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Main Street project delayed

By Krista Gjestland
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The Chelsea Downtown Development Authority voted to accept a bid for its Main Street streetscape project but will delay the construction until next spring.

The streetscape project will include replacing five crosswalks and adding trees, lighting and curb bump-outs along Main Street from Van Buren Street to the corner of Main and North streets.

City Manager John Hanifan suggested that the construction be held off until the spring because of the amount of construction already happening in Chelsea.

"There's no way that we should start a construction project downtown when

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DDA OKs Longworth building study

By Krista Gjestland and Erica McClain
Heritage Media

The Chelsea Downtown Development Authority authorized a study on July 19 to determine whether to demolish the Daniels Showroom, part of the Longworth property, comprised of three buildings just south of the train tracks on Main Street in the downtown area.

The study will be conducted at the state level by State Historic Preservation Office, which will determine whether the DDA can demolish the building without losing historic value to the Longworth site.

The DDA's plan to potentially remove the showroom would include restoring the facade of the attached building, often called The Mack, and installing a pocket park in place of the showroom.

The DDA's proposed plan comes off the heels of the DDA's fallout with a team of developers, called the 110 Longworth Building Development Company,

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The Hard Lessons, a local indie band, will close out the first night of the festival.

Opening night!

Sounds & Sights kicks off 3-day extravaganza

Downtown Chelsea's Sounds & Sights Festival kicks off tonight with a host of live entertainment and fun for the whole family.

The July 26-28 event begins at 6 p.m. with a New Orleans-style parade from the Depot to the Library with Creole du Nord leading the way. Musical acts start playing around town at 6:30 p.m. and main stage performers will begin 7 p.m. for indie music night and end at 11 p.m.

Now in its 37th year, the festival weekend features many of the popular attractions from previous years, including the Kidzone, the Friday night Classic Car Show, the Pet Parade and the Social & Entertainment Tent. The festival will also feature an expanded foot court area and the art market, which is now in its second season and showcases talented artists from across the Midwest.

At the heart of the Sounds & Sights Festival is the nightly entertainment lineup, and the headliners this year include: The Hard Lessons playing on the opening night in the social tent, which opens at 6 p.m., for indie music night; and Whitey Morgan and Blue River Band performing country on Friday night.

The social tent opens early on Saturday at 1 p.m. with acts performing from 2-5 p.m. and 7-11 p.m.

Billy Mack & The Juke Joint Johnnies and Fifty Amp Fuse will close out the festival's Social & Entertainment Tent Saturday night. Admission to the tent on Saturday is free for the afternoon performances.

"This is the best lineup we've had since I have been involved," said Craig Common, Festival committee member and owner of the Common Grill. "The event has a very strong reputation in the music circles and our entertainment guru Gary Munce has done a great job of booking top-notch talent each night ... and it's only $5 to see them.

"We open with indie bands on Thursday with some great local acts, come back with two well-known country acts on Friday night and close with a big dance party Saturday with one of the country's best cover bands - Fifty Amp Fuse."

The festival's main stage is within the Social & Entertainment Tent, located just behind the Common Grill and opens at 6 p.m. with live music until 11 p.m. with beer, wine, water and soft drinks for sale. There is a $5 cover each night, with the exception of Saturday afternoon, and all ages are welcome.

The KidZone will feature day-long activities and attractions both Friday and Saturday including kid's entertainment, face painting, jugglers and clowns, a craft tent and Teddy Bear Factory tours. The huge classic car returns Friday night with over 300 retro vehicles expected from 3-8 p.m.

Other activities scheduled during the event include a chicken barbecue, a farmers market, artist demonstrations, sidewalk sales and more.

The festival runs until July 28 and is sponsored by the Chelsea Downtown Development Authority, Jiffy Mixes, Chelsea State Bank, Chelsea Community Hospital, The Common Grill, Edward Jones, KeyBank, Cleary's Pub, Lake Trust Credit Union, and Washtenaw County Parks & Recreation.

More information is available at chelseafestivals.com or by calling Chelsea Center for the Arts at 734-433-2787.

"This is the best lineup we've had since I have been involved."

CRAIG COMMON, FESTIVAL COMMITTEE MEMBER

MAIN STAGE SCHEDULE

THURSDAY (indie music)

6 p.m., The social tent, located behind the Common Grill, opens with beer, wine and soft drinks available.

7-11 p.m., The Juliets, Bear Lake and The Hard Lessons perform an all-ages show, with a $5 cover.

FRIDAY (country music)

6 p.m., The social tent, located behind the Common Grill, opens with beer, wine and soft drinks available.

7-11 p.m., Whitey Morgan and the 78's and Blue River Band perform an all-ages show, with a $5 cover.

SATURDAY (dance party)

1 p.m., The social tent opens with beer, wine and soft drinks available.

2 p.m., Los Dingos Del Norte performs, no cover.

3 p.m., Red Haired Molly performs, no cover.

5 p.m., The Sarah Sherrard Band performs, no cover.

7-11 p.m., Billy Mack & The Juke Joint Johnnies and Fifty Amp Fuse close out the festival, an all-ages show, with a $5 cover.

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School board to look at pay-to-play policy

The Chelsea School District Board of Education will be taking a look at making changes to its pay-to-participate policy at an Aug. 13 meeting.

At a July 16 work session, the board examined data pertaining to the pay-to-participate program at the middle and high school levels that was instituted in 2010 in an effort to increase revenue to help pay for the athletic program. In addition to increasing revenue at that time, the district also reduced expenses.

Currently the total athletic budget is at about $660,000, and revenue generated by the pay to participate program makes up nearly 10 percent of the total budget, while athletic boosters contribute between $20,000 and $25,000 toward the cost of running athletics. The remainder of the budget is a direct cost for the district.

Student data revealed that the rate of high school students participating in sports fell from 74 percent in 2010-'11 to 67 percent in 2011-'12.

Julie Deppner, executive director of instruction, reported that a student survey at the high school indicated that about 20 percent of students agreed that the need to pay for athletics was the factor that prevented their participation.

Club sports are not included in the pay-to-participate plan but require additional fees.

Board members will take the whole budget into consideration but plan to decide whether the policy will remain, be dropped, or modified.

In other news:

The two elementary schools will have digital cameras installed – four additional cameras at South Meadows, and seven cameras at North Creek.

"The cameras are primarily for protection of district assets due to break-ins," said Superintendent Andrew Ingall.

The cameras will cost about $16,000 and will be paid for with bond funds.

The board discussed the possibility of modifying the wording of district goals. The second goal was changed from "enhance a positive and safe school climate" to "provide a positive, safe and healthy school climate."

The board also discussed the desire for the administrative team to write three to five objectives for each goal, with clearly stated plans and evaluation methods.

The board intends to set the sinking fund rate for winter taxes by the end of September. They are authorized to collect up to 0.925 mills. The levy currently stands at 0.50 mills.

The board approved the hiring of Melissa McIntosh as a mathematics and computer science teacher at the high school. The full-time position became available due to a resignation, and McIntosh was chosen from a pool of 68 applicants. She has a master's degree and nine years of teaching experience.

Upcoming events:

6 p.m. Aug. 13 – board meeting at Washington Street Education Center, 500 Washington St.

Sept. 4 – First day of school for students.

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BUILDING

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which removed its Request for Proposal, or RFP, to turn the property into a mixed-use development. The $3.7 million plan would have turned the Longworth into a restaurant, loft and pottery studio, complete with an outdoor plaza and a host of historic detailing.

Architect Alexander Pollock wrote to the DDA on June 19, when the team decided to remove its RFP, that they could not accept an additional term set forth by the DDA, which included a letter of credit for $1 million from a bank by the end of a 90-day period.

"In particular, the letter of credit, the short due diligence period, and reverter are unrealistic and unreasonable and we will not undertake the business risks to proceed under these conditions," Pollock wrote.

Like the DDA's potential plan, the development team's plan included removing the showroom addition and installing an outdoor plaza in its place, which would improve the line of sight to Chelsea's Clocktower and the Depot.

During the DDA's July 19 meeting, DDA board member Palmer Morrel-Samuels suggested that the tile floor of the Daniels Showroom should be kept because it's the DDA's "responsibility to promote preservation," according to the 1975 state act that created DDAs.

In addition to preserving the tiling, there is a potential cause for concern in regard to removing the showroom as lead and chromium deposits have been found in the soil beneath the structure

The DDA will send a letter to the state detailing the board's plans to the State Historic Preservation Office for potential grant funds for the project.

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we have intermittent lane closures on the south side of town and we're doing the same thing on the north side of town," he said. "There's no way we can do that. We'd be crazy."

Currently a 1.1-mile stretch of M-52 is under construction from the I-94 interchange to Old U.S. 12. That project is expected to continue until November.

The streetscape project was initially set to begin Aug. 15 and be completed by Sept. 28.

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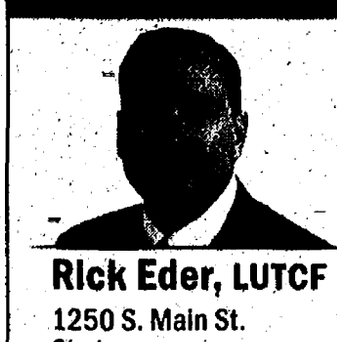
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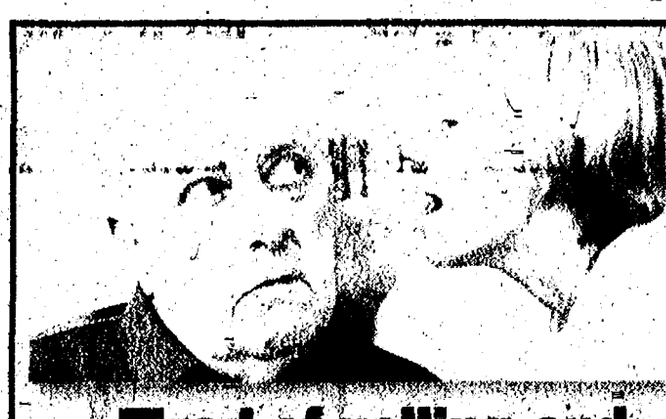
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The theme for this year will be "Life in Bible Times." We are focusing on Bible customs and occupations. Each child will participate in four different craft activities; they will not necessarily be conducted exactly as they were in Bible times, but we will use these crafts to discuss how things were done back then, and as a bridge to understand our relation to God, based on the Bible.

Parents are invited, but not required, to stay for the entire evening. In fact, last year we had as many adults as children. This would be good again, because younger children need plenty of help with the crafts.

We will begin each evening with a light supper at 6:00 p.m., to which everyone is invited at no cost. The activities will begin about 6:30 p.m. There is no cost to you for any part of our program. We can guarantee there will not be a dull moment for you if you stay.

Monday evening's program will start with a Biblical "fishing" expedition on our church softball field. Crafts will include soap sculpture, pottery making, jewelry making, and spinning wool. We plan to end the final evening with a bonfire. And each night there will be some singing accompanied by guitar.

It would be helpful if you would let us know how many of your children plan to attend; preferably in an email to pastor@faithdexter.org; or you may also leave a message at 426-4302.

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Saline Summerfest will feature lots of activities for the entire family Aug 10 and 11.

Summerfest gearing up

Annual event set Aug. 10-11 in downtown Saline

This year's Summerfest, set for Aug. 10 and 11, will offer a wider-than-ever assortment of activities, attractions and amusements in one hometown celebration.

Summerfest builds on the traditional festivities of Saline's "Picnic in the Park," which was held each summer for nearly two decades in the city's Mill Pond Park along the banks of the Saline River.

In 2006, Picnic in the Park became part of a new, bigger event, called Saline's Summerfest and moved to downtown Saline for the first time.

This August, the events will be held downtown for the seventh consecutive year. Organizers promise to deliver even more fun, food, music and memories for those who join in.

Additionally, there will be a little mystery for the city's youngest sleuths to solve. The Saline Parks and Recreation Department will host "Mystery at the Paradise Resort," an open swim for the whole family — with a twist.

From 6 to 8 p.m. Aug. 10 at the Aquatic Center in the Saline Recreation Center, children will be invited to puzzle out why odd things have been happening — and why certain items have gone missing — in and around the pool.

Was that really a pirate spotted on the beach? The kids will have a chance to unravel the strange and silly goings-on.

A small fee per family member will cover swim time, a notebook with clues and light snacks. Details are available at www.salinesummerfest.org.

Entertainment at Saline's Summerfest 2012 will again include musical and dance performances practically all through Friday evening and Saturday from morning to night.

Friday night's musical headliner will be the Dan Rafferty Band. 56 Daze, a popular returning act, will take center stage on Saturday night. Fiddlers Restrung and several other area youth dance and musical troupes will be among the other entertainers.

Adults can test Lady Luck in the Saline Rotary Club's Friday Night Casino and Saturday evening's Blackjack Challenge. New this year: euchre tournaments on Saturday afternoon.

The athletic-minded will have a 5K run/walk and a volleyball tournament to choose from.

For family fun there will be remote-control car racing, a youth fishing contest, a rubber duck race, and other children's games and activities. "Touch a Truck" will allow kids — and kids at heart — to get up close and personal with fire trucks, dump trucks, ambulances, tractors and more.

Another Summerfest 2012 highlight will be a juried art and craft fair sponsored by Saline's Downtown Merchants Association.

There will be a teen block party on Saturday night, and "Saline Street Machines" will put more than 100 classic cars on display.

As in past years, the Saline Area Historical Society will conduct tours by trolley car of many of Saline's oldest and most notable buildings throughout the day on Saturday.

From noon to 6 p.m. Saturday, the Saline Area Fire Department offer full chicken dinners with all the fixings.

Summerfest 2012 attendees can also snack on ice cream, soft drinks, bottled water, and more. There will be a beer and wine tent from 6 to 11:30 p.m. Friday and from 2 to 11:30 p.m. Saturday.

An updated schedule of Saline's Summerfest 2012 activities may be found at www.salinesummerfest.org.

Registration under way for 5K event

Online registration is under way for the Saline Area Chamber of Commerce's fourth Saline's Summerfest five-kilometer run/walk on Aug. 11, one of the many family activities during Saline's Summerfest Aug. 10 and 11.

Pre-race day registration fees are $20, with special pricing for families (three or more from the same address) at $15 and organizations (four or more from the same business or organization) at $18.

Interested area residents may register online at http://www.goracego.com/search/event.aspx?id=11959.

The race begins at 8:30 a.m. at Saline City Hall, heading north on North Harris and snaking through the streets to Liberty School and Saline Middle School and back to City Hall.

"The Chamber's 5K Run/Walk is both a serious race for the athletically inclined and an enjoyable one for those not on the Olympic track team. So come and join us for 30 minutes of fun and physical activity," Saline Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Art Trapp said in a news release.

Trapp said the Summerfest 5K Run/Walk compliments Saline's Summerfest as it introduces a new spectrum of individuals to Summerfest and promotes family fitness. The 2011 race attracted 213 runners from Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, Massachusetts and Texas.

Saline Area Chamber of Commerce will have pre-race registration and packet pick up from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Aug. 10 at Saline's Summerfest (South Ann Arbor Street and Henry Street).

Race day registration will open at 7 a.m. at 100 N. Harris St., and the fee for registering on the day of the race is $25.

The first 120 paid participants will receive an event T-shirt. Awards will be given to top three male and female in the following age groups: 14 and younger, 15-19, 20-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70-74, 75 and older.

For more information visit http://bit.ly/LLvzsv

Trailer of dental supplies stolen from art fair visitor

Trailer belongs to Florida resident

By Ben Baird
Heritage Media

An enclosed trailer containing various dental equipment and teeth whitening supplies was reported stolen Friday morning.

The trailer belongs to a Florida resident who was in Ann Arbor for the Street Art Fair, according to the Ann Arbor Police Department. The lock was cut off while it was kept in a parking lot in the 2900 block of Jackson Avenue.

Lt. Renee Bush said it's believed someone then hitched it to another vehicle and pulled it off the lot it was in. The theft was discovered 9:30 a.m. Friday, she said.

The enclosed trailer is described as white on top with chrome on the bottom. It has a Florida license plate of AUB 9642.

Anyone with information about the theft is asked to call Ann Arbor police by calling 734-794-6939.

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Area principals ranked 'effective' or better

Willow Run has one 'ineffective'

By Danny Shaw
Heritage Media

Of the five Willow Run Community Schools principals, one unspecified principal was ranked "ineffective," according to a state report released last week.

The Principal Effectiveness Ratings Report, which was compiled by the Center for Educational Performance and Information, listed the state's 3,214 principals and rated them based upon criteria provided by each respective district.

A state spokesperson said the individual principal data will not be released publicly, but will be released with a request under the Freedom of Information Act, which Heritage Media submitted for the Willow Run data July 18.

Ann Arbor Public Schools had 14 of its 33 principals ranked "highly effective" on the list, along with two of Ypsilanti Public Schools' seven principals. Whitmore Lake Community Schools had three of its four principals also ranked "highly effective."

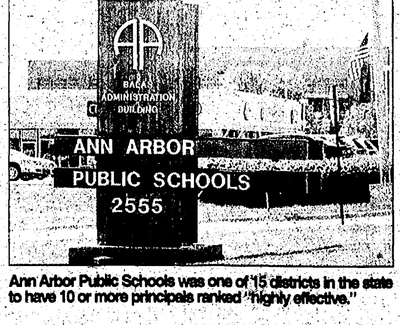
Fifteen districts rated 10 or more principals as "highly effective," including Ann Arbor Public Schools.

"Ten years ago, a principal's job was to manage the building and keep things off the superintendent's desk," Wendy Zdeb-Roper, executive director at the Michigan Association of Secondary School Principals, told MLive. "Now, that person is supposed to be the instructional leader. It's changed more in the last five years than any job I know."

The county's remaining principals were all ranked "effective," according to the report, which ranked principals for the 2010-2011 school year.

Sixty principals statewide were deemed "ineffective" on the report, which is just shy of 2 percent, while 65.4 percent ranked "effective" and 32.7 percent as "highly effective."

MLive reported the initial principal reports were a state requirement for President Obama's stimulus package money, but the Michigan Legislature has since added to the requirement, making it an annual report.



Ann Arbor Public Schools was one of 15 districts in the state to have 10 or more principals ranked "highly effective."

SCHOOL DISTRICT BREAKDOWN

- Ann Arbor: 33 principals; 14 "Highly Effective;" 19 "Effective"
- Chelsea: 4 principals; 4 "Effective"
- Dexter: 6 principals; 6 "Effective"
- Lincoln: 7 principals; 7 "Effective"
- Manchester: 3 principals; 3 "Effective"
- Milan: 4 principals; 4 "Effective"
- Saline: 8 principals; 8 "Effective"
- Whitmore Lake: 4 principals; 3 "Highly Effective;" 1 "Effective"
- Willow Run: 5 principals; 4 "Effective;" 1 "Ineffective"
- Ypsilanti: 7 principals; 2 "Highly Effective," 5 "Effective"

BRIEFS

McLean running for WCC trustee post

Patrick McLean, a member of the Washtenaw Community College Board of Trustees since January 2011, has filed paperwork with the Washtenaw County director of elections to retain the seat he was appointed to.

He will be a candidate on the Nov. 6 ballot throughout Washtenaw County.

"I want to continue working on behalf of our students with an eye toward affordability and quality programs," said McLean in a news release.

"Washtenaw Community College is a tremendous asset to our residents, particularly during these difficult economic times, and I intend to work to keep it strong."

The WCC board is comprised of seven members. McLean currently serves as the board's treasurer.

During his time on the board of trustees, McLean said he has been an advocate for keeping costs low for students.

"We have a responsibility to the residents of Washtenaw County and to our students to provide a quality education at a reasonable cost," McLean said.

"That includes not just keeping tuition low, but also keeping fees reasonable, finding low-cost options for textbooks and making sure WCC credits fully transfer when students continue their studies at four-year schools like Eastern Michigan University."

McLean, 49, lives in Ypsilanti and is currently the finance director for the city of Toledo, Ohio. He is a former grant writer for the Ecology Center in Ann Arbor and the former executive director of the Washtenaw Area Council for Children, a child abuse and neglect prevention agency.

In addition to his work with the WCC board, he currently serves as a member of the Friends of Rutherford Pool board in Ypsilanti.

WCC literary mag features students' photos, poetry

The latest issue of The Huron River Review, Washtenaw Community College's award-winning literary magazine, is now available.

There are 49 contributors in this year's 160-page anthology; they include students, current and former faculty, and employees of the college.

Poetry and photography are the dominant forms of expression this year. For example, visual artists Mike Frieseman, R.M. Frumkin, Noor F. Al-Janabi and Derrick, who just uses a first name, have several examples of their work in the issue. Original art, essays and short stories also are included.

In his essay, veteran Mark Klinger recalls his efforts to save a seriously wounded buddy on a battlefield.

"When army medics go through training, they are repeatedly told that in a combat situation they should never do CPR. Well, this was the real thing, and I paid no attention to how they had trained me. I continued for what seemed like forever doing CPR, as my strength waned, he took a breath. I stopped to check his pulse; there it was weak, but steady, and he was breathing. In a garbled wheezing sort of way, but he was breathing on his own," Klinger writes.

"I rechecked his skull for any signs of external trauma, and to see if there was any bruising of any sort. Bruising would indicate that there was brain damage, and that I would have to drill a hole in his skull to relieve the pressure or he would die. While I was doing this he opened his eyes and blinked."

Tom Zimmerman, faculty adviser, said the talent at WCC is broad and deep.

"This is another great issue," he said.

The 2012 Huron River Review costs $6 and is available at the WCC bookstore. Because of renovations to the first floor of the Student Center building, the bookstore has a temporary entrance on the south side of the building across from the Crane Liberal Arts and Science building.

Judicial candidate forum to be held July 31 at WCC

A Washtenaw community judicial candidate forum is set frm 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in Towsley Auditorium, inside the J. Morris Lawrence Building at Washtenaw Community College, 4800 E. Huron River Drive, in Ann Arbor.

The event is free and open to the public. Area residents are invited to meet and hear from the candidates running for the two contested judicial seats on the 22nd Circuit Court.

The evening will consist of a moderated forum using pre-submitted questions, followed by a meet-and-greet with the candidates.

The Washtenaw Community 2012 Judicial Candidate Forum is sponsored by The Washtenaw County Bar Association, the Washtenaw Association for Justice, the Washtenaw Chapter of the Women Lawyers Association of Michigan, the Michigan Hellenic Bar Association, the Vanzetti-Hamilton Bar Association, the Ann Arbor Branch of the NAACP and the Michigan League of Conservation Voters.

Anyone who wishes to submit a question for the candidates should e-mail the question to washbar@washbar.org and put "judicial forum" in the subject line. Questions will be forwarded to the host committee for consideration.

Because of the time limit of the forum, not all submitted questions will be used. The question submission deadline is 5 p.m. Thursday.

Cancer support community hosts free Walk with a Doc program

Cancer Support Community of Greater Ann Arbor will host the first Walk with a Doc walking program from 10 to 11 a.m. Saturday at Gallup Park.

Participants will walk with Dr. Andy Eisenberg, an oncologist, who will provide support to the walkers and answer questions during the walk.

Walk with a Doc is a national nonprofit organization whose mission is to encourage healthy physical activity in people of all ages and to reverse the consequences of a sedentary lifestyle in order to improve the health and well-being of the country.

Anyone in the community affected by cancer is encouraged to join the walk; the program is free, and pre-registration is not required.

Future walks will be held the fourth Saturday of each month at Gallup Park. Each walk will feature a different physician and cancer related specialty.

Walkers should meet at the Gallup Park Canoe Livery, 3000 Fuller Road, Ann Arbor.

Cancer Support Community of Greater Ann Arbor is part of an international nonprofit organization whose mission is to educate and support people impacted by cancer. All programs are free of charge.

The Cancer Support Community offers professionally-led support groups, educational workshops, nutrition and exercise programs and stress-reduction classes.

The center is located at 2010 Hogback Road, Suite 3, Ann Arbor. For more information, visit www.cancersupportannarbor.org.

Walker on Wheels 8th annual car show is Aug. 4

Featuring vehicles from 1962 and earlier, the Walker on Wheels car show will take place from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Aug. 4 at Walker Tavern Historic Site, located on US-12 just south of Brooklyn.

Historic cars and other wheeled vehicles will be featured at the historic stagecoach stop in the Irish Hills.

Visitors are encouraged to bring a picnic lunch and will be treated to a free tour of the museum as well.

Walker on Wheels will feature a 1914 Model T Truck, a 1949 Hudson Commodore, a 1955 Nash Metropolitan, and reproductions of a Concord Stage Coach and a covered wagon. Old motorcycles and high-wheeler bikes are also welcome.

The registration fee for cars, trucks, campers, motorcycles or another piece of history on wheels (produced 1962 or earlier) is $10 at the door and $5 for preregistration.

To register a vehicle for the show, go to www.michigan.gov/walkertavern and look under "Coming Events."

The first 100 cars to register will receive commemorative dash plaques. Participants are the judges for awards for top 10 and best of show, and all entries are eligible for door prizes throughout the day.

Walker Tavern is one of 11 nationally accredited museums administered by the Michigan Historical Center, an agency within the Department of Natural Resources. It is located at the junction of US-12 and M-50, east of Jackson.

For more information, call 1-517-467-4401 or visit www.michigan.gov/walkertavern.

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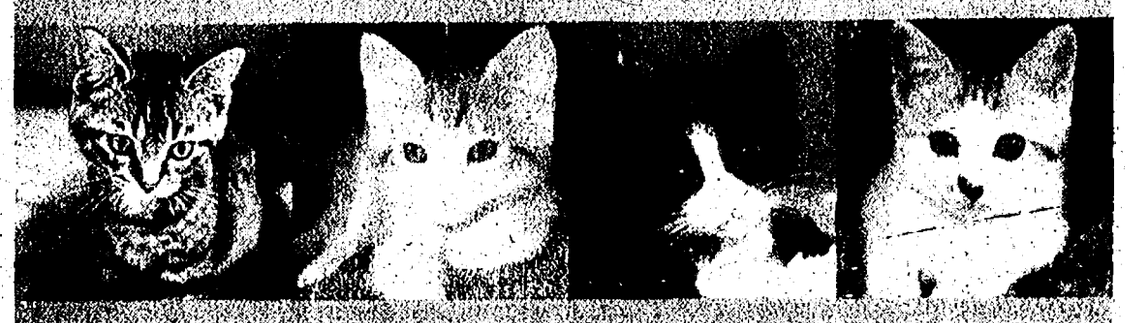

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EDITORIAL

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ONLINE POLL QUESTION

How many hours a week do you spend on news websites?

A. Less than five hours
B. 5-15 hours
C. 15-25 hours
D. More than 25 hours

Beware of auto auction fraud

Note: This is the last of a five-part series discussing the most common online scams Americans reported to the Internet Crime Complaint Center in 2011. So far, Kristin Judge has covered FBI Impersonation, Work-from-Home, Romance, and Loan Intimidation scams. In 2011, victims reported a total loss of over $450 million. The value of time spent to clean up the aftermath and the emotional costs are not considered in that figure.

Online scams are a serious issue affecting millions of Americans, and we can do something to minimize this growing trend. Awareness and education activities, such as sharing this column with people you care about, can make the difference. The information needed to keep you and your family safe is readily available, we just need to start the conversation.

The last scam in this series is Auto-Auction Fraud. Back in 1995, ads for cars were placed in the want ads of the local newspaper or car trade magazine. Now online auction sites are popular places to buy everything from clothes to cars.

ONLINE SAFETY

KRISTIN JUDGE

Similar to the other popular scams, there are two central themes to keep in mind when dealing with Auto-Auction Fraud: If an offer seems to good to be true and never send money to someone you have not met in person.

In 2011, the Internet Crime Complaint Center received 4,066 complaints from victims of Auto-Auction Fraud. The total financial cost to these victims was more than $8 million, with the average loss being $2,000 per victim. The calls reporting these scams averaged two per hour.

IC3 is a partnership between the FBI and National White Collar Crime Center that started in 2000, "To serve as a vehicle to receive, develop and refer criminal complaints regarding the rapidly expanding arena of cyber crime." The information they gather also gives them the ability to understand the most common scams and create public service campaigns designed to educate the public.

Let's take a look at how an Auto-Auction Fraud shapes up. Criminals misrepresent themselves as either Kelley Blue Book agents or possibly a person moving out of town and needing to sell a car quickly before they leave. Like other scams, the criminal sets up a persona that helps them appear legitimate.

The price for the vehicle is usually at a great discount, too good to pass up. When a buyer shows interest in the vehicle, they are asked to send a deposit to a third party to hold while the inspection takes place. Unfortunately, there is no legitimate third party. Once the scammer collects the deposit, the victim is left without their money or a car.

Kristin Judge is the Executive Director of the Trusted Purchasing Alliance. She can be reached at kristin.judget@cisecurity.org.

Live chat event will focus on local government issues

Local government has undergone a transition in the way community services are delivered and organizational structure as officials continue to wrestle with a crumbling tax base and decreases in state shared revenue.

HOME FRONT

AUSTEN SMITH

Some cities and school districts are in crisis management mode, having been assigned a financial manager to produce a balanced budget, while others have made dramatic budget cuts to stay solvent. All local municipalities and Michigan citizens have been affected in some way by the constriction of local cities, townships, villages and school districts.

The question now becomes, what do you think?

From noon to 1 p.m. Thursday, Journal Register Co. publications in Michigan, which includes Heritage Media, will be hosting "The State Debate" — a statewide Internet live chat featuring government officials who will discuss the pressing issues facing our communities and state government. The debate will be hosted at www.Heritage.com.

All subjects, such as emergency financial managers, coping with budget deficits and declining tax revenue, consolidation and/or privatization of services, legacy costs and more, are fair game during the chat.

The debate will feature an expert panel of guests representing different regions and different areas of government. Our guests will include the following:

■ **William Rustem, director of strategy for Gov. Rick Snyder.** Rustem is the chief strategist for Snyder's executive office. He has served many public policy roles in a career that started in 1978, when he served as chief environmental affairs adviser under Gov. George Milliken. Before joining Snyder's campaign in 2010, Rustem was president and chief executive officer of Public Sector Consultants, a research and management consultant firm in Lansin.

■ **L. Brooks Patterson, county executive for Oakland County.** Patterson has been county executive for Oakland County for nearly 20 years. He presides over a $796 million annual budget and a workforce of more than 4,000.

■ **Anthony Minghine, associate executive director and chief operating officer for the Michigan Municipal League.** Minghine joined the MML in 2006 and has been in his current post since 2007. He has more than 20 years of municipal finance experience having formerly served as the director of finance and budget for Canton Township and finance manager for Wayne County's Department of Health.

■ **Jeff Irwin, state representative for the 53rd District.** Irwin is serving his first term as the Democratic state representative for the 53rd District. Prior to his election, he served the people of Ann Arbor as a Washtenaw County Commissioner for 10 years.

Heritage Media encourages everyone to join the live chat and speak out about the direction of the state and local governments, and how tax dollars are spent. The live, web-based conversation will be the first in an ongoing series of Internet chats focusing on statewide issues affecting citizens. It's part of an editorial series looking at our shrinking government that will be published on all Michigan JRC websites and in print starting Aug. 2 in Heritage publications.

We encourage you to submit questions and comments before the live chat so we can present those to our expert panel. There are several ways to submit your questions:

■ Join us on Facebook and leave a comment, visit http://bit.ly/thestatedebate.

■ Send us a Tweet using #StateDebate.

■ Send us an email at thestatedebate@scribblelive.com.

For more information on this event, contact Community Engagement Editor Austen Smith at asmith@heritage.com.

OUR TAKE: Editorial

Bury power lines to avoid future problems

We dodged a bullet. The storms that clobbered parts of the Midwest and East Coast earlier this month passed not far beneath us.

Those of us who got clobbered by smaller storms more recently might disagree. But the devastation and the long outages that followed south and east of us are reminiscent of strong storms and widespread damage in recent memory going back several decades.

In the reporting of these most recent catastrophic storms, we've seen plenty of complaints about the slow pace of restoration, but none about reducing vulnerability in the future.

In particular, we've seen no references to how well or how poorly utilities have managed line clearance, the clearing of trees from rights of way to reduce the threat of toppling trees.

Considering problems with line clearance during the last few decades, it wouldn't surprise us to learn that many of the outages were preventable with an adequate clearance program.

But what if increasingly ferocious storms are the new normal? What if we can anticipate more tornadoes, torrential rains and damaging straight-line winds?

How should we respond?

It may be that current line clearance standards are inadequate, even that standard rights-of-way provide too narrow a corridor. In the long run, burying overhead power lines might come to seem like a bargain.

That would be quite a switch.

We can count on residents after major storms and severe outages asking why power lines aren't buried in their older neighborhoods, as they are in many newer ones. The utilities' answer: The cost would be prohibitive, and it would be borne by all rate-payers. It has been one of those don't-go-there issues, like separating combined sewers by building a separate sanitary sewer network: If you have to ask, you can't afford it.

Is that catastrophizing? We don't know.

From here, we're not ready to say that increasingly violent storms are due to climate change or global warming, or even that storms are certain to continue to increase in ferocity.

But it makes sense to us to consider the possibilities, imagine the worst and do what we can to prepare for it.

— Courtesy of The Macomb Daily

GUEST COLUMN: By Suzy Peterson

Participating in the arts enriches lives

The arts — be it visual, music or theater — bring enrichment and a sense of joy to the beholder. But what about those who participate in the arts: the photographer, the painter, the musician, the actor? What do they stand to gain?

The answer is: a lifetime of accomplishment, self-esteem, creativity and a sense of being.

As part of a community theater working with adults of all walks of life and with youth, we see the benefit of the arts every day. Lifelong friendships are made on a regular basis; in fact, a remarkable number of partnerships and marriages have resulted from participation in this art.

Folks who had a hard time speaking in front of a crowd, let alone a handful of business associates, find their voice and are in command of the audience; sometimes having a creative outlet like theater is just what someone needs to escape the intense work of their daily profession.

And let's not forget that some of the world's classics are set to stage, so our literary education continues.

We have a junior theater program for young, aspiring actors in grades 4-12. There are 20-30 kids in each production, working together and offering performances for kids 3 and older.

Early in my tenure at Ann Arbor Civic Theatre, I observed auditions for a junior theater production. Two middle school boys came to auditions; half a dozen fellow auditioners whispered to me, "They're the tough kids. They won't really 'get' acting and they won't be nice."

Well, the director cast them all, and by curtain time, every single one of those kids was genuinely friendly to the other and worked together to put on a great show. And, the 'tough' kids found such a calm, happy side to themselves, giving a wonderful, touching performance.

So often the participants in these productions inspire us to offer more programs and, really, to stop and say, "Yes! The arts enrich kids' lives."

Kids gain a sense of belonging, of teamwork, of self-esteem and pride. They walk in as shy, quiet, individual kids and leave as confident, expressive, cooperative young actors.

Kids who have had a difficult time reading have a new-found desire to read when they receive their script and realize they need to read it to learn their lines. Cognitive skills, creative skills, problem-solving skills all increase and any socio-economic boundaries cease to exist.

And certainly all this is true in the other arts. For the past several years, the Ann Arbor Public Schools have offered opportunities for classes of all grades to participate in art shows in their schools and in the district library, displaying the work they do in art classes.

The Ann Arbor Street Art Fair offers participation in a Kids Art Fair at the Townie Street Party, allowing kids to display and sell their artwork.

The sense of pride and accomplishment is palpable, and what better way to learn about art than to make art?

When we purchase a piece of art, or read a book, or see a live theater production, we feel so many emotions and feel inspired. Imagine how the creator of the work of art is feeling.

Suzi Peterson is the managing director for Ann Arbor Civic Theatre.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

DDA should reveal results of Longworth study before voting on demolition of any part of the property

All five resolutions presented during the meeting of the Downtown Development Authority on Jan. 19 were to study situations related to the Longworth Property and Jackson Street corridor. Included among those five resolutions to be studied is the option of demolition of the Daniels addition showroom and the livery.

Since resolution No. 2 was on the July 19 agenda (demolish Daniels addition showroom), what is the evidence of that study? Although resolution No. 3 was not on the July 19 agenda (demolish the livery), it should be noted that during the meeting on June 21, Mark Heydlauff said, "The Livery building is old and used up and should not be saved."

Questions that flow from the study of the situation are: Is there an appropriate engineering study completed that documents that the Mack Building is structurally stable enough so that it won't collapse when its neighbors are removed? Although there has been hazardous waste remediation, what are the effects on ground water when buildings are demolished?

Under Section 29 (2) of the Downtown Development Authority Act (MCL 125 1679, P A of 1975), a DDA is required to refer proposed changes to the exterior of sites listed on the National Register of Historic Places to the State Historic Preservation Office for comment. Has the SHPO been asked for its comments? What were they?

The adjoining land is owned by the depot, but being proximate to a railroad line, what federal licensing may be required to do major work at the site such as demolition? If such licensing is required, doesn't that trigger a Section 106 proceeding under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 for federally-licensed or assisted projects?

Doesn't the use of federal funds from the Environmental Protection Agency trigger a Section 106 proceeding?

The DDA has a responsibility to produce the results of the study before there is a vote for demolition of any part of the Longworth Property.

John L. Frank
President of Preservation Chelsea

Vote 'yes' for the Sylvan Township millage

I lived in Sylvan Township in the 1970s and moved away for a few decades. When I returned in 2010, hoping to retire here, I began to hear about the big gamble a Sylvan Township Supervisor took hoping to increase revenues for the township. Unfortunately, the economy stalled and the plan to recoup the money to pay back Washtenaw County failed.

I am voting yes for the millage that will add 4.4 mills for 20 years. Sounds like a lot? It does to me too, but if it's only 4.40 mills, I can hopefully budget for it and still be able to put gas in my vehicle. If the millage fails, I have no idea what I'll have to pay, but it will not be as low as 4.4 mills. Each and everyone of us living in Sylvan Township has to pay back this debt. We can either pay a lot, or not so much.

I attend the Sylvan Township meetings. I rarely hear rational comments about this issue, and I understand completely – those were my feelings when I first heard about this mess. But I keep hearing people talking about ways get out from under this financial responsibility that all of us living in Sylvan Township must pay. There is no easy way out of our responsibility, except to pay what we owe.

Another hot topic at Township meetings is blame. Blaming people who are not responsible for what happened. The folks currently in office are not responsible for spearheading the risky deal.

The public's awareness has now been raised enough that hopefully no more questionable deals will slide through because no one is paying attention. As voters in this township, you need to pay attention. You are now witnessing what happens when you don't.

There is no silver bullet. We have to pay Washtenaw County.

The question is do you want to pay 4.4 mills or much much more? I want to pay the lowest amount possible. I want no ugly surprises in my December tax bill. I want a tangible number I can budget for.

Also, for those of you who complain about the complicated and seemingly mysterious finances of governments, please read below about an online database found on clickondetroit.com. It is free for the public to use and makes your township's finances more understandable.

Quoting from the article:

"Munetrix is an online database that creators said has budgets and financial reports for all the municipal governments in Michigan. It also has them for school districts.

"Even though many financial reports are available online, Munetrix said it breaks the information down to make it easier to understand.

"Residents can use the website to see how their tax dollars are being spent.

"'They can go right onto our website and drill down into Munetrix and very easily read what is out there,' said Rob Maleszyk, Warren's controller. 'It's very user friendly and it's data that has integrity because it comes from the state of Michigan.'

"Munetrix extracts financial data cities report to the state.

"'From a resident or a citizen perspective, it gives them a very simplistic overview of what a lot of people would consider an awful lot of numbers that you'd almost have to be a CPA to figure out,' said Hartley."

Here is the the Munetrix website, http://www.munetrix.com/home.php.

Here is Sylvan Township specifically: http://www.munetrix.com/sections/data/municipal.php?MuniID=609&Type=Township#.

Please vote yes for the millage. Knowing what to expect is better than not knowing what to expect.

Sandie Schulze
Sylvan Township

St. Joe's should remember the community in Chelsea Community Hospital

As the daughter of Will Johnson, former CEO of Chelsea Community Hospital, I was saddened to hear about the closure of the Chelsea Community Hospital Children's Center. Throughout the years, my father, in concert with the Chelsea community, achieved many wonderful things for the hospital and for the city of Chelsea, and

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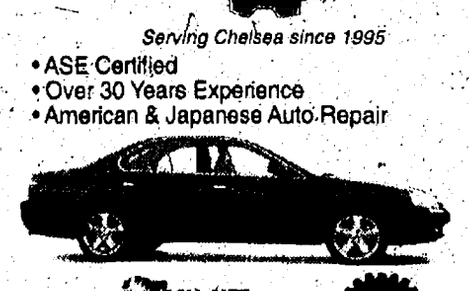

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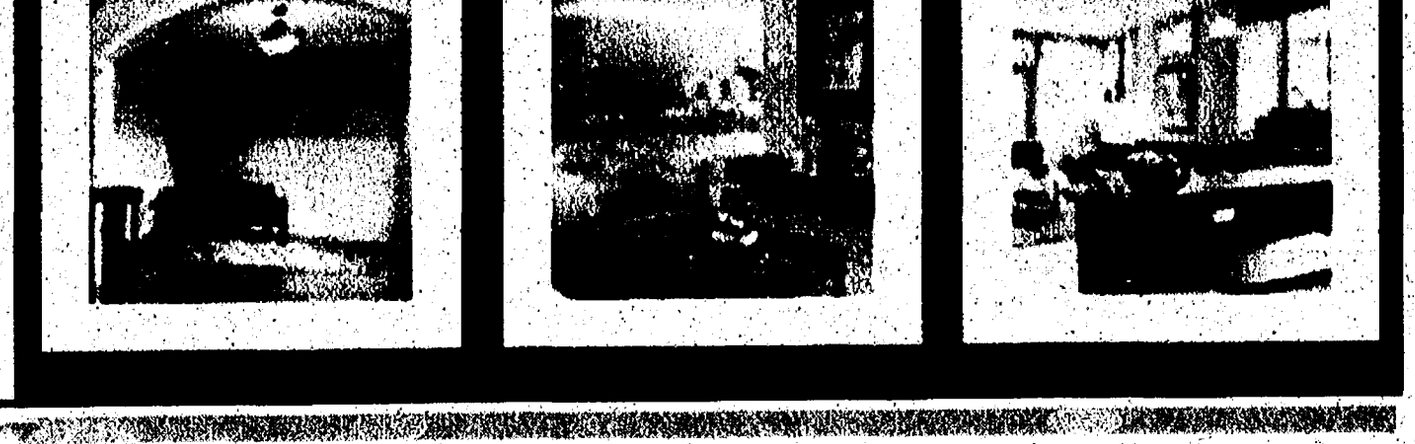

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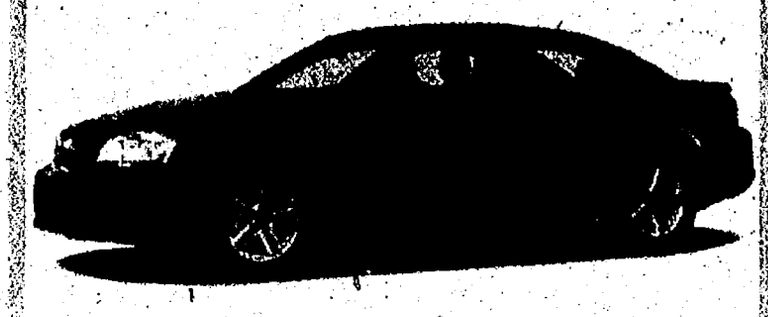

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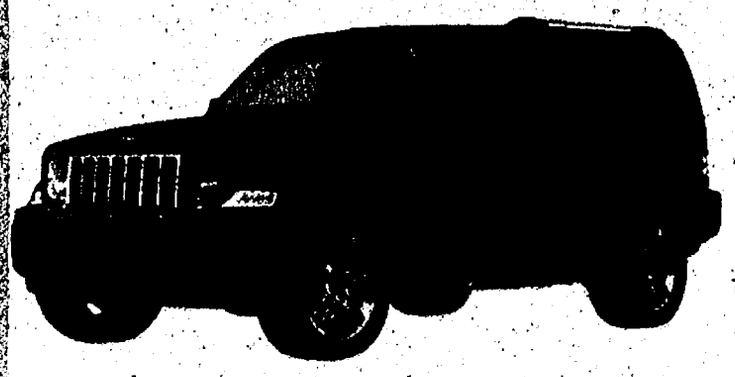

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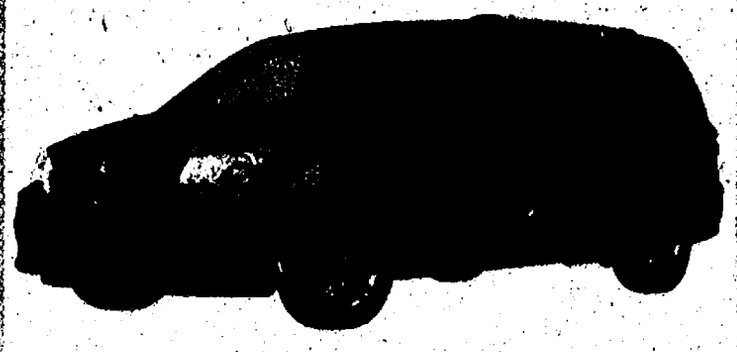

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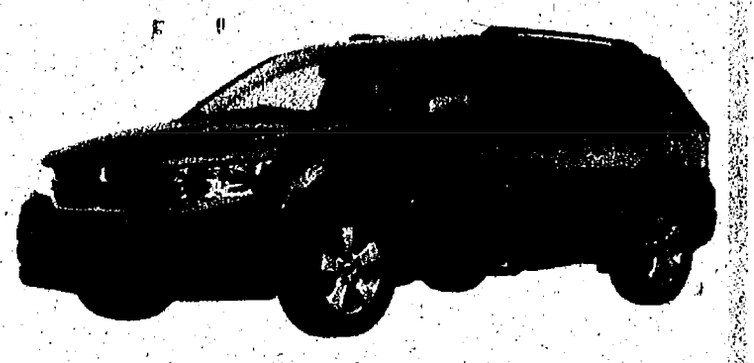

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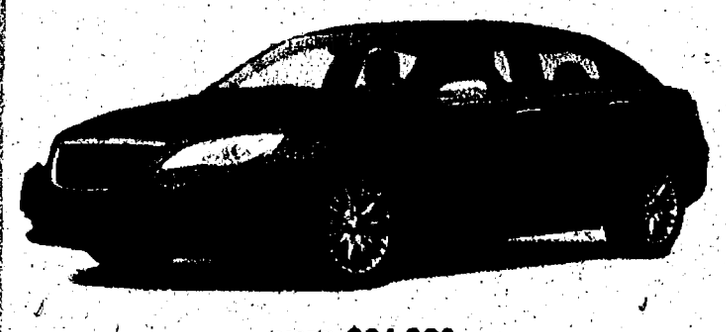

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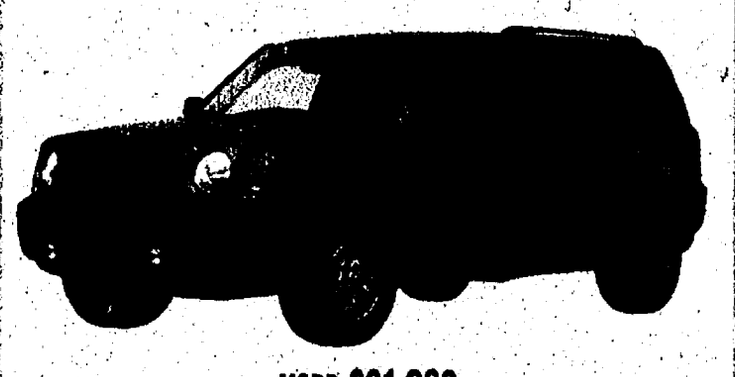

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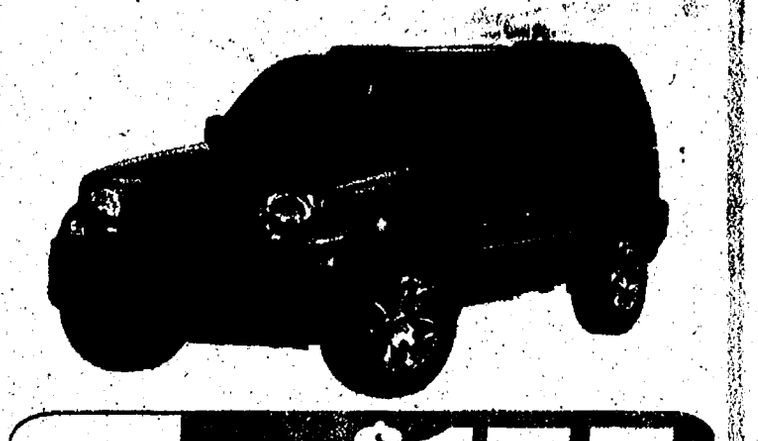

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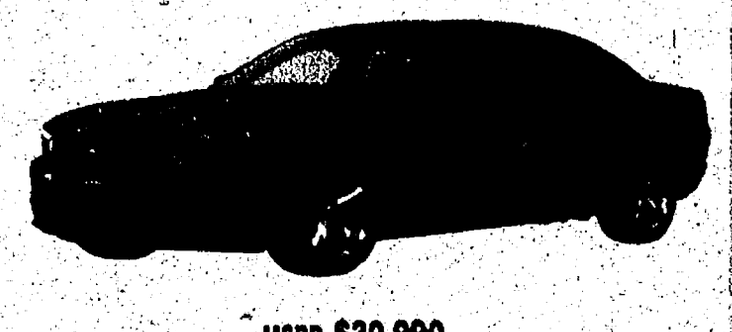

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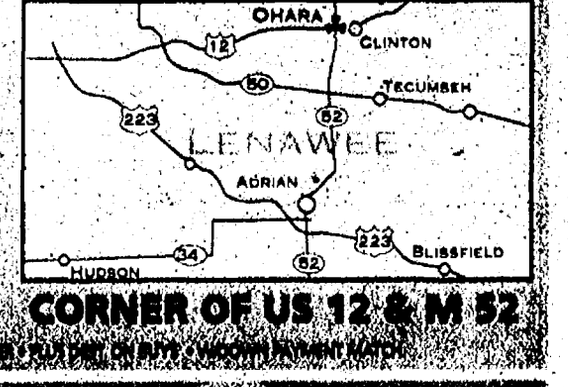

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U of M study: Young adult cancer patients lack support

A cancer diagnosis for adolescents and young adults can be especially challenging, and new research shows the social, psychological and informational needs of these patients might be going unmet.

Compared to both children and older adult cancer patients, adolescents and young adults ages 14 through 39 demonstrate a different set of psychosocial needs and issues related to their age-related development. Whether these patients are treated in a pediatric or adult setting can influence their clinical and psychosocial well-being.

A new study lead by University of Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Center researchers shows significant proportions of patients in this age group are not getting their care needs met. Results from the study were published in the journal Cancer.

"When patients in this age group are diagnosed with cancer, they face issues like premature confrontation with mortality, changes in physical appearance, disruptions in school or work, financial challenges and loss of reproductive capacity, that can all be particularly distressing," said Bradley Zebrack, associate professor of social work and associate professor of health behavior and health education at the University of Michigan, in a news release.

"Whether it's mental health care, information for topics like infertility, or other aspects of care like camps or retreat programs, this study shows that many of these patients aren't getting the care they need to address these unique challenges."

The researchers surveyed 215 newly diagnosed cancer patients between the ages of 14 and 39, assessing the patients' use of and desire for various information resources, emotional support services and practical support services.

They found that patients in their 20s were significantly less likely than teens and patients in their 30s to report using mental health services and were more likely to report an unmet need for cancer information, infertility information and diet/nutrition information.

Additionally, compared with teens that were treated in pediatric settings, young adults treated in adult, as opposed to pediatric, facilities were more likely to report an unmet need for age-appropriate Internet sites, mental health services, camp and retreat programs, transportation assistance and complementary and alternative health services.

Zebrack, the study's lead author, says because there's a lack of research surrounding the needs and desires for care of patients in this age group, it can be hard for health care professionals to establish age-appropriate services to meet their unique psychosocial challenges.

He says the results of this study might help medical professionals better tune their care to meet the needs of their adolescent and young adult patients.

"Our research shows increasing patient referral to community-based social service agencies and reputable Internet resources can enhance the care and improve the quality of life for this group of patients," he said.

"The more we know about their needs, the better support health care professionals will be able to provide."

Ranking says U of M hospital care is among the best in nation

The University of Michigan Hospitals and Health Centers offer the best care in Michigan and some of the nation's best care, according to a new ranking from U.S. News & World Report.

The results, released online last week, mark the 18th year in a row that U of M has been named to the honor roll of "America's Best Hospitals," this year with a rank of 17th.

U of M is one of only eight hospitals in the nation to make the honor roll every year since 1995. In addition, 156 of U of M's physicians have been named among America's top doctors in a database published on the U.S. News website.

U of M is the only hospital in Michigan on the national honor roll, which signifies all-around excellence in multiple areas of specialized medical care. U of M earned a high national berth in 14 ranked specialties and was recognized as high-performing in two others.

This is the first year for the statewide ranking and the second year that the metro Detroit ranking includes Ann Arbor. U of M is rated number 1 in both.

"As the only hospital that serves patients from every county in Michigan and many other parts of the country and world, we're proud to offer a high level of care and expertise across many specialties," said Doug Strong, director and chief executive officer of the U of M Hospitals and Health Centers, in a news release.

"There are many ways to measure a hospital's excellence, and we are grateful to be recognized in this ranking and others."

U of M ranked in the top 20 nationwide in seven specialties, and in the top 40 in seven others. These include the specialty care at U of M's Geriatrics Center (15th), Comprehensive Cancer Center (14th), Cardiovascular Center (22nd), Comprehensive Diabetes Center (16th) and Kellogg Eye Center's ophthalmologic care (13th).

The U of M Hospitals and Health Centers are part of the U of M Health System, which also has been recognized by U.S. News as having one of the nation's top medical schools — tied for 10th in the country — and top children's hospitals, with C.S. Mott Children's Hospital ranked in all 10 specialties of children's care that are measured.

U of M also earned an "A" patient safety grade and Top Hospital designation recently from the Leapfrog Group, and has been named by IMS Health as one of the nation's most integrated health systems, encompassing a broad range of services for patients of all types.

For the 2012 "America's Best Hospitals" rankings, U of M's rank in each specialty category is:

- Overall: No. 17
- State of Michigan: No. 1
- Detroit metro: No. 1
- Cancer (No. 14)
- Cardiology and heart surgery (No. 22)
- Diabetes and endocrinology (No. 16)
- Ear, nose and throat (No. 13)
- Gastroenterology (No. 30)
- Geriatrics (No. 15)
- Gynecology (No. 33)
- Nephrology (No. 35)
- Neurology and neurosurgery (No. 30)
- Ophthalmology (No. 13)
- Orthopedics (No. 40)
- Pulmonology (No. 20)
- Rheumatology (No. 16)
- Urology (No. 13)

U of M is also high-performing in the reputational rankings for psychiatry and rehabilitation.

U.S. News' 2011-12 publication of "America's Best Hospitals" will be on sale at newsstands in August. The rankings are also available online at http://health.USNews.com.

Shelter Association launches text-to-donate campaign

The Shelter Association of Washtenaw County recently launched its first text-to-donate campaign to address homelessness.

Through mid-August, the Shelter Association, located in the Robert J. Delonis Center in Ann Arbor, will build awareness about homelessness in Washtenaw County while allowing easy donations via text message.

Volunteers from the Shelter Association will be hanging posters around Ann Arbor and handing out postcards during the Art Fair to highlight the campaign.

Anyone with a cell phone can now send a $10 donation to the Shelter Association by texting HOME to 20222.

A one-time donation of $10 will be added to the donor's mobile phone bill or deducted from a prepaid balance. User must be age 18 or older or have parental permission to participate.

Donors can give multiple times a month, depending on their carrier.

Donations are tax deductible, and pledges are billed through their monthly cell phone bill. Messaging and data rates may apply.

The Shelter Association's mission is to end homelessness through transitional housing services. The association's residential program provides temporary housing while helping individuals identify the necessary steps to gain income and find a permanent home.

Between 2010 and 2011, the Shelter Association's Residential Program helped 247 individuals move into stable housing.

In addition to the residential program, the Shelter Association also provides non-residential services, which include laundry, showers, lockers and access to their on-site free health clinic.

The clinic is staffed primarily through volunteers from the area and is open to anyone experiencing homelessness or in a precarious housing situation in Washtenaw County. Last year, these services at the Shelter Association aided more than 1,400 individuals experiencing homelessness in Southeastern Michigan.

To learn more about the Shelter Association of Washtenaw County, visit www.annarborshelter.org.

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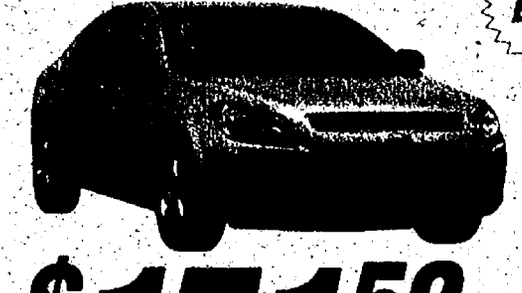
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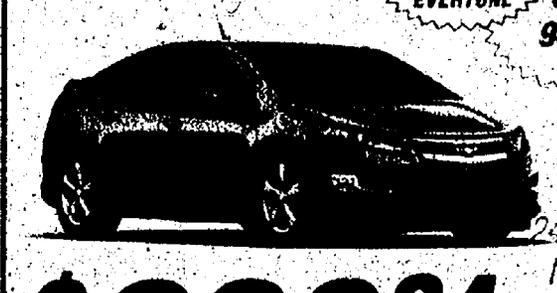
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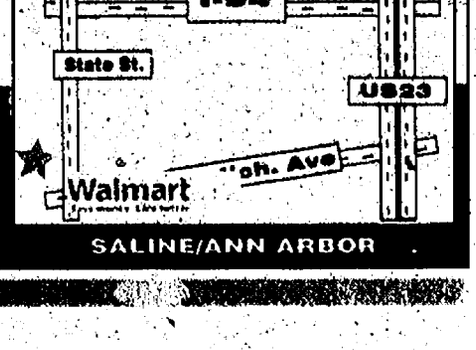

BIRTH

Jonah Elliott Satterthwaite

Rod and Julia (Ridgway) Satterthwaite of Royal Oak are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Jonah Elliott Satterthwaite.

Jonah was born at 5:42 p.m. on June 7 at Royal Oak Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. He weighed 9 pounds, 2 ounces, and was 20 and one-half inches long.

Jonah joins his 15-month-old brother, Micah.

Jonah is the grandson of Ron and Jean Satterthwaite in Chelsea; and Bob and Peggy Ridgway in Schenectady, NY.

Jonah's great-grandparents are Bob Roselle and Mary Sullivan of Grosse Pointe.

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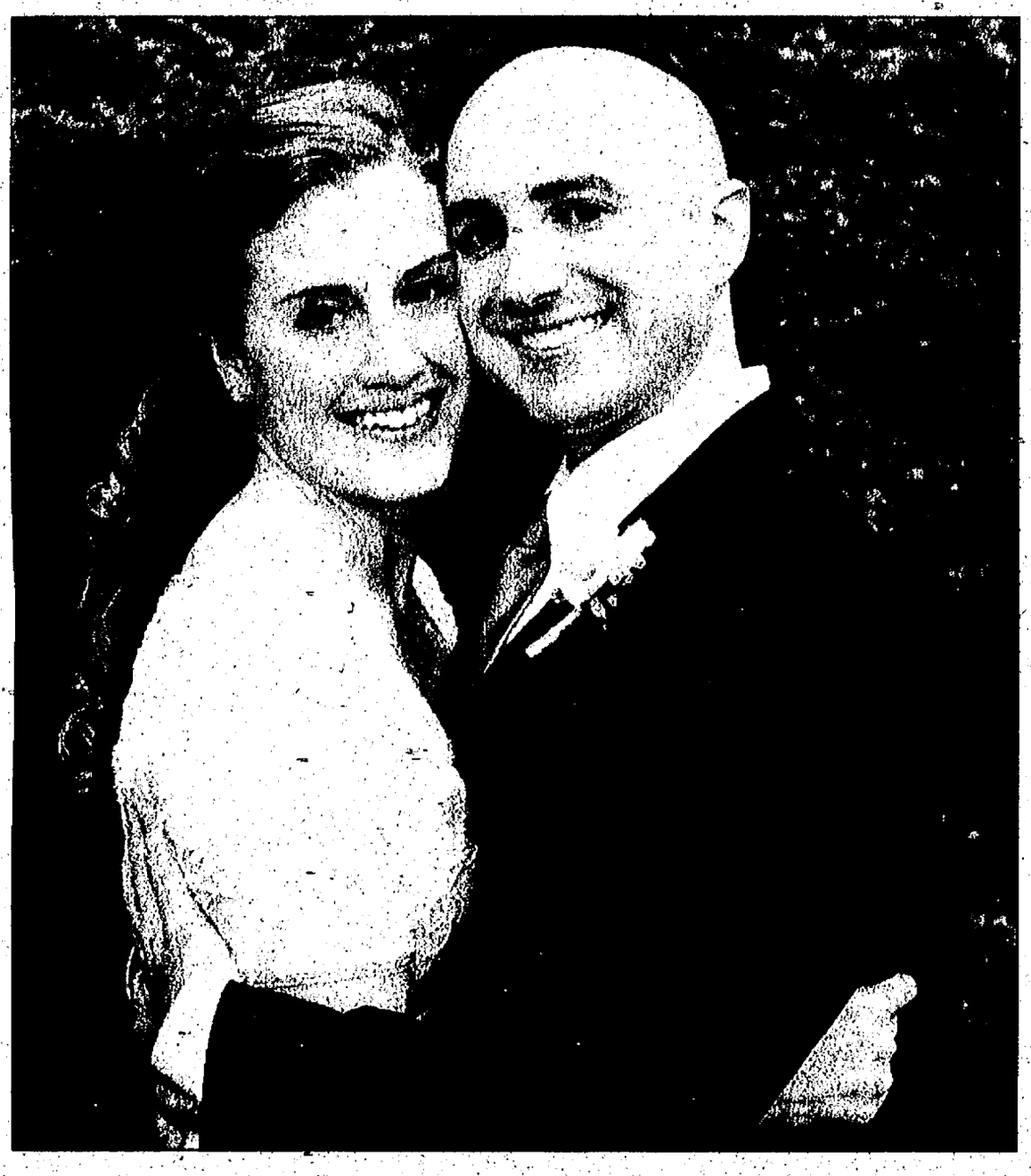

Flintoft-De Stefano

Joan Flintoft of Alexandria, Va., daughter of Jeffrey and Carolyn Flintoft of Grass Lake, and Thomas De Stefano of Alexandria, Va., son of Charles and Theresa De Stefano of Mannington Township, N.J., were married 6 p.m. April 28 at James Madison's Montpelier in Orange, Va.

The maid of honor was Beth Flintoft of Chicago, who is the sister of the bride. Jill Aronson Pfaendtner of Seattle, a friend of the bride, was a bridesmaid.

Friend of the groom Bruno Marcos of Alexandria, Va. was the best man, and Carlos Lobo of Arlington, Va., a friend of the groom, was a groomsman.

The bride is a graduate of Kalamazoo College, where she received her bachelor of arts degree, and The George Washington University, where she achieved her master of arts degree.

The groom graduated from American University in Washington, D.C. with a bachelor of arts and a master of arts.

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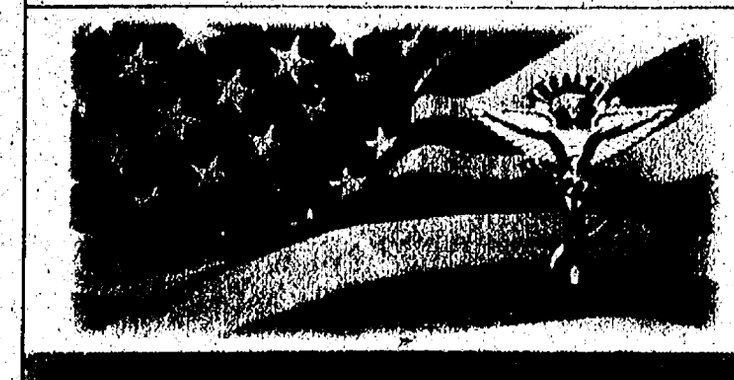

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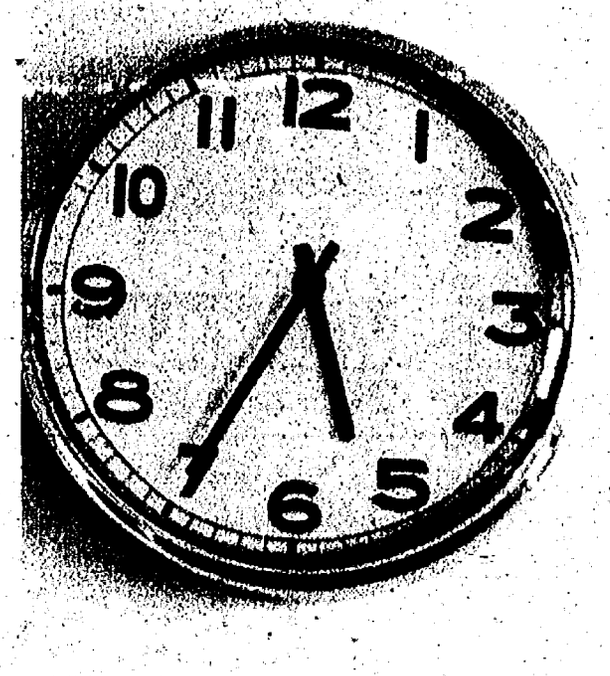

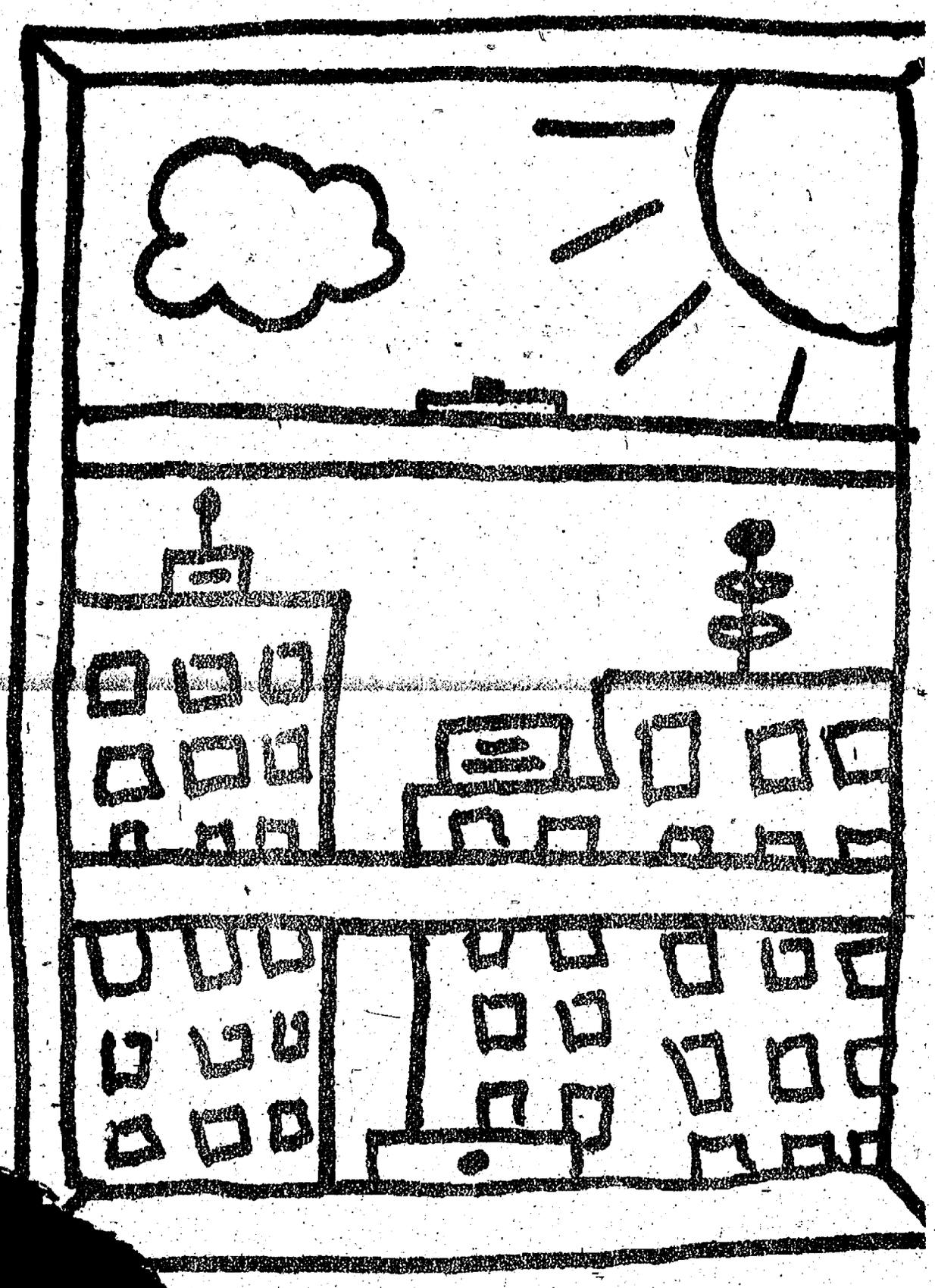

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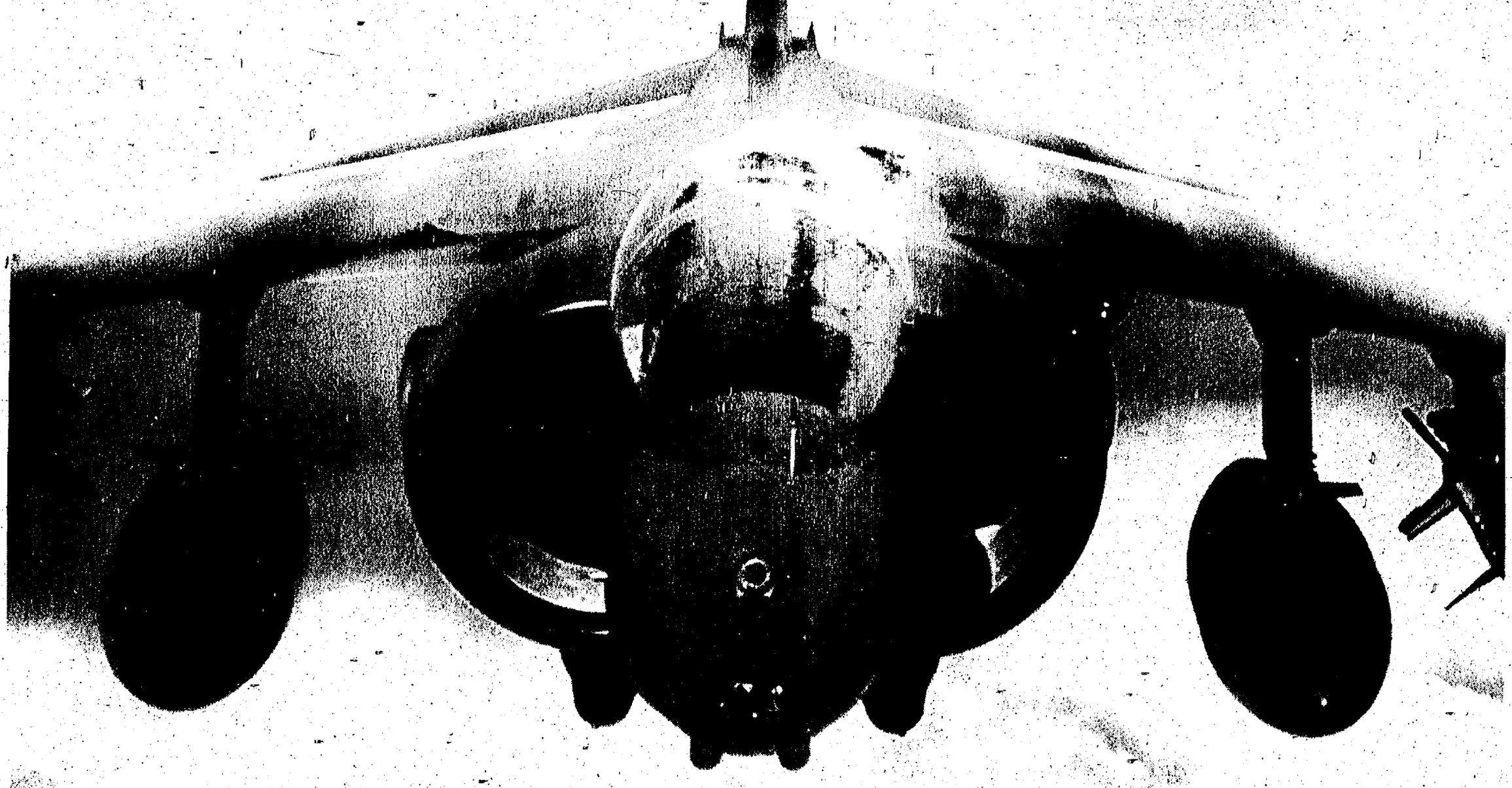

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By Sheila Pursglove
Special Writer

A group of young writers, artists, and poets at Eastern Michigan University have launched the Temporal Arts Collective and will hold a group poetry/multimedia reading and performance 9 p.m. July 27, at 302 N. Adams Street in Ypsilanti.

"Our group reading is open to all. Whether you're seeking inspiration, an escape, a good time, new art, or energy, it'll all be there, I promise," said TAC member Kristen Gines.

A Chelsea resident since 1999 and a 2006 Chelsea High School graduate, Gines attended Washtenaw Community College before transferring to EMU, and will graduate this winter with an undergrad degree in creative writing and art history.

"I'm drawn to art because of its inherent beauty and un-beauty," she said. "I'm interested in human pathways – sometimes they cross each other in intricate and unexplainable ways. I feel it's my job to write about the places and ways these pathways do or don't meet. This mystic design becomes the root of my poetry."

Gines hopes to leave people positively altered by her words.

"I love creating," she said. "I love seeking inspiration and crafting the ways it manifests itself into my work."

Her own inspiration is Markus Zusak's "I Am The Messenger," a book she first read as a teenager in the Chelsea District Library.

"I remember thinking I'd come into contact with real and honest writing probably for the first time," she said. "I learned there is power with words, if you just know how to use them."

Attending EMU has been an opportunity to meet different and interesting people, including the students who formed the Temporal Arts Collective.

"I think we were captivated by each other's writing and impressed by the quality and care each of us put into our work," she said.

"I'm proud and honored to be a part of this collective – it's a group of people incredibly different from one another stylistically, yet we're all seeking to change the world of art and poetry as we know it.

"We're proud to be Michigan writers. Creating is what we love to do. Each of us has been published in one way or another, yet we're incredibly young in our careers," she said. "We also believe in supporting local art – it's essential for a community to have a strong artistic and creative base, and we're honored to be a part of it."

Poet and visual artist Miranda Metelski works as a bookseller at the Crazy Wisdom Bookstore in Ann Arbor. A graduate of Rochester High School in Rochester Hills, she studied fine arts for three years at Wayne State University before transferring to EMU to study creative writing, and she currently calls Ypsilanti home.

"For me, art is about transformation," she said adding that she joined the TAC to move away from individual interests, and towards a participatory environment.

Nick Compton, poet, visual artist and musician, is a graduate of Birmingham Wiley E. Groves High School, and has studied creative writing and English lit for five years; he will graduate this fall.

"My hopes for the collective are to come in contact with other artists and push with positive outward force into the world," he said. "My hopes have already been met and exceeded."

Matthew Mapes, a graduate of Livonia Franklin High School, worked in the music industry, for several years, and is entering his final semester in creative writing with a minor in electronic media and film studies; he plans to enter a master of fine arts program next year.

As a teenager and young adult, Mapes would write poetry from time to time, but never gave it any real consideration.

"I've always been artistically inclined, as a musician, photographer, filmmaker, or poet," he said.

Flint native Jonah Mixon-Webster, who now lives in Ann Arbor, writes poetry with themes of identity, spirituality and interpersonal relationships. Currently pursuing a master's degree in creative writing, he will be teaching English composition at EMU this Fall.

He is also editor-in-chief of the online hypermedia journal BathHOUSE.

"I just want people to reconnect with something more imaginative than what we've all become used to," he said of the TAC.

John Farmer, a poet and creative writing major and contributing editor for Cellar Roots, EMU's Literary Journal, has appeared in several publications, and in 2009 received the Student Academic Achievement Award from Oakland Community College as the most published student in its history.

For more information, visit http://temporalartscollective.wordpress.com.

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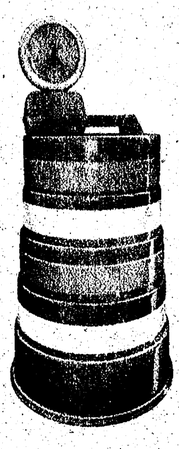

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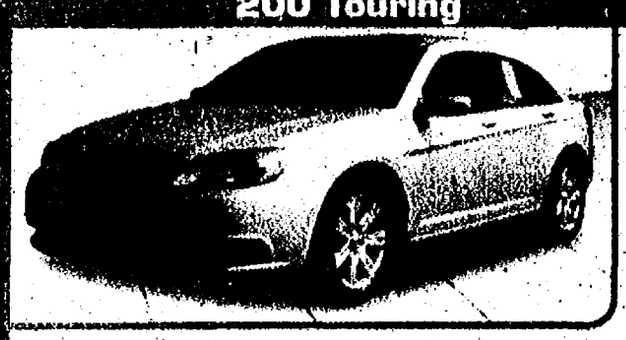

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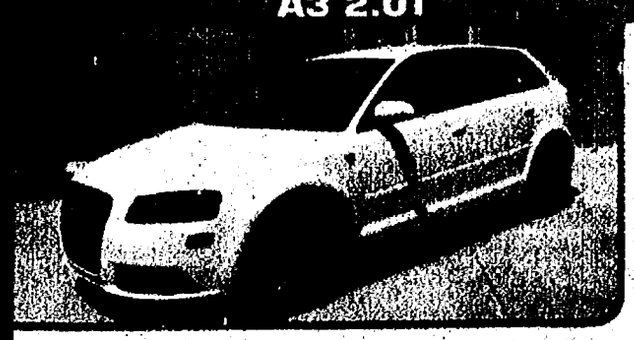

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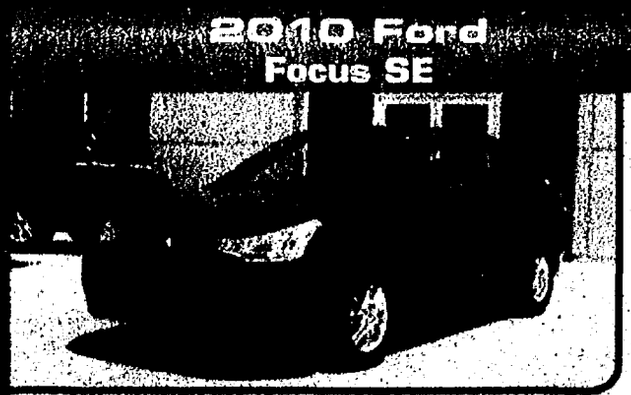

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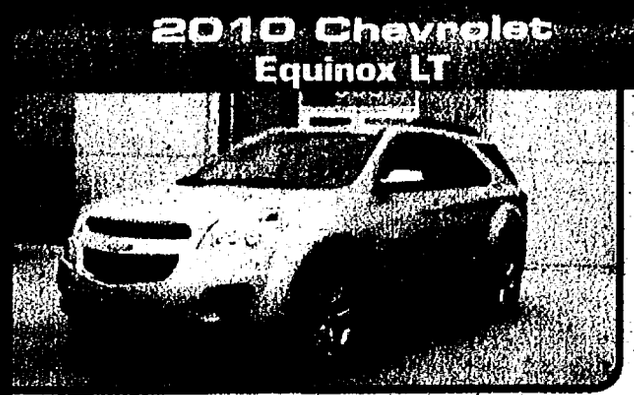

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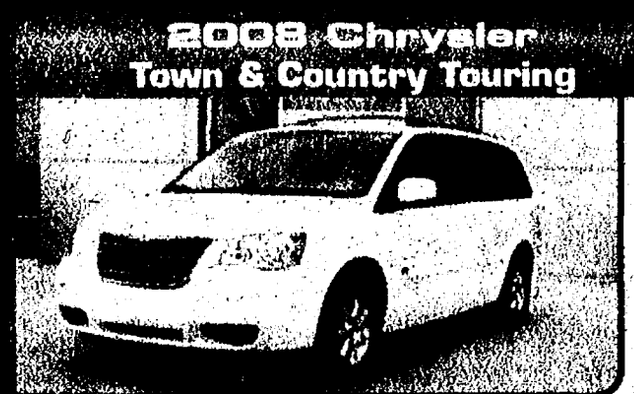

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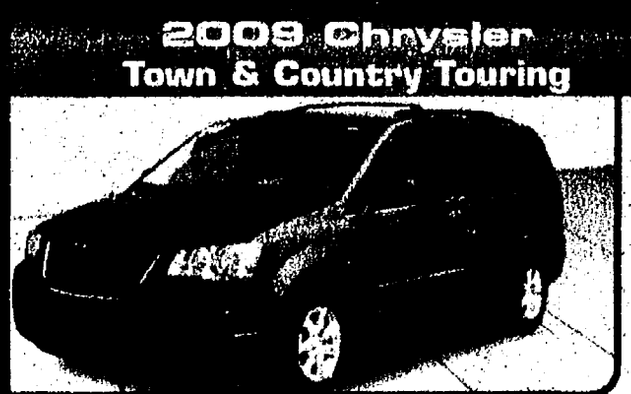

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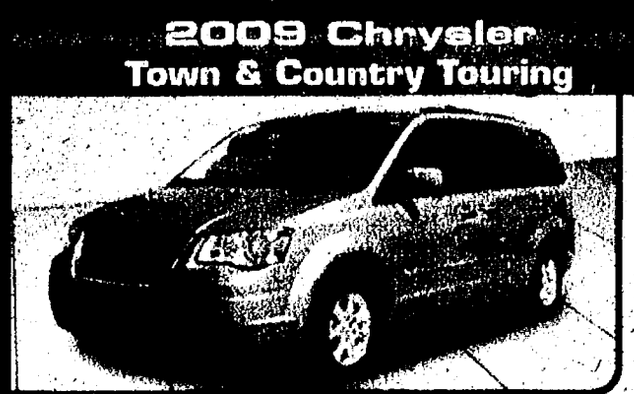

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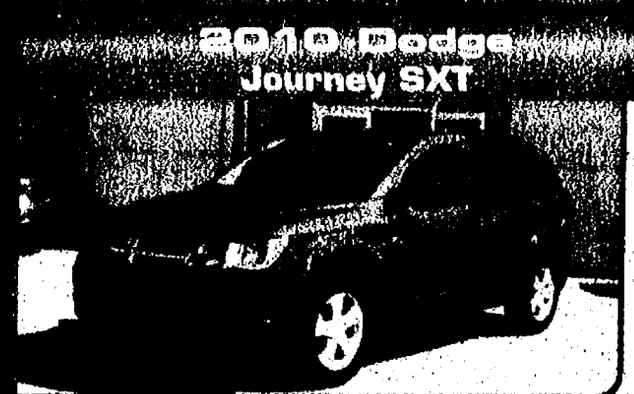

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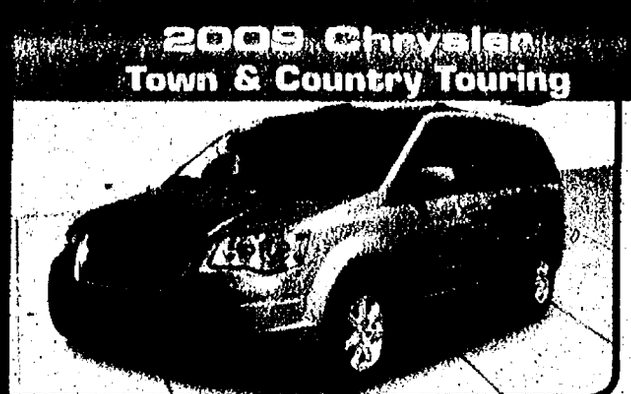

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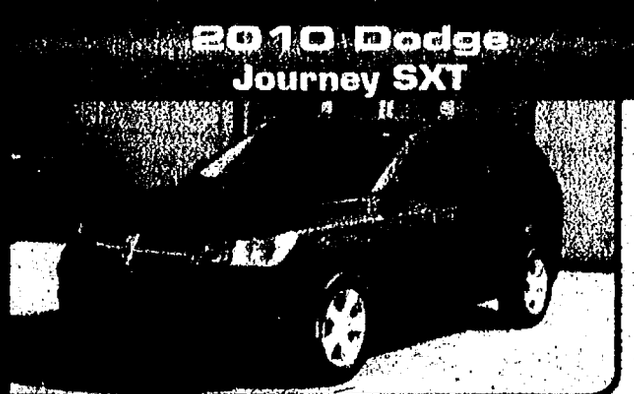

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ANNIVERSARY

Neil and Marion Early mark 50 years

Neil and Marion Early of Milan will repeat their vows at Immaculate Conception church and will celebrate their 50th anniversary at the Father Strzelewicz Family Center in Milan Aug. 11.

Neil Early wed Marion Knapp Aug. 11, 1962, at Immaculate Conception Church in Milan.

Hosts for their anniversary celebration are their children, Bryan and Sharon Early of Vestal, N.Y.; Tracey Early Gerez of Culver City, Calif.; and Kim and Michael Staelgraeve of Britton.

They have eight grandchildren.

Neil Early was a member of the U.S. Air Force and was employed by Cone Elevator and Ford Motor Co. before retiring in 2002.

Marion Early worked for an insurance company and the Milan Area Schools before retiring in 2000. Both are graduates of Milan High School.

They both enjoy golf, gardening and traveling and say family is their main focus.

ENGAGEMENTS

Ashley Alexander-Jason Garrity

Ashley Alexander and Jason Garrity are engaged and planning an August wedding in Ann Arbor.

The future bride is the daughter of Joan Alexander of York Township. The future groom is the son of Debbie Garrity of Dearborn Heights and Mark Garrity of Livonia. The bride-elect is a 2005 graduate of Saline High School and attended the University of Michigan. She is currently pursuing a master's degree in public health at the University of Michigan.

The groom-elect attended Wayne State University and is currently the general manager of Buffalo Wild Wings in Ann Arbor.

Stephanie Boswell-Ryan Stuck

Stephanie Boswell of Durham, N.C., daughter of Dave and Sharon Boswell of Saline, and Ryan Stuck of Saline, son of Joe and Judy Stuck of Lake Odessa and Bob and Leann Maxwell of New Boston, are engaged and plan to wed Dec. 15 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Saline.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Saline High School and Eastern Michigan University. She is currently completing physician assistant school at Duke University in Durham, N.C.

The groom-elect is a graduate of Airport High School in Carleton. He is a sheriff's deputy with the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department.

BIRTH

Abe and Cindy (Coulson) Altheeb of Milan announce the birth of a son, Jacob Ryan Altheeb, July 15 at the University of Michigan Von Voigtlander Women's Hospital in Ann Arbor. The baby was 8 pounds, 11 ounces and was 21.5 inches.

The baby has two older sisters, Sapphire, 13, and Satara, 11.

The baby's grandmother is Khayriah Altheeb of Amman, Jordan, and his great-grandmother is Lateefah Altheeb, also of Amman.

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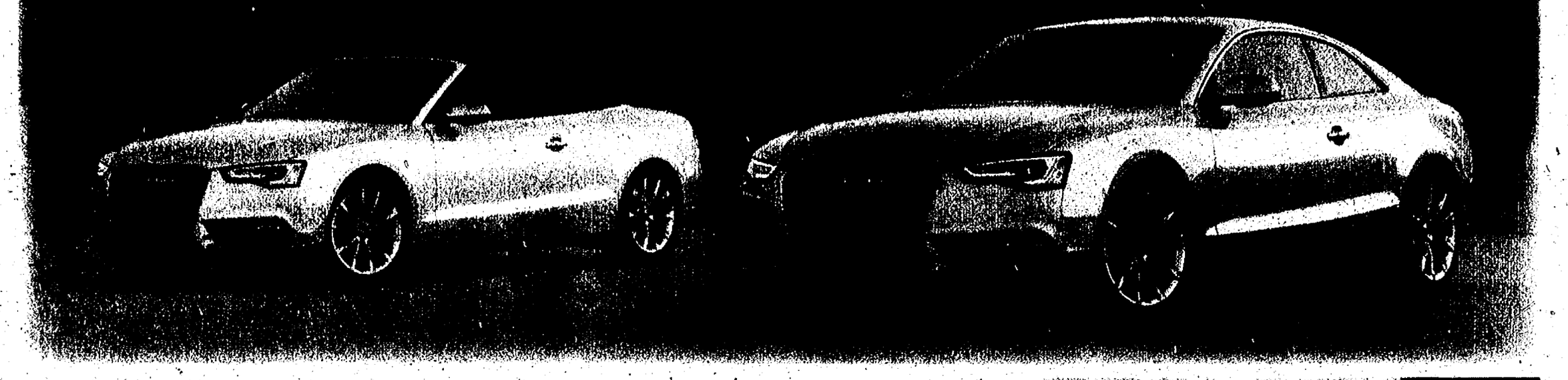

2013 Audi A5 Convertible and Coupe

Brand new Allroad introduced, four other models get makeovers

By David Schmidt
Automotive Editor
Journal Register News Service

It was a mountain of work in the Rockies as Audi refreshed five versions of the A/S4 and launched a new model as well. Luckily, the locale, mountains and forest fires weren't at all distracting.

As the A4/S4 models represent about half of Audi's U.S. sales, getting things right on a redesign or refresh is essential. For the 2013 model, the changes are mostly evolutionary, so its looks, for instance, will still please Audi fans.

This refresh of Audi's A/S4 models is the eighth generation of this B-segment car. The models get some new features and looks. The biggest difference in looks is that now so many other brands are using LED front accent lights, Audi is going to LED tube lighting to still look different from its copy-cat competitors.

The 2013 lineup also marks the return of the Allroad to the American lineup. The Audi Allroad is a station wagon that's a bit taller, a bit farther off the ground and comes only with Quattro all-wheel drive.

The difference is that the Allroad has moderate off-road capability.

It gets flared wheel wells for larger wheels, roof rails and more "off-roady" tires. The Allroad's track is the same as the A5 coupe – a bit wider than the A4 — and it gets about an inch more ground clearance and a slightly higher roofline.

But it's clearly a station wagon in looks, as Audi already has a few crossovers, and this isn't to be another one. Audi says they sold about 3500 Avant models a year and would expect to sell about the same number of Allroads.

Like the rest of the A-designated models, the Allroad is powered by a 2.0-liter turbocharged four-cylinder engine that produces 211 hp. and 258 lb.-ft. of peak torque. If you go for the front-wheel drive version of the A4, you get Audi's continuously variable transmission, while the Quattro all-wheel drive puts the power through an eight-speed Tiptronic automatic transmission.

The result is that the A4 has enough power for most situations.

But in the Colorado driving, the automatic did lots of searching for gears as it attempted to climb those hills. While you can manually shift this automatic, it would be nice to have a "sport" automatic mode that held the gears longer. It would've made for smoother driving – and not just in hills, but probably in city traffic as well.

The A4 and A5 continue to be attractive introductions to the world of German-car driving. The look and feel, as well as the tightness of the suspension and steering, can turn any highway into an Autobahn if the driver doesn't pay attention. Both models are extremely quiet, creating a bit of solace in a noisy world.

Some of the nice features that are now fitted on the A4 include their neat navigation system, which overlays Google satellite views to the system's maps. Already available on other models, this is clearly a luxury feature and a lot of fun. Later this year, the system will get an upgrade to allow for Google's street view, which can show you what you're looking for without trying to figure it out from a picture of your destination's roof.

The line also gets available adaptive cruise control, which will keep you at a set distance behind a vehicle, and even bring you to a stop and start you up again in stop-and-go traffic. Adding electric power steering stripped 30 lb. off the car.

Audi's also improved their Drive System so that it now remembers the driver's settings and doesn't revert to default every time you shut off the car.

When it comes to Audi's S4 and S5, the massive V8 engine is gone, replaced by a direct gasoline injected supercharged V6. This 3.0-liter, six-cylinder, DOHC engine produces 333 hp. and 325 lb.-ft. of peak torque. While it's a nice engine, it doesn't make Audi's S4 and S5 the fireballs they used to be.

For American enthusiasts, there's a six-speed manual transmission available in the Audi S4 and S5, which is no longer the case in Germany, where they must make do with the automatic transmission.

Another big advantage for performance fans is that the new supercharged V6 engine produces plenty of power, but the fuel economy is low enough so that there's no longer a gas-guzzler tax on the car, which means about $4000 less on the car's total price.

The change in the Audi S models is part of Audi's plan to become the world's largest auto manufacturer. Having established the "S" designation in the minds of Audi fans, they need to sell more of them than pure enthusiasts will buy.

This Audi S4 is no longer a competitor in the "crazy fast" segment owned by the BMW M3, nor is it meant to be. It wouldn't be surprising to see another version, perhaps an RS, to bring an Audi competitor back to those races.

If you've already counted six models – did I mention the convertible? – off the same platform, it's easy to expect more down the road. Audi's clear attitude towards selling this car is that the more they can offer to diverging buyers, the more vehicles they can sell.

The A4 FWD price starts at $32,500 and the A4 Quattro with the top trim level and the Tiptronic has an MSRP of $44,350. The S4 manual starts at $47,600 and the Prestige trim level with the seven-speed automatic starts at $55,250.

The A4 Coupe's pricing begins at $37,850 for the Quattro with a manual transmission or $42,600 with the automatic. And the A4 Cabriolet price begins at $43,350 for the FWD, while the high-trim Quattro starts out at $54,900.

The S5 with manual transmission in the lowest trim level begins at $50,900. Move to the S5 Tiptronic at the higher Prestige trim and it starts at $58,950. The S5 Cabriolet Prestige begins at $65,950 with the Prestige trim.

The new model, the Allroad, begins its pricing at $39,600 and in the highest trim level, starts at $48,800.

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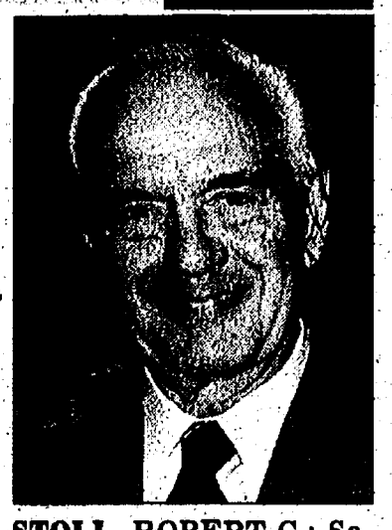

EDDINGTON-CULBERTSON, JANET L.; of Dexter, formerly of Plymouth; passed away on July 17, 2012; at the age of 71. She was born in Plymouth, September 16, 1940 to the late Charles and Icie Woodard. Janet grew up in Plymouth and attended Plymouth High School. She would later marry Jack Culbertson in Hawaii and remain married to him for the next 31 years. In 1988 they would move to Dexter. Janet is the dear mother of Sheila (Lynn) DeCair, Thomas Eddington, Greg Eddington, Cheryl (Jerry) DeVola, Alexander (Michelle) Eddington, Mark (Kathy) Culbertson and Kathleen Culbertson. She was the proud grandmother of 16; and is also survived by 8 brothers and sisters. Janet loved to travel all over the country. However, her favorite destination was Hawaii, which she visited several times. A Funeral Service was held Saturday, July 21, 2012, from the **Schrader-Howell Funeral Home**, 280 South Main St., Plymouth. Burial took place at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth. Memorials may be made to the Arbor Hospice Foundation 2366 Oak Valley Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48103-8944 or to the family of Janet L. Eddington-Culbertson. Share memories at Schrader-Howell.com

ILES, TERRY L.; of Brighton; passed away on July 20, 2012 after a brave battle with cancer. He is survived by his loving wife, Lori Iles; dear children, Shannon Iles, Terry (Mary) Iles, Todd (Cindy) Iles; step-children, Brandon Butler, Amy Butler, Kyle (Andrea) Butler; grandchildren, Kayla, Dawson, Steven, Delainey, Emily; brother, Ron (Nancy) Iles; nephew, Zachary Iles; niece, Natalie Iles as well as extended family and friends. A Memorial Service will be held at First Congregational Church of Chelsea, 121 East Middle Street, Chelsea, MI 48118, on Sunday, August 5, 2012 at 1 p.m. with Pastor Joe Jeffries officiating. For further information please phone 810.229.2905 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

STOLL, ROBERT G.; Saline, MI; age 99; passed away on Tuesday, July 23, 2012; at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Saline. He was born on October 27, 1912 in Ann Arbor, MI, the son of George Vincent and Magdalene (Rentschler) Stoll. On October 17, 1937 in Bowling Green, OH, he married Laura Belle Schrader and she preceded him in death on March 21, 2006. During his life Robert worked for Preston Tucker, Buhr Machine Tool, American Broach, and later retired from Aeroquip Co. Survivors include a daughter, Marilyn J. (Jim Woods) Sibson; grandchildren, Lonnie (Lisa) Sibson, Troy (Jana) Sibson; two great grandchildren, Rhiannon and Reed; a sister-in-law, Phyllis Stoll; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins. In addition to his wife he was preceded in death by his parents, and a brother, Richard Stoll. Robert was a true gentleman in word and deed. He was a wonderful and devoted father, grandfather, and great grandfather. He will be greatly missed. Funeral Services will be held on Friday, July 27, 2012, at 1 p.m. at the **Robison-Bahnmiller Funeral Home** in Saline, with Rev. Laura Speiran, officiating. Burial will take place in Oakwood Cemetery in Saline following the service. Memorial contributions may be made to the Saline Evangelical Home. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home where friends may begin calling on Thursday, July 26, 2012, from 6 to 8 p.m. and on Friday, July 27, 2012, from 12 Noon until the time of service at 1 p.m. To leave a memory, for more information or for directions please visit www.rbfhsaline.com

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2012 Nissan FX50 may be modern but it's the classic crossover

By David Schmidt
Automotive Editor
Journal Register News Service

2012 Nissan FX50 is a good crossover option. But even with its size and height, the FX50 is all about style.

The Infiniti FX50 is a spots ute for those who don't really need a sports ute – or maybe it's for grown-ups.

While this Infiniti will carry more than a sedan, it's more a station wagon than a ute. Not in a bad way, but in the way that lets you know that this premium sports ute is about more than carrying the kid's stuff to ball practice.

Even with its size and height, the FX50 is about style. When it arrived on the scene, it was immediately polarizing. People liked it or didn't, got it or didn't. Many wondered why anyone would want a ute that wasn't as big as possible; others wondered why anyone would want a car that was so tall.

But there were enough people who thought it was good-looking. Then when they drove it, they were delighted by its good handling, serious power and luxury trappings.

For 2012, the vehicle is pretty much the same FX that's been selling and turning heads for some time, although there's been some freshening. The front face has been modernized, re-establishing the Infiniti front "face" with a different grill and headlamp setup. The look is stronger; Infiniti says the new look's purpose is to differentiate it from all the other crossovers that look somewhat like the FX. Well, it did create a segment when it was introduced, so I guess that's fair.

The rear was also redone, using LED tail lamps and reworked exhaust layout, but the shape that started this category of car remains. It may be a ute-like vehicle, be it has a long hood and short overhangs to give it the design appeal of classic driving machines.

Underneath the layout is what's called a "Front Midship platform architecture," in which the engine, while in front, is placed behind the front "axle" position. This shifts the weight rearward, making the front -to-rear weight distribution more equitable, which makes handling characteristics more neutral. To reduce weight, the FX has aluminum doors and hood, with high-strength steel used to increase body strength.

While the FX can be equipped with a 303 hp. 3.5-liter V6, I tested the FX50, which is powered by a 5.0 32-valve V8. This smooth and strong engine produces 390 hp. and 369 lb.-ft. of peak torque. Both engines put the power through Infiniti's drivable shiftable seven-speed automatic transmission.

All these handling and ride activities depend on the 21-inch aluminum wheels with all-wheel tires. Other wheel and tire combinations are available.

The FX50 comes standard with all-wheel drive. You can get the FX50 with a continuous damping system for the suspension, which uses electronically controlled shock absorbers that vary the damping on each wheel to improve ride and handling. It comes with two settings, auto and sport, changing the purpose of the damping changes. You can also opt for Infiniti's rear active steering, which varies the rear wheel's direction one degree each way to improve steering response and road feel through the steering system.

The suspension is a double wishbone system up front and a multi-link independent rear suspension, with disk brakes all around. The suspension bits are set up for a nicely aggressive feel when you're running through the curvy bits. Not sports-car-like in ride or handling, but certainly with a firmer and more precise suspension than its status as a crossover would lead you to expect.

The FX50 perhaps defines, and always has, what a crossover ute is, but if you're confused by the term "crossover," don't feel bad. It's a term in transition. It began being used to refer to a sport ute that was based on a car platform. Now the term sport ute is more about defining the purpose of a vehicle rather than it's mechanical system. Almost every sport ute today, with the exception of the Jeep Wrangler Unlimited and the big luxury sport utes, are based on car platforms.

In vehicles that are basically a reward for most buyers, what's going on inside is particularly important. The looks of the command center-style cockpit creates a warm fuzzy feeling, probably a lot like Captain Kirk got walking onto the Enterprise's bridge. It's purpose-driven, but doesn't look like the designer was an engineer. It has feeling and flow, and it touches an emotional button just as the exterior does. And, not surprisingly, it's the same button.

There's leather everywhere, and it's comfortable and soft to boot. Seats are powered, and you can heat or cool any parts of yours that touch the seat. You can opt for a sports seat that adds more and adjustable bolstering to the seat's side. The dashboard reflects Infiniti's signature design, and for this year, the instruments' white lighting is more striking.

There's a leather-wrapped steering wheel and shift knob, four 12-volt power outlets, power windows, door locks and a cool "hospitality" setup that includes keyless entry, a push-start button, "welcome" lighting that turns on lamps on the outside mirrors as you approach the car and lights areas with key lighting as people enter the vehicle. This is the cool stuff that people want when they buy vehicles in this price range. The air conditioning system even filters the air and ionizes it for freshness.

Call this the "pamper me please, syndrome," but whatever it is, it's a serious necessity in luxury vehicles. Unfortunately, what is considered "pampering" varies and constantly changes. For that reason, sometimes these things seem silly. Folks used to say that cupholders were silly, but would you now buy a vehicle without them?

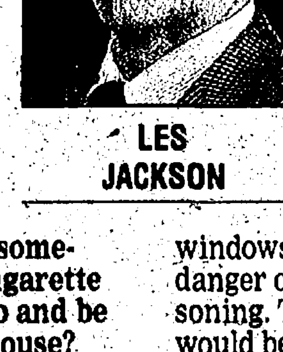
The Infiniti FX50 comes with a very good Bose audio system with 11-speakers, an AM/FM/CD player and USB connection port for iPods and other devices. It includes Satellite Radio capability and steering wheel-mounted remote audio controls. There's a navigation system that many find to be one of the best.

This is a vehicle that I've liked from the beginning. What I like best about it is that even after quite a few years in production, it looks good and seems fresh. In other words, it's well worth looking into.

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

Can you safely use a car battery to run things that need electricity?

DR. CRANKSHAFT



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Q: During the big recent power outage in the Mid-Atlantic, I thought about how I might be able to use the car's battery and charging capability to run a few lights and fans and TV in the house, maybe even the frig. Anyway, I've read that you can get things called inverters that convert DC to AC from a car. Is there a simple way to connect one of these to something like the cigarette lighter socket to and be usable for the house? Also, how long would the battery let something run, and can you idle the engine to keep the power flowing?

— Doug in Richmond, Va.

A: This is a limited but feasible thing, but it's not that easy to do. There are lots of things you need to know. To start with, you can't use a cable inserted in a cigarette lighter to connect an inverter to get useful AC power. It's all about the amperage draw, and the wiring to the lighter is good for about 20 amps tops — but that's at 12 volts!

To run your frig, a fan and the TV, you'll need at least 1000 watts of AC power, which means you need at least 8 amps of current at 120 volts out of the inverter. To get this much wattage, the car's alternator needs to put out at least 1300 watts; in a 12-volt system, that's about 100 amps. The only way to do this is to connect an inverter of proper capacity directly to the battery using something like jumper cables.

The battery alone would probably run a few lights for a few hours, but with the engine idling, it would last indefinitely.

Any modern vehicle can idle indefinitely as long as there's ample air around the radiator and the exhaust is exiting far enough away from open windows that there's no danger of monoxide poisoning. Typical gas usage would be about 1/3rd gallon per hour.

Ford's antilock brakes didn't work briefly

Q: The antilock brakes in my Ford Taurus didn't work the other day. I pushed hard and nothing happened for a few seconds, then it started vibrating and pulsating like it's supposed to. I'd like to know what happened that caused it to not respond.

— Dale in Hartford, Conn.

A: If the ABS didn't respond, there should be a code embedded in the car's computer that indicates a software or mechanical failure. Anything could have occurred, from a sensor not giving the system a proper signal to the brake pedal not actually being pushed hard enough. The fact that the ABS did eventually work tells me that whatever the cause, it was minor.

Why are many states enacting laws that make you move from the right lane when you approach a police or emergency vehicle on the shoulder?

Q: Why are so many states enacting laws that make you move from the right lane when you approach a police or emergency vehicle on the shoulder? This is now the law in NY state as well as other states and a friend of mine recently got a ticket for not moving out of the way. This seems like a case where the law is trying too hard to make life risk free. What's the deal?

— Roger in Monroe, NY

A: This is rapidly becoming the case in many states and there's a good reason for it. There are hundreds of cases around the country of police and emergency vehicles parked on shoulders being hit by vehicles approaching in the travel lane. This is due to a psychological phenomenon called "target fixation," in which the driver subconsciously fixates on the vehicle on the shoulder and drives right into it.

The phenomenon was originally noticed in World War II when dive-bomber pilots were found to be failing to pull out of dives and flying into their targets, hence the name. Because of the number of crashes and injuries, states are enacting laws that make it mandatory to move out of the travel lanes adjoining where emergency vehicles are parked.

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THURSDAY, JULY 26

■ 5 p.m., Food court opens.

■ 6 p.m., The Social & Entertainment Tent opens. Please see the main stage schedule for performances.

■ 6:30-8:30 p.m., Sounds & Sights music throughout downtown includes: Creole du Nord performing Zydeco, 3 Generations Entertainment making balloon animals, David Youngman performing a fusion of jazz, folk and finger-style guitar, Chelsea House Orchestra playing Celtic, Dragon Wagon playing bluegrass, Seven Bridges performing country music, Robert Lee Revue performing smooth jazz and a performance from Eric the Juggler.

■ Dusk, SRSLY Cinema offers up a free showing of "Mr. Popper's Penguins," rated PG at dusk.

FRIDAY, JULY 27

■ 10-11 a.m., Nick Hill will be signing autographs and giving away free mini-footballs to the first 50 kids at the KidZone.

■ 11 a.m. to 12 p.m., Eric the Juggler performs at the KidZone.

■ 12-1 p.m., Chelsea Center for the Arts Jazz Ensemble performs.

■ 12-8 p.m., Art market and artists demonstrations.

■ All-day, The KidZone will feature tours of the Chelsea Teddy Bear Factory with free slushies and popcorn, bounce houses, ambulance and Chelsea Area Fire Department demonstrations, a sidewalk chalk contest, a bubble pond, a tinsel hair booth, hoola hoops and tie-dyed T-shirt booth, a sand art booth, face-painting booth, Chelsea Children's Co-Op duck pond, onsite food from Ellie's Chocolate Café and Travis the Yo-Yo Kid.

■ 3-8 p.m., Classic Car Show takes place down East Middle, East and Harrison streets.

■ 5-8 p.m., First Congregational Church of Chelsea hosts a chicken broil on East Middle Street.

SATURDAY, JULY 28

■ 8 a.m. to 12 p.m., Farmers market opens, featuring fresh produce and local food.

■ 10-11 a.m., The pet arade marches downtown from the train depot.

■ 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., the Leslie Science and Nature Center holds its "Birds of Prey" show.

■ 11 a.m. to 12 p.m., Colors the Clown performs at the KidZone.

■ 12-8 p.m., The art market opens featuring artist demonstrations around town.

■ 12 p.m. to 1 p.m., Cirque Amoungus performs at the KidZone.

■ 1-2 p.m. Cirque Amoungus holds a workshop after performing at the KidZone.

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FROM PAGE 7-A

the establishment of the child care center 35 years ago is one of the accomplishments that I am most proud of. To me, it was and is recognition of the value of women as employees, working parents and the need to provide quality and affordable care for children.

As a former working parent, I know first hand about the difficulties in finding and paying for quality childcare. When we learned that we were going to have our first child, we immediately began looking for childcare. We lived in St. Paul, Minn. at the time. While there were many options available, the childcare options that I felt good about and that which we could afford were far fewer. I compared them to the quality programming that I was familiar with at the Chelsea Community Hospital Children's Center and many fell far short of their standards. We did locate a facility, though expensive, with which we were very pleased. Quality of care and proximity to our home and workplaces were two of the deciding factors for us. Once we located this center, we immediately enrolled though our child would not be born for several months. Wait lists at desired childcare centers are typical.

Though I appreciate the efforts that St. Joe's has made to provide a connection to alternative care (Gretchen's House; there are several Ann Arbor locations),

I do not believe, as the hospital stated, that it will be a "seamless transition for our children and parents."

Both the children and families of the center have developed relationships with the caregivers at the center as well as with the other children who attend the center. Transitioning children to new cenfers and programs to new owners will have an impact on children and their parents. In addition to having to forge new relationships and trust, many parents must now add an extra commute time to their day which will take away from the limited time that they are able to spend with their child or children.

Many reasons have been cited for closure of the center, including cost, "refocusing [the hospital's] mission on health care" and concerns regarding regulatory issues. The hospital has consistently received high ratings as an employer. I argue that the existence of a childcare center for employees is one of the reasons for its high rating. The childcare center helps the employees of the hospital focus on its mission of providing great care to its patients. If working parents are confident that their children are being well cared for, they can focus on their tasks at work.

In the past 35 years, while the childcare center was in existence, the Chelsea Community Hospital, as an independent hospital, received numerous accolades for its patient care and repeatedly was awarded status as a nationwide top 100 hospital. There is a reason for this. The employees knew that they were valued and this was reflected in the way that they worked and cared for patients.

With respect to regulatory issues, addressing such issues are routine for hospitals, and I am confident, given that the Chelsea Community Children's Center has been in existence for 35 years, that hospital staff, our state representatives and other highly competent and creative individuals will be able to address any new regulatory concerns.

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I have been told that the net loss to Chelsea Community Hospital to run the childcare programs is approximately $50,000. If this is an accurate number, in the scope of the hospital's budget, this is a small amount of money and seems a reasonable line item number to spend on an employee and community benefit. Moreover, if the cost of the program, whether it is $50,000 or $250,000, is the reason for the closure of this wonderful program, then I am confident that we as a community can raise the necessary money and will be able to overcome any other legitimate obstacles, financial, regulatory or otherwise.

I hope that the decision to close the center will be reconsidered. While I do not have any of my children currently enrolled in the Chelsea Community Children's Center's programs, I am willing to volunteer my time and effort to help secure the future of this wonderful asset. As transfer of administration and management of the hospital continues to occur, I hope that St. Joe's remembers the community in Chelsea Community Hospital.

Melissa Johnson
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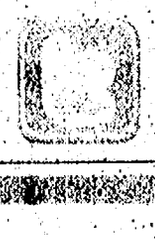

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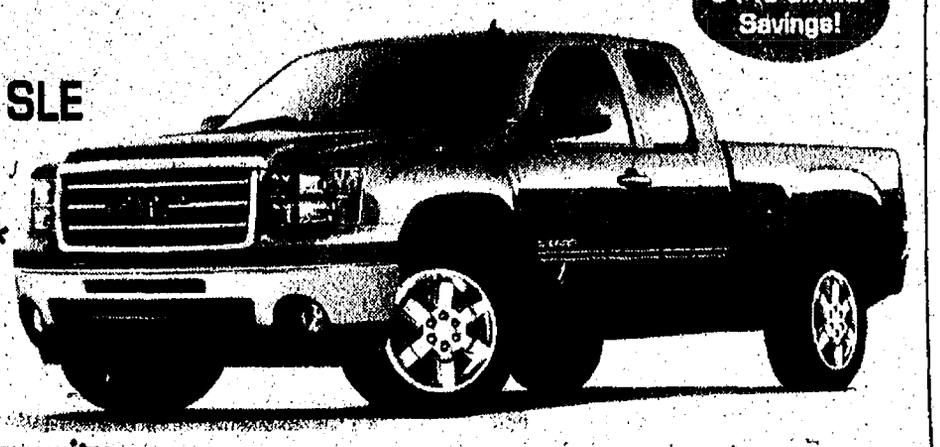

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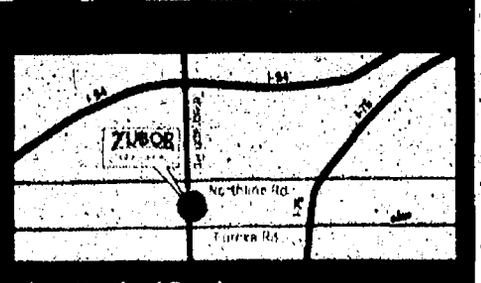

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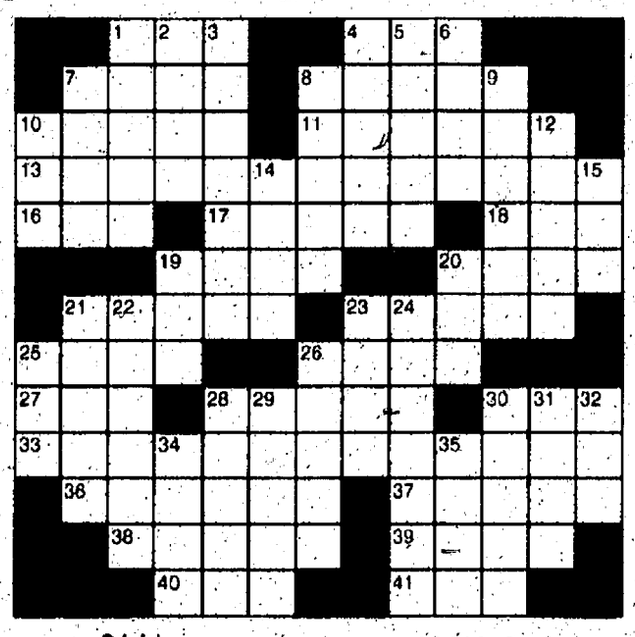

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19 Dilbert's workplace
20 Blood line?
21 Sports-page datum
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25 Greek H's
26 Senate employee
27 Actor Danson
28 Handy
30 Shock and -
33 Quahog
36 Throw off the track
37 Novelist Bret Easton
38 Zodiac dozen
39 Chimney dust
40 "Married ... With Children" mom
41 James Bond, e.g.

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1 Legendary catcher
2 Desert-like
3 Casino patron
4 Tex-Mex entree
5 Lubricated
6 Cross-word diagram
7 Wound reminder
8 Smug look
9 Illicit cigarette
10 That woman
12 Wrinkly fruits
14 English river
15 Pistol
19 Two, in Tijuana
20 Compete
21 Lieu
22 Core groups
23 Succumb to gravity
24 Eternal
25 Biblical verb suffix
26 Brooklyn-based beer brand
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29 Addams Family's "hired hand"
30 Metallic blend
31 Be patient
32 Summertime trio?
34 Faucet problem
35 Hoofbeat sound

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Foreclosures 1051

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE
This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose.
Default has occurred in the conditions of a mortgage made by MATTHEW L. WRIGHT and JESSICA WRIGHT, husband and wife (collectively, "Mortgagor"), to GREENSTONE FARM CREDIT SERVICES, FLCA, a federally chartered corporation, having an office at 3515 West Road, East Lansing, Michigan 48823 (the "Mortgagee"), dated July 19, 2005, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Washtenaw County, Michigan on July 29, 2005, in Liber 4496, Page 130 (the "Mortgage"). Jessica Wright has conveyed the mortgaged property to Matthew L. Wright, subject to the Mortgage, and is not obligated to pay the debt secured by the Mortgage. By reason of such default, the Mortgagee elects to declare and hereby declares the entire unpaid amount of the Mortgage due and payable forthwith. Mortgagee is the owner of the indebtedness secured by the Mortgage.
As of the date of this Notice there is claimed to be due for principal and interest on the Mortgage the sum of One Hundred Sixty-Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty-Three and 40/100 Dollars ($168,733.40). No suit or proceeding at law has been instituted to recover the debt secured by the Mortgage or any part thereof.
Notice is hereby given that by virtue of the power of sale contained in the Mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, and to pay the above amount, with interest, as provided in the Mortgage, and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorney fee allowed by law, and all taxes and insurance premiums paid by the undersigned before sale, the Mortgage will be foreclosed by sale of the mortgaged premises at public venue to the highest bidder at the main lobby of the Circuit Courthouse, Huron Street entrance in Ann Arbor, Michigan on Thursday the 23rd day of August, 2012, at ten o'clock in the forenoon. The premises covered by the Mortgage are situated in the Township of Dexter, County of Washtenaw, State of Michigan, and are described as follows:
Part of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 3, Town 1 South, Range 4 East, Dexter Township, Washtenaw County, Michigan, described as: Beginning at a point distant South 84 degrees 20 minutes 50 seconds West 1055.03 feet and North 02 degrees 42 minutes 17 seconds West 447.20 feet from the East 1/4 corner of Section 3, and proceeding thence North 02 degrees 42 minutes 17 seconds West 489.37 feet; thence South 59 degrees 13 minutes 42 seconds East 403.24 feet; thence South 09 degrees 57 minutes 19 seconds East 250.00 feet; thence South 84 degrees 20 minutes 50 seconds West 368.39 feet to the point of beginning. Subject to and including the use of a 66 foot easement for ingress and egress whose centerline is described as beginning at a point in the centerline of Toma Road, distant North 22 degrees 24 minutes 06 seconds West 431.93 feet from the East 1/4 corner of Section 3, and proceeding thence South 84 degrees 20 minutes 50 seconds West 536.66 feet; thence North 09 degrees 57 minutes 19 seconds West 433.09 feet to the point of termination.
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Notice is further given that the length of the redemption period will be six (6) months from the date of sale, unless the premises are abandoned. If the premises are abandoned, the redemption period will be the later of thirty (30) days from the date of the sale or upon expiration of fifteen (15) days after the Mortgagor is given notice pursuant to MCLA §600.3241a(b) that the premises are considered abandoned and Mortgagor, Mortgagor's heirs, executor, or administrator, or a person lawfully claiming from or under one (1) of them has not given the written notice required by MCLA §600.3241a(c) stating that the premises are not abandoned.
If the premises are sold at a foreclosure sale, under MCLA §600.3278 the Mortgagor will be held responsible to the person who buys the premises at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the Mortgagee for damaging the premises during the redemption period.
Dated: July 26, 2012 GREENSTONE FARM CREDIT SERVICES, FLCA
Mortgagee
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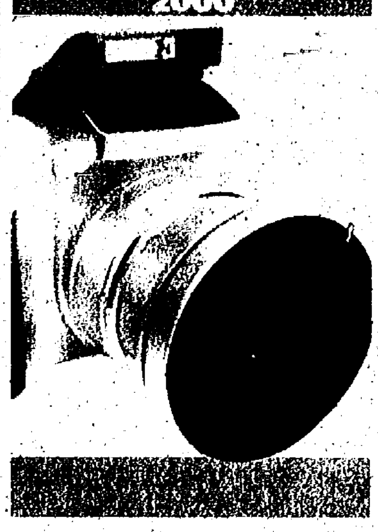

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ANN ARBOR/SALINE 1201 Waterways drive, and other family's, multi-family garage sale. July 27-28, 9-2p.m.

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CHELSEA - 1313 Armstrong Dr. Moving to LA! Thu, July 26 & Fri, July 27; 9-4p. Sat, July 28, 9a-12p.

CHELSEA- 20567 Waldo Rd. E. off M-52, 3 miles S. of I-94. Multi Family Barn/ Estate Sale Thr-Fri-Sat, July 26-28; 9am-5pm. (no early entry) Clothing, big/tall men, children, women. Housewares, home decor, small appliances, sporting goods, holiday, toys, games. Great variety- too much to list. Don't miss this one! Cash only

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FLAT ROCK - 25038 Hunter Lane; July 27-28, 9-3pm; Back-to-school deals & much more!

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LINCOLN PARK 2106 Champaigne 7/28 - 7/29, 10am - 5pm Trimmers, Blowers, Peddle Cars, Clothes, Much More

LINCOLN PARK 2911 Fort Park Blvd. July 28-29, 9a-? Newborn-to-2T girls clothes, something for ALL!!!!!!

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SOUTHGATE: 13741 Argyle, July 28-29., 9-4pm. Kids clothes toys, & electronics

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SOUTHGATE ESTATE Sale 13514 Karl 7/26 -7/29, 9am-3pm

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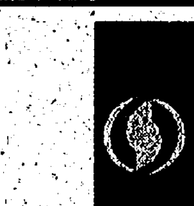

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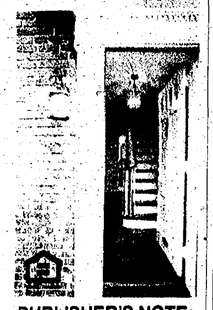

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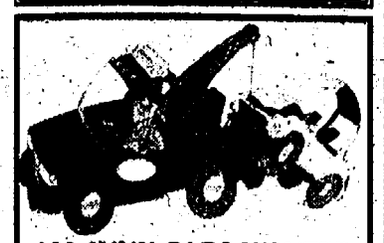

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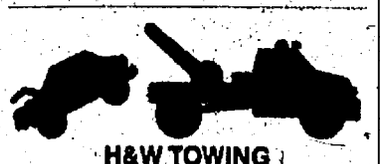

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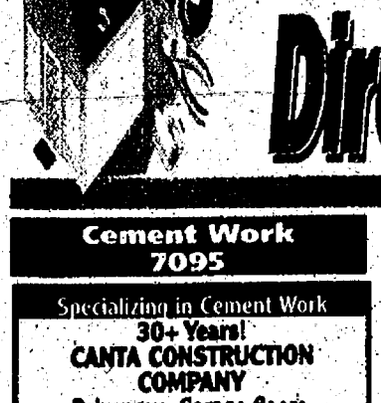

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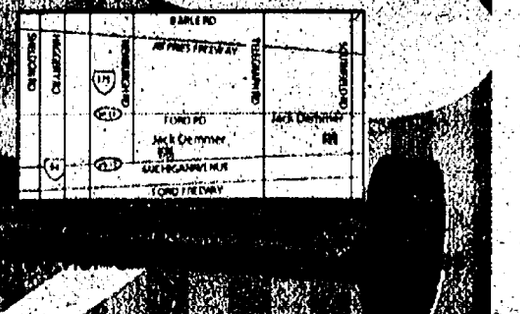

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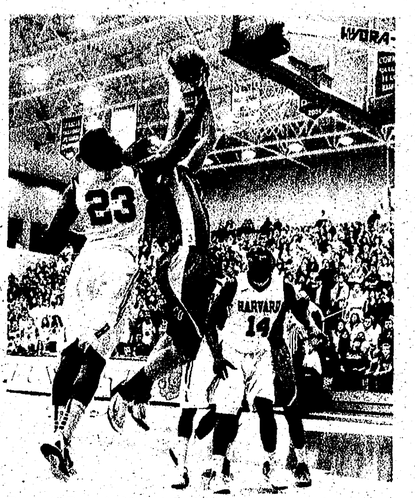

Dexter's Dave LaMore takes the ball to the basket during a game this past season with Cornell.

INSIDE LOOK: The Milan Dragway

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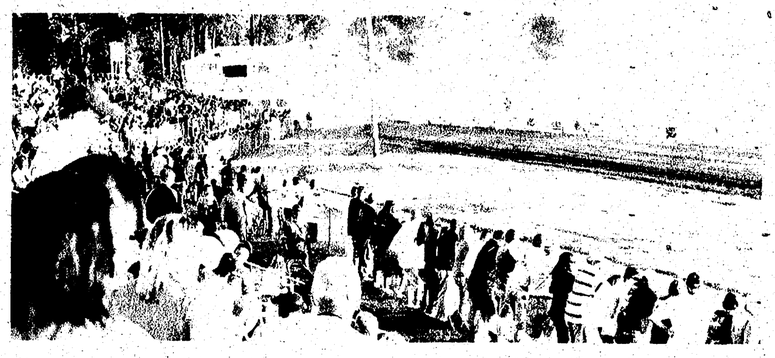

Seeing red

LaMore rises to the challenges of playing at the next level

By Terry Jacoby
Heritage Media

It didn't matter the opponent or what the scoresheet said at the end of the game, Dave LaMore always stood out and was usually the subject of conversation after one of his high school basketball games.

LaMore

At 6-foot-9, 230 pounds, LaMore could dominate a game. He also could be a non-factor, which was surprising considering his size, strength, athletic ability and potential – and that's why he always stood out and why Division I college basketball coaches came calling.

The results in high school almost didn't seem to matter because it was only a matter of time before LaMore became more of the player everyone expected to see every night. It appears his time is arriving sooner than later. And that's great news for not only LaMore but Cornell basketball.

The Big Reds landed the big kid from Dexter and despite an early season setback, LaMore stepped on the floor more times than not during his freshman season in the Ivy League.

"I played center for the whole season, playing a little bit of power forward occasionally," said LaMore, back home in Michigan for the summer. "Basically in the offense, my role was to get our shooters wide open shots with my screens. Along with that, I was to finish buckets when they were dropped down to me. Towards the end of the year, I was used to hit wide open mid range jumpers whenever the defense broke down.

"This coming season we will have a lot of really good big men who are all improving a lot. If I can build off next year and get more conditioned, I am confident I can earn more minutes in our system. I have a long way to go though."

He certainly had a long way to go early on in his freshman season. The 2011 Dexter High School graduate sprained his ankle during a practice in October. While there were no thoughts of red-shirting him, LaMore felt the pressure of trying to catch up to the rest of the team.

"I only missed around two to three weeks of practice, but I did not play until December," he said. "Once I was able to practice, I didn't play right away because I had to prove myself in practice. I was way out of shape and had to learn the system playing with our guys.

"It took me awhile to feel comfortable with my ankle and play how I was capable of playing."

He was finally capable of playing at 100 percent in December and stepped onto the floor for first time in a game on Dec. 17 against Albany. It's a moment in his life he will never forget.

"I can remember sitting on the bench, waiting for coach to call my name, but I felt like I would never get called to be put in," he said.

PLEASE SEE LAMORE/8-B

By Jeff Papworth
Heritage Media

Local dragway popular with both spectators and drivers

It's easy to see – and hear – why so many people become seduced into watching the action at Milan Dragway. From the loud engines, to the vehicles of different shapes and sizes and colors to the fierce competition among drivers, Milan Dragway revs up the emotions in racing fans of all ages.

And this small town dragway with big time racing and a world-class surface has been more than satisfying even the most ardent racing fan for nearly 50 years.

If someone took a seat in the Milan Dragway bleachers on July 6 they would have been pulled in by the pulsating racing of the Heads Up series that had enough ferocity to make your chest vibrate as the powerful vehicles sped by.

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Joe Bondie, a mechanic for Chrysler, was one fan sitting near the top of the wooden stands, watching the time trials on this sunny and hot Friday afternoon. He said he's been to Milan Dragway hundreds of times during the past 30 years.

Temperatures racing over triple digits wasn't going to stop Bondie from spending the day at the track.

His son Joe Bondie Jr. tagged along. His first drag race was with his father at the now defunct Detroit Dragway, when he was just 3 years old.

"I think drag racing and being an American go hand in hand," he said. "(Milan Dragway) is the last dinosaur of drag racing in Michigan."

Bill Kapolka has been running things at Milan Dragway, as owner, since 1989.

"My dad was a racer and was a car show guy. Because he had such a passion for it was why he bought the track," said Deneen Baxter, vice president of Milan Dragway. "He has put a lot of hours, a lot of work, and a lot of heart and soul into this place."

Milan Dragway has the help of 18 to 150 staff members on any given race day. They have 15 full-time members during the season that stretches from April to November.

"Many on our staff have been with us for years and are very loyal to the racing community and to our family as a business," Baxter said.

Baxter, 38, has been the vice president since 2006, working in promotion, marketing, sales and operations. From 1993 to 2006, she was the events coordinator.

Baxter is particularly proud of hosting the DTS Heads Up Racing. The series is at Milan on the first Friday of every month from May to October. "Some of the fastest cars in the country race here at Milan Dragway," she said.

"Not all tracks have such a quality program, with quality racers and quality fans, like we do for our heads up program," she said. "We have a lot of really dedicated spectators and fans that come for that event because the racing is so good."

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Greg Seher (top) opens up the hood to work on his car at the Milan Dragway. It's non-stop excitement for fans of all ages.

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Running: To race or not to race

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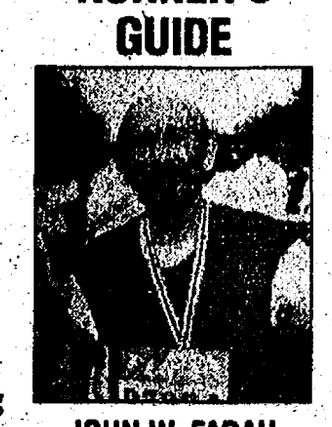

JOHN W. FARAH

In our last column we talked about how to prepare to run your first 5K – which raises a valid question: Do you need to race at all to stay in shape?

Technically, of course, the answer is no. A friend of ours named Mort runs five times a week and has never run a race in his life. He hates the crowds, doesn't like what he thinks of as pressure, and just doesn't want to deal with the "hassle." Clearly, he's doing something right – he's over 90 years old, still going strong as ever.

That said, we do think there's something about racing that really adds to both your health and your edge in life.

But of course we feel that way – we're racers, for heaven's sake. So we thought we'd share some stories of people who hadn't raced before, some of whom had never even considered racing until we talked to them, and what their experiences have been.

Inspiration – along with three easy lessons:

Lesson One: It's now or never.

Nair and her husband Eduardo have been patients of mine for 25 years – and for nearly that long Nair been talking about starting to run.

She was intimidated, though, because she had never even jogged a day in her life. Finally she said to herself, "It's now or never."

She circled the date of the Dexter-Ann Arbor 5K on her calendar and decided once and for all she was going to make it happen.

The fact that she had a specific event to work towards meant she couldn't make excuses anymore. She couldn't just say, "Oh, I'll do this sometime next week or maybe on Monday." She knew the race was going to happen, whether she was ready or not – so she better be ready.

Nair ran the race with her friend, Yukiko, and finished in a very impressive 36 minutes. Even better, when I saw her afterwards she had a gigantic smile on her face.

Lesson Two: Inertia is a powerful thing.

Our buddy Tom was in his early 70s when he attended one of our first running clinics – small seminars we hold for people interested in running. "I need to do something to put a stop to my inactivity," he told me. In other words, his inertia was sedentary – he was stuck in a rut, and the rut was sitting on his butt. An object at rest tends to stay at rest.

What Tom had to do was create a new inertia, a positive momentum, a habit of getting off his butt and exercising.

And races gave him a way to do that, something to look forward to on a regular basis, because 5Ks and other races take place all the time, all over the state.

After following our 5K training plan, Tom ran his first race a few weeks later – and came in first in his age group.

Granted, there were only four people in his age group, but he had a blast. So much so that he's run two more and has even joined a running group organized by the store Running Fit. An object at motion tends to stay at motion, and Tom is staying in motion.

Lesson Three: Bigger is (sometimes) better.

Lastly, there's Eduardo, who you may remember is Nair's husband.

Eduardo, in his 50s, was experiencing a different kind of inertia – he ran regularly, but had gotten stuck doing mid-range runs and races.

He had gone well beyond 5Ks, having done the Dexter-Ann Arbor 10K for several years, and we challenged him to take it one step further – a really big step: trying a marathon.

See, even when you exercise it's possible to grow complacent. Do the same thing too long and your body and your mind will get tired, even bored. Pushing himself to do more – to "pick it up a bit," if you will – ended up being a great move for Eduardo.

Not only did he really enjoy running longer distances, but now he's a master – he's run more than 15 marathons, and consistently places in the top 10 percent of his age group.

In fact, the only thing we don't like about Eduardo's story is that he's faster than we are. Hmm... maybe we need to pick it up a bit ourselves?

See you running!

John W. Farah and Nelson Williams co-authored the running memoir, "Let's Pick It Up a Bit," which is available on www.letspickitupabit.com and at Running Fit, Nicola's Book Store, and Crazy Wisdom in Ann Arbor.

MILAN

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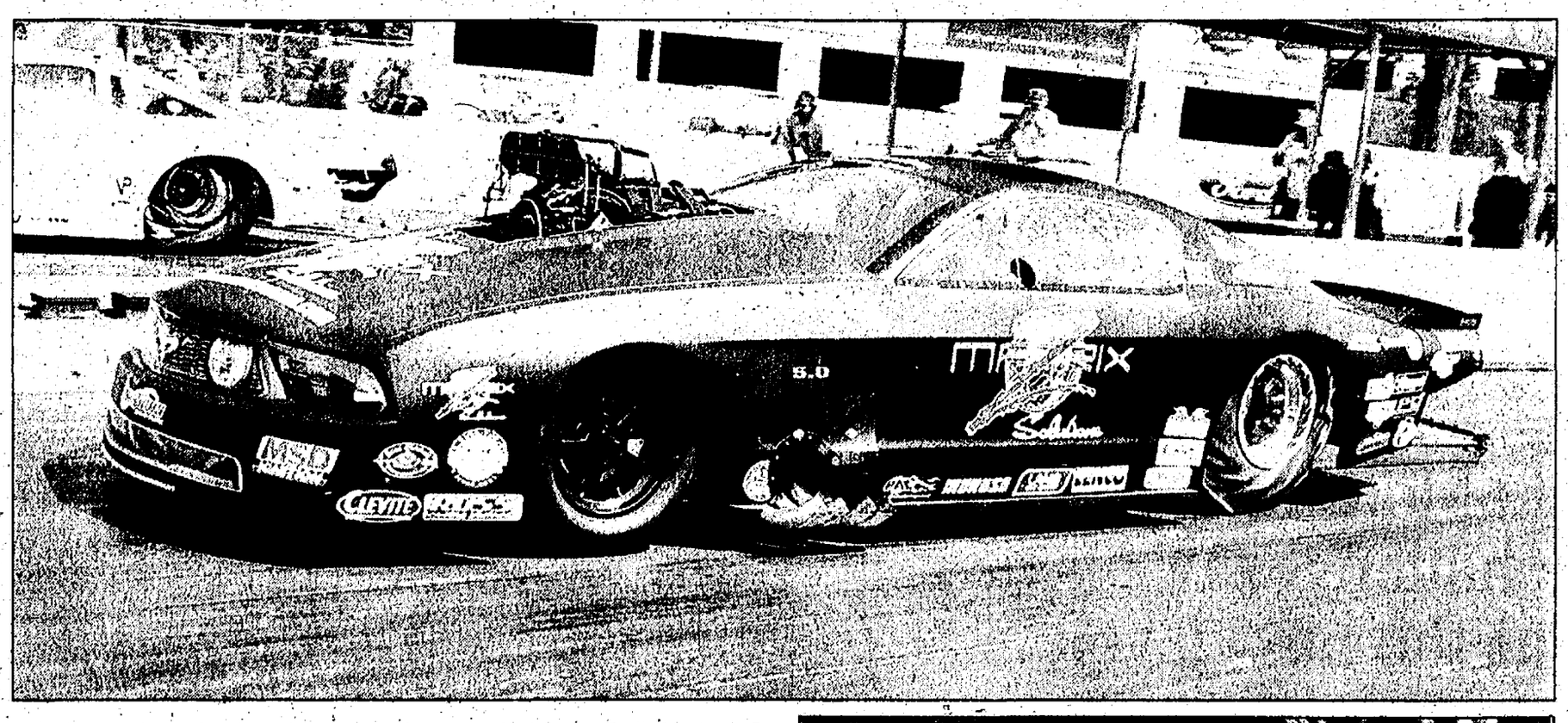


Milan Dragway is a member of the National Hot Rod Association. They have races three to four times a week. The level varies widely.

"We have a whole range. Anything from somebody racing their mom's minivan," she said. "All the way up to dragsters that run a couple hundred miles per hour, and everything in between."

The track also hosts monthly grudge races that allow street racers to come in and do their thing on the track instead of the street. The drivers pay $40 for a whole day of grudge racing. They pick their matches, they pick how they want the race to go down and they do it all day and evening on the No ET National event days.

"It's actually a really good thing for the community," Baxter said. "These people who normally race on the streets are bringing it here and doing it in a safe environment, keeping it much safer for everyone."

Milan Dragway also has raced up interest on local and national TV. Pass time, a show on the Speed Channel, came out to Milan in September and filmed a season worth of shows (13 episodes) at the dragway.

Another show airing on Speed Channel was the network's Pinks All Out in 2007. "We hosted one of the largest Pinks All Out with over 300 racers from all over the country and over 33,000 spectators," Baxter said.

The Drivers

At Milan Dragway, hours before the 3 p.m. start time, in the parking lot allotted to drivers, there were vehicles, mostly Mustangs and Camaros, teeming with people under the hood, wiping down the windows or gazing at different sections, as if giving it a final run down.

Investigate further, you will find Milan Dragway could be about giving drivers a chance to race their car, to attain an adrenaline rush, when hitting the throttle, as much as it is about giving fans entertainment.

Jim Verhelle has been racing since the 1960s, periodically, before picking up the pace in the last ten years.

"As you get older," he said. "You make more money, and you can afford better stuff."

Verhelle, a Fenton resident, cares more about driving, than winning.

"If I win that's a plus," he said. "I just like going down the track."

He races a 1962 corvette, he bought in 1992.

Tom Ladisky brought a 2000 Mustang with him. He lives in St. Johns. His father raced, and he just liked to be around the track.

The Mustang began as a project in 1999. He just finished working on it in February, with the help of Keith Engling, owner of Skinny Kid Race Cars, and picked Milan Dragway as the first track to race.

He had raced before, but nothing as fast as the 2000 Mustang. He has finished as fast as 11.50 seconds with other cars, but with the Mustang he can tally a time of 7.70 seconds in the quarter mile.

Greg Seher, 26, has been racing since he was 16.

While some children have a soccer ball at their feet when they are young, he said he was at the junkyard at three-months-old.

"My dad's had cars, since I was little," he said. "He's my crew chief. He comes with me every single time I go to the track."

He has a 1967 Camaro, bought from an insurance company. It was totaled after catching fire, and they restored it.

It was his second appearance at Milan Dragway on July 6. His home track is in Martin.

Keith Jackson also started at the first chance he had at 16-years-old and has been racing for 22 years.

He has a 2006 Corvette.

"This is our second time out with the car," he said. "We just got it out last month."

Most of his races have been at Milan, as a result of being a Superior Township resident and because Milan Dragway has a program for the "Run What Ya Brung" members.

Engling is a car owner and works on a pit crew.

"I, myself, just like tuning on them," he said. "(The driver) takes care of the engine, and I take care of the car, so someone has to drive and someone has to not drive."

His personal car only touches the track of Milan Dragway. They used to be in the National Muscle Cars Association, racing across the country. He stopped three years ago, when it became too expensive.

He has made a living of building cars as owner of Skinny Kid Race Cars. In the particular races at Milan Dragway, on July 6, he had at least five vehicles on the track, along with Ladisky's.

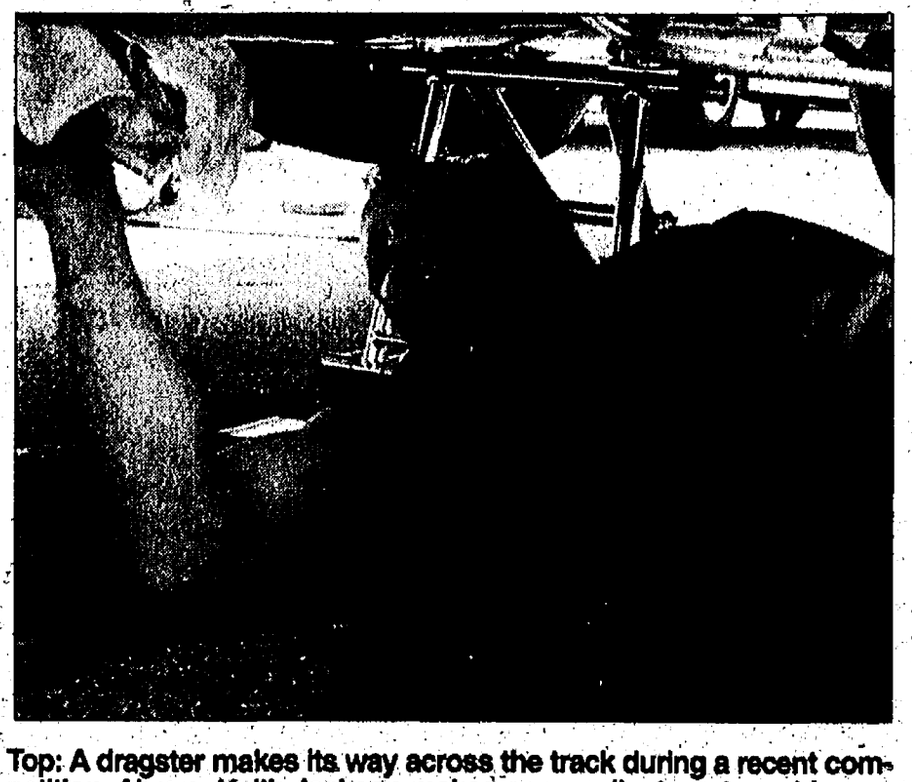
The drivers had no qualms about Milan Dragway.

Ladisky had hauled a car he had been working on for 13 years to Milan.

"This is a great race track. We wanted to come down because this track is always prepped and it's a good track to run on," he said. "They tar the track. They put the sticky stuff on the track. The cars hook up really well here."

Verhelle, who raced at Milan Dragway soon after its opening in 1963, put everyone's thoughts in short, concise fashion.

"This is a great track," he said. "Good faculty. People treat you right. Good racing. Prep the track good. Can't complain."



Top: A dragster makes its way across the track during a recent competition. Above: Keith Jackson makes some adjustments on his car.

One-on-One with owner Bill Kapolka

Name: Bill Kapolka

When did you buy: 1989

What are the reasons you bought it: I had a strong passion for cars and racing.

What are the reasons for it success? The hard work and dedication of myself, family and staff. Not to mention some of the best racers and fans in the country.

What is a typical day for the owner of a dragway: Days vary between business doing and matters of operations and even maintenance!

What are you most proud of as owner of Milan Dragway: That my family is such a big part of the business. Their support of the business and time and effort they put into it is unbelievable.

A look at the upcoming Milan Dragway schedule

Coming up at Milan

First Friday of every month (August 3, Sept 7, Oct 5) DTS Head's Up Racing some of Michigan's baddest, fastest cars going over 200mph. This event is one that pleases all the senses with some outrageous sights, sounds and action. A great family event at a bargain with ladies and kids 12 and under getting in free, men are $15 to watch. Spectator gates open at 3pm.

No ET Nationals (July 21, Aug 11, Sept 15 (this event is Detroit VS Chicago), Oct 13, Nov 3) Milan Dragway Unplugged for the No ET Nationals. Grduge racing like you would see on the streets right here at the track keeping it safe for everyone. Ladies and kids 12 and under free. Men are $15 to watch. Racing starts at 2pm and goes thru out the evening.

Washtenaw Community College High School Nationals presented by the National Guard. (April 28 and October 20) This event is a tradition here at the track with a spring and fall race. Categories for High School and College kids to compete in. With a range of cars from Mom's mini van, to the farm pick up, to the shop class car or the kids daily drivers! It's a great event that the students look forward to every year and also includes a stereo competition and burn out contest. Spectators are $15 and kids race for $25.

Holbrook Racing Engines Saturday Shootout Series presented by Diamond Pistons (July 28, August 18, Sept 22) features some great cars running near 200mph with some awesome wheel standing head's up action. Another event that families love. Kids 12 and under are free and spectators are $15. Qualifying starts at 3pm running thru out the evening.

Test and Tune runs every Wednesday, Friday's (July 20, Aug. 10, Sept. 14, Sept. 28, Oct. 12, Nov. 2), and most Saturday's and Sunday's. Bring your car out and take it down the track. Test and Tune session's are $25 per car (includes the driver) and you can make passes the whole night or day. People bring in a huge variety of cars to test and tune from their daily drivers all the way up to some of the fastest race cars in town. If you have never tried it come on out and see what your car does with the 1/4 mile.

Ultimate Outlaw Series (Aug. 18) incorporated in with our Saturday Shootout Series is the Pritchett Brother's Racing Ultimate Outlaw Series. A traveling series that's brings a great time on its yearly visits to Milan Dragway. Featuring some off the hook head's up racing action at over 200mph. It's kick off is on Thursday night August 16th at Malarkey's in Southgate with an event pre-party. Nate and Adam Pritchett former stars of Speed Channel's Pinks show are the event host, organizers and promoters. There is never a dull moment with them, their gang and traveling racers when they arrive to town. Spectators are $15.

NMCA-National Muscle Car Associaton (Aug. 24-26) is a national traveling event series featuring some of the nation's best muscle cars. It has not only racing but also a car show and swap meet. Each day it will also have a Jet Dragster making a pass down the track. Spectators are $20 per day. Gates open at 3pm on Friday and 9am Saturday and Sunday.

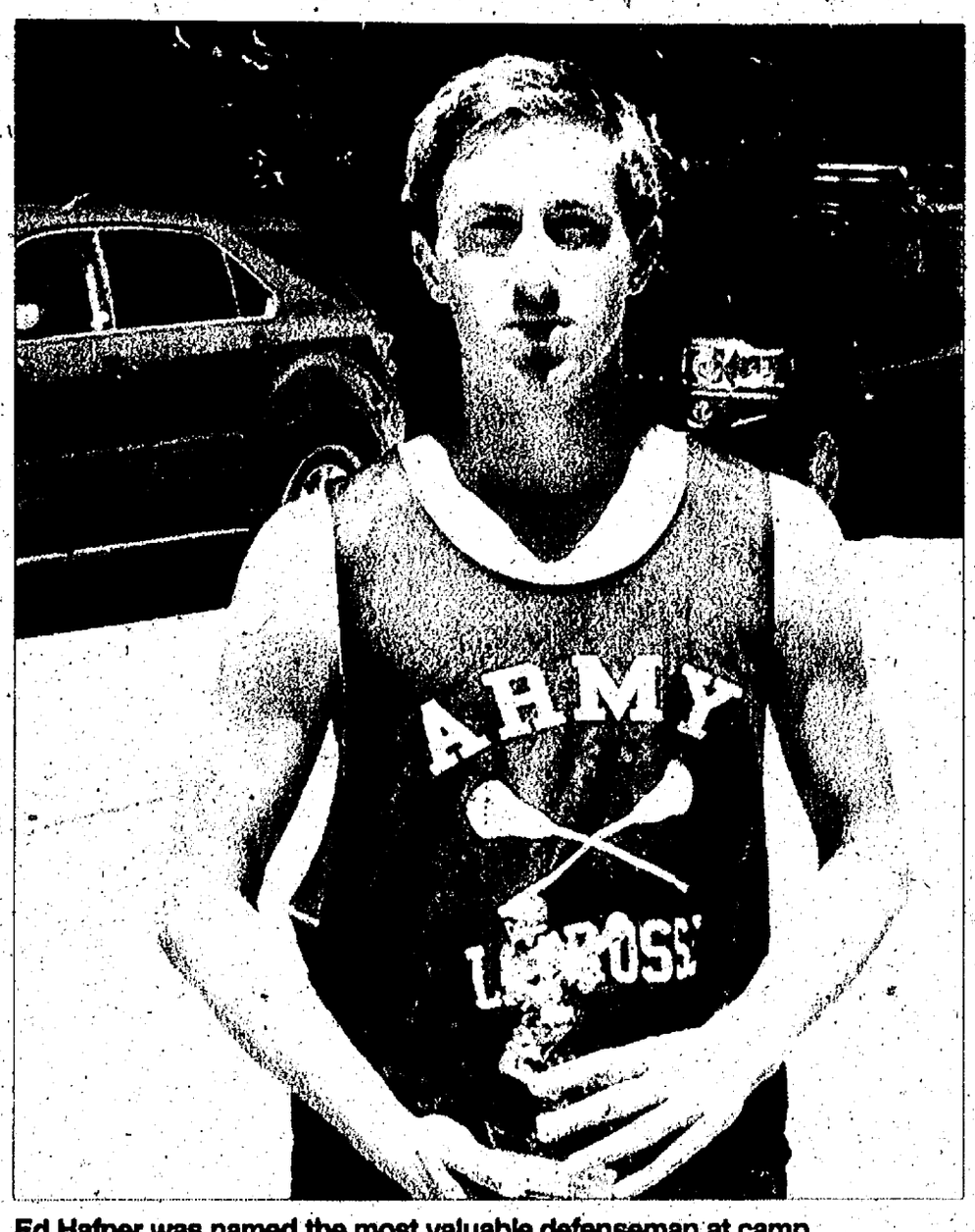
GM Performance Day (September 8) for our GM fans we host a GM event with racing all of your favorite GM cars. There will also be a show and shine at the event. Gates open at 9am and spectators are $15.

Nostalgia Drags (September 29th) features all of our favorite cars from the past with racing and a show and shine. At this event will be the UMTR Stick Shift gang racing their cars always fun to watch. A Funny car shootout and the Great Lakes Gassers. Gates open at 9am and spectators are $15.

Full season schedule is available on our website at www.milandragway.com.

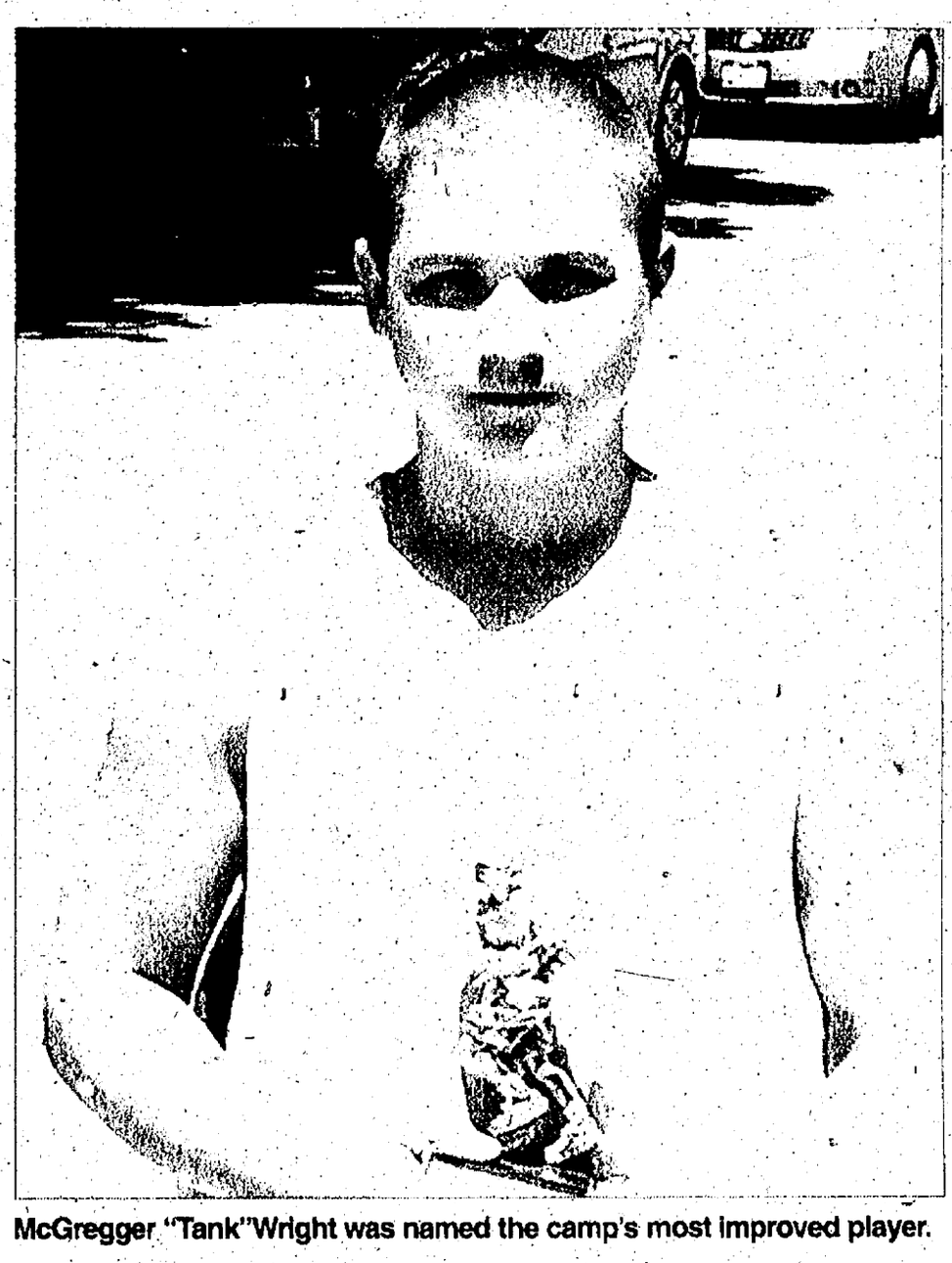
Dexter lacrosse goes camping with West Point

West Point (Army) Head Coach Joe Alberici addressing the Dexter boys at the conclusion of the camp. He told the boys that the Dexter program is the new Gold Standard to measure players coming to his summer camp, in terms of discipline, hard work, respect for coaches and attention to detail.



Ed Hafner was named the most valuable defenseman at camp.

Dexter lacrosse coach Brian Callanan took 30 boys from Dexter to the annual West Point Lacrosse Camp. "The boys did a great job, as a matter of fact one of our incoming freshman (Macgregger Wright) was named the most improved player in the entire camp." The camp featured more than 400 players from all over the country. Dexter's Ed Hafner was named the Most Valuable Defender of the entire camp and seven others were selected to the All Camp team.



McGregger "Tank" Wright was named the camp's most improved player.

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Thursday	Thu. night	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
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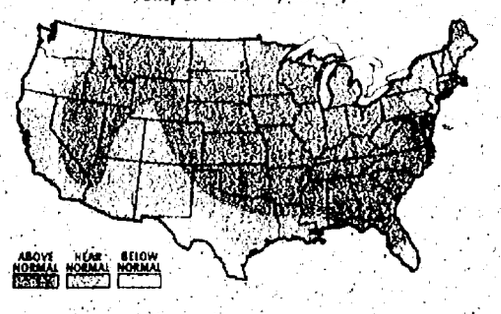

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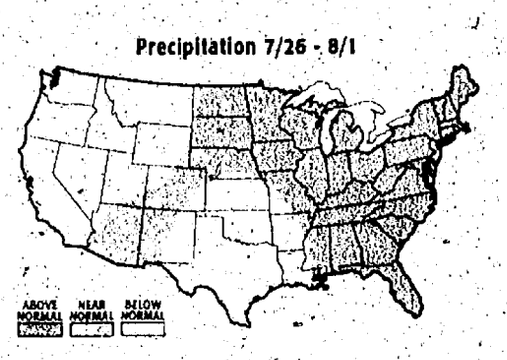

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Statistics for the week ending Monday, July 23

Temperatures:

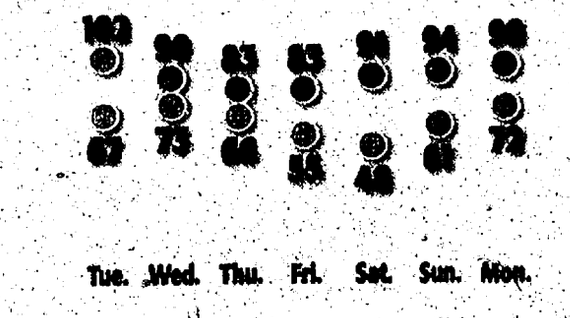
High/low for the week	102°/48°
Normal high/low	84°/58°
Average temperature	77.4°
Normal average temperature	70.9°

Precipitation:

Total for the week	trace
Total for the month	0.88"
Total for the year	11.65"
Normal for the month	2.36"
Normal for the year	17.63"

PAST WEEK'S TEMPS

Temperatures ● High ● Low



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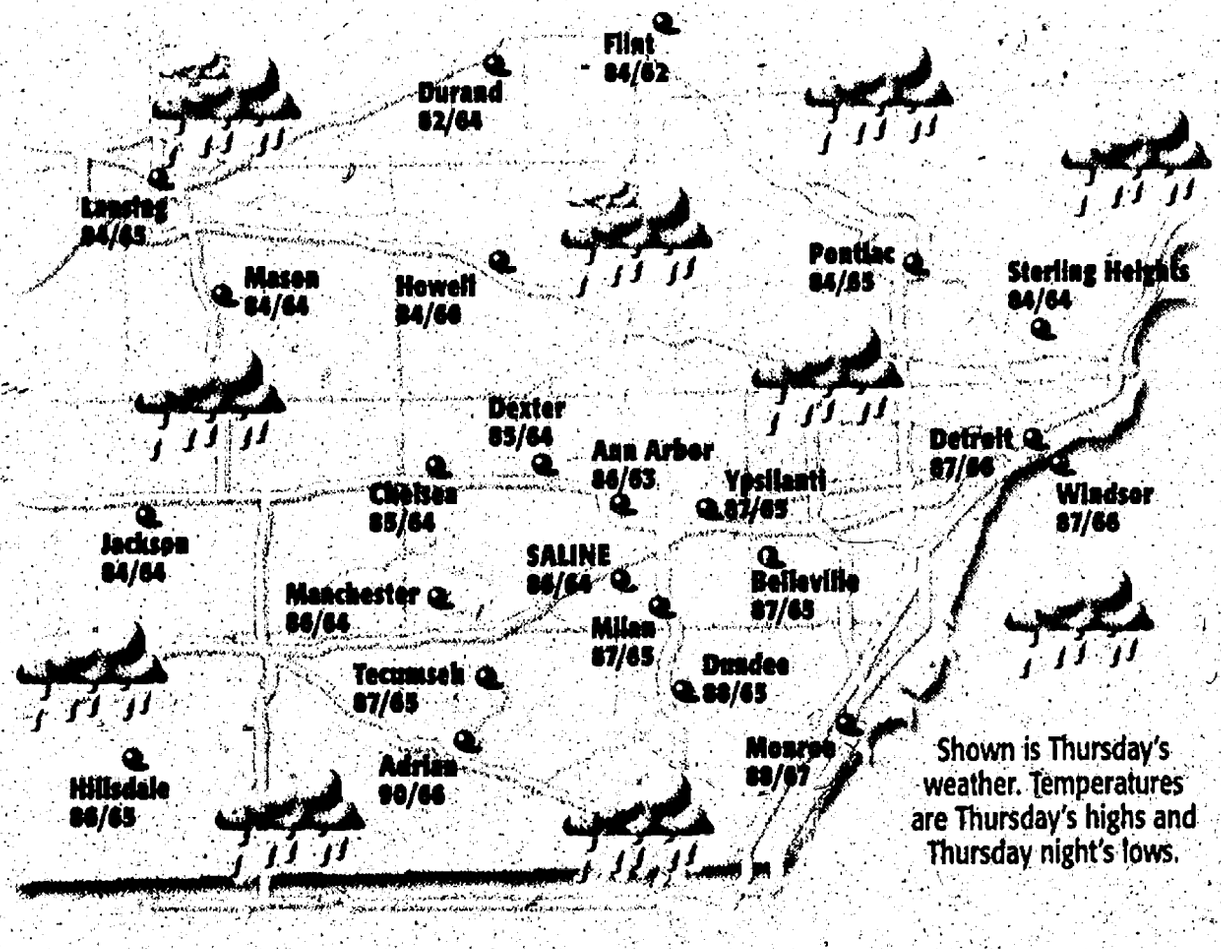
RIVER LEVELS

As of 7 a.m. Monday	Flood stage	Current stage
Ecorse Creek		
Dearborn Heights	--	2.07 ft
Huron River		
Ann Arbor	16 ft	12.05 ft
Mallets Creek		
Ann Arbor	--	2.96 ft
Mill Creek		
Dexter	12 ft	5.57 ft
River Raisin		
Manchester	--	1.93 ft

LAKE LEVELS

Lake	Normal	Current
Lake Erie	580.11 ft	571.34 ft
Lake St. Clair	575 ft	573.76 ft

THE REGION



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

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Wed. Hi/Lo/W	Thu. Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W
Adrian	88/73/t	90/66/t	85/62/t	86/59/pc
Ann Arbor	86/69/t	86/63/t	83/59/t	84/53/pc
Battle Creek	90/76/t	86/65/t	84/62/t	83/58/pc
Bay City	84/71/t	81/64/t	79/62/t	81/57/pc
Detroit	85/72/t	87/66/t	83/69/t	86/63/pc
Flint	84/71/t	84/62/t	84/61/t	82/55/pc
Grand Rapids	88/75/t	85/66/t	83/64/t	83/62/pc
Kalamazoo	88/76/t	87/64/t	85/62/pc	84/58/pc
Lansing	84/74/t	84/65/t	83/61/t	82/56/pc
Livonia	86/73/t	87/66/t	84/67/t	86/62/pc

City	Wed. Hi/Lo/W	Thu. Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W
Manistee	82/72/t	81/59/t	78/56/t	80/52/pc
Midland	83/72/t	81/63/t	79/60/t	82/55/pc
Muskegon	87/76/t	85/64/t	81/63/t	84/57/pc
Pontiac	85/71/t	84/65/t	83/64/t	83/58/pc
Port Huron	82/67/pc	81/59/t	80/58/t	79/57/pc
Saginaw	84/71/t	81/64/t	79/63/t	81/56/pc
Sault Ste. Marie	81/61/pc	84/60/c	82/53/pc	82/56/pc
Sturgis	93/75/t	87/63/t	82/62/pc	80/60/pc
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NATIONAL CITIES

City	Thu. Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	96/76/pc	94/75/t	95/73/pc
Boston	84/69/t	84/68/pc	82/64/pc
Chicago	88/72/t	84/69/pc	84/63/pc
Cincinnati	94/71/t	88/66/pc	88/65/pc
Cleveland	90/67/t	83/64/pc	82/64/pc
Dallas	98/79/s	100/80/pc	100/78/pc
Denver	90/64/s	96/67/pc	95/63/pc
Honolulu	88/73/s	88/72/s	88/73/pc
Houston	93/76/pc	95/78/s	96/78/pc
Kansas City	93/68/t	91/64/s	94/71/pc
Las Vegas	104/85/s	104/82/s	105/86/s
Los Angeles	78/60/pc	77/61/pc	79/62/pc
Miami	91/79/pc	92/79/s	92/79/s
Minneapolis	84/62/t	83/61/pc	86/68/pc
New Orleans	91/77/pc	92/77/pc	93/78/pc
New York City	90/75/t	87/71/pc	84/69/pc
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Philadelphia	96/77/t	90/72/pc	86/70/pc
Phoenix	104/85/pc	106/85/pc	105/86/s
Pittsburgh	91/70/t	84/65/pc	82/62/pc
St. Louis	96/75/t	96/70/s	92/71/pc
San Francisco	65/53/pc	67/52/pc	70/55/pc
Seattle	81/55/s	76/55/s	74/55/s
Wash., DC	102/75/pc	93/75/pc	90/73/pc

WORLD CITIES

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Athens	99/75/s	97/77/s	97/77/s
Berlin	84/63/pc	86/68/pc	88/68/t
Buenos Aires	59/39/pc	59/41/s	63/43/s
Cairo	102/77/s	99/77/s	98/78/s
Calgary	74/53/pc	79/53/s	83/51/pc
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Johannesburg	65/44/s	66/44/s	63/36/s
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Mexico City	71/51/t	74/51/t	74/54/t
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Moscow	83/66/pc	79/58/sh	79/60/pc
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Seoul	88/72/pc	88/73/pc	90/73/pc
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Sydney	67/45/pc	63/46/s	64/46/pc
Tokyo	90/79/t	90/79/pc	91/81/t
Warsaw	79/63/sh	82/63/s	88/66/pc

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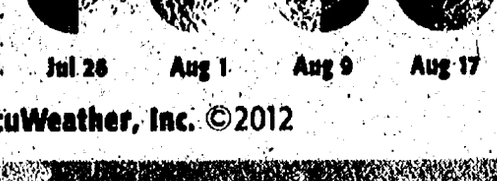

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Red Cross swimming heats up July

By Claire Smith
Guest Writer

With the 35th Annual Swim-A-Cross Plus (SAC) season two-thirds complete, local communities are once again demonstrating their unwavering commitment to the American Red Cross.

This year the Red Cross set an ambitious SAC goal of engaging 1000 athletes and raising $100,000.

With the generous support of local athletes, volunteers, donors, and sponsors, that target may be within reach.

SAC is a series of fundraisers sponsored by the Red Cross throughout the summer.

SAC engages young athletes, inviting them to use their time and talent and participate in a sport—swimming, diving, golf and/or tennis—to help raise funds for critical life saving programs that the Red Cross provides to residents across Southeast Michigan.

Teams of all ages and abilities have been invited to dedicate one day of practice in support of the program.

Chippewa Tennis & Swim Club (CTSC), Veterans Park Pool (VPP), and Kingfish Aquatics of Waterford (KAW), all participated last week, with their intensity in the pool matching record-high temperatures outside.

Last Monday, the Red Cross arrived at CTSC where 41 eager athletes were waiting to go the distance.

All together, the Piranhas swam 52 miles and collected almost $2,500. The club exuded enthusiasm as athletes from age 5 to 17 jumped in the pool for a great cause.

One persistent Piranha, Claire Leone, who at 5 is among the youngest SAC participants, swam just over a mile without a kickboard.

She was recognized as the most dedicated athlete for her efforts and received a gold Powerade medal with the "Power Through" slogan engraved on the back.

Other top athletes awarded Powerade medals were Katie Capelli, 11, who swam 200 lengths and Katy Lemmer, who swam 200 lengths and raised $515. Capelli shared she enjoys making a difference in other people's lives by raising as much money as she can.

"I feel good when I can help others," she said.

Recognizing that Red Cross responds to many home fires in their community, Team Liaison Daina Faling mentioned how much the athletes appreciate the Red Cross and its programs, "Our swimmers really look forward to Swim-A-Cross."

It gives them a chance to make a real difference in their community while doing something that they love."

The next day, 66 VPP Dolphins started bright and early. The dedicated Dolphins definitely delivered, swimming 75 miles and raising just over $2,000.

John Baughn beat the heat by jumping in the pool early and swimming for the entire event.

He swam the most lengths (264, or four miles) and raised the most money - $164!

Head coach Evan Reynolds commented on how useful the SAC event is for his team, and said his squad uses the event as a measuring stick to see how long they've progressed since the beginning of the season.

"We schedule SAC at the end of the season because it's a great way for the swimmers to use what they have learned in practice," Reynolds said.

Reynolds was happy with his athletes because they not only competed well, but they contributed by giving back to their community as well.

The year SAC has expanded well beyond its traditional home base of summer swim and dive clubs in Washtenaw County.

KAW, a USA swim team near the Pontiac area, is the first club from Oakland County to participate in the event.

Despite a power outage that occurred halfway through its practice, the team raised almost $3,000 with just 19 athletes. The squad also planned to continue collecting up until its deadline of Tuesday, July 24.

Kumbier credits Michelle Koppin, the aquatics director, with the success of the event.

"Michelle's organization and enthusiasm helped this first time event to run extremely well," Kumbier said.

Ava Barnthouse, 12, was recognized as Powerade's top athlete.

Her passion and talent shone through as she swam for almost two hours and raised $1,040.

According to Kumbier, the event provided an additional measure of success—it enabled staff and volunteers to introduce Red Cross, provide details about its various programs, and explain how SAC supports Red Cross' mission to many families.

Above: Chippewa Tennis & Swim Club Piranhas, Jessie Clyde and Ashley Capelli enjoyed swimming together during their team's fundraiser for the American Red Cross. Below: Veteran's Park Dolphin, John Baughn (12) swam the most lengths and collected the most funds during his team's Swim-A-Cross Plus.

"We appreciated the chance to expose new people to our programs and look forward to increasing their teams' SAC participation next year," Kumbier said.

The Red Cross is entirely enabled by the support and generosity of those in the community.

From volunteers counting lengths at events, to donors pledging athletes, to local businesses providing snacks, beverages, and sponsorships, the people of the Southeastern Michigan Region have been incredibly welcoming to the Red Cross. Their efforts have not gone unnoticed.

Through supporting SAC, people help the Red Cross provide critical services to communities across the region.

Kumbier believes that SAC helps develop compassionate citizens which helps to create a better community.

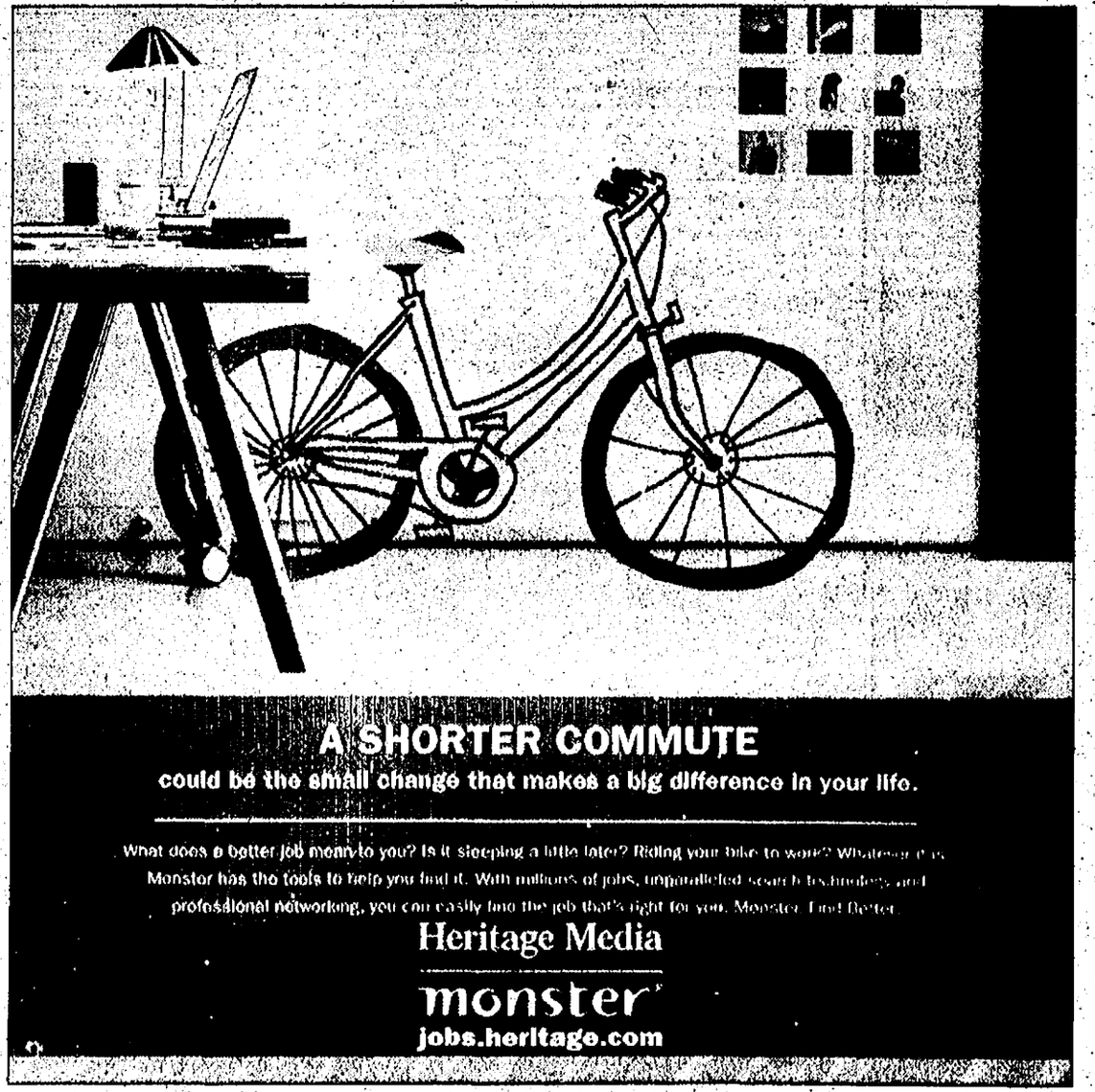
Because of fundraisers like SAC, the Red Cross is able to support humanitarian services and programs with 91 cents out of every dollar.

Lead sponsors for the SAC program included such groups as the Emergency Physicians Medical Group, Health Alliance Plan, and Heritage News.

Refreshments for the week were provided by Powerade, and Jimmy Johns, Whole Foods Market, and Noodles and Company also contributed.

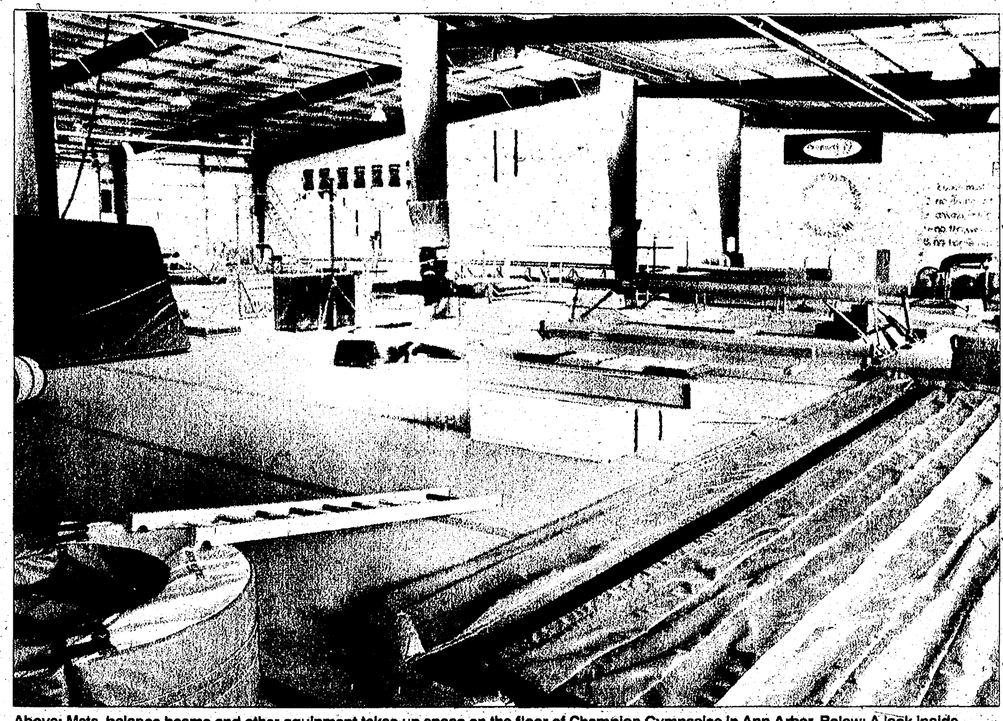
To learn more about the SAC program, please visit www.wc-redcross.org or by emailing Mary Kumbier at Mary.Kumbier@redcross.org.

Right: Chippewa Tennis & Swim Club Piranhas Swim-A-Cross Plus top athletes Claire Leone (front), Katie Capelli (middle,left) and Katy Lemmer are pictured with their coaches Daina Faling, Mike Zang and Melissa Dowling. Below:Veteran's Park Dolphins, Elizabeth Williams and Theresa Petz each completed 100 lengths during their team's Swim-A-Cross supporting the American Red Cross.



Champion Gymnastics remains a well kept secret

By Jeff Papworth
Heritage Media



Above: Mats, balance beams and other equipment takes up space on the floor of Champion Gymnasics in Ann Arbor. Below: A look inside shows A look inside Champion Gymnastics shows all that the complex has to offer gymnasts.

If one drove northeast on Metty Drive in Ann Arbor, after taking a right on Jackson, they would see a number of warehouse-looking buildings that appear to house only industrial materials.

But tucked in between Allied, Inc. and Hines Industries is "the best kept little secret in Ann Arbor," Launie Aben says about her business, Champion Gymnastics.

She's got that right. It is a secret. Many of the people walking through the door say they learned of the place by word of mouth. But the secret is getting out as more and more people spread the news.

While McDonalds has the golden arches to bring people in, and the YMCA has "The Y" outside on the marquee, visitors to Champion Gymnastics will find only a modest six-foot sign leaning against a wall outside the door. It's not exactly excessive advertising.

Inside, in the 15,000-square foot office and gym, people will discover a family environment, with gymnasts practicing in the main area and parents watching from a room with rows of chairs and a front-row window so they can see their children perform.

"I think the facility is great," Aben said. "We have a lot of people who come in and say 'wow, your gym is really nice.' We keep it clean. It is a safe environment for kids. It's larger than most gymnastics facilities around us."

Chuck LeCrone sat in the front row watching his daughter, who has been at Champion Gymnastic for almost two years. He prefers their programs over similar facilities in the area.

"Gymnastics is what she always likes to do," he said. "They give her more attention, and she gets to do more of a variety of different things."

What parents see through the glass is like clockwork, small children trying to touch their toes, and then ages up, kids are doing pushups in unison, while others jog or push objects.

New coach Scott Vetere highlights a group of five on the coaching staff with playing experience after high school at the club or collegiate level. He earned 10 NCAA All-American citations and five individual Big Ten championships at the University of Michigan.

"The coaching staff here at Champion is wonderful," Aben said. "I think (Scott's) credentials speak for themselves."

The first thing coaches Susan Bevins and Courtney Vannatter said they bring to Champion Gymnastics is a positive attitude.

"I like to work hard and have fun with the kids," Vannatter said. "I also have a lot of knowledge. I was an elite gymnast growing up, so I have the background that I need to help work with the kids and teach them those new skills."

Bevins added, "Work hard, but make the kids happy. I really have a positive attitude for all of the kids. I'm always the happy one in the gym."

The gymnasts training are of all ages and skill levels.

They range from 18-months-old to 18-years-old. There are three groups called recreational, pre-team, a gymnast in level one to four, to team, which is for kids, level four and above. The levels have a certain set of requirements, based on strength, conditioning, flexibility and gymnastics skills, Aben said.

"We're not going to turn anyone away," Aben said. "We have a program in our facility that can cater to every age and every ability."

Aben, 40, became co-owner of Champion Gymnastics in January, buying Dave Taylor portion of the business out. She shares ownership with Gordon Ralph.

Her interest grew in the sport as a result of her daughter, who participated in the sport since she was three-years-old.

"Prior to coaching, I just had always thought hey, I always wanted to run a small business of my own," she said. "I thought owning a gym would be a lot of fun. I see a lot of value of working with little kids and helping mold them, and shape them into young adults with strong, healthy bodies."

Aben coaches the recreational portion. It requires kids to attend an eight week session, while pre-team and team is a one-year commitment.

She has been a coach in gymnastics for 12 of the last 15 years. She spent seven years coaching at Gym America. She also coached cheerleading ten years, including seven as Saline's varsity coach.

Her first stint at coaching gymnastics was by chance. One day, one of the instructors did not show up, and she filled in.

"The owner asked me 'hey can you come over and help,'" she said. "And I said 'I don't know what I'm doing,' and he said 'That's fine. I'll teach you.'"

The facility opened about 15 years ago under different ownership. Ralph said the owner wanted to have nothing to do with it by 2008, so he took half ownership with Taylor.

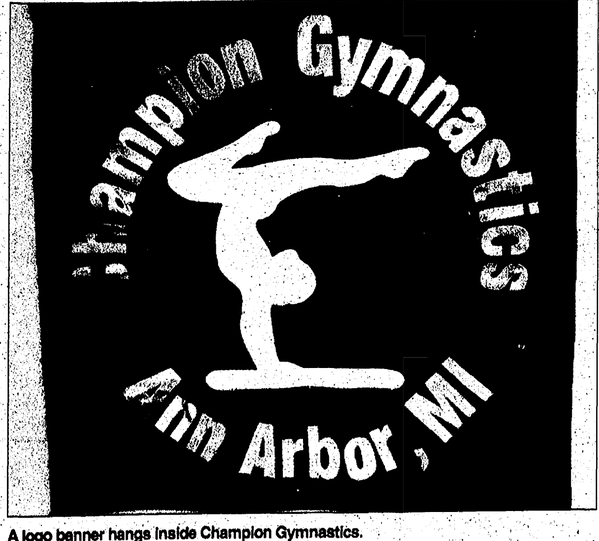
He sees benefits from participating in a sport that offers attributes that some other sports do not.

"They're going to get more strength, more flexibility," Ralph said. "It's overall fitness."

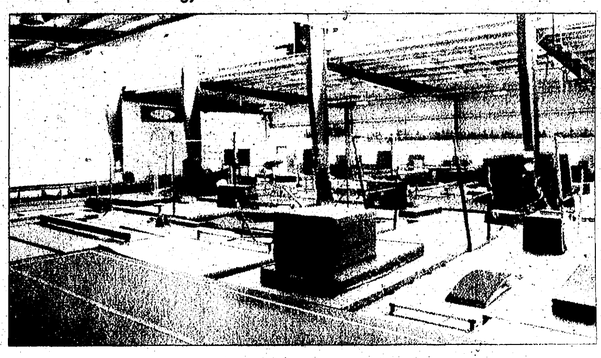
He knew of the place because his daughter was a regular there for 12 years.

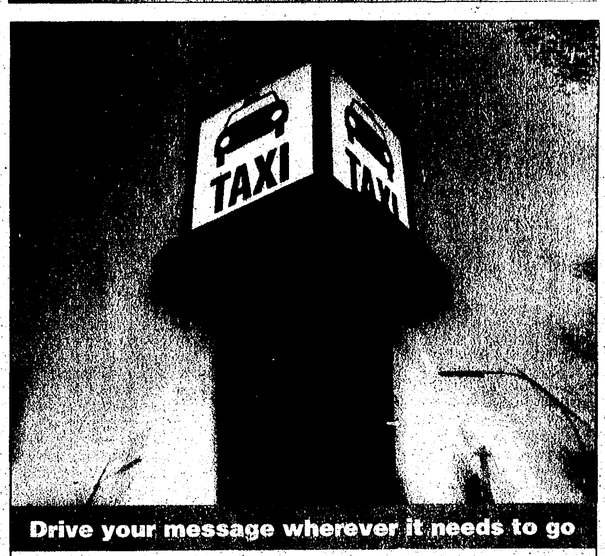
Ralph has tried to add to the culture, so youngsters have the opportunity to blossom into college gymnasts. In just a short time several have made it onto club teams at the college level.

But as time passes and management continues to builds numbers and add to the programs, things will continue to grow and improve – as will the quality of the gymnasts. There are 70 youngsters in the program, and organizers hope to hit triple digits.



A logo banner hangs inside Champion Gymnastics.





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Wolverines must uphold integrity at all costs

FROM THE SIDELINE

RANDY CASTRO

While they have emerged as one of the favorites to win the Big 10, the Michigan football team likely won't be raking in any awards for citizenship or civil obedience anytime soon.

Fitz Toussaint's arrest for operating a vehicle while impaired over the weekend put a bow on the tumultuous offseason for the Wolverines. Touissant joins teammates Jerald Robinson, Will Campbel (both charged with malicious destruction of personal property), Josh Furman (domestic violence found not guilty) and Frank Clark (second degree home invasion) to have run-ins with the law since Michigan knocked off Virginia Tech in the Sugar Bowl in January.

Surely, this is not exactly the way coach Brady Hoke envisioned his team's quest for a 43rd Big Ten championship.

Instead, the gameplan for the season opener against Alabama in less than a month just got a little trickier. Toussaint and Clark have been suspended indefinitely, removing two potential starters from the lineup until further notice.

These kinds of things simply cannot happen at Michigan, or anywhere else for that matter. While it's not entirely uncommon for college students to have encounters with the law from time-to-time, high profile student-athletes handed the task of representing their university at all times are held to a different standard. Preferential treatment may have grown into an expectation for some, but in no way should that be the norm, particularly in the real world or in legal matters.

It wasn't long ago, Monday to be exact, that NCAA President Mark Emmert served a reminder that the association's goal is to maintain a culture in which football isn't placed ahead of education.

Granted, Emmert was addressing the scandal at Penn State, and the charges facing the Michigan football team are minuscule by comparison, but the message remains a clear one.

Hoke deserves credit for acting swiftly on his program's behalf and — allowing the judicial process to unfold organically without further distracting his team's preparation. By removing Toussaint and Clark from the fold now, the team has an opportunity to prepare for Alabama and perhaps beyond in their absence. Though, the program's immediate reaction doesn't entirely rule out the possibility for either player to return for the Sept. 1 opener against the Crimson Tide in Arlington.

Prior to last season, Hoke made an example of Darryl Stonum, redshirting the wide receiver following his guilty plea on a second DUI charge. Stonum was dismissed from the team in January for violating team rules.

If that's any indication, Hoke is fair but firm. A believer in second chances, he holds the accountability and perception of his program in the highest regard. Communicating that to more than 100 young men must certainly prove difficult at times, but a steadfast approach is necessary.

In an age of college athletics in which integrity has been compromised for on-field performance, Hoke will have to continue to find a balance between disciplining and educating the young men he has been charged with the task of developing at any cost even victory.

MHSAA: Number of schools charging participation fees holds steady

Although the use of participation fees to help fund interscholastic athletics in Michigan high schools has doubled during the last nine years, the percentage of schools assessing them has held steady over the last two, according to surveys taken by the Michigan High School Athletic Association of its member institutions.

The most recently completed survey indicates that of 514 member schools participating, 260 schools – 50.5 percent – charged participation fees during the 2011-12 school year. In the 2010-11 survey, fees were being used at 50.4 percent of schools participating.

Locally, Milan and Ypsilanti continue to not charge participation fees for athletics.

There were 761 senior high schools in the MHSAA membership this school year – the survey generated a response rate of 68 percent. This was the ninth survey of schools since the 2003-04, when members reported that fees were being used in 24 percent of schools.

The most recent survey also showed that fees incurred by students who paid once for an entire year of participation increased slightly from 2010-11 to 2011-12 – although the maximum fee per family decreased slightly.

The most popular method of assessing participation fees continues to be a payment for each sport an athlete goes out for, used by 41.5 percent of schools in 2011-12. That median fee among schools in the survey has increased only $5, to $75, since 2009-10.

A standardized annual fee per student was used by 24.5 percent of schools in the past year. Since Fall 2003, that fee has increased from $75 to $120 – a 60 percent increase – with the fee increasing $20 per athlete from 2010-11 to 2011-12.

Beginning with the 2004-05 survey, schools were asked in the survey if they had a cap on what individual student-athletes and families could be charged. Caps on student fees have been used by the majority of schools, but that number has dropped from 71.3 percent in 2004-05 to 55 percent in 2011-12. However, the number of schools instituting a cap on what a family pays has increased from 41 percent having a limit in 2004-05 to 49 percent in 2011-12.

Other data from the 2011-12 survey shows 64.5 percent of schools with participation fees have some kind of fee reduction or waiver program in place based on existing programs for subsidized lunch and milk (down from 68 percent in 2010-11); that 14 percent of schools using fees report a drop in participation; and that slightly more than one percent of schools report losing students to other school districts because they are charging fees. Five percent of schools not assessing fees in 2011-12 report transfers to their districts because of the absence of fees. Also, seven percent of schools not assessing fees had done so previously.

The survey for 2011-12 and surveys from previous years can be found on the MHSAA Website.

The MHSAA is a private, not-for-profit corporation of voluntary membership by more than 1,500 public and private senior high schools and junior high/middle schools which exists to develop common rules for athletic eligibility and competition.

No government funds or tax dollars support the MHSAA, which was the first such association nationally to not accept membership dues or tournament entry fees from schools.

Member schools which enforce these rules are permitted to participate in MHSAA tournaments, which attract approximately 1.6 million spectators each year.

A year of celebration for the Gaylord Golf Mecca

America's Summer Golf Mecca celebrates its 25th birthday in 2012, 25 years of Gaylord hosting more than 3,600,000 golfers at Northern Michigan's collection of outstanding courses, according to the Gaylord Convention and Visitors Bureau. Currently, that's 265,000 in khakis, plaids, shorts and spikes annually.

It's the true "Up North" experience with forests of white pine, aspen, birch, cedar, fir, oak and maple trees, lakes and wetlands, 1,100 elk, the largest free-ranging herd east of the Mississippi River, whitetail deer, wild turkeys and occasionally a black bear. Scenic rivers flow through the properties, the Au Sable, Pigeon and Sturgeon, with world class fly fishing in the 100,000-acre Pigeon River State Forest.

Golf is the big draw and America's Summer Golf Mecca embraces 17 courses with five resorts and 21 hotel properties for Stay and Play packages.

The courses were designed by the best in that green art – Robert Trent Jones, Rees Jones, Tom Fazio, Rick Smith, Tom Doak, Gary Koch and partner Rick Robins, Don Childs, Jerry Matthews, Michigan's most prolific designer, and the oldest course, the Classic at the Otsego Club was designed by William Diddel. There are wide fairways, drop shots galore and views that stretch to the horizon.

Golf Channel's popular "Big Break" and ESPN's "Par 3 Shootout" helped spread the Mecca name across America. Treetops head professional Rick Smith, nationally-known instructor to PGA Tour players and never without an idea, came up with both the Big Break and Par 3 Shootout on Threetops, the resort's unique short course designed by Smith.

The Shootout featured superstars Phil Mickelson, Fred Couples and Jack Nicklaus over the years and scored its biggest ESPN national replays when Lee Trevino aced the seventh hole in 2007. It's regarded the richest payday ever for a single shot, $1 million plus $9,000 for skins and closest to the hole. Trevino donated $500,000 to St. Jude's Childrens Hospital.

Smith also designed two courses, the Rick Smith Signature and Tradition, after the Jones and Fazio courses were built. Treetops now offers 81 holes of golf.

Tom Doak, recognized as one of the top designers in the world, laid out his second course, aptly named Black Forest, at Wilderness Valley where its first course was designed by longtime Oakland Hills professional and Michigan Golf Hall of Fame member Al Watrous. Robert Trent Jones gave Sylvan Ski Resort owner Harry Melling the name that captures northern Michigan golf. "Treetops" Jones said when he looked out from the tee site of his par 3 sixth hole and saw nothing but green tree tops as far as the eye could see. Melling renamed the resort Treetops and named the course the Jones Masterpiece.

Jones's son Rees, who designed Black Lake, and Tom Fazio, whose name is on his design at Treetops, are the gold standard of designers and they gloried in the north's sandy soils, hilly terrain and woodlands.

Fazio didn't like to travel far from his Carolinas home to design courses but Smith was persistent and convinced him to fly to northern Michigan. Fazio loved what he saw – hills, valleys and sandy soil. Fazio turned out a player friendly course with U-shaped fairways that gathered in tee shots.

Rees Jones, famed as the "Open Doctor" for his updating of classic courses for the U.S. Open, echoed Fazio in his delight with the sandy soil and his work at Black Lake was ranked No. 2 Best New Public Course by Golf Digest and is in the top 100 annually.

The signature hole is the Sahara, with a 185-yard bunker stretched along the right side with curves like a snake. There are nine tees and it measures 235 to 145 yards. A shot from the back tee must carry the length of the sand but as players picked one of the shorter tees on the left there is less carry.

When Michigan golf began booming in the 1980s, Gaylord was in the perfect location on Interstate 75, an easy drive from the populous southern part of the state plus Ohio, Indiana and Illinois.

And the Mecca, which grew from newspaper and magazine stories and advertising, is right with the times, concentrating on social media and Facebook.

Washtenaw County
Legal Notice:

Washtenaw County Purchasing Division is issuing a Request for Proposal for MDEQ Grant Activities and Response Activities for the Packard Square Redevelopment. RFP 6688 Due: Friday, August 10, 2012 by 3:00pm local time. For more information, please call (734) 222-6760 or logon to our website at http://bids.ewashtenaw.org and click on "open bids".

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NOTICE
Testing of Voting Equipment
To the qualified electors of the
Township of Dexter

Notice is hereby given that in accordance with the provisions of MCL 168.798(1), the Dexter Township Clerk will conduct a ***Public Test*** of the voting tabulation equipment that will be used in the **August 7th Primary Election.** The test will be conducted on Monday, July 30th, 2012, at 9:00 A.M. at the Dexter Township Hall, 6880 Dexter-Pinckney Rd., Dexter, MI 48130. Interested members of the public are invited to observe this Public Test. Please contact the Dexter Township Clerk's office with any questions (734) 426-3767.

Harley B. Rider, Clerk
Dexter Township

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ELECTION NOTICE

TO: **QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF LYNDON TOWNSHIP**
QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF DEXTER TOWNSHIP
QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF LIMA TOWNSHIP
QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF WEBSTER TOWNSHIP
QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF CHELSEA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A PRIMARY ELECTION WILL BE HELD IN SAID GOVERNMENTAL UNITS ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 7, 2012 FROM 7:00 AM TO 8:00 PM

For the purpose of nominating candidates for the following offices:

United States Senator
Representative in Congress
Representative in State Legislature
Prosecuting Attorney
Sheriff
Clerk/Register of Deeds
Treasurer
Water Resource Commissioner
County Commissioner
Township/City Supervisor
Township/City Treasurer
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BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
CHELSEA DISTRICT LIBRARY
RESOLUTION NO. 2012-07-17
RESOLUTION APPROVING
BUDGET HEARING AND NOTIFICATION

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Chelsea District Library, County of Washtenaw, State of Michigan, held in the McKune Meeting Room at the Library on the 17th day of July, 2012 at Six forty-five, p.m., prevailing Eastern Time.

PRESENT: Lynn Fox, Mary Budzinski, Elizabeth Caplis, Janis Miller, Gary Zenz, Susan Brown and Elizabeth Sensoli.

ABSENT: None

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Trustee G. Zenz and supported by Trustee M. Budzinski.

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Truth in Budgeting Act, there will be presented to the Board of Trustees of the Chelsea District Library (the "Library") on August 21, 2012 the proposed budget for fiscal year 2013; and

WHEREAS, the notice of hearing on the budget is to include the following statement printed in 11-point bold faced type:

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget is the subject of this hearing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Library Board hereby directs its Library Director to schedule the 2013 Budget Hearing for Tuesday, August 21, 2012; and
2. The Library Board hereby directs its Library Director to arrange for publication of Notice of Hearing in the *Chelsea Standard*, for its July 26th publication date.
3. All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution be and the same hereby are rescinded.

AYES: Trustees Lynn Fox, Mary Budzinski, Elizabeth Caplis, Janis Miller, Gary Zenz, Susan Brown and Elizabeth Sensoli.

NAYS: Trustees: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

J. Miller, Secretary, Board of Trustees
Chelsea District Library
County of Washtenaw, State of Michigan

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Chelsea District Library, County of Washtenaw, Michigan, at a regular meeting held on the 17th day of July, 2012, and that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act.

J. Miller, Secretary, Board of Trustees
Chelsea District Library
County of Washtenaw, State of Michigan

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Chelsea District Library
2013 PROPOSED BUDGET

A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD ON August 21, 2012 at approximately 6:45 p.m. at the Chelsea District Library, 221 S. Main Street, Chelsea, Michigan on the following proposed 2013 budget:

Expense	Fiscal Year 2013 Budget
Personnel Expenses	844,034
Supplies	28,300
Professional Services	48,078
Maintenance Services Contracts	91,888
Telecommunications	23,850
Promotional Materials	32,565
Programming Expenses	43,707
Volunteer Services	1,200
Utilities	67,775
Board Expenses	2,000
Automation Services	45,788
Equipment	12,850
Continuing Education Exp	9,837
Capital Expenses	69,200
Collection Expenses	138,709
TOTAL	1,459,781

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget is the subject of this hearing.

Operating	Rate
Operating Total	1.6321
Bond Debt	0.8000
	2.4321

The proposed 2013 budget documents are available at the Chelsea District Library for public examination.

William H. Harmer, Library Director
Chelsea District Library

Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact Bill Harmer Director, Chelsea District Library, 221 S. Main Street, Chelsea, MI 48118, (734) 475-8732 x 206

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Saline's Teboe wins ATA World Championship

By Randy Castro
A2 Journal

Saline ATA Head Instructor Paul Teboe made it two in a row.

After winning the combat weapon sparring competition at the ATA World Championships in Little Rock, Ark. A year ago, Teboe returned to the event and successfully defended his title last month.

Coming in ranked No. 10 in the world in his division and the defending champion, Teboe said a title defense wasn't going to be easy.

"The competition got a lot better," he said. "Everybody else trained harder. A lot of people were training really really hard to make this thing work."

While the level of competition increased, so too did the attention paid to the defending champ. The 40-year-old two-time champion said people recognized him and that there was a target on his back.

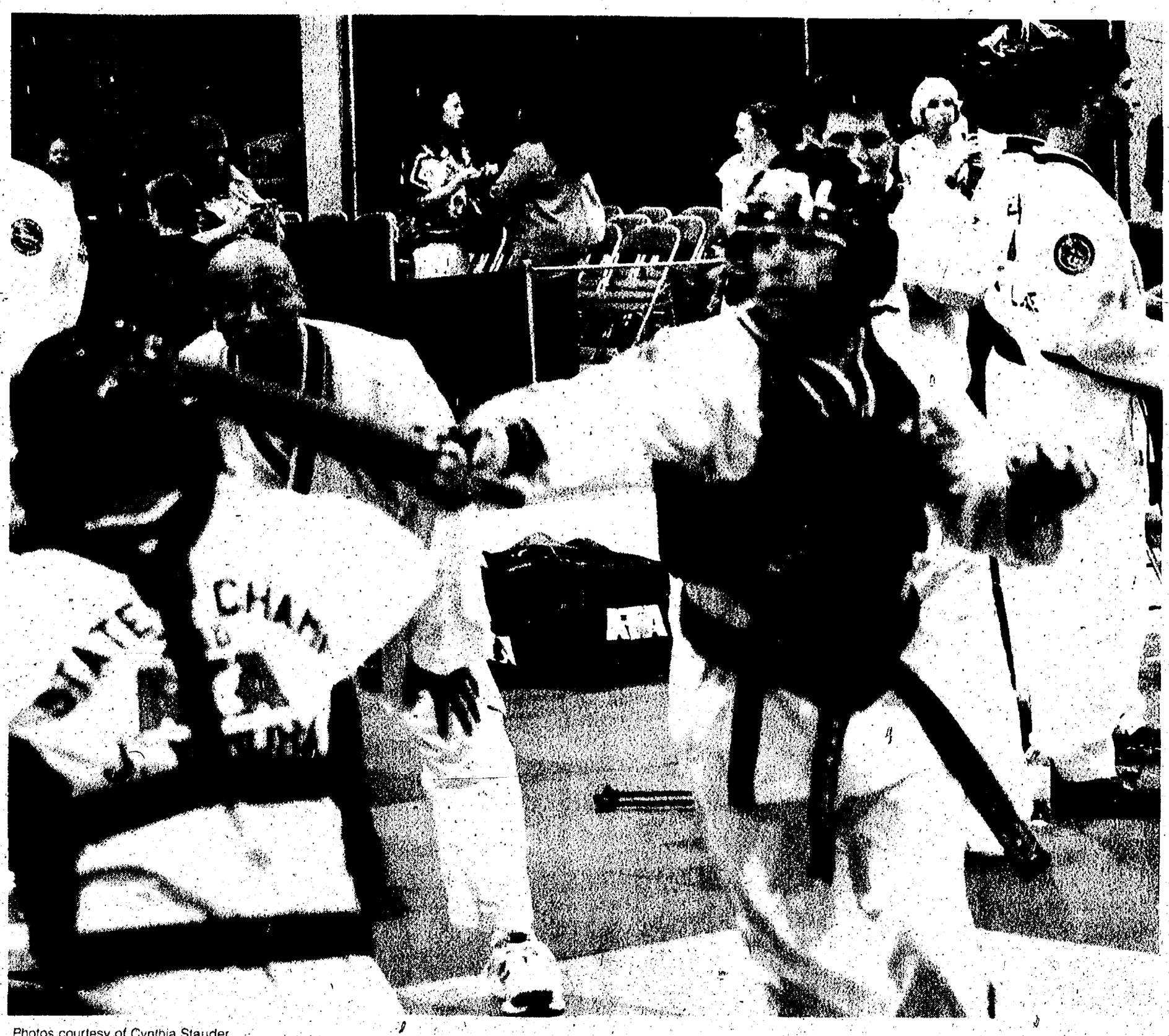
"It was a bit nerve wracking," Teboe said. "Everyone comes up and rubs elbows with you. They talk about it and how they'll take me off the throne— in a joking manner."

But when it came down to the competition, Teboe had the last laugh. He survived the three-round gauntlet to advance to the final, before claiming his second straight title.

With a two-year run atop his division, Teboe said he likes to think his success can be attributed to his martial arts lineage. His instructor, seventh-degree black belt Sr. Master Tomas Sandoval helped instill a dedicated approach.

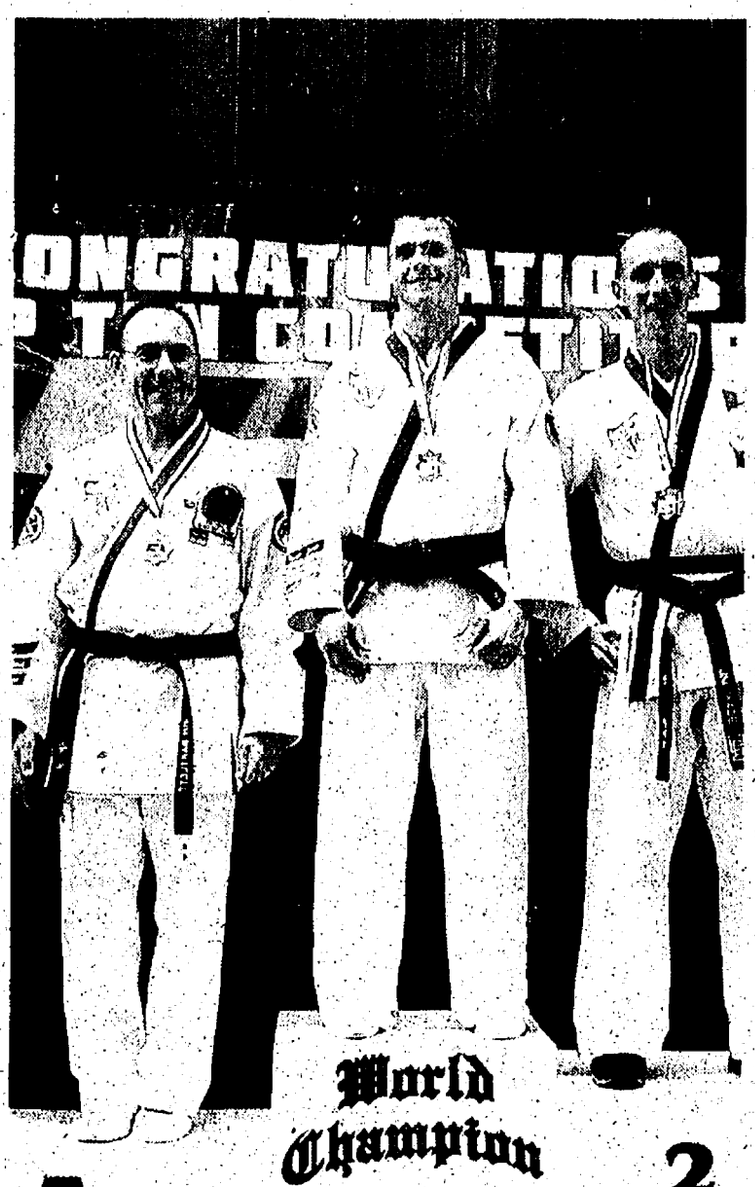
"The way he always taught me was to train hard and intense," Teboe said. "It's not just show up, look good and go home. We work really hard."

Teboe is now able to pass along what he has learned onto his students. If the World Championships are any indication, his methods are working.



Photos courtesy of Cynthia Stauder

Saline ATA head instructor Paul delivers a head strike while competing for World Champion in Combat Weapon Sparring in Little Rock, Ark. on June 22.



Teboe stands atop the podium at the ATA World Championships. Teboe won his second straight title in combat weapon sparring.

A total of 35 Saline ATA competitors claimed state championships over the course of the year. In all, seven Saline ATA competitors qualified for national top-10 status in at least one event during the 2011-12 season.

"If they see me training hard...If I can do this, they can do this," Teboe said of his students. "Several of our black belts made the top 10. I think those numbers are going to continue to grow."

Teboe said the intense manner in which his students train lends itself to tournament success. Though, he stressed the importance of real-world practicality of the effectiveness of the techniques.

"It all works together," he said. "When we do our forms and our techniques, we do them very strong and very powerful. We want to make sure it's effective, so when it goes into competition, it's the same way."

Teboe said he believed that, regardless of the results, experience is beneficial to his students.

"You can feel better about yourself when you go through the competition," he said. "Whether you win, whether you lose, it's an educational process."

Teboe himself now faces an uphill climb heading into next season. The Sunday following his world championship, he finished outside the top 10 in the first tournament of the new year and will start off with no points heading into 2012-13.

"This upcoming year is going to be extremely difficult for me," he said.

"That loss on Sunday made a huge impact on me. I've got the person who beat me in my mind...now it's just coming back and training under a different mindset."

Whether he's atop the mountain, or having to work his way back up, Teboe knows what it takes to get there.

"Every year I start my new season the same way," he said. "I'm going to train hard and envision what I'm going to do."

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INTERMEDIATE

Washtenaw County Legal Notice:

Washtenaw County Purchasing Division is issuing a Request for Proposal for Veterinary Services for Communicable Diseases. RFP 6686 Due: Wednesday, August 15, 2012 by 3:00pm local time. For more information, please call (734) 222-6760 or logon to our website at http://bids.ewashtenaw.org and click on "open bids".

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Washtenaw County Legal Notice:

Washtenaw County Purchasing Division is issuing a Request for Proposal for the construction of a pedestrian boardwalk within Draper-Houston Meadows Preserve in York Charter Township. There is a **MANDATORY** Pre-Bid meeting scheduled for 1:00pm, Friday August 17, 2012 at the parking area of the Draper-Housing Meadows Preserve located at the south side of Mooreville Road approximately 0.25 miles west of Platt Road. RFP 6683 Due: Thursday, August 30, 2012 by 3:00pm local time. For more information, please call (734) 222-6760 or logon to our website at http://bids.ewashtenaw.org and click on "open bids".

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SYNOPSIS OF UNAPPROVED MINUTES LIMA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES JULY 9, 2012

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

A Public Hearing, to hear comments on the proposed Ordinance to License Home Based Business was called to order at 7:01 p.m. It was noted Interim Zoning Administrator Caplis has submitted a written report dated June 21, 2012, reviewing and commenting on the proposed Ordinance to License Home Based Business, draft dated May 21, 2012.

Public hearing closed at 7:05 p.m.

Motion by McKenzie, supported by Laier to approve the Agenda as printed. Motion carried.

Motion by Laier supported by Havens to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 11, 2012, as printed. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's Report was received.

Motion by McKenzie, supported by Laier to table comments to CAFA on the Final Draft of Restated Articles of Incorporation. Discussion on the motion: Present valuations of city and townships and the relation to city and townships use, and population. Motion carried.

Motion by McKenzie, supported by Laier to edit the job description for Zoning Administrator and Zoning Enforcement Officer, draft dated 7/9/12 per work session comments, and have the document available to the township office and the township website, and advertise in local newspapers, and the township website, to receive resumes for the position by August 30, 2012. Motion carried.

Motion by McKenzie, supported by Laier to table any action on the proposed Ordinance to License Home Based Business until the "fourth draft" is reviewed and comments are brought back to the next township board meeting. Motion carried.

Motion by Laier, supported by McKenzie to pay bills as submitted, and any others as may be required. Motion carried.

Motion by Laier, supported by Havens to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Arlene R. Bareis, Clerk
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Dexter Township
6880 Dexter-Pinckney Rd.
Dexter, MI 48130
(734) 426-3767

Summary of Action of the Dexter Township Board of Trustees
Regular Board Meeting July 17, 2012

Called to order at 7:01 PM

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

Absent: None

Also Present: Bob Turner, Washtenaw County Commissioner, First District; Mark Breckenridge, Director, Washtenaw County Emergency Management

The Board approved the Consent Agenda, along with General Fund bills totaling $79,151.14, Fire Fund bills totaling $30,853.84, Police Fund bills totaling $39,229.95 and gross Monthly payroll of $23,078.28.

The Board received committee reports from Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC); Personnel Policy Committee; Regional Fire Committee; Capital Improvement Plan Committee; Dexter Tornado Relief Fund.

The Board conducted a Public Hearing on the proposed emergency warning system.

Following the public hearing the Board approved the Township-wide emergency warning system to be installed by Frontline Plus, with a contract price not to exceed $380,000.00. The Board also accepted a donation in the amount of $1,000.00 from Harley & Vita Rider to help defray the cost of the warning system. **(NOTE: Anyone wishing to make a donation to the warning siren project may do so at the Township Hall.)**

The Board also: Deferred action on the Township Hall parking lot until 2013; Approved a contract with the Multi-Lakes Water and Sewer Authority (MLSWA) for Dexter Township to continue to use the MLWSA facility for Precinct #2 polling place; Entered into an agreement with Public Financial Management (PFM) for filing of the Township's annual Continuing Disclosure for an annual fee of $500.00; Approved an agreement with McKenna Associates for on-site planning and zoning services of Patrick Sloan for up to two days per week; Akers agreed to remove the sign structure at the corner of N. Territorial Rd. and Dexter-Pinckney Rd.

The Board also approved a resolution to adopt ballot proposal language for a seven-year millage of up to 1.00 mills for a fire/public safety substation to be put on the November 6th ballot. The Board agreed that, if the millage passes, it is unlikely that the entire millage would actually need to be levied for the entire seven year period.

The Board also acknowledged the cancellation of the tentatively scheduled September 15th Clean-Up day, due to the construction at the Western Washtenaw Recycle Authority facility.

The Board entered into Closed Session in accordance with the provisions of the Michigan Open Meetings Act (MCL 15.268(d)) for the purpose of discussing the purchase of real property. Following the Closed Session, the Board authorized the Township Attorney to draft an agreement to purchase the property at the south-east corner of North Territorial Road and Dexter Town Hall Road.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:54 PM

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

Summary approved by Pat A. Kelly, Supervisor, Dexter Township

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Webster Township Regular Board Meeting
July 17, 2012

The Webster Township Board Meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm. by Supervisor John Kingsley on July 17, 2012 at the Township Hall, 5665 Webster Church Road Dexter, MI 48130.

Members present: Supervisor: John Kingsley, Clerk: Mary Dee Heller, Treasurer: Carol Whitney, Trustees: Gary Koch, Charles Estleman, Richard Kleinschmidt, John Westman, Zoning Administrator: Bruce Pindzia, Deputy Clerk: Cynthia Zuccaro, and 5 citizens.

Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag

Approve Minutes

Motion Kleinschmidt, second Koch, to approve the minutes of the Webster Township Board of Trustees Board Meeting on June 19, 2012. All ayes and carried.

Supervisor Remarks

Approve Agenda

Motion Westman, second Estleman, to approve the agenda as presented. All ayes and carried.

AATA Presentation: Proposed Future Services / Michael Benham

Call to Public

Reports

A. **Treasurer's Report:**
Motion Heller, second Koch, to accept Treasurer's report and pay bills as presented as well as those anticipated bills received before the August meeting. Roll call vote, all ayes and carried.

B. **Planning Commission:**
Report received.

C. **Parks & Recreation Committee:**
No report received.

D. **Zoning Inspectors Report:**
Report received.

E. **Sheriff's Report:**
Report received.

F. **Zoning Board of Appeals:**
No Report received.

G. **PDR Committee:**
Report received.

H. **Fire Department:** No July meeting next meeting will take place in August. Report received.

Old Business:
None

New Business:

A. **Planning Commission Appointment**
Motion Kingsley, second Heller, to appoint David Lovell to the Planning Commission to fill the term vacated by David Lovell. All ayes and carried.

B. **Complimentary History Book: "Voices of the Past" by James Baldwin Parker**

C. **Zoning Clarification of Special Use Permit Application**
Motion Kleinschmidt, second Westman, to postpone the decision on the Lapham Yorkies, LLC Special Use Permit application. All ayes and carried.

Correspondence
Correspondences received.

Call to Public

Adjourn
Motion Kleinschmidt, second Heller, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 9:01 pm. All ayes and carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Dee Heller, Clerk
Webster Township
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LAMORE

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"When he called my name, it was a huge relief. I had to wait at the table to be waved in by the refs. It really felt like forever.

"Once I got in the game, I just tried to not do too much and play as hard as I could. I was too excited to play, and eventually get the win at the end of the game. I was surprised though that I didn't feel nervous. I felt like I was ready to play."

LaMore ended up playing 17 games for the Big Reds, averaging 8 minutes, two points and 1.2 rebounds – not bad for a freshman. Cornell finished 12-16 overall and 7-7 in the Ivy League.

"Dave did a nice job as a freshman acclimating to Division I basketball, and it became evident as his playing time increased as the year went on," said Cornell coach Bill Courtney. "As he continues to develop, Dave has a chance to be an important part of what we're building here at Cornell.

"He has great size, but is also very skilled and can set a physical tone for our team."

Overall, LaMore was pleased with his first season on the basketball court at the highest of collegiate levels.

"It went well," he said. "I wish that I could've been healthy in the beginning of the season so I could've become ready to play at an earlier stage, but I feel like I really improved from the beginning to the end.

"Although our team did not perform as well as we would have liked, I feel like we learned a lot as a team and will use last year for knowledge of how to win games. There were definitely many struggles through my first year, but my teammates and coaches helped me get through them."

Off the court, things also went well.

Leaving home, moving out of state, taking Ivy League classes and playing Division I basketball is certainly a full schedule of challenges.

"The two biggest challenges with juggling school and basketball are time and energy," said LaMore, who is studying communications. "Especially in-season, there's not much free time. So I had to make sure that I had a specific time of where I would study each day. Time management was definitely key to doing well in school."

LaMore put up impressive numbers in the classroom, finishing his freshman year with a 3.25 grade-point average.

"I came in expecting classes to be almost impossible to do well in, so I would say classes were actually easier than I thought they were going to be," he said. "That being said, classes are still really hard, especially ones that stray far from my major. I actually had to do hours of studying in all of my classes that I never needed to do in high school."

LaMore also enjoyed his teammates, the school and the town of Ithaca.

"The thing I love the most about Cornell is definitely our group of guys we have on the team," he said. "I would already consider them family and it's nice being around people who share the same interests. They're always there for support and just fun on and off the court.

"I love the feel to Ithaca and the campus when school is in session. The city of Ithaca is beautiful and definitely a lot different from Dexter and Ann Arbor. The scenery is great. I stayed in the dorms this year that are on our North Campus where all of the other freshmen stay, and I really enjoyed it. Staying with all of the other freshmen in the dorms allowed me to socialize with kids and meet many new people from completely different backgrounds from mine."

The former Dreadnaught has set some big goals for next year. And why not, he now knows what it takes to succeed at this level and he's not afraid of hard work or big challenges.

"My goals for next year are set pretty high," he said. "As a team, our goal is to win the Ivy League championship and make it to the NCAA Tournament. We have the pieces to do it, but need to finish out games down the stretch.

"Personally, I would like to get better conditioned so I can play longer minutes next year. There's not an area of my game that doesn't need work, but I really am focusing on finishing around the rim, rebounding outside of my area, and getting quicker with my lateral speed. I want to become a consistent finisher on my team so they can count on me to score through contact on the inside.

"I know that I have a lot of work to do until next season still to become the player I want to be. I feel confident with my game now and how far I have come, but I want to prove all of the people who have doubted me wrong and become a successful player at Cornell."

EMU grads sign pro contracts

Recent Eastern Michigan University graduates Matt Hitt and Ben Magsig have become the first Eagles baseball players from the class of 2012 to sign professional contracts. Hitt, who was EMU's starting catcher, signed with the Arizona Centennials of the Freedom Pro Baseball League, while Magsig, the Eagles' everyday third baseman, joined the London Rippers of the Frontier League.

A native of Fishers, Ind., Hitt led the 2012 Eagles in home runs with seven. His power numbers rose considerably over the course of his two-year career in Ypsilanti, as his slugging percentage jumped from .308 in 2011 to .418 in 2012. Hitt batted .226 for the season and reached base at a .346 clip with 24 walks. A solid defender, he turned in a .981 fielding percentage and threw out 14-of-47 potential base stealers.

Magsig, who hails from Okemos, Mich., capped off a third-and-final stellar season with the Green and White in 2012, leading the Mid-American Conference in walks (53) and on-base percentage (.478). He amassed the best single-season walks total in EMU history, surpassing Danny Schmitz 's 52 in 1976. Magsig finished his career with 120 walks, good for the fourth-best in EMU annals.

A .297 batting average was also second on the team and brought his career average to an impressive .313.

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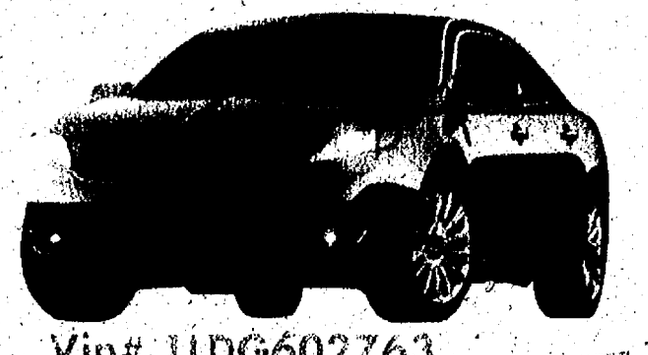

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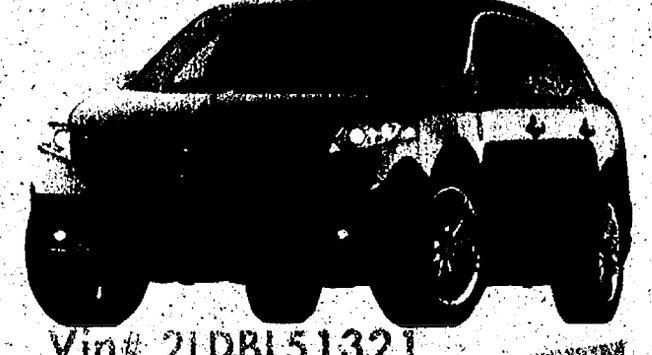

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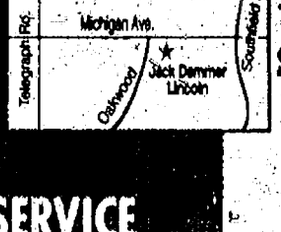

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KIDS' VIEW

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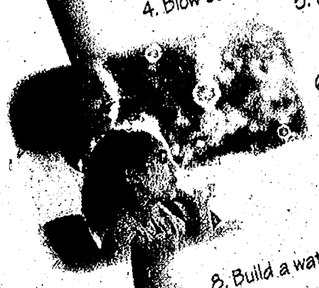
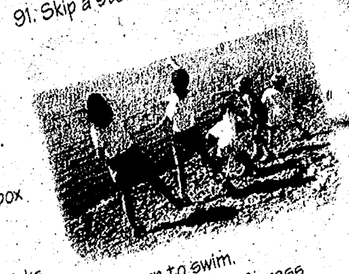
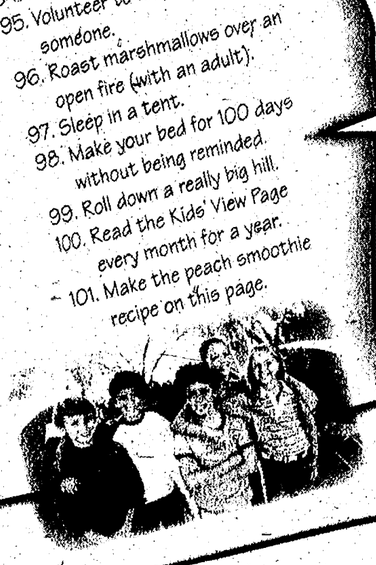
An Achievable Bucket List

1. Make homemade fudge popsicles.
2. Visit the zoo.
3. Have a picnic.
4. Blow some bubbles.
5. Make strawberry milk.
6. Make lemonade.
7. Make a potato print T-shirt.
8. Build a water park in your yard.
9. Have an ice hunt (freeze objects in water and then chisel them out).
10. Turn ice cubes into boats and race them.
11. Play hopscotch.
12. Make and mail post cards (use the fronts of cereal boxes).
13. Take treats to the local fire department.
14. Go blueberry picking.
15. Have a wet sponge fight.
16. Have an ice cream sundae party.
17. Make and fly a kite.
18. Plant it, grow it, eat it.
19. Plant a tree.
20. Sleep in a tent.
21. Play in the rain.
22. Make a mud pie.
23. Write a note to a teacher.
24. Have a snowball fight.
25. Go sledding.
26. Pick an animal & learn everything you can about it.
27. Start a "favorite" collection.
28. "Call" an owl.
29. Play hide-and-seek.
30. Pick and eat an apple from a tree.
31. Go to a nature center.
32. Run a mile.
33. Learn to golf.
34. Join a bowling league.
35. Learn to ski.
36. Learn to ice skate.
37. Take up fishing.
38. Play tennis.
39. Try karate.
40. Learn to say hello in 50 languages.
41. Learn sign language.
42. Make a family tree.
43. Form a band.
44. Sing karaoke.
45. Learn to play an instrument.
46. Listen to classic music.
47. Learn the foxtrot/waltz/tango.
48. Ride a mechanical bull.
49. Ride in a hot air balloon.
50. Learn to knit.
51. Break a Guinness World Record.
52. Visit a different state.
53. Visit the Grand Canyon.
54. Visit your state capitol.
55. Go to a foreign country.
56. Shake Mickey Mouse's hand.
57. Learn to use a pogo stick.
58. Build a doll house or soapbox car.
59. Learn to cook.
60. Learn how to do magic tricks.
61. Learn to juggle.
62. Study the world of bees.
63. Solve a Rubik's Cube.
64. Learn origami.
65. List your favorite 100 books.
66. Read your favorite book list.
67. Read a Pulitzer Prize novel.
68. Read every book written by your favorite author.
69. Watch an Academy Award-winning movie.
70. Watch 100 funny movies.
71. Make someone else happy.
72. Kick a bad habit.
73. Watch a sunset.
74. Speak in public.
75. Make the front page of the newspaper for a good reason.
76. Volunteer in a soup kitchen.
77. Volunteer for Habitat for Humanity.
78. Donate your old books to the children's ward of a hospital.
79. Teach someone something.
80. Go green.
81. Get a story published.
82. Keep a journal.
83. Write and design a comic book.
84. Invent a board game.
85. Photograph wildlife.
86. Volunteer at a pet shelter.
87. Go bird watching.
88. Cook and deliver dinner to a neighbor.
89. Volunteer to do yard work at your local elementary school.
90. Pick up trash in your neighborhood.
91. Skip a stone.
92. Learn to swim.
93. Make a blade of grass trumpet.
94. Make cards for the troops.
95. Volunteer to read to someone.
96. Roast marshmallows over an open fire (with an adult).
97. Sleep in a tent.
98. Make your bed for 100 days without being reminded.
99. Roll down a really big hill.
100. Read the Kids' View Page every month for a year.
101. Make the peach smoothie recipe on this page.



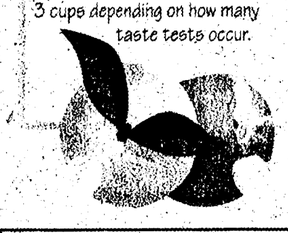




Peach Smoothie

2 - 8 oz. cartons of peach yogurt
1 peach – peeled and cut in small chunks
Handful of ice cubes
½ teaspoon of vanilla
6 oz. can of frozen apple juice (white grape is an alternative)

With an adult's help place all ingredients in a blender. With cover on, mix on high for 30 - 45 seconds, depending on blender speed, or until ice is reduced to tiny pieces. Serve immediately by placing in glass, dropping in a straw (optional), and slurping away. Recipe makes about 3 cups depending on how many taste tests occur.



Just Peachy!

Michigan peach growers say, depending on the weather, Michigan peaches are available from July to September. But peaches are fussy about the weather and we all know that the weather in Michigan is changeable.

Peaches don't like the cold, and neither do the trees they grow on. That's why the warmer states of Georgia and California are known for their peaches. In fact, to continue to ripen peaches you've bought, leave them at room temperature. Once ripened, you can move them to the refrigerator in an unsealed plastic bag.

Peaches originated in China. The Chinese have been cultivating them since 1000 B.C. It is also believed in China that the peach brings luck, abundance and protection.

Romans called peaches Persian apples. It was the Persians who introduced the peach to the west. Spaniards brought the peach to South America, and it is said that Columbus brought peach trees to America on his second and third voyages.

Worldwide, it is China and Italy who claim first and second places as the largest producer of peaches. The U.S. supplies about 25 percent of the world's peach supply.

There are 700 varieties of peaches; some are even flat. Nectarines are one variety of peaches with a smooth skin.

Peaches are a member of the rose family and a great source of vitamins A, B and C. So eat those peaches up during National Peach Month but throw the pit or stone away, because if the Michigan weather doesn't get your new little peach plant, according to the Michigan Peach Growers, a ground squirrel probably will.

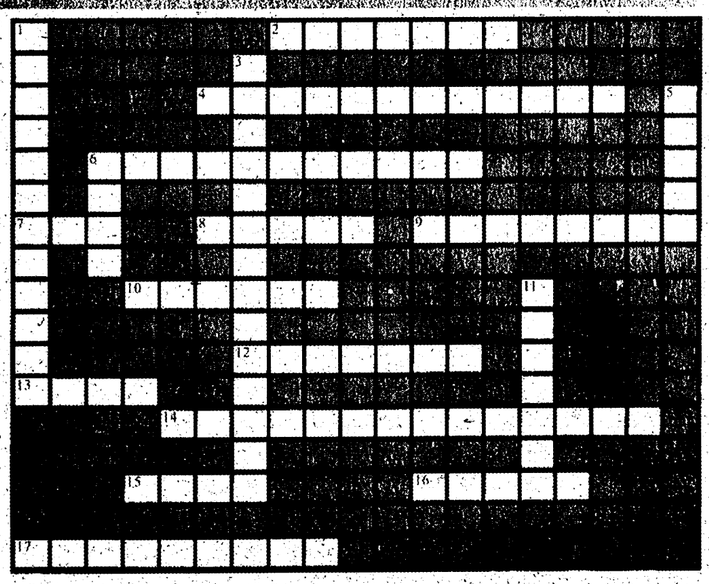
AUGUST CALENDAR CORNER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Q U A C K		Q U A C K	1 Respect Parents Day	2 1st Lincoln Penny Issued 1909	3 National Watermelon Day	4 Coast Guard Day
5 Family Day	6 Wiggle Your Toes Day	7 National Lighthouse Day	8 Dollar Day (U.S. Dollar created 1786)	9 Smokey the Bear's Birthday 1944	10 S'more Day	11 Play in the Sand Day
12 Happy Birthday Bambi & Thumper	13 International Left Hander's Day	14 National Creamsicle Day	15 National Relaxation Day	16 Roller Coaster Day (Patented in 1898)	17 Happy Birthday Davy Crockett 1786	18 International Homeless Animal Day
19 Happy Birthday Snuffleupagus	20 Lemonade Day	21 Poets' Day	22 Be An Angel Day	23 National Peach Month	24 National Waffle Day (Waffle Iron Patented 1869)	25 National Banana Split Day
26 National Hot-Dog Day	27 Banana Lover's Day	28 National Cherry Turnover Day	29 Mary Poppins Day (1964)	30 National Toasted Marshmallow Day	31 Eat Outside Day	

TODAY'S CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS
2. Put how many books on your favorite list?
4. Read what every month for a year?
6. Shake his hand.
7. Call an _____
8. Say what in 50 languages?
9. Photograph _____
10. Use what to make a print on a T-shirt?
12. Make a blade of grass _____
13. Fowl on this page.
14. Have what kind of party?
15. Sleep in a _____
16. Roast marshmallows with whom?
17. Have a _____ fight.

DOWN
1. Pick up trash in your _____
3. Take treats where?
5. Skip a _____
6. Run a _____
11. Keep a _____ Journal



SOLUTION

ACROSS
2. Hundred
4. Kids View Page
6. Mickey Mouse
7. Owl
8. Hello
9. Wildlife
10. Potato
12. Trumpet
13. Duck
14. Ice cream sundae
15. Tent
16. Adult
17. Wet sponge

DOWN
1. Neighborhood
3. Fire department
5. Stone
6. Mile
11. Journal

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ENTERTAINMENT

Folk quartet Harpeth Rising to play The Ark Aug. 6

Harpeth Rising will play in Ann Arbor Aug. 6 at The Ark, 316 Main St.

Voted "Best Local Band in Nashville" by the Tennessean, the four classically trained musicians of Harpeth Rising are updating the folk genre.

With a banjo and a fiddle, they might be mistaken for a traditional bluegrass group, but hand drums round out the ensemble, creating a unique sound.

The group met at the Indiana University School of Music and was united by their eclectic musical interests: a little bit bluegrass, a little bit classical, a little bit folk.

The quartet has recently begun promoting their latest project, an album of songs written by David Greenberg, father of Jordana Greenberg, the band's violinist.

Harpeth Rising has been performing songs by David Greenberg for several years, and fans have requested the new project for some time.

Before the release of this album, Harpeth Rising's touring was largely focused on promoting their second album: "Dead Man's Hand," produced by multiple Grammy-winner, Bil VornDick.

Some of this season's highlights have included receiving a feature spot for one of the album's songs on NPR's Car Talk, appearing on Woodsongs Old-Time Radio Hour, performing at ROMP Music Festival (alongside artists such as Emmylou Harris and Steve Martin), the Niles Bluegrass Festival, and many festivals, halls and folk clubs throughout the United Kingdom.

The concert at The Ark begins at 8 p.m., and the doors open at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are $15 and can be purchased in person at The Ark Box Office, the Michigan Union Ticket Office or Herb David Guitar Studio. Tickets also may be purchased by phone at 763-8587 or online at http://theark.org/.

Harpeth Rising

Purple Rose Theatre Company announces 2012-2013 season

The Purple Rose Theatre Company's 2012-2013 season will feature two world premieres and two plays by award-winning playwrights, theater officials recently announced.

The theater company's 22nd professional season will include "Superior Donuts" by Tracy Letts; the world premiere of "The Meaning of Almost Everything" by Jeff Daniels; "33 Variations" by Moisés Kaufman and the world premiere of "Miles & Ellie" by Don Zolidis.

Eight low-priced previews will begin each run, followed by press opening night during the second week of each engagement.

Regular performances are at 8 p.m. Wednesdays through Saturdays, with 3 p.m. Saturday matinees and 2 p.m. Sunday matinees.

All performances will be held at The Purple Rose Theatre Company, 137 Park St., in Chelsea.

"Superior Donuts" by Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright Letts kicks off the season. This comedy-drama set in one of Chicago's most diverse neighborhoods, explores the friendship between a burned-out doughnut shop owner and his young, idealistic new employee.

The show will have a 13-week engagement from Sept. 20 to December 15, 2012.

Randolph Mantooth (Los Angeles) will star as donut shop owner, Arthur Przybyszewski. Mantooth has been a working television, film and theater actor for 40 years and is best known for his starring role in NBC's series "Emergency!" in the 1970s.

He is a spokesman for both the International Association of Firefighters and the International Association of Fire Chiefs for firefighter health and safety.

Directed by Guy Sanville, the cast also includes Ryan Carlson (Clinton Township), David Daoust (Lansing), Alex Leydenfrost (Ann Arbor), Brian Marable (Detroit), Michelle Mountain (Grass Lake), Michael Brian Ogden (Berkley), Sandy Ryder (Ann Arbor) and Lynch Travis (Dearborn).

Chelsea resident and Hollywood actor Jeff Daniels' "The Meaning of Almost Everything" will premiere at the Purple Rose Theatre Company in Chelsea.

"The Meaning of Almost Everything" is a humorous exploration of the human condition.

A world premiere comedy by Purple Rose founder Daniels, "The Meaning of Almost Everything" will run for nine weeks from Jan. 10 to March 9, 2013.

Directed by Sanville, the cast will feature Matt Gwynn (Ypsilanti) and Nate Mitchell (Novi).

Kaufman's "33 Variations" tells the story of Katherine Brandt, who struggles to solve the mystery behind her professional passion: Beethoven's oft overlooked "Diabelli Variations."

As she races against time, Katherine not only discovers the true nature of Beethoven's work, but gains insight into the other mystery in her life — her daughter.

The show will have a 10-week engagement March 28 through June 1, 2013.

Directed by Sanville, the cast will feature Mountain as Katherine Brandt, as well as David Bendena (Chelsea), Daniel Britt (Hamilton, Ohio), Richard McWilliams (Dayton), Ogden, Jan Radcliff (Farmington Hills) and Melanie Reihing (Toledo).

"Miles & Ellie" is the second Purple Rose premiere by Don Zolidis following the production of his award-winning play "White Buffalo."

The romantic comedy about young love gone wrong will ask if it's possible to get a second chance at your first love.

"Miles & Ellie" will run for 11 weeks June 20 through Aug. 31, 2013.

Directed by Sanville, the cast will feature Rusty Mewha (Plymouth), Mountain, Rhiannon Ragland (Flint), Bill Simmons (Indianapolis) and Cheryl Turski (Royal Oak).

Ticket reservations can be made by calling The Purple Rose Theatre Company Box Office at 433-7643 or online at www.purplerosetheater.org.

Wes Montgomery tribute show at Kerrytown Concert House Sunday

Guitarist Wes Montgomery has inspired many contemporary jazz artists, including Michigan-based guitarists Perry Hughes and Ralph Tope and New York-based guitarist Randy Napoleon. The three musicians will perform from the Montgomery songbook at the Kerrytown Concert House in Ann Arbor Sunday.

Sets for this tribute to a jazz legend are scheduled for 4 and 7 p.m.

Chris Codish, on Hammond B-3 organ, and Sean Dobbins, on drums, accompany the guitarists.

"Wes is the golden standard of jazz guitar," Napoleon said in a news release.

"The warmth and excitement of his sound, his driving swing feel, the constant melodic inventiveness, impeccable editing of his ideas, his virtuosity — what can I say, it's all there. I love that with all his stunning technique, he isn't afraid to play simple, direct ideas. He's folksy without being clichéd. I love his writing and arranging; it's always catchy and straight to the point."

Hughes, instructor of jazz guitar at Michigan State University, is a self-taught musician who began playing guitar while in junior high.

Hughes performed and recorded with Earl Klugh for 15 years (1979-1993). During that period, he also toured with pianist Bob James and with Bobby Lyle.

He has worked with some of the world's leading vocalists, including Martha Reeves and The Vandellas, the late Joe Williams, Mary Wilson and the Supremes and Millie Scott.

Napoleon is a guitarist, composer and arranger who toured and recorded with Benny Green, the Clayton-Hamilton Jazz Orchestra and Michael Bublé before joining The Freddy Cole Quartet in 2007; he has toured with Cole since then and arranged Cole's last two albums, including the 2010 Grammy-nominated "Freddy Cole Sings Mr. B."

Tope, a 25-year-old student at Michigan State University, studies jazz with Rodney Whitaker, Diego Rivera and his mentor, guitarist Perry Hughes.

Tope performs often around the Detroit metro area with drummer R. J. Spangler, saxophonist Ben Jansson and organist Codish.

Keyboard specialist Codish, a repeated winner at the Detroit Music Awards over the past 12 years, has received multiple honors for his vocal and songwriting skills as well as his organ and piano dexterity.

Recently he served as producer for "The Gentleman is Back," a new CD on Sly Dog Records by Detroit bluesman Johnnie Bassett; he also toured with drummer Harvey Mason, as well as the late guitar great, Hiram Bullock.

Dobbins began his career as a sideman to Blue Note artist Louis Smith. Since, he has performed, toured and recorded with Johnny Basset, Benny Golson, Dr. Lonnie Smith, Frank Morgan, Joey DeFrancesco, George Cables, James "Blood" Ulmer, Marcus Belgrave, Larry Willis, Rodney Whittaker and other musicians.

In 1999, he became the director of the Ann Arbor Public Schools Summer Jazz Program. In one year, the enrollment more than tripled, and in 2001 the group was featured on WEMU.

Ticket prices for the tribute show are $15 general admission or $10 for students. Premium seating is $30 for rows one and two and $20 for rows three through five. For more information, visit www.kerrytownconcerthouse.com.

THINGS TO DO: REGIONAL CALENDAR

CHELSEA

Thursday, July 26

■ Chelsea Sounds & Sights Festival
5 to 11 p.m. Thursday, 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday: Downtown Chelsea. Free, except for $5 social tent (ages 13 through 20, $3; age 12 and younger, free). No one under age 21 admitted to the social tent after 9 p.m. 475-1145.

■ "On Golden Pond"
8 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday, 3 p.m. Wednesday and Saturdays, and 2 p.m. Sunday: Purple Rose Theatre, 137 Park St. Visit purplerosetheatre.org, or call 433-7673.

Friday, July 27

■ Community Drum Jam
8 p.m. Friday: Tree of Life Cultural Arts Studio, 6065 Sibley Road. Free. 433-0697.

Sunday, July 29

■ Electric Bolt 5K for Lou Gehrig's Disease":
Ann Arbor Track Club 7:30 a.m. Sunday: Gallup Park canoe livery, 3000 Fuller, Ann Arbor. $17.50 July 23 through 28 at a2a3.org; $20 race day. running@a2a3.org.

Tuesday, July 31

■ "Ancestry Aficionados"
10 a.m. Tuesday: Chelsea District Library, 221 S. Main St. Free. Preregistration required. 475-8732.

DEXTER

Thursday, July 26

■ "Fiddler on the Roof"
7 p.m. Thursday, 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday: Encore Theater, 3126 Broad St. $28 (seniors, students, $25; 10 or more, $22) at the encoretheatre.org and at the door. 1-268-6200.

Friday, July 27

■ Horse Show
4 p.m. Friday, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday: Cobblestone Farms, 6301 Gregory Road. Free. 369-2633.

■ Summer Concert: John Latini
6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Friday: Monument Park, downtown Dexter. Free. 426-0887.

Saturday, July 28

■ Draw Doubles: Disc Golf Club
Noon Saturday: Hudson Mills Metropark, 8801 North Territorial Road. $7 per player; free for spectators. $5 vehicle fee. 449-4300.

■ "A Dog Day of Summer"
11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday: Training clinics, herding demos, doggie contests, tips from local vets, and more. $2 (dogs free). Hudson Mills Metropark, 8801 North Territorial Road. $5 vehicle entrance fee. 426-8211.

Wednesday, Aug. 1

■ Watercolor Exhibit: Just Add Water
9 a.m. Wednesday: The exhibit will run through Aug. 19. Dexter District Library, 3255 Alpine St. Free. 426-4477.

■ Visitors Night: Ann Arbor Model Railroad Club
7:30 p.m. Wednesday: Michigan Central Depot, 3487 Broad St. Free. 426-5100.

SALINE

Thursday, July 26

■ 4-H Youth Show
8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday and Friday: Farm Council Grounds, 5055 Ann Arbor-Saline Road. Free. 222-3877.

■ Summer Music Series: Kari Holms
7 p.m. Thursday: South Ann Arbor Street, Saline. Rain location: Liberty School, 7265 N. Ann Arbor St. Free. 429-4907.

Friday, July 27

■ "R.E.A.D. with Maggie, Taffy, & Bella"
1 to 2 p.m. Fridays: Saline District Library, 555 N. Maple Road. Free. Preregistration required. 429-5450.

Saturday, July 28

■ Grange Junior Makers
10 a.m. Saturday: Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor-Saline Rd. Free. 926-5079.

■ IDPA Handgun Shoot
10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday: Tri-County Sportsmen's League, 8640 Moon Road. 429-9561.

Tuesday, July 31

■ Music Appreciation
2 p.m. Tuesday: Saline Area Senior Center, 7190 N. Maple Road. Free. 429-9274.

YPSILANTI

Friday, July 27

■ Michigan Summer Beer Festival: Michigan Brewers Guild
5 to 9 p.m. Friday, 1 to 6 Saturday: Depot Town, Ypsilanti. $30 Friday, $35 Saturday, in advance at michiganbrewersguild.org; $35 Friday, $40 Saturday at the gate (if available). Includes 15 beer sample tokens. Designated driver tickets, $5. 1-517-327-5004.

■ "Pretty Fire": Threefold Productions
8 p.m. Friday and Saturday: Mix Performance Space, 130 W. Michigan Ave.. $18 (students and seniors, $15) at ThreefoldProoductions.org and at the door. 778-0627.

■ Crossroads Summer Festival: Scott Martin Band; and Barbara Payton, blues-rock/soul singer
7 to 11 p.m. Friday: Washington Street at Michigan Avenue. 717-7305.

MANCHESTER

Thursday, July 26

■ Summer Gazebo Concerts: T.J. Thomas & Kentucky Straight
7:30 p.m. Thursday: Gazebo, Wurster Park (Main Street west of M-52). 428-0159.

'Safety Not Guaranteed' an ambitious, if short, indie film

MOVIE REVIEW

RYAN MICHAELS

"Safety Not Guaranteed" is an almost effortless blend of countless disparate elements: corny "indie" sensibilities, high-concept mystery, story of romantic discovery and re-discovery, occasional comedy and budding romance.

Not to mention, of course, the film's entire conceit revolves around whether it's science fiction or not. It's as high-wire an act as any independent American film has put on in quite some time, and does so without calling major attention to itself.

And who leads this elaborate set-up? The queen of dry, low-key restraint, Aubrey Plaza.

She plays Darius, a mid-20s Seattle magazine writer still troubled by her mother's death a decade prior.

Her boss, Jeff, spots a magazine ad where a man requests a partner for time-travel and decides the duo will travel up north, along with nerdy intern Arnau, to investigate the man behind it.

But soon, Darius begins to see something in this guy Kenneth, a paranoid yet oddly endearing fellow. To go further is to spoil.

"Safety Not Guaranteed" is remarkable in that it has such mysterious ambitions, yet demonstrates total clarity in storytelling and character.

These are remarkably well-defined individuals, played with equal doses restraint and likability.

Plaza in particular leads in the film in the wisest way possible: without flash, without pizzazz. She riffs on her traditionally dry persona, but with an added degree of regret and pain.

She balances the film's truly unpredictable element, Mark Duplass, who I've long admired for his work directing independent comedy.

In "Safety," he shows his skill on the other side of the camera. His character, Kenneth, needs to walk the line between sweetheart and potential psycho, and he does it beautifully.

Derek Connolly's script, running a taut 82 minutes, is about as perfect a first-time writing job as I've seen in a while.

From the pitch-perfect dialogue, to consistent tone, to the balance between varying story lines, each as interesting as the next, Connolly's work is polished, and the poignant conclusion ties it all up nicely.

If there's anything "Safety Not Guaranteed" stumbles when handling, it's not apparent to this eye. It does fire on nearly every cylinder.

The only major area where it underwhelms? There's simply not enough to chew on. As mentioned before, the film does have a really brief length, and while the film does quite a lot with the time it has, the brevity does a disservice to some story arcs.

A prime example is Jake Johnson's character, as Darius's sleazy boss, Jeff. Jeff's primary motivation to tag along on the trip is to reconnect with an old high-school girlfriend.

However, this subplot is introduced, demonstrated and finished in about four scenes flat. They're four strong scenes, but it's just not enough.

There are all sorts of rare qualities buzzing around in "Safety Not Guaranteed": a completely original premise, a satisfying conclusion that re-contextualizes every scene that came before it, and the good sense not to overstay its welcome.

If anything, the film bows out a bit early. I give it a "B+" grade.

'To Rome with Love'

There are few directors I appreciate as much as Woody Allen, but, as we Allen devotees know, his minor films are what enable us to appreciate his considerable number of masterpieces.

His newest, "To Rome With Love," certainly doesn't have the dramatic heft of a "Crimes and Misdemeanors," the romantic complexity of "Manhattan," nor the creative sleight-of-hand of "Deconstructing Harry."

It's not terribly sexy, in the vein of "Vicky Cristina Barcelona." It's not nail-bitingly tense, a la "Match Point." It's just minor. Charming. And that's OK.

Evidently set in the titular city, "To Rome with Love" contains four distinct vignettes, all littered with top-tier actors.

In one, Allen, in front of the camera for the first time in six years, plays Jerry, a music producer who exploits a family member's skills at opera. The catch? The guy can only sing in the shower.

In another story, Alessandra Mastronardi and Alessandro Tiberi play a young married couple who are split up in a city foreign to them, eventually facing pressures to cheat on each other with both a movie star and a prostitute (played by Penelope Cruz).

In perhaps the film's weakest vignette, Roberto Benigni plays Leopoldo, an unassuming workaholic who faces massive frustration feeling that no one values his opinion. The next day, he wakes up and is inexplicably made into a massive celebrity.

Finally, Jesse Eisenberg plays Jack, a neurotic architect who begins to fall in love with his fiancée's best friend, the pretentious Monica (Ellen Page).

Alec Baldwin tags along in this bit playing the mysterious John, who always seems to have advice for Jack, though no one else seems to acknowledge or see him.

Allen intercuts between these four at a rapid rate, allowing us to both savor the moment as it occurs and anticipate the next.

The performances across the board are solid; in particular, Cruz is red-hot radiant, Jesse Eisenberg and Page are a couple to die for.

Perhaps the most endearing part of "To Rome with Love" is its willingness to get whimsical. Allen seems to enjoy injecting a bit of fantasy into his work as of late, and it's brought out some really clever bits.

But this is a Woody Allen film and so, naturally, it's fundamentally the same thematic outline, riffing off existentialism, infidelities, neuroses, et cetera.

His dialogue is as tart and poppy as ever, and Darius Khondji's cinematography captures Rome — the city, incidentally, in which I'm writing this — as vividly and gorgeously as I see it now.

"To Rome with Love" succeeds in what it tries to do; it's just that its ambitions aren't terribly high: good dialogue, pretty sights, and another year-long wait for the next Woody Allen film.

I give it a "B-" grade.

'Ted'

Maybe it's because an appreciation for juvenile humor runs far back with the Michaels family, or maybe it's just because I'm a teenage guy, but Seth MacFarlane's brand of humor always seems to do it for this critic, what with his foul-mouthed non-sequiturs and raunchy pop-culture references.

I couldn't recite a single one-liner from any of MacFarlane's past work on shows such as "Family Guy" or "American Dad," a testament to both the lack of memorability and the, well, massive amounts of one-liners in his oeuvre. He embodies "quantity over quality" more than any other American comedian I can recall.

This said, he seems to scale back some of his less commendable traits for "Ted" making for a leaner, more consistent array of jokes.

The fact that MacFarlane is operating within a 100-minute timeframe as opposed to a TV season seems to have given him the pacing jolt that he's long needed, and "Ted" is all the better for it, certainly among the funniest films of the year.

And yes, although the jokes are every ounce as racially offensive, culturally irreverent and just damn funny as expected, they're counterbalanced plenty by the ample heart that the film has to offer.

"Ted" is the story of John, played by a hilarious Mark Wahlberg, who from a young age is something of a loner. Thus, when the guy wishes for his beloved teddy bear, "Ted," to come to life, the two begin an inseparable friendship for the next 27 years.

But as time goes by, things begin to change for the duo. For starters, the fact that Ted is a speaking plush animal garners him years of press attention, and with time, a dependency on the bong.

John lands both a not-so-cushy job as a car-rental agent and a gorgeous girlfriend, Lori, played by Mila Kunis. But Lori is beginning to grow impatient with John and Ted's continuing antics, eventually giving John the ultimatum to choose between the two.

Perhaps the movie's most surprising accomplishment is that it never takes its eye off of what we, the audience, are emotionally invested in. The fact that we completely buy a close friendship between a two-time-Academy-Award-nominated actor and a CGI toy is no minor miracle; this depends completely on how MacFarlane develops their dynamic in an organic, if crude way.

Equal attention is paid to making the romance between Wahlberg and Kunis believable, with a sort of respect being paid to both genders that's rarely seen in R-rated comedies.

These are the relationships that power the film's jokes and the film's heart, and their convincing execution is what makes the film both funnier and more moving than most of its sort.

MacFarlane being one of entertainment's top players, "Ted" is littered with high-profile cameos and name-drops, but these are admittedly some of the weaker jokes in his arsenal.

Where "Ted" really finds its flow is in exchanges between characters, where MacFarlane finds a sweet-spot between his best qualities as a humorist: tonal absurdity, gradual build-up and plain goofy one-liners.

"Ted" is certainly no masterpiece, but it kind of oddly nails everything it sets out to do. I give it a "B+" grade.

'Magic Mike'

"Magic Mike" should really come with a subtitle: "A Litmus Test of How Comfortable Audiences are with Their Own Sexuality."

The sheer amount of stories I've heard of men writing off this film, or even walking out midway through, is unbelievable.

This stems, of course, from the subject of "Magic Mike," which is about male stripping.

For once, a major Hollywood studio has seen fit to explore the eroticization of men, not women, and this alone represents an unbelievably bold step. It makes sense, then, that the ever-eager vanguard of cinema Steven Soderbergh is behind it.

"Magic Mike" is based in part on the experiences of lead star Channing Tatum, producing the film in conjunction with Soderbergh.

Tatum had a famous stint as a stripper prior to his Abercrombie modeling, followed by his transition into poor performances as eye-candy-for-hire, and finally his recent burst of talent and creativity as an actor.

"Magic Mike" represents perhaps his boldest and most confident step yet as an actor, both playing with his hyper-heterosexual male image and displaying an emotional range.

His character, the aforementioned "Magic" Mike, needs to strike a balance between charisma, maturity and outstanding dancing. It's his best performance yet, by a leap and a bound.

The film is all about Mike's attempts to get out of his Tampa, Fla., stripping niche, which, while not portrayed as black-and-white evil, certainly seems to be hampering his dream of opening a custom-furniture business.

Mike's exit from his profession of six years runs parallel to the story of Alex Pettyfer's "The Kid," a troubled 19-year-old upstart in the business.

"The Kid," despite his lack of dancing skill, skates by on a growing drug stash and pure charm. Pettyfer's performance, while wooden at points, musters necessary charm at points and seediness at others.

Equally mixed is newcomer Cody Horn, playing Pettyfer's sister, Brooke, also Mike's budding love interest.

Although Horn is pretty enough, the only discernible reason I can imagine for her being cast is her father's status as the president of Warner Bros., the financiers of "Magic Mike." (See what you learn because of me!)

Horn's spotty chemistry with Tatum doesn't exactly persuade the audience, given that Tatum's character is uprooting his entire lifestyle for a shot at love with Horn.

These two performances are certainly "Magic Mike's biggest failings, although they may be, at present, the only ones that come to mind.

Matthew McConaughey continues to ride his recent career rejuvenation, playing Dallas, the dancing venue's sleazy owner. McConaughey steals every scene he inhabits, using his trademark off-beat sensuality to suggest more villainy than most major blockbuster villains ever could.

First-time writer Reid Carolin depicts all of these characters very vividly, but not through rambling, epic monologues, but rather, the moments in which they choose to be silent. To observe. To plot.

Seedy though it can be tonally, "Magic Mike" should be noted for what it is — a heck of a lot of fun.

I give it a "B+" grade.

Film critic Ryan Michaels, an incoming junior at Skyline High School in Ann Arbor and two-time winner of the Michigan Press Association Better Newspaper Contest, can be reached at misterryanmichaels@gmail.com. All his reviews are on his website, http://ryanthemoviecritic.com.

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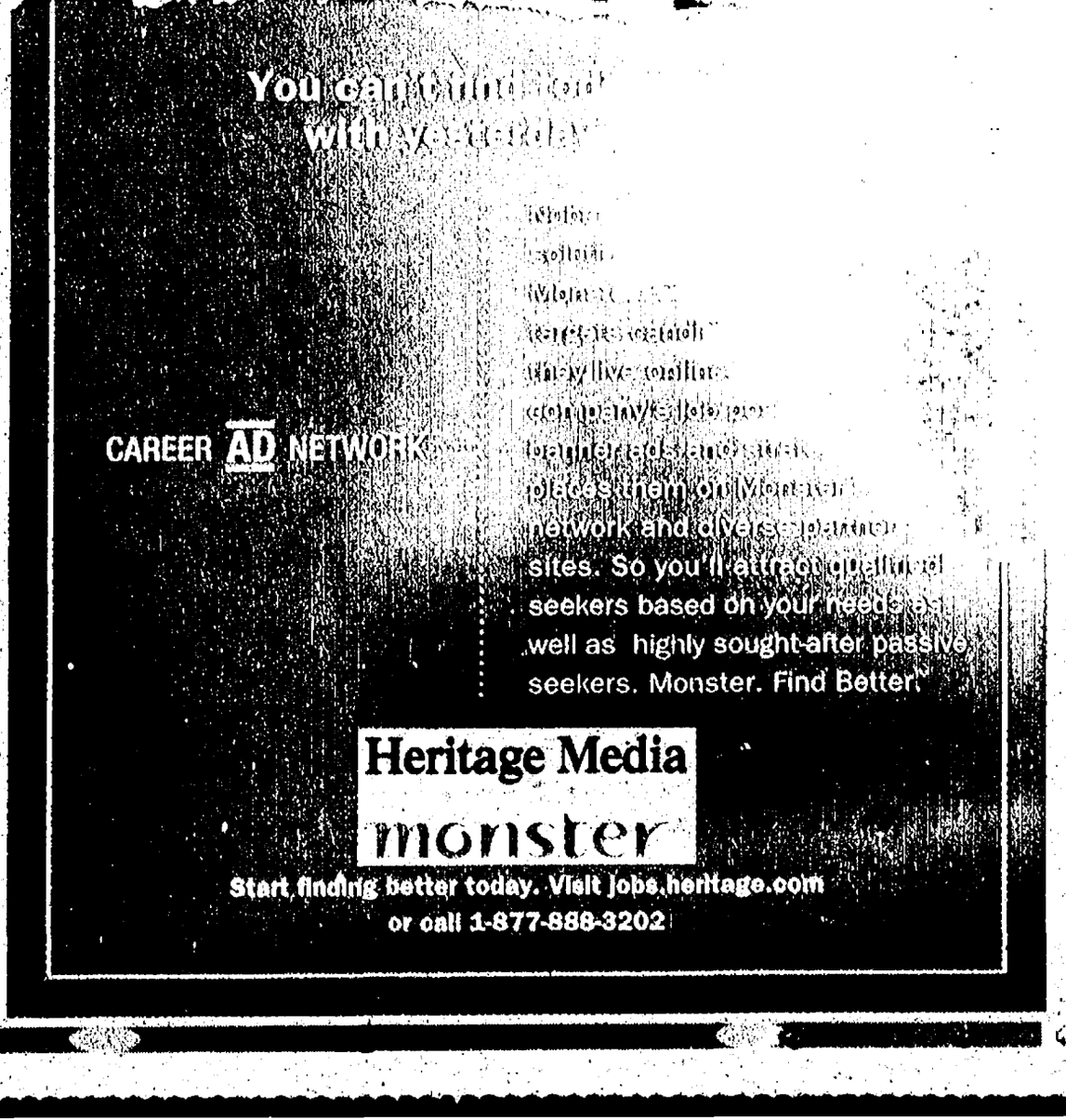

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Thursday, July 26

The Chelsea District Library hosts Dungeons & Dragons Weekly Gaming Night at 3:30 p.m.

The Sounds & Sights Festival begins today at 6 p.m. with a parade led by Creole du Nord from the Depot, 125 Jackson St., down Main Street to the Chelsea District Library. Tonight's performance features: Creole du Nord (Zydeco) at the Chelsea District Library, 3 Generations Entertainment (balloons) at Main Street Alley, David Youngman (jazz, folk and finger style guitar) at the East Alley, Chelsea House Orchestra (Celtic) at East Middle, Dragon Wagon (bluegrass) at the Sylvan Courtyard, Seven Bridges (country) at the Glazier Building, Robert Lee Revue (smooth jazz) at the Clocktower Gazebo, Eric the Juggler at the Clocktower Courtyard and a film at dusk provided by SRSLY Cinema. The featured film is "Mr. Popper's Penguins," rated PG. The festival will also have a food court, a kid zone and much more - like the festival's main stage social tent. Tonight's performance in the tent will start at 7 p.m. with a $5 cover, featuring The Juliets, Bear Lake and The Hard Lessons. For more info about Sounds & Sights visit chelseafestivals.com.

Friday, July 27

Chelsea's Sounds & Sights Festival continues today with:

10-11 a.m., Nick Hill will be signing autographs and giving away free mini-footballs to the first 50 kids at the KidZone.

11 a.m. to 12 p.m., Eric the Juggler performs at the KidZone.

12-1 p.m., Chelsea Center for the Arts Jazz Ensemble performs.

12-8 p.m., Art market and artists demonstrations.

All-day, The KidZone will feature tours of the Chelsea Teddy Bear Factory with free slushies and popcorn, bounce houses, ambulance and Chelsea Area Fire Department demonstrations, a sidewalk chalk contest, a bubble pond, a tinsel hair booth, hoola hoops and tie-dyed T-shirt booth, a sand art booth, face-painting booth, Chelsea Children's Co-Op duck pond, onsite food from Ellie's Chocolate Café and Travis the Yo-Yo Kid.

3-8 p.m., Classic Car Show takes place down East Middle, East and Harrison streets.

5-8 p.m., First Congregational Church of Chelsea hosts a chicken broil on East Middle Street.

6 p.m., The social tent, located behind the Common Grill, opens with beer, wine and soft drinks available.

7-11 p.m., Whitey Morgan and the 78's and Blue River Band perform an all-ages show, with a $5 cover, on the main stage within the social tent.

Saturday, July 28

The "Class of 1970" will hold a 60th Birthday Party at Pierce Park from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Today is the last day of Sounds & Sights Festival and includes:

8 a.m. to 12 p.m., Farmers market opens, featuring fresh produce and local food.

10-11 a.m., The pet arade marches downtown from the train depot.

10 a.m. to 12 p.m., the Leslie Science and Nature Center holds its "Birds of Prey" show.

11 a.m. to 12 p.m., Colors the Clown performs at the KidZone.

12-8 p.m., The art market opens featuring artist demonstrations around town.

12 p.m. to 1 p.m., Cirque Amoungus performs at the KidZone.

1-2 p.m. Cirque Amoungus holds a workshop after performing at the KidZone.

All-day events, The KidZone features feature tours of the Chelsea Teddy Bear Factory with free slushies and popcorn, bounce houses, ambulance and Chelsea Area Fire Department demonstrations, a bubble pond, a tinsel hair booth, hoola hoops and tie-dyed T-shirt booth, a sand art booth, face-painting booth, Chelsea Children's Co-Op duck pond, onsite food from Ellie's Chocolate Café and glitter tattoos.

1 p.m., The social tent, located behind the Common Grill, opens with beer, wine and soft drinks available, no cover, with main stage performances from:

2 p.m., Los Dingos Del Norte performs, no cover

3 p.m., Red Haired Molly performs, no cover

5 p.m., The Sarah Sherrard Band performs, no cover

7-11 p.m., Billy Mack & The Juke Joint Johnnies and Fifty Amp Fuse close out the festival, with a $5 cover.

Monday, July 30

Magic: The Gathering Weekly Gaming Night is hosted by the Chelsea District Library at 5 p.m.

The Chelsea District Library hosts Introduction to Personal Computing at 6 p.m.

Tuesday, July 31

Ancestry Aficionados meets at 10 a.m. at the Chelsea District Library.

The Chelsea District Library hosts Dungeons & Dragons Weekly Gaming Night at 3:30 p.m.

Wednesday, August 1

The Chelsea District Library hosts Bilingual Storytime at 11 a.m.

Thursday, August 2

The Chelsea District Library hosts Dungeons & Dragons Weekly Gaming Night at 3:30 p.m.

Downtown Chelsea's Sounds & Sights continues tonight with performances from: Annie & Rod Capps (folk) at the library, North Creek Fiddlers (bluegrass) at the South Street Tent, 3 Generations Entertainment (balloons) at Main Street Alley, Russ Glenn at the East Alley, Marvin Reuter at East Middle, an open mic at the total fitness lot, View at the Sylvan Courtyard, Tropicooljazz (jazz) at the Glazier Building, Paragon at the Clocktower Gazebo, Eric the Juggler at the Clocktower Courtyard and a movie at dusk provided by SRSLY Cinema: "Chronicles of Narnia: Voyage of the Dawn Treader," rated PG.

Ongoing

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

The Chelsea Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. the first and third Tuesdays of each month in Chelsea Community Hospital's private dining room "A."

Learn women's self defense every Wednesday from 8-9 p.m. at Commando Krav Maga, 14495 N. Territorial Road, in Chelsea. A class is $5. Call 734-904-5003 for more information.

The Dexter District Library hosts summer drop-in story times 11 a.m. Mondays and Thursdays. The program is for kids under 5 but all ages are welcome.

Silver Maples seeks artists for fair

Silver Maples has opened up the application process for all artists who wish to have a booth at the annual Harvest Art Market on Oct. 6.

Organizers are again looking to offer a variety of mediums and price range. The fifth annual show will feature more than 20 artists and craftsmen showing watercolor, folk art, pottery, fiber arts, glass works, original photography, vintage art and more.

Organizers' goal is provide a nice "market-mix" of art, and they're looking for basket makers, jewelers, potters, fiber artists, photographers, folk artists, wood workers, and more.

Artists interested in demonstrating their work are encouraged. The show also features live entertainment and a bake sale of some of the best cookies, cakes, pies and breads around.

Applications are requested by Aug. 31, 2012, and are available at Silver Maples, 100 Silver Maples Drive, Chelsea or by contacting contact Shawn Personke at spersonke@silvermaples.org.

CHO visits Rainbow Child Care Center

Chelsea House Orchestra members volunteered their time on July 18 to play for children at the Rainbow Child Care Center in Chelsea.

"I had invited the group here to expand on our summer camp theme and curriculum to introduce the experience and sound that they could provide," said Cathy Burris, program director of Rainbow Childcare Center. "The students were interactive by sharing their names, instruments, and the individual sound of their instrument. Our young children smiled, clapped along, and thoroughly enjoyed the music and fun that these great students provided for them."

Benefit concert for land preservation upcoming

A benefit concert to help protect the Ruhlig family vegetable farm — a Dexter Township institution for more than 40 years — will be held on July 28 in the barn of local land preservation activist Barry Lonik, whose property is surrounded by the Ruhlig farm.

The Ruhligs have applied to the Washtenaw County farmland preservation program to sell development rights to their property. The program, operated through Washtenaw County Parks, is funded by a millage passed by voters in 2010.

The event seeks to provide funds to bolster that application. The Dexter Township Board of Trustees has pledged to support fundraising efforts by matching every dollar raised up to $5,000.

In development rights transactions, farmland owners sell the right to divide their property into smaller parcels and build houses. A permanent deed restriction called a "conservation easement" is signed by the owners and an easement grantee, in this case Washtenaw County. The land can still be sold but future owners are subject to the easement. The Ruhligs seek to pass on the property to a younger generation at an affordable agricultural price after development rights are sold.

Music for the event will be provided by Switchback, a veteran Ann Arbor quintet that plays a mix of blues, rock and alt-country. Dancing is encouraged but not required. Some of the Ruhligs' famous fresh-picked sweet corn will be available for consumption and there will be alcohol-free drinks and tours of the farm. All ages are welcome.

The event will take place on Lonik's property at 11300 Island Lake Road, but parking will be on the Ruhligs' property using their farm market entrance for access. Music will start at 7:30 p.m. and goes until 11:00 p.m., with a bonfire to follow.

For more information, contact Lonik at BLonik13@aol.com or see the Facebook event page.

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"Around Town with Linda"

"Around Town with Linda" will feature Gavin and Ben Gunderson, who hiked the 2,663-mile Pacific Crest Trail.

"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.

Scouts to hold Roundup at Dexter Daze

Dexter Girl Scouts and leaders will be at Dexter Daze, Aug. 10-11, where festival-goers can stop by and learn more about Scouts and volunteering.

There will be games, contests and prizes.

Girl Scouting provides outstanding leadership, scholarship and travel opportunities for young women.

The local Scout troops will have applications available for girls and also for adult volunteers. Girl Scouts are open to any girl entering kindergarten through 12th grade.

For more information, please contact: dextergirlscoutsadmin@googlegroups.com or call: (800) 49-SCOUTS.

St. Andrew's to hold Ice Cream Social

There will be plenty of choices at the Annual St. Andrew's United Church of Christ Ice Cream Social between 4:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. August 2 in the Social Hall and under the tent.

You can make the event either a German-style picnic, or an American-style picnic as the food offerings include sloppy joes, hot dogs, knockwurst with kraut, pulled pork sandwiches, German or American potato salad, baked beans, fruit cups and beverages.

Of course it wouldn't be an Ice Cream Social without lots of ice cream and lots of toppings and free cake with your dinner.

Just come on over to the church as 7610 Ann Arbor St. in Dexter.

Parking is free, and the building is handicapped accessible.

To have an item placed on the bulletin board or community calendar, e-mail information to Editor Erica McClain at emcclain@heritage.com by 5 p.m. Friday for the following week's edition with the keywords "Bulletin Board" or "Community Calendar," as appropriate, in the subject line.

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FOOD

Change up summer menus with chops

The most popular cut of pork, pork chops offer cooking convenience and meal ideas galore. However, according to the National Pork Board's new "However You Chop It?" survey, despite the variety and versatility of the pork chop, Americans limit themselves to the same type of chop and routine preparation methods.

It's easy to change up regular meal choices by swapping pork chops in place of other traditional proteins. Take world champion pitmaster Chris Lilly's Grilled Pork Parmesan, which calls for pork chops, rather than chicken in a classic Italian dish and cooks it on the charcoal grill for a new summertime favorite.

Whether you're trying this new recipe or sticking with an old stand-by, you can serve up the perfect chop every time by following these tasty tips from the National Pork Board:

■ **Choose Your Cut:** You have a choice in chops. Pork chops are cut from the portion of meat that runs from the pig's hip to shoulder, and can be found under a variety of names in the meat case, including loin, rib, sirloin, top loin and blade chops. Each choice is often featured in a variety of thicknesses, number of chops and, for some, with or without a bone. You may also find chops butterflied, cubed for kabobs or pre-stuffed. Try them all and match them to your favorite recipes.

■ **Cook Your Chop:** The most important thing to remember when dishing up the perfect chop is not to overcook the pork. Whether boneless or bone-in, the length of cooking time primarily depends on the thickness of the chop, which can vary from 1/2 inch to 2 inches. For juicy, flavorful and tender pork, chops should be grilled over direct, medium heat until the internal temperature reaches 145°F. Then, let rest for 3 minutes. A digital cooking thermometer is recommended to ensure perfect results every time.

For more pork tips and recipes, visit www.PorkBeInspired.com. Also, follow the National Pork Board on Facebook at www.facebook.com/PorkBeInspired, Twitter @AllAboutPork and on Pinterest at www.pinterest.com/PorkBeInspired.

Grilled Pork Parmesan

Makes: 6 servings
Prep time: 20 minutes
Cook time: 7 minutes

Dry Rub
4 1/2 tablespoons Parmesan cheese, finely grated
1 tablespoon paprika
1 tablespoon granulated sugar
1 tablespoon garlic salt
1 1/2 teaspoons onion salt
1 1/2 teaspoons black pepper
1 1/4 teaspoons dried basil
1 1/4 teaspoons dried oregano
2 eggs
2 tablespoons milk
2 cups panko bread crumbs
6 boneless butterflied pork chops, cut thin, 1/4 to 1/2-inch thick
Prepared spaghetti noodles
Favorite pasta sauce

Build a charcoal fire for direct grilling and preheat to approximately 450°F.

While grill preheats, combine dry rub ingredients in small bowl and mix well to create the Parmesan dry rub. In separate bowl, whisk eggs and stir in milk to create an egg wash.

On a large plate, make a bed of panko bread crumbs.

Season each pork chop heavily with Parmesan dry rub and press the seasoning into the pork chops. Then, dip each chop in the egg wash and cover both sides evenly with bread crumbs.

Grill chops directly over the hot coals for 3 to 3 1/2 minutes on each side, until internal temperature is 145°F. Remove pork chops from grill and serve over a bed of spaghetti noodles and topped with your favorite pasta sauce.

Recipe created by world champion pitmaster Chris Lilly on behalf of Kingsford charcoal. For more, visit www.Grilling.com.

Source: National Pork Board

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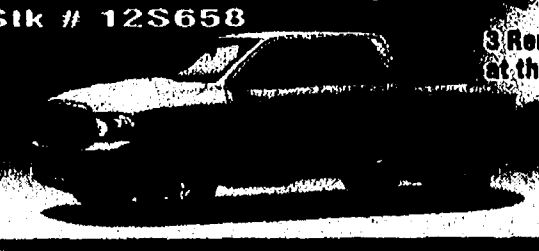

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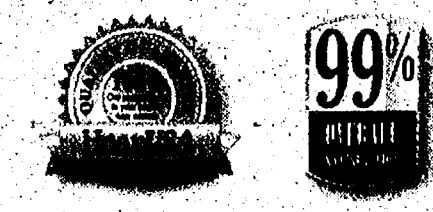

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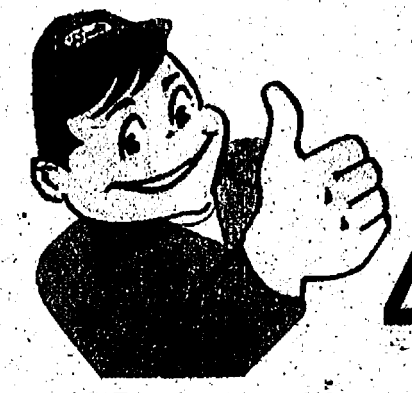

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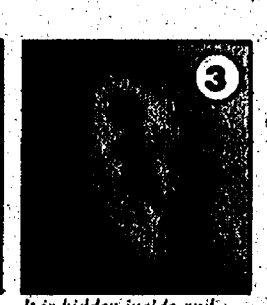

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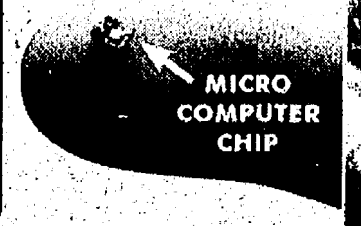

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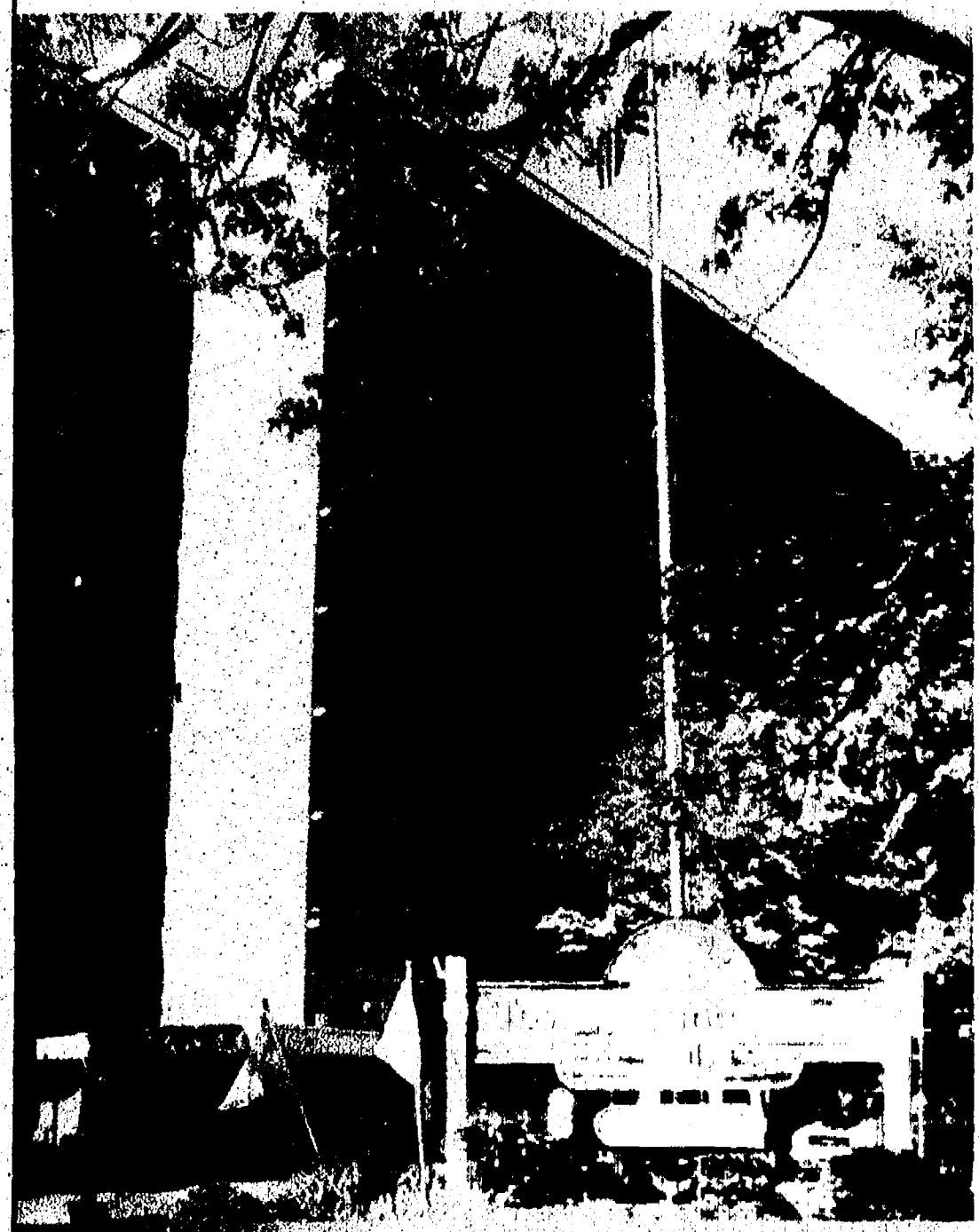

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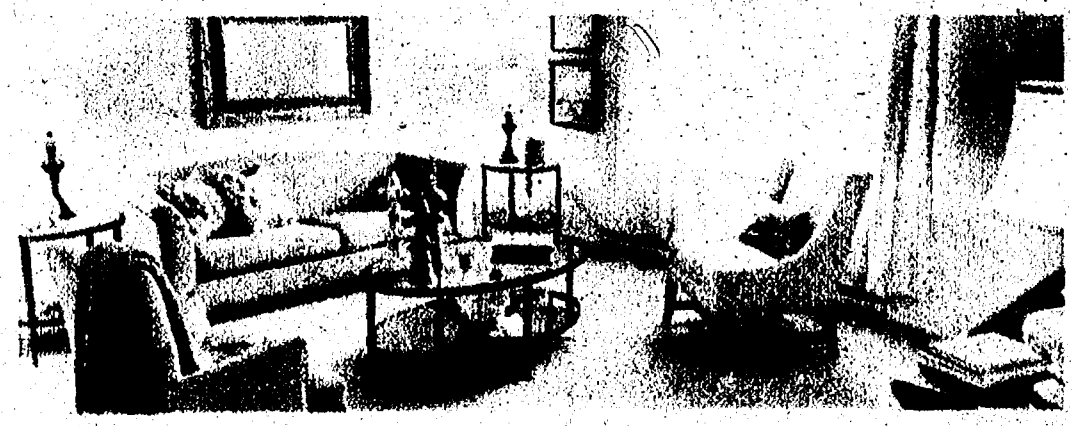

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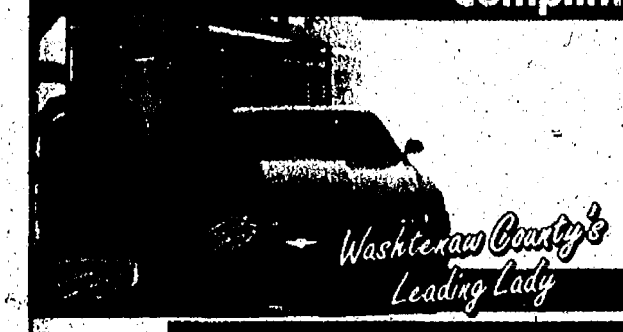

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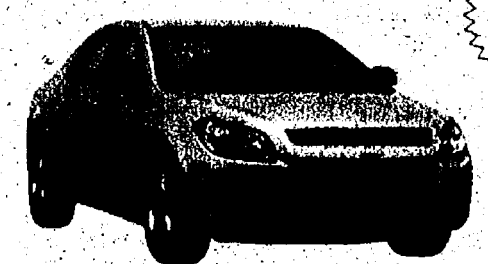

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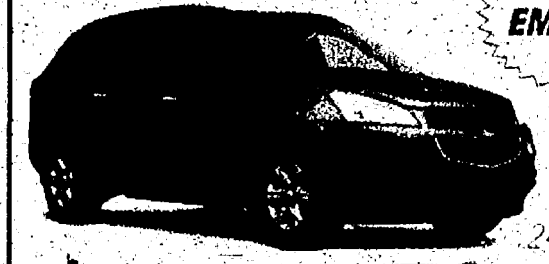

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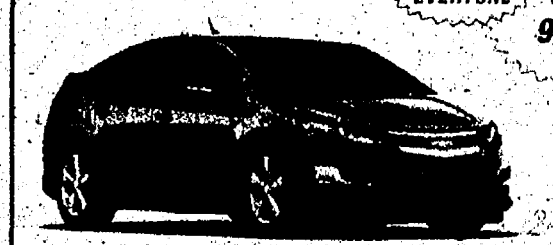

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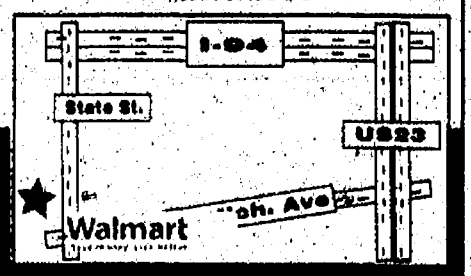

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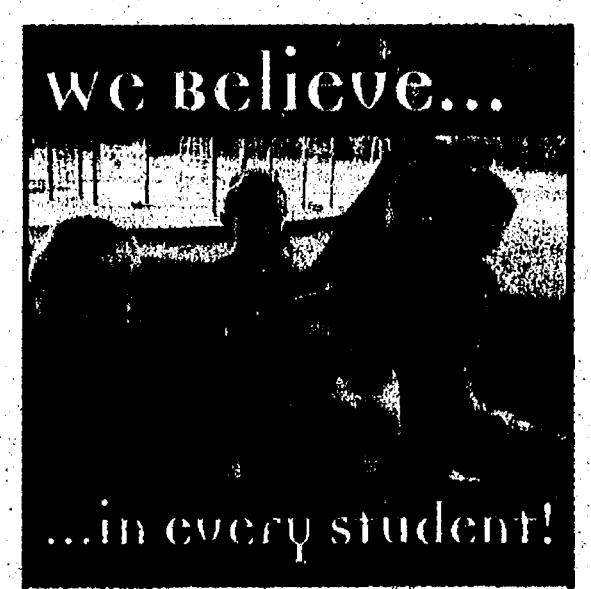

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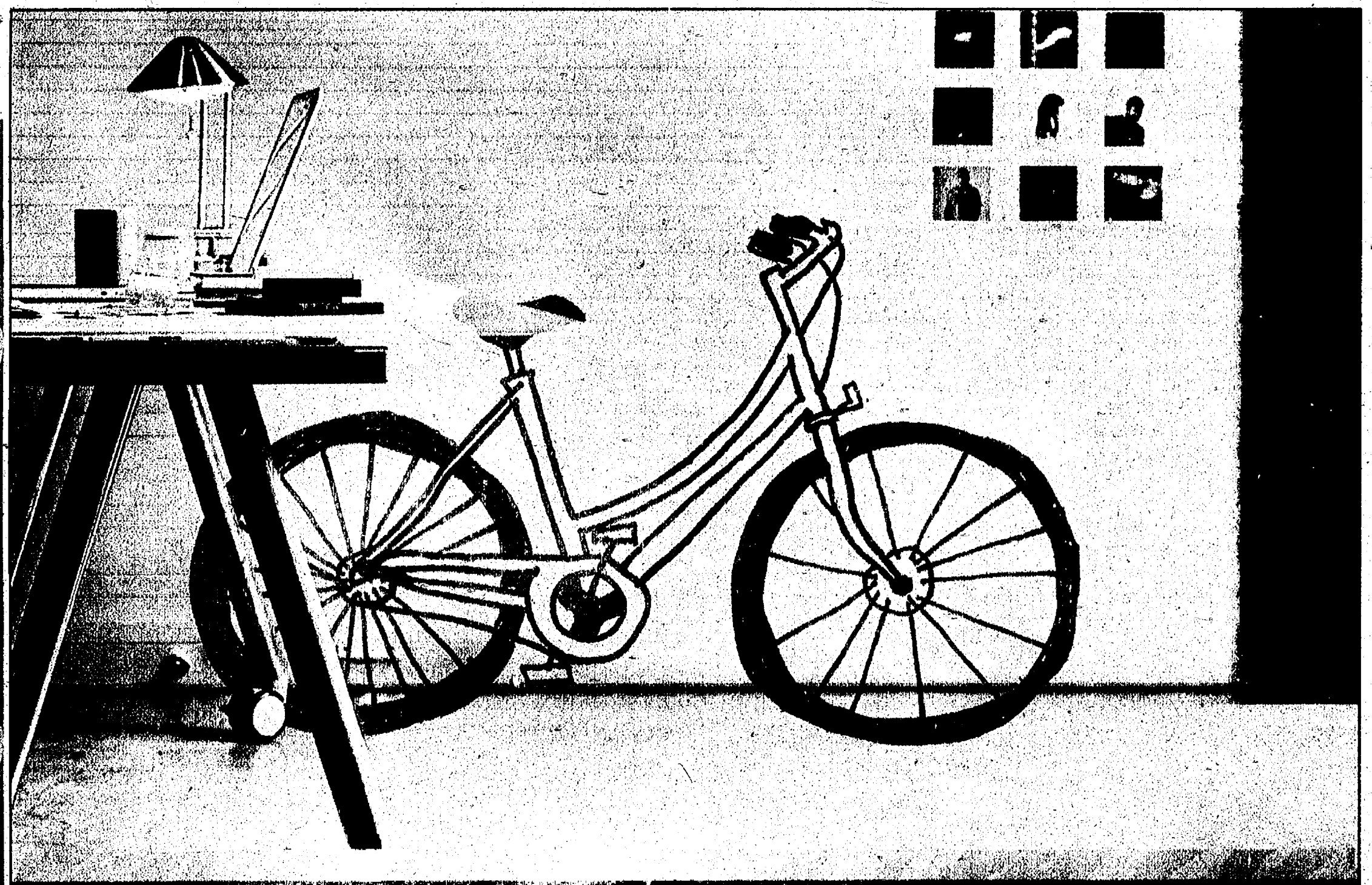

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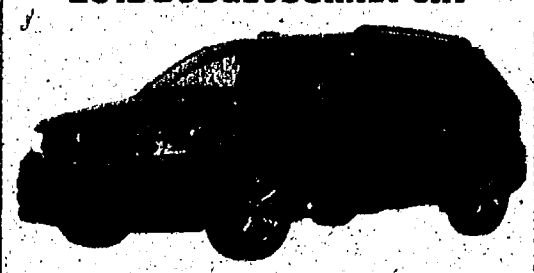

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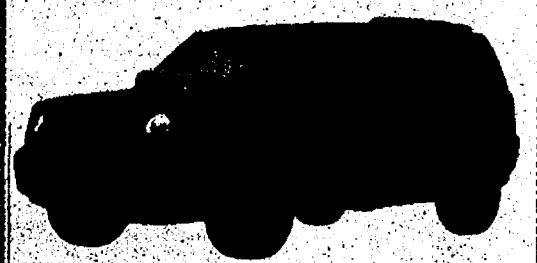

MSRP $21,960

LEASE FOR ONLY — EMPLOYEE/FAMILY $128 — EVERYONE $169

2012 DODGE AVENGER

MSRP $22,490

EMPLOYEE/FAMILY $14,471

EVERYONE $15,361

2012 DODGE GRAND CARAVAN

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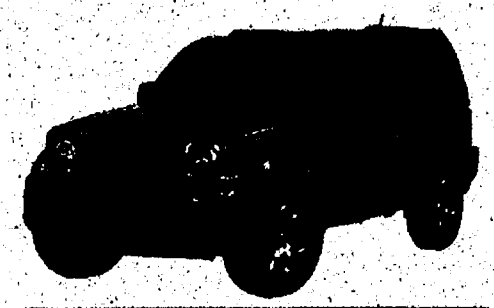
2012 JEEP LIBERTY LATITUDE 4x4



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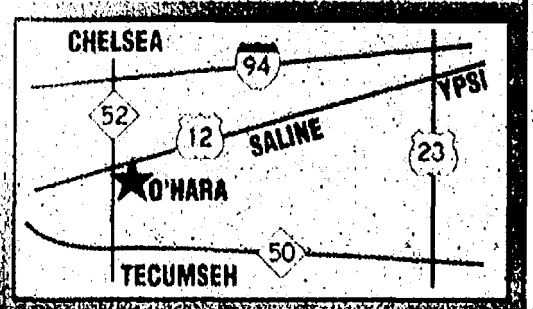

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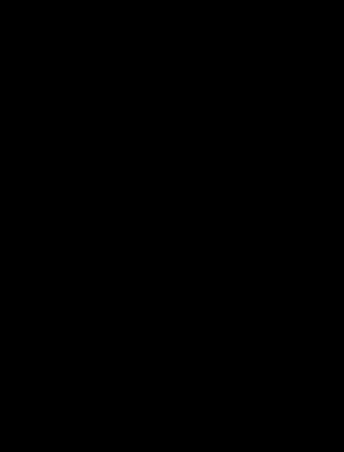
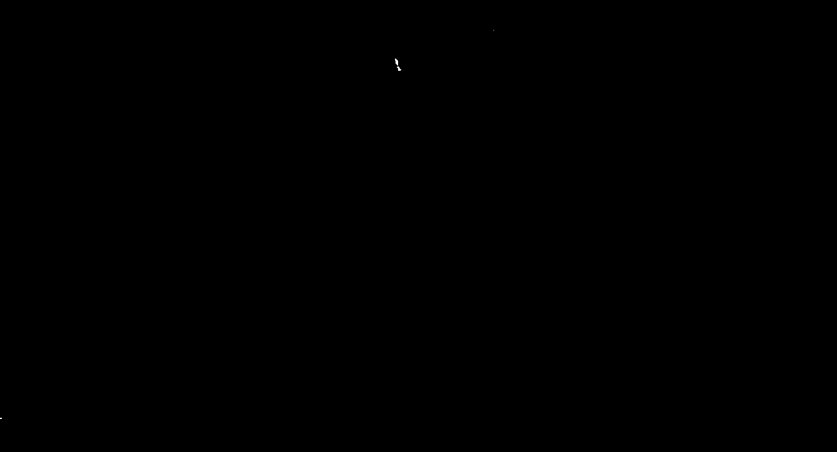


leather recliner now $799 Was $1571



sofa now $999 Was $1744

sofa now $1199 Was $2364

complete bed now $679 Was $1139

Dresser was $1139 now $859
Mirror was $369 now $269
Night Stand was $779 now $779

sofa now $999 Was $1744

Dining Table now $739 was $1229

Arm Chair was $369 now $199
Side Chair was $329 now $199
Sideboard was $1749 now $1049

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