Mike Covello Journal Register News Service

t's getting to be an 🖉 Autowriter's cliché to comment on how amazing Hyundai's growth has been, and there's a reason for that.

Besides being one of a small handful of companies whose sales did not plunge drastically with the latest global economic downturn, Hyundai and its sister company Kia continue to introduce new products at a dizzying pace. If the products were mediocre or just slightly innovative, that would be one thing. But each new Hyundai seems to be draped with an all-enveloping coating of "the Power to amaze."

Let's take the radiant silver 2011 Hyundai Elantra Limited PZEV tester I drove recently, for example. Unless you, a family member, neighbor or friend owned a previous generation Elantra, my guess is you'd be hard pressed to recall what they looked like. To say the styling was generic would be kind; you might say that it was downright invisible.

I find it highly unlikely that such criticism will be leveled at the new Elantra. The worst that some people might say is that its styling is derivative of its larger sibling, the awardwinning Sonata Well, of course it is.

When a company goes to the trouble of establishing a new design language, it wants to have you think of the more expensive midsize car when you first set

one of the areas where I feel the Elantra doesn't quite match the Sonata's look. I feel the interactions between the front character line and the swoopy rear fender lines don't play out as well on the smaller can- ... vas that is the Elantra. That said, the Elantra is a breath of fresh air in a segment where folks are often shopping for basic transportation. So, to be able to buy a car that's perceived as stylish makes the Elantra an easy choice for those not wishing to blend in with the crowd.

The interior represents a similarly bold break with tradition. I doubt anyone could look inside the Elantra's interior and say, "This looks old fashioned." The amount of curves and bright work that are on display practically shouts, "I'm modern." I have to say that the plastic "metal" accents are applied in a slightly-heavy-for-my-taste fashion. But all of the instruments are easy to read, and the controls all perfectly situated.

If I had one area of the Elantra that failed to impress, it would be the engine. The 1.8-liter four provides and adequate - and an almost-sufficient pile of torque at 131 lb.ft. Where it falls down is in smoothness and refinement, as it seems to be straining some as you rev it up. I wouldn't go so far as to call it coarse, but it doesn't strike me as smooth.

Many consumers will be drawn to the Elantra because of two numbers: 40 and 16,445. The first one is the Elantra's EPA highway mpg rating. A 29 mpg in the city rating isn't too shabby either. This is achieved without a hybrid powertrain, diesel high compression, or any other fancy technique.

The base price of an Elantra is \$16,445. The one I drove was the upscale Limited, and still only started åt \$19,980. Standard features' include air-conditioning, power sunroof, turn signals in the outside mirrors, one touch up/ down driver's window and leather on the seats and steering wheel,

The test car included the \$2,000 premium package, bumping the price up to \$22,110, including the \$95 carpeted floor mats and \$35 iPod cable.

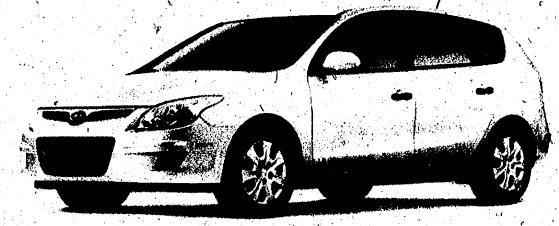
The package has a navi-, gation system, with rear view camera, an upgraded audio system, and automatic headlights.

My favorite touch for an inexpensive compact car was the proximity key entry and push button start. I don't believe I've ever had the convenience of just getting in, pushing the start button and being ready to roll in a car with this low of a price tag before. Somehow it added a fair amount to the Elantra's aura.

I hope that 10 years from now historians will look back and say these Korean cars pointed the way for auto manufactures to offer more bold choices to consumers.

The Elantra is available today for those who like visual pizazz with their economy.

If you have any questions, comments or ideas, please



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age 52; of Manchester, MI; passed away De-25, 2011, at cember **Retirement** Chelsea Community. John was born February 18, 1959 in Killeen, TX to Burton L. and Sabra H. (Wisely) Dupree. He is survived by his devoted and loving wife of nearly 29 years, Christine Jamieson, whom he married on December 28, 1982 in Keller, TX; children, Megan Elizabeth Dupree (Timothy) Calhoun of Indiana, PA, Erin Lanée Dupree (Peter) Jakubowski of Milwaukee, WI, Abigail Christine Dupree (Kenny) Polston of Daeula, GA, Olivia Claire Dupree of Manchester, of Manchester, Elizabeth Ann Dupree of Manchester, Scott Jachester. Christian Matthew_ Dupree of Manchester; parents, Burof Menlo Park, CA; siblings, James L. Dupree



Du RUSSEL, DONALD E.; age 84; of Manchester passed away December -24, 2011. Don was born on January 22, 1927 in Utica, MI. to **Raymond and Mathilda** (Fueri) Du Russel. He married Eleanor Zmyslowski on June 1, 1949 at St. David Catholic Marc Andrew Dupree Church in Detroit and she survives. He served his country in the U.S. Army during World War mieson Dupree of Man- II. Donald was part owner of Du Russels' Potato Farms, Inc. He was a member of St. ton and Sabra Dupree Mary Roman Catholic Church, Knights of Columbus 4354. the of Bloomington, MN, American Legion post Virginia A. Dupree 117 of Manchester and Waik of San Mateo, CA, the Michigan Farm Bu-David J. Dupree of reau. In addition to his Menlo Park, CA. John loying wife, Eleanor, of was preceded in death 62 years, Don is surby his infant son, Se- vived by his children: bastian Dupree. John Mike Du Russel, Diane Du Russel, Pat (Sue) Du Russel, Don Jr. (Leanne Phillips) Du Russel, Lori (Ron Savela) Flint, Mary (Greg) Clark and Jim (Olivia) Du Russel; grandchildren; 8 :17 great grandchildren; Church in Ann Arbor. brother: Howard "Bud" John will be sadly (Eve) Du Russel and sis-Monica and friends. A Chris- Malewicz. He was pretian Farewell Gather- ceded in death by his ing-will be on (today) parents and sisters: Thursday, December Lorraine and Donna. He was born October 29, 2011 from 5 to 8 p.m. The family will greet 17, 1979 in Ann Arbor, at Knox Presbyterian friends at a Simple Michigan, the son of Church, 2065 S. Wagner Farewell gathering on Norval Ray and Rebec-Rd., Ann Arbor. A Wednesday, December ca (Litke) Menge. Na-Christian Farewell Ser- 28, 2011 at the Borek than lived in Chelsea Jennings Home, Jenter Chapel loving father to his two from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. A Funeral Mass ing. Private Interment will be on Thursday at St. Mary Roman Catho-Manchester. In honor of lic Church at 11 a.m. with Father Timothy D. Krzyzaniak officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be given to Manchester Family Services, envelopes will be available at the Funeral Home. Please sign Mr. Du Rus-

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WAYNE. FRAZIER. JR.; age 64; of Belleville; December 23, 2011. Beloved husband of Sherry; loving father of William, Suanna (Rami) Frazier-Abbasi and Andrew (Amy); dear grandfather of Alec, Amira, Alyssa and Avery. He is also survived by his brothers, Willis and Paris; and many nieces, nephews, friends and church family. He was preceded in death by his brothers, Estil, Burl, Jesse, Henry, Silas, Paul and David; and his sister, Juanita. Wayne loved teaching and his students for 37 years. Funeral was Tuesday, 1 p.m. at Michigan Memorial Funeral Home, (next to Michigan Memorial Park) 30895 Huron River Dr., Huron (734)783-2646. Twp., Visitation was Monday, 1 to 8 p.m. He will be taken by horse-drawn carriage to Michigan Memorial Park for Entombment.

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eves on its "compact" sibling. The side view presents

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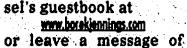


The Elantra has a spacious cargo area and a functional and stylish interior.



proudly served his country in the U.S. Air Force. He was employed as a Pilot with Northwest Airlines until his retirement in 2005, and a member of Knox Presbyterian missed by his family ter-in-law: vice will be held on Friday at the church at 11 a.m. with Pastor Michael D. Frison officiatat Oak Grove Cemetery, John, memorial donations may be shared with the Duprees through the John M. Dupree Memorial Trust. Please sign John's guestbook at

www.borekiennings.com either of the Farewells, or you may wish to leave a message of comfort for his family by calling 877-231-7900.



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MENGE, NATHAN NORVAL; Chelsea, Michigan; age 32; died Saturday, December 24, 2011, in a single car accident due to icy roads. Fuheral all of his life. He was a girls, who were the highlight of his life. He graduated from Chelsea High School in 1998. Nathan loved to hunt and was an accomplished carpenter. Survivors include his mother and step-father, Rebecca "Becky" and John Chamberlin of Chelsea; two children, Shelby Rose, and Natelie Ann Menge; a sister, Elizabeth (Chad) Prophitt of Ann Arbor; step-sisters, Chloe Chamberlin of Atlanta, GA and Courtney Chamberlin of Greenwich, CT; a stepbrother, Nathan Chamberlin of St. Joseph, MI; his grandfather, Norval Menge of Rock, MI; and several aunts, uncles, and cousins. He was preceded in death by his father, Norval Ray Menge; his grandmother, Elisabeth Menge, and his maternal grandparents, Harold and Loraine Litke. A Memorial Service was held Wednesday, December 28, 2011 at Cole Funeral Chapel, Chelsea, with Rev. Georgie Dack officiating: Burial will take place at Mt. Hope Cemetery at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to an education fund for his daughters.

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AUTO Top ten fun cars to drive What you buy depends on your definition of fun

By Mike Covello Journal Register News Service

Looking at the number of different hobbies, movies, and books available to our consumer culture points out that different people have varying ideas of what constitutes entertainment; in a similar vein, vehicles of a wide stripe can tickle divergent ideas of fun.

If you have a pulse: Mazda Miata. This is a modern interpretation of a classic idea now ascribed to the Brits. Place two seats tightly together, with an engine in front, driving the rear wheels. Drop the top and enjoy the splendors of open-air decisive motoring. There's something elemental about a two-seat roadster that even non-enthu-siasts can easily grasp. Other recently available cars include Honda's S2000, and the Pontiac Solstice and Saturn Sky twins from sadly-departed branches of the General Motors family.

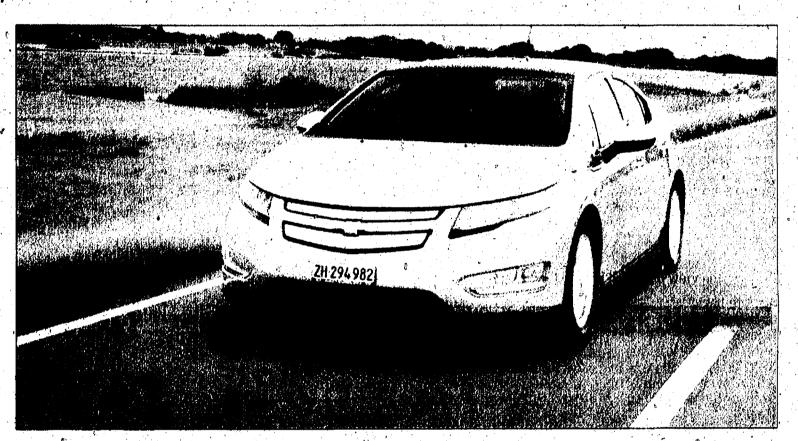
For the teenage hooli-gan in all of us: Chevy Camaro. I'll say up front that a Dodge Challenger or Ford Mustang will also supply burnouts on demand; it's usually a matter of where your brand loyalty lies. A big-honkin-'Murican V8 backed by a four, five or six-speed manual transmission provide the audio soundtrack that transports you back to your youth. For some, it was a simpler time where the solution to any problem was "more power." Thankfully today's muscle cars produce rumble, smoking tires, and improved fuel



Camaro Hot Wheels edition

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The car as Swiss-army knife school of thought: Audi A5 Quattro Cabriolet. Where do you find a four-seasons car that sneers at the snow, but doesn't look like a snowgrooming tractor? The A5 Coupe may be the prettiest car sold in the U.S. today, but the A5 Cabriolet has a soft top that can be lowered at speeds up to 30 mph and looks nearly as gorgeous as its fixed-top sibling. The interior is nearly as stunning as the outside, plus it can fit four moderate-size adults in comfort. The 2.0liter turbocharged four has a reasonable amount of get up and go, and can return 30-mpg if you're careful. It is possible to have it all. The "I just won



economy

Driving as a fuel economy game: Chevy Volt. Can you drive more than 300 miles on 0.2 gallons of gas? Other vehicles may encourage you to drive like a miser and persuade you to get them to sip, instead of gulp fuel. But, so far, only the Volt has allows you to play the let's-see-how-far-Ican drive using no gas, and still have the safety net of a 37-mpg gas engine to back you up when your charge dissipates.

No matter what I need to haul, my **Dodge Ram** will do the job. OK, a Ford or GM product will fill the bill equally well. Some people delight in loading up their truck bed with more volume or weight than might seem possible.

Others brag about towing 20,000-lb. trailers, thanks to dual rear wheel, fifth-wheel hitches and monster-torque diesel engines. I picked the Dodge Ram, because I love the idea of those cargo boxes built into the fenders. They are the perfect places to store shovels, comealongs and other tools that a work-guy likes to have on

Powerball impulse purchase you won't regret": Ferrari 599.

Sure, lots of people would choose the newer, flashier Ferrari 458 Italia. But you appreciate tradition. While there have been mid-engined road Ferraris for more than 30 years, the marque was imagined as a front-mounted V12 engine driving the rear wheels. The 599 Fiorano satisfies tradition, still guarantees you a parking spot by the restaurant door, and is capable of feats of Olympic-caliber driving with even a novice behind the wheel.

The "I can take the whole family on vacation"-mobile: Honda Odyssey. Some might pick the classic

Chevy Volt

Dodge Caravan, for which you would not be faulted. But the Odyssey incorporates all the cupholders, disappearing seats and storage bins that one could desire.

And it adds an unusual ingredient: it's not a chore to drive.

When you want the world to know how Green you are: Toyota Prius. Reducing your carbon footprint, using less of our " precious petro, and not driving a monster truck are all very politically correct. Some folks delight in wearing their political statements not by their hemp clothes, but by driving the car that liberal Hollywood

made infamous. Still, it's a reasonable car to drive, and it does get great mileage.

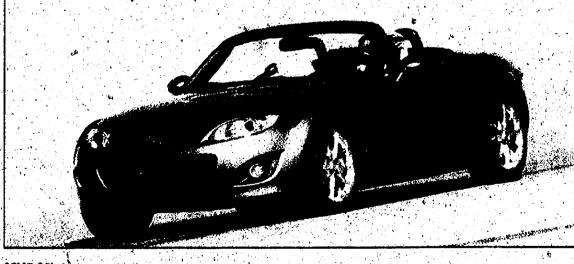
World-Class Rally Car agility on a budget: Subaru WRX/STI. The thing about rally cars is that they represent a triumph of agility over outright speed. Their appeal lies less in maximum speed, and more in their ability to accomplish the feat on mud, snow, dirt. or gravel surfaces. The Subaru Impreza WRX and its more potent sibling, the

WRX STi, both possess a tossablity that can delight the aficionado and the casual fan of the four-wheel drift.-Their interiors might not be world-class gorgeous, but their mechanicals are proven by multiple World Rally Championships. Throw in reliability, low cost and reasonable fuel economy, and this pair of AWD sedan/wagons are both an absolute blast to own and drive. I am King of the World:

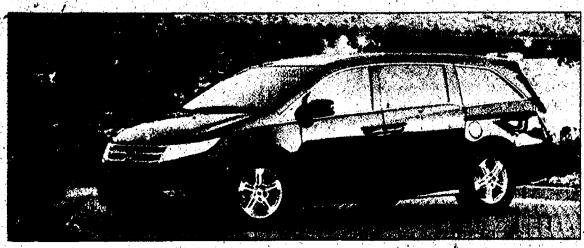
Bentley GTC Speed. So the 556-hp. GTC doesn't quite float your boat to the proper level? Might I suggest you try an even 600-hp. in your tight-for-four, and it's AWD luxury convertible. What else lets you. brag about having a W-12? That'll leave them scratching their heads.

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Optimum Nutrition to start new weight loss challenge

Classes to kick off Jan. 4, 2012

By Erica McClain Heritage Media

Downtown Chelsea's **Optimum Nutrition will** start its second round of weight loss challenges just in time for New Year's resolutions Jan. 4.

The business will host à kick-off to begin a 12week challenge, where participants pay \$30 each to join, and \$25 is returned into a pot for three biggest losers at the end of the class.

Despite being a weight loss challenge, Optimum Nutrition owner April Ruggles said the majority of the class is about nutrition.

"We focus on a healthy lifestyle change," Ruggles said. "We focus on the basics of what your body needs nutritionally. "The keys to optimum

wellness are diet and wellness, and when we şay diet, we don't mean it in the usual sense; we mean healthy. "We really need to focus on changing your lifestyle and letting weight loss

be the side effect.' Ruggles

a Grass

Lake resident who has - been running weight loss challenges for about six vears, said her interest in nutrition didn't come until after a three-year struggle with exhaustion.

"I can always remember being fatigued and tired. but once I had three kids

aisle of the grocery store - cans, frozen foods and boxes - all have artificial ingredients. Our bodies don't know what to do with that.

"That's what we talk about in class."

The three-month class is all about laying a foundation by breaking down topics each week, Ruggles said.

One week focuses on protein, the next drinking water and how to track those numbers and get them higher. The first challenge at

Optimum Nutrition saw 21 people lose a combined 218 pounds and give back \$580 to the biggest loser winners.

First place winner Bill Adams lost 24 pounds, 11.4 percent of his body weight and 15.75 inches and won \$262.50.

Shirley Casterline "We talk a lot lost 18 pounds, 9.93 percent of about your 'why,' her body and I don't want weight and 14.5 inches to hear, 'skinny' as and won \$57.50 for a reason. You second place. have to dig deep Bonnie Adams lost and connect your 13.8 pounds, 9 percent why with your of her body weight, 13 inches and won \$105. for third Optimum Nutrition owner place. Anita

> Harrington took fourth place for most lost in inches with 17 inches. Harrington lost 17.2 pounds and 7.6 percent of her body weight, winning \$58.

goal."

APRIL RUGGLES

My first and third place winners are hus-band and wife." Ruggles said.



Optimum Nutrition's big-gest losers stand with their winnings. Anita Harrington (left) took fourth place and iost 17.2 pounds, 7.6 per-cent of her body weight and 17 inches, winning \$58; Shirley Casterline lost 18 pounds, 9.93 percent of her body weight and 14.5 inches and gained \$157.50 for second place; Bonnie Adams lost 13.8 pounds, 9 percent of her body weight, 13 inches and gained \$105 for third place; and Bill Adams lost 24 pounds, 11.4 percent of his body weight, 15.75 inches and took first place, winning \$262.50,

site and a personal wellness coach to help them reach their health and wellness goals in addition to winning cash.

The Jan. 4 kick-off for the next weight loss challenge will include a weigh-in and measurement as well as creating dream boards, which help participants visualize why" for weight their.



it obviously didn't get any better."

For three years, Ruggles went to her doctor with concern about her fatigue. headaches and back pains, but her doctor told her each time that she was in a healthy weight range and her blood work was fine.

"I was in my mid-20s, and I said, 'If I feel like this in my mid-20s, how will I feel in my 50s?" Her doctor wanted to prescribe antidepressants, but she didn't feel like that was the answer. She found a weight loss challenge program where she said she found answers to nutrition questions she knew but never really put into perspective.

It sounds so silly, but we all know we should drink water, eat fruits and vegetables and exercise," Ruggles said.

'But when we really look at the foods we eat today and why we're tired, overweight and don't feel well and have headaches, most things in the middle

"I love that they are ' committing together and learning together."

Classes at Optimum Nutrition last about 30. minutes, with the first session being a bit longer for an introduction, and include a weigh-in an a nutritional focus for that week.

Membership includes weekly measurements, weigh-ins, class and webloss.

"That's different for everyone," Ruggles said. "We talk a lot about your 'why,' and I don't want to hear 'skinny' as a reason. You have to dig deep and connect your why with your goal."

For more information on the program or to register for the challenge, call Optimum Nutrition at

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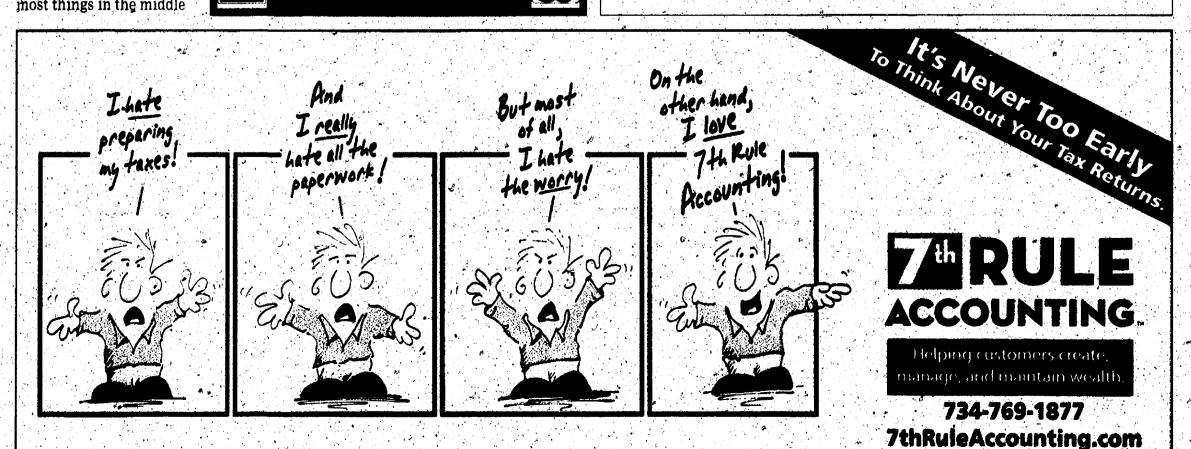
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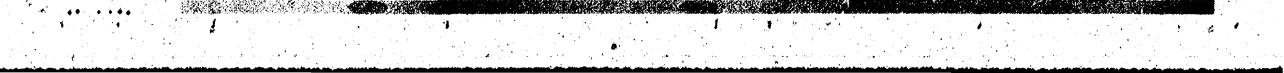
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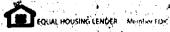
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Abdominal fat reducer provided to Hollywood stars by famous plastic surgeon now available to public

By John Whitehead, Media Services

An advanced line of products produced by famous Beverly Hills plastic surgeon Dr. Frank Ryan is now available to the public.

Previously these products had only been available to Dr. Ryan's clients which included Oscar winning Hollywood movie stars and celebrities across the nation. These products substantially improve personal appearance without plastic surgery.

Dr. Ryan, perhaps the most famous Hollywood plastic surgeon in recent times, was extensively featured on felevision and in magazines across the nation. Dr. Ryan was also one of the first professional staff members of Endless Youth and Life which provides products and. services that make celebrities look and perform many years younger than their age.

On August 16, 2010 Dr. Ryan died in a tragic car accident on the Pacific Coast Highway near his ranch in Malibu. It was Dr. Ryan's wishes that Endless Youth and Life would make his advanced non-surgical product line available to the public in the future. Endless Youth and Life is now complying with Dr. Ryan's wishes.

The first product being offered to the public is Dr. Ryan's most popular non-surgical personal appearance enhancement product, Dr. Frank Ryan's Abdominal Fat Reducer.

Abdominal fat is the most stubborn fat to reduce and it is also the most hazardous fat to health. Abdominal fat producesdestructive hormones that spread throughout the body. A clinical



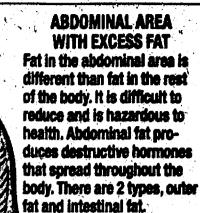
Dr. Frank Ryan, famous plastic surgeon to the Hollywood stars, was featured on television and in magazines across the nation on an extensive basis. Before he died in a tragic car accident on the Pacific Coast Highway near his ranch in Malibu, Dr. Ryan fulfilled his lifelong dream of developing a line of products which would substantially improve personal appearance without plastic surgery. This product line, which includes an advanced abdominal fat reducer was previously only available to Dr. Ryan's clients. It has now been made available to the public.

cial effects to CLA that help decrease the future storage of fat."

"CLA interferes with an enzyme called lipoprotein lipase (LPL). LPL is an enzyme that ^a helps store fat in the body.² So, by inhibiting this fat-storing enzyme LPL, CLA can help reduce the re-accumulation of fat."

"CLA also helps the body use its existing abdominal fat for energy, thereby increasing fat oxidation and energy expenditure."

Dr. Frank Ryan's Abdominal Fat Reducer also contains other super highly advanced all-natural ingredients that help reduce abdominal fat. Studies have shown that Dr. Frank Ryan's Abdominal Fat Reducer ingredients increase the rate of fat metabolism, which reduces both surface and intestinal abdominal fat and helps inhibit future formation of these abdominal fats.^{3,4,5} One of these ingredients is a very high quality and potent extract of green tea. This extract is EGCG, which has been shown in clinical studies to dramatically and quickly increase calorie burning which helps to quickly reduce abdominal body fat.⁴ These ingredients start working in 20 minutes to increase calorie burning, which is the first step to reducing the pot belly. Dr. Ryan's other products include topicals, which reduce wrinkles and tighten saggy skin without plastic surgery. People who order Dr. Frank Ryan's Abdominal Fat Reducer will have access to these highly advanced products used by the Hollywood stars. Klingaman stated, "The ingredients in Dr. Frank Ryan's Abdominal Fat Reducer are very expensive. But, for your readers who wish to order Dr. Frank Ryan's Abdominal Fat Reducer direct, we are offering them a discount if they order within 10 days." Today readers of this publication can get Dr. Frank Ryan's Abdominal Fat Reducer at a major discount if they order in 10 days from the date of this publication. The regular price of a 30-day supply of Dr. Frank **Ryan's Abdominal Fat Reducer** is \$59 plus \$3.95 shipping and handling for a total of \$62.95. But, for this 10-day discount; readers can get \$20 off plus free shipping and handling and pay only \$39 delivered for Dr. Frank Ryan's Abdominal Fat Reducer. For readers who want to obtain a 30-day supply of Dr. Frank Ryan's Abdominal Fat Reducer at this 10-day discount price, please see the Special Reader's Discount Couponon this page. There is a strict limit of 3 bottles at this discount price no exceptions please. Those readers ordering after 10 days from the date of this publication must pay the regular price,



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Commissioned by Advanced Supplement Research and conducted by a research group which has an expert staff consisting of more than 32 board-certified physician investigators and more than 38 ACRP certified clinical research coordinators. This group conducts clinical studies for the major drug companies.

Test subjects did not exercise or diet. Were given daliy dosage of Dr. Frank Ryan's Abdominal Fat Reducer or Placebo. Dr. Frank Ryan's Abdominal Fat Reducer group experienced 5 times reduction in fat mass, 4 times reduction in BMI at 4 weeks, 4 times greater weight loss at 4 weeks, 2 times reduction in waist circumference and nearly a 50% decrease in calorie and carbohydrate intake.

(To review this clinical study, log on to unrw.clinical studies publishing.com)



study has shown that Dr. Frank Ryan's Abdominal Fat Reducer can reduce your pot belly without changing your diet or physical activity.

A double blind clinical study was conducted on Dr. Frank Ryan's Abdominal Fat Reducer. The study was commissioned by Advanced Supplement Research and used a research group which has an expert staff consisting of more than 32 board-certified physician investigators and more than 38 ACRP certified clinical research coordinators. This group conducts clinical services for the major drug companies.

The test subjects in the study lost significant weight and reduced their pot belly without changing their diet or physical activity. People who were not exercising or dieting lost weight and pot belly as well as those who were exercising and dieting.

" In addition, the study showed that Dr. Frank Ryan's Abdominal Fat Reducer significantly increased calorie burning so that you lose weight faster or you can eat more food without gaining weight. And, the study found that the all natural Dr. Frank Ryan's Abdominal Fat Reducer pill produced weight loss safely.

How does Dr. Frank Ryan's Abdominal Fat Reducer work? Paul Klingaman, Executive Director of Endless Youth and Life explained.

Klingaman revealed, "It was found in a number of research studies on laboratory animals and later confirmed in human studies, that a substance called Conjugated Linoleic Acid (CLA) decreases abdominal body fat in three ways: 1.) CLA decreases abdominal body fat mass by decreasing the amount of abdominal fat that is stored after eating; 2.) CLA increases the rate of fat breakdown in abdominal fat cells; and 3.) CLA increases the rate of abdominal fat metabolism which decreases the total number of fat cells. You can think of CLA as a match that lights the fuse in abdominal fat. This fuse also increases metabolic rate that can result in more fat loss. Dr. Frank Ryan's Abdominal Fat Reducer contains the effective dose of CLA.

Klingaman said, "There are also a number of other benefi-





My name is Christie Kuykendall. Thanks to Dr. Frank Ryan's Abdominal Fat Reducer I was able to lose all of my stubborn pot belly without changing my diet or physical activity.



I'm Johnnie Smith, I was on Dr. Frank Ryan's Abdominal Fat Reducer for 30 days. I lost 21 pounds and lost 4 inches off my waist without any changes to my diet or physical activity.

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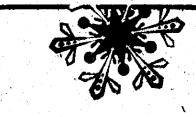
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Let it snow! Let it snow! Let it show!

s beautiful as a newly-fallen snowflake may look, and as inviting as snow is to play in - snow is really just water vapor that changes to ice as it forms on dust and dirt particles in the atmosphere, before falling to the ground.

Snowflakes are made of ice crystals. Each flake has six sides and can have from , 20 to 200 crystals. The ` flakes form in clouds that have freezing or below freezing temperatures. The ice crystals form around dirt.

Dirt in a cloud, you ask? Dirt is often carried by wind up into the atmosphere. The more ice crystals that attach to the dirt particle in the cloud, the heavier the flake becomes, and it eventur take a picture of a snowally falls to the ground.

Pure white? Well ... snow does not absorb light. The lacy structure of a snowflake allows light to bounce around from crystal to crystal, millions of times, and right back. out. What appears to be bright white snow are the ice crystals reflecting the light beams. Most things in nature absorb light and get their color - snow does not.

That said, when coal was used in factories and homes. the coal dust would give the snow a gray coloring. The red dust from the red soil on Prince Edward Island, Canada mone cakes, cookies, and gives the snow there a pink luster. Snirt is dirty snow that comes off the dusty prairies. Every snowflake has its own shape, and is different. from every other snowflake. Billions of snowflakes fall in one small snowstorm. A snowflake falls from the sky at a speed anywhere from one and one-half miles per hour to nine miles per hour. The stellar

your head.

each will help.

than to get cold.

able and slippery.

makes a body warmer.

Snug as a bug in a rug.

1. Wear a hat outside. Wearing a

hat can keep your body warmer - 50

percent of body heat escapes through

T-shirts, shirts, sweatshirts, jackets

jacket and be at liberty to take it off.

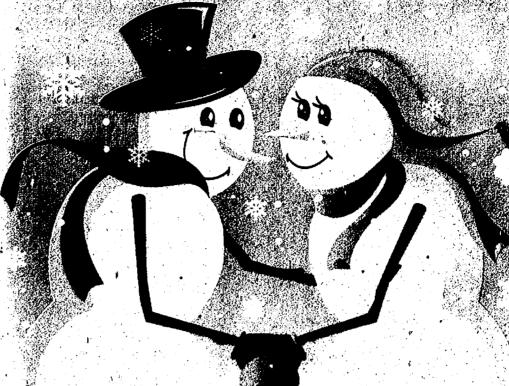
Wet feet can lead to sick people. Cold,

snowflake, which seems to be everyone's favorite to draw. is a crystal with six arms. It is one of the slowest-falling snowflakes, and seems to float through the air to earth The average enowflake is less than one-half inch across. The largest snowflake ever recorded was in the state of Montana, at 15 inches in diameter

Although it may seem that Michigan holds the snowfall. title, the truth is that the snow capital of the United States is Stampede Pass in: Washington, where the average snowfall is 430 inches each year.

A gentleman named Wilson Bentley spent his life studying snowflakes. On January 15, 1885 he was able to flake through a microscope. Bentley took over 6,000 pictures of snowflakes in his lifetime. It was Bentley who proved that no two snow the evaporated water forms flakes are exactly alike. Cristals, which become snow-

A blizzard occurs when there are winds of 35 miles an hour or more from a storm that lasts a minimum of three hours, and you can't see for a quarter of a mile. Three things are needed to form a blizzard: cold air on the surface. lots of moisture. and lift. The warm air must rise over the cold air. It is said that people buy candy than any other food when a blizzard is in the forecast. Lake effect snow happens when cold air passes over lake water that is warmer than the cold air above. The warmer water heats the cold air, and the moisture from the water evaporates into the air. Since the water heats. the air, it then rises. (Warm air is lighter than cold air.)



As the air rises, it cools and the evaporated water forms flakes.

When these clouds full of snow reach a land mass, particularly rough terrain or hills, the air begins to pile up. The air will only pile up so far and r then it's pushed over the land mass where the snow falls. ITS THIS FISING MOTION THAT starts the snowfall that is well-known along the shores of the Great Lakes. An avalanche is a mass of moving snow. Avalanches begin when an unsteady o mass of snow breaks away from land and rushes downhill carrying enow, ice, rocks, and possibly uprooted trees, depending on the speed of "the snow and the slope of the mountain. The steeper the slope, the quicker the snow picks up speed. Avalanches. have been clocked at up to 245 miles per hour.

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How to build a snowman

1. Wait for a snowy day. 2. Bundle up nice and warm and go outside.

3. Test the snow for packing. Packing snow sticks together.

4. Take two handfuls of snow, pack them together and form a nice round big ball.

5. Place ball on ground and slowly roll around yard until ball is big enough for o the bottom of the snowman.

6. Repeat steps four and five making a second ball big enough for the midsection of your snowman. Place midsection on top of bottom ball. Place a large stick in center of balls where they meet, if the snowman is having trouble standing straight. (The stick should hold him in place.)

7. Repeat steps four and five, making a third ball big enough for your snowman's head.

8. Give the snowman a face. Use buttons, rocks, coal, or anything dark for eyes. A curved stick works well for a mouth, and a carrot or a candy cane is a perfect nose.

9. Place a hat on top of the snowman's head.

10. Add branches on sides of midsection for arms.

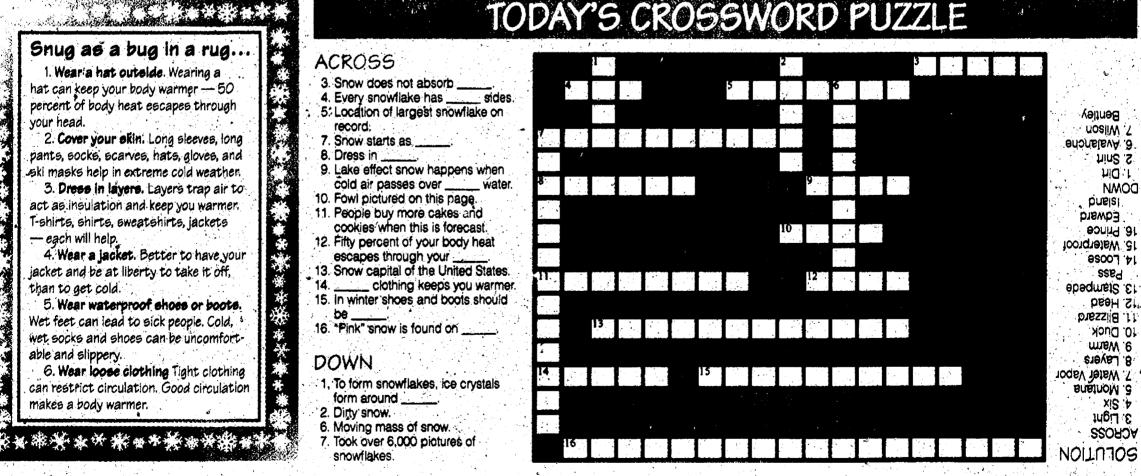
11. Add aloves to ends of branches for hands.

12. Place scarf around neck, where head and midsection meet. 13. Place broom at its side.

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1 New Year's Day	2 Boo Boo Bear's	3 Fruitcake Toss Day	4 Trivia Day	5 National Bird Day	6 Cuddle Up Day	7 Old Rock Day			
-	Birthday								
8 Bubble Bath Day	9 Dance Day	10 Peculiar People Day	11 Secret Pal Day	12 Work Harder Day	13 Rubber Ducky Day	14 National Thank You Month			

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PTD Productions reflects on 17 years

By Sean Dalton Heritage Media

s Ypsilanti's PTD **Productions nears** the end of its 17th season, artistic directors Dennis Platte and Janet Rich reflected on how far their theater has come.

PTD, or Petie the Dog, started with a simple philosophy straight out of 'The Little Rascals."

'Let's put on a show. My uncle's got a barn," Platte says with a smile and a laugh.

Riverside Arts Center, at 76 N. Huron St., was once a warehouse and at a different time a masonic temple, before the Ypsilanti Downtown Development Authority created a foundation to support the arts at the center, which now hosts PTD and various other efforts such as visual arts. and dance.

'It wasn't the highest class place on the block,' as Platte put it, but the community turned spaces full of stored junk and furniture into dressing rooms, rehearsal spaces, a dance studio, offices and a stage.

Platte and Rich were getting ready to form PTD, anyway, when they were brought into the fold.

This was a good match for us and here we are, the resident theater company since (the art center's) inception," Platte said.

PTD puts on four or five shows each year for narrow windows of time, since the theater is all volunteer



Angeles.

We've had some go on to the Purple Rose (actor Jeff Daniels' theater in Chelsea)," Platte said.

The plan always has been to challenge the people involved and the audiences who come out to give their attention and support to what PTD is doing.

The theater's latest show, "Christmas Belles," was a lighthearted good time intended to complement those familiar holiday feelings, but it's not always just for fun.

"We try to do the shows 🧳 " that will stretch imagination one way or the other.

"Over the years, we've worked with different orga-

show about suicide. 'We did 'Bent,' a homosexual play during the gay rights campaign when Ypsilanti was going to add sexual orientation to the ballots.'

At this point, the theater becomes a conduit for social awareness of an issue or simply as a means of garnering material support. Food Gatherers and other efforts to care for the poverty stricken have also had PTD at their backs during times of great need.

PTD is also proud of its handicap accessibility. Shows like "Boys Next Door" encourage those with physical and mental disabilities to come to the

ater company," Rich said. The unique thought-pro-"voking experience of live theater should be open to every person – that's at the core PTD philosophy.

"Having special people in your community and being open and accessible to them is very important," Platte said. "Our work with Elderwise has also included going out to talk to their senior groups about authors and have talk backs (typically done after a show) for them.

We're not saints, but we like to give back to the community since they've been instrumental in developing this space."

Rich recalled what the

we rented 12 lights and some platforms. It was the middle of summer and we didn't have any air conditioning," Rich said.

"It was literally, 'My uncle's got a barn, let's put on some shows," Platte interjected with a big smile.

Anyone who visits PTD 4 for a show can plainly see that a long way has been traveled from those modest beginnings, but there's always room for growth and what's integrated into the theater space costs money to maintain and operate.

"We always desperately need funding like any other organization," Platte said. -"Luckily, we aren't the only ones involved. We have many generous members, generous with their time and their money." Recently, a PTD supporter helped Platte and Rich procure needed lighting

equipment from another organization that recently upgraded theirs.

Support like that allows realization of the primary goal of PTD: to offer theater to, literally, every one of all backgrounds, which is why the ticket price has remained stable at \$18 for nearly two decades and Thursday performances are "pay what you can" Thursdays.

'If you have 50 cents, fine, or if you want to come out and pay \$50 because you believe in what we're doing, thank you - that has happened a lot," Platte said.

Anything that broadens society's horizons and minds like theater and other forms of art should be available to all, in Petie the Dog's opinion. Groups that would like to participate in some way with PTD are encouraged to contact Platte and Rich.

effort from the public with the only remuneration' being prestige, respect and maybe a shot at the pros.

"We've had several people go on to do shows in Chicago, Seattle, Los

nizations, such as Suicide Prevention, SOS, Elderwise. and many others," Platte said, "We've tried tying them in with some of our shows. Last year we did 'Night Mother,' which is a

theater, as well.

"Very early on, we decided that we were going to positively influence society. The eight of us who organized this said that that's what we want to do as a the-

space looked like when PTD first moved in. There was a podium where speakers would address the masonic lodge members and folding chairs.

"For our first show, 🤟

'Girl with the Dragon Tattoo' more than a murder mystery

Cold and chilly like its Swedish setting, David Fincher's "The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo" opens with an openingcredit sequence for the ages. Figures rise, fall and converge, but covered in tattoo ink and with Karen O's ambient "Immigrant Song" remake blasting in the background. It promises a wild time to be had — and judging from

"The Girl with the MOVIE REVIEW RYAN

years.

Not the case.



is a film bearing the David Fincher stamp of technical mastery, with Jeff Cronenweth's bleak cinematography as excellent as usual, Angus Hall and Kirk Baxter in the cutting room, and the

Dragon Tattoo"

Reznor/Ross duo providing a strong ambi-

again. Their work is all up to par compared to their work last year — 2010's best film

ent score once

"The Social Network," but what makes it so much less effective this time around is the lack of an emotional center.

"Dragon Tattoo" is a film whose every frame was clearly labored over and given the utmost of attention, but it came at the expense of a meaningful plot. It's all a beautifully crafted toy that, when wound up, does almost nothing. It's certainly not for lack of effort on the actors' part. In fact, the principal leads, Daniel Craig and Rooney Mara, both deliver absolutely superb work here. Craig, who's been on something of a poor streak lately, gives a performance of both fierce intellect and icy cool. Craig is Mikael Blomkvist, a magazine

publisher whose reporting on a corporate head just cost him his life savings. He is contacted by Henrik Vanger, a wealthy old man whose beloved niece's disappearance has haunted him for 30 years.

Vanger wants Blomkvist to give all the evidence another look and see if there are any other angles to the story he might have missed. This is where Mara enters the picture, as Lisbeth Salander.

Much has been made of Salander's character, both on screen and in the bestselling novels from which the film is based.

She's an oddly pierced, bisexual prodigy whose main talent is kicking butt and hacking computers. Mara is an absolute

force to be reckoned with

in the role — just the right amounts of sex appeal, dramatic intensity and hardened exterior. If Mara is on the screen, "Tattoo" approaches the heights it could have hit.

The actual murder mystery aspect of the film does work rather well, it's just that there's far too much of the thing. Of "Dragon Tattoo's 160-minute runtime, at least 100 minutes are devoted to the mystery which, while important, is not the real story of the film. What "Dragon Tattoo" is really about is the odd connection that Blomkvist and Salander develop, and while solidly realized, I think the filmmakers mistakenly decided to stave off most of that dynamic for possible sequels (there are, after all, two more books in the series to be adapted)

Had screenwriter Steve Zaillian, whose past work includes "Moneyball" and "Schindler's List," paid as much attention to character development as procedural detail, it could have been a masterpiece. "The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo" is a perfectly solid murder mystery. Fincher's obsessive attention to detail, has, for the first time, left his end product feeling a little empty.

I give it a B- rating. Film critic Ryan Michaels, a sophomore at Skyline High School in Ann Arbor and two-time winner of the Michigan Press Association Better Newspaper Contest. can be reached through mrogers@heritage. com. All his reviews are at www.ryanthemoviecritic. com.

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Thursday, Dec. 29

materials, you would think

"Dragon Tattoo" would be

one of the more subversive

studio-backed films in

II "Dungeons & Dragons"

4:30 to 8 p.m. Thursday: Chelsea District Library, 221 S. Main St. Free. 475-8732.

Saturday, Dec. 31

E Chelses Teddy Bear

Co. 11 a.m., 1 and 3 p.m.

Saturday: 400 N. Main St. Chelsea. Free: 433-5499.

B Chelses Club

3 p.m. Saturday: Wendy's, 1640 Commerce Park. Free. 475-1583.

BDJ Skate³

6 to 8:50 p.m. Saturday: Arctic Coliseum, 501 Coliseum Drive. \$10 includes skate rental. 433-4444.

Sunday, Jan. 1

E Seventh Annual FYA **Ride: Ann Arbor Bicycle Touring Society**

10 a.m. Sunday: Meet at Aberdeen Bike & Fitness, 1175 S. Main St., Chelsea. Free. 1-517-285-6830.

Tuesday, Jan. 3

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Thursday, Dec. 29 E Family Movie &

Popcom 11 a.m. Thursday: Dexter District Library, 3255 Alpine St. Free. 426-4477.

E Teen Crafternoon

1 p.m. Thursday." Dexter District Library, 3255 Alpine St. Free. Preregistration

required. 426-4477.

Saturday, Dec. 31 Marathon Skate

11 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Saturday: Veterans Ice Arena, 2150 Jackson Road. \$6 (age 17 and younger and age 60 and older, \$5). Skate rentals \$3. For more information, call 794-6235.

Midnight Elegance New Year's Eve Dance Party: Parents Without Partners

8:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Saturday: Grotto Club, 2070 W. Stadium Blvd. \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door, includes breakfast. For more information; call 578-3664.

II New Year's Eve at **Belmark Lanes**

Noon, 3, 6 and 9:30 p.m.: 3530 Jackson Road, For more information, call 994-8433.

Monday, Jan. 2

THINGS TO DO: REGIONAL CALENDAR

BScrappin' for Teens 1 p.m. Monday: Dexter District Library, 3255 Alpine St. Free. Pre-registration required. 426-4477.

Wednesday, Jan. 3 # Singo for Books

11 a.m. Wednesday:

Dexter District Library, 3255 Alpine St. Free, 426-4477.

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Saturday, Dec. 31

I New Year's Eve Dance Party: Ann Arbor **Community of Traditional Music and Darice**

8:30 p.m. Saturday: Concourse Hall, 4531, Concourse Drive. \$20 in advance; \$25 at the door. 260-9027

Sunday, Jan. 1

Advanced Contra Dance

12:30 p.m. Sunday: Concourse Hall, 4531 Concourse Dr. \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door 260-9027.

Wednesday, Jan. 4

E Saline Woodcarvers 6 p.m. Wednesday: Senior Center, 7190 N. Maple Road. Free. 944-1918,

Bingo

6:30 p.m. Wednesday: American Legion, 320 W. Michigan Ave. 429-7310.

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Sunday, Jan. 1

New Years Day Walk: Friends of The Border To Border Trail

11 a.m. Sunday: Library Plaza Park, 229 W. Michigan Ave, Ypsilanti, Free, 487-

9058. www.bordertoborder. orge

Tuesday, Jan. 2

Voices in Harmony **Sweet Adelines**

7 p.m. Tuesdays: UAW Local 898 Hall, 8975 Textile Road. Free to visitors. 612-7580.

Huron Valley Harmonizers: Barbershop Harmony Society

7:30 p.m. Tuesdays: Stony Creek, United Methodist Church, 8635 Stony Creek Road. Free to visitors. Newcomers should call in advance: 445-1925.

Teens Using Drugs: What To Know and What To Do: Dawn Farm Series

7:30 p.m. Tuesday: St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Education Center, 5305 Elliott Drive. Free. For more information, call 973-7892.



Family Martial Arts donates to Toys for Tots

Family Martial Arts of Chelsea held a toy drive to benefit the Marine Toys for Tots Program. Students and their families were asked to donate new, unwrapped toys for children ages infant through teen for the Marines to distribute to needy children in Washtenaw County Despite the fact that Family Martial Arts' toy drive lasted just under two weeks' time, the Tae Kwon Do school was able to collect close to 60 brandnew toys for a variety of children's ages.

"I'm very grateful that

Thursday, Dec. 29

The Dexter District Library will host a Family Movie and Popcorn at 11 a.m. The library will show the film-"Rango," rated PG with a runtime of 107 minutes.

It's Teen Crafternoon at the Dexter District Library for youths in fifth through 12th grade from 1-2 p.m. Registration is required.

The Dungeons & Dragons Weekly Gaming group meets at 4:30 p.m. at the Chelsea District Library. The group will be using the 3.5 edition of the game.

Escanaba in da Moonlight" at 8 p.m. at the Purple Rose Theatre Company, 137 Park St., in Chelsea. Tickets may be purchased online, purplerosetheatre org, or by calling the theater's box office, 734-475-7673.

Friday, Dec. 30

The Chelsea Senior Center hosts a New Year's Celebration Potluck lunch at noon.

The Dexter District Library hosts an American Red Cross Blood Drive 1-5 p.m. Drop in or preregister



parents feel that martial arts training benefits their children, who continue

to train with us in these tough, economic times," said Ana Hotaling, Family

COMMUNITY CALENDAB

Saturday, Dec. 31 The Chelsea District Library is closed in observance of New Year's Eve.

The Dexter District Library is closed in observance of New Year's Eve.

See "Escanaba in da Moonlight" at 3 p.m. or 8 p.m. at the Purple Rose Theatre Com-pany, 137 Park St., in Chel-sea. Tickets may be pur-chased online, purple-rosetheatre.org, or by cailing the theater's box office, 734-475-7673.

Sunday, Jan. 1

The Chelsea District Library is closed in observance of New Year's Day.

The Dexter District Library is closed in observance of New Year's Day.

Monday, Jan. 2

The Chelsea Senior Center is closed today.

Today marks the beginning of the National Dress Your Pet Day photo contest for teens at the Dexter District Library. Complete details and entry forms are available in the teen room.

3 years old is Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday at 10:30 a.m. Preschool story time, for children 3 to 5, is 11:30 a.m. Monday or Thursday or 1 p.m. Tuesday. Combined story times are 11:30 a.m. Wednesday. Story times begin Jan. 16 and run until March 8.

Tuesday, Jan. 3

The Chelsea Senior Center hosts free blood pressure checks at 10 a.m.

Join 1-on-1 Computer Help at the Chelsea District Library at 10 a.m.

The Dexter District Library hosts a Mario Kart Wii Tournament for kids in sixth through 12th grade at 11 a.m. There will be prizes and refreshments.

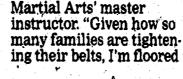
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Wednesday, Jan. 4

Join the Dexter District

From left to right: Family Martial Arts students Billy Dering, Claire Christensen, Sarah Christensen, and George Dering, all of Ann Arbor, pose with some of the toys and games col-lected during the martial arts school's 2011 Toys for Tots Drive.



* Dragons Weekly Gamina group meets at 4.30 p.m. at the Chelsea District Library. The group will be using the 3.5 edition of the game.

Learn the Basics of Microsoft Excel at the Chelsea District Library at 6:30 p.m.

The SRSLY Coalition has a meting at 6:30 p.m. in the McKune Room of the Chelsea District Library.

Ongoing

The Dexter Garden Club meets 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month Sep-tember through May at the Dexter Senior Center. Each month features a different speaker or event.

Kate Mulligan from TCF Bank in downtown Dexter will provide free notary services on the second Monday of each month at 11:30 a.m. at the Dexter Sen-ior Center. You will need to bring a valid ID. If you don't need anything nota-rized, just stop in and meet Kate and receive a free coin counting coupon. This cou-pon will allow nonaccount holders to have. loose coins counted free of charge at the TCF Bank in downtown Dexter.

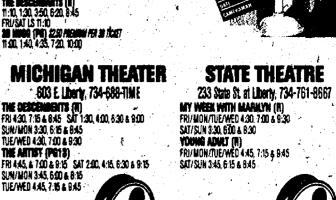
by the generosity of our students and their families. Fifty-six toys donated in 12 days' time is an amazing show of the holiday spirit."

Family Martial Arts has held Toys for Tots drives in previous years, but none as successful as this year's event. Seven bags packed with toys - and two giant bouncy balls - were delivered to Palmer Auto Service in downtown

Chelsea, which serves as a local Toys for Tots drop-off point.

"I'm glad that kids who don't have toys will now have something to play with at Christmas," said 8-year-old Chelsea resident Jaeson Hotaling, a beginning-rank student at Family Martial Arts and Hotaling's son. "It's nice to help Santa out whenever we can.'







at redcrossblood org with the sponsor code dexterlibrary.

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"Around Town with Linda"

"Around Town with Linda" will feature Dick McCalla, partner, Chelsea Lumber Company.

"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, 6 p.m. and 11 p.m. A new interview begins every Friday evening and runs for a week. The guests all live or work in Chelsea, and everyone connected with the show is a volunteer.

Previous shows are available to view at McKune Memorial Library or online at http://storiesofchelsea. org.

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Dexter Senior Center needs cups, tissue and other donations

The Dexter Senior Center could use Styrofoam cups, facial tissue, decaf coffee, coffee filters, sugar substitute, ketchup, mustard,

🔳 January's teen trivia contest at the Dexter District Library starts today for youths in sixth through 12th grade. This month's theme is the Chinese New Year. Stop by the teen room for full details and entry forms.

Registration begins. today at the Dexter District Library for Winter Story Times. Toddler story times for children 18 months old to

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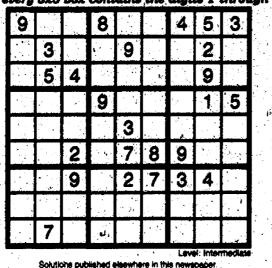
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'What's Next' in Michigan

The Chelsea Standard and Dexter Leader will join sister publications at Heritage Media in producing a package in March called "What's Next." Reporters are looking for what the public and local experts in various fields think is the next big trend in technology, education,

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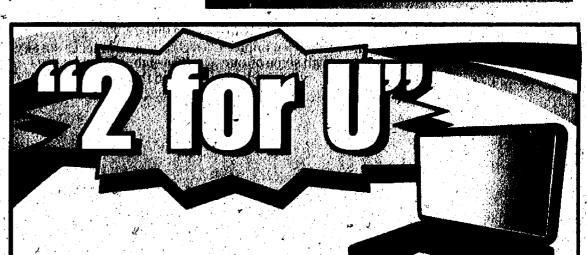
Thursday, Jan. 5

The Dexter District Library hosts Family Movie and Popcorn at 11 a.m. The featured movie is "Kung Fu Panda 2," rated PG with a runtime of 91 minutes.

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business, transportation, automotive, medicine, government and other areas of interest. Tweet us using #whatsnextmi on Twitter or email emcclain@heritage.com. We welcome your ideas, suggestions for sources or stories or a guest column.

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THE ARTIST (PG13)

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Tanner retires from Chelsea State Bank after 33 years

Scott S. Tanner, the executive vice president for Chelsea State Bank, will retire Dec. 31 after 33 years of service.

"It's always bittersweet , to announce the retirement of a long-standing, dedicated business colleague and friend," stated John Mann, Chelsea State Bank president and chief executive officer. "I have worked with Scott for many years now, and he has truly helped us to move forward as a customer-oriented community bank. He has led our technological advancements, which have been substantial over the breadth of his career."

Tanner began his career at Chelsea State Bank in 1979, but his story began in 1967.

The phone call came at around 7:30 p.m., just after dinner, during the second week of November 1967. The high school counselor asked then 17-year-old Scott Tanner, if he would he be interested in working for one of the local banks for a few hours each day microfilming checks and doing the last post office run of the day. His final football game had been a week earlier and the evenings would be a bit empty now as the days were getting shorter. They would let him out of his last / hour study hall to get an . early start. That iced it. Of course he'd be interested. The interview was

with the executive vice president of the Ypsilanti Savings Bank. It went well and he reported to the comptroller for further instructions. The daytime employee who did the regular mail runs and the early check filming trained him in short order. The job lasted until high school graduation the following June. At that time, the main office manager decided Scott would train as a teller to work in the summer time filling in for vacationing frontline staffers. Since he was accepted at Michigan State University in the coming fall. Scott could be available for fill-in work at all of the branches each vacation time over the next few years.

Upon graduation from MSU in 1972, Scott returned to Ypsilanti with a bachelor's in social science and a minor in economics. Marriage, a son and a daughter became the family. Head teller, assistant branch manager. branch manager positions were accomplished in the next four years. The opportunity to move on came from the Chelsea State Bank in 1978 and he started there as assistant vice president and auditor on Jan, 2, 1979. The young, family found a home-site in the area and built a modest, but comfortable house. Having experience in branch banking, Scott

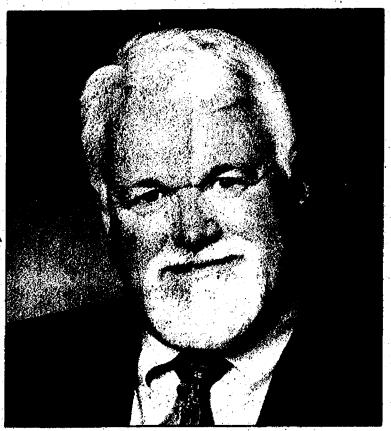
helped set up and staff the first branch of CSB in 1981. He served on the local United Way board for several years as well as being a charter board member of the Chelsea Depot Association. Scott has been directly involved in the bank's clerking of the **Chelsea Community Fair** livestock auction for many years and is a close personal friend of Willie the Chelsea Fair Parade army. clown. In 1985, the bank purchased an integrated core processing system and Scott-became the system administrator. In 1986, he introduced optic disk storage technology to replace the old microfiche system of record retention. In 1993, the bank added 17.000 square feet to the branch and it became the main office. Scott was elected to the board of directors and became executive vice president, as well as human resource administrator and chief operations officer.

In 1995, Scott was instrumental in directing the bank into check imaging. Soon the bank was able to expand Internet advertising into Internet banking. The website, www.csbonline. com, was born. Besides being involved in opening a branch in Dexter in 2000, he was the operational developer for the bank's ATMs, debit cards, Internet banking, mobile banking and remote check capture, during the most recent 10 years.

" "I've been blessed by 33 years of continued bright executive management, leadership and loyal staff during my career in Chelsea," Tanner said. "The bank officers assuming my responsibilities are able and dedicated long time CSB staff members who have been directly involved in all of our accomplishments. I have, great respect and confidence in the operations staff of the bank. Also, I can't say enough about the people of Chelsea and their sense of community. It has been a pleasure to serve this community."

A retirement reception for Tanner is planned 3-5 p.m. Dec. 30 in the main office lobby. The public is invited. Please stop in the main office bank lobby anytime until then to sign Scott's farewell card.

Chelsea State Bank is a full-service financial institution with offices in Chelsea and Dexter. The bank was formed more than 100 years ago by local business leaders to provide timely financial solutions to individuals. families and businesses in the community. This tradition of community service continues today. For more information, please visit www.csbonline.com or call the bank at 734-475-1355.



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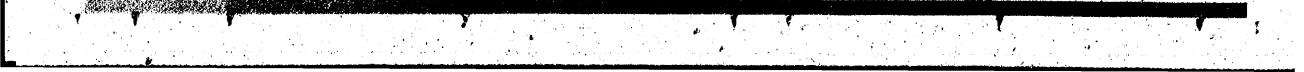
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Lutz pens book on auto industry

By Sam Logan Khaleghi **Special Writer**

Nineteenth century philosopher Johann Wolfgang von Goethe once said, "The dangers in life are infinite and among them is safety." With that in mind, former General Motors executive Robert "Bob" Lutz, an Ann Arbor resident, believes in taking risks and shares his thoughts on that matter in his recent book release "Car Guys vs. **Bean Counters: The Battle** for the Soul of American **Business.**"

Lutz proposes that it's up to the people in charge of a company to take the risk of a venture and deliver a product worth buying; it's not the job of the customer to tell you what to create. In expressing the meaning behind the title of his new book, Lutz explains it with a confident flare in his

voice. "The title basically implies that the creative people in any organization who are passionate about what they do, whether it's a product or service, should be listened to," says Lutz.

"Because in the modern business world, we have too much of the business run by the very numerated, very analytical and very left-brained people who finally never innovate, never take risks and have a tendency to run companies "into the ground."

The principal theme behind Lutz's book is that "number crunchers," in all areas of business, practice an attitude of caution and may not want to be associated with cutting-edge notions that might not work; therefore don't take a chance on potentially

new leading technologies. "These people you really have no use for, especially when they are in a dominant or leadership position in the company," says Lutz. "It becomes really dangerous."

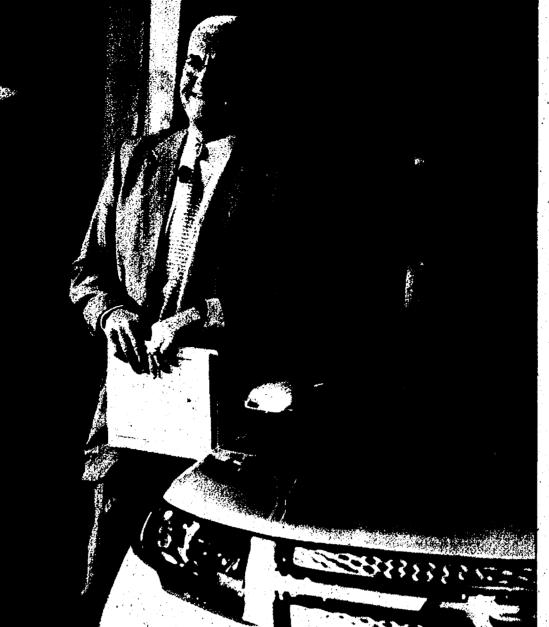


Photo courtesy of General Motors Corp.

Bob Lutz returns to the Detroit-Hamtramck Assembly plant to congratulate the entire company at its Chevrolet Volt production celebration.

the world's first extended range electric vehicle. The spirit and enthusiasm he helped instill during the four years of Volt development is still in place today, and can even be found in the first Volt customers."

The man behind the cars

From 1974 to 1986, Lutz brought his know-how to Ford Motor Co.'s blue oval, sharing credit for the development of the Ford Sierra and Ford **Explorer before coming** full circle and back to General/Motors in 2011 from his previous commission, which lasted from 1963 to 1971. He also held accomplished management positions at BMW and Chrysler. Lutz recently financed an independent film and has applied his top brass style to the world of cinema. He annotates that in every business there are administrators who choose to play on a safe course that doesn't deviate from past due to fear. Lutz explains that Hollywood is also plagued with formulas where new projects are made based on an analysis on blockbusters from the previous year — for example, identifying that the number of minutes a car chase or the number of explosions are all ingredients that are timed out and handed to a writer to be reproduced. "It exists in every busi-

ness," says Lutz. "It's one of the things MBAs have pretty much contributed to the decline of American industry."

Lutz values the worth of an education, but also insists that it has its limits. He himself holds a master's in business administration from the University of California-Berkley, which he accomplished while flying planes in the Marine Corps Reserves. In addition to his pedagogy, the businessman who lives and works in the Ann Arbor area also carries a mastery of global flair. Born in Zurich, Lutz also speaks French, German and Italian. The MBA teaches all the techniques, but it doesn't teach you how to deliver a product or service that will delight the customer, Lutz says, "Costumer delight and top-line growth are never discussed. The only thing discussed is how to minimize cost ... learning how to minimize cost is very important, but you can't save your way to prosperity.' Among the team at the Chevrolet brand, Lutz has been credited with institution of the Volt and sparking its greater procreation. Whether in the engineering departments or marketing departments, the Volt indeed modified the course for all automakers. The knowledge that he sheds in the pages of his new quarto come from one of the most vehemently educated men in the auto-

mobile industry. Lutz's intent was to turn around the Chevrolet image and convince the American public that GM is serious as any other company about producing fuel efficient and environmentally friendly vehicles.

"I and the other proponents of the Volt had to constantly fight off the traditionalist, the conservative people, the fearful people," says Lutz, who goes on to explain

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"bean-counter mentality" had suggested just doing another hybrid like the Toyota Prius.

"It was very important to do something that leapfrogged the Prius. I'll tell you the Volt has more than done its job," says Lutz Lutz's praise of Apple's

Steve Jobs is his example of a good manager who knew how to handle a consumer-oriented business. He goes on to explain that Jobs took charge of creating the iPhone from a concept and that it is the charge of managers to act as professional innovators.

"The people who are in charge of creating the new products or services are the ones who are supposed to have the intimate knowledge of what is technologically possible and if their enthusiastic about what they do, they will come up with the new stuff ... but you can't ask the customer to do the innovation for you."

The road paved

Rebecca L. Harris is a social media strategist at **General Motors who** worked frequently with Lutz. She warmly recalls his management style.

"He's always been ahead of his time," says Harris. "He was one of the first executives who met with social media folks when we hosted them at auto shows. He was always interested in hearing their take on what we are doing right and what we are doing wrong ... how we can please the customer better and make them more 'delighted,' as he would say.'



Lutz moved onto Exide Technologies, where he served as chief executive, officer and thought for a while that it would be his final professional stop. However in a romantic story-book kind of way. **General Motors invited** Lutz to return in late 2001 · as vice chairman of product development and Lutz accepted.

"It was fantastic. For a long time, I felt that I had been cheated out of the pinnacle of my career. but if I had been GEO of Chrysler, there's no way I could've then gone to **General Motors as vice** chairman. It was the fact that I did not have the top. job at Chrysler that enabled me to graciously be accepted at GM as reporting to the CEO ... Those last nine years were just fantastic.'

'Car Guys vs. Bean Counters[®] The Battle for the Soul of American **Business**" is currently available in bookstores and part of the legacy that Lutz shares with his fellow GM comrades is taking to the streets of Detroit.

It's called the Chevrolet Volt and the car is as undeniable as Lutz himself when it comes to speed and efficiency.

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A heritage of legend

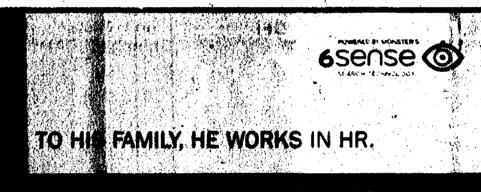
Michelle Bunker, manager of Chevrolet Volt communications, said: "The changes he made to GM product development were intended to be longlasting.

"The recent product launches (Cruze, Regal, Sonic, Verano) are evidence that his laser-like focus on great products and product execution is alive and well at GM," she said.

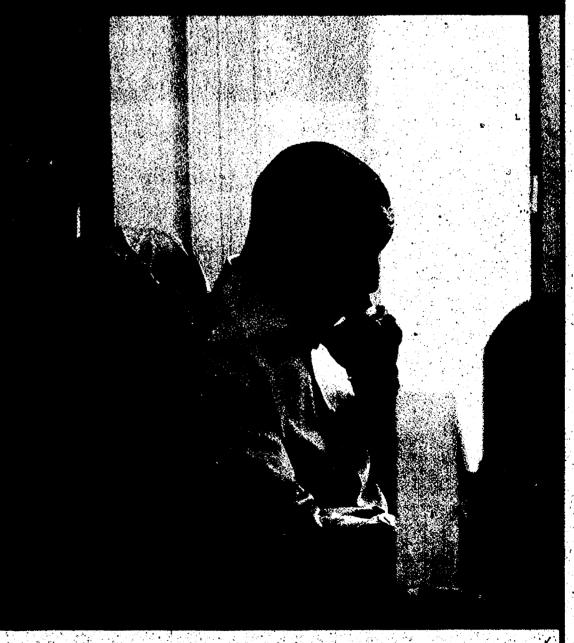
'His passion, leadership and vision for the Volt is, in large part, what led to the innovative product we have today. From the beginning, the team responsible for the development of the Volt shared Bob's passion for the car, the technology and the prospect of developing

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After a stint at Chrysler,



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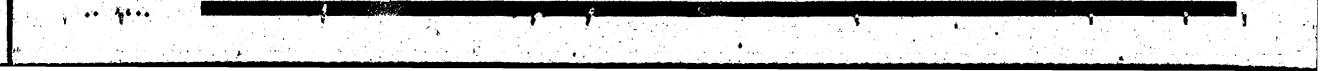
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Family Martial Arts competes in tae kwon do championship

A team of students from Family Martial Arts of Chelsea participated at the 2011 Shinn Mu Kwan Tae Kwon Do Championships, held in Haslett Nov. 21. More than 180 students from all over Michigan - including students from the Upper Peninsula - competed in this annual invitational tournament, which features board-breaking, forms, syn-chronized family forms, and Olympic-style sparring as events.

Of those students representing Team FMA, 85 percent won either gold, silver, or bronze in their individual events.

The results for competitors from Chelsea include:

Julian Korner, age 5: Second place in the 5-yearold boys' novice division in breaking

Bryce Hotaling, age 5: First place in the 5 year-old boys' intermediate novice division in breaking: 3rd place in the 5-year-old boys' intermediate novice division in forms

Nicholas Detterman, age 7: Third place in the 7-yearold boys' novice division in breaking

Jaeson Hotaling, age 8: First place in the 8-year-old boys' novice division in breaking

Helena Korner, age 12: Third place in the 12 and 13-year-old girls' novice division in forms

Heather Stafford of Chelsea was the top women's finisher in the adult men's and women's combined novice/intermediate division in breaking.

"Family Martial Arts has participated in the annual Shinn Mu Kwan Invitational since its inception," stated Family Martial Arts' master instructor, Ana Hotaling. "Participating in this family-friendly tournament gives our students the opportunity to experience competitive Tae Kwon Do in a more comfortable environment. Plus, with students coming from western Michigan and all the way from Houghton, our students have the oppor-tunity to meet and establish friendships with fellow martial artists from around the state." For more information about Family Martial Arts, visit their website at http:// www.familymartialarts. us, find them on Facebook under Family Martial Arts, or call 475-3622.

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City Of Chelses

Chelsea Planning The Commission will meet the third Tuesday of each month as needed at 7:00 p.m. during 2012. All meetings will be held at the Washington Street Education Center, 500 E. Washington Street, Chelsea.

Planning Commission The sessions will meet the work 1st Tuesday of each month as needed at 7:00 p.m. and are held in the Chelsea City Offices.

Any change in this schedule or meeting place will be published or posted.

CHELSEA CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

George Kinzer, Chair

VILLAGE OF DEXTER VILLAGE COUNCIL

NOTICE OF GENERAL CODE ORDINANCE AMENDMENT Pursuant to Act 3 of 1895, as amended, notice is hereby given that the Dexter Village Council held a public hearing Monday, December 12, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. at the Dexter Senior Center - 7720 Apn Arbor Street, Dexter, Michigan for the purpose of hearing public comment regarding amendments to Chapter 18, Environment, Section 18-35 - Village Abatement and Section 18-36 - Report of unbaid rates and charges; assessment against the property of the Village of Dexter General Code. The following language has been adopted and will be effective on January 18, 2012:▼

Section 18-35 - Village Abatement

In addition to or in lieu of charging a violation of this section, if any violation remains uncorrected after expiration of the time period in the notice, then the Village may remove the items or items identified in the notice or have it removed in any reasonable manner. The cost to the Village for the removal plus a \$100 fee for staff time shall be charged to the responsible person and, if the responsible person is a property owner, then any such unpaid costs may be assessed against the property in accordance with Section 18-36.

Section 18-86 - Report of unpaid rates and charges; assessment against the property. All unpaid fines and charges which are reported by the Zoning Office to he Village Manager as having been unpaid for a period of 3 months or more on May 1 of each year, which remain unpaid on May 31, shall be transferred to the Village tax roll, assessed against the property to which the Village was required to remove/abate the violation, to be collected within and in the same manner as villages taxes are collected, and if charges shall remain delinquent and unpaid after the expiration of the time limited in the warrant for collection of taxes levied in such roll, such charges shall be returned to the county treasurer to be collected in the same manner as the lien created by the village taxes on the delinquent tax roll of the village.

Information regarding the amendments is available for public inspection at the Village Offices, 8123 Main Street, Dexter, weekdays between 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., by phone at (734) 426-8303, or online at www.villageofdexter.org. Minutes of



Chelsea residents Julian Korner, 5, and his sister, Helena Komer, 12, proudly show the medals they won as competitors in the 2011 Shinn Mu Kwan Invitational.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

VILLAGE OF DEXTER

PROPOSED GENERAL CODE ORDINANCE

Notice is hereby given that the Dexter Village Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, January 9, 2012 at 7:30 pm at the Dexter Senior-Center, 7720 Ann Arbor Street, Dexter, Michigan, for the purpose of hearing public comment regarding an ordinance proposed to be added to the Village of Dexter General Code.

ORDINANCE ADDRESSING FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT PROVISIONS OF THE STATE CONSTRUCTION CODE

PROVISIONS OF THE STATE CONSTRUCTION CODE An ordinance to designate an enforcing an enforcing agency to discharge the responsibility of the Village of Dexter located in Washtenaw County, and to designate regulated flood hazard areas under the provisions of the State Construction Code Act, Act No. 230 of the Public Acts of 1972, as amended. Section 1. Pursuant to the provisions of the state construction code. in accordance with Section 8b(6) of Act 230, of the Public Acts of 1972, as amended, the Building Official of the County of Washtenaw is hereby designated as the enforcing agency to discharge the responsibility of the Village of Dexter under Act 230, of the Public Acts of 1972, as amended. State of Michigan. The County of Washtenaw assumes responsibility for the administration and enforcement of said Act throughout the corporate limits of the Village of Dexter. Section 2. Pursuant to the provisions of the state construction code, in

throughout the corporate limits of the Village of Bexter, Section 2. Pursuant to the provisions of the state construction code, in accordance with Section 8b(6) of Act 230, of the Public Acts of 1972, as amended, Appendix G of the Michigan Building Code shall be enforced by the enforcing agency within the Village of Dexter. Section, 3. The Federal Emergency Management Agency Flood Insurance Study Entitled "Washtenaw County. Michigan (all jurisdictions)" and dated April 3, 2012 and the Flood Insurance Rate Map(a) (FIRMS) panel numbers of 26161C, 0207E, 0209E, and 0228E and dated April 3, 2012 are adopted by reference for the purposes of administration of the Michigan Construction Code and declared to be a part of Section 1612.3 of the Michigan Building Code, and to provide the content of the "Flood Hazards" section of Table R301.2(1) of the Michigan Residential Code.

Michigan Residential Code. Information regarding the proposed ordinance is available for public inspection at the Village Offices, 8123 Main Street, Dexter, weekdays between 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., by phone at (734) 426-8308 Ext. 17, or online at www.villageofdexter.org. Written comments regarding the proposed ordinance should be submitted to the Village Offices, and must be received no later than 12:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 3, 2012. Sign language interpreter, or other assistance, is provided upon request to the Clerk, at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting. Minutes of atl meetings are available at Village Offices and on the Village website. www.villageofdexter.org.

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STATE BOUNDARY COMMISION

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE January 17, 2012 at 4:00 p.m. **Dexter District Library** 3255 Alpine Dexter, Mil 48130

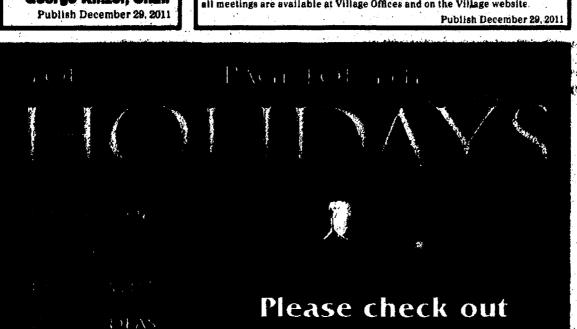
Bryce Hotaling, 5, of Chelsea, poses on the podium's gold-medal posi-tion for his win in boys' 5-year-old board breaking.



Chelses resident Nicholas Detleman, 7, displays his bronze medal in breaking from the 2011 Shinn Mu Kwan invitational, his firstever tournament.

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THE STATE BOUNDARY COMMISSION WILL CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED INCORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF DEXTER AS A HOME BULE CITY (WASHTENAW COUNTY) BCB657 #10 (F2)

This public hearing will give the public and interested parties an opportunity to contribute information and setting by on the press and incorporation and the following criteria:

Population; population density tand area and land uses; assessed valuation; Population: population definition arises and drainage basins: the past and probable topography, natural boundaries and drainage basins: the past and probable future urban growth, including population increase and business, commercial and industrial development in the area, need for organized community services; the present cost and adequacy of governmental services; the probable future needs for services; the practicability of supplying such services; the probable effect of alternative courses of action on the cost and adequacy of services, the probable increase in taxes relation to the benefits expected to accrue; and the financial ability of the municipality to maintain urban increase. urban type services.

Oral of written comments may be presented in person at this hearing on January 17, 2012, or submitted in writing by email or facelmile no later than 5:00 p.m., February 16, 2012. All correspondence must be identified by Docket <u>#10-1-2</u>. Written comments submitted by U.S. mail must be either received or postmarked no later than February 16, 2012 to the following:

DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS STATE BOUNDARY COMMISSION BUREAU OF CONSTRUCTION CODES PO. BOX 30254 • LANSING, MICHIGAN 48909 TELEPHONE: 517-241-6321 • FAX: 517-241-6301 obrienk@michigan.gov

The purpose of this hearing is for the Boundary Commission to receive comment from the public and interested parties. It is not a time in which a vote or any decisions on the proposed incorporation will be made by the Commission. After considering the entire record of proceedings on this docket, the Commission will make a recommendation at an adjudicative neeting on whether to approve or deny the petition proposing incorporation Please make sure all cell phones, pagers, and other personal electronic devices are either turned off or set to vibrate. The meeting site is accessible and includes handicapped parking. Persons with disabilities who require additional accommodation in order to participate in the meeting should contact the State Boundary Commission Office by either telephone (517-241-6321) or email (obrienk@michigan.gov) at least ten business days in edvance. In order to enhance accessibilities for everyone business days in advance. In order to enhance accessibility for everyone, individuals attending the meeting are requested to refrain from wearing heavily scented personal care products.

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Dexter Township 6880 Dexter-Pinckney Rd. Dexter, MI 48130 (734) 426-3767

Summary of Action of the Dexter Township Board of Trustees Regular Board Meeting December 20, 2011

Called to order at 7:01 PM

Members Present: Supervisor Kelly, Treasurer Kooyers, Clerk Rider, Trustees Brushaber, Feinman, Lesser and Maciejewski Alse Present: Patrick Stoan, Director of Planning & Zoning Absent: None

The Beard approved the Consent Agenda, along with General Fund bills totaling \$73,029.59 Fire Fund bills totaling \$47,230.23, Police Fund bills totaling \$40,977.97 and gross Monthly payroli of \$20,956.82.

The Board received committee reports from: Public Safety Advisory Committee; Personnel Policy Committee; Regional Fire Committee; and the Capital Improvement Committee.

- The Township Board made/approved the following appointments: Planning Commission: Reappointment of Mary Adams and Martin Ruhlig Jr.
 - **Zoning Board of Appeals:** Reappointment of Jim Cormier and Steve Burch.
 - Multi-Lakes Sewer Authority Board: Regular members Jack West, Vickle Kooyers, Harley Rider and Steve Feinman; Alternate members Pat Kelly, Deb Ceo and Carl Lesser Chelses Ares Fire Authority Board: Car Lesser (non-voting)
- Cheises Area Construction Agency Board: Steve Feinman (Alternate) Buron River Watershed Council: Regular member - Barry Lonik: Alternate member - Doug Forsyth.
- Public Safety Advisory Committee: Steve Burch, Brent Courson, Janis Miller, Dominic Treglia, David Vander Yacht, David Waymann, Ryan Cavanaugh, Derek Wiseley.

The Board received information on the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) Floodplain Management Regulation and set the proposed ordinance for first reading at the January 17, 2012 Regular Board meeting.

In addition, the Board took the following actions: Approved the 2012-2015 police services contract to continue contracting for three. (3) Sheriff's Department Police Service Units (PSU), with an initial cost per PSU of \$150,594 for 2012, escalating to \$155,157 in 2015; Approved a resolution to re-adopt a Township (Hazard Mitigation Plan; Acknowledged the SEMCOG Draft 2010-2020 Population and Household Projections; Accepted a contribution from the Servants of the Word in the amount of \$240,00 for Township Operations; \$710,00 for Township Fire and \$520,00 for Township Police.

Discussion: The Board discussed, but did not take action on the Chelsea Area Construction Agency report and the Western Washtenaw Recycle Authority report.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:43 PM

Respectfully submitted, Harley B. Rider, Clerk, Dexter Township Summary approved by Pat A. Kelly, Supervisor, Dexter Township

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Holiday gala raises funds for CCH

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It was an evening of elegance for the guests of the 2011 Chelsea Community Hospital Holiday Gala. Held at the Polo Fields Country Club in Ann Arbor on Dec. 10, more than 200 guests enjoyed an exquisite five-course meal, sampled various wines, listened to old and new favorites played by Equinox, and danced the night away $_{\rm T}$ all for a great cause.

Proceeds from this year's event will benefit the purchase of a linear accelerator, which will enable the Hospital to provide radiation therapy services at its comprehensive Cancer Center. More than \$100,000 was raised – far exceeding the record for this event - and the hard work of the gala committee made the evening a beautiful setting for all.

The hall was decorated for its peacock-inspired theme, "An Enchanted Evening," aglow with rich hues of teal, green and gold. The striking centerpieces created a graceful ambiance as guests enjoyed a wonderful evening that supports an important cause in our community.

cause in our community. "The cause of this gala is close to the hearts of so many people who have been touched by cancer," said Judy Stratman, director of marketing and development at CCH. "The linear accelerator will be a crucial part of our future Cancer Center, and we are grateful to the many caring people who have shown their support for this endeavor."

"This wonderful evening would not have been possible without the support of our committee, volunteers, and loyal donors," added Patty Roberts, special events coordinator. "I am always in awe when I see the results of the hard work and dedication that so many people thoughtfully give to support our hospital."

Next year's gala is scheduled for Dec. 8, 2012. For more information, please contact Patty Roberts at 734-475-4040, ext. 3542.



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CCH supporters and founders of SRSLY, Suzi and Michael Coghian, smile for the camera.

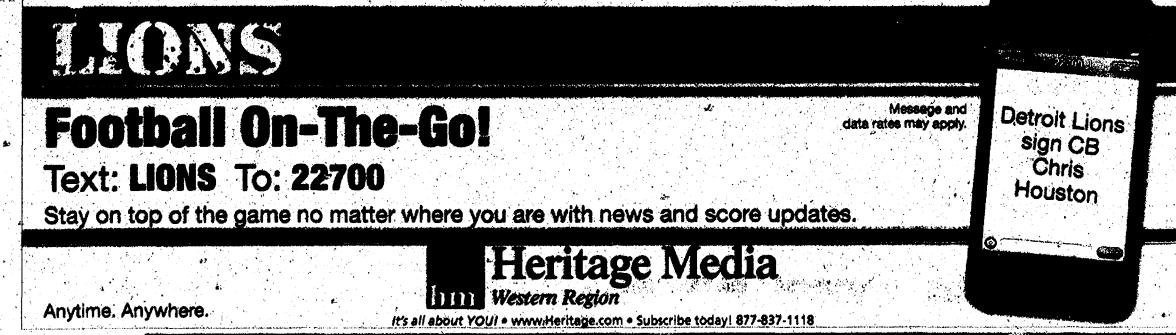


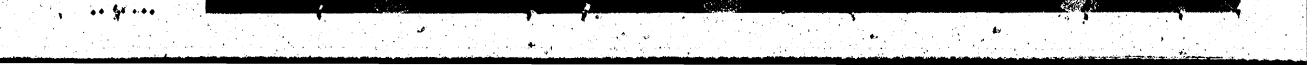
Ann Oldendorf, MD, Cindy H. Harrison, CCH VP, Human Resources, Judy Stratman, CCH director of marketing and development and Carole E. Holmes, gala committee member and CCH supporter.



Honorary Chairs Bob and Kathleen Griffiths, CCH president and chief executive officer, welcome the gala guests.

Pam and Bradford Wiley, CCH ohief of staff, enjoy a dance.





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- Crisco⁴ Olive Oil No-Stick Cooking Spray tablespoon Crisco⁴ Pure Olive Oil or **Crisco* Light Tasting Olive Oil**
- teaspoon oregano 1/2
- teaspoon minced garlic
- (4 to 5 pound) whole chicken, rinsed with
- neck and giblets removed
- Salt and pepper

Gravy:

- 1/2 cup cold water
- 1/4 cup milk
- (0.87 to 1.2 ounces) package chicken gravy mix
- 1/2 teaspoon oregano +
- teaspoon minced garlic
- 1 1/2 teaspoons fresh lemon juice
- t. Heat oven to 400°F. Spray a shallow roasting pan with rack with no-stick cooking spray.
- 2. Mix oil, oregano and garlie. Brush mixture over entire chicken. Season chicken liberally with salt and pepper. Place in prepared pan, breast side down; let stand 30"
- minutes. Turn chicken breast side up. Roast 65 to 70 minutes, basting occasionally. Chicken isdone when meat thermometer registers 170°F or when juices run clear when thickest part of thigh is pricked. Transfer chicken to carving board; tent with aluminum. foil. Allow to rest 10 minutes:
- Skim grease from the pan drippings. Place 1/4 cup skimmed pan drippings into small saucepan. Add water, milk. gravy mix, oregano, garlic and lemon juice to pan. Cook, stirring constantly until gravy thickens,
- 5. Carve chicken. Place on serving platten Serve with warm lemon-garlic gravy.

Lavender Olive Oll Cake with Honeyed Ricotta Prep Time: 20 minutes Cook Time: 55 minutes Yield: 8 to 10 servings Pillsbury' Baking Spray with Flour 1 3/4 cups Pillsbury BEST All Purpose Flour 1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder

- 1/2 teaspoon kosher sait cup sugar
- tablespoon finely grated orange peel tablespoon cullaery layender, crushed. plus additional 1 to 2 tablespoors
- for garnish 1/4
- teaspoon freshly ground black pepper cup plain yogert 2/3
- large eggs 2/3 cup Crisco* Pure Olive Oil-
- teaspoon vanilla extract
- 3/4 ' cup heavy cream
- 3 tablespoons honey
- 3/4 cup ricotta cheese, at room temperature
- 1. Heat oven to 350°F. Spray a 9 x 5-inch loaf pan generously with baking spray; set asido. Combine flour, baking powder and salt in a small bowl. Whisk together sugar, orange peel, lavender and pepper in a large mixing bowl until evenly distributed. Add yogurt, eggs and olive oil;
- continue whisking until smooth. Whisk in vanilla. Add flour mixture and gently whisk in until just combined. Scrape batter into prepared pan.
- Bake 55 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool in pan S'minutes; remove from pan and cool completely.
- 4. Whip cream with an electric mixer until soft peaks form. Add honey and continue to whip until stiff. Add ricotta cheese, a dollop at a time, and beat until fluffy: Slice cake. Top slices with honeyed ricotta and sprinkle with lavender.

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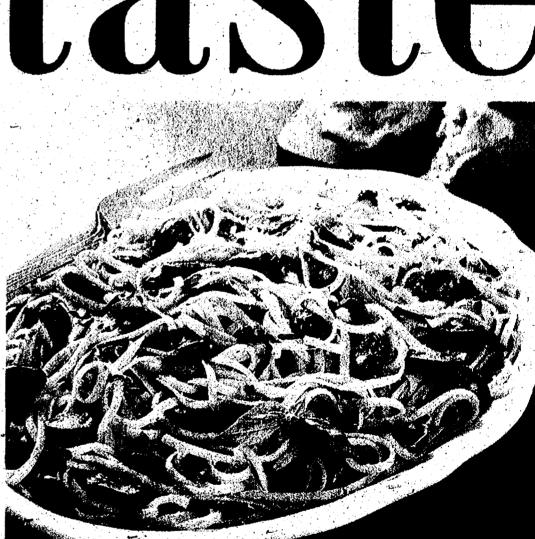
Linguine with Basil and Tomatoes

- Prep Time: 10 minutes Cook Time: 15 minutes
- Yield: 8 servings
 - 1-pound box linguine pasta
 - tablespoon sait, or to taste
 - 1/2 cup Crisco* 100% Extra Virgin Olive Oil pints grape tomatoes (4 cups), cut in half tablespoon minced garlie

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- tablespoons red wine vinegar
- teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes Salt and pepper to taste
- to 20 basil leaves, cut in thin strips 18 3/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese, plus
- additional for garnish
- 1. Heat 6 quarts water to boiling. Add pasts and salt. Cook for the minimum recommended time on package directions. While pasta cooks, prepare sauce.
- Heat olive oil in large skillet on medium heat. Add
- tomatoes and garlie. Cook and stir 2 minutes or until tomatoes are soft. Remove from heat. Stir in vinegar
- and pepper flakes. Drain cooked pasta Add to skillet. Cook and stir 1 minute or until pasta is coated and hot. Remove from
- heat. Season with salt and pepper. Stir in basil and cheese. Serve with additional cheese, if desired.



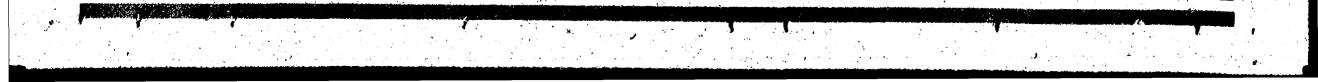


Mediterranean Essentials

Fresh and flavorful ingredients are the key to great Mediterranean cooking, so keep some of these essential ingredients on hand:

- Vegetables --- tomatoes, onions, shallots,
- peppers, carrots, spinach, eggplant Grains pasta, couscous, onts, barley, com, rice
- Dairy yogurt, unsalted butter
 Seans and legumes chickpess, Cannellini beans, lentils
- # Fresh herbs and spices --- cumin, garlic, rosemary, fennel, oregano, basil Cheese - Parmigiano-Reggiano, pecorino,
- ricotta, Manchego, feta Condimente olive oil, baisamic vinegar,
- iolixes, capers, honey







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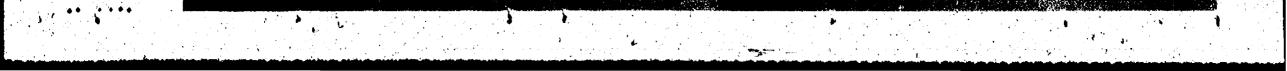
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Simmons sets standard for SEC

By Mike Larson A2 Journal

Tristan Simmons makes it look so easy.

- In the first quarter of Friday night's game against Pioneer, the Ypsilanti junior took the ball, weaved between two defenders and laid the ball up gently off of the glass and into the basket for two points.

That field goal was the first of many. He finished with 23 total points to lead all scorers and help his team win big over the Ann Arbor squad, 70-38.

Simmons is the kind of athlete that every coach would want on his squad.

He's athletic but solid, long but quick. He can drive to the basket with seemingly effortless skill, but he's also an adept jump shooter.

In short, Simmons is the complete package.

"Tristan is the kind of guy who can cause a lot of problems for opposing defenses," Ypsilanti coach Steve Brooks said. "He's a tough matchup for anyone."

And this season, Simmons is ready for a breakout year.

Last season, as a junior, Simmons scored 18.6 points per game for an Ypsilanti team that went 22-2.

This season, Simmons is one of three returning starters, and he and his team have some pretty lofty goals.

"Well, we know we have a good team," Simmons said. "We play in a good league and we think we can hang with anyone."

Although the Phoenix lost their first game of the season to the University of Detroit-Jesuit, Simmons said he believes his team has a lot of room to improve.

"We have to keep playing at a high level, and I know that we can," he said. "We just have to keep getting better and better."

If Friday's game is any indication, the Phoenix are going to have a very strong year.

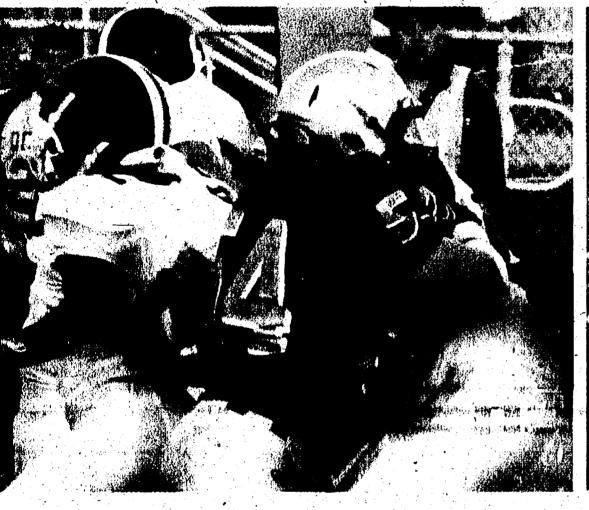
The team seems to play its best when it keeps the game moving at a fast pace and takes advantage of fast break opportunities.

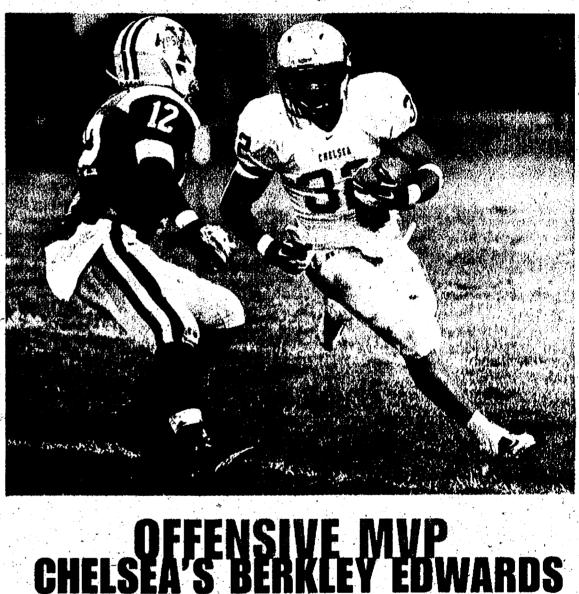
This is part of the game Simmons excels at.

"He plays fast, but he's always under control," Brooks said. "He knows how to push the ball up the floor and keep defenders on their heels."

And all the while, he makes it look easy.

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DEFENSIVE MVP LINCOLN'S TANNER BREWER Brewer helped lay foundation Edwards helped carry Chelsea for playoff-bound Splitters _ to another postseason run

By Randy Castro Heritage Media

Lincoln senior Tanner Brewer played a vital role in the Splitters resurgence, as the team made its firstever playoff, appearance.

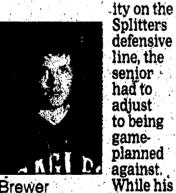
At the forefront was Brewer, who began his ascent into one of the state's elite defensive lineman as a junior Brewer led Lincoln with 91 tackles in 2010, but the team finished 0-9.

Dissatisfied with the outcome from his junior season, Brewer was one of the team's vocal leaders in the offseason, proving to be a leader in the weight room and in offseason workouts.

"Tanner is an unquestioned leader," Lincoln eoach Chris Westfall said. "He's a really tough kid. The other guys respect him. He really led by example." Helping to refocus a

team laden with seniors,

Brewer's leadership didn't stop off the field. Now a known commod-



Brewer

individual numbers declined, by demanding more attention, he afforded his teammates opportunities to succeed.

"As a 3-4 team we ask for the line to be athletic. strong and versatile guys.

"He's very versatile." Brewer finished the year 32 tackles, a team-high 13 tackles for loss, four sacks and a forced fumble. "He realized what he was

part of, and he was a focal point," Brewer said. "Where he may have had eight-to-10 tackles last year, he had four-or-five this year, but he made the guys around him better."

For his efforts, Brewer was named to the All-SEC White team and was named to the Associated Press **Division 1-2 All-State Team** as an honorable mention.

Brewer helped Lincoln in the most important statistic in school history, earning its first six-win season and a trip to the postseason. Westfall said Brewer's constant effort was infectious amongst his team-

mates. "He has such a high motor," Westfall said. "He had a lot of responsibility. "The kid looks like a bull but for how strong he is, he's fast. He's able to rush the passer."

By Terry Jacoby Heritage Media Some great players

just don't show up for big games:

Berkley Edwards is certainly a great player. And he proved that this season. He also proved that he indeed shows up for big games - just ask the **Riverview Pirates.**

The Chelsea running back entered the playoffs with big numbers and even bigger expectations. He didn't disappoint, putting up huge numbers in Chelsea's 49-14 win over host Riverview in the first round of the playoffs this past season.

Even with the Pirates focusing their defense on the fast No. 32, Edwards had 20 carries for 249 yards and scored three touchdowns, including a 68-yard run and another on a 90-yard dash.

Edwards led a Chelsea rushing attack that turned 41 carries into 327 yards. 'Berkley had a tremen-



Edwards

went on." Edwards, a first team All-Southeastern Conference selection, had a monster year carrying the football. He carried the ball 270 times for 1,501 yards, an impressive 5.6 yards per

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carry. His longest run was 90 vards against Riverview and he averaged an amazing 136.5 yards per game

- even though defenses knew he was coming.

Only a junior, Edwards led the Bulldogs in scoring. He reached the end zone 18 times, accounting for 108 of Chelsea's 294 points.

Edwards also had six kick returns for 90 yards, an average of 15 yards per return:

But the stats only tell part of the story with this young man. He's very quiet on game days and has a workman-like attitude whenever he steps on the football field.

And he's only flashy when he's carrying the football. There is no showboating in his makeup.

Edwards is the younger brother of former Michigan standout Braylon Edwards, now with the 49ers.

Berkley also is a sprinter for the Chelsea High rack team.





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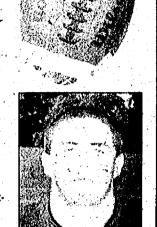
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Dexter senior quarterback Mike Mioduszewski could beat defenses with his arms and his legs.

Justin Barnes, RB, Saline (Sr.)

The workhorse in the Hornetbackfield, Barnes gained 920 yards and scored 17 touchdowns on 155 carries for Saline in 2011. For his efforts, Barnes was named to the All-SEC White First Team, having scored five and six touchdowns respective in consecutive games. "Justin is a very physically tough young man," Saline coach Mike Glennie said. "He was very effective as our fullback this year carrying the bulk of the offense between the tackles."



FOOTBALL The Offense

Michael Mioduszewski, QB, Bexter (Sr.)

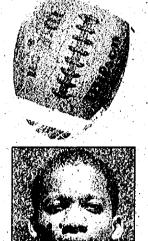
The senior passed for 1,914 yards and 20 touchdowns, rushed for 1,009 yards and 11 touchdowns. "Mike was our offense," said Dexter coach Brian Baird. "He turned many bad situations into long gains with both his legs and his arm." He was firstteam All-SEC. Mioduszewski is a three-sport standout at Dexter, playing both basketball and baseball. He was an all-league catcher last season for the Dreads.





Arthur Dukes, RB, Milan (Jr.)

The junior running back amassed 895 yards and seven touchdowns on 174 carries for the Big Reds in 2011. Dukes also seven receptions for 116 yards and a score for one-win Milan and firstyear coach Jesse Hoskins. "He made dramatic improvements; a majority of which were off the field," Hoskins said of the junior running back. "He got stronger, better in the weight room, was more coachable and became a better teammate. "The best is yet to come."



George Miller, RB Lincoln (Sr.)

Miller rushed for 733 yards and eight touchdowns on 134 carries on his way to All-SEC honors as a senior. After a rocky junior year, Miller returned to the Splitter lineup as a senior and was one of the key cogs in the Lincoln offense. "George was kind of the key piece for us because he' so quick and and can score from anywhere," Lincoln coach Chris Westfall said.





Rare Williams, WR Lincoln (Sr.)

Williams made his mark both on the offense and in the return game, leading the Splitters with 42 receptions for 723 yards and five scores through the air and 420 yards and two scores on 14 returns. "Best kick returner I've ever been around in my 19 years," coach Chris Westfall said of Williams. "To the point people stopped kicking it to him and I don't blame them. And a fantastic deep threat (in the passing game). Williams is getting looks from many Division 2 schools.

Alec Sensoli, OL,

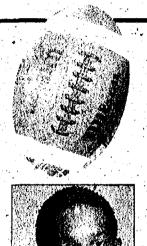
Chelsea (Sr.)

The 6-foot, 225-pound senior offensive lineman was named to

the Southeastern All-Conference first team. "Alec had a great

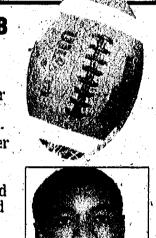
career," Chelsea coach Brad Bush said. "He led our offensive

line with very strong play."



Jerome Roberson, RB Belleville (Sr.)

Roberson was the Tiger's star of the season, filling in at running back and making the absolute most of it. "He was a player that could change the game at any moment," said head coach matt Davenport. ""Jay is a good student along with being a good athlete, and really developed into a leader when he switched to running back early in the season. For his efforts, Roberson



Tory Martinsen, WR, Milan (Sr.)

While Milan struggled to a 1-8 record in 2011, Martinsen was unquestionably one of the brightest starts of the Milan offense. Martinsen had 57 receptions for 740 yards and three touchdowns and had 26 tackles and added an interception on defense. "If you could build your perfect player, Tory has a lot of those attributes," Big Red coach Jesse Hoskins said.





is being recruited by Army, Syracuse, Central Michigan and Grand Valley State.

Travis Duve, OL,

Cheisea (Sr.)

The 6-foot-1-inch, 195-pound

Conference first team. "Travis

was very good in pass protection," Chelsea coach Brad Bush said. "In addition, he played

senior offensive lineman

was named to the SEC All-

physical the entire year."



Edward Reny, OL, Dexter (Sr.)

"We don't have blocking stats, but Ed was a dominating left tackle," Dexter coach Brian Baird said. "He anchored the left side of the line and earned his position by out working everyone over the last three years." The senior was first team All-Conference in the SEC.





Ryan Yeager, OL, Lincoln (Sr.)

What the 6-foot-2, 190-pound right tackle lacked in prototypical size, he more than made up for in work ethic. Splitter coach Chris Westfall said the senior made himself into a quality offensive lineman by utilizing good footwork, leverage and exceptional effort. The senior also added nine tackles and two sacks on the defensive side of, the ball. "He's the stereotypical undersized lineman who is successful because he works so hard," Westfall said,



Casey Schukow, OL, Saline (Jr.)

Schukow was a key cog in Saline's Wing T, Jet-Sweep offense, and proved to possess all the skills to dominate at his position. Also a force on the defensive side of the ball, Schukow earned All-SEC honors as as both an offensive and defensive lineman. "Casey is a very talented young man on both sides of the line of scrimmage," Hornet coach Mike Glennie said.



Austin Hamilton, OL, Manchester (Sr.)

"Here's a young man who improved greatly as the season went on. He takes a lot of pride in his ability to block, and he's the type of kid, this is my space and I'm going to hold it," said head coach Wes Gall. He also punted for the Dutch, averaging 37.9 yards per punt.



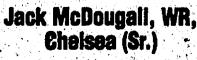
Aaron Connors, OL, Belleville (Sr.)

As a senior offensive lineman for the Tigers, Connors was a leader on and off the field. Although the Tigers had a rough season, their offense flourished in a few games down the stretch in large part thanks to play of the offensive line, led by Connors. "Aaron is an intelligent student which carries over onto the field, and he deserves the recognition he is getting," said head coach Matt Davenport.



Tucker Whitley, OL, Dexter (Sr.)

The senior was the captain of Dexter's offensive line and has led it for three years. "He took about every snap while still totaling 17 tackles on defense," said Dexter coach Brian Baird. Whitley was one of the top centers in the area the past two seasons.

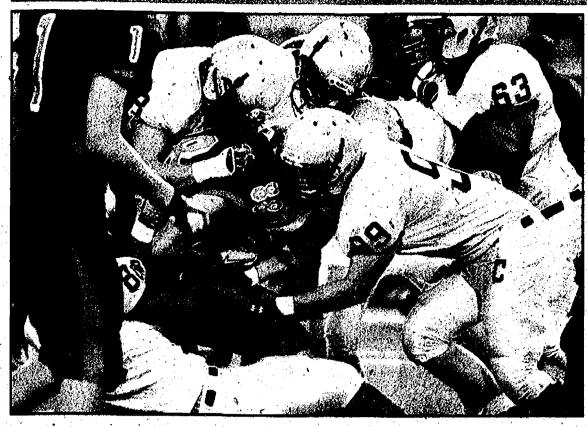


Also a standout basketball player, the 6-1 senior was the Buildogs' leading wide receiver and was named to the SEC All-Conference first team. "Jack was as improved as any player on our team," Chelsea coach Brad Bush said. "He made big plays and was very consistent."





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The Chelsea Buildogs once again reached the state playoffs, thanks to an aggressive and talented defense.

Kevin Watkins, DL, Cheisea (Sr.)

It was easy to find No. 99 - he was always around the football. The 6-foot, 200-pound senior defensive lineman was named to the SEC All-Conference first team. "Kevin played with as much passion and effort as anyone on the team," Chelsea coach Brad Bush said. "He was a tremendous pass rusher."





Dejuan Hampton, DL, Lincoln (Sr.)

The Splitter senior totaled 44 tackles, 10 tackles for loss, a team-high five sacks, a forced fumble, two fumble recoveries and an interception for six-win Lincoln in 2011.

A highly-touted Division 2 recruit, Hampton has all the tools to be successful at the next level, said coach Chris Westfall. "Dejaun's a physical freak," Westfall said. "Just shy of 6-footfive, 230 (pounds) he runs as well as most of our receivers run."



Adam Smith, DL, Ypsilanti (Sr.)

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The Defense

With his 12 sacks on the season, Smith earned All-State honors in Division 2. For coach Jason malloy, he was the embodiment of how we wants his play-ers to play and act: with inten-sity and hard work all the time. "As a coach, seeing him take your direction and have it come through it's a great reward," Mally said. "He's aggressive, fast and really hard to deal with. He's a sight to see when he put what he was taught on the field."





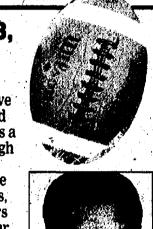
Wade Raddatz, LB, Milan (Sr.)

The 5-foot-11 senior anchored the Big Red defense, totaling a team-high 78 tackles and a sack in 2011. Raddatz quickly made an impression under first-year coach Jesse Hoskins for his relentless effort and commitment to the program. "Wade's one of my favorite people," Hoskins said. "He just always goes 100 percent. There are no ifs ands or buts with him. "He's a great guy to have on a football team.'



Christian Thomas, LB, Lincoln (Sr.)

After playing on the defensive line as a junior, Thomas turned heads during his senior year as a linebacker. Boasting a team-high 79 tackles to go along with his 3.5 sacks, forced fumble, fumble recovery and two interceptions, Thomas earned All-SEC honors in 2011. "Christian has been our most surprising player," Lincoln coach Chris Westfall said. "He kind of defied our expectations. 'He ended up being our leading tackler and a really, really a good linebacker."

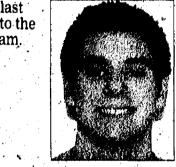




Andrew Grafton, LB, Dexter (Jr.)

Grafton led the team in tackles with 75, with 5.5 tackles for loss. and became the most consistent player on the defensive side of the ball for the Dreadnaughts. He totaled 30 tackles in the last two games and was named to the SEC All-Conference first team.



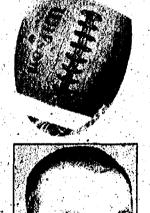




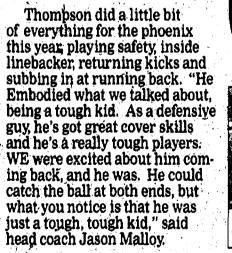


Truman Hadley, LB, Chelsea (Sr.)

The 6-1, 205-pound senior was clearly one of the top linebackers in the area. The hard-hitting Hadley was named to the SEC All-Conference first team. "Truman is as good a linebacker as we have had here at Chelsea," said coach Brad Bush. "He plays with great passion."



Devon Thompson, LB, Ypsllanti (Sr.)





Tyree Waller, DB, Lincoln (Jr.)

The junior defensive back finished second on the team in tackles (53) and registered two tackles for loss and a forced fumble on his way to All-SEC honors in 2011.

"He's going to be our most-recruited player next year," coach Chris Westfall said. "He runs under a 4.6 (40-yard dash), he's a big tackler and a big hitter. The kid really has to know there's no limit on his ability."



Max Giller, DB, Chelsea (Sr.)

The 5-10, 170-pound senior. defensive back was named to the SEC All-Conference first team. "Max was a tremendous cornerback," Chelsea coach Brad Bush said. "He shut down some outstanding receivers this year."



Brandon Gordon, DB, Saline (Jr.)

As a junior, Gordon anchored the Hornet secondary in 2011, earning All-SEC White honors in the process. Gordon led the team in tackles (33) and had an interception. Also a threat in the return game, Gordon aver- * aged 18.2 yards per punt return. *Brandon had an outstanding season as our free safety," Hornet coach Mike Glennie said. "He is a tough football player" with a nose for the ball.



Devin Jose, DB, Manchester (Sr.)

Jose had 51 tackles, 6 deflections, and 4 interceptions for the Dutch this season. "He started to blossom this year," said head coach Wes Gall. "He went in the weight room and got the extra strength. When he hit you, he'd try to knock you backwards. Very coachable young man, he tried to work hard and did things that need to be done on both sides of the ball."



Dylan Mulder, K, Saline (Sr.)

Mulder personified the ultimate special teams weapon for the Hornets, going a perfect 34-34 in his extra point attempts on his way to an All-State honorable mention and All-SEC White honors. Mulder holds the Saline record with a 47-yard field goal and his kickoffs were nearly guaranteed to result in a touchback. "Dylan has been a weapon" for us for the past two years," Saline coach Mike Glennie said. "He has remarkable accuracy and a very strong leg.



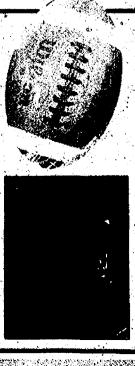
Zack Rabbitt, K, Cheisea (Jr.)

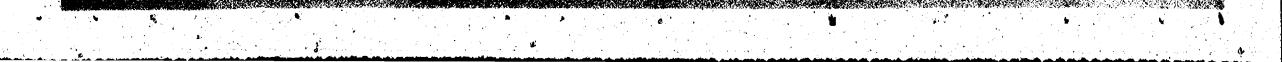
The junior free safety was recently named All-State as a kicken He made all eight of his field-goal attempts including a few long ones and a few in poor weather conditions. He was 39 of 41 on extra points. "He made big kick after big kick the entire season," said Chelsea coach Brad Bush.



Corey Gray, P, Lincoln (Sr.)

The senior special teams ace averaged over 30 yards per punt in 2011, including a long of 64 yards, and had seven punts down inside the opposition's 20-yard line. Gray also started at safety for the playoff-bound Splitters. "He's such a good athlete, we put him in situations where we rugby-styled (punted) for a while," Lincoln coach Chris Westfall said. Gray threw for a touchdown out of punt formation, and added 34 tackles in the Splitters' defensive backfield.





Girls Basketball Buildogs still perfect

Chelsea knocks off Hornets to improve to 5-0.

By Randy Castro Heritage Media

Holding Saline to just seven first-half points, the Chelsea girls improved to 5-0 with a 42-27 win over the Hornets Tuesday night.

"We got the shots we wanted," Hornet coach Jeff Waltz said. "Sometimes its a simple game, if you don't convert you start to get down on yourself and lose confidence, then you don't convert...it kind of just rolls downhill.

"We were never able to stop the downhill spiral tonight."

The Bulldogs didn't muster much offense early themselves, playing to a four-all tie after the opening quarter. But while Saline wasn't able to convert on their easy chances near the basket, Chelsea made the most of their opportunities around the rim. Waltz said he and his staff counted 18 missed shots in the paint during the game.

The Bulldogs went for 12 second-quarter points, while not allowing the Hornets to connect for a single field goal in the quarter. Saline settled for a trio of free throws and went into the half, trailing 16-7.

It was more of the same in the third quarter, as Chelsea outscored Saline 14-6. Senior Mackenzie Cole scored six of her game-high 12 points in the third.

We had to switch it up," Waltz said. "I felt like we had to try something to get a little offense going and Chelsea found their groove in the third quarter."

Senior Grace Martin

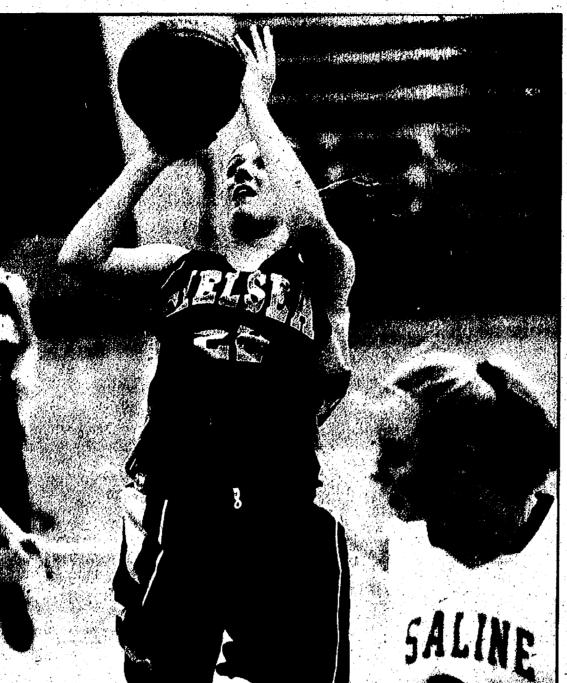


Photo by Hiroshi Onuma ' Standout senior Mackenzie Cole takes a jump shot against the Hornets.

chipped in with eight points to aid the unbeaten Bulldogs.

Chelsea had little difficulty breaking Saline's press, resulting in easy looks at the basket. The shots that weren't falling in the first quarter, fell much of the rest of the way.

"Our girls have been, through a lot," Waltz said. "If there's ever a team that needs just some time off, it's definitely us.

"You can tell tonight, probably by the third quarter, that physically, emotionally, we were pretty spent." Saline never seriously

threatened the Chelsea lead over the final eight minutes, but did manage to outscore their opponents 15-12

in the fourth quarter. Senior Alli Cope led Saline (2-3) with seven points. Junior Melissa Needham added six, while Britten Clark chipped in

five. NOTES...Saline went 11-23 from the free throw line, Chelsea was 8-19...Neither team successfully converted a 3-point attempt.

Boys Basketball: Hornets trip up visiting Bulldogs

By Randy Castro Heritage Media

On a night where Saline played its stiffest competition of the year, the Hornets turned in their most-complete effort to date with a 49-36 win over. SEC-rival Chelsea.

It wasn't the Hornets' biggest guns that made the difference, but rather a trio of underclassmen and combined depth that did in the Bulldogs.

"We played 11 guys," coach Matt Seidl said. "They all helped at some point."

All three sophomores scored in double-figures on the night, led by starting guard Michael Hendrickson's game-high 13 points. Starting sophomore forward K.C. Borseth continued to shoot the ball well, pouring in 11 points to follow up his 15point performance against Tecumseh last Friday. As effective as the starters were, it was the

As effective as the starters were, it was the Hornet bench that provided a second-quarter spark that helped break the game open. Much of that spark can be credited to sophomore Max Recknagel, who came off the bench to go off for 11 points, giving Saline quality minutes with Mike Smutny on the bench in foul trouble. Smutny was limited to a season-low two points in limited action.

"We've go to get him some more minutes," Seidi said. "With Mike getting in foul trouble, it was a perfect opportunity.

"That was really good for him, we didn't miss a beat in there."

Leading 12-10 after the first quarter, Recknagel accounted for seven Hornet second-quarter points as the Saline bench outscored Chelsea 11-6. A Hendrickson triple helped Saline to a 26-16 halftime lead.

"Coach always says we're 11 deep, so we try to come off the bench an play really hard," Recknagel said. "I'm just glad I was able to help my team."

The pace slowed momentarily in the third, as the Hornets were held to just two field goals in the quarter. Saline connected on six of its seven attempts from the line in the third quarter, as the Hornets took a 36-24 lead into the fourth quarter.

Borseth and Joe Wooley buried big 3-point buckets down the stretch as Saline finished the job at the free throw line.

"They knew this was kind of a big game, this was the best opponent we've played this far," Seidl said. "We defended really really well, and [Chelsea] never got into any rhythm." The Buildogs were led by Jake Steinhauer's nine

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"They have a complicated system and our kids did a good job taking them out of it," Seidl said of the Bulldogs."

Saline (4-0) will participate in the Dexter Holiday Invite on Dec. 29-30, while Chelsea (2-2) will host their own Holiday Classic beginning Dec. 28.

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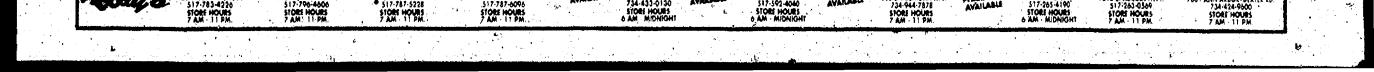


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