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School districts receive MEAP scores

By James David Dickson
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The Michigan Department of Education announced that 2011-12 MEAP scores went out to school districts mid-month, so as to allow educators "to review and direct individualized focus to students."

The Michigan Educational Assessment Program is administered every October to third- through ninth-graders.

In February, the Michigan Board of Education approved a study new, tougher cut scores for both the MEAP test and the Michigan Merit Exam, which is given to juniors every March as a gauge of college readiness. In September, the board approved the new cut scores. In collaboration with staff at ACT Inc., the National Center for Educational Achievement, employees of the Michigan Department of Education Measurement Research & Psychometrics unit conducted the study.

While a student needed to answer roughly 39 percent of questions correctly to earn proficiency under the old system, as of this year roughly 65 percent correct answers are needed. The state has warned school districts, and school districts have warned parents, of the coming "dramatic decline" in test scores under the new scoring system.

"Having these data in their hands allows teachers to pinpoint what their students know and don't know, and where each student needs additional help in learning," said state Superintendent of Public Instruction Mike Flanagan in a statement.

According to the MDE, this is the third year that school districts received the MEAP data prior to winter break. But just because school districts have the numbers doesn't mean it can pass them on to parents or the media — in fact they are prohibited from doing so.

"Schools are not permitted to share any school- or district-level results with the community or other external parties until statewide testing results are released to the public," a release explained.

Once the MEAP results have been finalized, likely in the spring, they will be released to the public.

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Paying it forward

Side Street Garage starts a generous \$20 'donation' jar

By Crystal Hayduk
Special Writer

Husband and wife Dan and Bobbi Hoffman, owners of Side Street Garage on Buchanan Street in Chelsea, have been helping people for nearly 17 years by repairing their cars. But now, they're helping people in a whole new way, thanks to what is unofficially known as the "pay it forward initiative."

Most people have seen the penny bowl located near cash registers at some stores. The sign encourages patrons with extra coins to leave a penny or take a penny as needed. But about two months ago, Dan thought it might be interesting to up the ante from a penny to \$20.

"At first, it was sort of a joke, but then it evolved into an experiment," according to Bobbi. She placed a plastic container on the counter, added a sign that said, "Got a twenty? Leave a twenty. Need a twenty? Take a twenty," and donated a \$20 to start the process.

"After people started leaving ones, we thought that people were mistaking it for a tip jar," Bobbi said. She declared



Photo by Crystal Hayduk

Bobbi Hoffman of Side Street Garage sits with the container of \$20, Chelsea's own "pay it forward" initiative.

emphatically, "It's not!" So Dan put in another \$20.

"Then one day, a \$20 was gone, and a few days later, the man who had needed it brought it back," Bobbi said.

Bobbi explained that although there have been many laughs over the container, she's also been surprised by the generosity of some who have left \$20. She's also been pleased to

find that people who have needed some money have had it to take.

"One person thought it was a really great 'pay it forward' idea," Bobbi said, reflecting on the 2000 movie "Pay It Forward."

The Hoffmans are delighted that Dan's simple idea has been implemented and that through it they can help others in a tangible way.

They aren't worried about the concept being wrongly taken advantage of, citing the general honesty of the community of Chelsea.

"With the economy the way it's been, I don't know if those who have taken some money have needed it for Christmas or whatever. But in any case, it's been nice to see people helping people," Bobbi said.

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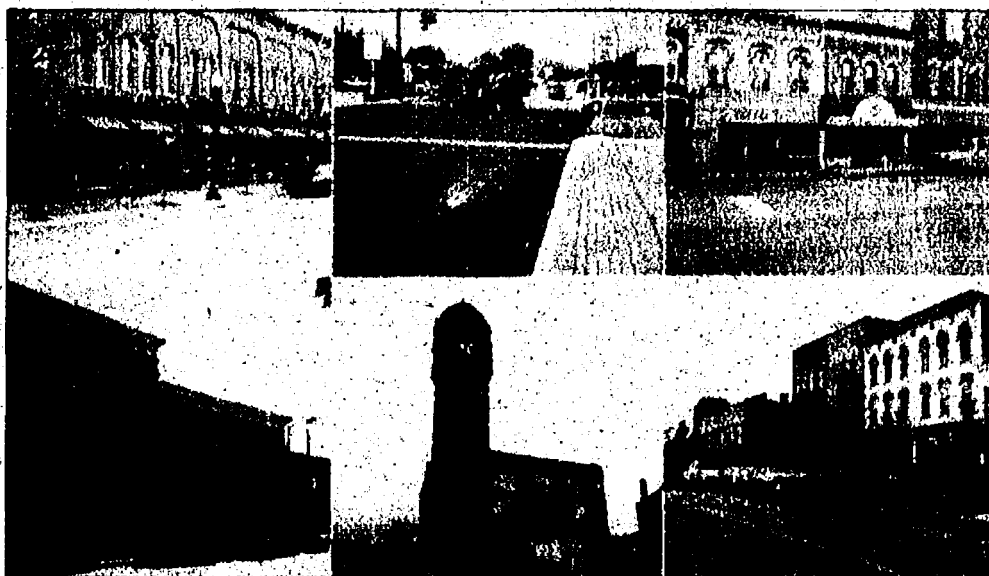
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In our last look in our two-part series on the smaller downtowns of Washtenaw County, we examined the perceived value of safeguarding the history of downtown buildings and how various downtowns have done that.

Last week, we focused on business vacancies in downtowns and what local officials are trying to do to fill them.

What do you see for your downtown? Do you think its history should be preserved?

What new businesses would you like to see fill those empty storefronts? Heritage.com will host a live chat noon Jan. 11 on just that. We want to know your concerns and suggestions for improving your downtown. Please be sure to join us.



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Snyder says major education cuts may be done

By James David Dickson
Herald Staff Writer

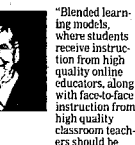
When Robert Allen, Ann Arbor schools' deputy superintendent for operations, recently told the Board of Education that he didn't foresee the state passing down major budget cuts in 2012-13, some people thought the numbers man was being optimistic.

But last month, Gov. Rick Snyder told Associated Press reporter Kathy Barks

Hoffman that he believes "the cut model is over" after K-12 schools lost roughly \$1 billion in budget cuts last year.

Judging by Snyder's statements and 2012-13 budget recommendations issued by the State Board of Education, if the cut model is indeed over, it will be replaced by an incentive-based model that rewards novel approaches in accordance with Snyder's "Any Time, Any Place, Any Way, Any Pace" vision for public education, as Snyder outlined in April 2011.

"We must minimize all structural barriers that hinder innovation at the local level, including seat time regulations, length of school year, length of school day and week, and the traditional configurations of classrooms and instruction," Snyder said at the time.



Snyder

"Blended learning models, where students receive instruction from high quality online educators, along with face-to-face instruction from high quality classroom teachers should be encouraged."

State school board president John Austin said that it's also important to invest in teachers, who are feeling "demoralized" after years of budget cuts and accountability demands. Austin said he would like to see the state invest in producing more teachers certified with the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards.

These are called "master teachers" in the profession. There are 97,000 of them in America. Only 857 of them teach in Michigan, according to the National Board, and only 9 earned their certifications last year. Alabama has some

"All Michigan students should be able to receive a community college degree or credential no later than their 13th year of school," Snyder declared last April.

2,133 national board certified teachers. Arkansas has 1999. Mississippi has 3,315. Pre-kindergarten programs and higher education also deserve additional investment, the board says. The state Board of Education recommends that the Legislature incentivize post-secondary learning, expanded dual enrollment, early and middle colleges, as well as advanced placement and international baccalaureate offerings — the kinds of offerings that are currently available to many students in Washtenaw County Area schools may stand to gain from programs they already offer.

"All Michigan students should be able to receive a community college degree or credential no later than their 13th year of school," Snyder declared last April. Snyder told the AP that he wants to tie K-12 funding to student achievement. The goal is to reward the districts that are performing well but the outcome may be to widen the gap between financial haves and have-nots.

The state board also recommends that the state pick up a percentage of the cost of the Michigan Public School Employees Retirement System pension system, which currently has an \$18 billion

unfunded liability. Because the system is protected by the state Constitution, public school pensions are a promise that must be honored.

The state passes down a retirement contribution rate that each public school district must pay for each employee.

This is part of the reason some districts have been taking bus drivers, coaches and other non-instructional staff off the payroll in recent years. In 2010, the state moved new hires to a blended pension/contribution system but the vast majority of public school employees are covered under the pension plan.

How does that unfunded liability play out locally? In 2010-11 in Ann Arbor schools, \$1,600 of each student's \$9,000 foundation allowance, or 17 percent, went to pay for legacy pension costs.

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Puuri serves last day as roads director

By Sean Dalton
Herald Staff Writer

Even on his final day of employment, Washtenaw County Road Commission Managing Director Steve Puuri made county roads his top priority.

Puuri, who began as an assistant engineer, has been with the road commission for 25 years now, and has made addressing a general lack of road funding one of the final broad strokes of his career.

He began his day as he has for so long: arrive just before 7 a.m., greet his staff, visit the Beet and try to sample enough information from the previous night to figure out what the day in front of him should look like. His last day on Dec. 12 even involved some forward-looking planning with people he no longer works with in an official capacity.

"There aren't a lot of voters so nobody wants to spend money fixing it," Commissioner Doug Fuller comments about the state of Sanford Road in York Township.

He and Puuri pour themselves over the map discussing road issues throughout

the county, many of which are difficult to fund in a rural county.

In the case of Sanford Road, the fact that there are only three or four property owners, due to being farmers, is a barrier to getting the necessary roadwork incorporated into a township fund mileage or other funding mechanism.

"It hasn't had chip seals and now it needs resurfacing, but there's no money for that," Puuri said. The Sanford Road Bridge over Buck Creek is literally on its last legs with a standing weight restriction of 3 tons.

The men conclude that the road will likely need to eventually be closed off if the trend continues.

This would force the farmers to bring their equipment over to Stony Creek, where it will add to wear and tear on another major street and frustrate commuters stuck behind the farmers, who have to travel 15 mph in their tractors and other large vehicles. The speed limit on Stony Creek is 55 mph.

Although Puuri is excited to live the retired life, which for him and many other long-term public employees doesn't start

taking shape until the day after the final day of work, he says he is concerned about the future of the county's infrastructure. But he feels that successor Roy Townsend has capable hands with which to carry on his work.

"Every day brings new adventures, so even the best plans can fall apart within 15 minutes," Puuri says of the day-to-day operations. "Roy can handle it better than anybody."

If there's one thing Puuri wants from the public, it's an understanding of the scope of what the road commission does.

When there's a hazardous spill on a major roadway or right-of-way, for example, Puuri and his people were there to get the people and the barricades out there so work can be done and the road can be reopened against as quickly as possible," Puuri

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Gemini to perform at Silver Maples Jan. 17

By Sheila Pursglove
Staff Writer

The popular Ann Arbor-based singing duo Gemini will perform 7 p.m. Jan. 17 in the free Kaleidoscope Concert Series hosted by Silver Maples of Chelsea.

Hungarian twin brothers Laz and San Slomovits - also known as Gemini - have been performing since 1973 at concert halls, festivals, community centers and elementary schools around the area, as well as throughout the United States and Canada. In 1997, they began performing with symphony orchestras, including the Detroit Symphony Orchestra and the Kansas City Symphony. They have released numerous award-winning recordings for adults and children and families.

This will be Gemini's third appearance at Silver Maples, where the brothers will play a tribute to the music of the folk revival of the '60s.

"Since it's been 50 years since the '60s, Laz and I, in addition to the family concerts we usually play, have been doing concerts where we play songs from that time period," San Slomovits said.

Songs include familiar sing-along songs that were sung in hootenannies and around campfires; traditional songs like "Kumbaya," Michael Row the Boat Ashore, We Shall Overcome; and songs by the songwriters of the period; Pete Seeger, Bob Dylan, Tom Paxton, Woody Guthrie, Paul Simon, Peter Paul and Mary and even a few by the Beatles.

"On our previous two visits to Silver Maples my daughter, Emily, joined us," Slomovits said. "Since this concert will be on a school night I won't guarantee she'll be there but barring that she'll join us on violin, vocals and even guitar, which she's been learning since last summer."

"There's a very sweet feeling at Silver Maples and the seniors there have welcomed us warmly on each previous visit. The last time we were there, about a year and a half ago, we did a '60s folk revival set too and people really sang along. We've added some more songs from that period, and those

too will be ones people will be able to sing along with us."

Shawn Personke, director of activities at Silver Maples, is looking forward to Gemini's program.

"They're just so talented, have such a zest for what they do and are wonderful performers," she said.

The rest of the Kaleidoscope concert line up through May 2012 is made possible through a grant from the Chelsea Community Foundation and the Community Foundation of Southeast Michigan.

Beginning in September, the concert series will continue through the support of community sponsors, including Chelsea Lumber and the Chelsea Retirement Community, as well as donations from community members.

The Feb. 21 event will be the River Raisin Ragtime Revue "Back Row," a Mardi Gras concert with Dixieland jazz from this popular local ragtime band.

In March, Silver Maples will host the Royal Garden Trio. "They're new to the series," Personke said. "They play to big crowds at Chelsea's summertime Sounds and Sights on Thursday Nights, so we're excited to have them."

The April concert, to be held at the Washington Street Education Center, will be a fund-raiser for the concert series.

"We're bringing back Dave Bennett's 'Tribute to Benny Goodman' - Dave opened the concert series in January 2009 and was a huge hit," Personke said. "At the auditorium we can seat quite a few people, and we're asking for donations of any amount. There will be plenty of room for everyone - of all ages - to come see Dave Bennett when he channels the great Benny Goodman."

The Motor City Brass Quintet will perform on May 15. The group played at Silver Maples in December 2010 and members of the group play with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra and the Michigan Opera Theatre.

"Their repertoire ranges from Americana to ragtime to classic, modern, and more," Personke said. "Again, it's some really high quality musicianship. I love being able to



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host the K-series at Silver Maples. These are musicians that play all over the state and the Midwest. They are some of the best and normally folks would have to spend at least \$50 on a ticket to see them perform. It's just a great opportunity for Chelsea area seniors."

The Kaleidoscope concerts are free and open to the public, but tickets are required as seating is limited. Tickets for the public are available at the Chelsea Senior Center the Monday following the previous month's concert.

"Tickets go quick, so it's a good idea to high tail over there as soon as you can," Personke said. "Because the tickets are free, sometimes people will pick up tickets, but then not be able to come to the concert. So what we do is encourage folks without

tickets to come, and at 7 p.m., just before the show starts, we fill any empty seats."

The Gemini concert will be held in the Garden Room at Silver Maples of Chelsea, 100 Silver Maples Dr. For more information, call 475-4111.

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Downtown Chelsea features the Clocktower Complex, a rehabilitated water tower, prominently in its streetscape. Several preservation groups, including Preservation Chelsea, exist within the community.

Preserving the character of downtown

Local communities work to maintain distinctive appearances

By Erica McClain and Amy Bell
Heritage Media

In Washtenaw, the only county in Michigan to have a countywide historic district, preserving the character of each downtown is without a doubt important to many residents and community officials.

Each smaller, more traditional downtown in Washtenaw County has its claim to fame and unique face—such as Manchester with its late Victorian era storefronts or Chelsea's Clocktower Complex.

"You know that community looks like that community," said Melissa Milton-Pung, Washtenaw County Historic District project manager. "Yes, it's regional and, yes, it's in the Midwest, but there's a distinction. You know what that community is because they have a distinctive appearance because it's been protected."

In Chelsea, the downtown district was recently recognized on the National Register of Historic Places, but the community has been preservation-minded for years.

"There are a lot of success stories in the downtown of Chelsea," said Susan Morrel-Samuels, the vice president of Preservation Chelsea, a nonprofit group with the goal of positive reuse of downtown structures.

Morrel-Samuels said the library and the Chelsea Clocktower Complex are the shining examples of preservation in the downtown strip. She said the Chelsea District Library, which won the Best Small Library in America 2008 award, took the then-village's original library and found a creative way to reuse the structure rather than tear it down.

The 18,000-square-foot building was erected around the original structure in 2006. The

Clocktower has found similar success with McKinley Associates, a development company that has been rehabilitating the structure for office suites and restaurants such as Las Fuentes, a Mexican cantina. The complex is nearly filled.

"The Clocktower could very well have stayed empty," Morrel-Samuels said. "There would have been a lot of pressure to knock it down."

Morrel-Samuels said the positive reuse of the two historic structures has extended and added to the city's downtown viability.

"Having those resources downtown is really, really important," she said. "It's really all about keeping the downtown vibrant and not having all the business activity move down toward the highway. It's great that we have those businesses on the south side (near I-94), but, at the same time, we want to keep the downtown an attractive place where people want to spend time."

Federal versus local districts

While a federally-recognized historic district provides a sense of distinction and allows certain property owners the chance at federal tax credits for rehabilitation, local districts are a bit more stringent.

Local districts require a historic commission, which would review all exterior architectural changes. Manchester enacted its own local district, the Manchester Historic District Exchange Place, in 2006.

Howard Parr, a Manchester resident who worked on the historic study committee to create the village's district, said he doesn't think the commission has had a major influence on the downtown.

"There could be on a long-range basis if somebody wanted to invest and

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start businesses in those buildings, and there were the economic engine here to drive those changes and make them sustainable," Parr said. "Unfortunately, the economic engine that built those stores is no longer there."

Parr said he felt like communities like Chelsea had the draw of Interstate 94 and several larger employers like Ghelasia Community Hospital and Chelsea Milling Co., maker of J1 Mix, to aid in its efforts.

While Manchester operates with its local district, both Chelsea and Milan do not.

In the past, the city approached the Milan City Council about creating a local district, but there was not enough interest, said Ben Swayze, Milan's city administrator.

Jim Latham, owner of Latham's Hardware at 37 W. Main St. in Milan, said there was not a good reaction during past discussions regarding the formation of a historic district.

In a town the size of Milan and a small business district, it could impede business owners from doing improvements that could be very simple, he said.

Morrel-Samuels said she thought the federal district was the right choice for Chelsea, too, after preservationists within the community wrestled with the decision for some time.

"It preserves flexibility for property owners within the district, yet it recog-

nizes the importance of historic preservation to the downtown," she said, "and it's significant for the community and makes the area a destination for people who are interested in Michigan's past and Chelsea's past."

Latham said it's hard to say whether the Milan business district has received additional customers after being placed on the federal register.

He said there are several events in surrounding areas involving tours of Henry Ford Village communities, which have been noticeably beneficial.

"Every once in a while, there is something written or done that may bring more people by," he said.

In a case study of Kalamazoo conducted by the Michigan Historic Preservation Network in 2004-2005, the report found that, over the course of 30 years, property values in the city's local historic commercial district grew about 385 percent, while those in the non-designated comparison area grew just 72 percent.

Community values

While the economic impact might be a staggering figure, Milton-Pung said it's important to understand that the idea of historic preservation also actively engages the community.

"Preservation is just one part of the toolbox," Milton-Pung said. "It's one part of your array of

options of caring for and improving your local community, and it's contributing to its vitality."

"It's not just about the numbers, but about how people see and contribute to the community's character."

Milton-Pung said that sort of group effort connects business owners, local government, economic developers, business chambers and downtown development authorities in a way that other concepts do not.

"One of the greatest things I see now is collaboration," she said. "You see people across all disciplines caring for our community, our town, our larger region of Washtenaw County."

Expiring credits

As of next year, there will be no additional state historic preservation credits because of changes in Michigan's business tax code.

"They will no longer exist for all intents and purposes," said Robert McKay, historical architect for the state's historic preservation office.

Businesses received a state credit of 25 percent for qualified expenses less the amount of federal credit received. A business typically receives a 20 percent federal credit and a 5 percent state credit, he said.

The Michigan Business Development and Michigan Community Revitalization Programs replaces the state's previous MEGA, Brownfield and Historic tax credit programs that were features of the Michigan Business Tax and were eliminated under business tax restructuring legislation approved and signed into law by the governor in May.

"We have worked diligently to build a friendlier business climate in Michigan to help drive

Michigan's economic turnaround," Snyder stated in a press release. "These programs will better leverage our state's assets in ways that are simple, fair, efficient and transparent."

Snyder approved the package of bills Dec. 13, 2011, for the voucher and loan program funded through an annual \$100 million legislative allocation shared with the Michigan Economic Development Corporation for its economic incentive programs.

There also will be changes in the tax code regarding how the current commercial credits are claimed, he said.

McKay said before the start of the state tax credit program in 1999, the department would receive nearly 25 project applications a year for projects wanting to use federal tax credits. However, after the start of the program, the number more than doubled to about 65 applications on an annual basis.

That number stayed consistent, which means continued investment, until September 2009 with the crash of the stock market. In the beginning of 2011, the number began to rise again.

In mid-December, the office was in the process of finalizing nearly 140 applications, which needed to be completed by the end of the year.

McKay said the details of the program are currently being finalized.

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Snyder reflects on first year in gov's office

By Charles Crumm
Journal Register News Service

Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder wants to move away from the massive policy changes of his first year in office to focus on customer-service government in his second.

Snyder talked from Lansing about his first year as governor in a 30-minute video editorial board meeting in late December with The Oakland Press and The Macomb Daily, part of Journal Register Company, parent company to Heritage Media.

The 53-year-old Republican is a former business executive and venture capitalist with degrees in accounting and law.

Until his election as governor in 2010, Snyder previously held no public office. Since taking office with a Republican Legislature, Snyder has pushed through changes to the state's tax structure, budget, other policies affecting schools and local government practices, and changes to Michigan employment law.

Here's what the governor had to say on a variety of topics:

Unemployment

The Michigan Legislature approved a reduction in the number of weeks the unemployed can draw state benefits from 26 to 20. Snyder said it was necessary to approve it for people to continue to collect extended federal unemployment benefits.

"There's nothing on the agenda to revisit what we've done," Snyder said. More recently, he signed into law legislation that allows the state to issue bonds to pay what it owes the federal government for extended benefits, even as Congress wrestles with an extension of those benefits. "The bonding system we did was really cool," Snyder said. "It will reduce costs for employers and hopefully create jobs."

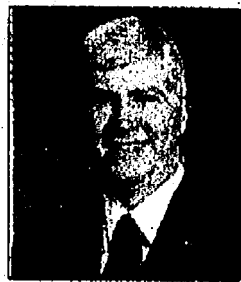
He called it "a win" for all of Michigan.

Redistricting

The governor signed into law legislation that applies only to Oakland County and reduces the

size of the local county commission from 25 to 21 commissioners, and it shifts the drawing of new districts every 10 years to the sitting county commission.

He shrugged off criticisms from Democrats comparing him to the Grinch and to Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin.



Snyder

"In terms of people giving commentary, that's part of democracy, so we don't have those issues of some of the people they mentioned," he said.

The change in the county commission size, he says, represents good government.

"It's still a large number, so I believe there's still good representation, but it is a cost savings that is appropriate," Snyder said.

"I've had multiple small-business people tell me they've added jobs because of the elimination of the (Michigan Business Tax)."

GOV. RICK SNYDER

"I think that's a better group of people to really be doing that process. When you look at those two features in particular, I believed it was appropriate to sign."

Employment

"The biggest constraints on the job market right now, in my view, are beyond our borders," Snyder said. "What's going on in Washington with the debt ceiling crisis and the lack of people working together there, the lack of relentless positive action in D.C. is a real problem."

"And then the European debt crisis," he said. "Both of those are basically creating enough uncertainty where I believe employers are holding back. I think we're doing our part in Michigan to create an environment for job creation."

"Government's role isn't to create jobs, it's to create an environment. We're doing that and we've done a lot. Now we need the federal piece and the international piece to get in alignment, then it gets really exciting."



Repeal of the Michigan Business Tax

"I've had multiple small-business people tell me they've added jobs because of the elimination of the MBT," Snyder said. "The MBT was the dumbest tax in the United States. It was fundamentally unfair and to get rid of it was a good thing."

New laws

The governor has stayed busy in the last year, signing hundreds of laws.

"We're approaching 300 public acts. This was a foundational year for the reinvention of our state to focus on jobs and kids," Snyder said.

"The foundation of that foundation was the tax

many respects and we've done a lot to resolve those issues, both issues that were a year old and issues that were 40 or 50 years old.

"Next year, I do want to shift the focus," he said.

"We'll continue some very good policy things, we have a lot to wrap up from last year. There will be an initiative on public safety. I want to focus on good government management. I want to get to customer service government where we're treating our citizens much like customers."

"We actually have great employees working for the state. I want to empower them, and that's something that's often overlooked in the public sector," Snyder said. "The public sector actually overweights policy at the expense of good management and I want to spend a reasonable percentage of next year focused on good management."

Emergency Manager law

A state-appointed emergency manager is in place in Pontiac and other places around the state. Legislation gave those managers more authority and has generated much criticism.

"I want to avoid having a financial manager whenever possible," Snyder said. "The legislation that was passed was a modification of legislation that goes back to Governor Blanchard."

The changes included adding an early review process to avoid having a state appointed manager for troubled cities or schools.

"The second thing we did was add more powers to empower them to do more, faster and to get out," Snyder said.

Reducing the size of the Legislature

"That's not on my agenda," Snyder said. "I'm focused on jobs and kids."

Presidential endorsement

"Potentially within 30 days of the Michigan primary, I might look at endorsing a candidate, but not yet," Snyder said.

reform and the repeal of the MBT, and the budget.

"Not just getting the budget done quickly, but paying down long-term liabilities."

"The most emotional bill signing I had, the most emotional moment, was signing the anti-bullying bill," Snyder said. "There you had a situation where you're talking about our kids. It was 10 years since the legislation was first introduced. I was up there with three families who had lost their sons to bullying."

"This is something that needed to happen a long time ago and it's great to see it happen now."

Pace of new laws

"I would like to slow down," Snyder said. "We really loaded up this year from a policy side because we do need to reinvent our state."

"Michigan was broken in

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Michigan's presidential primary is Feb. 28.

Charter schools

A new law that lifted the cap on the number of charter schools was also enacted.

"Now that the cap is off, let's raise the bar for both (public and charter schools) and focus on the growth of students," Snyder said.

Politics

"I'm not a conventional politician; that's not been my goal," Snyder said. "It comes back to 'no blame, no credit and get the job done well.' It's not about me, it's about teamwork."

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Sue Snyder prefers the background

If the first lady of Michigan walked into the room, would you recognize Sue Snyder?

Of course you wouldn't, and she'd be happy.

Lots of folks ask, who is the real Rick Snyder? But the lack of insight into his bride is monumental because she avoids the spotlight at all costs and is not a made-for-TV first lady.

Turns out she is more content being first mom to their three children.

In her first broadcast sit-down interview with her husband the other day (you can view it at wkar.org), Mrs. Snyder talked about how her life has changed now that her hubby is running the state.

While he is doing that, she is the glue that holds the family together.

"That's the way people talk about me," she said. "I'm always taking care of everyone; doing things for everyone else. I think I learned that with my mom."

It was a lesson that was foisted upon the young and unsuspecting Sue Kerr of Dearborn at the tender age of 7. Her mom was sick, first with multiple sclerosis, then breast and bone cancer, and by age 28, her mom was gone. On top of that, her dad worked long hours, and so caregiving became her calling card.

And how ironic that she would marry a guy who was equally driven to work long hours.

"I am highly driven," asserted the governor during the one-hour broadcast, and she said part of her job is to get him to slow down, especially when he is sick, which he was twice this past

year. "He may complain like all guys do about being sick," she said as they both started to laugh. "but he still goes on. He just continues at the same pace," while she tries to rein him in for his own good and hers.

Her great sense of humor threads its way through the exchange, with this gem never uttered from the lips of a first lady.

When asked how she handled his illnesses, she blurted out, "Well you know that men are big babies." Her laughing spouse prefers the term "high maintenance," but, either way, it was a classic line.

But while she takes good care of the family, Sue Snyder has zero desire to play political adviser; a la former "first gentleman" Dan Mulhern, who always was at the ready to comment on and defend his spouse, Gov. Jennifer Granholm.

"Oh, Lord, no," Sue Snyder blurted when asked about being the gov's sounding board. "That is not my place."

Interestingly, the very a-political first lady was the one who got him into this job in the first place. He was coming home griping about the mess at the state Capitol, so at dinner one night, she finally confronted the elephant in the room.

"I said, 'If you know all those things, why don't you run for governor?'" He did.

So are there days that she wishes they had gone to a movie instead? Sometimes, but she and the children clearly are on board with his mission to reinvent the state, and when he gave his first State of the State message last January, there she was in the front row.

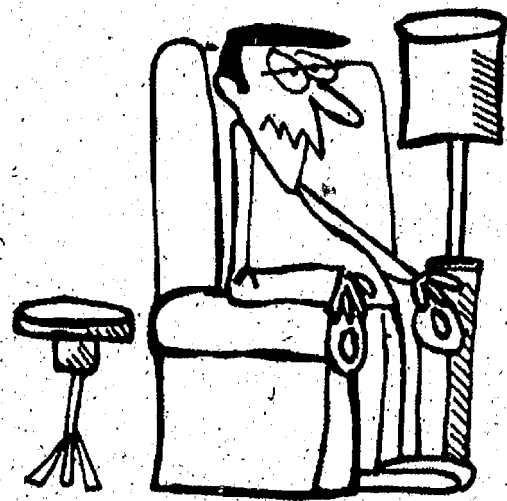
"I can't believe we're here," she recalled of the warm memory. "I was just so proud. I say that every day to him — every day how proud I am of him."

You can see why he loves her and she him.

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"I'M JUST FINISHING UP YOUR NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS LIST. IS THERE ANYTHING YOU WANT TO ADD?"

GUEST COLUMN: By Sarah Hodsdon

Michigan parents should have easy access to virtual education

As a mother with three children enrolled in a full-time virtual public school, I am constantly explaining to folks that we are not home-schoolers. My children are "anywhere schoolers."

The world is their classroom, and they are accompanied on their daily adventures by a teacher (not me) and their fellow students. My role is the same as any involved parent with children enrolled in a traditional brick-and-mortar school.

I empty my children's backpacks daily, go over their required assignments, pore over fantastic artwork destined for a refrigerator display, ask about what they learned that day and have regular meetings with their teachers about their progress.

The only thing different about our method of learning versus those in a traditional classroom is location; sometimes it is at home but most times, it isn't. Regardless of where we are, my children have the freedom to learn on the go.

Virtual learners are not confined to a brick-and-mortar existence. Their

education follows them via technology, and their textbooks are not mere two-dimensional lessons; they are real-world three-dimensional experiences they can hold onto.

Our learning environment is not confined to one specific age group or demographic; rather our children's virtual education is rich and diverse due to the fact that it is a collection of learners from all over the state.

Our real-world meetings are with students of all ages working at their own level of learning according to their unique needs. My children learn and make friends in a safe, virtual sandbox, sans the traditional school social issues of cliques, bullies or preconceived prejudices.

"Virtual anywhere schooling" — as we like to call it — provides unique opportunities for students to glean a deeper understanding of the material being presented by affording them the chance to learn in the way that makes sense to them.

For example, for those students who are tactile learners, seeing Leonardo's

famous Bronze Horse in a book will never compare to actually touching its hoof at Frederick Meijer's Sculpture Park.

For my son, meeting his teacher at the base of the statue after completing his assignments online connected the concepts he needed to master in a tangible way. For him, this method of education was exactly what he needed to be a proficient and engaged learner.

Just as a parent who would drive their child to soccer practice, I drove my children to see their studies in person.

Currently, Michigan is very accommodating to home-schoolers, allowing families to home educate their children according to their personal choices without strict regulations.

However, "anywhere schoolers" like my children, who attend a full-time virtual public school, are restricted.

Our school, Michigan Connections Academy, is an accredited institution with a home office located here in-state, provides state-certified teachers who also live

in Michigan (most of whom have previously taught in a traditional school setting) and offers a curriculum in line with the curriculum being taught in its traditional public school counterparts.

Yet my children are only allowed to have a total of 397 fellow "anywhere schoolers" to share in their learning experience. Michigan has set a cap on how many children it will allow to have access to virtual education at 400.

As a mother and taxpayer who has no desire to home-school my children but who feels that traditional brick-and-mortar schooling is detrimental to my children and not fulfilling the needs of my unique learners, the choice on how to educate our children belong to the parent, not the state.

Just as parents have the right to home school, they too should have unfettered access to full-time virtual education.

Sarah Hodsdon of Orionville is a mixed media artist and craft industry designer. She is married with three children.

OUR TAKE: Editorial

Candy shaped as marijuana leaf sends a bad message

Medical marijuana isn't the only weapon in the battle to legalize marijuana.

How about giving candy to kids? Ring pops, say, shaped like marijuana leaves? It's the creation of a Lansdowne, Pa., company, Kalan LP, and it's understandably raising the ire of parents and local government officials.

Products on the company's website make no distinction between the desire to sell products and legalize marijuana. A cartoonish page for "pothead ring pops" shows a candy marijuana leaf attached to a ring with the image of a goofy-looking teenager and the word "legalize." The company also sells gummy candy and lollipops in the same shape. All are sour-apple flavored.

The novelty company wholesales other themed items for bachelorette parties, in support of gay pride and what must be one of its newest lines — novelties in support of Occupy Wall Street protests.

And it's not the only source of tasteless sweets. One company is reported to be marketing candy shaped like a very realistic heart that "bleeds" if you bite it in one of several places. Other similarly tasteless products look like vomit and urine.

Owner Andrew Kalan calls the leaf-shaped candy a "gag; it's a joke and there are a lot more pressing issues that are affecting kids today."

Parents, police and educators would beg to differ, although we haven't heard that anyone is yet questioning the legality of the product.

It's the latest in a long line of items aimed at kids with questionable value. Candy cigarettes go back many decades.

Syrup in bottles resembling those used for liquor, candy pills in what might have been prescription bottles, all or most are gone.

Kalan says he's used his candy to start a dialog about drugs with his own children. The published report doesn't list his kids' ages. Critics, of course, say the product encourages marijuana use in a vulnerable age group. We doubt that that would cause Kalan any loss of sleep.

Where might the use of candy to enlist the kids in adult political and culture wars continue?

Prayer in the schools? Abortion? How about "Obamacare"? We won't try to imagine the appearance of these sweet possibilities. Andrew Kalan can probably figure something out.

— Courtesy of The Macomb Daily

Your Voice: Letters to the Editor

City buses shouldn't be a vehicle for hate

Your article "AATA sued over refusal to run advertisement" presents only one side of the story.

The Ann Arbor Transportation Authority took the standard position of not talking to the media while a lawsuit is active. The ACLU lawyer chose instead to spin the media. The resulting abbreviated account is profoundly misleading.

The story states that the ACLU complaint refers to a publication by the organization Human Rights Watch, and quotes from it at some length.

The story omits the fact that the complaint also admits that this report has been widely criticized as biased and inaccurate.

I do not know whether the distortion due to this omission is Dan Korobkin's fault or results from editorial truncation. The explanation I got on behalf of the ACLU is that the HRW reference was not intended to substantiate Coleman's propaganda, but to illustrate that it was not unique to him.

I consider even that to be reprehensible, as it pretends that Blaine Coleman is in the mainstream, which I emphatically deem to be patently false. I have heard from ACLU activists who agree with me.

The official ACLU position — maybe not Dan Korobkin's — is that the ad should be carried in the name of free speech despite its message of hate, just as

it has taken up cudgels for neo-Nazis. As a Holocaust survivor, I disagree.

If any of you have been fortunate enough not to encounter this paragon of "free speech" — very free and unrestrained — let me introduce Blaine Coleman.

Your reporter repeated some of Coleman's noxious sloganeering; that was Blaine on his best behavior. Numerous times, his monomaniacal tirades have disrupted meetings at the University of Michigan and elsewhere and have required police intervention.

Most recently, he was censured by the Michigan Student Assembly for throwing a tantrum at its meeting. See the report in the Michigan Daily. He also has been ejected from Ann Arbor City Council meetings by the police on several occasions.

Note that the sign on the proposed ad has Israel in quotation marks, which he has explained stresses that he believes that Israel has no right to exist nor do its Jewish inhabitants.

He has paraded in front of Beth Israel synagogue during its services with a sandwich-board emblazoned with a swastika instead of the skull.

To admire this artwork and to sample the essence of the man in his own words, I urge you to look at his website: <http://stoppingpalestine.blogspot.com>.

As you scroll down, it intensifies. My description cannot do justice to it.

Henry Brysk
Ann Arbor

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explained. "When a tragedy occurs along I-94 or winter maintenance when snow and ice hit us are the most difficult days for us.

"Especially when there's an accident (in the snow), we couldn't prevent the accident, it wasn't our fault, but you can't help but think, 'What if we were there a half hour earlier?'"

It's a lot of pressure being the place where the road-buck stops, in those circumstances, or what a bridge collapses and the hunt for money to fix it reaches a fever pitch.

And then the questions and details: What approvals are needed for the work, what will the design entail, how will the project be contracted, how will the politics play out?

"We have an amazing array of talent that can step into the situation," Puuri says. "We collectively work with our staff and teams of consultants or expertise outside of our organizations and call upon on some good relationships with the Department of Environmental Quality."

Some partners aren't just there to respond to a crisis. Puuri singled out the Dexter village DDA for helping fund aesthetic improvements to the Mill Creek Bridge project, which was unveiled several years ago.

"I applaud Dexter's DDA for funding enhancement features that really make that bridge special," Puuri said. Partnerships with local bodies are a big part of how road commission officials maximize the funding that they receive.

The Dexter area is also where another good example of road commission forethought has really paid off, with the North Territorial Bridge, which was built 15 years ago with connector paths running through and parallel with the road. Those paths interface with the Border-to-Border trail through the Huron Metropark and soon will be part of the same continuous trail as the Mill Creek Park project — a potential \$5 million development on the south bank of Mill Creek.

"When we rebuilt the North Territorial Bridge we went to bat for the community on the path connector," Puuri explained. "We were just working with the Metroparks ... we went to them and asked them — what would you envision this bridge should have and we took that request to the Federal Highway Administration and MDOT and pushed and lobbied on their behalf to make that happen."

"It's taken them a long time to realize the western path loop that they encouraged, but now we have a wonderful combination of paths connecting everything from Hudson Mills to western Dexter."

"A lot of these initiatives take a lot of long term planning and determination on a lot of people's parts to make sure that plans are realized and the money is secured when it's available to keep putting pieces together until the final total plan is realized."

Puuri said that the next long-term plan to come to fruition involves the bike

paths and shoulders that many cyclists probably think are overdue, but scarcity of funding means piecing the overall amount together over years and decades.

"We have to look for opportunities to combine them with other road projects ... there just isn't enough money to go out and build exclusively bike paths when we don't even have money to maintain the roads, but we have to coordinate expanding the biking facilities when we are in the vicinity with other road projects," Puuri

explained.

Road commission officials say to expect a "radical reorganization" of the agency in the coming weeks and months, as Townsend will have to carry on Puuri's work with the amount of employees that the road commission had in the 1950s — roughly 108 people by year's end.

"There is no reduction in demand for our services — only increases as the population has doubled," Puuri says, while posing for one of the last on-the-job pictures that will be taken of him as the road commis-

sion's managing director.

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Washtenaw County Road Commission Managing Director Steve Puuri, left, discusses road issues throughout the county with Commissioner Doug Fuller.



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The Cruze Eco is equipped with GM's Ecotec 1.4-liter turbocharged engine producing 138-hp. and 148 lb.-ft. of peak torque.

2012 Chevrolet Cruze Eco saves money on gas

By David Schmidt
Journal Register News Service

The emotional cost of driving a compact car with "eco" in its name is something many people dread. You expect it to be horrifically slow and marginally equipped, since everything you add to a car costs fuel.

But in the Chevy Cruze Eco, that really isn't the case. If you drive it economically, you get good fuel mileage. That would be 28 mpg city and 42 mpg on the highway based on EPA estimates. Chevrolet says that the Cruze Eco's highway mileage is better than the Honda Civic, Ford Fiesta and even most mid-sized hybrid models including the Ford Fusion Hybrid and Toyota Camry Hybrid.

To make this happen Chevrolet made some 42 changes to reduce weight to 3,009 lb. down from the 3,223 lb. of the Cruze 1LT. For example, engineers looked at hundreds of weld flanges on the vehicle. They were reduced 1 mm to 2 mm in

length, which saved several pounds, while the sheet-metal gauge thickness was reduced by about 0.1 mm in some components.

The Cruze Eco uses lighter wheels and tires: 17-inch alloy wheels with low rolling-resistance Goodyear tires that weigh 5.3-lb. less than other models at 36.5-lb, which makes the car 21.2-lb. less than Cruze 1LT with 16-inch wheel and tires. Another new technology in this segment of the market is the lower front air grille which has a shutter which closes at speed for better aerodynamics.

While this is all nice, how the Cruze Eco drives must still be considered. Mostly that's about power.

While it certainly isn't a powerhouse, you can actually get on the interstate without creating a traffic jam.

This is because the Cruze Eco is equipped with GM's Ecotec 1.4-liter turbocharged engine producing 138-hp. and 148 lb.-ft. of peak torque. For best efficiency, the Cruze

Eco comes standard with a six-speed manual transmission. The transmission's gearing is tuned for the specific 17-inch wheel/tire combination and first and second gear get lower ratios for better acceleration while the upper gears are spaced farther apart for better highway efficiency, especially sixth gear.

You don't buy this model to flail it in the twisty bits, but it has good brakes a modern independent suspension that can handle everything the engine puts through the front wheels. The car is easily controlled, and yet can react well to emergency maneuvers.

The interior of the car is nicely equipped and attractive. Although this is a compact car, it has enough room to easily serve as well as most mid-sized sedans. Adults can sit in the back seats, and the truck can comfortably hold a family's weekly grocery shop or a hefty amount of luggage. Sometimes it's important to remember that most numbers that refer to vol-

ume refer to an awful lot of space that rarely holds anything but air.

At the moment, you are seeing people buying smaller cars. This makes Chevrolet dealers smile, because more people are considering the Cruze.

There's plenty of market research that shows people are no longer seeking bling, that buyers are now interested in demonstrating their social responsibility. That means buying a smaller vehicle which use less material and creates a bit less carbon and, for economic well-being, uses less fuel. This is then about both saving money and reducing the vehicle's carbon footprint.

And that's all good. But to be honest, once you buy the smaller car, you've only begun the social responsibility thing. Now you must drive less. This will truly reduce our oil consumption, no matter what you drive, and would do more oil-consumption good than all the screaming at the car industry to make smaller

cars.

But the nice thing is that this time the screaming has resulted in quite nice vehicles, such as this Cruze Eco. It is comfortable, doesn't look cheap and is priced well. The MSRP for manual-transmission

models is \$19,175 (including destination charge). Add an automatic transmission and the price ups to \$20,625.

If you have any questions, comments or ideas, please send them to comment@AutoWritersInk.com.

Death Notices

HERITAGE MEDIA

DENHART, DONALD FLOYD, age 86; of Saline; passed away December 27, 2011 at his residence. Funeral services were held on Friday, December 30, 2011 at the Nie Family Funeral Home, Liberty Road Chapel. Please visit Donald's personal webpage at www.niefuneralhomes.com to leave a memory.

To place a Death Notice please call 1-877-888-3202 or Fax to 1-877-213-2987



TOMSHANY, PAUL JR., better known as "Tim"; of Dexter and Kalkaska; age 64; passed away peacefully on Wednesday, December 21, 2011 after a very long hospital stay. He was born in Kansas City, Missouri March 22, 1947. He was a beloved son, brother, father, step-father, father-in-law, grandfather, uncle, husband, and significant other. He is survived by his father, Paul Sr.; brother, Dan Sr.; sister, Dee; sons, Paul III and Jason. He was preceded in death by his mother, Gale. He was a Master Auto Mechanic, avid outdoor sportsman, fisherman, a race car driver, was an active Boy Scout, had been a Kiwanian, and was active in racing associations. He graduated from Cros-Lex High School in Crosswell, also Certified Mechanic from Washtenaw. Cremation has taken place. A Memorial Service officiated by Rev. Larry Van Slambrook will be held at St. Andrew's United Church of Christ, 7810 Ann Arbor St., Dexter at 11 a.m., Saturday, January 7, 2012. Luncheon will follow in the Fellowship Hall. In lieu of flowers the family is requesting donations to St. Andrew's Church, Dexter or Bear Lake Christian Church, 221 East Bear Lake Rd. Kalkaska, MI 49646. Arrangements entrusted to Hosmer-Muehlig Funeral Chapel, Dexter. www.hosmermuehlig.com



HARDENBERGH, MAE, 96; of Dubuque, IA; died peacefully at home on Tuesday morning, December 27, 2011. At the family's request, there will be no public Funeral Services. The Egelfhof, Siegert & Casper Westview Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 2659 JFK Rd. is in charge of arrangements. Online condolences may be submitted at www.egelfhofsiegertcasper.com

SALTER, BILL, 64; passed away December 31, 2011, at his home in Venice, Florida. Originally from Indianapolis, he was the former owner of Animal Lovers in Chelsea and resided in Chelsea until 2005. He is survived by Jan, his wife of 37 years; two sons, Sean of Northville and Nick of Chelsea; and two sisters, Becky and Pat. No Services are pending.

2012 Chevrolet Cruze Eco Sedan

MODELS/COST/WARRANTY

Model: 2012 Chevrolet Cruze Eco Sedan

Price Range: \$19,245 - \$20,878

Warranty: 3 yr. / 36,000 mi.

Edmunds.com True Market Value: \$18,677 - \$20,003

Edmunds.com True Cost to Own: \$36,360

POWER (all power-trains)

Engines: 1.4 L Turbo 4cyl., 138 hp @ 4900 rpm

Transmissions: 6-speed manual

SIZE/MILEAGE

Wheelbase: 105.7 inches

Length: 181 inches

Width: 70.7 inches

Height: 58.1 inches

Curb Weight: 3009 lbs.

EPA (City/Highway): 28 mpg/42 mpg

STANDARD & SAFETY FEATURES

Safety Equipment:

4-wheel ABS, Front and rear head airbags, Dual front and dual rear side-mounted airbags, Child seat anchors, Remote anti-theft alarm system, Ventilated front disc / rear drum brakes, Rear door child safety locks, Daytime running lights, Engine immobilizer, Auto delay off headlamps,

Dusk sensing headlamps, 2 front headrests, 2 rear headrests, Passenger airbag occupant sensing deactivation, Rear center 3-point belt, Front seatbelt pretensioners, Stability control, Traction control, Electronic brake-force distribution, Emergency interior trunk release, Front height adjustable headrests, Rear height adjustable headrests, Post-collision safety system, Tire pressure monitoring, Emergency Service*, Airbag Deployment Notification*, Stolen Vehicle Tracking/Assistance*

Major Standard Features:

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Leather and simulated alloy trim on shift knob, Leather and simulated alloy steering wheels, Front and rear floor mats, Dual vanity mirrors, Clock, Tachometer, Trip computer, External temperature display, Low fuel level warning

Stereo System:

Master antenna, 6 total speakers, AM/FM in-dash single CD player with CD MP3 Playback stereo, Sirius XM satellite radio, Adjustable speed sensitive volume control, Auxiliary audio input and iPod integration, 3 Months of provided satellite radio service, Radio data system, USB connection, Telematics, Pre-wired for phone, OnStar telecommunications service, Bluetooth wireless data link for hands-free phone

Additional Options:

Audio System w/Navigation (AM/FM stereo with CD player, MP3 playback capability, GPS navigation system with SD card memory and 7" diagonal color display), Pioneer Premium 9-Speaker System (Pioneer premium 9-speaker system with 6" x 9" sub-woofer and 250 watt amplifier; Deletes auxiliary glove box), Smoker's Package (Ashtray and lighter), Driver Convenience Package (Driver 6-way power seat adjuster with manual recliner, Rear Park Assist, Remote vehicle starter system)

Heritage Newspapers Year in Review 2011

By David Veselenak
Heritage Media

What was your most memorable story from 2011?

Many good things happened, such as the Michigan football team jumping to a 10-2 record and going to the Sugar Bowl in Louisiana, and

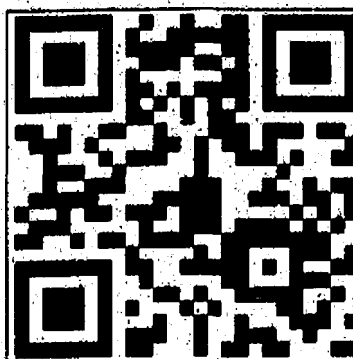
Chelsea Community Hospital breaking ground on a \$60 million expansion.

The area saw its share of not-so-good news, as well, including fires in Milan and Sharon Township, and the loss of Eastern Michigan University Police Chief

Greg O'Dell.

We've compiled the timeline below of the biggest stories in Washtenaw and western Wayne counties this past year.

Scan the QR Code below with your mobile device to view the interactive timeline or visit www.Heritage.com.



AUTO

Wobble in steering wheel needs to be checked out

Q: I drove over a pothole in my 2005 Maxima and hit it very hard. Since then there's a wobble in the steering wheel at 55 mph but otherwise the car runs OK and stops fine. Is this something I should get checked out? Could the wheel fall off?
— Karen in Baltimore

A: First, we need to accurately describe a "wobble," which in automotive terms means that the steering wheel turns right/left as you drive.

This would indicate a severely bent/warped wheel or major steering/suspension component, in which case the car should

be looked at right away, as it could be dangerous to drive.

DR. CRANKSHAFT



LES JACKSON

If the wheel simply shakes, it's an indication of an out-of-balance wheel, which could mean something as simple as the loss of a wheel weight or a minor bend in a wheel. I think the damage is less serious because the shaking only appears at 55 mph, but you should

take the first opportunity to have it looked at by a competent shop.

Q: I've got a question about satellite radio. You wrote a few years ago that you thought

it was the radio of the future and that eventually it would replace commercial radio. I'm wondering if you still feel that way since now so many people use iPods and downloaded music in their car sound systems. Is satellite radio worth it? — David in St. Paul, Minn.

A: I think I was wrong on this prediction. It was based on the fact that thousands of radio stations across the country have become automated, broadcasting "playlists" of narrow selections of various music genres and are fast becoming boring to listen to. XM and SIRIUS (now merged) offered specific channels of music types to listeners and have massive music libraries.

However, in the past few years as I've been on 6-7 hour drives, I find that the satellite radio stations are

also playing relatively narrow playlists, with many songs repeating during the day. That makes me question whether paying the monthly charge is worthwhile.

Meanwhile, downloaded songs are available through many sources and are quite inexpensive. iPods and other in-car systems (Ford's InSync, etc.) allow listeners to load thousands of songs into their radios and even download while on the road.

This technology allows people to essentially replace broadcast radio, with the exception of talk radio.

I now predict that the manufacturers will gradually stop offering satellite radio in their new vehicles and once this happens, the market for satellite radio will either dry up or force much lower monthly subscription rates.

Q: What's your least favorite car of the last few years? — Caroline in Sparks, Nev.

A: Without question, it's the Smart. While this little car is very popular in Europe's cities and towns and gets exceptional mileage (well over 60 mpg) in diesel form, it's a different story here. Only gasoline-powered engines are available in the Smart here and the mileage is a disappointing 35-40 mpg.

That sounds reasonably good but the compromises you need to accept for that economy are, I think, way too many. The car is tiny and has little storage capacity, the ride is harsh and choppy and it's got the worst transmission of any vehicle made in the last 50 years. It's annoying — at best! — to drive and noisy, jerky and just not acceptable to all but the most forgiving drivers. There

are plenty of cars available that get upwards of 40-mpg and deliver a lot more comfort and capacity for the money. The Smart is best considered only in diesel or all-electric form, neither of which are likely to come here.

Dr. Crankshaft is automotive writer, radio host and restorer. Les Jackson: In addition to writing for newspapers, he's editor-in-chief of www.secondchancegarage.com, the web's first all-restoration subscription site, and co-host of "Cruise Control," heard Saturdays from 10-noon EST on the USA, National and Cable Radio networks. You can also listen live at www.cruisecontrolradio.com or download podcasts from iTunes. Send your questions to Dr. Crankshaft at DrCrankshaft@AutoWritersInk.com; please include your name and a location.

Tire tips for safe driving in the snow and ice

As the weather outside gets frightful, now is a good time to make sure your vehicle's tires are prepared for snow, ice and freezing temperatures.

Sixty-three percent of Americans are concerned about skidding and icy roadways as the thermometer's mercury drops, according to a recent survey commissioned by Hankook Tire America Corp. To ensure safety and peace of mind as you venture out on a snowy day, here are some tire tips to consider:

- Buy your loved one a set of winter tires: The Hankook Tire Winter Gauge Index revealed that 84 percent of Americans would not mind receiving tires as a gift and 35 percent would actually love it.

In these tough economic times a brand new car may not be in your budget, however a set of tires can be a more affordable way to upgrade your current car and keep your loved ones safe on the road.

- Plan accordingly: When putting winter tires on: Winter tires, such as the Winter i*cept evo are optimized specifically for icy and snowy conditions, providing enhanced traction to prevent skidding. Put snow tires on your car one to two weeks before the first anticipated snowstorm of the season. Also check your tire tread before the first storm. Worn tread is

the No. 1 cause of skidding. If the tread is low, consider replacing your tires with a winter tire.

- Check your tire pressure: Every 10 degree drop in air temperature can actually cause a vehicle's tires to drop up to 2 pounds per square inch (psi) in tire pressure.

Improper tire pressure can result in increased tread wear and lowered performance, factors that are highly detrimental to one's safety in undesirable weather conditions.

- Have a kit handy: Because winter weather is unpredictable, it's important to be prepared. Always keep in your car a winter driving kit consisting of a spare tire, ice scraper, snow shovel and brush, booster cables, a flash light and a blanket.

- Check your tire carrying capacity and speed rating: Never overload your vehicle. Check the tire load carrying capacity indicated on the tire or owner's manual for the maximum recommended load.

Also, when replacing tires, the speed rating of the replacement tires must be equal to or greater than that of the tire being replaced to maintain the speed capability.

It is vitally important to take appropriate steps to ensure your vehicle is properly prepared as we head into the coming months that bring snow and blustery



Before getting behind the wheel during the winter months, make sure your tires are in good shape.

conditions. Make it part of your routine to check tire pressure and tread wear, and keep yourself educated on ways to protect yourself, your friends, and your family.

Courtesy of ARAcontent

AUTO NEWS IN BRIEF

Volkswagen ads return to Super Bowl for the third consecutive year

What better way to reach potential buyers for the newly redesigned Beetle than a 30- or 60-second spot during the Super Bowl? If you're a media buyer at Volkswagen, the answer was evident this week, when they announced that, for the third year running, Volkswagen will air ads during the most-watched football game of the season. The set of ads that ran during this year's Super Bowl created an Internet sensation, and earned one particular spot, "The Force," a Number One of the Year award from ADWEEK. We can't wait to see the new ads, but in the meantime, to watch last season's award-winning ads, click here: <http://media.vw.com/mediacenter.do?method=video&videoGalleryTOList=test>

Thank you, unknown Chrysler employee, for the dalquiri

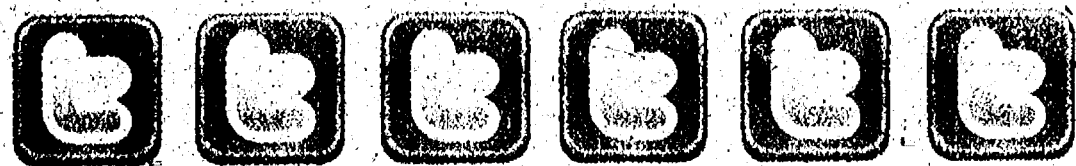
Have you ever wondered who invented some of the small appliances we use and take for granted, every day? Items like the toaster, the electric can opener, and my favorite, the blender. Especially this time of year, with holiday parties left and right, the blender is a must-have... and apparently, we have a humble inventor named Frederick J. Osius, bandleader Fred Waring, and a mysterious, anonymous Chrysler employee to thank for this frozen mixed-drink dispensing miracle. How does Chrysler fit into the picture? While Osius and Waring were perfecting their drink-making appliance, they realized they needed better bearings, and the unknown Chrysler employee helped develop them. After loads of digging by the Chrysler blogger who broke the story, the

Chrysler employee remains unknown, but I feel it's appropriate to thank him or her now.

Ford offers winter drivers helpful do's and don'ts

Always putting the safety of their drivers first, Ford released a list of winter driving safety tips this week. The tips are separated into DO and DON'T categories, covering everything from the right and wrong ways to remove ice from your windshield (don't use hot water!) to keeping a close eye on other motorists (including, possibly, Santa and his flightless reindeer). While the tips specifically mention several Ford products and services, they can and should be applied to all winter drivers, regardless of the make and model they drive. A full list of the free tips can be found at http://media.ford.com/article_display.cfm?article_id=35757

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Health Care 4090

SOCIAL SERVICE SUPERVISOR
The St. Louis Center a residential care facility for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities located in Chelsea, MI, has an immediate opening for a Social Service Supervisor. This individual will be responsible for all social work activities for the Center, supervision of department employees, and the welfare of all our residents with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

The ideal candidate will possess the following:
• A Master's degree in a human behavioral science from an accredited College or University.
• A minimum of two (2) years of work experience as a social service worker.
• A passion for working with people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.
• Excellent written and verbal communication skills.
• Ability to handle a complex work.
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• Skill sets to include effective Leadership and Teamwork.

In addition, the person we are seeking must exhibit moral and spiritual leadership marked by honesty and humility and invites the unique gifts of each employee's personal spirituality to flourish in the work place.
If you are the individual that we are looking for, send your resume to bobt@stlouiscnter.org.

Health Care 4090

SUPERVISOR/HOME CARE MANAGER
The St. Louis Center a residential care facility located in Chelsea, MI, has an immediate opening for a Supervisor/Home Care Manager. This individual will be responsible for guiding our Direct Care Staff to ensure an educational and safe living environment for our residents with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The ideal candidate will possess the following:

- A Bachelor Degree from an accredited College or University.
- Two years of work experience in a child caring institution.
- A passion for working with people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills.
- Ability to handle a complex environment.
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GUEST COLUMN: By Edward Jones

What does the investment landscape of 2012 look like?

As an investor, you know that 2011 was a somewhat "choppy" year, with the financial markets going through many ups and downs. So what can you expect in 2012?

As baseball Hall of Famer Yogi Berra is quoted as saying: "It's hard to make predictions — especially about the future." And these words are certainly applicable for anyone who would like an accurate forecast of the investment climate.

Yet we do know of some factors that may affect your portfolio in the months ahead. Here are a few of them:

Strong business fundamentals — This past year, all the noise about the debt ceiling debate, the size of the U.S. deficit and the European financial situation tended to drown out

some fairly good news: U.S. businesses' balance sheets were strong for the most part, borrowing costs remained low, and corporate profits were good — and corporate profitability remains a key driver of stock prices. Heading into 2012, these fundamentals continue to look positive, which may bode well for investors.

Europe's debt crisis — Greece's economic problems made a lot of news in 2011, but they weren't the end of the story in Europe, as major financial difficulties also face Italy, Spain, Portugal and Ireland. It's by no means clear how these problems will be resolved, so don't be surprised to see them lead to intermittent, if short-lived, shocks to the markets.

Election-year patterns — As you're well aware, we're

voting for president in 2012. But you might be surprised to learn that the S&P 500 index has shown negative returns in only three of the last 21 presidential election years. Coincidence? No one can say for sure — and at this point, no one can say if this pattern of positive returns will continue during this election year. Still, it's an interesting phenomenon. So there you have it: the good, the bad and the quirky. Take them all together, and you still may not be able to foresee what will happen with the markets this year, but you'll have a lot to think about.

But instead of trying to predict what will happen in 2012, you may be better off following these tried-and-true investment strategies:

Diversify your holdings. By spreading your money among a wide range

of investments, you can reduce the effects of volatility on your portfolio. Keep in mind, though, that diversification, by itself, can't guarantee profits or protect against loss.

Don't ignore your risk tolerance. If you worry excessively about market fluctuations, you may have too much risk in your portfolio, which means you may need to make some changes.

Always look at the "big picture." Financial markets will always fluctuate. But if you can keep your focus on your long-term objectives, and make decisions accordingly, you can avoid overreacting to short-term events.

Like other years, 2012 will bring with it periods of both turbulence and smooth sailing. But by making the right invest-

ment moves, you can still chart a course that can allow you to move ever closer to your future goals.

This article was written by Edward Jones for use by your local Edward Jones financial adviser.

Chelsea Rheumatology moves

Due to increasing patient volumes and growth of the practice, Chelsea Rheumatology relocated from the Health and Wellness Center to a new office in the Professional Building on the Chelsea Community Hospital Campus on Jan. 3.

The new address is: Chelsea Rheumatology 14650 East Old U.S. 12, Suite 304, Chelsea, MI 48118. Chelsea Rheumatology will be located on the third floor, just opposite of the elevator. Patients will now have access to on-site laboratory, radiology and pharmacy services located on the first floor.

The practice continues to participate with many insurance plans, including Medicare, Blue Cross, Blue Care Network, Priority Health, and several others. Chelsea Rheumatology's phone number remains the same at 734-433-4596.

I Can Cope Cancer Class to be offered

Chelsea Community Hospital, in partnership with the American Cancer Society and the Chelsea Wellness Center, is pleased to announce it will offer I Can Cope classes in Chelsea.

I Can Cope is designed for cancer patients, survivors and their family members. The class will meet Wednesdays, from January 11 through April 11, in the Chelsea Wellness Center conference room, from 4:30 to 5:30 pm. The 14-week session (participants do not have to attend every week) includes a free yoga class at the end of each session.

I Can Cope provides practical information, an understanding of the various treatments, and strategies for self care for those facing cancer. Each class emphasizes an important topic to the cancer experience. The I Can Cope curriculum incorporates information about the latest advances in cancer treatment and stresses the role of class participants as partners in the learning experience. Participants are given the opportunity to learn and to share with others what is often the most challenging experience of their lives.

To register for the class, please call the American Cancer Society at 800-ACS 2345.

About Chelsea Community Hospital

Chelsea Community Hospital is a not-for-profit hospital established in 1970. Located in Chelsea, Michigan, CCH is a member of Saint Joseph Mercy Health System. CCH is nationally recognized for both quality of care and patient satisfaction by national ranking organization Press Ganey, and is accredited by the Joint Commission. CCH attracts more than 300 physicians in almost all disciplines, with leading edge technology,

including the largest and strongest MRI in Michigan. Employing 1050 full- and part-time staff, CCH reported \$96,471,284 in unrestricted revenue in fiscal year 2008. As a not-for-profit hospital, Chelsea Community Hospital reinvests its profits back into the community through programs to serve the poor and uninsured, manage chronic conditions like diabetes, health education and promotion initiatives, and outreach for the elderly. In Fiscal Year 2008, this included nearly \$520,000 in such community benefits. Please visit cch.org for more information on the many programs and services offered at CCH.

About Saint Joseph Mercy Health System

Saint Joseph Mercy Health System (SJMHS) is a newly expanded health care organization serving southeast Michigan. Health coverage spans six counties, including Livingston, Macomb, Oakland, St. Clair, Washtenaw and Wayne. It includes 537-bed St. Joseph Mercy in Ann Arbor, 443-bed St. Joseph Mercy Oakland in Pontiac, 304-bed St. Mary Mercy in Livonia, 136-bed St. Joseph Mercy Livingston in Howell, 119-bed St. Joseph Mercy Port Huron, 113-bed Chelsea Community Hospital and 74-bed St. Joseph Mercy Saline. Combined, the seven hos-

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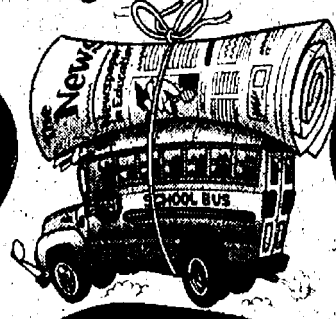
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Celebrating the season

Friday is Muslims' day to learn, get closer to God

By Aftab Borka
Journal Register News Service

Victor Ghalib Begg is a successful businessman. He is a father of three, founder of the Council of Islamic Organizations of Michigan and co-founder of the InterFaith Leadership Council of Metro Detroit.

Sometimes he works on weekends, too. But when it comes to Friday, he puts everything aside.

"I start a little early. I get to the mosque a little early and read a chapter of the Quran," Begg said, describing how important is Friday for Muslims.

Described as the Muslims' Sunday, Friday is historically a weekly holy day for Muslims across the world. It is supposed to be a day to come close to God and educate yourself. Begg said Friday gives every Muslim, young or old, a chance to learn new things and shape their lives.

"You listen to a sermon and if you listen to 50 sermons a year, hopefully we take 52 ideas of how to be close to God and lead a life as Muslims. So, it's an opportunity for education," Begg said.

And it's not just about education. One of the basis goals of the Friday congregation of Muslims is their unity.

"It is a day when Muslims get together, sit together, greet each other, listen to one person speak, listen to the Quran, listen to the Hadith (sayings of Prophet Muhammad), and it's a day where you seek knowledge," said Imam Mohamed Almasmari, who leads the Friday prayers at the Muslim Unity Center in Bloomfield Hills.

Historically, Friday used to be the official weekly holiday in the Muslim world. The day is still celebrated as a holiday in many Middle Eastern countries.

But does this prove to be a hurdle for the Muslims in American where Friday is a working day?

"Yes, but it's still not forbidden to work. It's not an obligation to leave your work or your daily schedule," Almasmari said.

Victor Begg, however, said he knows of many businesses that have designated a separate prayer room to allow Muslims to offer their prayer without going to a mosque.

Imam Almasmari said more than the adults, the Friday sermon proves to be a great opportunity for kids to get their religious education, which they may not be getting in their schools.

"(For kids), it's so important to attend the Friday prayers, because (it) may be that's the only day when they receive their Islamic teaching.

"We always tell the parents one of the best ways of raising your children in



Described as the Muslims' Sunday, Friday is historically a weekly holy day for Muslims across the world.

an Islamic way is to bring them to Friday prayers, where they listen to the Imam who's speaking about respecting others,

where he's teaching them ethics and morals, where he's teaching them how to honor their parents, how to deal with their neighbors"

Almasmari said. Aftab Borka can be reached at 1-248-745-4610, Aftab.Borka@oakpress.com or on Twitter @AftabBorka.

Christmas a time to remember gift of reunion

By Jerry Wolfe
Journal Register News Service

From China to Chile and Argentina to Asia, some 2.1 billion Christians stop to pay reverence to a world-changing event believed to have occurred in Bethlehem some 2,000 years ago.

It's the celebration of the birth of Christ, believed by non-denominational Christians, Lutherans, Methodists, Roman Catholics, Baptists and other sects to be the Messiah sent to Earth by God to give mankind hope of salvation and everlasting life.

Whether Christ, who Christians believe was God who became man and was crucified to pay for the first humans' original sin, was born at this time of year is debated by scholars. Many

say it's more likely Christ was born in the fall when shepherds guarded their flocks rather than in cold December.

When the Holy Ghost impregnated the Virgin Mary to give birth to Jesus, he told her to name the child Immanuel or Emmanuel or "God With Us," according to the Gospel of Matthew in the New Testament of the Bible.

"The early church recognized that we had an encounter with someone so significant and magnificent that the only way we could describe this experience was to talk about the resurrected Christ and how that changes life and gives a sense of meaning for restoration and salvation," said the Rev. Jim Kellermann of the Waterford Central United Methodist Church.

Christians believe Christ was crucified and died to pay for our sins, which originated when the first man and woman, Adam and Eve, ate from the tree of knowledge of good and evil in the Garden of Eden in disobedience of God.

"The Bible records in the first book, Genesis, how man became separated from God because of their (Adam and Eve) disobedience and God had to put them out of his presence," said the Rev. Cliff Powell of the River Church in Holly.

After they ate the forbidden fruit in the garden, God said to Eve, according to Genesis 3:16: "I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire (shall be) to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee."

And, according to

Genesis 3:17, God told Adam, "Because thou hast hearkened to the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it; cursed (is) the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat (of) it all the days of thy life."

Kellermann says that Christmas has two realities. "Christ has to be born into our hearts. It's very personal. Then," he said, "you become responsible for the world ... lifting up the poor, changing policies, (helping) the impoverished find renewal and hope."

"Anyone who claims a connection with Christ becomes a part of the responsible community that brings hope to the world," he said.

"The bottom line of Christmas is God is with

us," he said. "It is the time to remember that and renew our hope. If we claim that hope and live with the idea Christ is in us then we become like Mary, the birthers of Christ in the world, evangelists."

Powell of The River said: "We've lost what Christmas originally meant." He said even though God cast Adam and Eve out of the garden after their original sin God continued to love us "and he himself desired to have a relationship with us (and) he set in a motion his plan to restore us."

"The Bible tells us that God was at work in Christ reconciling the world to himself. God sent his son Jesus to provide the way back to him, which required a sacrifice in that God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son that whosoever

believed in him would not perish but have everlasting life," Powell said, quoting part of John 3:16.

By doing so, Powell said God became the "greatest example" of giving for mankind. Christmas is God's answer for the separation of God and man from the Garden of Eden."

Most people give gifts, but they've lost the point, Powell said. "The point is that we start out by being an imitator of God by giving gifts in love as an example of God's gift and now we (have come) to just (giving) gifts and we leave God out of it."

The Rev. Mike Verschaev said for followers of Jesus, "Christmas celebrates the truth that God became totally one with us, sharing our human flesh, our very life, our joys and sorrows."

Hanukkah is a time to share traditions

By Ryan Berlin
Journal Register News Service

Every night for eight nights, Danny and Barbara Burstein stood in front of their menorahs at their home reciting the Hanukkah blessings by candlelight.

"We recite the same two prayers every night. The very first night there is one additional prayer and these are just one-line prayers," Danny said.

"Basically, we say thank you for this holiday and on the other seven nights we

say thank you for lighting the candles and thank you for making miracles."

Hanukkah is referred to as the Festival of Lights. After defeating the Greeks for the right to reclaim their holy temple, the Jews led by Judah Maccabee had only enough oil to provide them light for just one day.

In their process to acquire more oil, the Jews were able to make the oil they had last eight full days.

To honor this miracle, a menorah, or candelabra with nine holders on it, one

to signify each night the oil lasted is lit in succession.

Judaism is a religion of tradition. Religious items, recipes and games are passed down from generation to generation.

"My menorah was passed down to me by my parents," Danny said.

More or less this is a positive holiday commemorating something good. Part of the commemoration is recalling of the candles, the light, the oil, so oil means food of course," Burstein said.

Food is a big part of the Jewish tradition passed down from generation to generation. One traditional recipe eaten on Hanukkah is latkes, shredded potato pancakes deep-fried and can be prepared in a variety of ways. Potato latkes can be shredded and mixed with onions, ancho chilies, smoked salmon, sage and pine-nut yogurt and a wide variety of other ingredients. Traditionally, they are enjoyed with just a dollop or either sour cream or applesauce. Another tradi-

tion closely associated with Hanukkah is the dreidel, a game played by children. It's a four-sided spinning top. Each side has a Hebrew letter on it and representing something different.

A stash of Hanukkah Gelt, or chocolate coins, is given to each player and when they spin the top the letter it falls on determines what happens. If the dreidel lands on the letter Nun, nothing happens. Gimel means the player takes the entire pot. Hey means the player takes half of the pot

and Shin requires the player put one marker in the pot.

"Hanukkah is a time for family and community members to gather around and reflect on how the year has been and how things worked out for the better," Burstein said.

"We had gotten rid of an invader 2,000 years ago to live in freedom and we are hoping that freedom and prosperity are in the hearts and minds of everybody today."

In 2011, the last day of Hanukkah was Dec. 28.

Christmas just another Sunday for Jehovah's Witnesses

By Sue Field
Journal Register News Service

Although they are devout Christians, Dec. 25 was just another day for Ryan and Jessica Knight. Ditto for Chelsey and Brock Gietzen, and Sean and Kelsey Szukhent.

Ryan, Chelsey and Sean don't set aside one day to worship Jesus. As Jehovah's Witnesses, they study the Bible deeply and live every day of their lives as the Bible instructs.

Major decisions are brought about through prayer, and they don't simply read the Bible; they

study it, and reflect on its teachings through deep thought, and apply the teachings to their lives.

An often misunderstood religion, Jehovah's Witnesses believe in Jesus and God (Jehovah), and follow God's teachings, but don't celebrate religious holidays or birthdays.

Instead, Jehovah's Witnesses celebrate milestones like anniversaries and graduations.

One of the reasons they don't celebrate Christmas is because Dec. 25 is not the birth date of the historical Jesus.

In fact, according to

Jehovah's Witnesses belief, Jesus' birth date can't be narrowed down to any specific date, but can be estimated counting back from the day of his death when he was 33 1/2 years old, Ryan said.

Sean said Jesus' birthday is not in the Bible, and that Jehovah's Witnesses don't recognize the date because of that.

Chelsey said Dec. 25 being recognized as the birth day of Jesus came from the Pagan tradition of the birth date being near the winter solstice.

Pagans worshiped the sun-God and tried to con-

vince Christians to observe their tradition by telling them it was Jesus' birthday, she said.

A misconception about the religion is that Jehovah's Witnesses altered teachings in the Bible, but Suzukhent said the religion translated the words to modern English so it could be more easily understood.

Another misconception is that Jehovah's Witnesses go door to door to try to convert others to the religion.

That isn't true, Ryan said. They do so with the hope of encouraging others

to read the Bible and understand it, Ryan said.

"We don't coerce," she said. "We share."

"It's a command from Jesus."

Sean and Ryan, along with their wives, are members of the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses in Mount Pleasant. Chelsey and her husband are members of the Kingdom Hall in Remus.

Being a member of a non-traditional Christian religion is their way of life, and Chelsey knows that others might at times not understand. Jesus was not loved by

everyone, she said, so it stands to reason that some of his followers would be treated the same way.

Sean said some don't think Jehovah's Witnesses believe in God, but that's not the case. They don't believe the Holy Trinity is one deity and that Jesus is God's son and is a separate entity.

While believers of other Christian religions celebrate the holiday, Chelsey, Ryan and Sean, and their families sometimes take the time off to go on vacation.

This year, Christmas was just a typical Sunday.

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'A Stone Carver' to be staged at Purple Rose

By Sean Dalton
Heritage Media

Visitors to the Purple Rose Theatre in Chelsea this winter will be treated to a melancholic tale in "A Stone Carver."

The William Mastrosimone script sprang to theatrical life several decades ago out of the playwright's own life, a chapter of which involved the annexation of the Mastrosimone family home by the state of New Jersey in 1969.

The show was first produced in 1987 as "The Understanding," before the script was revised and launched in its current iteration.

Mastrosimone's tale focuses on committed family patriarch Agostino, who fortifies himself in his home as a desperate last-ditch effort to stop bulldozers from pushing all of his and his family's memories into the dirt in the name of progress.

Guy Sanville, typically the bearer of titles such as artistic director and production director, is returning to the Purple Rose stage for the first time in five years to take on the role of the entrenched retired seventh-generation stone carver who refuses to be evicted so a highway can be built.

Sanville has been with the Purple Rose as artistic director for 16 years, dur-



by William Mastrosimone • Directed by Rhiannon Ragland
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ing which he has directed more than 40 productions, including 25 world premieres.

He considers himself an admirer of Mastrosimone and feels that "A Stone

Carver" is an appropriate production for which to make a return to acting in Chelsea.

"A Stone Carver" has always moved me," he said. "It's a relatively simple

story about a father and his son. It's the stuff of a lot of great drama -- the idea that sons are always trying to measure up to their father's notions of what it means to be a man, that moment in a father's life when he has to try to accept the man the boy has become, the sense that there is always something unfinished in the relationship."

Matthew David will take on the role of Raff, Agostino's somewhat estranged son, who comes with fiancée (Charlyn Swarthout) in tow to see if he can muster enough irresistible force to overcome the seemingly immovable object that is his father's will.

Resident artist Rhiannon

Ragland marks "A Stone Carver" as her professional directorial debut at the Purple Rose and in general.

The show will begin its eight-week engagement Jan. 19, with regular performances on Wednesday through Saturday at 8 p.m., Wednesday and Saturday at 3 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. until March 10, and will include two matinees for students Feb. 7 and March 6 at 11 a.m.

Tickets are now available for the show and can be obtained by calling 1-734-433-7673.

The box office is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. More information is available at www.purplerosetheatre.org.

Performance Network presents 'God of Carnage'

Performance Network Theatre will host the Michigan premiere of the 2009 Tony Award-winner for Best Play, "God of Carnage" by Yasmina Reza.

This co-production, which is currently running at the Jewish Ensemble Theatre in West Bloomfield, comes to Ann Arbor on Jan. 12 and runs through Feb. 19.

The show is directed by David Magidson and features Joseph Albright,

Sarah Kamoo, Phil Powers and Suzi Regan.

Boys will be boys, but adults will be worse. In this comedy, two couples meet at one of their homes to discuss a playground altercation between their young children.

Hostility rumbles just under the surface, as their civilized battle of wits and words devolves into a hilariously chaotic evening, where nothing is safe, including the furniture.

"God of Carnage" opened in the West End at the Gielgud Theatre in March 2008.

The Guardian review noted that "all four actors are excellent and, in Matthew Warchus's deft production, show the thin veneer of bourgeois pretense."

After some minor modifications to accommodate an American audience, a Broadway production opened at the Bernard

B. Jacobs Theatre in March 2009 starring Jeff Daniels, Hope Davis, James Gandolfini and Marcia Gay Harden.

It closed June 6, 2010, playing 24 previews and 452 regular performances, becoming the third-longest running play of the 2000s (after "The 39 Steps" and "August: Osage County").

It was nominated for six Tony awards and won for Best Play, Best Leading Actress in a Play and Best

Direction of a Play.

Weekly performances at Performance Network Theatre are at 7:30 p.m. Thursdays, at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and at 2 p.m. Sundays. Additionally, 3 p.m. Saturday matinees are set for Jan. 28 and Feb. 11.

Tickets can be ordered at the Performance Network Box Office at 663-0681, online at www.performancenetwork.org or by coming to the Performance

Network Theatre, 120 E. Huron St., Ann Arbor from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday or one hour before a performance.

Tickets are priced at \$22-\$41, with discounts available for seniors, members, students and groups.

There is a pay-what-you-can performance on Jan. 12 (suggested donation of \$15).

"God of Carnage" contains adult language and themes and is not suitable for those under age 17.

Ann Arbor Art Center presents 'Wit, Wisdumb & Worry'

Starting Jan. 13, the Ann Arbor Art Center will host "Wit, Wisdumb & Worry," an exhibition that features the artwork of longtime friends and colleagues Randy Bolton, Michael Krueger and Tom Reed.

Organizers of the exhibit said the works of these three artists share a folksy, populist, humorous, satirical and witty aesthetic. The artists' works blur the lines between traditional

and contemporary print-making while pushing the boundaries of the art of print-making in general.

The exhibition opens Jan. 13 with a reception held from 6 to 8 p.m. and will be on display through Feb. 5.

The Art Center will also host a panel discussion from 3 to 5 p.m. Jan. 14, with the three artists examining the crossover of ideas between each of

their works and the state of contemporary print-making. Both the reception and the panel discussion are free and open to the public.

The exhibition will include large-scale prints and three-dimensional art installations that explore and enhance the print medium.

Bolton is head of the Print Media Department and artist in residence at

Cranbrook Academy of Art. His work has been widely exhibited in one-person, invitational and juried shows since 1982.

Krueger is an associate professor of Art at the University of Kansas, where he has received numerous grants and awards.

His work is included in more than 30 public collections in the United States and abroad.

Reed is a senior lecturer at Washington University, where he is also the master printer at the University's Island Press. He is a practicing artist whose work has been the focal point of several solo and group exhibitions.

Organizers of the exhibit said that all of the artists broaden the printmaking medium while maintaining a reverence for it. While they may break the

"rules," they ensure that the process of printmaking is still intact.

For more information about the Ann Arbor Art Center of the exhibition, visit www.annarborartcenter.org.

The art center is located at 117 W. Liberty St. in downtown Ann Arbor. Hours of operation are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. on Sundays.

THINGS TO DO: REGIONAL CALENDAR

CHELSEA

Thursday, Jan. 5

■ **Artist Reception: Roger Crispell**
4:30 p.m. Thursday: Gallery 100, Silver Maples of Chelsea, 100 Silver Maples Drive. Exhibit runs to end of February.

■ "Dungeons & Dragons"

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

Friday, Jan. 6

■ Great Books at the Senior Center

1 p.m. Friday: Chelsea Senior Center, 512 Washington St. Free. 475-8732.

Saturday, Jan. 7

■ Chelsea Teddy Bear Co.

11 a.m., 1 and 3 p.m. Saturday: 400 N. Main St., Chelsea. Free. 433-5499.

■ **Chelsea Chess Club**
3 p.m. Saturday: Wendy's, 1640 Commerce Park. Free. 475-1583.

Monday, Jan. 9

■ Chelsea Area Garden Club

Noon Monday: First United Methodist Church, 128 Park St. Free, but donations accepted. 433-9773.

■ Friends of McKune Mystery Book Club

7 p.m. Monday: Breakaway Restaurant, Arctic Coliseum, 501 Coliseum Dr. Free. 475-7035.

Tuesday, Jan. 10

■ International Book Club

7 p.m. Tuesday: Chelsea District Library, 221 S. Main St. Free. Pre-registration required. 475-8732.

■ "Dungeons & Dragons"

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

■ Senior Supper Club

4 p.m. Tuesday: Chelsea Community Hospital dining room, 775 S. Main St. \$6 (cards and talk, free). Pre-register at 475-3913.

Wednesday, Jan. 11

■ Evening Primrose Garden Club

7 p.m. Wednesday: Chelsea Depot, 125 Jackson St. Free. 634-1954.

DEXTER

Friday, Jan. 6

■ Duct Tape Craft

1 p.m. Friday: Dexter District Library, 3255 Alpine St. Free. Pre-registration required. 426-4477.

Saturday, Jan. 7

■ Bird Hike

8 a.m. Saturday: Hudson Mills Metropark, 8801 North Territorial Road. \$3. Pre-registration required. \$5 vehicle fee. 426-8211.

■ Used Book Sale

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday: Dexter District Library, 3255 Alpine St. 426-4477.

■ Draw Doubles: Local

101 Disc Golf Club

Noon Saturday: Hudson Mills Metropark Activity Center, 8801 North Territorial Road. \$7 per player, but free for spectators. \$5 vehicle entrance fee. 449-4300.

■ Military Family Support Forum

Noon to 2 p.m. Saturday: Rachel Upjohn Building, University of Michigan EAAHC, 4250 Plymouth Road. Free. 763-4904.

Monday, Jan. 9

■ U of M Club of Ann Arbor

11:30 a.m. Monday: Weber's Inn, 3050 Jackson Road. \$9.50 (age 65 and older, \$9) includes lunch. 769-2500 or 426-3092.

Tuesday, Jan. 10

■ Dexter Garden Club

7 p.m. Tuesday: Dexter Senior Center, 7720 Ann Arbor St. Free. 424-2580.

SALINE

Saturday, Jan. 7

■ Remote-Controlled Car Racing: Washtenaw RC Raceway

10:30 a.m. to midnight Saturday: Farm Council Grounds, 5055 Ann Arbor-Saline Road. Free admission. \$16 to race. 1-313-565-2815.

■ Huron Gun Collectors

9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday: Farm Council Grounds, 5055 Ann Arbor-Saline Road. Admission \$4. 1-517-605-0624.

■ Pittsfield Open Band

3 p.m. Saturday: Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor-Saline Road. Free. 994-9307.

■ Drum 4 Wellness Circle

7:30 p.m. Saturday: Interfaith Center, 704 Airport Blvd. \$5 suggested donation. 480-1219.

■ First Saturday Contra

8 p.m. Saturday: Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor-Saline Road. \$10 (members, \$9; students, \$5). 769-1052.

Sunday, Jan. 8

■ Preserving Traditions: Pittsfield Union Grange

2 p.m. Sunday: Pittsfield Union Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor-Saline Road. \$5 (members, free). Pre-register at preservingtraditions.signup-sheet.com. 997-8844.

■ Square Dance

2 to 5 p.m. Sunday: Concourse Hall, 4531 Concourse Drive. \$8 (members, \$7; students, \$4; under 14 with parent, free). 665-7704.

■ Tour: Zingerman's Creamery

2 p.m. Sunday: 3723 Plaza Drive. \$5 (includes a \$5 coupon). 929-0500.

■ Huron Valley Rose Society

2 p.m. Sunday: Matthea Botanical Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro Road. Free. 277-0112.

■ "Three Dinners": Preserving Traditions

2-4:30 p.m., Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor-Saline Road. (just south of Oak Valley Dr.). \$5 (Grange members, free).

Preregistration required by emailing preservetrad@gmail.com. 997-8844.

Monday, Jan. 9

■ Line Dancing

6:30 p.m. Monday: American Legion, 320 W. Michigan Ave. \$7. 429-4840.

■ Auditions for Carol Burnett Show Tribute: Saline Area Players

7 p.m. Monday and Tuesday: Open auditions for adults at the Saline Area Chamber of Commerce, 141 E. Michigan Ave. Free. 646-3981. www.salineareaplayers.org.

■ "No Kidding! Me 2!!": National Alliance on Mental Illness of Washtenaw County

7:30 p.m. Monday: King of Kings Lutheran Church, 2685 Packard Road. Free. 994-6611.

Tuesday, Jan. 10

■ Washtenaw Ski Touring Club

7:30 p.m. Tuesday: Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Ave. Free. 662-SKIS.

■ New Horizons Band: Saline Senior Center

6 p.m. Tuesdays and 1 p.m. Thursdays: Liberty School band room, 7265 Saline-Ann Arbor Road. Free. 429-1742.

Wednesday, Jan. 11

■ Saline Woodcarvers

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

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Saturday, Jan. 7

■ "2013 Muerta Goes to Space Prison"

7 p.m. Saturday: For mature audiences. Dreamland Theater, 26 N. Washington St. \$10, 657-2337.

Sunday, Jan. 8

■ Puppet Show

3:30 p.m. Sunday: Dreamland Theater, 26 N. Washington St. \$5 (age 3 and under, free). 657-2337.

Monday, Jan. 9

■ Civil War Round Table

7 p.m. Monday: St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Education Center, 5305 Elliott Drive. Free. 1-517-750-2741.

Tuesday, Jan. 10

■ 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. 973-7892.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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.

■ 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.

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

■ The SRSly Coalition has a meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the McKune Room of the Chelsea District Library.

Friday, Jan. 6

■ Randy Baker with Naturalist Endeavors presents: "Wildlife of the Americas" at the Dexter District Library 11 a.m. This program will feature live animals from North, Central and South America and is for all ages.

■ Join the Chelsea District Library and the Chelsea Senior Center for Great Books @ CSC at 1 p.m. at the senior center in the Washington Street Education Center. The book for this month is "The Red Badge of Courage" by Stephen Crane. Reserved copies are available at the second floor information desk of the library.

■ Learn to make something new or use your own creative ideas at the Duct Tape Workshop for Teens in fifth through 12th grade at the Dexter District Library 1-2 p.m. Materials will be supplied, but registration is required. Call 426-4477 for more information.

Saturday, Jan. 7

■ The Friends of the Dexter District Library will hold a used book sale 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the library. If you are interested in joining the group, please contact Sue Smith at sueandbernie@aol.com.

■ Hike and search for critter tracks in snow with

Winter Tracking 101 at 2 p.m. at the Eddy Discovery Center, 17030 Bush Road in Chelsea, at 2 p.m. This program is free.

Monday, Jan. 9

■ The Dexter Senior Center launches a new six-week Yoga Session at 9 a.m. This one-hour class is led by Patty Hart of Everybody Happy Yoga. The cost is \$36 for members and \$48 for nonmembers. There will be no class Jan. 16 due to the Martin Luther King holiday.

■ The Chelsea District Library hosts Legos @ McKune at 3:30 p.m.

■ Join the Friends Mystery Book Club at 7 p.m. at Arctic Breakaway. The featured book for this month is the Michael Pearce Mamur Zap series.

■ The Dexter Village Council meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Dexter Senior Center.

Tuesday, Jan. 10

■ The Dexter Senior Center will host a session of Watercolor I with Joanne Wiertella starting at 12:30 p.m. today. The four-week class lasts an hour and a half each session and cost \$32 per member and \$40 for nonmembers. Paper will be supplied. Those interested can call the center at 426-7737.

■ The Dexter Senior Center hosts a Retreat for the Feet from 1-3 p.m. with Barb Fisher, a certified reflexologist and naturopathic therapist and educa-

tor. The retreat costs \$10 for every 15 minutes for members and \$15 for nonmembers. Please schedule an appointment by calling 426-7737.

■ 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.

■ Join the International Book Club for a book discussion that focuses on the world from a global perspective at the Chelsea District Library at 6:30 p.m. This month's book is "Fool's Crow" by James Welch. Copies are available at the second floor information desk. This program is presented in partnership with Mission Marketplace.

■ Chelsea City Council meets at 7 p.m. at the Washington Street Education Center.

Wednesday, Jan. 11

■ The Chelsea District Library hosts MADLAB and the Animanga Club at 3:30 p.m. MADLAB is the monthly meetup for Youth Service Group members and teens who want to volunteer. The group meets for one hour and is followed by an hour of Animanga Club in the KidSpot.

■ SRSly's Guiding Good Choices program is back and will be at the Chelsea District Library at 6 p.m. This free five-part workshop is for parents or caregiver of children age 9-14 and is aimed at reducing the likelihood of children using mari-

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BULLETIN BOARD

"Around Town with Linda"

"Around Town with Linda" will feature Winston Boyer, Chelsea's Cookie Man. "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>.

Desktop publishing volunteer needed

Silver Maples is looking for a volunteer who would enjoy creating newsletters and other projects such as recipe booklets and fliers. For more information, contact Shawn Personke at spersonke@silvermaples.org.

Dexter Senior Center offers Laughter Yoga Jan. 13

Did you know that hearty and prolonged laughter is a form of exercise? Laughing longer than we normally do in daily life brings many health benefits like oxygenating the body, clearing out the respiratory system, lowering blood pressure, boosting the immune system and giving a cardiovascular workout. And to top it off, extended laughter also helps decrease stress, anxiety and depression. Come try the Dexter Senior Center's new monthly Laughter Yoga class at the Dexter Senior Center with Barb Fisher and Pam Martin, certified laughter leaders. This class will be offered monthly, the second Friday of the month. The next class is 1 p.m. Jan. 13. This drop-in class is \$3 for members and \$5 for nonmembers.

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Sunday, January 8th 6-9 PM
Cold readings from script
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Roles:

- 1 man (20s to 30s)
- 1 man (40s to 60s)
- 1 woman (20s to 30s)
- 1 woman (40s to 60s)

Performances March 2, 3, 4, 2012
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DEXTER VILLAGE COUNCIL
SYNOPSIS OF ACTION TAKEN AT THE REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2011

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by President Keough at the Dexter Senior Center located at 7720 Ann Arbor Street in Dexter, Michigan.

ROLL CALL: President Keough, Carson, Cousins, Fisher, Semifero, Smith, Tell.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES
Motion Smith; support Semifero to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of November 28, 2011.
Unanimous voice vote for approval.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
Motion Smith; support Semifero to approve the agenda with additional items of updates on items 1-3, Website, L-2 Police Service Contract; and a handout regarding a legal matter.
Unanimous voice vote for approval.

PUBLIC HEARINGS
Proposed amendments to the General Code of Ordinances - Chapter 18, Addition of Sections 18-35 and 18-36.
Hearing opened at 7:50 PM by Village President, Shawn Keough. Community Development Manager, Allison Bishop, gave the rationale for the ordinance and will now be able to abate the nuisance, and put that bill on the property taxes if it is not paid. The hearing was closed by President Keough at 7:52 PM.

Motion Tell; support Cousins to approve the Amendments to the General Code of Ordinances - Chapter 18, Addition of Sections 18-35 and 18-36.
Ayes: Cousins, Fisher, Smith, Semifero, Tell, Carson and Keough. Nays: None.
Motion carries.

CONSENT AGENDA
Consideration of: Bills and Payroll in the amount of \$618,839.48.
Motion Fisher; support Smith to approve item 1 of the consent agenda.
Unanimous voice vote for approval.

NEW BUSINESS-Consideration of and Discussion of:
Motion Carson; support Semifero that for Fiscal Years 2012-2013 through 2016-2017 the Village will put \$75,000 of the constitutional revenue sharing increase into the retiree health care trust fund and continue to contribute an additional \$20,000 from the Streets/Water/Sewer funds for a total commitment of \$95,000.
Ayes: Smith, Semifero, Tell, Carson, Fisher, Cousins and Keough. Nays: None.
Motion carries.

Motion Carson; support Smith to authorize the Village President to sign the contract extension with the Washtenaw County Sheriff with an expiration date of December 31, 2015.
Ayes: Semifero, Tell, Fisher, Carson, Cousins, Smith and Keough. Nays: None.
Motion carries.

Motion Cousins; support Fisher to approve the computer software/hardware upgrades from the following vendors - Software, B.S. & A. for \$22,285 spread over 2 years; Hardware, J.T. Right for \$4,378; and Installation, Absolute Computers for an estimate of \$720.
Ayes: Tell, Carson, Cousins, Smith, Fisher, Semifero and Keough. Nays: None.
Motion carries.

ADJOURNMENT
Motion Smith; support Fisher to adjourn at 9:18 PM.
Unanimous voice vote for approval.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol J. Jones, Clerk, Village of Dexter

Approved for Filing: December 27, 2011
NOTE: This is a synopsis of the Regular Council Meeting. The minutes in their entirety may be viewed at the Village Office at 8123 Main Street, Dexter MI or online at www.villageofdexter.org
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Thursday, January 5, 2012

'A Stone Carver' to be staged at Purple Rose

By Sean Dalton
Heritage Media

Visitors to the Purple Rose Theatre in Chelsea this winter will be treated to a melancholic tale in "A Stone Carver."

The William Mastro Simone script sprang to theatrical life several decades ago out of the playwright's own life, a chapter of which involved the annexation of the Mastro Simone family home by the state of New Jersey in 1969.

The show was first produced in 1987 as "The Understanding," before the script was revised and launched in its current iteration.

Mastro Simone's tale focuses on committed family patriarch Agostino, who fortifies himself in his home as a desperate last-ditch effort to stop bulldozers from pushing all of his and his family's memories into the dirt in the name of progress.

Guy Sanville, typically the bearer of titles such as artistic director and production director, is returning to the Purple Rose stage for the first time in five years to take on the role of the entrenched retired seventh-generation stone carver who refuses to be evicted so a highway can be built.

Sanville has been with the Purple Rose as artistic director for 16 years, dur-



by William Mastro Simone • directed by Rhannon Ragland
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ing which he has directed more than 40 productions, including 25 world premieres.

He considers himself an admirer of Mastro Simone and feels that "A Stone

Carver" is an appropriate production for which to make a return to acting in Chelsea.

"A Stone Carver" has always moved me," he said. "It's a relatively simple

story about a father and his son. It's the stuff of a lot of great drama -- the idea that sons are always trying to measure up to their father's notions of what it means to be a man, that moment in a father's life when he has to try to accept the man the boy has become, the sense that there is always something unfinished in the relationship."

Matthew David will take on the role of Raff, Agostino's somewhat estranged son, who comes with fiancée (Charlyn Swarthout) in tow to see if he can muster enough irresistible force to overcome the seemingly immovable object that is his father's will.

Resident artist Rhannon

Ragland marks "A Stone Carver" as her professional directorial debut at the Purple Rose and in general.

The show will begin its eight-week engagement Jan. 19, with regular performances on Wednesday through Saturday at 8 p.m., Wednesday and Saturday at 3 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. until March 10, and will include two matinees for students Feb. 7 and March 6 at 11 a.m.

Tickets are now available for the show and can be obtained by calling 1-734-433-7673.

The box office is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. More information is available at www.purplerosetheatre.org.

Performance Network presents 'God of Carnage'

Performance Network Theatre will host the Michigan premiere of the 2009 Tony Award-winner for Best Play, "God of Carnage" by Yasmina Reza.

This co-production, which is currently running at the Jewish Ensemble Theatre in West Bloomfield, comes to Ann Arbor on Jan. 12 and runs through Feb. 19.

The show is directed by David Magidson and features Joseph Albright,

Sarah Kamoo, Phil Powers and Suzi Regan.

Boys will be boys, but adults will be worse. In this comedy, two couples meet at one of their homes to discuss a playground altercation between their young children.

Hostility rumbles just under the surface, as their civilized battle of wits and words devolves into a hilariously chaotic evening, where nothing is safe, including the furniture.

"God of Carnage" opened in the West End at the Gielgud Theatre in March 2008.

The Guardian review noted that "all four actors are excellent and, in Matthew Warchus's deft production, show the thin veneer of bourgeois pretense."

After some minor modifications to accommodate an American audience, a Broadway production opened at the Bernard

B. Jacobs Theatre in March 2009 starring Jeff Daniels, Hope Davis, James Gandolfini and Marcia Gay Harden.

It closed June 6, 2010, playing 24 previews and 452 regular performances, becoming the third-longest running play of the 2000s (after "The 39 Steps" and "August: Osage County").

It was nominated for six Tony awards and won for Best Play, Best Leading Actress in a Play and Best

Direction of a Play.

Weekly performances at Performance Network Theatre are at 7:30 p.m. Thursdays, at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and at 2 p.m. Sundays. Additionally, 3 p.m. Saturday matinees are set for Jan. 28 and Feb. 11.

Tickets can be ordered at the Performance Network Box Office at 663-0681, online at www.performance-network.org or by coming to the Performance

Network Theatre, 120 E. Huron St., Ann Arbor from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday or one hour before a performance.

Tickets are priced at \$22-\$41, with discounts available for seniors, members, students and groups.

There is a pay-what-you-can performance on Jan. 12 (suggested donation of \$15).

"God of Carnage" contains adult language and themes and is not suitable for those under age 17.

Ann Arbor Art Center presents 'Wit, Wisdumb & Worry'

Starting Jan. 13, the Ann Arbor Art Center will host "Wit, Wisdumb & Worry," an exhibition that features the artwork of longtime friends and colleagues Randy Bolton, Michael Krueger and Tom Reed.

Organizers of the exhibit said the works of these three artists share a folksy, populist, humorous, satirical and witty aesthetic. The artists' works blur the lines between traditional

and contemporary print-making while pushing the boundaries of the art of print-making in general.

The exhibition opens Jan. 13 with a reception held from 6 to 8 p.m. and will be on display through Feb. 5.

The Art Center will also host a panel discussion from 3 to 5 p.m. Jan. 14, with the three artists examining the crossover of ideas between each of

their works and the state of contemporary print-making. Both the reception and the panel discussion are free and open to the public.

The exhibition will include large-scale prints and three-dimensional art installations that explore and enhance the print medium.

Bolton is head of the Print Media Department and artist in residence at

Cranbrook Academy of Art. His work has been widely exhibited in one-person, invitational and juried shows since 1982.

Krueger is an associate professor of Art at the University of Kansas, where he has received numerous grants and awards.

His work is included in more than 30 public collections in the United States and abroad.

Reed is a senior lecturer at Washington University, where he is also the master printer at the University's Island Press. He is a practicing artist whose work has been the focal point of several solo and group exhibitions.

Organizers of the exhibit said that all of the artists broaden the printmaking medium while maintaining a reverence for it. While they may break the

"rules," they ensure that the process of printmaking is still intact.

For more information about the Ann Arbor Art Center of the exhibition, visit www.annarborartcenter.org.

The art center is located at 117 W. Liberty St. in downtown Ann Arbor. Hours of operation are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. on Sundays.

THINGS TO DO: REGIONAL CALENDAR

CHELSEA

Thursday, Jan 5

■ **Artist Reception: Roger Crispell**
4:30 p.m. Thursday
Gallery 100, Silver Maples of Chelsea, 100 Silver Maples Drive. Exhibit runs to end of February.

"Dungeons & Dragons"

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

Friday, Jan. 6

■ **Great Books at the Senior Center**
1 p.m. Friday. Chelsea Senior Center, 512 Washington St. Free. 475-8732.

Saturday, Jan. 7

■ **Chelsea Teddy Bear Co.**
11 a.m., 1 and 3 p.m.
Saturday: 400 N. Main St. Chelsea. Free. 433-5499.

■ **Chelsea Chess Club**
3 p.m. Saturday
Wendy's, 1640 Commerce Park. Free. 475-1583.

Monday, Jan. 9

■ **Chelsea Area Garden Club**
Noon-Monday: First United Methodist Church, 128 Park St. Free, but donations accepted. 433-9773.

■ **Friends of McKune Mystery Book Club**
7 p.m. Monday
Breakaway Restaurant, Arctic Coliseum, 501 Coliseum Dr. Free. 475-7035.

Tuesday, Jan. 10

■ **International Book Club**
7 p.m. Tuesday: Chelsea District Library, 221 S. Main St. Free. Pre-registration required. 475-8732.

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Senior Supper Club

4 p.m. Tuesday: Chelsea Community Hospital dining room, 775 S. Main St. \$6 (cards and talk, free). Pre-register at 475-3913.

Wednesday, Jan. 11

■ **Evening Primrose Garden Club**
7 p.m. Wednesday: Chelsea Depot, 125 Jackson St. Free. 634-1954.

DEXTER

Friday, Jan. 6

■ **Duct Tape Craft**
1 p.m. Friday: Dexter District Library, 3255 Alpine St. Free. Pre-registration required. 426-4477.

Saturday, Jan. 7

■ **Bird Hike**
8 a.m. Saturday: Hudson Mills Metropark, 8801 North Territorial Road. \$3. Pre-registration required. \$5 vehicle fee. 426-8211.

■ **Used Book Sale**
9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday: Dexter District Library, 3255 Alpine St. 426-4477.

■ **Draw Doubles: Local**

101 Disc Golf Club

Noon Saturday: Hudson Mills Metropark Activity Center, 8801 North Territorial Road. \$7 per player, but free for spectators. \$5 vehicle entrance fee. 449-4300.

Military Family Support Forum

Noon to 2 p.m. Saturday: Rachel Upjohn Building, University of Michigan EAAHC, 4250 Plymouth Road. Free. 763-4904.

Monday, Jan. 9

■ **U of M Club of Ann Arbor**
11:30 a.m. Monday: Weber's Inn, 3050 Jackson Road. \$9.50 (age 65 and older, \$9) includes lunch. 769-2500 or 426-3092.

Tuesday, Jan. 10

■ **Dexter Garden Club**
7 p.m. Tuesday: Dexter Senior Center, 7720 Ann Arbor St. Free. 424-2580.

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Saturday, Jan. 7

■ **Remote-Controlled Car Racing: Washtenaw RC Raceway**
10:30 a.m. to midnight Saturday: Farm Council Grounds, 5055 Ann Arbor-Saline Road. Free admission. \$16 to race. 1-313-565-2815.

■ **Huron Gun Collectors**
9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday: Farm Council Grounds, 5055 Ann Arbor-Saline Road. Admission \$4. 1-517-605-0624.

■ **Pittsfield Open Band**

3 p.m. Saturday: Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor-Saline Road. Free. 994-9307.

Drum 4 Wellness Circle

7:30 p.m. Saturday: Interfaith Center, 704 Airport Blvd. \$5 suggested donation. 480-1219.

First Saturday Contra

8 p.m. Saturday: Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor-Saline Road. \$10 (members, \$9; students, \$5). 769-1052.

Sunday, Jan. 8

■ **Preserving Traditions: Pittsfield Union Grange**
2 p.m. Sunday: Pittsfield Union Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor-Saline Road. \$5 (members, free). Pre-register at preservingtraditions.signup-sheet.com. 997-8844.

Square Dance

2 to 5 p.m. Sunday: Concourse Hall, 4531 Concourse Drive. \$8 (members, \$7; students, \$4; under 14 with parent, free). 665-7704.

Tour: Zingerman's Creamery

2 p.m. Sunday: 3723 Plaza Drive. \$5 (includes a \$5 coupon). 929-0500.

Huron Valley Rose Society

2 p.m. Sunday: Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro Road. Free. 277-0112.

"Three Dinners": Preserving Traditions

2-4:30 p.m.: Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor-Saline Road. (just south of Oak Valley Dr.). \$5 (Grange members, free).

Preregistration required by emailing preservetrad@gmail.com. 997-8844.

Monday, Jan. 9

■ **Line Dancing**
6:30 p.m. Monday: American Legion, 320 W. Michigan Ave. \$7. 429-4840.

Auditions for Carol Burnett Show Tribute: Saline Area Players

7 p.m. Monday and Tuesday: Open auditions for adults at the Saline Area Chamber of Commerce, 141 E Michigan Ave. Free. 646-3981. www.salineareaplayers.org.

"No Kidding! Me 21!": National Alliance on Mental Illness of Washtenaw County

7:30 p.m. Monday: King of Kings Lutheran Church, 2685 Packard Road. Free. 994-6611.

Tuesday, Jan. 10

■ **Washtenaw Ski Touring Club**
7:30 p.m. Tuesday: Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Ave. Free. 662-SKIS.

New Horizons Band: Saline Senior Center

6 p.m. Tuesdays and 1 p.m. Thursdays: Liberty School band room, 7265 Saline-Ann Arbor Road. Free. 429-1742.

Wednesday, Jan. 11

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

1918.

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Saturday, Jan. 7

■ **"2013 Muerta Goes to Space Prison"**
7 p.m. Saturday: For mature audiences. Dreamland Theater, 26 N. Washington St. \$10. 657-2337.

Sunday, Jan. 8

■ **Puppet Show**
3:30 p.m. Sunday: Dreamland Theater, 26 N. Washington St. \$5 (age 3 and under, free). 657-2337.

Monday, Jan. 9

■ **Civil War Round Table**
7 p.m. Monday: St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Education Center, 5305 Elliott Drive. Free. 1-517-750-2741.

Tuesday, Jan. 10

■ **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. 973-7892.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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Friday, Jan. 6

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■ Join the Chelsea District Library and the Chelsea Senior Center for Great Books @ CSC at 1 p.m. at the senior center in the Washington Street Education Center. The book for this month is "The Red Badge of Courage" by Stephen Crane. Reserved copies are available at the second floor information desk of the library.

■ Learn to make something new or use your own creative ideas at the Duct Tape Workshop for teens in fifth through 12th grade at the Dexter District Library 1-2 p.m. Materials will be supplied, but registration is required. Call 426-4477 for more information.

Saturday, Jan. 7

■ The Friends of the Dexter District Library will hold a used book sale 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the library. If you are interested in joining the group, please contact Sue Smith at sueandbernie@aol.com.

■ Hike and search for critter tracks in snow with

Winter Tracking 101 at 2 p.m. at the Eddy Discovery Center, 17030 Bush Road in Chelsea, at 2 p.m. This program is free.

Monday, Jan. 9

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Tuesday, Jan. 10

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DEXTER VILLAGE COUNCIL
SYNOPSIS OF ACTION TAKEN AT THE REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2011

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by President Keough at the Dexter Senior Center located at 7720 Ann Arbor Street in Dexter, Michigan.

ROLL CALL: President Keough, Carson, Cousins, Fisher, Semifero, Smith, Tell.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES
Motion Smith: support Semifero to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of November 28, 2011.
Unanimous voice vote for approval.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
Motion Smith: support Semifero to approve the agenda with additional items of updates on items 1-3, Website, 1-2 Police Service Contract; and a handout regarding a legal matter.
Unanimous voice vote for approval.

PUBLIC HEARINGS
Proposed amendments to the General Code of Ordinances - Chapter 18: Addition of Sections 18-35 and 18-38.
Hearing opened at 7:50 PM by Village President, Shawn Keough. Community Development Manager, Allison Bishop, gave the rationale for the ordinance and will now be able to abate the nuisance, and put that bill on the property taxes if it is not paid. The hearing was closed by President Keough at 7:52 PM.

Motion Tell: support Cousins to approve the Amendments to the General Code of Ordinances - Chapter 18: Addition of Sections 18-35 and 18-38.
Ayes: Cousins, Fisher, Smith, Semifero, Tell, Carson and Keough. Nays: None.
Motion carries.

CONSENT AGENDA
Consideration of Bills and Payroll in the amount of \$618,839.48.
Motion Fisher: support Smith to approve item 1 of the consent agenda.
Unanimous voice vote for approval.

NEW BUSINESS: Consideration of and Discussion of:
Motion Carson: support Semifero that for Fiscal Years 2012-2013 through 2016-2017 the Village will put \$75,000 of the constitutional revenue sharing increase into the retiree health care trust fund and continue to contribute an additional \$20,000 from the Streets/Water/Sewer funds for a total commitment of \$95,000.
Ayes: Smith, Semifero, Tell, Carson, Fisher, Cousins and Keough. Nays: None.
Motion carries.

Motion Carson: support Smith to authorize the Village President to sign the contract extension with the Washtenaw County Sheriff with an expiration date of December 31, 2015.
Ayes: Semifero, Tell, Fisher, Carson, Cousins, Smith and Keough. Nays: None.
Motion carries.

Motion Cousins: support Fisher to approve the computer software/hardware upgrades from the following vendors - Software: B.S. & A. for \$22,285 spread over 2 years; Hardware, I.T. Right for \$3,378; and Installation, Absolute Computers for an estimate of \$720.
Ayes: Tell, Carson, Cousins, Smith, Fisher, Semifero and Keough. Nays: None.
Motion carries.

ADJOURNMENT
Motion Smith: support Fisher to adjourn at 9:18 PM.
Unanimous voice vote for approval.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol J. Jones, Clerk, Village of Dexter
Approved for Filing: December 27, 2011.
NOTE: This is a synopsis of the Regular Council Meeting. The minutes in their entirety may be viewed at the Village Office at 8123 Main Street, Dexter MI or online at www.villageofdexter.org.
Publish January 5, 2012.

BULLETIN BOARD

"Around Town with Linda"

"Around Town with Linda" will feature Winston Boyer, Chelsea's Cookie Man. "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.

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The Shemwell boys play indoor soccer at the gym.



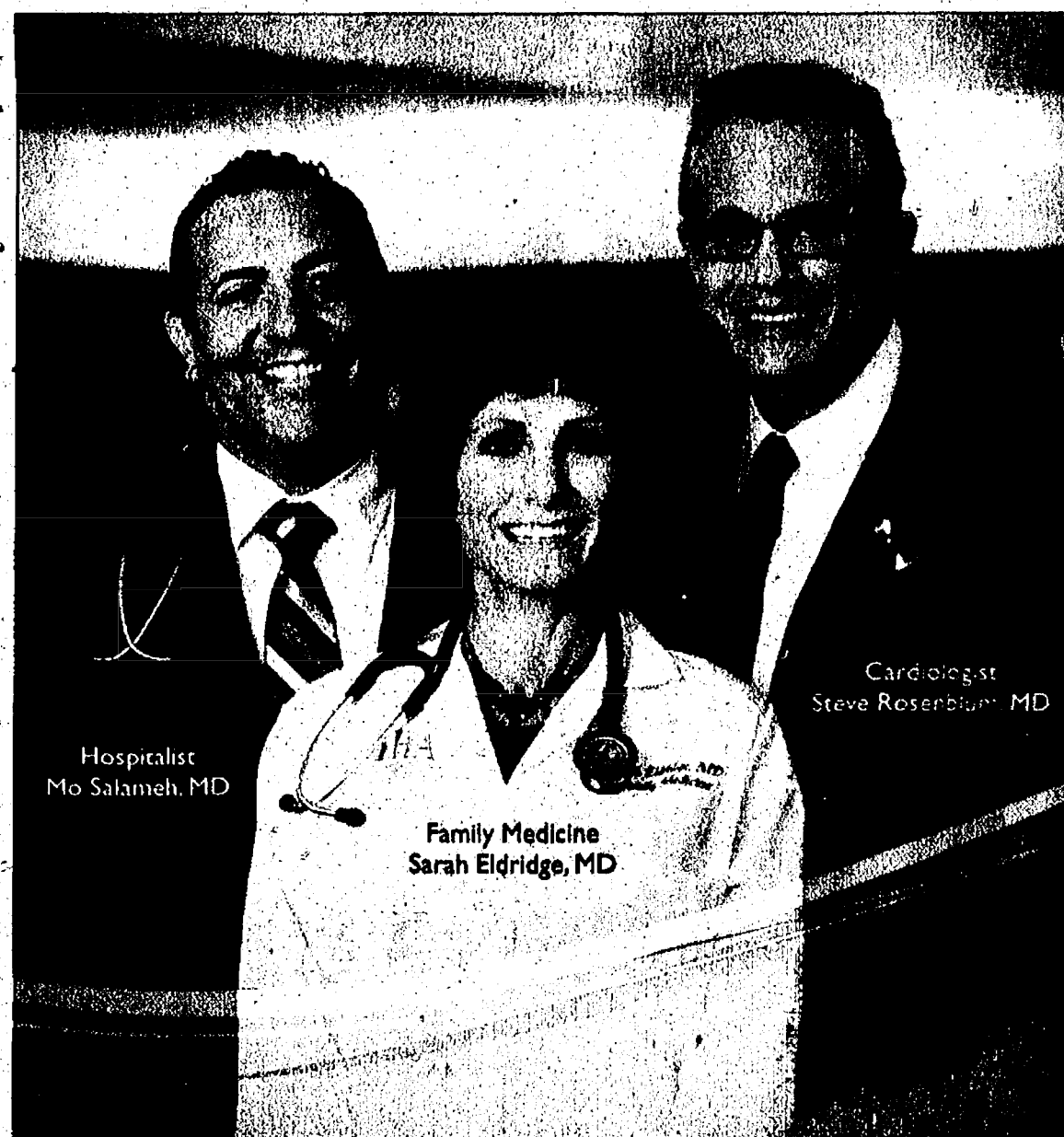
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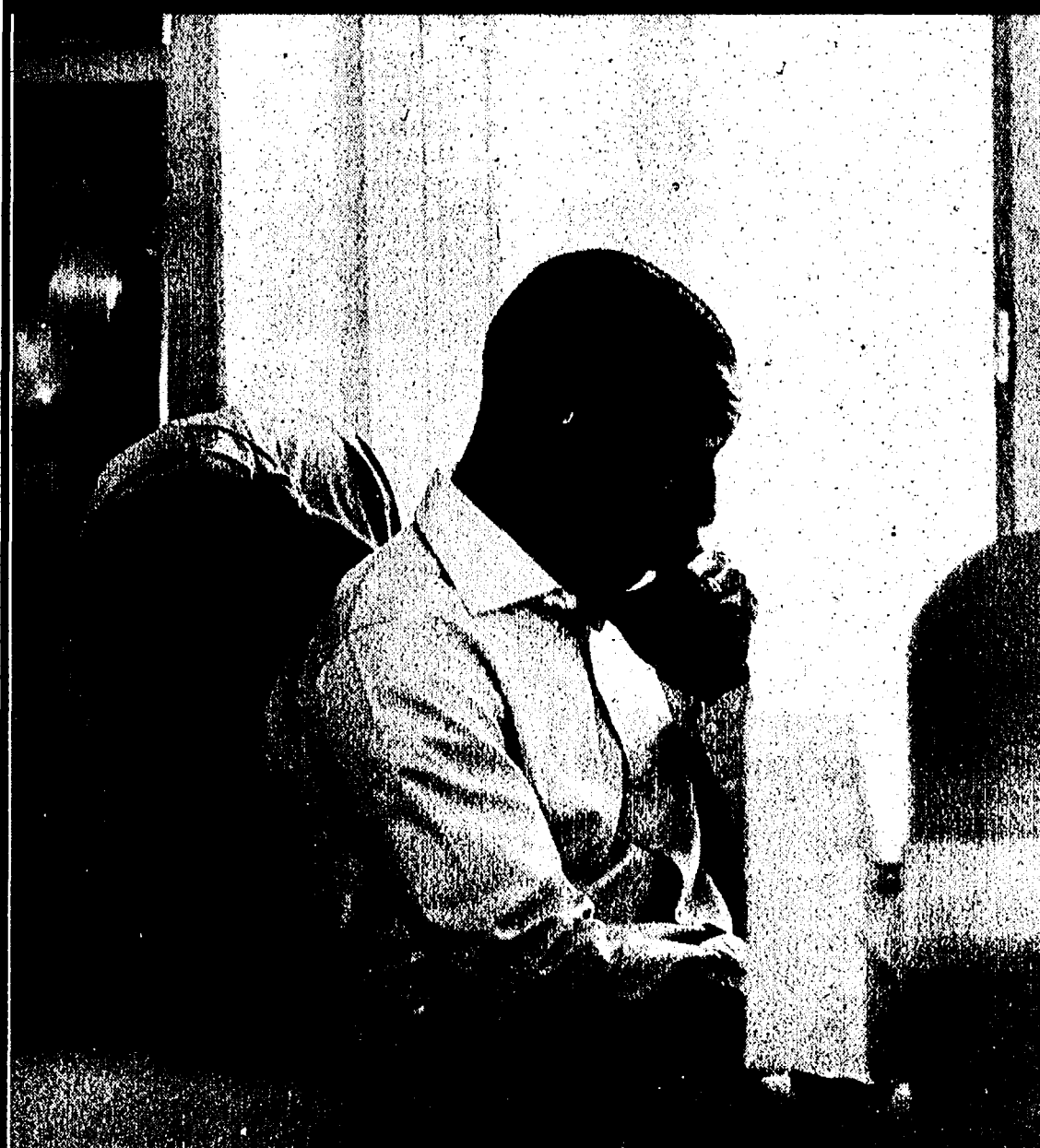
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'Melancholia' deserves higher praise

In the eyes of the press, Lars von Trier is a misogynist, Nazi-sympathetic lunatic. In my eyes, he's one of the most inventive, profoundly moving directors we have today.

When premiering his latest film at Cannes, he started a joking tangent of "offensive remarks." His intent was to mess with the press. In return, the press has messed with him, to an extent overshadowing the film that he was there to promote in the first place. And, man, is it a beauty.

The title is "Melancholia," referring to both the gloomy state of mind of the lead character, Kirsten Dunst's Justine, and the red planet that is slowly but surely hurtling toward Earth. While everyone else is frantically running about, providing scientific "proof" that the two will not come into contact, Justine serenely sits, waits, knows.

She's not incorrect in her assumption either — as the movie's very first scene is the ultra-slow-motion destruction of the Earth, a sequence set to Wagner's "Tristan und Isolde"

prelude that mesmerizes and shocks. Von Trier has always had an utter grip on visual style and form, but here he manages to make the very destruction of our world a poem, playing to the senses and the mind.

After this sequence, von Trier rolls it back a few months to Justine's wedding. Here we meet her dysfunctional family: her sister Claire

(a wonderfully miserable Charlotte Gainsbourg); Claire's husband, a very convenient astrologist (Kiefer Sutherland, playing well outside his "24" origins); their charming drunkard of a father (John Hurt); and Justine's slimeball of a boss (Stellan Skarsgard, who else?).

Here is a charming little mini-movie in which things fall apart rather quickly.

Justine experiences a wave of sudden, paralyzing depression. Watching the looks on her groom-to-be (Alexander Skarsgard of "True Blood") slowly become less and less hopeful is heartbreaking. Justine's are even harder to watch. The film here enters a second segment, more

centered on Claire's home life and her grappling with the forthcoming end of the world.

"Melancholia" is an immensely personal statement for von Trier, whose crippling depression has well-publicized over the years. Von Trier here offers a full-fledged exploration of it, both as a force that can destroy and build, immobilize and empower.

All of this is done with an equal emphasis on character and visual.

Both are important to the message being conveyed, but von Trier's true accomplishments lie in his techniques, in his form. In what other film would an Oscar-worthy performance go almost entirely overlooked in my praises?

And although Kirsten Dunst may not go home with even the nomination she deserves for her work here, it still marks a wonderful revitalization in talents and form in, ironically, a performance embodying depression.

"Melancholia" is a film both sluggish and brief, natural and fantastical, heartbreaking and magical. Von Trier has, through his career, excelled in finding universal truths through focused portraits. Here, he has expanded his ambitions to the stars, and the result is less a film than it is a dream. The only bad part is waking up.

I give it an A rating.

'Young Adult' offers subtle-but-sharp humor

As a high school student, it's not uncommon to look around sometimes and contemplate where everyone's going to end up in 20 years, not just geographically speaking, but emotionally, as well.

Jason Reitman's new film "Young Adult" stares dead-on into the eyes of former-prom queen, present-author Mavis Gary. Her works are throwaway "young-adult" literature: shallow, self-obsessed tracts about popularity and glamour that perfectly reflects Gary's self-image.

She's a 2011 woman whose head remains in 1991, still manipulating and twisting people for her own ends, just like old times — and a divorced alcoholic.

Her migration from Minneapolis to small-town Mercury, Minn., is part of a quest to get old high school flame Buddy Slade back. The fact that he's now married, a father and, well, boring, doesn't halt Gary for a minute, and this self-deluded quest is the basis for the film.

Charlize Theron as Mavis is the front-and-center focus, and Theron does not disappoint. She delivers "Juno" scribe

Diablo Cody's dialogue with an acrid tongue and self-important poise. But the majority of her heavy work is actually what comes in between the quips — the dishelved "morning-after" segments that follow her night-time rampages through bars and hearts, the little grimaces and lip-bites that reveal her near-monstrous nature, and the little pauses and sighs that reveal the real pain that beats at her center. Theron is exceptional because she layers the subtle with the theatrical — and unlike many of her peers, she knows when to equip the two. She's not a character, but a force.

Serving as an unlikely friend to Mavis through her tenure in Mercury is Matt. Matt is an overweight sadsack whose notable high-school accomplishment was when jocks permanently crippled him because of his supposed homosexuality, and he's longed after Mavis for 20 years.

When the two occupy the screen together, "Young Adult" finds its true voice of reason and reality. Patton Oswalt's take on Matt is a pitch-perfect side-turn, proving his dramatic chops to be as fine-tuned as his hysterical stand-up-comedy. A scene in which the two greet each other free of any clothing is poignant, awkward and heart-breaking all rolled into one.

The real star here is Diablo Cody's script — not just as an individual work, but as a logical progression in maturity and depth. Cody's actual dialogue takes upon a more sober, mature matter than her "Juno" and "Jennifer's Body" scripts, but she retains the tart, sassy attitude and subtext that made those films stand out.

"Young Adult" is a curious affair, a film whose subtle-but-sharp humor comes from watching a woman humiliate herself and annihilate all relationships in her wake. It's also a curiosity in Jason Reitman's filmography — certainly less immediate and striking than his last film "Up in the Air," and perhaps a minor disappointment given that was one of the great films of the past decade.

Both films are about people and the folly of their personal philosophies. "Young Adult" is so darn interesting because Mavis Gary never realizes it. It's a terrible flaw that makes for a very good film.

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.ryanthe-moviecritic.com.



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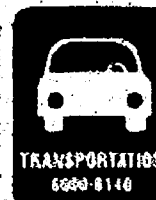
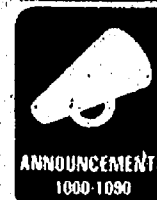
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

FILE NO. 11-1110-DE

Estate of PHYLLIS M. WHITE, Deceased. Date of birth: July 17, 1938

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, PHYLLIS M. WHITE, Deceased, who lived at 1819 Smith, Ypsilanti, Michigan, died August 31, 2011.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Gregory Hensley, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 101 E. Huron, P.O. Box 8645, Ann Arbor, MI 48103 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice. December 27, 2011.

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TAKE NOTICE: Notice is hereby given to the creditors and contingent creditors of the above-named decedent, that all persons having claims against the decedent, Mark Wayne Emerson, are required to file them with the Trustee of the trust and mail a copy to Marrie L. Emerson, at 1655 Naomi Avenue, Adrian, Michigan 49221, as trustee of the trust dated October 20, 1998 wherein the decedent was the settlor. Your interest shall be forever barred unless presented to the Trustee and the Probate Court within four (4) months of the date of publication of this notice. Notice is further given that the estate will then be assigned to entitled persons appearing of record. YOUR INTEREST IN THE ESTATE MAY BE BARRED OR AFFECTED BY THIS HEARING.
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FILE NO. PRP 10-445 DE

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TO ALL CREDITORS

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Creditor's of the decedent are notified that all claims against The Ismat Hamid Living Trust dated July 13, 1998, as amended, will be forever barred unless presented to Batul Hamid, Trustee, whose address is 3251 Maple Road, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48105, within four months after the date of publication.

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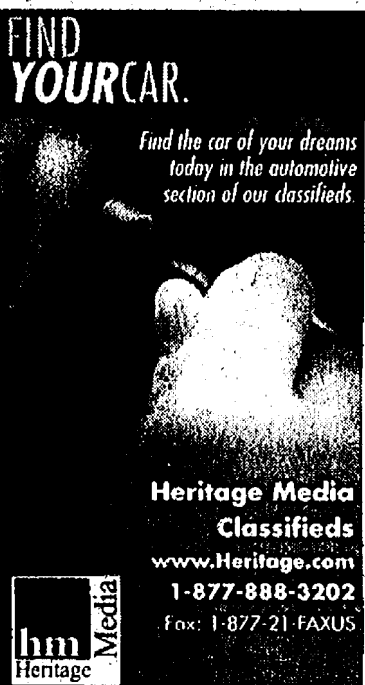


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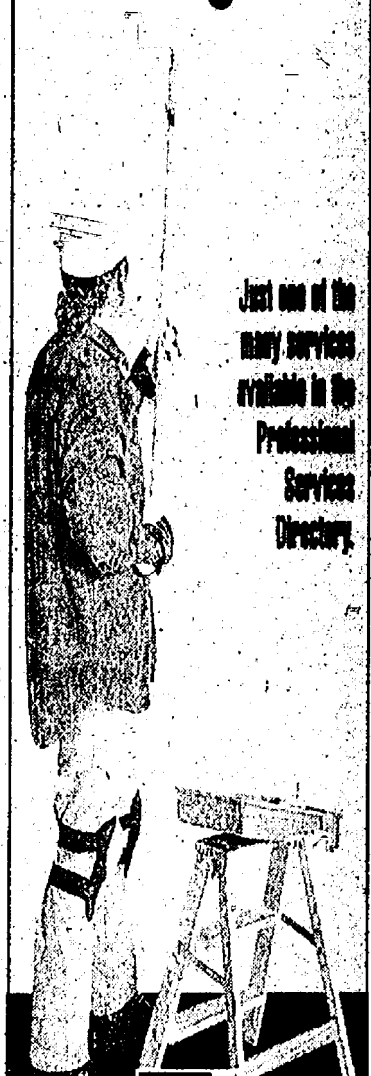
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HERITAGE WEST INSIDE LOOK: THE WORLD OF SPORTS COLLECTIBLES

'It's fun, but it's tough'

The rise and fall of sports collectibles as both a business and a hobby

By Terry Jacoby
Heritage Media

If the early to mid nineties were a home run for sports collectibles, the hobby now finds itself standing at first base. Few believe it will ever be rounding third base again but some feel there is still enough interest, passion and even dollar signs for a return to the win column.

The current state of sports collectibles is easy to see during a Saturday afternoon at either of the Gibraltar Trade Center locations. And if one didn't have the knowledge of what once was, it might not look all that bad.

History has a way of putting things into perspective. And few people in metro Detroit have a better perspective than Joe Manzella, the owner of Joe Manzella Sportscards.

Manzella's first pitch into sports collectibles came in 1989 after a friend introduced him to the hobby. "I was working for the phone company at the time and worked there for 22 years," he said. "Believe it or not I quit that job to get into this. And I don't regret it for one minute."

Many of the dealers who set up shop at the Gibraltar Trade Center share a few common traits. They are all very knowledgeable when it comes to sports collectibles, none are getting wealthy off the hobby, they've all been doing this for quite some time - even a few since the beginning - and they still act like kids when it comes to buying, selling and trading cards, autographs or whatever else is on the table.

"It's a fun and tough way to make a living," says Manzella, who was raised in Allen Park (a 1968 graduate of Allen Park HS) and now lives in Farmington Hills. "We're still here. At one time I had my whole family working with me, but now it's just me and my daughter."

Manzella does get some help from his other kids as well as his grandsons. At a recent show in Mt. Clemens, Brandon, 15, spent the whole day with his grandfather. "Only my daughter still helps with the business side of things," says Manzella, a Vietnam veteran, husband, father and grandfather. "My other kids and grandkids still help out though."

"But we all collected cards when I was a kid, but I was not a big-time collector."

In fact, Manzella says he never became a "big-time" collector.

"I became a big-time seller," he says. "It's a process of continually buying and selling."

A grand slam

The old-timers like to talk about the glory days, when the sports collectibles hobby was at its peak. That was during the 1990s when the sports card shows at both Mt. Clemens and Taylor were wall-to-wall with dealers, and the place was packed with "kids" of all ages looking, collecting, buying and selling.

But with most rises, come falls. For the sports collectibles business - especially trading cards - the fall came towards the end of the 1990s. And it came fast and hard. "During the early and mid 1990s, it was great," Manzella said.

Then everyone got a little greedy. The card manufacturers got very greedy. And the house of cards began to crumble.

"I would guess we now do about 25 percent of what we used to do then," Manzella says. "The card companies started over producing. It chased a lot of people out of the market."



Joe Manzella (top photo), owner of Joe Manzella Sportscards, shows a young customer some of his merchandise at the Gibraltar Trade Center in Mt. Clemens. While some young collectors (left) still show up, the shows at Gibraltar aren't what they were in the mid nineties.

The Sportscard Collectibles Show

What: The Sportscard Collectibles Show is held once a month in the 60,000 square-foot show arena at both Gibraltar Trade Center locations. They have more than 150 tables piled high with vintage to modern toys, collectibles of all kinds, sports cards, non-sports cards, autographed memorabilia, lithographs, action figures, racing collectibles, supplies and much more. In addition to the vendors, they also have sports celebrities who appear at the shows to sign autographs on Saturday and Sunday.

Cost: With a table fee of \$50 per eight-foot table, Gibraltar is the most affordable collectible show around for vendors who are interested in setting up at a show. They even offer a discount for those that pay for tables two weeks in advance to help you save a little money up front.

Upcoming shows: Mt. Clemens (Jan. 20-22), Taylor (Jan. 27-29).

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And it chased a lot of people, especially young people, out of the hobby. The over-producing of cards by more companies than you could keep track of on a scoreboard and the rising cost for packs and sets helped start the ball rolling - downwards. Then came along the internet. Strike two.

"E-Bay certainly changed things," says Manzella, who is constantly checking and updating his E-Bay site (jmcards.com) while waiting for customers at the Mt. Clemens Gibraltar Trade Center to stop by and check out his merchandise.

"And the economy today has been a huge factor. People who aren't working aren't out buying baseball cards or autographs."

Positive points

There is always that "but" with Manzella. Tough times are here and there is no denying the business isn't what it used to be.

"But people love to collect," he says. "People still buy."

On-Manzella's E-Bay site, someone did buy - a big buy.

"I had someone buy a \$2,500 card on E-Bay," he says. "It was a Sydney Crosby autographed card."

At the Mt. Clemens show, Manzella sits behind his five tables (it's \$40 a table at Gibraltar if you sign up early) stacked with boxes of cards. People stroll by throughout the day. Many just casually glance and keep on strolling. Some stop and take a closer look, trying to find that diamond in the rough or at the very least a better deal than the guy around the corner is offering for the same item.

And a few pull out their wallets and exchange cash for cardboard.

"We have boxes here for \$5 and for as much as \$500 right here at the show," says Manzella. "Right now the basketball National Treasure box is the most expensive."

A quick jump on E-Bay shows that \$50 for the National Treasure box is a pretty good deal. The Panini 2010/2011 NBA National Treasures trading card set includes a common sequence (numbered to 99) and a selection of special and rare cards.

These special cards may include a Kobe Bryant on-card autograph, jumbo Prime Material cards, NBA Logoman combos and many more exciting exclusives.

A Kobe Bryant autographed card (No. 35 of 99) had a starting bid of \$150 on E-Bay while an NBA Logoman DeMar DeRozan card (No. 1 of 1) was already at \$430.

Manzella deals mostly with boxes. He has them stacked up on his tables, both above and below. Down on the bottom are the boxes destroyed by the over-producing manufacturers in the late 1990s.

"The \$5 boxes never sell," he says. "The \$75 to \$100 boxes sell much better than the \$5 boxes."

But as Manzella likes to say, "you never know."

"I had a guy at the last show in Taylor spend \$300 on boxes and leave, then he came back a little while later and spent another \$700," he said. "That's \$1,000 from one person. So you never know."

Buyers can expect a fair price at these shows but don't count on any home runs.

"I would be out of business if I gave discounts," Manzella says. "There already is a very small margin for profit here."

Local forecast

The downfall of the overall business has obviously reached the Gibraltar Trade Show. During the early and mid-1990s, this place was hopping. It was the place to be and the place to see for anyone interested in sports collectibles.

"We used to be wall to wall," says Manzella, who requires more than three hours to set up and a couple hours to take down. "We had collectors from that wall to that wall."

On this day, "that" wall



Even with help from his family, Joe Manzella still needs several hours to set up for shows.

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had a gun and knife show taking place and the other "wall" was empty. The sports collectibles show at both Gibraltar locations are now teamed up with another show because there is no longer the interest or support to justify the entire floor space.

The sports show now takes up about 25 percent of the floor space. Back in the day, it would be at 100 percent and flourishing.

"I love Gibraltar and I still love doing these shows," Manzella says. "And I still make some money. If I didn't, I wouldn't be here. There are always things you can do better and some things that I would do differently, but they do their best." One of the big draws during those glory days were the sports superstars that would come in and sign autographs. And we're talking superstars - the biggest names in sports.

Muhammad Ali, Henry Aaron, Willie Mays, Joe Namath. Just to a name a few.

Gibraltar may be signing up a few stars here and there but not super ones anymore.

"One of the problems with the autograph signers is they are charging too much," Manzella said. "There is a fine line there and if you charge too much people won't come. There are places now like Meljer that bring people in and they sign for free."

The autograph signers used to help get people in the building, which made everyone happy. These days Manzella and other vendors don't pay much attention to who is coming in to sign autographs.

Still, there are some big names coming through the doors with pen in hand. In December, Barry Sanders, Greg Landry and Willie Horton were among those signing autographs in Gibraltar.

"In April they had Darren McCarty and Claude Lemieux," Manzella said. "That was a huge day and brought in quite a few people. It was a zoo. And it's the first time in a long time it's been a zoo. It was a lot of fun."

Manzella sees plenty of familiar faces at each show - which leads to another concern among buyers, sellers, collectors and event organizers.

"It's a lot of the same people," he says. "We still see kids coming in but not as many as we would like. But we don't see many young dealers. The dealer base is pretty old."

Some of these dealers used to be Manzella's cus-

tomers. And what happens once those "older" dealers move on? Will there be any one left to replace them?

Tommy D.

He came from Brooklyn. Has been around since the start. And he will talk your ear off.

Tommy D. is excited about sports cards. He was at that first Gibraltar show back in June 1991 in Mt. Clemens and has been a regular at both locations ever since.

"That first show was awesome," Tommy says. "It started it all. And you could make a good living at the start just by going to these shows. The mid 1980s to the mid 1990s was a hot time. It was booming. The Beckett Guide came out in 1984."

Game on ...

And now?

"You can't give away some baseball cards now," he says. Game over ... almost.

Tommy, 65, grew up in Brooklyn and moved to Michigan in 1976. He said baseball cards were really the only thing that sold up to the mid eighties when sports collectibles - especially cards - took off.

"We went back to buy our boyhood heroes like Mantle and Mays," he says.

Now those cards are considered vintage and it's pretty much all Tommy deals with these days.

"Old school dealers define vintage as ending at 1970," he said. "So anything prior to that is vintage. Most people buy vintage cards as an investment. These cards won't be around forever."

Some of the top-selling vintage cards include the 1952 Topps, the Tobacco T-206 cards from 1909-1911 (they would include one card with a pack of cigarettes) and the 1933 Goudey set (which included four Babe Ruth and three Lou Gehrig cards). Vintage cards either hold their value or go up in value.

As with most antiques (just ask Mike Wolfe and Frank Fritz), condition is everything.

"There is a company called PSA that grades cards and they give their opinion on the condition," Tommy says. "And to some people that rating is everything."

Tommy has been doing this full time for 30 years and still loves it.

"There have been a lot of peaks and valleys," he says.

"The investors got into the market when it was booming and had visions of making a killing. That helped ruin things."

"But I do this because I have a passion. I've gone through the good, the bad

and the ugly with this hobby or business. It's not what it used to be. The investors and card companies drove the kids out and that's what is killing it. There are no new faces at these shows."

But Tommy isn't done dealing. Not yet.

"Like I said, I still love it," he says. "I enjoy talking with people and coming to these shows. I'm not walking away just yet."

Back in the game

The year was 1992 and Rob Young of Clinton Township decided to walk.

"I grew tired of all the different companies making cards and the price of the packs went up a lot," he said. "I just got fed up and sold a lot of my stuff."

Like everyone else, Young can't help but think back to when Gibraltar was rocking and rolling.

"The shows have gotten a lot smaller," he said. "Even before the economy went bad, people wanted things for pennies on the dollar. During the early 1990s this room was full of dealers."

But his love for the hobby never disappeared and he kept an eye on things - even if it was from the bleachers instead of the playing field.

"I went to the All-Star Fanfest in 2005 at Cobo and saw a lot of stuff I had gotten rid of and it had some sentimental value to me," he said. "I'm glad I got back into it. Now I'm more interested in negatives, slides, pictures and reading materials. I still do cards, but very limited on what I collect."

Young, now 42, was making his way around the Gibraltar Trade Center, stopping at most tables and talking with many of the vendors. He says he still enjoys going to the shows but it's now "99 percent" as a hobby and not to make money.

Like it was when he was a kid.

Can I have your autograph?

Mike Teeple still feels like a kid when he gets a professional athlete's autograph. Teeple, who now has a kid of his own, is a regular at the Gibraltar Trade Center sports shows. The Rochester Hills resident deals mostly with autographs. After growing up in the hobby, he's made it his business.

"I was 12 years old and got Joe Dumars autograph at a bakery and I've been hooked ever since," says Teeple. "I started coming here when I was 13. My parents would drop me off when it opened and picked me up when it closed. My mom would even stand in lines and get autographs for me."

Teeple has auctions on E-Bay that end every Sunday and he still comes to every show at Gibraltar. The difference now is he can drive himself - and he has a much bigger collection.

"I think the Detroit teams winning something would really help this place," Teeple said. "Could you imagine if the Lions won the Super Bowl. It would be huge."

Teeple uses to travel quite a bit to buy, sell and chase down autographs. "I don't go any further than Chicago now," he says. "We still make some money and it's fun. If it wasn't fun, I wouldn't do it. These shows are a lot of work, but I still love coming here."

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Photo by Terry Jacoby

Robert Koester, president of the Gibraltar Trade Center, still finds a spot for the sports card shows.

Gibraltar Trade Center still hosts the only game in town

By Terry Jacoby
Heritage Media

Robert Koester is the president of the Gibraltar Trade Center, which was founded in 1980 and now attracts more than two million shoppers each year to their weekend public markets in Mt. Clemens and Taylor.

Often thought of as a flea market - it's not because they deal mainly with new and top brand merchandise - the Gibraltar Trade Center does offer the buyer the opportunity to deal directly with the seller. In other words, the price on the item isn't necessarily the price on the item.

The two locations are filled with hundreds of small business owners selling every conceivable type of product.

"This is American enterprise at its best," Koester says. "You deal directly with the owners and make your best deal."

"We started in the city of Gibraltar on a dirt road in 1980. Two years later, my dad bought the Taylor facility and the business took off."

Ten years later they opened the Mt. Clemens facility. The two buildings include a 60,000 square foot show space which frequently hosts shows for gun & knife, golf, home improvement and many others. And once a month at each location, Gibraltar hosts a sports collectibles show.

Once a big money maker for the trade center, the sports shows have fallen on tough times.

"The internet really changed everything for sports collectibles," he said. "Collectors could now go and compare prices from all over the world. They could buy, sell and trade with considerably more people and that crushed the business more than anything in my opinion."

"I don't mean the business is crushed but as far as shows and the amount of participants, both customers and vendors alike, it's not close to what it once was."

What it once was included as many as 450 to 500 tables taking up the entire showroom.

"We used to bring in the sports celebrities and it was routine to sell 800 to 1,000 autographs no matter who it was," Koester said. "Now if you bring in a celebrity, if you get 300, it's a very successful day."

One of the reasons Gibraltar doesn't bring in as many autograph signers is because today's current athlete makes so much money it's not worth their time. And the days of athletes wanting to get to know their fans have long since passed.

"They aren't coming out here for three grand or five grand," Koester said. "They want \$20,000 or \$30,000 and in order to recoup that, you have to charge more for the autograph. People can't afford \$30 and \$40 autographs."

Koester doesn't see the hobby ever getting back to where it once was and it's mostly because of the lack of interest from today's youth.

"It was a youth driven thing over the years where when kids grew up they stayed interested and involved," he said. "I just don't see today's youth that interested."

How many kids do you know who collect baseball cards and trade them with their friends like you or I used to do when we were young? Kids today have many more exciting options at their disposal. It's a choice between trying to find that rare Derek Jeter card or blowing up things and shooting people in Call of Duty MW3.

"There is always going to be a place for it, but I'm just not seeing the young kids at the shows like there used to be," Koester said. "A big part of the show used to be the young guys buying, selling and horse trading things from their collection. I just don't see it anymore."

While it no longer is standing-room only, there is still enough interest in the hobby that keeps Koester coming back each month with a show at both locations.

"There is still a place for the sports collectibles show," he said. "People still like to come in and see, feel, touch and talk with people. I'm not a collector but I would think there would be an advantage being able to talk and deal one on one with a person. And the sellers are buying the buyers are selling out there so there is some dealing going on out on the floor."

"Koester says the shows no longer make money for the trade center but they still help bring people into the building."

"The show areas are not all about money," he said. "It's about drawing people here."

He said during the good times the sports show would make them as much as \$30,000. That's now down to about \$3,500. "Yeah, we now charge \$35 for a table and sell about 100 tables. There was a time we would sell over 450 tables at \$5 per table."

"But with the big box stores and the internet, it's tough on all small vendors out there. It's not just sports collectors."

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Lucky No. 7

Bulldogs dropped in tournament opener

By Terry Jacoby
Heritage Media

The Chelsea Bulldogs looked like they had things under control until Pinckney turned up the pressure in the fourth quarter.

The Pirates created seven turnovers in the final quarter and took advantage of some poor free-throw shooting by the Bulldogs to pull off a 53-50 win in the first round of the Chelsea Holiday Tournament.

"We played really well for three quarters and

really controlled the game," Chelsea coach Robin Raymond said. "They started pressing in the fourth quarter with what I call a scramble defense and trapped us all over the floor and we didn't handle it very well."

The Bulldogs, who led 25-20 at halftime, led by as many as 10 points in the third quarter and even had a double-digit lead in the fourth quarter before the Pirates came storming back.

The Bulldogs made only 3 of 11 free-throw attempts in

the fourth quarter and just 5 of 17 for the game.

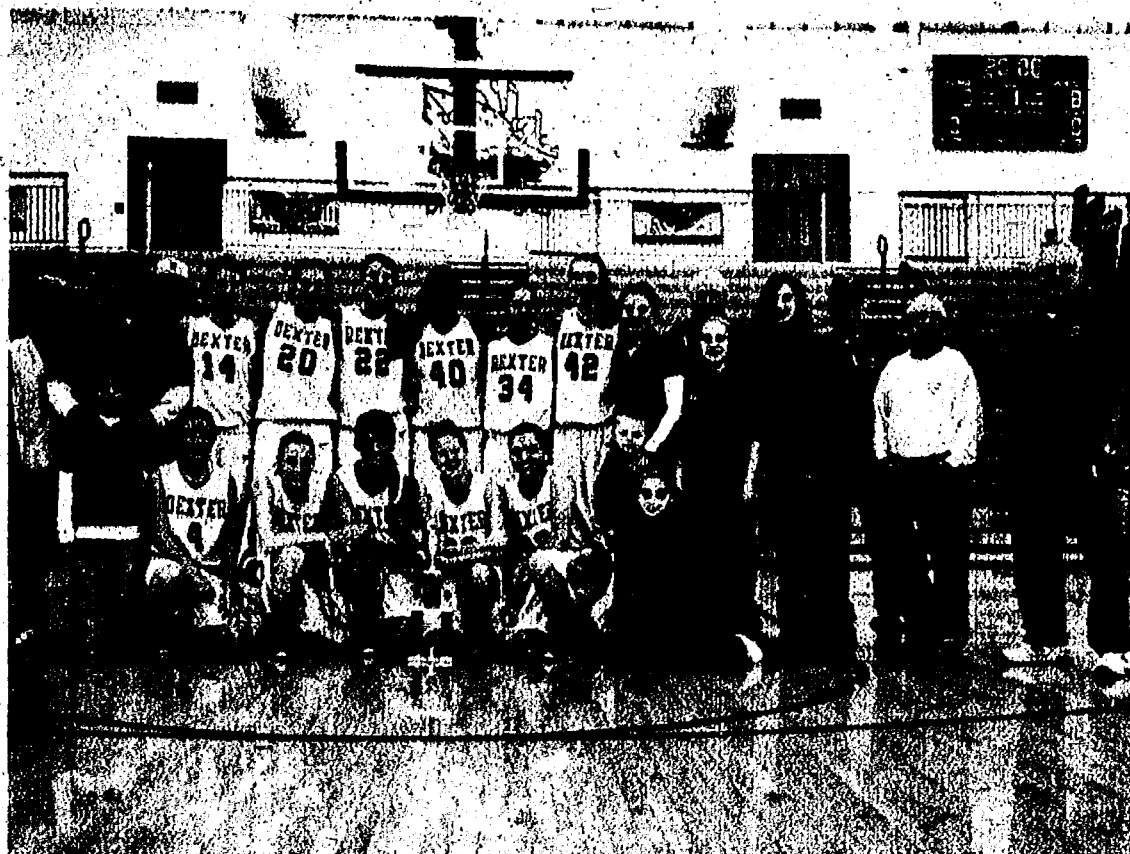
"That's not us," Raymond said. "We are a better shooting team than that."

Chelsea made 10 of 14 from the line in last week's loss to Saline.

"We also had too many turnovers," Raymond said. "You can't turn over the ball seven times in the fourth quarter."

Michael Steinhauer led Chelsea with 11 points.

The Bulldogs host Brighton at 7:30 p.m. on Friday.



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The host Dexter girls won their own Holiday Tournament Friday night, knocking off South Lyon 34-19 to improve to 7-0 on the year.

Dexter tops South Lyon to win own tournament

By Terry Jacoby
Heritage Media

Maybe it was too much holiday spirit. Or maybe the two teams were a little tired from playing the day before. Or perhaps it was great defense.

Yeah, maybe.

Whatever the reasons, Dexter vs. South Lyon didn't start off like a championship game. The score was just 4-2 after the first quarter with Dexter's only points coming late on a basket by Polly Washabaugh.

But the Dreads eventually kicked the offense into gear while maintaining their aggressive defensive pressure and cruised to a 34-19 win Friday in the championship game of the Dexter Holiday Tournament.

The Dreads are now 7-0 on the season.

Olivia Cares led all scorers with nine points. Makenzie Svihra and Polly Washabaugh each scored eight and Emma Kill had seven for the balanced Dreadnaughts.

"They knew what we wanted to do and tried to stop us from doing that," said Dexter coach Mike Bavineau. "They played a 1-3-1 zone and we don't see that very often. I thought we got some good shots but they didn't fall early on and that's going to happen."

"Hopefully, this makes us better later in the season."

Dexter controlled the second quarter and then dominated the third quarter when the Dreads stretched their lead to double digits.

South Lyon opened the third with a jumper for two points but didn't score again until a free throw with just 52.9 seconds left in the quarter. Meanwhile, the Dreads were turning steals into baskets and doing a much better job running the offense.

Washabaugh made it 16-10 Dexter on a nice baseline drive for a bucket. Svihra stole a pass and went the length of the floor for a layup and then Kill scored inside off a great pass

by Teia McGahey to give Dexter a 20-10 lead with 1:30 left in the quarter.

Washabaugh got her own rebound to make it 22-10. The senior forward scored again to give Dexter a 24-11 lead after three quarters.

Cares hit a bucket and then nailed two free throws to give Dexter a 28-14 lead with 4:35 left in the game. It was pretty much over at that point.

After the rough first quarter, things picked up a little in the second quarter. While putting the ball in the basket was still a problem, the Dreads clearly picked up their intensity and started turning steals into points.

Svihra got things going with a jumper on Dexter's first possession. After South Lyon scored, Emma Kill answered.

After South Lyon scored again, Cares answered and answered and answered. The senior center hit a free throw and then hit two more free throws to give Dexter its first lead (9-8) with 3:38 left in the second quarter.

Cares scored again inside and Svihra hit two free throws to push Dexter's lead to 13-8 after one half of play.

Dexter's big three of Kill, Cares and Washabaugh did a great job on the boards all night.

Dreads cruise in tourney semis

It wasn't a game the Dreadnaughts want to put in the time capsule but it was still another victory for Dexter. And even though the Dreads were not at their best, it was still an easy victory as they had few problems with visiting Lincoln Park.

Dexter led 10-4 after the first quarter and held Lincoln Park to just one free throw in the second quarter as the Dreads cruised to a 46-14 win in the first round of the Dexter Holiday Invitational. They advance to Friday's championship game against South

Lyon at 4:30 p.m.

Polly Washabaugh had 10 points to lead the Dreads. Makenzie Svihra had seven points and Sirah Camara added six for the winners.

The Dreads had as many steals as they had points in the first half but the home team struggled shooting the basketball. Their defense though shut down the visiting Railsplitters, limiting them to few good looks the entire game.

Dexter led 10-2 in the first quarter and took a 10-4 lead into the second quarter. Washabaugh got the Dreads going with two inside baskets, the second coming on her own rebound to give Dexter a 4-0 lead.

After Olivia Cares scored on a rebound, Svihra hit a jumper and then scored off a steal to give Dexter a 10-2 lead late in the first quarter.

Both offenses struggled in the second quarter. Washabaugh scored for Dexter on a great move and drive to the basket to give Dexter a 12-4 lead. That first basket didn't come until there was just 3:55 left to play in the quarter.

Camara nailed a jump shot and Cares hit a free throw to give the home team a 16-4 lead.

Host Dreads fall in tourney finals

By Terry Jacoby
Heritage Media

After the Dexter girls won their half of the Dexter Holiday Tournament, the Dexter boys were trying to make it a sweep. But the Saline Hornets were a buzz-kill to the weekend.

In an all-SEC final, Saline outlasted Dexter 56-47 Friday night to win the boys Dexter Holiday Invitational. Sophomore Michael Hendrickson and senior Michael Smutny each scored 18 for the Hornets.

Jacob VanHoof and Derek Seidl led Dexter with 11 apiece. Jay Lewis scored 10 for the Dreads.

The game marked a return to Dexter for Saline head coach Matt Seidl. The longtime Dexter JV coach now runs the Hornets, even though his son, Derek, plays for the Dreads. It was a father vs. son matchup over the holidays.

"It was a tough game and thought both teams played well," Matt Seidl said. "(Dexter coach Randy Swoverland) and I worked together for seven years and I took with me a lot of the things we were doing here. They know our plays and we know their plays."

On this night, Saline knew them a little bit better.

The Dreads never gave up and kept on coming all night but it wasn't enough to overtake the talented Hornets. A jump shot by Jay Lewis cut the

Saline lead to 41-35 midway through the fourth quarter. But the Hornets went on a 7-0 run which included a triple from Hendrickson to take a commanding 48-35 lead.

Lewis hit a triple with 1:21 left to cut the lead to 49-40 and then Derek Seidl converted a three-point play to make it 50-43 with 1:02 left. Seidl hit another three for the Dreads to cut it to 53-46 with 28.9 seconds left.

But the Hornets knocked down their free throws and put the game away in the final minute.

Dexter runs past Willor Run, into tournament finals

The Dreadnaughts put on an impressive performance in Thursday's 68-20 semifinal win over Willow Run to advance to Friday's championship game against SEC foe Saline. The Hornets beat Walled Lake Northern in the other semifinal.

Dexter senior Mike Mioduszewski led all scorers with 19 points. Zack Byron had 13 points and Jacob VanHoof had eight for the winners.

The Dreads came out strong at both ends of the floor. The Flyers didn't score until McKenzie Dunlap hit a free throw with 1:43 to play in the quarter.

Meanwhile, the Dreads offense was clicking. Mioduszewski scored four of Dexter's first six points. VanHoof hit four free throws and Mioduszewski

added two more as Dexter led 12-0 at the 4:16 mark of the first quarter.

After Dunlap hit a nice turnaround jumper in the lane, Derek Seidl ended the quarter with a layup to give the home team a 14-3 lead after one.

The Dreads kept coming in the second quarter as the Flyers couldn't get their offense off the ground.

Jay Lewis started things with a three-point play to make it 17-3. Then VanHoof scored off a nice pass from Mioduszewski, who scored the next time down the floor off a nice pass from VanHoof to make it 21-3.

The Flyers scored their first basket of the quarter with 3:08 left to play on a rebound by NyShaun Marks.

The Dreads answered with a 6-0 run as Brandon Bednarz scored inside, Mioduszewski scored off a nice pass from Lewis who then set up Bednarz with an easy basket to push the lead to 27-5.

Jamal Poplar scored inside for the Flyers but Lewis turned a steal into a layup as the Dreads led 29-10 at halftime.

Miller scored four of Dexter's first six points in the third quarter as Dexter took a 35-10 lead.

After another basket by Poplar, the Dreads went on a 6-0 run highlighted by VanHoof's steal and layup.

Marks had a nice turnaround jumper to end the run but Dexter kept on coming and led 53-16 after three quarters following Byron's triple and Andy McWilliams layup.

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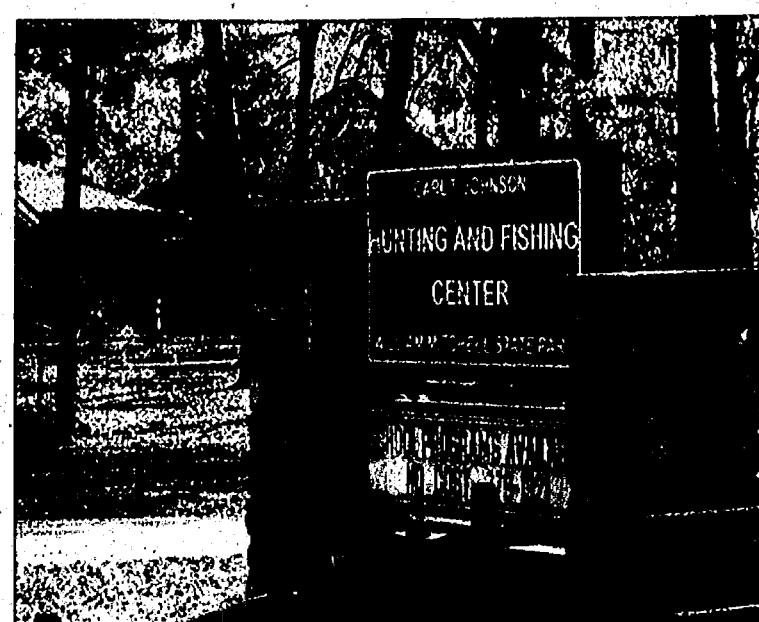
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State Park Visitor Center dedicated to hunting, fishing

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Youngsters enjoy the Great Lakes fishing simulator at Carl T. Johnson Hunting and Fishing Center.











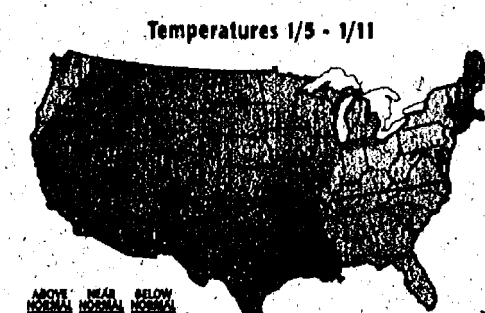
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NATIONAL OUTLOOK

Thursday	Thu. night	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
							
Mostly cloudy	Mostly cloudy	Clouds and sun	Mostly cloudy	Times of clouds and sun	Partly sunny	Times of clouds and sun	Mostly sunny and milder
33° to 39°	21° to 27°	40° to 46° 25° to 31°	35° to 41° 21° to 27°	33° to 39° 20° to 26°	34° to 40° 20° to 26°	32° to 38° 24° to 30°	39° to 45° 23° to 29°



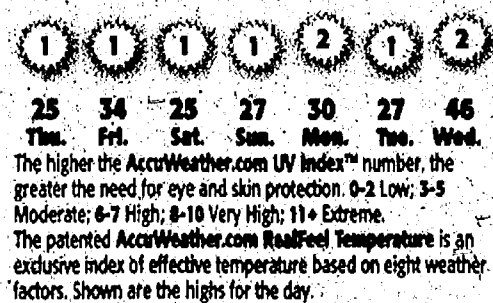
THE REGION

Temperatures:	
High/low for the week	46°/19°
Normal high/low	32°/17°
Average temperature	32.3°
Normal average temperature	24.5°
Precipitation:	
Total for the week	0.64"
Total for the month	0.09"
Total for the year	0.09"
Normal for the month	0.10"
Normal for the year	0.10"

Temperatures ● High ● Low

35 ● 29	29 ● 18	38 ● 23	45 ● 36	42 ● 34	46 ● 28	38 ● 21
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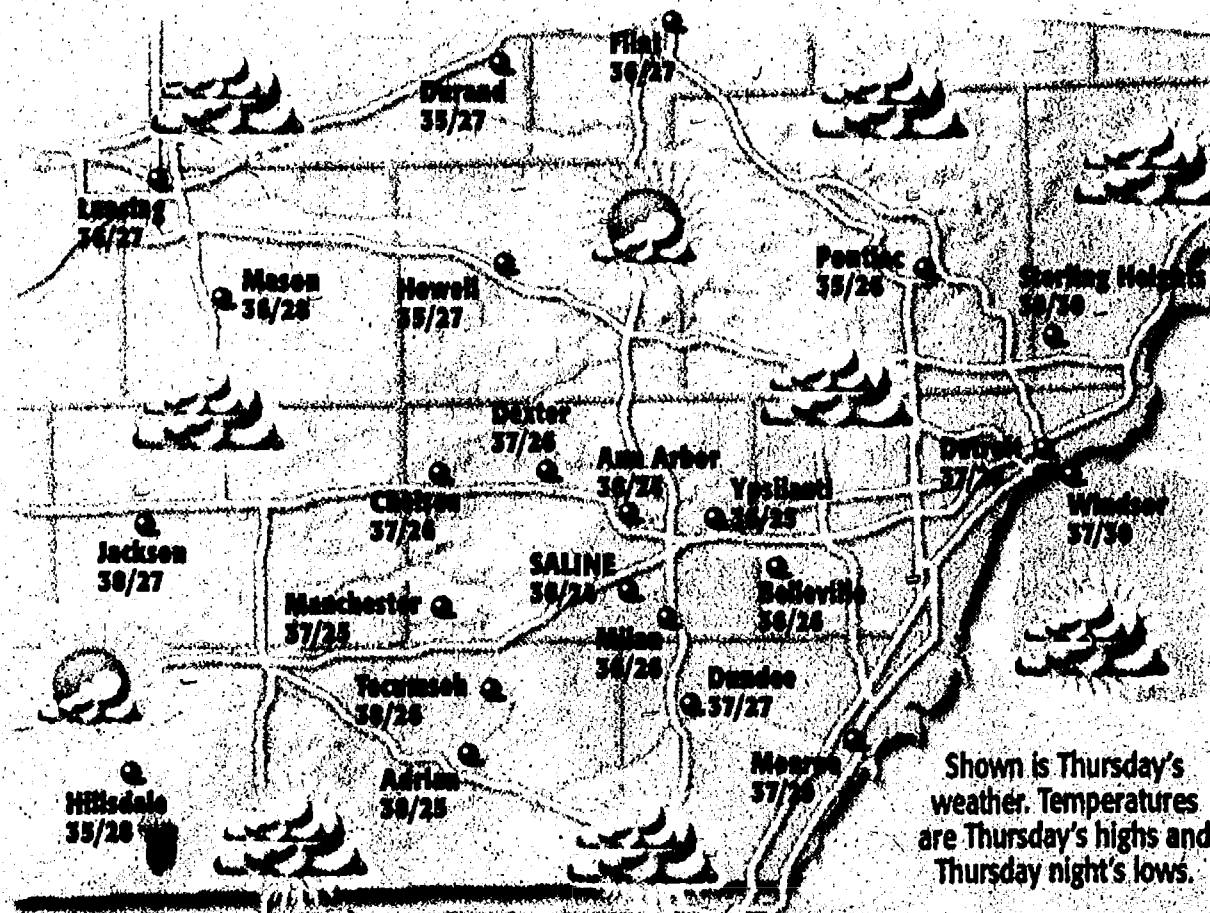
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As of 7 a.m. Monday	Flood stage	Current stage
Ecorse Creek		
Dearborn Heights		2.62 ft

Huron River		
Ann Arbor	16 ft	13.44 ft
Mafflets Creek		
Ann Arbor	—	3.53 ft
Mill Creek		
Dexter	12 ft	7.27 ft
River Raisin		
Manchester	—	3.89 ft

Lake	Normal	Current
Lake Erie	560.11 ft	571.35 ft
Lake St. Clair	575 ft	574.16 ft



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

REGIONAL CITIES

	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.		Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
City	Hi/La/W	Hi/La/W	Hi/La/W	Hi/La/W	City	Hi/La/W	Hi/La/W	Hi/La/W	Hi/La/W
Adrian	35/22/c	38/25/c	43/28/c	38/26/c	Manistee	34/26/sf	38/26/c	45/31/c	35/27/sf
Ann Arbor	35/21/sf	36/24/c	43/28/pc	38/24/c	Midland	33/24/sf	35/26/c	41/29/c	38/25/sf
Battle Creek	35/23/c	36/29/c	44/29/pc	38/26/c	Muskegon	34/28/pc	37/28/c	41/31/pc	37/28/c
Bay City	33/25/sf	34/25/c	41/29/c	38/26/sf	Pontiac	34/24/sf	35/26/c	43/30/c	38/26/sf
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Grand Rapids	38/25/pc	37/29/c	43/30/pc	37/28/c	South St. Maris	32/19/sf	38/19/sf	39/27/c	28/13/sf
Kalamazoo	34/24/pc	37/28/pc	45/30/pc	39/28/c	Sturgis	34/23/pc	37/29/pc	43/29/pc	39/26/c
Lansing	34/23/sf	36/27/c	43/29/c	37/25/sf	Traverse City	34/25/sf	37/26/c	41/31/c	38/24/sf
Livonia	34/25/sf	37/30/c	42/32/c	40/28/c	Warren	35/27/sf	38/30/c	43/32/c	41/29/c

SUN AND MOON

The Sun	Rise	Set	The Moon	Rise	Set	Full	Last	New	First
Thursday	8:04 a.m.	5:17 p.m.	Thursday	2:20 p.m.	4:48 a.m.				
Friday	8:04 a.m.	5:18 p.m.	Friday	3:08 p.m.	5:43 a.m.				
Saturday	8:04 a.m.	5:19 p.m.	Saturday	4:02 p.m.	6:33 a.m.				
Sunday	8:04 a.m.	5:20 p.m.	Sunday	5:03 p.m.	7:21 a.m.				
Monday	8:03 a.m.	5:21 p.m.	Monday	6:08 p.m.	8:02 a.m.				
Tuesday	8:03 a.m.	5:22 p.m.	Tuesday	7:16 p.m.	8:39 a.m.				
Wednesday	8:03 a.m.	5:23 p.m.	Wednesday	8:24 p.m.	9:11 a.m.				
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NATIONAL CITIES


	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
City	Hi/La/W	Hi/La/W	Hi/La/W
Atlanta	54/37/1	63/47/1	62/47/1
Boston	39/26/pc	37/32/pc	46/34/c
Chicago	42/30/pc	48/29/pc	39/28/pc
Cincinnati	43/31/s	50/37/s	46/29/pc
Cleveland	36/28/pc	48/33/pc	44/29/c
Dallas	65/40/s	69/45/s	61/36/pc
Denver	34/36/s	34/21/pc	43/32/pc
Honolulu	80/65/s	81/66/s	79/66/s
Houston	69/53/pc	68/53/c	68/45/s
Kansas City	56/36/s	54/31/pc	49/26/s
Las Vegas	65/42/s	65/42/s	63/42/s
Los Angeles	72/53/s	71/51/pc	77/49/s
Miami	77/53/pc	73/57/c	77/61/pc
Minneapolis	38/27/pc	40/23/pc	32/15/pc
New Orleans	68/51/pc	70/56/pc	73/58/pc
New York City	42/32/pc	46/38/pc	51/37/pc
Orlando	65/46/s	71/48/s	75/53/pc
Philadelphia	42/30/pc	50/38/pc	53/38/pc
Phoenix	76/47/s	74/47/pc	74/47/s
Pittsburgh	38/29/c	47/34/pc	44/30/c
St. Louis	53/39/c	58/36/s	52/29/pc
San Francisco	58/45/pc	57/42/s	60/42/s
Seattle	47/34/pc	43/34/c	48/33/pc
Wash. DC	46/33/s	50/37/pc	56/39/pc

WORLD CITIES

	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
City	H/L/W	H/L/W	H/L/W
Athens	33/44/s	30/44/r	32/40/r
Berlin	39/31/r	36/27/p	34/33/l
Buenos Aires	33/44/s	33/43/p	38/34/r
Calfo	61/46/sh	62/51/c	62/48/s
Calgary	47/74/p	34/24/s	39/33/p
Hong Kong	57/55/s	63/59/c	64/59/p
Karlsruhe	37/42/r	39/42/c	39/40/s
Johannesburg	64/59/s	80/60/p	83/58/s
London	50/37/p	44/39/p	50/39/sh
Mexico City	68/41/s	75/39/p	70/39/s
Montreal	28/30/s	23/21/r	24/20/s
Moscow	35/26/sn	34/31/r	32/20/l
Paris	50/35/s	44/40/c	40/32/s
Rio de Janeiro	72/72/sh	83/73/l	81/71/r
Rome	59/46/s	53/51/r	58/47/s
Seoul	30/21/s	36/21/s	37/23/p
Singapore	53/77/r	53/78/r	63/74/r
Sydney	79/66/p	73/63/sh	81/68/p
Tokyo	40/37/l	45/37/s	42/30/s
Warsaw	34/34/s	32/25/sn	32/30/p

Total Bottom Line Savings
Country Market
 /Check & Compare/ You'll Save More at Country Market Everyday!

New Year's Resolution
EAT HEALTHY!



1855 Natural Premium Pork
BOSTON BUTT PORK ROAST
 SAVE 50¢ LB.
\$1.79 LB.



USDA CHOICE BEEF
USDA Choice Premium Beef
BONELESS ENGLISH ARM ROAST
 SAVE \$2.00 LB.
\$2.89 LB.



California Juicy NAVEL ORANGES
 4 lb. Bag
 SAVE \$2.01 EA.
\$1.98 EA.

PURE MICHIGAN!
DUTCH FARMS PURE MICHIGAN FRESH LARGE EGGS
 Dozen
\$1.00
 LIMIT 2...SAVE 59¢ EACH

OUR FAMILY CHUNK LIGHT TUNA
 5 oz. Can
 Selected Varieties
2/\$1
 SAVE 86¢ ON 2

BUD LIGHT
BUDWEISER BEER
 15 pk. 12 oz. Cans
 Selected Varieties (plus tax & deposit)
\$9.00
 SAVE \$2.79 EACH

SWANSON HUNGRYMAN DINNERS
 13.1 16 oz.
 Selected Varieties
\$2.00
 SAVE \$1.50 EACH

REAL TASTE
COCA COLA BRANDS
 20 pk. 12 oz. Cans
 Selected Varieties (plus deposit)
\$5.00
 LIMIT 2...SAVE \$1.44

PURE MICHIGAN!
ST JULIAN HERON WINES
 750 ml. Bottles
 Selected Varieties (plus tax)
2/\$9
 SAVE \$4.98 ON 2

Sale prices effective Wednesday January 4 to Tuesday January 10, 2012

MICHIGAN LOTTERY				PACKAGED LIQUOR		MICHIGAN COMPANY SINCE 1934		CHECK YOUR FAVORITE LOCATION FOR STORE HOURS	
JACKSON 201 PARK AVENUE 317-783-4226 7/30M: 11PM-2A	JACKSON 1210 W. MAIN ST. 317-790-4000 7/30M: 11PM-2A	JACKSON 1821 SPRING AVE. RD. 317-787-5223 7/30M: 11PM-2A	JACKSON 2110 FERGUSON RD. 317-787-6096 7/30M: 11PM-2A	CHELSEA 1233 S. MAIN ST. 734-433-0130 6 AM - MIDNIGHT	BROOKLYN 11301 BROOKLYN RD. 317-797-4000 110PM-2AM	SALINE 1235 E. MICHIGAN AVE. 734-946-7878 7/30M: 11PM-2A	ADRIAN 1315 W. MAIN ST. 317-365-4190 6 AM - MIDNIGHT	ADRIAN 1992 E. ADRIAN HWY. 317-365-0569 7/30M: 11PM-2A	DEXTER 7001 AMY AVE./DEXTER RD. 734-436-9000 7/30M: 11PM-2A

COMPARE THE BOTTOM LINE IN 2012!



KELLOGG'S SPECIAL K NUTRI-GRAIN & FIBER PLUS BARS
4.4 - 4.86 oz.
Selected Varieties

\$2.00
SAVE UP TO \$1.59




DEL MONTE CANNED TOMATOES
14.5 oz.
Selected Varieties

4/\$3
SAVE \$3.00 ON 4




OUR FAMILY PASTA SAUCE
24 oz.
Selected Varieties

\$1.00
SAVE 75¢



SWISS MISS COCOA
10 ct.
Selected Varieties

\$1.00
SAVE \$1.49 EACH



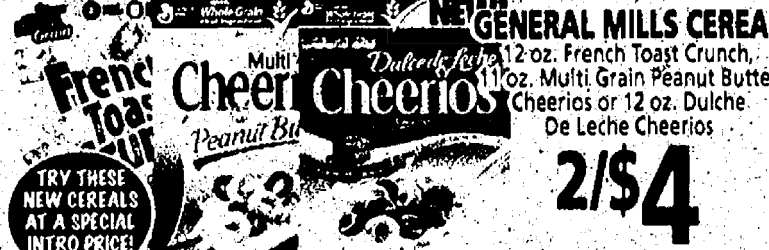
FRANCO AMERICAN PASTA WITH MEAT SAUCE
14.7 - 15 oz.
Selected Varieties

\$1.00
SAVE 43¢ EACH



OUR FAMILY CEREAL
10.7 - 18.2 oz.
Selected Varieties

\$2.00
SAVE UP TO \$1.19




GENERAL MILLS CEREAL
12 oz. French Toast Crunch,
11 oz. Multi Grain Peanut Butter
Cheerios or 12 oz. Dulche
De Leche Cheerios

2/\$4
SAVE UP TO \$2.66 ON 2



PROGRESSO SOUPS
18.5 - 19 oz.
Selected Varieties

2/\$3
SAVE UP TO \$2.00 ON 2



OUR FAMILY INSTANT OATMEAL
8 - 12 ct.
Selected Varieties

2/\$3
SAVE \$1.86 ON 2



KELLOGG'S FAMILY SIZE CEREALS
23 oz. Frosted Flakes, 17 oz. Apples
Jacks, 17.2 oz. Corn Pops
or 17 oz. Froot Loops

2/\$6
SAVE UP TO \$3.86 ON 2



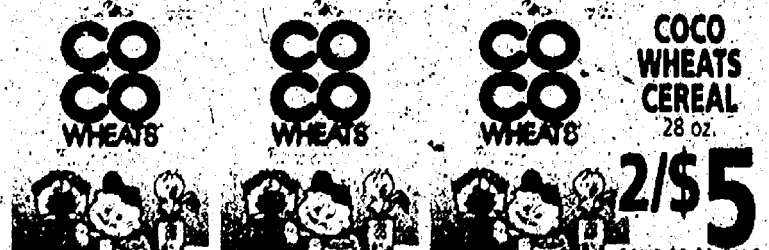
AUNT MILLE'S FAMILY STYLE BREADS
22 oz. or 8 ct. Deluxe
Hamburger & Hot Dog Buns
Selected Varieties

3/\$4
SAVE UP TO \$4.98 ON 3




OUR FAMILY BROTHS
14.5 oz.
Selected Varieties

2/\$1
SAVE 46¢ ON 2



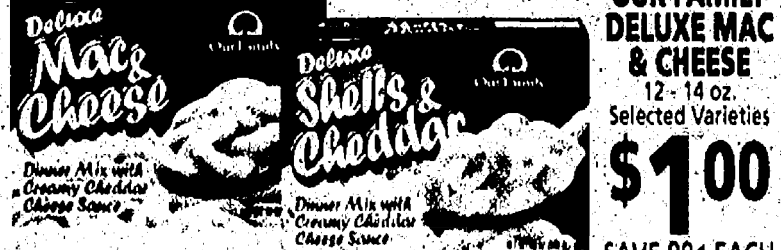
COCO WHEATS CEREAL
28 oz.

2/\$5
SAVE \$2.66 ON 2



FRYIN' MAGIC
16 oz.

2/\$3
SAVE \$1.38 ON 2



OUR FAMILY DELUXE MAC & CHEESE
12 - 14 oz.
Selected Varieties

\$1.00
SAVE 99¢ EACH




SMUCKER'S JELLY, JAM & PRESERVES
18 oz.
Selected Varieties

\$2.00
SAVE \$1.49 EACH



WACKY MAC & CHEESE DINNER
5.5 oz.

2/\$1
SPECIAL BUY WHILE SUPPLIES LAST!



OUR FAMILY SALTINE CRACKERS
16 oz.
Selected Varieties

\$1.00
SAVE 49¢ EACH

THIRST QUENCHERS



**DR. PEPPER,
7-UP & VERNORS
BRANDS SALE**

2 Liter Bottles
(plus deposit)

\$1.00

SAVE 59¢ EACH



**POWERADE ISOTONIC
SPORTS DRINK**

32 oz. Bottles
Selected Varieties

4/\$3

SAVE \$1.00 ON 4



**GATORADE
SPORTS DRINK**

8 pk. Bottles

2/\$9

SAVE \$6.18 ON 2



**ABSO PURE
PURE MICHIGAN
PREMIUM WATER**

2.5 Gallon Bottle
Selected Varieties

3/\$8

SAVE \$1.86 ON 3



**ABSO PURE
PURE MICHIGAN
PREMIUM WATER**

12 pk. 16.9 oz. Bottles

3/\$10

SAVE \$1.98 ON 3



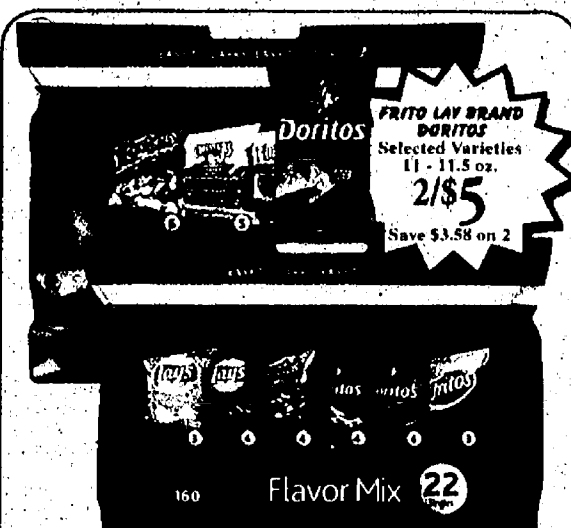
PEPSI COLA BRANDS

12 pk. 12 oz. Cans or
8 pk. 16.9 oz. Bottles
Selected Varieties
(plus deposit)

3/\$11

SAVE \$4.74 ON 3

SNACK SHACK



**FRITO LAY BRAND
MULTIPACKS**

19 - 20 oz. 20 - 22 ct.
Selected Varieties

\$5.00

SAVE \$3.25 EACH



**HOSTESS BRAND
TWINKIES, CUPCAKES,
HOHO'S & ZINGERS**

8 - 10 ct.
Selected Varieties

\$2.00

SAVE \$1.97 EACH



**KEEBLER & SUNSHINE 100
CALORIE RIGHT BITES &
KELLOGG'S SPECIAL K
CRACKERS**

74 - 8 oz. • Selected Varieties

\$2.00

SAVE UP TO \$1.35



**NABISCO BRAND
OREO COOKIES**

8.5 - 15.5 oz.
Selected Varieties

\$3.00

SAVE 75¢ EACH



**JAYS BRAND
POTATO CHIPS**

11 - 11.5 oz.
Selected Varieties

\$2.00

SAVE \$1.87 EACH



**SNYDER'S BRAND
POUNDER PRETZEL &
TORTILLA CHIPS**

16 oz.
Selected Varieties

\$2.00

SAVE 98¢ EACH

THE BREWERY



**COORS, MILLER,
& LABATTS BEER**

18 pk., 12 oz. Cans
Selected Varieties
(plus tax & deposit)

\$11.00

SAVE UP TO \$2.37

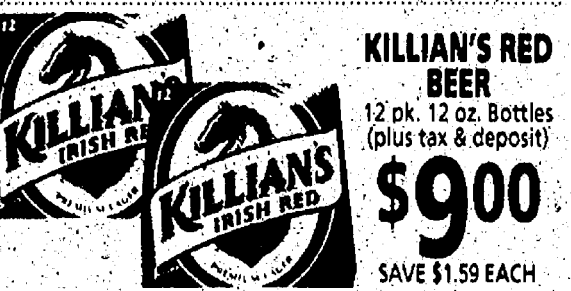


**ARCADIA & DARK
HORSE MICHIGAN CRAFT
BEERS OF THE WEEK**

6 pk. 12 oz. Bottles
Selected Varieties
(plus tax & deposit)

\$8.00

SAVE UP TO \$1.75



**KILLIAN'S RED
BEER**

12 pk. 12 oz. Bottles
(plus tax & deposit)

\$9.00

SAVE \$1.59 EACH



**LEINENKUGEL
BEER**

12 pk. 12 oz. Bottles
Selected Varieties
(plus tax & deposit)

\$11.00

SAVE \$1.99 EACH



**BUSCH BONUS
BEER**

18 pk. 12 oz. Cans
Selected Varieties
(plus tax & deposit)

\$9.00

SAVE 79¢ EACH



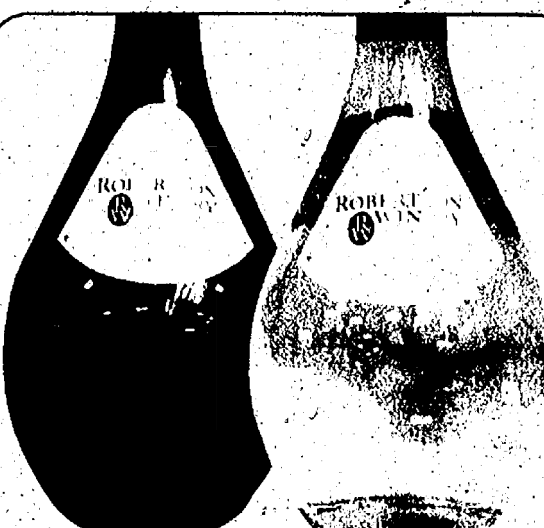
**GENESEE BONUS
BEER**

30 pk. 12 oz. Cans
Selected Varieties
(plus tax & deposit)

\$14.00

SAVE \$1.37 EACH

WINE CELLAR



**ROBERT MONDAVI
PRIVATE SELECTION WINES**

750 ml Bottles
Assorted Varieties
(plus tax)

\$8.00

SAVE \$4.99 EACH



**CUPCAKE
CALIFORNIA WINES**

750 ml. Bottles
Selected Varieties
(plus tax)

\$8.00

SAVE \$4.99 EACH



**MENAGE A TROIS
WINES**

750 ml. Bottles
Selected Varieties
(plus tax)

\$8.00

SAVE \$4.39 EACH



**FISH EYE
CALIFORNIA WINES**

1.5 Liter Bottles
Selected Varieties
(plus tax)

\$8.00

SAVE \$3.95 EACH



**DOUBLE
DOG DARE WINES**

750 ml. Bottles
Selected Varieties
(plus tax)

3/\$9

SAVE \$2.97 ON 3



**RED ROCK PREMIUM
CALIFORNIA RED WINES**

750 ml. Bottles
Selected Varieties
(plus tax)

\$9.00

SAVE \$2.95 EACH

DELI DEALS

PROUDLY SERVING KRETSCHMAR DELI PRODUCTS

**KRETSCHMAR
CORNED BEEF**
7⁹⁹ LB.

**KRETSCHMAR
SWISS CHEESE**
7⁶⁹ LB.

**SANDRIDGE
HERB
TOMATO
BISQUE**
3⁶⁹ LB.

**GARDEN FRESH
FANTASTIC
SEAFOOD
SALAD**
6⁹⁹ LB.

**LAUGHING
BABYBELLS**
3⁷⁹ LB.

**DELALLO
GOLD CLASSIC
OR SMOKED
TURKEY BREAST**
6⁹⁹ LB.

**KRETSCHMAR
OFF THE BONE
ROTISSERIE
OR BUFFALO
CHICKEN BREAST**
6⁹⁹ LB.

**SANDRIDGE
SOUR CREAM
CHEDDAR
MACARONI**
2⁹⁹ LB.

**VALBIE'S
BEEF OR
CHICKEN
PASTIES**
1⁹⁹ LB.

**BUTTERBALL
NATURAL
GOLD TURKEY**
5⁹⁹ LB.

**DELALLO
HICKORY,
HONEY &
VIRGINIA HAM**
14⁵⁰ LB.

**DELALLO
MINI PROVOLONE
OR HOT PEPPER CHEESE**
5⁹⁹ LB.

We Carry Only USDA
Choice Beef, The Best In
Town. Don't Be Fooled
By Select Beef or Lower
#1 Grades.

USDA Choice Meats

USDA Choice Premium Beef
**BONELESS CHUCK
ARM STEAK**
3⁴⁹ LB.

1855 Natural Premium Pork
PORK STEAK
1⁹⁹ LB.

1855 Natural Premium Pork
**BONELESS
BUTTERFLY
PORK CHOPS**
3²⁹ LB.

Ground Fresh
Several Times Daily
**GROUND BEEF
FROM CHUCK**
2⁵⁹ LB.

USDA Choice Premium Beef
**BONELESS BEEF
SIRLOIN STEAK**
3⁹⁹ LB.

Farm Raised Fresh Seafood
TILAPIA
5⁹⁹ LB.

USDA
CHOICE
BEEF

SAVE
\$1.50 LB.

SAVE
50¢ LB.

SAVE
\$1.50 LB.

SAVE
\$1.20 LB.

USDA
CHOICE
BEEF

at Low Low Prices

We Carry 1855
Premium All
Natural Choice
Pork

USDA
CHOICE
BEEF

SAVE
\$1.00 LB.

SAVE
\$1.40 LB.

SAVE
\$1.50 LB.

USDA Choice Premium Beef
**BONELESS
STEW MEAT**
3²⁹ LB.

1855 Natural Premium Pork
**BONELESS CENTER
CUT BORK
LOIN CHOPS**
2⁹⁹ LB.

1855 Natural Premium Pork
**BONELESS
CENTER CUT
PORK LOIN
ROAST**
2⁵⁹ LB.

Smith Farms Grade A
WHOLE FRYER
99¢ LB.

Fresh Seafood
**SCOTTISH
SALMON FILLETS**
8⁹⁹ LB.

Fresh
**SEAFOOD
SALAD**
3⁹⁹ LB.

**KOWALSKI
POLISH KIELBASA
OR SMOKED SAUSAGE**
16 oz.
3⁹⁹

**LAND O FROST
HICKORY SMOKED
CANADIAN BACON**
7 oz.
1⁹⁹

**ECKRICH ALL MEAT
FRANKS, BOLOGNA
& COTTO SALAMI**
1 lb. • Selected Varieties
Excludes Beef or Cheese
Franks & Beef Bologna
3/\$5

**TYSON STRIPS
GRILLED & READY**
8 oz.
Selected Varieties.
2⁷⁹

**GOURMET DINING
FROZEN ENTREES**
28 - 32 oz.
Selected Varieties
4⁴⁹

**SMOKED
SALMON
SPREAD**
4⁹⁹ LB.

**FRICKS
DICED HAM**
12 oz.
2⁹⁹

**BAR S
SKINLESS SMOKED
OR POLISH
SAUSAGE**
2.5 lb.
4²⁹

**ARMOUR
ECKRICH
'HEALTHY ONE'**
7 oz.
Selected Varieties
2³⁹

**CAROLINA
FROZEN GROUND
TURKEY ROLL**
1 lb. Roll
1⁴⁹

**STEHOUWER
ORIGINAL
BEEF SIZZLER**
1 lb.
3⁹⁹

**OUR FAMILY
SEAFOOD
SENSATIONS
PERCH FILLETS**
12 oz.
4⁴⁹

LUNCHEAT SPECIALS

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Babybel

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PERCH FILLETS
12 oz.

\$4.49

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NEW YEARS RESOLUTION ...EAT HEALTHY



Dole
AMERICAN BLEND SALADS
5 - 12 oz.
SEVEN LETTUCES
5 - 12 oz.

SAVE \$2.98 on 2
2/\$3



Michigan Apples
Macintosh, Ida Red, Jonathan, Red & Golden Delicious, Gala, Fuji or Braeburn • 3 lb. Bag

HEALTHY SNACK
LOCALLY GROWN
SAVE \$1.98 on 2
2/\$4

BAKERY SPECIALS



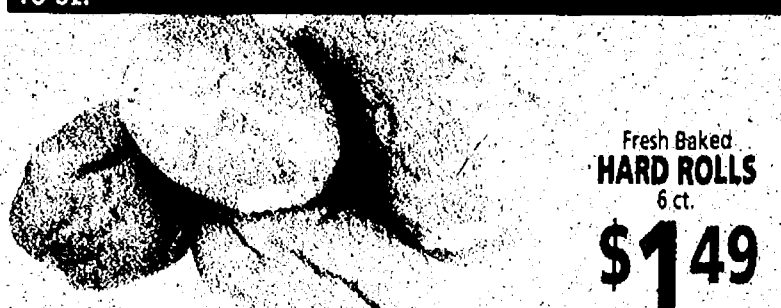
FRESH BAKED ENGLISH MUFFIN BREAD
16 oz.
\$1.49



Texas RED GRAPEFRUIT
5 lb. Bag
SAVE \$2.98 on 2
2/\$5



Great for Cooking YELLOW ONIONS
3 lb. Bag
SAVE 81¢ EA.
\$1.18



Fresh Baked HARD ROLLS
6 ct.
\$1.49



Fresh GREEN BEANS
2 lb. Bag
SAVE 51¢ EA.
\$1.18 LB.



Bulk Jumbo IDAHO POTATOES
2 LBS/\$1



LOFTHOUSE TRADITIONAL COOKIES
12 - 18 oz. Selected Varieties
\$3.29



AUNT MID'S SLICED MUSHROOMS
8 oz.
SAVE 61¢ EA.
\$1.68



CHUCK & DAVE'S FRESH SALSAS
ASSORTED VARIETIES 16 OZ.
SAVE \$1.58 on 2
2/\$5



SLICED LOAF CAKE
16 oz. Selected Varieties
\$3.69



FRESH FLORAL DEPT.
May not be exactly as illustrated
CONSUMER BUNCH BOUQUETS
20 COUNT
3/\$9.99

PET CARE PRODUCTS



NUNN BETTER SEEDS
18 lb. Wild Bird, 10 lb. Sunflower & 3 lb. Premium Thistle
\$6.00
SAVE UP TO \$1.99
NUNN BETTER SUET CAKES
11 oz. Selected Varieties
\$1.00
SAVE 29¢ EACH

DAD'S SPECIAL MIX DRY CAT FOOD
16 lb. Bag
\$7.00
SAVE \$3.47 EACH

FRESH STEP PREMIUM CAT LITTER
14 lb.
\$5.00
SAVE \$3.49 EACH

ALPO CANNED DOG FOOD
13 - 13.2 oz. Selected Varieties
4/\$3
SAVE 72¢ ON 4
PEDIGREE DRY DOG FOOD
15 - 20 lb. Selected Varieties
\$14.00
SAVE \$1.99 EACH