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Company C show Saturday



Chelsea High School's Company C hosts an evening of great food, great music and great fun at The Breakaway Restaurant above the Arctic Coliseum from 5 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday. This fund-raising event will include a silent auction with proceeds going to benefit the CHS music program. There will be performances by the group that will give you a glimpse into what you will see in their upcoming Cabaret performance of "Six Degrees" with music arranged and stage play written by Lisa Hinz-Johnson. Ashlyn Brinklow and Carly Meloche (left) will be among those performing.

School Board expected to approve 13 teacher layoffs

By Terry Jacoby
Heritage Newspapers

Chelsea School District officials are expected to lay off 13 teaching/staff positions for the 2009-10 school year. Employees to be laid off next school year were given a preliminary notification by their immediate supervisors on Friday, March 6.

"We have not done anything officially because the board has to act on this," School Supt. Dave Killips said last Wednesday. "But we felt what we had to do first was let those under consideration be notified first. So the principals met with the individuals and said just so you know, this is what is coming and the Board will probably act on it. We wanted to

Learn about the millage

The public is invited to learn more about the school bond millage that will be on the ballot in May. Public forums will be held on Tuesday, April 14 at 7 p.m., Room 100, Washington Street Education Center; and Thursday, April 23 at 7 p.m. in the Board Room, Washington Street Education Center.

"We plan on laying off 13 teachers. Again, it's important to remember that over the past seven years, we are down 330 students, and have actually added teachers during that time."

The layoffs are effecting numerous positions through the district, anywhere from teaching to special education to media to counseling. In the district's contract, all the positions are classified as teachers. Killips said that all the people being laid off are all general education and special education teachers.

The board could be making these layoffs official as early as March 23.

give them a heads up out of respect."

Killips said that while the Board needs to approve the layoffs, they most likely were going to happen.

"It's coming," Killips said.

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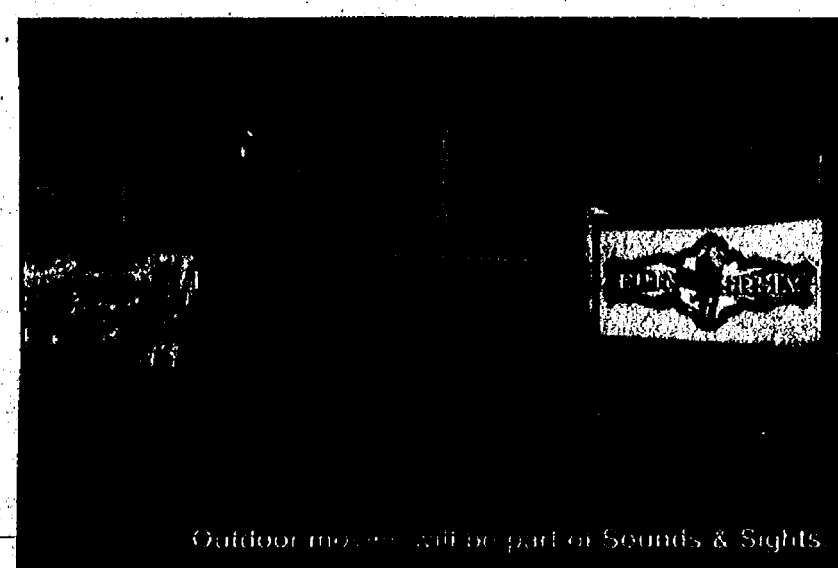
SRSly brings back the big screen

Group looking for volunteers to help run movie program

Big screen movies are coming back to Chelsea, but organizers are in need of some help to get the program up and running.

The concept and desire for a movie theatre has been a topic of discussion in Chelsea for a long time. SRSly Cinema, the proposed name, is ready to start the series again, in conjunction with the SRSly committee.

The initial organizers are in discussions with the Chelsea School District about using the theater at Washington Street Education Center to show films indoors starting as soon as possible. This summer, the series will move



Outdoor movie will be part of Sounds & Sights.

outdoors to Thursday nights as part of the lineup for Sounds & Sights. Films will be shown at dusk in the grassy area in the Clocktower complex.

"We still have some work to do to get this program up and running," says Janice Ortbrink, one of the organiz-

ers. Ortbrink and her husband, Todd, have volunteered their time to get this project off the ground.

"It's a great idea, but is a lot of work and we really need volunteers at every level," says Ortbrink. "The data we receive from every survey we've done and every community forum we have had has said Chelsea needs a theater. All right Chelsea, here it comes but you need to help."

SRSly Cinema is also looking for youth or adults to create shorts to be shown prior to each film. A short is a video up to 5 minutes long

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Planning Commission denies special land use for gravel pit expansion

By Crystal Hayduk
Special Writer

Members of the Waterloo Township Planning Commission voted to deny a special land use to expand the Loveland Road gravel pit owned by Aggregate Industries. The vote came during a meeting Tuesday night.

The land in question is an 18.85-acre parcel currently owned by Jim Dault, located

On the Web

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adjacent to the operating gravel pit. Although the final vote of the planning commission was not unanimous, the motion to deny was carried. The Waterloo Township

Board will have the final say in the matter. The final decision is expected during a board meeting at 7 p.m. on March 17 at the township hall, 11120 Musbach Road, Munith.

Details can be confirmed at www.waterlootwpmi.com.

At Tuesday's special Planning Commission meeting, held because the last

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New Sheriff in Town

Clayton faces numerous challenges during first term

By Sotirios Adamopoulos
Special Writer

After more than 20 years with the Washtenaw County Sheriff's office, Jerry Clayton now stands on the top rung of the ladder after winning November's general election. Before that, Clayton—who retired from active duty in 2006—surprised Washtenaw County with an upset win over incumbent sheriff Dan Minzey, who was seeking a third term.

Clayton may not have previous experience at his current position. He feels, however, that the time he spent as commander under former sheriff Ron Schiebel has given him a clear picture of his new office and its expectations.

"Ron Schiebel was very inclusive of his administrative staff in terms of giving them a full idea of the landscape," he says. "I had some historical perspective of what being sheriff was about."

Like anyone else entering a high position, Clayton faces his share of challenges.

Many homeowners, small businesses, and government offices within the county are confronted with an economic crisis—the sheriff's department included.

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Sheriff Jerry Clayton sits behind his desk at the Hogback Road facility where the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office is headquartered.

Photos by Sotirios Adamopoulos

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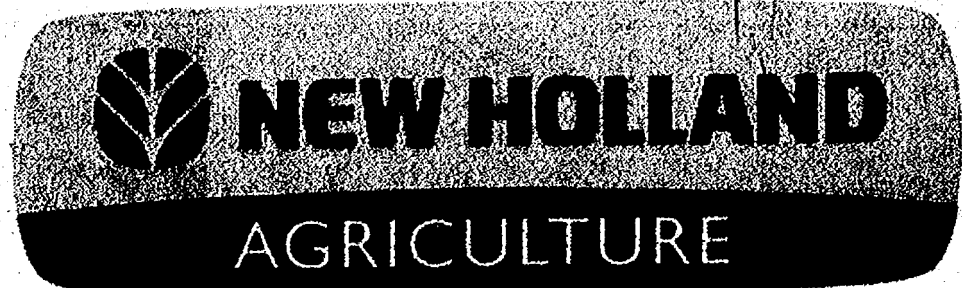
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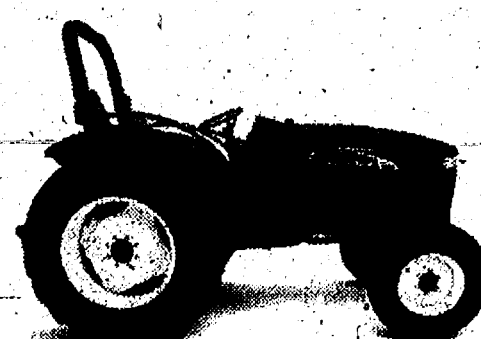
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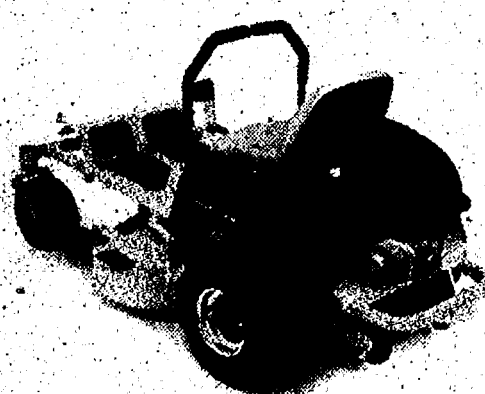
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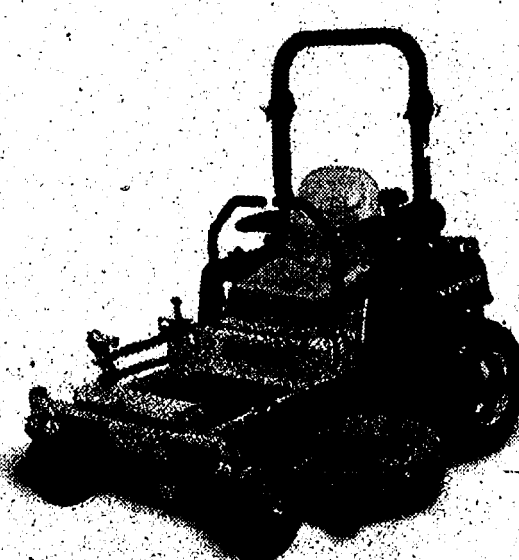
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Chelsea Briefs

Family Concert

The Chelsea Chamber Players present their annual "Family Concert" in the Chelsea Depot at 3 p.m. on Sunday. This is a free concert and presents the narrated stories of "Ferdinand the Bull" by Robert Lawson and "The Emperor & the Nightingale" by Fiona Waters and Paul Birkbeck with music by David Mullikin.

The CCP players will include Cynthia Standerfer on flute, Nathan Peters on violin, Ian Cumming on viola, Sara Cumming on cello, Amelia Raines on percussion, and stories narrated by Linda Meloche.

More information is available by calling 734-475-0433.

Call for sculpture

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

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

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

For questions, call 734-433-0826.

Scholarship applications

In 1990 the Chelsea Education Board was founded by an active group of individuals who wanted to find a way to give back to the Chelsea community. One of the ways that the Foundation continues to give back is through its scholarship program.

Chelsea High School graduating seniors and returning college students submit an application to the Chelsea Education Foundation scholarship committee. These members evaluate and award scholarships to those best qualified. Last year the Board awarded \$31,500 to more than 40 applicants.

The Foundation is currently accepting applications through April 9. Go to the Chelsea Education Foundation Web site at www.chelsealeducationfoundation.org to review a list of scholarships available and download an application.

WASHTENAW COUNTY: INSIDE THE NEW SHERIFF'S DEPT.

Meet the new faces at the Sheriff's Dept.

Once the dust cleared from the election, the sheriff's department brought in some new faces and moved around some old ones. Here's a look at some prominent figures within the department.

Where do you feel the sheriff's department should focus over the course of the next four years?

Dill: There are a number of areas we need to work on. But right now, my primary focus is on our budget. From that perspective, we need to focus on our revenues and expenditures. We want to make sure we have a firm handle on the resources we have and how we use them.

Ptaszek: The sheriff's department is a unique and diverse organization. It provides a wide array of services not typically found in other law enforcement agencies. We have police services, we operate a jail, and we have some other unique things based on statutes such as service of civil process and marine safety.

Heren: (We need to focus on) delivering quality service. We can improve in the delivery of our service and taking the steps to ensure we do so. Secondly, and equally important, is being fiscally responsible. We're taking active steps to help limit the overtime and we're being proactive about it.

Jackson: There are quite a few things that need to be focused on - internal process, evaluation. We need to look at all the major issues.

Obviously, working with the community helps us build good relationships with the public we serve. We want to take community policing to the next level. Of course we still want to be on the street, but we want more value. We're trying to evaluate what we do currently, and how we can do better in the future.

What do you think Jerry Clayton will bring to the table as the new sheriff of Washtenaw County?

Dill: I feel that, the thing that's very apparent early on is his leadership. He has the ability to clearly articulate his vision for the agency, and get people to buy into a new way of thinking for police and the way we deliver services.

Ptaszek: Sheriff Clayton will bring comprehensive vision for moving the sheriff's office into the future. Something that will distinguish what he'll do is the focus and level of community engagement he thinks is important for any public service agency in order to be successful. In other words, you have to be in close touch with your community, understand its needs, and structure your organization so it meets those needs.

Heren: (He will bring) focus and direction. He's a very motivated person. He has his focus on what tasks need to be accomplished. He's a very driven person to see it to success.

Jackson: I think he brings a level of expertise and accountability to the sheriff's office. With those qualities, he can set a clear vision

and hold folks accountable to meet it. I feel that's really important for any community leader.

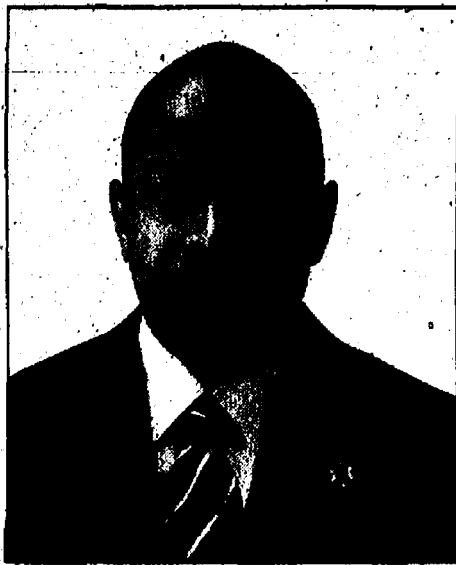
How have you and your coworkers gotten along so far?

Dill: So far, the cooperation has been excellent. The staff is very committed. They're willing to accept change and the notion that things can be done differently. We can do things more efficient and effectively.

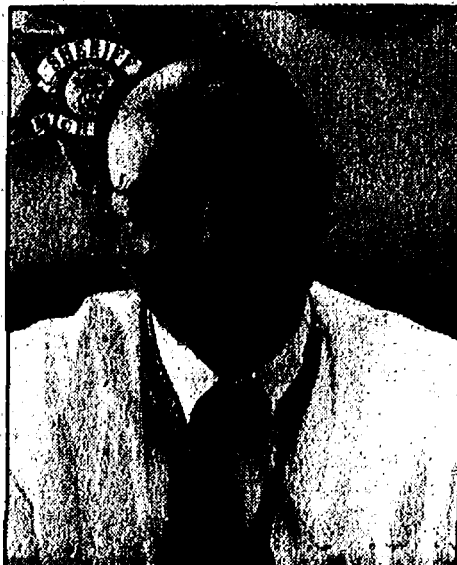
Ptaszek: (We work) very well. I've been with a number of teams over the years and I have high expectations for our group. Part of that is because we've all bought into the sheriff's vision. We're functioning as a team. Many of us have worked together in the past, so there's trust there.

Heren: I feel like I have a good working relationship with my coworkers. I already knew Sheriff Clayton and Mark Ptaszek from their previous work here. I'm learning a whole bunch from those guys. Actually, Mark was previously a police services commander, so he's just a stroll down the hall for me to pick his brain. He's a great valuable resource, I enjoy learning from him.

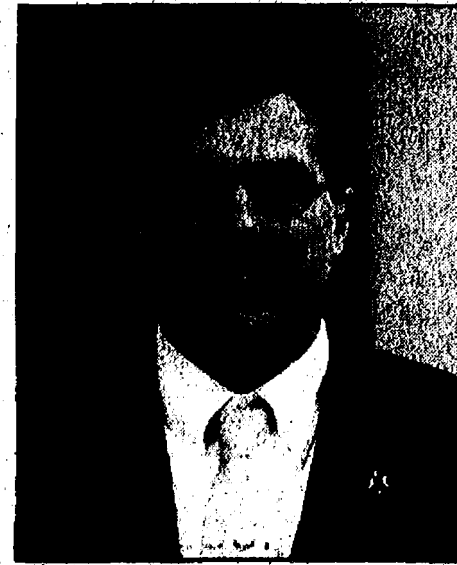
Jackson: I'm impressed by how well people seem to be on the same page (in the department). I've been working really well with them.



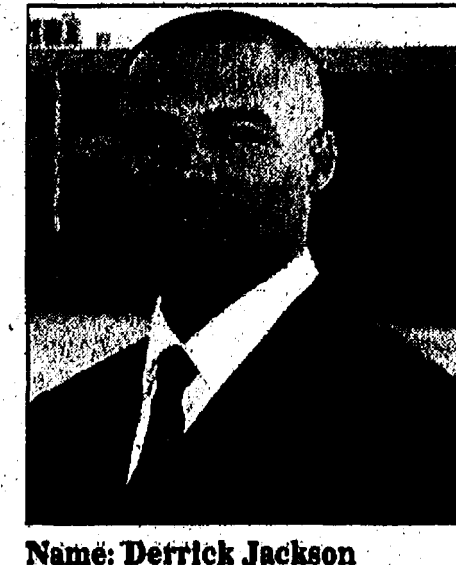
Name: Gregory Dill
Position: Director of Administrative Services
Years in law enforcement: first



Name: Mark Ptaszek
Position: Under sheriff
Years in law enforcement: 25



Name: Dieter Heren
Position: Police services commander
Years in law enforcement: 21



Name: Derrick Jackson
Position: Director of community engagement
Years in law enforcement: None (specializes in social work)

SHERIFF

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Clayton emphasizes that he wants to ensure that his staff provides quality public safety service in a fiscally responsible way.

According to Clayton, the sheriff's office is currently in an assessment phase. He believes that gathering information and avoiding quick judgments should help them avoid major errors. After some internal investigation within the department, he discovered a significant monetary setback - overtime.

Clayton explains that roughly 80 percent of the budget within the sheriff's department is devoted to personnel. He insists that the department has not made any assumptions regarding deployment of staff nor does he plan to reduce

the workforce. Clayton does, however, wish to work toward significantly reducing overtime and establishing a stable accounting of overtime practices.

"We looked at the historic data and the current budget and the one item that was the outlier was overtime and how the office managed it," he says. "We can still provide quality service, keep people safe, keep the jails secure, and protect the streets - but we need to do so within the existing budget."

In addition to securing the sheriff department's finances, Clayton also plans on working with neighboring governments and organizations. He said that he it is important to establish relationships with government offices and other administration within the county.

"I didn't think the sheriff's office had a strong enough partnership with the residents or county gov-

ernment," he says. "We all need to work together to get the job done."

Regardless of Clayton's opinion on the previous administration's shortcomings, he still holds a great deal of respect for former sheriff Minzey. Clayton emphasizes that it was never his focus - now or during his campaign - to personally criticize Minzey.

"My position has always been to challenge some of the operational decisions of the sheriff's office," he says. "We told our staff, 'what happened in the past is in the rearview mirror.'"

Under Minzey, the sheriff's department led the way on two highly publicized lawsuits against Washtenaw County and the Board of Commissioners. The first lawsuit unsuccessfully tried to block the county from possibly laying off deputies, while the second focused on how overcrowding problems at

the county jail were handled.

As far as running into criticism from the community or the county government, Clayton said he is ready to deal with the political aspect that comes with the office of sheriff and that he's comfortable with his administration's choices because they are being made in the best interest of the residents.

"My main goal is to be consistent with a lot of what I talked about during the campaign," he says. "I want to provide a different kind of leadership in the county."

Throughout his tenure in the sheriff's department, Clayton claims that he has always found interest in providing service to the public. He believes that his current position allows him to do this on a different level.

Clayton also plans to continue

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Around town

Chelsea Senior Center sponsors 'Suitcases For Kids'

The Chelsea Senior Center wants to help kids. Yvonne and Henry Johnson, two members of the center, found out something that disturbed them; that kids in the foster care system often have to carry their belongings in a trash bag as they move from placement to placement.

Henry and Yvonne both felt that

these kids deserved more dignity in their often chaotic lives so they contacted the largest foster care service in Michigan and Washtenaw County, Lutheran Social Services to find out how they could help.

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Honoring our heroes

The 175th Anniversary of the Founding of Chelsea Planning Committee is sponsoring an "Honoring Our Veterans Day" from noon to 3 p.m. on Saturday, March 21 at the Chelsea Depot.

All our area veterans and their families are invited to attend this celebration which includes a luncheon prepared and served by Thompson's Pizza.

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that promotes a message in keeping with the SRSly mission.

SRSly Cinema will be part of the SRSly coalition with duties and responsibilities shared by the various committees. There are several areas that need community volunteer participation, both youth and adults. They include: A volunteer coordinator to oversee the scheduling of volunteers; concession workers; a movie crew to help select films to show; a youth coordinator; a movie "short" coordinator; and finance coordinator.

To make this program a reality with virtually no budget, the organizers will need a total of 41 movie sponsors at \$100, and another 11 sponsors at \$150. Donors will be offered an opportunity to sponsor a film or the series of films. Other sponsorship opportunities are also available.

"We are researching costs for equipment to show the films outdoors including a large 20-foot screen, video and audio equipment to reach an audience of 500 people," says Ortbring. "We are also in contact with firms that rent this equipment and handle installation and take down. This is another opportunity for a sponsor to step up and help out."

The school district has offered the theater at WSEC and other sites remain a possibility (like the theater at the United Methodist Retirement Center).

"They are very receptive to opening up their theater for us," Ortbring says. "Although it will hold far less than WSEC, UMRC is set up with theater-style seating and has a large gathering area and pop corn machine right there."

The goal for the movie program is to show second run films that are appropriate for families and various age groups. Plans are to have separate nights for middle and high school students. There would also be day when family friendly films would be shown.

"I am so happy to see movies coming back," says former CART coordinator, Jackie Maveal. "When CART did the movies, every-

one loved them, and they were well attended. If you really want this Chelsea, you need to help with your time, talent and finances."

All proceeds will go back into SRSly Cinema for operating expenses.

"One of the keys to making this successful is having consistent times and days for showings," says Maveal. "It really makes a huge difference when people know when and where the movies will be shown. That won't be an issue when the films are part of Sounds & Sights on Thursday Nights."

"We're happy to have another great family attraction for Sounds & Sights," says Craig Common, chair of the Sounds & Sights committee. "The Clocktower complex has graciously offered the use of their property and onsite electricity, and this will be another draw for us and another reason to stay downtown once the music is over."

More details about the program will be released as they are finalized with donors and volunteers.

"We're asking the community to come forward and get involved with this project," says Ortbring. "The only way it will be successful is if people take ownership and get involved. The need is here. The concept is proven. The space is provided. Now, we need you, Chelsea."

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CCF presents 'Books to Film'

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

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

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

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

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

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

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GRAVEL

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vote of the planning commission resulted in a tie with one member absent, residents of the community and gravel pit employees continued to show support for their respective positions regarding this debate.

Speaking in favor of the gravel pit expansion, Mark Dault said, "Something's going to happen with that property, whether a developer or a gravel pit. Which would you rather have? Six or seven houses that will be there for a lifetime with kids running around, dogs barking, and robbery - who knows what kind of neighbors you would get?"

Dale Robinson, one of the residents on Harvey Lane who would live with the gravel pit only 200 feet from his property line if approved, said that he would rather see a housing development. Responding to suggestions at earlier meetings that the neighbors get together and buy the property from Dault, Robinson said, "We wouldn't be able to outbid the gravel pit."

Planning commission member Ted Beals made the motion to recommend to the Waterloo Township Board to deny the application for special land use. His motion is based on the Waterloo Township Master Plan. Arguments that favor denial of the application include the following: mining operations are not compatible with the adjacent land zoned residential and developed as single family

residences; a gravel pit would deter potential buyers and reduce the property value of homes in the immediate vicinity; mining operations would increase and prolong hazardous truck traffic, noise, and hazardous dust; the gravel pit would surround a wetland on 70 percent of its perimeter that will disturb the natural ecosystem; and the parcel size is less than half of the minimum required space of 40 acres.

New Lenten dinners

St. Mary Parish in Manchester, known far and wide for their delicious Lenten Fish Frys, will host a new and exciting Lenten dinner from 5 to 7:30 p.m. each Wednesday through April 1.

The church will host a delicious "Loaded Baked Potato Bar" with all your favorite toppings to load on your potato along with homemade chili, homemade soup and salad. Drinks and dessert are also included.

The cost is \$7.50, ages 12 to adult, \$5 ages 6-11, and children 5 and under eat free. It will be held at St. Mary Parish Center, located at 110 E. Madison Street, Manchester (behind the Marathon Station).

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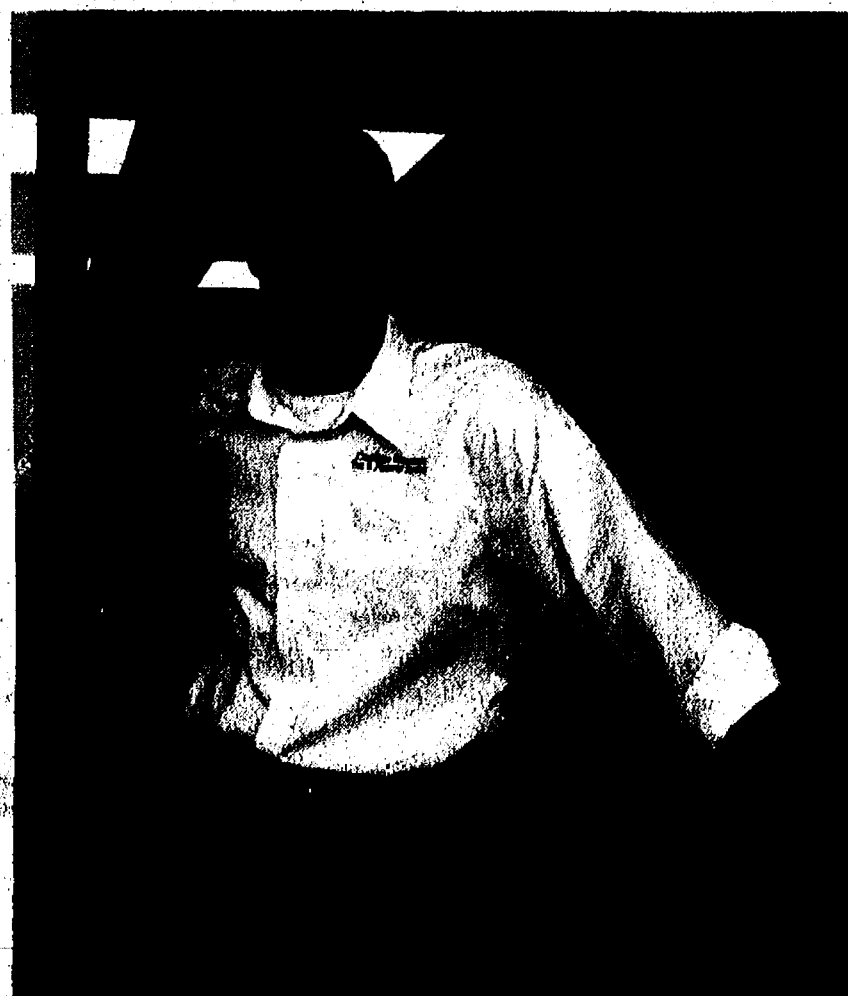
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March 19, 2009

GOP should make broader appeal to voters

Michigan-born campaign guru Mike Murphy was with John McCain in 2000 when the Arizona senator made a pretty impressive run at George W. Bush for the GOP nomination for president.



Tim Skubick

In fact, Murphy helped McCain win the Michigan primary much to the chagrin of "W." and John Engler, whom Murphy helped win the governor's job in 1990.

Fast-forward to McCain's last bid for president. Murphy and Mac are sitting in a room discussing how to dismantle the Barack Obama juggernaut and deliver the White House to the GOP.

"You need to run a campaign aimed at ticket-splitters," the wise Mr. Murphy argued, while adding that you can't win by appealing only to the conservative base of the party. McCain may have listened, but did not heed the sage advice. And the rest, as they say, is history.

Murphy is saying the same thing again as the state and national GOP continue their scavenger hunt for the soul of the party.

Neither party can win unless they broaden their appeal to all sorts of voters. In November, the Democrats proved that. But despite the trouncing, the Republicans are acting like John McCain, i.e. they hear Murphy's wisdom but seem to be on a mission to ignore it again.

"We love people; we don't see groups," conservative radio commentator/savior of the GOP Rush Limbaugh preached to the right wing choir last weekend. "We don't want to tell anyone how to live."

For some, that may seem disingenuous if not untrue. Ask gays if they feel welcome in the GOP? Or Latinos? Or young voters who abandoned the party in droves last year? Or pro-choice women who are told how to live by the right wing of the GOP?

Instead of opening up the flaps on the GOP tent to allow everyone in, as Murphy has endorsed, Limbaugh drew the circle tighter to make sure "others" did not feel welcomed.

To the degree that numbers on YouTube are indicative of anything, Limbaugh began his speech with a respectable 92,000 viewers. But the longer he talked, his numbers went south. After the first 15 minutes the audience dropped by 40,000 and while there were a couple of spikes, by the time he ended, his audience of 92,000 was down to 1,648.

Hello. Earth to GOP. Firing up the conservative base without reaching out to those in the "sensible middle," Murphy believes, will doom the party to be also rans for years to come.

He believes the key to winning elections is two groups, the aforementioned Latinos and young people. And what did the party do when President Bush tried to forge a compromise on immigration, which is so important to Latinos? He got whacked up one side and down the other by the conservatives who "love people and don't see groups."

And as young voters become more libertarian about social issues, what does the GOP do, it continues to bang away on gay marriage, abortion and prayer in schools.

Maybe this is why Murphy has gotten out of the GOP campaign business and is now trying to sell a pilot to HBO where the audience is not limited to the Rush Limbaughs of the world.

Tim Skubick hosts the TV show "Off the Record" and blogs regularly at www.heritage.com.

Letter to the Editor: Shame on the Chelsea Athletic Boosters for providing the Standard editorial staff with the opportunity to compare the school district's financial support of the football concession stand with bailout recipient Citibank's purchase of a "few corporate jets." (Chelsea Standard, Feb. 26). Shame on the Boosters for making it easy for concerned citizens like "Oskar F. Mayer" to assert that there is no need for a new concession stand and that a few hot-dog carts around the stadium would do the trick. (Chelsea Standard, March 12). Shame on us!

As a member of the Chelsea Athletic Boosters, I am sorry that the alleged "Mr. Mayer" and the editorial staff have jumped to such conclusions and that these conclusions may have misled the community. Shame on us for failing to make the public aware of our perspective in regard to the need for the football stadium concession stand. Hopefully, the following information will shed some needed light on the issue.

First: Who are the boosters? The Chelsea Athletic Boosters is a non-profit organization whose purpose is to raise money to support athletics in the Chelsea school system. It consists of representatives from each of the 20 varsity programs, a board of directors, hundreds of parents of Chelsea athletes and generous Chelsea citizens ALL of whom, with the exception of the Athletic Director, are volunteers.

The football program does not have its own booster club. No Chelsea school funded athletic program does. And for good reason. A major role of the Boosters is to coordinate fundraising efforts to protect the businesses and residents of Chelsea from being inundated with requests for donations by 20 different sports teams. The entire athletic program benefits

Clarification

In last week's letters to the editor, a letter made it into print using a false name. We regret that this letter was published. The Chelsea Standard's policy regarding letters to the editor is that they must include the person's name and community. The writer of the letter refuses to come forward with his real name. His return email address did include the false name he gave the newspaper. Again, the Chelsea Standard regrets that this false name was not noticed in time to remove it from the print publication.

from the revenue generated at the football concession stand. The Standard editorial misrepresented that the football boosters want a new concession stand. Though a minor inaccuracy, it is one that could have been cleared up with a quick phone call to the Athletic Office or by attending one of the Boosters monthly open meetings.

Second: Do we need a new concession stand? The current football concession stand does not have adequate sinks, adequate storage, adequate working space, adequate hot water supply, adequate power supply, or adequate security. Some of these raise serious concerns for the Health Department. In the 16 years since the stand was built, equipment has been added, electrical and plumbing needs have changed and volume has increased highlighting these inadequacies. For the last 5 years, the Boosters have been focused on remodeling the existing structure though we were not in the financial position to begin such a project. This past year, with changes to some of our fundraising, we felt we had the resources available to undertake major renovations. Chelsea architect, Scott McElrath of Dangerous Architects, donated much time and effort to draw up plans. Many Chelsea contractors bid on the job. However, when the State placed fireproofing the metal bleachers as a condition of the renovation, the cost exceeded what the Boosters felt we could

pay. It was then, and only then, that a new building was proposed. Again, Mr. McElrath drew up plans. Again, Chelsea contractors were permitted to bid and the lowest bidder was given the job. And here we are.

Again, the Standard editorial staff misrepresented and trivialized the need for a new stand. Please! If we were concerned only with serving slushies and hot dogs a little faster, we wouldn't be here. We volunteers are moms and dads who have jobs and families and lives outside of selling hotdogs and popcorn. We can make much better use of our time than taking on \$75,000.00 of debt to the school district just to make fans' football concession experience a little more pleasant. There are serious issues with the current stand and a new stand addresses those issues in what we believe is the most cost effective manner.

Third: Do we need a concession stand?

The average gross annual income of the Chelsea Athletic Boosters is \$92,000. Fifty-two percent (52 percent) of this income is generated on football Fridays and through concessions. A varsity home football game brings in an average of \$5,000. We sell over 400 locally made German pretzels, 800 bottles of water, 240 pieces of locally made pizza, 300 slushies (when it's hot), 40 gallons of hot chocolate (when it's cold), 35 pounds of popcorn, and about 250 of our specially made Koegel hot dogs. It takes over 40 people each working about three hours to

cover the five to six hour event, all for the good of Chelsea athletics.

More money is generated through concessions at other events, too. Again, the Standard editorial staff and "Oskar Mayer" have misrepresented the number of times the football concession stand is used.

Concessions are sold at all home middle school, freshman and junior varsity football games and both middle school and high school

track meets as well. We also use the stand to provide free coffee and hot chocolate during Relay for Life. The band has used it during its marching band festival and it is likely to be used when lacrosse and soccer are played at the stadium. To say that the stand is used a half dozen times grossly underestimates its importance to the Boosters and, for that matter, the school district.

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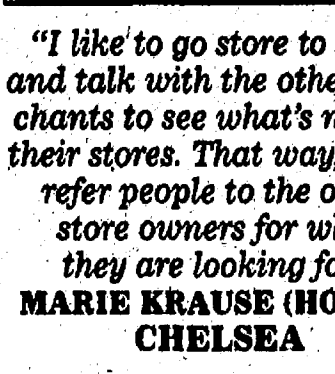
STREET TALK

What is one of your favorite things to do in the Chelsea area?



"Get out, walk and enjoy the historic architecture that Chelsea has to offer. I like to run into friends I know from town."

ROB MACLEOD
CHELSEA



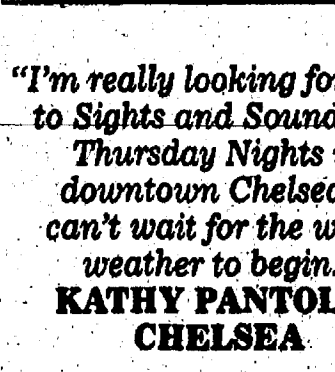
"I like to go store to store and talk with the other merchants to see what's new in their stores. That way, I can refer people to the other store owners for what they are looking for."

MARIE KRAUSE (HOULE)
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"I love to walk up and down the streets of Chelsea and go into all of the shops. On Saturdays, they have chess in Pierce Park during the summer months."

VICKI QUINN
CHELSEA



"I'm really looking forward to Sights and Sounds on Thursday Nights in downtown Chelsea. I can't wait for the warm weather to begin."

KATHY PANTOLIN
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Our Chelsea History



Where is the original chemical engine used by Chelsea's newly formed Volunteer Fire Department in 1889?

- A. Stored in the Municipal building where fire trucks and gear were once kept.
- B. In Harrisville, Michigan.
- C. Each new fire chief keeps it in his garage for future parades.

Answer B. After purchase of the hand-drawn hook and ladder wagon outfitted with rubber buckets, the Village purchased two chemical wagons. The engine was comparable to an oversized soda-acid fire extinguisher. One of these early engines, with large spoke wheels, painted red, resides up north as the official symbol of Harrisville in Alcona County. It was sold by the Village of Chelsea in 1900 for \$450. Every now and then a Chelsea resident travels through northern Michigan and brings back a photograph of the engine. Doug Eder most recently captured the restored engine on film, showing it to Chelsea's 175th Anniversary committee.

Questions and answers courtesy of the Chelsea Area Historical Society which meets at the Gourmet Chocolate Cafe, 312 N. Main, the second Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

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In the past four years, the Boosters have given over \$170,000 to the athletic department and athletic programs. Much of this money was spent to pay for items that were formerly covered by the Athletic Department budget. That budget has been cut due to decreases in government funding.

As a Booster, I am frustrated that many great people volunteer their time—some, countless hours—to help make things a little better for the students of the Chelsea school system and yet a few uninformed comments and misrepresentations are published that allow citizens to think that they are being had by the school district. It is true that a new concession stand will not bring in more money.

It is also true that it cannot be equated with the frivolous purchase of a few corporate jets. A new concession stand is a wise investment for the school district, as it will allow the Boosters to continue to generate income that it will donate back to the school. It will not be heated; it will not be plush. It will, however, allow us to continue to sell concessions and generate the money we feel we need to fulfill our mission which is to support athletics in the Chelsea school system.

Shame on the Athletic Boosters for not giving you this information sooner. But shame the Standard and "Oskar Mayer" for not taking a couple of minutes to at least get the facts before jumping to their conclusions.

Priscilla L. Schwarz,
president
Chelsea Athletic Boosters

To the Editor: As a recently retired administrator with the Chelsea School District (11 years), I know that difficult decisions must be made

on a regular basis by school board members and administration.

With the current dire economic situation facing all districts in the state, CPS will be announcing the layoffs of staff members to resolve the need to balance the budget. In my experience, the Board of Education and administration has welcomed public input and transparency in decision making through community forums, gatherings of key communicators, public input, and review of similarly positioned communities faced with similar circumstances.

Schools of Choice, or, the option of allowing non-district residents to enroll their children in CPS, have come up time and again as a potential resolution to budget deficit scenarios. Time and time again, the community has sent a strong message indicating no interest in this option. Chelsea community taxpayers, both business and residential, felt strongly that their tax dollars should be spent on those who choose to live within the boundaries of the Chelsea district.

Although appealing in the short term, Schools of Choice, which has evidenced itself in many other communities across the state, results in longer lasting implications that may not be in the best interest of those who live and work in the community.

This is a difficult time for all those involved in making such stressful decisions, but my experience has been that the decisions are always made in the best interest of students, staff and community, who live, work and learn in Chelsea. I encourage you to continue to have confidence in those individuals who have provided and continue to provide the leadership that makes Chelsea a premier school district.

Iva K. Corbett
Retired administrator

Local Honors and Awards

Master Sgt. Catherine Farrell of Dexter has extended her service for six years in the 46th Military Police Command, based in Lansing and the Michigan Army National Guard.

Farrell started her military career in 1987 at Fort McClellan, Ala., and has more than 22 years of service with three in active duty, seven in the reserves and 12 in the National Guard. Farrell was deployed to Bosnia in 2001. She has earned an Associates Degree in General Studies in 1994 and is pursuing a Bachelor Degree in Homeland Security. As a civilian, Farrell works for the City of Lansing Police Department as a detective.

Staff Sgt. James D. Ratliff of Chelsea has joined the 46th Military Police Command, Michigan Army National

Guard, located in Lansing. Ratliff is an Internment/Resettlement Non-Commissioned Officer in the military and will work for the unit as the Assistant Operations Non-Commissioned Officer. Ratliff has 16 years in the military with 13 years in the National Guard.

He started his military career in the United States Air Force at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas in 1985. Ratliff has many military awards including the Legion of Merit. As a civilian, Ratliff is a plumbing and mechanical inspector for the City of Ann Arbor. Ratliff is currently pursuing an Associate Degree in Construction Supervision at Washtenaw Community College.

Kirby Rochelle Kedroske of Chelsea

was one of 3,515 undergraduate students named to the fall 2008 Dean's List at Bowling Green State University in Bowling Green, Ohio. Kedroske was a senior in the College of Education and Human Development during fall semester.

To be chosen for the Dean's List, undergraduate students must achieve grade point averages of 3.5 or better on a 4.0 scale and carry no fewer than 12 letter-graded credit hours per semester.

Other local recipients included Rawlin T. Myers of Dexter (a sophomore in the College of Business Administration); Rawlin T. Myers of Dexter (a sophomore in the College of Business Administration); and Chelsea A. Lemarbe of Dexter (a sophomore in the College of Health & Human Services).

Seniors celebrate Pie Day

Last Friday Chelsea Senior Center celebrated "Pie Day" at their Friday the 13th Open House. Beth Ziegler, owner of Grand Traverse Pie Company, furnished fresh pies to members in attendance. By the smile you can tell Art Stoll of Chelsea enjoyed his piece of berry pie! During the Open House members learned of the Center's expanded programming. For information, contact Chelsea Senior Center at 475-9242



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Photo exhibit at Silver Maples



For Angie and Jim George, it took a trip on their 30-foot sloop to finalize the morph from teachers to photographers. The waters of the Great Lakes, the Atlantic, and the Caribbean galvanized "a like" of photographer to "a love" of photography. And the fruits of their labors are now on exhibit at Silver Maples of Chelsea through April 12. The exhibit, "From the Southwest to Way Down East," features photos from their trips to Mexico, Guatemala, Arizona, Nova Scotia and New Foundland. "We have always been gypsies at heart," said Ann Arbor resident Angie George. "After 'retiring,' we hit the highway with one notable excursion being a six-month camping tour of Mexico in a 1990 Ford cargo van." The Georges say that they are always trying to discover the connection with the land, the people, and the culture. In "Shooting the Canyon," Jim captures not only the grandeur of the Grand Canyon, but the allure that this iconic park has on photographers, both professional and tourist. Other highlights of the exhibit include images from the White Sands National Monument in New Mexico, the missions of Tucson, Arizona, and the Canadian Maritimes. The artists will meet and greet at an open house from 5 to 6:30 tonight at Silver Maples. "From the Southwest to Way Down East" is mounted in the Maples Gallery at Silver Maples of Chelsea, 100 Silver Maples Dr., Chelsea.



Chelsea Unlimited 2009 is fast approaching

On Thursday, May 14, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., The Chelsea Senior Center will stage the third annual Chelsea Unlimited featuring exhibits, demonstrations, community services, health screenings, kids' area, product sampling and more. An opportunity for us to showcase the private, public and nonprofit sectors of our community, this is our way of giving back for the invaluable support we have received from you, our sponsors and supporters. Please don't miss out on this opportunity to exhibit your business on this special day. We expect over 800 members of the community to turn out for this event. The Chelsea Senior Center has proudly served the community for 27 years. Our mission is to promote, encourage and organize activities that address the physical, social and emotional concerns of Chelsea area Senior Citizens and their families. Chelsea Unlimited will take place in the gym located at the Washington Street Education Center, 512 E. Washington St. For more information and to reserve a spot in this great business opportunity, call the Chelsea Senior Center at 734-475-0242.

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CHS Concert Band and Wind Symphony earn A's

Chelsea High School was host to the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association District 12 Band and Orchestra Festival last month. Seventeen ensembles from six area schools (Chelsea, Dexter, Ida, Saline, Westland John Glenn and Temperance-Bedford) participated in the event.

The festival provides an assessment for school bands and orchestras, and involves four adjudicators in two different areas of assessment - prepared performance and sight-reading. Three judges evaluate the ensembles performance in concert (prepared performance), and one judge in the area of sight-reading.

The concert judges assess the ensembles tone produc-

tion, intonation, rhythmic understanding and precision, technical understanding and accuracy, and interpretation. The sight-reading portion of the festival assesses the ensembles ability to perform music never before seen.

The band/orchestra director is given seven minutes to teach two different musical works, and the ensemble is then evaluated (using the same content areas as the concert judges) on their ability to perform the works in an overall musical manner.

The ensembles earn letter grades from each of the judges that correspond to numerical ratings - An "A" grade corresponds to a "Superior" rating, a "B" grade an "Excellent" rating, a "C" grade a "Good"

rating, etc.

The Chelsea High School Concert Band and the Chelsea High School Wind Symphony earned "A" grades and corresponding "Superior" Ratings from all adjudicators at the festival. The Wind Symphony earned an "A+" grade from one adjudicator in all areas of performance: Tone Quality, Intonation, Rhythm, Technique, and Interpretation.

One adjudicator, Gary Sutton a retired band director (providing verbal recorded comments) ended his evaluation of the Chelsea High School Wind Symphony with a "Wonderful, Wonderful, Wonderful, Wow!... You've made my day with your performance."

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Exploring a mystery

Chelsea writer self-publishes her first novel

By Sheila Pursglove
Special Writer

The plot for her first novel came to Gregory writer Patricia Tye in a dream – and life has been a dream ever since.

Tye recently self-published "Righteousness" through Author House Publishing and her suspense story is now available at the author-house.com bookstore and righteous-thenovel.com, as well as the Amazon, Barnes & Noble and Borders online stores.

With her two children, Lindsay and Adam, graduated from Chelsea High School and off in college, Tye found time to devote to her passion for writing. An avid reader of mysteries and thrillers – especially Agatha Christie, Michael Connelly and Raymond Chandler – she decided to write a novel in that genre.

"I wrote poetry as a teenager, but never attempted a project like this before and it was enlightening. I couldn't wait to wake up in the morning and write what would happen next," she says.

"The coolest part of writing a novel is that you decide the story, the characters, the setting and the intrigue."

Tye created reclusive multimillionaire, David Sims, who is dying from cancer and must settle his estate. Without living relatives, Sims entrusts his lawyer, Tom Black, to bring four people to Michigan for the reading of the will. Black and Sara Dobbs, an Afghanistan battle-trained FBI special agent, find themselves up against criminals intent on killing the heirs and stealing Sims' fortune.

The plot had its origins in a vivid dream Tye experienced a couple of years ago, imagery



so riveting she felt compelled to write it down.

As the story and characters took shape, she filled two large notebooks before transferring her notes to a laptop. She wrote copious notes about each character to flesh them out and remember them as well as to get to know them and get a feel for what they would say or do.

"Their personalities came alive in my mind and they propelled the story forward," she says.



Creating the bad guys was the toughest part – but also the most fun and creative aspect. "It was interesting to try to think like them and portray the reasons for what made them how they were," she says.

Four possible endings were all mixed when the story and characters led her to an

even more powerful finale.

In search of a publisher, Tye contacted Edward Brothers in Ann Arbor who mentioned AuthorHouse Publishing in Bloomington, Ind.

"The people at AuthorHouse have been wonderful, guiding me through the steps of publishing. They were very understanding and always polite."

"I decided to self-publish after sending out queries without success. I was determined to see the manuscript in book form for my family to enjoy and to share it with others. The book touches on philanthropy and cancer, which are important issues with our struggling economy."

Tye and her husband, Dan, moved from Ypsilanti to Gregory 10 years ago. In addition to her writing, Tye – who spent seven years as a cosmetologist in the Ypsilanti and Ann Arbor area – works as office manager for Tye Painting, her husband's commercial painting business. She is working on a second novel, a mystery that will include some of her characters from "Righteousness."

She also enjoys reading, writing, painting, traveling and spending time with family, friends and her two Pomeranian dogs.

A favorite pastime is browsing shops and art galleries in downtown Chelsea.

"The business owners are so warm and friendly," she says. "We also enjoy attending the festivals, plays at the Purple Rose Theatre and eating out at the terrific restaurants in Chelsea and Dexter."

"I'm a frequent visitor at the Chelsea District Library where I like to do research."

CCH offers free heart screening

Chelsea Community Hospital (CCH), in partnership with Saint Joseph Mercy Health System (SJMHS), is offering a free heart screening to student athletes in the community. The screening will take place Saturday, March 21, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at CCH. An appointment is required; please call 734-712-5400 or 800-231-2211, or register online at www.sjmercyhealth.org.

The Community Heart Screening for Student Athletes is an important screening, designed to look for signs of hypertrophic cardiomyopathy (HCM), the leading cause of sudden death in young athletes. This condition affects approximately one in 500 people and usually does not have any physical symptoms.

The free screening process includes a review of health history, a blood pressure check and an electrocardiogram or ECG. An ECG is not a typical part of a routine sports physical. A cardiologist from Chelsea Community Hospital or Saint Joseph Mercy Health System will then evaluate each student by listening to his or her heart.

If further testing is necessary, the student will receive an echocardiogram, a noninvasive picture of the heart. Results of the screening will be mailed to each student within one week of the event.

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Washtenaw County

County facing worst budget crisis in decades

By Sean Dalton
Staff Writer

Washtenaw County is facing the most challenging financial position it has been in since the 1930s, according to county officials.

While the Dow Jones Industrial Average has rebounded a bit in recent days, the housing bubble bust has left the county's revenues in tatters as State Equalized Values for property continue to fall, taking taxable values down with them.

General fund projections show a steady decline into greater and greater deficits from the current fiscal year and on out into 2014.

The county's best case scenario projections show a slide from a \$10 million deficit in 2010 progressing to more than \$40 million in 2014.

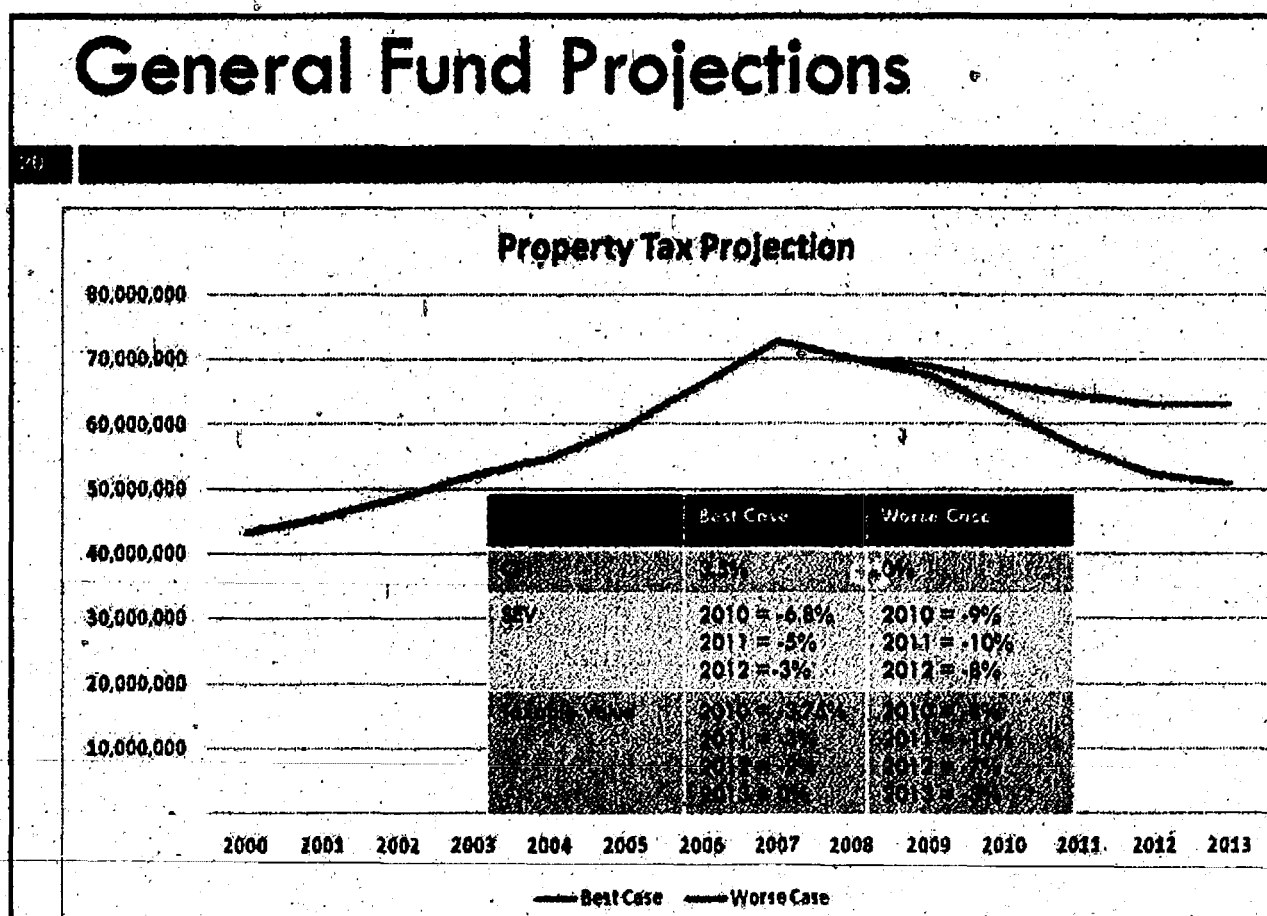
Worst case scenario projects the \$10 million deficit mark coming a quarter earlier and plummeting to a more than \$60 million deficit in 2014.

County Commissioner Mark Ouimet, District 1, pointed to the problem earlier this month in a private presentation of the county's financial situation to The Dexter Leader/Chelsea Standard earlier this month.

"Most of our revenues come from property taxes and penalties," Ouimet explained. "The rest is nominal, except fees which have been pretty important to us."

Taxes and penalties are current 66 percent of the county's revenues, with fees and services comprising an additional 17 percent of revenues.

The county also earns interest on its fund equity, but that has traditionally only been about 1 percent of the county's budget, and as deficits gobble of that fund, equity the interest-bearing



potential of those accounts wanes from a projected \$754,400 in 2009 to either \$304,400 or \$254,400.

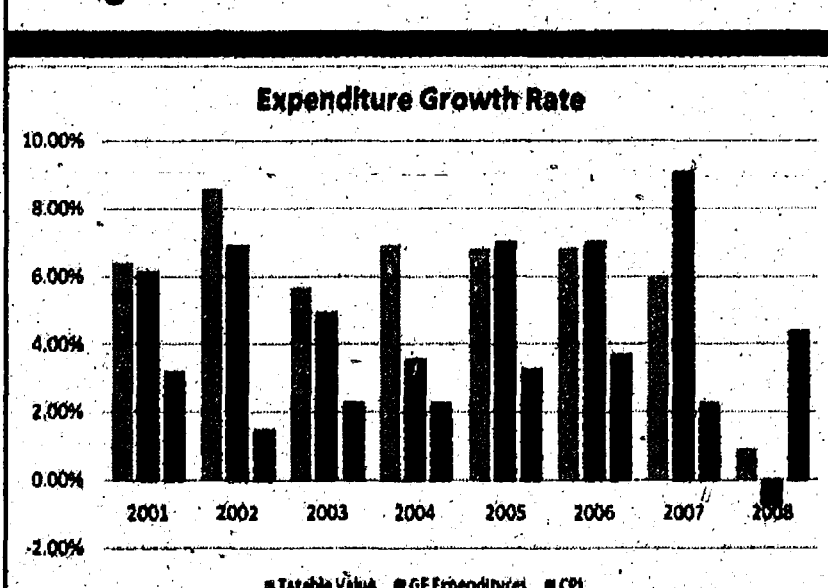
Ouimet says he doesn't see any potential for growth in the rest of the county's revenues, which mostly come from state and local sources, both of which are manning paddles in the same boat as the county.

Ideally SEV will only slide 6.8 percent in 2010, 5 percent in 2011 and 3 percent in 2012 with taxable values declining only 3.75 percent, 3 percent and 2 percent over that same time period.

That aforementioned \$60 million plus deficit would become reality if the SEV slides 9 percent in 2010, 10 percent in 2011 and 8 percent in 2012. Taxable values would dive 8 percent, 10 percent and 7 percent respectively.

Property tax projections show at best a decline from over \$68 million projected in

Budget Trends



2009 to over \$64 million in 2014. Best case - property taxes fall to just over \$50 million, down over \$15 million.

"The change in SEV vs. taxable amount has really hit us hard," Ouimet said. "You can see how we've been riding along here and all of a sudden in 2009 we take a big hit," as his finger follows

Ouimet says what will make or break the county is home values and a couple of other factors. "That we get to a quicker stabilization of home prices, that we realize cost savings through our pension retirement board, (and) we have some people leaving the county for retirement (will determine the outcome)."

County officials have already put into place a hiring freeze, non-mandated program support reductions,

employee benefits reductions and reductions to the county's fleet of vehicles. Operations overlaps are also being developed at the county Department of Public Works, Soil Erosion and Water Management Department to reduce costs.

Despite those efforts the staffing levels of county operations will require cuts. The county's employees represent 59 percent of expenses in the current fiscal year

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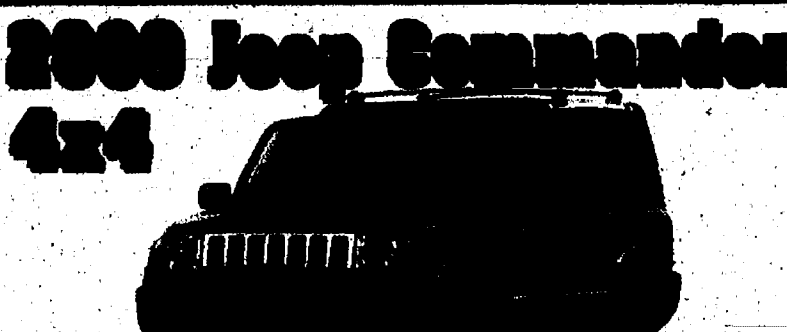
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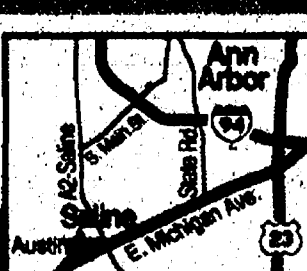
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Government Roundup

Recovery act money flowing into Michigan

U.S. Congressman Mark Schauer, D-District 7, commented last week on the announcement by President Obama and the U.S. Department of Energy that Michigan will receive more than \$325 million for weatherization funding and energy efficiency grants as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

"This funding will offer an immediate boost to the state economy by putting people back to work weatherizing Michigan homes," said Schauer. "Energy efficiency programs are also a smart long-term investment that will help families cut their energy bills and move America towards energy independence."

According to the U.S. Department of Energy, Michigan will receive \$243,398,975 for the Weatherization Assistance Program and \$82,035,000 for the State Energy Program.

The Weatherization Assistance Program allows low-income families to reduce their energy bills by making their homes more

energy efficient, reducing heating bills by an average of 32 percent and overall energy bills by hundreds of dollars per year.

Schauer also announced earlier this month a \$160,744 public safety grant for Washtenaw County from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. Funding will flow to the area directly through the Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program, administered by the U.S. Department of Justice.

"As our communities continue to struggle in these tough economic times, this funding will offer a much-needed boost to help save critical public safety jobs and keep Michigan families safe," said Schauer. "By putting Recovery dollars to work quickly, we can jumpstart our economy and start putting people back to work."

This funding will be used to help communities keep their neighborhoods safer with more police officers, prosecutors, and probation officers; more radios and equipment; more help for

crime victims and more crime prevention programs for youth.

In total, the state of Michigan is receiving \$67 million in JAG grants from the Recovery Act. To see the breakdown of JAG allocations for states, territories, and units of local government, visit <http://www.recovery.gov>.

The JAG program allows states and local governments to support a broad range of activities to prevent and control crime and improve the criminal justice system.

'Keep families in their homes'

Washtenaw County Democratic State Rep. Pam Byrnes, D-52nd District, last month praised a plan to give struggling homeowners a 90-day reprieve on foreclosure if they agree to sit down with their lenders and work out a solution. "Foreclosures are at the heart of Michigan's economic crisis, and we have to act now to stop this epidemic," Byrnes said. "This plan gives struggling homeowners

two things they desperately need: time to temporarily stop the foreclosure clock and the opportunity to sit down with their lender and a housing counselor so they can figure out a solution. This plan is an effective way to provide both those needs."

The plan that House Democrats announced last week provides a 90-day reprieve from foreclosure for homeowners who commit to working with their lender and a housing counselor. Counselors are available through the Michigan State Housing and Development Authority (MSHDA) and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Michigan ranks seventh in the nation for foreclosures, according to RealtyTrac. More than 145,000 properties were in foreclosure in 2008 – a 21 percent increase from 2007 and a 108 percent increase from 2006.

In January of this year, 11,418 foreclosures were reported in Michigan.

Salvation Army always in need of donors

Given the depth and breadth of services that The Salvation Army of Washtenaw County provides to the community, the non-profit is in constant need of donors. Chelsea's Charna Boquette, gift planning specialist, helps reach out to those interested in learning about various donation options.



Boquette

Boquette works with current and potential donors in Washtenaw County who are interested in donation opportunities such as charitable estate planning and larger gift contributions. She also helps donors interested in including TSA-WC in their will and life insurance policy. Boquette's goal as gift planning specialist is to show donors how their contributions are "doing the most good" for TSA-WC and the community.

"We value our Washtenaw County donors and want them to understand what an impact their donations make in the lives of the less fortunate in their community," said Boquette. "During these tough economic times, we encourage donors to look at other forms of charitable giving such as annuities and IRA contributions. Many donors find that charitable annuities and other giving methods are excellent ways to help The Salvation Army while receiving a guaranteed income for life."

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CANOPAS (Chelsea Area Network of Peace Activists) and Veterans for Peace are co-sponsoring a screening and discussion of "A Force More Powerful" on Monday, March 23, 6:30 p.m., at the McKune Memorial Library in Chelsea. "A Force More Powerful" is a series of episodes documenting how the power of non-violent action has overcome oppression in the world. Monday's showing will concentrate on the Danish resistance to the German occupation during World War II by "undermining German objectives by negotiating, delaying, and obstructing Nazi demands," and on the desegregation of Nashville's lunch counters in the 1960s with highly disciplined and strictly nonviolent demonstrations. For more information, contact John Gourlay at 1-734-475-9643.

SHERIFF

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collaborating with other police departments within the county.

"We benefit in Washtenaw County by having very progressive criminal justice leaders," he says. "Officers and deputies work well together and back each other up."

Clayton said he has great admiration for public safety personnel because he believes they, like himself, share a sincere desire to simply get the job done without selfish motives or agendas.

"They're not driven by ego," he says. "I've sat in meetings where people have said 'I don't care who gets credit for this.'"

While Clayton and other officials within the sheriff's department focus on getting organized and moving forward, a different mess can be seen in their parking lot. A jail expansion project, which began during Minzey's term,

is currently in progress.

The details of the construction project include adding on two housing units, increasing prisoner capacity by 112 beds, and adding a new admissions and release center. Some may argue that construction is not necessary at this time, but Clayton disagrees with that notion.

"Based on population, Washtenaw County probably has the fewest beds (in the jail) per capita in the state," he says.

Clayton feels that the department needs enough space to keep people who are a threat to the community in jail. At the same time, he wishes to come up with a system which allows those who don't pose any danger, but have committed crimes, to be managed through tethering and community work programs.

"If somebody commits a crime and there's a sanction, they should have to fulfill it," he says. "That doesn't necessarily mean they should be in jail if they're not a threat."

According to Clayton, the construction is scheduled to finish any time between the spring and fall of 2010.

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COUNTY

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budget. Personnel costs have risen by almost \$25 million since 2001, according to county officials.

Ideally the county will only have to lay off 391 people by 2014, with the first round of layoffs and intentionally unfilled retiree positions numbering 116 in 2010. Over that period employee costs are expected to rise from \$80,000 this year to \$103,075 in 2014.

In the worst case the county would have to lay off 632 of its nearly 1,350 employees by 2014 with the first round of reductions in 2010 numbering 172 positions.

"In order to balance this kind of a budget, these are the numbers of people we have to lay off," Ouimet explained. "It's a pretty staggering amount."

The county is still in the process of determining where layoffs will occur and where retiring employees' duties can be shifted to remaining staff.

Certain positions are mandated by state law, so the county is currently in the process of determining what positions can and cannot be legally eliminated.

The key is finding which services the county doesn't have to provide, Ouimet said, adding that the above staff cuts could be reduced by cost savings elsewhere. As it stands the county provides a number of services that could be reduced or eliminated to save money without layoffs. The county could also pull back contributions to municipalities and organizations that currently enjoy county support.

"If we only balance the budget through reduction of people that's the number we're looking at," Ouimet said. "My strong inclination is that we're not just going to do it on people ... we're going to cut some services."

The county has 30 clusters of supported organizations that receive an estimated \$3 million from the county, accord-

ing to Ouimet.

Regardless of the configuration of those reductions, the picture remains the same. "No matter how you approach this you can see it's pretty staggering what we're heading into," Ouimet said.

For now the county is waiting for the current tax season to be over, since the 2009 budget will be unclear until revenues are in.

Another wait-and-see prospect for the county is federal aid money from the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act.

Ouimet says the county has applied for nearly \$20 million in funds, with the Washtenaw County Road Commission waiting for approval of \$40 million in applications as well.

The county certainly isn't counting on receiving all of that applied for monies, and the priority is to fund one-time projects and programs over recurring programs that would require full-county funding once the stimulus money dries up.

The county could also sell some real estate with the retraction of services and reduction of employees.

"We will have space available," Ouimet said. "If we can cluster it correctly, we can probably sell a building."

There are four county buildings in Ann Arbor, several in Ypsilanti and a property on Zeeb Road in Scio Township. The Zeeb Road property houses the Road Commission, which has a ground lease on the property.

County officials will be discussing the budget at a number of meetings that the public can attend.

The county Ways & Means Committee meets on April 1 to discuss employee compensation and benefits with a County Board of Commissioners working session following the next day to discuss the support of non-general fund programs.

For more information visit www.washtenaw.org/government/boc and click on the "public meeting times" tab.

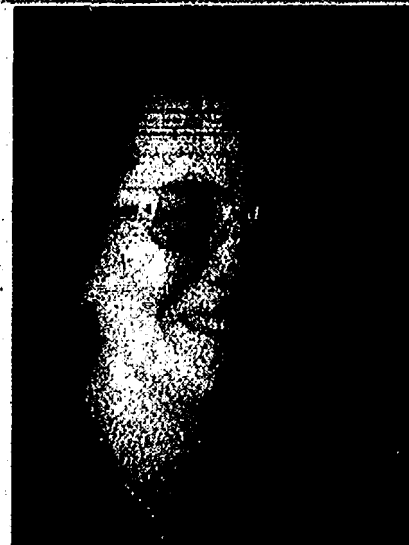
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CALLISON, JAMES MURLE "JIM"; died peacefully surrounded by family at age 91; on Friday morning, March 13, 2009; in Brookfield, WI. Jim was born in Springfield, MO, the eldest of the three boys of Chester and Emma Callison. He moved with his family to Detroit in the early 1920's. He was a graduate of Pershing High School and Ford Motor Company Trade School. He married Ruth Viviani (nee Craig) in 1939, and together they had three children, James, Patricia and Charles. Jim proudly served his country in the Marine Corps. He fought in the Battle of Iwo Jima and participated in the occupation of the Japanese homeland. After W.W. II, he joined Ford Motor Company and later Chrysler Corporation as a manufacturing specialist. Jim invented the concept of the unibody construction, and that is how all autos are now made today. He was President of the Detroit Chapter of the American Welding Society, and wrote their training manuals. Jim retired from the auto industry in 1981. Jim was an artist. He specialized in stained glass, wood carving and painting. He delighted his family and friends over the years with gifts of his artwork. Jim was a member of the VFW and the United Methodist Church in Belleville, MI. He is survived by his brother, Glenn (Sally) of Somerset Center, MI; sons James (Phyllis) of Sheboygan, WI and Charles (Sue) of New Berlin, WI; son-in-law Jeffrey Jahr of Belleville, MI; grandchildren Gary, Chris (Jenni), Ryan, Jeff (Rika), James, Gerald and Leah (Charlie); and numerous family and friends. His special friend Bernadine Wolf will miss him very much. He was preceded in death by his wife Ruth, daughter Patricia, and grandson Daniel. Memorials to Jim can be made to the American Diabetes Association, 375 Bishop's Way, Suite 220, Brookfield, WI 53005, or to the Sheboygan County Humane Society, 3107 N. 20th Street, Sheboygan, WI 53083. Memorial Service Saturday, March 21, 2009, 2 p.m. at the Funeral Home. Interment Hillside Cemetery, in Belleville, MI, at a later date. Borgwardt Funeral Home, 414-475-2010. www.mem.com

DUNAVIN, TIMOTHY J.; of Waddell, AZ, formerly of Dexter and Pleasant Lake, MI; age 42; died March 5, 2009, with his family at his side from injuries sustained in an auto accident. He was born on November 28, 1966, in Ann Arbor, the son of John W. and Marjorie (Wheeler) Dunavin. Tim graduated from Dexter High School in the class of 1985. He worked as an Emergency Vehicle Technician for the First In Inc. Company. His favorite pastimes included NASCAR, hunting, fishing, golfing and playing with his granddaughters, Aoi and Kiera. On March 30, 1991, he married Sandra Smith in Dexter, and she survives; also surviving are his mother, Marjorie (Gil) Campbell; two step-daughters, Heather Havens and her fiancé, Tim, and Stacey (Ronan) Harkin; one step-brother, Carl (Denise) Campbell of Cheboygan; and two step-sisters, Kristin (Brian) Roberts of Chelsea and Catherine (Nate Walser) Campbell of Grand Rapids; brother-in-laws, Doug (Denise) and Ron Smith; father-in-law, Charles Smith; also several nieces, nephews and cousins. He was preceded in death by his biological father, also a step-father, Charles Wylie. Funeral Services were held Friday, March 13, 2009, at 11 a.m. from the Dexter United Methodist Church with Dr. Matthew J. Hook and Rev. Stephen G. Bringardner co-officiating. Burial followed at Forest Lawn Cemetery, Dexter. Expressions of sympathy can be made to the Dunavin Family. The family received friends at the Stefan-Mitchell Funeral Home, 901 North Main Street, Chelsea, on Thursday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m., also Friday at church, 10 a.m. until the time of service.

VISEL, CHARLES T.; of Dexter, MI; born on June 14, 1947, to Arthur and Virginia Visel. Charles was a previous Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus and member of the American Legion Dexter Post. He was a Vietnam Combat Veteran and served in the 1st Cavalry from 1966 to 1969. He is survived by his blessed wife, Linda; sons, Gerrod (Laura) and Mike (Gabriela); grandson, Brayden; sisters, Mary Frances Morrison, Donna Stengle, Virginia Ford and Anne Taddonio; brothers, Jerry, Paul and Dominic. He was preceded in death by his parents and brothers, Richard, Robert and Mike. A Mass of Christian Burial will take place at St. Joseph Catholic Church (Dexter Village, corner of 4th and Dover) on Thursday, 11 a.m. with visiting from 10 a.m. until time of mass. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital or The Paralyzed Veterans. Charles was a devoted family man and will be missed by all. Please visit www.mem.com for more information. Arrangements by Hosmer - Muehlhig Chapel.



MILLER, RUTH E.; age 84; of Britton, MI; passed away at her home on Thursday, March 5, 2009, following a 20-year battle with Alzheimer's disease. She was born in Saline Twp., MI, on February 5, 1925, to Earl and Gladys (Beckman) Bacon. She married Alvin L. Miller on December 1, 1944, at St. John Lutheran Church. He passed away on October 3, 2008. She was baptized in adult confirmation at St. John Church and was a member of the Neighborly Group in her area. She was one of those wonderful people composed of so many great qualities. She was a devoted wife, mother and friend. She was quiet and good-natured; gentle and patient; never complained; and was always there to help a friend or anyone in need. During World War II, she worked at the Willow Run Bomber Plant in Ypsilanti. Prior to that she had worked for the Ford Motor Plant in Milan. She graduated from Milan High School, Class of 1944. Her survivors include a daughter, Laura (William) Hanselman; two sons, Lee (Ellen) Miller and Loren Miller, all of Britton, MI; a brother, Leon (Grace) Bacon; and a sister, Doris Austin, both of Saline; a sister-in-law, Dorothy Miller of Monroe; three grandchildren, Aaron (Sandy) Miller, Jason (Shannon) Miller and Jeanette Miller; four great grandchildren, Abigail Miller, Alex Miller, Ariel Miller and Daniel Miller. She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents, a sister, Lois Bacon, and a great granddaughter, KayLynn Miller. Friends called on Sunday, March 8, from 2 to 8 p.m. at the Cover Funeral Home, 297 Tecumseh Street in Dundee. She was in State Monday, March 9, 2009, from 10 a.m. until time of services at 11 a.m. in St. John Lutheran Church in Dundee. Officiating was the Rev. Annette Griffen, interim pastor of the church. Burial was in Marble Park Cemetery in Milan. Memorials may be made to the Rev. Fred Cessler Memorial Fund at St. John or to the Alzheimer's Association. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home. There was a luncheon held in her memory following the services at St. John Parish Hall.

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PEDLAR, SUSAN E.; passed away on March 14, 2009, after a valiant fight with cancer; she was 55 years old. She passed away at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, where she received loving, excellent care. She was born in Ann Arbor, MI, on September 19, 1953, to Alice Miller and the late Glenn Miller. She married Fred Pedlar on August 19, 1987, in Dexter, MI. Loving small-town life and the close proximity to family, she was a life-long resident of her hometown, Dexter, MI. She was the finance secretary for Dexter Community Schools for 23 years and made many strong and lasting friendships while she was there. She raised one son, Nicholas John of Dexter, MI; and leaves behind her mother, Alice Miller; two sisters, Linda (Bruce) Thiel and Cindy (Brian) Montibeller; both of Dexter, MI; three brothers, Robert (Tracey) Miller and Richard (Roxanna) Miller of Dexter, MI, and Randy Miller of Klemmings, CO; and one aunt, Becky (Don) Mshar of Swoyersville, PA; she also leaves behind a large and loving family of in-laws, mother, Audrey Pedlar, and brother, Jack (Carol) Pedlar of Lake City, MI, and Linda (Gary) Snell of Redford Township, MI. Sue also had a very long list of nieces, nephews, and great nieces and nephews that she loved dearly and had a special place for in her heart. Sue surely had a big heart that she willingly shared with those around her. She was a master planner and could always be counted on to organize events with friends and family. Sue loved those around her with such veracity that she would continually go out of her way to do a favor for someone she loved or just to let them know that she cared. Beyond her big heart and caring nature, Sue could always be counted on to stick up for what she felt was right and to tell you exactly what she thought. Her loving directness and simple honesty was embraced and depended on by those around her. Sue loved the change of seasons and looked forward to decorating for each coming holiday. Summertime brought about some of Sue's favorite activities: vacationing at Drummond Island with her family, going on the Bingo Bus with her mother, sipping strawberry daiquiris in Curtis, MI, and antiquing with her husband, son, and mother. She was preceded in death by her father, Glenn Miller, father-in-law, John Pedlar, uncles, Robert LaRosa, Joe LaRosa, Vince LaRosa, and Jack LaRosa, and both her maternal and paternal grandparents. A Funeral will be held in her honor on March 24 at 1 p.m. at Dexter United Methodist Church in Dexter, MI. Cremation has taken place. In lieu of flowers, contributions may go to Dexter United Methodist Youth Ministries (7643 Huron River Drive, Dexter, MI, 48130).

AN EAGLE EYE VIEW

EMU WOMEN'S TENNIS TEAM SET TO OPEN MAC SEASON AT HOME

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YPSILANTI, Mich.— The Eastern Michigan University women's tennis team is set to open its 2009 Mid-American Conference season with two home matches this weekend.

Third-year Head Coach **Ryan Ray's** Eagles are slated to host Buffalo Friday, March 20, followed by a Saturday, March 21, home date against Akron.

Both dual meets are scheduled to start at 1 p.m. and will be played at the Chippewa Racket Club in Ypsilanti.

The Eagles were picked to finish seventh in the Mid-American Conference preseason poll, as announced by the league office, Jan. 16. Miami University was chosen to win the regular-season conference title, edging out four-time regular season defending champions Western Michigan University by one point.

Behind Miami and Western Michigan was Buffalo in third, followed by Toledo, Bowling Green, Akron, Eastern Michigan, Northern Illinois and Ball State.

The Eagles, under the guidance of Coach Ray, return one letterwinner from last year's squad, in senior **Joanna Woo** (Winnipeg, Manitoba-Vincent Massey Collegiate). Six newcomers join the squad, this year, including sophomore **Xu Chang** (Beijing, China-Jinan University) along with freshmen **Karina Ahuja** (New Delhi, India-Modern School), **Georgia de'Lisle-Tarr** (Adelaide, Australia), **Rumbidzai Muskwwe** (Harare, Zimbabwe), **Marcela Rivero** (Santa Cruz, Bolivia-Saint George) and **Miriam Westerink** (Rheden, Netherlands-Thomas a Kempis).

Eastern enters the MAC season with a 2-6 overall record, but three of those losses, at No. 65 Michigan State, at No. 66 Wisconsin and at No. 70 Wichita State, were against nationally ranked teams.

The Eagles have recorded wins over Wright State and Detroit thus far this season.

2009 MAC Women's Tennis Preseason Poll

1. Miami (76)
2. Western Michigan (75)
3. Buffalo (57)
4. Toledo (53)
5. Bowling Green (45)
6. Akron (37)
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Volunteers needed for research studies

By Sheila Pursglove
Special Writer

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In the 1980s UMRC opened the first residential dementia care center in the country to care for residents in a home-like environment. In 2000, UMRC opened Towsley Village at the Chelsea Retirement Community, dedicated to caring for those with Alzheimer's or other forms of dementia.

Providing care is not enough, said John Thorhauer, president and CEO of UMRC. "As an organization committed to senior care, we need to help understand why someone develops Alzheimer's."

Last spring, UMRC teamed with the Michigan Alzheimer's Disease Research Center at the University of Michigan to bring research and resources to Chelsea. UMRC staffers identify residents who may fit the parameters and wish to volunteer for a particular study, and MADRC staff members meet with volunteers, explain the study, answer questions, and work with them.

Dr. Sid Gilman, director of MADRC and member of the UMRC Heritage Foundation Board of Directors, said MADRC is one of only 32 such research centers in the country funded by the National Institutes of Health and has offered numerous workshops at CRC for residents and their families.

Last April, MADRC



Photo courtesy of Lisa French, UMRC

Marie Seddon (left), executive director of the UMRC Heritage Foundation, welcomed staff from the Michigan Alzheimer's Disease Research Center at the University of Michigan who gave a presentation in March at the Chelsea Retirement Community. They are Bruno Giordani, Ph.D., director of the Clinical Core; Aviva Meyers Nathan, B.A., M.P.H., Clinical Research coordinator; and Cassie Starback, LLMSW, Education Core coordinator. Last spring, UMRC teamed with MADRC to bring research and resources to Chelsea.

opened its only mobile clinic at CRC. Currently 10 CRC residents are enrolled in the Home-Based Assessment (HBA) study.

"This is truly a win-win situation for everyone involved," Thorhauer said. "It's a cost-effective way to reach potential study participants, and in health care we're always looking for ways to be cost-effective."

"It provides our residents an opportunity to contribute to society in a meaningful way, by furthering the understandings of science. And, for some participants, it may detect dementia at the very earliest stages, when treatment can be most effective."

About 70 people attended a recent presentation at CRC by staff from MADRC - Bruno Giordani, Ph.D., director of the Clinical Core; Cassie Starback, LLMSW, Education Core coordinator; and Aviva Meyers Nathan, B.A.,

M.P.H., Clinical Research coordinator.

Giordani discussed MADRC studies, in particular the University of Michigan - Memory and Aging Project (UM-MAP), MADRC's largest and longest-running study observational study on memory, aging and dementia. More than 1,000 people have participated over the past 18 years.

Giordani stressed the need for volunteers, and ways for adults 65 and over to participate on the MADRC Research Team. Healthy older adults and those in the earliest stages of memory changes are welcome to participate. Studies do not always involve drug treatments; some involve questionnaires, donating a blood sample, receiving a brain scan, and walking and balance tests.

By the time Alzheimer's symptoms are evident, a lot

of damage has been done to the brain, making early diagnosis crucial, Giordani said. Research is vital in order to understand what occurs in the brain before symptoms appear; develop better diagnostic methods to differentiate between different types of dementia; to determine treatment; and to design research studies that involve more people.

"UMRC is excited for this opportunity to partner with MADRC, to be part of cutting-edge research in Alzheimer's disease, and to provide this service in-house to our residents," Thorhauer said. "We are proud of our history of innovation since 1906. This collaboration should lead to new progress to benefit our future residents and our community."

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Sounds & Sights auditions

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

Now in its fifth season, Sounds & Sights on Thursday Nights has grown from one performer to as many as 12, playing each Thursday night at various outdoor locations around downtown Chelsea. Crowds as large as 1,500 people attended the free concert series each Thursday in 2008. This year's schedule kicks off June 25 and runs every Thursday through Sept. 3.

There are 70 paying spots available on the schedule. Auditions are open to musicians, singer/songwriters, jugglers, magicians, performers, dance troupes, artists, and other street arts performers, and will be judged before a panel of local artists, committee members and merchants. Performers should be prepared to share a 3-5 minute sample performances in front of these judges.

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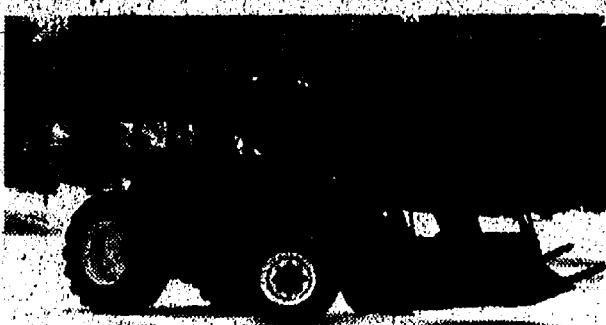
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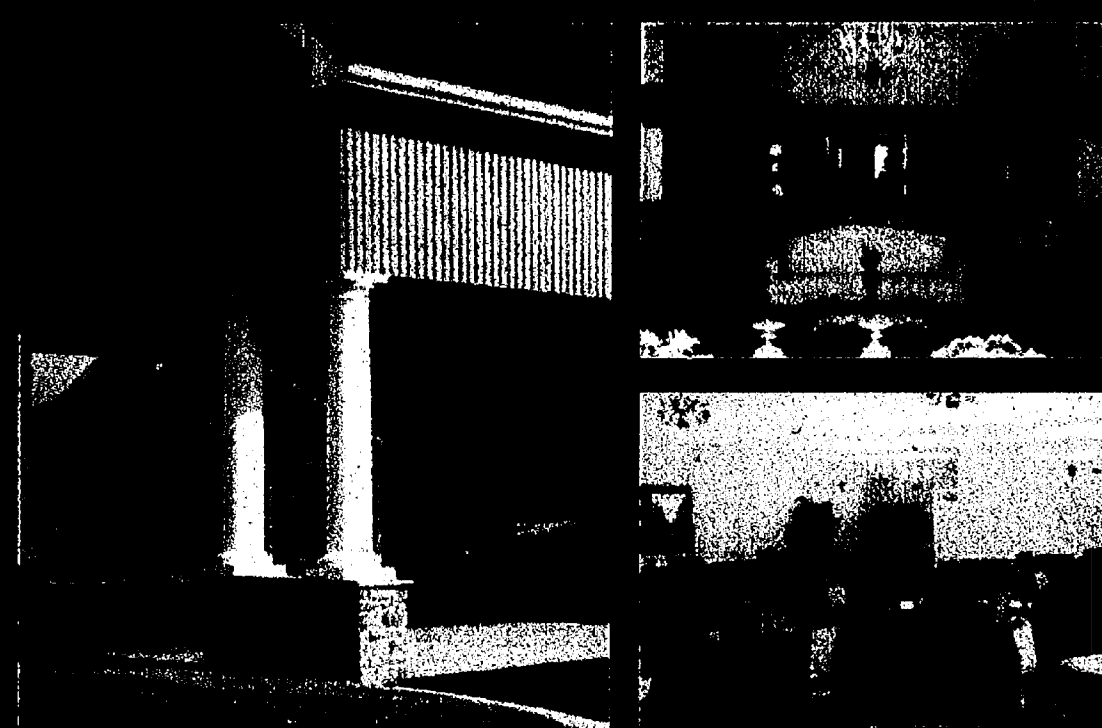
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Michael Bridges (left) and George Baum on stage.

'Lost and Found' to turn up in Chelsea

Musicians Michael Bridges and George Baum know a thing or two about journeys of faith. On their first concert tour as the duo Lost and Found, they traveled from New York to St. Louis, Miami, San Diego, Seattle and back on bicycles. These days they generally take a plane, but Bridges and Baum are still sharing their fun, interactive, high-energy musical style with audiences around the country.

On April 18, Lost and Found comes to St. Paul United Church of Christ, 14800 Old U.S. 12, Chelsea, for a 7 p.m. show. Doors open at 6. "These guys are great," said Diane Jonas Locker, youth ministry leader at St. Paul. "They get it. They

present the gospel message in a way that has energy and life and appeals to young people - and for that matter, people of all ages. Their show is just an experience not to be missed."

Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$11 at the door and \$35 for a family of four. They're available through the Lost and Found link at www.stpaulchelsea.org or by contacting Locker (734-475-5909 or djlocker@comcast.net).

Lost and Found's music has been described as the intersection of the Ramones and John Denver - acoustic instruments played loud and fast, with the occasional ballad. For more information about the band, visit Lost and Found's Web site, www.speedwood.com.

Waterloo launches 2009 schedule

The Waterloo Area Historical Society launched its 2009 season with a full slate of activities and events beginning in May and extending through December. Traditional offerings such as Blacksmiths, Soldiers and Log Cabin Weekend in June, Pioneer Day in October, and Christmas on the Farm in December will expand to include new activities and attractions.

The fun begins even before the public opening on May 29, with a full schedule of Living History Programs for schoolchildren from throughout Southeast Michigan throughout May and into June. The group's May 17 Annual Meeting will recap

the previous year's activities and preview the coming year.

The Waterloo Area Historical Society's Farm Museum will be open to the public for guided tours on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays from 1 to 5 p.m. beginning May 29 through Sept. 6. Costumed guides give tours of the historic 10-room farmhouse and outbuildings on the grounds. Weekends often find the blacksmith toiling away in his workshop, which is reorganized and refurbished thanks to local Eagle Scouts. The Museum's Gift Shop is also open during tour hours.

Blacksmiths, Soldiers, and Log Cabin Weekend, June 27 and 28, will feature

more opportunities than ever for children and adults to enjoy hands-on pioneer experiences. Spend the day in the Civil War Encampment and learn more about the art and craft of blacksmithing. The baker will be busy in the bake house, the blacksmith in his shop, Father in the barn, and Mother in her kitchen. The weekend culminates as

we join Michigan's statewide Log Cabin Day celebration.

Fun on the Farm continues even after the museum closes for the summer season, with the long-running Pioneer Day and Christmas on the Farm and at Dewey School events. Both of these occasions have become mainstays of many families' fall and winter traditions.

Free health screening

Chelsea Community Hospital (CCH), in partnership with Saint Joseph Mercy Health System, is offering a free heart screening to high school and college athletes in the community. The screening will take place Saturday, March 21, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at CCH. The Community Heart Screening for Student Athletes is designed to look for signs of hypertrophic cardiomyopathy (HCM), the leading cause of sudden death in young athletes. The free screening process includes a review of health history, a blood pressure check, and an electrocardiogram or ECG. An appointment is required; please call 734-712-5400 or 800-231-2211, or register online at www.sjmercyhealth.org.

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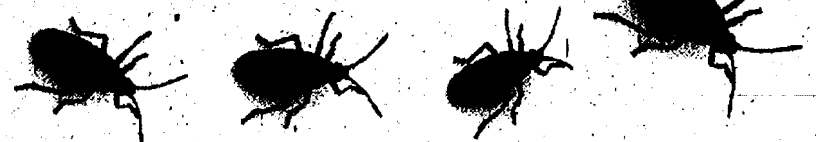
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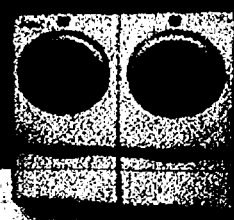
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Students learn leadership from residents of Silver Maples

By Sheila Pursglove
Special Writer

Students in a Beach Middle School Leadership Class gained insight and guidance from residents at Silver Maples of Chelsea.

"The students are amazed by their memories, and by how much our world has changed. The students also appreciate the residents' willingness to listen when they discuss topics of the day," teacher Kathryn McCalla said.

"I think the students truly appreciate that these residents have been leaders in their own lives. They've done fascinating things and been around the world, and they couldn't have accomplished so much had they not been hardworking and visionary individuals."

The generations have so much to learn from each other, said Shawn Personke, director of activities at Silver Maples.

"For Silver Maples residents, it's a look into the modern life of teenagers. For the Beach students, it's living history. They get a chance to hear about history from a first person perspective, whether it's how World War Two impacted the country's social consciousness or everyday life as a 1940s American teen," she said.

"I think it's a great partnership."

Silver Maples resident Herb Taggart, a retired middle school teacher from Ann Arbor, served as a mentor in the project.

"It's a particular pleasure for me because these are the kids I worked with for 42 years. I enjoy contact with them," he said. "Eighth-graders are my favorite. They're so interesting and complex."

"The kids have been great — they were so interested in what I had to tell them about the old days. To rub up against our experiences and our lives — as we have lived them — is good."

The class enjoyed hearing stories, student Taylor Cooley said. Kelsey Brinklow said the class enjoyed the fun stories and Jessie Fox said it's good to hear firsthand stories from people who lived through historical events.

"When we talked about history, they told us they remembered the exact spots where they were when things happened," Zach Ousley said.

Laurel Hall said she learned how much things have changed over the years. "We've come so far," she said. "They've been through a lot so they're teaching us what they've learned."

And in a sign of the times, Grace Sauers enjoyed hearing how low the price of gas was decades ago.

The 9-week elective leadership class has multiple levels, McCalla said. In addition to reading about leadership, students see it in action by hosting an array of guest speakers who are leaders in the local commu-



Kathryn McCalla's Beach Middle School Leadership Class visited Silver Maples and enjoyed a pizza buffet and pop lunch. Mentors Lois deLeon, Joe Easley and Herb Taggart, pictured in the back row, far right, have been meeting with the class to talk about leadership and share personal histories.

nity — including Howdy Holmes of Chelsea Milling, Andrew Ingall of Chelsea Community Schools, Joy Barrett of the Chelsea United Methodist Church, Mayor Ann Feeney, and City Manager John Hanifan.

Students take their turn at the leadership helm by raising funds through car washes, rock-a-thons, and change challenges. The current recipient is Ele's Place, an organization providing respite for grieving children and their families.

Finally, the class organizes and advertises fun, com-

munity-building activities at Beach, including spirit days and dances.

"Students come to realize one need not have a formal title in order to be a leader and that helping someone else reach his or her full potential is worth more than making demands or issuing orders," McCalla said.

"They also realize it's a lot of work, but it's also very gratifying."

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A dinner to support Chelsea Girl Scouts' annual Fall Camping Trip will be from 5 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, March 25 at the Big Boy, 497 Zeeb Road in Ann Arbor. Bring your family and friends to dinner during this time. Chelsea Girl Scouts will be working alongside Big Boy employees, helping to take orders, serve food, clean tables and to keep the customers happy. In return, the Chelsea Girl Scout Service Unit will receive all of the tips and a percentage of the proceeds made during that time. This money will be used to reduce the cost of the fall camping trip for 2009 for all the Chelsea Girl Scouts and to eliminate the fee for camp for those Girl Scouts in need. For more information or to make a donation, contact mosiers_2000@yahoo.com.

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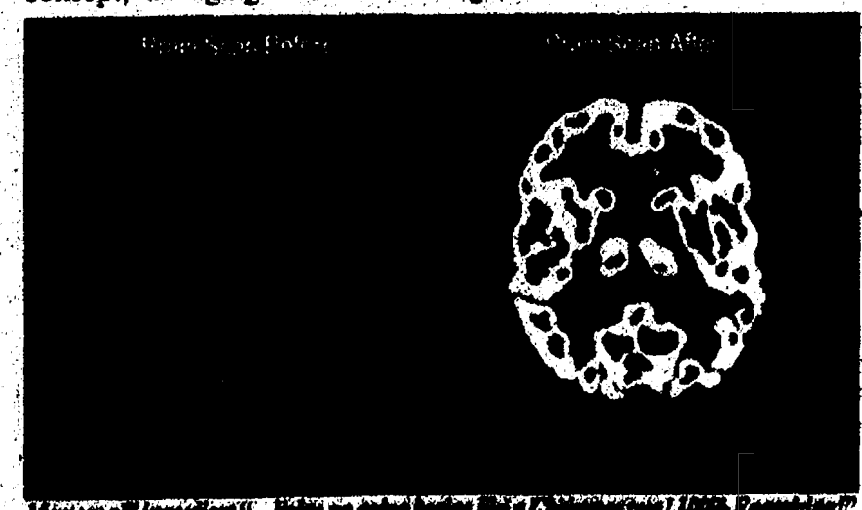
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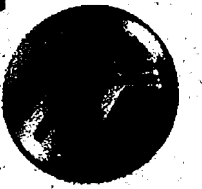
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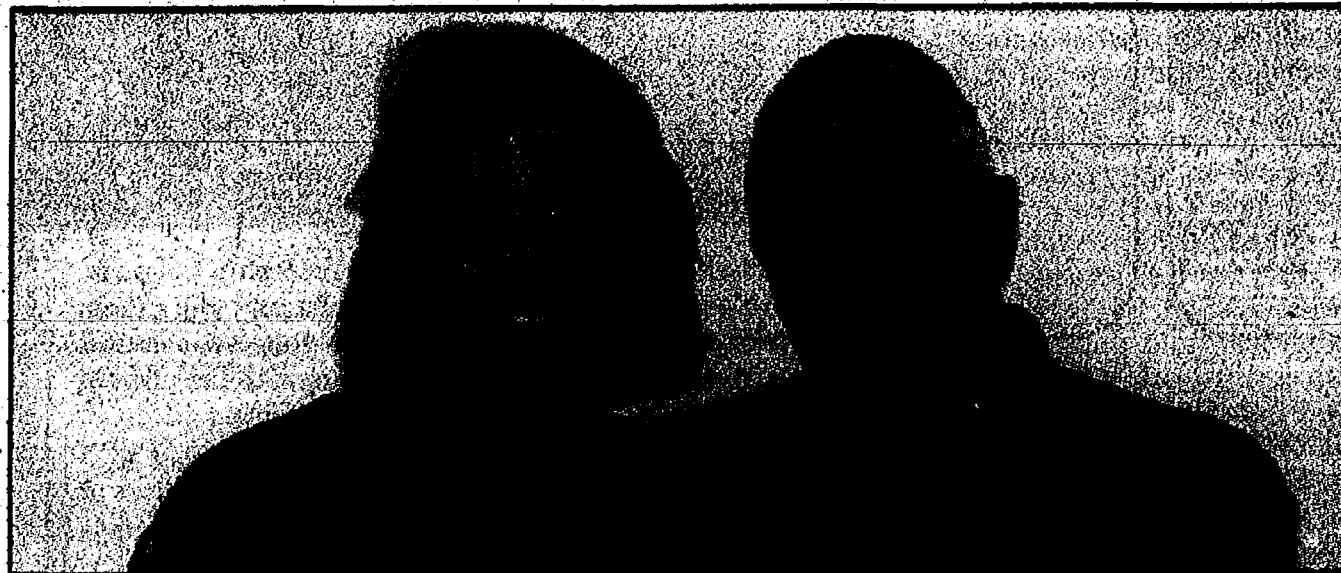


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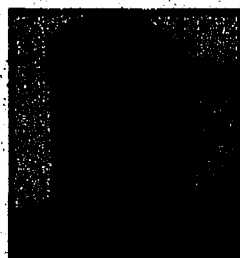
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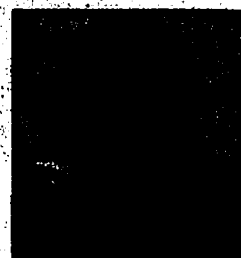
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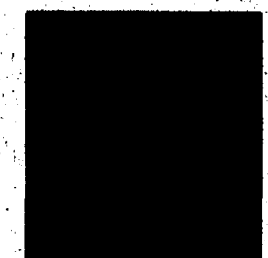
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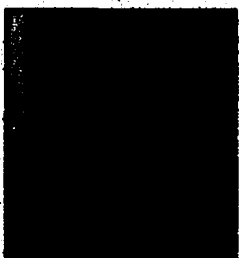
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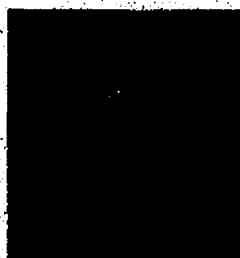
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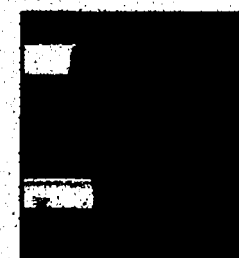
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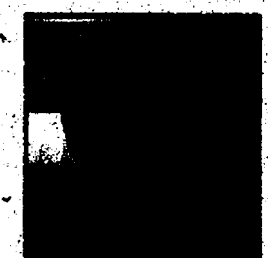
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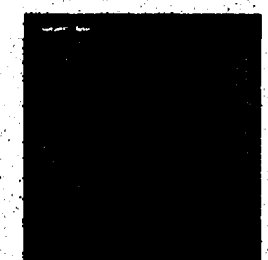
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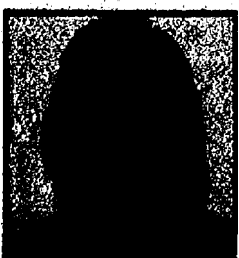
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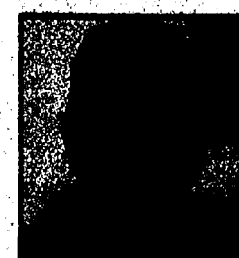
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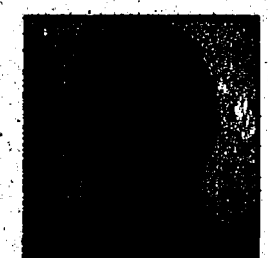
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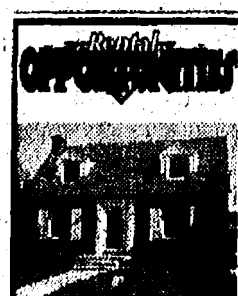
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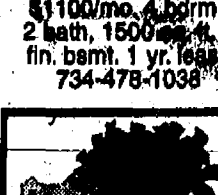
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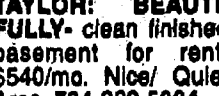
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Chelsea's boys' swimming and diving competed in the Division 3 state meet last weekend at Oakland University in Rochester. The Bulldogs finished 21st overall in the state.

Boys' Swimming

Chelsea 21st at state

By Don Richter
Sports Editor

Chelsea's boys' swimming and diving team finished 21st at last weekend's Division 3 state meet at Oakland University in Rochester.

The Bulldogs ended up with 33 points. "It was an awesome finish to the season," said Chelsea coach Dave Jolly.

Winning the Division 3 state title was Hamilton with 247 points.

Rounding out the top five were Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood with 242 points, followed by Grand Rapids Christian with 198 points, Bloomfield Hills Lahser with 186 points and East Grand Rapids with 171 points.

Locally, Tecumseh was 11th with 72 points.

This year's final was one of the fastest in history with every event, except the 100 breaststroke, setting a state record.

In the 200 medley relay, the Chelsea four-some of senior Todd Kruse, senior Nick Dyerly, senior Ryan Wrathall and junior Viren Rana placed 26th in a season-best 1:47.68.

Bulldog senior Dominic Conybeare finished 13th in the 200 individual medley with a career best 2:05.89.

"Dominic really had a career meet this weekend," Jolly said. "He trained hard all season and learned what it takes to be amongst the elite swimmers in the state."

Also in the 200 individual medley, Chelsea junior Jonathon Skidmore was 25th in a career best 2:11.21.

In the 50 freestyle, junior Evan Phillips touched 30th in 23.34 for the Bulldogs.

In the one-meter diving competition, junior Michael Heydlauff finished 12th in the state with 334.75 points, while sophomore Colby Wrathall was 27th for Chelsea.

"Michael had an off weekend plain and simple," said Chelsea dive coach Eric Burris. "At this level you have to bring your best. This is the fourth meet in three weeks where he had to be the best with each dive and it didn't happen today. We learn from it

and concentrate on next year. He had a great junior season but the way this ended leaves a bitter sweet taste. He is disappointed but has already begun to work on a plan of training for next year. Michael is a hard worker and will be stronger both mentally and physically next year to make a run at a top four placing in the state."

Burris said he was pleased with Wrathall's season.

"Colby was a little disappointed in the result at state but he had a great year," he said. "He gained some valuable experience as a sophomore."

Prior to the state meet, Heydlauff finished first at the regional meet March 10 in DeWitt, posting a score of 400.30 points. Wrathall was fifth with 318.20 points.

Back in the lanes, Conybeare was 27th in the 100 freestyle with a career best time of 50.74, while Phillips was 33rd in 51.05 and Dyerly 40th in a career best 51.38.

The Bulldog group of senior Matt Bach, Dyerly, Conybeare and Phillips finished 10th in the 200 freestyle relay in a season best 1:31.42.

Kruse placed 15th in the state in the 100 backstroke with a clocking of 58.78.

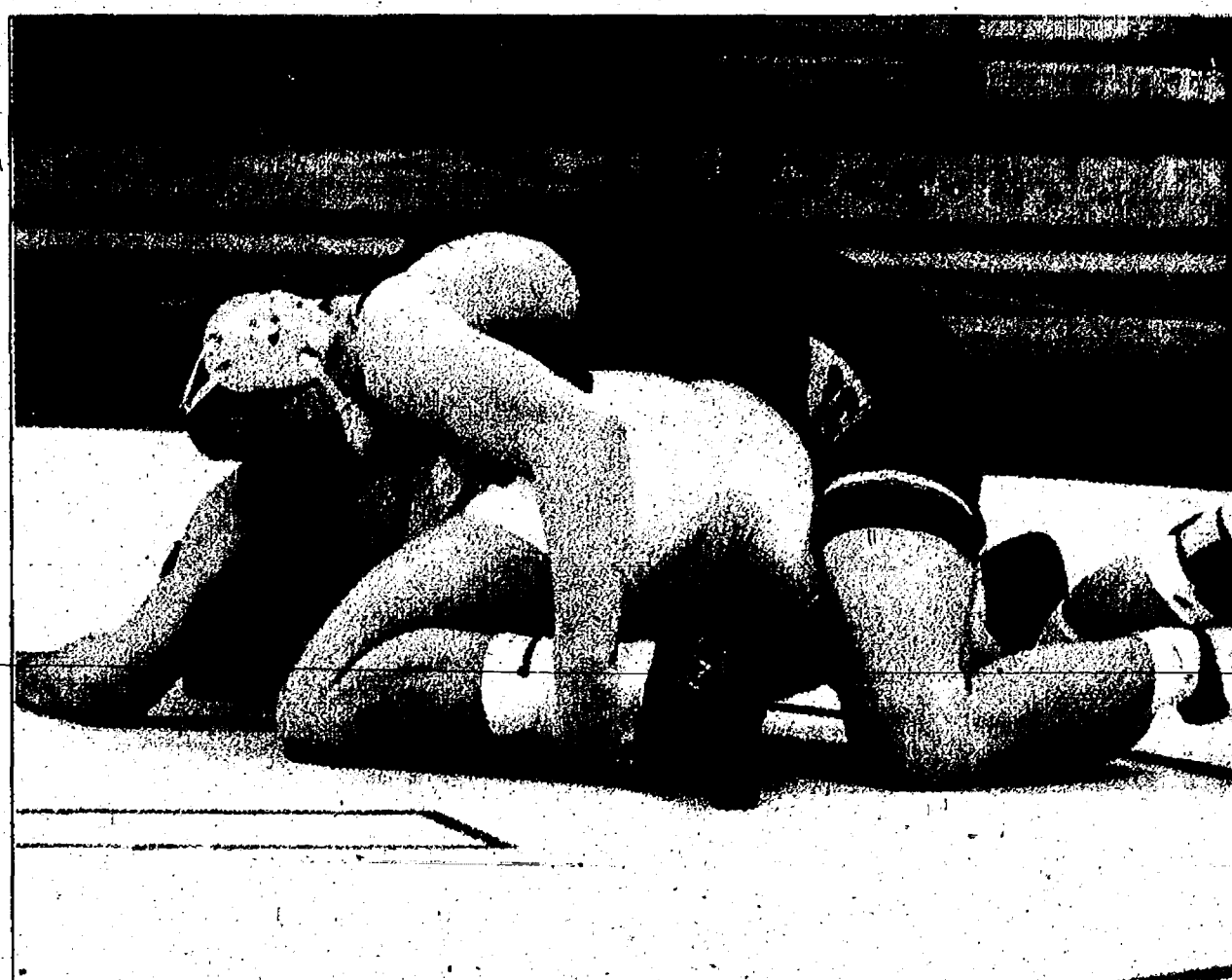
In the 400 freestyle relay, Chelsea's Dyerly, Phillips, Conybeare and Kruse finished 13th with a career best 3:23.86.

"Dyerly led off the relay with a great split," Jolly said. "Phillips was second to hit the water, followed by Conybeare. Kruse was the anchor and swam a career best time to end his career."

Jolly said it was an enjoyable season this year.

"Chelsea graduates some very nice young men this season who have led the team to four very exciting years," he said. "It will be hard to replace their commitment and desire to succeed. What is nice is that they have taught their younger friends the meaning of hard work and commitment, and more importantly, they have taught them the honor of great sportsmanship."

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Chelsea junior Dakota Cooley finished third at 140 pounds in last weekend's Division 2 state meet at The Palace of Auburn Hills.

Wrestling

Dawgs compete in finals

By Don Richter
Sports Editor

Chelsea wrestling represented itself well at last weekend's Division 2 state final at The Palace of Auburn Hills.

The Bulldogs sent three grapplers to the state meet, with each battled hard against the best Michigan has to offer.

Junior Dakota Cooley (57-6) led Chelsea finishing third in the state at 140 pounds. Last year, he placed fifth in the state in the 135-pound weight class.

To begin the tournament, Cooley defeated Warren Woods Tower junior John Popham (32-15) on a 17-1 technical fall. In his second round bout, Cooley beat Clio senior Chad Lanctot (53-8) 2-1.

In the state semifinals, Cooley lost to eventual runner-up Stevensville Lakeshore junior Tyler Humes (53-4) 2-1.

In the 140 final Mason senior Craig Elfert (51-1) defeated Humes 9-4.

"Dakota did an outstanding job," said Chelsea coach Kerry Kargel. "He's a three-time state qualifier and two-time state placer."

In the consolation bracket, Cooley defeated Melvindale senior Ryan Steckroth (36-10) by a 10-2 major decision. Steckroth would eventually finish sixth in the state.

In the third-fourth place match-up, Cooley defeated Ferndale junior Ryan Watts (46-6) 4-0.

At 125, Chelsea senior Glen Cobb (51-10) ended up 1-2 for the tournament.

In his opening match, Cobb lost 2-1 to Berkley senior Matt Lueder (36-12).



Chelsea senior Glen Cobb ended up 1-2 overall at 125 pounds in last weekend's state meet.

In the consolation bracket, Cobb defeated Gaylord sophomore Drew Pichan (39-15) 3-1. In his third bout, Cobb lost 4-3 to Riverview senior Justin Walls (59-2). Walls eventually placed seventh in the state.

"Glen had a phenomenal season," Kargel said. "I wish I could have him back one more year. He did a great job."

In the 125 state final, Middleville-Thornapple Kellogg senior Kyle Dalton (43-3) defeated Hastings senior Matt Watson (32-6) 4-2.

At 189, Bulldog junior Travis Ostrowski (34-11) lost his first round match 8-4 to Greenville senior Justin

Drobish (50-7). In the consolation bracket, Ostrowski lost 11-7 to Lapeer East senior Matt DePuy (54-9).

"Travis had a terrific year," Kargel said. "He began the season wrestling in JV tournaments. Making it to state and getting in the top 16 is quite an honor. Most kids freeze up at state, but he came out with a lot of determination and fire."

In the 189 state championship match, Fowlerville senior Dillon Kern (60-2) defeated New Boston Huron senior Andrew Banas (50-5) 4-2.

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Girls' Basketball

Chelsea cagers fall in regional semifinals



Photo courtesy of Burrill Strong

Chelsea freshman Samantha French drives to the basket against Detroit Community in last week's Class B state regional semifinal.

By Don Richter
Sports Editor

Chelsea's girls' basketball team lost to state-ranked Detroit Community 75-29 March 10 in a Class B state regional semifinal at New Boston Huron.

"Community's size and pressure hurt us in the full court," said Chelsea coach Todd Blomquist. "Offensively and defensively in the half court we played well, but when they picked up the tempo and turned the game into a full court game, they caused us many problems."

To begin the game, the Bulldogs (13-11) trailed 20-11 after one quarter.

In the second quarter,

Community outscored Chelsea 22-7 taking a 42-18 lead into halftime.

In the third quarter, the Bulldogs were outscored 20-8 entering the fourth frame down 62-28.

To close out the contest, Detroit outscored Chelsea 13-3 for the night's final margin.

Individually for the Bulldogs, senior Krystin Schwarze led the attack with 10 points, including two 3-pointers, three rebounds, three assists and one steal.

Senior Erin Benjamin added five points, three assists and one rebound, while senior Zoe Suffety had five points and three

boards and senior Megan Dunn four points, one rebound, one assist and one steal for Chelsea.

Freshman Mackenzie Cole had three points and three rebounds, while sophomore Rachel Cooperrider had two points, two rebounds and one assist.

Sophomore Amber Stebelton had three rebounds, while freshman Samantha French had three rebounds and two steals for the Bulldogs.

For the game, Chelsea finished 9-of-40 from the floor for 23 percent, while Detroit was 32-of-56 for 57 percent.

At the foul line, the

Bulldogs ended up 9-of-11 for 82 percent, while Community was 10-of-23 for 44 percent.

Chelsea was out-rebounded 35-19, including 13-5 on the offensive boards.

The Bulldogs committed 28 turnovers, compared to Detroit's 13.

Community recorded 21 steals, as opposed to Chelsea's five.

Detroit, which featured All-State center Nya Jordan (6-foot), posted nine blocked shots during the contest.

Community scored 62 of its 75 points in the paint.

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Chelsea runners gather together after conquering the Switchbacks.

Runners conquer the switchbacks

By Don Richter
Sports Editor

Over 30 runners braved the 11-degree temperatures, the 12 inches of snow and the difficult footing to complete the arduous switchback run last month.

Teddy Eyster (24:30) and Athena Eyster (31:07) defended their titles to finish first in the male and female divisions, respectively.

"Descriptions cannot sufficiently explain how difficult the conditions were," said Chelsea cross country and track and field coach Eric Swager. "A foot of loose, jelly-like snow added to the climbing difficulty. Runners even found the flat parts very energy draining and disheartening."

Swager, founder and organizer of the unique competition, which includes running up and down steep hills and along narrow paths lined with trees and bushes, said it takes a special athlete to complete the event.

"Basically, it was a great

day for masochists," he said.

Those that finished the race received an "I am Mike Holik" T-shirt. Holik is a local runner known as the "King of the Switchbacks."

Others completing the run in the male division included Mark Kerr (41:00), Ian Girard (26:13), Mark Smith (29:46), Sean Owsley (39:50), William Schach (29:32), Dave Testa (36:50), Jason Eyster (45:50), Jared Gentz (26:16), Mark Ott (28:50), Bryce Bradley (30:41), Spencer Cone (32:20), Brooks Cone (48:42), Mark Drallette (42:30), Andy Jerue (38:30), Bob Jazwinski (47:15), Rob Wilke (39:21), Swager (27:47) and Holik (26:53).

Women finishing the run included Judy Gentz (46:50), Jen Backus (36:01), Jessica Battaglia (39:20), Danielle Dahl (36:38), Katie Jazwinski (47:36), Lauren LaFontaine (47:35), Emily Pap (35:18), Katie Taylor (47:16), Alice Gauvin (34:08), Courtney Maher (39:37), Codie Barron (42:31) and Pat Barron (40:20).

Columnist prefers simple ways

I've been a fan of a national outdoor television show called "The Best and Worst of Ted Barta." Ted holds many World Records including catching massive Tuna on light tackle, to shooting record size animals with his Longbow.

Ted tells his audience he does things his way — not the easy way.

For all of his accomplishments, and there are many, I hate the guy half of the time. Ted is obnoxious, stubborn and overtly condescending to most people. Heck, half the time I'm watching him through my fingers with my hands to my face.

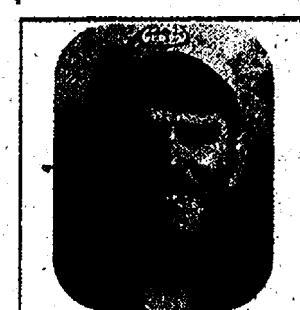
That being said, I saw him stalk a grizzly bear on foot in British Columbia and then shoot and kill it with a longbow at 10 yards. My jaw still hits the floor every time I think of that feat. Just imagine the gut check Ted must make to shoot under pressure knowing that his life depends on a fantastic shot. There are no sights, carbon arrows or releases to speak of. Rather, Ted's equipment consists of a bow made of wood, a string and a wooden arrow. Now that's hunting in its purest form.

Sadly, most hunters (including myself sometimes) don't have the time, or choose not to have the time, to shoot a longbow or recurve bow. Let's face it, it's easier to shoot a compound bow or a firearm than a longbow or recurve. Compound bow hunters often say it takes too much practice to shoot well with traditional equipment.

Unfortunately, hunters are no different than most people. We want things the easy way and the quickest way. In other words, taking the time to practice with a longbow or recurve is just too much work-right?

Well, I have some food for thought here. Shooting a longbow or recurve is no different than throwing a

TAYLOR MADE ADVENTURES



RICK TAYLOR

baseball, football or Frisbee to your child or teammate. You don't need a sight to throw a ball to your child yet, with some practice, you probably do it well. I don't even think about throwing the ball to my son, I just perform. That ability to simply perform is called muscle memory. An experienced driver stays in their lane without noticing their hands making adjustments is another example of muscle memory.

I've discussed the art of shooting archery and I perform demonstrations at "Camp for Kids" at Cedar Lake during the summer. This is a program funded through Michigan United Conservation Clubs (MUCC). The kids range in age from 10 to 15 years old and live throughout the state of Michigan.

I usually get many questions during the demonstration phase of my show. I'm always asked two things. First, how fast is my bow? Second, what was the longest distance that I shot a deer at?

These kids believe that a fast bow and a long shot is the deciding factor as to how good of a hunter you are. Some kid will say their dad or uncle shot a deer at 50 yards with their compound bow. I congratulate them for their success-



Columnist Rick Taylor likes to keep things simple when bow hunting.

es. But then I pose this question to the kids: It's one thing to shoot a deer at 50 yards, but do you (or anyone else) have the skills to shoot a deer at five yards without being detected?

"Wow, I never thought of that" is the usual response I get. I've even had some kids tell me it's not possible. I explain to them that it is because I've done it on more than one occasion!

So, what's my point with this article before you? The

answer is simple. Did you miss it? I already gave you the answer — it is SIMPLE.

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| White Division | W-L |
| Mark JV Lounge | 244-141 |
| Chelsea Lanes | 202.5-182.5 |
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| Cleary's Pub | 184.5-200.5 |

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| Chel Greenhouse | 174.5-210.5 |
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Published March 18, 2009

TOWNSHIP OF LYNDON NOTICE OF BUDGET 'PUBLIC HEARING

THE LYNDON TOWNSHIP BOARD WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009-2010 AT LYNDON TOWNSHIP HALL, 17751 N. TERRITORIAL ROAD, CHELSEA, MI 48118

MONDAY, MARCH 23, 2009
AT 7:00 P.M.

1. THE PROPERTY TAX MILLAGE RATE PROPOSED TO BE LEVIED TO SUPPORT THE PROPOSED BUDGET WILL BE A SUBJECT OF THIS HEARING.
2. 2009/2010 PROPOSED BUDGET FOR LYNDON TOWNSHIP
3. OTHER ITEMS AS DEEMED NECESSARY.

A copy of the budget is available for public inspection at the office of the Clerk at Lyndon Township, 17751 N. Territorial Road, Chelsea, MI 48118. Phone 734-475-2401.

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A copy of this notice is on file in the office of the clerk.

Linda Reilly
Lyndon Township Clerk

Published Thursday, March 18, 2009

CITY OF CHELSEA CDBG Public Hearing

The City of Chelsea will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, March 24, 2009 at 7:00pm in the Boardroom of the Washington Street Education Center, 500 Washington Street, Chelsea, Michigan. This public hearing is to present the job creation results of the Community Development Block Grant (MSC 203043-EDIG) for the 2004 Downtown Infrastructure Improvements Project.

Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the City Clerk at the Chelsea City Office, 305 S. Main St., Suite 100, Chelsea, MI 48118 or telephone 734-475-1771 no later than five (5) business days prior to the date of the hearing.

Teresa Royal
City Clerk

Published March 19, 2009

NOTICE

DEXTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING NOTICE

Tuesday, March 24, 2009
AT 7:00 P.M.

AT DEXTER TOWNSHIP HALL
6880 DEXTER-PINCKNEY RD.
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AGENDA
Meeting Canceled

Published March 19, 2009

Pursuant to Michigan Public Act 110 of 2006, as amended, notice is hereby given that the Dexter Village Planning Commission will hold a public hearing at 7:30 p.m., Monday, April 6, 2009 at the Dexter Senior Center, 7720 Ann Arbor Street, Dexter, Michigan, for the purpose of hearing public comment regarding the following:

The Village of Dexter Planning Commission's review of the 2009-2014 Capital Improvements Plan (CIP). The CIP is a program that projects and coordinates public expenditures for improvements to the transportation and utility systems, municipal facilities, and other improvements over a five-year period.

Information regarding the plan is available for public inspection at the Village Offices, 8123 Main Street, Dexter, weekdays between 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. or by phone at (734) 426-8303 Ext. 15. Written comments regarding this plan should be submitted to the Village Clerk, and must be received no later than 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 31, 2009. Sign language interpreter, or other assistance, is provided upon request to the Clerk, at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting. Minutes of all meetings are available at Village Hall or at www.villageofdexter.org

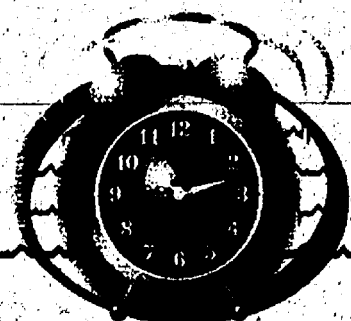
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Youth sports

Chelsea starts hip-hop dance team

By Nicole Winkle
Special Writer

When it comes to entertaining the crowd, Chelsea coach Marti Williams will do almost anything to come up with a new act.

This year, she wanted to try something new and exciting. She came up with the idea to have a competitive hip-hop dance team for kids in Chelsea and the surrounding communities. She hopes this will take off and grow every year.

Williams, who was hired in 2001 to coach the Chelsea High School cheerleading team, has put a lot of time and effort into rebuilding the program and recruiting new kids each year to perform new skills and routines.

Besides coaching at CHS, she also has coached at Michigan Xtreme Cheer

since 2002. She has had the opportunity to gain plenty of experience coaching both cheer and dance.

Williams decided to start the dance team off with a short season. The kids have been practicing one day a week for 10 weeks to perfect their dance and will compete at nationals at Detroit's Cobo Hall in March.

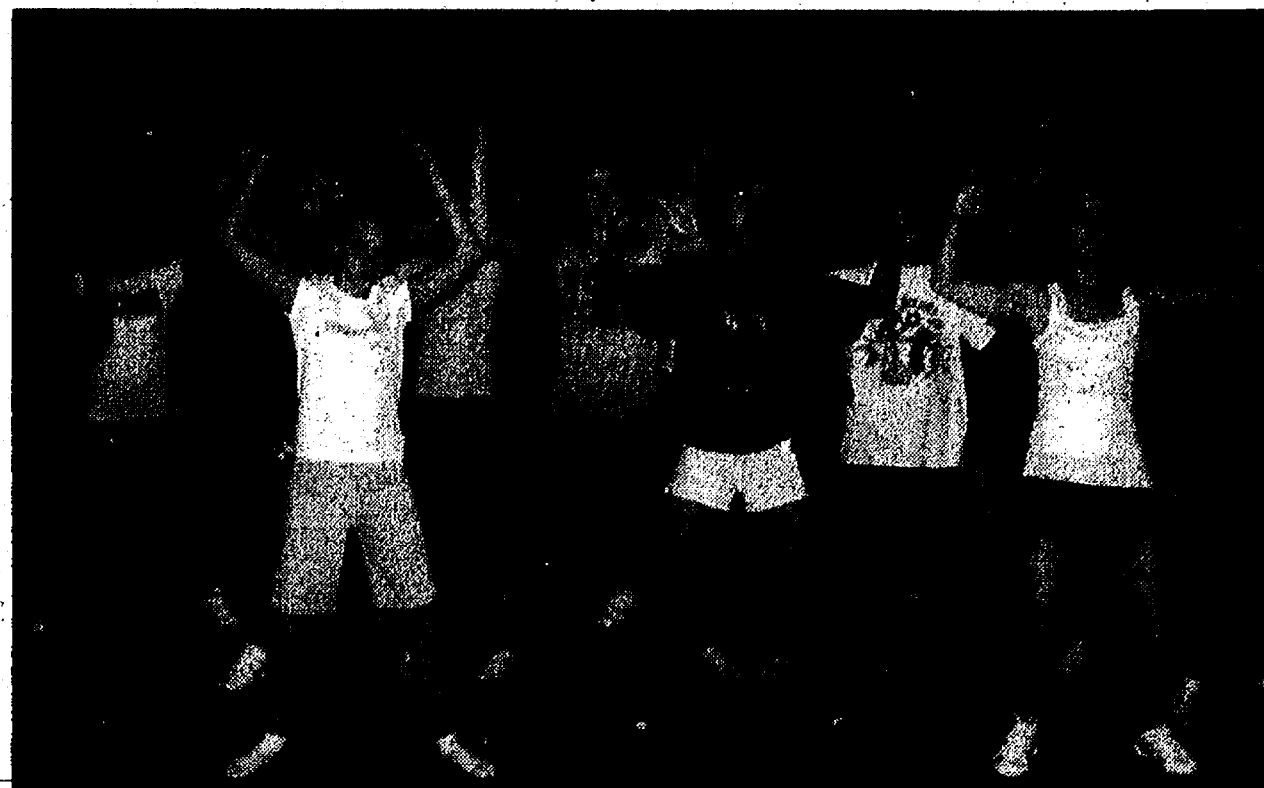
The program is offered through Chelsea Recreation and consists of kids from Chelsea, Dexter, Saline and Grass Lake. The youth team has 12 kids, ages 6 through 12, while the senior team has eight kids, ages 13 through 19.

"I am so excited to be bringing a competitive dance team to the area," Williams said. "The main objective is to allow the kids to do something they love, have fun and be able to com-

pete against other kids doing the same thing.

"I love keeping kids involved and active. It gives them something to work for, something to be a part of, and most importantly, something to think twice about. I love investing in kids, because it gets them investing in themselves and when that happens, great things happen, not just in cheer or dance, but in every aspect of their lives."

For more information about joining the competitive hip-hop dance team next year, e-mail Williams at chelseadanceteam@yahoo.com. To learn more about the competition at Cobo Hall in March, visit [www.greatlakespirit.com](http://www.greatlakesspirit.com).



Chelsea offers a youth and senior hip-hop dance team.

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(so long as they don't see or smell you first).

I've made a challenge for myself this year. I just checked my spring turkey drawing and I got the first season for 2009. I'm going to do this turkey hunt the Tred Barta way. Turkey hunters are probably laughing at me right now because they know how difficult it is to harvest a turkey with a shotgun let alone a longbow. That's right, I'm using my longbow and nothing else.

Furthermore, I'm going to video my hunt for the

record just to prove it. I'm going to start shooting and I've already ordered new wooden arrows for this adventure. Yes, it's an adventure if you allow your goals to be focused on the journey rather than the outcome.

I don't expect anyone to do it my way, but I do hope you get out there and try it your way, whatever that may be.

This article is dedicated to my friend Jack Riley who passed away on Saturday night.

Any comments or story ideas? Contact Rick Taylor at (734) 223-5656 cell or by email rtaylor@reinhartreal-tors.com

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MEDIUM #55

ORDINANCE NO. 162

AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT AND APPROVE AN AMENDMENT TO THE TAX INCREMENT FINANCING AND DEVELOPMENT PLAN OF THE CITY OF CHELSEA DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ACT 197, PUBLIC ACTS OF MICHIGAN OF 1975, AS AMENDED.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ordinance No. 162 of the then Village Council of the then Village of Chelsea, County of Washtenaw, State of Michigan, predecessor to the City of Chelsea (the "City"), adopted on December 27, 1987, the then Village Council, predecessor to the City Council of the City, approved the Tax Increment Financing and Development Plan (the "Original Plan") of the current City of Chelsea Downtown Development Authority (the "Authority"); and

WHEREAS, certain amendments to the Original Plan were approved in 1990, 2000 and 2008; and

WHEREAS, the Original Plan, as amended by the 1990, 2000 and 2008 amendments (hereinafter referred to as the "Plan"), is on file with the City Clerk; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of Act 197, Public Acts of Michigan, 1975, as amended ("Act 197"), the Authority has prepared and recommended for approval additional amendments to the Plan entitled "Amendment to Tax Increment Financing and Development Plan" which amendments have been presented to the City Council and are on file with the City Clerk (the "2009 Amendment"); and

WHEREAS, on February 24, 2009, the City Council held a public hearing on the 2009 Amendment pursuant to Act 197; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has given the taxing jurisdictions in which the Development Area of the Authority is located an opportunity to meet with the City Council and to express their views and recommendations regarding the 2009 Amendment, as required by Act 197; and

WHEREAS, after consideration of the 2009 Amendment, the City Council has determined to approve the 2009 Amendment to the Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF CHELSEA ORDAINS:

- Findings.**
 - The Plan, as amended by the 2009 Amendment, meets the requirements set forth in Act 197.
 - The proposed method of financing the development is feasible and the Authority has the ability to arrange the financing.
 - The development is reasonable and necessary to carry out the purposes of Act 197.
 - The land included within the Development Area to be acquired, if any, is reasonably necessary to carry out the purposes of Act 197 and the Plan, as amended by the 2009 Amendment, in an efficient and economically satisfactory manner.
 - The Plan, as amended by the 2009 Amendment, is in reasonable accord with the master plan of the City.
 - Public services, such as fire and police protection and utilities, are or will be adequate to service the Development Area.
 - Changes in zoning, streets, street levels, intersections, and utilities, to the extent required by the 2009 Amendment, are reasonably necessary for the Plan, as amended by the 2009 Amendment, and for the City.
- Public Purpose.** The City Council hereby determines that the Plan, as amended by the 2009 Amendment, constitutes a public purpose.
- Best Interest of the Public.** The City Council hereby determines that it is in the best interests of the public to proceed with the 2009 Amendment to the Plan in order to halt property value deterioration, to increase property tax valuation, to eliminate the causes of the deterioration in property values, and to promote growth in the Development Area.
- Approval and Adoption of 2009 Amendment.** The 2009 Amendment are hereby approved and adopted. A copy of the Plan and the 2009 Amendment shall be maintained on file in the City Clerk's office.
- Conflict and Severability.** All ordinances, resolutions and orders or parts thereof in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are to the extent of such conflict hereby repealed, and each section of this Ordinance and each subdivision of any section hereof is hereby declared to be independent, and the finding or holding of any section or subdivision hereof to be invalid or void shall not be deemed or held to affect the validity of any other section or subdivision of this Ordinance.
- Paragraph Headings.** The paragraph headings in this Ordinance are furnished for convenience of reference only and shall not be considered to be a part of this Ordinance.
- Publication and Recordation.** This Ordinance shall be published in full promptly after its adoption in the *Chelsea Standard*, a newspaper of general circulation in the City qualified under State law to publish legal notices, and shall be recorded in the Ordinance Book of the City, which recording shall be authenticated by the signature of the Mayor and the City Clerk.
- Effective Date.** The Ordinance is hereby determined by the City Council to be immediately necessary for the interests of the City and shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication as required by law.

Passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Chelsea, County of Washtenaw, State of Michigan, on March 10, 2009.

AYES: Members: Lindauer, Holmberg, Martinez-Kratz, Anderson and Mayor Feeney.

ABSENT: Members: Hammer and Albertson

NAYS: Members: None.

We hereby certify that the above Ordinance was duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Chelsea on the 10th day of March, 2009.

Ann E. Feeney, Mayor
Teresa Royal, City Clerk

Published March 19, 2009

Synopsis of the CITY OF CHELSEA REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING Tuesday, February 24, 2009 Washington Street Education Center

Call to Order

Present: Council Members Present: Feeney, Albertson, Lindauer, Martinez-Kratz, Anderson, Holmberg, City Manager John Hanifan, and Clerk Royal
Absent: Hammer
Others Present: Nancy Anderson, Mark Ouimet, John Elliot, Jim Drolett, Kim Garland, Perry Shang, Mark Carpenter, Lisa Allmendinger, John (Skip) Bushart

Mayor Feeney called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Presentations

- Journeyman certificate to Mark Carpenter
- Perry Shang Recognition

Approval Of Consent Agenda

MOVED Anderson SECONDED Lindauer to approve minutes, bills, and Heart and Soul Run. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Approval of Regular Agenda

MOVED Holmberg SECONDED Albertson to approve the regular agenda, as presented. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Public Comments

John (Skip) Bushart addressed Council regarding the memorial that he had spoken to Council about at the January 13, 2009 Council Meeting. Much discussion ensued. There was concern about having two identical monuments at Vet's Park.

Trisha Collingsworth addressed Council regarding the memorial.

City Manager Hanifan will meet with Mr. Bushart and will bring the information back to Council on March 10th for their approval.

Public Hearing

Mayor Feeney opened the Public Hearing at 7:30 p.m.

- Amendment to the Tax Increment Financing and Development Plan for the DDA
- First reading of Ordinance No. 162 DDA Amendment to Development and Tax Increment Finance Plan. No one wished to speak during the public hearing. Mayor Feeney closed the public hearing at 7:33 p.m. MOVED Albertson SECONDED Holmberg to accept the first reading of Ordinance No 162 and to have a second reading at the March 10, 2009 City Council Meeting. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Council Business

- Resolution RE: Local Governing Body Resolution for Charitable Gaming License (Youth Dance Theater of Michigan)

MOVED Lindauer SECONDED Martinez-Kratz to approve the Resolution for Charitable Gaming Licenses for the Chelsea Youth Theater. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

MOVED Lindauer SECONDED Martinez-Kratz to amend the motion to approve the Resolution for Charitable Gaming License for the Youth Theater of Michigan. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

2. Purchase of Garbage Bags

MOVED Lindauer SECONDED Holmberg to accept the bid for 75,000 orange refuse bags from Resourceful Bag & Tag, Inc. in the amount not to exceed \$15,000.00 for the City. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

3. Council Support of Sculpture Walk Grant Application

MOVED Albertson SECONDED Holmberg to approve the submission of the Sculpture Walk Min-grant Application. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

4. WWTP Interest Payment

MOVED Lindauer SECONDED Albertson to amend the 2008-09 budget line item 590-548-992-002 to include approximately \$10,000 bond interest payment. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

5. 401/457 Plan Loan Provisions

MOVED Martinez-Kratz SECONDED Lindauer to approve the Resolution 108078 Police 401 allowing employees to take loans against their 401 contributions. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

MOVED Martinez-Kratz SECONDED Albertson to approve the Resolution 108079 Non-Union 401 allowing employees to take loans against their 401 contributions. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

MOVED Martinez-Kratz SECONDED Anderson to approve the Resolution 109897 Teamster's 401 allowing employees to take loans against their 401 contributions. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

MOVED Martinez-Kratz SECONDED Lindauer to approve the Resolution for Plan # 303118 to allow employees to take loans against their 457 contributions. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Traffic Control Orders

MOVED Albertson SECONDED Lindauer to approve Traffic Control Orders 09-01, 09-02 and 09-03 as presented. Five (5) Ayes, One (1) Nay (Anderson). Motion Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED Albertson SECONDED Lindauer to adjourn at 8:45p.m. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

APPROVED: February 24, 2009

Ann E. Feeney, Mayor
Teresa Royal, City Clerk

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DEXTER VILLAGE COUNCIL SYNOPSIS OF ACTION TAKEN AT THE REGULAR MEETING MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2009

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 by President Keough in the Dexter Senior Center located at 7720 Dexter Ann Arbor Rd. in Dexter, Michigan.

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion Smith; support Semifero to approve the regular Council minutes of February 9, 2009 with the following correction: 1-3 - Village Manager Report should state that National City and PNC are interested in keeping the Village's banking business.

Unanimous voice vote for approval

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion Tell; support Smith to approve the agenda with the following additions: J-4 Consideration of: Street Closing on March 3 by Innocent Productions, L-7

Discussion of: Mill Creek Park Funding

Unanimous voice vote for approval

CONSENT AGENDA

Consideration of: Bills and Payroll in the amount of \$153,240.75

Consideration of: Approval of 2009 Dexter Ann Arbor Run on Sunday, May 31

Consideration of: Appointment of Tom Rosenbaum to the Arts, Culture & Heritage Committee

Consideration of: Closing of Fourth Street from Dover to Edison on March 3, 2009 by Innocent Productions for movie filming

Motion Fisher; support Smith to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Unanimous voice vote for approval

OLD BUSINESS-Consideration and Discussion of:

Consideration of: Preliminary Engineering Services Agreement - Norfolk Southern Railway Company

Motion Cousins; support Smith to postpone for further clarification of Agreement for Preliminary Engineering Services between the Village of Dexter and Norfolk Southern Railway Company.

Ayes: Cousins, Fisher, Smith, Semifero, Tell, Carson and Keough

Nays: None

Motion carries

NEW BUSINESS-Consideration of and Discussion of:

Motion Smith; support Cousins to authorize GM and Sone to complete the Ryan Drive Traffic Calming Improvements in an amount not to exceed \$24,501.00 and to authorize a \$10,000.00 budget amendment.

Ayes: Smith, Semifero, Tell, Carson, Fisher, Cousins and Keough

Nays: None

Motion carries

Motion Semifero; support Carson to adopt the 2009 Village of Dexter Parks and Recreation

Master Plan, dated February 17, 2009.

Ayes: Semifero, Tell, Fisher, Carson, Cousins, Smith and Keough

Nays: None

Motion carries

Motion Tell; support Smith per section 23.05, Criteria for Amendment to Official Zoning Map and the Planning Commission recommendation, the Village Council has determined that the conditions upon which the Master Plan was developed (such as market factors, demographics, infrastructure, traffic and environmental issues) have changed significantly since the Master Plan was adopted and has considered recent development trends in the area and therefore denies rezoning parcels HD-08-06-427-001, HD-08-06-427-002 and HD-08-06-155-001 from I-1 to C-1 at this time.

Ayes: Tell, Carson, Cousins, Smith, Fisher and Keough

Nays: Semifero

Motion carries

Motion Cousins; support Semifero to allow the Village Manager to enter into a purchase agreement with the Forest Lawn Cemetery for the vacant land formerly part of the Mill Pond and adjacent to the Forest Lawn Cemetery in the amount of \$12,000.00 per said agreement.

Ayes: Carson, Cousins, Fisher, Smith, Semifero, Tell and Keough

Nays: None

Motion carries

ADJOURNMENT

Motion Tell; support Smith to adjourn at 10:51. Unanimous voice vote for approval

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

Approved for Filing: March 9, 2009

The minutes in their entirety may be viewed at the Village Office at 8123 Main Street, Dexter MI or online at www.villageofdexter.org.

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Join Jeff Daniels on Broadway

Night in NYC includes dinner and show with Chelsea actor

Jeff Daniels and event host Peter Heydon invite you to a once-in-a-lifetime Broadway weekend that will be limited to 22 guests, April 24, 25, 26.



Jeff Daniels

Guests will dine with Daniels at a private after theatre party hosted by Jean Claude Baker (son of the famed Josephine Baker), stay in the luxury of the legendary Plaza Hotel, attend a cocktail reception at one of Manhattan's most exclusive private clubs, and more.

As the highlight of the weekend, guests will have orchestra seats for "God of Carnage," a fierce, funny satire by Tony Award winner, Yasmina Reza, starring Daniels, James Gandolfini ("The Sopranos"), Marcia Gay Harden ("Pollock") and Hope Davis ("American Splendor").

"It's a wonderful mix of comedy and tragedy," said Daniels. "It's universal."

Opportunities to see "God of Carnage" will be few. Its Broadway run is limited to a mere five months when its stars will move on to film commitments. We have all been to theatre — Broadway through summer stock — but it's a very rare thing to see one of the most talked about plays of the season and then discuss its ins and outs with one of its stars. This weekend is a voyage of discovery that will offer new insights, fresh perspectives, and timeless memories to even the most seasoned theatergoers.

The cost of the weekend at the Plaza is \$1,800 per guest based on double occupancy. Single occupancy requires a \$500 supplement. For those who wish to make their own hotel reservations, the cost of the weekend is \$1,200 per guest. In all cases, the weekend's cost includes a tax-deductible contribution to the Purple Rose.

Daniels founded the Purple Rose Theatre to develop new plays that provide "a voice from the heartland" and enrich America's theatrical repertoire. The Rose offers a creative home to gifted playwrights, actors, directors, designers, and technicians; provides a training ground for young people; and opens the world of theatre to a diverse audience.

Your support of this benefit weekend will help the Rose continue to do what it does best — entertain audiences; develop new plays; provide educational opportunities not available elsewhere; and serve a theatre community we all share.

Reserve your place today for an adventure you'll never forget! For reservations or more information, contact the Rose at (734) 433-7782, or email info@purplerosetheatre.org. All proceeds from this event will benefit the Purple Rose.

Chelsea Reads Together: Meet grocers, bee keepers

When buying groceries, do you ever wonder how far a head of lettuce traveled? Are any of the meats or dairy products from local farms? Is it a dangerous job to keep bees? Come to the Chelsea District Library for an exciting week of programs wrapping up this year's Chelsea Reads Together "Think Globally...Eat Locally" program.

Catch the last demonstration in the Top Chef series with Chef Craig Common, executive chef and owner of the Common Grill. He will reveal one of the fresh, original American dishes he is famous for. This program is for all ages and will be held in McKune. No registration is required, drop-in if you would like to attend.

On Monday, March 23, come meet a real beekeeper and learn about the exciting—and sometimes dangerous—world of beekeeping. Learn what people need to read to become beekeepers and what they read that helps them in their daily jobs. And watch a display hive of live bees (safely behind glass—no stings!) and see how they move around a hive.

"I Need to Read" is a program that finds out why famous or interesting people need to read to succeed in their chosen careers. The program is for ages 6 to adult and registration is required. Call 734-475-8732 to sign-up for this program.

Come to McKune on Wednesday, March 25 and ask local food retailers where their asparagus, bananas or any other food comes from. This is your opportunity to learn about the produce, meat, and dairy products for sale at stores that you may frequent every day.

"The library is excited to provide a forum where our community can discuss these questions with the grocers in our area," says Peg Greisberger, adult services librarian at the Chelsea District Library. "Local experts including Francisca Fernandez of New Chelsea Market, Mike Smith from Polly's Country Market, Kevin Sharp from the People's Food Co-op and Adam Mitchell of Whole Foods will answer your questions about the food sold at their stores."

Each of these food retailers offers products important to consumers. Mike Score, panel moderator and MSU Washtenaw County extension educator, says that because the population of southeastern Michigan is large and diverse, our business marketplace is large and diverse.

"We should look at the businesses we buy from," he said. "We shouldn't just lock in on one retailer, but explore the marketplace. Businesses do a good job changing in response to consumer needs."

No registration is required for this program. Drop-in if you would like to attend.

Chelsea Area Calendar

Chelsea

Purple Rose
The Purple Rose Theatre Company's production of "A Streetcar Named Desire," by Tennessee Williams will enjoy a nine-week engagement that runs through Saturday. Regular performances for the duration of the engagement are Wednesdays through Saturdays at 8 p.m. with Wednesday and Saturday matinees at 3 p.m. and Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. All performances will be at The Purple Rose Theatre Co., 137 Park Street in Chelsea. For tickets, call (734) 433-7673 or email tickets@purplerosetheatre.org.

Chelsea area music events
March 24: 9-12 grade Orchestra Concert 7:30 p.m. at CHS
March 26: Jazz Concert, 7:30 p.m. at CHS
April 18: CHO (Chelsea House Orchestra) Hometown Concert at WSEC, 7 p.m., \$10 tickets
April 25: Mardi Gras Band Fundraiser at Beach Middle School from 6:30-9 p.m. Tickets are \$5.
April 29: Concerto Concert, 7:30 p.m. at the CHS

Chelsea District Library
For more information, call 475-8732.
Tomorrow: READ to Library Dogs; 3:30-5 p.m.; KidSpot; Registration. Improve your reading skills by reading books to our friendly service dogs. Sign up for a 10 minute slot; for readers 6 and up. Boomer the Sheltie visits in March and May 15; Leo the Lab visits April 17.
Saturday: Chelsea Reads Together: Top Chef Series. Chef Craig Common of the Common Grill; 2-3:30 p.m.; McKune; Drop-in. Common will reveal one of the fresh, original

American dishes he is famous for. For all ages.

March 22: Basics of Digital Scrapbooking (two-part workshop); Part 1 - March 22 from 2-4:30 p.m. followed by Part 2 - April 19 from 2-4:30 p.m.; Learning Lab. Registration required. Part 1 - May 3 from 2-4:30 p.m. followed by Part 2 - May 31 from 2-4:30 p.m.; Learning Lab. Registration required. Learn how to transform digital images into photo books. You will learn the basics of organizing, storing, enhancing and sharing your images.

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

Tomorrow - Detroit Institute of Art trip 8:30 a.m.; Bingo 9 a.m.; Quilting 10 a.m.; Little Dresses for Africa celebration lunch noon; Euchre 12:30 p.m.; Wii Fun and Wii Fit 1 p.m.; Wood Carving 1 p.m.

Saturday - Lunch for area Vets and families at Chelsea Depot noon

Monday - Bingo 9 a.m.; Painting Class with Steve Wood 9:30 a.m.; Chair Exercise 10:30 a.m.; Hand & Foot 12:30 p.m.; Painting Class with Steve Wood 1 p.m.; Dominoes 1 p.m.

Tuesday - Crafts 10 a.m.; Poker 12:30 p.m.; Euchre 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday - Bridge Class 10 a.m.; Fit and Fun Exercise 10:30 a.m.; Square Dancing 12:30 p.m.; Pinochle 12:30 p.m.; Bowling at Chelsea Lanes 1 p.m.

Thursday, Mar. 26 - Stained Glass Class 10 a.m.; Computer Club 10 a.m.; Chelsea Area Bridge 12:15 p.m.; Knit and Crochet 12:30 p.m.; Chelsea Reads Container Gardening by Wendy Cole 1.

Chelsea Center for the Arts

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

Area

The Adrian Senior Activity Center is currently taking reservations for their Craft and Garage Sale on Saturday, April 11, from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m.

The Senior Center is located inside the Plotter Recreation Center at 327 Erie St. behind St. Mary's Catholic Church. Eight foot tables are available for \$10 each or two for \$15. You do not need to be a senior to participate as a crafter, vendor or shopper. The sale will include a food concession, bake sale, door prizes and a special raffle on the day of the sale. Call the Adrian Senior Center at 263-3585 to reserve your space now.

The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation recently donated \$355 million to Rotary International's PolioPlus program, with the challenge that Rotary raise \$200 million of matching funds. To help reach this goal, the eight Washtenaw County Rotary Clubs are sponsoring a benefit concert on April 24. Three Men and a Tenor will be performing at 7:30 p.m. at Skyline High.

This highly talented, energetic and entertaining Michigan-based quartet has performed more than 1,000 concerts internationally over the past 17 years. Skyline is located at 2552 N. Maple Rd. Tickets are \$50 (\$25 tax-deductible) for preferred seating and \$30 for general admission; they can be obtained at 734-661-0528 or rotarytickets@comcast.net.

Pretty in pink

Youth Group Leader Jon Ellegood of the Chelsea First United Methodist Church recently challenged the youth to a goal of \$2,000 for World Vision during 30 Hour Famine. Jon said he would get a special kind of hair cut if they reached their goal. "So this is what happens when you challenge a group of middle and high school students to raise \$2,000 for World Vision," he said. "They raise \$3,500 and give you a pink mohawk for a week. This is going to be a fun week."

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| Thursday | Thu. night | Friday | Saturday | Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday |
|------------|------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| | | | | | | | |
| 42° to 48° | 20° to 26° | 41° to 47° 19° to 25° | 47° to 53° 26° to 32° | 51° to 57° 31° to 37° | 54° to 60° 38° to 44° | 56° to 62° 36° to 42° | 53° to 59° 28° to 34° |

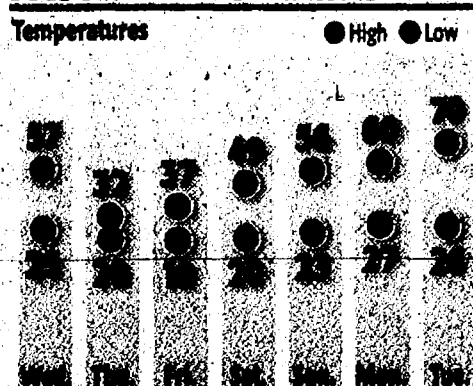
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Statistics for the week ending Tuesday, March 17

Temperatures:
Highest for the week: 70°/70°
Normal high/low: 44°/26°
Average temperatures: 57.2°
Normal average temperature: 35.3°

Precipitation:
Total for the week: 0.18"
Total for the month: 3.08"
Total for the year: 3.52"
Normal for the month: 1.42"
Normal for the year: 5.70"

PAST WEEK'S TEMPS

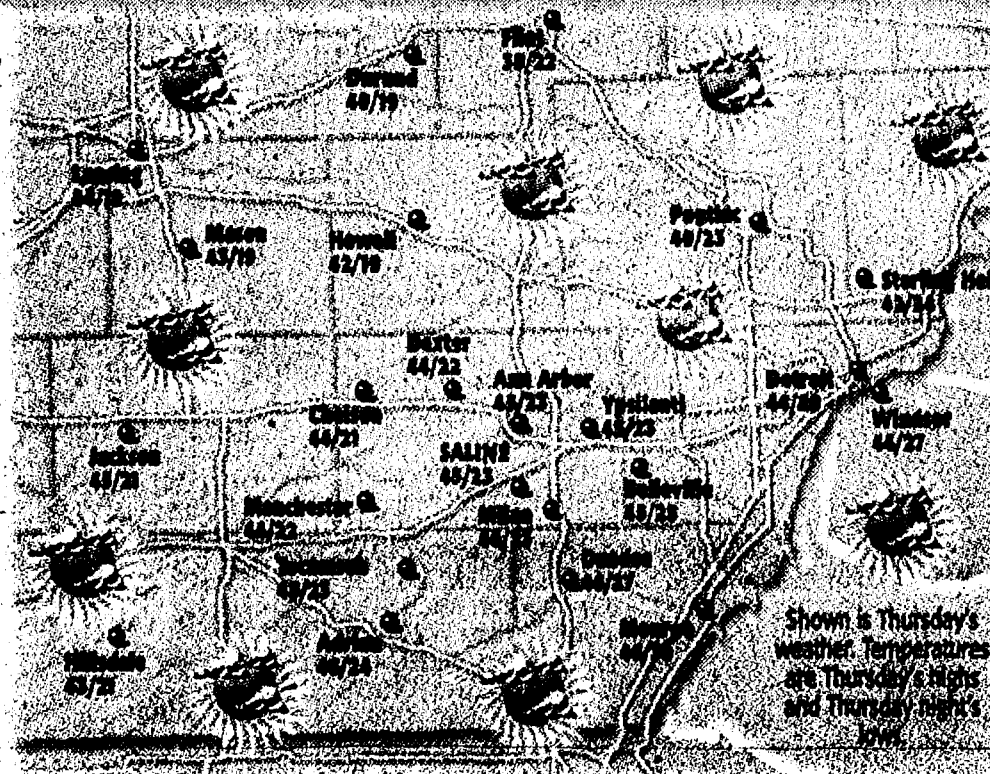


THIS WEEK'S CONDITIONS

Weekly UV Index and RealFeel Temperature®

| Day | UV Index | RealFeel Temp |
|-----|----------|---------------|
| Mon | 4 | 41 |
| Tue | 5 | 51 |
| Wed | 5 | 51 |
| Thu | 5 | 53 |
| Fri | 5 | 53 |
| Sat | 5 | 51 |
| Sun | 4 | 55 |

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SUN AND MOON

| The Sun | Rise | Set |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Thursday | 7:40 a.m. | 7:48 p.m. |
| Friday | 7:38 a.m. | 7:47 p.m. |
| Saturday | 7:37 a.m. | 7:46 p.m. |
| Sunday | 7:35 a.m. | 7:50 p.m. |
| Monday | 7:33 a.m. | 7:59 p.m. |
| Tuesday | 7:32 a.m. | 7:52 p.m. |
| Wednesday | 7:30 a.m. | 7:53 p.m. |

| The Moon | Rise | Set |
|-----------|-----------|------------|
| Thursday | 3:57 a.m. | 12:48 p.m. |
| Friday | 4:36 a.m. | 1:47 p.m. |
| Saturday | 5:09 a.m. | 2:50 p.m. |
| Sunday | 5:37 a.m. | 3:54 p.m. |
| Monday | 6:01 a.m. | 4:59 p.m. |
| Tuesday | 6:23 a.m. | 6:05 p.m. |
| Wednesday | 6:45 a.m. | 7:12 p.m. |

RIVER LEVELS

As of 7 a.m. Tuesday

| River | Stage | Current |
|------------------|-------|---------|
| Ecree Creek | 2.2 | 2.2 |
| Dearborn Heights | 2.2 | 2.2 |
| Huron River | 16.9 | 16.9 |
| Maletts Creek | 1.0 | 1.0 |
| Mill Creek | 12.0 | 12.0 |
| River Raisin | 1.0 | 1.0 |
| Manichaw | 1.0 | 1.0 |

LAKE LEVELS

| Lake | Normal | Current |
|----------------|-----------|-----------|
| Lake Erie | 560.11 ft | 572.24 ft |
| Lake St. Clair | 575 ft | 574.53 ft |

REGIONAL CITIES

| City | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|--------------|----------|----------|----------|
| Ann Arbor | 45/23/pc | 44/22/pc | 50/29/s |
| Dearborn | 44/20/pc | 44/22/pc | 51/31/s |
| Bay City | 40/20/pc | 42/24/pc | 47/30/pc |
| Detroit | 44/20/pc | 45/24/pc | 54/31/s |
| Flint | 38/22/pc | 45/24/pc | 54/31/s |
| Grand Rapids | 43/20/pc | 45/24/pc | 54/31/s |
| Kalamazoo | 46/26/pc | 47/28/pc | 55/36/pc |
| Lansing | 44/20/pc | 47/28/pc | 52/32/s |
| Livonia | 44/24/pc | 45/28/pc | 51/32/s |

| City | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---------|----------|----------|----------|
| Midland | 41/21/pc | 45/24/pc | 48/30/pc |
| Monroe | 41/21/pc | 45/24/pc | 48/30/pc |
| Pontiac | 40/23/pc | 42/25/pc | 51/33/s |
| Saginaw | 40/20/pc | 42/24/pc | 47/30/pc |
| Sturgis | 46/23/pc | 47/31/pc | 53/38/pc |
| Troy | 43/27/pc | 43/27/pc | 51/31/s |
| Warren | 43/27/pc | 43/27/pc | 51/31/s |

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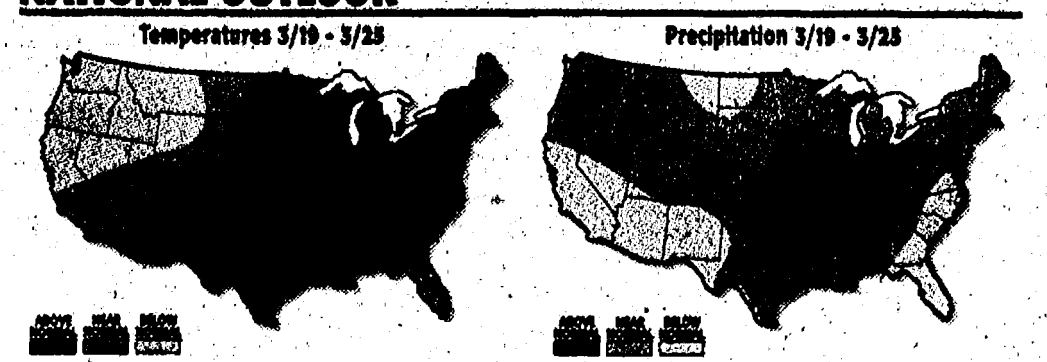
| City | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|--------------|----------|----------|----------|
| Athens | 51/33/pc | 50/41/pc | 51/32/s |
| Berlin | 41/25/pc | 37/26/pc | 41/34/c |
| Buenos Aires | 51/64/pc | 56/88/pc | 61/84/s |
| Cairo | 77/59/c | 71/51/pc | 76/54/s |
| Calgary | 33/23/pc | 43/28/pc | 44/31/s |
| Hong Kong | 82/72/s | 84/72/s | 82/72/pc |
| Johannesburg | 70/56/sh | 68/54/r | 73/53/s |
| London | 57/36/pc | 57/36/pc | 61/37/pc |
| Mexico City | 77/50/pc | 75/45/s | 72/46/s |

| City | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|----------------|----------|----------|----------|
| Moscow | 37/27/pc | 32/27/pc | 32/27/pc |
| Paris | 51/34/pc | 54/32/pc | 61/84/s |
| Rio de Janeiro | 82/72/c | 80/72/c | 79/72/sh |
| Sao Paulo | 83/59/pc | 80/59/pc | 83/59/pc |
| Seoul | 59/41/sh | 64/43/s | 66/50/pc |
| Singapore | 84/78/pc | 84/78/pc | 84/78/pc |
| Sydney | 82/66/s | 84/64/s | 81/64/s |
| Tokyo | 70/59/pc | 63/54/pc | 61/52/pc |
| Warsaw | 34/27/sn | 36/28/c | 39/30/sn |

NATIONAL CITIES

| City | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---------------|----------|----------|----------|
| Atlanta | 74/45/s | 87/47/s | 61/40/c |
| Boston | 52/31/r | 40/27/s | 43/32/s |
| Chicago | 47/24/pc | 48/31/pc | 50/38/pc |
| Cincinnati | 56/31/pc | 52/31/s | 57/39/s |
| Cleveland | 44/24/pc | 47/27/pc | 50/33/s |
| Dallas | 70/50/pc | 71/55/pc | 70/59/pc |
| Denver | 64/37/pc | 70/29/pc | 61/40/pc |
| Honolulu | 80/69/pc | 79/69/pc | 81/67/pc |
| Los Angeles | 74/56/pc | 70/54/pc | 66/52/c |
| Minneapolis | 57/34/pc | 53/35/pc | 52/37/c |
| New York City | 54/34/r | 48/33/s | 49/37/s |
| Philadelphia | 57/34/pc | 46/29/s | 51/34/s |
| Pittsburgh | 49/28/r | 43/26/s | 54/30/s |
| San Francisco | 64/51/pc | 61/49/pc | 60/47/r |
| Washington | 59/36/r | 49/35/s | 53/36/s |

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Raise a glass to state's booming wine country

Michigan's best-kept secret is the state's wine country. More than 60 wineries provide diverse experiences for the first-time taster, wine enthusiast and travel buff.

Attend the concluding, "Think Globally... Eat Locally" event at Chelsea District Library to learn more about this growing agricultural industry. The Chelsea District Library hosts authors Sharon Kegerreis, a Chelsea resident, and Lorri Hathaway at 7 p.m. on March 28. Kegerreis and Hathaway will take guests on a journey through Michigan wine country and discuss their 2008 Michigan Notable Book, "From the Vine: Exploring Michigan Wineries."

"You may be surprised to learn about the wide selection of wines produced in Michigan," Hathaway said. "You'll find favorite varieties like Cabernet, Pinot Noir, Chardonnay and Riesling, as well as not-so-familiar varieties that grow well in Michigan's cool climate."

You may also be surprised to learn that Michigan wines are beating



At a glance

The event: From the Vine: Exploring Michigan Wineries

When: March 28, 7 p.m.

Where: Chelsea District Library

Authors: Sharon Kegerreis, a Chelsea resident, and Lorri Hathaway (top photo).

wines from renowned regions year after year, and, in 2008, achieved more than 800 gold, silver and bronze medals in national and international wine competitions.

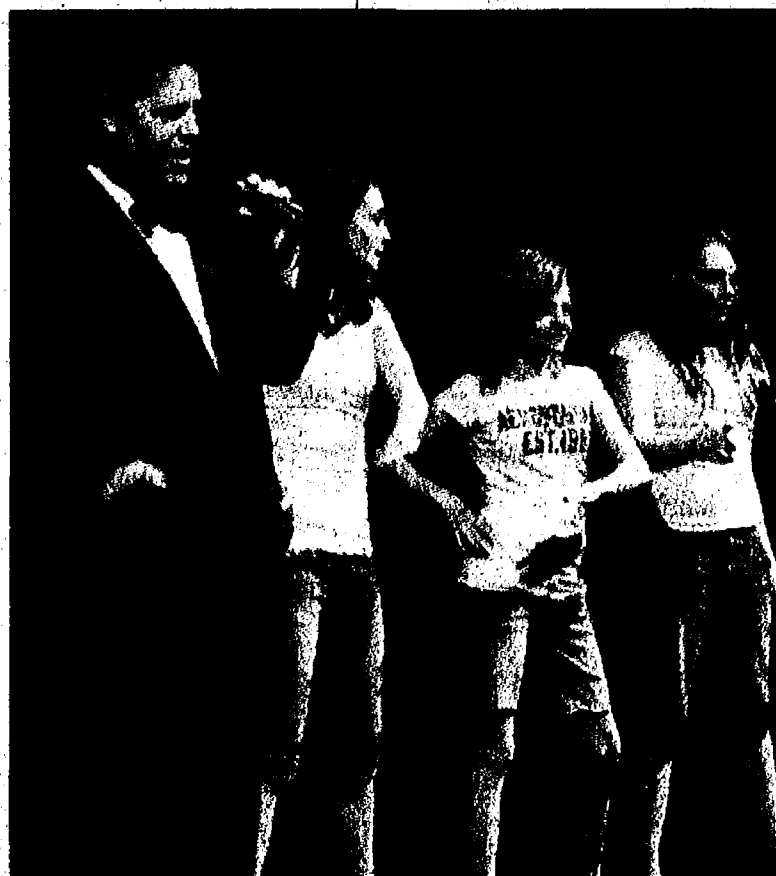
The presentation takes you on a visual journey to meet Michigan's winemakers, discover eclectic tasting room destinations and learn about fun vineyard experiences. Also highlighted are

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We've got talent

Chelsea High School was once again the site for the annual Faculty & Friends Concert on March 6.



Scott Riedel and the C.A.T. Dancers.



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Wingnuts and Deadbolts nail the harmony. TOP PHOTOS: Sundance DiDomenico shows off some impressive moves.

Photos by Burrill Strong



Storyteller Barb Locks has a full house at her feet.



Ken Yenke, curator of the Chelsea Teddy Bear Company's Toy Museum, will be in town on March 28.

Teddy Bear Museum welcomes Ken Yenke

By Sheila Pursglove
Special Writer

Arctophiles — lovers and collectors of teddy bears — will be in their element March 28. Ken Yenke, curator of the Chelsea Teddy Bear Company's Toy Museum, and his wife Brenda, the museum's display creator, will welcome two rare bears to their new home, and also will provide free verbal evaluations of visitor's antique treasures.

The first bear — from England — is one of the rarest Steiff teddy bears. Dating from 1903-1904, it was used as the model for one of the original Steiff history books.

Called a Rod bear, it has iron rods inside the body — clearly visible on an X-ray — that serve as joints for the arms and legs. This design ended in 1905 when new jointing techniques were developed and used. Fewer than 24 Rod bears are known to exist in collec-

At a glance

Who: World-renowned antiques and toy expert Ken Yenke, curator of the Chelsea Teddy Bear Toy Museum, and his wife, Brenda, museum display creator.

What: Introduction of two rare teddy bears; free evaluations of visitors' antique items.

Where: Chelsea Teddy Bear Company's Toy Museum, 400 N. Main Street in Chelsea — in the historic Clocktower complex.

When: Noon to 3 p.m. March 28

Cost: Free
Contact: Call 433-5490, email info@chelseateddybear.com or visit www.chelseateddybear.com.

tions and museums around the world.

Steiff, a German-based plush toy company with the motto "Only the best is good enough for our children,"

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String Quartet features Kristen Pelligrino (left to right), Nathan Peters, Jed Fritzmeier and James Alexander-Bul.



Dr. Dwayne and the Bad Boys from Spain.

Chelsea artist featured at Ripley's

John Schwarz, local Chelsea artist and high school art teacher, was recently given top billing in an international art publication and gets five assemblage sculptural works into the Ripley's Believe It Or Not Museums.



John Schwarz

Last fall's Sculptural Pursuit magazine highlighted Schwarz's recycled assemblage sculptures with a cover shot and a full article inside.

Sculptural Pursuit, a quarterly art magazine that is distributed globally, runs a contest four times a year looking for up and coming artists of all sculptural disciplines. The winners of the contest get a cover shot of their recent work and a full photo layout and article inside.

John's wife Patti, who owns the River Gallery in Chelsea with business partner Deb Greer of Ann Arbor, actually entered his work in the contest.

"My wife really gets the credit for this, because she entered me in the contest, I don't think I would have," Schwarz said. "I

feel very honored to be recognized by Sculptural Pursuit."

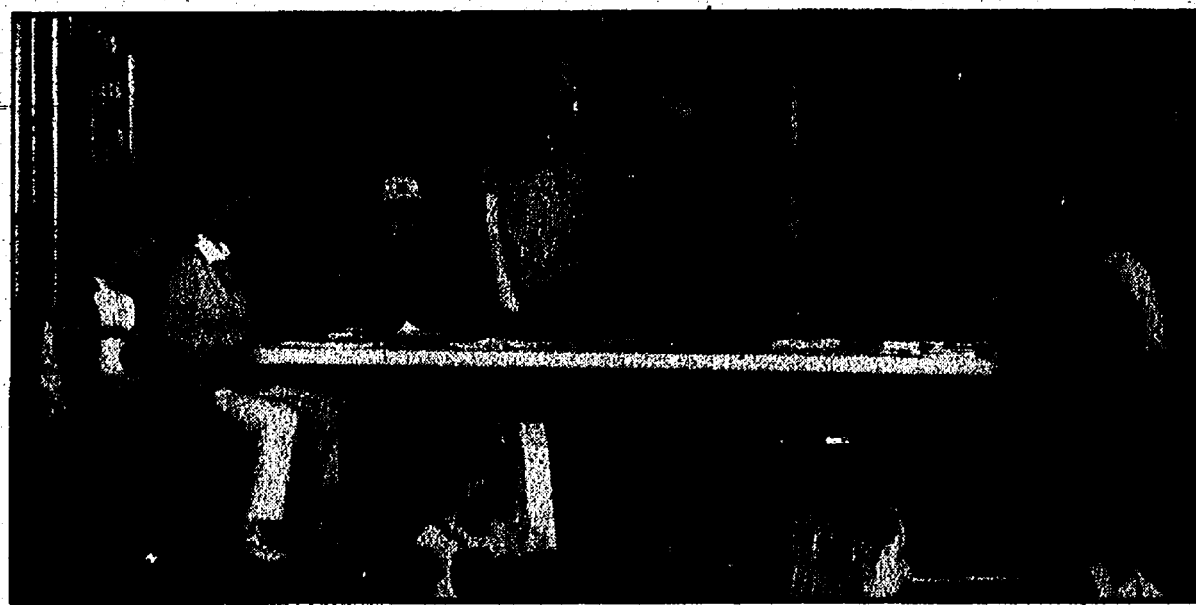
Soon after the release of the Sculptural Pursuit magazine article, Edward Meyer, the vice president of Ripley's Believe It Or Not contacted the gallery. He was interested in acquiring two pieces for the Ripley's Museum in London, and within a week he had purchased five of Schwarz's larger assemblage sculptures. The five sculptures will be installed at five of the 55 Ripley's locations around the world in the coming months.

Schwarz had his first one-man show at the River Gallery last September that almost completely sold out.

Many pieces from the show were sold to local collectors, including the Ross School of Business at the University of Michigan; others went to Florida and Tennessee. His new work has a similar look and whimsy to it that was the common thread throughout his show last fall.

Schwarz is continuously working on new mechanical sculptures that can be found at the River Gallery in Chelsea (www.chelsearivergallery.com).

Showtime: Friday & Saturday



The First Congregational Church presents "Flowers for Maggie" Friday and Saturday. The play is a delightful story about church people and church life in a small town. It includes plenty of humor and human interest, including tragedy and romance. The play, written by the Rev. Barbara Edema, features Amanda Patton, Danny Patton, Carly Meloche, Jack Meloche, Sarah Shrobbree, Evie Morrel-Samuels, Alana Wright, Wesley Wright, Lauren Wright, Chris Gearhart, Trish Gearhart, Jim Menlove, Julie Nelson, Richard Sherburne, Arly Spink and Judy Murphy. The play is open to the public at First Congregational Church of Chelsea on March 20-21 at 7 p.m. There will be a dessert reception following each performance and a free-will offering to support the church's mission trip to New Orleans this summer, July 12-18. The church is located at 121 E. Middle in Chelsea. For more information, call 1-734-475-7958.

WINE

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artisans and such interesting topics as, "Sparkling wine: why can't we call it Champagne?" A book signing immediately follows this lively presentation.

In 2008, nine additional wineries opened in Michigan for a total of 65 wineries. Many more wineries are scheduled to open within the next several years. Last year, Michigan produced 960,000 gallons of wine, achieving a double digit increase in wine production from the year before.

Incidentally, industry growth has remained in the double digits every year for the past 10 years, ranking Michigan in the top 10 states for both wine production and grape growing. Those figures will continue to grow as plans for both vineyard expansion and new winemaking facilities are currently in the works.

Four unique experiences are within an hour drive of Chelsea. First, head to Tecumseh where Pentamere Winery is located in a revived 1880s storefront in the downtown district. Witness the winemaking in process as you peer over a railing into the cellar as you sip wines crafted from grapes from the Great Lakes region.

Next, travel to Cherry Creek Cellars' charming brick Old Schoolhouse, circa 1870, in rolling Irish Hills. Enigma is the winery's Cabernet Sauvignon showpiece.

In Grass Lake, Lone Oak Vineyard Estate is a quick stop off I-94. Note the unique growing style of Vintner Kip Barber, who insists growing vines close to the ground ensures vines are never exposed to temperatures 10 degrees below zero.

Sandhill Crane Vineyards on the east side of Jackson is situated in a lovely vineyard surrounded by farmland. You are likely to meet several of the Moffatt family mem-

bers who run the tasting room, and possibly Vintner Holly Balansag, who is carving a creative niche as one of only a handful of female winemakers in the state.

"All of our wines are made from fresh ingredients, and none of the ingredients come from further away than two hours," said Heather Price, director for Sandhill Crane Vineyards.

The winery is currently working on a limited-release wine that will benefit the Washtenaw Land Trust. The Land Trust has a mandate to conserve lands in the area of the Waterloo Recreation Area. The winery is on the western edge of this area.

According to Price, on March 19, the Washtenaw Land Trust will unveil their new name. The wine, a dry slightly fruity blend of Chardonnay and Vignoles, will carry that new name.

Also nearby are two of St. Julian's tasting room locations in Dundee and Parma. Cherry Creek Cellars has a tasting room conveniently located in Parma as well,

just off I-94.

"From the Vine is great for traveling through wine country," Hathaway said. "Many people are collecting winemaker signatures within the pages and enjoying the opportunity to chat with the winemakers."

The New Chelsea Market has made an effort to stock Michigan wines and foods produced in Michigan using local ingredients and agricultural products. The newly expanded wine section features roughly 100 wines from throughout Michigan's key wine producing regions.

Farmers markets operate in Chelsea from May through October in downtown Chelsea and at Chelsea Community Hospital. The open-air markets provide in-season fruits, vegetables, flowers and other diverse artisan foods and products.

"It's time to travel in Michigan, enjoy a 'staycation' and appreciate local foods and wines for their Great Lakes influence," Kegerreis said.

BEARS

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was started in 1880 by seamstress Margaret Steiff, later assisted by her brother Fritz. Their nephew Richard joined in 1897, and created the teddy bear in 1902 — that quickly became the world's most popular toy. A large part of the Toy Museum is devoted to Richard Steiff, who moved to Jackson in 1923 where he spent the last 16 years of his life.

The second — and even rarer — bear is an original "Teddy Bull Moose," made by E.I. Horsman Co. to accompany Teddy Roosevelt during his 1912 presidential campaign when he was the third party Bull Moose Candidate. It is the only one known to exist that is complete with its original leather collar and patriotic ribbon that reads "Teddy Bull Moose."

"Production was very limited in 1912 and only a few are known to have survived," Yenke said.

Legend has it the name Teddy Bear became popular after Roosevelt spared the life of a bear cub during a November 1902 hunting trip.

Yenke, an antiques generalist and world-renowned toy expert, will provide free verbal evaluations from noon to 3 p.m. for visitors who may bring one antique — or a photo if an item is too large. He will also offer written evaluations for \$5, or free with a purchase of one of his books, "Teddy Bear Treasury, Volume II" and "Bing Bears and Toys."

Yenke writes for two magazines; and travels the country giving teddy bear seminars, as well as working as a full time Account Executive for The Sun Newspapers and the Plain Dealer in Ohio. He writes a weekly antique column "The Yenke Peddler," exclusively for the 22 Sun Newspapers, and the

"Teddies Reviewed" column in Teddy Bear Review magazine, identifying and appraising teddy bears from photos sent by readers.

Last August the Theodore Society — dedicated to the promotion and preservation of the teddy bear — honored him with an Ambassador Award for his work and accomplishments.

Yenke, who has been collecting toys for over a quarter century, enjoys sharing his passion with Chelsea residents and visitors.

"Last summer Bob Turner's idea to create a toy museum, gave us the opportunity to showcase and share some of our collection," he

said.

The museum includes many rare and valuable antique toys ranging from the late 1880s through the 1950s.

They include a 1905 16-inch Steiff Bear, most likely the first teddy bear to be seen in Michigan and one of only two known to exist — its "twin" is on display in the Smithsonian. In 1906 the teddy bear became the No. 1 toy in America and has held the top spot ever since.

The Chelsea Teddy Bear Co. is located at 400 N. Main Street in Chelsea, in the historic Clock Tower complex. For more information, call 433-5499 or visit www.chelseateddybear.com.

Cancer prevention cooking course begins April 1

The Cancer Project, a national nonprofit dedicated to advancing cancer prevention through education and research, is offering a four-session cooking course designed to help Chelsea residents prevent and survive cancer through proper diet and nutrition.

The Rx for better health? It's a low-fat vegetarian diet. Load up on fruits, vegetables, and whole grains; they're naturally low in fat, chock-full of fiber, and filled with cancer-fighting antioxidants and phytochemicals.


Each class centers on important cancer-nutrition topics as local cooking instructor Jan Kemp guides students through the preparation of tasty and easy-to-prepare recipes.

The class lineup is: April 1, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Introduction to How Foods Fight Cancer; April 15, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Fueling Up on Low-Fat, High-Fiber Foods; April 22, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Discovering Dairy and Meat Alternatives; April 29, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cancer-Fighting Compounds and Healthy Weight Control. For more information, visit www.CancerProject.org or call 202-444-9038.

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Ministerial Message What have you given up for Lent?

By Mark Porinsky
For many people, "Lent" means giving up one of your favorite things, for example sweets, or tobacco, or alcoholic beverages for a six-week period before Easter.

Many people think this is what religion is all about: Giving things up that are important to you and making sacrifices for God.

But wait a minute: Does God really care if we eat a little candy or engage, in moderation, in a few simple pleasures not forbidden in the Bible? And what does it benefit God if we give these things up for 40 days each year? The Bible

doesn't say anything about making that kind of sacrifices.

The Bible does tell us that God cannot be bought off with our acts of sacrifice or self-denial, whether large or small, regardless of the time of year. The prophets of the idol god Baal hoped their prayers would be answered if they shouted and slashed themselves with swords and spears until their blood flowed (1 Kings 18:28). When Martin Luther was a monk in a monastery in the early 1500's he thought that the more he deprived himself the more God would love him. But it doesn't work that way.

Thankfully, we don't need to buy God off. He already loves us totally, and nothing we can do or give up could make Him love us more. He loved the world so much that He gave His only Son to live and die for us.

This is what we emphasize during the Lenten season, the 6?-week period between Ash Wednesday (Feb. 25 this year) and Easter on April 12. We look at our sins, but we look even more thoroughly at Jesus and His forgiveness.

Having said all that, it is true that Jesus does call for self-denial. He said in Matthew 16:24,

"If anyone would come after Me, He must deny himself." Deny himself what? "Deny himself!" Write off everything about yourself. Consider all of your plans, goals, goodness, and accomplishments worthless in gaining entrance to God. Consider your very self nothing, and consider Him everything.

We would never demand that anyone give up something like Hershey's milk chocolate for six weeks. I couldn't survive in a church like that! Instead, we urge people to give up on themselves and point them to the One who gave up everything for us,

who gave Himself up for us, Jesus Christ our Savior.

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



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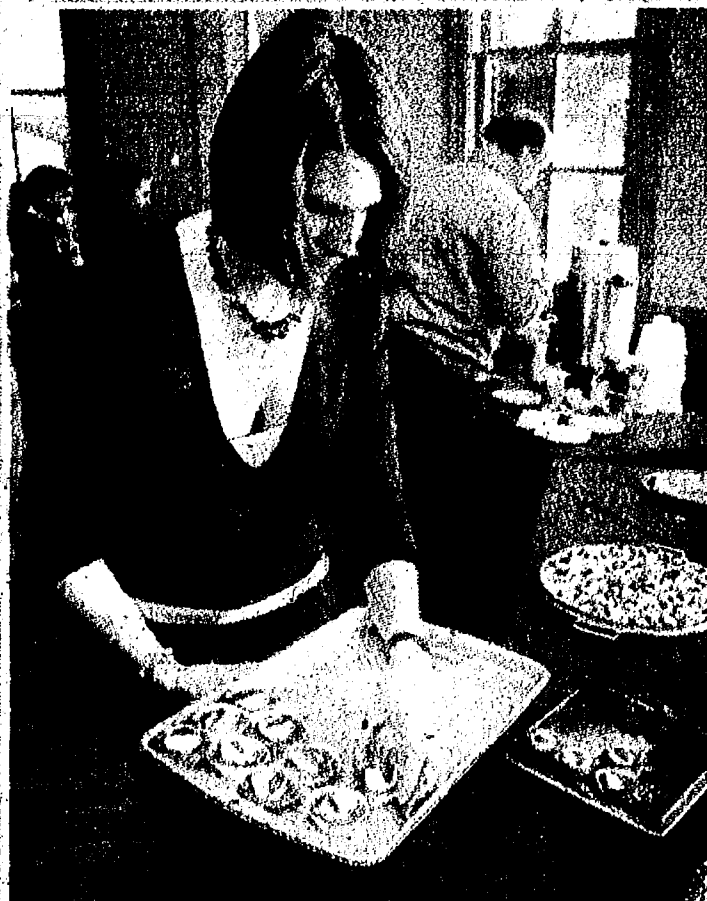
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Cheryl Oberholtzer sings for a packed house.



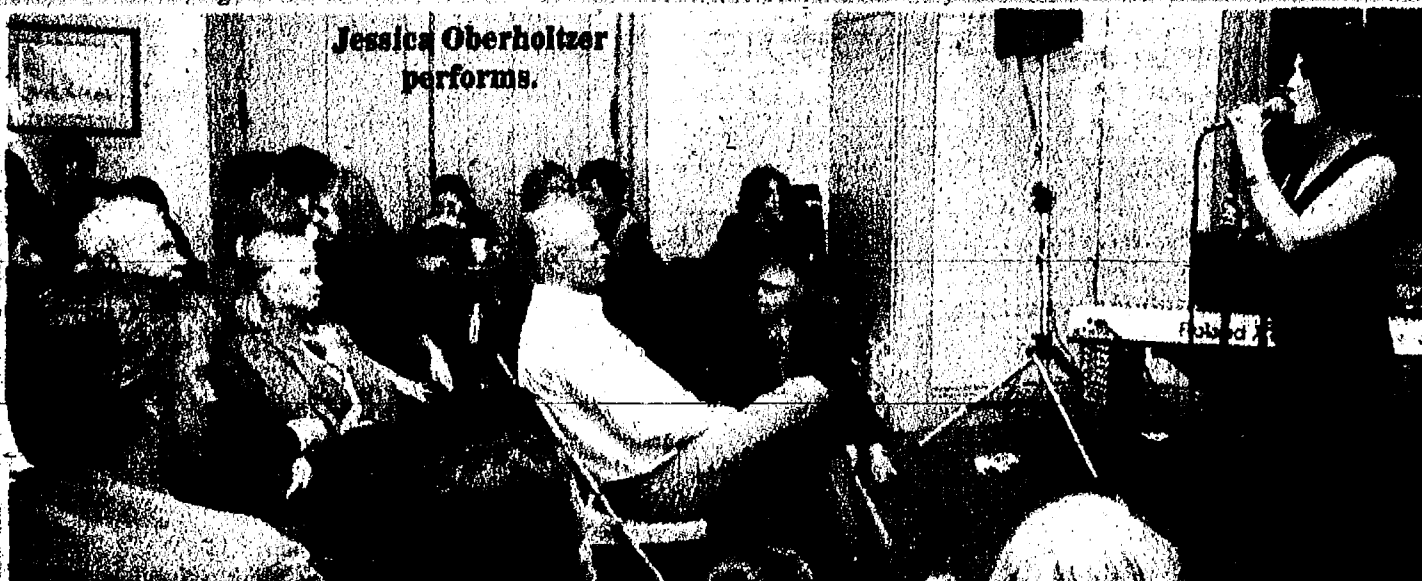
CHS sophomore Simone Gonzalez-Nagy warms things up first.



Courtney Aldrich adds more chocolate.



Annie Tregilla and her daughter Isabella sample the goodies.



Jessica Oberholtzer performs.



CHS senior Frederick van Reese sings.

Jazz and Chocolates event, hosted by the Chelsea Center for the Arts, attracted a full house to the Chelsea Depot last Friday night. The event is a scholarship fund-raiser for the CCA. Jessica Oberholtzer, CCA alum and lead singer for the Nick Strange Band, was one of the featured performers. Students from Lisa Hinz-Johnson's voice studio also performed jazz and musical theatre standards, accompanied by a chocolate dessert bar.

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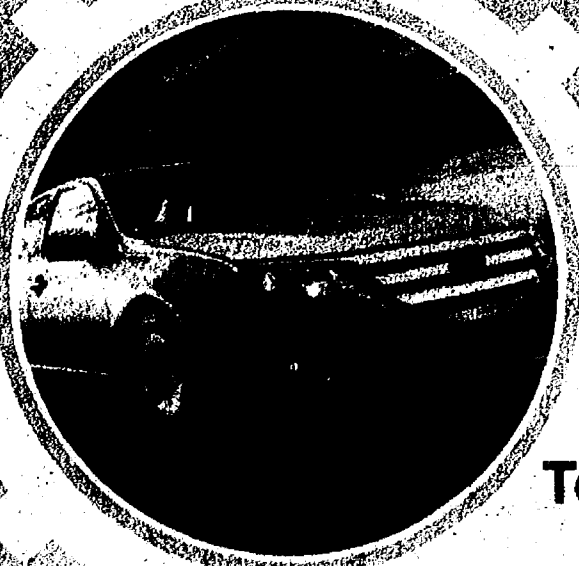
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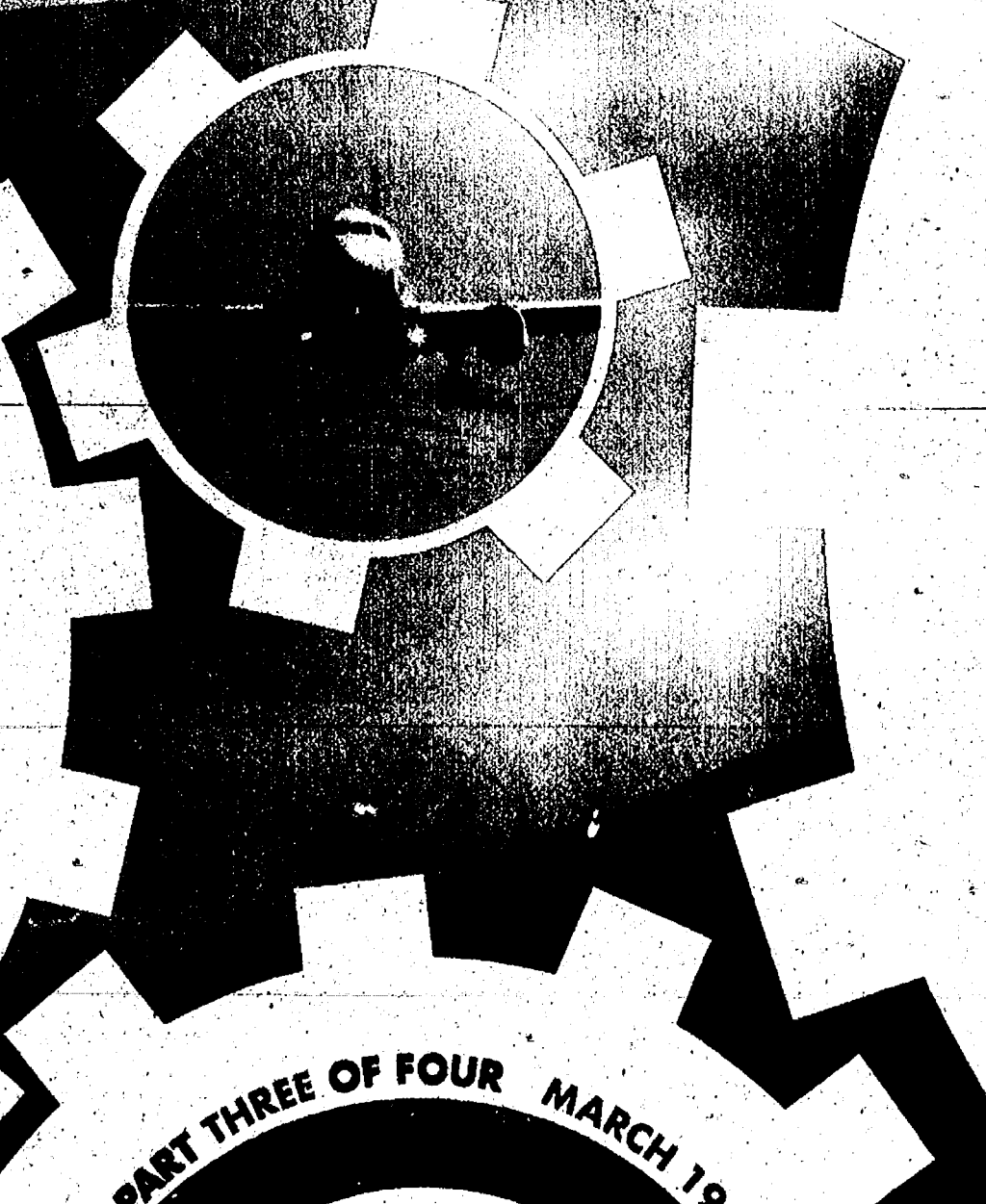
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Moving Forward is a four-part series focusing on business and business-related innovations in the southeastern Michigan region. This is Part 3, and will be followed by the final section next week. The four-part presentation is a combined effort by the staff of Heritage Newspapers.

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Part IV of the Moving Forward series will feature a look at ongoing changes in both education and health care:

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Southeast Michigan's grand plans taking flight

BY ROBERT FICANO

Our vision for an airport city in southeastern Michigan continues to take flight. Much was accomplished in 2008, laying the groundwork for 2009 and beyond.

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Tremendous progress was made on this venture in 2008. The Detroit Region Aerotropolis initiative, which is a regional partnership between government agencies and the private sector to develop the areas between and surrounding Detroit Metropolitan and Willow Run airports, has continued with its strategic planning and attracting new businesses to the region.

The Wayne County communities of Romulus, Taylor, Van Buren Township, Huron Township and Belleville, and the Washtenaw County communities of Ypsilanti and Ypsilanti

Guest Column

Township are most impacted by this initiative.

Laying the groundwork

In January 2008, John Kasarda, an "aerotropolis guru" from the University of North Carolina, completed a study that highlighted the Detroit region's advantages compared with other airport-oriented developments around the world.

The study confirmed that our dual airport system and the thousands of acres of undeveloped land surrounding the airports is an asset no other region in the world can claim. Kasarda emphasized that the area around the airports would likely develop on its own, but that a coordinated regional effort to work together would maximize the value for businesses, the partnering governments, the region and the state.

Later that year, Jones Lang LaSalle, a national real estate development firm, completed a strategic development plan that

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helped pinpoint the region's prime development areas, covering about 5,000 acres. The firm also forecast that full development of these properties over the next 20 to 30 years could produce 64,000 jobs for

the region and \$10 billion of annual economic impact.

The report also projects millions of dollars of tax revenue for our local governments to improve services and the quality of life for their residents.

In December, Angelou Economics, based in Austin, Texas, completed a business attraction study for the aerotropolis. The study identified key industries to target for the region and businesses to locate within the aerotropolis region. This study will be followed by a marketing plan designed to both brand the Aerotropolis and market the strengths of the region nationally and internationally.

Putting the plan in motion

To move our vision from plan to reality, we knew we needed to develop a more permanent governance structure for the partnership and work with the state to develop attractive incentives for the aerotropolis. We again made significant progress during 2008.

After considerable discussion and negotiations, our local government partners reached a consensus on the terms of an intergovernmental agreement to form an Aerotropolis Development Corp. The ADC will be charged with marketing and branding the region in a unified manner, and working cooperatively with the two counties and seven communities to streamline the development process. The ADC also will work with local governments to develop a master plan for the aerotropolis that will outline infrastructure priorities, a plan for mass transit and promote smart and sustainable growth to maximize property values within the region.

The intergovernmental agreement was designed to protect the home rule of the partnering local communities while providing the institutional base for long-term regional cooperation. The agreement will also provide for ongoing participation by the private sector, building off the

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Evolving: Metro Airport continues to change to keep up with changing times

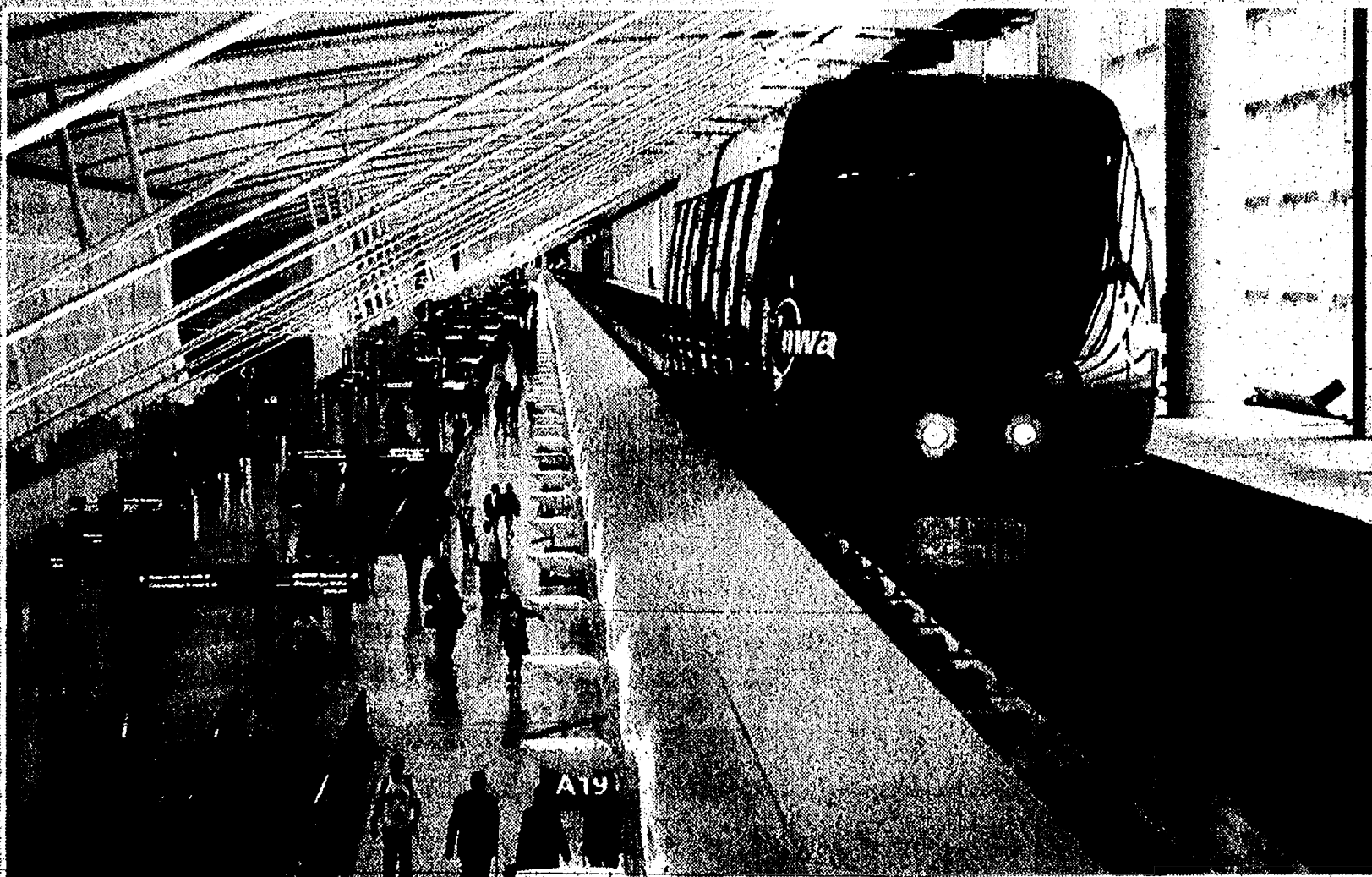
BY LESTER ROBINSON

Detroit Metropolitan Airport is flying Michigan forward with 133 gates to serve travelers, implementing new technology and services and going green.

In September, we said goodbye to our aging Smith and Berry terminals and welcomed the first travelers to Detroit Metro's new \$431 million North Terminal — officially making Detroit Metropolitan Airport one of the newest, most operationally capable, customer-friendly and efficient airports in North America. This new 26-gate passenger facility is now

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ports have altogether.

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The North Terminal, along with its accompanying ground transportation center, has already delighted customers and proved to be a tremendous time saver for travelers leaving from and arriving in Detroit. The terminal's

linear design creates a faster, more fuel-efficient method of taxiing aircraft that will save fuel and reduce environmental emissions and taxi time.

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The North Terminal also features common use terminal equipment, which enables the airport authority to provide enhanced flexibility that reduces costs and provides added passenger convenience.

Amid all the talk of "going green," the airport

authority has replaced rhetoric with action.

For example, the airport was awarded a voluntary airport low emissions grant for nearly \$5.1 million from the Federal Aviation Administration. The grant will be used to support the airport's plan to reduce operational emissions at the North Terminal. It also will be used to build infrastructure to deliver fuel, temperature-controlled air and auxiliary electrical power directly to aircraft parked at each new boarding gate.

These new systems will eliminate the need for, and emissions associated with, mobile fuel trucks. The preconditioned air and 400 hertz electrical power units will reduce the reliance on on-board auxiliary power units and diesel-powered portable ground power units — thus reducing fuel consumption and associated emissions. The North Terminal infrastructure supported by the voluntary airport low emissions grant is expected to spare the environment from more than 418 tons of carbon monoxide, 406 tons of ozone precursors, 366 tons of nitrogen oxides, 66 tons of sulfur

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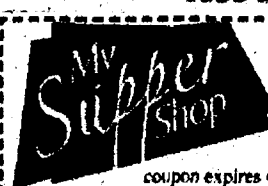


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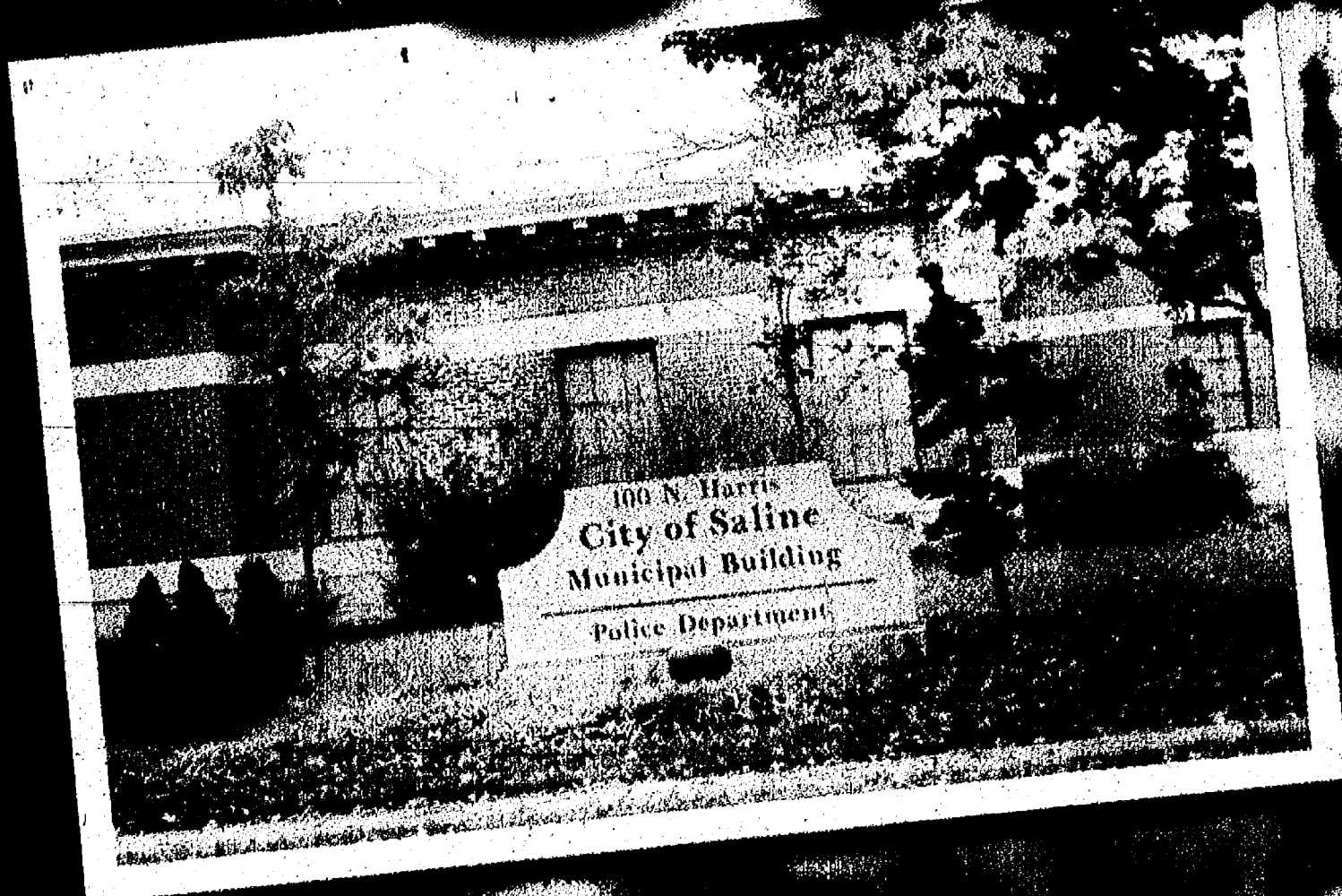
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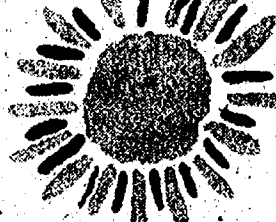
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Commuter rail line between Ann Arbor and Detroit expected to begin its run as early as October 2010

BY KATIE HETRICK
HERITAGE NEWSPAPERS

A commuter rail line expected to launch next year would carry more than passengers between stops from Ann Arbor to Detroit — it could also bring money.

The project, expected to cost \$100 million, would create ongoing jobs, link communities, reduce congestion, attract tourists and spur economic development, according to supporters of the new service.

"For a long time there's been thinking that if you invest in doing road construction it provides jobs, but there hasn't been the same sort of discussion with public transportation," said Carmine Palombo, director of transportation and planning for the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments.

The regional agency is spearheading the effort to create the new commuter line between Ann Arbor and Detroit.

Light rail service provides ongoing jobs with train drivers, attendants and others, Palombo said.

Rail transportation also encourages people to live, work, visit and start businesses in a community, said Barry Murray, Dearborn's director of economic and community development.

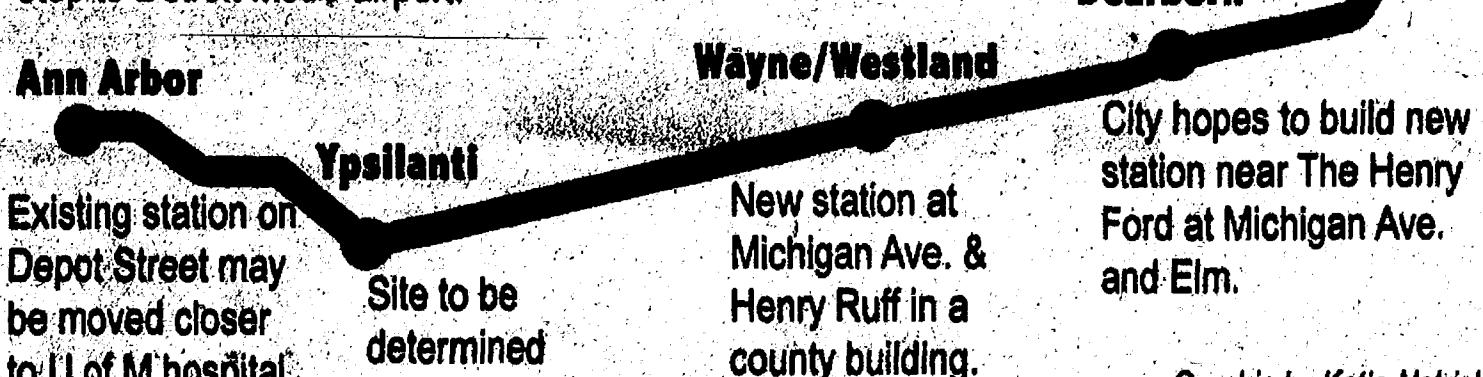
Light rail is critical "to provide a place that's particularly attractive to young professionals," Murray said.

All aboard



New commuter line to open in 2010

The proposed light rail line would have five stops. A shuttle likely would connect passengers from the Wayne/Westland stop to Detroit Metro airport.



Graphic by Katie Hetrick

Dearborn, Wayne/Westland and Ypsilanti also will have stops along the planned line.

The new line also will help in promoting Dearborn as a regional conference center, Murray said. Travelers could fly

into Detroit Metropolitan Airport and easily find their way to Dearborn without needing to rent a car or get driving directions. Conference planners consider such issues when selecting locations, Murray noted.

The train also could help connect Dearborn hotels to sporting events in Detroit or activities at Cobo Center, Murray said. Detroit visitors could catch the rail to visit The Henry Ford and other local attractions, as well.

"Anything that helps grow Dearborn, we support," said Terry Gallagher, spokesman with the University of Michigan-Dearborn. "We see a lot of advantages for us."

All of the Dearborn campus' 8,600 students commute

to classes, and the proposed new Dearborn station would make the campus more accessible for both students and staff, Gallagher said. About one-quarter of U of M-Dearborn's students live in Dearborn or Dearborn Heights. The rest drive in from elsewhere, he said.

Gallagher could be one of those riding the rail next year. He is one of many who work at the Dearborn campus but live in Ann Arbor.

Some of his neighbors work at Wayne State University in downtown Detroit, which also would be accessible from the line.

"All sorts of people commute from Ann Arbor to Detroit," Gallagher said.

Will development follow?

Dearborn and other municipalities along the route are hoping the line will also spur new development around their rail stations.

Murray said experience has shown that economic development follows transit, especially rail transit.

When the Washington, D.C., Metro locates a new station "property values just go through the roof," Murray said. Chicago, Dallas and San Francisco have all seen "transit-oriented development" around stops, including businesses and new residences drawn by the line, he said.

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Moving forward

Steel Industry

Steel companies suffer in struggling economy

BY JIM KASUBA
THE NEWS-HERALD

There's no sugarcoating the facts. "In a gloomy economic climate, the steel industry is suffering."

One way to measure changes in the global economy is to look at the steel industry. Steel is one of the crucial manufactured goods needed to create an industrialized society and to enable it to operate and grow.

Steel is needed for construction projects and infrastructure development and is an essential part of automobiles, ships and all kind of appliances.

But in the throes of a global financial crisis, demand for steel is falling.

In early December, U.S. Steel announced that it was temporarily shutting down operations at its Great Lakes Works plant in Ecorse.

Two of its other facilities — Keetac, an iron ore mining and pelletizing facility in Keewatin, Minn., and Granite City Works, a steel-making facility near St. Louis — also have been idled. The closures affect about 3,500 workers at the three plants. The Ecorse plant employs about 2,200 people.

At the time, the closure was estimated to last 27 months. As of late February, the plants had not reopened.

John Armstrong, a spokesman for U.S. Steel, said it takes several weeks to bring down a major steel-making facility like the one in Ecorse.

"You can't just shut it down and walk away," Armstrong said. "There are

a lot of processes you have to go through to bring it down safely and to prepare so you can bring it back on line."

While the company hopes that day will come soon, the 2 1/2-month estimate for the closure is a fluid figure.

"We do not know when it will come back online," Armstrong said. "It depends on the economy and when we see orders that would merit bringing it back online. We can't predict when that will be."

Severstal North America, the fourth largest integrated steel company in the country, has fared better in weathering the economic storm, but has not come out unscathed.

In January, the company announced the continuation of a temporary voluntary and involuntary layoff program, including both salaried and hourly personnel at four facilities, including its Dearborn flat-rolled steel facility.

The company cited a decline in customer orders and its commitment to minimize operating costs in the face of challenging market conditions.

"Like all of our peers in the North American steel industry, we have been facing a decline in our order books since mid-September," said Melvin Baggett, vice president of human resources and a company spokesman.

"In order to prudently manage our business during the global economic downturn, we need to take critical steps now that will help us remain a strong, profitable company for the long term."

Baggett said temporary

reductions of people is a difficult measure to take, but by controlling operating costs in the short term the company is acting to ensure that its employees and the community are well placed to benefit when the market begins to stabilize.

When the economy emerges from the recession, Severstal expects to be poised to produce all the steel its customers demand, due in large part to major investments made in the past few years and even bigger ones planned for the future.

Severstal North America Inc., a subsidiary of OAO Severstal, a global leader in metals and mining, has spent more than \$900 million in capital improvements since 2004, the year the company acquired substantially all the assets of Rouge Industries Inc., and its primary operating subsidiary, Rouge Steel Co.

In October, Severstal announced its plan to invest another \$700 million in the Dearborn plant where it manufactures steel for use in Ford Motor Co. vehicles.

The Dearborn City Council unanimously approved a brownfield reimbursement agreement among the city of Dearborn, the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority and Severstal.

The agreement means that the company would be able to recapture a portion of its investment — about \$25 million — over 20 years, according to Dearborn Council President Tom Tafelski. He said the investment will retain jobs, along with bringing in 76 new positions.

The company will be able

to use the recapture for its demolition and cleanup of infrastructure.

"The company has already purchased another few steel sites and we're glad they decided to invest in Dearborn and retain some jobs," Tafelski said.

In order to make the investment a reality, the city of Dearborn and the state of Michigan had to come together to produce a package that would entice the company and bring the funds to Dearborn, according to Dearborn Mayor Jack O'Reilly, as Severstal also considered four other recently acquired steel plants for the investment.

To help the process, Dearborn, in partnership with the state of Michigan and the Michigan Economic Development Corp., prepared a brownfield redevelopment grant that gives the company millions of dollars in tax credits to clean up environmentally contaminated sites and build new facilities, O'Reilly said.

"We intend to invest another \$700 million (for a total of \$1.6 billion) in mills and processes that allow us to add value to our basic hot band coil such as a new state-of-the-art hot-dipped galvanizing line," said Doug Schrader, vice president of governmental relations for Severstal North America.

According to information on the company's Web site, hot-dipped galvanized sheet provides a barrier of resistance to steel oxidation. The coated product can then be chemically treated, phosphate-coated, oiled and tempered for an extra smooth surface.

"The new technology will

serve the ever increasing quality requirements of our automotive and other flat products customers," Schrader said.

He added that the plant's new state-of-the-art "C" blast furnace is one of the most efficient, productive and environmentally friendly blast furnaces in the world.

"The new emission-control systems effectively capture dust and fumes to provide a cleaner environment for our employees and neighbors in the community," Schrader said.

"Being an active member of the communities where we operate is one of our key priorities. This effort includes working closely with government officials and organizations, maintaining strong relationships with labor unions, commitment to safety and the environment and giving back to the community."

Schrader said Severstal is excited to be a partner with the state of Michigan and the city of Dearborn in bringing capital investment to the community, thus providing important local economic opportunity.

"We're very proud to invest here in Michigan," he said. "The company appreciates the tremendous support shown by the MEDC, Mayor O'Reilly and his staff, City Council, and Barry Murray and Amina al-Husseini from the city's Economic and Community Development Department."

Schrader described Severstal as a community-oriented company.

"Dearborn has been our home for 90 years," he said. "We are grateful for all the

support from the Dearborn and metro Detroit community, its citizens and local government. Despite the current economic downturn, we are looking forward to a bright future for our company and sharing our successes and good fortune with all the residents of Dearborn and metro Detroit areas."

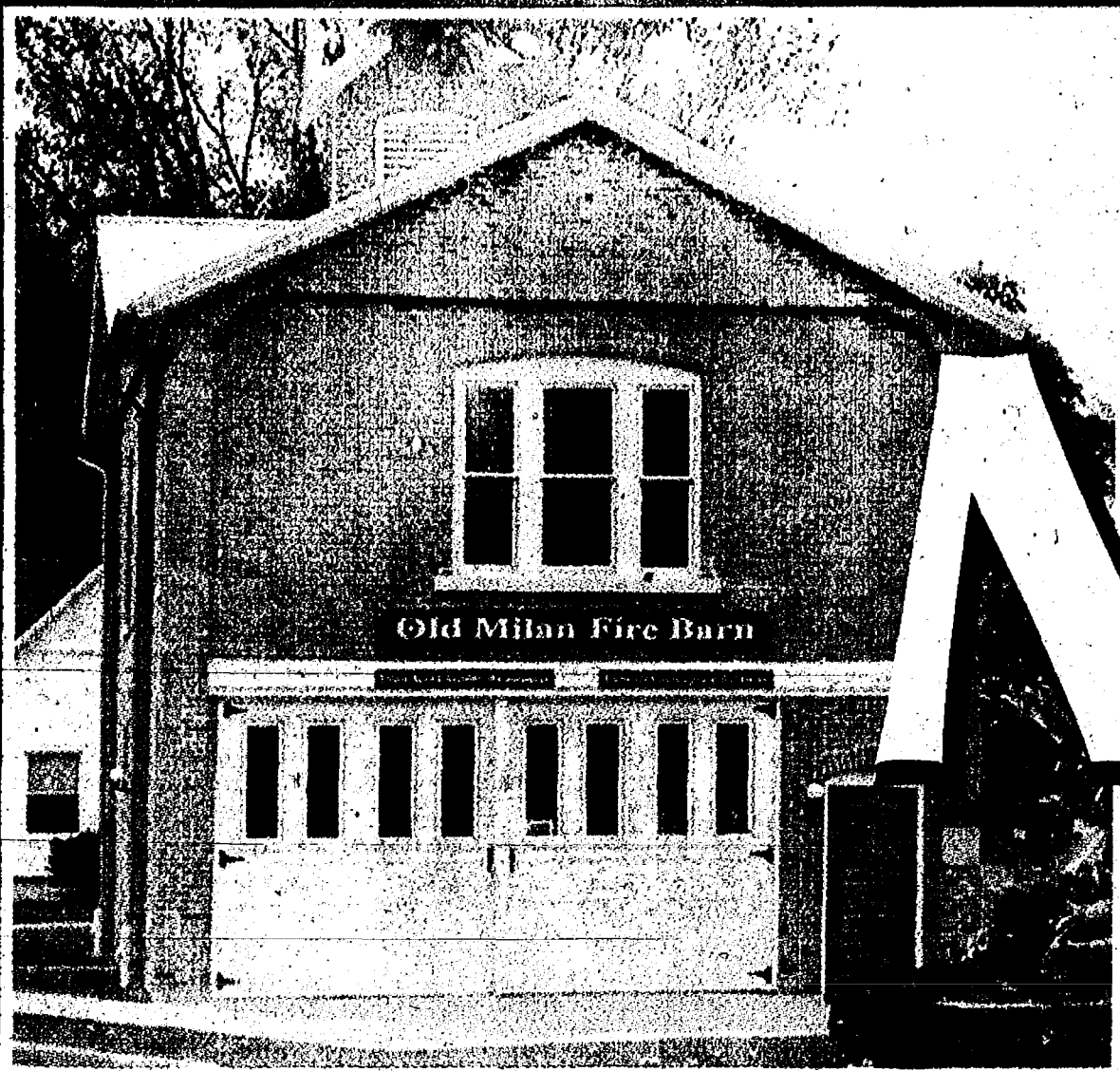
Since the time the \$700 million investment was announced, the economic crisis has worsened, altering the company's timetable for the onset and completion of the projects.

"But we have every intention of going forward with the investments as soon as market conditions improve," Schrader said.

A silver lining in this cloud of economic despair could be the federal economic stimulus plan recently approved by the U.S. Congress. The plan calls for significant spending on infrastructure projects.

"We were very pleased with the 'buy American' language passed in the stimulus package that the president signed today," Schrader said Feb. 17, the day it was officially approved.

"There are a number of provisions designed to help the automotive industry (the company's major customer) and infrastructure projects of all types requiring American-made steel all across the country. Our industry greatly appreciates the support we received from our elected officials in Michigan and the many other states where Severstal North America has operations."



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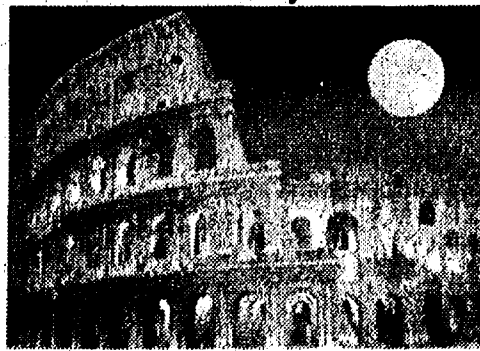
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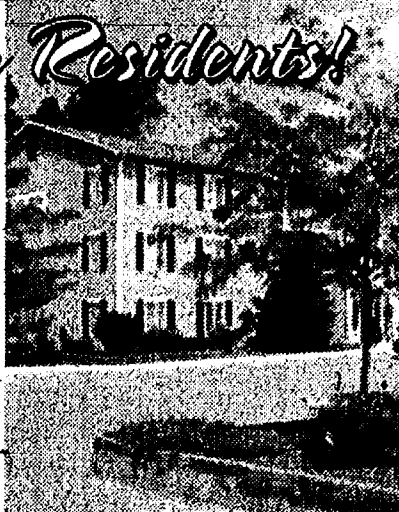
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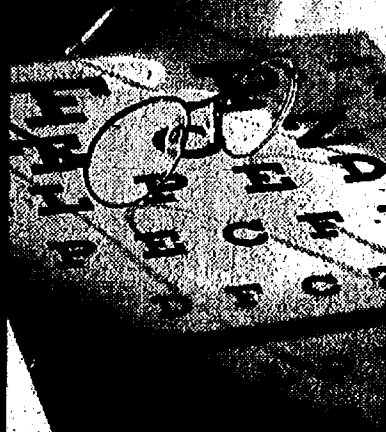
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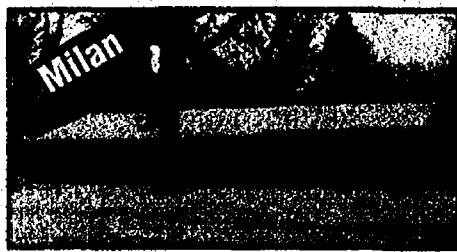


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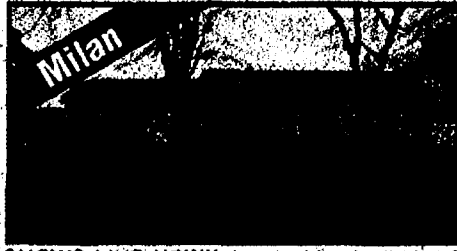
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Transportation

Granholm eager to ride the rails

BY KATIE HETRICK

HERITAGE NEWSPAPERS

Oct. 25, 2010 — That's the date Gov. Jennifer Granholm picked for when she wants to ride a new commuter train that will make five stops from Ann Arbor to Detroit.

"I hear people working toward that date," said Barry Murray, Dearborn's director of economic and community development. Dearborn, Ypsilanti and Wayne/Westland also would have stops on the line.

Officials expect to spend about \$100 million to get the new line up and running. That money would pay for sidings, signals, crossings, trains, etc.

Building the new stations proposed at almost every one of the five stops would cost additional millions.

Much of the \$100 million will pay for building additional tracks at several locations along the line.

"We have to have places for trains to get by each other," Murray said.

Some sections have two tracks, but others only have one.

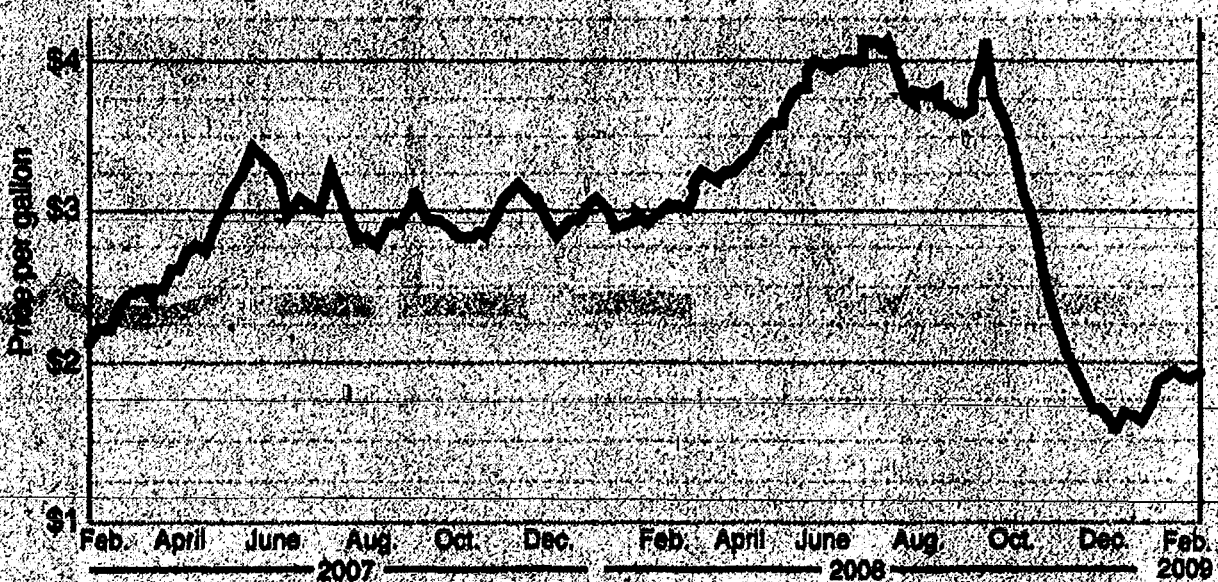
Some believe that poor Amtrak service is linked to the railroad companies, which insist freight trains receive priority.

"We get caught waiting for these other trains," Murray said, adding that planners are making sure that will not be a problem for the new commuter line.

Officials do not have any definite funding lined up for the Ann Arbor to Detroit transit project, but seem confident the new line will get the funds it

Higher gas price drives transit use

Higher gas prices drove more people to take mass transit in 2008. Below are Metro Detroit gas prices for the last two years. Figures are from GasBuddy.com.



Graphic by Katie Hetrick

needs to start. Organizers already are contracting to buy the trains.

"There's no direct source of funding right now," said Carmine Palombo, director of transportation and planning for the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, the regional agency spearheading the development of the new line.

The line would be light rail like an aboveground subway or the Chicago El.

Amtrak is considered heavy rail because the cars weigh more and need a stronger rail bed.

Amtrak already runs a similar route, offering four trips a day from Pontiac through Detroit to Chicago; but those trains are timed for getting travelers to or from Chicago.

The new system will be designed for local commuters, timed to get people to and from work in this area and probably

linked to bus services at the stations. The line also will be available for big Detroit sporting events so people can hop the train to the game instead of paying to park.

"This would be much more conducive to local travel," Palombo said.

The new line will be separate from Amtrak, although Amtrak might get a contract to run the line, he said.

To succeed, the new line needs to be affordable and reliable. People have to trust it will get them to work on time, every time, Palombo said. He hopes to know in the next few weeks what tickets would cost.

Finding riders

To succeed, the new line will need riders, hopefully more than 1,000 a day through the Dearborn station alone.

College, Henry Ford Community College and Wayne State University.

Dearborn officials would like shuttles to link their University of Michigan campus to the rail line. A bus likely will connect riders from the Wayne/Westland station to the Detroit Metropolitan Airport.

But the experts know riding the bus just does not sound as cool as riding the train.

"In some places, bus riding is stigmatized," Murray said.

Detroit is one of those areas and that is an issue the rail developers know they must address. Successful rail systems are fed by bus lines that take riders to more specific locations.

"The buses are still the backbone to any one of those systems," Palombo said.

Dearborn also is hoping to create a new station for the commuter line. The new station would sit off Michigan Avenue in West Dearborn, near The Henry Ford and U of M Dearborn campus — places commuters would be interested in seeing.

"It puts a lot of trip generators right next to the station," Murray said.

At the new site, Dearborn has the potential of 85,000 "trip generators" per day including destinations like The Henry Ford, U of M-Dearborn, Ford Motor Co.'s complex and Fairlane Town Center, Murray said.

The new station would be built in phases with the first step costing between

\$1 million and \$5 million, Murray said. The total bill could reach \$30 million over the next few years.

The existing station is tucked behind the Police Department near Michigan Avenue and Greenfield.

While local officials are still looking for ways to fund the project, the state seems to have put transportation on its to-do list.

A November report from the Transportation Funding Task Force to the governor strongly encouraged more investment in transportation, especially transit.

"Transit investment in Michigan is half to one-tenth the investment made by other populated, economically diverse states like New York, New Jersey, Maryland, Illinois, Massachusetts, California, even Minnesota and Delaware," the report says.

The report also notes that transit use was up significantly in 2008, driven largely by higher gas prices. But the need for transit is expected to continue to grow over the next two decades as the population ages.

By 2030, the number of those age 65 and older is expected to double in the southern tier of Michigan, according to the report.

While Michigan has a good "backbone" of transit with its bus system, the report says, light rail lines "are vital to building an effective system in the 21st century."

"Data gathered from other states shows that a serious investment in modern transit is not an option for Michigan — it is an urgent necessity."

SEMCOG works to establish rail corridor

BY CARMINE PALOMBO, SEMCOG

You might be one of the many people who have taken the Amtrak train to Chicago and enjoyed the opportunity to ride in comfort without the stress of driving. Well, you might be able to make other trips along the same tracks, such as commuting to work or attending local entertainment events.

The Southeast Michigan Council of Governments and the Michigan Department of Transportation are working to establish a local commuter train that would run between Ann Arbor and Detroit every day, including weekends. Plans are under way to run four round trips between the two cities during the work week and three round trips on the weekends. Stops are being planned in Ann Arbor, Ypsilanti, Detroit Metropolitan Airport, Dearborn and Detroit.

This is a great corridor to establish a commuter train, in part because of the many kinds of trips already being made here. The corridor already contains several of the largest employers in southeastern Michigan, a number of educational institutions and significant entertainment venues.

How would you like to take a train to Tiger baseball games or to watch Michigan play on Saturdays? How about a trip to dine in downtown Detroit or Ann Arbor or to visit the Henry Ford? These trips would all be possible with this service.

While planning for this project is proceeding, there is much yet to do before it becomes a reality. The tracks are owned by the freight railroads and access to them requires that we work with the railroads to ensure that both freight and passenger trains can operate safely and efficiently in the same corridor. SEMCOG and MDOT are actively working with Norfolk Southern, Conrail Shared Assets, and Canadian National to ensure the safe and efficient movement of both freight and passenger trains.

Commuter rail service in this corridor will allow you to do something that you can't do today — travel by public transit between Ann Arbor and Detroit. The project will provide an alternative option to driving your car to work or entertainment. In some instances, an enhanced system of buses will help complete the trip to major destinations in the corridor.

In addition to providing an alternative option to driving a car, the commuter rail project also can serve to stimulate economic development along the line and especially in areas around the stations, which are

an important component to the service. Stations serve as a collection point for riders to access the train either by car, bus, bike or walking. These stations also present an opportunity for developers to provide housing or retail opportunities based on the fact that people will be coming to the station on a regular basis. Transit-oriented development occurs in cities that have made an investment in various forms of rail transit. It is defined as compact, mixed-use development near transit facilities and high-quality walking environments. Studies have concluded that typical transit-oriented development promotes economic development and smart growth, catering to shifting market demands and lifestyle preferences.

In addition to working with the freight railroads to secure operating agreements, we will need to raise funds to implement the project as there is not currently a source of dedicated funds at either the state or federal levels. We will develop a funding plan that includes federal, state, local and private funds to cover the capital and operating costs of the proposed service until a dedicated source of funds can be established.

Much has been done and much is left to do if we are to reach the goal of starting service in the corridor by the end of 2010. A schedule of service and exact fares are still to be determined. By working together, we are confident that this goal can be reached and commuter trains will enhance the quality of life here in southeastern Michigan.

If you are interested in more information on the Ann Arbor to downtown Detroit commuter rail service, visit SEMCOG's Web site at www.semco.org/AADD.aspx for updates on this project as well as a short animated video that describes the service in detail.

Also on SEMCOG's Web site at www.semco.org/GetOnBoard.aspx, view another video about transit successes in the region. The Ann Arbor to downtown Detroit commuter rail project is but one project in our region whose goal is to make transit a more viable transportation option in southeastern Michigan.

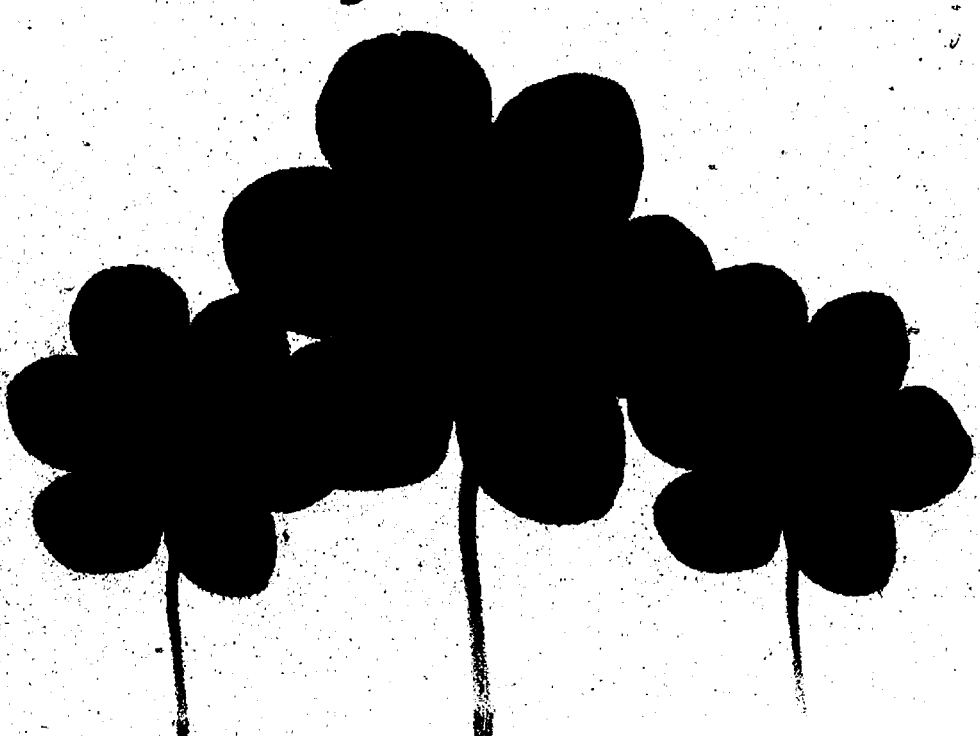
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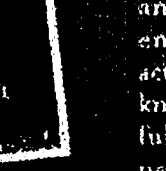


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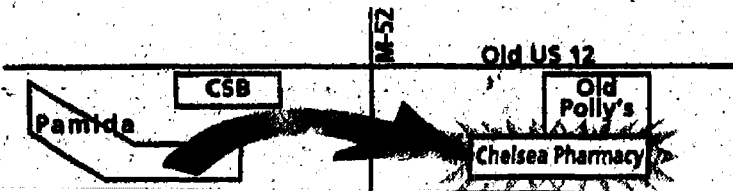
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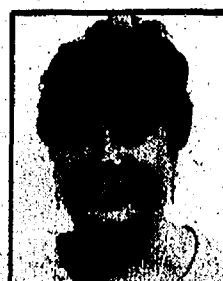
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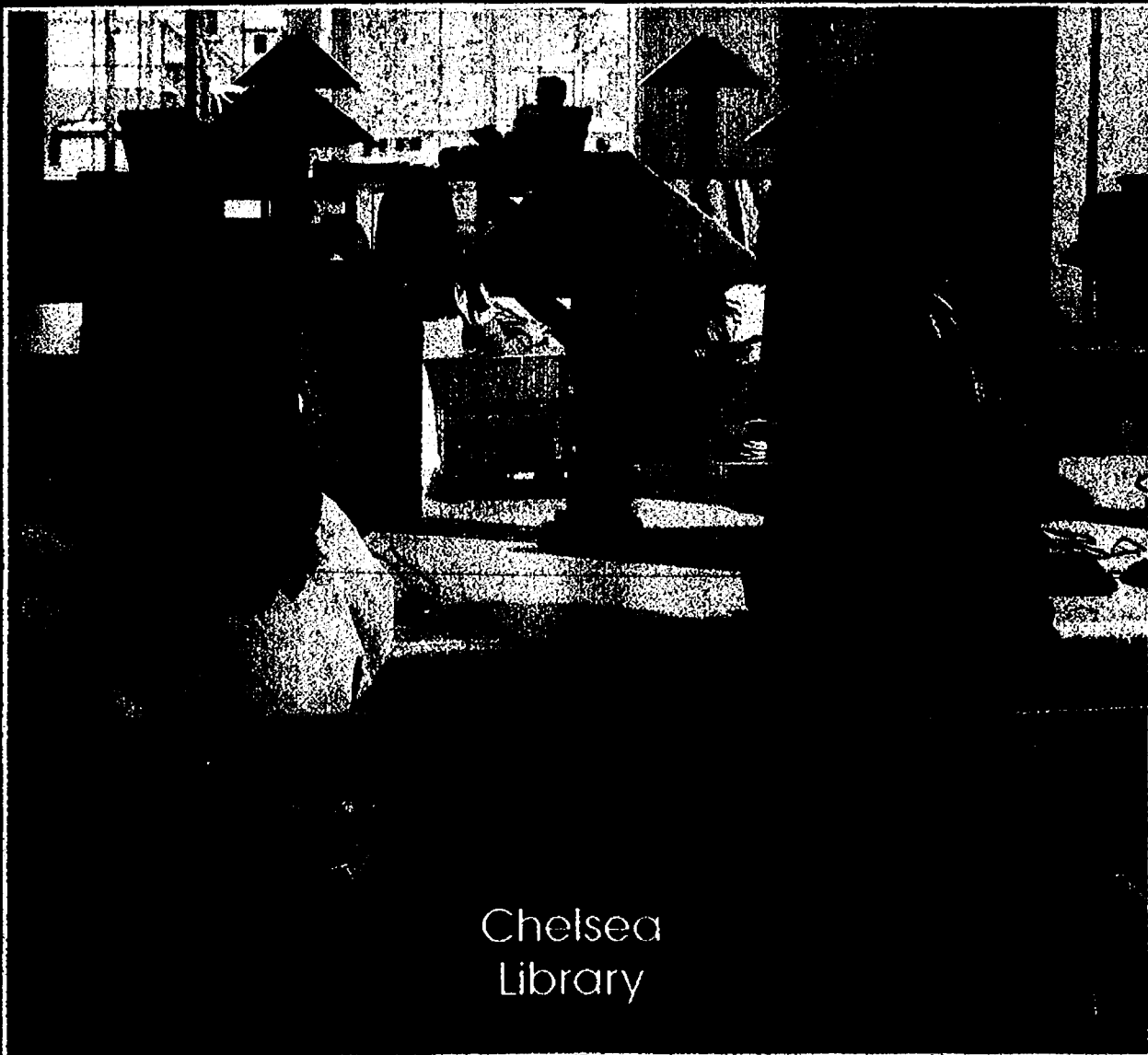
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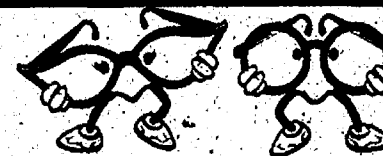
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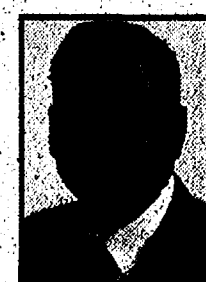
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Local dealers remain optimistic despite a struggling economy

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Each of the Big Three automakers — Chrysler LLC, Ford Motor Co. and General Motors — were forced to lay off thousands of blue- and white-collar workers.

Two of them — Chrysler and GM — also had to sit in front of the U.S. Congress and ask for bridge loans to keep the companies viable.

On a smaller scale, dealerships also took a hit in 2008, as new vehicle sales were down virtually across the board as the economy continued to founder. The leasing option took a hit, too, as some companies had to get out of that end of the business due to the credit crisis.

Sales down, but not for all

Bob Wheat, general manager of Dearborn's Village Ford, said about half of the vehicles that leave his branch now are leased. That number is down from 70 percent. He also said that the sale of sport-utility vehicles and pickup trucks — even with the all-new F-150 — are down sharply.

"We've also had to reduce staff by about six people," Wheat said. "The current state of the economy has forced us to scale back in a number of areas in order to cut costs."

He said sales are down about 40 percent from five years ago. But, he said, the dealers' market share has improved.

"The pie is smaller, but our piece is bigger," Wheat said.

One Downriver dealer, Taylor Chevrolet, apparently did not feel the economic blow last year, as it actually saw an increase in sales.

Owner Bill Perkins said his car sales were up 23 percent and truck sales rose 3 percent.

"In total, we had a 16 percent increase in new vehicle sales and a 23 percent increase in used vehicle sales," Perkins said. "We attribute this to knowing your customer base and understanding the market you are in."

"Most of the employees live and work in the Downriver area and are very familiar with the customers and community, and they understand what customers want and need. Our staff goes above and beyond what the customers expect and, therefore, the customer perceived value in the services we provide for them."

Taylor Chevrolet also reported a 28 percent increase in service sales and a 49 percent increase in parts sales.

"It was a very good year for Taylor Chevrolet and we owe it all to our customers," Perkins said.

Leasing remains viable

Both Taylor Chevrolet and Village Ford continue to offer the leasing option, which is usually good for drivers who aren't constantly on the road.

Wheat said leases aren't as favorable as they have been in recent years, as struggling markets have had a severe impact rates. But, Ford has offset those increased rates and costs by offering incentives such as \$5,000 rebates, he said.

Taylor Chevrolet also continues to offer its customers leasing.

The dealer never stopped leasing, Perkins said, even though GMAC — GM's financial arm — dropped out of the leasing business. Because of the relationships Taylor Chevrolet has with other financial institutions, Perkins said, his Chevy lot still is able to offer financing and leasing options.

"One reason for our success is that we try to provide what the customer wants

and needs," he said. "Not only do we offer leases, we are very competitive with what we offer. We do not feel dealers should not offer leasing, as some customers prefer to lease rather than buy."

Some leases have lower payments and require less out-of-pocket to get into than the traditional-type financing, Perkins said.

"Also, some customers don't want to own a car for a long period of time," he said, "and with leases, they only have the use of that vehicle for 24 or 36 months compared to 60 months with traditional financing."

"In our opinion, leasing is a positive for dealerships and provides an avenue to see customers more often for new car purchases."

Consolidation possible

GM in its recent restructuring plan said it will reduce the number of vehicle models. The plan envisions a reduction in nameplates from 48 in 2008 to 36 by 2012. A December plan called for 40 nameplates by 2012.

GM's plan also calls for five new vehicle launches by 2012, down from 12 new launches in the December plan. Chevrolet, Cadillac, Buick and GMC remain key brands, and Pontiac will become a niche brand.

GM will seek to the sale or spin-off of the Saturn division. The company will wind down production of Saturn models by 2011 if no buyers emerge by March 31. The Hummer division could complete the talks by March.

The automaker also has sought buyers for its Saab unit.

GM plans to reduce its dealerships from 6,246 in 2008 to 4,700 in 2012 and 4,100 by 2014. Many dealerships in metropolitan areas will be reduced.

Chrysler will cut three models in 2009: the Aspen, the PT Cruiser and the Dodge Durango.

Perkins said he also sees some consolidation, which is needed because too many dealers are competing for fewer customers.

He said location, facilities and customer service are the keys for dealers to survive.

"You will see some dealers just shut their doors," he said. "It is going to be a tough market and very competitive in the next year or so, and some dealers will not want to invest the necessary capital in their operations necessary to survive."

"Dealers need to make sure they have a full-service operation and work hard to satisfy customers. The customer is king in this business, and dealers must assure they are doing the things customers want in order to survive in this market."

Wheat cited the closure of long-standing dealerships such as Al Long Ford, which serviced the Detroit metropolitan area for more than 60 years; Stark Hickey Ford, which closed after 80 years of service; and Bloomfield Ford, another longtime dealership, as a sign of the times.

Although dealerships are struggling right now, Wheat believes it will turn around. Because of that, the Village Ford showroom recently was remodeled and updated.

"Ford as a whole is in a little better shape than (GM and Chrysler)," Wheat said, "but, hopefully, things will turn around."

Mercury 'remains viable'

While GM and Chrysler are looking at dropping lines to save money, Ford continues to push all three of its lines — Ford, Lincoln and Mercury.

Ann Arbor company launches safety testing system for commercial trucks

The University of Michigan Transportation Research Institute has joined Con-way Freight to begin field operational testing of an integrated crash warning system installed in commercial trucks under the Integrated Vehicle-Based Safety System program — a cooperative agreement with the U. S. Department of Transportation.

The IVBSS technology fully integrates multiple crash warning features, including forward collision, lane departure and lane change-merge warning systems into the commercial truck platform. IVBSS provides drivers with situational awareness of the vehicle's surroundings, and warns drivers when they are about to inadvertently leave the roadway, are in danger of colliding with another vehicle while attempting a lane change or are at risk of colliding with the vehicle ahead.

"We volunteered to participate in this project since safety is one of Con-way Freight's core values and we expect this type of technology to figure prominently in future safety initiatives in the transportation industry," said Bob Petrancosta, vice president of safety for Con-way Freight.

"We are committed to the safety of our drivers and the motoring public, and joining UMTRI in this effort is an excellent way to support that."

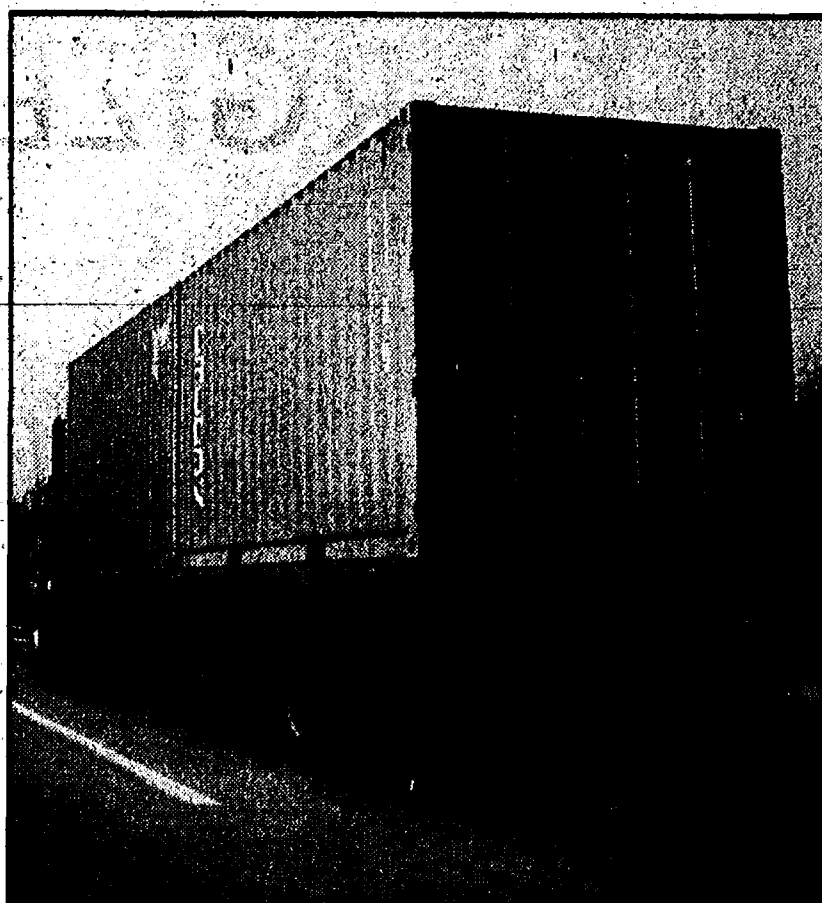
Con-way Freight, a less-than-truckload carrier and subsidiary of Con-way Inc., recently purchased 10 Class-8 tractors equipped with the IVBSS technology.

Over the course of the next 10 months, 20 Con-way Freight truck drivers will operate the trucks out of the company's Detroit service center as part of its normal business operations, logging an estimated 700,000 miles.

Data on driver response to IVBSS will be recorded along with extensive data collection on naturalistic use and the driving conditions. Researchers then will use the data to evaluate the potential safety benefits of integrating multiple crash warning systems.

The field testing is part

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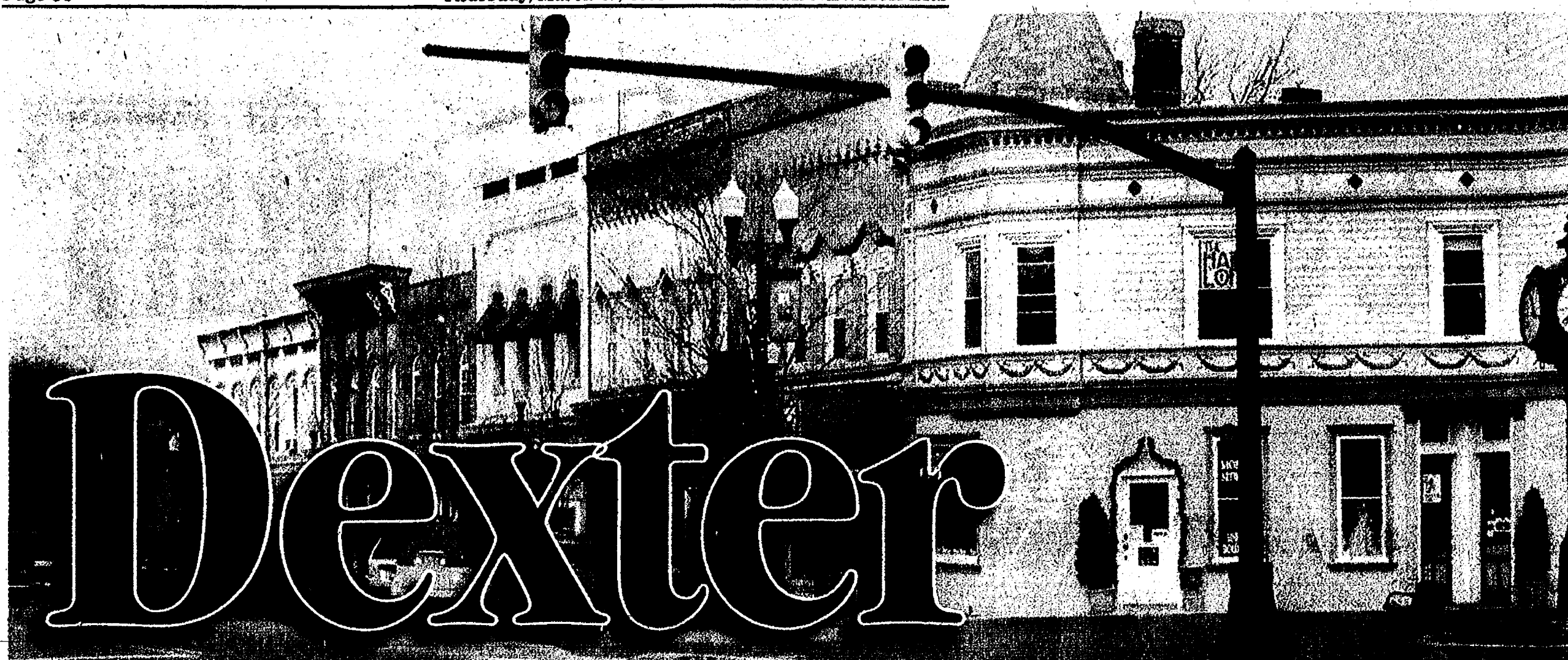
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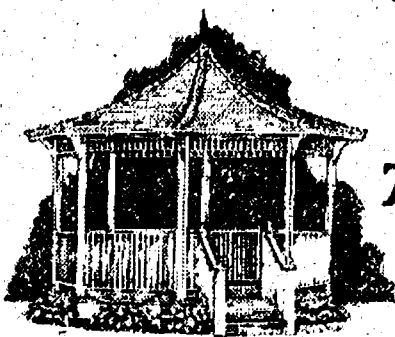
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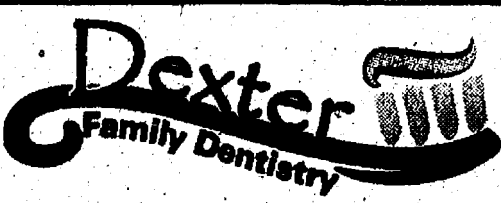
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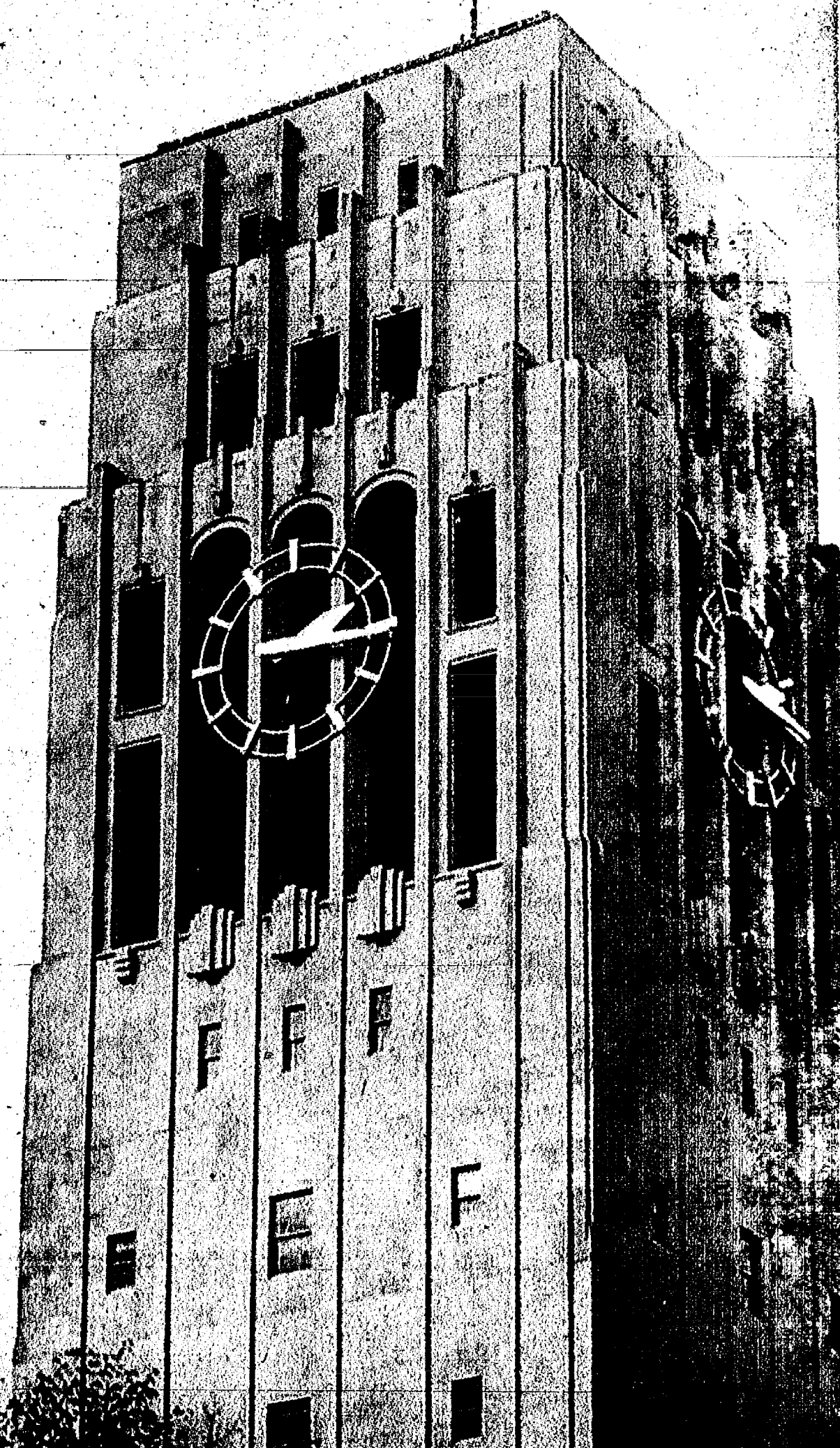
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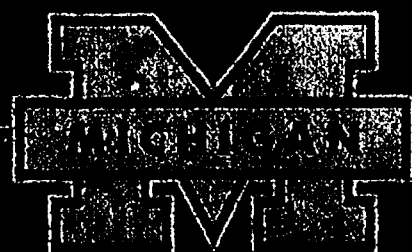
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Michigan economy gets the green light

BY JANA MILLER

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Most children growing up are taught to turn the lights off when they leave the room, to finish their plate and not to waste in the most basic ways of human lifestyles.

That was what most people assumed the "Go Green" movement would concern — the typical ways to be economically friendly. But after less than a decade of campaigning for the cause, that has not been the case.

It seems as if the perception of being "green" went from tree-huggers and Leonardo DiCaprio to the fastest-growing current trend within industries overnight.

Go Green is now dominating businesses, old and new alike, in the new millennium. What began as a more environmentally friendly way to build automobiles has blossomed into every genre of business and is a major commercial selling point.

One of the larger industries affected by the influence has been building construction. A growing group of building consultants, engineers, construction companies and the like are all incorporating the movement's philosophies into everyday business.

The main focus of these commercial companies has been how to build buildings that are energy efficient and more beneficial to society's use of resources as a whole.

Like with most movements, going green started in the big cities. Primarily the push came from celebrities in Los Angeles, but the more business-savvy establishments, such as green building contractors, have their biggest hub in New York City.

Jeff Wenzinger, a former Saline and Ann Arbor resident who is now living and working in New York City, is currently an asset to one of those forward-thinking companies. He works as an energy consultant at EME Group, a consulting engineering firm that focuses on energy design and energy conservation strategies for new and existing buildings.

"We analyze the energy use of buildings, whether that's planning out how much energy a property will use once it's built or going into existing buildings and modeling ways to improve its systems," he said.

Wenzinger earned his bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering at the University of Michigan and moved to New York in the fall.

"When I moved out here, I really believed in the cause and the effort to be more energy efficient," he said. "In New York, I'd say 90 percent of building owners want their building brought up to speed on how to be more energy efficient."

Of course, a major metropolitan area like New York generates 80 percent of its power within the city limits, mostly from natural gas rather than coal to limit pollution. Such a task can be expensive, and being green is actually the much more economical and advantageous way for businesses to go.

EME Group was founded in 1987 and is one of the older and well-positioned green commercial businesses in the area and one of six major competitors within the city.

Green commercial builders begin their work with an energy audit. When an owner or manager of a building wishes to make that property energy effi-



Consumers don't have to look far and wide to find ways to reduce energy costs and help the environment.

cient, Wenzinger and other energy consultants perform a technical analysis. They look at various key areas and prepare a report on improvements to be made and the associated costs and benefits.

"A big part of it is usually the heating system and the lighting," Wenzinger said. "With heating, you have to make sure everything is configured properly and that all components operate in the best condition."

"But a lot of buildings have older bulbs, which can be replaced for newer, more energy-efficient ones. An incandescent light bulb burns off a lot of heat energy."

What most people don't consider is the snowball effect one subtle change in a building can have on its various systems, such as light upon heating.

"If you change all the light bulbs in your building that were giving off excess heat, then that extra heat in the building goes away and less energy is needed to cool the building during summer," Wenzinger said. "It's important to look at the interaction and model those effects. But you can essentially kill two birds with one stone in a lot of cases."

When issues with pre-existing systems arise, engineering backgrounds give the energy consultants the capacity to do some mechanical design work for clients, if needed. For example, new heating systems could be redesigned and installed by the consultants.

Once an energy audit is completed, the consultants or contractors put together a report that is either accepted or rejected by the building owner. From there, the green builders simply oversee the development of the project.

Of course, being green in New York City is far removed from southeastern Michigan. But the movement is beyond big cities. Plenty of local building consultants and contractors are doing the exact same thing.

Fireside Construction, Cardea Construction, Arbor Builders, Perkins Construction, Noir Homes, Riemco Homes and Meadowlark Builder are all building companies in southeastern Michigan that are altering building methods to be more energy efficient.

J.S. Vig Construction Co., which is based in Ann Arbor, brags about Project Green to expand the company's sustainable construction practices.

In a written statement, company President Joseph Vig said: "Project Green focuses on educating property owners, developers and the general public on the benefits and costs associated with green building. Our ultimate goal is to have a showcase to educate our customers and the architec-

tural community about the costs and benefits of 'green' site selection, design and construction practices."

J.S. Vig Construction is a full-service contractor and construction management company and has served many Fortune 500 companies and clients.

The presence of companies such as J.S. Vig in Michigan is actually good timing given the economic hardships of the state. While there might not be flexibility in companies' budgets to build more buildings, there is an opportunity for many to work on their existing properties and create jobs to do so.

There is a heavy incentive from Michigan's Department of Energy, Labor and Economic Growth, which has founded the program Rebuild Michigan. The purpose of the program is to promote increased energy efficiency within all aspects of the community. That includes not just building construction, but all buildings associated with schools, colleges, local government and public housing.

In essence, the government-assisted program encourages responsibility in matters of construction and encourages schools and other public venues to partner to make their buildings more eco-friendly.

The world of "going green" accounts for much more than building practices, however. The idea of being environmentally friendly is exceedingly popular among businesses and with consumers.

In fact, surveys show that when consumers know businesses have green practices and are environmentally conscientious, they are more likely to purchase products from them than non-green competitors. That is an incentive when times are tough, especially when being green is supposed to save money in the long run.

As a result, the idea has sprung up not in just the automotive industry and the building and construction industry, but in other commercial areas as well. Those areas take on the advertising and marketing opportunity gladly.

One of those commercial areas of interest is the hotel business. Michigan's Department of Energy, Labor and Economic Growth also offers "Green Lodging" certification to hotels that follow and stand up to certain green practices that not only save money, but energy.

Green Lodging is a product of the Department of Energy, Labor and Economic Growth and the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality. Both groups help implement techniques and provide technical assistance when necessary.

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Businesses get in green mode

BY JANA MILLER

STAFF WRITER

The "green" movement is one I am familiar with, and although I wouldn't call myself a tree hugger, I am in many ways passionate about doing my part for the environment.

Considering that, I was already fairly educated about the ways individuals can contribute to being environmentally friendly and energy efficient.

What I wasn't aware of were the many ways businesses were taking it upon themselves to do the same. The only green commercial areas I was aware of were green building.

It was interesting to know that absolutely every business could contribute in some way, shape or form, whether that is in small or large measure. Printing businesses, automakers, grocery stores, building contractors, hotel management and farmers are all doing their unique parts, as are many more.

I also was not aware of the influence the Internet had on the movement, although I should not have been surprised. After learning about makeme.sustainable.com, I became a member and have found it to be very similar to the social networking Web site Facebook with an already large group of participants.

Social networking, it seems, can be the one marketing tool all businesses and causes have in common. They are cheap, easy and very fast.

One thing that I expected when interviewing businesses was that motivations would be selfishly driven. It was the exact opposite.

On the contrary, while green marketing of products and services probably is a reliable way to enhance a company's brand image, those who stand out as true green competitors have individuals at their helm who actually care for the cause.

In many ways, that is why I believe this movement has so far proven to be not a movement at all, but a change. It

was a fad when actor Leonardo DiCaprio sported his hybrid and companies put leaves next to their logos.

But the green elements that are here for good are the many little things that cannot be easily measured or advertised, but are now becoming required to compete and be profitable.

I am encouraged by that fact, and that cause-related marketing grows because it is worthwhile rather than lucrative.

I am not envious of those charged with educating the country's consumers. Although the social networking and Internet-driven constituents are well founded, it is always difficult to make people change their behavior.

That goes for green behavior, too. Having read "The Green Book," I know there are countless small, simple ways to contribute to energy saving and eco-friendliness. I also know it took me several months to figure out which changes worked well within my lifestyle.

Getting information about those various lifestyle changes to be made is the real challenge, because there are so many inconsequential options available.

For example, keeping one's tires fully inflated, as I have recently learned, is a good energy saver. Low-pressure tires are more resistant and, therefore, use more gas.

Similarly, reusing paper bags at the grocery store from a previous trip or taking a canvas tote to use instead of plastic reduces bad waste. Grocery chains Whole Foods and Busch's Valuland offer incentives for doing this.

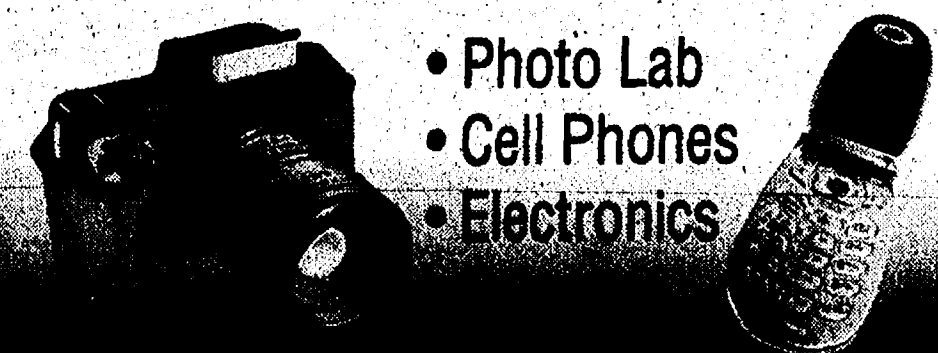
The options for individuals and families extend into lifestyle, home furnishings, food and shopping, office behavior and more.

Of course, being green is still a cause, which means responding is not a requirement for commercial constituents. I will be curious to see how many additional businesses heed the call.

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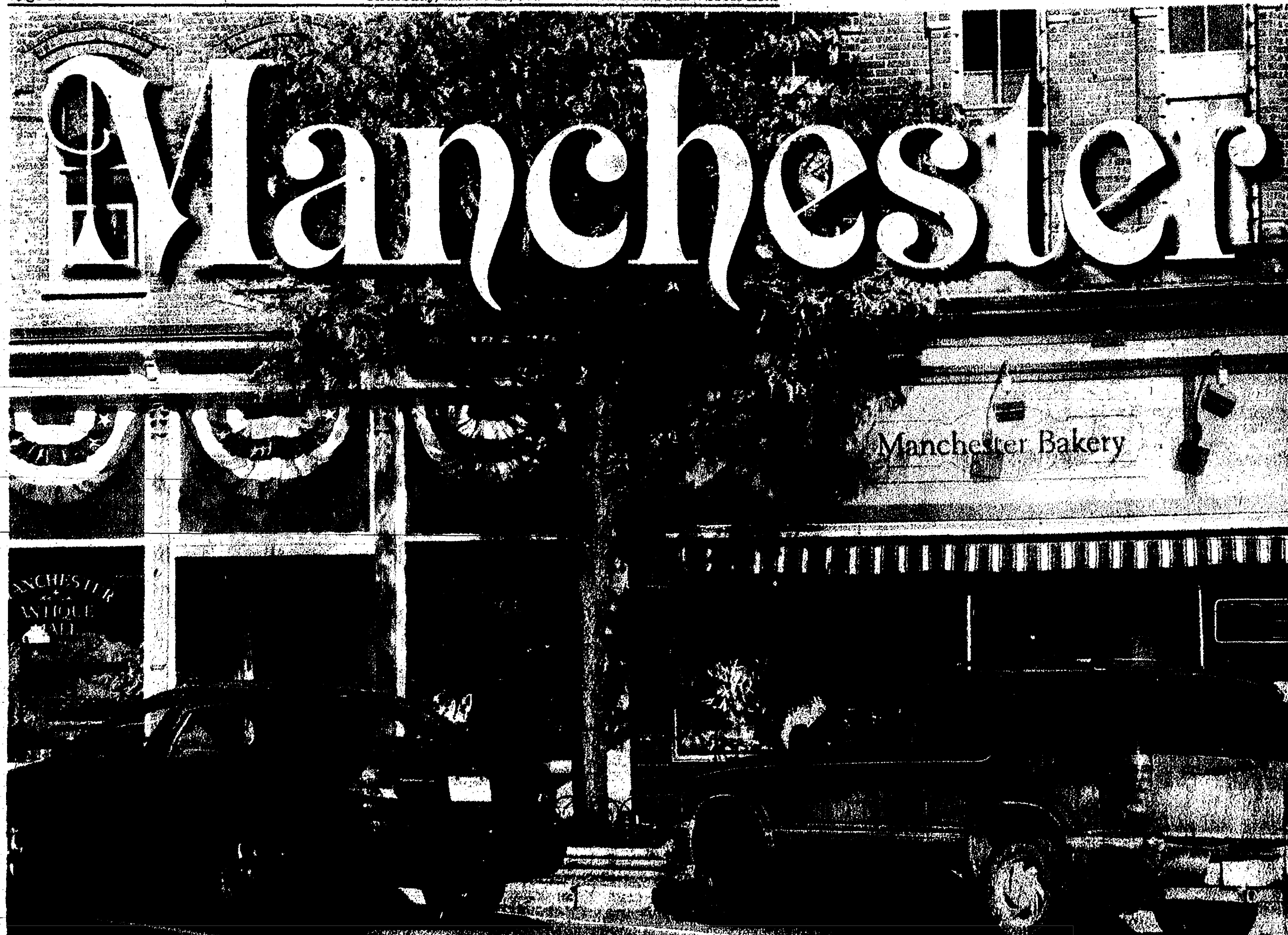
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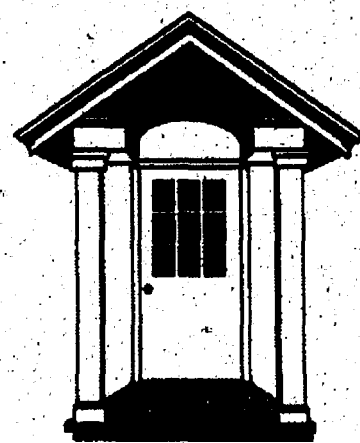
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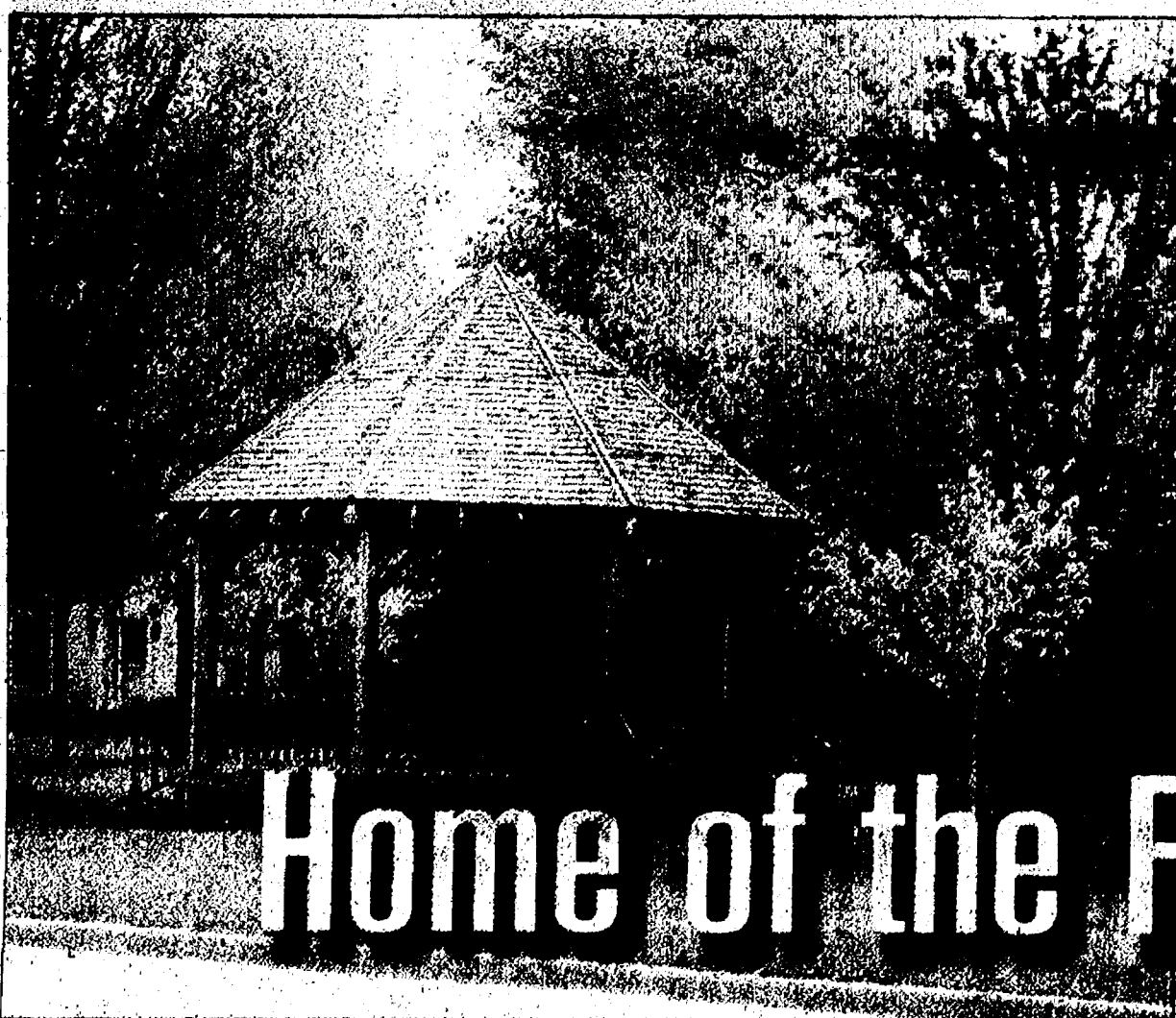
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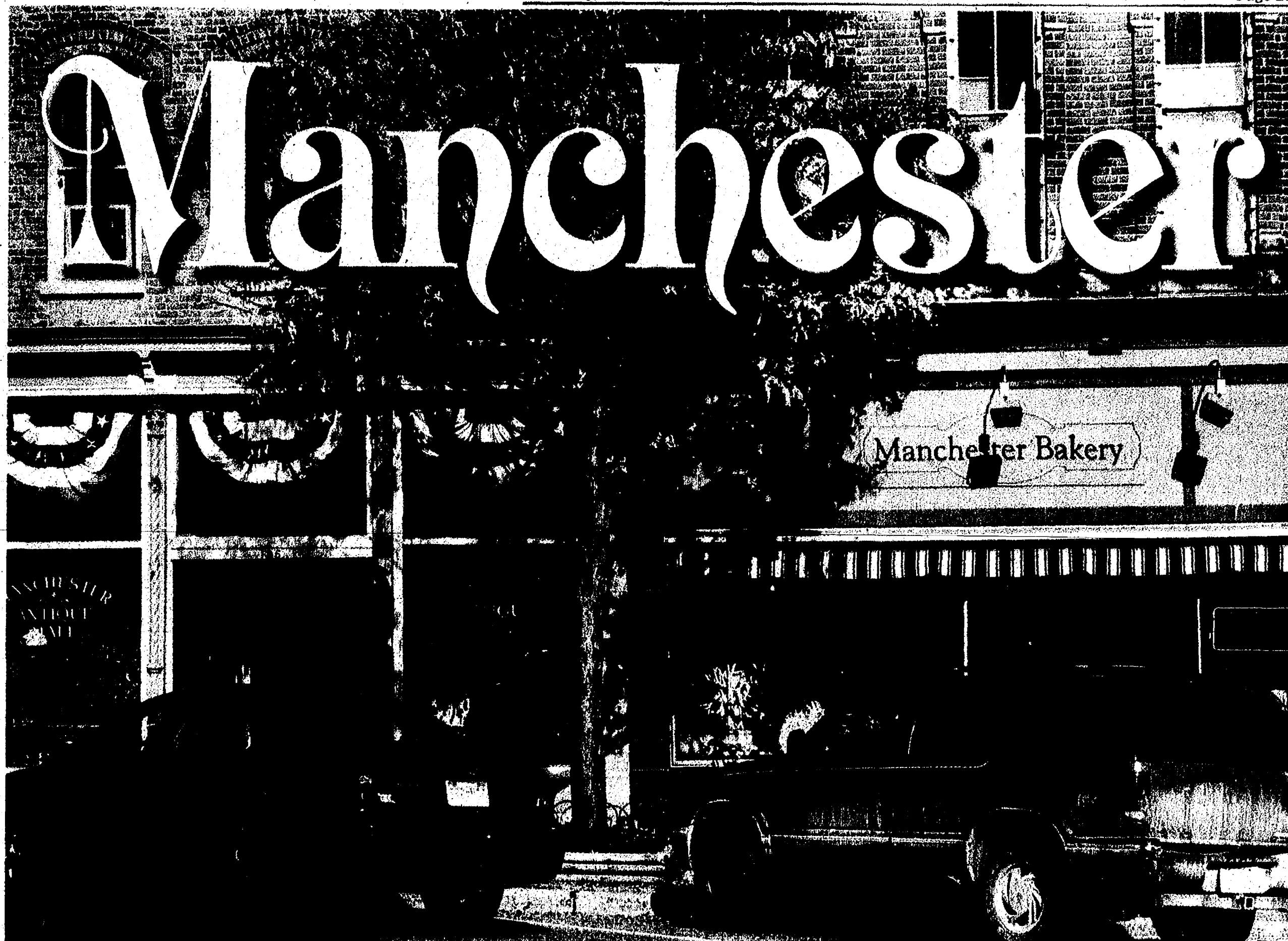
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Data from 1993 to 2002 show that the value of homes located one-quarter to one-half mile from a new rail station increase, according to a report compiled by Murray. The increase ranged from 11 percent in Portland, Ore., to 24 percent in Dallas and 45 percent in Santa Clara County, Calif.

A rail station is very stable, giving investors the confidence to develop in the area, Palombo said. Restaurants, housing, dry cleaners and day cares, among others, are attracted to those areas.

"Transit has a very favor-

able economic impact," he said.

Rail stations, not buses, draw development and residents, Palombo said, adding that "there's nothing that keeps a bus on the road."

But other experts questioned how much economic development will follow a new station in this region.

"We don't really know the impact," said Robin Boyle, a Wayne State professor of urban planning.

There are many examples of light rail lines that sparked development and increased property values, but those communities already had a demand or were well-connected. For example, the line in Portland was a huge success, but it connected the vibrant downtown with all

the technology industries outside the city.

"These facilities existed before," Boyle said, citing similar examples of existing demand in Phoenix and Washington, D.C.

So does light rail generally spur development?

"There's no such thing as generally true," Boyle said.

Ann Arbor and Detroit lack a strong connection, he said, which makes him "skeptical" that much development will occur because of the lines.

Palombo cautioned that "the primary motivation for this is not economic development." Building good transit eases congestion and traffic problems, he said.

He also noted that Dearborn has the most popular Amtrak stop locally, so

it would seem that city is the most likely to see economic development around a new commuter rail station.

"Dearborn has a lot of reason to think it's going to see some positive benefits," Palombo said.

Boyle agreed the line will draw riders, even in the Motor City.

"If you've got consistent transportation, convenient, people will switch to transit," Boyle said.

Trevor Thrall, a political science professor at U of M-Dearborn, also was skeptical about whether development will follow the line.

"I've seen very limited detailed information about the economic development," Thrall said.

Still, Detroit is one of the

few cities of its size without a good transit system, and that puts it at a disadvantage in attracting people and businesses, he said.

"The best argument may be that without a regional system, we are going to get further behind," Thrall said.

Reliable, widespread transportation is a mainstay in cities across America.

"All the major cities except us," Murray said, adding later, "We haven't come together to plan transit well until now."

Thrall said it can be difficult to justify paying for a transit system because the millions invested might never be repaid by riders.

"You're still looking at millions of dollars a year to run it," he said.

METRO

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dioxide, 42 tons of volatile organic compounds and 6.4 tons of particulate matter.

Elsewhere at the airport, our utilities group has found creative, cost-effective and environmentally savvy solutions to fuel a number of major customer service achievements. Environmentally friendly measures taken include the installation of new solar-powered remote light fixtures to address lighting conditions at various points on the perimeter of the airport including the cell phone lots.

In eight of the last nine years, Detroit Metropolitan Airport has been the world leader in recycling spent aircraft deicing fluid. The fluid is harvested, distilled and turned into ingredients in other products containing propylene glycol. The de-icing procedures at Metro are safer for passengers and employees, and help keep the airlines on time while returning a valuable product to the nation's resource stream.

Meanwhile, the airport authority has been participating as a pilot site for SafeLane — a new patented process developed by Michigan Technological

University to provide greatly improved traction for airline equipment that needs to travel uphill in wintry conditions.

Perhaps most exciting of all, Detroit Metro Airport has landed a starring role in Michigan's rapidly emerging film production industry. Since the Michigan Legislature passed what is the most generous film production incentives in the nation, the airport has been swarming with Hollywood types eager to bring their work to Michigan.

Several major television and feature film productions have already used or

expressed interest in our airport as a setting for their projects. But in addition to the revenue generated by the airport from these productions (which is reinvested directly into the airport operation to the benefit of our customers and community), we also realize that we're charged with making a good first impression among Hollywood folks who are lured here by generous incentives yet remain skeptical of what our state really has to offer. So, even for the hundreds of new Michigan film projects that aren't using the airport as a filming location, the airport authority is working hard to

ensure that Michigan's busiest air transportation hub continues to impress visitors as part of our region's collective effort to be "film friendly."

Despite the doom and gloom that seems to dominate recent headlines, we are very optimistic about what lies ahead for our region and its airports. As operators of one of our region's most viable assets, the Wayne County Airport Authority is particularly excited to play a leading role in keeping Michigan on the move.

Lester Robinson is chief executive officer of the Wayne County Airport Authority.

TRUCKS

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of the second phase of the four-year IVBSS program.

Jim Sayer, program director and UMTRI researcher, said he is "excited" about the field test.

"After more than two years of research, development and verification testing of the integrated system, it's gratifying to see the system functioning as part of Con-way Freight's fleet," Sayer said. "We are optimistic that the testing will demonstrate the safety benefits of integrating multiple

crash-warning systems." IVBSS uses information gathered by inertial, video and radar sensors, plus a navigation system, to warn drivers of potentially dangerous situations to prevent or lessen the severity of crashes. UMTRI will launch similar testing of systems for passenger cars in April.

Program partners for the IVBSS commercial-truck research are Eaton Corp., TK Holdings, International Truck and Engine Corp., Con-way Freight and Battelle. The cooperative agreement is with the U.S. Department of

Transportation and is administered by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration with assistance from the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration. Program funding is provided by the Research and Innovative Technology Administration of the U.S. Department of Transportation.

The Transportation Research Institute at the University of Michigan is committed to interdisciplinary research that will ultimately increase driving safety and further transportation systems knowledge.

UMTRI's research significantly impacts highway transportation policy and practice in the United States and abroad. The institute is currently operating a \$22 million per year research program, with funds received from federal and state government agencies, motor vehicle manufacturers and suppliers, and other organizations.

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AUTOS

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Each Mercury model has a similar body type to its Ford counterpart — the Ford Fusion and Mercury Milan, for example. Wheat said discussions and rumors of Ford dropping its Mercury line have sur-

faced over time, but the company believes the line remains viable.

"While the exteriors of some Ford and Mercury vehicles may be somewhat similar, the interiors vary," Wheat said. "You have some people who may want a little more upscale look on the interior of their vehicle. We think the Mercury repre-

sents a more elite brand identity."

Loans right thing to do

Both Wheat and Perkins believe GM and Chrysler should receive additional funding from the federal government to remain viable.

"It would be devastating to the Detroit and national

economy to allow General Motors (and Chrysler) to enter bankruptcy," Perkins said. "The time frame the government allowed the companies to come up with a plan is short, but it magnifies the urgency of the situation and pushes the manufacturer to make the necessary changes needed to make them competitive in the marketplace."

"Timing is everything in this business and that is what they need is the necessary time to change."

Wheat said the aid begins locally, with people buying local products from local retailers.

"When the economy goes bad, it starts in Detroit," he said, "but when it comes back, that starts in Detroit, too."

GREEN

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The Park Place Hotel in Traverse City recently was added to that list of certified Green Lodging hotels at the start of this year.

Green Lodging Michigan mainly encourages these hotels to reduce water consumption, reduce waste, conserve energy and protect air quality.

"This accreditation is the mark of environmental responsibility of hoteliers who are committed to green business practices that make environmental and economic goals their top priority," said Stanley Pruss, director of the Michigan Department of Energy, Labor and Economic Growth.

"Green Lodging Michigan is also helping to ensure the viability of our lodging facilities and the thousands of jobs related to Michigan's hospitality industry."

Park Palace Hotel, as an example, follows several "green" practices to set an example for green commercial activity.

For one, the hotel offers a linen and towel reuse program to lower the amount of water consumption. Furthermore, all showerheads and faucets are low-flow and conserve water.

Recycling also is a big part of the effort, as the hotel

employees not only recycle as many things as they can, but encourage tenants to do the same.

Other energy-specific methods the hotel follows to be green are the installed Energy Star lights that burn less heat and waste less energy, and programmable thermostats to improve energy efficiency. Of course, being green does not always have to include a building. Hotels, houses and offices are only one way to incorporate being environmentally conscientious into commercial businesses.

Those who sell products and services face the same task, and often find their own unique ways to conserve energy and waste less.

Both Oscoda Plastics Inc. in Boston and Allegra Printing and Imaging in Saline do that. The two businesses offer totally unique products and services, but are finding ways to turn their products into green options.

Oscoda sells flooring products, and recycles more than 6 millions pounds of vinyl waste annually. The business also uses 100 percent post-industrial vinyl and offers the leading environmentally friendly vinyl flooring in the country.

Allegra's efforts are somewhat newer, but still an important aspect of the green movement given the hazardous nature of print-

ing products.

For one, ink is a major contaminant and creates issues in waste management. But, secondly, paper waste can be common in such a business, with customers not paying attention to their paper consumption and wasted pages adding up. To combat these issues, Allegra became a partner of the Washtenaw Waste Knot program. Waste Knot was developed by the Washtenaw County Department of Planning and Environment to encourage recycling and increase waste reduction.

Allegra Print and Imaging was recognized by the DEQ for an environmental commitment under the Michigan Great Printer Project. Although Allegra cannot rid itself of all waste, as a paperless office is not a doable goal for most offices, the efforts continue.

Usually those efforts take the form of recycling paper, using paper with a high level of post-consumer content, using different soy-based inks and coatings, and planning print projects to run at one time.

"We want businesses to know that there are several ways in which we can be more environmentally responsible, and that these greener solutions will support their print communications programs," said Joe DeMauro, the general man-

ager of Allegra Print and Imaging.

The largest task for all these green businesses is going to be education above all else. That is one thing consumers don't have regular access to and they are often unaware of their options to becoming green.

Given the influence of social networking and the growing online community, much of that education will likely be through the Internet and new initiatives springing up on the Web. Those initiatives include the Win-Win Campaign, Envirovolution and Make Me Sustainable, all of which are a driving force in the online world.

The Win-Win Campaign focuses its efforts on not only driving consumers and businesses to adopt more green methods, but also on training young adults to be community energy consultants. After completing a training and mentoring program, win-win ambassadors become interns at small businesses that otherwise would not have access to the more expensive green consultants.

Envirovolution, on the other hand, is a nonprofit organization that focuses solely on the expansion of the sustainability movement as a whole. It is driven by a community of individuals, businesses and organizations who feel a responsibility to

contribute to the cause.

Make Me Sustainable is a unique tool that likely will become a common way to measure energy progress. It is energy efficiency meets Facebook in that it is a network of individuals and businesses who chart and keep track of their own personal carbon impact on the environment. The makeme-sustainable.com Web site offers those calculations, with the goal of eventually having an energy profile for all businesses in the world.

That type of network of energy data would make it incredibly easy not only to analyze improvements, but also to have a clear record of the effects businesses and individuals have on the environment.

Whether for a monetary benefit or not, "going green" is certainly the business tactic of the decade. Those businesses not jumping on the big, green bandwagon might suffer down the road and earn reputations for being wasteful and cold to causes.

For those businesses that are participating, some owners do it because they care; others do it because it's the best marketing ploy since pink ribbons. Either way, as with most cause marketing, the end result surely will benefit all.

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FLIGHT

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spirit of a public-private partnership that has helped advance the initiative over the past few years. Late last year, the city of Ypsilanti and Van Buren Township adopted resolutions to join the development corporation. Once the five remaining local governments adopt the agreement, the development corporation can be launched. We can then jointly market the aerotropolis to attract new businesses and jobs to our region.

During the latter half of 2008, we also worked with the state Legislature to introduce a package of incentives targeted to businesses linked to air commerce. The need for a strong set of incentives became apparent as we completed our strategic development and business attraction plans.

The aerotropolis region is ripe with undeveloped land and other key assets. In order to compete for business with other states and countries that have aggressive tax and cash incentives at their disposal, Michigan must level the playing field. The incentives will be a key variable in our ability to create new jobs, build an infrastructure and attract anchor tenants to the region. We are working to modify the legislation to address concerns from the surrounding counties and hope to reintroduce it by the middle of this year.

Taking flight

While 2008 was a year filled with milestones for the aerotropolis initiative, the sense of urgency to move the project forward hasn't diminished. Potential competition from neighboring Chicago and Cleveland makes it imperative that we continue to move swiftly to bring new development to our region.

In addition to the grand opening of the new North Terminal at Metro Airport — which positions our airport as one of the best in the world — many new ventures opened their doors in the aerotropolis region over the past year, including:

- Pinnacle Race Track in Huron Township, a thoroughbred racetrack that serves as a key entertainment venue in support of new business investment.

- Michigan Institute of Aviation and Technology in Van Buren and Huron townships, a school that is providing educational opportunities in power technology, aviation and wind power.

- Great Lakes Recycling in Huron Township, a state-of-the-art green technology venue serving the entire region.

The Detroit Region Aerotropolis offers tremendous opportunities to move into new sectors and make our region more resilient to the economy. We need to take control of our region's destiny. Only through continued regional collaboration and partnership can the aerotropolis fulfill its promise and unlimited potential to be the economic engine that restores southeastern Michigan to a position of leadership in the new global economy.

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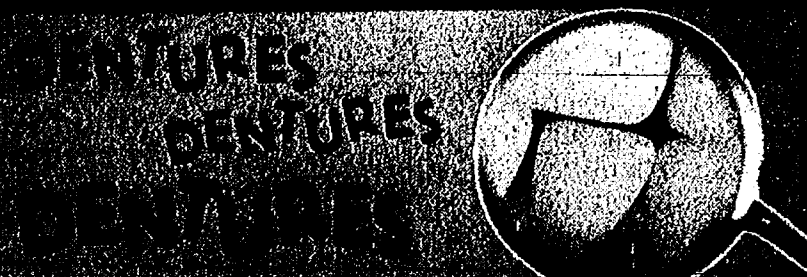
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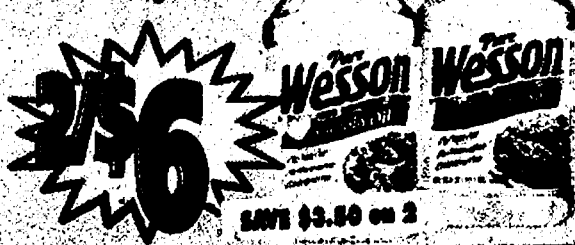
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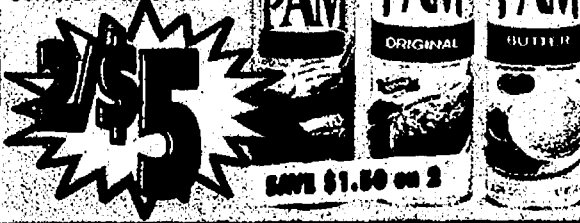
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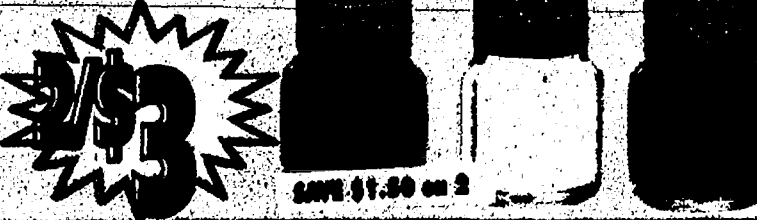
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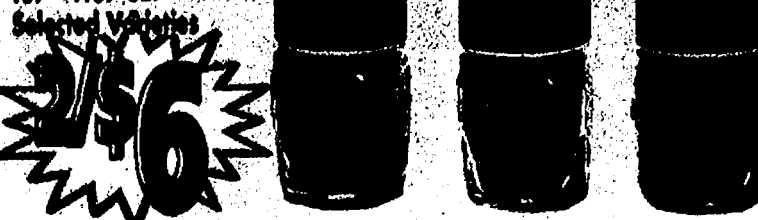
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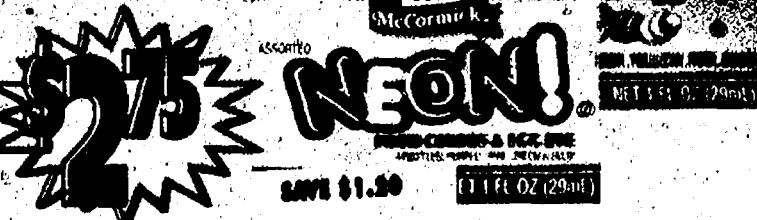
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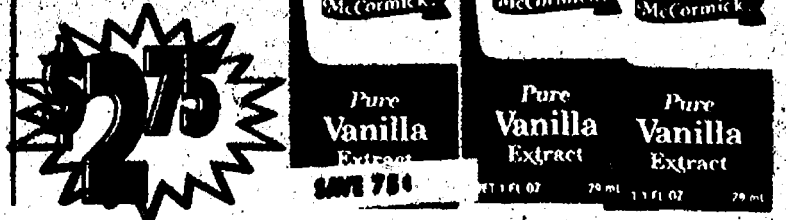
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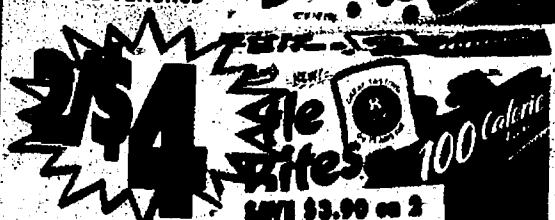
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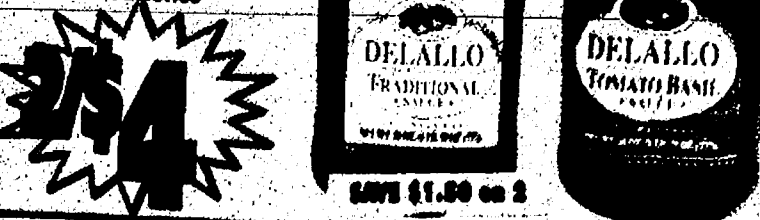


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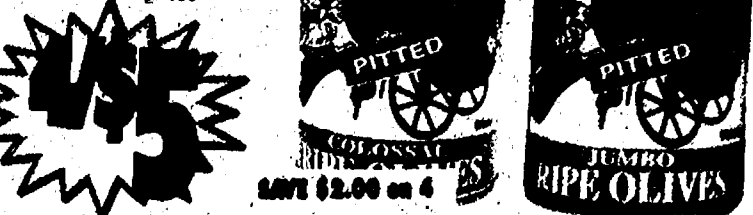
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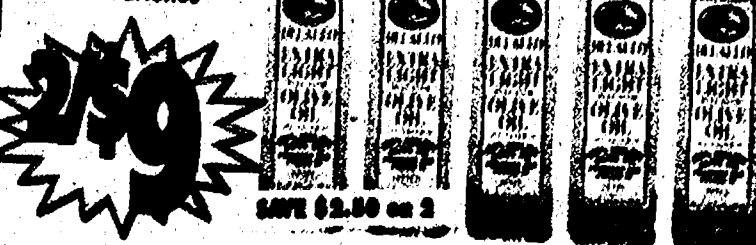
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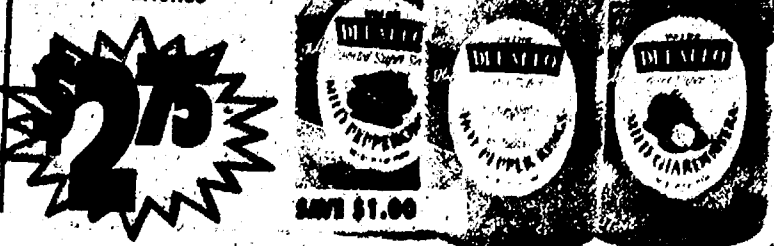
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Selected Varieties



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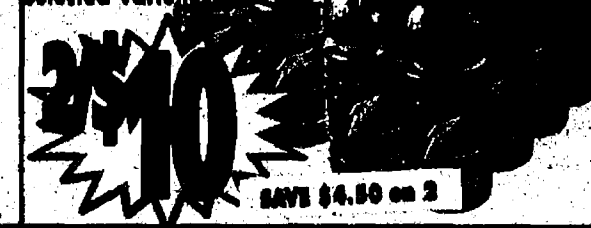
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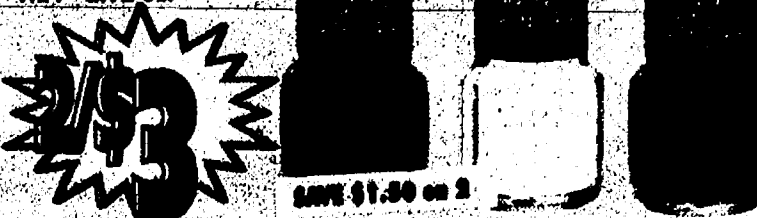
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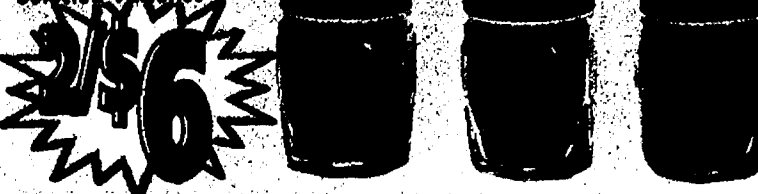
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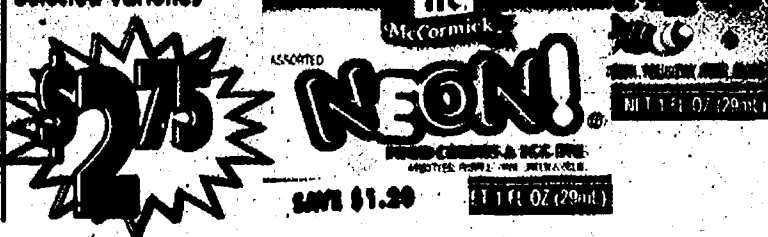
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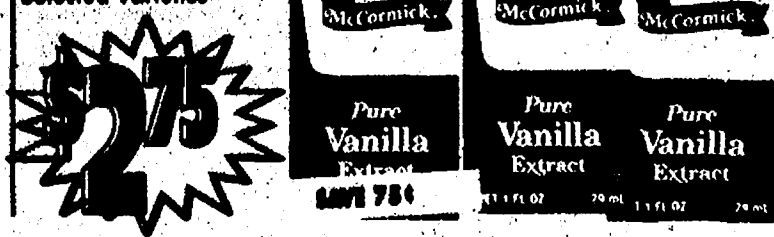
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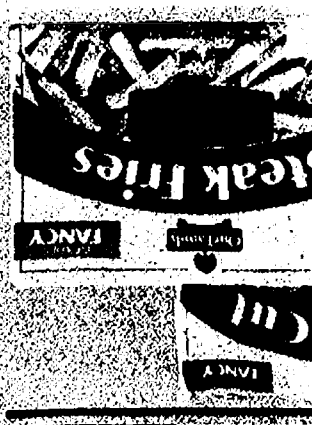


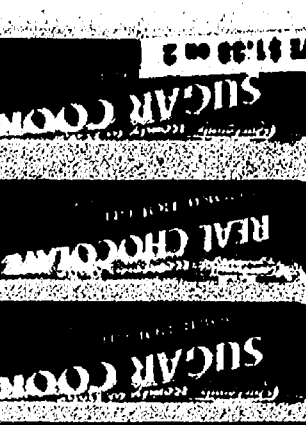
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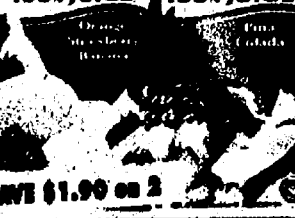
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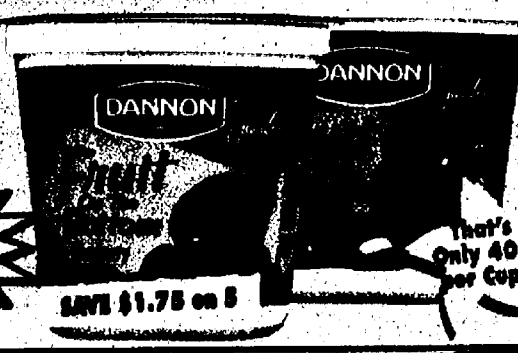
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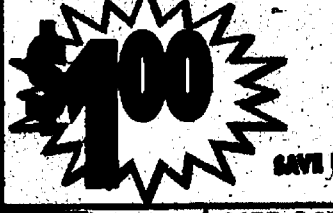
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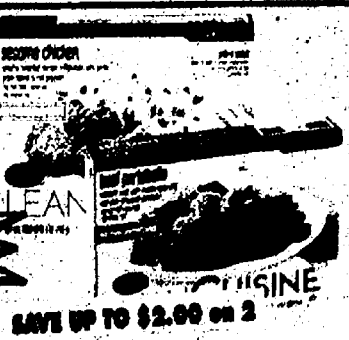
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Selected Varieties



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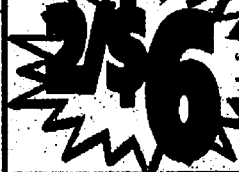
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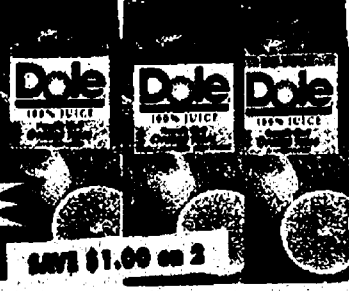


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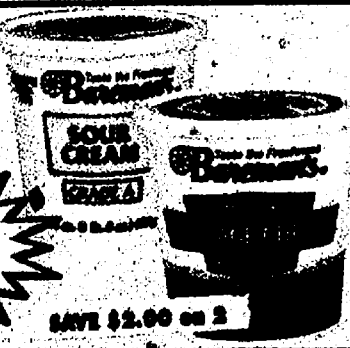
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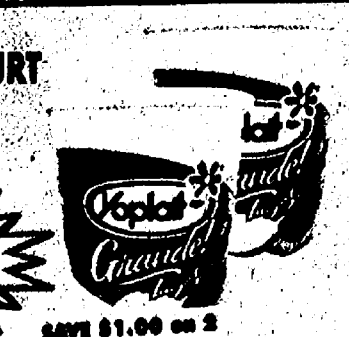
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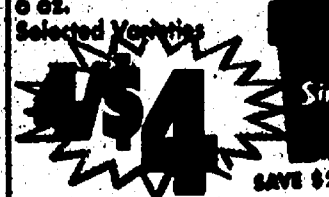
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ROAST BEEF
\$5.99 LB.

Cady Creek
CHEDDAR
CHEESE
\$4.29 LB.

SMASHED
POTATO
SALAD
\$2.19 LB.

EGG
SALAD
\$4.99 LB.

GARDEN FRESH
CHIPS & SALSA
Selected Varieties
16 oz. **\$3.59**

DELALLO GOLD
TURKEY BREAST
Selected Varieties
\$5.99 LB.

BRINCE OMAR
HOMMUS
Selected Varieties
8 oz. **2/\$4**

BRINCE OMAR
PITA CHIPS
Selected Varieties
7 oz. **2/\$5**

BOARS HEAD
MUENSTER
CHEESE
\$5.59 LB.

DELALLO
SWISS CHEESE
Regular or Baby
\$4.99 LB.

BOARS HEAD
TAVERN
HAM **\$6.99** LB.

**Boars Head available at Chelsea, Dexter,
Salina, Adrian-W. Maumee, Brooklyn,
Ferguson, Parnall & Spring Arbor**

BOARS HEAD
PESTO PARM
HAM **\$8.89** LB.

BOARS HEAD
SALAMI
Hard or Genoa **\$7.69** LB.

CARL BUDDIG
THIN SLICED
LUNCHEATS
Selected Varieties
\$5.99

ARMOUR
SIZZLE & SERVE
SAUSAGE LINKS
OR PATTIES
Selected Varieties • Excludes Beef
9 oz. **10/\$10**

ARMOUR
LUNCHEATERS
Selected Varieties
2.6 - 2.47 oz. **10/\$10**

ARMOUR
SLICED
PEPPERONI **10/\$10**

OUR FAMILY
JUMBO HOT DOGS
Excludes Beef **10/\$10**

MAMA ROSA'S
SMALL PIZZAS
Selected Varieties
8.75 oz. **10/\$10**

EL MONTEREY
XXL BURRITOS
Selected Varieties
10 oz. **10/\$10**

SMITHFIELD
BACON
Selected Varieties
12 - 16 oz. **2/\$6**

KOWALSKI
SKINLESS STADIUM
KIELBASA
18 oz. **2/\$7**

OUR FAMILY
SEAFOOD
SENSATIONS
SALMON FILLETS
4 oz. **10/\$10**

OUR FAMILY
SEAFOOD
SENSATIONS
TILAPIA FILLETS
4 oz. **10/\$10**

ORGANIC & NATURAL FOODS!

**EARTH'S BEST
BEGINNER
BABY FOOD**
2.5 oz.
Selected Varieties



2/\$1
SAVE 10¢ on 2

**EARTH'S BEST
STRAINED 2ND
FOODS**
4 oz.
Selected Varieties



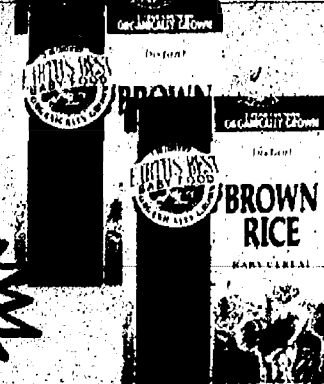
72¢
EVERYDAY LOW PRICE!

**EARTH'S BEST
JUNIOR BABY
FOODS**
6 oz.
Selected Varieties



98¢
EVERYDAY LOW PRICE!

**EARTH'S BEST
CEREALS**
8 oz.
Selected Varieties



\$2.25

**KASHI
GRANOLA BARS
& CEREALS**
7.4 - 15 oz.
Selected Varieties



2/\$5
SAVE \$2.00 on 2

**KASHI
COOKIES**
8.6 oz.
Selected Varieties



2/\$5
SAVE 90¢ on 2

**HODGSON MILLS
ORGANIC WHOLE
WHEAT PASTA**
10 - 12 oz.
Selected Varieties



2/\$4

**EDEN
ORGANIC BEAN**
15 oz.
Selected Varieties



\$4
SAVE \$3.40 on 4

**RACHEL'S
EXOTIC YOGURTS**
6 oz.
Selected Varieties



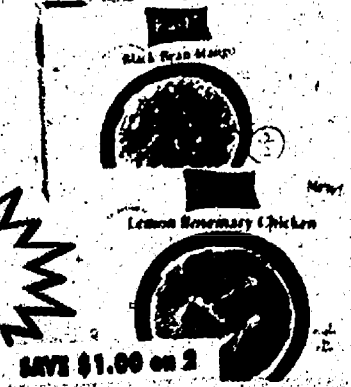
\$4
SAVE 75¢ on 5

**MORNING STAR
VEGGIE MEATS**
8 - 12 oz.
Selected Varieties



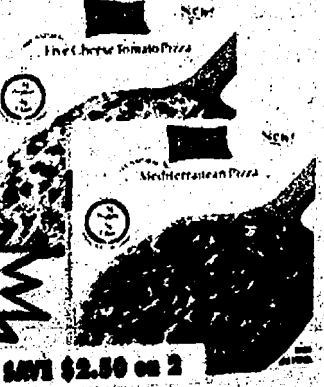
2/\$6
SAVE \$1.50 on 2

**KASHI
ENTREES**
10 oz.
Selected Varieties



2/\$6
SAVE \$1.00 on 2

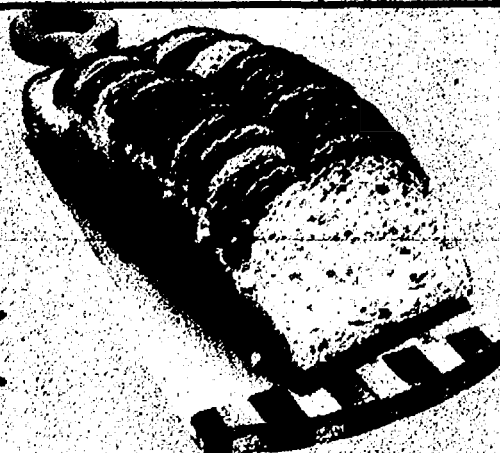
**KASHI
PIZZA**
11.9 - 12.8 oz.
Selected Varieties



2/\$8
SAVE \$2.50 on 2

FRESH BAKERY!

**Fresh Baked
SIX GRAIN
BREAD**
16 oz.



\$2.89

**Fresh Baked
BREADSTICKS**
8 ct.



\$1.89

**Delicious
FRESH BAKED
COOKIES**
12 ct.
Selected Varieties



\$2.79

**CINNAMON
PERSHINGS**
4 ct.



\$1.79

**Cake of the Week
MINT
CHOCOLATE**
8 inch Single Layer



\$6.99

**REGULAR OR
NO SUGAR ADDED
PIES**
4 inch - 5 oz.
Selected Varieties



\$10/\$10

HOME & HEALTH CARE SAVINGS!

**RENUZIT
ADJUSTABLES**
7.5 oz.
Selected Varieties



1/\$4
SAVE 20¢ on 4

**SOLO
PAPER PLATES
BOWLS & CLEAR CUPS**
15 - 48 ct.
Selected Varieties



2/\$4

**BOUNTY BASIC
PAPER TOWELS**
1 Roll



3/\$2
SAVE 81¢ on 3

**ERA 2X
LAUNDRY
DETERGENT**
50 oz.
Selected Varieties



2/\$7
SAVE \$2.90 on 2

**PUREX ULTRA
2X LAUNDRY
DETERGENT**
50 oz.
Selected Varieties



2/\$6
SAVE \$3.90 on 2

**PUREX
FABRIC SOFTENER
SHEETS**
120 ct.
Selected Varieties



2/\$5
SAVE \$1.98 on 2

**NORTHERN
QUILTED
BATH TISSUE**
12 Double Rolls



\$6.98
SAVE \$1.01

**DIAL
BAR SOAP**
3 Pk.
Selected Varieties



\$1.79
SAVE 71¢

**TYLENOL
BONUS PK.**
40 - 70 ct.
Selected Varieties



\$6.00

**PEPSODENT
OR AIM
TOOTHPASTE**
6 oz.
Selected Varieties



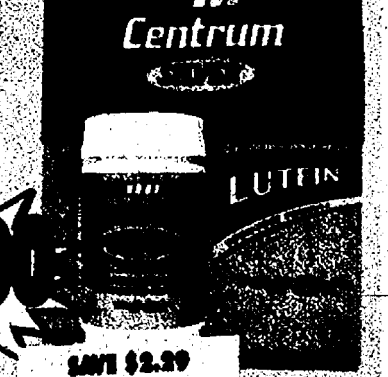
\$1.00
SAVE \$1.91

**FINESSE
SHAMPOO &
CONDITIONER**
15 oz.
Selected Varieties



2/\$6
SAVE 78¢ on 2

**CENTRUM
SILVER**
100 - 130 ct.
Selected Varieties



\$10.00
SAVE \$2.29

PET CARE SAVINGS!

**FANCY FEAST
CAT FOOD**
3 oz.
Selected Varieties



1/\$2
SAVE 40¢ on 4

**9 LIVES
CAT FOOD**
4 Pack
Selected Varieties



\$1.37
COMPARE THE BOTTOM LINE!

**NUNN BETTER
GOURMET
CAT FOOD**
16 lb.



\$8.49
SAVE \$1.26

**NUNN BETTER
DOG TREATS**
5.6 - 6 oz.
Jerky Strips or
Biscuits



2/\$5
SAVE 90¢ on 3

**NUNN BETTER
DOG FOOD**
16 lb.
Selected Varieties



2/\$14
SAVE \$1.00 on 2


**PURINA
DOG CHOW**
17.6 - 20 lb.
Selected Varieties



\$9.72

SNACK & BEVERAGE SAVINGS!

PEPSI-COLA PRODUCTS
2 liter bottle
Selected Varieties
(plus deposit)
1/4 \$4
SAVE \$2.00 on 4



OUR FAMILY POP
12 pk. cans
Selected Varieties
(plus deposit)
2 1/4 \$4
SAVE \$1.00 on 2



AQUAFINA WATER
24 pk. 16.9 oz. bottles
2 1/4 \$8
SAVE \$2.50 on 2



KEELER CHIPS DELUXE
12.5 - 18 oz.
Selected Varieties
2 1/4 \$4
SAVE \$3.00 on 2



FRITO LAY LAYS POTATO CHIPS
10.5 - 12 oz.
Selected Varieties
2 1/4 \$4
SAVE \$3.50 on 2



LAYS



GENERAL MILLS BUGLES & CHEX SNACK MIX
7.5 - 8.75 oz.
Selected Varieties
1 1/4 \$4
SAVE \$3.40 on 4



CHEX MIX



MCKEE LITTLE DEBBIE SNACK CAKES
6 - 12 pk.
Selected Varieties
2 1/4 \$6



KRAFT MAC & CHEESE CRACKERS
8 oz.
Selected Varieties
2 1/4 \$5
SAVE \$3.20 on 2



PROPEL
6 pk. 16.9 oz. bottles
Selected Varieties
2 1/4 \$6
SAVE \$1.50 on 2



ALL SPORT ISOTONIC SPORT DRINK
32 oz.
Selected Varieties
2 1/4 \$10
SAVE \$5.50



KEELER CLUB CRACKERS
9 - 16 oz.
Selected Varieties
2 1/4 \$5
SAVE \$2.00 on 2



NABISCO TOASTED SNACK CHIPS
8.1 oz.
Selected Varieties
2 1/4 \$5
SAVE \$1.00 on 2



7-UP PRODUCTS
6 pk. 1/2 liter plastic
Selected Varieties
(plus deposit)
2 1/4 \$5
SAVE \$2.50 on 2



7-UP PRODUCTS
6 pk. 8 oz. cans
Selected Varieties
(plus deposit)
2 1/4 \$7
SAVE \$4.01 on 2



NABISCO MULTI PACKS
12 oz.
Selected Varieties
2 1/4 \$6
SAVE \$2.00 on 2



FRITO LAY TOSTITOS
9.5 - 13 oz.
Selected Varieties
2 1/4 \$6
SAVE \$1.50 on 2



COCA-COLA PRODUCTS
8 pk. 8 oz. cans
Selected Varieties
(plus deposit)
2 1/4 \$7
SAVE \$1.00 on 2



PEPSI-COLA PRODUCTS
12 pk. 12 oz. cans
Selected Varieties
(plus deposit)
2 1/4 \$8
SAVE \$1.00 on 2



WINE CELLAR

GRAND CRU CALIFORNIA WINES
750 ml
Selected Varieties
(plus tax)



2.58
SAVE \$1.00 on 2

FRONTERA PREMIUM CHILEAN WINES
1.5 Liter
Selected Varieties
(plus tax)



7.50
SAVE \$1.45

DEKUYPER SCHNAPPS
750 ml
Selected Varieties
(plus tax)



11.95

SOBIESKI VODKA
750 ml
(plus tax)



9.95
A NEW PREMIUM VODKA AT A REASONABLE PRICE

PACIFIC RIM RIESLING WINES
750 ml
Dry or Sweet
(plus tax)



8.50

RAVENSWOOD VINTNERS BLENDS
750 ml
Selected Varieties
(plus tax)



8.75
SAVE \$2.20

BACARDI RUM
750 ml
Selected Varieties
(plus tax)



13.95

JIM BEAM BOURBON
750 ml
(plus tax)



16.95

FRANCIS COPPOLA CHARDONNAY
750 ml
(plus tax)



10.50
SAVE \$2.05

REDWOOD CREEK VARIETAL WINES
750 ml
Selected Varieties
(plus tax)



12.95
SAVE \$1.00 on 2

DEWAR'S WHITE LABEL SCOTCH
750 ml
(plus tax)



22.95

TANGIERAY PREMIUM GIN
750 ml
(plus tax)



21.95

UNDEMAN'S WINES
750 ml
Selected Varieties
(plus tax)



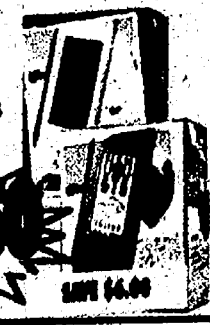
11.95
SAVE 90¢ on 2

KENDALL JACKSON WINES
750 ml
Selected Varieties
(plus tax)



16.50
SAVE \$3.45

FISH EYE BOX WINES
3 Liter
Selected Varieties
(plus tax)



13.95
SAVE \$6.00

CHRISTIAN BROTHERS BRANDY
750 ml
(plus tax)



10.95

DI SARONNO AMARETTO
750 ml
(plus tax)



25.95

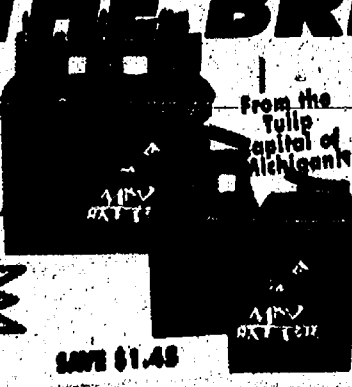
THE BREWERY!

MICHIGAN BREWING
6 Pk. 12 oz. Bottles
Selected Varieties
(plus tax & deposit)



7.00
SAVE \$1.35

NEW HOLLAND BEERS
6 Pk. 12 oz. Bottles
Selected Varieties
(plus tax & deposit)



8.50
SAVE \$1.45

HONEY BROWN
12 Pk. 12 oz. Bottles
Selected Varieties
(plus tax & deposit)



9.95
SAVE \$1.00

RED STRIPE
12 Pk. 12 oz. Bottles
Selected Varieties
(plus tax & deposit)



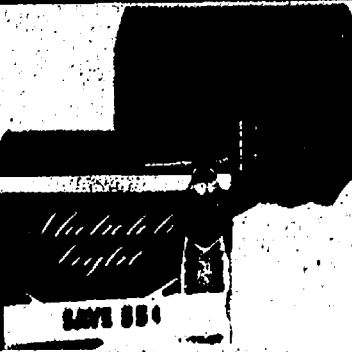
10.95
SAVE \$1.00

MILLER PRODUCTS
18 Pk. 12 oz. Cans
Selected Varieties
(plus tax & deposit)



10.95
SAVE \$1.00

MICHELLO
20 Pk. 12 oz. Bottles
Selected Varieties
(plus tax & deposit)



12.95
SAVE \$5.00

COORS & LABATT
24 Pk. 12 oz. Cans
Selected Varieties
(plus tax & deposit)



15.95
SAVE \$2.00

KEYSTONE & NATURAL LIGHT
30 Pk. 12 oz. Cans
Selected Varieties
(plus tax & deposit)



13.95
SAVE \$1.00


SPRING HAS SPRUNG IN THE PRODUCE GARDEN! Enjoy 8 Servings of Fresh Fruits & Vegetables Each Day for Better Health



SAVE 21¢ / lb.

Premium
DOLE BANANAS

38¢ / lb.



Great for Baking!

SAVE \$2.11

IDAHO RUSSET POTATOES

10 lb.


\$2.78 / EA.



SAVE 61¢

DOLE SNOW WHITE CAULIFLOWER

\$1.88 / EA.




Produce Feature of the Week

SAVE 71¢

Baby Bella PORTABELLA MUSHROOMS

8 oz.

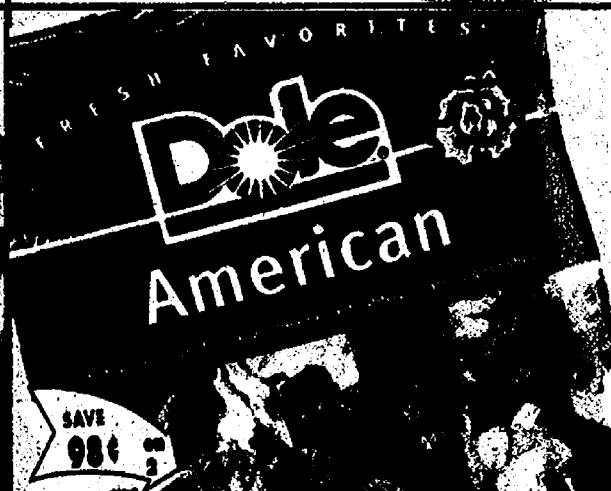
\$1.50 / EA.



SAVE 51¢ / lb.

FRESH HOTHOUSE TOMATOES

\$1.38 / lb.



SAVE 98¢

DOLE American SPECIAL BLEND SALADS

12 oz.

2/\$5



SAVE 81¢ / lb.

NEW CROP FRESH ASPARAGUS


\$1.68 / lb.



Fresh Floral Department
 May not be exactly as illustrated

ROSE & ALSTROMERIA BOUQUET

\$5.99 / EA.



SAVE \$1.00

Jumbo Sweet CANTALOUPE


2/\$4



SAVE \$1.01

Tropical GOLDEN PINEAPPLE

\$2.98 / EA.



SAVE 11¢ / lb.

WASHINGTON APPLES
 Granny Smith, Fuji, Braeburn or Gala

98¢ / lb.



SAVE 41¢

Earthbound Farm. ORGANIC MINT PEEL CARROTS

ORGANIC BABY CARROTS

1 lb.

\$1.50 / EA.