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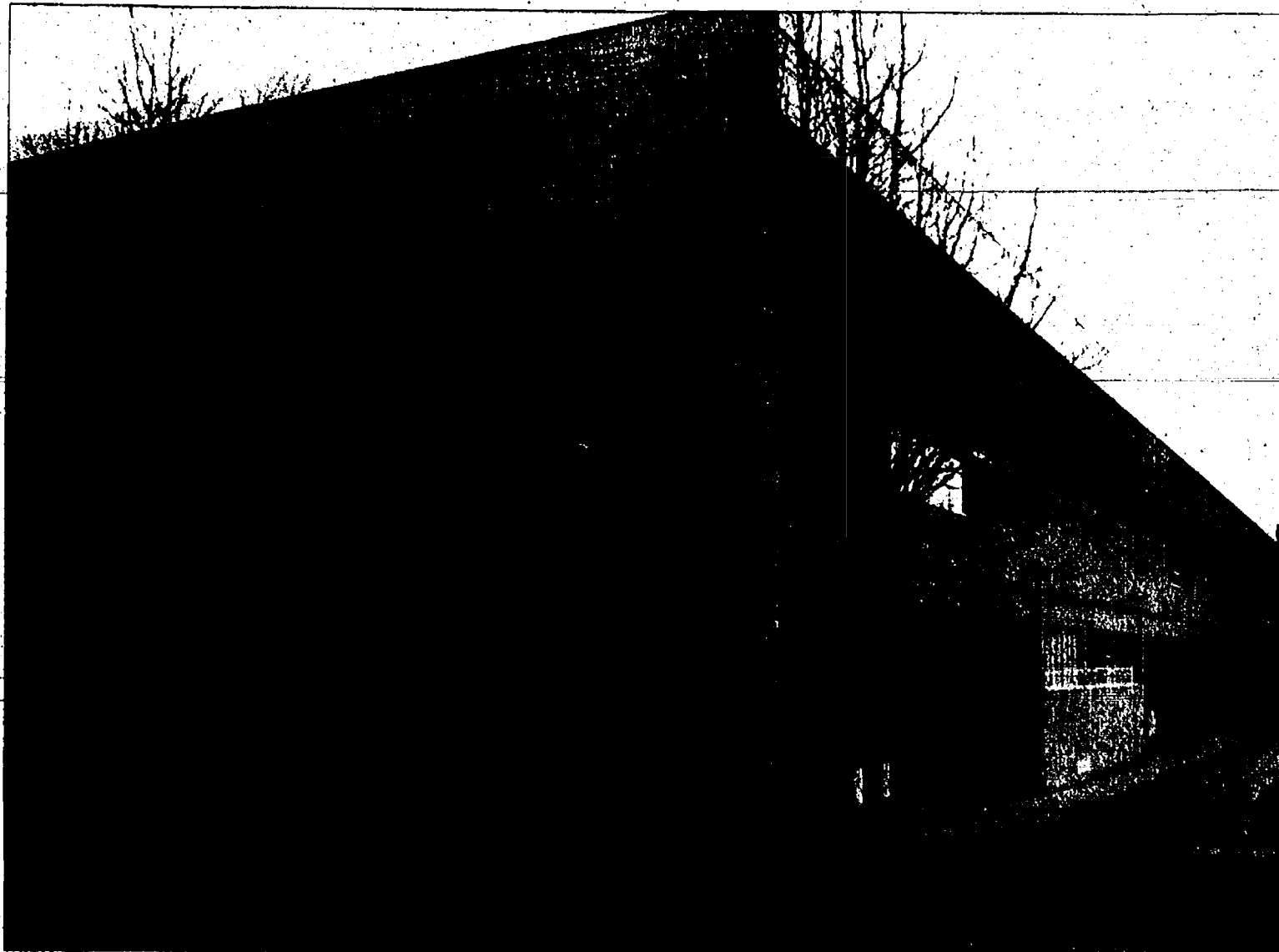
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Steve Ricci



## CHELSEA SCHOOLS

### Suspects identified in vandalism

Three minors could face  
criminal charges for damage

By Steve Ricci  
Staff Writer

Chelsea police have identified three suspects believed to be involved in a Feb. 6 vandalism spree at Beach Middle School that amounted to damage in excess of \$7,500.

Chelsea police had interviewed two of the three youths, who range in age between 15 and 18, as of Monday, Chelsea Police Chief Scott Sumner said. The third suspect will be interviewed shortly.

"We got confessions from several of the juveniles, and we know all the players," Sumner said Monday.

All three suspects live in the Chelsea

School District — either within the city or in surrounding townships — but none of them attend Chelsea schools, Sumner said.

Sumner said Monday that investigative leads arose from chatter among pupils at the school last week. That information was then relayed to Andrew Ingall, the school's principal, and the Chelsea Police Department.

"The talk of the day developed suspects," Sumner said.

Chelsea police will forward breaking-and-entering charges against the three minors to the Washtenaw Family Court Juvenile Division.

Sumner said the destruction took place over an eight-hour period, beginning at 7 p.m. Feb. 6 and ending at about 3 a.m. Feb. 7, with the suspects entering and leaving the school on several different occasions.

The vandals gained entrance to the

school by smashing a window on the building's east side, then smashed classroom windows inside the school encircling the library and central office.

The minors also smashed Ingall's computer monitor and fish tank, knocked over a bookshelf, destroyed other computer monitors and broke into a cash box in the office.

The smashed fish tank resulted in between 40 and 55 gallons of water spilled in the main office, and killed all the fish in the tank except one, which was rescued, Sumner said.

Two exterior doors were vandalized, and one interior door was severely damaged.

"This is just kids making poor choices," Sumner said. "The damage is going to be pricey."

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## DEXTER TOWNSHIP

### High expense prohibits cable TV competition

Charter has cable TV  
monopoly by default in  
Dexter Township

By Steve Ricci  
Staff Writer

Although it's not stipulated in any legal document, Charter Communications currently has a cable TV monopoly by default in Dexter Township.

But as the area grows, local residents are increasingly expressing their displeasure about limited cable and high-speed Internet options to township officials, who say they will consider renegotiating a 15-year contract the township currently has with the cable provider.

Even so, until more population growth occurs, the cable and high-speed Internet options for people living in less dense areas of the township are likely to be slim and none.

In 1985, when Dexter Township was much less populated, township officials signed a 15-year, non-exclusive franchise contract with Multi-Cablevision Co., which changed ownership in 1991 before Charter Communications eventually bought the company in 1998.

In 2000, the Dexter Township Board renewed the non-exclusive Charter Communications franchise contract for another 15-year period.

While the contract has not been altered since 1985, its non-exclusive status means there is nothing stopping other cable companies from installing infrastructure and competing for customers in Dexter Township — nothing, that is, except for the cold, hard bottom line.

Other cable companies, such as Comcast, which currently has a franchise agreement with the city of Chelsea, will likely bide their time until enough development takes place in Dexter Township to justify cable infrastructure outlays in the name of profits.

Dexter Township Supervisor Pat Kelly said last week that Charter initially lowered its density guide-

lines in exchange for a franchise agreement.

"I think it was a good deal for residents at the time, because otherwise there was no cable service," Kelly said.

Back when (Multi-Cablevision Co.) came in, there was no sewer and no gas lines in the township, so it was a big risk to the company."

But times, and technology, have changed. Today, there are growing numbers of businesses in the township that are dependent on high-speed cable Internet to function.

Those businesses have one choice: Charter Communications — and whatever fees and services the company sets.

SBC Communications Inc. provides telephone service to the township, SBC Michigan Spokeswoman Jody Lau said Tuesday, but the company's closest central office is in Dexter Village.

Although the company's high speed Yahoo! DSL Internet service travels over the same telephone lines, Lau said DSL service to township residents is dependent on distance to the central office. As a result, some township residents and businesses cannot get DSL service.

However, satellite television is an option for all township residents.

Kelly said the problem with Charter Communications cable service is three-fold:

Its cable access provides programming for Pinckney Community Schools, but not for Dexter or Chelsea school districts — where some 90 percent of Dexter Township residents send their kids — or for city of Chelsea or Dexter Village government coverage, which may also be of interest to township residents.

Secondly, monopoly by default means there is no rate competition for Charter Communications, whose cable television rates have steadily increased.

Third, the company alone determines which areas it services, based on population density — leaving some out in the cold.

"(Charter) has not offered to extend their services to

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## CHELSEA SCHOOLS

### Parents respond to school survey

Study suggests parents  
divided about school  
reconfiguration

By Steve Ricci  
Staff Writer

Two years after the Chelsea School District reconfigured its elementary and middle schools, Maura Robbins, the mother of two elementary school children in Chelsea, wanted to find out for herself how parents

and kids are reacting to the changes.

So she sent out 930 surveys to kindergarten through sixth-grade parents addressing a number of change-related issues.

The results of the survey, although unscientific, suggest that parent attitudes about the reconfiguration are fairly evenly divided.

Robbins' efforts yielded 291 completed surveys — about a 31-percent rate of return representing 695 children overall.

However, Robbins acknowledged that a 60-percent response rate or higher is necessary to scientifically draw conclusions about a group, according to the Institute for Social Research at the University of Michigan.

But whether scientific or not, Robbins' survey illustrated a number of issues that are likely to be on parents' minds.

Robbins also gave copies of a 70-page survey report to each member of the Chelsea

Board of Education last November.

Most significantly, Robbins' surveys reported 40 percent of parents in favor, 38 percent against and 22 percent neutral to the reconfiguration.

According to her survey, those figures indicated that parents, in general, are feeling more positive about the changes now than they did last year.

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## BRIEFLY...

■ **Fundraising dinner planned for injured man:** The Thrivent Branch of Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 1515 S. Main St. in Chelsea, will hold a Benevolent Spaghetti Dinner from 4 to 7 p.m. Feb. 26 for Don White.

White, an independent contractor, fell from scaffolding at a job site last fall. He fractured both

of his heels, and has been unable to work since the accident.

The community is invited to attend the dinner for the cost of a donation. Thrivent Financial for Lutherans will match all donations dollar for dollar for a total of \$2,500. All donations and matching money will be given to White to help pay for expenses he has incurred during the last three months.

■ **SOS Community Services to host forums:** SOS Community Services will host open houses from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Feb. 24, March 24 and April 28 at SOS Administrative Offices, 101 S. Huron St. in Ypsilanti, for Washtenaw County residents interested in learning about the countywide Blueprint to End Homelessness.

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## CABLE

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some places, and we've had complaints about that," Dexter Township Clerk Harley Rider said Friday.

"A lot of people were frustrated with the service, and gave up cable for satellite. I'm personally not a big fan of their rates."

Four years ago, Rider said, Charter's monthly rate for basic cable service was \$40. It's now approaching \$50 per

month, he said.

Kelly said that although the township may not have the funds or the leverage to renegotiate the franchise agreement, it might be something to pursue with the help of the township's attorney.

"We would certainly like to have public hearings about the rates rising," Kelly said.

Other adjustments in a renegotiated contract could be better disclosure for consumers about the company's cable rates, better customer service provisions and

increased areas of service, Kelly said.

"I think we would have to give something up for the privilege of laying infrastructure," Kelly said. "They laid cable for less than the required density to do so. It worked out for everyone when the only place they could compete was where the big guys weren't."

"If we didn't have significantly dense populations around our lakes, we still wouldn't have cable."

Lima Township's 15-year

franchise agreement with Comcast expired two years ago.

Lima Township Supervisor Kenneth Unterbrink said last week that the township would approach both Charter Communications and Comcast for future contracts.

"It's not impossible, we would have two cable companies," Unterbrink said. "But Comcast won't negotiate with us unless we have density to deal. The last time I talked to Comcast, they wanted 29 cus-

tomers per linear mile, which effectively takes out our rural areas for being serviceable."

"I'm thinking I need to get a hold of Charter and see what they're willing to do."

Chelsea City Manager Mike Steklac said last week that although the city has a non-exclusive franchise agreement with Comcast, it would still be problematic for another cable provider to enter the scene.

"It would be very difficult because of the investment

required to install a network," Steklac said.

"Right now, the cable that's run throughout the city is exclusive to Comcast, and there's no legislative way to allow two cable companies to use the same lines."

The better news for area consumers, Steklac said, is that in the future telephone companies might start offering cable TV services, and vice-versa.

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## SUSPECTS

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Police will send the cashbox for analysis of latent fingerprints, Sumner said.

Forensic efforts also will collect footprints, tool impressions and other places where fingerprints were left.

One of the suspects formerly attended the school, Sumner said. He also said at least one has had a history of trouble with police.

Much of the damage was concentrated in Ingall's office. "I don't know if there was an issue with the principal," Sumner said.

Chelsea School District Superintendent Dave Killips said Monday that destructive

acts are sometimes targeted toward a specific person.

"Many times, (vandalism) is directed at someone that (students) have had to deal with in some kind disciplinary action in the past, although I don't know if that's the case here," Killips said.

However, Killips added that main offices are often ransacked in school break-ins.

Killips said confidentiality laws prohibit the school district from disclosing discipli-

nary action or saying if any students have been expelled.

Killips said he has not heard of a motive. Not all damaged property has been replaced, and staff is compiling a list of the damage.

Police are suggesting that the district submit invoices for repairs during the sentencing phase of a court trial.

"We'll be looking to get restitution back for the school district," Sumner said. "Maybe (the suspects) can start mowing lawns."

## STRAIGHT FACTS

The Beach Middle School honor roll published last week should have included eighth-grader Cody Adams. Kristen Angelocci should have been included on the high-honors list.

A letter on last week's commentary page by Craig McCalla should have said he is from Whitmore Lake.

An article last week about Chelsea Community Hospital celebrating National Nurses Week was published in error. The hospital has not yet finalized plans for the May celebration.

No matter how hard we try to avoid mistakes, sometimes they happen anyway. When that occurs, we rely on our readers to let us know about them. So, please help. To request a correction, e-mail Editor Michelle Rogers at [editor@chelseastandard.com](mailto:editor@chelseastandard.com) or call 475-1371.



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## CHELSEA SCHOOLS

# Three to vie for board seats

Trustee Beth Starkey not running for second term on board

By Heather Connor  
Staff Writer

Three candidates will vie May 3 for two open positions on the Chelsea school board.

Superintendent Dave Kilips announced the candidacy of Anne E. Mann, Douglas Wright and Board Treasurer Rob Turner at Monday's school board meeting.

Candidates had until Feb. 8 to file petitions with the Washtenaw County Clerk's office.

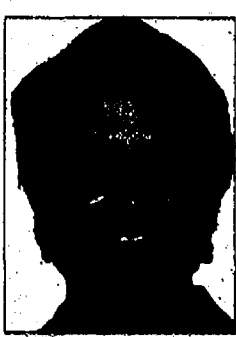
Under a new election consolidation law, districts are limited to four election dates per year.

Elections only may be held on the fourth Tuesday in February and the first Tuesday after the first Monday in May, August and November, in addition to possible special elections.

This bumps up the first election for the Chelsea district this year to May 3.

Trustee Beth Starkey will not run for a second term, creating the open seat on the board. Turner will run as an incumbent.

"I was sorry to hear that Beth was not running," Turner said. "She did a wonderful job."



**Anne E. Mann** said it was a difficult decision not to run for re-election. "I'm at a point that I have some other priorities in my life that I would like to concentrate on and feel that the school district is in very capable hands," Starkey said.

Mann said she had been considering running for the board for many years after being involved with fundraisers to build the softball diamonds at the high school.

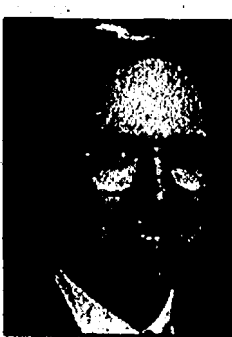
"I wanted to get involved with the schools in another way besides fund raising," she said.

Her past experience in the fund-raising department at Chelsea Community Hospital helped her do the job, Mann said.

State funding will be the most important issue facing the board, Mann said. Mann, 47, has two sons who attend Chelsea High School. Her oldest daughter is a Chelsea High graduate.

Wright, 45, said he would like to be more involved in preparing children to compete academically with other states and countries.

The most important issues to the board in the upcoming school year will be finances



**Douglas Wright** and fulfilling the requirements of the No Child Left Behind Act, he said. "With the financial crunch, we need to make sure our money is being spent wisely and prudently," Wright said.

Wright, a data analyst with the University of Michigan, has lived in the community for five years. He and his wife have two children who attend South Meadows Elementary School and North Creek Elementary.

Turner, 48, said he would like to continue working with the board as state financing still challenges the district.

"As treasurer, I think it's important to find every way possible to look at ways to fund our schools and keep our programs funded," he said.

Turner said he also looks forward to working with the board in rebuilding schools



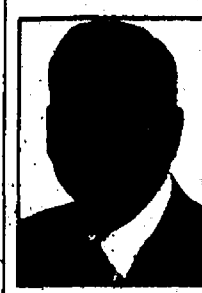
**Rob Turner** said he wants to see all kids succeed. "I want to see every child fulfill their potential or exceed their potential in the schools," he said.

The board also needs to continue improving communication between itself and the public, Turner said.

"We're not there yet, but we've come a long way," he said.

Turner and his wife have two children who attend South Meadows and Pierce Lake elementary schools. He works as an electrical contractor and owns Turner Electrical Service Inc. He also serves as board liaison to Beach Middle School.

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## CHELSEA

# City to hold mayor exchange

Officials in Farmington and Chelsea to share ideas during exchange

By Steve Ricci  
Staff Writer

The cities of Chelsea and Farmington will meet May 24 and 26 for Mayors' Exchange Day, an annual event organized by the Greater Michigan Foundation as part of Michigan Week. The Michigan Municipal League has sponsored the exchanges since 1991.

The exchanges are designed to foster learning, idea sharing and networking among official members of different municipalities.

Both cities' mayors, city managers and city council members will visit exchange cities for a day, and also will host exchange guests at their own cities for a day.

Chelsea City Manager Mike Steklac said Monday that the events provide opportunities to share ideas about how other communities handle governmental issues.

Although Farmington's population is more than twice the size of Chelsea's — according to the 2000 U.S. Census Bureau, Chelsea had 4,445 residents while Farmington had 10,423 — both cities have theaters, growing populations and downtown revitalization needs.

While Chelsea's downtown benefits greatly from the presence of The Purple Rose Theatre Co., a nonprofit organization, the city of Farmington owns the Farmington Civic Theatre, a renovated downtown attraction that offers first-run movies and talent shows.

Steklac said Farmington officials are interested in Chelsea's revitalization efforts.

"There was a time when our downtown wasn't as hot as it is now," Steklac said. "It has been a long process, and fortunately we've had a lot of visionaries in Chelsea who have brought downtown to where it is today. We're a forefront example of a 'cool city' in the state."

Chelsea's downtown will expand further with renovation of the Clocktower complex, pushing its central downtown past the Norfolk Southern railroad tracks, Steklac said.

Steklac added that Farmington has seen increased activity with its theater, and is looking to make it better.

"Purple Rose has been part of our revitalization, so perhaps Farmington is looking at making their theater a core attraction."

Vincent Pastue, Farmington's city manager, said Tuesday that Farmington's downtown has room for improvement.

Pastue said Farmington is interested in developing a mixed-use downtown, including retail, residential buildings and professional offices. The city is also installing a downtown pavilion and skating rink.

At more than 125 years old, the city of Farmington was a community long before urban sprawl from Detroit eventually encompassed it on all sides.

And although Chelsea is nowhere near that point today, population growth pushing its way from Ann Arbor is certainly a factor.

Pastue said Farmington's five-member city commission, and its public safety, Downtown Development Authority and Department of Public Works directors will visit Chelsea.

"Sometimes, just going with an open mind, you come across something you wouldn't have expected," Pastue said. "That's the real benefit of these exchanges."

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## SURVEY

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ture or moving to a different configuration, 41 percent preferred no change; 27 percent preferred two kindergarten through fourth grade schools and one fifth and sixth grade school; 20 percent preferred three kindergarten through sixth grade schools and 12 percent preferred three kindergarten through fifth grade schools, according to the survey.

Although the survey showed positive attitudes toward the reconfiguration — including better student-teacher ratios; more efficient and consistent curriculums; decreased competitiveness among elementary schools; the opportunity for more friendships between similarly-aged children and less bullying of younger children — 23 percent reported no social or academic benefits to the changes.

The most common drawbacks to the reconfiguration cited were stress associated with frequently changing buildings and adapting to new staff; stress from separation of siblings and old friends; older children missing younger children and vice-versa; loss of familiar environments and "stress and chaos" caused by higher concentrations of similarly-aged children in one place.

Almost all parents of sixth-graders said their children benefited emotionally and developmentally by not being in middle school settings.

Common comments regarding the bus system were that the routes were too long and too much time was wasted with transfers, the bus system was confusing or scary for young children and there was too great an age span of students riding the buses.

Too much traffic, congestion and inadequate parking at the elementary schools and middle schools were cited as problems, as was "dissatisfaction with the school board's quick decision regarding reconfiguration," and "lack of inclusion of the public in decision making," Robbins wrote in a summary of the survey.

Thirty-three percent of respondents said they felt well informed about school issues, while 35 percent and 31 percent said they were not

well informed or neutral, respectively.

Forty-six percent of respondents said they preferred an all-day, everyday kindergarten program.

Chelsea School District Superintendent Dave Killips said Monday that opinions reflected in the survey would need to be fleshed out more to draw better conclusions.

"With any change you go through, people have their own personal reasons, as well as educational reasons," Killips said. "You would have to listen to the rationale behind all of them. I'm sure some of them are very legitimate."

Killips said housing larger numbers of students in one building makes for more equitable class sizes.

The district has a goal of no more than 22 pupils per class in the elementary schools, which has been aided by the reconfiguration, he said.

Killips said while he understood concerns about losing some sense of community in individual buildings, "It's important to remember that we're all one district, working for the benefit of children."

Killips said the transportation department has made strides in allowing parents to drop off their kids at any school, where they can be bused to any other school in the district.

Parking lots at Beach Middle School and North Creek Elementary have recently been expanded and improved, he said.

However, Killips said north-south traffic in the school district continues to be a "tough situation," and that the school district is working with the Chelsea Area Planning Team to improve traffic problems.

Killips defended the school board's ability to make decisions, and said the board has participated in public forums.

Killips said the trouble with conducting broad surveys is that they are expensive if conducted scientifically, and tend to lose people with too many questions.

"You should be looking for something specific," Killips said.

"Ninety-eight percent of the kids eligible to go to our schools do go to our schools, so I think people realize we have an excellent system."



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## Piled High

Before the recent warm front, Kate Lewis-Lakin hides on the other side of a mountain of snow during a day off from school.

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CHELSEA

# City hires water superintendent

Former consultant to take over troubled water system

By Steve Ricci  
Staff Writer

After nearly a year of vacancy at the position, the city announced last week that it hired Robert W. Jones, a former consultant for Tetra Tech Inc. as the city's new water superintendent.

Tetra Tech is the engineering firm that designed Chelsea's water treatment plant.

Chelsea City Manager Mike Steklac, who appointed Jones to the job, said last week that Jones would bring skills in both plant operation and employee management to the position.

City officials are hoping those skills will help iron out numerous operational problems that have beset the city's water treatment plant during the last year.

Jones, who resides in Livingston County and will start work March 7, will earn an annual salary of \$48,784.

Jones succeeds former Chelsea Water Superintendent Dan Rosentreter, who resigned last March, and Interim Water Superintendent Brad Roberts, who has doubled as superintendent of the city's water treatment plant and wastewater treatment plant since Rosentreter's resignation.

Prior to his hiring in Chelsea, Jones worked for Tetra Tech MPS, the consulting arm of Tetra Tech Inc., as a plant operations specialist, overseeing nine water systems in Livingston County, in addition to other water systems in southeast Michigan. Jones is a certified Michigan Water Works operator, and is a member of the American Water Works Association.

Steklac said Jones holds the highest classification of water operator licenses issued by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality for water supply and distribution.

Per MDEQ guidelines, the city advertised for candidates possessing the second-highest license classifications.

Although Jones has no engineering training other than on-the-job experience, Steklac said that Jones has sufficient technical know-how.

"You don't get water operation certifications unless you have some knowledge of how plants operate," Steklac said. "We'll leave some of the high-

ly technical things to engineers we contract with."

The city started advertising the job posting last May, and began interviewing candidates in January.

Steklac, Roberts and Chelsea Mayor Ann Feeney narrowed a field of applicants to six semifinalists, including two internal candidates.

Steklac interviewed two finalists, and ultimately decided whom to hire.

Jones ultimately won the job because he had strengths in important areas, Steklac said.

"I think he had a good combination of the skills we were looking for," said Steklac. "We were looking for someone who's as comfortable in operating the plant and overseeing employees as he is with jumping in the trenches to do water repairs."

"We had some people who had very strong plant experience but not as strong field experience."

"I don't think we could have gone wrong with a lot of (the applicants), but (Jones) has good intuition with employee management issues, good initiative and good technical skills. He's as comfortable in the office as he is in the field."

Steklac said most candidates, including Jones, did not have experience with reverse-osmosis water softening systems, such as the system used by the city.

"One of (Jones') top priorities will be to become profi-

cient in the reverse-osmosis system," Steklac said. "He's going to have to get up to speed on it."

Jones' reverse-osmosis schooling will involve training with General Electric Water Technologies — the vendor for the plant's reverse-osmosis system — as well as with his former employer Tetra Tech Inc., Steklac said.

Jones has supervised staffs of up to six employees, and received good job performance reports for his overseeing of a number of area water plants, Steklac said.

Jones has already had some training at the Chelsea plant, and brings a useful network of contacts to the job, although his past employment with Tetra Tech Inc. "was not a critical factor" in the hiring decision, Steklac said.

With Jones' hiring, Roberts will go back to his old job as wastewater treatment plant supervisor.

Other priorities Jones immediately faces are making sure there are no operational problems at the plant, addressing a problem with the plant's reverse-osmosis concentrate discharge, evaluating staffing and analyzing budgets, Steklac said.

Out of a staff of four employees working under the water superintendent, two have left their positions within the last year. A maintenance employee and a water assistant remain.

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# POLICE BLOTTER

## Chelsea Assists Other Agencies

Chelsea Police Chief Scott Sumner responded to a call for assistance from the Michigan State Police Jan. 5 of an armed suspect inside a vehicle near Walker Way at Scio Church Road.

The suspect eventually surrendered to troopers. Police recovered a fully loaded 9 mm Luger gun from the passenger seat of the vehicle.

Huron Valley Ambulance took the suspect to Chelsea Community Hospital for a psychiatric evaluation.

## Stolen Vehicle

A 23-year-old Chelsea man told Chelsea police Jan. 5 that his 1994 Ford Explorer was stolen. The man said the vehicle was last seen around midnight at Seitz's parking lot in downtown Chelsea. The vehicle was not registered because it recently had been purchased and repaired, he said.

Ann Arbor police located the vehicle in the 200 block of Barton Drive in Ann Arbor. It had been involved in a crash, and the driver had left the scene. The vehicle's front windshield and right rear side windows were broken.

## Counterfeit Money Found

A 64-year-old Chelsea man notified Chelsea police Jan. 7 that he had found a fake \$20 bill, with no printing on the back, in a trash can near the entrance to Victory Lane Car Wash, 910 S. Main St.

## Dog at Large

A Chelsea man stopped a Chelsea police officer on patrol Jan. 6, stating that while he was jogging on Park Street, a large black dog came running toward him from the side of a house in the 200 block of Park Street.

The man said the dog ran across the sidewalk and into the street at him. He said he stopped and used a stick to keep the dog away.

A Chelsea police officer made contact with the owner of the Park Street house, a 54-year-old woman. The officer told her about a city ordinance regarding maintaining control of dogs, according to a police report.

The officer also advised the woman that a written violation would be issued if Chelsea police received another complaint about the dog.

## Suspicious Incident

While on patrol Jan. 6, a Chelsea police officer noticed a 1993 Jeep Cherokee parked at Pierce Park that had been parked there for the past several days.

A 65-year-old man who lives in the 5000 block of Sibley Road approached the officer while he was inspecting the vehicle. The man told the officer that he owned the Jeep.

When the officer asked the man why the Jeep had been parked in the lot for several days, the man said sometimes his driveway is muddy and that he did not want to get the vehicle dirty.

The man then asked the officer, "What is wrong with the world?" and "Never trust anybody." The officer realized at that point that the man had mental difficulties, according to a police report.

The officer told the man that he needed to move the vehicle, and that he could not use a city parking lot as a driveway.

## Hit and Run

A Chelsea police officer on patrol Jan. 5 was sent to the Norfolk Southern Cleveland Street railroad crossing in Chelsea to check on damage resulting from a possible hit-and-run crash.

A 38-year-old man residing in the 500 block of Lane Street reported the accident.

An unknown vehicle crashed into the crossing gate and pole on the south side of the railroad crossing, the police officer's investigation found. But the vehicle had left the scene before police arrived.

The officer collected a small yellow piece of turn signal lens and a dark gray piece of metal from the scene.

Chelsea police believe both materials probably are components of the hit-and-run vehicle.

## Lyndon Township Damage to Property

A man in the 17000 block of Waterloo Road reported to state police Feb. 7 that some-

one had smashed his mailbox between 8 a.m. Feb. 5 and 9:15 a.m. Feb. 7.

The man was not going to report the damage because it happens every couple of years, he told police, but he also noticed that someone had shot his front window with a BB gun.

Damage to the window was estimated at \$250. The mailbox damage was \$40. Deputies told the man to report all future problems.

## Sylvan Township Drunken Driving

State police responded to a rollover crash at 12:46 a.m. Feb. 5 on eastbound Interstate 94 east of Kaimbach in Sylvan Township. Troopers found a vehicle upright in a ditch, but with clear rollover damage.

The driver was able to get out of the vehicle and began searching for his cell phone in the ditch. He told police he fell asleep while returning to his home in Canton from Chicago, where he had been sent by his employer. The

driver said he woke up as his vehicle entered a curve of the freeway, then over-corrected his steering and lost control.

An officer smelled alcohol on the man, according to a police report. The man said he drank after leaving work in Chicago, but had not had anything to drink since.

He was arrested after beer and an empty bottle of Hennessy cognac was found in the vehicle.

A test showed the man had a blood-alcohol level of 0.09 percent. A level of 0.08 percent or higher is considered legally drunk under state law.

## Scio Township

## Larceny

A 52-year-old Dexter man

told police and employees of the West Liberty Athletic Club, 2975 W. Liberty Road, that someone had stolen his clothing and keys Feb. 4 from his locker at the club.

The club's management questioned employees of a cooling and heating company working at the club, and looked in the company's work vehicle. No items were found, however.

The value of the missing items was estimated at \$505.

The incident occurred between 5:40 and 6:45 a.m.

## Leaving the Scene of a Crash

A 39-year-old Chelsea woman driving a Ford Windstar ran into a black Chevrolet Silverado at 6:55

p.m. Feb. 6 at Jackson and Baker roads.

The Silverado driver, a 35-year-old man, had been waiting at a traffic light and said he went over to the woman's window to see if she was OK. He said she appeared groggy and her eyes were glazed over, although he could not tell if she had been drinking.

After the man got back into his truck, she started to drive

away and she struck his truck again. She then pulled up next to him, said something about "information" that he could not understand and drove away, he said.

Deputies spoke to the man to whom the Windstar was registered and learned that it was the man's wife, with whom he is going through a divorce, who had been driv-

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## CHELSEA AREA

# Insurance industry on the defensive

Two proposed laws could result in higher insurance rates

By Gary Anglebrandt  
Staff Writer

Two proposed state laws have placed the insurance industry on the defensive and could raise consumers' insurance rates, according to the industry.

The biggest change comes in the form of the Michigan Jobs & Investment Act, a proposal from Gov. Jennifer Granholm intended to encourage businesses to stay in Michigan. If passed, the act would reduce the Single Business Tax by 37 percent.

The reduction would be paid by increasing taxes in certain industries, particularly insurance, except most health, which currently pays less than the national average, according to the Granholm administration.

The Insurance Institute of Michigan has come out against the proposal, saying that the increased taxes would more than double taxes on insurance companies in Michigan and hurt consumers.

Paul Bishop, an insurance agent who owns Bishop Insurance Services in Dexter, said the tax would force agents to increase premiums.

"Does anyone think we're just not going to pass that on to the consumer?" Bishop said.

Manufacturers, however, are happy with the proposed tax changes. This could be good for local businesses, such as those in the Dexter Business and Research Park. The Michigan Manufacturers Association has been pushing for the changes for three years, said Brad Ritter, communications specialist for the Lansing-based association.

"We've lost 170,000 to 200,000 (manufacturing) jobs in Michigan in the last four years alone," Ritter said.

The association maintains an insurance program for its members and would never work to damage it, he said.

"The insurance industry will continue to do well," Ritter said.

Manufacturing should be supported in Michigan, but not at the expense of insurance agencies, especially small, independently owned companies, said Matthew Steinhauer, co-owner of Professional Insurance Associates in Chelsea.

"(The state) should not be penalizing small family-owned businesses. It's just not fair," he said.

His company, which employs 10 people, might have to lose an employee if the burden is too large, Steinhauer said.

Insurance premiums are not likely to go up, said Scott Schrager, special assistant to the state treasurer.

"The fact is, (insurance) taxes here are the fourth lowest in the country," he said.

The nominal tax rate would go from 1.07 percent to 2 percent, but its effect would vary from company to company, he said.

The price that agents, such as Bishop and Steinhauer, pay won't increase because the tax is diluted among the larger insurance companies, which often pay taxes in many states, and competition among the companies will keep the prices down, Schrager said.

Another state law that is on the table would ban insurance companies from using credit scores to determine auto insurance premiums, a practice supporters of the ban say is illogical.

Bishop said that the ban would affect most of his customers, who save up to 30 percent if they have good credit.

"Eliminating credit scoring would be an increase in premiums for 90 percent of our home and auto insurance customers," Bishop said.

There is a correlation between people with poor credit filing more claims, according to the Lansing-based Insurance Institute of Michigan.

That possible correlation doesn't matter to Public Interest Research Group in Michigan in Ann Arbor. Correlations could probably be made between claims and race, said Megan Owens, consumer advocate for PIRGIM.

"It's an inappropriate way to evaluate," Owens said.

The Office of Financial and Insurance Services in Lansing has spearheaded the ban. The ban is actually not a change, but an enforcement of existing law and is planned to begin July 1, said Andy Schor, communications specialist for the office.

Insurance companies can only offer discounts when it can show that payouts on claims would be reduced. For example, a reduction in auto insurance for someone who wears a seatbelt is legal because the person's medical bills would be smaller in the event of an accident.

Credit scores have nothing to do with payouts and are therefore illegal in Michigan, Schor said.

Studies correlating insurance rates with credit have never been done in Michigan, which has different laws, Schor said.

Insurance companies began using credit score discounts in 1999. When doing so, they typically raised their insurance base rates, then offered discounts to people with good credit, effectively making customers with bad credit pay for discounts to other customers, Schor said.

The ban would also make insurance companies reduce their base rates.

The industry may end up taking the state to court before any ban is enforced, Schor said.

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## — A BIG DOG FOR A BIG JOB —



Chelsea Police Officer Jeff Staebler and his canine partner Tango visited Dec. 7 with Chelsea Cub Scout Pack 455 Den 9 to help the Scouts complete their "Law Enforcement is a Big Job" achievement award. Pictured with Tango are Trevor Branham (left) Ricky Cassell, Steven Shepherd, Daryn Hamill, Michael Purdy, Jacob Lochmann, Keith Hoeflinger and Chad Vredevel.

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## COMMENTARY

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2005

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### McCalla will be fondly remembered

When I say the name Ken McCalla, what is the first image to appear? Easy: a big, friendly smile.

Other images begin to appear: sincere friendliness, warmth, ethics, gentleness and energy.

Ken's place of business says a lot about the man. Two unique things you notice when you walk in are a stool in front of the counter and a big barrel of unshelled peanuts. What does that tell you? It says, "Pull up a seat, take a load off, grab a handful of peanuts and let's shoot the breeze."

"Hey, Ken, I need two bags of shelled corn and five 40 pounds of softener salt. Oops, didn't bring enough cash with me. Scratch the softener salt."

Ken would look at you with those sparkling eyes, give you that big grin and say, "Don't worry about it. Take it now and stop back when you can."

"Hey, Ken, I am selling my truck. Mind if I put it out front?"

"Sure. Good luck selling it," he would say.

Then, try to pay him for that high-traffic area exposure to help me sell my truck. No way. Not going to happen.

"Hey, Ken, How much fertilizer do I need for two acres?"

"Better take five bags and bring back what you don't use," he would say.

Passing the fairgrounds on my way home after work, I would see Ken mowing the grass. Big smile. Friendly wave. Nice memory.

Everyone knows how much time and energy he put into the Chelsea Community Fair. It was incredible.

Watch him beam when his wife, Sue, walks into the store to talk about their daughter Amy's upcoming wedding or when his son, Eric, talks about some of his high school escapades.

Family man, husband, father, friend, love of the community, businessman. Never, and I mean never, did I see him angry. He was always smiling and friendly.

He will be missed. But, most importantly, Ken McCalla will be remembered with warmth, admiration and great respect.

Terry Miller  
Chelsea

#### Survey sought input from district's parents

I am writing to say what a great experience it was initiating and tabulating the K-6 parent survey. I would like to acknowledge the many people who were so generous with their time and energy in sharing their observations and ideas about our school system.

It was an honor and privilege for me to be allowed to act as their "channel" to the school board and administration.

There were, however, a few attitudes expressed that I found a bit disconcerting. While many people appreciated the opportunity to express their thoughts, some others seemed annoyed at having been asked their opinions. It appears that, for some, our school district has attained a sacred-cow status never to be questioned or challenged.

I couldn't disagree more. I'm tired of hearing our children referred to as "an investment in the future," only right before we're hit up for money. It seems to me this should be an ongoing pursuit.

A few people described the survey as having a negative slant. This was purely unintentional. One lady appeared to have taken more time underlining the "negative" words than actually answering the questions. I found this somewhat ironic since I waited all last year for a similar inquiry to come from the school district and it never did.

In fact, I was further saddened and disappointed to learn that the district was not studying the progress of reconfiguration. My own inquiry of the superintendent and numerous teachers yielded little information other than the fact that the reconfiguration was not really discussed among the teaching staff; they just "lived with it."

I found this lack of follow-up on the part of the district to be quite remiss, especially given the controversy surrounding the change, and so I launched my own research project. Was it rocket science? Far from it, but I couldn't think of a better way to get direct answers than posing direct questions to the best judges: the parents.

We all acknowledge the quality and dedication of the district's staff and administrators, but even the most outstanding school districts will quickly stagnate and/or deteriorate without the input of the community.

We owe it to our children to maintain an ongoing dialogue with the school district in all areas. Failure to do so would make us, the parents, the irresponsible ones.

One teacher indicated that parents who are unhappy with the new structure as being "unenlightened" and "selfish." While there were many families who reported that their children were doing well and made a smooth transition into the new structure, there were also many families whose children have experienced genuine trauma due to the changes.

I think a little empathy for them would be more appropriate than making disparaging remarks about their parents.

Two other respondents, one again being a teacher, expressed the "cope or

move" attitude. Apparently to some, it's better if those who are unhappy just leave the school system quietly rather than suggest ways in which they could become happy.

Since I haven't noticed the "happy" people supplying greener money to the Chelsea School District than the "unhappy" people, I think it's more productive to find out what is working with today's structure and accentuate that, while fixing or discarding the rest. Who knows? Maybe that way the "happy" people would become "happier."

For better or worse, several hundred new housing units will be built in Chelsea over the next few years. They will likely attract families looking for good schools in a warm and friendly community.

If these people go through the trouble of moving to an area with high housing costs and taxes, they will very likely expect a say in all areas, including the Chelsea School District. Hence, the "cope or move" mentality soon won't be flying as high. Some practice maintaining an open dialogue might be in order.

As for the sociopath who sent me cigarette butts instead of a written response, I'm sure he's an isolated case, but he does remind us that some children may have greater burdens to bear than secondhand smoke.

For the 600-plus families who chose not to respond, I can't say where they fall in with the above mentioned trends. I hope they will avail themselves to other ways of conveying their ideas to the district and that the district will provide more opportunities to do so. At least they didn't send their trash to the landfill via my house.

Overall, the vast majority of people were very thoughtful and polite in their responses, and I am truly grateful that they shared their experiences with me and that I could provide the school district the chance to know how some of the community thinks.

Who knows from whom the next groundbreaking idea could come? We should all aspire to be that person.

Maura Robbins  
Chelsea

#### Share your opinions on day-care reform

Michigan has just set new training requirements for day-care workers (10 hours continued education each year for providers; assistants five hours) and is restricting the time kids in day-care homes spend watching TV (two hours maximum per day and limited to child educational programs).

Michigan ranks nationally among the lowest in quality and regulating of day care. This is the first major rewrite. See LETTERS — Page 9-A



#### OTHER VOICES

### Granholm doesn't win much support across the aisle

She asked them to move with her. The Republicans did not budge.

She practically begged them to stand with her. The Republicans sat still.

It was another day at the office for Gov. Jennifer Granholm, a Democrat.

The governor vainly tried everything short of playing the national anthem to motivate the Republicans to stand for her economic initiatives outlined in her State-of-the-State speech.

At one point, after talking about Michigan's record low tax rates, she blurted out, "Come on. You guys can applaud that."

They stared her down. Republicans figure they have this governor right where they want her... on the ropes regarding her economic record. She even provided some ammunition to help them keep her there.

She opined that for 30 years Michigan has lagged behind the rest of the nation in creating technology-based industries.

What she failed to concede is that two of those years were on her watch and obviously, up until now, she has not gotten the job done, either.

Despite checking off 24 of the 27 items on her road-to-recovery blueprint, Michigan still leads the nation with the highest jobless rate.

But now she is trying harder and smartly devoted virtually all of her hour-long message to the economy and ancillary issues.

A few weeks ago, she called for a business tax cut for 77 percent of all businesses. Egged on by the Michigan Chamber of Commerce, the top two GOP leaders dumped on it, calling for tax cuts for every business.

In the State of the State address, she called for a

hike in the minimum wage. Democrats stood and cheered. The other guys did not.

What she hawked as her bold stroke in the speech called for a \$2 billion bonding plan to create 70,000 jobs over the next 10 years.

While that only amounts to 7,000 jobs a year, it deserves a fair hearing.

However, she had hardly left the room when the Senate GOP leader Ken Sikkema, R-Grandville, called it "debt today, debt tomorrow."



TIM SKUBICK

His sidekick in the House, Speaker Craig DeRoche, R-Nov, whacked it as "speculative" jobs.

If not dead on arrival, the idea is already hooked up to life support.

But the governor has the upper hand. If she cannot muster the two-thirds vote in the House and

Senate to put the bonding proposal on the statewide ballot, she can tag the GOP with being more devoted to kicking her out of her job than creating new ones.

See GRANHOLM — Page 9-A

### STREET TALK

By Rita Fischer

#### What do you think we should do with the coyotes when they come on our land?



"I think we should send a group out to trap them and take them to a less populated area."  
Jonathan Jackson  
Dexter Township



"I think we should trap them or allow people to hunt them."  
Peter Price  
Chelsea



"I think we should move them elsewhere."  
Josh Dinsor  
Chelsea



"I think that they should be trapped and taken elsewhere so they are not causing any trouble."  
Heather Bradshaw  
Dexter Township

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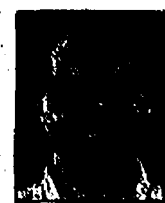
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of the state's day-care regulations since 2000.

Parents, is your day care licensed? Anyone caring for children more than two consecutive weeks should be licensed no matter how few kids.

Is your provider CPR certified? Do they have a discipline policy? What is their program to fill the day? Addressing some of these questions is why licensing regulations are so important.

Think about it. We pay the same money to home day-care, which has very close to zero regulation, as we spend for day-care centers that are more heavily regulated.

Why do we demand less regulation and quality for our most precious commodity: our children?

These reforms are up for public comment this month. Please get involved and make your public comments at [www.daycareparents.org](http://www.daycareparents.org).

At month's end, the director of the State Division of Daycare Licensing will be contacted, inviting him to review your comments.

Margo Fica  
Houghton Lake

### Yes, America is a wonderful country

In response to the unemployed, childless, apparently healthy single male, Mr. Urbanski — who complains he is not able to collect food stamps, vouchers, welfare and whose unemployment benefits are soon to run out — I say "good." Get your lazy butt out in the world and take care of yourself.

These programs are not there for your benefit, but for people who really need them. I do not feel even a little sorry for you. Do you think you were born so the rest of us taxpayers can take care of you? You want three square meals and a roof over your head? Then join the service.

Sounds like you could use some discipline, order and respect for yourself. Go to Iraq and see what real suffer-

ing and bravery is. You really need some perspective. Hard to believe you cannot find a job. Most of us start at the bottom and work our way to a decent living.

Anybody willing to put forth the effort can be comfortable in the United States. In response to your question, "Isn't America wonderful?" I say an emphatic "yes."

Not easy, like some may think, but wonderful if you work for it.

Dave Husak  
Scio Township

### What is Bush thinking of with Social Security?

What can he be thinking of? President George Bush seems determined to take our country back to the "good old days" of 1932. Anyone who knows U.S. history isn't buying Republican ideologues' claims that FDR would agree with Bush's plan to radically change Social Security.

Doesn't the president know that the Social Security Trust Fund holds U.S. Treasury bonds purchased with the extra money that baby boomers have been contributing to Social Security beyond what is going out to pay current retirees?

Is he indicating that the United States will not honor those bonds when they come due but will honor the bonds that foreign investors and private individuals such as he hold?

Social Security is an effective and efficiently run program. Administrative costs for the retirement portion of the program are around 1 percent. Some countries that have privatized their old age pension systems are experiencing 30 percent administrative costs.

Social Security is meant to provide a floor of income to keep Americans workers from becoming destitute in their old age. It also provides survivor and disability benefits.

There are a variety of potentially effective ways to fix Social Security. Taking off the current \$90,000 income cap on contributions is one. But President Bush has cho-

sen to follow the ideologues who want to wipe out all traces of the New Deal, so that the rich need no longer acknowledge that they rely on the hard work of all of us for the wealth they accumulated.

Bernadette Malinoski  
Lima Township

### Pet owners should take responsibility

There are a lot of great parents of pets out there. They keep their animals in their own yard, leash them on walks and clean up after them. To these people, I say thank you.

However, there are those who will open a door and let their animals roam the countryside freely. These animals go into neighboring yards, doing their duty, barking like crazy and scaring small children.

I have the right to play outside with my children on my property without having to worry about a neighbor's dog charging us, barking and potentially attacking any of us.

This is a safety concern for my family, or any family. Once a dog has attacked a child, it's too late. On any given day, there may be five different dogs roaming my yard, using it for their bathroom.

It's very frustrating to clean up dog feces in my yard when I don't even own a dog.

If you do not want to keep track of your animals, look into a fence.

Other than the safety issues and inconvenience to the neighbors, one would think that pet owners would be worried about the safety of their animals. One evening in November, a dog was struck by a car in front of my house. This poor animal had no identification and was very scared. We stayed with him until emergency personnel arrived, but he didn't make it.

I feel terrible for the family that lost their pet. I hope this message will make others realize how important it is to keep track of their pets.

Leslie Rollins  
Dexter Township

## I draw my own conclusions...

BY BILL MANGOLD

THE QUESTION IS: HOW DO I FEEL ABOUT ROE VS WADE? WELL, I AM JUST SORRY THEY COULDN'T HAVE WORKED OUT THEIR DIFFERENCES WITHOUT GOING TO COURT!



HILLARY CLINTON ANSWERS QUESTIONS ON ABORTION

## GRANHOLM

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To be fair, the GOP'ers did embrace some of her proposals such as consolidating school districts to redirect more money into the classroom.

And on the one moral values issue in her message, the GOP responded: "After all, moral values are Republican favorites."

As a mother and a governor, she emotionally called for a restriction on the sale of "mature, ultra-violent video games for children." She called them a "coarse, daily assault" on children's senses.

The Republicans could not sit on their duffs for that.

Of course, Republicans have every right to philosophically disagree with this governor and perhaps they were merely posturing to gain some leverage as they negotiate with her.

But whatever the reason, it was crystal clear that despite

all her best bipartisan intentions, she still does not have one Republican friend in the state Legislature.

Tim Skubick is a veteran

Lansing political observer. He hosts the public TV show *Off the Record* and does regular commentary on WWJ Radio-950.

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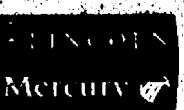
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## POLICE

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ing. Deputies later got a statement from her after she called the police station to set up a time to talk.

The woman did not remember the crash nor anything afterward, she said. She had been in a hurry to go play soccer when the crash occurred. She hit her head and had a large bump on her forehead, the report said.

The woman said she had not been drinking and she didn't have any history of fainting, diabetes or epilepsy. She said she takes medication to help with anxiety.

The morning after the crash, the woman said she noticed the damage to her head and the vehicle. When she got to work, she looked at damage to the outside of her vehicle but still did not remember the incident.

The investigating officer told her he would submit the report to a prosecutor and request a driver re-examination from the Secretary of State's office. She said she would see a doctor.

Damage to the victim's vehicle was estimated at \$2,000.

### Home Invasion

A 33-year-old man reported that between 8:10 a.m. and 3:45 p.m. Feb. 7 someone entered his home in the 1200 block of Knight Road without permission.

He arrived home at 3:45 p.m. with his two children. His daughter said she heard a noise in the basement, so the man went downstairs, where he noticed a light was on. He then saw that his room was messy and a sliding door was open a few inches.

The homeowner gathered his children, went outside and called police, according to a report. A deputy arrived, secured the home and saw that jewelry had been dumped on the man's bed.

The deputy noted that a similar incident had occurred in the area in which \$950 in camera equipment was stolen and there was \$400 in damage to the property.

### Reckless Driving

Driving with a Suspended Improper Plate

A deputy stopped a Scio Township man for reckless driving at Jackson and Zeeb roads Jan. 22. The driver turned onto Jackson Road without stopping for a red light and the deputy followed, but had difficulty because of snowy conditions.

The deputy saw the driver move onto the shoulder of the road to pass cars while waiting for a vehicle to turn left before catching up to the Ranger.

According to a police report, he had an outstanding warrant for driving with a suspended license. The vehicle also had an improper license plate.

The deputy arrested the man after confirming the warrant, but was unable to take him to Washtenaw County Jail because of overcrowding. The deputy then drove the man home.

### Webster Township Felony Warrant Arrest

A 21-year-old Whitmore Lake man was arrested during a traffic stop Feb. 9 in Northfield Township. He was

wanted on two felony warrants for malicious destruction of property. Deputies from the sheriff's substation in Dexter took him to the jail. The warrants were for alleged criminal acts committed earlier this year in Webster Township.

### Death Investigation

Deputies responded to a call Jan. 8 from a man reporting the death of a neighbor. Neighbors said the man was a hermit and estranged from his family. The neighbor who called police said he checks in on the man from time to time, but could not remember the last time he saw him alive.

The man was living in a small portion of a burned-out barn with a propane floor heater. The home had electricity, but no running water. The home had a wood-burning stove, a refrigerator and cupboards full of food, according to a police report.

The man's wallet was hidden in a potato chip bag on the couch. The neighbor told police the man always kept the wallet there. It contained \$1,564 and deputies found \$1,975 in unredeemed checks.

A deputy called the attorney who wrote the man's will. The attorney was aware of the man's living quarters, but said it was the man's choice to live how he pleased.

### Assault and Battery

Deputies were called to a home Feb. 10 after receiving a 911 hang-up call. The suspect, a 41-year-old Webster Township man, was sitting in his pick-up truck when the deputy arrived and he had a cut under his eye.

The homeowners, a married couple, were inside the house. Everyone involved in the incident admitted to drinking and they appeared highly intoxicated, according to a police report.

A 33-year-old woman said the suspect, her brother-in-law, came over the night before to stay over because of problems with his wife. They all drank, and then she and her husband went to bed. She said she woke up to the suspect standing in the bedroom calling her names.

According to a police report, the suspect then punched her in the nose. The brothers then got into a fight. All three had facial injuries.

The suspect denied punching the woman and said they had gotten into a verbal argument when the couple attacked him.

### Dexter Township Domestic Assault

Domestic assault was reported Feb. 4. A 44-year-old woman said her husband, 42,

consumed about 12 beers when he asked for a key to a safe in the house. She refused because there were guns in the safe, she told deputies.

The woman said they argued and the man tried to punch her, but missed. He followed her from the bedroom to the kitchen, where he punched her in the back of the head, then pulled her around by her hair, she said.

Family members then restrained the man until he said he would calm down. After they let him go, he got into an argument with one of his sons and punched him twice in the head, according to his wife. Several family members gave similar reports. The suspect denied the story. He was taken to Washtenaw County Jail.

### Structure Fire

A neighbor reported a garage fire Feb. 7 in the 4800 block of Joy Road.

The neighbor said there was a dog pen set up near where the fire was coming from in the garage and that the owner used heat lamps to keep the dogs warm.

The owner came home soon after and confirmed the story, telling police that the dogs must have pulled the lamp down. The fire department did not suspect foul play.

The garage and its contents, including two boats, were destroyed. Estimated value was more than \$100,000.

### Dexter Village Larceny

A 21-year-old woman in the 300 block of Cambridge Circle reported that someone stole a laptop computer valued at \$1,000 from her 2003 Pontiac Aztek between 2 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Feb. 6.

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BOOK REVIEW

# 'Kite Runner' good choice

"The Kite Runner," a first novel by Khalid Hosseini, appeared overnight on the New York Times' bestseller list and has now taken the Ann Arbor area and Chelsea by storm.

In addition, it's one of the three books chosen by the Chelsea District Library for the annual community read through February.

The book, a rich tapestry of Afghan culture and history, describes a part of the world so few Americans know beyond news clips of beleaguered troops combing dusty ruins or the moonscape of mountainous terrain.

Hosseini paints a picture of another Afghanistan in this epic tale of an ancient country and culture forced through invasions and a civil war onto the contemporary world stage.

Like Tolstoy's epic, "War and Peace," "The Kite Runner" undertakes the ambitious plan of depicting a young man's coming of age against the backdrop of a nation's struggle to find its identity in a modern world.

Tolstoy may have suggested that Hosseini take a few more pages to flesh out many of the intricate sub-plots that comprise the story. Most readers, however, will readily overlook this limitation to experience the magic carpet ride Hosseini takes us on, along with his young protagonist, Amir.

His carpet carries us from Kabul through the Kyber Pass into Iran, and then halfway around the world to Southern California. At times, I wanted to scream as the carpet went plummeting over an abyss of terror and violence. Yet, the intensity of the novel is equally matched by the simplicity, beauty and charm of its narrative.

I especially enjoyed the nostalgic description of Amir's childhood in Kabul. The reader travels the back streets with the main character to visit bazaars filled with kabob houses, the shop where he enjoyed rosewater ice cream, the cinema where he reveled in old John Wayne movies believing that his cowboy hero spoke Iranian.

Despite some romantic early memories, the author also presents the complexities of a traditional society defined by strict religious and ethnic divisions. In his story, the young Amir, a Sunni Muslim and Pashtun, explores his own prejudices toward his best friend and servant, Hassan, a Shia Muslim and a Hazara.

The narrator later blames these distorted beliefs and his own fear for betraying his friend's trust. In fact, the entire book exemplifies the themes of trust and honor,



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courage and redemption. Dramatic images from kite fighting tournaments glide over the sequence of the plot adding a sense of thematic integrity. Likewise, the story explores the universal themes of friendship, a father-son relationship, love and the plight of displaced refugees in today's society.

Sometimes the plot seems a bit contrived, with twists and turns to keep us spellbound. Yet, as the author tells us early on, it's in the Afghan character to find the connections within stories.

"The Kite Runner" is a novel that introduces its readers to a plethora of wonderful and interesting characters. One of my favorites is Rahim Khan, the best friend and business partner of Amir's larger-than-life

father, Baba. Khan acts as a guardian figure for Amir, encouraging the sensitive young man to pursue his interest in writing.

I recommend this book for a good read.

And don't forget to join your friends and neighbors at the Chelsea District Library, 500 Washington St., for a discussion of "The Kite Runner" at 1:30 p.m. today or 7 p.m. March 2.

Marjo Grogran is a Chelsea-area resident. She can be reached at 433-4213.

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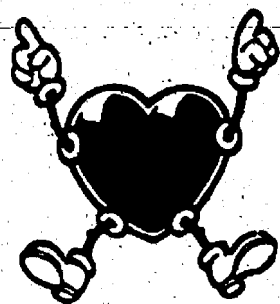
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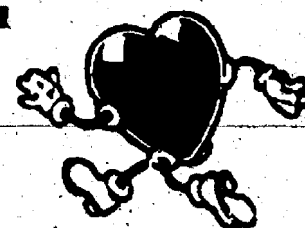
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HIGH: 26°-30° Brisk and cold with clouds and sun.	LOW: 8°-12° Partly cloudy.	HIGH: 28°-32° Mostly cloudy with flurries. LOW: 14°-18°	HIGH: 32°-36° Sunshine mixing with clouds. LOW: 16°-20°	HIGH: 30°-34° Mostly cloudy. LOW: 16°-20°	HIGH: 32°-36° Mostly cloudy with snow possible. LOW: 20°-24°



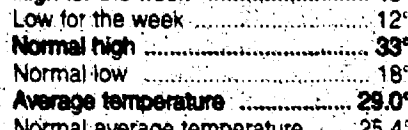
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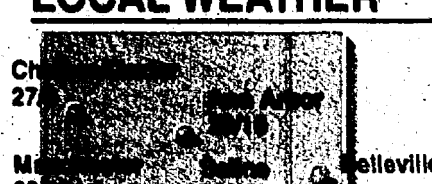
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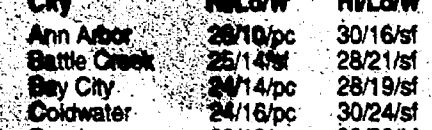
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### TRAVEL

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Highest Friday	24°
Highest Saturday	30°
Highest Sunday	30°

### SOLUNAR TABLE

Four-day forecast indicates peak feeding times for fish and game.

Major	Minor	Major	Minor
Thurs: 6:36 a.m.	12:25 a.m.	7:01 p.m.	12:46 p.m.
Fri.: 7:23 a.m.	1:10 a.m.	7:48 p.m.	1:25 p.m.
Sat.: 8:09 a.m.	1:59 a.m.	8:34 p.m.	2:21 p.m.
Sun.: 8:54 a.m.	2:41 a.m.	9:19 p.m.	3:06 p.m.

### UV INDEX

Highest Thursday: 2  
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.

### WORLD CITIES

City	Thur. HI/Lo/W	Fri. HI/Lo/W
Acapulco	91/74/pc	91/73/pc
Algiers	43/26/sf	47/31/pc
Amsterdam	37/54/pc	40/43/pc
Athens	55/45/pc	54/45/sh
Auckland	74/58/s	71/55/pc
Bangkok	95/80/s	97/82/s
Barbados	89/70/pc	89/71/pc
Beijing	30/14/sf	27/5/s
Belair	74/58/s	74/59/pc
Belgrade	36/30/c	32/30/sh
Berlin	34/23/c	32/27/sf
Bogota	72/53/r	71/53/r
Buenos Aires	83/62/pc	84/63/pc
Cairo	86/65/s	85/53/pc
Calgary	33/20/c	29/3/c
Cape Town	81/52/s	73/54/pc
Copenhagen	33/25/pc	43/40/sh
Dublin	48/41/pc	46/39/sh
Frankfurt	33/23/c	34/27/pc
Geneva	28/25/sf	32/19/pc
Hong Kong	77/69/pc	69/50/sh
Istanbul	53/39/c	49/36/c
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London	45/39/sh	46/41/sh
Madrid	49/28/s	50/24/s
Manila	90/72/s	88/70/pc
Mexico City	73/45/pc	73/47/pc
Montreal	21/5/sf	15/6/c
Moscow	30/18/sh	32/22/sh
Nairobi	84/54/pc	80/50/pc
New Delhi	78/49/pc	74/49/pc
Panama	90/75/pc	91/75/pc
Paris	37/32/pc	45/39/pc
Rio de Janeiro	81/63/c	80/67/r
Rome	48/34/r	48/30/pc
San Juan	83/70/s	81/70/pc
Santiago	69/52/s	67/46/s
Seoul	44/21/pc	38/18/sh
Singapore	88/73/pc	90/75/pc
Stockholm	36/25/pc	36/28/pc
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Warsaw	37/30/sh	34/27/sh



# COMMUNITY

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2005

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**BY KELLY MAVEAL  
EIGHTH GRADE**

**ESSAY QUESTION:** Imagine you are Dr. King today. To what extent would you think your dreams had come true?

## 'My Eyes Have (Almost) Seen the Glory'



I, Martin Luther King Jr., was born on Jan. 15, 1929 in Atlanta, Ga. During the 1950s, I became active in the movement for civil rights and racial equality. Life was very hard for blacks in the time of the civil rights movement. Many blacks were put in jail if they used the same restroom, waiting rooms, or rode the same buses as the "whites."

In jail, they would sing a song like, "We'll walk hand in hand, we'll walk hand in hand some day. We are not afraid, we are not afraid, we are not afraid today. Oh, dear in my heart. We shall overcome some day."

Looking at life in 2004, it is encouraging to see that our society has improved greatly from the 1960s. Colored children can now play with white children. They use the same drinking fountains and go to the same restaurants, movie theaters and stores. There are now interracial marriages and mixed children.

Also, the local police are not as violent as they used to be. Violence among citizens in public and racism has decreased enormously. However, there are problems that our society still faces today that need to be addressed.

I have grievance to say that the dream I spoke about on Aug. 28, 1963, has faded unless all people feel free. My thoughts and dreams seem to only live within some people, and with it only living in some people, our society is not complete.

To solve this problem, I wish that all people who believe in equality would stand up and be heard. Maybe then our ideas would spread among all people. Although discrimination against African-Americans does not exist as much today, there are still other types of racism.

For example, people protest against gay marriages and feel they are wrong. Also, women who have abortions receive a damaged reputation, which should not occur. These are situations where one man can not make a difference. What our world needs is for many people to fight for equality so that our world will be the best it can be.

The struggle people live with today is themselves. We are our own enemies and we are shamelessly letting my dream die each and every day. I have not given up in struggling for non-violence and peace amongst all human beings. I reach out to people to share your beliefs so that our world will be successful.

Our world needs people to use violence with your mind, rather than with weapons or with words. If everyone in our society changed their lifestyles, we just might be able to hear those peaceful bells ring.

**WINNER  
Beach Middle School**

**BY JACK ABERNETHY  
THIRD GRADE**

**ESSAY QUESTION:** In your own words, what was Dr. King's dream? What would his dream be for Chelsea?

## 'Friendship in Chelsea'



Dr. King was a great man because of his dream. His dream was very moving to many people. His speech meant for everyone to have rights to be able to live happily and in peace, and for no wars or hatred, and for everyone to love each other. He wanted a day to come when little black boys and little black girls could play with little white boys and girls.

His dream for Chelsea today would be that we could all be neighbors and friends, without fights and fighting. He would want to see everyone hold hands and hug each other on his birthday! He would hate to see people in Chelsea being mean to each other because of skin color, or because of how much money someone has, or because of jealousy, or because of anything else. He would want kids in Chelsea to all be friends. He would like for nobody to have enemies.

If we all tried to be like Dr. King, nobody would have fights or enemies, and we would be together in freedom and happiness.

It's sometimes hard for people to remember Dr. King because he died so long ago, but we should try to remember him every day by being nice. It's also hard for people to like each other because sometimes they are different, but being different is good. If we were all the same we would be like robots, without hearts and love and joy.

Thinking about Dr. King makes me want to help people because he wanted an end to suffering and spent his whole life trying to make the world a better place. I can make the world a better place by not making fun of people, by being generous and by working hard.

I wish that Dr. King had not been killed so that I could meet him and shake his hand and say, "Thank you for trying so hard to make this world a better place." I would show him my school, Pierce Lake, and introduce him to all my friends. We would have a birthday party for him, and he would become one of our new friends.

**WINNER  
Pierce Lake**

**BY ANTHONY SENSOLI  
10TH GRADE**

**ESSAY QUESTION:** In your own words, what was Dr. King's dream? What would his dream be for Chelsea?

## 'Moving Toward A Requiem for Intolerance'



I believe that Dr. King's dream was racial equality, not only in life's pleasures and joys, but in its trials and tribulations, as well. For too many years to count, African-Americans bore the staggering burden of injustice. African-Americans in the South, despite the freedom promised them by the Emancipation Proclamation, were denied the right to vote, denied fair employment, denied equal education and denied the protection of the same government that had set them free.

This was the result of monumental ignorance among the majority of whites in the South. Dr. King's dream was more than just a philosophy or an idea; it was the law. American, not only the hatred which many whites harbored for blacks, but for the hatred which many blacks harbored for whites.

Dr. King wanted love for our fellow Americans to drown out the hatred that had been imprinted in the minds of countless millions for generations. He had a dream that one day a fuller of equality could lift the crushing load of injustice from the backs of African-Americans.

He had a dream that one day African-Americans would be freed from the chains of discrimination and injustice. He had a dream that one day whites would abandon the blindfold of prejudice and abdicate the lofty throne of oppression. Dr. Martin Luther King had a dream that one day we could all see each other for what we are: equal human beings. Then, we would share not only life's joys and pleasures, but also share the sadness by which we can define joy.

If Dr. King had a dream for Chelsea, I think it would be quite simple. He would wish that we not only treat all of our citizens equally, but that we truly see each other as equals. Unfortunately, prejudice is still alive and well, even within our small city. We have made great strides toward total equality, but people are still discriminated against, if not in law then by actions and thought.

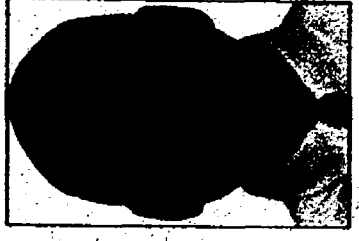
Too many people today fail to see all others as equals regardless of race, socioeconomic status, gender or sexuality. We are all too ready to judge someone by their outward traits rather than their true character. If you think someone is inferior because they are black, poor, a woman, or homosexual, you are just as guilty of prejudice as someone who acts on these feelings.

If Dr. King were alive today, living in Chelsea, he would wish that above all else we have based a whole love for our neighbors and not just ourselves.

**WINNER  
Chelsea High School**

**BY ANDY CERVENY  
FIFTH GRADE**

**ESSAY QUESTION:** Have you ever felt unfairly judged on the basis of something other than your skills, abilities, or character? What happened and how did it make you feel?



## 'Unfairly Judged'

It is hard to be judged by other people. Just knowing that someone might not like what you say about something can make you pretty nervous. If I think that someone may get angry when I tell them my feelings, I often will not say anything. I can hide my feelings pretty easily, but there are other things I get judged about that I can't hide. One of them is my skin color.

Last year, I was judged by a group of kids at school for months because of my skin color. My skin is brown, because I am part of two races. My mom was black, and my dad was white. I was adopted by a new mom and dad, and they told me about my first parents.

We lived in Connecticut until December 2002, and I went to first, second and half of third grade there. There weren't very many kids who were from two races where I lived in Connecticut, but no one ever judged me.

Then my dad's company transferred us to Michigan, and I finished third grade here. When I started fourth grade, I met the kids who judged me by my skin color. These kids did not like my brown skin, and they let me know every chance they got.

These kids had a few names to describe my skin color. They called me "poop" because they said I was the color of poop. They also called me "the black kid" and "nigger." I asked them to stop, but they just kept calling me names. If they weren't saying those names to me directly, they said them to each other whenever I was around.

I finally told my mom about it when she asked why I didn't want to invite one of them to my birthday party. By this time, it was May, the school year was almost over, and these kids had been judging me pretty much since the first day I walked into class.

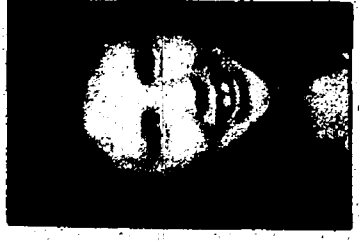
My mom called the principal and told her about the names I was being called. The principal talked with the kids, and they stopped calling me names. But I had already started to feel bad about the color of my skin. I was also very mad about being teased for so long by these kids. I was bigger than they were, and many times I wanted to beat them up when they called me names.

When we started learning about Martin Luther King, I was glad that I did not fight with the kids who called me names. Martin Luther King was a great man who believed that fighting wouldn't get you what you want, but love would. He believed that anything is possible if you believe in love, and that people should be judged by the content of their character and not their skin color. Martin Luther King made me feel that even if I don't know the people who beat me, I shouldn't let them beat me.

**WINNER  
South Meadows Elementary**

**BY CARA CONNELL  
SIXTH GRADE**

**ESSAY QUESTION:** This speech was given in front of the Lincoln Memorial. How is this meaningful?



## 'Lincoln Memorial'

Before Martin Luther King Jr., there was another great man named Abraham Lincoln. Lincoln wanted to make a difference, too. Lincoln wanted there to be no more slaves. He became President Lincoln, and he did everything he could to make slavery illegal.

Lincoln wasn't going to give up until something was done. There were many people who didn't like the things Lincoln was doing, especially trying to put an end to slavery. One day, John Wilkes Booth decided to do something, and he shot Lincoln while he was at a theater enjoying a performance.

About 100 years later, Martin Luther King Jr. was making big differences in people's lives, too.

Martin Luther King Jr. was treated differently because of the color of his skin. Martin Luther King Jr. also knew that there were other blacks who felt this way. Martin Luther King Jr. wrote a speech he called "I Have a Dream" that he gave in front of the Lincoln Memorial. I believe he chose to give the speech there because he felt that Lincoln wanted the same thing to happen in the United States. He probably thought that if he gave the speech there, people would remember the speech more.

This speech is still remembered as one of the best speeches written and given today. Just like Lincoln, Martin Luther King Jr. was also shot and killed. A law was passed that all races were to be treated equally. Some people still today do not follow this law.

Many people treated blacks, as well as people from different races, differently by not treating them with as much respect as they give other, different people. Some people refuse to give them a chance, and I don't understand why not.

Both these wise, strong leaders men are famous today, not because they were in a movie, or in a play, or have songs recorded on a CD. They're famous because they didn't like something and did everything they could to change it. They weren't going to give up. I know that all that work paid off and they really did make a difference. Martin Luther King Jr. was such a great man that his dream was to have a day all about him.

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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**CHELSEA**  
**Thursday, Feb. 17**  
**American Red Cross blood drive** will be held 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, Grams Hall, 128 E. Park St., in Chelsea. Walk-ins are welcome.  
**American Red Cross Family Care Giving training program** will be held 6:30 p.m. at North Lake United Methodist Church, 14111 North Territorial Road, in Chelsea. The program is titled "Assisting with Personal Care." For more information, call the Red Cross at 971-5300 or the church at 475-7569.  
**Saturday, Feb. 19**  
**Spinners Flock Winter Fleece Fair** will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Beach Middle School, 445 Mayer Drive, in Chelsea. Admission is free. For more information, call 475-2306.  
**Barefoot Kevin & Friends** will perform traditional and contemporary folk and acoustic blues from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Pierce's Pastries Plus, 103 W. Middle St., in Chelsea, as part of the Morning Mochas and Melodies program.  
**Spirit Necklaces** class will be held from 10 a.m. to noon at Chelsea Center for the Arts, 400 Congdon Street. Learn the art of hammered copper and silver jewelry from artist Lorraine U'Ren. For information, call 475-2787.  
**Tuesday, Feb. 22**  
**Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce annual membership meeting** will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. at Chelsea Comfort Inn and Conference Center, 1645 Commerce Park Drive. Complimentary appetizers will be served. There will be a cash bar. Reservations may be made by calling 475-1145 or e-mailing info@chelseamichamber.org.  
**The Chelsea-Dexter chapter of the American Business Women's Association** will hold its monthly dinner meeting 6 p.m. at the Chelsea Grill, 1120 E. Main St. Featured speaker will be local author Cindy Reynolds. For reservations or more information, call Pam O'Hara at 426-8067.  
**Wednesday, Feb. 23**  
**"Pizza & A Book,"** a discussion about "Persepolis" by Marjane Satrapi, will take place 7 p.m. at The Chelsea District Library, 500 Washington St., as part of the Chelsea Reads Together program. It's free, open to the public and no registration is required. For more information, call 475-8732.  
**Thursday, Feb. 24**  
**The Howell Nature Center** will bring its furry and feathery friends to the Chelsea District Library 6 p.m. at 500 Washington St., to talk about habitat, rescue and care of wildlife. For more information, call 475-8732.  
**Saturday, Feb. 26**  
**The Waterloo Area Historical Society** is presenting the Antiques and Collectibles Appraisal Fair from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Heritage Elementary School in Stockbridge. A donation of \$4 includes admission and one appraisal. Admission for children younger than 12 is \$1. For more information, call 1-517-851-8745.  
**CHELSEA MISCELLANEOUS**  
**Thursday**  
**Alzheimer's Association Family Caregiver Support Group** meets from 2 to 3:30 p.m. the third Thursday of the month at the Chelsea Retirement Community, 805 W. Middle St. Call 1-800-337-3827.  
**Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors** meets the third Thursday of the month. Call 475-1145.  
**Friends of Chelsea District Library** meets on a regular basis. For more information, call Marie Brooks at 475-8732 or Jennifer Kundak at 475-2424.  
**Senior Book Discussion Club** meets 1:30 p.m. the third Thursday of each month at the Chelsea District Library, 500 Washington St. For information, call 475-8732.  
**Senior Nutrition Program** meets noon every Thursday for dinner at the Waterloo Township Hall, 8061 Washington St., in Waterloo. For reservations, call 475-7439.  
**Friday**  
**Al-Anon** meets 12:30 p.m. every Friday at Chelsea Community Hospital, 775 S. Main St., in the White Oak Center Great Room. Call 475-1462.  
**Bingo** is held 6:30 p.m. every Friday night at Chelsea Rod and Gun Club, 7103 Lingane Road, in Chelsea. Call 475-7910.  
**Mothers of Preschoolers** meets 9 a.m. the second Friday of the month October through May at the Chelsea First United Methodist Church, 128 Park St. Free childcare is available on a limited basis. For information, call 475-8119.  
**Saturday**  
**Hope Clinic**, for people with no health insurance, is held 9 a.m. to noon on the second Saturday of

the month at Faith In Action, 775 S. Main St. Call 475-3305.  
**Western Washtenaw Republicans** meets from 9:30 to 11 a.m. the second Saturday of the month at Cleary's Pub, 113 S. Main St. Call 996-9467.  
**German Social Club** meets 1 p.m. the last Saturday of the month at Wolverine restaurant, 20460 Old US-12. Call 475-1583.  
**Prayerful Hands Group** meets the second and fourth Saturday of every month 10 a.m. at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 1515 S. Main St., in Chelsea. The group knits, crochets and sews for those in need. For more information, call Karin at 475-1295.  
**Sunday**  
**The Parkinson Education and Support Group** of Washtenaw County meets from 1:30 to 4 p.m. the second Sunday of the month. Call 1-800-852-9781.  
**Monday**  
**Al-Anon** meets 7:30 p.m. every Monday at Chelsea Community Hospital, 775 S. Main St. Call 475-1462.  
**Chelsea AA group meetings** are held 8:30 p.m. Monday, 8 p.m. Thursday and 7 p.m. Sunday at the Chelsea hospital dining room, and Tuesday at the U.A.W. Hall next to the Chelsea Post Office.  
**Chelsea Area Garden Club** meets noon the second Monday of the month at First United Methodist Church, 128 Park St. Call 475-1493.  
**Chelsea Kiwanis Club** meets 6:15 p.m. every Monday at Chelsea Community Hospital, 775 S. Main St. Call 475-6128.  
**Chelsea Senior Nutrition Lunch Program** has moved to the cafeteria at the Washington Street Education Center, 500 East Washington St. Lunch is open to the public noon Monday through Friday. To reserve a spot, call 475-9242 at least one day in advance.  
**Lima Township Board** meets 8 p.m. the second Monday of every month at the Township Hall, 11452 Jackson Road, in Chelsea. 475-2246.  
**Masonic Lodge 156** of Chelsea meets 7:30 p.m. the second Monday of the month at 113 W. Middle St. Call 433-1452.  
**Mystery Book Club** meets 7:30 p.m. the second Monday of the month at the Washington Street Education Center, 500 Washington St.  
**Overeaters Anonymous** meets 6 to 7 p.m. every Monday at the Covenant Church, 50 N. Freer Road. Call 995-1835.  
**Tuesday**  
**Chelsea District Library Board** meets 7 p.m. the third Tuesday of the month at the Washington Street Education Center, 500 Washington St.  
**Chelsea Lions Club** meets 6:45 p.m. on the first and third Tuesdays of the month at Chelsea Community Hospital, 775 S. Main St.  
**Chelsea Rotary Club** meets 12:30 p.m. every Tuesday at the Common Grill, 112 S. Main St.  
**Euchre Party** is held 7 p.m. every Tuesday at the Chelsea Senior Citizen Center, 512 E. Washington St. Call 475-9242.  
**Grandparents as Parents program** is held 12:30 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at First United Methodist Church, 128 Park St. Call 712-3625.  
**"Senior Computing: One to One"** workshop is held from 10 a.m. to noon the first and third Tuesdays each month at the Chelsea District Library, 500 Washington St. There is no charge, but registration is required. To register or for more information, call 475-8732.  
**Senior Nutrition Program** meets noon every Tuesday for dinner at the Waterloo Township Hall,

8061 Washington St., in Waterloo. Call 475-7439.  
**Woman's Club of Chelsea** meets 1 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of the month at The Pines, 325 Wilkinson St. Call 475-0467.  
**Wednesday**  
**Chelsea Veterans of Foreign Wars** Post 4076, 105 N. Main St., meets 7:30 p.m. the second Wednesday of the month. Call 475-1448.  
**The Evening Primrose Garden Club** meets 7 p.m. the second Wednesday of the month at the Chelsea Depot, 125 Jackson St.  
**DEXTER**  
**Friday, Feb. 18**  
**Drawing classes** will be offered at Dexter District Library. "Dinosaurs and Monsters" will be held 11 a.m. for kindergarten through third graders. At 1 p.m., children in fourth grade and up may sign up for "The Super Hero" drawing class. Classes will be held at the Dexter District Library, 8040 Fourth St. Supplies will be provided. Advance registration required by calling 426-4477.  
**An all-you-can-eat fish fry** will be held from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. every Friday through March 18 at Dexter Knights of Columbus Hall, 8265 Dexter-Chelsea Road. For more information, call 426-5558.  
**Sunday, Feb. 20**  
**"Spring Warblers"** program will be held at 2 p.m. at the Activity Center of Hudson Mills Metropark, 8801 North-Territorial Road, in Dexter Township. The fee is \$2 per person. Pre-registration required by calling 426-8211.  
**Tuesday, March 1 through Thursday, March 3**  
**School Book Fair** will be held from 8:15 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and 6 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, and from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday at Creekside Intermediate School, 2615 Baker Road, in Dexter. The fair is open to the public.  
**DEXTER MISCELLANEOUS**  
**Thursday**  
**Dexter AA group** meets 7:30 p.m. every Thursday at St. Joseph's Parish Hall in the education building, 3470 Dover St., in Dexter.  
**Dexter American Legion** meets 8 p.m. the first Thursday of the month at the American Legion Post, 8225 Dexter-Chelsea Road. Call 426-3112.  
**Dexter Community Band** meets from 7 to 9 p.m. every Thursday at the Dexter High School band room, 2200 N. Parker Road. Call 426-2734.  
**Dexter Historical Society** meets 7:30 p.m. the first Thursday of the month at the Dexter Area Museum, 3443 Inverness St., in Dexter.  
**Dexter Rotary Club** meets 7:30 a.m. every Thursday at Peace Lutheran Church, 8260 Jackson Road. Corner of Parker and Jackson Roads.  
**Dexter Downtown Development Authority** meets 7:30 p.m. the second Thursday of the month at the Copeland Administration Building, 7714 Ann Arbor St., in Dexter.  
**Dexter Lions Club** meets 6:45 p.m. on the first and third Thursdays at DAPCO Industries, 2500 Bishop Circle East, in Dexter. Call 426-8549.  
**Girlfriends Inc.** is for women of all ages. The group meets 6:30 p.m. the second and fourth Thursday of the month. Call 424-3404.  
**Monday**  
**Dexter Board of Education** meets 7 p.m. the second and fourth Mondays at Creekside Intermediate School, 2615 Baker Road, in Dexter.  
**Dexter District Library Board** meets 7:30 p.m. the first Monday of the month at Dexter District Library. See CALENDAR — Page 3-B

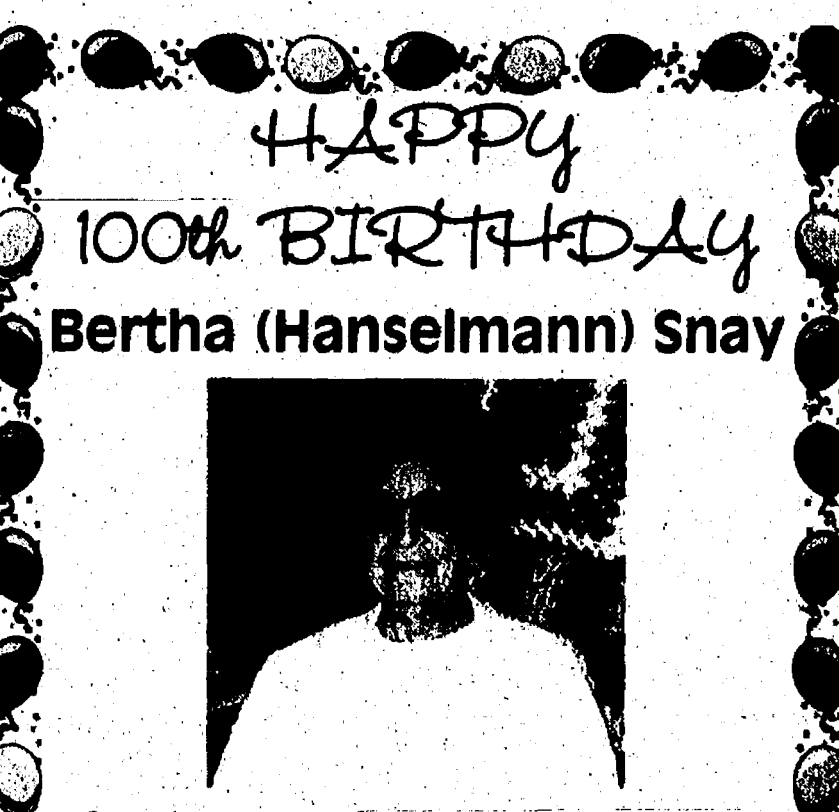
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## WEDDINGS & ENGAGEMENTS



### Johnson, Buiting exchange vows

Lindsay Johnson of West Bloomfield, formerly of Chelsea, and Bernard Buiting of West Bloomfield, formerly of Bloomfield Hills, were married Oct. 23 at First United Methodist Church in Chelsea.

The bride is the daughter of Gale Redding of Ann Arbor and Willard Johnson of Chelsea. The groom is the son of Jane Buiting of Commerce Township and Bernard Buiting of Bloomfield Hills.

The matrons of honor were Meredith Miller, sister of the bride, of Eagan, Minn., and Melissa Johnson, sister of the bride, of St. Paul. The bridesmaid was Kristen Aluzzo, sister of the groom, of South Lyon.

Adrienne Miller, niece of the bride, was the flower girl, and Andrew Miller, nephew of the bride, was the ring bearer. Both are from Eagan.

Matthew Buiting, brother of the groom, of Waterford, was the best man. The groomsmen were Dan Johnson, brother of the bride, of Novi, and Sal

Aluzzo, brother-in-law of the groom, of South Lyon.

Zane Johnson Chasteen of St. Paul, Minn., nephew of the bride, Caden Buiting of Waterford, nephew of the groom, and Vincent Aluzzo of South Lyon, nephew of the groom, were bell ringers.

A reception was held at The Dahlmann Campus Inn in Ann Arbor. The couple honeymooned to Aruba. They reside in West Bloomfield.

The bride is a 1994 graduate of Chelsea High School. She holds a bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of Michigan. In 2000, she earned a master's degree in social work from U of M and in 2004 she earned a law degree from Wayne State University. She is an attorney with Barris, Sott, Denn & Driker in Detroit.

The groom is a 1990 graduate of Lahser High School in Bloomfield Hills and a 1996 graduate of U of M. He has a bachelor's degree in political science and is employed as a management consultant with DeWolff, Boberg & Associates.

### Lazzari, Peace to marry in June

Ruth Lazzari and Randy Peace are engaged and planning a June 17 wedding at St. Benedict Abbey Church in Subiaco, Ark.

Parents of the future bride are Joe and Margaret Lazzari of Seal Beach, Calif. The future groom is the son of Dallas and Sandy Peace of Chelsea.

The future bride is a 2004 graduate of George Washington University in Washington, D.C. She earned a bachelor's degree in exercise science with a concentration in pre-health professional and is working as a biology teacher at Cornelia Connelly High School in Anaheim, Calif.

Her fiancé is currently a sergeant in the U.S. Army and is stationed at Ft. Myer, Va. He is serving in the 3rd Infantry, known as The Old Guard, as a member of the U.S. Army Drill Team. His four-year commitment is through June 2005.



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Dexter Village Council meets 7:30 p.m. the second and fourth Mondays at the Dexter Senior Center, 7720 Ann Arbor St.

Dexter Village Planning Commission meets 7:30 p.m. the first Monday of the month at the Dexter Senior Center, 7720 Ann Arbor St.

Dexter Village Zoning Board of Appeals meets 7 p.m. the third Monday of the month at Dexter Senior Center, 7720 Ann Arbor St.

Dexter AA Group meets 8 p.m. every Tuesday at St. Joseph's Parish Hall Education Building, 3470 Dover St.

Dexter Child Study Club meets 7 p.m. the third Tuesday of the month. Call 426-3664.

Dexter Kiwanis Club meets 8:30 p.m. the first and third Tuesdays of the month at Lighthouse Cafe, 8124 Main St.

Dexter Township Board meets 7 p.m. the third Tuesday of the month at Dexter Township Hall, 6880 Dexter-Pinckney Road.

Dexter Township Planning

Commission meets 7:30 p.m. the first and fourth Tuesdays at Dexter Township Hall, 6880 Dexter-Pinckney Road.

Dexter Township Zoning Board of Appeals meets 7:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month at Dexter Township Hall, 6880 Dexter-Pinckney Road.

Dexter Village Parks Commission meets 7 p.m. the third Tuesday of the month at Wylie Elementary School.

Wednesday  
Dexter American Legion Auxiliary meets 7 p.m. the third Wednesday of the month at the American Legion Post, 8225 Dexter-Chelsea Road.

Dexter Touchdown Club meets 7 p.m. the first Wednesday of the month in the media center at Dexter High School, 2200 N. Parker Road.

Friends of Dexter District Library meets 12:30 p.m. the second Wednesday of the month at the Dexter District Library, 8040 Fourth St. Call 426-4477.

Western Washtenaw Democrats meets 7 p.m. the fourth Wednesday of the month at the IBEW Hall, 7920 Jackson Road, in Selo Township. Call 475-8551.

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# WRITING MATTERS

Poetry and prose from the students in Chelsea

## Depressed

Jenny blew out a stream of warm air as she jogged down the sidewalk. She loved to watch her breath fog up in the cold air. The bank thermometer read 20 degrees Fahrenheit. She knew her mom would yell at her for going outside when it was this cold out, but she couldn't resist. The temptation to get out and enjoy a jog in the crisp, winter air was too much.

Jenny, like all girls when they exercise in her age group, wore a pink sweat-shirt with matching pants. Jenny was 15. There were set clothes for each age group and gender. Girls 0-11 wore purple, 12-18 wore pink and 18-and-up wore red. Boys 0-11 wore light blue, 12-18 wore navy blue, and 18-and-up wore green.

All of the girls looked the same, with blue eyes and shoulder-length blond hair. All of the guys looked the same, with hazel eyes and short, brown hair.

Jenny finally ended her jog as she ran up the three steps leading to her porch. As she opened the door, she could immediately feel the warmth of her house warming up her frozen fingertips.

"Jenny, where have you been? I can't believe you would risk your health like that," yelled Jenny's mom as soon as she set foot in the doorway. "You know how much you hate getting sick."

Good thing your father isn't here or you would be grounded!"

If you couldn't tell by now, Jenny's parents were paranoid about staying healthy. But they weren't the only ones. It was stated by law that you could not leave your house if you were sick. This was to prevent more people from getting sick.

"Mom, it's not that cold out. Besides, I was wearing my coat," Jenny said.

"I wish our world was different. Like if no one cared if they got sick or if everyone wore the same color clothes. This planet is the most boring place in this galaxy!"

Changing the subject, "What's that book about that has that lock on it," she asked. "It's kind of weird to have a lock on a book."

"It's just an old book that was your great-great-grandmother's. I don't think you want to know what's in there," her mother said.

"That's weird," Jenny thought. "I wonder what it's about. I know. I'll sneak down tonight and look in it."

At midnight, Jenny tiptoed down the stairs. She was careful not to step on the squeaky ones. She picked up

the book and noticed a secret pocket on the spine of the book. She opened the pocket.

Just to her luck, Jenny found the key to the lock. She placed the key in the lock and slowly turned it. Jenny opened the book. The picture on the first page took her breath away. She had never seen such a creative, colorful world. There was a street with tall buildings and people walking down the sidewalk. Everyone was wearing different clothes and looked different.

Her mom had warned her about the book. Now it was too late. She had seen what the world was like 150 years ago in 2005. Jenny longed so badly to live in a world like the world she saw in the picture.

Two days later, Jenny could not bear living. She couldn't go another day knowing that her world was once full of color and excitement. That night, while her mother was asleep, Jenny slit her throat. She knew where she would be going would be better than where she was now.

**Kim Hansen**  
Eighth Grade  
Beach Middle School

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** If you're feeling depressed or suicidal, there is help. Talk to a loved one, teacher, counselor or someone you trust. Or call Chelsea Helpline at 475-0111.

April Bogdanski  
Art II  
Watercolor



## Try not to judge dancers by their tutus

The greatest gift ever you may use as you wish. Make it happy, make it sad. Use it for good, use it for bad.

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At times it's rough around the edges, and the battle to find the sandpaper might forever last. But

that battle is what you will remember most when you look into the past.

The beauty of it frightens me, and sometimes scares me to death. For life is a wonderful thing. Have you lived yours yet?

**Carolyn Olsen**  
Eighth Grade  
Beach Middle School



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When people hear the word "ballet," most think of a pink tutu and pointed shoes. They start up on tiptoes pretending to imitate something they've seen, just trying to be funny for their friends.

Doing ballet is so much more than that.

Ballet is about self-discipline. It means working on your body while focusing your mind. It isn't just about the leaps and turns — you work on technique. You learn to control your body and hold yourself with grace and poise. Ballet teaches these things while you learn self-discipline.

Ballet is about patience and determination. Practically never is when you master a step on the first try. When you finally get a combination down, you receive a small triumph and you boost

your self-confidence.

This triumph is something that you can look back on and say, "I did it, and I did it well," with pride.

If you work hard and long enough on something, you get it. Ballet is about perseverance.

When people think of ballet as easy, they should try it and see how hard it is. You don't just go on the tips of your toes to rise. You have to pull up, stay centered and balance. People turn around, lose their balance and fall, pretending to pirouette.

Ballet is more than imitating steps and what you see.

It's about knowing what they feel like and how to do them correctly. Ballet is like playing an instrument using your whole body. You feel the rhythm and the music flowing through your body, and you do the steps to illustrate how you feel.

Ballet is about expressing your thoughts, hopes, feelings and dreams.

When people say they take ballet, don't laugh and snicker with your friends. Instead, respect them because ballet takes a lot of work. It takes just as much work and discipline as basketball or soccer.

Don't degrade people because they love to dance, respect them because they know how to work.

**Kim Eckart**  
Eighth Grade  
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## Poetry



Evie Morrel-Samuels

I am locked in a crystal box that no one else can see, hammering the walls until my useless fists are bruised, and there my false reflection, empty of all dignity, tells me my accomplishments are nothing but a ruse.

My jail is cold and heartless, with an icy fist-of-steel that grips upon

my waning soul and shakes it without guilt, and brings the tears in torrents, stinging wounds that never heal.

Self-doubt, consuming everything, condemns my happiness to wilt.

**Evie Morrel-Samuels**  
Eighth Grade  
Beach Middle School

## Haiku

Little cat  
by fire  
Fur on  
back, so very  
hot  
Do not  
cook your  
spirit

Wind in  
the soft grass  
Do not blow our house away  
Keep it on the ground

Peace is very pure  
Like pearls in the blue  
ocean  
It is hard to find

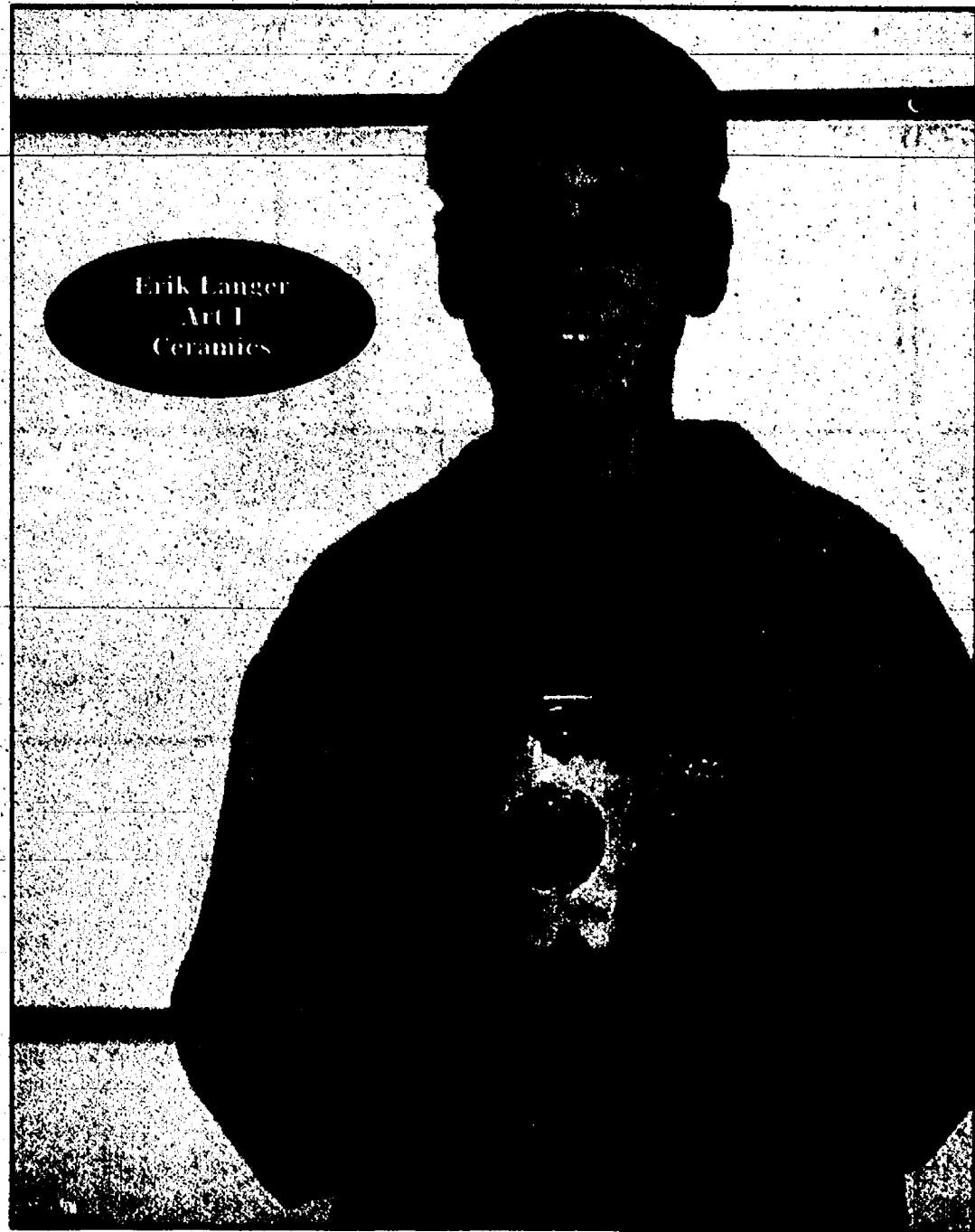
The bird in winter  
Is very hard to find  
Because of no food

A key is sacred  
It can open anything  
So do not lose it

Winter snow falling  
On the cold white frozen  
ground  
Drift upon the rocks

**Sophia Pappas**  
Eighth Grade  
Beach Middle School

Erik Langer  
Art I  
Ceramics



Aaron Bates  
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CHELSEA

# Speaker to address slavery

## Expert says the practice still occurs today

By Sheila Pursglove  
Special Writer

Mention slavery and most people will think of Abraham Lincoln, and the emancipation of slaves in the United States.

So it may come as a shock and surprise to find debt bondage and other forms of slavery persist into the 21st century — to the tune of some 27 million people around the world.

Kevin Bales, president of Free the Slaves Inc. in Washington, D.C., is a leading expert on contemporary slavery who has spent eight years researching slavery, traveling to five continents.

A scholar, Quaker and professor of sociology at the University of Surrey, London, England, Bales will present some of these shocking facts in "Contemporary Slavery," from 2 to 4 p.m. Feb. 27 at the Michigan Friends Center north of Chelsea.

Bales, who has consulted to the United Nations on slavery and trafficking and won a Peabody Award for a documentary on the subject, will focus on

the problem of contemporary slavery, and its relationship to our own lives and economy.

Bales also is the author of numerous publications, including "Disposable People: New Slavery in the Global Economy," "New Slavery: A Reference Handbook," part of the Contemporary World Issues Series, and "Liberation and Rehabilitation in New Slavery."

In an article he wrote for Scientific American, he describes a Brazilian woman who works at a charcoal kiln — and has been a slave since the age of five. In India, families pledge themselves to unpaid labor in return for loans of money and the debt is passed down through the generations. Children as young as 5 years old are working in quarry pits, making sand by crushing stones with hammers.

Slavery is both evolving and increasing in raw numbers, Bales wrote in his article, and human trafficking — the involuntary smuggling of people between countries, often by organized crime — has become a huge concern, especially in Europe and Southeast Asia. In certain areas, notably Brazil

and West Africa, laborers have been enticed into signing contracts and then taken to remote plantations and prevented from leaving. In parts of South Asia and North Africa, slavery is a millennia-old tradition that has never truly ended.

Bales' presentation, which is open to the community, is free. Freewill donations are welcome.

"We hope to welcome many from the religious community, from the Chelsea area, from the One World One Family organization of Chelsea, and from the Quaker community," said Michigan Friends spokesperson Pam Hoffer.

To reach the Michigan Friends Center, take M-52 north and turn west on Waterloo Road and first right on Oakridge. The entrance to Michigan Friends Center Friends Lake Community is on the left and the entry road is marked by the gate and sign.

Pre-registration is requested. For more information, contact Hoffer at phoffer@umich.edu or 662-3435.

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Photo courtesy of Alice Rawson

### Winter Tunes

Victor Rozsa (front) plays cello in the Beach Middle School seventh-grade orchestra during a Dec. 7 winter concert at the Chelsea High School auditorium. Seated behind Victor is Max Frame. The concert featured holiday music.

## Senior Directory

You may dislike going to the doctor. There's often a lengthy wait and a number of forms to complete, so you avoid going at all costs. Surely that's okay, right?

Think again — it's wise to spend your time and money on your health now if you want to live a long and healthy life. By visiting the doctor even when you are well, you can help prevent illnesses. Health tests, screenings, vaccines and checkups are all ways to prevent illnesses and disease. Talk to your doctor to find out how often and when you need such care. His recommendations will be based on your age, sex, medical history and family history. Note that Medicare, the health-care insurance program for senior citizens, often covers preventive care. Some examples of preventive care and recommended screenings are below:

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Cholesterol  
Hearing tests  
Tuberculosis  
Oral health-care visits

#### WOMEN

Colorectal cancer  
Breast cancer screenings with mammograms  
Skin, ovarian, cervical and other cancers  
Blood pressure  
Diabetes

Cholesterol  
Bone-density tests for osteoporosis  
Vision tests

Hearing tests  
Tuberculosis  
Oral health-care visits  
It's also a good idea to keep a list of all your medicines and the doses you take for each one. That way, you and your family will have a record of your medications.

#### VACCINES

Whenever there is a flu vaccine shortage, health officials always make sure the elderly get vaccinated first. That's because influenza as well as pneumonia are among the top 10 causes of death in older adults, says the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). It is recommended that men and women get the flu vaccine yearly starting at age 50. Those over 65 should get the pneumonia vaccine yearly. Be sure your tetanus vaccines are up to date — get one every 10 to 15 years. Verify with your doctor how often you should receive

#### HEALTH-RELATED BEHAVIORS

You are what you eat. A cliché, yes. True, certainly. According to the CDC, nearly 40 percent of deaths in America are due to poor diet as well as smoking, physical inactivity and alcohol abuse. By exercising, avoiding cigarettes and alcohol, and eating nutritious foods, seniors can live healthier lives.

Regular physical activity reduces the need for hospitalizations, doctor visits

and medications. The risk of heart disease, colon cancer, diabetes and high blood pressure as well as obesity are also lowered by exercise. If mobility is an issue, try low-impact exercises like swimming or even lifting light free weights at home. For proper nutri-

tion, maintain a diet low in saturated fat and cholesterol and high in fruits and

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# PEOPLE

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Leah Pifer, dressed up in a Vietnamese costume, headed to the Asian Room during the multi-cultural event.



Joshua Wilson, 2 1/2, tries to pick up the world but it was too heavy. The youngster was with his family experiencing Geography Night, an event organized by all three elementary schools in Chelsea.



Ben Thoms checks out the shakers made from soda bottles in the African Room.

# Geography NIGHT



Trevor and Colette Ackley enjoyed the Antarctica exhibit focusing on a dog sled.

The elementary schools in Chelsea sponsored Geography Night Jan. 28. Pupils and their parents experienced different parts of the world as part of the exhibit.

Instruction and class work focused on helping each of the youngsters learn about different parts of the world. Participants enjoyed music from various groups, including Like Water Drum and Dance, Arabic dance troupe Habitat al Fen and the Beach Middle School Fiddlers.

They also saw projects that represented countries from around the world and sampled cuisine from each country.

Photos by Rita Fischer



Courtney, Terry and Taylor Burtch experience what the African Room has to offer during Geography Night.



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## WRESTLING

### Chelsea places third in SEC



Chelsea's Robert Guysky ended up 1-3 overall at 145 pounds in last Saturday's Southeastern Conference meet at Ann Arbor Pioneer. As a team, the Bulldogs finished third with 152.5 points.

Photos courtesy of Sue Rodgers

### Grapplers also face traditional power Bedford

Kolokithas, Rodgers  
earn titles at league  
meet

By Don Richter  
Sports Editor

Chelsea wrestling finished third at last Saturday's Southeastern Conference White Division meet at Ann Arbor Pioneer.

The Bulldogs, who competed without numerous starters because of injury, ended up with 152.5 points.

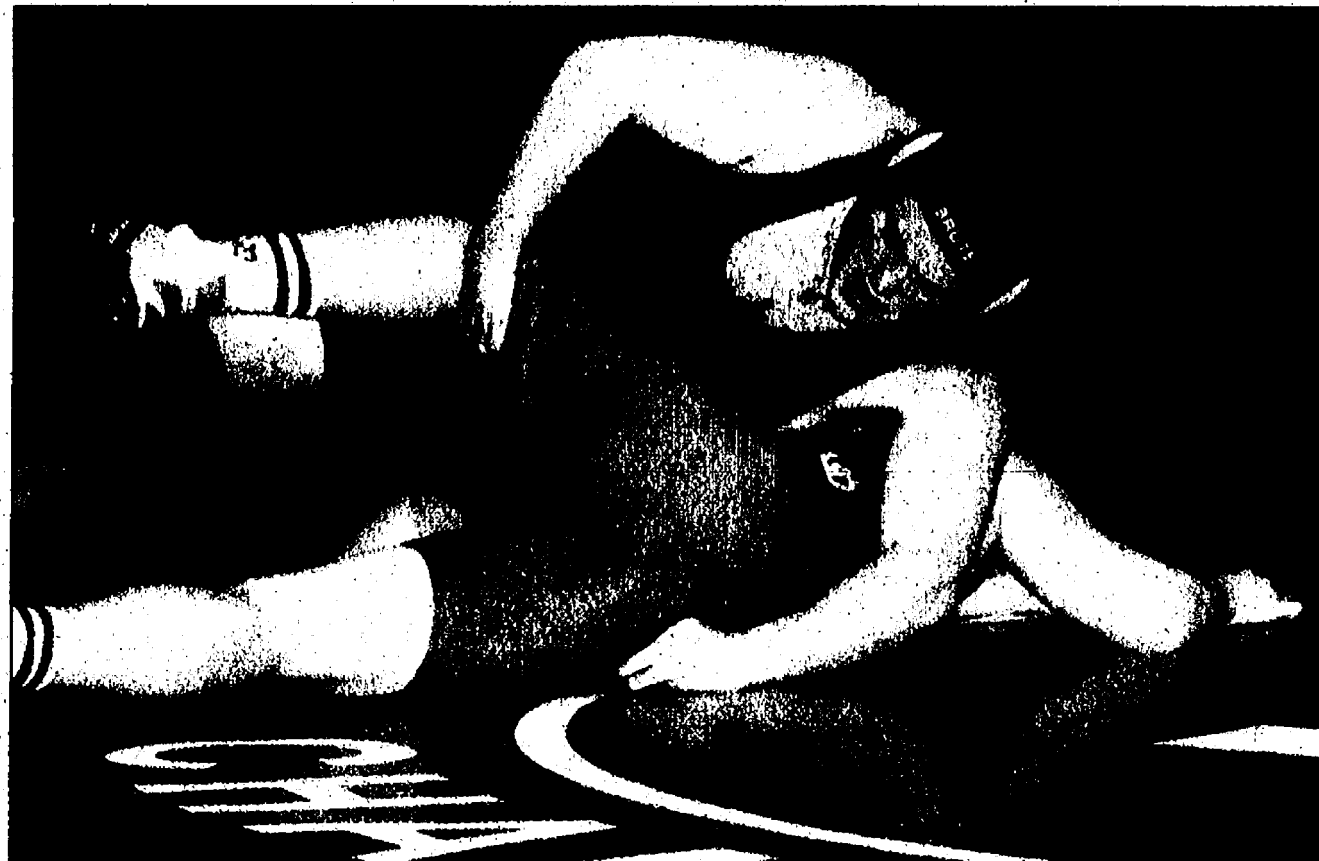
Capturing the White Division was Tecumseh with 288.5 points. Dexter placed second with 202 points, while Ypsilanti Lincoln was fourth with 121.5 points.

In the SEC Red Division, Temperance Bedford finished first with 302.5 points. Adrian ended up second with 174 points, while Pioneer was third with 154 points and Saline fourth with 90 points.

"We were hoping to finish higher than third," said Chelsea coach Kerry Kargel. "But injuries hurt us a lot."

The Bulldogs crowned two league champions at the meet.

Chelsea's Stephen Kolokithas captured a title at 152 pounds. He finished 4-0 on the day, beating Bedford's



Bulldog Brad Hinderer defeated Temperance Bedford's Aaron Brown 13-7 in Chelsea's dual meet against the Mules Feb. 9.

Mike Steffen 4-3 in the crossover title match. The senior won in the final 11 seconds on a reversal.

At 215, Austin Rodgers placed first with an unbeaten 4-0 mark. He pinned Bedford's David Bailey in 1:33 in the crossover title bout.

Heavyweight Brad Hinderer finished second with a 3-1 record.

At 103, Adam Rosentreter (1-3) placed second, while

Geoff Wonders (2-2) at 112 and Paul Bell (1-0) at 125 also ended up second for Chelsea.

Doug Zygnier (2-2) placed third at 130 for the Bulldogs.

Rounding out Chelsea's line-up was Danny Ngo (1-3) at 119, Marty Kelley (1-3) at 135, Ross Fortner (0-4) at 140, Robert Guysky (1-3) at 145, Derek Jolly (0-4) at 160, Phil Thayer (0-1) at 171 and K.J. LeBeau (1-3) at 189.

Bulldog junior standout

Cody Schiller missed the meet with an injured knee. Schiller, who sports a 34-4 overall record at 140, could miss the rest of the season, including the state meet.

"It doesn't look good right now," Kargel said. "He hurt it (knee) at the Bedford meet (Feb. 9)."

On Feb. 9, Chelsea lost to host Bedford 44-14 in a dual meet.

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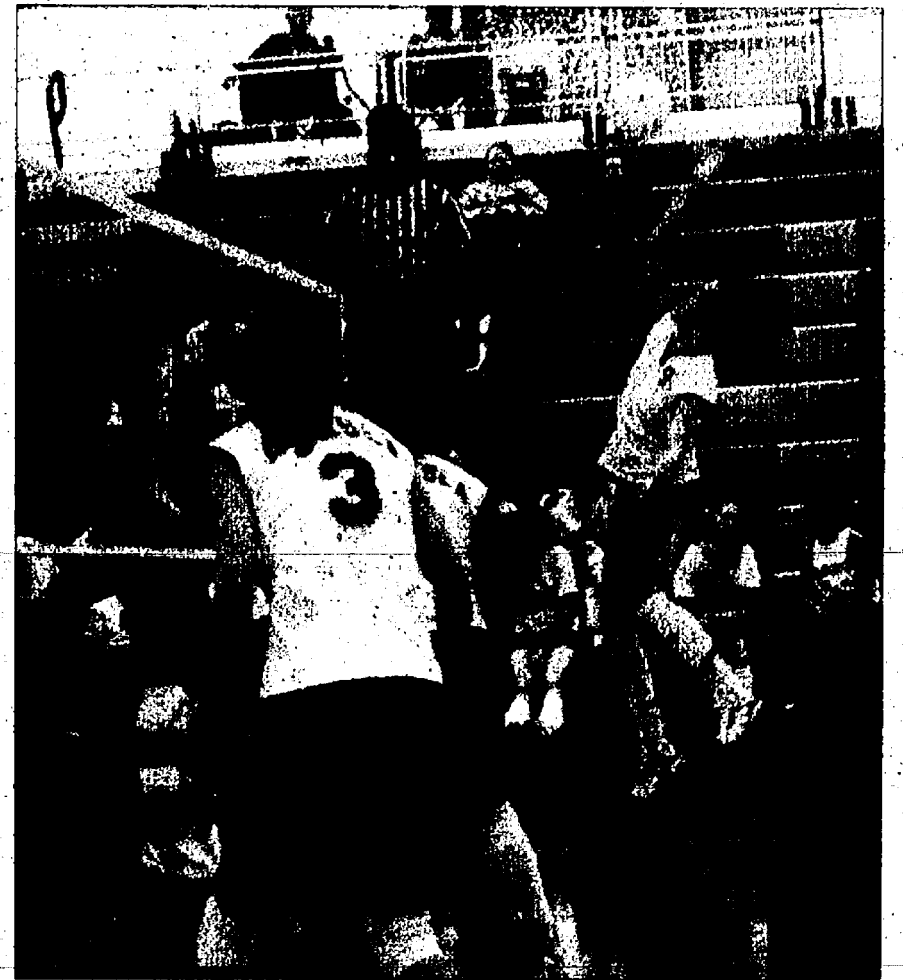


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Chelsea's Maggie Dusbiber goes high in the air to spike the ball. The junior ended up with 10 kills in the Bulldogs' five-set loss to Saline Feb. 3.

## VOLLEYBALL

### Bulldog spikers reach tourney semifinals

Chelsea also battles  
Huron, Saline in  
marathon matches

By Don Richter  
Sports Editor

Chelsea volleyball defeated Ann Arbor Huron in a five-game marathon 25-13, 22-25, 19-25, 25-12, 15-7 last Monday.

The visiting Bulldogs (25-15-3) were led by sophomore middle hitter Ann Kendzicky and junior outside hitter Sarah Iverson, who each recorded 13 kills.

Senior setter Megan Korc added 43 assists.

Kay Szeodronski finished with a team-high six aces for the match.

Last Saturday, Chelsea ended up 3-3 overall at the Temperance Bedford Invitational.

Last Thursday, the Bulldogs bested county rival Dexter in a five-set match 25-13, 25-21, 23-25, 23-25, 15-3.

On Feb. 5, Chelsea reached the semifinals of the Ann Arbor Pioneer Invitational.

The Bulldogs lost to the host Pioneers 21-25, 25-22, 13-15 in the tournament semifinals.

In the quarterfinals, Chelsea defeated Muskegon Oakridge 25-16, 26-24.

In pool play, the Bulldogs finished 1-0-2.

Chelsea defeated Ypsilanti 25-11, 25-11, and split with Ann Arbor Huron 23-25, 27-25 and Birmingham Groves 20-25, 25-23.

Individually, for the Bulldogs, Kendzicky paced the squad with 38 kills.

Iverson added 28 kills, while Korc had 102 assists.

On Feb. 3, Chelsea lost to visiting Saline in a five-game marathon.

Kendzicky led the way for the Dawgs with 13 kills.

Junior outside hitter Maggie Dusbiber finished with 10 kills, while Korc had 41 assists.

Chelsea next travels to Ann Arbor Pioneer for a match 7 p.m. today.

On Saturday, the Bulldogs will participate in the BRAT Tournament hosted by Ypsilanti at 8 a.m.

On Tuesday, Chelsea travels to Temperance Bedford to take part in the Southeastern Conference tournament at 3 p.m.

**Freshman Volleyball**

Chelsea's freshman volleyball team participated in the University of Michigan Dearborn Invitational last Friday. The Bulldogs placed 12th out of 21 teams.

At the tournament, Chelsea (24-12-7) defeated Walled Lake Central 25-18, 25-17 and Wayne Memorial 25-19, 25-21. The Bulldogs split with Dearborn Fordson 25-22, 16-25 and Wayne Memorial 20-25, 25-20. Chelsea lost to Monroe 17-25, 19-25.

Last Thursday, the host Bulldogs defeated county rival Dexter 25-11, 25-12, 15-5.

On Feb. 8, Chelsea lost to Temperance Bedford 25-19, 22-25, 10-15.

On Feb. 7, the Bulldogs competed in the Southeastern Conference quad No. 2. Chelsea beat Ypsilanti Lincoln 26-24, 25-21 and Dexter 25-20, 25-17. The Bulldogs lost to Tecumseh 19-25, 21-25.

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## HOCKEY

### Chelsea icers shut out three consecutive foes

Bulldogs score 21  
goals, allow none, in  
victories last week

By Don Richter  
Sports Editor

Chelsea hockey was clicking on all cylinders last week. The Bulldogs (10-6-5) finished 3-0, blanking all three foes by a combined score of 21-0.

When Chelsea is focused, intense and determined, the Dawgs are able to match-up with any opponent in the state.

Last Saturday, the host Bulldogs dismantled a confident East Lansing squad, which entered the game fly-

ing high after tying Division III No. 7-ranked Lansing Catholic Central 2-2 earlier in the week.

It didn't take long for Chelsea to bring the Trojans back down to Earth.

The Bulldogs blitzed East Lansing for six unanswered goals in the first period.

David Maveal scored the first goal for Chelsea off an assist from Eric Cremer at 5:01 of the opening period.

At 6:25 of the frame, Schuyler Williams increased the Bulldog advantage to 2-0, scoring off an assist from Brett Common and Ryan Ford.

Three minutes later, Luc Daniels scored a power-play goal, upping Chelsea's lead to 3-0. Ford and Williams

recorded an assist on the play for the Bulldogs.

Ford scored at 11:33 of the stanza as Ryan Ruikka and Williams assisted on the goal for Chelsea.

"That was a highlight," Chelsea coach Don Wright said. "It was a 3-on-2 break. There were two quick passes. It was a great goal."

At 12:30 of the period, Cremer scored to give Chelsea a 5-0 lead. Goal-tender J.R. Engelbert picked up an assist for the Bulldogs.

At 13:58 of the frame, Ruikka made it 6-0, turning the light on off an assist from Ford.

"We really played a great first period," Wright said. "We took them right out of the game. We had talked

about burying our chances. We played very unselfish, and passed the puck well."

In the second period, Cremer scored his second goal off an assist from Matt Perry and Maveal at 2:12 of the stanza, giving Chelsea a commanding 7-0 lead.

In the third period, Daniels notched his second goal of the night as Matt Heinen and Davis Turner recorded an assist on the play for the Dawgs.

Williams increased Chelsea's lead to 9-0, scoring at the 12:24 mark of the third period. Ford and Engelbert picked up assists on the play.

On the year, Engelbert has six assists, which is a Bulldog school record for goalies.

Danny Bingel closed out

the scoring for Chelsea, hitting the back of the net on a power play, at 13:05 of the period. Turner and Perry assisted on the goal for the Bulldogs.

With the score, the game was stopped because of the mercy goal differential rule. Once a team is ahead by 10 goals, the contest is stopped.

Engelbert recorded the shutout in net for the Dawgs. Chelsea vs. Lincoln.

On Feb. 9, Chelsea defeated Ypsilanti Lincoln 10-0.

Williams opened the scoring for the host Bulldogs, beating the Railsplitter net minder off an assist from Ford and Ruikka early in the first period.

In the second period, Williams scored at 4:20 of the

stanza as Ruikka picked up his second assist of the night.

At 5:07 of the period, Ford scored a power-play goal, increasing Chelsea's lead to 3-0. Williams and Common recorded assists for the Bulldogs on the play.

Eight seconds later, Cremer found the back of the net, scoring off an assist from Bingel and Turner.

Jason Aguirre made it 5-0 Bulldogs, turning the light on at 6:10 of the second period. Assisting on the goal for Chelsea were Williams and Ruikka.

In the third period, Daniels scored a power-play goal at 7:16 of the frame as Ford and Common chalked up assists.

Less than a minute later, See ICERS — Page 4-C



## SWIMMING AND DIVING

# Chelsea tankers fall to rival Dexter in pool

**Kinsey, Kellogg pace Bulldogs against rival Dreadnaughts**

By Don Richter  
Sports Editor

The Dexter boys' swimming and diving team defeated county rival Chelsea 113-73 Feb. 8.

"It seems like every year Dexter has the advantage over Chelsea," said Chelsea coach Dave Jolly. "Whether it's talent or numbers, Dexter seems to prevail."

"After watching the Dreadnaughts fall to Saline last week prior, we thought we could give Dexter a good meet. We swam fairly well, with three new state cuts, but Dexter, in my assessment, had their best dual meet of the season against us. If Dexter would have swam that line up, with those times against Saline, they would have won."

Despite losing to the rival Dreadnaughts ranked No. 5 in Division II, Jolly had flattering words for his crosstown foe.

"I take my hat off to them," he said. "They know how to win. Or should I say, they don't like to lose."

In the 200 medley relay, the visiting Dexter foursome of Bryan Vessels, Connor Donevan, Renton Bartscht and Nick Cook placed first with a time of 1:44.76.

The Dread group of Casey Clafflin, Matt Brown, Eric Kumbier and Matt Mead

touched second in 1:45.62. The Bulldog quartet of Andy Kellogg, Benji Kellogg, Jordan Skidmore and Andrew Ballow finished third in 1:48.42.

In the 200 freestyle, Chelsea's Rick Kinsey bested the field, winning in 1:51.85. Chris Moyle was fifth in 2:01.30, while James Bassett was sixth in 2:14.36 for the Bulldogs.

Leading the Dreads in the event was Miles Hayes, who placed second, in 1:54.27. Kirk Kumbier finished third in 1:54.72, while Jason Haas was fourth in 1:59.16.

Andy Kellogg touched first in the 200 individual medley for Chelsea with a clocking of 2:06.51. Benji Kellogg was fourth in 2:23.54, while Greg Daniel was sixth in 2:30.20.

Donevan placed second for Dexter in the event with a time of 2:17.68. Eric Kumbier was third in 2:18.03, while John Wilson was fifth in 2:27.75.

In the 50 freestyle, Brown finished first in 23.09 for the Dreadnaughts. Mead was third in 23.76, while Nick Cook was fifth in 24.56 for Dexter.

Nick Armstrong placed second to lead Chelsea in the event with a clocking of 23.42. Ballow was fourth in 24.21 and Brett Kruse sixth in 25.34 for the Bulldogs.

Chelsea claimed the top two spots in the diving competition. Shawn Bergman finished first with 212.75 points, while Sean Cleary was second with 207.20 points. Luka Kuhar was fifth for the

Bulldogs with 136.25 points. Mike Eberbach placed third for Dexter in diving with 195.05 points. Larry Gunderson was fourth with 140.65 points, while T.J. Ward was sixth with 130.60 points for the Dreadnaughts.

In the 100 butterfly, Dexter swept the first three places. Brown touched first in 57.40 for the Dreadnaughts, while Kirk Kumbier was second in 58.93 and Donevan third in 59.45.

Skidmore paced Chelsea in the event, ending up fourth in 1:03.24, while Moyle was fifth in 1:05.54 and Michael Lawrence sixth in 1:06.14.

Vessels, a University of Michigan recruit, captured the 100 freestyle in 46.69 for Dexter. Hayes was third in 52.49, while Mead was fourth in 53.59 for the Dreads.

Armstrong finished second for Chelsea in 51.11, while Ballow was fifth in 54.67 and Kruse sixth in 56.34.

Kinsey blew away the field in the 500 freestyle, finishing first with a time of 5:11.12 for the Bulldogs. Benji Kellogg was third in 5:39.10, while Trevor Hughes was fourth in 5:56.06 for Chelsea.

Haas paced Dexter in the event, touching second in 5:29.96, while Scott Dyer was fifth in 6:01.44 and Matt Cambridge sixth in 6:17.24 for the Dreadnaughts.

In the 200 freestyle relay, the Dexter team of Kirk Kumbier, Nick Cook, Hayes and Mead placed first with a clocking 1:34.30. The Dread

group of Eric Kumbier, Nate Cook, Donevan and Bartscht

finished second in 1:39.29. Chelsea's Jake Policht, Armstrong, Kruse and Kinsey ended up third in the relay in 1:39.45.

In the 100 backstroke, Vessels won in 53.58 for Dexter. Clafflin was third in 1:02.09, while Kevin Butler was fifth in 1:10.20.

Skidmore placed second in 59.92 to lead the Bulldogs, while Daniel was fourth in 1:09.38 and Ian Hughes sixth in 1:15.74 for Chelsea.

Andy Kellogg finished first for the Bulldogs in the 100 breaststroke in 1:01.79. Trevor Hughes ended up fourth in 1:13.54, while Jake Heydlauff was sixth in 1:17.66 for Chelsea.

Eric Kumbier paced the Dreads in the event, placing second in 1:06.52. Wilson was third in 1:11.98, while Bartscht was fifth in 1:15.34 for Dexter.

In the 400 freestyle relay, Dexter's Kirk Kumbier, Vessels, Brown and Hayes touched first in 3:25.64.

Andy Kellogg, Benji Kellogg, Armstrong and Kinsey placed second with a time of 3:32.79 for Chelsea in the relay.

Nate Cook, Nick Cook, Clafflin and Haas finished third in the relay for the Dreads in 3:53.26.

Policht, Kruse, Moyle and Skidmore ended up fourth in the relay with a clocking of 3:54.96.

Dexter and Chelsea next travel to Saline to participate in the Southeastern Conference meet Feb. 25 and 26. Events start at noon.

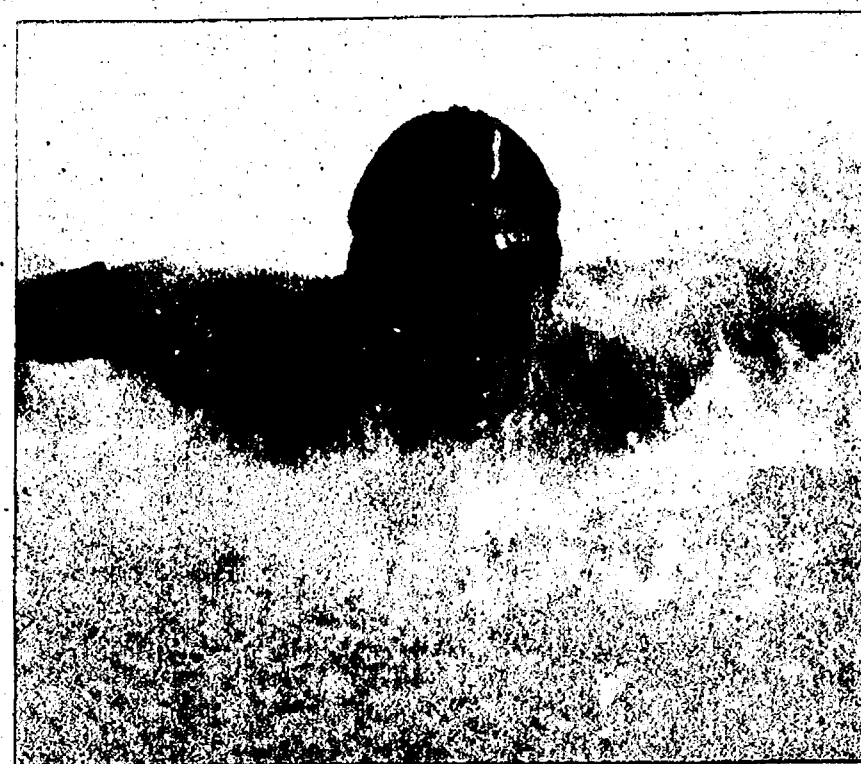


Photo by Mary Kumbier  
Bulldog Jordan Skidmore was a member of Chelsea's third-place finishing 200 medley relay against Dexter Feb. 8. The Bulldogs lost to their county rivals 113-73.

## VOLLEYBALL

# Burchett leads Beach volleyball

Chelsea's Beach Middle School seventh-grade Blue volleyball team lost to county rival Dexter 21-25, 15-25, 14-25 last Thursday.

The host Bulldogs were led by Melanie Burchett, with six service points, including one ace.

Alisa Cremer and Shelby Platt each finished with five service points, while Brittany Schmelz had four service points and one ace for Beach.

Schuyler Adkins added two service points, while Heather Cooper, Katie Menge and Erin Draper each had one service point for Chelsea.

On Feb. 8, the visiting Bulldogs lost to Saline Gold 12-25, 25-12, 8-25.

Draper, who had six service points and one ace, led visiting Beach.

Shelby Phillips ended up with five service points, while Cooper had four service points and one ace for Chelsea.

Menge finished with two service points, while Hannah Gavorek, Adkins, Cremer and Platt each had one service point for the Bulldogs.

Beach next hosts Adrian White 4 p.m. today.

On Tuesday, the Bulldogs travel to Adrian Blue for a match at 4 p.m.

On Feb. 24, Chelsea hosts

Temperance Bedford at 4 p.m.

Chelsea's Beach Middle School seventh-grade Gold volleyball team lost to host Temperance Bedford 25-7, 25-9, 25-8 last Thursday.

On Feb. 8, the host Bulldogs lost to Adrian Blue 22-25, 23-25, 25-22.

"Courtney Thacker had a strong day, with six service points," said Chelsea coach Rahn Rosentreter. "Emily Bougher also played well."

Beach next travels to Saline Blue for a match 4 p.m. today.

On Tuesday, the Bulldogs

host Adrian White at 4 p.m.

On Feb. 24, Chelsea visits Ypsilanti Lincoln for a contest at 4 p.m.

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"It was a great week," said Chelsea coach Marcus Hosman. "There was a lot of volleyball."

Hosman said the long week could have been a contributing factor to Chelsea's finish at the U of M Dearborn Invitational.

"I think coming into Friday's tournament we were a little tired," he said. "But we really showed great resolve in coming back the way we did."

"We had some great performances all week."

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## BASKETBALL

## Rebounding, shooting spark cagers over Tecumseh

Chelsea wears down Indians with fast break offense last week

By Don Richter  
Sports Editor

The Chelsea boys' basketball team defeated Southeastern Conference White Division foe Tecumseh 41-33 last Friday.

"Overall, we shot well and controlled the glass," said Chelsea coach Robin Raymond. "Our energy level was good. We played hard and with a lot of intensity."

The visiting Bulldogs (9-7, 3-3) broke out to a 16-12 first quarter lead. At halftime, Chelsea increased its advantage to 29-18.

"I was pleased with the pace of the game in the first half," Raymond said. "We were able to get our fast break going, and get a good shot off of the break."

In the third quarter, the Bulldogs built a 37-20 lead.

"We were able to get some good opportunities offensively on the fast break," Raymond said, of his squad's third quarter run. "In the last four minutes of the quarter, Tecumseh decided to slow the game down."

The Indians stalled on offense, entering the fourth quarter trailing 37-24.

In the last frame, Tecumseh outscored Chelsea 9-4 for the night's final margin.

With their victory, the Bulldogs swept the season series from the Indians.

Junior center John Mantel (6-foot-5) paced Chelsea with 12 points, eight rebounds and three blocked shots.

Senior guard Terry Arnold (5-11) added six points and three rebounds, while sophomore guard Nate Schwarze (5-8) had four points, seven boards and five assists for the Bulldogs.

Junior guard Robbie Moffett (5-11) ended up with five points, while senior forward Aaron Parisho (6-2) and junior swing player Matt Weber (6-2) each netted four points.

Senior guards Danny Keilman (6-1), Tim Mann (6-2) and Spencer Daniels (6-0) each chipped in two points for Chelsea.

The Bulldogs finished 18-of-39 from the floor for 46 percent. Tecumseh was 14-of-41 for 34 percent from the field.

At the free-throw line, Chelsea finished 5-of-11 for 45 percent, while the Indians were 4-of-7 for 57 percent.

On the boards, the Bulldogs dominated, out rebounding Tecumseh 30-19.

**Chelsea vs. Saline**  
On Feb. 8, visiting Chelsea lost to Saline 48-36.

The Hornets ran out to a 13-8 first-quarter lead. At halftime, Saline increased its advantage to 20-13.

Entering the fourth quarter, the Hornets held a 33-22 lead. In the last stanza, Saline outscored the Bulldogs 15-14 for the game's final tally.

"It was one of those nights where the ball sat on the rim and wouldn't fall in," Raymond said. "We shot 26 percent, which is a season low. We had good looks and good shots at the basket."

Chelsea finished 12-of-46 from the field on the night. The Hornets ended up 17-of-44 for 39 percent.

At the line, the Bulldogs were 7-of-10 for 70 percent, while Saline was 12-of-23 for 52 percent.

"We haven't been able to get to the line in the last four or five games," Raymond said. "We need to be more aggressive with the ball in order to get more free throws."

Weber paced Chelsea with seven points and three rebounds. Mantel, Mann and Keilman each added five points. Mantel and Keilman also pulled down five rebounds each for the Bulldogs.

Schwarze recorded four

points, while Parisho had three points and junior forward Cam Hawkins (6-1) and Arnold each tallied two points for Chelsea.

The Hornets finished the contest with 12 steals, compared to one for the Bulldogs.

It was the lid on the basket, however, that hindered Chelsea most last week against Saline.

"We couldn't get over the hump to get the lead," Raymond said. "We couldn't get a run going for a solid four or five minutes. It seemed like we were chasing Saline all night. They (Hornets) didn't turn the ball over all game."

The Hornets ended up with nine turnovers, while the Bulldogs had only 14.

"Our energy level wasn't where it should have been," Raymond said.

Chelsea next hosts SEC White Division opponent Ypsilanti Lincoln 7 p.m. today.

On Tuesday, the Bulldogs host Ann Arbor Pioneer at 7 p.m.

On Feb. 25, Chelsea travels to county rival Dexter for a game at 7 p.m.

**Freshman Basketball**  
Chelsea's freshman boys' basketball team lost to Tecumseh 45-22.

The visiting Bulldogs (9-7) were led by Elliot Marshall, who had five points. Jon Mykala played a fine all-around game for Chelsea.

"They (Tecumseh) lost a two-point game here a few weeks ago and they came out with a lot more intensity than we did," said Chelsea coach Jason Morris.

**Chelsea vs. Saline**  
On Feb. 8, the Bulldogs defeated Saline 53-47.

At halftime, the contest was deadlocked at 27-27.

Entering the fourth quarter, the game remained tied at 38-38.

In the last frame, however, Chelsea scored 15 points, while limiting the Hornets to nine points for the night's final margin.



Photo by Craig Watson  
Chelsea junior guard Alex Stewart and his Bulldog teammates defeated Southeastern Conference White Division foe Tecumseh 41-33 last Friday.

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"They're very solid, very basic," Kargel said of the traditionally strong Mules. "They know when to score. They're aggressive and tough, especially at home. It's (meet) always a good marker for our kids."

At 103, Rosentreter defeated Kyle Malone on a 15-0 major decision.

At 112, Wonders lost to Chris Lewis 6-1.

Ngo lost a 14-1 major decision to Bedford's Steve Brighton at 119.

Bell lost by pin in 1:20 to Craig Gin at 125.

Zygnar was pinned by Nate Whitenburg in 2:20 at 130.

At 135, Kelley lost to Colin Arnold by pin in 3:21.

At 140, Schiller lost to Tyler Johnson 12-4.

Guysky was pinned by Alex Wells in 56 seconds at 145.

Kolokithas prevailed at 152, beating Steffen 6-2.

At 160, Jolly was pinned by Kevin Zink in 1:55. Thayer was pinned in 2:32 at 171 by Scott Hightman.

At 189, Chelsea lost by injury default.



Photo courtesy of Sue Rodgers

Chelsea's K.J. LeBeau finished 1-3 overall at 189 pounds during last Saturday's Southeastern Conference meet at Ann Arbor Pioneer.

Rodgers defeated Marcus Tormohlen 8-5 at 215.

Hinderer beat Aaron Brown 13-7 at heavyweight.

The Bulldogs next travel to Dexter to participate in the Division II team district 6 p.m. today. To advance to the regional match, a team must

win the district.

On Saturday, Chelsea visits Mason to compete in individual districts. To qualify for the regional meet, a wrestler must finish in the top four.

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## SOCCER

# Britannia helps soccer club

Changes are under way for Chelsea Soccer Club.

For almost 15 years, the Chelsea Soccer Club has provided travel soccer for the local area. The program has grown to provide a fun, educational and competitive format for more than 200 participants each season. This year, it has made a fundamental change in the training provided.

In the past, coaches would hold two practices per week and coach one to two games, per week. Beginning this spring season, the club has contracted with Britannia Soccer to provide training once a week for the majority of our teams.

The Britannia organization provides trainers from the United Kingdom who have various levels of either college or professional soccer experience. The benefits of their prospective were already seen this past fall season, said club organizers, when Chelsea Soccer Club sponsored a trial program with Britannia.

The foot skills and techniques demonstrated were almost immediately translated onto the field, making Chelsea soccer stronger in the process.

Another change this sea-



The Chelsea Soccer Club teamed with Britannia Soccer to provide training to local squads this season.

son for the club is Chad Scaling, the boys' high school varsity coach, will be working with the seventh- and eighth-grade travel teams.

Club organizers said the move will bring continuity to the travel program and high school program. Teams are currently being formed for the spring season. For more information, visit the club's Web site at [www.chelseasoccer.com](http://www.chelseasoccer.com).

## COLLEGE ATHLETICS

# Mann named Player of the Week

Chelsea native Alison Mann continues making her mark for Bowling Green State University, in Mid-American Conference women's basketball.

Last Monday, Mann, a two-time All-State performer for the Bulldogs, was named MAC Player of the Week for her efforts in victories over Ball State University (69-49) and the University of Akron (61-52).

This season, Mann has earned MAC Player of the

Week honors twice. For her career, the sophomore has received the accolade three times.

Last week, Mann, a 6-foot-1 forward, averaged 15.5 points and a team-high 8.5 rebounds per game for the Falcons (16-6, 9-2). From the field, Mann shot a combined 52.4 percent.

Against the Cardinals, Mann had 14 points and nine boards. Versus the Zips, she netted a game-high 17 points. For the season, Mann is

second on the team in scoring and rebounding, with 13.3 points and 7.5 boards per game. In MAC games, Mann leads BGSU with 14.0 points per game and 7.7 rebounds per outing.

Mann shared the MAC Player of the Week honor with fellow Michigander guard Ryan Coleman (Detroit Communication & Arts) of Eastern Michigan University.

Last season, Mann was named MAC women's basketball Freshman of the Year.

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Cremer increased the Bulldogs' lead to 7-0, scoring a power-play goal. Turner and Hooper assisted on the play for Chelsea.

Hooper gave the Bulldogs an 8-0 advantage three minutes later, scoring off an assist from Cremer and Daniels.

Perry turned the light on one minute later as Heinen and Turner picked up assists.

Williams ended the scoring with a goal at 11:53 of the period. Ruikka and Maveal recorded assists on the play for Chelsea.

With Williams' goal, the Bulldogs increased their lead to 10-0, bringing forth the mercy rule.

Chelsea out shot Lincoln 47-10 for the night, including 21-0 in the first period.

Zach Leszczynski earned the shutout in goal for the Bulldogs.

Chelsea vs. Plymouth-Salem On Feb. 7, Chelsea blanked Plymouth-Salem 1-0.

The visiting Bulldogs scored in the first period as Hooper beat the Rock goaltender unassisted at 3:09 of the frame for the game-winner.

Engelbert was strong between the pipes, turning away all 13 shots he faced.

"It was our first time ever beating Salem," Wright said. "It was a good defensive game. We had a few golden opportunities (to score), but we missed the net. We still need to bury our chances."

Overall, however, Wright was pleased with his squad's performance last week.

"We had three straight shutouts," he said. "We played real strong all week. When I look at our team, if we bury our chances, we're tough to beat. We've been playing well, especially defensively. In our last five games (4-1 overall), we've only allowed four goals."

Chelsea next travels to Division I No. 7-ranked Ann Arbor Pioneer for a game 7:45 p.m. Wednesday.

On Feb. 26, the Bulldogs host Flint Kearsley at 7 p.m.

Chelsea hosts, arguably the state's toughest Division III regional, Feb. 28 through March 5.

The Bulldogs open the tournament against No. 6-ranked Dearborn Divine Child 7:30 p.m. Feb. 28.

Dexter takes on Dearborn Heights Crestwood 5:30 p.m. March 1. Following the Dexter-Crestwood contest is No. 4-ranked Jackson Lumen Christi versus New Boston Huron.

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## CHELSEA-DEXTER AREA

## Hospital receives donation from Dexter man's family

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"We rarely see memorial contributions made at this level," she said. "Mr. Mast's

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## CHELSEA

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## WASHTENAW COUNTY

# Dexter girls win pageant

Four girls, including three from Dexter, were crowned the 2005 Miss Washtenaw County Junior Pageant winners Feb. 5 at the Washington Street Education Center Auditorium in Chelsea.

The contest consisted of a private interview with the judges, an onstage introduction, modeling in sportswear and formal wear, as well as participation in a group production dance number.

Amanda Taheri of Dexter was crowned Little Miss Washtenaw County. Haley Williams of Saline took the title of Pre-Teen Miss Washtenaw County.

Junior Miss Washtenaw County honors went to Ashley Clark of Dexter, while Carly Dalton of Dexter was named Teen Miss Washtenaw County. She will have the opportunity to participate in the state level Teen Miss Michigan pageant.

Each titleholder received a \$100 sav-

ings bond, a crown, an embroidered sash, a trophy and a bouquet of flowers. They will have opportunities to participate in local parades and in the Miss Washtenaw County Scholarship Pageant, according to a press release from the organization.

Three optional contests were held. The results had no bearing on the overall title winners, but allowed the girls further opportunity to demonstrate their skill and talents.

In the Little Miss category, Sofia Sokansanj won Most Photogenic, Parmeda Sokansanj won fashion modeling and Marisa Stafford won the talent competition.

In the Pre-Teen division, the Most Photogenic award went to Taylor Devine, while Williams won both the fashion modeling and talent competitions.

Clark won Most Photogenic and fashion modeling, while Alexis Hotz won the talent competition for the Junior

Miss Division.

In the teen division, Brenna O'Malley won Most Photogenic. Carly Dalton won fashion modeling and Lisa Featherly won talent.

Each winner received a \$50 savings bond, along with either a trophy or a plaque.

The Junior Pageant program is a fund-raiser for the annual Miss Washtenaw County Scholarship Pageant held in November, providing for increased scholarship funds.

Katie Lorenz is this year's Miss Washtenaw County. She will compete for the title of Miss Michigan in June. The Miss Washtenaw County pageant and Miss Michigan pageants are preliminary events to the Miss America pageant.

Information on either the Miss Washtenaw County Scholarship Program or the Junior Miss programs may be received by e-mailing mwced1@msn.com.

## DEXTER AREA

# Student to perform with chamber brass

The Michigan Chamber Brass will perform 7:30 p.m. Feb. 26 at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church in Ann Arbor with Dexter resident Matt Eber.

Eber, 15, is a sophomore at Dexter High School and has been playing trumpet for six years. He is the chamber's youth artist winner.

Eber has studied with William Skiba and is currently a student of Michigan Chamber Brass principal trumpet David Kuehn.

Eber will be performing Stephen Sondheim's "Send in

the Clowns."

Tickets are \$15 for adults, and \$12 for students and seniors.

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church is located at 1400 W. Stadium Blvd. in Ann Arbor.

For information on the concert, call Michael Grant at 834-0405.

The Michigan Chamber Brass was formed in November 1995 with the purpose of bringing the finest in traditional and contemporary music for the symphonic

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## CHELSEA

# Chamber Players to perform

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The performance will feature the group's annual Children's Concert, and will include Mozart's "Quartet for Flute and Strings" and Prokofiev's "Peter and the Wolf" with narration by Chelsea High School orchestra director Jed Fritzmeier.

The concert will be performed by local professional musicians Cynthia Standefer on flute, Nathan Peters on violin, Ian Cumming on viola and Sara Cumming on cello.

The Chelsea Chamber Players is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to bring live chamber music to the residents of Chelsea and its surrounding communities and schools.

The free concert series is made possible by a grant from the Chelsea Community Foundation and donations from local businesses and patrons.

For more information, visit the Web site [chelseachamberplayers.com](http://chelseachamberplayers.com) or call 475-0433.

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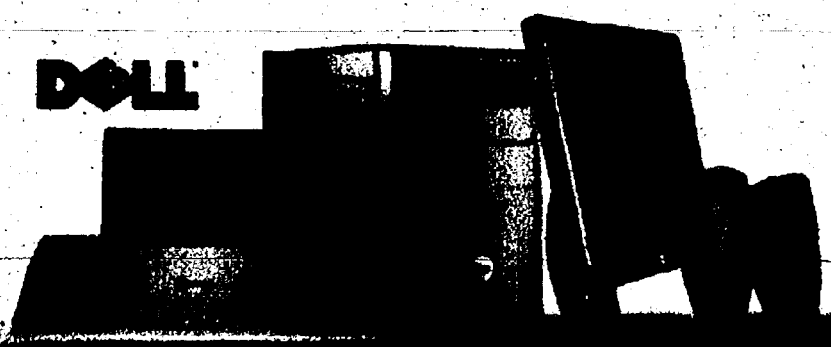


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## PERFORM

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The Michigan Chamber brass ensemble to Michigan, according to a press release.

The organization is committed to reaching audiences through a yearly concert series, as well as through

educational workshops and concerts in public and private schools.

Brass serves the immediate community of Washtenaw County with its concert series and master classes, as well as the entire state, through tours and concerts in outlying areas.

## CHELSEA SCHOOL DISTRICT PUBLIC NOTICE

The Chelsea School District will conduct two public hearings on February 14th, 2005

February 28th, 2005

from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

at the Chelsea School District Administration Office  
500 Washington Street  
Chelsea, MI

This meeting is to present the following to the community:

1. Revised Instructional Resource for Grade 5
2. Revised Instructional Resource for Grade 6
3. Revised Instructional Objective(s) for Grade 6

Publish: February 3, February 10, February 17 and February 24, 2005

## LYNDON TOWNSHIP ELECTION NOTICE TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF LYNDON TOWNSHIP

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A SPECIAL ELECTION

Will be held in said governmental unit on  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2005  
From 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Special Election is being held for the purpose of voting on the following proposal(s):

### PROPOSAL A

PROPOSITION TO INCREASE THE TAX LIMITATION TO ENHANCE PUBLIC SAFETY BY PROVIDING FUNDING TO RENOVATE THE JAIL AND INCREASE JAIL CAPACITY, CONSTRUCT A DISTRICT COURT AND RESIDENTIAL PROBATION CENTER AND PAY FOR OPERATIONAL COSTS RELATED TO THE JAIL AND JAIL DIVERSION PROGRAMS.

"Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be imposed each year for all purposes on real and tangible personal property in Washtenaw County, Michigan be increased as provided in Section 6, Article IX of the Michigan Constitution and the Board of Commissioners of the County be authorized to levy a tax not to exceed three quarters of one mill (\$0.75 per \$1,000 of state equalized valuation) on the taxable value of such property for a period of twenty years, beginning with the December 1, 2005 tax levy, (which will generate estimated revenues of \$9,600,000.00 in the first year) to enhance public safety by acquiring, constructing and renovating an upgrade and addition to the Washtenaw County Jail, the 14-A District Court, a Probation Residential Facility, and mental health diversion and treatment facilities, and operating the jail and jail diversion programs designed to provide alternative rehabilitation for appropriate individuals?"

POLLING PLACES ARE LOCATED AS FOLLOWS and all are handicapped accessible:

Lyndon Township Hall  
17751 N. Territorial Road  
Chelsea, MI 48118

### The County Treasurer's Statement:

I, Catherine McClary, Treasurer of Washtenaw County, Michigan, hereby certify that as of Wednesday, December 15, 2004, the records of this office indicate that the total of all vote increases over and above the tax limitation established by the Constitution of Michigan, in any local units of government affecting the taxable property located in Lyndon Township, Washtenaw County, Michigan, is as follows:

Washtenaw County	4.611 mill Operating	Indefinite
	0.2386 mill Parks	2007
	0.24 mill Parks	2009
	0.2443 mill Natural Areas	2011
	0.2154 mill HCMA	Indefinite
Lyndon Township	0.7576 mill Charter	Indefinite
Washtenaw Community College	1.0497 mill Charter	Indefinite
	0.9611 mill Operating	6/2011
	0.5919 mill Operating	Indefinite
	0.8121 mill Operating	6/2007
Washtenaw Intermediate School District	0.1000 mill Gen Ed	Indefinite
	Operating	
	2.935 mill Special Ed	2.935
	Operating	
	1.0 mill Special Ed	2004-2010
	Operating	
Ingham Intermediate School District	4.5381 mill Special Ed	Indefinite
	1.3002 mill Vocational Ed	Indefinite
	0.1908 mill Operating - all	Indefinite
Chelsea Public Schools	17.0607 mill Operating	2013
	Non-homestead	
	2.899 mill Headlee	2014
	Non-homestead	
	0.9457 mill Sinking	2007
	2.14 mill School Facilities	2025
Chelsea District Library	1.6699 mill Operating	12/2019
Stockbridge Public Schools	14.976 mill Operating	12/2004
	Non-homestead	
	5.5816 mill Operating	12/2004
	Non-homestead	

Dated: Wednesday, December 15, 2004

Washtenaw County Treasurer Catherine McClary  
Published in compliance with Section 498 of Michigan Election Law and MCLA 211.203(3) being part of the Michigan Property Tax Limitation Act.  
Linda Reilly, Clerk

Publish: February 10, 2005  
February 17, 2005

## WASHTENAW COUNTY

# Robofest to feature advances

Interested teams and coaches may register for Robofest 2005. The event will culminate April 23 at Lawrence Technological University in Southfield. Between now and then, some 800 students will participate in Robofest 2005 worldwide, competing at 13 sites in the United States and elsewhere, including at Washtenaw Community College.

The kick-off competition for Robofest 2005 is Saturday and Sunday at Hanyang University in Ansan, Gyeonggi-do, Korea. An estimated 800 students will participate in Robofest 2005 worldwide, competing in the World Robofest 2005 Championship April 23 at Lawrence Tech in Southfield.

Robofest offers student teams in grades fifth through 12th an educational, dual-format event of exhibition and competition. The exhibition portion provides students the freedom to exhibit any creative robotics project.

Exhibition categories include, but are not limited to, robot dancing, legged robots, robots in costume and

data logging capabilities. The competitive part of Robofest challenges teams to accomplish robotics missions with two autonomous robots they've programmed.

This year's challenge is "RoboRelay." Mission details, official game rules, and streaming video of the 2005 mission may be viewed at [www.robofest.net](http://www.robofest.net). Established in 2000 by C.J. Chung, professor of math and computer science at Lawrence Tech, Robofest is an autonomous robotics contest designed to stimulate interest in math, science, engineering and technology among young people, according to a press release.

## LIMA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW

Notice is hereby given to all persons liable to assessment for taxes in the township of Lima that the Assessment Roll of said Township as prepared by Mary Wolcott, Township Assessor, will be reviewed by the Board of Review on Monday, March 8, 2005, at 9:30 A.M. at the LIMA TOWNSHIP HALL, 11452 JACKSON ROAD, CHELSEA, MI 48118

Appeals and conferences with taxpayers will be heard on: Monday, March 14, 2005 from 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon  
Monday, March 14, 2005 from 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.  
Tuesday, March 15, 2005 from 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.  
Thursday, March 17, 2005 from 6:30 P.M. to 9:30 P.M.

A resident or non-resident taxpayer may file his or her protest with the Board of Review by letter without an appearance by the taxpayer or his or her agent. A letter must be received by the first day of the Board of Review. (Monday, March 14, 2005).

The Lima Township Board of Review will hear appeals by appointment. Taxpayers or their agents may set the appointment by calling the Township Hall at (734) 475-2246, on Monday, Wednesday or Thursday from 9:00 A.M. to 12 noon. Please call prior to March 14, 2005. PLEASE DO NOT leave an appointment request on the answering machine at the Township Hall.

TENTATIVE FACTORS:  
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COMMERCIAL (201) 1.039 DEVELOPMENTAL (601) 1.018  
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Kenneth Unterbrink  
Lima Township Supervisor

Publish: February 10, 2005 & February 17, 2005

## WEBSTER TOWNSHIP ELECTION NOTICE TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF WEBSTER TOWNSHIP

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A SPECIAL ELECTION WILL BE HELD IN SAID GOVERNMENTAL UNIT ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2005 FROM 7:00 A.M. TO 8:00 P.M.

Special Election is being held to vote on the following proposal(s):

### PROPOSAL A

PROPOSITION TO INCREASE THE TAX LIMITATION TO ENHANCE PUBLIC SAFETY BY PROVIDING FUNDING TO RENOVATE THE JAIL AND INCREASE JAIL CAPACITY, CONSTRUCT A DISTRICT COURT AND RESIDENTIAL PROBATION CENTER AND PAY FOR OPERATIONAL COSTS RELATED TO THE JAIL AND JAIL DIVERSION PROGRAMS.

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POLLING PLACES ARE LOCATED AS FOLLOWS and all are handicapped accessible:

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COUNTY TREASURER'S STATEMENT of all voted increases in the total tax rate limitation:

I, Catherine McClary, Treasurer of Washtenaw County, Michigan, hereby certify that as of Thursday, January 06, 2005, the records of this office indicate that the total of all vote increases over and above the tax limitation established by the constitution of Michigan, in any local units of government affecting the taxable property located in:

Webster Township  
Washtenaw County, Michigan, is as follows:  
Charter millages are not over and above the tax limitation, but are listed here for information purposes.

Purpose of Millage	Millage Amount	Expiration of Millage
Ann Arbor District Library	Operating	1.9476 Indefinite
Ann Arbor Public Schools	Building and Site Operating	
	Sinking Fund	1 2004-2009
	Operating Hold	12.7598 2009
	Harmless	
	Operating	17.973 2009
	Non Homestead	
Dexter McClary Schools	Operating	18 2013
	Non-Homestead	
	Operating	2.7282 2013
	Non-Homestead	
Dexter District Library	Library Support	0.4461 Indefinite
Livingston Educational Service Agency	Operating Special	1.2815 Indefinite
	Operating Special	1.0324 Indefinite
	Operating General	0.0685 Indefinite
Pinckney Community Schools	Operating	16.9355 2005
	Non-Homestead	
	Operating	2.8225 2004
	Non-Homestead	
Washtenaw Community College	Operating	0.8121 6/2007
	Operating	0.5919 Indefinite
	Operating	0.9611 2011
	Operating	1.0497 Indefinite
Washtenaw County	Operating	4.611 Indefinite
	Parks	0.2386 2007
	HCMA	0.2154 Indefinite
	Parks	0.24 2009
	Natural Areas	0.2443 2011
Washtenaw Intermediate School District	Special Ed Operating	2.935 Indefinite
	Special Ed Operating	1 2004-2010
	Gen Ed Operating	0.1 Indefinite
Webster Township	Allocated Operating	0.8008 Indefinite
	Public Safety	0.9094 8/2005
Whitemore Lake Schools	Operating	17.4286 2006
	Non Homestead	
	Operating Non	1.9365 2006
	Homestead-Headlee	
	Recreation Millage	0.6165 2023

Dated: Thursday, January 06, 2005  
Washtenaw County Treasurer, Catherine McClary  
Published in compliance with MCL 168.653 (a).

Publish: February 10, 2005  
February 17, 2005

## LYNDON TOWNSHIP 2005 MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW MEETINGS

As required by the General Property Tax Act, public notice is hereby given by the Lyndon Township, that the 2005 March Board of Review will meet on the following days at the Lyndon Township Hall located at 17751 North Territorial Rd, Chelsea Michigan for the purpose of reviewing the 2005 assessment roll and hearing requests, protests or application for corrections of assessed or tentative taxable values:

### ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Tuesday March 8th at 12:00 noon

### PUBLIC APPEAL HEARINGS:

Monday, March 14th, 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Wednesday March 16th, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Letter appeals are also accepted in lieu of personal appearance and must be received no later than March 16th at 4:30 p.m. Taxpayers are welcome to contact the Assessing Office prior to the Board of Review dates to discuss their 2005 Assessed or taxable values at 800-234-6553.

The tentative rates and estimated multipliers for the 2005 Assessments and Taxable Values in the Township are as follows:

Class	Tentative Rate	Estimated Multiplier
Agricultural	.50	1.00
Commercial	.50	1.00
Developmental	.50	1.00
Industrial	.50	1.00
Residential	.50	1.00
Personal Property	.50	1.00

The above ratios and multipliers are subject to further change by the Assessor's Office, the Board of Review, the Equalization Department and the Michigan State Tax Commission.

(ADA) Americans with Disabilities Notice: The Township will provide necessary reasonable services to individuals with disabilities at the Board of Review meetings upon seven days' notice.

Contact: Lyndon Township, Clerk

17751 North Territorial Rd

Chelsea, MI 48118

Ph: (734)475-2401

Charter Township of Augusta Assessor

Gregory F Zamenski, CMAE III

Publish: February 17, 2005

February 24, 2005

March 3, 2005

## DEXTER TOWNSHIP ELECTION NOTICE TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF DEXTER TOWNSHIP

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A SPECIAL ELECTION WILL BE HELD IN DEXTER TOWNSHIP ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22nd, 2005 from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

This Special Election is being held to vote on the following Washtenaw County proposal:

### PROPOSAL A

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### POLLING PLACES ARE LOCATED AS FOLLOWS:

PRECINCT 1 - Dexter Township Hall, 6880 Dexter-Pinckney Rd., Dexter  
PRECINCT 2 - Inverness Country Club, 13893 N. Territorial Rd., Gregory  
PRECINCT 3 - Dexter Township Hall, 6880 Dexter-Pinckney Rd., Dexter

The County Treasurer's Statement: (Published in compliance with MCLA 211.203(3), being part of Michigan Property Tax Limitation Act.)

I, Catherine McClary, Treasurer of Washtenaw County, Michigan, hereby certify that as of December 15th, 2004, the records of this office indicate that the total of all vote increases over and above the tax limitation established by the Constitution of Michigan, in any local units of government affecting the taxable property located in Dexter Township, Washtenaw County, Michigan, is as follows: (Charter millages are not over and above the tax limitations; but are listed here for information purposes.)

Washtenaw County	4.611 mill operating	Indefinite
	0.24 mill parks	2009
	0.2443 mill parks Natural	2011
	0.2154 mill HCMA	Indefinite
	0.2366 mill natural areas	2007
Dexter Township	0.8527 mill charter	Indefinite
	1.0000 mill fire	2005
	1.8874 mill police	2005
Washtenaw Community College	1.0497 mill operating	Indefinite
	0.9611 mill operating	2011
	0.5919 mill operating	Indefinite
	0.8121 mill operating	2007
Chelsea Public Schools	17.0607 mill non-homestead	2013
	2.899 mill non-homestead	2014
	0.9457 mill sinking	2007
	2.1400 mill school facilities	2025
Chelsea District Library	1.6699 mill operating	2019
Dexter Community Schools	18.0000 mill non-homestead	2013
	2.7282 mill non-homestead	2013
Dexter Library District	0.4461 mill	Indefinite
Washtenaw Intermediate School District	0.1 mill general Ed operating	Indefinite
	2.935 mill special Ed	Indefinite
	Operating	
	1.00 mill special Ed	2004-2010
	Operating	
Pinckney Community Schools	16.9355 mill operating	2005
	non-homestead	
	2.8225 mill operating	2004
	non-homestead	

Dated: December 15th, 2004 - Washtenaw County Treasurer Catherine McClary

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Harley B. Rider, Clerk





## Quilt Makers

Members of the Piecemakers Quilting Group at St. Andrew's United Church of Christ in Dexter presented 20 quilts in January that they made for C.S. Mott Children's Hospital in the family life offices. Pictured in back are quilters Sally Wines (left), Donna Gregory, Ginny Weber, Joyce Waggoner and Marie Proulx; in front, Carole Weber (left), Margaret Barrett, Barbara Baldus and Elaine Owsley.

## DETROIT

# Boat show under way

Annual show features rare watercraft, fishing demonstrations

By Kerry Burke  
Special Writer

Gray skies, cold air, snow. These are not prime weather conditions for boating. But no matter, the Detroit Boat Show will harken blue skies and warm days, and get you in the mood.

The 47th annual Detroit Boat Show has taken over Cobo Center through Sunday. Whether you're interested in small boats or big boats, fast boats or slow boats, this nine-day festival of all things nautical will not disappoint.

More than 200 exhibitors and 1,000 new 2005 model vessels are on display throughout the show. Aspiring owners may get a look at ski boats, fishing boats, cabin cruisers, bow riders, pontoons and personal watercraft.

"The Detroit Boat Show is the best time to buy a boat," boat show manager Van Snider said. "Unlike the auto show, shoppers can place their orders right on the show floor... and because of the advantages of early buying, they get great deals."

DBS dealers often can do up to 50 percent of their annual sales through this show.

"I've been exhibiting at this event for over 15 years and wouldn't miss it," said vendor Joe Sniezek of Lakecrest Marine Sales Inc. in New Baltimore.

For those who would rather get a root canal than look at boats out of the water, there are a lot of features to this show that do not involve looking at dry boats.

A big, hot-dog-shaped boat is on display for all to marvel at. Designed by Brooks Stevens of Milwaukee, the Hot Dog Boat was built in 1976 for the San Francisco Boat Show. The 27-foot, one-person water weenie is propelled by a Mercury outboard engine and makes quite a splash with its visitors. Kids are welcome to climb aboard and have their pictures taken.

A never-seen-before Russian rescue boat is on display. The Tupolev (N007) was manufactured during the Cold War and outfitted with an MP14 aircraft fighter engine, enabling it to go upward of 150 mph. It was a top-secret craft (only three ever manufactured) that was used to rescue Russians in the Arctic.

This one is the only one still in existence, and has

been completely restored. Its estimated value is \$2 million.

Fishing pros are on hand to demonstrate casting from atop a tank.

Admission is \$11 for adults, and children younger than 12 can attend free with an adult. Senior citizens receive free admission on Monday. Discount tickets are available at all Meijer locations and also at [www.mbia.org](http://www.mbia.org).

Show hours are 3 to 9 p.m. today and tomorrow and 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday. Parking is available at Cobo Center and surrounding lots.

For more information, call the Michigan Boating Industries Association at 1-800-224-3008 or visit [www.detroitboatshow.net](http://www.detroitboatshow.net).

## MOVIE REVIEW

# 'Hotel Rwanda' is a lesson in bigotry

In the midst of horrific images of inconceivable violence, it's an eerie, virulent voice encouraging the 1994 Rwandan genocide that epitomizes the appalling historical moment reimagined in the powerful film "Hotel Rwanda."

More than a simple documentary look at the murder of 800,000 innocent Tutsi civilians by a brutal, machete-armed Hutu mob, Terry George's film, starring the affecting, talented Don Cheadle, humanizes the tragic numbers by focusing on one ordinary man's unlikely transformation into a national savior.

Without resorting to effusive displays of bravery or superfluous subplots, "Hotel Rwanda" recounts the savage authentic story, delivering an indictment to a world that refused to silence the poisonous voices of hatred.

At the center of the bloody maelstrom is Paul Rusesabagina, the manager of a four-star hotel who wears western suits and lives in a middle-class home that would fit comfortably in most American suburbs.

An unlikely African hero, Rusesabagina begins harboring refugees by shielding his own Tutsi wife (Sophie Okonedo) and eventually allows more than a thousand Hutu and Tutsi men, women and children to take residence in hotel rooms formally occupied by foreign dignitaries and wealthy European tourists.

Rusesabagina's steadfast faith in the inevitability of foreign aid and UN intervention is dashed as UN Colonel Oliver (Nick Nolte) informs him that the world has turned its back on the exploding African nation. Using bribery and coercion to keep the barbarous mob at bay, Rusesabagina becomes a dynamic, benevolent leader in the seemingly impossible struggle to survive a merciless rampage and an idle world.

There are remarkably few gruesome scenes of murderous acts in a film concerned with one of the most vicious incidents in recent memory. Instead, George narrates the horror more palpably by showing the blood-



ANNA SZYMANSKI

thirsty rebels laughing and celebrating their senseless slaughter while scraping their machetes on paved roads as recently butchered innocents litter the burning landscape.

After a long line of superb supporting performances in films such as "Traffic" and "Boogie Nights," Don Cheadle is finally given an involved, multifaceted leading role deserving of his dramatic gifts.

Equally adept at portraying Rusesabagina's brief lighthearted romantic moments with his wife, as well as his revulsion and lamentation after coming upon a road strewn with Tutsi corpses, Cheadle allows Rusesabagina to be a multidimensional man as opposed to a cardboard saint.

Notable performances representing the Western Rwandan experience are offered by Nick Nolte as Colonel Oliver, a Canadian UN officer who refuses to abandon the embazoned country, and Joaquin Phoenix as Jack Daglish, an American cameraman who eschews orders so that he can capture the genocide on film.

One is sure to notice parallels between "Hotel Rwanda" and Steven Spielberg's "Schindler's List," as both films concern one complicated man's attempt to save lives in the face of unspeakable horror.

While "Hotel Rwanda" does not possess the technical artistry of Spielberg's masterpiece, it matches "Schindler's List" in its refusal to deny hope amidst monstrous reality. Even though the film opens with the murderous voice of vicious bigotry, it ends with the triumphant raised voices of Rwanda's next generation.

Anna Szymanski, a Dexter High School graduate, is a freelance writer. She can be reached at [ams356@nyu.edu](mailto:ams356@nyu.edu).

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## CHECK OUT OUR CLASSIFIEDS TODAY!

## LIMA TOWNSHIP ELECTION NOTICE

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A SPECIAL ELECTION WILL BE HELD IN SAID GOVERNMENTAL UNIT ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2005 FROM 7:00 A.M. TO 8:00 P.M.

Special Election is being held for the purpose of voting on the following proposal:

**PROPOSITION A**  
PROPOSITION TO INCREASE THE TAX LIMITATION TO ENHANCE PUBLIC SAFETY BY PROVIDING FUNDING TO RENOVATE THE JAIL AND INCREASE JAIL CAPACITY, CONSTRUCT A DISTRICT COURT AND RESIDENTIAL PROBATION CENTER AND PAY FOR OPERATIONAL COSTS RELATED TO THE JAIL AND JAIL DIVERSION PROGRAMS.

"Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be imposed each year for all purposes on real and tangible personal property in Washtenaw County, Michigan, be increased as provided in Section 6, Article IX of the Michigan Constitution and the Board of Commissioners of the County be authorized to levy a tax not to exceed three quarters of one mill (\$.0075 per \$1,000 of state equalized valuation) on the taxable value of such property for a period of twenty years, beginning with the December 1, 2005 tax levy, (which will generate estimated revenues of \$9,600,000.00 in the first year) to enhance public safety by acquiring, constructing and renovating an upgrade and addition to the Washtenaw County Jail, the 14-A District Court, a Probation Residential Facility, and mental health diversion and treatment facilities, and operating the jail and jail diversion programs designed to provide alternative rehabilitation for appropriate individuals?"

**POLLING PLACES ARE LOCATED AS FOLLOWS** and all are handicapped accessible:

11452 Jackson Road, Lima Township Hall

**The County Treasurer's Statement:**

I, Catherine McClary, Treasurer of Washtenaw County, Michigan, hereby certify that as of Wednesday, December 15, 2004, the records of this office indicate that the total of all voted increases over and above the tax limitation established by the constitution of Michigan, in any local units of government affecting the taxable property located in Lima Township, Washtenaw County, Michigan, is as follows:

	Purpose of Millage	Millage Amount	Expiration of Millage
Chelsea District Library	Operating	1.6699	12/2019
Chelsea School District	School Facilities	2.14	2025
	Operating	17.0607	2013
	Non-Homestead		
	Sinking	0.9457	2007
	Headlee	2.899	2014
	Non-Homestead		
Dexter Community Schools	Operating	2.7282	2013
	Non-Homestead		
	Operating	18	2013
	Non-Homestead		
Dexter District Library	Library Support	0.4461	Indefinite
Lima Township	Operating	0.8656	Indefinite
Washtenaw Community College	Operating	0.9611	2011
	Operating	1.0497	Indefinite
	Operating	0.8121	6/2007
	Operating	0.5919	Indefinite
Washtenaw County	Parks	0.2386	2007
	Parks	0.24	2009
	Natural Areas	0.2443	2011
	HCM	0.2154	Indefinite
	Operating	4.611	Indefinite
Washtenaw Intermediate School District	General Ed Operating	0.1	Indefinite
	Special Ed Operating	2.935	Indefinite
	Special Ed Operating	1	2004-2010

Dated: Wednesday, December 15, 2004, Catherine McClary, Washtenaw County Treasurer

Published in compliance with MCL 168.653 (a)

Date: February 10, 2005

Ariene R. Bareis, Clerk

Published: February 10, 2005

February 17, 2005

## SYLVAN TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TO BE HELD THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2005  
7:15 P.M. - SYLVAN TOWNSHIP HALL  
18027 OLD US 12, CHELSEA, MI 48118

**SUBJECT OF MEETING:**  
7:15pm - To hear public comment on the proposed rezoning of the following property from AG (Agriculture) to PUD (Planned Unit Development), or such other zoning district that may be determined to be appropriate.

Parcel No's F-06-01-300-034; F-06-01-300-002; F-06-02-400-021; F-06-02-400-019

**DESCRIPTION**  
Premises situated in the Township of Sylvan, County of Washtenaw, State of Michigan, described as follows:

BEGINNING at the South corner common to Section 1 and Section 2, T2S, R3E, Sylvan Township, Washtenaw County, Michigan; thence along the South line of said Section 2 and along the centerline of Sibley Road, WEST 462.70 feet to the centerline of Letts Creek; thence along said centerline in the following ten (10) courses: N46°24'00"W 43.87 feet, N66°45'57"W 275.61 feet, N61°48'19"W 371.61 feet, N42°33'14"W 53.08 feet, N35°31'20"W 98.75 feet, N38°39'31"W 118.12 feet, N29°15'22"W 58.84 feet, N47°41'41"W 31.01 feet, N63°51'35"W 26.62 feet to the centerline of Bush Road and S89°24'45"W 14.00 feet to a point on the West line of the East 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of said Section 2; thence along said West Line, N00°18'00"E 725.00 feet, thence continuing along said West line, N00°27'00"E 1171.58 feet; thence S89°56'49"E 1322.17 feet to a point on the line between said Section 1 and said Section 2; thence along said common line, S00°04'30"W 1543.84 feet; thence N89°21'20"E 823.68 feet; thence S00°03'30"W 350.00 feet; thence N89°21'20"E 498.00 feet to a point on the East line of the West 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of said Section 1 and on the centerline of Werker Road; thence along said East line and along said centerline S00°03'30"W 348.06 feet; thence N87°43'55"W 337.23 feet; thence S00°03'30"W 330.67 feet to the South line of said Section 1 and the centerline of Sibley Road; thence along said South line and said centerline, N87°43'55"W 600.67 feet; thence N02°16'05"E 231.00 feet; thence N87°43'55"W 165.00 feet; thence S02°16'05"W 231.00 feet to a point on the South line of said Section 1 and on the centerline of Sibley Road; thence along said South line and along said centerline, N87°43'55"W 219.95 feet to the Point of Beginning. Being part of the West 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of said Section 1 and part of the East 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of said Section 2 containing 94.20 acres of land, more or less. Being subject to the rights of the public over the Easterly 47 feet of Bush Road and the Northerly 33 feet of Sibley Road and the Westerly 33 feet of Werker Road. Also being subject to a Grant of Public Utility Easement in favor of the Village (now City) of Chelsea as recorded in Liber 3894, Page 157, Washtenaw County Records over the area described as follows: The East 44 feet of the South 878.73 feet of the West 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 1, T2S, R3E, Sylvan Township, Washtenaw County, Michigan. Also being subject to a Right-of-Way in favor of the Consumers Power Company as recorded in Liber 538, Page 250, Washtenaw County Records over the area described as follows: The East 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 2, T2S, R3E, Sylvan Township, Washtenaw County, Michigan. Also being subject to a Right-of-Way in favor of the Washtenaw County Drain Commissioner as recorded in Liber 575, Page 87, Washtenaw County Records over the area described as follows: The West 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 2, T2S, R3E, Sylvan Township, Washtenaw County, Michigan. Also being subject to a Right-of-Way in favor of the Washtenaw County Drain Commissioner as recorded in Liber 805, Page 573, Washtenaw County Records, being a strip of land 75 feet wide on each side of the centerline of a drain which lies in a part of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 1 and/or a part of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 2, T2S, R3E, Sylvan Township, Washtenaw County, Michigan being more particularly described as follows: Commencing 5 chains and 83 1/4 links East of the Section corners of Sections 1, 2, 11 and 12 in the Township of Sylvan; thence N 15 chains and 53 links; thence W 3/4 S 25 chains and 83 1/4 links to the center of the road; thence S 5 chains and 25 links; thence W 7 chains and 92 1/2 links; thence S 10 chains and 10 links to the Section line between Sections 2 and 11; thence East along the center of the highway 33 chains and 75 3/4 links to a Place of Beginning, containing 47.81 acres except about 8 acres off from the West end lying West of the highway. Also being subject to other easements and restrictions of record, if any.

This notice is posted in compliance with PA 267 of 1976 as amended (Open Meetings Act) MCLA 41.72(2)(3) and the American With Disabilities Act (ADA).

The Sylvan Township Board will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audit tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, upon 14 days notice to the Sylvan Township Board.

Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Sylvan Township board by writing or calling the following:

LuAnn S. Koch, Clerk  
18027 Old US 12  
Chelsea, MI 48118  
(734) 475-3353

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## DEXTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING NOTICE

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2005 AT 7:30 P.M. AT DEXTER TOWNSHIP HALL  
6880 DEXTER-PINCKNEY RD., DEXTER, MI. 48130

### AGENDA

1) Canceled

John Shea,  
Chairman

Publish: February 17, 2005

## VILLAGE OF DEXTER NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Dexter Village Council will hold a public hearing Monday, February 28, 2005 at 7:30 p.m. at the Dexter Senior Center, 7720 Dexter-Ann Arbor Road, Dexter, Michigan, for the purpose of hearing public comment regarding the adoption of the Proposed Fiscal Year 2005/06 Budget.

Information regarding the Proposed Fiscal Year 2005/06 Budget is available for public inspection at the Village Office, on the second floor of the National City Bank Building, 8123 Main Street, Dexter MI weekdays between 9:00 am and 5:00 pm.

Donna Dettling  
Village Manager

Publish: February 17, 2005

## DEXTER TOWNSHIP NOTICE BOARD OF REVIEW

Notice is hereby given to all persons liable to assessment for taxes in the township of Dexter, that the assessment Roll of said Township as prepared by Larry Merte, Township assessor, will be reviewed by the Board of Review on Tuesday, March 8, 2005, at 5:00 p.m. at

Dexter Township Hall,  
6880 Dexter-Pinckney Rd.,  
Dexter, MI. 48130.

Appeals and conferences with taxpayers will be heard on:

Monday, March 14, 2005 - from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 17, 2005 - from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

A resident taxpayer may file his or her protest with the Board of Review by letter without an appearance by the taxpayer of his or her agent.

The Dexter Township Board of Review will hear appeals by appointment. Taxpayers or their agents may set the appointment by calling the Township Hall at (734) 426-3767, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. DO NOT leave appointment request on the answering machine at the township Hall.

Patricia Kelly,  
Dexter Township Supervisor

Publish: February 17, 2005, February 24, 2005 & March 3, 2005



**SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL BUSINESSES!****SYLVAN TOWNSHIP  
NOTICE OF A  
BUDGET HEARING**

The Sylvan Township Board will hold a public hearing on the proposed township budget for the fiscal year 2004-05 at Sylvan Township Hall, 18027 Old US 12, Chelsea, Michigan on March 2, 2004 at 7:05PM. THE PROPERTY TAX MILLAGE RATE PROPOSED BELIEVED TO SUPPORT THE PROPOSED BUDGET WILL BE A SUBJECT OF THIS HEARING. A copy of the budget is available for public inspection at the Township Hall, 18027 Old US 12.

This notice is posted in compliance with PA 267 of 1976 as amended (Open Meetings Act), MCLA 41.72a (2) (3) and the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA).

The Sylvan Township board will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audit tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting upon 10 days notice to the Sylvan Township Board.

Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Sylvan Township Board by writing or calling the following:

LuAnn S. Koch  
Sylvan Township Clerk  
18027 Old US 12  
Chelsea, MI 48118  
(734) 475-8890

Monday or Wednesday 9AM - 12 Noon

Publish: February 17, 2005.

**SYLVAN TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF REVIEW**

Notice is hereby given to all persons liable to assessment for taxes in the  
TOWNSHIP OF SYLVAN

County of Washtenaw, State of Michigan.

That the Assessment Roll of said Township will be reviewed by the Board of Review on March 8, 2005 at 9:00 am.

SYLVAN TOWNSHIP HALL

18027 Old US 12, Chelsea, Michigan

Appeals and conferences with taxpayers will be heard on:

MONDAY, MARCH 14, 2005

from 9-12 noon and 1-4 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16, 2005

from 1-5 p.m. and 6-9 p.m.

and additional days if determined necessary by the Board of Review

STATEWIDE TAXABLE VALUE INCREASE FOR 2005 IS 2.3%.

STARTING RATIOS FOR 2005 ARE:

47.66	Agriculture	1.049098
48.70	Commercial	1.026694
48.25	Industrial	1.036269
48.96	Residential	1.021242
46.96	Developmental	1.064736

The Sylvan Township Board of Review will hear appeals by letter or appointment. Appointments may be made by calling 475-8890 on Mondays or Wednesdays 9:00 AM - 12 Noon, or contacting the Assessor.

MICHAEL WILLIAMS, SUPERVISOR

Publish: February 10, 2005

February 17, 2005

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**LOCH ALPINE  
SANITARY AUTHORITY OF  
WEBSTER AND SCIO  
TOWNSHIPS  
COUNTY OF WASHTENAW,  
MICHIGAN**

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Notice is hereby given that the regular Quarterly Meeting of the Loch Alpine Sanitary Authority of the Townships of Webster and Scio is scheduled. The meeting will be held on:

February 28 at 7:30 PM

In the

Webster Township Hall  
5665 Webster Church Rd.  
Dexter, MI 48130

February 9, 2005

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February 24, 2005

Neil Gerl, Chairman  
Loch Alpine Sanitary Authority

**WEBSTER TOWNSHIP  
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING -- FEBRUARY 7, 2005**

Webster Township Special Board Meeting was brought to order at 7:01 p.m. by Supervisor Fisher.

Present: Fisher, Calhoun, Heller, Fink, Kingsley and Kleinschmidt.

Remarks: Because of litigation we have to go into closed session meeting.

Township Attorneys Mark Reading and Attorney Fred Lucas present to discuss concerns in regards to the Grand/Sakwa lawsuit.

Fisher made a motion that the meeting convene to a closed session to discuss

Grand/Sakwa Development.

Motion Kingsley to move the meeting to a closed session, seconded by Calhoun.

Roll call vote all ayes.

Attorney Lucas will release letters from Supervisor Fisher to Grand/Sakwa this will be a starting point. They will schedule a meeting with Supervisor Fisher, Attorney Lucas and Grand/Sakwa to discuss permission to share the information we have so far with the public. If they do not agree we are done talking.

Motion Fisher support Kingsley to return to open session.

All ayes.

Supervisor Fisher moved to adjourn.

Support Kleinschmidt

Seconded Fink

All ayes. Closed Session adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Returned to Open Session at 8:12 p.m.

Motion made by Fink to go with the direction from Attorney Lucas.

Moved by Kingsley that Attorney Lucas take the direction to discuss this matter with the public.

Support: Calhoun

Attorney Lucas addressed the public to inform them that nothing has been discussed or no negotiations have been made in regards to Grand/Sakwa Development.

Motion by Fink to adjourn meeting.

Seconded by Kleinschmidt.

Special Meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted  
Mary Dee Heller

Webster Township Clerk

Publish: February 17, 2005

**VILLAGE OF DEXTER  
PLANNING COMMISSION  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Pursuant to Michigan Public Act 285 of 1931, as amended, notice is hereby given that the Dexter Village Planning Commission will hold a public hearing at 7:30 p.m., Monday, March 7, 2005 at the Dexter Senior Center, 7720 Ann Arbor Street, Dexter, Michigan, for the purpose of hearing public comment for the adoption of the Village of Dexter Master Land Use Plan.

Information regarding the proposed changes to the Master Plan are available for public inspection at the Village Offices, 8123 Main Street, Dexter, weekdays between 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. or by phone at (734) 426-8303 Ext. 15. Written comments regarding the proposed amendments to the Master Plan should be submitted to the Village Offices, and must be received no later than 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 1, 2005. Sign language interpreter, or other assistance, is provided upon request to the Clerk, at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting. Minutes of all meetings are available at Village Offices and on the Village website.  
Publish: February 17, 2005.

**CITY OF CHELSEA  
2005 MARCH BOARD OF  
REVIEW MEETINGS**

As required by the General Property Tax Act, public notice is hereby given by the City of Chelsea, that the 2005 March Board of Review will meet on the following days at the City of Chelsea located 305 S. Main, Suite 100, Chelsea Michigan 48118 for the purpose of reviewing the 2005 assessment roll and hearing requests, protests or application for corrections of assessed or tentative taxable values.

**ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

Monday March 7th at 9:00 a.m.

**PUBLIC APPEAL HEARINGS:**

Monday March 7th, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., 2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday March 9th, 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Monday, March 21st, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Letter appeals are also accepted in lieu of personal appearance and must be received no later than March 21th by 4:30 p.m. Taxpayers are welcome to contact the Assessing Office prior to the Board of Review dates to discuss their 2005 assessed or taxable values at 800-234-6553.

The tentative rates and estimated multipliers for the 2005 Assessments and Taxable Values in the Township are as follows:

Class	Tentative Ratio	Estimated Multiplier
Agricultural	50	1.00
Commercial	50	1.00
Developmental	50	1.00
Industrial	50	1.00
Residential	50	1.00
Personal Property	50	1.00

The above ratios and multipliers are subject to further change by the Assessor's Office, the Board of Review, the Equalization Department and the Michigan State Tax Commission.

(ADA) Americans with Disabilities Notice: The City will provide necessary reasonable services to individuals with disabilities at the Board of Review meetings upon seven days notice.

Contact: Terri Burch, Clerk  
305 S Main, Suite 100  
Chelsea MI 48180  
Ph: (734)475-1771

City of Chelsea Assessor  
Gregory F Zamenski, CMAE III

Publish: February 17, 2005

February 24, 2005

March 3, 2005

**CITY OF CHELSEA  
ELECTION NOTICE  
TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS  
OF CHELSEA CITY  
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POLLING PLACES ARE LOCATED AS FOLLOWS and all are handicapped accessible:

Washington Street Education Center, 500 Washington Street

COUNTY TREASURER'S STATEMENT of all voted increases in the total tax rate limitation:

I, Catherine McClary, Treasurer of Washtenaw County, Michigan, hereby certify that as of Wednesday, January 05, 2005, the records of this office indicate that the total of all vote increases over and above the tax limitation established by the constitution of Michigan, in any local units of government affecting the taxable property located in:

City of Chelsea

Washtenaw County, Michigan, is as follows:

Charter millages are not over and above the tax limitation, but are listed here for information purposes.

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Chelsea District Library	Operating	1.6699	12/2019
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	Sinking	0.9457	2007
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	Solid Waste	0.4489	Indefinite
	Streets	1.5594	Indefinite
	Operating	20	2004
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	Parks	0.2386	2007
Washtenaw Intermediate School District	Special Ed Operating	1	2004-2010
	Gen Ed Operating	0.1	Indefinite
	Special Ed Operating	2.935	Indefinite

Dated: Wednesday, January 05, 2005

Washtenaw County Treasurer, Catherine McClary

Publish: February 10, 2005

February 17, 2005

**SYLVAN TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING -- FEBRUARY 1, 2005**

The regular board meeting of the Sylvan Township Board was held February 1, 2005 at 7PM at the Sylvan Township Hall, 18027 Old US 12, Chelsea, MI 48118.

The following board members were present: Supervisor Williams, Clerk Koch, Treasurer Grau, Trustees Merkel and Solo.

Also present: Paul Kalmbach, Paul Bollinger, Richard Bollinger, Reuben Lesser, Don Schoenberg, Earl Heller, David Brooks, Hector Gonzalez, Corinne Sikorski, Tom Caplis, Ray Steinbach, Jim Neiderheide, Jeff Gunnis, Tom and Teri Bareis, Loren Heller, Scott Cooper, Jim Uphaus, Trent and Barb Satterthwaite, Brian Koch, Jamie Bollinger.

Meeting was called to order and a moment of silence was observed in memory of Ken McCalla. The pledge was then recited.

Motion by Merkel, seconded by Grau to approve minutes as presented. Carried.

Motion by Grau, seconded by Merkel to pay bills as presented. Carried.

No public hearings.

Public Comment: Corinne Sikorski reported on WWRA.

Zoning Inspector Lange reported 7 zoning permits, 2 certificate of occupancy and 1 new address were issued in January.

Reports:

Supervisor Williams submitted his report in writing to the board and reported on WCRC meeting he attended today.

Clerk Koch reported on the Sylvan Township Sewer and Water Authority. Last month Supervisor Williams was critical of the Authority's Finances, Operation and Organization and submitted a written report to the Board. Williams notes in his findings that the Authority had failed to obtain MDEQ certification to operate the water softening equipment. This was reported at the Sewer Authority meeting and requested Koch obtain a legal opinion. A legal opinion has now been obtained indicating it is the responsibility of the Township to complete the RO system to its permitted certification and then turn it over to the Authority to operate and maintain. Just to clear things up there is no violation on behalf of the Authority. Also the Authority has adopted a 2005 budget and has turned over its financial information to the Auditors to prepare the necessary first time audit. An audit for 2003 was not required. The Authority is also working on a procedure to submit reports on the Water Plant to the Township Board as requested by Williams.

Treasurer Grau reported on the collection of winter taxes.

Trustee Solo reported that he attended CAFRA meeting, City Council and working hard on the Sylvan Township Website (www.twp-sylvan.org).

No Old Business.

New Business:

The board was presented a Hazardous Material Spill Recovery Ordinance from CAFRA. The Washtenaw County Hazardous Plan requires all municipalities to have a Hazardous Material Ordinance in place. It was recommended by CAFRA that the municipalities in this district adopt the same ordinance. CAFRA Representative Lesser was instructed to report to CAFRA that Sylvan Township would adopt the Lyndon Township Hazardous Ordinance if the rest of the district concurred.

Williams brought forth for appointment to Planning Commission of Hector Gonzalez and indicated since the Board had no information on Gonzalez that the appointment would be put off until the next board meeting. Motion by Solo, seconded by Williams to initiate the 7-member planning commission process and send it to the Planning Commission to review. Motion was defeated.

Motion by Williams, seconded by Merkel to appoint Patti Hutchinson to the ZBA to fill the remaining term of Mary Anne Mangelsen until June 2006. In discussion, Williams indicated he had interviewed Hutchinson and it was brought to the attention of the board by Koch that an "interview" shall only occur in an open meeting or it is in violation of the Open Meeting Act. It was suggested by Koch to address the interviewing process. Carried.

Motion by Grau, seconded by Solo to authorize Clerk Koch to sign the Chelsea School District, WCC, ISD Coordinating Committee Initial Report as requested by Washtenaw County Clerk. Carried.

Motion by Koch, seconded by Grau to amend budget as presented. Carried.

Motion by Koch, seconded by Grau to approve the Guidelines for Hardship Exemptions for 2005 as amended. Carried.

Motion by Koch, seconded by Merkel to approve the Salary Resolution as presented. Carried.

Motion by Merkel, seconded by Solo to accept the Confidential Legal Opinion from Wm. Fahy regarding the Operation and Maintenance Agreement Between the Sylvan Township and Sylvan Township Water and Sewer Authority dated 1-19-05. Carried.

Motion by Grau, seconded by Solo to set the public hearing date for the 2005-06 budget for March 1, 2005. Carried.

Motion by Solo, seconded by Koch to establish a Website Advisory Committee with 2 board members and 3 volunteers to discuss and draft a policy for the website and e-mail and make recommendations to the Board. Solo will serve as Chair. Carried.

Williams called for a final public participation session. Scott Cooper ask the Board if they are taking a position on the Washtenaw County Jail millage.

Motion by Merkel, seconded by Grau to adjourn.

LuAnn S. Koch

Sylvan Township Clerk

Publish: February 17, 2005

**SYLVAN TOWNSHIP  
ELECTION NOTICE  
TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF  
SYLVAN TOWNSHIP  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A  
SPECIAL ELECTION WILL BE HELD  
IN SAID GOVERNMENT UNIT ON  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2005  
FROM 7:00 A.M. TO 8:00 P.M.**

SPECIAL ELECTION IS BEING HELD TO VOTE ON THE FOLLOWING PROPOSAL(S):

PROPOSITION TO INCREASE THE TAX LIMITATION TO ENHANCE PUBLIC SAFETY BY PROVIDING FUNDING TO RENOVATE THE JAIL AND INCREASE JAIL CAPACITY, CONSTRUCT A DISTRICT COURT AND RESIDENTIAL PROBATION CENTER AND PAY FOR OPERATIONAL COSTS RELATED TO THE JAIL AND JAIL DIVERSION PROGRAMS.

"Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be imposed each year for all purposes on real and tangible personal property in Washtenaw County, Michigan be increased as provided in Section 6, Article IX of the Michigan Constitution and the Board of Commissioners of the County be authorized to levy a tax not to exceed three quarters of one mill (\$.0075 per \$1,000 of state equalized valuation) on the taxable value of such property for a period of twenty years, beginning with the December 1, 2005 tax levy, (which will generate estimated revenues of \$9,600,000.00 in the first year) to enhance public safety by acquiring, constructing and renovating an upgrade and addition to the Washtenaw County jail, the 14-A District Court, a Probation Residential Facility, and mental health diversion and treatment facilities, and operating the jail and jail diversion program designed to provide alternative rehabilitation for appropriate individuals?"

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COUNTY TREASURER'S STATEMENT

I, Catherine McClary, Treasurer of Washtenaw County, Michigan, hereby certify that as of Thursday, January 06, 2005, the records of this office indicate that the total of all vote increases over and above the tax limitation established by the constitution of Michigan, in any local units of government affecting the taxable property located in:

Sylvan Township

Washtenaw County, Michigan, is as follows:

Charter millages are not over and above the tax limitation, but are listed here for information purposes.

	Purpose of Millage	Millage Amount	Expiration of Millage
Chelsea District Library	Operating	1.6699	12/2019
Chelsea School District	Operating	17.0607	2013
	Headlee Non-Homestead	2.899	2014
	Non-Homestead	0.9457	2007
	Sinking	2.14	2025
	School Facilities	2.14	2025
Ingham Intermediate School District	Operating-All	0.1908	Indefinite
	Vocational Ed-All	1.3002	Indefinite
	Special Ed All	4.5381	Indefinite
Sylvan Township	Allocated Operating	0.9474	Indefinite
Washtenaw Community College	Operating	1.0497	Indefinite
	Operating	0.9611	2011
	Operating	0.8121	8/2007
	Operating	0.5919	Indefinite
Washtenaw County	HOMA	0.2154	Indefinite
	Operating	4.611	Indefinite
	Parks	0.2386	2007
	Parks	0.24	2009
	Natural Areas	0.2443	2011
Washtenaw Intermediate School District	Gen Ed Operating	0.1	Indefinite
	Special Ed Operating	1	2004-2010
	Special Ed Operating	2.935	Indefinite

Dated: Wednesday, December 22, 2004

Washtenaw County Treasurer, Catherine McClary

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LuAnn S. Koch, Clerk



# DEATHS

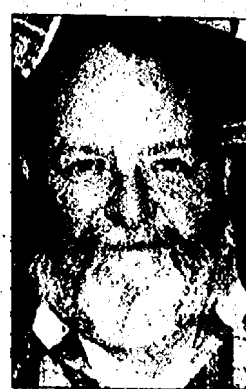
## MICHAEL T. "MICKEY" FOSTER

Grass Lake  
Michael T. "Mickey" Foster, 63, of Grass Lake died Feb. 12, 2005, at his home surrounded by his loving family. He was born March 1, 1941, in Ann Arbor, the son of Dudley and Angeline (Burg) Foster.

Mr. Foster had worked for several employers in the area, including Dana Corp. in Chelsea for nine years, before retiring from Klumpp Gravel after 31 years.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy aboard the Vessel USS Intrepid, serving from 1958 to 1961.

On Aug. 24, 1959, he married



Rebecca DuBois and Amy (Andy) Patania; 11 grandchildren, Ron and Adam Cole, Justin, Kristin and Ashley Foster, Corey and Cody Masten, and Christopher Kelly, Aaron, Jacob and Gabriel DuBois;

Ruth A. Shepherd in Chelsea and she survives. Also surviving are two sons, Jamie and Michael Foster; three daughters, Elizabeth (Ron) Cole,

three sisters, Dianna (Tim) Murphy, Kathy (Bill) Barker and Molly (Dean) Hackworth; and three brothers, Scott (Tina) Foster, Pat (Chris) Foster and Steve (Donna) Foster.

The family wishes to thank Hospice of Jackson, as well as those who sent prayers and cards.

Mr. Foster will be dearly missed by numerous friends and family.

Private services will be held on a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of one's choice.

Arrangements were by Staffan Mitchell Funeral Home in Chelsea.

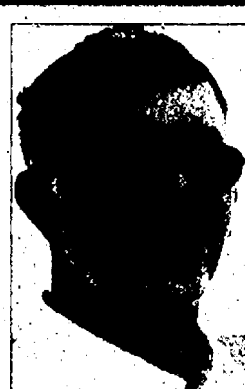
## RICHARD ALLEN COOK

Grass Lake  
Formerly of North Lake

Richard Allen Cook, 65, of Grass Lake, formerly of North Lake, died Feb. 13, 2005, in Jackson as a result of injuries suffered in an automobile accident. He was born July 16, 1939, in Ann Arbor, the son of Alden and Ruth (Grant) Cook.

Mr. Cook was an Army veteran who served in the 82nd Airborne. He was a design engineer who retired from Dana Corp., then worked for Warner Electric until 1999.

Mr. Cook was the Scoutmaster for Boy Scout Troop 425 in Chelsea for many years.



Other survivors include his three sons, Rick (Michele) of Fairfax, Va., James of South Lyon and Brian (Amy) of Ypsilanti; a brother, John (Marilyn) Cook of North Lake; and a daughter of Bay

ing and fishing, and was involved with several area car clubs.

On Feb. 12, 1966, he married Christina Wallace in Onsted, and she survives.

City, Wis.; one grandson, James; and several aunts, nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Daniel.

A funeral will be held 11 a.m. today at Cole Funeral Chapel in Chelsea.

The family received friends Wednesday at the funeral home. A private burial will be held at Mount Olivet Cemetery in Chelsea.

Memorial contributions may be made to Boy Scout Troop 425 or the American Cancer Society.

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Worship, 10:30 a.m.

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Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m.  
Wed. Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

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### JOYCE M. EISEMAN Chelsea

Joyce M. Eiseaman, 74, of Chelsea died Feb. 12, 2005, at the Evangelical Home in Saline under the loving care of LeRoy and Dawn Schiller, Lucy Schiller, Norine Collins, and her best friend, Dorothy Hellner.

Ms. Eiseaman was born Jan. 7, 1931, in Chelsea, the daughter of Paul and Olga (Alber) Eiseaman. She lived in Chelsea all of her life. She was formerly a member of St. John's United Church of Christ at Rogers Corners.

Ms. Eiseaman served as the Lima Town Hall manager at one time. She also managed the family farm on Scio Church Road.

She is survived by several cousins.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at Cole Funeral Chapel in Chelsea. The Rev. Doris Sparks officiated. Burial followed at Mount Hope Cemetery in Freedom Township.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Michigan.

### MARK A. GRAMMATICO Chelsea

Mark A. Grammatico, 48, of Chelsea died Feb. 8, 2005, at his home. He was born Aug. 23, 1956, in Ann Arbor, the son of Alfred and Dorothy (Hafner) Grammatico.

Mr. Grammatico had lived in the area all his life and worked for Master Keys Northern for several years.

Surviving are four children, Aaron Grammatico of Chelsea, Mark A. Grammatico Jr. of Kalamazoo, Jason Grammatico of Baldwin and Angel Grammatico of Ypsilanti; his brothers and sisters, Diane (Curmit) Gipson of Jackson, Shirley (Tony) Keezer of Chelsea, Alfred Jr. (Sandy) Grammatico of Pinckney, Loraynn (David) Cales of Florida and Francis Grammatico of Chelsea; one grandchild; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

A funeral was held Saturday at Staffan-Mitchell Funeral Home in Chelsea. The Rev. William Turner officiated. Burial followed at Mount Olivet Cemetery in Chelsea.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Angel Grammatico Educational Fund.

### CLIFFORD BOYER Dexter

Clifford Boyer, 96, of Dexter died Feb. 14, 2005.

Mr. Boyer worked on many farms in the Ann Arbor and Dexter area for 55 years. He also worked as a groundskeeper at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Dexter for 29 years.

Visitation will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. today at the Hosmer-Muehlig Funeral Chapel in Dexter, with a funeral service at 1 p.m. The Rev. Brendan Walsh will officiate. Burial will follow at Forest Lawn Cemetery in Dexter.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Dexter Senior Center, St. Joseph Church or Arbor Hospice.

### HENRY O. KUEHLING JR. Fowlerville

Henry O. Kuehling Jr., 64, of Fowlerville died Feb. 13, 2005.

Mr. Kuehling was a teacher at Dexter schools, retiring in 1998. Surviving are his wife, Kay; two sons, David and Mark; two daughters, Kristine and Jennifer; seven grandchildren; two sisters; and one brother.

A memorial service will be held 11 a.m. Friday at Place of Refuge Church in Fowlerville.

Arrangements were made by Niblack Funeral Home in Fowlerville.

### JOANNE J. HENES Ann Arbor

Joanne J. Henes, 73, of Ann Arbor died Feb. 12, 2005, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital. She was born Sept. 9, 1931, in Webster Township, the daughter of Harry and Helen (Wood) French.

She had lived in Ann Arbor for the past 18 years and enjoyed bingo, gardening, cooking German sweet chocolate cakes, and her bird P.D.

Surviving are four children, Debbie (Larry) Jarae of Florida, Judy (Paul Eirod) Bailey of Milan, Dorene (Randy) Callaway of Texas and Paul Henes of Dexter; four grandchildren; two sisters; Helen Harris of Chelsea and May (Duane) Pollard of Brighton; and one brother, Richard French of Chelsea.

She was preceded in death by her ex-husband, Fred Henes; two brothers; and three sisters.

A funeral was held 10 a.m. Tuesday at the Staffan-Mitchell Funeral Home in Chelsea. The Rev. Dena Cleaver-Bartholomew officiated. Burial followed at Oak Grove East Cemetery in Chelsea.

Memorial contributions may be made to Huron Valley Humane Society.

### E. LEE COLLIER Unadilla Township

E. Lee Collier, 62, of Unadilla Township died Feb. 9, 2005, at his home. He was born Nov. 27, 1942, in Detroit, the son of Eldon and Blanche (Griffy) Collier.

Mr. Collier had lived in the area

since 1968 and was an active member of North Lake United Methodist Church.

He graduated from Oakland Police Academy in 1966, and had 20 years as a Washtenaw County Sheriff's Deputy.

Mr. Collier served in the U.S. Air Force from March 1961 to March 1965.

On July 6, 1963, he married Sue Matteson in Pontiac and she survives. Also surviving are his mother of Chelsea, four children, Marcella (Mark) Pingaro of Texas, Michael (Candace) Collier of Martin, Christopher (Rhondell) Collier and Erin (Jonathan) Soluk, both of Gregory; one brother-in-law, James Hazel of Berkeley; and four grandchildren, Kathryn, Nicholas, Austin and Shelby.

He was preceded in death by his father and one sister, Alice Hazel.

A funeral was held Monday at Staffan-Mitchell Funeral Home in Chelsea. The Rev. Alice Sheffield officiated. Burial was at North Lake Cemetery in Dexter Township.

Memorial contributions may be

made to North Lake United Methodist Church.

### WILHELMINA F. EDER Chelsea

Wilhelmina F. Eder, 92, of Chelsea died Feb. 8, 2005, at Arbor Hospice Residence in Ann Arbor. She was born May 8, 1912, in Waterloo Township, the daughter of Barney and Clara (Hill) Roepcke.

She attended Unadilla School and was a graduate of Howell High School. She worked at Federal Screw Works during World War II. On June 24, 1944, she married John Eder Jr.

Mrs. Eder was a charter member of the Chelsea Painters and a member of St. Mary Catholic Church. For many years, she was a playground and lunchroom supervisor at South Meadows Elementary School.

Surviving are her five children, Elaine Durham of Seattle, Katherine (James) Schneider of Colorado, John (Sally) Eder of Ann Arbor, Mary Jane Dettling of Chelsea and Donald (Loretta) Eder of Chelsea; two brothers, Barney (Lois)

Roepcke of Grand Rapids and Fay (Almeda) Roepcke of Arizona; one sister-in-law, Betty Dyer of Unadilla; 14 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, John Eder, in 1979.

She married Philip Blough in 2000 and he preceded her in death. Surviving are his children, Reggie (Diane) Blough of Norvell, Jerry (Mary) Blough of Chelsea, Frank (Carolyn) Blough of Norvell, Bobbie Blough of Ann Arbor, Shirley (Doug) Rowe of Grass Lake, Barb (Don) Clickner of Pinckney and Mark (Kathy) Blough of Saline; 18 grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren.

A funeral was held Saturday at St. Mary Catholic Church. The Rev. William Turner officiated. Burial was at Mount Olivet Cemetery in Chelsea.

Memorial contributions may be made to Chelsea Center for the Arts or Chelsea Community Hospital.

The family received friends at the Staffan-Mitchell Funeral Home in Chelsea.

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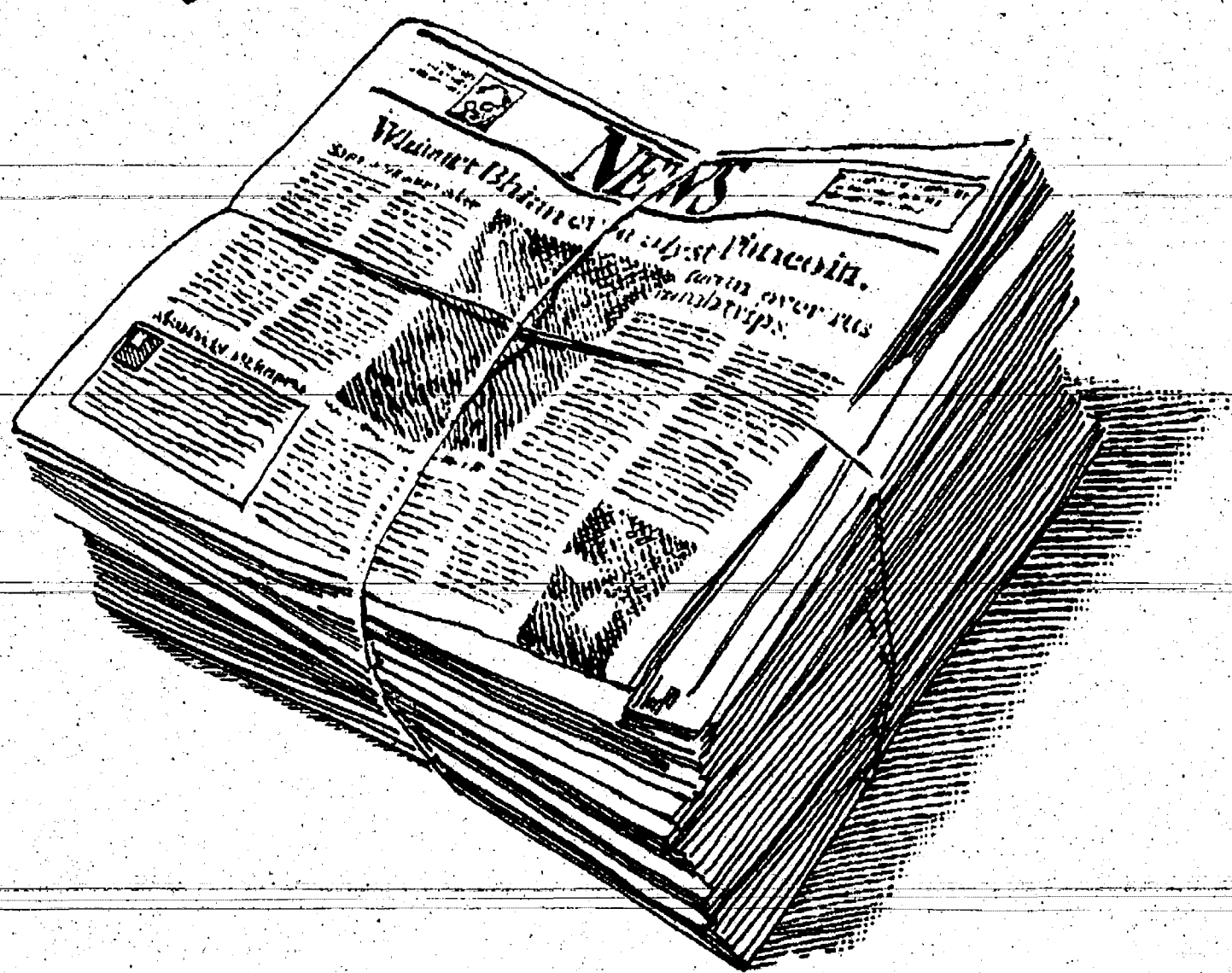








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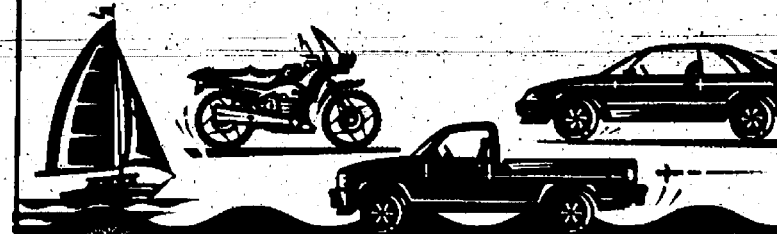
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