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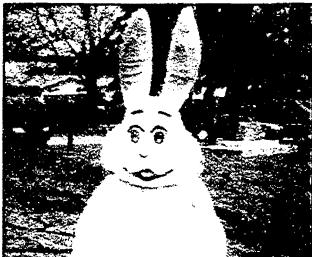
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## NEWS BRIEFS

### Benefit dinner set

The Knights of Columbus Council is sponsoring a benefit spaghetti dinner for Ryan Weir from 5 to 8 p.m. on April 12 at the St. Mary Parish Center on Madison Street.

Funds raised at the dinner will help Weir with the medical expenses associated with a liver transplant. Freewill donations will be accepted.

### Story time with Grandma Pat

Story time at the Manchester District Library is set for 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday at the library. Story time is reserved for children between the ages of 3 and 6 accompanied by an adult. No registration is necessary.

Next week's theme will be "The Colors of the Rainbow." Grandma Pat will explore rainbows and the colors that make them with children who attend.

### Kindergarten Round-up coming

All children eligible to enter school next fall are invited to participate in Kindergarten Round-up on April 18. Children must be 5 years old on or before Dec. 1, 2002.

Pre-registration is necessary. Call the Klager Elementary School office at 428-8321, ext. 1300 to receive an appointment time.

The child's birth certificate and immunization records must be brought to round-up.

### Yearbook receives award for excellence

The Manchester High School yearbook staff and adviser June Weiland have been recognized by Taylor Publishing Company with a special achievement award.

Each year, Taylor recognizes Special Achiever staffs, selected based on its dedication, effort and accomplishments. The 2001 yearbook and staff will be featured in Taylor's 2002 edition of the "Yearbook Yearbook."

### Junior Master Gardener class set

Washtenaw County MSU Extension is hosting a Junior Master Gardener class for kids ages 9 to 11. Participants and their parents will explore various gardening topics in a casual atmosphere.

Two separate classes are scheduled to run from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on either Tuesdays or Thursdays from May 7 to June 13 at Matthei Botanical Gardens in Ann Arbor.

Cost for the class is \$30. Applications, available at the extension office located at 705 N. Zeeb Rd. in Ann Arbor, are due by 5 p.m. on April 8. Call 997-1678 for more information.

## Heritage Newspapers steps into 21st Century

■ New ownership will reach more than 1.2 million households.

Heritage Newspapers Inc., publisher of The Manchester Enterprise and other leading community newspapers in southeastern Michigan, including The News-Herald and Heritage Sunday in the downriver area, has been acquired by 21st Century Newspapers Inc.

The purchase was jointly announced Friday by David Treadwell, president and chief executive officer of Prechter Holdings Inc., and Frank Shepherd, president and CEO of 21st Century.

A purchase price was not disclosed. "A number of newspaper companies and financial groups expressed tremendous interest in acquiring Heritage Newspapers," Treadwell said. "We selected 21st Century because we believe it shares a corporate strategy and com-

mitment to publishing that is most in line with our own philosophy. 21st Century is a good fit for our employees and for the communities we have served."

Shepherd said his company is "extremely pleased to have been chosen as the new owners of Heritage Newspapers."

"Year in and year out, Heritage Newspapers is the envy of other Michigan newspapers as they win award after award. The Michigan Press Association named the News-Herald the Newspaper of the Year in its category for 12 straight years. That has got to be a record and is a testimony to the company's dedication to community journalism. I promise we will carry on that proud tradition."

Heritage Newspapers, a division of Prechter Holdings, was created when the

late Heinz Prechter, an automotive industry entrepreneur, bought and merged several Downriver newspapers in the mid-1980s. Today, Heritage Newspapers comprises 22 award-winning weekly publications in southeastern Michigan, covering 68 communities in Wayne, Monroe, Washtenaw and Genesee counties.

The newspaper group has a circulation of more than 300,000 and employs approximately 325 people.

"We have built an outstanding newspaper chain over the last 17 years through the hard work of all of the newspapers' employees and the vision we shared with Heinz Prechter," said Fredrick Manuel, former president of Heritage Media.

"He was a great boss to me and always treated me with the greatest respect. I am sure all of us are proud to have been part of his vision. It is that vision that allowed

all of us to achieve extraordinary levels of excellence."

The Manchester Enterprise, originally founded by Mat Blosser in 1867, is entering its 135th year of serving the Manchester community, and other Heritage papers have more than 100 years of newspaper coverage in their respective communities. The News-Herald, Heritage Newspapers' flagship publication, has received numerous awards in addition to its 12-year record as the MPA's Newspaper of the Year. In 2001, it also was named the best weekly newspaper in the United States by the National Newspaper Association and the nation's best by the Inland Press Association.

"We are delighted to become part of this team and will become involved in community events and business associations, not only in the Downriver area, but in all communities our newspapers

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### Heritage names new president — See Page 3-B

## A Tisket, a Tasket...



Brownie Troop 1802 donated 25 baskets toward a special Easter project sponsored by Preceptor Gamma Theta. The service sorority chapter of Beta Sigma Phi filled 46 baskets with goodies and is distributing them to children of Manchester Family Service clients. Pictured are Alexia Cozart (front, left), Tabitha Withrow, Jessie Sahakian, Emma Greene, Judy Sahakian (middle, left), Kylaer Haeussler, Mason Ysassi, Sarah Fielder, Addie Baier, Eleni Kastanis, Melissa Bazydlo (back, left), Alexia Knapp, Olivia Birchmeier, Angela Maggetti, Kelsie Ritter, Michelle Newkirk and Morgan Evans. Also members of the troop but not pictured are Emily Billitier, Claudia Birgy, Sara Cole, Anna Maisano, Kailyn Pilgrim, Shana Tubbs and Kelsey Walker.

## Township considers all treatment options

■ Board continues looking, but keeps all options open.

By Marsha Johnson Chartrand  
Associate Editor

"Right now, we have a bird in the hand," Bridgewater Township trustee Doug Parr told his fellow board members last week. "We need to keep that."

That "bird" is the planned lagoon water treatment system and a proposed site on the corner of Klager and Kaiser Roads along the eastern edge of the township.

"To keep that bird in the hand, we need to make sure we have secured the property," Parr said. "We need to put earnest money on it. I'm willing to risk that sum rather than spend a lot more later on to use an alternate property."

And yet, he continued, the board owes it to itself and to the residents of the sewer district to keep looking at all the options. A meeting the previous night called by a concerned citizens' group outlined a new, third option for wastewater treatment in the hamlet of Bridgewater.

"My recommendation at this time is to say yes to both—put the earnest money on the Spaulding property and survey alternative means, namely the Rotordisk system," he said.

Parr, who along with other board members and residents of both Saline and Bridgewater townships attended the March

19 meeting at St. John's Lutheran Church in Bridge-water, explained that it took 2-1/2 hours for Ted Warrow of Waste Stream Consultants, Inc. of Livonia to present the Rotordisk sewage treatment system at the citizens' meeting. He suggested that the township either start off with a committee to look into this new option or to hold another meeting where Warrow and the township's engineer,

Glenn Burkhardt, could present the pros and cons of the system.

"We need to get a focused comparison," he said. "I'm offering my time no matter how we proceed."

Clerk Karen Weidmayer noted that it would be important for the board and some citizens to tour sites where the system is used.

"We want to compare apples to apples," she said. "We're only gonna get one chance—we have to make sure we do (the system) right."

Burkhardt gave his input on the Rotordisk system at Supervisor Carol Peacock's request.

"It seems to me that rather than forming a committee, you would be better off to let a professional take the time to research this," he said. "Someone has to take responsibility for the performance of what you build—and that person

will have the initials P.E. after waste water."

"Biodisk is an effective treatment method but must be combined with other steps," he continued. "Once we set up a framework for discussion then we can talk as a group."

Burkhardt also added that zoning requirements would be an issue with the treatment system and that because the township was working under a grant with the

Clean Michigan Initiative, it has an obligation to competitive bid proposals for issuing a contract.

Warrow, who also attended last week's board meeting, added that structural engineers say that the biodisk system is good technology.

"I can show you good examples all over the state where this system is working," he said. "It is proven to meet Michigan's

Peacock said that although cost considerations have been a deciding factor as the board deliberated over which system to utilize, "the community has indicated they're willing to pay a little more for better technology."

Ultimately, the board followed Parr's advice. It approved signing a grant agreement, effective April 1, for the sewer system. Peacock was designated the township's authorized signer. It also approved an option agreement for the purchase of land for a lagoon treatment system. And it will consider the Rotordisk mechanical system for water treatment at a special meeting at 7 p.m. April 9 at the township hall.

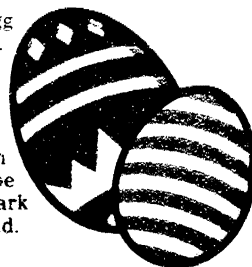
Property owners within the special assessment district will be individually notified of this special meeting so that they can attend.

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## Easter Egg Hunt

Manchester's annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held promptly at 1 p.m. Saturday at Carr Park.

A total of 25 prize eggs will be awarded at \$2 each by the Manchester Men's Club. Age groups include toddlers through fourth grade. The Easter Bunny also will be making her rounds through the park and giving out candy to all who attend. Don't be late!



## Local plant is sold, restructuring

■ Investors want to get back to basics.

By Marsha Johnson Chartrand  
Associate Editor

Pilot Industries is hoping to get off on a better foot, after three local investors recently pulled the ailing automotive supplier out of Chapter 11 bankruptcy.

"Our goal is to get back to the basics and capitalize on our engineering strengths," said Robert Eckert, executive vice president of Pilot Industries. "We hope to build this area up again."

Eckert said the new owners finalized the purchase of the company Jan. 31 for approximately \$15 million, pulling the company completely out of debt. Cerberus Institutional Buyers, a large investing fund, was able to pay cash for the business and convert \$10 million of equity to debt, he said.

Cerberus, a New York firm, specializes in taking over bankrupt companies and turning them around.

"I am excited about the challenges and opportunities ahead and look forward to working in partnership with the Pilot team to build a stronger company," said CEO Morris Rowlett.

The company restructured its upper management at its Dexter office and eliminated 22 positions, retaining approximately 1,600 employees.

Former owner Bob Davis stayed on board and is now responsible for strategic engineering. Fred Woodard, another former owner, is now a senior vice president and is helping with strategic planning.

Founded in 1977, Pilot has offices in the United States, the Netherlands and Mexico. When the new owners decided to buy Pilot, they purchased all assets except for two South American subsidiaries. The company has local offices in Ann Arbor and Manchester.

In Manchester, the company has an Industrial Facility Tax Abatement (IFT) dating back to 1994. The 12-year agreement, for both real and personal property, expires in 2006. Village Manager Jeff Wallace said that the transfer will need to be approved by village council and filed with the state before the transfer is complete.

Wallace said that the village had not been officially notified of the change of ownership for the business, which employs approximately 150 in its Manchester location, according to documents filed with the village.

Dexter village officials said that they haven't seen any prob-

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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**March 28**  
**Community Resource Center Board** meets at 7:30 p.m. at the center.  
**King's Volunteers** meet at 1 p.m. at the Manchester United Methodist Church.

**March 29**  
**Knights of Columbus Fish Fry** is held from 5 to 8 p.m. at the St. Mary Parish Center on Madison Street.

**Alcoholics Anonymous** meets at 7 p.m. in the Emanuel United Church of Christ kitchen.

**Al-Anon** meets at 7 p.m. in the Emanuel United Church of Christ 3-4 grade classroom. Contact 428-8786 for information.

**March 30**  
**Easter Egg Hunt**, sponsored by the Manchester Men's Club, begins at 1 p.m.

**March 31**  
**Easter Sunday**

**April 1**  
**Alzheimer's Family Caregiver Support Group** meets from 1 to 3 p.m. at Turner Senior Resource Center, 2401 Plymouth Road, Suite C. Ann Arbor. Contact the Alzheimer's Association at (800) 337-3827 or (734) 677-3081.

**Euchre Night** at the American Legion, 7 p.m. All are welcome.

**Manchester Village Council** meets at 7 p.m. at the village hall.

**Preceptor Gamma Theta** chapter of Beta Sigma Phi meets. For more information call Diana Sloat at 428-7253.

**Masonic Lodge** business meeting takes place at 7:30 p.m.

**April 2**  
**Boostompers** meet at 7 p.m. at Emanuel United Church of Christ.

**Story Time with Grandma Pat**, 10:30 to 11 a.m. at the Manchester District Library, for children ages 3 to 6, accompanied by an adult.

**Manchester Band Boosters** meet at 7 p.m. in the high school band room.

**Freedom Township Planning Commission** meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Freedom Township Hall.

**April 3**  
**Story Time with Grandma Pat**, 10:30 to 11 a.m. at the Manchester District Library, for children ages 3 to 6, accompanied by an adult.

**Awana Clubs** meet at 6:30 p.m. at Community Bible Church.

**Manchester Community Brass Band** meets at 7:30 p.m.

**Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners** meets at 7 p.m. at the County Administration Building.

**Raisin Valley Land Trust** meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Blacksmith Shop.

**Veterans of Foreign Wars** meets at 7:30 p.m. at the American Legion Home.

**April 4**  
**Manchester Village Parks Commission** meets at 7:15 p.m. at the village hall.

**American Legion Post 117** meets at 7:30 p.m. at the American Legion Home.

**Manchester Township Planning Commission** meets at 8 p.m. at the township hall.

**Sharon Township Board of Trustees** meets at 8 p.m. at the township hall.

**COMING EVENTS:**  
**Manchester Knights of Columbus** will sponsor a benefit spaghetti dinner for Ryan Weir, who is facing a liver transplant. The event will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. on April 12. Donations will be accepted at the door. All proceeds will help Ryan with his medical expenses.  
**Manchester Community Fair** dates June 25 through 29.

**Thursday**  
**Manchester Village Parks Commission** meets at 7:15 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at the village hall.

**American Legion Post 117** meets at 7:30 p.m. the first Thursday of the month at the American Legion Home.

**Manchester Township Planning Commission** meets at 8 p.m. on the first and third Thursday of each month at the township hall.

**Sharon Township Board of Trustees** meets at 8 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month at the township hall.

**Manchester Lamb Club** will meet at 7:00 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month in the Michigan Livestock auction hall.

**Manchester Cub Scout Pack** meets at 7 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month at St. Mary's Catholic Church Parish Center.

**Sharon Township Planning Commission** meets at 8 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month at the township hall.

**United Way Board** meets at 12 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month at St. Mary's Catholic Church Parish Hall.

**Community Resource Center Board** meets at 7:30 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of each month at the center.

**King's Volunteers** meet on the fourth Thursday of each month at 1 p.m. at the Manchester United Methodist Church.

**Friday**  
**Alcoholics Anonymous** meets at 7 p.m. each Friday in the Emanuel United Church of Christ kitchen.

**Al-Anon** meets at 7 p.m. each Friday in the Emanuel United Church of Christ 3-4 grade classroom. Contact 428-8786 for information.

**Saturday**  
**Manchester Kiwanis Club** meets at 8 a.m. on the first and third Saturday at the village hall. Call 428-8976 for membership information.

**Sunday**  
**American Legion** breakfast is held from 8 a.m. to noon on the first Sunday of each month, October through June, at the American Legion Hall.

**Parkinson Education and Support Group** meets at 1:30 p.m. on the second Sunday of each month. Call 930-6335 for information.

**Taize Worship** on the second Sunday of each month, 7 p.m. at the United Methodist Church.

**Boy Scouts** host a monthly breakfast on the third Sunday of each month, September through May, at St. Mary's Catholic Church Parish Center.

**Monday**  
**Euchre Night** at the American Legion, 7 p.m. each Monday from October through May. All are welcome.

**Manchester Village Council** meets at 7 p.m. on the first and third Monday of each month at the village hall.

**Preceptor Gamma Theta** chapter of Beta Sigma Phi meets on the first and third Monday of each month. For more information call Diana Sloat at 428-7253.

**Masonic Lodge** business meeting takes place at 7:30 p.m. on the first Monday of each month.

**Manchester Optimist Club** meets at 6:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Monday of each month at Emanuel United Church of Christ.

**Manchester Area Chamber of Commerce Board** meets on the second Monday of each month at noon at Dan's River Grill. All chamber members may attend.

**Manchester District Library Board** meets at 7:00 p.m. on the second Monday of each month at the new village hall, 912 City Road.

**Bridgewater Township Planning Commission** meets at 7:30 p.m. on the second Monday of each month at the Bridgewater Township Hall.

**Manchester Knights of Columbus** meets at 8 p.m. on the second Monday of each month at the village hall.

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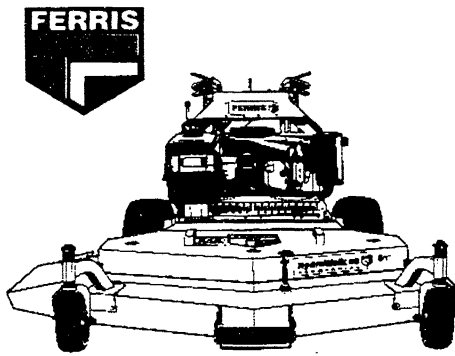
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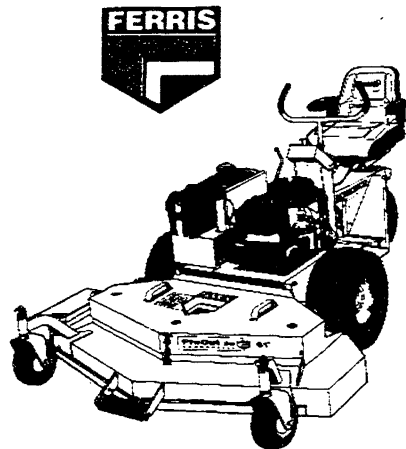
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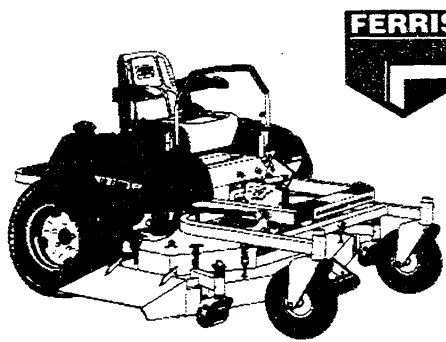
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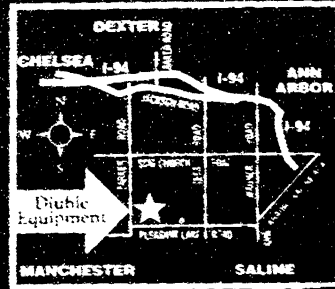
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# County outlines brownfield redevelopment strategy

■ *New EPA Pilot Grant to spur redevelopment of contaminated sites.*

By Sven Gustafson  
Staff Writer

Officials from the Washtenaw County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority and a Jackson environmental engineering firm discussed the county's Brownfield Redevelopment Initiative last Wednesday at Klager Elementary School.

Billed as a "town hall" meeting, the four-member panel took turns outlining the county-managed tax credit and federal grant programs meant to spur redevelopment of brownfield sites.

The Environmental Protection Agency defines brownfields as "abandoned, idled, or under-used industrial and commercial facilities where expansion or redevelopment is complicated by real or perceived environmental contamination."

A handout distributed at

Wednesday's meeting put it in economic terms, calling them "Properties where new development will not occur without financial assistance for cleanup, clearing or rehabilitation of existing structures."

Patricia Denig, a county brownfield analyst, said the initiative was important locally given the concern over losing land to urban sprawl. She said the initiative encourages the development of abandoned or empty urban sites, where services already exist, over new lots outside of cities or villages.

"This is a way to stem some of that (loss of open space)," said Denig, "a tool in a larger kit bag."

Washtenaw Development Council President Susan Lackey said she sees the initiative as "a

very important aspect of development."

Patrick Greve, who assesses environmental risks on contaminated sites for AKT Peerless in Jackson, said the county has made it easier to develop brownfield sites by offering Baseline Environmental Assessments (BEA). In a BEA, a potential developer can conduct studies of contamination levels and sources on a site that would provide for what the handout called "risk-based cleanup standards."

"(The BEA) has allowed people to get an exemption from liability for problems they didn't cause," Greve said.

He noted that prior to this June 1995 change in the law, any person in the chain of a property title was held responsible for the cost of a site's cleanup,

regardless of whether or not they caused it.

"It had some land use implications, it had some development implications," Greve said. "It caused people to move on."

Although Greve acknowledged the BEA change produced limited success in developing brownfields, he called it "a big leap for Michigan, a big change from the way things had been done for a long, long time."

But Greve also said the big breakthrough came with the passage of the Brownfield Redevelopment Financing Act of 1996 (PA 381), which was amended in 2000 to include blighted or "functionally obsolete" properties.

PA 381 authorized municipalities to create brownfield authorities, which in turn offer funding mechanisms for brownfield development. It created systems of tax credits on new development that make the cost of cleaning up a site up to 100 percent reimbursable.

The law stipulates that municipalities can either create indi-

vidual authorities or work through the county authority. Since the system is community-driven, relying on individuals or groups to nominate sites, a property owner might be found negligent, and thus reimbursed only half of the cleanup costs.

"It could be whatever makes sense for the community," said Greve. "It's all over the board."

The tax credit program, Denig explained, earmarks or "captures" the increase in tax revenues resulting from a site's redevelopment for up-front costs such as environmental assessment, cleanup or new infrastructure or new buildings. It can also be boosted by a single-business tax credit in which a business can earn a 10 percent credit up to \$1 million based on the amount invested in the site.

Greve stressed the program's flexibility, and said tax increases on adjacent properties could be captured as well in instances where contamination has spread to other parcels.

Mark Van Doren, senior hydrologist for AKT, also noted that the new property owner would not be responsible for off-site contamination.

The Washtenaw Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, which was established in 1999, last September obtained an EPA pilot grant worth \$200,000 over two years. Van Doren explained that in order to qualify for funds from that grant, which are meant to cover assessment and community outreach costs, a municipality must join with the county authority. So far, 16 of 28 municipalities are joined with the county, including the cities of Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti, and Bridgewater, Manchester and Sharon townships.

Those individual municipalities can in turn nominate sites, with or without a property owner's consent, for EPA assessments. To date, two sites have

been nominated in the Village of Manchester, which is part of Manchester Township, and one in Bridgewater Township. Denig said the county has a list of 25 possible sites for assessments, and added that the EPA grant was only one of a variety of possible funding sources.

"There's also the possibility of getting grants through the state of Michigan (for) remediation funds," Denig said. "The pilot grant is a piece of our strategy to start projects and get things started."

"It's moving many more properties through the process than in 1996, which is when the most recent legislation was enacted."

The Ypsilanti Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, which was formed in 1997, has had success in developing a 10.8-acre brownfield site that is now home to Exemplar Manufacturing, and is currently working to obtain funding for a 34-acre mixed use development called Water Street south of Michigan Avenue along the Huron River.

Although technically part of the county authority, the Ypsilanti one operates separately and has qualified for other EPA grants than the \$200,000 county grant, said Megan Gibb, the city's brownfield redevelopment coordinator.

Village Manager Jeff Wallace, who attended Wednesday's meeting, said his only concern with the initiative centered on people's fears of "opening up a Pandora's box" of liability. He cited the need for increased community education on the matter, and did not wish to discuss the two nominated village properties at the time.

"Somehow, you've got to get people not to be wary because they're afraid of liability," he said.

"It's a real good program trying to get in-fill instead of sprawl."

**"It could be whatever makes sense for the community."**

— Patrick Greve  
Environmental assessor

## Legislation encourages saving agricultural land

Legislation allowing farmers to move from a Farmland Development Rights Agreement (commonly referred to as a P.A. 116 contract) into an open space development rights easement (also known as PDR, or Purchase of Development Rights), without having to repay tax credits received under their P.A. 116 agreement was signed into law last week.

Senate Bill 692, sponsored by Senator Beverly Hammerstrom (R-Temperance) is now Public Act 75 of 2002.

A P.A. 116 contract is an agreement between a landowner and the State of Michigan to protect agricultural land from develop-

ment for a period of at least 10 years. In exchange for keeping their land in agriculture, landowners are eligible for property tax benefits.

Landowners may also participate in the State's PDR program, which affords the State the opportunity to purchase the development rights or agricultural conservation easements of valuable farmland, in order to protect it from development pressures permanently.

"Michigan's P.A. 116 and PDR programs are among the most successful farmland and open space preservation efforts in the country," said Dan Wyatt, director of the Michigan Department

of Agriculture, which oversees the two programs. "This legislation builds upon that success and ensures that farmers and landowners committed to saving farmland and open space for the next generation will not be penalized for transferring lands from temporary to permanent preservation agreements."

Prior to Jan. 1, 2001, the Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA) allowed persons enrolled in a P.A. 116 agreement to move to a PDR status at the completion of the contract or by leaving the contract early, without penalty. Pursuant to the advice of the Attorney General, MDA was forced to change its policy and inform individuals seeking to move their property into the PDR program that they would have to pay a penalty, including any tax credits received and interest accrued, for breaking their P.A. 116 contract.

"My colleagues unanimously agreed that the interpretation of current policy was extremely counter-productive," Hammerstrom said. "This legislation helps reaffirm the goal of enrolling farms into the PDR program where they will be permanently protected."

Hammerstrom introduced S.B. 692 at the request of Kelvin Braun, a Saline-area constituent actively working with MDA to preserve his valuable farmland. After being informed he would be penalized for breaking his P.A. 116 contract to move to PDR status, Braun decided not to enter this program until the law could be changed and thus contacted Hammerstrom.

"I'm glad that the legislature decided to put into law the common sense approach that the MDA had in policy for a number of years, despite the advice of Attorney General Jennifer Granholm," Braun said.

### Another Winner



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# Home invasion

## State police suggest ways to prevent loss by theft

By Laura Merte  
Staff Writer

At last week's Bridgewater Township meeting, a resident reported several break-ins in the area and expressed concern that construction thieves were operating around Saline. He warned residents to be vigilant and asked them to consider initiating a neighborhood watch program.

Detectives from the Michigan State Police (MSP) Ypsilanti Post recently solved a Sylvan Township home invasion and, in talking with the career criminal, learned a few signs that burglars look for before invading homes.

The 29-year-old burglar is incarcerated and admits to at least 14 years of involvement in home invasions. He is awaiting trial for first-degree murder, which could result in life imprisonment (the murder charge is not in connection with a home invasion).

Home invasion is an unsettling

experience, says Trooper Fred Farkas of the Ypsilanti State Police post. Someone has looked through your personal belongings and taken your valuables. Many times, the most disheartening loss is keepsake family mementos that may not hold financial value, but are emotionally priceless and irreplaceable.

A percentage of people will, given the opportunity, take belongings that are not theirs, but there is another percentage of people who make it their lifestyle to take other people's belongings. People who are financing their drug habits, some of whom may live in the Manchester area, have a tendency to perpetrate many burglaries.

**What might make your home a target of burglary? What deterrents could minimize the burglars' opportunity or reduce your loss?**

Keep in mind, regardless of what precautions you take, if

someone is intent on getting into your house, given enough time and effort, they most likely will.

"In twenty-two years of police work, I have seen most security systems defeated at one time or another," Farkas says.

Some criminals prefer rural settings, as they believe "country houses usually contain more cash, guns and jewelry than suburban houses," according to the criminal.

Prospective burglars try not to draw attention and are usually fairly well groomed so as not to stand out. The majority of homes are selected randomly. Many occur during the morning or early afternoon hours. They are looking for homes where no one is at home.

Prospective burglars most frequently seek houses without alarms by looking for posted security signs in the yard or on the windows. By looking through the windows, they check for trip

alarms on windows or interior motion detectors. They are listening for sounds inside, or for large dogs. They may knock on the door to see if anyone answers—and pretend to be looking for someone or ask for directions if somebody does.

Burglars can work in pairs, groups or individually. Organized groups will usually have one person in a car acting as a lookout, while two or more persons in another car ransack the house, spending from five up to 30 minutes inside, utilizing transmitter telephones or two-way radios.

Burglars routinely look under mattresses and inside refrigerators for money or valuables, and often help themselves to snacks and beverages as well. If you have a small or light-weight safe, place it in an unusual location and bolt it down so that it cannot easily be carried away.

**How can you minimize your**

**chances of a home invasion?**

Invest in a house alarm with a loud exterior audible alarm. If the alarm activation notifies an alarm monitoring company, they will call for police response and can contact neighbors who might observe vehicles and persons around the house. It is not recommended that you or neighbors confront burglars. An audible exterior alarm will minimize the time spent in the house.

Consider building a false wall or hidden compartment in the house to store valuables, rather than leaving them easily accessible. A gate across the driveway entrance may deter burglars, since they prefer not to draw attention by driving around a gated driveway.

"Neighborhood Watch" programs, as well as general alertness to who is coming and going in your neighborhood, are helpful. Suspicious activity or unknown people showing up at

### Police Calls

Burglary calls to which the Michigan State Police responded in Freedom, Manchester and Sharon Townships

2001: 13 calls (8 false alarms, 5 actual burglaries)  
2002: 1 call (1 false alarm)

*These calls are not only for private homes; they also include barns and garages, as well as commercial and industrial locations.*

your door without legitimate reason should be reported to the police.

Use caution when hiring in-home service providers such as health care, cleaning and home repair workers. Check their references for people they currently work for and inquire about their previous employers. Call their references and confirm their work performance and history.

### POLICE BLOTTER

#### Attempted Suicide/Overdose

The Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department was summoned Feb. 24 to a downtown Manchester apartment for a 911 call about a drug overdose. An adult female had taken approximately 40 500mg pain relievers in a suicide attempt. The victim changed her mind and vomited the pills before calling 911. She had not been drinking.

She was transported to the emergency room at Chelsea Community Hospital, where no life-threatening injuries were found as a result of the medication.

#### Domestic—Felonious Assault/ Attempted Telephone Disabling

On March 14, an adult female reported an incident of domestic assault to the WCSO Manchester sub-station. The victim had returned home, where she and the suspect (her boyfriend, who had been drinking) had an argument. The victim was choked and struck with the telephone as she tried to dial 911.

The victim left the house and stayed with a friend, reporting the assault the next day. A misdemeanor warrant was issued for the suspect, who was placed under arrest on March 18 at his

home. The suspect was transported to Washtenaw County Jail and held with a \$200 bond. The case is currently open.

#### OUIL

Early in the morning on March 4, a patrol car encountered a vehicle parked in the middle of Kies Rd. in Bridgewater Township with its parking lights on and engine running. A strong odor of alcohol was present, and the driver, an adult male, was observed to be lying on his back in the vehicle, partially in the front and back portion of the vehicle.

The driver said he had been out drinking, and submitted to field sobriety tasks, and a preliminary breath test which measured .13 percent blood alcohol content. The driver was arrested for operating a vehicle while under the influence of liquor (OUIL) and transported to the sheriff's department, to be released pending authorization.

#### Breaking and Entering

A pole barn in Bridgewater Township was reportedly broken into on March 2, via a forced side door. Several firearms were missing from a gun cabinet, as

well as some tools. Various other tools and hunting equipment in the barn were not stolen. The case is open pending further investigation, including lifting fingerprints from the glass cabinet doors.

#### OUIL/Child Endangerment/ Hit and Run

On March 3, the sheriff's department was alerted to a hit-and-run accident by an intoxicated driver at an apartment complex in Manchester. An adult female reportedly backed her vehicle into another vehicle, causing minor damage, and drove away. She returned and entered a residence, shortly before law enforcement officials arrived on the scene.

Officers made contact with the suspect, who refused to perform field sobriety tasks. A child and dog were also in the rear of the suspect's vehicle at the time. The suspect was arrested and transported to Washtenaw County Jail.

*Compiled by Staff Writer Laura Merte from reports filed at the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department, Station 4 in Manchester.*

## VIDEO VOICE

Top rentals for March 11 to 17 at the DVD Revolution in Manchester were:

1. Zoolander
2. Artificial Intelligence
3. Heist
4. Joy Ride
5. The Last Castle

"She Says..."  
Veronica White at the DVD Revolution gives one of this week's top five, "Joy Ride" (R), a 7.5 out of 10 rating.

"Great suspense," she says. "Scary, too, without the gore. It's better than 'Jeepers Creepers' and the acting is good enough to suck you into the story."

White says she would recommend this movie to any audience that likes suspense, but not to those under 14.

"Lesson learned," she says. "Don't play jokes on a trucker!"

"He says..."

Raymond White, Sr. gives "Joy Ride" a rating of 6 out of 10.

"A lot of action and suspense," he says. "I didn't like the ending because it didn't end. There's sure to be a sequel to follow."

New releases on March 26, available this weekend, will be "K-Pax," starring Jeff Bridges and Kevin Spacey and "Original Sin," with Antonio Banderas.

### BIRTHS

#### CAITLIN MICHELLE VLCEK

Steven and Annette Vlcek of Manchester proudly announce the birth of their daughter, Caitlin Michelle, on March 19. Caitlin was 8 pounds at birth and 21 inches long. She is welcomed by sisters, Abigail Marie and brother Brock James.

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# The ENTERPRISE COMMENTARY

## The vertically challenged need attention too

As one of the vertically challenged, I'm accustomed to not knowing what's going on at the front of a crowd.

The embarrassment of asking someone, even another woman, to help reach some retail item on a top shelf is less sharp than it was when I was twenty. The smiles from those who help, which inevitably look pitying, are easier to take now that I've reached the age when what society thinks of me is less interesting than what I think of it.

In fact, it's not often anymore that something happens to prompt actual thoughts about height deprivation.

Female and five-two at an agricultural consignment auction, however, I recently felt the severity of my disadvantage. Suddenly, the majority of the population was male, at least six feet tall, broad should-



NANCY HEBB

### SHEEP SHOTS

dered, wearing padded Carhartt jackets and hats or caps with hoods pulled over them. Even their hands loomed large, gloved against the cold.

I possess a passive plan of auction attack. I just stand by what I want to buy. I wait for the action to come to me. The problem this day was that as the crowd came toward, it also surged around and in front of me, until I felt like an explorer

trying to machete my way through a jungle of rubber tree leaves and other heavy tropical foliage.

Maybe I was more like the ant that everybody knows can't.

Even with arm raised high above my head, auction number flourished furiously, I was invisible. Inevitably, a six-foot-six guy would be right in front of me, with his hand up, too.

When nobody was bidding on old snow fence that I really wanted, I had to fight to the front before I was allowed to spend my dollar. Forced by circumstance, I fought dirty, actually pushing.

"Come on, boys!" the auctioneer sang out. "Get over here and look at this! We've got..."

About the 30th time the rallying "come on, boys!" preceded the bidding, I started to feel like a child who, perfectly able to speak in complete sentences,

endures adults asking their parent a simple question that the child is capable of answering. That's another example of height discrimination, but at least it's one you usually out-grow, especially if you're male.

You have to understand: I'm not a tiny short person; I'm a formidably broad short person. I always assumed I was impossible to overlook. Not this day.

So by the time the items I really, really wanted came under the gavel, I not only plowed forward with elbows jabbing, I also draped myself over those sheep feed

racks like so many sacks of potatoes, as if my bulk and the item being, thus, physically linked would force the auctioneer to pay attention.

It worked. I got that item and the next one I wanted.

Feeling moderately moderated, I chatted with the city-bred girlfriend of an area farmer's son. The whole experience was beyond her scope of reference. She wasn't prepared to see so many tan Carhartts in one place at one time. We talked about cats, dogs, and veterinarians, familiar urban and rural topics.

Reluctantly, I excused myself to beat the swarm of bidders to the last item I hoped to afford.

On my way to the cashier to pay up, I saw a kindred spirit with creased brow, standing on tiptoe, trying to glimpse something or someone in the crowd. I smiled. She smiled back.

"I've lost my husband," she explained. "He was right here a minute ago. He's wearing his Carhartt jacket..."

Next weekend another rural consignment auction in a neighboring town might tempt me. Then again, I fear if the same phenomenon occurs, I might over-bid out of some false sense of honor or pride.

"Here, take my money! Five dollars more! Just notice me, acknowledge me, accept me!"

Maybe platform sneakers and a Carhartt jacket would help.

## Tying up the loose ends on federal regulations

It's been more than six weeks since I wrote my column on why and how regulations come into effect. I write many of my columns far in advance of publication, so it was a surprise when I read in the newspaper that President Bush proposes to do away with most federal oversight of land, water and air regulations, and let companies do voluntary policing of their businesses.

The essential optimism in me says, "sure it will work. No one wants to pollute the world." The realist in me, however, asks, "doesn't anyone remember that self-regulation with minor oversight by local communities is how we got into pollution messes before?"

Local leaders and state officials have always been tentative in rocking the boat with local employers, for fear of the company packing up and moving. We'll see whether or not



DAVID HELISEK

### THIS 'N THAT

the president's plan goes through.

One prime example of business going amok, which I stated before as a reason for regulation, is the recent scandal in Georgia with the crematorium business not doing what it was supposed to be doing. Nationwide, the cremation business is basically unsupervised, so you get a wildly illegal act like the one in Georgia, and now many states are rushing in

to regulate another business.

Going back to the article I wrote on our trade partnership with the country of China, I forgot to put in one other factoid. The Kyoto Accords, a worldwide agreement on reducing air pollution and possible global warming, had a few key exceptions. These exceptions made me agree with President Bush in not wanting to sign onto the accord.

It seems that one of the provisions of the Kyoto agreements is that China and India were exempt from any rules. Now, I really wonder how in the world you can let two countries with one-third of all the people on the planet be exempt from the rules. India and China, together with their masses of cheap labor, could overwhelm the rest of the world's economies with little problem.

Which part of our world thinks it would be good to pro-

duce most of the world's products with no limits on pollution and with no regard for basic human rights?

Speaking of China again, it is interesting to note that all the free traders in our country, who are now howling about the new tariffs put on imported steel, don't object to what China did to keep its steel businesses in operation.

China just recently forgave its steel companies over \$11 billion in debt. Now, if that isn't subsidizing a business, I don't know what is. The free traders, though, still think it's great that American jobs get lost while foreign companies do what they want in order to keep their industries afloat.

It seems sometimes that

America is the only one who is supposed to play by the rules.

Finally, I would like to add a note about the recent death of the Wall Street Journal reporter in Pakistan. Most people in America have no idea how lucky they are to have a free press. When I was editor of my union's paper, I learned that on a yearly basis, 20 to 30 journalists a year are killed in the performance of their jobs.

I'm not talking about getting caught in a crossfire or battle; I'm talking about getting killed

for writing what they believe in. The number of deaths continues to this day.

The freedom to write what you believe in is dear, and probably is not missed until you no longer have that right. The concern of what to write goes down even to a small-town paper like the Enterprise.

I believe any writer will, at some time when his or her opinion is being expressed, wonder who will be made angry by their article, or what the repercussions of writing about a certain person or subject may be.

Many people complain about biases in reporting, but this country, by far, still has the best example of freedom of the press in the history of the world.

Talk to you soon.

**L**ocal leaders and state officials have always been tentative in rocking the boat with local employers, for fear of the company packing up and moving.

### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

*Fitness facility is a valued community resource.*

To the editor:

Is a valuable Manchester resource about to disappear? Are we going to sit by and let it become a thing of the past?

I am talking about the Manchester Area Fitness Facility. Since it opened in September 1998, the facility has been a gathering place for those who wanted to work out on quality equipment in clean and pleasant surroundings in our own community.

The fitness facility has provided this for 547 people since 1998 and currently has more than 100 active memberships. These folks are taking yoga, aerobic, and strength training classes. They are working with personal trainers, riding bikes, walking on treadmills, using the elliptical machine, lifting free weights and using the weight machines.

They are getting to know a cross section of our community from students to athletes to senior citizens. They are taking an active approach to increased good health.

Did you know that beginning at 5:30 a.m. every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday morning and at 7 a.m. on Tuesday and Thursday, a large group of people come and work out? One of them is approaching his 80th birthday, one is a retired Ford worker, one is a retired teacher, several are working moms, and there are students, parents, and other community members.

Each of us do our own thing—some are doing cardio, some lifting free weights, some using the various weight machines. We have discussed everything from the weather to aging parents, stock tips, the school dress code and who's dating whom as we work out.

Just last week the early morning crowd took a trip down memory lane and brought in their prom pictures and laughed and commented on how much we

had changed.

During the school day, high school students use the facility for gym class. After school you will find our athletes doing sport sensitive workouts. By 4 p.m. community members start drifting in on their way home from work. You will find someone in the facility until closing. The weekends are no different.

The fitness center and I go back to day one and I don't want to see this resource disappear. I enjoy the opportunity to work out in my community. The friends I have met, the health benefits I have received, and the encouragement and camaraderie are unparalleled.

In three and a half years I have never seen a school board member inside the fitness facility. Sometimes money isn't everything. Maybe they should take a step inside, buy a one month membership and learn what it's all about before they make the decision to close the doors.

Cynthia Jessup Sewell

*Drug's side effects are devastating.*

To the editor:

I would like to comment on the recent petition by the group Public Citizen to the FDA to have the diet drug Meridia withdrawn from the market. It is high time that someone took the devastating side effects of this drug seriously.

My husband was prescribed Meridia in 1998 to help him get over a "plateau" during his diet program. He died three months later. He was only 43.

Having struggled with a weight issue most of his life, Bob decided that the only way to successfully lose some weight (and keep it off) was to go through a doctor specializing in weight loss. He lost more than 30 pounds in approximately six weeks through the diet and exercise alone.

"What plateau?" was my thought when he told me about

the prescription for Meridia. After finding out what I could on the Internet concerning this new medication, I was more worried about the drug causing mental aberrations. Being an antidepressant related to Prozac, and having had a Prozac-related shooting spree in our small town, Meridia-induced mood swings were my main fear. The mood swings did occur but were relatively minor. I never dreamed that death was a concern.

Bob was given a health physical including an EKG to detect any heart problems before starting the prescription for Meridia. Cleared of any heart or health issues that would preclude him from taking this medication, he fell over dead in our driveway on September 19, 1998, with absolutely no warning signs.

An autopsy was done and the cause of death listed as "dilated cardiomyopathy"—an enlarged heart, which just could no longer function. Considering the fact that Bob was tested for heart problems before being prescribed Meridia, it does not make sense that he should die from an easily recognizable heart condition just three months later.

Did Meridia cause the heart to enlarge? Did the doctor miss something? Either way, a husband, a father, a son, is no longer here with those who love him.

Meridia has been shown to not only increase blood pressure, but also heart rate, and cause heart arrhythmia.

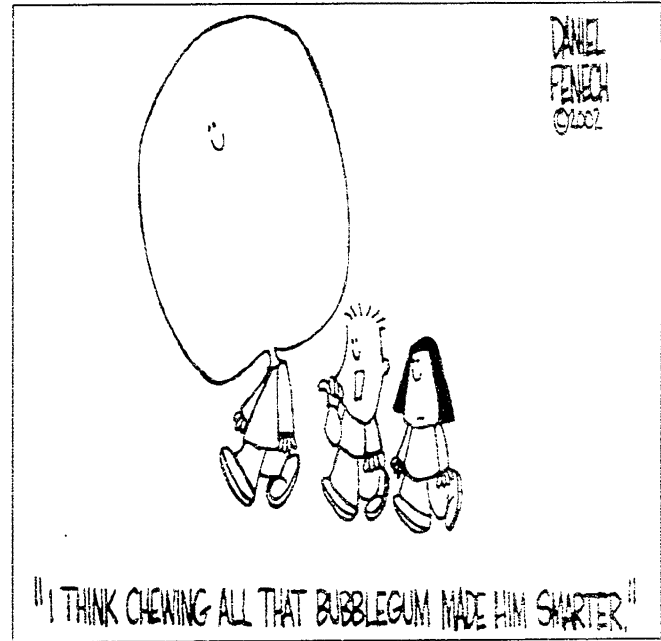
"There have been 397 serious adverse reactions reported to the FDA since sibutramine was first marketed in February 1998 up through the end of September 2001. Of these 397 serious adverse reactions, 152 patients were hospitalized and 29 patients died, including 19 with cardiovascular causes of death such as heart attacks. There were also 143 patients in whom an arrhythmia was reported." (statistics from Public Citizen petition.)

Considering that even one possible death should raise concern, these reports should definitely be grounds to pull this drug until its absolute safety can be proven and the benefits outweigh any risks.

The fact that the public can easily obtain Meridia (or other drugs for that matter) through online pharmacies with little or no screening is also of great concern. My husband was monitored three times a week for blood pressure changes that would indicate problems and yet he still died. There may be many more deaths associated with this drug that have already occurred or are only a matter of time. With no oversight of purchases through these online pharmacies, who is ultimately responsible for deaths and adverse reactions—the consumer, a doctor, the pharmacy, or the drug company?

For the good of the public I also ask the FDA to ban Meridia for use until such time that they have positive proof that it played no role in any deaths.

Cheryl Steiner  
Manchester



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The Manchester Area Historical Society met on March 19 at the Blacksmith Shop. Dody Wyman from River Rains Raptor Center, located between Manchester and Clinton on Sheridan Road, presented a program about raptors.

About 50 birds come to Wyman's center each year for rehabilitation. Usually 50 to 60 percent of them can be released. They are brought in with a variety of injuries, from broken legs and wings to head trauma. Some have been poisoned. Others were caught in traps, or are just down-and-out.

There are four things that make a bird a raptor: they have good vision (they can see about eight times better than a human), claws, a hooked beak to tear food apart, and they are carnivores. Wyman brought with her four of the birds she is allowed to keep for educational programs. They are not able to

be released for one reason or another.

The red-tailed hawk named Trooper looked much larger than its 3 pounds. Hawks have flat wings in order to soar. They eat when they can catch something, stuff themselves as quickly as possible, and fly away so they don't become prey themselves. Hawks are perch-and-pounce hunters. They sit on poles and watch for prey. A hawk can see a mouse across a football field.

Shadow, the Great Horned Owl, has very large eyes to see at night. Owls have more rods and fewer cones in their eyes than other creatures, so they are probably color-blind. Human eyes would be the size of a grapefruit if they were as large in comparison. They have extra bones in their necks and can turn their heads almost all the way around. They have small brains and are not the world's

smartest birds.

Owls, too, are perch-and-pounce hunters. They have no sense of smell and so will prey on skunks. Half an owl's brain sleeps and half stays awake so they can keep watch. They fly quietly and slowly. Shadow eats three mice a day, or more than 1,000 a year.

Wyman also brought two small screech owls. Bess was hit by a car, and her left wing is useless. Dizzy was taken from his nest before he bonded with his mother, so he doesn't know if he is a bird or a person. He is very timid. Screech owls live in holes in trees. In the summer they eat bugs, moths and grubs. In the winter they eat birds or mice.

The April meeting will feature Ella Bell from Tecumseh, who will present a program on dolls. Everyone is welcome to attend the meeting at the Blacksmith Shop on April 16 at 7:30 p.m.

- submitted by Betty Cummings

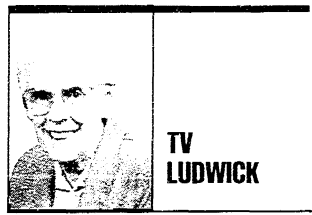
### Special Guest Reader



State Rep. Gene DeRossett spent time this week in his grandson, Eric Lobbestael's, classroom. He was invited to read "The Legend of Mackinac Island" by Kathy Jo Wargin to Hemmer's second-grade class during March is Reading Month. This is the fourth school at which DeRossett has read to children this month. The class enjoyed having him come.

### SENIOR CITIZENS NEWS

Winter is here on March 22 with 14 degrees and the ground covered with the white stuff. Let's get it all out of its system and let us have a spring-like Easter for the kids to run around the yard, looking for the hidden eggs that the Bunny left for them to find.



### SENIOR CITIZENS NEWS

**Thursday:** Our loyal volunteer nurse Mae Ferris is on-hand today to take our blood pressures starting at 11 a.m. Baked crispy chicken is what Tod will serve today at noon, and this food is good! We urge all who are 55 and older in our district to come try these meals geared just for you by Sue Miller and Tod Armentrout. These are balanced and plentiful meals, and we hope you will come try them on Tuesdays and Thursdays at noon. Be sure to get your reservations in ahead to Kelly (428-8359) or to Tod before 10 a.m. on meal days at 428-7630, then come and enjoy. So far, we haven't had snow days. Remember, when school is closed because of the weather, we won't have meals either (if the school buses can't

get out, neither will we).

**Sunday** the 31st is Easter; have a great one with family and friends!

**Monday:** No April Fool today as you go along shopping at Oak Valley, Target and Meijer in Ann Arbor. Bus is on request; call Tootie Armentrout at 428-7615 for your spot on the bus. Pickup begins at 9:30.

**Tuesday:** Tod will serve ham at noon. Aren't these meals good? Work day is scheduled afterwards at the Center rooms, come help out at 12:30 p.m.

**Wednesday:** No yoga class today, as Donna is not available. See you all next week!

**Thursday:** All you seniors 55 and older are urged to come enjoy your birthday party honoring senior citizens born in April. Come join us! Sue's famous meatloaf is on the menu, plus some of her famous cakes, which we all enjoy so much. Don't we love that chocolate one with the cherries, when you are missing out on all these goodies if you're not present. We have room for you and your friends. Come try just once, we think you'll be

back again.

An email forwarded by sister Bid said that senior citizens are often criticized for every deficiency of the modern world, real or imagined. They don't duck responsibility and will take the blame if it's merited, but they would like to point out that it was not the senior citizens who took the melody out of music, the pride out of appearance, the romance out of love, the commitment out of marriage, the responsibility out of parenthood, the togetherness out of family, the learning out of education, the service out of patriotism, the Golden Rule from rulers, the civility out of behavior, the refinement out of language, or the ambition out of achievement. That's precisely why seniors need to be engaged with the generations that follow. We need all the help we can get to recapture the attributes and values that were once the hallmarks of America.

Have you seen my "better half" in the last few days? He is running around with a black eye! We headed for Historical Society museum on the 19th, got within a few feet when down he fell! I reached, but couldn't grab him except to help him up. He was bleeding profusely from his left eyebrow. We walked back home and I loaded him up, and off to Saline Hospital we went. The emergency room doctor was full of it, and kept asking me what size frying pan I'd hit him with, while putting in five stitches. He is nearly back to normal—amazing!

### Farm Bureau to hold informational meeting

Invite your neighbors and come to Lodi Township Hall at 7:30 p.m. on April 4 for an informational meeting sponsored by the Washtenaw County Farm Bureau.

Sheriff Daniel Minzey and a representative from the Michigan State Police will be in attendance, to help Farm Bureau members to better understand how to be in compliance with local laws and regulations.

Farmers will be able to voice how they operate on county roads. The Farm Bureau hopes to build an understanding between the agricultural community and local police departments.

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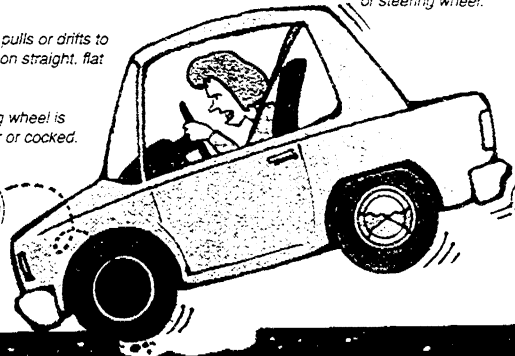
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### House committee approves legislation

The House Criminal Justice Committee recently approved legislation by state Rep. Gene DeRossett strengthening laws against child pornography.

"With the growth of the Internet, more children than ever are at risk," said DeRossett, R-Manchester. "This brings Michigan anti-pornography statutes in line with the rest of the country."

House Bill 5296 increases the penalty for possessing child pornography from a one-year misdemeanor to a four-year felony and clarifies the law

regarding intent. Currently, possession of child pornography is a felony in 36 other states. Repeat offenders also will face stronger punishment.

The measure is based on the Federal Child Pornography Prevention Act and updates legislation originally drafted in 1988.

In August 2000, 43.6 million American households, or 41.5 percent of all households, had Internet access, a 58-percent increase since December 1998, when only 26.2 percent had Internet access. Children

between 9 and 17 years of age have some of the highest rates of Internet usage.

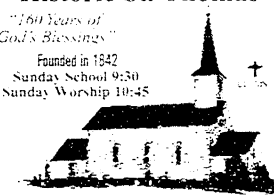

"Improvements in communications technology greatly benefit society and the economy, but they also have a darker side, in that they allow child pornography to quickly and easily spread," DeRossett said. "This legislation helps give law enforcement agencies new tools to help protect children."

The measure now goes before the full House.

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# Christmas in April board cancels this year's event

■ Long-standing tradition will return next year.

By Laura Merte  
Staff Writer

Christmas comes but once a year ... and only once, contrary to local tradition. The annual Christmas in April event, sponsored by the Community Resource Center (CRC) will not occur this year.

For 11 years, the last Saturday of April has seen volunteers—from youth and amateur handymen to skilled laborers—make repairs to homes of those area residents who are unable to pay for or make the repairs themselves. They include senior, physically challenged, and low-income residents who meet a set of requirements, including homeownership and residence within the Manchester School District.

Manchester resident Pam Green has been the latest coordinator of Christmas in April. However, personal and family matters prevented Green from

making the event a priority this year.

Not to be discouraged, however, Green assures the community that the program will be back again next spring.

"It will definitely happen again next year ... I knew a year ago that I wouldn't be able to (organize this year's event)," Green said candidly. "The board members have their plates full, too. It's just one of those years."

Christmas in April\* Washtenaw is the parent organization for the program, and also provides support for the Saline, Ann Arbor, Dexter, Ypsilanti and Whitmore Lake areas. Leaders from each area meet on a monthly basis to discuss their needs and pool ideas on how to make things run more smoothly.

"You have to start early," says Green of the planning process.

Funding is generated locally within each community—as are the volunteers. Referrals must also be obtained in order for program volunteers to evaluate each resident's needs.

Many referrals for Christmas in April come from family members and neighbors, as well as



Last year's Christmas in April helped five local senior citizens with home repairs, including Esther Hudson (above, center). This year's event was postponed but coordinator Pam Green promises it will return next year. Volunteers are still welcome to help local seniors with spring clean-up projects, and can contact the Community Resource Center for referrals.

community organizations. Both Manchester Family Service and the CRC forward information to the project when a client is in need.

"If a neighbor knows of a senior that needs some assistance, we will talk to that senior and see if we can be of some help," Green says. "Any referrals are welcome."

The past decade of service has established Christmas in April as a reputable program in the community, says Green. Still, the hardest part of planning is finding the homes that need repairs.

"There's a lot of pride in this community," Green says. "People want to take care of their homes by themselves ... nobody wants to say that they need some help in raking."

Though the event will not be taking place this year, members of the community are still willing to help out.

"We have some very kind and willing board members," Green says. "We did service a senior who really needed some help in January ... we figure that's the least we could do."



The strength of a child's emotions can be surprising to adults. It seems that they can fly from being happy to angry to joyful in a matter of minutes, leaving parents exhausted and wondering how to cope with this whiffy.

Moodiness is a part of a young child's life as they find their place in the world. But if you're finding that there seems to be more than usual, your child may be feeling stress and reacting to it.

If there is stress in the family life, it's a sure thing your child is aware of it and feeling it too. And they will react to it, although probably not in a way that you feel equipped to deal with at the time. During stressful periods, your reserves are at a lower level.

A parent may feel least able to handle discord with his or her kids, but it is at this time that they most need to. Children learn from their parents, or primary caregivers, how to handle situations of all kinds.

Children handle stress in a variety of ways. Some shut

down and become very quiet, while others act out. Give a child loving and supportive messages that you will be available to them and help them through this stressful time.

**SOME SUGGESTIONS** to try are:

- \* Create as stress-free a routine as possible. Be consistent in day-to-day activities and the child will find comfort in that. Find support by seeking out friends or family who can help with child care when necessary. Use this time to recharge yourself by getting some exercise, talking to a counselor or getting some rest. Finding ways to reduce your stress can help your child cope as well.

- \* Keep in mind that the way your child is acting is the only way they know of expressing stress or confusion over the events happening in their life. Respect your child's need to work through emotional experiences. Let your child know that you are there if they want to talk and, when they do, make yourself available. Spend extra time with your child playing, cuddling, talking, and listening.

- \* Letting children express their feelings helps them to understand their emotions, which in turn helps them learn how to behave in certain situations. You can help them by let-

ting them know which behaviors are acceptable and which are not. Remember that children will learn from their parents or caregivers about how to deal with stress. Adults should model appropriate behavior for a child.

- \* Children are better able to cope with events in their lives, when they have good relationships and feel good about their abilities. Children who have been consistently sent positive messages throughout their lives have an inner sense of strength that they can pull on in times of stress.

If the messages your child has received have not been positive, it is never too late to start sending them. These are the messages children need to hear:

- I can do many things
- I matter to others
- I can make good decisions
- I can adjust to whatever life brings
- I am loved and cherished
- If you are having a hard time coping, or your children are, please seek out professional help. We all deal with stressful situations and all sometimes need some extra help.

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## Local students sweep competition

■ Manchester student will compete at state level.

By Marsha Johnson Chartrand  
Associate Editor

High school and post-secondary students at the Huron Valley Beauty Academy in Ann Arbor ranked as the top regional cosmetologists in the 2002 Skills USA/VICA competition held March 13 at Washtenaw Community College.

In secondary cosmetology with live models, Akilah Allen of Pioneer High School placed first. Dianna Wilson of Ann Arbor was Allen's model. Cosmetology student Susan Frederick and model Christine Rosentreter, both of Chelsea High School, placed second in secondary cosmetology.

Cara Callaway of Manchester, with Shelly VanPelt of Saline as her model, was the third-place contestant.

Secondary nails contestant Heidi Whitley of Dexter High School placed third with Catherine Bembem as her adult



Cara Callaway

model. Students from the South and West Washtenaw Consortium

make up one-half of the 60 students at the Huron Valley Beauty Academy. Several other HVBA students also placed in top-ranked slots at regional Skills USA competition and will be participating in state competition on April 12-14 in Lansing.

The cosmetology classes are taught by Jody Gielinski, Lisa Kohl and Gloria Twitchell.

Last year, Manchester's Callaway also competed and placed second as a live model at the national Skills USA competition. She looks to repeat her success as a stylist and senior student this year.

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# Board to discuss losses at fitness facility

Finance director will report at April meeting.

By Marsha Johnson Chartrand  
Associate Editor

As the school board prepares to tighten the district's belt, one of the accepted budget cuts at last week's meeting was to reduce the losses from the fitness center located behind the high school.

While finance director Theresa Schenk could not give the board an exact quote on losses being suffered at the center, it has been estimated that an annual deficit of up to \$15,000 can be attributed to the facility in previous fiscal years.

The board agreed that cutting the losses by \$5,000 for the 2002-03 fiscal year would be a reasonable target. The district may still have to subsidize some losses for the coming year, but some board members warned that the facility needed to become self-supporting.

At the board meeting, Schenk reported that on Feb. 28, 15 people met to discuss the situation at the fitness facility. Schenk herself has been learning more about the center's operations by joining as a member, and currently is formulating a plan for reorganization at the facility.

"We can't have volunteers at the center," she told the board at last week's meeting. "It's too great a liability."

This week, Schenk said that

her comments may have been misconstrued.

"We need to pay the people who are working at the facility," she said. "I am not talking about firing volunteers."

Naturally, however, paying additional staff for the facility could compound the problem of finances.

Board trustee Brad Roberts added an agenda item to last week's meeting to discuss the extensive losses at the facility.

"We get letters about this on a steady basis," he said. "We need to get a handle on things. We can't continue the way we are."

"The district needs to get control of this situation sooner or later ... it's sucking money out of this school."

Roberts reminded the board that when the facility opened in 1998 it was supposed to be self-funding.

The agenda item was tabled to the April meeting when Schenk is expected to report her findings to the board.

"We need to present some concrete information," she said. "Not just, 'oh, it's losing money.'"

Schenk said she plans to give the board a broad overview of the center's hours of operation, how it is staffed, how many memberships have been purchased and what type of membership is most common.

"We need to communicate to the board what the patrons look like currently," she added. "We

need to sit down and do some forecasting. If we keep doing everything the same, how many memberships do we have to sell to make the place break even?"

Schenk knows that the facility is losing money but said without the data and information she can't tell exactly how much or "paint a picture" for the board of how it can be remedied.

"I need to paint the picture so they can see, and tell them where we need to go so we can fix it," she said.

Schenk also acknowledged that there is the potential for some of the weight equipment to be transferred to the new high school for the athletic facility when it is completed in fall of 2004.

"We don't know a specific number of machines or a dollar amount," she said. "But all of that equipment was purchased with a grant that makes it appropriate to be used by students."

"Other grants are out there that could be pursued to replenish the equipment and the athletic department is looking into it. But when the bond was written, there was no plan to purchase new equipment for the new facility."

But, she added, there is time to solve that problem.

"That's still two and a half years from now," she said. "Right now, I'm more worried about making the facility solvent."

## Blessing the Palms



The annual "blessing of the palms" on the village green had a wonderful turnout on a chilly Sunday morning. This has been a special ecumenical event that Emanuel United Church of Christ and St. Mary's Catholic Church have shared over the last few years.

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Dale Becker, a junior at Manchester High School, placed first at the Regional Machine Tool Competition sponsored by VICA Skills USA. The event was held March 15 at Washtenaw Community College. Becker is a student in the South and West Washtenaw Consortium's Machine Tool Technology Class at Saline High School.



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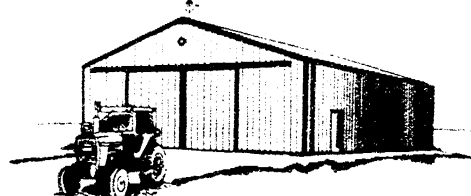
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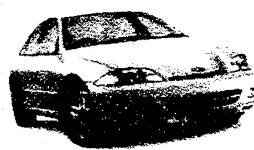
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### 2002 MALIBU

BUY MSRP \$19,310 \$15,295	LEASE FOR \$211/mo*
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### 2002 IMPALA

BUY MSRP \$22,570 \$18,146	LEASE FOR \$303/mo*
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### 2002 S-10 X-CAB

BUY MSRP \$21,064 \$16,595	LEASE FOR \$211/mo*
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### 2002 MONTE CARLO

BUY MSRP \$22,290 \$17,895	LEASE FOR \$269/mo*
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### 2002 CAMARO

BUY MSRP \$24,430 \$19,995	LEASE FOR \$307/mo*
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### 2002 PRIZM

BUY MSRP \$15,365 \$11,395	LEASE FOR \$139/mo*
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### 2002 SILVERADO X-CAB Z71

BUY MSRP \$31,471 \$24,419	LEASE FOR \$371/mo*
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### 2002 TRAILBLAZER

BUY MSRP \$29,815 \$23,995	LEASE FOR \$314/mo*
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### 2002 AVALANCHE

BUY MSRP \$34,570 \$26,995	LEASE FOR \$349/mo*
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### 2002 BLAZER

BUY MSRP \$27,413 \$20,933	LEASE FOR \$272/mo*
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### 2002 VENTURE

BUY MSRP \$25,115 \$20,292	LEASE FOR \$277/mo*
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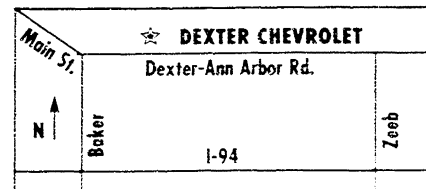
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# CALENDAR

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St. Mary's Catholic Church Parish Center.  
**Manchester Community Fair Board** meets at 8 p.m. on the second Monday of each month at the village building.  
**Manchester Township Board** meets at 8 p.m. on the second Monday of each month at the Manchester Township Hall.  
**Manchester Board of Education** meets at 7:00 p.m. on the third Monday of each month in the high school media center.  
**Tuesday**  
**Bootsompers** meet at 7 p.m. each Tuesday at Emanuel United Church of Christ.  
**Story Time with Grandma Pat.** 10:30 to 11 a.m. and 12:30 to 1 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday of each month at the Manchester District Library, for children ages 3 to 6, accompanied by an adult.  
**Manchester Band Boosters** meet at 7 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month in the high school band room.  
**Freedom Township Planning Commission** meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at the Freedom Township Hall.  
**Manchester Area Senior Citizens** meet at 9:30 a.m. on the second Tuesday of each month at the senior center.  
**Little League** organizational meetings are held at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month at the high school, room 104.  
**Manchester Village Planning Commission** meets at 7:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each

month at the Village Hall.  
**20th Century Club** meets at 7:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month.  
**Freedom Township Board** meets at 8 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month at the Freedom Township Hall.  
**Shakespeare Club** meets at 1 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month.  
**Ackerson Middle School PTA** meets at 3:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month at the middle school.  
**Manchester Historical Society** meets at 7:30 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month at the Blacksmith Shop.  
**La Leche League of Western Washtenaw County** meets at 10 a.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month. Call 428-8831 or 475-2094 for location or information.  
**Klagger Elementary School PTO** meets at 6:30 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month. Call 428-8321 for location.  
**Wednesday**  
**Awana Clubs** meet at 6:30 p.m. each Wednesday at Community Bible Church.  
**Manchester Community Brass Band** meets at 7:30 p.m. each Wednesday.  
**Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners** meets at 7 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month at the County Administration Building.  
**Raisin Valley Land Trust** meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month at the Blacksmith Shop.  
**Veterans of Foreign Wars** meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month at the

American Legion Home.  
**Athletic Boosters** meet at 7:30 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month in the high school media center.  
**American Legion Auxiliary** meets at 7:30 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month at the American Legion Home.  
**Southwest Washtenaw Council of Governments** meets at 7:30 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month. Call (517) 456-4642 for information.  
**Women and Infant Children** program meets from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the third Wednesday of the month at the senior center.  
**Bridgewater Township Board** meets at 7:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of the month at the Bridgewater Township Hall.  
**Manchester Men's Club** meets at 7:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month.  
**Manchester Family Services Community Food Gatherers** program takes place from 1 to 3 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month at St. Mary's Catholic Church Parish Center kitchen.

**GETTING LISTED**  
 If you would like to have your group or organization's event listed in the Community Calendar, call The Manchester Enterprise at 428-8173, fax your copy to 428-9044 or mail to The Manchester Enterprise, 109 East Main Street, Manchester, MI 48158. Calendar events may also be submitted by e-mail to mchartrand@heritage.com. Deadline to have items listed in the Community Calendar is 5 p.m. Friday for the following Thursday's paper.

# CENTURY

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reach," Shepherd said.  
 "Heinz loved this part of Michigan, and we share his enthusiasm for its wonderful people and its potential. We want to be part of the growth he envisioned."  
 The sale of Heritage Newspapers is part of a strategy to return Prechter Holdings to its core automotive focus, said Treadwell, who succeeded Prechter as chairman of ASC Inc.  
 With the acquisition of Heritage Newspapers 21st Century now will reach more than 1.2 million households and 2.6 million readers, primarily in the affluent suburban communities of southeastern Michigan.  
 The Pontiac-based 21st Century is a privately held media company. It is the parent company of three daily newspapers — The Oakland Press, The Macomb Daily and the Daily Tribune in Royal Oak. It also owns The County Press in Lapeer, The Voice Newspapers in Macomb and St. Clair counties, the Advisor & Source Newspapers in Utica and more than 20 other weekly publications that serve readers in Genesee, Huron, Sanilac, Shiawasee, Saginaw, Grand Traverse, Antrim, Kalkaska and Charlevoix counties.  
 Dirks, Van Essen & Murray, a newspaper merger and acquisition financial advisory firm based in Santa Fe, N.M., brokered the deal.

# RESTRUCTURE

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lens with the transition of ownership.  
 Paul Bishop, secretary of the Local Development Finance Authority, said that he hasn't seen any backlash with the business transition. Pilot's main office building is in the Industrial Park off of Dan Hoey Road and within the LDFA. A smaller facility is on Grand Street.  
 Dexter Village Manager Donna Eureste also said that Pilot has three tax abatements

in her jurisdiction that need to be transferred.  
 "If the abatements aren't transferred in an allotted amount of time, then they will be responsible for paying them at 100 percent," Eureste said.  
 She said that she is waiting to hear back from the state to determine the proper procedure for the transfer.  
 Manchester Village Clerk Julie Schaible said that the local plant's abatement pre-dates any such penalty.  
 Staff Writer Will Keeler also contributed to this report.

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**THE PANIC ROOM** R  
 DAILY 12:30, 2:45 (5:15 @ \$4.25) 7:40, 9:55  
**CLOCKSTOPPERS** PG  
 DAILY 12:50, (4:10 @ \$4.25) 6:50, 9:40  
**THE ROOKIE** G  
 DAILY 1:10 (4:20 @ \$4.25) 7:10, 9:50  
**DEATH TO SMOOCHY** R  
 DAILY 1:20 (4:30 @ \$4.25) 7:15, 9:55  
**BLADE 2** R  
 DAILY 12:20, 2:30 (4:40 @ \$4.25) 7:00, 9:10  
**ICE AGE** PG  
 DAILY 1:10 (4:15 @ \$4.25) 7:00, 9:50  
**E.T. - THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY RESSUE** PG  
 DAILY (4:50 @ \$4.25) 8:30  
**SHOWTIME** PG-13  
 DAILY 1:30 (4:50 @ \$4.25) 7:20, 9:30  
**RESIDENT EVIL** R  
 DAILY 1:00 (4:20 @ \$4.25) 8:00  
**WE WERE SOLDIERS** R  
 DAILY 1:45 & 9:45  
**SORORITY BOYS** R


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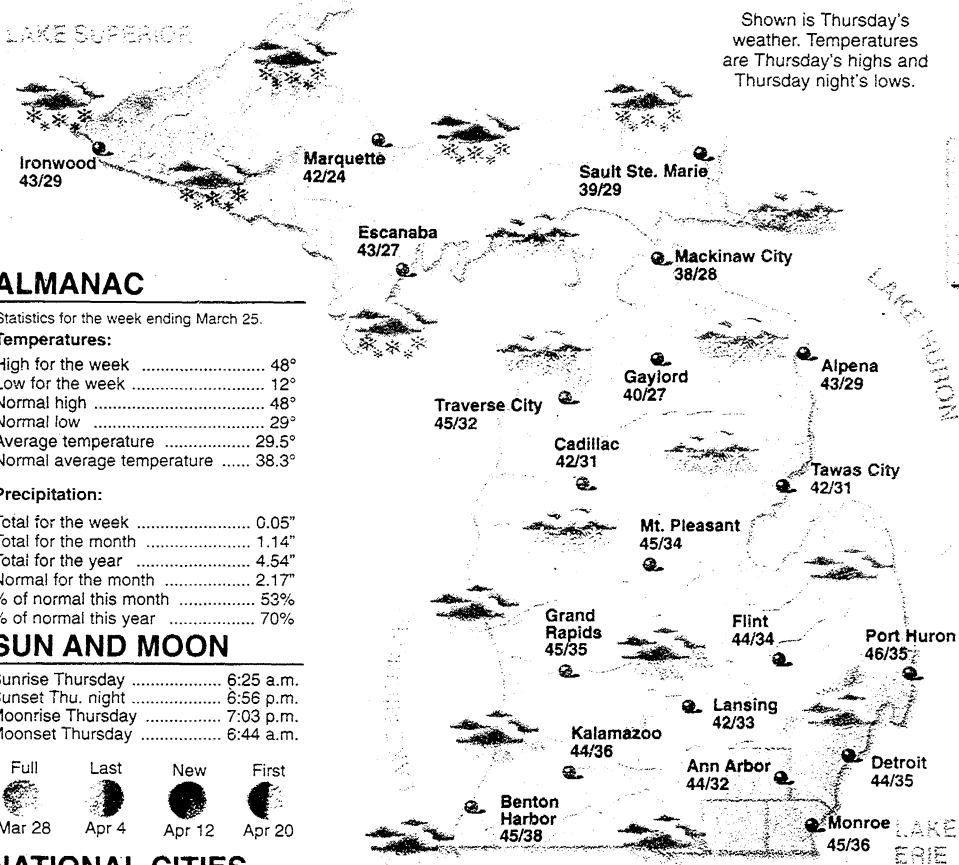
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## FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR WASHTENAW COUNTY

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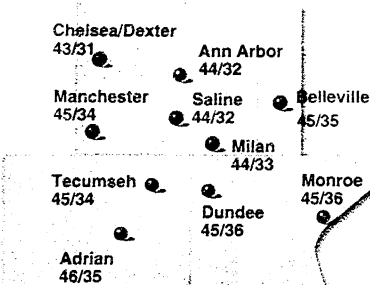
THURSDAY	THU. NIGHT	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
HIGH: 42°-46° Increasing clouds; windy.	LOW: 30°-34° Cloudy with a few showers possible.	HIGH: 50°-54° Mostly cloudy with showers possible. LOW: 28°-32°	HIGH: 47°-51° Intervals of clouds and sunshine. LOW: 28°-32°	HIGH: 44°-48° Mostly cloudy with a shower. LOW: 27°-31°	HIGH: 55°-59° A mix of sunshine and clouds. LOW: 19°-23°

### MICHIGAN



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

### LOCAL WEATHER



### TRAVEL

**Lenawee, Monroe and Washtenaw Counties**  
Travel conditions should be good for most of the afternoon today. There may be some showers moving in late in the day; however, they should be on the light side.

### REALFEEL TEMPTM

The exclusive AccuWeather RealFeel Temperature is a measure of how the weather feels, taking into account all weather factors including temperature, humidity, wind, weather and UV radiation. Shown is the highest realfeel temperature for each day.  
 Highest Thursday ..... 33°  
 Highest Friday ..... 43°  
 Highest Saturday ..... 40°  
 Highest Sunday ..... 40°

### SOLUNAR TABLE

Four-day forecast indicates peak feeding times for fish and game.  
**Major Minor Major Minor**  
 Thu: 11:15 a.m. 5:02 a.m. 11:42 p.m. 5:29 p.m.  
 Fri: 12:09 p.m. 5:56 a.m. — 6:22 p.m.  
 Sat: 12:39 a.m. 6:52 a.m. 1:05 p.m. 7:19 p.m.  
 Sun: 1:38 a.m. 7:51 a.m. 2:05 p.m. 8:19 p.m.

### UV INDEX

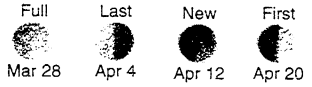
Highest Thursday ..... 4 ..... Low  
 The ultraviolet index is a guide to exposure to the sun. The higher the UV index number, the greater the need for eye and skin protection.

### ALMANAC

Statistics for the week ending March 25.  
**Temperatures:**  
 High for the week ..... 48°  
 Low for the week ..... 12°  
 Normal high ..... 48°  
 Normal low ..... 29°  
 Average temperature ..... 29.5°  
 Normal average temperature ..... 38.3°  
**Precipitation:**  
 Total for the week ..... 0.05"  
 Total for the month ..... 1.14"  
 Total for the year ..... 4.54"  
 Normal for the month ..... 2.17"  
 % of normal this month ..... 53%  
 % of normal this year ..... 70%

### SUN AND MOON

Sunrise Thursday ..... 6:25 a.m.  
 Sunset Thu. night ..... 6:56 p.m.  
 Moonrise Thursday ..... 7:03 p.m.  
 Moonset Thursday ..... 6:44 a.m.



### MICHIGAN CITIES

City	Thur. Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W
Ann Arbor	44/32/pc	52/30/c
Battle Creek	44/36/r	52/33/c
Bay City	45/34/sh	50/32/c
Coldwater	45/38/r	54/32/c
Dearborn	44/35/sh	53/35/c
Detroit	44/35/sh	52/35/c
Grand Rapids	45/35/sh	49/31/c
Holland	46/38/sh	48/32/c
Jackson	43/34/sh	50/31/c
Kalamazoo	44/36/sh	53/30/c
Lansing	42/33/r	51/31/c
Livonia	45/35/sh	54/33/c
Midland	43/34/sh	50/32/c
Monroe	45/36/sh	54/32/c
Muskegon	45/37/sh	49/32/c
Pontiac	43/31/pc	52/32/c
Port Huron	46/35/pc	53/35/sh
Saginaw	47/34/sh	50/32/c
Saline	44/32/pc	52/30/c
Sault Ste. Marie	39/29/sh	37/27/c
Sturgis	45/37/sh	52/32/c
Toronto	42/34/r	44/26/pc
Traverse City	45/32/r	46/28/c
Warren	43/35/sh	54/33/c

### WORLD CITIES

City	Thur. Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W	City	Thur. Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W
Acapulco	93/71/s	91/70/pc	Kiev	42/25/c	50/28/pc
Algiers	64/51/c	53/45/r	Lima	82/70/c	81/71/c
Amsterdam	54/42/s	57/44/pc	Lisbon	64/49/pc	66/50/s
Athens	51/41/c	53/41/pc	London	56/41/s	58/42/pc
Auckland	71/59/s	73/61/s	Madrid	58/40/pc	60/36/s
Bangkok	91/78/pc	92/77/pc	Manila	92/72/s	92/73/pc
Barbados	85/76/pc	85/75/pc	Mexico City	80/50/pc	73/53/pc
Beijing	62/53/r	64/46/pc	Montreal	36/22/pc	40/34/c
Beirut	63/56/sh	64/56/pc	Moscow	37/25/c	40/31/c
Belgrade	50/33/pc	48/34/pc	Nairobi	87/55/pc	88/55/pc
Berlin	54/40/pc	52/37/pc	New Delhi	92/58/s	95/60/s
Bogota	68/56/r	65/55/sh	Panama	92/73/pc	92/73/pc
Buenos Aires	73/66/pc	77/62/t	Paris	53/38/s	58/39/pc
Calgary	72/48/pc	74/50/s	Rio de Janeiro	82/70/pc	82/69/pc
Cairo	36/14/c	42/21/c	Rome	53/34/pc	50/35/c
Cape Town	59/43/pc	70/51/s	San Juan	82/74/pc	80/74/c
Copenhagen	52/40/s	53/40/pc	Santiago	76/47/r	73/45/c
Dublin	57/40/pc	49/41/c	Seoul	59/49/c	64/52/c
Frankfurt	52/38/s	52/44/pc	Singapore	88/78/c	89/78/c
Geneva	56/35/s	54/33/pc	Stockholm	52/40/c	47/37/pc
Hong Kong	81/72/pc	83/73/pc	Sydney	73/66/r	71/57/r
Istanbul	39/33/sn	42/34/pc	Tehran	74/48/pc	64/45/pc
Jakarta	85/76/t	83/77/r	Tokyo	53/44/s	61/60/c
Jerusalem	51/39/sh	53/38/pc	Vancouver	44/40/c	49/39/c
Johannesburg	83/55/pc	81/54/s	Vienna	49/35/pc	48/31/pc
Karachi	95/65/s	93/70/s	Warsaw	50/33/c	50/34/s

### NATIONAL CITIES

City	Thur. Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W	City	Thur. Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W	City	Thur. Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W	City	Thur. Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W	City	Thur. Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W
Akron	46/34/pc	48/30/sh	Buffalo	44/34/s	48/34/sh	Denver	66/34/s	56/34/pc	Knoxville	65/43/s	68/45/sh	Norfolk	56/40/s	66/51/pc
Albany	50/34/s	52/36/c	Burlington, IA	56/42/sh	56/36/pc	Des Moines	56/32/c	56/31/pc	Las Vegas	61/54/pc	79/52/s	Oklahoma City	74/48/pc	70/46/sh
Albuquerque	76/42/s	70/38/s	Burlington, VT	44/32/s	40/34/c	Duluth	41/25/sn	40/26/c	Lexington, KY	60/43/pc	60/40/sh	Omaha	62/42/pc	54/32/pc
Anchorage	31/17/pc	26/13/s	Casper	54/26/pc	50/28/pc	El Paso	84/52/pc	76/48/pc	Lincoln	60/43/pc	56/29/pc	Orlando	80/58/s	80/58/sh
Atlanta	70/46/s	74/50/pc	Cedar Rapids	56/34/c	56/32/pc	Fairbanks	11/9/c	11/14/pc	Little Rock	70/50/pc	70/50/t	Palm Springs	82/55/pc	82/55/s
Atlanta City	56/38/s	60/45/s	Charleston, SC	70/44/s	77/54/s	Fargo	43/27/sn	35/21/c	Los Angeles	69/48/pc	73/48/s	Peoria	56/40/sh	56/32/c
Austin	78/58/pc	76/60/pc	Charleston, WV	61/41/pc	61/43/sh	Flagstaff	62/27/s	52/24/s	Louisville	60/42/pc	58/38/pc	Philadelphia	56/38/s	60/44/s
Baltimore	58/38/s	62/44/s	Charlotte	68/42/s	74/48/s	Fort Wayne	54/38/sh	54/34/c	Madison	52/35/sh	52/28/c	Phoenix	86/56/s	74/54/pc
Baton Rouge	76/53/pc	77/59/c	Cheyenne	56/28/pc	44/28/pc	Gary	52/39/sh	52/33/c	Memphis	70/52/pc	70/50/pc	Pittsburgh	54/36/pc	52/36/sh
Billings	51/27/c	51/33/pc	Chicago	52/38/sh	52/34/c	Green Bay	50/33/c	44/29/c	Portland, ME	50/32/s	50/36/pc	Portland, OR	58/40/pc	64/42/s
Birmingham	70/46/s	74/50/pc	Cincinnati	56/41/pc	54/33/sh	Helena	49/30/c	51/31/c	Providence	54/36/s	56/40/pc	Raleigh	66/40/s	72/46/pc
Bismarck	50/21/c	47/21/c	Cleveland	48/38/pc	52/36/c	Honolulu	82/70/pc	83/67/r	Rapid City	53/27/c	48/27/pc	Richmond	60/39/s	70/47/pc
Bloomington	56/42/pc	55/36/sh	Columbia, MO	64/41/pc	60/36/pc	Houston	78/62/pc	80/64/pc	Reno	69/35/s	67/35/s	Sacramento	80/48/s	80/48/s
Boise	60/34/pc	64/36/s	Columbus, OH	54/40/pc	52/36/c	Indianapolis	54/42/pc	57/37/c	St. Louis	62/42/pc	62/36/pc	Salt Lake City	62/36/pc	58/36/pc
Boston	54/36/s	56/40/pc	Dallas	77/57/s	74/60/sh	Juneau	40/32/sn	41/33/c	San Antonio	80/62/pc	78/58/c	San Antonio	80/62/pc	78/58/c
Brownsville	88/68/pc	85/69/pc	Davenport	56/36/sh	56/31/c	Kansas City	63/46/pc	61/34/pc	San Diego	63/51/pc	67/53/s	San Diego	63/51/pc	67/53/s

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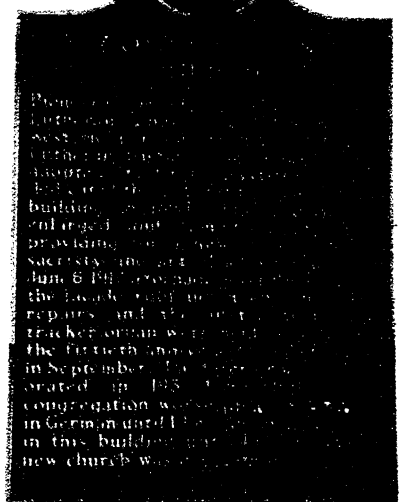
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THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 2009

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## Historic Charm



### Homeowners seek to preserve former Zion parsonage

Historic district would be the first in the Manchester area.

By Sven Gustafson  
Staff Writer

When Jack and Angelika Lewis purchased the home at 2905 S. Fletcher Rd. in Freedom Township in 1995, the self-described "old house people" knew they were buying just that—an old house.

They knew the vernacular Gothic Revival house, purchased for \$179,000, was built in 1890 and that it served as the former parsonage for nearby Old Zion Evangelical Lutheran church, which appears on the Michigan Historical Register.

They also knew the weathered, old low stone wall on the southern edge of their property was the foundation of the old

German schoolhouse for Roger's Corner, the name given the old neighborhood of English, and later German, immigrants.

But mainly, the newly married schoolteachers came to find a piece of paradise in the country. "He particularly liked the country," Angelika said of Jack. "I particularly like a feeling of rootedness in an area that is settled and has some history."

"There are so many times when you're out in the country, and you're alone, but this is a little community here on this corner."

"It's kind of like the land time forgot," Jack said of Freedom Township. "There's not much going on out here."

But after discovering just how much history the house has, the Lewises decided to do something.

So last fall, Angelika contact-

ed the Washtenaw County Historic District Commission regarding turning their home and four-acre property into a historic district.

"It was here before us and it will be here after us," Angelika said. "We're committing ourselves to maintain the structural integrity of the house."

After the Freedom Township Board gave its approval last fall, the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners passed a resolution March 6 authorizing the study of the Old Zion Parsonage for possible designation as a historic district.

The board created the Old Zion Parsonage Historic District Study Committee to study the project. The Lewises will serve as advisors to the seven-person committee along with Marnie Paulus, a staff member of the WCHDC.

Paulus explained that properties studied for historic districts are evaluated against four points of criteria, involving a property's age and impact on area settlement, and having significant people, architecture and archaeological features.

"We know so much about (the house) because of the Old Zion Lutheran Church minutes, so we know when it was built, and how big it was, and that the parishioners had to help pay for it," Paulus said. "Usually we don't have this much information about a house."

"The stories are wonderful—we're getting the stories as we go."

"One thing we're really impressed with is the talent of the committee," said Jack Lewis, who teaches elementary school in Plymouth.

Committee chair Grace Shackman is a published author of historical books and articles.



The Old Zion Parsonage is pictured here after a June 6, 1917 cyclone tore the roof off the house. The storm also destroyed the old church's bell tower and roof as well as several nearby homes, according to longtime neighbor and Zion Lutheran member Norm Wenk.



The Lewis' said this English, gable-roofed threshing barn once housed a cow and crops the church provided for the pastor's family. It features hand-hewn logs as roof beams.

voting member Norm Wenk, who was born and baptized at Old Zion church, is the storyteller of the bunch, and advisor Jasper Pennington is a former pastor.

If approved, it would be the first historic district in Freedom Township.

Angelika is a former resident of Ann Arbor's Old West Side Historic District, and said that's what gave her the idea for the project.

But it's the history Angelika has unearthed with help of title companies and plat books from the county building in Ann Arbor that has driven the two to this project.

The couple has learned that the old parsonage house was of a typical German two-door design, but that the red barn next door was an English threshing barn. And that the barn, which features hand-hewn logs as roofing

beams, was apparently rotated nearly a century ago from its north-south orientation to face east and west. Or that a saloon-keeper named Frederick Emminger once lived at the same address prior to 1890. Angelika believes the parsonage house sits atop Emminger's foundation, meaning the foundation pre-dates 1890. She also thinks the kitchen originally was part of another building and was added on later.

"The houses get moved around and the land gets added to and subdivided," she said. She added that the home's history mirrors the settlement patterns of immigrants in the area.

As proof, the blond-haired, German-born Angelika, who teaches French in Ypsilanti, produces a manila envelope stuffed with materials she's amassed on Old Zion Parsonage.

She pulls out a list of previous property owners at 2905 Fletcher. It begins with the title "U.S. Government—Michigan Territory," and moves to the first inhabitant, Anthony and Angelina Rouse, who bought the property on Aug. 1, 1833. Judging by the name, the first German immigrant to occupy the property was likely Michael Hinderer, on Aug. 13, 1859.

That would be 30 years after the first three families came to Washtenaw County from southern Germany, Shackman noted.

"Of course, they were farmers, so they wouldn't learn English as fast as others," she said.

Wenk, who still attends Zion Lutheran, remembers playing with the five children of former pastor Moritz Brueckner in the parsonage's living room. Brueckner, who served as Zion

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## Into the wild blue yonder

### Athlete will compete at Air Force Academy

By Marsha Johnson Chartrand  
Associate Editor

The football field, the basketball court and the baseball diamond all have benefited from senior Aaron LaRock's penchant for athletic competition.

This summer, he will be competing in a new arena—the military.

Recently nominated to the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs by U.S. Rep. Nick Smith and Sen. Debbie Stabenow, LaRock will be on his way to Colorado shortly after his graduation in June.

"I had to go for an interview with each of them (Smith and Stabenow)," he said. "They already had my records on file."

"It was a pretty big deal, though, I had to dress up, like a real job interview," LaRock said of the nomination process. "They asked me things like why I wanted to go (to the academy), how I would adjust to the different lifestyle, and other questions."

With a 4.0 grade point average and a four-year varsity record in basketball, Aaron, the son of Shawn LaRock and Carol

LaRock, both of Manchester, knew that the academic and athletic abilities that would recommend him to the academy, as well as to the other schools to which he applied and was accepted—the University of Michigan, Central Michigan University and Tulane University—were important.

"They're looking for well-rounded individuals," he said. "I picture myself like that."

"I chose (the academy) because I thought it would be different and exciting. I'd really like to be a pilot—I think that would be about the coolest thing ever."

Asked how he expects to adapt to the rigors of military life, LaRock said he's not sure, but he hopes "as quickly as possible."

"I already have done that by how I make sure I lift: I play sports a lot; I've always done my homework," he said.

"I've already disciplined myself, so it doesn't seem like it will be that drastic of a change."

LaRock hopes to study aeronautical engineering along with pursuing pilot training.

"It's something to fall back on



Aaron LaRock, 17, will leave for Colorado Springs, Colo. shortly after graduation in June to begin basic training as an Air Force Academy cadet.

if I can't be a pilot," he said.

Realizing that the academy is far more than academics, he understands the importance of the military recruiting "well rounded individuals."

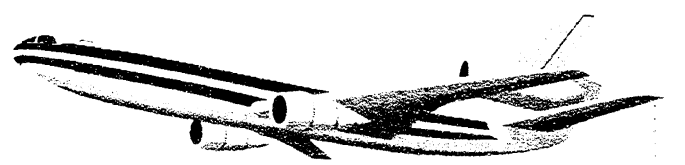
"Sports helps a lot with leadership," he said.

And this young man is a leader, not only on the football field or on the basketball court.

Besides being a three-sport

athlete for three years, he's forgoing baseball this spring to concentrate on getting in shape for basic training in June. LaRock is involved in student council, National Honor Society and is a member of the high school equations and science academic games teams.

As a service-oriented person, LaRock and his sister Abby periodically goes to his mother's



office at Schmalbach-Lubeca to count pop bottles collected by Carol LaRock's fellow employees.

"We usually get about \$100 from it every couple of months," he said. "The money goes to Manchester Family Services to adopt a family at Christmas."

At the academy, cadets are required to participate at least in intramural sports if not the school's competitive teams.

"I'll probably play basketball—it's my favorite," he said. "All sports are just really fun, though. It keeps you busy and in shape, and you make a lot of friends that way."

Making a five-year commitment to the military is not something that bothers LaRock. If he goes through pilot training, his commitment increases to 10 years, and he has the option of making the Air Force a career or working in the private sector after his commitment is completed.

"It's not something I've been all my life wanting to do, but I think it would be interesting," he said. "The biggest part of

your job is just to make sure you like it. And even if I go through pilot training I'm only going to be 27 when I get done."

"I think I'm going to like it. But one thing that made my decision a lot easier is that if I don't like it within two years, I can transfer out before that time without a service obligation."

"But I don't think that will be a problem."

One thing that was holding him back from making the ultimate decision was the thought of being so far from his family for such a long time.

"I won't be able to come home that much—two weeks for Christmas, a week for spring break and three weeks in the summer," he said. "Being away from my parents, my grandparents, aunts and uncles, friends and family—that was the biggest thing."

"But I have a feeling I'll like it and make a lot of new friends out there. And with e-mail and instant messenger it's not going to seem that bad. I can talk to someone any time I want to."

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# Citizens' group holds meeting on water treatment option

Concerns on lagoon expressed by neighboring residents.

By Renee Lapham Collins  
Heritage Newspapers

It might have been dubbed, "everything you've always wanted to know about micro-organisms but were afraid to ask."

The role of the micro-organism in treating wastewater was the topic of a special meeting held in Bridgewater Township on March 19, the night before the regularly-scheduled township board meeting.

This meeting, organized by a group of residents concerned about the Bridgewater

Township's decision to pursue a lagoon-style wastewater treatment system for the hamlet, included a 90-minute presentation by Ted Warrow of Waste Stream Consultants, LLC, based in Livonia.

Earl Klager, a property owner in Bridgewater Township, has been one of the principal opponents of the lagoon system, and has implored the township to consider other options. There also are residents of neighboring Saline Township who live close to the location proposed for the lagoon system and who are concerned about the odor and its impact on the surrounding area, both in terms of aesthetics and property value.

Klager said at the meeting that

he felt it was important to let township residents know that there are cost-effective alternatives to a lagoon system, and asked them to make their opinions known to the township board at its March 20 meeting.

Several members of the township board and planning commission were present at the meeting, but no action could be taken.

WARROW OUTLINED a "natural" wastewater treatment system for the 100 or so residents who attended the meeting, and broadcast a video on the "Rotating Biological Contactor" system.

The "RBC" system, as it is commonly known, consists of a trough and shaft, with several

disks mounted on the shaft. The disks are coated with micro-organisms that naturally consume waste matter from the sewage and the ambient air around the tank, cleaning it before it is pumped out.

Warrow compared the technology to the natural operation of a stream.

"If you've ever seen or felt slime on rocks in a river or stream, well those are micro-organisms that clean the water," he explained. "It is nature's wastewater treatment plan in operation."

"(The RBC) rotates through wastewater on a series of disks to provide a place for micro-organisms instead of a stream bed. It's the only truly natural system on

the market, although there are mechanical systems in existence. There is no odor to our plant because the micro-organisms consume waste and contaminants and turn them into carbon dioxide. The micro-organisms clean the air, too."

Sludge is created when the micro-organisms die off, a process called "sloughing." The sludge then has to be removed, but Warrow contends that the sludge is much lighter than that generated in a standard wastewater treatment process.

THE TOWNSHIP board already has approved a lagoon system, which is being funded in part by a state grant to correct the sewage problems in the village. Not all homes in the township would be connected to the proposed lagoon—in fact, about 75-80 properties are in the "sewer district." These are homes where septic systems are failing or have failed.

Warrow's system is expandable, although the grant funds that the township is set to receive are strictly for correcting the problem, not building for future development. Warrow maintained that the cost of his system compared to the lagoon system designed by Tetra Tech balanced out because while the maintenance costs are higher, the capital outlay is lower.

Residents who are in the sewer district in Bridgewater started to fidget after the first 90 minutes and finally asked Warrow and township engineers

Tetra Tech which system was going to cost the least amount of money.

"What's the bottom line?" asked one property owner.

THERE WERE no clear answers, since a number of concerns needed to be factored into the Waste Stream proposal and the comparison between the two systems seemed muddled. Two residents of the area figured the cost of the RBC system to be higher based on the higher maintenance required. The lagoon system does not have to be tested as frequently under state and federal regulations, and except for the liner, is virtually maintenance free.

The RBC system, conversely, requires testing about three to five times per week, and those samples should be tested by a certified lab, typically in a nearby municipality.

No action was taken at the Tuesday evening meeting. Klager asked any property owners and residents of the township who felt that the board should revisit the issue to sign a petition that would be presented at the March 20 meeting. A total of 39 signatures were collected and presented at the board's meeting.

One person at Tuesday night's meeting said she hoped the township board would reconsider.

"I'm not a resident of Bridgewater Township, but I live near the lagoon," she said. "I hope that the Bridgewater Township Board would consider being a good neighbor."

# Band concludes successful season

High school and middle school bands rate high.

By Marsha Johnson Chartrand  
Associate Editor

March has been a busy and successful month for the Manchester Community Schools' band program.

On March 8, the middle school (seventh and eighth-grade) bands, under the direction of Ed Schoendorff, traveled to Columbia Central High School for the district band festival. The seventh-grade band received a second division rating, with an amazing first-division rating in sight-reading. The eighth-grade band also received a second division rating for their performance.

The following weekend, the high school bands performed at East Jackson High School. The Concert Band received two second division scores and two third division scores, while the Symphony band received two

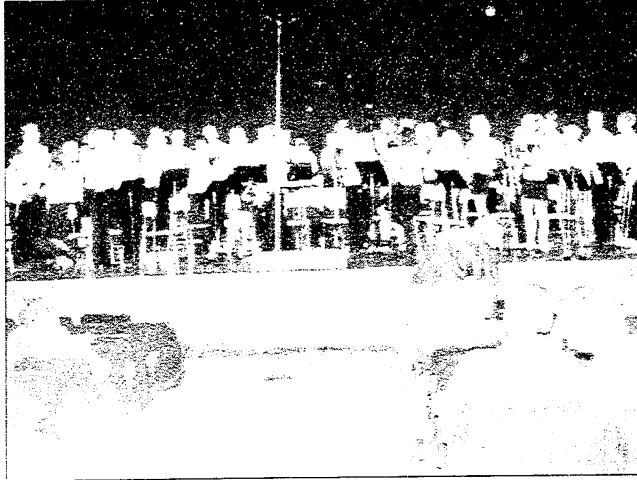
first division and two second division scores. The high school bands are under the direction of Jared Throneberry.

In addition to band festivals that encompassed all members, three high school students participated in the Michigan State Band and Orchestra Association (MSBOA) state solo and ensemble festival last Saturday. To attend the state competition, students must have received a first-division rating at the district level.

Senior Betsy Dettloff, freshman Natalie Palms and junior Katie Ray traveled to Howell High School to perform.

Dettloff played a flute solo, receiving a second division rating. Ray also received a second division rating for her snare drum solo. Palms achieved a first division rating for a piano solo.

Throneberry and Schoendorff are proud of the performances turned in by their students and congratulate all who participated, both in festival and at solo and ensemble.



The seventh-grade band earned an overall second division rating at Band Festival two weeks ago with a first division rating in sight-reading.

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# Heritage Newspapers names new president

By Ken Welsch  
Heritage Newspapers

The likelihood was there. Dan P. Smith knew it.

That likelihood was, after all, the reason he joined 21st Century Newspapers Inc. about a month ago.

But even before the Pontiac-based newspaper group officially acquired Heritage Newspapers in a deal announced Friday, Smith began exploring the Downriver area from every angle.

As early as three weeks ago, Smith already had begun devouring as much information on Heritage as he could, reading papers and learning its history.

He also began learning about the area it covers.

As a heavy windstorm was ripping through the area earlier this month, the 53-year-old Arkansas native was in his car. He drove along Jefferson Avenue through Wyandotte clear down to Monroe. He drove Telegraph Road back up to see it from that side.

He has taken a quick tour of Grosse Ile and made east-west cuts between Telegraph and the river in hope of getting a quick lesson on the landscape.

On Friday it became official. Smith became the new president of Heritage Newspapers. He replaces former President Frederick G. Manuel, who had been with Heritage Newspapers since the mid-1980s.

For Smith, there still is much to learn.

"I impressed the real estate agent the other day with how



Dan Smith

much I knew about the area already," said Smith, hired by 21st Century owner Frank Shepherd to head up the Pontiac-based chain's latest acquisition.

"I've been anxious to get here. The last three weeks that I spent in Pontiac were good, but I was anxious to get in here and start working. I was a man without a country there for a while.

"This is the only thing I've unpacked," he said yesterday morning with a laugh, raising a cup of coffee in his new office at One Heritage Place in Southgate. "This and that photo of my family over there."

His wife, Donna, and his daughter, Kortni, a high school senior, are still in Augusta, Ga., where Smith last served as vice president of community newspapers for Morris Communica-

tions. Donna and Kortni will stay in Georgia until she graduates this spring.

Smith's coming to Heritage marks a return from the corporate world, back to the community newspaper roots that have dominated his 30-year career.

During that time, Smith — who served in the Air National Guard and earned a degree from Western Arkansas College — served as publisher of community newspapers in Arkansas, Texas and North Carolina, and worked as a group executive in Georgia and Kansas.

His working relationship with Shepherd dates back to the mid-1980s, when he was hired to be vice president of Stauffer Communications in Topeka, where Shepherd was president and CEO.

After only one day at his new position Downriver — a day that consisted primarily of touring and familiarizing himself with Heritage's many offices in southeastern Michigan on Monday — Smith came in early Tuesday morning eager to get started.

He said he is unsure of answers to all of the questions that Heritage employees and readers have been wondering since the sale of the newspaper chain was announced in the fall. Will there be changes? Will the public see a different product? Does the name "Heritage Newspapers" still exist?

"My first impression of Heritage was formed before I even arrived in the area, when Frank and I talked about them."

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## March is Reading Month



March is Reading Month Celebration was a special time for Pat Coelius' third-grade class at Klager Elementary School. Marsha Chartrand read a chapter from one of her favorite books, *Farmer Boy*, written by Laura Ingalls Wilder. Pictured are, front row: Derek Reyst, (left) Justin Hone, Isaac Wells, Taylor Parks, Sam McClure, Devin Girschak. Second row: Johnny Wall, Chartrand, Scott Wharam, Alyssa Whalen. Third row: Ryan Fookes, Jessie Sahakian, Megan Linski, Alex Wallace, Melissa Cousino, Haley Dutko, Kristen Lewis. Last row: Alex Mutchler, Ben Daubner, Christine Pfitzenmaier, Josh Blades, Emma Greene, and Halley Cook.

## Preschool Carnival



March 6 was the date for the annual carnival at Manchester Co-Op Preschool. Colors the Clown was the main attraction with her magic show and animals. The carnival also featured a bouncer, food court with ice cream, popcorn, and drinks, face painting and a variety of games, prizes and balloons. Pictured are 4-year-olds: Front row: Jordan Heuser (left), Wade Flint, Sam Korican, Carter Doan, Jared Burge, Daniel Korth, Emily Hadley, Lauren Doster, Danielle Herrst, Allison Schneider, Becca Allen, and Annabelle Engle. Back row: teacher Jennifer Nisbett Brewer (left), Jessie Vigo, Judy Sahakian, Rachel Heuser, Madeline Wakevainen, Logan Rathburn, Aaron Carson, Jessica Manders, Josie Rickert, Madison Collins, Becca Newman, Colors the Clown, Charlie Steffen, and Annie Tamagne.

# Manchester grad designing tech for visually impaired

College senior's project will improve GPS technology.

By Laura Merte  
Staff Writer

Manchester alumnus Angelo Petrino will be presenting his Senior Engineering Design Project at Western Michigan University on April 16.

Petrino's project is a localized differential global positioning system (GPS) for the visually impaired. He has been collaborating with two other students on this project, Harryl Martinez of Portage, and Jim McDonald of Kalamazoo. The seniors have been working on their projects since September, spending the fall semester outlining their projects and writing proposals for approval by the Electrical and Computer Engineering Department; the second semester is spent building, designing, testing and modifying the design.

"A significant challenge for the visually impaired is to know their exact location and then to navigate from that location to another," Petrino said.

GPS systems are useful in

locating a person's position, but only within 20 to 30 meters. To be truly useful, the visually impaired require a much more accurate system. Petrino's group design reduces the accuracy to within one to three meters.

"Specifically, our project uses a reference station to send correction factors to a mobile receiver," Petrino said. "Additionally, the mobile unit will be attached to a laptop with voice announcement software that will help a user navigate."

A height measurement device for racecar applications, the evaluation and optimization of an engine for a hybrid electrical vehicle, and the design of a new office work environment are among other projects that will be presented at the 30th Conference on Senior Engineering Design Projects at Western Michigan University.

The conference, which runs from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., will be held at the Bernhard Center on

the WMU campus. It is open to the public free of charge and is sponsored by WMU's College of Engineering and Applied Sciences.

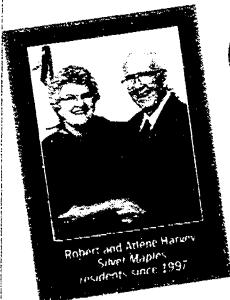
150 seniors in construction engineering, electrical and computer engineering, industrial design, industrial and manufacturing engineering, materials engineering, mechanical and aeronautical engineering, and paper and printing science and engineering will present the results of 64 projects they have completed to solve problems facing business and industry.

Petrino, the son of Tony and Carol Petrino of Manchester, graduated from Manchester High School in 1997. He plans to receive a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering with a math minor in April.

Upon graduation, Petrino says, "I plan to stay in Michigan, but as of yet I do not have job plans."

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# Knowing the secrets makes internet searching more fruitful

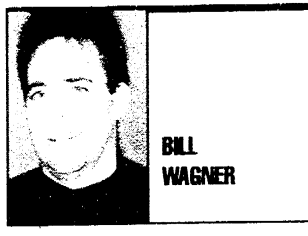
The web is a wonderful and expansive source of information. That's the good news. The bad news is that it is also a wonderful and expansive source of misinformation. How do you tell the difference?

Also, the web is so large, how do you find the information you want?

To find information, you will learn to use a search engine. Personally, I use Google (www.google.com) for all my searching. It almost always gives me better results than anything else I have ever used. It also has a very simple presentation that makes it easy to use, and its results load quicker than any of the other sites.

The reason Google's results are usually more relevant than other sites has to do with how it ranks pages. Like every search engine, Google keeps track of all pages on the web that contain certain words. What Google does differently is to keep track of pages from other sites that link to the page in question.

For example, articles that I write for a programming magazine are stored on the publisher's website. The more sites that create links to my articles, the higher my articles rise in Google's list of relevant pages. In that way, Google relies on the



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recommendation of other web authors for how to rank results for a given topic.

So, you go to Google and find a large number of sites on your topic. Next, let's look at the meaning of the web addresses on the sites you find.

The last part of any web address domain identifies its location, or its category. There are two letter suffixes for most countries: .us is the United States, .uk is Great Britain (the United Kingdom), .ca is Canada, .jp is Japan, .fr is France, .de is Germany.

Inside the United States, six different domain categories have been created to subdivide the number of addresses available. .com is any commercial site, .net is for network providers, .org is for non-profit organizations, .edu is for educa-

tional institutions, .gov is for federal government sites, and .mil is for military sites. (Generally, the military does not have web sites, but you will see .mil in email addresses from military personnel.)

Using this information, you can get some information about where a site is located, and what kind of organization runs it.

In large organizations, there may be many web pages maintained by individual users, or clubs. These pages are almost always in a particular user's home directory on the sites main server. By convention, these addresses will have a "~" in the address. For example, a site like www.umich.edu/~user would be the web site for an individual named "user" at the University of Michigan.

Many professors publish their work only on their personal web space to share their findings with colleagues. On the other hand, so do many students. Other large internet providers will use some other convention to identify pages or sites that they host for their users.

These may or may not be the most accurate sources of information. Normally, the owner of one of these sites will identify his or her credentials.

Lastly, you can determine who

registered or owns a domain name. If you go to www.net-names.com, you can request to see if a particular domain is registered. As an example, go to the site, and type "Microsoft." You will see that Microsoft.com has been registered. Next to the listing, there is a "more info" link. If you follow that link, NetNames will search the WhoIs database to find who registered that domain.

In many instances, this can help you uncover who is really behind a site you are using for information. You will find who registered the domain, and their

administrative and technical contacts. You will also find out who is hosting their site.

With large organizations such as Microsoft, you will find that all the contacts are within the organization. With smaller organizations, all the contacts may not be the same. The technical contact will often point to the company that hosts the site, rather than the owner of the content.

Depending on the hosting organization, the site host may be the administrative contact as well.

I use WhoIs for two different

reasons. First, I often want to know who is behind a site where I intend to purchase something. The web is a great equalizer for large and small companies. But, I like to know where a small merchant is located before I order from them online.

Secondly, if I am doing research, I want to know as much as possible about the individual or organization I am using as a source. If I find information on the web, I want to know as much as possible about who is behind it before I cite the source. WhoIs helps me here as well.

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## Fire department receives grant

### Grant recognizes volunteer efforts.

The Consumers Energy Foundation has awarded a \$500 grant to a Manchester Township community organization to recognize the volunteer efforts of a utility employee.

Gene Kemeter, a gas compressor mechanic based at the utility's Freedom Compressor Station near Manchester, performed more than 300 hours of volunteer work for the Manchester Township Firefighters Association during the past 12 months.

Kemeter serves as the association's assistant chief, is an emergency medical technician, and coordinates training. The Consumers Energy Volunteer Investment Program (VIP) grant supports the purchase of a global positioning system to assist with helicopter landings at accident scenes.

The Consumers Energy Foundation sponsors the Volunteer Investment Program to recognize employees and retirees who donate personal time to nonprofit groups. Employees and retirees who volunteer more than 45 hours to qualifying organizations are eligible to apply for grants to benefit the group.

Local employee volunteer recognition teams review grant applications for eligibility and determine grant amounts. Grant amounts are based on the level of leadership and time commitment of the employee or retiree, the organization's response to community needs and other criteria.

Last year, the Consumers Energy Foundation awarded VIP grants totaling \$323,700 to 471 organizations on behalf of 723 employees and retirees.

The Consumers Energy Foundation is the philanthropic arm of Consumers Energy. It provides funding to areas

including education, the environment, Michigan growth and enhancement, culture and the arts, social services and emerging issues. The Company's 2002 charitable investments in Michigan through the Foundation, corporate funding and its employees will be approximately \$4 million.

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# Chelsea-area resident writes the book on poultry

By Lisa Carolin  
Special Writer

Librarian, researcher and farmer. These are all words used to describe Lima Township resident Jan Dohner.

Dohner seems like a natural to write "The Encyclopedia of Historic and Endangered Livestock and Poultry Breeds." Her comprehensive guide of 138 endangered livestock breeds and 53 poultry breeds was recently published.

"The book brings three things together," Dohner said. "It's about the history of domestication, how human and animal lives are intertwined, and what we stand to lose if we don't maintain diversity in animals."

The book features the history and characteristics of breeds of goats, sheep, swine, cattle, horses, chickens, turkeys, ducks and geese that are all endangered. It includes more than 200 photographs and illustrations.

"It took me 10 years to compile the information," she said. "It's a combination of science and history. I talked to a couple hundred breeders and spent a lot of time going through agricultural manuals and guidebooks."

"People who raise rare breeds are passionate about what they do, and everyone has a story to tell."

It helps that Dohner is a librarian. She is also on the board of the Chelsea District Library.

Dohner believes that losing breeds of livestock means losing genetic diversity and cultural richness.

"In the 1950s, industrial farming took off," she said. "Before that, food was locally sold. Now we have modern hybrids of animals that can't survive outside of confinement and hens that don't sit on their eggs. The amount of globalization in food is astounding."

Dohner said farming needs to fit into the scheme of production.

"The biggest problem is the disconnect with our children understanding where their food comes from," Dohner said.

Many organic and agricultural groups share Dohner's interest in returning to how things used to be when people had a connection to the food they raised. There is a tie between those groups and the rare breeds groups. The United Nations is



Jan Dohner

also a supporter.

Dohner is a member of the American Livestock Breeds Conservancy, which has been

around for 25 years. It includes many farmers and people involved with such living history museums as Greenfield Village

in Dearborn.

"Michigan is a hotbed for people interested in rare breeds," Dohner said. "In Chelsea, there is the Spinners' Flock, which holds fleece fairs twice a year. At Michigan State, there is a collection of rare breeds of livestock."

Dohner said rare breeds of sheep and turkeys are of particular interest in Michigan. She lives on a farm in Lima Township, where she has raised rare breeds of goats, horses,

chickens and livestock dogs.

Dohner grew up in Valparaiso, Ind. Her grandparents were farmers. Her husband, John, grew up on a farm. Their children, who are now in college, were active in 4H. Jocelyn, 24, is studying sustainable issues at Ball State in Indiana.

"It used to be that your life was intimately entwined with animals," Dohner said. "Everybody had to think about the welfare of their animals every day."

"Farming is part of the cycle of life. The animals that provide the meat that people buy in grocery stores probably had a crueler life than the livestock that local farmers raise. Local farming needs to fit into the scheme of production."

Dohner thinks that a big reason for the popularity of dogs and cats as pets in the United States is that people are trying to replace the farm animals the country once had.

Dohner and her husband have owned their 10-acre farm for 25 years. She said that she can taste a difference in the free-range eggs that she sells and in fresh poultry.

"The Encyclopedia of Historic and Endangered Livestock" is available at Amazon.com and at most bookstores. For more information about the book, go to the Web site rareonthefarm.com.

Lisa Carolin is a free-lance writer. She can be reached via e-mail at LWCarolin@aol.com.

## AR Stars



Sixth-grader Carl Wharam (front, left), fifth-grader Lynne Werner, seventh-grader Jared Meeks (back, left) and eighth-grader Sara DeSautel were the middle school's Accelerated Reader stars in February.

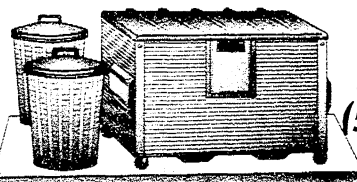
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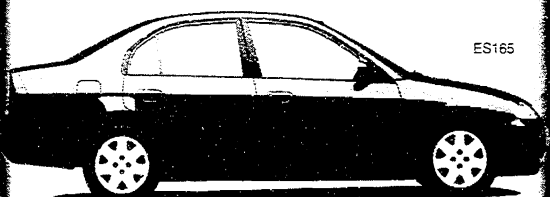
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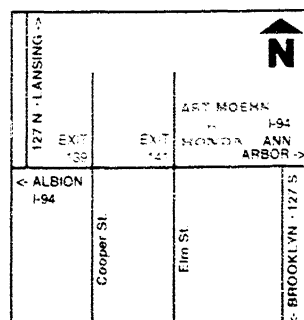
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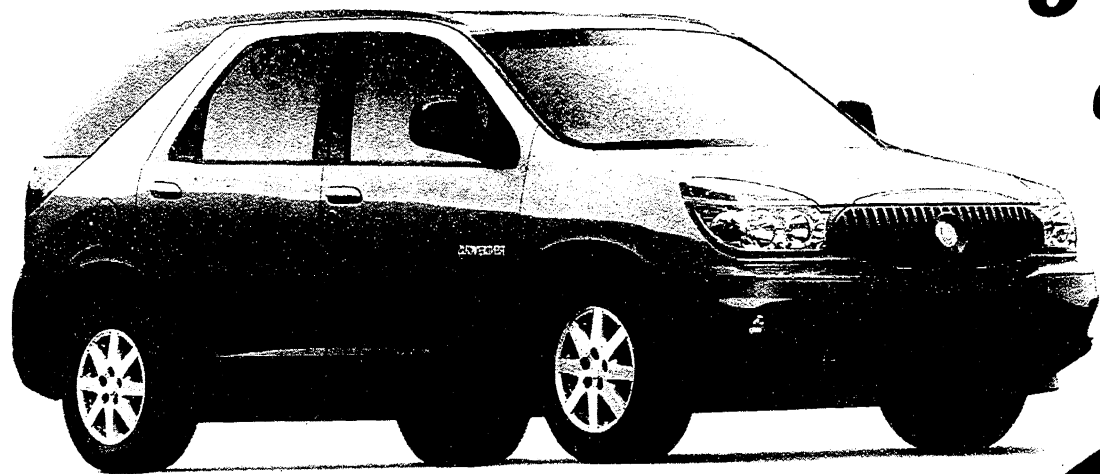
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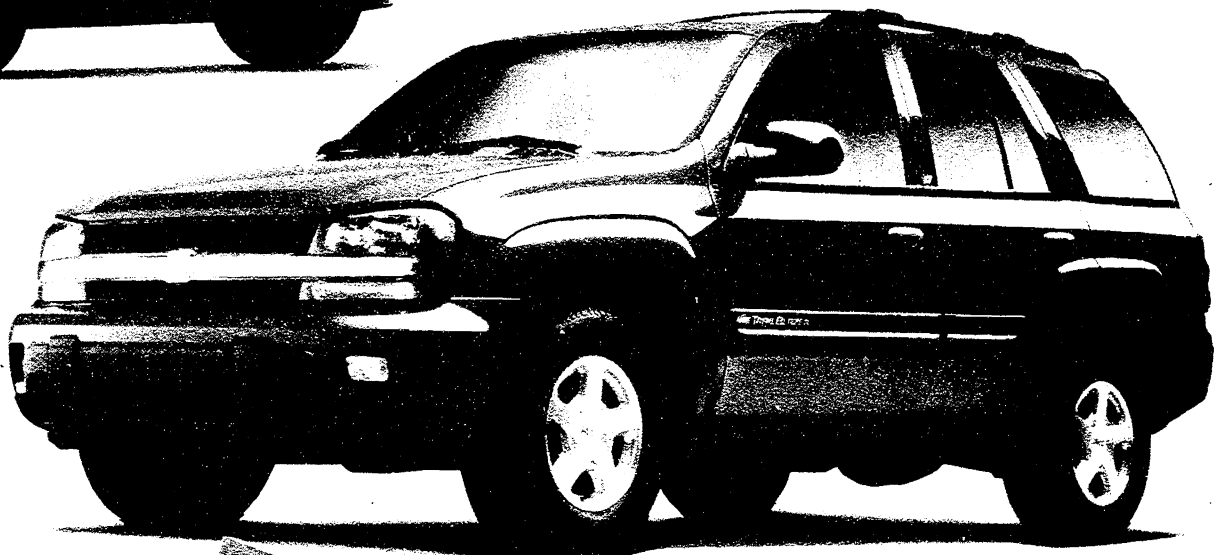
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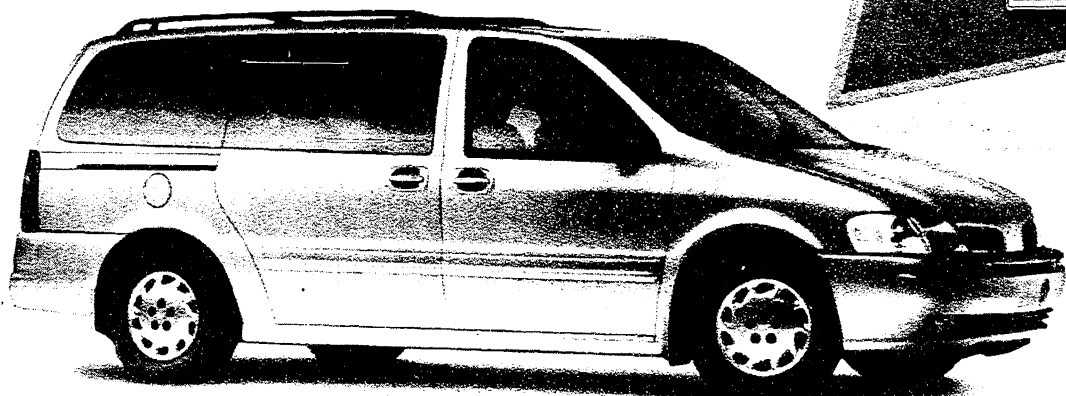
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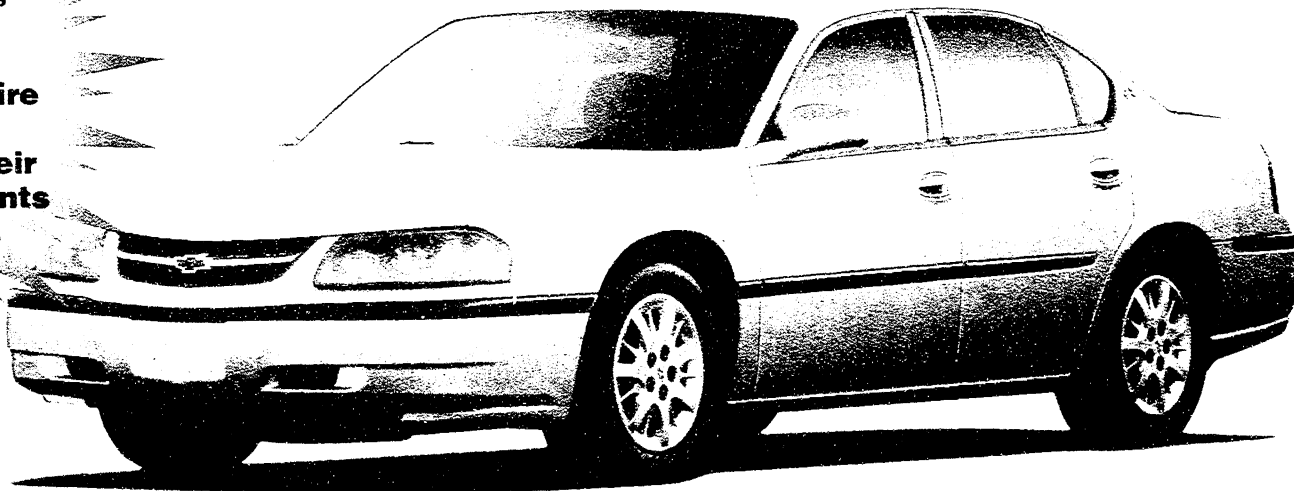
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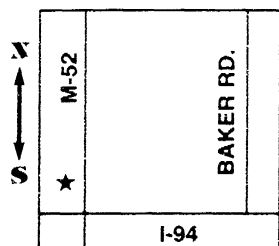
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# HISTORIC

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pastor from 1926 to 1954, was the first one to deliver sermons in English. Wenk also recalls watching his brother get married in the parsonage living room.

"Church weddings weren't heard of in those days," he said.

Zion Lutheran Church was organized in 1865 by former members of St. Thomas Lutheran Church, which reportedly split over a disagreement over the time of worship service. The Neo-Gothic building at the northwest corner of Fletcher and Waters roads was dedicated in 1867, and later enlarged and remodeled in 1909.

"The men sat on one side and the women sat on the other," said Wenk of the old church, which closed in 1974 to move across the street. "Nobody came to church without a hat on in those days. Even in summer."

The Lewis' home served as the Old Zion Parsonage from 1889 until 1954 or 1955, and was home to three Zion pastors—Heinrich Lemster (who served from 1888 to 1910), Ernst Thieme (1910-1926), and Brueckner.

Wenk said Brueckner moved out in 1954 to retire to the old German schoolhouse.

Today, the Lewises have set up bird feeders, and hairy woodpeckers, robins and chickadees are regular visitors. Sandhill cranes and pheasants occasionally are seen. The two live with three cats, which like to cozy up against the old oil-and-hot-water radiators that line the floorboards.

If their home is approved, the historic district would force the Lewises to consult with the WCHDC before undertaking any significant changes or demolitions to the house's exterior or surrounding property.

"(It's) imposing a lot of restrictions upon yourself," said Jack, noting he'll probably never be able to build a backyard Jacuzzi. "I don't think it's for everybody. But we're old-house people, and this house tells a story."

Paulus said the process of getting the site nominated will take a year, maybe more. The study committee will send a preliminary report to the county metropolitan planning commission and then to the state. The County Board of Commissioners has the final say in the matter, she noted.

Ultimately, the Lewises say they are motivated by a desire to preserve a piece of history.

"I think that down the road, as you get development out this way, you'll have more people concerned about creating historic districts," Jack said.

# ATHLETE

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There are families in the Colorado Springs area who "adopt" cadets—providing a family-oriented evening or weekend for homesick kids who are away from home for the first time.

"You can go to church with them, you can stay with them, get a home-cooked meal," LaRock said. "They think of all this stuff. They try to make it as easy transition as possible."

Other than that, LaRock believes that his athletic career in Manchester has prepared him well for a few years of military life.

"The major concept of the military is working as a team," he said. "They teach you you're part of a system, a group; you're not just working for yourself."

"Sports have helped me to understand that."

The idea of a military career is not an unusual one for LaRock. The influence of his grandmother, Marilyn LaRock, is evident as he tells the story of how his father gave him a packet about the academy as far back as in sixth grade.

"The idea of travel appeals to me, too," he said. "I've been in Manchester my whole life ... it would be interesting to see other places."

"I guess I've always wanted to see the world, and maybe I can make some money while I'm at it."

But it was after Sept. 11 that LaRock's interest in the military peaked.

"After that, I wanted to give something back," he said.

Whether or not he makes a career of military service, LaRock knows that his career at the Air Force Academy will be a good preparation for his future.

"I'm leaving my options open," he said.

# Chelsea Children's Center receives accreditation

Chelsea Community Hospital Children's Center recently was granted accreditation by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). This prestigious recognition has been achieved by approximately 7 percent of early childhood programs nationwide—some 8,100 programs serving more than 720,000 children.

NAEYC accreditation is a rigorous, voluntary process by which early childhood programs demonstrate that they meet national standards of excellence. Child care centers, preschools, kindergartens, and before and after-school programs are eligible to seek NAEYC accreditation.

Programs seeking accreditation undergo an intensive self-study, collecting information

from parents, teachers, administrators, and classroom observations. They receive an on-site visit, conducted by early childhood professionals specially trained by NAEYC, to validate their self-study results. A team of national experts independently reviews all of this information, and grants or defers accreditation. When awarded, accreditation is valid for three years.

"The heart of NAEYC accreditation focuses on the child's experience," said Shannon Steinbach, Director, CCH Children's Center. "The process carefully considers all aspects of the program including health and safety, staffing, staff qualifications, and physical environment. The greatest emphasis is on the children's relationships with the staff and how the pro-

gram helps each child grow and learn intellectually, physically, socially, and emotionally."

According to Barbara Willer, spokesperson for NAEYC, research supports the value of accreditation. Children's language and social skills especially benefit from the better quality found in NAEYC accredited programs.

"These are critical areas for children's success in school as well as in life," Willer said.

NAEYC is the nation's oldest and largest organization of early childhood professionals dedicated to improving the quality of early childhood education. NAEYC established accreditation in response to the growing number of American children spending large amounts of time in group settings away from home, and the uneven and often

inadequate consumer protection afforded by state licensing of child care facilities.

The Children's Center is located at Saint Paul's United Church of Christ in Chelsea and serves 61 children, ranging in age from 2½ weeks to 5 years. Established in 1977, the Children's Center is one of first employer sponsored child care centers in Michigan.

Its infant, toddler and preschool programs are based on the philosophy that children grow to their fullest potential if given the opportunity to explore, create, and problem solve with material appropriate to their developmental age. For more information about the Chelsea Community Hospital Children's Center please call 734-475-3922.

# New book discussion topic is set

The Friends of the Manchester District Library began a series of book discussions this year focusing on life in other cultures and countries to gain a better understanding of the world. The group wanted to choose non-technical books that also were non-fiction and enjoyable to read.

The book that was discussed took place in Tibet. It was recently the autobiography of Diki Tsering, mother of the 14th Dalai Lama, titled, "Dalai Lama, My Son: A Mother's Story."

This was a good follow up to the previous book discussion since it is Communist China that invades Tibet and leads to the Dalai Lama and his family's escape and ultimate exile in India.

Diki Tsering was a peasant woman before she became revered as "grandmother of Tibet." Three of her 16 children (nine living into adulthood) became reincarnated lamas or spiritual leaders. This book was just a glimpse into the origins of the Dalai Lama, the history of the Tibetan people, the magic of their culture, the role of their

women, and their ancient ideals of compassion, faith and equality.

"It left us wanting to know more," said Patty Swaney, a member of the book discussion group. "The very simplistic style and lack of description and emotion made us wonder if this was not just due to the upbringing of this very private woman. The Dalai Lama's sister, Jetsun Pema, has written a much richer account of her family's life."

The group found it fascinating to dig deeper into other resources to learn more about Buddhism and the plight of the Tibetan people. A children's book, "Our Journey from Tibet," is the description of three Tibetan children whose parents helped them escape in 2000 to attend the Tibetan refugee school in India. Although refugees started fleeing oppression in Tibet more than 40 years ago, nothing much has changed.

The next book for discussion, "The Road from Coorain," will take the readers to Australia. Jill Ker Conway, the first woman president of Smith College, writes about her isolated childhood on her father's drought-rid-

den sheep ranch in New South Wales.

Conway chronicles her growth as she moves to the urban life in Sydney and when she leaves Australia for graduate school at Harvard and a life of academic honor. Raised with British attitudes that essentially ignored the reality of her native Australian culture, it is only in college that Conway comes to recognize the necessity of study-

ing her country and its role in her life.

Join the group on this cultural adventure and pick up a copy of "The Road from Coorain" at the Manchester District Library where several will be available. Then come to the discussion, which will take place at the library, in the meeting room on the basement level at 7 p.m. on April 25.

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**Sunday, April 14, 2 pm**  
Author Timothy Jeffrey and "Milk Teeth"  
Tim Jeffrey, an early playwright for the Purple Rose Theater, brings us "Milk Teeth," a book of gritty and incisive short stories. Like all good fiction, this collection will alter your perceptions of what it means to be human.

**Saturday, April 20, 2 pm**  
"Ann Arbor in the 19th Century: A Photographic History"  
With over 190 photographs and complete descriptions, Grace Shackman details the growth of Ann Arbor in the 19th century. Enjoy photographs of houses, businesses, churches, visitors like Okemos the nephew of Pontiac Chief of the Ottawa, local culture and more!

**Saturday, April 27, 2 pm**  
Exotic Places from Around the World — Nepal  
Stan and Pris Woollams from Nature's Expressions share unusual, beautiful, and away-from-the-beaten-path locations from their travels. Today, enjoy slides from the Himalayan mountains of Nepal, including close-ups of Mt. Everest. Local artifacts and minerals will be on display.

**Tuesday, April 30, 7 pm**  
Chelsea Poetry Celebration at the Washington St Education Center Cafeteria  
Celebration hosted by Laura Kasischke, local author and poet, for winners to read poems.

**Little Professor Book Reading Clubs:**  
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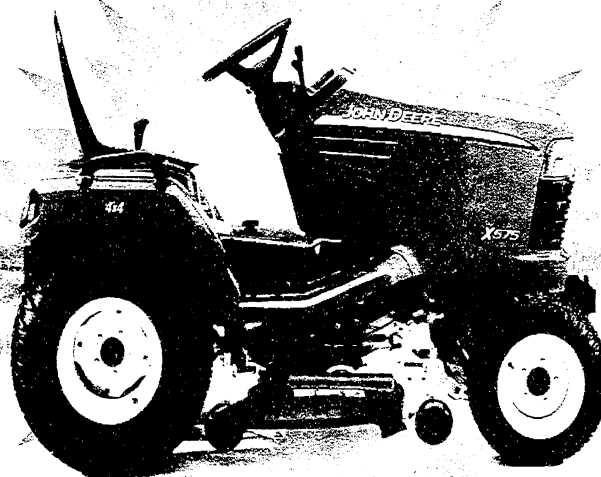
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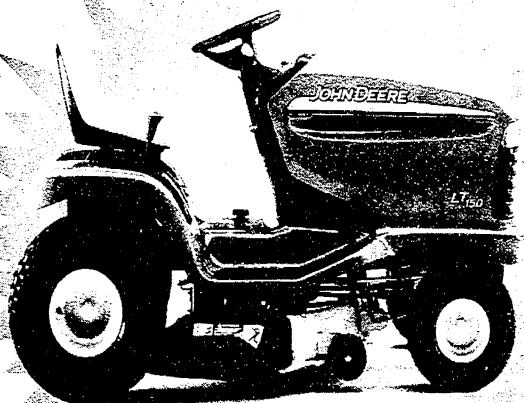
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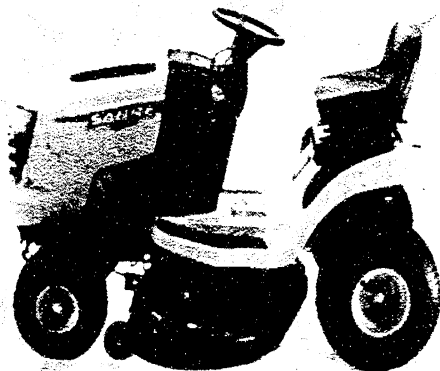
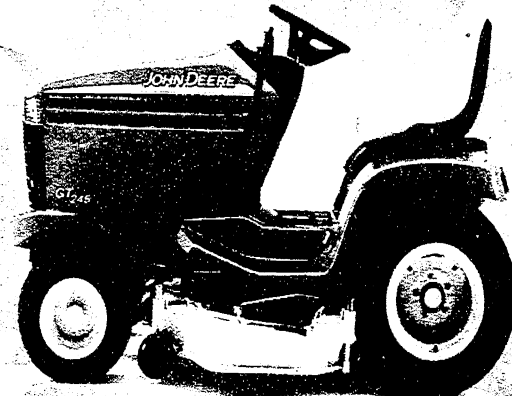
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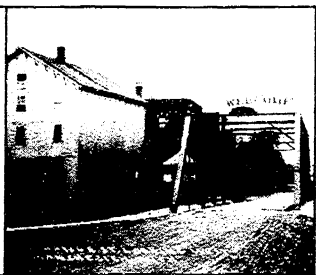


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# Looking Back



Continued from last week: Manchester in 1871

On the other side of the alley, where the Co-op shop is now located. Was old Mother Green who ran a saloon over which she dominated. Next north was Hiram Dodge the furniture man in a two story building. By the way he was a relative of Dodge Brothers of Detroit, of automobile fame. Next in the Louie Kuebler store was a saloon and grocery run by Mike Dealy and Henry Cash. This was the place where they played cards and got rid of their cash. The Traubs had a billiard hall and a saloon next door. In the place now known as the Robert Mahrle store.

On the Union Savings Bank corner, then known as the old Union Hall. Was the general store of Abraham Polhemus - but that was not all. On the second floor was a barber shop with the entrance an outside stair. Here a colored barber did the shaving and cutting of hair. In the west side was the post office where for many years without fail, Chauncey Walbridge, the one-armed postmaster, distributed the U.S. mail.

George Wheeler, the clothier in the Seckinger store, one door west. Handled men's and boy's clothing and furnishings of the best. Miss Speechley, the photographer, in the second floor stayed. She came from Ann Arbor and was an old maid.

Next Weir and son ran a hardware store in a frame building not fire proof. Jim Kelly was their tinner, he put on the tin roofs. Next west in the building now owned by Bill Sloat. Was Refior the tailor who made our pants and coats.

Next west, the old frame City Bakery run by Wm. Kirchgessner was in line. On the west side in front, Gustav Adolph Fausel sold jewelry fine. In the rear Bill had a saloon, and to prove he was right. He never let a Webster's dictionary get out of his sight. Next came Dr. Bessac who sold dry goods, groceries and drugs. He also practiced medicine and sold spirits in jugs. On the second floor was the barber shop of Charles Youngmans the older. He was the son of Henry, who used to upholster.

Next came Sam Perkins who at shoemaking and cobbling was a success. As the same time he was agent for the American Express. Of the business men, Gharles Gwinner, on the corner, was last but not least. He had the city scales and weighed all farm produce as well as the beast.

I.M. Robinson and Wait had a livery in the rear of the hotel. In those days of no automobiles, their business ran well. Where St. Mary's church now stands facing the public square. Henry Youngmans ran the Farmer's Hotel and boarding house there. Tom Farell, Sam Blake, George Coulson and Nate Hay. Handled all our freight and did it with a two wheeled dray. The only hack was owned by Mack Robinson, he handled the mail and ran a hack line. He met all the trains and was always on time.

Out on Jackson street in Luckhardt's stone building were Field and Dawes. Where Mrs. Miller's hotel stands just across the way. Was a Cooper shop run by a man named Hay.

Going west out Jackson Street, though not very far. The Schaibles had a brickyard just east of C.B. Carr. We turn around here and toward the town came back. Until we reach the Lake Shore railroad track. Follow this track south about five hundred feet or more. We come to the Lumber yard of Doray and Moore.

Now we go east down past the school house about a half mile or so. Here was East Manchester, then called Soulesville you know. In a small store west of the bridge they sold groceries, tobacco and candy. And it was said they also sold beer, wine and brandy.

Where the village now pumps water to furnish electric light. Stood Fountain's big premium mills on the very same site. At the end of the race, just along the river's banks. Sherwood and Sloat had a Sawmill where they sawed logs into planks.

In Seymour Hammond's cooper shop, many coopers worked every hour. Making barrels for cider, pork, apples and flour. Wisner & Sons did teaming, moved building and drove piles. Their business extended all over the country for many miles. The Morgan's general store was the last in town. It was in the building where Sortor now makes butter of great renown.

The people of those days were better than now you will agree. For then they had six churches, and now there's only three. Six doctors also looked after the citizens' good health. They were Bessac, Lynch, Munger, Root, Conklin and Selfe. In East Manchester, there lived another one, Dr. Jesse Sherwood. He treated the horses and 'twas said he was good.

The carpenters and masons were good and also plenty. I can't name them all, but there must have been twenty. There was Si Ruckmen, Jim Lee, Mingus, Mathers and Reed. And two brothers, Ed and Joe O'Neil who never agreed. John Merithew, William Lewis, Harvey Rose, George Hay, Chancey Fox, John and Christ Sauer. Of masons there were Cushman, Sherwood, Jim Peeler, Edwards, and Hisson the strong. And Joe Greenman, the bricklayer, who did not last long. Gerry Lovejoy was the painter, always ready for a horsetrade. All Youngmans painted the carriages which Bill Neebling made.

There were four attorneys, Ezra Norris, Ralph Hewitt & Co., Rodney Palmer and Charley Craft, who was also a farmer.

In those days, same as now, people stood up for their rights. The result was that the Dutch and the Irish often had fights. Munson Goodyear then was the Justice of Peace. He let the boys off easy by paying their fees.

Charley Sanford, and Joe Lazelle bought junk, old iron and rags. They traded the farmers tinware for dried apples and tages. John Betz and Charlie Senger in the fall were always about.

## SMITH

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said Smith, an avid cyclist who logs as many as 150 miles per week. "As large a page circulation as this has in a suburban market, my first impression was, 'Wow, these folks have got to be putting together a quality product.'"

"My assumption is from a news coverage standpoint that we're doing it right. If we're going to change anything, it would be just to improve on that, and I don't even know if we can improve on that. It's working very well now, obviously."

"The changes that we'll realize will be largely behind the scenes."

Heritage Newspapers will remain Heritage Newspapers, Smith said, as a subsidiary to 21st Century Newspapers.

Smith will oversee the various Heritage properties, including papers in Monroe, Belleville, Grosse Ile, Dearborn, Saline, Milan, Manchester, Dexter, Chelsea and Flint.

Manuel will be a consultant to Smith for the remainder of 2002.

"Fred is making himself available to me to answer questions," Smith said. "He'll be a very valuable resource. We really hit it off well."

"Now I'm looking forward to the next step, which is getting to know all of the property managers and to sitting down and meeting all of the reporters in the newsroom."

"Then, from there, I'd like to get out and meet the people in the community."

They made it their business to cut and pack sauerkraut. Frank Freeman, the drover, bought cattle, sheep and wool. Mort Case was always on the street and bought grain to keep the elevators full. There was Marsden, Refior, Filber and Couch the failors four. Grossman, Weiss Engel, Walker, Sam Perkins, Andrew Safe. Were the six shoemakers living in this town of the free and the home of the brave.

Mark Case was station agent of the Detroit, Hillsdale and Indiana depot. While Al Spencer was the boss at the old station below. In the basement of the Goodyear Hall block, George Sherwood had a billiard room. While Roy Conklin, where Mrs. Wurster now lives, was making the brooms.

On Boyne Street, in the old brick shop, which then stood on the Bill Uhr lot. Was Pierce, the old Blacksmith, whom I almost forgot.

Professor Wing was then the principal of the high school. He married one of the teachers by the name of Poole.

Captain Spencer was the sexton at Oak Grove, he buried the dead. And this ends my story. I think enough has been said.

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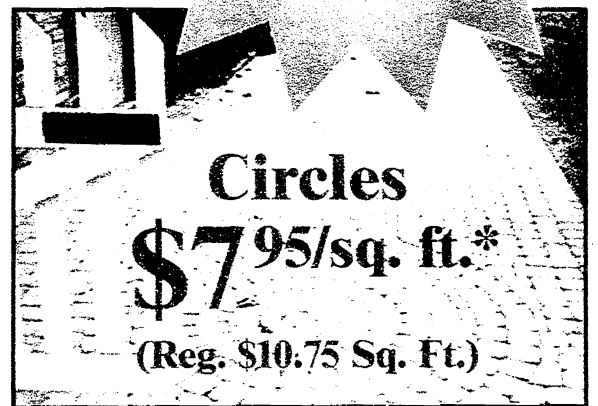
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# Looking Back



One hundred years ago, Easter fell during this same week. The Manchester Enterprise of March 27, 1902 included explanations of several Easter traditions and legends which we share with our readers today.

## The Easter Egg

The Easter egg has always been one of the most popular features of the Eastertide. It owes its origin, as many of the popular Easter observances do, to pagan tradition. It was held as symbolic of renewed life, and in the Christian church is an old emblem of the resurrection. In Germany, instead of the Easter egg, is presented an emblematic print, in which three hens are holding a basket, wherein are three eggs; whereas in Vienna the Easter egg is composed of silver, mother of pearl, or bronze, and filled with knickknacks of some kind.

Formerly in England, the Easter egg was solemnly blessed by the priest, and, being elaborately colored, was often kept as an amulet. Easter eggs, or pace or pask eggs as they used to be called, have from time immemorial been prepared much as they are today, being boiled hard in water colored with red, blue, or violet dyes, with inscriptions, devices, or landscapes traced upon them. Some of the designs are very beautiful.

## Of Novel Design

Perhaps the most curious Easter egg ever made was one ordered by a South African millionaire for his bride. It was made in London, and was nine feet long and eighteen feet in circumference at the widest part. The shell of this wonderful egg was made of chocolate, most elaborately adorned. It was intended as a wedding present.

and held the whole of an expensive trousseau for the girl he was to marry. It also had in it an enormous quantity of superfine confectionery.

It is said that the most costly Easter egg ever made in the country was ordered by a railway magnate for his little son. It was a miniature carriage, most exquisitely appointed, in the shape of an egg. The exterior was of the finest white enamel, and the interior of white, quilted satin. This dainty little vehicle was drawn by two tiny ponies in gold harness. A boy would be hard indeed to please if such a beautiful present did not fill his heart with gladness. But the boys of the present day are luxurious.

## Gifts of the Czar

Probably the most valuable Easter eggs in the world are those given by the Czars of Russia to their wives. Last Easter, an egg was given to the Czarina which was, perhaps, the most beautiful and costly ever made. The egg encloses a magnificent jeweled heart set in rare, many-colored gems and surrounded by twenty-five tiny miniatures, portraits of the members of the Russian royal family. An egg which she received on another occasion contained a miniature ship. It was made of pure gold and accurate in every detail, down to the smallest cable. This was mounted on a beryl, and it certainly would be hard to receive anything lovelier. The amount of work this represented can be imagined when it is learned that it took a famous goldsmith ten months to make it.

## Mottoes for the day

The latest mottoes for Easter are as distinctive and appropri-

ate to the season as any of the gift articles. They are little papier mache boxes, made in the shape of chickens, the downy, newly hatched kind. The heads of these latched off, and inside is found the cap and motto.

It is becoming more and more the custom every year for people who are fond of each other to send Easter gifts, and so the shops vie with each other in producing novelties appropriate for the season. Of course, the florists do the largest business of the year, as flowers are emblematic of the holiday. But many persons would rather give some remembrance which will last beyond the day.

## Some works of art

A most charming idea for a person who desires to give an Easter gift is to buy a papier mache, or preferably, a satin box in the shape of an egg. In this a present of some kind may be placed - a piece of jewelry or trinket of some kind, a pair of gloves, a pretty handkerchief, a lace collar, a bottle of perfume, or anything else that may occur to the giver. Most dainty little egg-shaped boxes are made of silver. The latter, filled with bon-bons, are sure to please anybody.

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The Looking Back column, an occasional feature of the Enterprise, is derived from editions of the Manchester Enterprise of 100 years ago. It is available due to the kind cooperation of the Manchester District Library and is compiled by Staff Writer Laura Merte.

## Wise Reader



Photo by Marsha Johnson Chartrand

First-grader Dane Smith was among the attentive crowd listening to author Robbyn Smith ("Adopted by an Owl," published by Sleeping Bear Press) last week as part of March is Reading Month activities. Smith guided the children through a simple drawing of an owl. Read more about the author's visit and other March is Reading Month activities in next week's Enterprise.

## VILLAGE OF MANCHESTER NOTICE OF HEARING OF THE PETITION TO ANNEX CERTAIN TERRITORY TO THE VILLAGE OF MANCHESTER

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Village Council of the Village of Manchester, Washtenaw County, Michigan, has petitioned the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners to annex to the Village of Manchester, Washtenaw County, Michigan, the following described lands located in the Township of Manchester, Washtenaw County, Michigan, to-wit:

SUBJECT TO AND TOGETHER WITH A ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY (66FT WIDE) DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: A PARCEL OF LAND SITUATED IN THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 1 AND THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 2, TOWNSHIP 4 SOUTH, RANGE 3 EAST, MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP, WASHTENAW COUNTY, MICHIGAN, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS:

COMMENCING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION 1, TOWNSHIP 4 SOUTH, RANGE 3 EAST, MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP, WASHTENAW COUNTY, MICHIGAN:

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This notice shall be published in the Manchester Enterprise, a newspaper published in said Village of Manchester, one time each week for three weeks immediately preceding the hearing on said petition.

The hearing on said petition will be a public hearing and all persons for or against said proposed annexation may be heard. The hearing will be held in the Commissioners Room in the Courthouse for the County of Washtenaw, in the City of Ann Arbor, on the 17th day of April 2002, at 6:45 p.m., EST.

Dated: March 22, 2002

Julie A. Schaible  
Village Clerk  
Village of Manchester  
Washtenaw County, Michigan

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## MANCHESTER VILLAGE COUNCIL AGENDA

Monday, April 1, 2002 - 7:00 P.M.

1. Call meeting to order
2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
3. Minutes of the previous meeting
4. Approval of Agenda
5. Public Participation
6. Old Business
  - a. Old Village Hall Discussion
  - b. Uniform Contract
  - c. Capital Connection Charges
  - d. Other
7. New Business
  - a. Appoint Council Member
  - b. Appoint Planning Commission
  - c. Appoint Parks Commission
  - d. Committee Appointments
  - e. Other Appointments
  - f. Rules of Procedure Approval
  - g. Community Work Program Agreement
  - h. Private Gravel Pit Road Resolution
8. Correspondence
9. Accounts Payable
10. Committee Reports
11. Adjourn

## FREEDOM TOWNSHIP

SYNOPSIS OF BUDGET HEARING AND REGULAR BOARD MEETING MARCH 12, 2001 7:30 P.M. AT FREEDOM TOWN HALL

The Budget Hearing began at 7:33PM. The Board reviewed the 2002-03 budget for the General, Improvement and Recycle Funds. There were several residents present. The Board discussed reviewing hall rent fees, and fire run collections. Little moved to adjourn the Budget Hearing. Anthony seconded. It was adjourned at 7:55PM.

1. The regular Board meeting of Freedom Township was called to order by Supervisor Little, Clerk Schenk, Treasurer Anthony, Trustees Horning and Weidmayer were present as well as several residents at 8:03 PM.
2. The Board heard presentations by eight candidates for Treasurer. A question and answer period ensued. After discussion, Horning moved to nominate Mike Bossory. Schenk seconded. A roll call vote resulted in all ayes, motion carried. The Board wishes to thank all the candidates for their efforts and interest. Any candidate or interested party may run in the August Primary/November election.
3. Anthony moved to accept the minutes of February 2002 meeting. Horning seconded. A voice vote resulted in all ayes, motion carried.
3. Schenk moved to accept the Treasurer's report through February 2002. Little seconded. A roll call vote resulted in all ayes, motion carried.
4. Audits: Public Participation: None.
5. Reports: Planning Commission - A public hearing was held on the Kuebler pit. No action was taken by the PC. State Police Report: On patrol-no report. Zoning Board of Appeals did not meet. Ordinance Enforcement Officer - still serving tickets on junk cars. The Board directed the CEO to give a landowner a deadline. Zoning inspector - Permits for 1 new home and 1 remodel were issued. A discussion about land splits and deed restrictions began. The ZI and the Clerk will have something for the April board packet. Library - May 18 from 2-4 PM is the library open house. History Project - The Board nominated Bob Miller for the John B. Swainson history award.
5. Old Business: - PDR will be on the April agenda. Salary - Little moved to set the Clerk salary at \$12,600 annually. Horning seconded. With Schenk abstaining, a voice vote resulted in all ayes, motion carried. Horning moved to set the Treasurer salary at \$14,600 annually. Schenk seconded. With Anthony abstaining, a roll call vote resulted in all ayes. Anthony moved to set the Trustee salary at \$100 per meeting. With Horning and Weidmayer abstaining, a roll call vote resulted in all ayes, motion carried. Cleanup Day - We received only one bid from Mr. Rubbish for \$2,200. CLEANUP DAY WILL BE APRIL 27 from 8 to Noon. Newsletter articles are due 3/20/02.
6. New Business - 2001-02 Budget amendment. After discussion, Little moved to adopt the Amended Appropriations Resolution for the General Fund. Anthony seconded. A roll call vote resulted in all ayes, motion carried. Weidmayer moved to adopt the Amended Appropriations Resolution for the Recycle Fund. Anthony seconded, a roll call vote resulted in all ayes, motion carried. The Board reviewed a draft letter to the PLPOA and approved the draft.
7. Little moved to accept warrants 6290-6313. Horning seconded, a roll call vote resulted in all ayes, motion carried.
8. There being no further business, Supervisor Little adjourned the meeting at 9:40 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Theresa Schenk,  
Freedom Township Clerk

## APPROVED PROCEEDINGS MANCHESTER VILLAGE COUNCIL MARCH 4, 2002

President Schaffer called the regular meeting of the Manchester Village Council to order at 7:00 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Council members present: Conaway, DuRussel, Dzengelski, Schaffer, Vaillencourt, and Way. Also present: Manager Wallace, Clerk Schaible, Joan Berry, Don Limpert, Ken Rogge, Dave Petch, Mark Palms, Roy Gourley, Greg Statler-Great Lakes Waste, Marlon Anrens, Clyde Wellwood, Larry Byrne, Chris Kanta.

The minutes of the February 18, 2002 regular meeting were approved as presented.

The proceedings of the February 18, 2002 regular meeting were approved as presented.

The Agenda was approved as amended.

### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mayor Schaffer congratulated Jeff Wallace, Village Manager on his 10 years of service to the Village.

### OLD BUSINESS

OLD VILLAGE HALL - Motion approved that the old village hall be listed for \$165,000 with Mann Real estate for 6 months at a 6% commission.

VILLAGE HALL OPEN HOUSE - Turnout was over 200 people and President Schaffer has had several positive comments about the event. Thanks to the Flower Garden, Jerry Swartout, the Senior Citizens and everyone else who contributed.

GARBAGE CONTRACT - Motion carried that a 3-year contract with Great Lakes Waste be approved with the current \$7.11 per household, per month rate and a separate \$85 per year composting contract available commencing on March 1, 2002.

MANCHESTER SCHOOL ANNEXATION - Council reiterated that it was a unanimous decision at the February 18 meeting that there is no intention for the Village to upgrade the private-drive, which was part of the Manchester Schools annexation.

COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER - Council approved the \$2000 service contract with the CRC for the 2002 fiscal year.

DOWNTOWN LIGHTPOLE BANNERS - Motion carried to purchase eight banner brackets for the downtown light poles.

### NEW BUSINESS

VARIABLE FREQUENCY DRIVE AT WELL #1 - Motion passed that the Village rent a variable frequency drive to use during the water tower inspection at a cost not to exceed \$1000.

WARNING SIREN AGREEMENT - Motion carried that the Village enter into an agreement with Washtenaw County Emergency Management to install a new outdoor warning system. The county will purchase and install the outdoor warning system and the Village agrees to maintain it for a period of 15 years at an approximate annual cost of \$300. The system will be tested once a month on a Saturday at noon.

Motion passed to reimburse Bridgewater Township for 1/6 the cost of SWWCOG actual administration costs - \$345.61.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE - Warrants approved as presented in the total amount of \$54,048.30.

President Schaffer addressed the council, as the gavel is to change hands at the next meeting, thanking them for the honor and privilege to serve with them.

There being no further business President Schaffer adjourned the meeting at 9:30 PM.

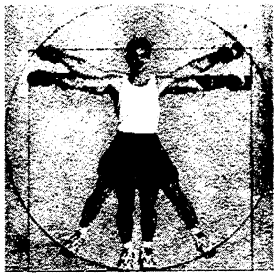
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# Medical & Fitness Guide

## Hot flashes, night sweats Dealing with the ups and downs of "the change"

By Helen Polaski  
Special Writer

"The Change," as our great-grandmothers called it, was a time of uncertainty and for many the end of their life cycle. But times they are a-changing.

Today, due in part to better nutritional understanding and advanced medicine and technology, women may spend as much as one-third to one-half of their natural life cycle after menopause.

Though menopause is a natural

biological process that occurs in a woman's body as she nears the age of 50, and in many cases as early as 40 years of age, it comes with a whole bag full of symptoms that can literally make a woman feel she's losing her mind. Menopause is not a disorder, or a single event that takes place overnight, and many times symptoms are misleading.

Thankfully, all negative or uncomfortable symptoms can be monitored and lessened through

hormone replacement therapy.

Because every woman experiences menopause differently, a visit to a physician at the onset of peri-menopause is highly recommended. Peri-menopause can usually be detected at the time of a woman's annual pap test and physical, but according to the women polled for this article, for the most part, emotional symptoms are noticeable long before the physician detects physical changes.

By contacting a physician immediately, women are able to formulate a plan to help with individual discomfort, and in some cases the pain associated with this natural phenomenon.

Taking A closer look at "the change," doctors have divided menopause into two stages. Peri-menopause — the time a woman begins to first experience menopausal symptoms even though her ovaries are still functioning — is a prelude to an end of her menstruation cycle and can take up to 10 years before completion. During this time, many changes take place in the body,

including the rise and fall of hormone levels, which in turn induce hot flashes and variations in the menstruation cycle. Menopause itself, is depicted as a complete 12 months without menstruating.

"Not every woman experiences menopausal symptoms," said Dr. Lori Stack, MD.

"However, for those women who do, mood swings, hot flashes, night sweats and vaginal dryness are common concerns."

Menopause, once considered an estrogen deficiency problem, is associated with hormonal, physical and psychosocial changes in a woman's life, but at the same time, it is not the end of a woman's youth or of her sexuality.

"Vaginal dryness may cause discomfort during intercourse," said Stack.

"Decreased libido is a more complex concern, and should be discussed with your physician."

The most common symptoms include: irregular menstruation, decreased fertility, vaginal changes, hot flashes, sleep disturbances and night sweats, insomnia, changes in appearance, and

emotional alterations such as mood swings. Additional symptoms for some women include: heart palpitations, cold feet and hands, headaches, fatigue, and irritability.



Many of the classic symptoms go hand in hand. For instance, sleep disturbances and night sweats can be factored in to equate fatigue and irritability, as can changes in appearance and emotional upheaval. But most, if not all symptoms can be kept under control with the use of hormone replacement therapy.

Since menopause is a very personal experience and deals with a woman's sexuality, in the past women have been reluctant to speak openly about their symptoms. However, five women in the age range of 38-48 were polled for this article and all were eager to provide information. Of the five, four say hot flashes, night sweats and fatigue topped their list of symptoms. One woman noted heart palpitations and disorientation seemed to plague her, while yet another claimed to have more headaches and a general feeling of malaise by mid-afternoon. Still another, though her periods have become extremely irregular, has experiences no additional symptoms.

"The risks and benefits of hormonal therapy are still under study," she explained. "Not every woman is a candidate and recent research raises some concerns regarding prolonged hormone replacement therapy. Its use or lack of, should be an individualized decision based on your personal history and current medical status. Your physician can help you decide which treatments are best for you."


Now that we've discussed some of the negative attributes of menopause, let's talk about its merits. The number one positive attached to menopause is: women reach their sexual peak during their 30s. Also, many women feel empowered by a sense of freedom from unexpected pregnancy, and after menopause are able to express themselves more fully in the sexual arena.

It is recommended that women view menopause aalude: getting regular exercise, dressing in layers and pinpointing your hot flash triggers, avoid caffeinated beverage and exercise before bed, exercise the pelvic floor to keep the muscles strong, and eat a balanced diet that includes a variety of fruits, vegetables and grains and limits fats, oils and sugars. In particular, maintain a calcium intake of at least 1,200 to 1,500 mg. Do not smoke, and finally schedule regular checkups with your doctor and discuss the use of hormone therapy supplements.

It bears repeating that all women journey through menopause differently. Not all will exhibit all of the symptoms mentioned. Indeed, some women may not experience any of the mentioned symptoms, while others may discover the symptoms they're experiencing have not been mentioned in this article.

But whatever the symptoms, or lack thereof, menopause is no longer considered a taboo topic. The Dark Ages are far behind us. As the 21st century pours forth with all of it's shiny technology, let us, too, break from our molds and learn everything we can about our bodies so that from this day forward, our health and continuing welfare will be first and foremost in our minds.

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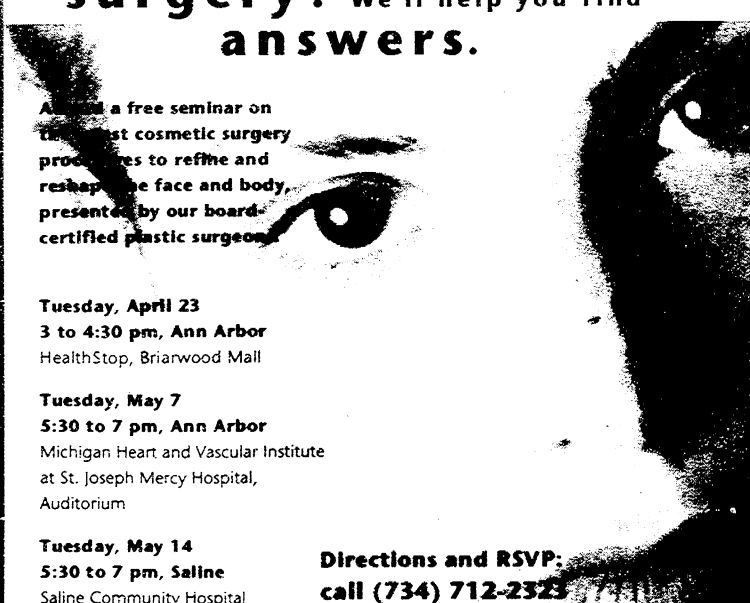
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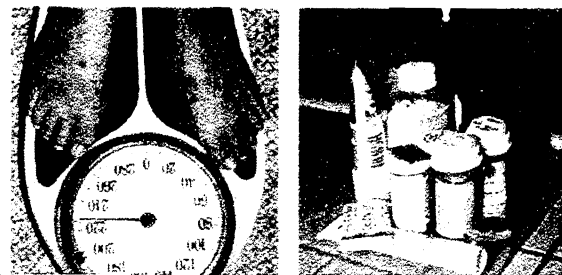
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# Your source for healthy Living



## On target: fitness key to healthier lifestyle

By Kim Boelter-Muckler  
Special Writer

What's an eight-letter word that's missing from most of our daily lives and vocabulary?

According to Curves owner Deb Winter, exercise is that missing component.

But it doesn't have to be time consuming, painful, expensive or a dirty word!

"My background is occupational therapy," explained Winter. "For 20 years I worked as an occupational therapist, and what I've seen through out that time is people suffering from the consequences of being overweight and unfit."

Winter contends that the idea of starting a fitness program shouldn't be overwhelming-it's never too late to start a fitness program.

"From a psychological standpoint, it is very hard to get into the habit of it if you are working too hard. Exercise should be a comfortable activity-if you are comfortable you'll stay with it and you will get good results."

The Curves For Women Weightloss Center provides an exercise program that condenses a traditional 90-minute workout into a convenient 30-minute session.

"It's a safe and user-friendly approach to resistance training, which is designed specifically for women," Winter said. "On our circuit, strength training is alternated with low impact aerobic activity so that women enjoy both the cardiovascular benefits of aerobic activity along with effective strength training."

Exercise has many surprising benefits.

"A big benefit is that it's a great way to relieve stress. That's one that I hear our clients talk about all the time-they're balancing work life and family life and that is stressful. Another huge benefit that I've seen is

we've had a number of members on hypertensive medication, and through regular exercise have been able to get off of that medicine or have their dosages lowered," Winter cited.

Exercise also lowers cholesterol and high blood pressure as well as improves energy levels-so with all these benefits why isn't everyone doing it?

"Because people aren't sure how to commit to it," Winter answered. "Once they realize that it's not too late to start, no matter what the age-they find they can commit to 30-minutes of exercise at least three times per week-it's doable."

Studies show that a combination of strength and aerobic training is far more effective than either type of exercise separately. Strength training is not only beneficial for effective weight loss and management, but is also very important for prevention of osteoporosis, arthritis and diabetes. Sugar and carbohydrate consumption has skyrocketed in the American diet.

According to Winter, 75-percent of overweight people are carbohydrate intolerant.

"Many people are in a constant state of hyperinsulinemia as a result of our carb-saturated diets. The medical consequences are very serious," Winter said.

Women who dip their toe into a new exercise program at Curves find that it's a very user-friendly program and easy to commit to.

This has changed by my life. It's actually given me my life back," said Vicky Smith-Curves member for approximately six months. "I was just existing before-now I'm living, and enjoying life. I haven't been dieting, just working out here

three times a week. I've lost a lot of weight, and it's made a world of difference for me."

There is so much information out there about the correct way to diet, and the correct way to exercise-Deb understands why most people are overwhelmed at the prospect of adding this to their life. But she asserts that aerobic exercise combined with strength training is the real key to success. It's also a use it or lose proposition.

"As we age, we lose about 6.6 pounds of lean muscle tissue per decade. If you're not exercising you are losing those muscles."

But the good news is: It's never too late.

"It's not impossible to start exercising at any age. But the sooner the better. We've had really good success bringing in women who are older and even daughters-it's exciting-they're promoting good fitness habits for their daughters and spending time together," Winter smiled.

ER reason why exercise is missing from a lot of women's lives, is they are confused about how strenuous they should be working.

"Target heart rate is the key to how hard you should work. You should not be overtaxing your body. If you stay within your target heart rate, you are working at an optimal level and you will get optimal results. If you are working harder than you should it's very stressful on your systems and you run the risk of burning lean tissue-not body fat," Winter explained. "That is counterproductive on a number of levels. For one thing if you aren't comfortable you won't be able to commit to it for a life time. It's a complete misconception 'no pain-no gain.' In our circuit of strength training, you really should be recovering between your target heart rate."

Owning and operating Curves is almost a ministry for Winter.

"The neat thing about doing this-is that it allows me to work with women and prevent the need for rehabilitation later.

"I get excited watching the changes in people and helping them get there. They take their lives back-it's extremely gratifying."

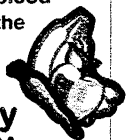
### The typical American diet may contribute up to 75% of premature heart disease.

• High-fat diets are also responsible for increasing the risk for health problems such as high cholesterol, high blood pressure and diabetes.

• Heart disease is the leading cause of death in the United States.

• One diet doesn't work for everyone. Enlist the help of a registered dietitian who has the expertise available to create a personalized eating plan that can have a positive effect on your health and even reduce your need for medications.

• Adding more fruits and vegetable into a diet can help control heart disease, high blood pressure and decrease the risk of some cancers.



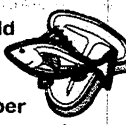
### A heart-healthy diet begins with:

• Fruits and vegetables: five to nine servings of at least three different colors of fruits and vegetables each day.

• And don't forget about fiber. Fiber, especially soluble fiber, is an important part of every diet. Soluble fiber can be found in oats, beans, whole fruits and vegetables. It can help lower cholesterol, making it a key component of any low-fat diet. It also stabilizes blood sugars and helps to keep you fuller in-between meals.

• Low-fat meats and cheese are also important. Include fish in a weekly diet and when buying poultry, remove the skin. Also shop for leaner cuts of red meat, particularly the ones labeled "round" or "loin?"

• Every low-fat diet should include complex carbohydrates. Eat carbohydrates that are rich in fiber instead of refined starches and foods high in sugar.



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## Creating an Enchanted Easter

**A**s a time of new beginnings, spring is the ideal time to try out some new, fresh recipes.

Celebrate the winter thaw with a Cool and Minty Party Cake. Its striking appearance and refreshing peppermint taste provide the perfect end to your Easter dinner or to any special spring celebration.

A creamy, delicious blend of flavors can be found in Chocolate & Butterscotch Fudge. Combined with crunchy walnuts, it makes a thoughtful holiday treat when wrapped in pastel cellophane that's tied with a colorful bow.

Mini Fruit Cheese Tarts look beautiful on any Easter table and are also ideal for spring brunches. The delicious cheesecake is the perfect complement to the fresh fruit taste everyone's so eager to savor once spring arrives.

And another ideal touch to any enchanted Easter is Lemon Party Cheesecake—tart lemon and creamy cheesecake pair perfectly to create a sumptuous dessert guests will love.

### Cool and Minty Party Cake

Prep Time: 15 minutes  
Freeze Time: 12 hours  
Bake Time: Per package directions  
Servings: one 9-inch cake

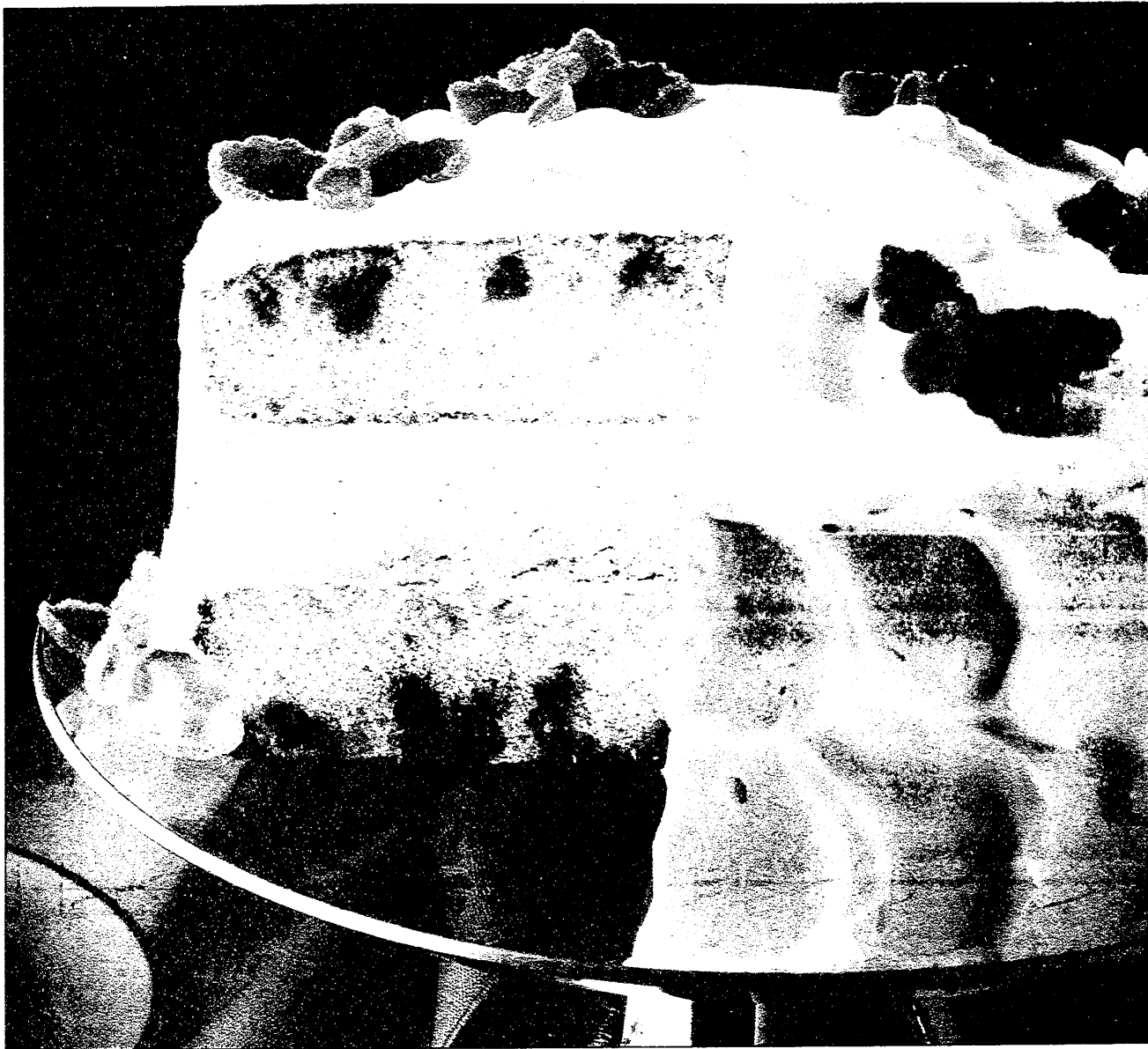
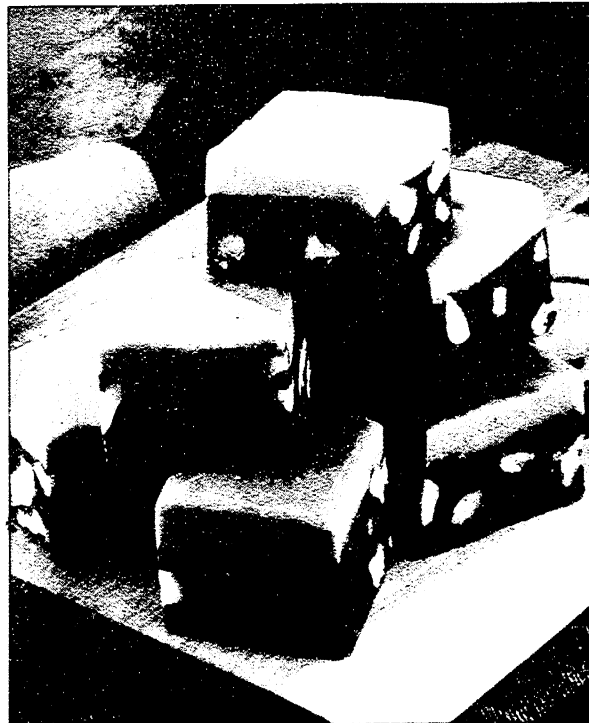
- 1 (14-ounce) can Eagle Brand Sweetened Condensed Milk (NOT evaporated milk)
  - 2 teaspoons peppermint extract
  - 8 drops green food coloring, optional
  - 2 cups (1 pint) whipped cream or whipped topping (do not use non-dairy)
  - 1 (18 1/4 or 18 1/2-ounce) package white cake mix
  - Green crème de menthe liqueur
  - 1 (8-ounce) container frozen non-dairy whipped topping, thawed
1. Line 9-inch round layer cake pan with aluminum foil. To prepare ice cream layer, in a large bowl combine sweetened condensed milk, peppermint extract and food coloring if desired. Fold in whipped cream. Pour into prepared pan; cover. Freeze at least 6 hours or until firm.
  2. Meanwhile, prepare and bake cake mix as package directs for two 9-inch round layers. Remove from pan; cool thoroughly.
  3. With fork, poke holes in layers 1-inch apart halfway through each layer. Spoon small amounts of liqueur in holes. Place one cake layer on serving plate; top with ice cream layer then with second cake layer. Trim ice cream layer to edge of cake layers.
  4. Frost quickly with whipped topping. Return to freezer at least 6 hours before serving. Garnish as desired. Freeze leftovers.

### Chocolate & Butterscotch Fudge

Prep Time: 15 minutes  
Chill Time: 3 hours  
Makes about 2 pounds

- 1 cup butterscotch chips
  - 1 (14-ounce) can Eagle Brand Sweetened Condensed Milk (NOT evaporated milk), divided use
  - 2 cups (12 ounces) semi-sweet chocolate chips
  - 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
  - 1/2 cup chopped walnuts
1. In 2-cup glass measure with handle, combine butterscotch chips and 1/3 cup sweetened condensed milk; set aside.
  2. In 1-quart glass measure with handle, combine chocolate chips, remaining sweetened condensed milk and vanilla. Cook on high for 1 minute; stir until chips are melted. Stir in walnuts. Spread evenly in aluminum foil-lined 8-inch square pan.
  3. Melt butterscotch chips on high for 45 seconds; stir until chips are melted. Spread evenly over chocolate layer.
  4. Chill 3 hours or until firm. Turn fudge onto cutting board; peel off foil and cut into squares. Store covered in refrigerator.

Chocolate & Butterscotch Fudge



Cool and Minty Party Cake

Mini Fruit Cheese Tarts



Lemon Party Cheesecake

### Mini Fruit Cheese Tarts

Prep Time: 10 minutes  
Chill Time: 2 hours  
Makes 24 tarts

- 1 (8-ounce) package cream cheese, softened
  - 1 (14-ounce) can Eagle Brand Sweetened Condensed Milk (NOT evaporated milk)
  - 1/3 cup lemon juice from concentrate
  - 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
  - 24 (2 or 3-inch) prepared tart-size crusts
  - Assorted fruit (strawberries, blueberries, bananas, raspberries, orange segments, cherries, kiwifruit, grapes or pineapple)
  - 1/4 cup apple jelly, melted
1. In large mixer bowl, beat cheese until fluffy. Gradually beat in sweetened condensed milk until smooth. Stir in lemon juice and vanilla.
  2. Spoon equal portions into crusts. Top with fruit; brush with jelly. Chill 2 hours or until set. Refrigerate leftovers.

### Lemon Party Cheesecake

Prep Time: 20 minutes  
Bake Time: 50-55 minutes  
Chill Time: 2 hours  
Servings: 12-15

- 1 (18 1/4 or 18 1/2-ounce) package yellow cake mix, divided use
  - 4 eggs, divided use
  - 1/4 cup vegetable oil
  - 2 (8-ounce) packages cream cheese, softened
  - 1 (14-ounce) can Eagle Brand Sweetened Condensed Milk (NOT evaporated milk)
  - 1/4 to 1/3 cup lemon juice from concentrate
  - 2 teaspoons grated lemon rind, optional
  - 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1. Preheat oven to 300°F. Reserve 1/2 cup dry cake mix. In large mixing bowl, combine remaining cake mix, 1 egg and oil; mix well (mixture will be crumbly). Press down firmly on bottom and 1-1/2 inches up sides of greased 13x9-inch baking pan.
  2. In same bowl, beat cheese until fluffy. Gradually beat in sweetened condensed milk until smooth.
  3. Add remaining 3 eggs and reserved 1/2 cup cake mix; on medium speed, beat 1 minute. Stir in remaining ingredients.
  4. Pour into prepared pan. Bake 50 to 55 minutes or until center is set. Cool to room temperature. Chill thoroughly. Cut into squares to serve. Garnish as desired. Refrigerate leftovers.


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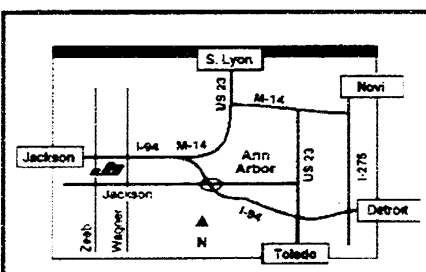
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