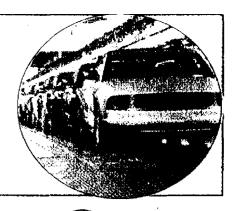
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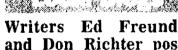
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ON THE WEB www.heritage.com

A Chelsea poll has been posted on www.chelseastandard.comThe Chelsea Downtown Development Authority recently held a "visioning session" to gather citizen input on projects to bring to the downtown area in the next 5, 10 or 20 years. Which ideas would you favor most?



Writers Ed Freundl and Don Richter post blogs each week.

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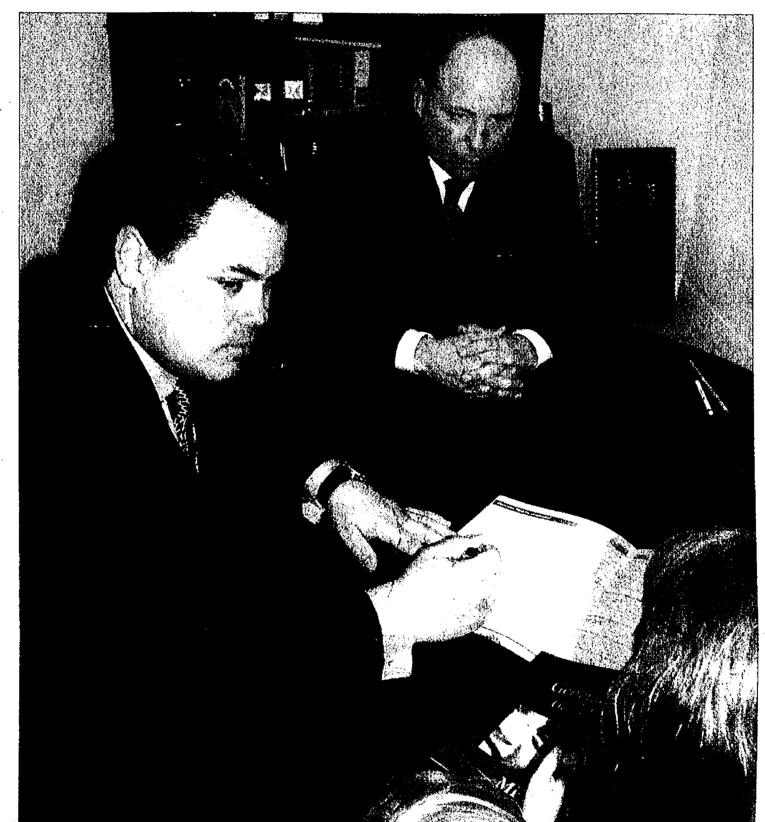
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Planning the end



Mike Mitchell (left) and Johnny Mitchell discuss funeral pre-planning with a potential client.

Funeral preplanning a gift of peace of mind

By Crystal Hayduk Special Writer

👕 n 1789, Benjamin Franklin wrote, "In life there is nothing certain but death and taxes." But while we file our taxes by April 15 each year, relatively few people give little, if any, forethought to funeral arrangements.

Even though a funeral is a formal ceremony that is part of the grieving process and helps people say goodbye, it can also be seen as a celebration of the life that was

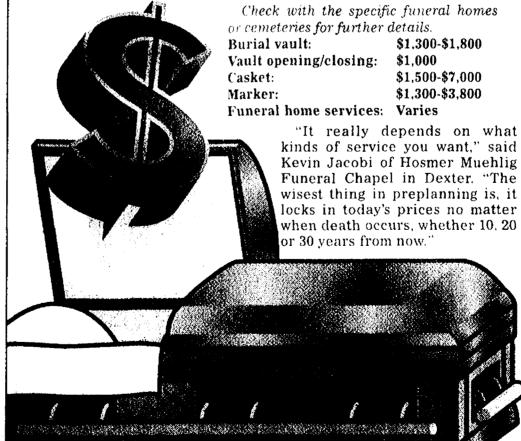
Making provision for one's own funeral is a gift of self-expression that can lead to peace of mind for all involved.

Chelsea resident Scott Riedel was responsible for planning and paying for his sister's funeral when she died unexpectedly three years ago. "All I knew was that the will said she wanted to be cremated," Riedel recalled.

When Riedel's mother died two years ago, he discovered from her will that she had already contracted with a funeral home and purchased a cemetery plot. However, she had not made arrangements with a church. With the help of an uncle, Riedel found a minister and planned the funeral.

As a result of his experiences, Riedel has already discussed his

The high price tag of dying



own preferences with his two sons. Steve Bringardner, Pastor of Discipleship with Dexter United Methodist Church said he has encountered few who have planned ahead for their final arrangements.

"I can count on my fingers those who have given serious thought ahead of a funeral," he said.

It has been his experience that a funeral can be very intimate and

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SPECIAL REPORT:

Council sets

Shrinking budget means big changes

By Edward Freundl Staff Writer

Chelsea will be able to step into the coming fiscal year with a clear destination and a road map on how to get there.

City Manager John Hanifan delivered an unmistakable message to the City Council: In an era of shrinking budgets and limit ed resources, things are going to be done differently. Council members met

Feb. 27 at the Chelsea Train Depot for a four-hour work session with Hanifan and Administrative Services Director Kim Garland.

The session featured a frank and open discussion on many topics, with a free exchange of ideas and input from all council members.

"This is the first time we have met in this format, but I have experience doing it for several years," Hanifan said.

He used his previous municipal experience in Royal Oak, Howell and Dexter to lead the council through a lengthy set of goals and objectives.

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Economic stimulus checks to follow tax refunds

By Edward Freundl Staff Writer

The economic stimulus package approved Congress and signed by President Bush on Feb. 13 will send tax rebates of between \$300 and \$1,200 to most taxpayers.

However, with economic

indicators growing gloomier by the day and the checks not in the mail until May, there is concern that the measure be may



too little, too late. This area's elected officials in Washington responded to that concern this week.

U.S. Rep. Tim Walberg, R District 7, said the Internal Revenue Service has its

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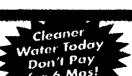


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- 1 Tbs. butter 1 egg
- 1 tbs. fresh lemon zest • 1/2 cup bread crumbs
- 1 tbs. chopped Italian parsley 1/2 cup mayonnaise
- 1 tbs. Dijon mustard 1 tps. old bay seasoning
- 1 tsp. worcestershire sauce

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Sauté celery, onion and red pepper in butter over medium heat for 3 min. Set aside to cool. Beat egg and whisk with mayonnaise, mustard, old bay and worcestershire sauce. Combine all ingredients. Mix gently so the lump crab does not break apart. Pat into 2 ounce cakes and place on a greased cookie sheet. Bake for 8-10 minutes. Place crab cakes on platter and drizzle with aioli. Garnish with diced red pepper and chopped parsley.



Aioli

- 1 cup mayonnaise
- 1/4 cup Dijon mustard
- 1 tsp. old bay seasoning
- 1 tsp. worcestershire
- 1 tsp. lemon juice

Whisk together all ingredients.

Garnish

- 1/4 cup diced red pepper
- 1 tbs. chopped parslev



liami Event

On February 22, Chef Thompson participated in the Food Network's South Beach Food and Wine Festival in the Moet & Chandon BubbleQ hosted by Giada De Laurentiis and teaturing well-known celebrities and chefs from around the world. The 4-day festival in

Miami, Florida, highlighted rich foods, fine champagnes, and TV personalities. Not new to the celebrity scene, Chef Thompson has also appeared on the Food Network's popular show Everyday Italian with host Giada De Laurentiis.



Weddings

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Chef Christian Thompson shares his culinary secrets and provides their skills. an evening of education, delicious food and socializing at his cooking classes held in his on-site classroom fully stocked with a modern kitchen and old-world bistro style tables in a beautifully restored historic building. The night begins at 6:30 with appetizers, beverages and light conversation, then the one-hour instruction begins at 7 p.m. Participants learn to bake a fresh loaf of bread as well as a variety of topics sure to benefit anyone who is planning to

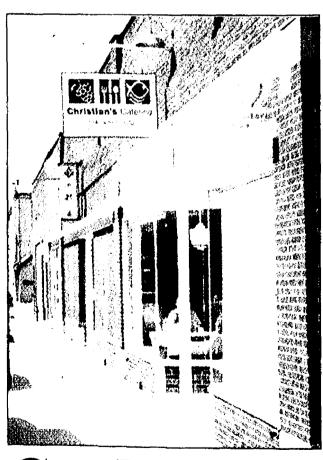
entertain or who simply wants to improve

Each class costs \$50 and requires pre-registration. Gift certificates for Chef Thompson's cooking classes make a unique present and ideal way to say 'thank you' to someone special. Upcoming classes are planned for March 21 and 22 and will include recipes and tips for preparing makeahead meals, easy appetizers, and mouthwatering desserts. For specific class schedules and a reservation form, call or see the website.



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Graduations

It's time to think about celebrating an important milestone with special friends and relatives. Make it a day to remember by allowing Christian's Catering to handle the most difficult task at any graduation party: setting up and offering flavorful food to all your guests

One injured in two-car crash





One driver was transported to Chelsea Community Hospital with non-life-threatening injuries following a two-car crash in the 1100 block of South Main Street at approximately 3 p.m. Feb. 28. The motorists' identities, ages and hometowns were not available, as were the circumstances of the crash.

Briefs

'Around Town with Linda'

"Around Town with Linda" will feature Tina Patterson of the Chelsea Senior Center, beginning today,

"Around Town with Linda" features interviews conducted by the local host Linda Meloche. The show airs daily on Channel 18 at 7:30 a.m., noon, 7:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m.

A new interview begins every Thursday evening and runs for a week. The guests all live or work in Chelsea, and everyone connected with the show is a volunteer.

Previous shows are available at McKune Memorial Library.

Weather spotter training

Washtenaw ... County **Emergency** Management Division is offering "Skywarn Spotter" training free to anyone 18 or olderinterested in being trained in severe weather identification, protection and reporting procedures.

The free training will be offered in Chelsea at 7 p.m. March 20 in the auditorium at the Washington Street Education Center, Washington St.

Class sizes are limited, so pre-register online http://emergency.ewashtenaw.org, or call 734-973-4900. Provide name, phone number, class date and verify that you are at least 18 years of

Career advice from FIA

Faith in Action will have a career advisor available every Tuesday from 12:30 to 4 p.m. to help with resume writing, job searching, career research and talent evaluation. This service is open to anyone who could use help with employment issues. A Michigan Works! computer with up-to-date job listings, and many other job search aids, is available as part of the service.

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Huron Valley Ambulance elects officers

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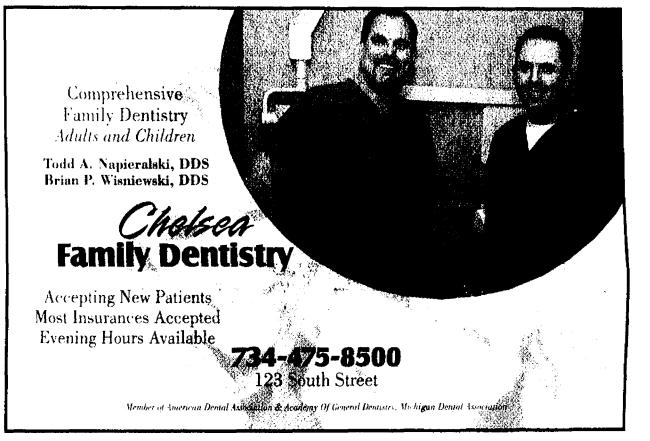
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Nigerian educator shares lessons, culture with Beach students

By Edward Freundl Staff Writer

As they have for the past 10 years, seventh-grade Social Studies classes at Beach Middle School were treated to a personal tour of Nigeria last week.

Dr. Stephen Uche, an educational and environmental consultant and native of the central African nation, brought his interactive cultural program to the school.

Tuesday he made his presentation to all eight sections of the seventh grade in the school's media center, where the kids dressed in traditional African attire and sang songs.

On Wednesday he made presentations in the morning and afternoon to individual classes in Mary Morgans' classroom.

He taught the students about the agriculture, climate, distribution of plant and animal life in his native village in southern Nigeria.

The country is in north central Africa, on the Gulf

of Guinea, bordered by Cameroon on the east, the Benin Republic on the west and Niger on the north

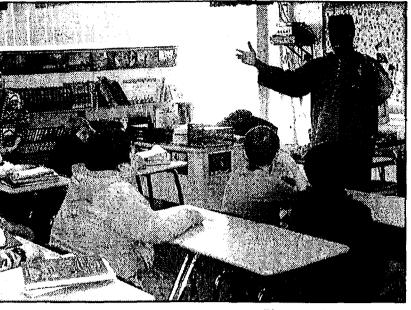
The former British colony became independent in 1960. The north is predominantly Muslim and heavily Christian in the south.

People in the south were the first to have education available to them in colonial times, Uche told the students, which has become a continuing source of conflict between the two regions.

Lagos is no longer the capital city of the country. he said. In 1992 a federal capital territory, much like Washington D.C., was established in the center of the nation, and the capital city is now Abuja.

He showed a slide that illustrated the huge size of the African continent: the United States, Europe, China, New Zealand, Argentina, India can all fit, with room to spare.

"Before colonization people moved around



Photos by Edward Freundl

Dr. Stephen Uche, an environmentalist and educator originally from Nigeria, tells a folk tale to a seventh-grade Social Studies class Feb. 27 at Beach Middle School as part of a Black History Month presentation.

freely, there were no boundaries, no demarcations, and nomadic people were able to move around without problems," Uche told the students.

"When Europeans came to Africa, suddenly we had countries and you needed permission to go from place to place.

"Many conflicts in Africa started then. The nomads would fight you, they didn't understand the need for passports and visas."

He also told students a folk tale about children who obey their parents, teachers and other authority figures.

"Every story has a lesson to teach," Uche said. "If it doesn't have a lesson, throw it in the trash basket."

The story involved a mother and baby frog, and a mother and baby snake, which are natural enemies.

He likened the situation to what the seventhgraders face at home themselves, spending too much time on the computer, the television and telephone against their parents' wishes.

"You see homeless people, you see people in jail, and you wonder what happened to them; they were seventh-graders once, just like you," he added.

"Remember, when parents tell you something, they do it in your best interest."

Uche compared daily life in Nigeria to that in the United States.

"The children have to help out at home, parents expect them to fulfill responsibilities," he said.

"In this country there is

a lot of misinformation about other countries.

"People have mistaken ideas that all people in Africa live the same way, and it's not how people in

Nigeria live." Morgans was very pleased with Uche's presentation.

"It's been wonderful, I think it's one of the highlights of the seventh-grade year." Morgans said.

"That's why we have him come back every year. You can ask kids in high school and they will remember Dr. Uche's visit."

That visit is partially funded by a Chelsea Educational Foundation grant, and is a perfect adjunct to Black History Month education for area kids.

"He is a 'live museum' who brings them firsthand information on Nigeria," Morgans said.

"He shares his personal experience about Nigeria, touching on its history, geography, people, economy, culture and politics."

Gnels**ea Area Bri**efs

Honor roll corrections

last week's Chelsea High and at the door. School honor roll were accidentally omitted.

The following students also deserved recognition: Heart screening 9th Grade Honor Roll, Courtenay Ackley; 10th Grade High Honor Roll, Schuyler Adkins; 10th Grade Honor Roll, Travis Alcazar; 11th Grade High Honor Roll, Matthew Bach; 11th Grade Honor Roll, Elizabeth Alexander; 12th Grade High Honor Roll, Marie Abney; and 12th Grade Honor Roll, Erin Alber.

Preschool open house

The Chelsea Children's Co-operative will present its annual open house today from noon to 2 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m.

Drop by to see the facilities at 400 Congdon St. and meet the staff who help the children of our community take their first joyous steps into education.

Morning and afternoon programs are available for 3- and 4-year-olds.

Faculty variety show

"A Little Night Music," a musical variety show by Chelsea School District faculty and friends, will take Chelsea High School auditorium.

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Proceeds will benefit the Chelsea Music Boosters.

High school athletes are invited to a free screening at Chelsea Community Hospital from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday.

The "Health Edge Heart Check" program gives student athletes the opportunity to be checked by cardiologists and clinical staff for pre-existing heart conditions and abnormali-

The goal of this program is to identify any heart conditions or abnormalities that may increase the student's risk of sudden death during physical activity.

The screening process includes a review of health history, a blood pressure check and an electrocardiogram (EKG).

Results of the screening will be mailed to each student within one week.

Cranesbill Books contest

Cranesbill Books, 108 E. Middle St. in Chelsea, announces that March is "Dummies Month." The popular "Dummies"

book series, which aids the place at 7 p.m. Friday at the layman in everything from taxes to dog training, knitting to menopause, sudoku Tickets are \$8 for adults to diabetes, has reached and \$5 for students and sen- iconic status with a book for

iors. They will be available just about everyone.

Everyone who purchases a book in the "Dummies" series from Cranesbill Books during March is eligible for a \$5 rebate.

In conjunction with "Dummies Month," Cranesbill Books is holding an essay contest, open to all ages. Tell us your dumbest moment (something you're not too embarrassed about) and how a book from the "Dummies" series might have helped you.

The winner will receive a "Dummies" book of their choice from Cranesbill Books.

For more information, contact Jan Loveland at 433-

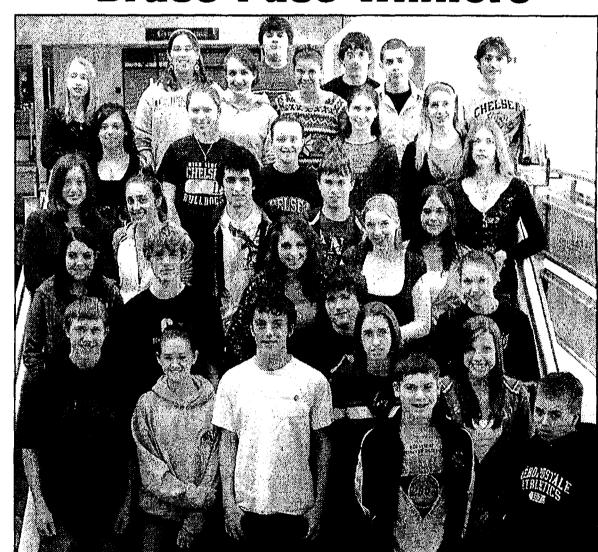
Class of '88 reunion

Big hair and school dances, anyone remember those? Well, you can remember them and visit with classmates at the Chelsea High School Class of 1988 20-year class

reunion. The reunion will be held Aug. 30 at Reddeman Farms on Dancer Road in Dexter from 7 p.m. to midnight. We will have hors d'oeuvres, a DJ and lots of visiting and catching up.

To be "found," log onto "Yahoo Groups," search for chelsea88 and join the group. Coming soon will be a Class Reunion Web site, www.chelsea88.info (Check out the home page).

Brass Pass winners



The following students received a Brass Pass for the second marking period at Chelsea High School. The Brass Pass is a discount card valid at participating local businesses. Qualifications are based on grade point average, citizenship, discipline and attendance. Becky Allen, Danielle Bean, Matthew Bohl, David Boyle, Samantha Brown, Melanie Burchett, Kevin Burchett, Daniel Case, Cassie Coffman, Kathryn Cohen, Amanda Craig, Marissa Elwart, Clara Erickson, Stephanie Everard, Theodore Eyster, Wesley Fritzemeier, Eric Gabbard, Courtney Gledhill, Lauren Gray, Megan Hardcastle, Joe Haroney, Martin Harris, Gus Hay, Megan Jerant, Drew Johnson, Page Katz, Anna Kingsinger, Steve Lesko, Courtney Maher, Madison Marable, Chris Millen, William Murdock, Claire Myers, Samantha Newbound, Amanda Patton, Dylan Raye-Leonard, Patrick Roberts, Anna Rode, Zoe Rozsa, Emily Schaible, Nigel Schuh, Meghan Smith, Tori Stevens, Eleanor Stewart, Ellie Stoffer, Michelle Wellman, Kyle Wenn, Jessica Williams, Breanna Wooster, Victoria Young, Marie Zill and Taryn Zyburt.



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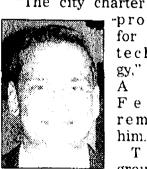
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First on the agenda was a review of council rules, which apparently was long overdue.

"It appears 1999 was the last time the rules were updated," 'Hanifan said.

He suggested amending language to reflect the 2004 change from village to city, and introduce language on the use of technology.

"The city charter makes -provision



technology," Mayor n n Feeney reminded

new

T h e group discussed issu-

ing all council members a city e-mail address for the sake of consistency, regardless of whether they already one on the city's Web site.

"The reason I got one is the MML (Michigan Municipal League) is big on FOIA (Freedom of Information Act), and I'll use that to reply to requests," said Council member Rod Anderson.

Hanifan objected to that approach.

"If we're going to provide maintain e-mail accounts, council members should use them," he said.

Hanifan said the new rules will be ready for the council to look at in time for the second council meeting in March of the first one in April.

Hanifan then presented the recommended long- and short-term goals and objectives he'd like the council to adopt.

The first on the list, "Maintain a competitive tax rate relative to other Southeast Michigan communities." generated discussion on its wording (see related chart), resulting in substituting the word "comparative" for "competitive."

"It's helpful to have a starting point for running governble," Anderson said.

Hanifan noted, "Comparison is the root of all significance."

Another wording change was suggested for Objective 3 "Attract and maintain

growth ...' "A lot of people think

'growth' is bad; but I think what they really mean is uncontrolled growth," Anderson said.

Council member Cheri Albertson suggested alternative wording. "Let's have it say 'cautious

growth' or something along those lines," she said.

After discussion, it became "Attract and maintain prudent growth ..."

Hanifan suggested Objective 5, "Implement funding of Other Post-Employment Benefits' ...' mindful of a recent actuarial assessment of the city's underfunded retiree benefit program.

"We should set aside funding now in order to pay benefits to current and future retirees," he said.

Another goal has been the subject of almost continual conjecture for years, "Ensure good stewardship of municipal infrastructure."

Objective 2, "Complete a Facilities Master Plan in FY 2008-09," calls for construction of a police station and City Hall; renovation or sale of current police station; renovation, and sale or planned future use of the Buchanan Street building, the former BookCrafters facility.

In order to ease the public's concerns, "we need to have some sort of policy statement on this," Hanifan

said. "Even a decision to do nothing with it at this time is

a decision," he added. "We will entertain any serious (purchase) offers.'

The next goal was to "Develop and Maintain a First-Rate Work Force," and its first objective was to

Goals and objectives for Fiscal Year 2008-09

Goal: Maintain a comparable tax rate relative to other SE Michigan cities Some of the objectives:

Adjust the general fund, solid waste and municipal street millage rates

Have unappropriated reserve fund of 15-20 percent of annual expenses, maintain a capital outlay reserve in enterprise funds of 50 percent to 75 percent as recommended in the Utility Rate Study

Attract and maintain prudent growth through an ongoing commitment to economic development, assist the Downtown Development Authority in implementing its development plan

Continue to explore other revenue sources: aggressively pursue grant opportunities, look for areas in the budget to redirect expenses to another agency

Implement funding of "Other Post-Employment Benefits" in accordance with GASB (Governmental Accounting already on staff)

Standards Board) regulations Develop strategies to further strengthen internal controls and operating efficiencies

Goal: Ensure good stewardship of municipal infrastructure

Some of the objectives:

Establish policies for utilities management based on the following factors:

- Update the 2005 Utility Rate Study every three years
- Implement recommendations for water, sewer and electrical rate adjustments
- Pursue joint meetings with Lima and Sylvan townships to establish regional solutions for utilities
- Ensure an adequate daily supply of water to meet estimated demand at a quality that exceeds safe drinking water guidelines
- Determine priorities to protect and allocate any excess water and sewer capacity
- Pursue State Revolving Fund financing for water and sewer projects
- Continue public education on volun-

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Goal: Engage the Community

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Provide open houses or community

- tees to review major issues, schedule at least two joint sessions between the DDA and Council
- Keep the public informed through the news media, city Web site, cable TV Channel 18 and regular press releases
- Develop an e-mail alert subscription

Goal: Develop and Maintain a First-Rate Work Force

Some of the objectives:

Develop and implement quarterly

- training for employee development • Appoint a training officer (someone
- · Annually budget for training and ensure departments are utilizing it
- Put ethics training in place
- Develop safety programs to minimize
- and/or transfer risk • Appoint a safety officer (someone already on staff)
- Review Emergency Action Guidelines with staff

Goal: Encourage Innovation and **Excellence in Customer Service**

Some of the objectives:

Continue to challenge the status quo through exploring alternative delivery of services or new facilities

Investigate the cost benefit of establishing quarterly billing for all utilities

Provide annual customer service training for staff

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Goal: Promote a Safe Community

Some of the objectives:

Create a long-term, financially stable police services plan; maintain an adequate police-to-population ratio consistent with state averages

Continue to review policies to ensure compliance with the latest ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) rules.

issue would be addressed. any policies are likely to be every challenged.

"Change is difficult for believe we don't have one." everyone," he said. "We've changes."

Hanifan also noted one key personnel document was out replacement program." of date, and another did not even exist.

"The last time the person- ation." Hanifan said. nel manual was updated was develop an employee handbook."

Councilman Lindauer seemed stunned by that admission.

"That (employee handand noted that changes in book) is something basic to organization," Lindauer said. "I can't

Objective 3 under that goal had some resistance to even is "Continue to upgrade some very basic policy equipment needed by staff to efficiently complete tasks by developing an equipment

> "Across the board, we have a pretty broad business oper-

Garland affirmed the 2000," he said. "(And) we will necessity of replacing outmoded equipment in order for city employees to do their Jason jobs effectively.

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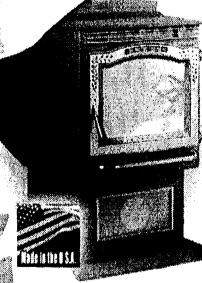
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SPECIAL REPORT: Council sets goals for 2008-09

City manager suggests shuffle of departments

By Edward Freundl Staff Writer

City Manager Hanifan suggested to the City of the city's organizational chart emphasizing tasks rather than traditional hierarchy.

Utilities Division was among many suggestions Hanifan made during a work session with council members on Feb. 27.

The proposed Public Utilities Division would include the electric, water, wastewater, public works and solid waste departments, with the superintendents of each department answering to a Public Utilities Director.

It would be the biggest reshuffling of Chelsea's organizational chart since the change from village to city in

Hanifan said the change was prompted by the degree of cooperation and interaction between departments he has observed.

"There's not as much as I'd like, there's not as much as there should be, but there are commonalities." Hanifan said.

He said the change would help to find areas of city operations that can be consolidated.

"We have to figure out how to do our jobs better, cheaper and with fewer people," Hanifan said.

"We have to be reorganized around tasks; we have to get beyond doing things the old way — which is not to say the wrong way.'

Hanifan cautioned that his suggestion was not the result of dissatisfaction with current department heads; it's simply a more efficient way of spending taxpayer funds.

It's not the leadership, it's the culture," he said. "We can't think that way anymore; we have to change that."

To change that culture, Hanifan noted, the workers in those departments with common tasks would be united "under one banner," but their would still be areas of specialization.

He described how the department would reordered, if the City Council concurs with his proposal.

"The public works and solid waste superintendents

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"We have departmental goals that are mapped to these (broad goals)," she said. "We are responsible for and evaluated on how well we reach these goals."

Under the goal of "Encourage Innovation and Excellence in Customer Service," one of the objectives is to "Investigate the cost benefit of establishing quarterly billing for all utilities."

"It costs us several thousand dollars a year for mailings, when you consider the cost of the postage and envelopes," Garland said.

Lindauer had another suggestion to improve customer service.

"I think it would be a good idea to publicize the ADA (Americans Disabilities ACT) issue with the drop box (outside City Hall for bill payments) so that people know," he said. "It speaks to a quality-oflife issue."

The final goal was straightforward: "Renewal or continual evaluation of goals and objectives."

The objective there is to annually review and/or renew the goals of the Master Plan, the DDA Development Plan and other planning documents to ensure that policy decisions being made further the long-term goals and objectives of long-range planning documents.

Elliott) will stay in place this hall." John year." Hanifan said.

"Brad Roberts (superin-Council a radical reordering tendent of the water and wastewater department) will move up to Public Utilities Director, and we already have a vacancy in the elec-Creation of a Public tric department that Bob Shepherd is filling."

> Staffing remains to be seen, Hanifan said, looking at each vacancy as it occurs. People will be promoted from within whenever possible, he added.

"The hard fact is, the city doesn't exist to employ people," Hanifan said.

"Change is difficult, but in this instance it's necessary."

Facilities improvement status

Hanifan also presented an update on the status of a long-anticipated city hallpolice building and other projects.

"The three things we need to figure out first are: what the need is, site selection, and financing, or what our reach is as far as what we can afford."

"All of these things have to be done relatively quickly, but won't be done in 2008-

As a result of the recent Downtown Development Authority visioning session, Hanifan said, there is a strong commitment to locate such a building in the downtown area, using DDA funds.

There has been more than one needs assessment done. but the most recent was in

"Using hypothetical numbers, if the police need turns out to be \$4 million and our reach is only \$4 million in bonds, then there will be no city hall," Hanifan said. "If the need turns out to be \$2 million, then we'll have \$2

Hanifan expressed hope that the project could be done as one building, but again, that depends on whatever site presents itself.

He also put to rest recurrent speculation that plans were already under way on a site not known to the public.

"As far as the site selection, we'll meet with anybody, we'll listen to anybody, but there is nothing current-Lindauer, who was re-

elected to a second term in November, said he hoped the project could become a reality before the next council election.

under two administrations. even if that was the best use of federal, state and local funds," he said.

ting the city unnecessarily into debt.

"The intent is to do this within our exiting financial parameters, and we should be able to reorder our priorities to do it," he said.

Hanifan also reported on the Wastewater Treatment Plant expansion that is on the drawing board. "It's an \$11 million project, requiring almost \$700,000 in annual debt service and a cost to the ly in the works," Hanifan average resident of \$27 a month," he said.

> He explained the need for the expansion, and the dire consequences of failing to

The city would have to pay back \$1 million in grants for "I'd hate to see this done preliminary design work that has been done, every overflow event would cost \$25,000 per day in fines, and residential and business Hanifan said another development would slow important consideration of even more because there's

(Craig Maier and John million left over for a city the project was to avoid put- almost no capacity left in the system.

have no control over, like out financing this fiscal year. in the townships," Hanifan cautioned.

we don't do this, it's malprac-

Hammer had a blunt warning for his colleagues. "I guarantee that it'll come suggested. back and bite us in the rump in terms of growth, and bite us in the rump and financial-

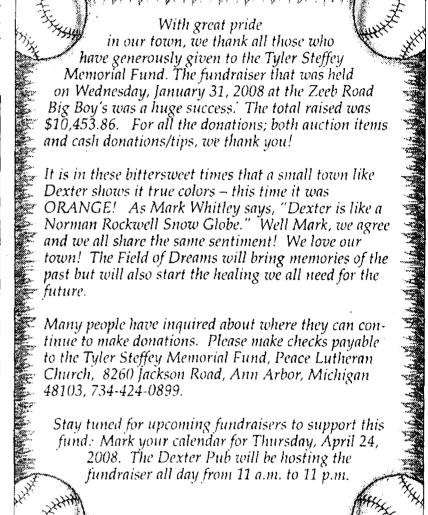
ly when we get sued," he said. Hanifan said the project's \$700,000 annual cost could be covered by a manipulation of service rates and millage rates.

He also reminded the council that their answer has "When the economy comes to be determined by June to back — and it will — growth be eligible for low-interest will occur in areas that we'll State Revolving Fund

If SRF funding is approved, he said, a rate Lindauer interjected: "If increase of only 5 percent

should be necessary. "If our priorities are fixed, Council member Frank it seems to me that a natural option will emerge," Council member Cheri Albertson

> Hanifan said a major rate increase can be avoided by reallocating existing millage funding in other areas by a fraction of a mill. "We're going to have to increase rates some; not by 15 or 20 percent, but some," Hanifan said.



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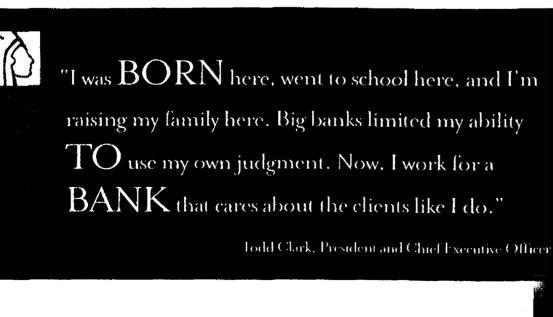
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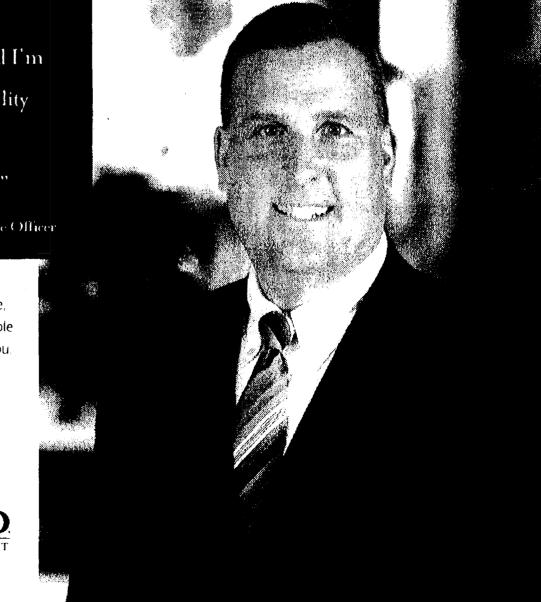
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meaningful if planned in advance, especially if family is involved.

Bringardner said a number of people face the dilemma of needing the services of a minister, but have no connection to a church.

He is sometimes asked to perform a funeral service for someone he doesn't know, Bringardner said.

"I try to spend time with the family to gather the essence of who that person was to make it more personal," he said. "We also try to provide ongoing care and support, because the funeral is just the beginning of the grief process."

Arbor Hospice, an organization for patients who have life-limiting illnesses. employs social workers to help meet the emotional needs of patients and fami-

Pat Bauer is a field social worker who said that even in situations where a person's life expectancy is six months or less, people don't always talk about funeral plans.

"We don't walk in with an agenda, we wait for them to bring it up," said

If a patient or family member broaches the topic, then the role of the social worker is to help people have the discussion about their arrangements following death.

Bauer said that it can sometimes be a challenge to balance the wishes of the dying with those who are left behind.

"It can be very beneficial for people to talk with families about basic plans or preferences that they feel strongly about," she said.

Beverly Slater learned about funeral preplanning through conversations with her brother. She decided to make her own arrange-

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- Discuss your wishes with family.

(Source: Staffan-Mitchell Funeral Home, Chelsea)

ments, from choosing a casket to selecting Scripture readings and music for the funeral service, and she already has a cemetery plot in Minnesota near other family members.

Not only has Slater made her plans, but she has also paid for them.

"The money is invested and accruing interest," said Slater. "The way it works, everything I've planned will be covered.'

Slater made her own arrangements to benefit her only child, Kathy, who lives in Oregon.

The two of them have discussed the plans, a conversation that Slater felt was not really difficult because "we understand it's coming."

"We're both believers and consider it 'graduating' to heaven," Slater said.

"All Kathy will have to do is call (Chelsea funeral director) John Mitchell and it will all be taken care of.

"It's a relief and a good feeling that my daughter won't have to worry about (planning) it," ADDED Slater.

Johnny and Mike Mitchell, of Staffan-Mitchell Funeral Home in Chelsea, said that despite the fact that their family has been in the funeral business for generations, they did not know what their grandfather wanted for his funeral when he died.

"He just wouldn't talk about it for himself, so when the time came, we did what we thought was best," Johnny said.

On the other hand, when their maternal grandmother passed away in December, she had made her wishes very clear in advance.

"Planning together definitely gets the family talking," said Mike.

For those who are interested in funeral preplanning, a funeral director can act as a consultant.

There are many aspects involved in peoples' moral and religious traditions, and the funeral director should strive to honor a family's loved one in a way that is respectful yet still work within the limitations of their finances, they said.

The Mitchells explained that a funeral director can help a family work through the specific financial considerations involved with life insurance benefits. trusts, Medicare and Medicaid that many people often don't comprehend, especially when grieving or in shock.

They strongly suggest that even when individuals have communicated plans verbally, it is still a good idea to have plans written down.

It is also wise to have multiple copies of the written plans, with one at the

funeral home and others given directly to loved ones. Written plans should be kept in the same place as other important papers.

"Even though something has been set up, the legal next of kin will always have the final say," cautioned Johnny.

The brothers contemplated the many funerals in which they have participated over the years.

"It takes a lot of inner strength to talk about your own death," Mike said.

Johnny added, reflecting, "It's not easy. As hard as it is to talk about it when you're alive, it's harder to have people wonder about it later. 'Did we do the right thing?"

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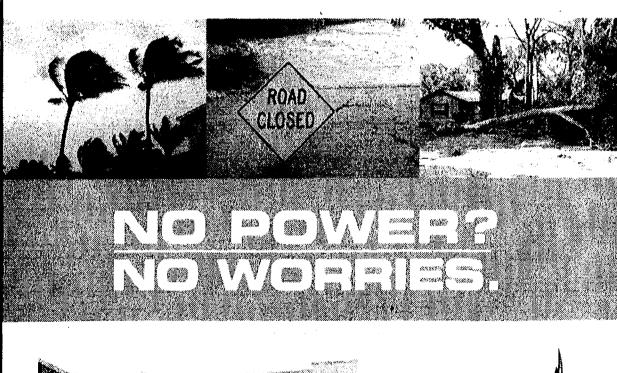


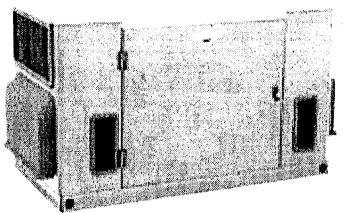
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Just can't get rid of Nader

That is it about the word "no" that Ralph Nader does not understand? Or being 74 and all, maybe he can't hear it?

Three times the consumer advocate has run for president and three times the electorate

has said a collective "no thanks." Yet, there

was "Big Ralphie" on network TV announcing he is running again. Why?

Three letters Skubick "e-g-o." As the new

Harold Stassen of presidential politics, Nader is trotting out the same warmed-over baloney about lack of leadership: you can't trust either party, blah, blah, blah. We have heard it all before and apparently we're going to hear it all over again.

Tim

His line about "dissent is the mother of ascent" is one sandwich away from being trite. Enough already.

Nader will go down in history as the guy who delivered the presidency to the current occupant by siphoning off 97,000 votes in Florida that could have gone to Al Gore. Had Nader done the right thing back in 2000 by not running. Gore would be leaving the White House this year and not George W. Bush.

Although to this day Nader refuses to take the rap, many Democrats refuse to forgive him for putting Bush into

So does he want to spoil it again for the Dems? He's telling voters they deserve a choice, but, frankly, the voters already have one.

In one breath Hillary Clinton described Nader as a "passing fancy," but then in the next she said it was not good for the party. In another week or so, she won't have to fret about that.

Barak Obama opined that Nader "seems to have a pretty high opinion of his own work.' which was a polite way of saying Nader thinks he's got all the answers.

Gov. Jennifer Granholm got it right when she called Nader's candidacy a "non-event."

The dynamics this time are completely different than in 2000 when Nader made a somewhat respectable showing in Michigan, as 84,000 voters, in a weak moment, actually embraced him.

But by 2004 when he ran again, the number dipped to 24,000 as voters finally figured it out: A vote for Ralph was a vote for the GOP candidate.

Nader's traditional appeal, back when he had appeal, played well with independent and moderate voters who will decide the next president. With the '08 election expected to be close, they won't be wasting their votes on Nader.

As for the throng of younger voters who made up the Nader's Raiders years ago, they've gotten older and wiser and the only thing they are raiding now is the refrigerator.

And as for the new batch of would-be raiders, they have pledged their allegiance to a new crusade led by Obama.

So the only folks left over who could possibly defect from McCain to Nader are so conservative they would rather sit home on Election Day than vote for him.

Thus, Nader is a non-factor, although he will get his name in print, and he will get his mug on the tube for a while and then even the media will figure it out — that Nader is

nada. Or as Michigan Democrat Joel Ferguson succinctly put it. "The band has stopped playing but Nader is still dancing.'

Letters to the Editor

To the Editor: Mr. Warren I. Kress's vile libels against the American soldier, past and present, would not usually be worthy of publication, much less a reply. But such extreme charges can't go unanswered, lest some reader believe even a part of

them to be true. Let's start with some actual facts. The "Winter Soldier" investigations of alleged American atrocities in Vietnam have long been completely discredited. The so-called "testimony" was not even taken under oath, and investigations by the Federal Government and others not only could not confirm any of the allegations, but in virtually all cases showed the witnesses

repeatedly lied about their cially successful than training, background, and service in Vietnam. See the web site "wintersoldier.com" for detailed, documented rebuttal.

Unfortunately, many in the popular press readily incorporated the Winter Soldier viewpoint into their reporting. It became commonplace to see Vietnam veterans as a class described as borderline psychotic criminals, homeless, or losers traumatized by the horrific acts they were forced to commit. The actual behavior patterns of returning Vietnam combat veterans were far different. As documented in "Stolen Valor" (Burkett and Whitley) Vietnam veterans are more emotionally adjusted and finan-

their cohorts in the population. Likewise, crime and suicide rates were similar or lower to that of their age groups in the general population.. And while this fact may astound the clueless Mr. Kress, it is indisputable that most Vietnam veterans are extremely proud of their service to their country.

Mr. Kress wants to extend the Vietnam libels to today's returning vets and yet has the impudence to call himself our brother. You are not our brother. As Samuel Adams said during comparable circumstances during the American Revolution: "We seek not your counsel, nor your arms. Crouch down and

lick the hand that feeds you; may your chains set lightly upon you, and may posterity forget that you were our countrymen."

Chelsea

To the Editor: Three cheers for Douglas Wright! His letter to the editor in the Dexter Leader (Feb. 14) put into words what it would have taken me months to write. Thank you, Douglas.

In his letter, Frank

STREET TALK

Grohnert states, "I believe that Rich Robinson's recent guest column (Feb. 7) says what all of us, deep down really and truly have con-Rod Anderson cluded about our current administration in Washington D.C.'

He has no idea what I have concluded and I do not appreciate being included in "all of us." I do not agree with the current administration on everything it has done. However,

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HOME FRONT

Changing lives can be an inspiration

I have a brother who has battled alcoholism for at least a decade. I have a cousin who has battled obesity since childhood.

At times when I grow weary and discouraged about trying to affect change in my life, I have recently taken to thinking of

I call to mind this past Christmas when my brother and cousin gathered with the rest of the family at my parents' home.

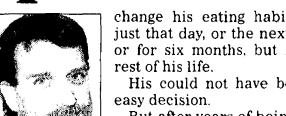
just over a year. My cousin had only the month before undergone restrictive bariatric bypass surgery to reduce the size of his stomach.

I was struck at the time by the challenges they faced as magnified by the hol-

On a long table were platters and bowls of turkey, stuffing, pie, rolls, mashed potatoes, gravy, cranberries, cookies and

As everyone else paraded past the another direction. table to overfill their plates, my cousin sat nearby sipping juice from a straw.

The surgery had reduced his stomach's throes of changing his life. capacity to three or four tablespoons of food. The drastic step of gastric reduction surgery compelled my cousin to radically



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change his eating habits. Not just that day, or the next week, or for six months, but for the

His could not have been an

But after years of being overweight and trying this diet or that one, my cousin concluded that he would take the battle to a whole new level because he wanted to change his life. He wanted to get out from under

My brother had not touched a drink in the burden of obesity. He wanted more of what being overweight had denied him. To do this, he was willing to make a

> tremendous sacrifice. As he sipped his juice near the overloaded banquet table, he did not moan or

> whine, not even in jest, that he couldn't have turkey or dressing or pie. No, instead I detected a faint smile on his face; a smile that seemed to convey he was OK with not finding his way to the

> table because he had decided to go in I marveled a bit because right beside me was a man who was in the dramatic

I was watching it happen.

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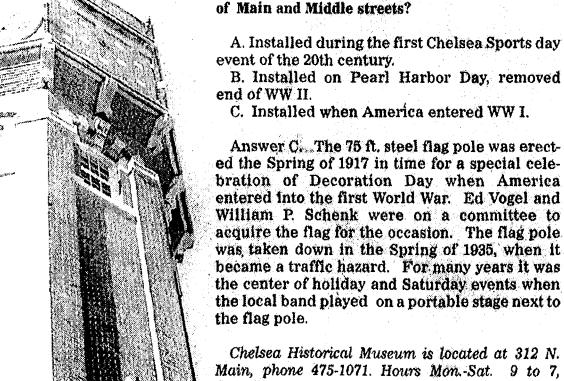
"The last book I read, and I really enjoyed, was Mitch Albom's 'The Five People You Meet in Heaven."

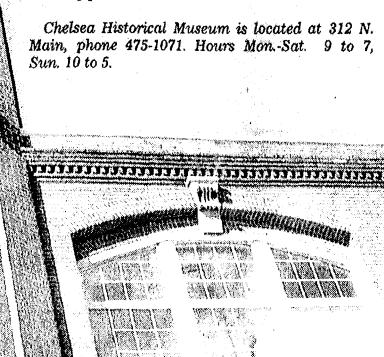
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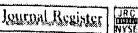
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Kalamazoo Kelsea Howell, a senior forward from Dexter, was selected to the 2007-08 All-MIAA Women's Basketball Second Team.

Howell ranked sixth in Lovely, all of Dexter. the MIAA with 12.5 points per game. She ranked eighth in three-point shooting percentage (.344) and Kumbier of Ann Arbor, has ninth with 30.5 minutes been named to the Merit played per game.

MIAA Second Team last 2007-08 academic year. To season, started all 25 games be eligible for recognition, this season, Howell aver- a student must earn a aged 13.6 points and 4.5 grade point average of at rebounds and shot 39 per least 3.45. Kumbier is a cent from the field and 39.2 graduate of Dexter High percent from three-point School. range.

Howell graduated from Dexter High School in 2004 man at Michigan State and played four years for University achieved a 4.0 Kalamazoo. She was the GPA in the fall 2007 semescaptain of the team her junter and was on the Dean's ior and senior years.

The following students Chelsea. were on the Dean's List during the past term at

College's Madonna University:

and Kaitlyn Williams, all of for the fall 2007 semester. Chelsea; Christina Derry,

Kirk Kumbier, son of Timothy and Mary List at Kenyon College for Howellw, who was All- the first semester of the

> Josh Branham, a fresh-List. He is the son of Jeff and Sheila Branham of

Davenport

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Galarowic, Anna Lussier was named to the dean's list cation.

To achieve the dean's list, Jennifer Heldt and Sarah a student must maintain a is to recognize individuals average while enrolled in at least nine credits of regular coursework.

> Davenport University is the only West Michigan-

Stacy Jones of Dexter was requirements. Delta Pi at Ashland daughter of Michael and Ohio.

recently announced that Marsha Jones and is major-Kali Burnette, Amanda Kristina Meyer of Chelsea ing in early childhood edu-

> Kappa Delta Pi's purpose minimum 3.5 grade-point who have made outstanding contributions to education and to promote development of worthy educational ideals.

> The group strives to based private university enhance continued professpecializing in business, sional growth. Membership technology and health pro- in Kappa Delta Pi requires a 3.2 grade-point average and specific academic Ashland named a member of Kappa University is a private, comprehensive institution University. She is the located in north central

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It was happening across the last time. the room, as well.

with it. Over two decades, alcohol of them. wormed its way into every aspect of his life. It became an extension of his personality; it became an integral part of his social affairs.

He has served some weekends in the clink, wore one next week or the next month. of those orange vests while But for the rest of his life. picking up trash along the highway, and forked out to personal change takes thousands of dollars in court fines, attorney fees, and nation and force of will. charges from the state.

He'll tell you that.

legally, he quit drinking.

It was not the first time he had quit, but he seemed determined that it would be

I imagine holidays with-My brother has not had a out alcohol for my brother hard time with alcohol. He must be difficult. Booze is University has had a devastating time such an accepted and pervasive tradition around most

Like my cousin with the traditional Christmas spread, however, my brother has decided to go in another direction.

Not for that day, or the

That kind of commitment enormous strength, determi-

In these days of reality tel-He is lucky to be alive. evision that with shows such as "The Biggest Loser" and More than a year ago, as "Intervention" have turned his life began to implode battling personal demons around him, financially and into entertainment, it might

found right within our own shown me it is. circles of friends and family.

their lives.

I can witness it live.

Rather than sitting on my couch and cheering at a glowing box, I can actually really a game. engage in these battles with support and encouragement. bcox@heritage.com.

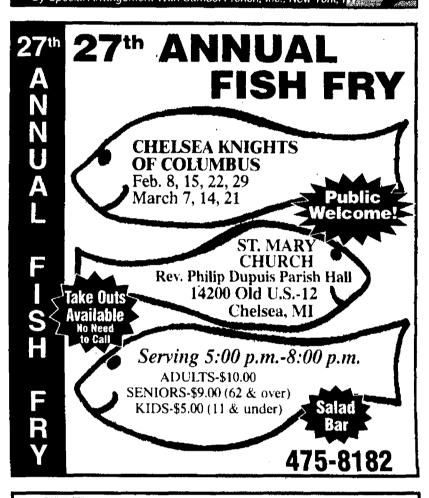
be easy to forget that the I know personal change is inspiration these shows possible and real because offer can more often be my cousin and brother have

Unlike the contestants in I don't need to turn on the reality TV shows, when my television to watch the strug-brother and cousin succeed gles and successes of in transforming their lives, strangers trying to change there will be no grand cash prize, no balloons, no guest appearances on talk shows, no speaking tours.

After all, real change isn't

Staff Writer Brian Cox can family and friends, offering be reached at 429-7380 or





The loving family of George Harold Joseph Smith

are pleased to announce he is celebrating his 90th birthday. George was born in

Menominee, Michigan on March 7, 1918. He married Ella May Alber on June 9, 1943. He was self-employed as a

land-developer of subdivisions in Scio Township and as an accountant until his retirement. While being self-employed he also worked at the Ann Arbor Construction; a gas station in Belleville, Palmer Village Insurance and finally Smith Village Insurance. George retired at age 75. He will be celebrating with his 10 children, Ann (Tarrier), Joe, Vern, Alfred, Joanne (Rogucki), Dan, Betty (Raab),

Patrick, Russ and Jim; their spouses and his 18 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

LETTERS

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I am happier than I would be with a Democratic administration. Unfortunately, I did not

see Rich Robinson's guest column (Feb. 7). From what I can gather, I am probably better off not seeing it. Grohnert also stated: "I

plan to support Democratic Party candidates who promise to effect change with cooperation."

Does any person have a specific change in mind that will accomplish some particular goal? Change, to me, is different, not an improvement simply because something was changed. Simply changing something might make the **situation** worse.

Talking about change does not accomplish anything. Specific changes to do something in particular would be worth discussing.

> Bill Wade Dexter

To the Editor: I recently received our property assessment for 2008. My assessed value dropped by 1.74 percent. There must be something wrong. I checked with my friends and neighbors and they all had a similar experience.

It's in all the news media. Public TV had a round table discussion three months ago on taxes, housing, etc. in Michigan. They said, a national study ending Dec. 31, 2006 on housing cost showed residential prices falling by an average of 20 percent nationwide. Last Monday night on a

me why the assessments rose so drastically in those good years increasing by more than 30 percent in five years and now with all the bad news for the passed few years our assessment for the first time has dropped by only 1.74 percent for 2008.

It seems to me that if our assessments are a true representation of house value, then they should have gone down by the national average of 23.4 percent, probably even more because of our depressed area.

> George Mathis **Grosse Ile**



Are Mormons Christiani

- What do Mormons Believe?
- What Role Does Christ Play?
- · What are many of the common misconceptions about Mormons?

Please join us at the Chelsea congregation building for a free public presentation about The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints by Daniel Dunnigan, former Stake President of the Westland, Michigan Stake. Anyone is welcome!

Where: 1330 North Freer Road, Chelsea MI (Next to Oak Grove Cemetery)

> When: March 13, 2008 at 7pm

AN EAGLE EYE VIEW Eagles Enjoy Championship Weekend

The Eastern Michigan University athletics department en-

joyed one of its most successful weekends ever from Feb. 29-March 1. EMU began the excitement Friday morning with the announce-

ment that alumnus and former track and cross country athlete Dan McClory had pledged \$1 million to the men's and women's track and field and cross country programs.

The Eagles closed the weekend with a championship performance by the women's golf team at the Red Rocks Invitational Sunday (March 2) and there were plenty of highlights in between.

McClory's gift of \$1 million was the largest gift ever made to the Athletics Department and preceded the Mid-American Conference men's and women's track and field championships Friday and Saturday in Bowen Field House. Also in action Friday were the women's gymnastics team,

which recorded a dual-meet win at the Air Force Academy, and the women's softball team which won a 1-0 10-inning thriller at San Diego. The men's track team lived up to its reputation as the top MAC

school by running away with the team title Saturday with 207 points, setting a league record for largest margin at 83 points, with runner-up Akron totaling 124.

The EMU men's tracksters turned in eight wins in the meet with Curtis Vollmar notching two individual crowns. Vollmar won the 3,000 meters and 5,000 meters with teammate Josh Karania finishing second in both races. Karanja added a third in the mile while Vollmar was fifth in that race and the two shared the MAC Most Valuable Performer award.

The EMU men's track team also received individual firsts from David Brent in the mile, Clint Allen in the 60-meter dash, Eric Alejandro in the 60-meter high hurdles, and Brad Waidmann tied for the heptathlon crown. The distance-medley relay team of Jake DuBois, Nate Blackwell, Blake Figgins and David Brent and the 4x400-meter relay unit of Alejandro, Darrin Trammell, Ackeem Forde and Blackwell both captured titles.

Allen was singled out for Most Outstanding Track Performance and EMU head coach Brad Fairchild was named MAC Coach of the Year.

On the women's track side, Janice Keppler won the pole vault

competition. The track weekend was highlighted by a Celebration of Champions dinner in Bowen Field House which was attended by more than 300 track alums honoring McClory's gift and the proud

history and tradition of EMU track and field and cross country. In other action Saturday, the EMU women's basketball team turned in a 64-57 MAC win at Northern Illinois at noon followed by the men's team defeating Ball State, 75-64, in the late afternoon

Head coach Peter Linn's EMU swimming team capped Saturday night's competition by winning its 27th MAC men's championship. Linn was named MAC Coach of the Year while diving coach Buck Smith was singled out as MAC Diving Coach of the Year. In addition, junior swimmer Derick Roe was named Most Outstanding Swimmer.

Capturing MAC titles for the Eagles were Roe in the 50 and 100 freestyles. Adam Wohl in the 100 and 200 breaststrokes. Ryan Fulkerson in the 100 and 200 butterflys, Donald Ellison in the 400-IM, Dan Kish in the 200 freestyle, along with the 200,400 and 800-freestyle relays, and the 200 and 400-medley relays.

Head coach Sandy Wagner's EMU women's golf team not only captured the team title at the Red Rocks Invitational in Sedona, Arizona Sunday, but the Eagles Catherine Fortin was medalist in the competition.

Digital microfilm machine debuts Monday

By Sheila Pursglove Special Writer

may end up in the McKune Memorial Library archives, thanks to a ST200X Digital Film Viewer Scanner from S-T Imaging Inc.

The machine, which came on the market in January, was purchased from BP Imaging Solutions Dayton, the result of a \$5,000 donation from the Friends McKune Memorial Library.

The machine is a fully digital 35 mm direct film scanner, unlike its predecessors that used reflected light from mirrors, said Ron Andrews, the library's head of technology services.

It provides a greater zoom range -7x to 96x — magnification. The reader has

high-resolution film scan or instant camera snapshot This article you're reading providing the user with great quality images, and resolution of images from the 35mm films is up to 3600 dpi - 12.9 megapixels.

The ST200X allows users to save scans to CD-Rom, hard drive or USB storage device, and also allows users to send images via Internetbased email.

"Genealogy is such a very popular topic in our area and this new machine will be an extremely useful tool for their research," Andrews said.

"It will also provide the Family History Project another great avenue for adding crisp images to data records. Maintaining quality of the microfilm has also been addressed in that the



Ron Andrews takes a test drive on the new machine.

new reader has no glass that touches the film, thus eliminating scratches."

The machine will be available to the public March 10. Librarians are undergoing

be provided. Simple push buttons allow users to set image brightness and contrast, rotate and invert positive and negative viewing of images, zoom, focus and more.

"I see this new microfilm reader viewer scanner providing a more reliable, cutting edge means of accessing, saving or printing images from our microfilm collection and enhancing historical or genealogical research," Andrews said.

The new machine expands the potential to use articles from The Chelsea Standard in local history projects, said Adult Services Librarian Elizabeth Goldman.

"For example, we will be able to supplement the

training to assist patrons, Family History Index and quick help guides will Online, our collection of digitized obituaries, with fulltext obituaries from the first half of the 20th century. Rather than print from the microfilm and then scan, we can simply take a digital snapshot directly from the microfilm and pop it into the database, giving us a higher quality image and saving a lot of time," she said.

> "We also plan to use this machine to add a richness to our one-room schoolhouses oral history project with the Chelsea Senior Center. And no doubt many of our library patrons will enjoy the ability to capture digital images from the microfilm that they can use for research and presentation purposes."

CHECKS

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hands full at the moment processing tax returns.

"Sometimes what the politicians do that appear to be simple gets complex when bureaucracy has to be involved," Walberg said.

The IRS will have to process an additional 130 million checks for the rebates. he noted.

machines as the tax returns. and until we get through April this would put them in a very difficult bind," the a bureaucratic issue of how tax refunds and Social check. Security checks.

U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow. lus package "an important victory" after the Senate approved the measure Feb. 7.

ry for seniors, veterans, and tax return, including those middle-class families across who receive Social Security Michigan and across our benefits or veterans' disability, country," Stabenow said.

"However, this can only be the first step in addressing the economic crisis facing our state and our nation."

Walberg said that he was in favor of a much stronger, long-term solution to the economic downturn that the rest of the country is just now experiencing but Michigan has been fighting for years.

"I supported the stimulus Carroll said.

package all along, but I think we need a much more aggressive stimulus," Walberg said.

He introduced legislation that would go beyond the stimulus package and make the 2001 and 2003 tax cuts permanent, which he said would have a much bigger effect on the economy.

"That's the kind of stimulus that says there is a future,' Walberg said. "That would move us forward better that a one-time fix. We need to add "They have to use the same things that have a multiplier effect, and we'll continue to push along that line."

According to Stabenow spokesman Brad Carroll, Congressman added. "It's just there are certain details about the stimulus package we mechanically get the that people need to know in checks printed, along with order to receive their rebate

The vast majority of people receiving a payment only D-Michigan, called the stimu-need to file a 2007 tax return as they normally would," Stabenow said.

Individuals who may not "This is an important victo- normally be required to file a must file a 2007 tax return in order to receive the rebate check.

The IRS and Treasury Department will work closely with the Department of Veterans Affairs, the Social Security Administration and beneficiary organizations to ensure that all eligible individuals know what to do to receive a rebate check,

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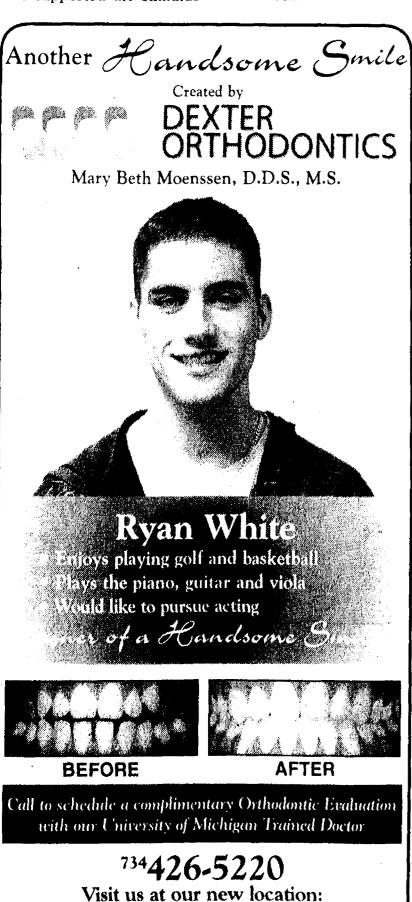


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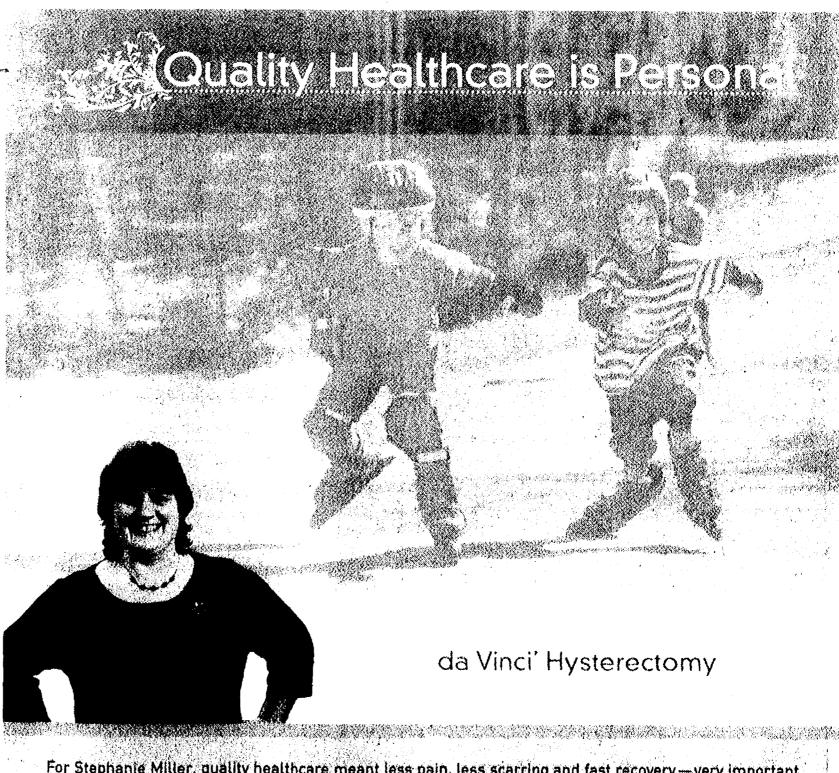
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ALISON MARABLE

Speakers Bureau helps healing process

In November, my husband and I were invited to attend the kick-off meeting for the American Cancer Society's new Speaker's Bureau, a self-described active group of volunteers dedicated to raising community awareness about cancer, inspiring survivors in treatment and healing those touched by the disease via personal storytelling.

The meeting started off with malfunctioning equipment that prohibited the guests from watching a specially-prepared DVD. Tami Rummel, the Huron Valley area executive director serving Livingston, Monroe and Washtenaw counties, didn't miss a beat. She simply made us laugh and announced the first guest speaker.

I thought that the incident perfectly illustrated how cancer felt to me. You're going along in life when cancer comes out of nowhere. You don't plan for cancer, but it comes anyway, throwing everything else off track. Rummel's attitude and flexibility in dealing with the broken machine set off an inspirational evening.

I learned so much that night that I feverishly took notes on sign-up forms, agendas and napkins. There were cancers that I had never been aware of before and personal accounts that made me marvel at the human spirit.

Self-awareness is a theme in almost all of the stories. Cancer forces individuals to examine past decisions, their own reactions and possible futures. Each speaker that evening could recall with shocking clarity details about words spoken by medical staff. responses and actions of friends and their own progression of fears.

I've always been someone to look inward, but the whole experience markedly focused my vision. I pondered my parenting skills, my marriage and made a mental list of unfinished business. If I were to die, what would become of my husband and children?

Outdoor activities had

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Warch is Colorectal Cancer Awareness Worth

Appreciating



Laura Woody of Saline was diagnosed with Stage 3 colon cancer and is sharing her story as part of Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month. She is pictured with her husband, Ron, and their cocker spaniel, Emma.

Cancer survivor shares personal fight

and mother of four, toting a longawaited college degree in December of 2003. Her children were 13, 11, 10 and 9 because of them," Woody said. and she was looking forward to rejoining the workforce full time after being a stayat-home parent.

her life.

abdomen that eventually became more severe. Doctors considered the cause to be stress or a partial blockage, never even considering anything more serious. After innumerable procedures, X-rays, prescriptions and CT scans, she was scheduled for surgery on Valentine's Day.

Surgery came none too soon as her intestines ruptured during the operation that would reveal that she had cancer of the colon and that the nearby lymph nodes were also positive for cancer. It was Feb. 19, 2004, that Woody was diagnosed with Stage 3 colon cancer.

She started chemotherapy in March and finished on Halloween. Only eight months after the initial diagnosis, she learned that the cancer had metastasized to her ovaries, requiring a med port to deliver another round of chemotherapy and additional sur-

During the time that she had a reprieve from chemo to undergo surgery, the cancer spread to her liver. Woody was eligible for a right hepatic lobectomy and radiofrequency ablation, procedures that required a lengthy and painful recovery period.

After her surgery in 2006, she receivedmore chemo through a pump aimed directly at the liver, which was followed by oral chemotherapy drugs until July of 2007. She is now in remission and sharing her story as part of Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month.

The surprise is that Woody has no family history of colon cancer, eats vegetables, limits junk foods, is physically fit and gets regular exercise. Her healthy lifestyle coupled with the sudden onset of her symptoms never signaled medical professionals to consider cancer as an option. In addition, she wasn't yet at the recommended age of 50 to be referred for a colonoscopy.

She credits her recovery to a combination of her own positive attitude and her loving family. Brandon, Sarah and Noah, students at Saline High School, and Rachel, an eight-grader at Saline Middle School, took care of their mother by pam-

aura Woody was a 39-year-old wife pering her, helping out with chores, letting her cry when needed and praying.

"I have fought my way through this

Friends at Oakwood Church in Saline, where Woody is the financial secretary, brought meals, cleaned her home and Then was when she received the shock of assisted with the children. Two close friends, Robin Radcliff and Mary Kay Woody experienced a mild pain in her Bloch, sat with her during chemotherapy, offered a safe place to talk, and made her favorite post-chemo treat of blueberry pan-

The nurses at the University of Michigan Cancer Center also provided support and encouragement to the worn out patient.

"When I just couldn't take one more poke for the I.V., they would remind me that I had to do it, not for me, but for my kids and husband," Woody said.

Woody chose not to participate in cancer support groups due to the age difference between herself and the much older age of the typical colon cancer patient. She had school-age children, recently graduated from college, and was anticipating finding the perfect full-time job.

"They had lived the life that I feared would never happen for me. I didn't think that they would relate to me," she said.

Woody is able to point out many positives from her four-year struggle with colon can-

"My friends will tell you that I have had one of the most positive attitudes through this whole ordeal," she said.

Through genetic testing she was able to discover that her cancer is not hereditary, information which is vital for her children. Additionally, her diagnosis is an impetus for her siblings and children to consider getting a colonoscopy much earlier than the recommended age.

One of her sisters had three polyps removed at her first colonoscopy.

"Had she not had that done, there is a very good possibility that she could have had a diagnosis of colon cancer one day," Woody said.

Woody says that her cancer treatment and recovery has brought her closer to her husband of 20 years. She also never misses an opportunity to hug her kids or see a friend. Despite the struggles, she came to a conclusion that answered her question of, "Why me?"

"I am strong enough to deal with this happening to me," she said. "I may not be

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What Is Colorectal Cancer?

Colorectal cancer is cancer of the colon or the rectum. It is nearly 90 percent preventable, because it develops from polyps - grape-like growths on the lining of the colon and rectum that may become cancerous. Screening tests can detect polyps so that they can be removed before they ever become cancer.

It's estimated that 148,000 people were diagnosed with colorectal cancer in 2007. It affects an equal number of men and women and is the third leading cause of cancer death in the United States.

Who's At Risk?

Colorectal cancer can affect anyone - men or women. Risk increases as people grow older. It's recommended that all men and women age 50 begin regular screening tests. African-Americans, Alaska Natives and some American Indian tribes and Hispanics are often diagnosed at later, less curable stages of the disease. Some people are at greater risk for colorectal cancer and may need to be screened earlier.

These include people with:

- A personal or family history of colorectal polyps, colorectal cancer or inflammatory bowel
 - · A family history of hereditary or familial colon cancer syndromes.
- · People who use tobacco, are obese and/or are sedentary. With regular screening tests and simple lifestyle changes you can reduce your risk of colorectal cancer.

Take Action

1. Get Screened

- There are several colorectal screening tests
- To find out which test is right for you, talk with your healthcare professional using this list as a guide.
- Beginning at age 50:
- A colonoscopy every 10 years.
- Have a yearly fecal occult blood test or fecal immunohistochemical test.
- Have a sigmoidoscopy together with an FOBT every five years.

Men and women at higher risk should talk with their healthcare professional about what tests they should have and when. More frequent and earlier testing may be right for you.

The American College of Gastroenterology recommends that African Americans begin screening at 45 rather than the usually recommended age of

2. Exercise

Regular physical activity can decrease a person's risk for colorectal cancer and many other health concerns. Exercise can reduce the risk for developing polyps in the colon, which can become cancer. Exercise also increases your overall wellbeing.

3. Maintain a Healthy Weight

Obesity has been linked to colorectal cancer, as well as several other diseases. Being overweight may increase levels of some hormones in the body. which may increase your risk for some cancers.

Maintain a healthy weight — a low-fat diet and regular exercise may help.

4. Reduce Fat in Your Diet

Fat in your diet has been linked to a number of cancers, including colorectal cancer. High fat diets-have been shown to increase risk of tumors in animals. In countries with high fat diets, there is a higher incidence of colorectal cancer.

Make your diet low-fat. Fatty foods should not make up more than one-third of the calories you eat daily. Eat less animal fat, and more fruits and vegetables to reduce your risk.

5. Eat a Plant-Based Diet

A good deal of research shows that a plant-based diet rich in fresh fruits and vegetables and whole grains is beneficial to your overall health.

6. Reduce Alcohol Use

Heavy alcohol use has been associated with colorectal cancer. Alcohol in combination with tobacco is linked to colorectal cancer and other cancers of the gastrointestinal tract.



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PROCESS

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after my second surgery working on being able to throw a ball. It required physical therapy at the hospital, at-home exercises and gradual increases of movement.

One afternoon, I was finally able to play Frisbee with my son when he spontaneously said to me, "You sure take the job of being a mother very seriously." Imagine my relief to realize that my having cancer had not permanently damaged my children. In front of me stood a child who is appreciative, perceptive and able to see the positive in a daifficult situation — skills that will benefit him a lifetime.

Jim and Barb Tobias, a husband-and-wife team. spoke about the importance of support systems and one's outlook. I had heard the couple speak once before at a Relay for Life event in Chelsea, but hearing them again offered me a second chance to gain from their experience. Reading a book twice has the same effect. but reading a book at two totally different stages of your life provides even greater insight.

As anyone can tell from listening to Jim, his advice is. "Humor is a very good thing." His wife's motto is. "The cup has to be half full." My own cancer diagnosis accelerated my goal of surrounding myself with family and friends that have loving. uplifting, positive attitudes and losing the individuals who are soul-sucking, selfish and negative.

Susan Snyder, a cancer survivor and speaker at the kick-off event, focused on spiritual treatment. She said that sharing her story helped with her own healing, a fact that is clear to me. Susan also emphasized the importance of get-well cards

for cancer patients. I wholeheartedly agree with this.

A card may seem like such a small act or even an antiquated tradition in this day and age, but, in reality, cards carry a lot of weight. Cards are tangible reminders of love, thoughtfulness and support. They arrive spontaneously, like a tiny surprise in a ribbon-tied box. The cards can be displayed on a table or kept in a stack, but either way, it's a connection to the outside world and provides a boost to the patient.

Marsha Kolar's message that evening was one of selfadvocacy when dealing with any kind of medical treatment. She said, "I'm passionate about being an advocate for your own healthcare." Her own story of cancer survivorship taught her to question doctors and celebrate life.

As I have described in an earlier column, my first attempts at a mammogram were eschewed. By switch ing physicians, my cancer was found at an earlier stage than if I had waited four more years. Hats off to Dr. Denise Campbell-Scherer. who authorized the mammogram and who so compassionately talked with me about the results.

The ACS Speaker's

are required

Bureau is still in its infancy, but if the kick-off meeting is any indication, the program should be successful in meeting its goals of inspiring, healing and raising awareness. What better way to motivate listeners and share a collective moment than to have candid and sincere individuals share their private accounts of cancer with strangers.

Alison Marable is a breast cancer survivor and has a master's degree in social work from Eastern Michigan University. She can be reached at alimarabelle@yahoo.com. Comment on her column via our November staff blog, Inside the Newsroom," at http://heritageweststaffblog.blogspot.com

Upcoming topics

 Managing Heartache and Disappointmentî: While there is never any benefit to a person being diagnosed with cancer, there is always a lesson to be learned. We made careful choices when explaining the disease to our children and monitored our own reactions, knowing that it would impact our children's ability to deal with setbacks in adulthood.

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LIFE

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so strong if it were someone I love."

Woody says that she has learned not to take anything for granted and to appreciate the small miracles in her surroundings. She listens to her body and isn't afraid to ask her doctor questions.

"I am more in tune with what my body is telling me," she said.

Their four children missed out on vacations and having their mother at all of their school activities, but the trials of a parent with cancer helped them to grow. "It has caused them to

become a bit more capable, lor's degree in English lina bit more independent, and I think more aware of how to help, not just me, but others," Woody said.

She continues to utilize her sunny disposition and the connection with God that helped her through the occasional dark days that all cancer patients endure.

"I pray every day that I will be here to watch all of

Diet & Symptoms

This healthy diet eaten over your lifetime may protect you against a number of cancers. Eat five servings of fruits and vegetables each day. An adult serving, for example, equals a medium piece of fruit, three-fourths cup of fruit juice or a half cup of tomato sauce. Add whole grains to your diet from breads, cereals and nuts.

In early stages of colorectal cancer, there may not be any symptoms. Later these symptoms may appear:

- Rectal bleeding or blood in or on the stool.
- Change in bowel habits
- Stools that are narrower than usual.
- General stomach discomfort (bloating, fullness and/or cramps).

will have many more anniversaries," Woody said.

Armed with her bacheguistics from Eastern Michigan University, Woody now has a new position in the EMU's Provost's Office as the associate provost's normal in living life as a administrative secretary. She commutes to work daily with her husband who is also employed at EMU as associate director in the Division of Informational Technology.

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my kids graduate from high ways that cancer has affectschool, and that Ron and I ed her mentally and physically.

> "This has changed me deeply," she said.

Now that she is in remission, has her hair back and is working full time, Woody has but one mission left.

"It's just finding that new cancer survivor," she said.

Alison Marable is a freelance writer and columnist, writing a biweekly column called "Cancer Declassified" that appears in this newspaper. She can be reached at ali-Woody can list the many marabelle@yahoo.com.

The following channel (Ch) changes will be made to the Comcast lineup in the following communities:

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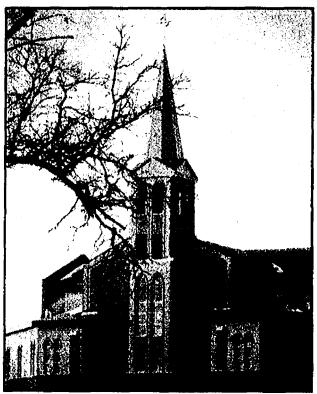
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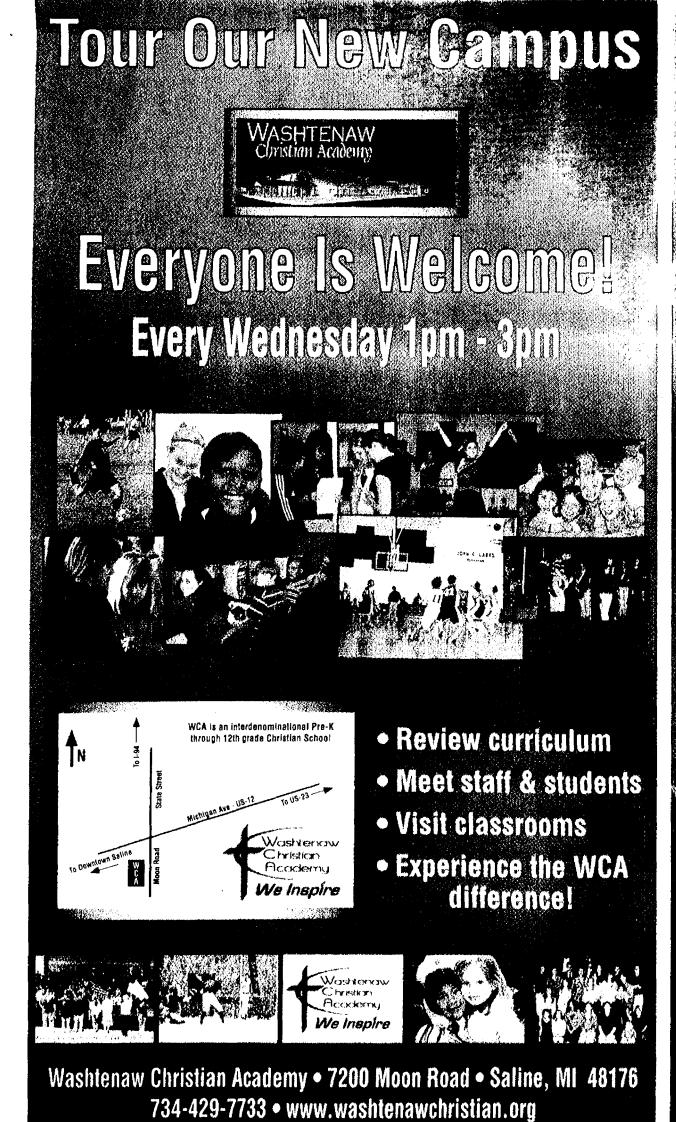
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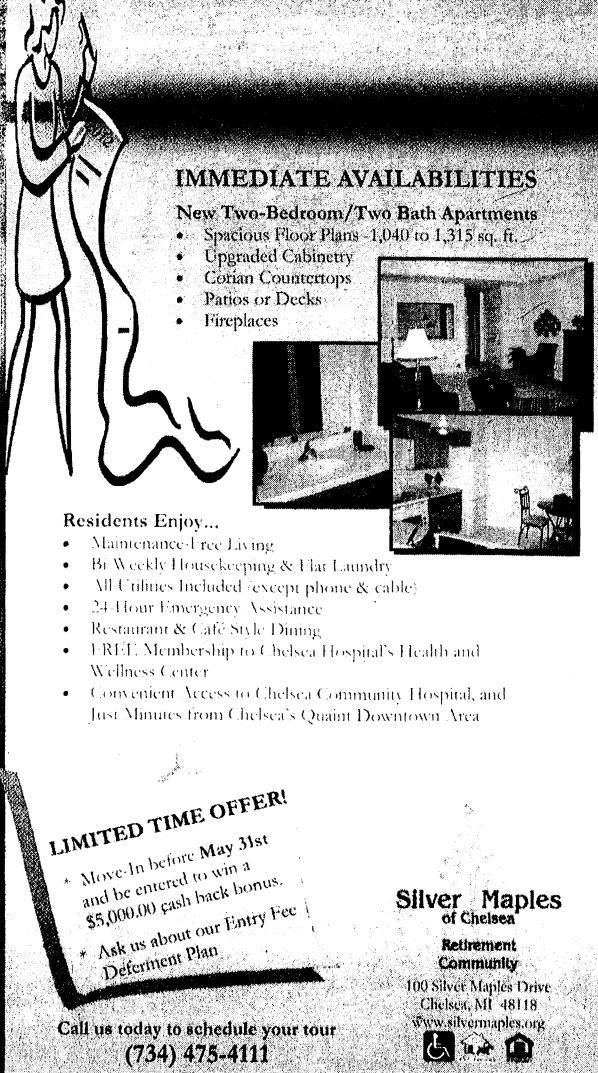
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DEXTER'S NEWEST

Red Lava Studios putting dreams to disc

By Terry Jacoby Heritage Newspapers

ondon has Abbey Road, but Dexter has Red Lava.

While Red Lava Studios founder Keith Mitchell is not yet expecting the next Beatles to come strolling through the door, he does believe that some great and exciting music can be made in this brand new recording studio. The reason he believes it is because he's

already heard it.

Red Lava Studios opened last year and he's already recorded everything from solo acts to full bands to local youngsters interested in putting their voice to disc. And whether you're trying to become the next Beatles or just interested in showing off to family and friends, Red Lava Studios has the tools to help make that happen – although becoming the next Beatles will require plenty of talent on your part.

"The goal of Red Lava Studios is to deliver a top notch recording without gouging the customer, we like to build lasting relationships with artists," Mitchell said. "Artists or bands or singers can expect the best audio we can possibly give them, at an affordable price.

"Everyone's audio needs are different. We like to talk with our customers and find out what their needs are first and get to know them. If possible we even like to attend a show to see the energy and delivery of the groups we're recording because it gives us a better feel for what they want to deliver in their audio."

Making his Mark

Mitchell didn't have to look far to find someone with the experience and expertise to deliver the type of audio customers will be looking for from Red Lava. From the beginning, Mitchell wanted Mark Lavigne to be part of his new venture. The two have been part of each other's ventures since they first came into this world.

"Mark and I are always messing around with our own material and wanted to start laying it down," Mitchell said. "So we decided to build this studio. But when we started thinking about



Red Lava Studios

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Owner: Keith Mitchell
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Age: 38

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Music Production

Name: Mark Lavigne Roll with Red Lava: Producer and Sound Engineer Age: 38

Native of: Dexter
Current residence: Dexter
Background: Promotion,
Group Management, Audio
Engineering, Music Production

it, we both quickly agreed that we wanted to set it up right with a first-class operation."

Either build it right or don't build it at all was the philosophy. And they chose to build it right.

"I am lucky to have Mark as our producer / sound engineer," Mitchell said. "He has extensive experience in audio editing and engineering. We are a fully automated studio using the most updated Pro Tools Systems, and Mark is very familiar with how to get the most of the equipment."

The duo already is helping produce music to people's ears.

"There are a lot of different sounds and tones we can create," Lavigne said. "What I like to do is give the customer some options. I will give them some



Keith Mitchell (left) and Mark Lavigne are excited to offer a first-rate studio at affordable prices.

Heritage com Soundcheck

Heritage Newspapers
Editor Terry Jacoby is
recording a CD of his own
music at Red Lava Studios.
Check out a few of the songs
at www.dexterleader.com.

things I am hearing and that I think will fit nicely into their song. But I also listen – not only to the song, but to what the customer wants. They might really like the first thing they hear and say, 'let's go with that.' But then I will give them something else, and they will like that even better."

Mitchell enjoys hearing not only the music, but the praises

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STUDIO

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from his customers. "The accomplishments we have made, the sound quality we can produce, there is nothing better than hearing your audio.' Mitchell said. "It is especially good when someone else hears it and loves it or says to you, who is that? They sound awesome. And you respond, that's me."

Mitchell and Lavigne have their own music spin ning around their heads these days. They are cur rently in a band called The Stone Bones and are in the studio recording a CD. The duo discovered music from their fathers and have been jamming ever since.

"His folks and my folks were friends before we were born " said Mitchell, who plays guitar. "In fact our dads had played together in a band when they were younger. I have always been passionate about music. Music can get you motivated or it can be relaxing. It doesn't matter if it's metal or classical."

Mitchell and Lavigne have played a lot of independent music, but their serious work is what they are doing now with The Stone Bones, producing original material and being a studio musician.

Lavigne, who plays bass, guitar and even drums. agrees that their current project has been exciting.

"My father was a musician and he taught me to like all kinds of music," Lavigne said. "I like listening to everything. All styles, all genres. I love it

The guarantee

Customers to Red Lava will love what they hear and that's a promise.

"We don't want people walking out of here until they love what we've done," Mitchell said, "Our customers will have goals and expectations and our goal is to meet those. We are putting our name on their project and we want people listening to be impressed with what we've done.

Customers will be impressed with the layout of Red Lava Studios. The 1,650 square-foot facility was finished in October. 2007 and includes a live room, an isolation booth, control room, lounge, game area and storage area. The end result was a

"The lower level of my house was the most logical place to build the studio," Mitchell said. "For us we wanted a place that was comfortable for people to work in and we've accomplished that. We feel the key to getting a great recording is by giving the artist a relaxing laid back atmosphere to put their ideas into reality."

The studio was built the same way Mitchell and Lavigne build a song with a sound structure. taking no shortcuts and sparing no expense.

"We started this from the ground up and built the studio by hand ourselves," Mitchell said. "We wanted to do this to give customers an experience that we have envisioned getting ourselves. We constructed double thick insulated wood walls out of pine to get a comfortable feel. We added oversized viewing windows and insulated doors. We also put up décor to help keep artists creative and motivated."

That décor includes everything from pictures of Kiss to Led Zeppelin to the Beatles, to an impressive Elvis Presley collection of memorabilia.

The cost

Recording a song, let alone a full CD, can be an expensive endeavor. Mitchell wants to be cheaper alternative - but only when it comes to what you pay and not what you get.

"Everyone has different needs when they record at Red Lava Studios and welike to talk with each person and find out what their needs are prior to recording," he said, "This gives us a better understanding and we can estimate the time needed a little closer. Our rates are starting at \$20 per hour to record. We are always looking for efficiency in a non-rushed environment. Our No. 1 commitment is to provide the customer with quality audio.

"We want our customers to feel relaxed and so by talking about their needs up front before we start we can achieve that. Some artists need an hourly rate and some might need a more flexible rate or block time. We are going to give you whatever works best for you. We want to help the artist get to where they want to go on a fair budg-

Mitchell and Lavigne are musicians who write and record at Red Lava Studios so they understand what artists are looking for and that all musician's needs are different. They also understand both sides of music, and have first-hand experience of what it takes to sound good.

"We do offer recordings of any type, including. vocalist projects, voiceover projects, re-mixing / re-mastering, full bands, independent instruments. duets, trios, quartets and choirs. We also have done recordings for metal, hard rock, classic rock, soft rock, country and rap.'

And since they are both musicians, Mitchell and Lavigne can easily step in to add a part or two if the customer hears something they can't play.

"We have assembled associates to help put together your project if needed," Mitchell said. "If you are looking for a certain element to add and just don't have the resources available we can help, we can refer you to bass players, guitar players, vocals, backups, etc. For example, if you would like or need a violin in your song but don't have anyone, we can help with studio qualified musicians.

"So don't hesitate to ask because we are here to help.

Red Lava Studios was built to help create music that will last and that customers will love. The staff has the experience, patience and ear to help make that happen.

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College hosts program for job seekers

Skilled mid-career pro- release. fessionals facing job loss or struggling with job dissatisfaction have a new employencore career.

Technology Business Development Center at Community Washtenaw College is sponsoring the Encore Career Forum from options available." 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. March 13 is \$15 and lunch will be provided.

tary or forced mid-career Penner, regional director of Michigan the Business Technology Washtenaw

College is one of 10 commuthen nity colleges nationwide, Michigan, to receive a grant 1-734-547-9170. The Michigan Small, from Civic Ventures and the MetLife Foundation to support efforts to educate the community about encore careers and the many

Encore careers come in the college's Morris later in life when people Lawrence Building. The fee put a greater emphasis on purpose-driven work, a personal shift toward giving "Encore careers are an back to the community especially timely topic in rather than remaining Michigan because thou- focused on financial or prosands of highly skilled fessional gain. Encore workers are facing volun- careers can include any of the helping professions, all transitions or greatly diminaspects of nonprofit work, ished prospects in their social entrepreneurship chosen fields." Charlie and private sector entrepreneurship with a social pur-Small pose component.

The forum will include Development Center at presentations, panel discus-Community sions and networking College, said in a news opportunities. To register,

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> will host its 12th annual Job and Showcase March 20.

takes place from 1 to 4 p.m. in the Morris Lawrence Building and provides an opportunity for job seekers expected to attend. to meet with representabusinesses. Attendees are fair.

visit www.misbtdc.org and encouraged to bring multiple copies of their resumes "Calendar" then and to dress for success to present a professional image.

Coca Cola, ADP, AFLAC, In addition, the college the University of Michigan Temporary Services and Nonprofit Premium Home Solutions, among others, The event, which is free will share information on and open to the public, volunteer and employment opportunities. More than 60 employers and more than 20 nonprofit agencies are

For more information, tives from a wide range of visit www.wccnet.edu/job-

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For more information please visit www.chelsea.k12.mi.us (Choose District Departments - Community Services - Preschool)



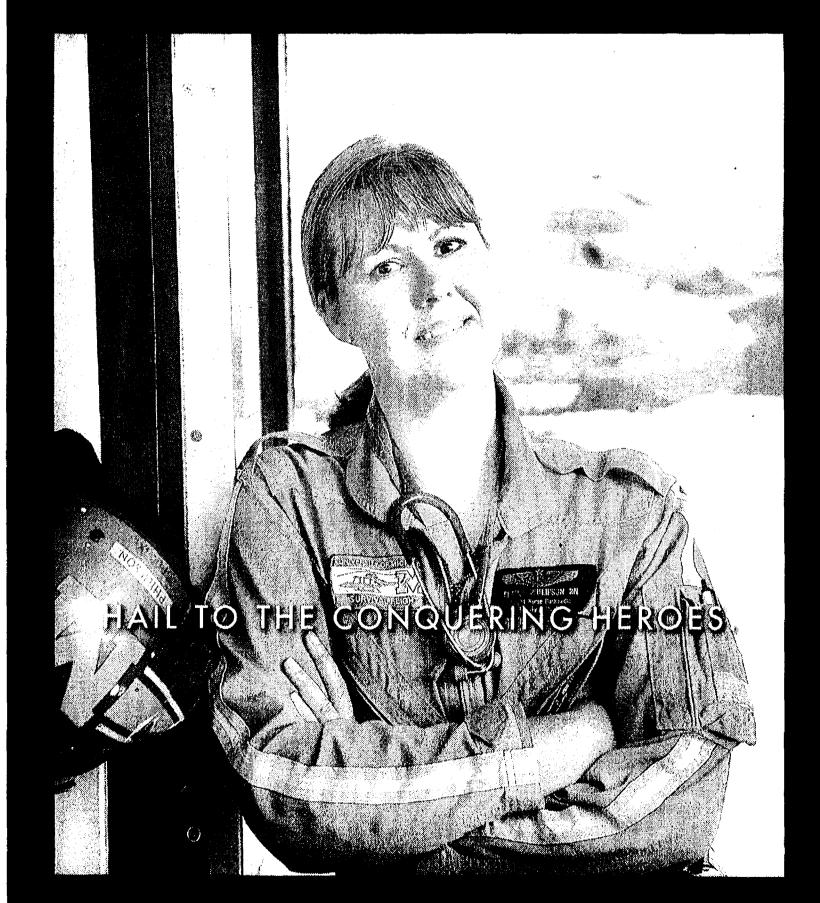
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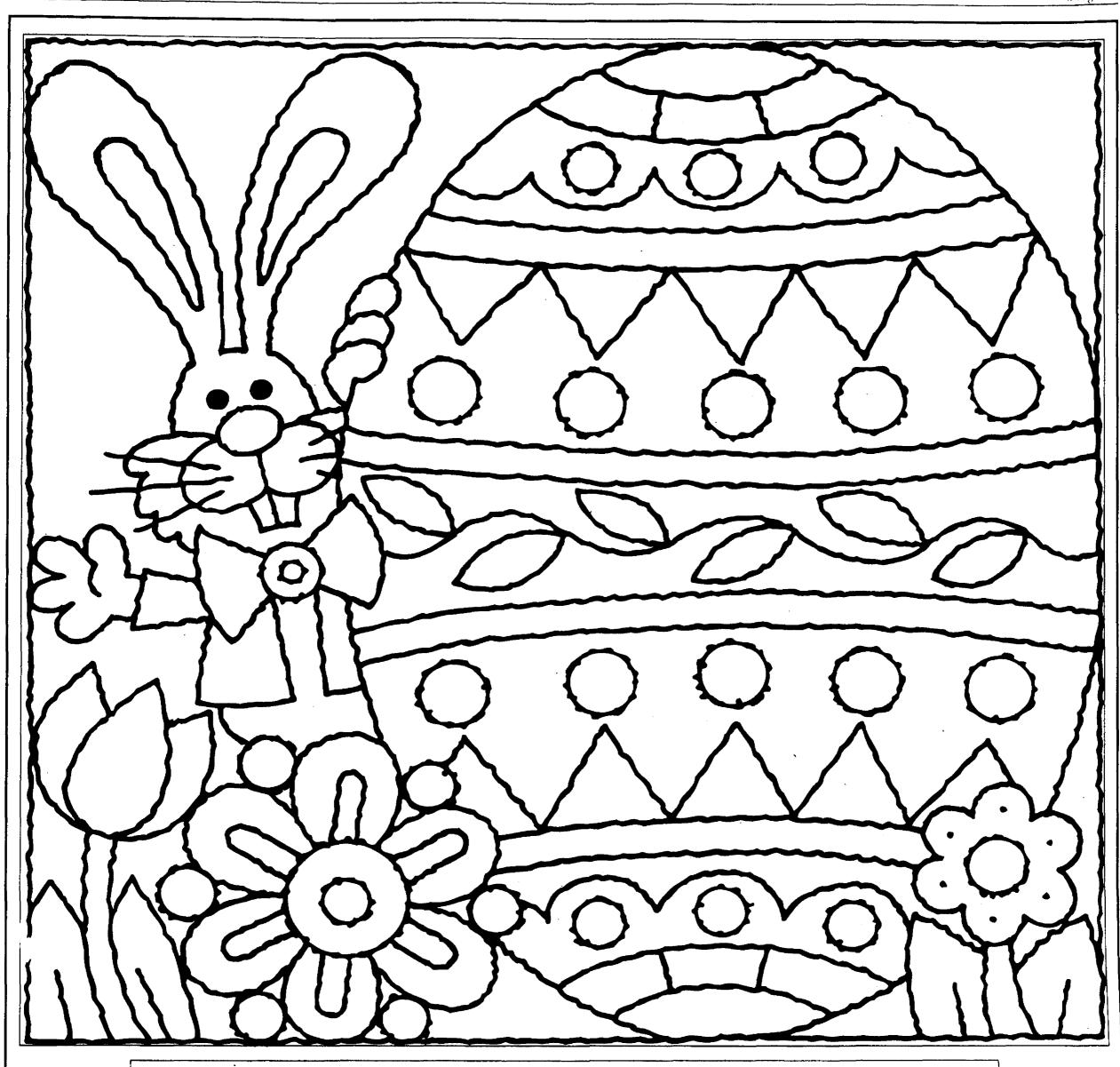
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Youngsters are invited this year to enter The Saline Reporter, The Dexter Leader, The Chelsea Standard, The Milan News-Leader, The Manchester Enterprise Easter coloring contest, which is sponsored by local businesses. Contest rules include:

- 1. Contestants may enter their colored picture at any of our offices in person or by mail: The Saline Reporter/Milan News-Leader, 106 W. Michigan Ave., Saline, 48176; The Chelsea Standard/Dexter Leader, 20750 Old U.S.-12, Chelsea, 48118, and The Manchester Enterprise, 109 E. Main St., Manchester, 48158.
- 2. Contest is open to area children ages 4-12. Artists ages 4-5, 6-8, and those ages 9-12 will be judged in separate groups. A \$25 prize will be awarded to the coloring entry judged best in each group.
- 3. Coloring must be done by the child, using crayons, paint, felt-tip pens, colored pencils, or any other coloring medium.
- 4. Each entry form must be completed with contestant's name, age and phone number.
- 5. **DEADLINE** for entering is Friday, March 21, 2008.
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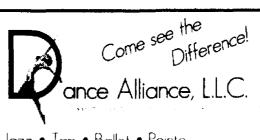
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Earth Day plans taking shape

By Sheila Pursglove Special Writer

Chelsea will hold its first Earth Day Festival from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. April 26, at the Chelsea Depot on Jackson Street across the tracks from the Clock Tower Complex.

The idea for celebrating Earth Day in Chelsea all started with a book.

"The idea started out pretty simply," said Chelsea resident Cathy Muha. a member of the Earth Day planning committee.

"A group of about eight people read the book 'Superbia,' by Dan Chiras and Dave Wann, and met to discuss it over several months," Muha said.

have become isolated from each other and inefficient in sponsored exhibit of wind the use of things. It suggests energy and electric vehicles; ways of creating more environmentally and socially sustainable neighborhoods.

"After reading it, we brainstormed what we could traditional lawns by plantdo to get the community ing native species; a "Lawn together and to discuss sustainability.

"Celebrating Earth Day seemed like the perfect way to do it all. It seems to be and goods, reading labels, catching on like wildfire!"

Earth Day has been celebrated around the world for habits, learning how to recyalmost four decades.

The first Earth Day in 1970 brought more than 20 million people into the streets carbon footprint to protest environmental

What: Chelsea's first Earth Day Festival, with interactive games, informational booths and activities for all ages. When: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., April 26. Where: Chelsea Depet Who: Earth Day Co welcomes volum with various a destruction, according to the and ecologically based

Earth Day Web site, economies. www.earthday.net.

The Chelsea Earth Day festival will include interactive games, informational booths and activities for all ages, with a focus on:

· Creating sustainable, healthy communities for all ages

 Developing alternative "It's about how people energy and transportation models, with a Chryslersolar home model display; bicycling tour of Chelsea; and much more

 Providing alternatives to Alternative" contest; and exploration of green cities models

 Buying local produce organic options

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• Encouraging fair trade www.earthday.net.

Earth Day committee member Kevin Frahm, who manages The Mission Marketplace on Main Street, will have a "Garbage Window" at the store showcasing items for sale that are made from recycled materi-

"Personally, what motivates me in being a part of the Chelsea Earth Day Celebration is that as a father I need to be certain that what I endow to my children is in better condition that what my parents lovingly endowed to me," Frahm

The Earth Day planning committee welcomes volunteers for various activities.

For more information, contact Cathy Muha at 475-9805 or e-mail her at cathymuha@sbcglobal.net.

For more information on Earth Day, www.chelseaearthday.org or





'Squabbles' begins

Chelsea Area Players Dinner Theater is bringing another comical production to entertain audiences tonight, tomorrow and Saturday to the Chelsea Community Hospital.

"Squabbles" promises to provide an evening of good food, good company, and a lot of laughs. Tickets are \$30 and available at Chelsea Pharmacy or by calling 734-475-8713. Chicken Cordon Bleu will be served unless one calls the number above and mentions they would prefer pasta Alfredo.

Dinner is at 6:30 p.m. with the show following. Thursday, March through Saturday, March 8 at the Chelsea Community Hospital dining room, accessible through the main entrance.

CAP Web sitechelseaareaplayers.org.

Nominations sought

The Washtenaw County chapter of the American Red Cross is seeking hero nominations for its annual Community Heroes Recognition Event to be held in the fall.

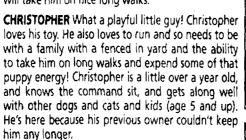
All submissions will be verified and reviewed by the 2008 Celebration of Community Heroes Event Committee. Final award winners will be selected by June 1.

Any Washtenaw County resident, employee or student who has reached out to others in their time of need during from June 2007 to the present using Red Cross training, programs and services is eligible.

To nominate a hero, provide a short description of the event, the full name and contact information of both the nominee and the nominator to Julie Dean at Julie.dean@wc-redcross.org or via fax to 971-5303. For more information, call Julie Dean at 971-5300.

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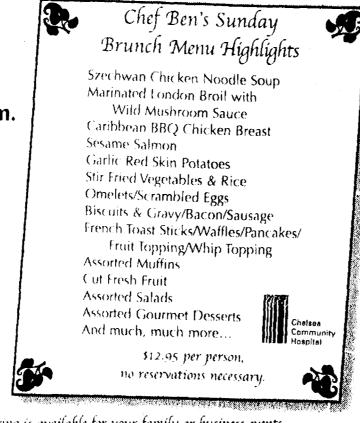
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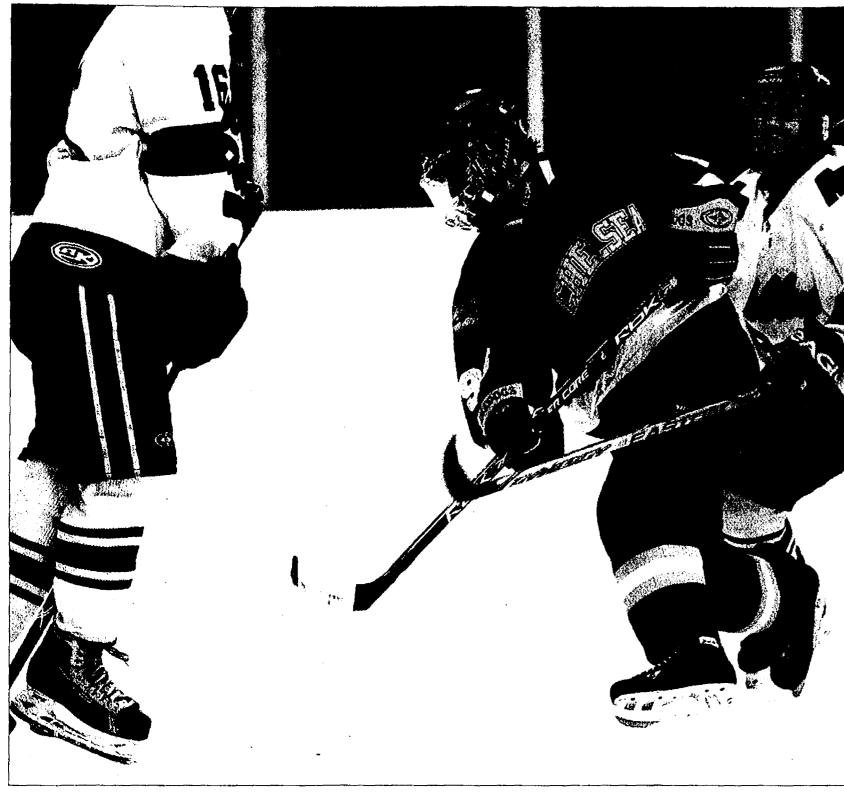


Photo courtesy of Burrill Strong

Despite the attempts of Allen Park defenders, Chelsea junior Steve O'Keefe gets off a shot during last Saturday's Division 3 state regional final.

Hockey

Slow start ices Bulldogs

By Don Richter

Sports Editor Chelsea hockey lost to host Allen Park 4-2 in a Division 3 regional final last Saturday. With the loss, the Bulldogs ended their season with a 17-7-3 overall record.

"It was one of those games where we fell behind and couldn't catch up," said Chelsea coach Don Wright. "We came out in the first period very tentative. That surprised me."

The Jaguars opened the contest scoring a power play goal by Drew Graves at 5:43 of the first period.

With thirty-nine seconds left in the first period, Allen' Park made it 2-0 on a goal by Dakota Klecha.

"That was demoralizing

for us," Wright said. "We had a breakdown defensivelv. We normally do that (score late) to others."

In the second period, Chad Zagunis increased the Jaguars' lead to 3-0 scoring a power play goal off a deflection at 4:13 of the frame.

In the third period, Mack McDonnell gave Allen Park a 4-0 margin with a goal at 2:51 of the stanza.

"Nothing seemed to be bouncing our way," Wright said.

Chelsea, however, refused to quit.

At 12:55 of the third period, sophomore Drew Brown scored a power play goal off an assist from junior Randy

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Photo courtesy of Burrill Strong

Bulldog junior Ulrich Linnet stickhandles up the ice against Allen Park last Saturday.

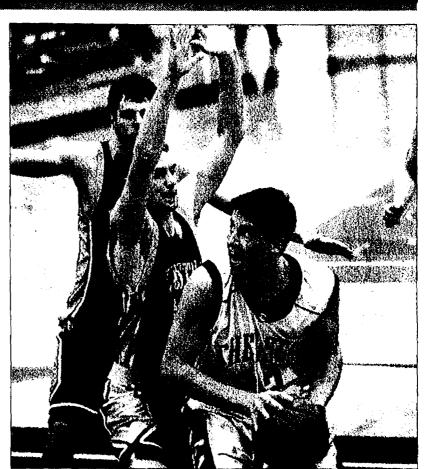


Photo courtesy of Burrill Strong Chelsea junior Jake Mantel finished with a double-double of 13 points and 10 rebounds in the Bulldogs' Class B state district final setback against Ida last Friday.

Baskelbal

Chelsea cagers exit playoffs

By Don Richter Sports Editor

Chelsea's boys' basketball team suffered an earlier than expected exit from the Class B state playoffs with a 54-53 district final with one second remaining. Milan.

The Bulldogs (12-11) won pretty much every statistithe game." Raymond said. cal battle against the Bluestreaks, winning the war on the boards, at the free throw line and forcing 20 turnovers. Most nights, that would be enough for a victory, but against Ida, it was Chelsea's shooting from the floor that was its final undoing.

"Ida jumped out to a huge start," said Chelsea coach Robin Raymond. "The last three quarters we played our best basketball of the year. We battled until the end."

Ida (19-3) led 25-13 after one quarter and 36-28 at the break.

Entering the fourth quarter, the Bulldogs trailed 45-37. In the fourth frame, Chelsea outscored the Bluestreaks 16-9 for the night's final margin.

In the fourth frame, senior Matt Schwarze nailed a triple from the right wing giving the Bulldogs a 53-52 lead with eight seconds left.

It was Chelsea's first lead of the game.

Ida junior standout Nick Jobe (6-foot-4) scored the game-winner on a turnaround jumper in the lane loss to Ida last Friday at Jobe led the Bluestreaks with 22 points.

"He was the difference in

The Bulldogs ended up 19-of-48 from the field. including 5-of-12 from three-point range, for 40 percent. The Bluestreaks, on the other hand, finished 23-of-48 from the floor, nailing 3-of-4 from beyond the arc, for 48 percent.

At the free throw line, Chelsea was solid, shooting 10-of-16 for 63 percent. Ida ended up 5-of-12 for 42 percent.

On the boards, the Bulldogs out-rebounded Ida 32-31, including 12-7 on the offensive end.

Defensively, along with the 20 turnovers Chelsea forced, the Bulldogs also recorded seven steals.

Individually for Chelsea. junior forward Jake Mantel . finished with a double-double of 13 points and 10 rebounds to lead the Bulldogs.

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Basketball

Chelsea falls to Divine Child in regionals



Photo courtesy of Bruce Rabbitt Chelsea captured a Class B state district championship this season. Last week, the Bulldogs fell to Dearborn Divine Child in the state regional semifinals.

By Don Richter Sports Editor

Dearborn Divine Child 52al semifinal Feb. 26.

The Bulldogs (13-11)

Falcons outscored Chelsea final margin. 17-6, taking a 33-18 halftime

lead. "Their athleticism Chelsea Blomquist.

Despite being down, the three-point shot."

Bulldogs fought back in the Chelsea's girls' basket- quarter, Chelsea reeled off the way with a double-douball team lost to visiting 16 points, while limiting ble of 15 points and 13 from the floor, including 3-44 in a Class B state region-cutting the Falcons' advanteam-high five steals. tage to 43-34.

trailed 16-12 after the first Bulldogs continued playing with eight points and nine In the second quarter, the Child 10-9 for the night's Emily Rabbitt had seven

"In the second half we the Bulldogs. handled their pressure and caused us some problems, before they ended the quar- while junior Krystin especially in the first half ter on an 8-0 run," Schwarze had five points against their press," said Blomquist said. "We were and junior Erin Benjamin coach Todd as close as five in the fourth, two points and four assists with the ball, but missed a for Chelsea.

second half. In the third senior Brogan Darwin led the Dawgs. Divine Child to 10 points, rebounds. She also had a of-9 from beyond the arc, for

Senior In the fourth quarter, the Hollandsworth finished of-11 from three-point land, well, outscoring Divine rebounds, while senior points and three assists for

Senior Lizzy Bentley got to within one point ended up with six points,

Individually for Chelsea, grabbed one rebound for

Chelsea finished 15-of-41 37 percent. The Falcons Annie were 19-of-46, including 4for 41 percent.

At the free throw line, the Bulldogs were 11-of-14 for 79 percent. Divine Child was 10-of-17 for 59 percent.

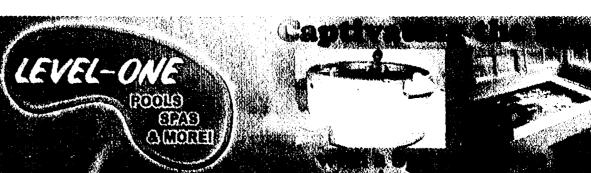
On the boards, Chelsea out-rebounded the Falcons 27-23.

The Bulldogs ended up with 26 turnovers, while Divine Child had 21.

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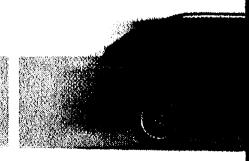
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Swimming and Diving

Chelsea makes waves against Ypsi

By Don Richter Sports Editor

The Chelsea Aquatic Club competed against Ypsilanti in a dual meet last Friday.

In the boys' 8-years-old and younger division. Tobin Moore, Zach Lee, Isaac Smedshammer and Wesley Wickens placed first in the 100 medley relay with a time of 1:39.15.

In the 25 freestyle, Lee was first in 18.54, while Wickens was second in 18.99 and Smedshammer fourth in 20.09. In the 100 individual medley, Lee was second 1:51.89, Smedshammer was third in 1:51.96 and Moore fifth in 2:22.17.

Kincade Vargas, Sean McGill and Wickens finished the 100 freestyle relay in 2:19.60.

In the girls' 8-years-old and younger bracket, Jenna Bach, Molly Olk, Anna Vanneste and Taylor Brodbeck finished first in the 100 medley relay in 1:30.19.

In the 25 freestyle, Vanneste was first in 18.34, while Olk was third in 19.43 and Bach fourth in 19.74. In the 100 individual medley, Vanneste was first in 1:47.82, while Bach was third in 1:54.67 and Olk fourth in 1:59.93.

Olivia Olk. Melina Almhiemid. Delaney Krause and Erin McDonnell placed second in the 100 freestyle relay in 1:58.23.

In the boys' 9- through 10year-old group, Aunic Goodin, Drew Deppner, Max Lonnemo and Lee Argir first in 2:55.20, while Ray placed first in the 200 medley relay in 3:11.24.

In the 50 freestyle. in 40.27 and Goodin fourth Newbound, Hannah Olsen in 44.50. In the 100 individfirst in 1:40.58, while Argir relay in 2:16.54. was third in 1:49.58 and . In the 50 freestyle, Olsen Deppner fourth in 1:52.74.

In the 200 freestyle relay, Nichol, Nathan Brough, Miles Fischer and Ben Ingall placed first in 3:40.65.

In the girls' 9- through 10year-old division, Claire Young, Mariel Arbogast-Wilson, Maegan Hopkins and Josie Ewald placed first in the 200 medley relay in 2:50.13.

In the 50 freestyle, Ewald was first in 35.77, while Arbogast-Wilson was third in 36.45 and Sienna Vargas fourth in 36.61. In the 100 individual medley, Hopkins was first in 1:31.64, while Ewald was third in 1:32.33 and Arbogast-Wilson fourth in 1:33.98.

Olk, Kaylin Lauren Zocharski, Hannah Moore and Hannah Almhiemid finished first in the 200 freestyle relay in 3:01.72.

In the boys' 11- through 12-year-old division, Nicholas Deppner, Ben Thoms, Blake Orthring and Dalton Spero touched first

in the 200 medley relay in 2:52.79.

In the 50 freestyle, Deppner was second in 30.84, while Will Wickens was third in 32.33 and Eric Spero fourth in 34.98. In the 100 individual medley, Deppner was second in 1:23.50, while Wickens was third in 1:29.64 and Ortbring fourth in 1:31.90.

Dalton Spero, Eric Spero, Joey Ingall and Sean Rohlman placed first in the 200 freestyle relay in 2:42.99.

In the girls' 11- through 12-year-old bracket, Alexandra Duncan, Katie Olsen, Talia Dyerly and Lindsey Hopkins placed first in the 200 medley in 2:33.75.

In the 50 freestyle, Dverly was first in 30.06, while Jillian Dixon was second in 30.60 and Hopkins third in 31.51. In the 100 individual medley, Dyerly was first in 1:18.52, while Olsen was secfourth in 1:37.83.

In the 200 freestyle relay, Amanda Becker, Natalie Dixon, Jillian Dixon and Hopkins touched first in the 200 freestyle relay in 2:15.73.

In the boys' 13- through 14-year-old division, Robby Everard. Graham Rutherford, Will Wickens and Blayde Ray ended up first in the 200 medley relay in 2:25.24.

In the 50 freestyle, Ray was first in 30.53, while Rutherford was second in 31.39 and Everard third in 31.78. In the 200 individual medley, Rutherford was was second in 2:59.35 and Everard third in 3:06.52.

In the girls' 13- through Lonnemo finished first in 14-year-old group, Katie 33.08, while Argir was third Eisley, Hanna Claire and Jillian Dixon placed ual medley, Lonnemo was second in the 200 medley



Melina Almhiemid competes for the Chelsea Aquatic Club in last Friday's meet against Ypsilanti.

Newbound was ninth in 31.32 and Eisley 11th in 32.54. In the 200 individual in 2:46.54, while Eisley was third in 3:02.21.

In the boys' 15- through 18-year-old bracket, Philip Arbogast-Wilson, Hirth, Andrew Wickens and Ross Argir placed first in 2:12.24.

In the 50 freestyle, Argir was first in 27.03, while Wickens was second in 27.19 and Arbogast-Wilson third in 28.01. In the 200 individual medley, Argir was first in 2:32.11, while Wickens was second in 2:32.42 and Arbogast-Wilson third in 2:37.86.

In the girls' 15- through 18-year-old division, Jaclyn Murphy, Grace Benton and Amanda Johnson finished first in the 200 medley relay in 2:19.88.

In the 50 freestyle.

ond in 1:27.39 and Duncan was fifth in 29.74, while Murphy was first in 29.32, while Johnson was second in 29.66 and Benton fourth in 30.90. In the 200 individmedley, Newbound was first ual medley, Murphy was second in 2:47.49, while Benton was third in 2:51.97 and Johnson fourth in

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Wrestling

Cooley reaches finals

Chelsea's Dakota Cooley will face the state's best at tenders for the state chamthe Division 2 wrestling finals Thursday through Saturday at The Palace of

Auburn Hills. A sophomore, Cooley (47-4) will compete in the 135pound weight class. He'll open the tournament against Warren Woods

Besides Cooley, top conpionship include Mason iunior Craig Eifert (55-1), Dearborn Heights Annapolis junior Kyle Zapp (32-2) and Allegan senior

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Chelsea senior Matt Prince had one assist in the Bulldogs' 4-2 regional final loss to Allen Park last Saturday.

a power play at 4:00 of the

off an assist from Cox and

At 9:50 of the third period,

Junior goaltender Joey

"Everybody was involved

Hume earned the victory in

and played well," Wright

said. "They're (Lumen

Christi) always a good, phys-

ical team. We felt if we con-

tinued to pass the puck and

be creative offensively, we'd

be in good shape. We domi-

nated. This certainly was

the widest margin we've

ever beaten them by. We

showed really good team-

work. We're playing very

Arbor Gabriel Richard 9-1

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SLOW

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Cox and senior Drew Dehring, cutting Jaguars' lead to 4-1.

One minute later, Brown the night off a pass from senior Matt Prince and senior Kyle George for the game's ending tally.

The Bulldogs out-shot Cox scored for the night's Allen Park 26-18 for the final margin. Brown assistgame.

"Some things didn't go our way, but give Allen Park Lumen Christi 32-17 for the credit," Wright said. "We needed to play smarter. We did a lot of things we should not have done. It put us in a bad situation."

Despite the season ending loss, Wright said he was proud of his team.

"Overall, I'm pleased," he said. "We lost a lot of players off of last year's team. Give the boys a lot of credit. They all stepped up. It was a very unselfish team. Everybody rose to the occasion."

Last Thursday, Chelsea defeated Jackson Lumen Christi 8-1 to clinch the pre-regional title at the Bulldogs defeated Ann Arctic Coliseum.

George, who led the Bulldogs with four goals, round match-up shortened opened the scoring at 9:20 of the first period for a 1-0 Chelsea advantage.

At 14:01 of the first peri- well," Wright said. "I od, Brown scored a power thought if we played the play goal for a 2-0 lead. way we've been playing, Senior Andy Korc and Cox we'd recorded an assist on the Obviously, in the tournaplay for the Bulldogs.

In the second period, Prince scored at 5:27 of the frame for a 3-0 lead. Senior Garrett Nickels assisted for Gryphons quickly scoring 48 Chelsea.

At 5:50 of the second period, senior Matt Heinen scored off an assist from junior Riley Feeney.

George scored his second goal on a power play at with 11 seconds left in the second period for a 5-0 Bulldog lead. Brown and Cox picked

up assists for Chelsea. At 1:57 of the third period, George scored his third goal for a hat trick upping the At 12:55 of the first peri-

od. Brown scored for a 3-0 Bulldog advantage. Sophomore Trevor Mattson and Cox picked up assists on the goal for Chelsea.

REGIONALS

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The Falcons had 28 points in the paint, while that.' Chelsea recorded 22 points down low.

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done and we didn't want that to happen.' Chelsea jumped on the

ment you can be one and

get the win.

seconds into the contest as Brown turned the lamp on off an assist from George. At 6:02 of the first period,

George made it 2-0 with a goal off an assist from Brown and Dehring.

One minute later. Nickels

outscored Divine Child's reserves 6-0 for the contest.

"The kids played hard right to the end," Blomquist said. "I am very proud of

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Bulldogs' lead to 6-0. Brown scored off an assist from and Dehring recorded an junior Ulrich Linnet and Mattson for a 4-0 Bulldogs Josh Bolander scored on lead.

Sixteen seconds later, third period for the Titans Heinen scored giving cutting Chelsea's lead to 6-1. Chelsea a 5-0 margin. Junior Two minutes later, the Steve O'Keefe and Feeney scored his second goal of Bulldogs answered as recorded an assist for the George scored shorthanded Bulldogs.

At 2:15 of the second period, Feeney scored a shorthanded goal for a 6-0 lead. O'Keefe picked up an assist.

.At 5:00 of the second period, Shawn Walters scored The Bulldogs out-shot for Gabriel Richard.

> Six minutes later, George scored a power play goal for a 7-1 Chelsea lead. Junior Brian Manitz and Korc recorded an assist on the play for the Bulldogs.

> increased George Chelsea's lead to 8-1 with a power play goal at 5:10 of the third period. Brown and Cox assisted.

At 6:54 of the third period, George scored his fourth goal of the contest off an assist from Brown and Korc. With the goal, the mercy rule was invoked ending the

game. Chelsea out-shot the Gryphons 43-9 for the night. Sophomore goalie Matt Darr earned the victory

between the pipes for the Bulldogs. Over two pre-regional

games, Chelsea scored 17 goals, while allowing only two scores. Individually, George led the attack with eight goals in two contests.

"I knew we were capable of it," Wright said. "You don't normally see that in the playoffs. When we use our speed, we're tough to handle."

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ESTIMATES REF

Baskalball

Rebounding leads Beach

By Don Richter

Sports Editor Chelsea's Beach Middle School seventh-grade Blue girls' basketball team defeated visiting Saline Gold 22-13 last Thursday.

"We did a great job with our offensive rebounding last night," said Chelsea coach Mike Bareis. "Jessie Fox and Sarah Oberholtzer played well at both ends of the court."

Laurel Hall and Grace Sauers led the Bulldogs each scoring 10 points.

Lauren Jolly added six points, while Rachel Marks and Bailey Darwin each had four points for Beach.

Chelsea next hosts Adrian Blue Thursday at 4

On Tuesday, the Bulldogs travel to Saline Blue for a game at 4 p.m.

Chelsea's Beach Middle School seventh-grade Gold girls' basketball team defeated visiting Ypsilanti Lincoln 12-10 last Monday.

Olivia Steele sank two free throws with 10 seconds left to win the game for the Bulldogs.

"We have been working on our free throws a lot in practice and we had our best free throw shooting performance of the season," said Chelsea coach Brian Sayers.

Carley Wooster led Beach and eight boards. with four points.

Christina Argeiro. Shianne Sherman and Steele each added two points, while Kayla Toon and Rachel Katz each had one point for Chelsea.

On Feb. 28, the visiting Bulldogs defeated Saline Blue 10-9.

"We came out and executed our plays," Sayers said. "We were able to hold off the Hornets at the end of the game."

Margaret Lindauer paced Beach with eight points.

Ella Fritzmeirer and Wooster each had three points, while Lilly Bowen, Argiero Steele, and Sherman each had two points.

Chelsea next travels to Tecumseh for a game at 4 p.m.

On Tuesday, the Bulldogs host Adrian White at 4 p.m. Chelsea's Beach Middle

School eighth-grade Blue girls' basketball team defeated visiting Saline Gold 10-6 last Thursday.

A jump shot by Lisa Keene with 1:30 remaining broke a tie and gave the Bulldogs (8-1) the lead for good.

Sam French sealed the win making 3-of-4 free throws late in the contest.

"I give Saline a lot of credit," said Chelsea coach Lonnie Mitchell. "They played us very well defensively and 10 points was our lowest point total of the year."

French paced Beach with seven points.

Sophie DeTroyer, Katie Wollpert and Keene each added four points. Allie Smith had two points, while Grace Martin had one point for Chelsea.

On Feb. 21, the host Bulldogs defeated rival Dexter Maroon 16-6.

Beach outscored Dexter 15-4 in the second half, including shutting out the Maroons in the third quar-

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is the only team that has Plemens defeated us and we avenged the loss," Mitchell said.

French had seven points, while Martin had six points and Jessica Ruikka four points for Beach.

Chelsea next hosts Adrian Blue Thursday at 5:30 p.m.

On Tuesday, the Bulldogs visit Saline Blue for a game at 5:30 p.m.

Chelsea's Beach Middle School eighth-grade Gold girls' basketball team defeated host Saline Blue 20-7 last Thursday.

"Our defense was strong, as it has been throughout the season," said Chelsea coach Rahn Rosentreter. Playing well defensively

for the Bulldogs were Sarah Bucholz and Schuessler. Offensively, Kate

Kingsley led Beach with 11 points. Hall Megan

game for us because Dexter four points, while Amber and VanRiper each had two

points for Chelsea. Last Monday, Beach defeated visiting Ypsilanti

Lincoln 22-9. "It was a very physical game," Rosentreter said "We shot 19 free throws. Despite all the banging we played our game and put up

22 points." Cole led the Bulldogs (8-0) with 11 points, while Kingsley and Schuessler each had eight points. Nicole Brown and Hall each had three points, while Alexis Romelhardt and Bucholz each had two points.

The Bulldogs next travel to Tecumseh for a game Thursday at 5:30 p.m.

On Tuesday, Chelsea hosts Adrian White at 5:30 p.m.

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CAGERS

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Junior guard Michael Roberts added 12 points, five rebounds and three assists, while senior center Stu Mann had nine points

guard ' Matt Senior Schwarze had nine points, two steals and three assists, while freshman guard Patrick Roberts had four points and two rebounds and senior guard Elliot Marshall and sophomore forward Tyler Zegarzewski each had three points for

Despite the season-ending loss, Raymond said his team had a good year.

way this team played all Bulldogs. year," he said. "We fought played exceptionally well." On Feb. 27, the Bulldogs charity stripe.

defeated Erie-Mason 65-41 in a Class B district semifinal at Milan.

Michael Roberts led Chelsea with 13 points and four rebounds.

Mann had a double-double of 10 points and 10 rebounds, while Schwarze had eight points, two rebounds and four assists and Marshall seven points and two assists.

Patrick Roberts and Mantel each finished with six points, while senior forward Greg Rebuldela had four points and three rebounds and Zegarzewski four points and five boards. Junior guard

Everding had three points, while junior center Michael Stratman had two points "This was typical of the and four rebounds for the

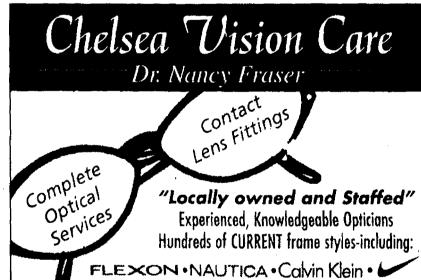
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Tina M. Tincher smiles whenever someone asks her about her job with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

"People are genuinely intrigued when I explain that I am the librarian in a library filled exclusively with information on fish,' said Tincher.

In librarian terminology, the Fisheries Division Library is a "small, special library" run by one librarian. In other words, the entire library staff consists of one professional librarian and the collection is very specialized and used primarily for research purposes.

"The library has a very unique collection and is probably unduplicated by any other library in the world," said DNR Fisheries Division Chief Kelley Smith.

The library was established in 1930 as part of the Institute for Fisheries Research (IFR), which was created through a cooperative agreement by the Michigan Department of Conservation, the American Wildlife Institute and the University of Michigan. It still resides in its original location in the Museums Annex Building on the U-M Central Campus in Ann Arbor.

Management and maintenance of the library was the responsibility of the IFR secretary for more than 60 years. That changed in the early 1990s, when funding was secured to hire a professional librarian to run the library and bring the collection up to current library standards.

Tincher, who received her masters of information and library science degree from Michigan, was hired as the librarian in 1992.

She said the largest collection in the Fisheries Division Library consists of more than 15,000 scientific reports and articles reprinted from a wide range of scientific journals.

"These come from all over the world," Tincher said. "Some are purchased and others are obtained through an exchange agreement with other institutions."

The book collection consists of approximately 900 volumes, and all relate to fishery science and natural resources. The library subscribes to 14 journals and newsletters that provide his-



Established in 1930 to carry on the important work of Dr. Jan Metzelaar, a staff member at the University of Michigan and the department's first fisheries expert, who drowned while working on a fisheries study in 1929, the Institute for Fisheries Research is still housed in the Museums Annex Building on the U-M Central Campus.

strategies.

est priority in terms of the world," Tincher said. preservation is that of the A complete collection of site anywhere else, making it under the Fishing section. imperative to protect them.

the beginning of the IFR and The Web site includes lists includes more than 5,000 of journal holdings, various fisheries research, techni- reports (some with links to cal. special and status of the abstracts or full-text PDF), fishery resource reports, as articles Fisheries staff have well as reprints, historic bul- had published in peerletins, pamphlets, manage- reviewed journals (reprints), ment reports and other doc- some of the first biennial uments.

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"Although these measures will help preserve the collection for future use, I also said Tincher.

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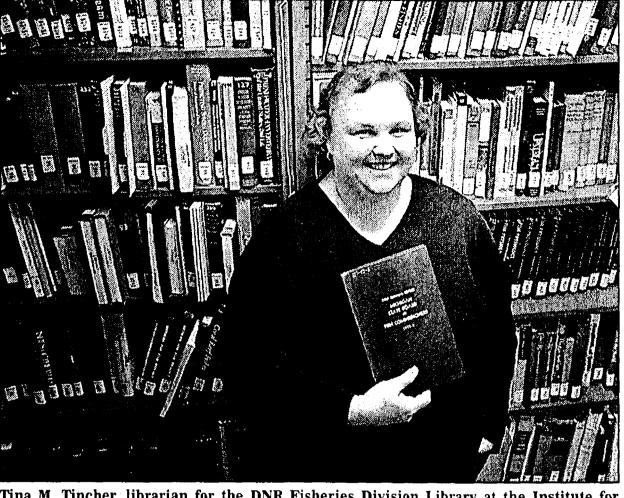
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In addition to preserving accessible in various formats, Tincher also is responsaid, is used primarily by Some boxes are kept on DNR fisheries biologists and History.

"However, researchers and fisheries biology students from around the world also contact me for assistance once they have discovhave taken steps to make the ered their institution's collection more accessible," library doesn't hold the materials they require,"

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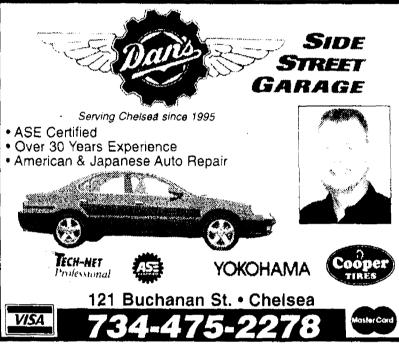
Tina M. Tincher, librarian for the DNR Fisheries Division Library at the Institute for Fisheries Research in Ann Arbor, holds a copy of the first biennial report of the Michigan State Board of Fish Commissioners published in 1873, nearly a half century before the Michigan Department of Conservation was organized in 1921.

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Business

Don't let market volatility derail your investment strategy

If you're an investor, you probably haven't enjoyed opening your account statements the past few months. In January alone, the Dow Jones Industrial Average fell 4.6 percent. And since the Dow hit its all-time high of over 14,000 in early October 2007, the index has dropped more than 11 percent. So, at this point, you probably have at least two big questions: What's causing this market instability? And how should you respond?

Let's start with the first question. What forces have caused the market drop? Here are the chief culprits:

Looming recession Leading economic indicators suggest a significant slowdown in growth. For example, the unemployment rate has risen to 4.9 percent. up from 4.4 percent last March. Since 1949, we haven't seen such a big rise in unemployment without a recession.

crisis has been in the news already fallen 25 or 30 per- at (734) 475-3295.



for months. First, the problems with subprime loans hit relatively "cheap." And yet, the real estate industry and the financial services indus- often stay away from the try. But now, the subprime crisis may have spread to the extent that consumers are being forced to pull back from spending.

Decline in international stocks - As a huge part of the global economy, the United States is far from immune to what's happening in foreign stock markets - and many of these markets are down between 20 and 30 percent over the past several months.

So, in a nutshell, these factors have helped lead to the stock market decline. Yet, as going up." an investor, you may have Subprime loan crisis - As opportunities right now, cial advisor with Edward Jones you know, the subprime loan because many stocks have in Chelsea. She can be reached

cent. And the decline in stock prices has also meant a drop in the ratio of share prices to company earnings. In fact, right now, the priceto-earnings ratio is pretty low, by recent historical standards.

In plain English, this means that stocks are now strangely enough, investors market when stocks are valued attractively, and only jump in when, it's more expensive to buy.

Consider this quote from Warren Buffet, perhaps the world's most famous investor: "Most people get interested in stocks when everyone else is. The time to get interested is when no one else is. You can't buy what is popular and do well. The dumbest reason in the world to buy a stock is because it's

Diane Kieliszewski is a finan-

Mckune Memorial Library

'Chelsea Reads Together' begins tonight

By Sheila Pursglove Special Writer

The first of the "Chelsea Reads Together 2008" book discussions gets under way as a drop-in session in conjunction with the International Book Club, 7 tonight at McKune Memorial Library, 221 S. Main Street in Chelsea.

The adult book choice for this year's theme "Immigration: The Shaping of America" - is "The Tortilla Curtain," by T.C. Boyle, first published in 1995. It's the story of the intersecting lives of wealthy white residents and illegal Mexican immigrants living in the Topanga canyon in the hills above Malibu in California.

There are two other chances to join a discussion at the library: 7 p.m. March 11 and 1:30 p.m. March 20 with the Books & Banter Book Club.

The Chelsea Senior Center will hold a discussion 1 p.m. March 12 after a special luncheon - call 475-9242 for details; and Cranesbill Books on West Middle Street will host a discussion at 7 p.m. March 13.

"Librarians and members of One World One Family will be leading the book discustogether." Elizabeth Goldman, Adult around us."

Food & Music Sundays at 2 p.m.

Explore the roots of America's immigrant populations with live musical performances and catered

food at the McKune Memorial Library. Sunday: North America,

featuring Little Stone Drum Circle with a perspective on how people native to this land were affected by the vast waves of immigration. Also featuring authentic

March 16: Latin America, featuring the Cuban/Latin musical group Tumbao Bravo with lively Latin music, and food from Sabor

Services librarian, "We plan to keep the conversations fairly open because there are so many aspects of 'The Tortilla Curtain' that make for interesting discussion.

"If anyone wants to get a sense of some topics that might come up, the library has prepared a discussion guide that can be found at our book displays.

"We hope people will come share their thoughts and listen to what others have to say, looking at the book both as literature and as a framework says for understanding the world in a camp for Mexican farm

Teens get their turn 4 p.m. March 19, with their book "First Crossing: choice, Stories About Teen Immigrants," edited by Donald R. Gallo, who will join the conversation by teleconference.

Minfong Ho, Marie G. Lee, David Lubar, Elsa Marston, Lensey Namioka, Jean Davies Okimoto, Dian Curtis Regan, Pam Munoz Ryan, and Rita Williams-Garci, telling stories of children from Venezuela, Cambodia, South Korea, Kazakhstan, Romania. Mexico, Palestine, Haiti, Sweden and China.

Winners of the teen photography contest also will be announced.

Finally, a family book discussion of the children's book "Esperanza Rising," by Pam Munoz Ryan is set for 6:30 p.m. March 20 at the library. The book, which won the Pura Belpre Award for Latino authors and the Jane Addams Children's Book Award, tells of a Mexican girl whose life changes when she is forced to cross the border Great Depression, and work workers.

The library has the books available, as well as a discussion guide and supporting materials. The books also are available at Cranesbill Books.

Food & Music continues at 2 p.m. Sunday when the His anthology has 10 short theme is North America and stories by award-winning a perspective on how people authors Alden R. Carter, native to this land were affected by the vast waves of immigration. The Little Stone Drum Circle will perform and authentic Native American food will be served.

The 6-11 Club for children ages 6 to 11 will learn at 4 p.m. Monday what life was like for immigrants arriving at Ellis Island in 1910.

The fifth annual Chelsea Reads Together program. sponsored by the Chelsea District Library and the local grassroots organization One World One Family, runs through March 26. For more information, call 475-8732 or visit www.chelsea.lib.mi.us.

"Chelsea Reads Together presents a great opportunity for the whole family to get involved," says library Director Joan Elmouchi. "From the Sunday Food & with her mother during the Music series to the films and the various book discussion groups, it's all happening at the library!"

Chelsea Gallery



Owners Gary and Doris at the Chelsea Gallery will a host a number of events in 2008. The Chelsea Gallery is located at 115 S. Main St. in Chelsea. The following are a few of the events on the 2008 schedule. For more information, log onto www.chelsea-gallery.com or call 1-734-475-1008.

Artist & Customer Appreciation Reception March 8, 7 - 10 p.m.

Martha Ceccio Opening Reception

May 3, 2008, 6 - 9 p.m. Exhibit will be on display until June 24

Artist in Residence Series - Chelsea Sounds & Sights A different Artist will be featured each week creating new works of art in the Gallery. Thursday evenings from 6 - 9 p.m. June 19 - Aug. 28

Emerging Artist Review College for Creative Studies Fine Arts - Three to five

Featured Artists

Fall - 2008. Juried Art - Awards Multi Media Event - Opening Reception

Nov. 8, 6 – 9 p.m. Featuring Artists in Acrylic; Mixed Media; Reverse Painting; Pastels; Fluid Acrylics; Oil; Origami & Water Color. Invitation only Roos Roast Coffee Tasting.

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THE GREAT AMERICAN INVESTMENT

Book Reviews: With Joan Elmouchi

Novels tell stories of strangers in a strange land

By Ioan Elmouchi

In honor of the McKune Memorial Library's Chelsea Reads Together program and its central theme of immigration, here are recommendations for some fine, thought-provoking novels focused on people who find themselves displaced strangers in strange

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another thing altogether to

be Candido and America Rincon from Mexico, hiding from the immigration officials and struggling to survive. How their four lives

intersect makes gripping, thrilling reading. This is a perfect book to discuss, argue about, and ponder. If you managed to miss one of the most talkedabout novels of the decade, now's the time to catch up with Khaled Hosseini's amazing "Kite Runner." Amir, a young boy of privilege in 1970's Afghanistan, becomes inseparable with

Hassan, the son of a ser-

the boys, and Amir is

vant. An act of cowardice on Amir's part separates

forced to flee to America

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spectives.

Nazneen slowly discovers that she's a person in her own right and shrugs off her passivity. A richly rewarding novel. Another look at immigrant life in London is taken by Zadie Smith's sprawling first novel,

new country. Surrounded by an oddball group of

other Islamic immigrants.

"White Teeth." The large, multicultural cast of characters includes British Archie Jones, who marries young Jamaican Clara; Bengali Muslim Samad Iqbal and his disgruntled wife, Alsana, and their various children, who have their own struggles coping with the pressures of life in a new country and the traditions of the old one. "White Teeth" is a big, biting, booming novel and an impressive debut.

On every top ten list last year was "The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao" by Junot Diaz. Part history lesson, part pop-culture travelogue, it's the story of an obese, sci-fi crazy, lonely nerd and the

downfall of his floundering family. Cursed by a badluck omen and ruined by the Dominican Republic's horrific Trujillo dictatorship, the story moves from New Jersey to the

Dominican Republic and back again as various generations of Oscar's family wrestle fate and usually lose. A thoroughly unique novel from a promising new author.

The brilliant and provocative "House of Sand and Fog," by Andre Dubus, was a 2000 Oprah selection and a National Book Award finalist. A stunning look at the

immigrant experience, it tells the tale of Massoud Behrani, a former Iranian colonel under the Shah who is reduced to picking up trash on a highway crew in California, and keeping up a false front that he can ill afford. Buying a small house at auction, he sees this investment as the beginning of rebuilding his family's life in America. But the house was in the auction by mistake, and its

owner, one Kathy Nicolo. desperately wants it back. Kathy and Massoud are set on a stubborn, emotional path to destruction that is as riveting as it is tragic.

All books are available at the McKune Memorial Library in Chelsea. Joan Elmouchi is the library director at McKune Memorial

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title is Monica Ali's Brick Lane, a beautifully written novel of Bangladeshi immigration to London. At 18, Nazneen is married off to the much older, pompous Chanu, and she finds her-

self struggling in a rundown

East End flat in a puzzling

Editor's Note: Several of these obituaries from last week are being rerun because of a printing problem with some of the editions.

Ruth Tisch Jackson

Ruth Tisch of Jackson and March 1, 2008. She was 90.

ter of George and Bertha second son of Charles C. (Cook) Bareis on March 1, Wood and Mary Agnes 1918. In September 1939 she McNeil. In 1926, his family married Wilber E. Tisch relocated to a farm on Old and he preceded her in death in 1993. Ruth loved nature, and was a wonderful gardener. She helped from Chelsea High School manage the farm on in 1940. He subsequently Territorial Road. She was served his country during known as a kind woman and World War II as a member a person that loved her faith of the 95th Infantry staand family most of all.

(Dale) Ackley of Jackson; returning to Chelsea. grand daughter Dawn (Cameron) Goulding of Fleming on leave in 1944, brothers and three sisters.

Wednesday, March 5 at the Caskey-Mitchell funeral French in Ruth's name.

Eunice Isabell Peters Chelsea

Eunice Isabell Peters of Chelsea died Friday, Feb. 29, 2008 at Arbor Hospice. She was 95.

(Bradshaw) Clark.

Arbor after graduation. She worked at the University of children: Janice Perry of and at the University of November of 2000. He Michigan Hospitals and Vashon, Wash.; Dave Wood Michigan as secretary to the retired from there. For (Brian many years she wintered in Minneapolis; Jack (Jean) Engineering retiring in Ft Myers, Fla. and spent her Wood of South Lyon; Mary summers in Fife Lake, (Bruce) Veltema of East Mich. In her later years she Lansing; Paul Wood (Phyllis lived with her daughter Holmes) of Plymouth; Mike Joan in Chelsea.

1931, and he preceded her Wood of Chelsea. in death in 1991. Survivors include a daughter, Joan grandchildren: Nancy and Birgy of Chelsea; 7 grand- Kelly Veltema, Robert, children; 14 great-grand- Katherine, Maureen, Alex, children; and 4 great-great Sarah, and Cara Wood, Mari grandchildren. She was and Maleena Garry, and preceded in death by a Beth Fries; two great-granddaughter, Patricia Inman; a children; also his sister-inson-in-law, Larry Birgy in law Ann Wood, many 2004; many brothers and beloved sisters.

Cole Funeral Chapel.

Clarence William Wood Chelsea

Clarence William Wood of Chelsea died at the Chelsea Retirement Community on Feb. 26, 2008 as a result of a stroke suffered on Feb. 15. He was 85.

Clarence, fondly known formerly of Munith, Mich., as "Mac," was the beloved passed away at the Vista husband of Patricia J. Grand Villa in Jackson on Robbins and the late Nancy may be made to St. Mary J. Fleming. He was born on She was born the daugh- Jan. 16, 1923 in Livonia, the US 12 in Chelsea, where his grandfather ran Pike's Peak Gas Station. Mac graduated tioned in France. He Ruth is survived by her two returned stateside and daughters Leona M Tisch of briefly studied at Louisiana Grand Rapids and Betty State University before Mac married Nancy

Leonard, Mich. and one great and they parented 10 chilgranddaughter Althea Rose dren. He worked for 44 Goulding as well as many years in engineering at nieces and nephews. In addi- Federal Screw Works in tion to her parents and hus- Chelsea. He was also a local band, she was preceded in real estate broker and elecdeath by her siblings, three trician. He was a former Chelsea Council Member, Funeral services were member of the Glazier Lake Road Association and an active member of St. Mary home with the Rev. Lillian Church. On Nov. 18, 1979, his officiating, first wife Nancy passed Donations may be made to away after 35 years of marthe Jackson Friendly Home riage. On Jan. 3, 1987 he married Patricia (McGauran) Robbins, and she survives. Together they formed a wonderful pair and became world travelers visiting many places including Rome and their beloved Ireland, which they trav-She was born Feb. 22, eled to every other year. 1913 in Mesick, Mich., the They journeyed to all 50 daughter of Glen and Carrie states and especially Besides raising a family of at St. James Parish in Dexter Eunice moved to Ann Utah, Alaska and Hawaii.

Mulhern) (Lyn) Wood of Hamburg; She married Sam Peters Jane Wood of Chelsea; and in Ann Arbor on Oct. 1, his daughter-in-law Patti

He is also survived by 11 nieces and nephews, and special rela-A private memorial serv- tives and friends from ice will be held at a later Ireland: Margaret Mary, date. Memorial contribu- Nan, and Helen; also Marge tions may be made to Arbor (Phil) Dack of Mason, and Hospice. Arrangements by Jennie (Bob) Draper of Jackson. In addition to his

first wife, Clarence was preceded in death by his parents, his brother Wallace, and three infant children: Nancy, Thomas and Joseph. Funeral Mass was held on Saturday, March 1, 2008 with Rev. Dr. William J. Turner and Fr. Joseph Renaldo concelebrating.

Memorial Contributions Catholic Church or St. Louis School.



Charlotte Mary Krull Ann Arbor and Dexter

Charlotte Krull passed away peacefully on Feb. 19, 2008 with family at her bed side. She was born Dec. 27. 1914 in Petersburg, Neb., the youngest of 11 children, to Bernard and Rose Pape. She was on Saturday St. Thomas was 93.

Charlotte met Arthur James "Bill" Krull and married him on Oct. 25, 1931. He preceded her in death on June 11, 1967. She is also preceded by Amy Iott, an infant grand daughter, her mother and father as well as her 10 brothers and sisters.

Charlotte and Bill came to Michigan in 1937 settling in the Dexter/Ann Arbor area. of Dean of School **1983**.

> She is survived by her ily. children; Virgil (Shirley) of Bristol Tenn., Dale of Grass Lake, Kenneth (Judy) of Rapids, Doris Grand (Winferd, deceased) Moore of Dexter, Ruth Ann (Gary) Pope of Ann Arbor, Leroy of Dexter, Ronald (Marilyn) of Dexter, Mary (John) Murrel of Ann Arbor, Rita (John) Sutherland of Gainesville, Fla. and Sharon (Marc) Iott of Holly.

Charlotte has 25 grandchildren. She also had 35 great grandchildren, one great-great grand daughter, and many nieces and nephews.

Charlotte delighted in traveling with her children grand children. and Together they visited many

football and basketball games, unique and beautiful scenery, lazy river rafting, and spending time at her children's homes and cottages. She was an avid U of M sports fan and a long time member of the M Club. She was always willing to join a game of euchre and spearheaded a multitude of dinners and gatherings for family and friends. She was a

states enjoying plays, U of M

member of the St. Joseph Parish of Dexter where she was active in the Altar Society. Currently she belonged to St. Thomas the Apostle Parish of Ann Arbor. While we are in sorrow of Charlotte's passing, we

rejoice in her long and bountiful life. All who knew her found her to be a loving and caring wife, mother, grandmother, daughter, aunt and friend. The family would like to thank the Hillside Terrace nurses, aides, and staff and the In-House Hospice of Southfield team who attended to Mom. Their gentle caring is greatly appreciated.

Please send donations in Charlotte's honor to St. Joseph of Dexter Stairway to the Future Fund or St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church of Ann

A mass of Christian Burial Apostle Catholic Church, Ann Arbor, Burial followed at St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery, Baker Road, Dexter.

Rev. Charles Walton Fitch Formerly of Dexter

Rev. Charles Walton Fitch of Bristow, Va., died Saturday, February 9, 2008 in Manassas, Va. He was 87. He was the former rector enjoyed Colorado, Montana, five girls and five boys, she from 1970-1977 and was Darren B. Powell; one great was employed at Michigan active in supply work in the grandson Bradley Lapham; Also surviving are his Molded Plastics in Dexter Diocese of Fond du Lac until moved back to the Washington, DC area in May Of 2003 to live with his daughter Emily and her fam-

He was pre-deceased by his wife Mary C. Fitch, his parents and three sisters.

He is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Emily Louise Joran and Peter P. Joran, II of Bristow, Va., and two grand-daughters, Katherine & Lauren Joran.

The family received friends at the Money and King Funeral Home in Vienna, Va. Funeral services were held at the Holy Cross in Dunn Loring, Va. Interment was held at Arlington Cemetery.

Please view and sign the guest book atwww.money andking.com.

Mabel G. Pidd Chelsea

Mabel G. Pidd of Chelsea and formerly of Stockbridge Community. was 95.

of Harvey P. and Pearl (Place) Proctor on Sept. 6, 1912 in Superior Township. On March 10, 1932 she married Erwin F. Pidd and he preceded her in death on Sept. 27, 1964. In April of Frank and he preceded her in death in 2001. Mabel was a member of Dexter United Methodist church for over 60 years. She was a member of Farm Bureau, a lifetime member of the Washtenaw Chapter 302 Order of the Eastern Star and a past Worthy Matron. Mabel loved traveling and traveled to every state in the country except Alaska.

She is survived by her children Betty (Vernon) Thalmann of Delton, Mich., Fran Alber of Middleville. Mich., Bill (Barbara) Pidd of Stockbridge, Karen Lyndon of Goshen Ind., John Pidd of Stockbridge, Gary (Renee) Pidd of Stockbridge, Ben (Connie) Powell of Dexter, Linda (Rick) Schultz of Wayne, Kathleen (Ronald) Herrst of Chelsea, and Darrell (Pat) Pidd of Osseo. Mich. Also surviving are 31 grandchildren, 45 great grandchildren and seven great-great grandchildren as well as one brother Russell Proctor and two sisters-inlaw Lucy and Virginia Proctor.

In addition to her parents. husbands, and an infant daughter Sarah E. Pidd. she was preceded in death by her grandsons William J. Pidd, Scott E. Koscielniak and sons-in-law Rev. Richard Lyndon and Donald Alber; Bernice Barnsdale, Florence Floyd Proctor, Emma Dinius. Wesley Proctor, Harvey Proctor, Lester Proctor and Vera Carley.

sions of sympathy may be will be sorely missed. made to the Dexter United Methodist Church.

Carol Marie VanderKloot Orlin Ann Arbor

Carol Marie VanderKloot Episcopal Church of the Orlin of Ann Arbor, most recently of Towsley Village, Chelsea Retirement National Community, passed away peacefully in bed the evening of Saturday, Feb. 16, 2008, after a brief, natural decline in the compassion- Chapel, Ann Arbor.

ate care of the Towsley Village staff and Arbor Hospice. She was 80.

She was challenged with and Dexter passed away at dementia for several years the Chelsea Retirement previously. The daughter of Towsley Sylvene and Matthias Village on Feb. 20, 2008. She Vanderkloot, Carol was born in Homewood, Ill., on Aug. She was born the daughter 12, 1927. She was the only remaining ofthree VanderKloot sisters, predeceased by Cornelia and Mary Louise, as well as both parents. She is survived by her children, Lesley (John) Regan, David Orlin (Diane 1972 she married Milan Winder), Hugh Orlin, (all of Celia Ypsilanti) and (Charles) Riecker Dexter); as well as her many grandchildren. beloved John (Lori) Regan IV and Robert (Rasa) Regan, Karyl Stein, Heather Christopher Riecker; and great-grandchildren, nieces, and cousins.

Carol moved to Ann Arbor to attend the University of Michigan and settled down there. A Hopwood prizewinner in 1946, a Phi Beta Kappa, and a Wolverine through-and-through, Carol earned her bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan as well as two master's degrees: an MA in English, and later, an MLS during and after raising her four children. She was Dexter Wylie Middle School's librarian for many years. She was a devoted and active member of The Church of the Good Shepherd in Ann Arbor, a caring friend and neighbor to many, and maintained many lifelong friendships. She is known for her love of gardening, reading, choral music and singing, and her sunny disposition. Her favorite vacation spot was by the shores of Lake Michigan. near Arcadia, Mich. Her famous date-nut cake and rugala were her gifts to iriends and neighbors at Christmas. She volunteered her siblings Stanley Proctor, at the U of M Matthaei Botanical Gardens, and Stark, Kenneth Proctor, actively worked on church fund-raisers. She encouraged her children to read, and to love learning, music. nature, and puzzles all of Funeral services were which are interests they Monday, Feb. 25, 2008 from have in various ways to this the Dexter United Methodist day. Her advice on many Church with Dr. Matthew occasions was to "look it Hook officiating. Expres- up." Carol is at peace and

> A memorial gathering for friends and family will be held in the spring and will be announced later. She will be buried privately in Forest Hill Cemetery in Ann Arbor on Wednesday, Feb. 20, 2008. Contributions to U of M Matthaei Botanical Gardens or Towsley Village at the Chelsea Retirement Community in her memory are encouraged. Arrangements by Muehlig Funeral

Byrnes talks one-room schoolhouses



State Rep. Pam Byrnes, D-52nd District, speaks to participants of the "One Room School House" project at a luncheon last Friday at the Chelsea Senior Center. Rep. Byrnes' father attended a one-room school house. Byrnes said she is delighted that the Chelsea Community Foundation has funded this program, which is being facilitated by the Chelsea Senior Center and the McKune Memorial Library to preserve the memories of those who attended one-room school houses. Rep. Byrnes was gracious in congratulating the Senior Center and the McKune Memorial Library for making this important contribution to the history of Chelsea possible. Rep. Byrnes joins Bill Harmer and Elizabeth Goldman of the Chelsea library. See full story, Page 12-C.

Financial Advice: With Susan Jacobs

Seniors must file tax return

By Susan Jacobs Guest Writer

As a result of the Economic Stimulus Act of 2008, most taxpayers will begin receiving rebate checks starting in May. To be eligible for this rebate check, most taxpayers just need to file a 2007 tax return. If the qualifying income shown on the return is more than \$3,000, you do not need to do anything else. The IRS will calculate the amount of the rebate. However, if your income is more than \$75,000 (\$150,000 for married joint) your eligibility for the rebate starts to phase out.

Qualifying income consists of wages, self-employment income, social security benefits, railroad retirement benefits, veteran's disability and pension benefits received from the VA.

Therefore, those taxpayers who don't normally file an income tax return (because of the income threshold) should file a return for 2007. These individuals should file a Form 1040A, making sure to

income on line 14A. To be joint) plus \$300 for each child eligible for this rebate, you that is claimed as an exempcan not be claimed as a tion who is under age 17. dependent on another taxpayer's return.

rebate check in the amount reached at 734-475-1393.

enter their social security of \$600 (\$1,200 for married

Susan Jacobs is a CPA with an office in downtown Chelsea For returns with no in the Sylvan Building. She income tax liability, the has been in public accounting rebate will be \$300 (\$600 for for 19 years, concentrating on married joint). Most taxpay- taxation for small businesses ers can expect to receive a and individuals. She can be



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Time for Pysanky



Pysanky - the ancient European art of Egg Decoration

Who: Chelsea artist Nicole Pangas Henry What: Pysanky - the ancient Eastern European art of Egg Decoration

When: 10 a.m. to noon, March 15

Where: Michigan Friends Center, Clark Lake Road, Chelsea

Cost: \$10; \$5 additional, per person for family (\$25

Materials fee: \$10 for complete starter set to use and take home; extra family member fee \$5 per person

Contact: Call 475-1892 or visit www.michiganfriendscenter.org

Artist information: Visit www.nicolepangas.com

Local egg decorating workshop is March 15

By Sheila Pursglove Special Writer

ust in time for Easter festivities, the Michigan Friends Center is offering a March 15 work U shop on Pysanky - the ancient Eastern European art of egg decoration.

The workshop will be led by Chelsea artist Nicole Pangas Henry who will demonstrate this technique using non-edible, permanent dyes, with a process similar to batik.

Participants will learn the basic processes, take home a finished pysanka and have the supplies and instructions to continue making Pysanky at home.

"We're pleased to be hosting this Pysanky workshop with Nicole Henry." says MFC Executive Director Elaine Economou: "As an artist whose work is inspired by nature, it is a meaningful match to have her come and teach at Michigan Friends Center where inspiration from nature is everywhere.

"She is a lovely person and we hope many people take advantage of learning this ancient technique

Oddly enough. Henry learned Pysanky not from a Ukrainian woman, but from a Scottish woman, many years ago.

"We were visiting one night and she and a friend were dyeing eggs, working by a lit candle and making the most beautiful eggs," Henry says. "I had to sit down right then and make some. We stayed up very late working on our eggs.

"It's such a cozy thing to do on a cold winter's night. It is always exciting at the final moment, when you melt off all the wax to reveal the colors and patterns underneath. It reminds me of what happens when you open up a kiln and see all your work, finished. It is always a surprise, and hopefully a delight, too,"

Henry, who work has been exhibited throughout Michigan, Illinois, Ohio and Pennsylvania, studied art at the LaCoste School of the Arts in France, the University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana, The Cleveland Institute of Art, and the College for Creative Studies, and spent a year as Artist in Residence at Pewabic Pottery in Detroit.

The Ohio native didn't find her artistic chops until

"I didn't know I wanted to be an artist growing up," she says. "I didn't know anything much about art or artists until I was in high school.

"I give my art teacher Judy Bennett the credit for turning me into an artist. She was pursuing her Master's degree at the same time while teaching so she was in the midst of working full time in the studio. She had hunger and drive to make art. That helps you push yourself to keep going, making more art

despite difficulties.

"It's almost like the more you work the more energy you get out of the work, and that feeds on itself." Henry enjoys teaching, and helping people overcome their fear of art.

"I hear a lot of 'I am not artistic at all' or 'I could never do that.' I believe that people have to just explore different media to find out what type of art making works for them," she says. "It may not be painting or drawing, it could be glass blowing, or tile making, fiber sculpture or bronze casting.

"There is so much out there to do and I like to bring my experience with that variety to my students to help them with their work. If I can help someone conquer hurdles and set them off on their own path, then I feel successful as a teacher."

Henry is looking forward to working with the Michigan Friends Center, and has ideas for more workshops, such as primitive clay classes that would involve hand building with clay and pit firing the pieces.

She also plans to teach more this Fall, at the Chelsea Center for the Arts, and in Chelsea schools.

"Having a little art each day makes a huge difference for kids," she says. "When my kids have been gone all day without having made any art they are very sad. They say. 'Mom, we haven't drawn all day. Making things and drawing is very important to

As an artist, a parent, and a teacher, Henry sees how making art affects people and their lives.

"In my experience, being involved in the arts, no matter what the format is, creates an ability to use a whole brain approach to problem solving and learning," she says.

"The value of art to develop creative thought processes is huge. I want to help people understand why art is important and how art affects us everyday, in so many ways. From your toothbrush to the car you drive and all the things in your house and work, an artist has been involved in that process."

People should think again when they dismiss art as unnecessary, she says.

"One of the most important attributes Americans have is our ability to think creatively. If we don't help our children grow their creative minds and learn through the creative process, we are doing them and ourselves an enormous disservice."

Henry and her husband Andy moved to Chelsea from Detroit in 1999. They and their two sons, Emmett and Nate, live in downtown Chelsea.

"We've enjoyed living in an old Victorian house in a small town," she says.

Parents as Teachers



Dear Parents as Teachers. I am 13-months old and have a problem that I think is common with all of the kids my age. I have so much to say and feel very frustrated when I can't get nicating. You may start bringing the words out. I have tried pointing and grunting, but it usually ends up with me getting

have any suggestions? Signed, Misunderstood

crabby, and not getting what I

really am asking for. Do you

Dear Misunderstood. Yes, there is help for you, and it is fun, easy, and will help you in so many ways. It is called Baby Sign Language. It is very much like American Sign Language. (the language used for the deaf and hearing impaired), but slightly adapted for children your age. their needs, thoughts and feelings before they have the words. Parents love it because it reduces frustration on both baby and parent. increases the bond between making life easier and happi- parent and child. When you er for the family.

sign if you are at least six tionship will grow closer, and months old, are starting to allowing you to feel more point to things, waving bye- understood.

bye, or shaking your head "yes" or "no." Most parents know when their child is ready because the child shows an interest in commu-

mommy or daddy objects looking for its name, or become interested in books, focusing on and pointing to pictures. Just think how fun it will be when you can say in sign language that you want "to read the book that has a monkey in it," or that you are "thirsty for juice."

Signing has many proven benefits for babies, including boosting their self-esteem and allowing them to develop their emotional awareness. One study even showed that those who had used sign lan-Babies love signing because guage as babies scored an it allows them to express average of 12 points higher on an IQ test than their non-signing peers.

However, what we are most excited about is that signing can communicate better with You know you are ready to mommy and daddy your rela-



Parents as Teachers offer a Baby Sign Language class for parent and child on Mondays at 11 a.m. The cost is \$10 for each nine week session and includes materials. Call 433-2206 (ext. 6724) for more information.

WASHTENAW COUNTY **ROAD COMMISSION** NOTICE **BRIDGE POSTING CHANGE**

Effective Date: Monday, February 25, 2008 The Washtenaw County Road Commission will be immediately imposing a 3 TON weight restriction on the westbound lane of the Dexter-Chelsea Road Bridge over an unnamed tributary in Section 1 of Lima Township. The eastbound lane will remain unposted. The bridge is located between Wylie Road and Parker Road. The reason for the weight restriction is due to the severe deterioration of the bridge beams. The preferred detour route for vehicles exceeding the 3 TON weight limit is Parker Road to Jackson Road to Dancer Road.

If you have any questions, please contact Kelly Jones, P.E. at (734) 327-6647 between 7:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Thank you in advance for your patience as the Washtenaw County Road Commission deals with these situations. Publish: March 6, 2008

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WEBSTER TOWNSHIP NOTICE **BUDGET HEARING MARCH 18, 2008**

TUESDAY MARCH 18, 2008 AT 7:30 P.M. THE WEBSTER TOWN-SHIP BOARD WILL HOLD A BUDGET HEARING AND A REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING AT THE WEBSTER TOWNSHIP HALL, 5665 WEBSTER CHURCH ROAD, DEXTER, MI 48130, AT SUCH TIME AND IN ADDITION TO OTHER REGULAR BUSINESS AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAW:

1: A BUDGET COVERING PROPOSED EXPENDITURES AND ESTIMATED REVENUES OF THE TOWNSHIP SHALL BE SUBMIT-TED FOR CONSIDERATION.

Budget may be viewed during regular office hours, Monday through Friday, between 8:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. at the above address.

2: THE PROPERTY TAX MILLAGE PROPOSED TO BE LEVIED TO SUPPORT THE PROPOSED BUDGET WILL BE A SUBJECT OF THE HEAR-ING.

Those with disabilities must notify the Township Clerk no less than seven days prior to the meeting so that accommodations may be furnished to satisfy their disability and allow for meaningful attendance.

Mary Dee Heller, Clerk

Posted: March 1, 2008 Publish: March 6, 2008

CHELSEA SCHOOL DISTRICT SECTION 00105 NOTICE TO BIDDERS PROJECT:

CHELSEA SCHOOL DISTRICT BID PACKAGE NO. 5 - NORTH CREEK ELEMEN-

TARY SCHOOL

FLOORING, PAINTING AND LOCKERS & STORAGE SHELVING

OWNER: CHELSEA SCHOOL DISTRICT Administrative Offices, 500 Washington Street Chelsea, MI 48118

ARCHITECT: KINGSCOTT ASSOCIATES, INC. 229 East Michigan Ave., Suite 335

Kalamazoo, MI 49007

INVITATION IS HEREBY MADE TO HAVE QUALIFIED BIDDERS SUBMIT BID PROPOSALS FOR THE FOLLOWING WORK CATEGORIES:

CATEGORY DESCRIPTION 5-09-1 **FLOORING** 5-09-2 **PAINTING** 5-10-1

LOCKERS & STORAGE SHELVING BID PROPOSALS ARE REQUESTED AND WILL BE RECEIVED AS A "SINGLE LUMP SUM PROPOSAL" PRIOR TO 2:00 PM, LOCAL TIME, ON TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2008.

BID PROPOSALS FOR THE ABOVE WORK CATEGORIES MUST BE RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE THE BID OPENING DATE AND TIME. BIDS ARE TO BE DELIVERED TO:

Chelsea School District Administrative Offices, 500 Washington Street

EEO/M/F/H/V

Chelsea, MI 48118 BID SECURITY IN THE FORM OF BONDS ARE REQUIRED TO BE SUBMITTED WITH ALL PROPOSALS. BID SECURITY IN THE FORM OF A CERTIFIED CHECK IS ACCEPTABLE BID SECURITY ONLY FOR PROPOSAL LESS THAN \$50,000.

ALL BIDS MUST CONTAIN A SWORN AND NOTARIZED STATE-MENT DISCLOSING ANY FAMILIAL RELATIONSHIP EXISTING BETWEEN THE BIDDER OR ANY EMPLOYEE OF THE BIDDER AND ANY MEMBER OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OR THE SCHOOL SUPER-INTENDENT.

Publish: March 6, 2008

CITY OF CHELSEA REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2008 **WASHINGTON STREET EDUCATION CENTER**

Call to Order Present: Council Members Present: Albertson, Lindauer, Martinez-

Absent: Mayor Feeney Others Present: Bob Shepherd, Nancy Anderson, Scott Childs

Kratz, Anderson, Holmberg, City Manager John Hanifan, and Clerk

Mayor Pro-tem Lindauer called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance **Presentations**

1. DaCott Presentation A. Power Purchase Draft Agreement Risk Policy - Scott Childs

Approval Of Consent Agenda 1. Meeting Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 22, 2008.

2. Approval of Bills

MOVED Hammer SECONDED Holmberg to approve minutes and

bills as presented. All Ayes. Motion Carried. Approval of Regular Agenda

MOVED Martinez-Kratz SECONDED Hammer to approve the regular agenda as presented. All Ayes. Motion Carried. **Public Comments**

Council Business

1. Health Care Coverage for Chelsea Area Construction Agency MOVED Hammer SECONDED Holmberg to 1) allow CACA to join the City's group health insurance and 2) to charge a 5% administrative fee to each entity on their quarterly invoice. All Ayes. Motion Carried. 2. Chelsea Education Foundation Request for Raffle License

MOVED Albertson SECONDED Holmberg to recommend approval of the raffle application to the Michigan Lottery Commission, Charitable Gaming Division, by Chelsea Education Foundation as a non-profit organization operating in the community. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

3. Set Public Hearing to Consider Amendments to Water, Wastewater and Electric Utilities Rate Schedules

MOVED Hammer SECONDED Albertson to set the date for the pubfic hearing to review utility rate schedules for Tuesday, March 11, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. All Ayes. Motion Carried. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED Hammer SECONDED Holmberg to adjourn at 8:31 p.m. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

Approved: February 12, 2008

Jason Lindauer, Mayor Pro Tem

Publish: March 6, 2008

Teresa Burtch, City Clerk

Chelsea

Friday

Barefoot Boogie dance party will be held from 8 p.m. to midnight at Tree of Life Studio, 6065 Sibley Rd., in Chelsea. The dance party is free and open to all ages. For more information, call 433-0697.

Saturday

Friends of McKune Memorial Library will hold a used book sale from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the library, 221 S. Main St., in Chelsea. Proceeds from the sale go to the library. For more information, call 475-8732.

The Chelsea Teddy Bear Co. will have tours every Saturday 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. located at 400 N. Main St. Groups are by appointment, by calling 433-5499. Visit the Web Site at www.chelseateddybear.com

Western Washtenaw Republican Committee will meet 9 a.m. at the Chelsea Clock Tower, second floor. Coffee and snacks will be provided. For more information, call Craig McGregor at 734-891-5576.

Artist and customer appreciation reception will be held from 7 to 10 p.m. at Chelsea Gallery, 115 S. Main St. For more information. call 475-1008.

Tuesday

Faith in Action will have a career adviser available every Tuesday from 12:30 to 4 p.m. at 603 S. Main Street in Chelsea, to help with resume writing, job searching, career research and talent evaluation. This service is open to anyone who could use help with employment issues. A Michigan Works! Computer with up to date listings, and many other job search aids, is available as part of the service. For more information, call 475-3305.

Thursday, March 13 Huron

Watershed Council is hosting a kick-off event for Portage Creek and area lakes from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the **Dexter** Howlett Elementary School gymnasium, 126 Webb St., in Gregory. Attendees will share what interests them dinner will be held 5 p.m. at like to be involved. Street, in Dexter. The cost is by March 11 to Elizabeth Riggs by calling, 769-5123 ext. 15 or email eriggs@hrwc.org Saturday, March 15

"Almost the Worm Moon-An End of Winter Night Hike" will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. at Park Lyndon North, 18801 N. Territorial Rd., in Lyndon Township. Drinks and marshmallows will be provided around an open fireplace after the hike. The event is free and open to all

> NOTICE ATTENTION

Ronald Jason Chambers: You are being sued for divorce in the case of Staci L Chambers v. Ronald J Chambers, Case No. 08-378-DO, before Judge Archie Brown in the Washtenaw County Circuit Court, 101 E. Huron St., Ann Arbor, MI 48104, 734-222-3001. You must file your answer or take other action permitted by law in this court at the court address above before April 11, 2008. Failure to answer will result in a default being entered against you and the entry of a default Judgment on Thursday, May 1, 2008 at 2pm Publish: February 28, 2008 March 6, 2008

call 971-6337.

McKune Memorial Library lent at St. Mary Catholic All events take place at the Church, 10601 Dexter-McKune Memorial Library, 221 Pinckney Rd., in Pinckney. S. Main St., Chelsea. For more information, call 1-734-475-8732.

March 14, 21

Animanga Club McKune family only). Take-out is also 3:30-5:30 p.m. Something new each week: movies, manga, art, culture, food, and fun.

March 24

DDR 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. p.m. at St. Andrew's United McKune Library. Beginners and experts welcome! Arbor Street, in Dexter. Games and memory cards Bring your favorite board are appreciated. April 2

Wii For Teens 1 - 3 p.m. evening of fun. For more McKune. Play tennis with your friends on Spring

Viewing & Discussion has open sporting clay shoot-Series at the Movies

Do you like to talk about a.m. to 3 p.m. at 8890 Dextermovies? Join Chelsea Townhall Rd., in Dexter Bill Township. Sign up starts at 9 District Library's Harmer to see a great film a.m. and then share your thoughts in a lively discussion on 734-730-9749 or the Web site Friday afternoons. This program will be held at the Chelsea Senior Center, located in the WSEC, 500 Sensibly weight loss group Washington. No registration meets every Wednesday 6:30 necessary.

Friday, at 1 p.m. - Center, 7720 Ann Arbor St., "Michael Clayton."

Friday, April 11, 2008 at 1 lic. For more information, p.m. - "Lost in Translation." Great Books at the Chelsea

Senior Center Join a great book discus- Nursery is having an open 3191 or 1-734-426-8211. sion led by Bill Harmer and house from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the Chelsea Senior Center's 7643 W. Huron River Dr. in for participants; to get one, call to sign up.

Books & Banter

On the third Thursday of each month from 1:30 to 3 p.m., join us for a lively discussion of new books, old books and everything in between, hosted Michaelina Brown. "Tortilla Curtain" by T.C. Boyle March 20, 1:30 p.m. "The Time Traveler's Wife" by Audrey Niffenegger, April 17,

Thursday

Corned beef and cabbage about the Portage Creek St. Andrew's United Church watershed and how they'd of Christ, 7610 Ann Arbor Reservations are required \$8 for adults, \$5 for children age 5 to 12 years olds and free for children under 5 years old. Carry out is also available. For more information, call 426-8610.

> Friday St. Mary Men's Club will

NOTICE TO CREDITORS IN THE MATTER OF THE JANE R. FREEMAN TRUST TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Your interest in the Trust and estate may be barred or affected by the follow-

Jane R. Freeman, whose last known address was 14288 Old US 12, Chelsea, Michigan 48118, died February 13, 2008. The Settlor, Jane R. Freeman created the Jane R. Freeman Trust by written instrument dated August 4, 2000. Creditors of the deceased Settlor are notified that all claims against the Trust and estate will be forever barred unless presented to the Trustee, Lynn D. Boham, 14111 Wagon Wheel Court, Chelsea, Michigan 48118, within four (4) months of the date of publication of this notice. The Trustee is serving as a result

of the Settlor's death. Notice is further given that the Trust estate will be administered, assigned and

distributed to the persons entitled to it.
KEUSCH, FLINTOFT & CONLIN, P.C.
By: PETER C. FLINTOFT (P-13531)
119 South Main, P.O. Box 187
Chelsea, Mi 48118

(734) 475-8671 Publish: March 6, 2008

Linda Reilly, Clerk, 17751 N. Territorial Road, Chelsea, MI 481,18 or phone 475-2401. A copy of this notice is on file in the office of the clerk.

Disabilities Act (ADA).

Publish: March 6, 2008

ages. For more information, hold a fish dinner from 4:30 Church. For more informabush on a guided tour. You advance and \$4/child at the to 7 p.m. every Friday during tion, call 426-2491.

Friday, March 14

Area Galendar

The cost is \$9 for adults, \$8

children under age 12 and

\$25 for a family (immediate

Game night will begin 7

Church of Christ, 7610 Ann

games and snacks, or join the

euchre players for an

Silver Lake Sporting Clays

ing every Sunday from 10

For more information, call

p.m. at the Dexter Senior

in Dexter. Open to the pub-

subject of this hearing.

notice to the Township Board.

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CHELSEA, MI 48118

48118. Phone 734-475-2401.

to the Lyndon Township Clerk.

HEARING.

call Dorothy at 426-3813.

Thursday, March 13

Dexter

www.silverlakeclays.com

Wednesdays

information, call 426-8610.

tion, call 734-878-0219.

Saturday

Sunday

"Under The Big Top" held from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at for senior citizens, \$4 for Cornerstone Elementary School, 7480 Dan Hoey Rd., in Dexter. For more information, call Tracy Mistry at 426available. For more informa-7006 or email tmistry@mac.com

Saturday, March 15

Dexter Cooperative Nursery Open Enrollment will be held from 9 to 11 a.m. at 7643 W. Huron River Dr. in the Education Building of the Dexter United Methodist Church. For more information, call 426-2491.

Dexter District Library

Dexter District Library is located at 8040 Fourth Street in Dexter. For further information, please call the library at 426-4477.

Monday, March Registration begins for Spring Story Times Story Times will begin the week of March 31.

Parks T.O.P.S. – Take Off Pounds

Hudson Mills Metropark

The following are programs and events scheduled for the Hudson Mills Metropark. The park is located at 8801 N. Territorial Road in Dexter. For more information or to register Cooperative for programs, call 1-800-477-

March

CORRECTION

LIMA TOWNSHIP

NOTICE TO RESIDENTS

The Lima Township Board will hold a public hearing on the proposed

The property tax millage rate proposed to be

This notice is posted in compliance with PA 267 of 1976 as amend-

The Lima Township Board will provide necessary and reasonable

Note: Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services

should contact the Lima Township Board by writing or calling Arlene

LYNDON TOWNSHIP

NOTICE OF

BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

ING ON THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009

AT LYNDON TOWNSHIP HALL, 17751 N. TERRITORIAL ROAD,

MARCH 11, 2008 AT 7:00 P.M.

POSED TO BE LEVIED TO SUPPORT THE PRO-

POSED BUDGET WILL BE A SUBJECT OF THIS

A copy of the budget is available for public inspection at the office of

This notice is posted in compliance with PA 267 of 1976 as amend-

The Lyndon Township Board will provide necessary reasonable aux-

iliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and

audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to

individuals with disabilities at the meeting upon 7 business days notice

Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should

contact the Lyndon Township Clerk by writing or calling the following:

ed (Open Meeting Act), MCLA 41.72a(2)(3) and the Americans with

the Clerk at Lyndon Townhall, 17751 N. Territorial Road, Chelsea, MI

THE PROPERTY TAX MILLAGE RATE PRO-

THE LYNDON TOWNSHIP BOARD WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEAR-

auxiliary aids to individuals with disabilities at the meeting upon 7 days

ed (Open Meetings Act), and the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Bareis, P.O.Box 59, Chelsea, MI 48118 phone 734-475-2246.

township budget for the fiscal year 4-1-2008 to 3-31-2009 at the Lima

Township Hall, 11452 Jackson Road on March 11, 2008 at 4:30 p.m..

levied to support the proposed budget will be a

Journey to the Sugar Bush Tina Patterson. Reserved the Education Building of 10 a.m., 11 a.m. and noon. copies of books are available the Dexter United Methodist Take a journey to the sugar

Arlene R. Bareis, Clerk

Linda Reilly

TOWNSHIP CLERK

will travel back in time and experience how maple syrup has been made over the CPTG Silent Auction will be years. You may also get a chance to tap a tree. Also, enjoy an all you can eat pancake and sausage breakfast. Guided Tour \$2 per person. Pancake Breakfast is served from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Event also

March 16

March 8-9, 22, 29-30.

are welcome.

Participate in a variety of animal world. to be called. \$2/child in 60 minutes.

Waterloo Recreation Area

The following are programs and events scheduled at the Waterloo Recreation Area. The Eddy Discovery Center is the headquarters for the WRA and Breakfast is located at 17030 Bush Road \$3.50/child and \$5/adult. in Chelsea. For more information on program and events call 1-734-475-3170.

How Things Move: 2 p.m., Saturday, March 29. Getting Easter Egg Hunt. Noon. from one place to another is Kids through the ages of 12 more than placing one foot in front of the other in the activities such as getting McCormack will bring a variyour face painted, petting ety of live animals for this farm animals and visiting hands-on program to show with the Easter Bunny while you who slithers, jumps, flies you wait for your age group and crawls. Program length

CITY OF CHELSEA

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER AMENDMENTS TO THE WATER, WASTEWATER AND ELECTRIC **UTILITIES RATE SCHEDULES**

A Public Hearing to receive public comment on a proposed amendment to the rate schedules for water, wastewater and electric utilities within the City of Chelsea will be held Tuesday, March 11, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. in the Boardroom of the Washington Street Education Center, 500 Washington Street, Chelsea, Michigan. A copy of the proposed amendments will be available for public inspection at the City Office, 305 S. Main Street, Suite 100, Chelsea, Michigan, one week prior to the hearing date.

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

Teresa Burtch, City Clerk

Publish: February 28, 2008

DEXTER VILLAGE

SYNOPSIS OF ACTION TAKEN AT THE **REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2008**

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE The meeting was called to order at 7:30 by President Keough in the

Dexter Senior Center located at 7720 Dexter Ann Arbor Rd. in Dexter,

ROLL CALL: Fisher, Cousins, Keough, Semifero, Carson, Tell, Smith APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Regular Council Meeting Minutes- January 28, 2008 Motion Semifero, support Cousins to approve the minutes with the change in New Business, Item 12 D.B.H. means diameter at breast height.

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

Nays: none Motion carries

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion Carson, support Smith to approve the agenda as submitted. Ayes: Smith, Semitero, Tell, Carson, Fisher, Cousins, Keough Motion carries

PUBLIC HEARINGS

General Code of Ordinances-Snow Ordinance Amendment Action: Consideration of: proposed amendment to approve Chapter 46 of the Village's General Code of Ordinances, Division 3, Section 46-77 and 46-79

Public hearing open at 7:37

Jeff Peters of 3452 Central expresses 100% support of the Council. Public hearing closed at 7:39 Motion Semifero, support Fisher to approve the proposed amend-

ment to Chapter 46 of the Village's General Code of Ordinances, Division 3, Section 46-77 and 46-79.

Ayes: Semifero, Tell, Fisher, Carson, Cousins, Smith, Keough Nays: none

Motion carries CONSENT AGENDA

Consideration of: Bills and Payroll in the amount of \$76,548.18 Motion Fisher, support Smith to approve the consent agenda as pre-

Ayes: Carson, Cousins, Fisher, Smith, Semifero, Tell, Keough Nays: None

Motion carries

NEW BUSINESS - Consideration of and Discussion of: Motion Semifero, support Fisher to approve the request from Parks Commission for a budget amendment for the completion of park development at community park with funds from the restricted park fund, 101.000.000.004.001 \$9,810 Ayes: Cousins, Fisher, Smith, Semifero, Tell, Carson, Keough

Nays: none

Motion Fisher, support Smith to approve the adoption of the resolu-

tion authorizing Downtown Development bonds, series 2008A (limited fax general obligation) (taxable) not to exceed \$1,600,000 Ayes: Smith, Semifero, Tell, Carson, Fisher, Cousins, Keough

Nays: none

Motion carries

Motion Cousins, support Semifero to approve the resolution authorizing Downtown Development Bonds, Series 2008B (limited Tax General Obligation) in the amount of \$2,000,000 Ayes: Semifero, Tell, Fisher, Carson, Cousins, Smith, Keough

Nays: none

Motion Cousins, support Fisher to approve the Village President and other Council members to respond to Mr. Nielsen's e-mail regarding public safety issues and specifically the two questions contained in the e-mail citing forming a police dept. Ayes: Tell, Carson, Cousins, Smith, Fisher, Semifero, Keough

Nays: none

Motion Semifero, support Carson to send information re: Formula Prohibitions to the Planning Commission for review and recommenda-

Ayes: Carson, Cousins, Fisher, Smith, Semifero, Tell, Keough Nays: none

Motion carries Motion Cousins, support Carson to approve the recommendation to contract with Rodwan Consulting Co. to complete the Other Post

Employment Benefits (OPEB) valuation at a cost not to exceed \$4.800 Ayes: Cousins, Fisher, Smith, Semifero, Tell, Carson, Keough

Nays: none Motion Tell, support Carson to enter closed session at 9:47 Ayes: Smith, Semifero, Tell, Carson, Fisher, Cousins, Keough

Aves: Semifero, Tell, Fisher, Carson, Cousins, Smith, Keough

Motion carries Consideration of: exit closed session Motion Cousins, support Fisher to exit closed session at 10:45

Motion carries **ADJOURNMENT**

Nays: none

Motion Fisher, support Smith to adjourn at 10:48 Unanimous voice vote

Cheerfully submitted, David F. Boyle, Clerk, Village of Dexter Approved for Filing: Feb 25, 2008

The minutes in their entirety may be viewed at the Village Office at 8123 Main Street, Dexter MI or online at www.villageofdexter.org Publish: March 6, 2008

SYLVAN TOWNSHIP **ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEETING TO BE HELD**

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19, 2008, 7:00 P.M. SYLVAN TOWNSHIP HALL 18027 OLD US 12, CHELSEA, MI 48118 www.twp-sylvan.org

SUBJECT OF MEETING:

on file in the Office of the Clerk.

Posted: February 13, 2008

Publish: March 6, 2008

7:00 PM - A Variance request as been received to build on a non conforming lot of record at 485 Glazier Road, Chelsea, MI 48118. 7:30 PM - A Variance request has been received to add to a nonconforming lot, does not meet floor area ratio, does not meet side vard set back and does not meet lot area coverage at 38 Cavanaugh Lake Rd, Cheisea, MI 48118.

This notice is posted in compliance with PA 267 of 1976 as amended (Open Meetings Act) MCLA 41.72a(2)(3) and the American With Disabilitles Act (ADA).

The Sylvan Township Board will provide necessary reasonable aux-

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DEXTER TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING **PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING NOTICE** TUESDAY, MARCH 25, 2008 AT 7:00 P.M. AT

DEXTER TOWNSHIP HALL 6880 DEXTER-PINCKNEY RD., DEXTER, MI. 48130 **AGENDA** 1) The Dexter Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing at the Dexter Township Hall at 6880 Dexter-Pinckney Road,

Dexter, MI 48130 on Tuesday, March 25, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of receiving public comment on a proposed amendment to the Zoning Map of the Dexter Township Zoning Ordinance. The owner/applicant (Anthony Bradshaw) of the property at 9669 Dexter-Pinckney Road (a.k.a. 9669 Ross Drive), Pinckney, MI 48169, and more specifically consisting of Parcels 04-02-400-007 and 04-02-400-008, is proposing to rezone both parcels from the existing C-1: General Commercial District to the proposed RR: Rural Residential District. The owner/applicant proposes to rezone the property to RR: Rural Residential (where single-family residences are a permitted principal use), combine the two (2) parcels into one (1) parcel, demolish the existing single-family residence, and build one (1) new single-family residence. A copy of the application and the existing Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map may be viewed at the Dexter Township Hall during the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Mondays through Fridays. Written comments should be received by 12:00 p.m. (noon), March 25, 2008 and addressed to the Dexter Township Planning Commission, 6880 Dexter-Pinckney Road, Dexter, MI, 48130. The public may appear at the public hearing in person or by counsel.

Publish: March 6, 2008

Dexter Township Planning Commission

John Shea, Chairperson

You church people aren't any better than anyone else'

In recent decades, television and movies have tended to por tray members of established churches as a group of hypocrites Particularly church people with strong religious beliefs are portrayed as not living up to their own standards, while at the same time forcing their beliefs on others. In other words, it's a case of "Do as I say, not as I do." In real life, I think this is the image a lot of non-church people have of church members.

Clearly, much of that image is based on a misunderstanding. Outsiders often picture churches as "holier than thou" clubs for believers to get together and seek glory in their spiritual achieve-



ments, good deeds, and moral lifestyles, and perhaps flatter each other, while denouncing everyone else on the outside who doesn't live up to their standards.

The true church is quite the opposite. Instead of being a club

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We get involved in a church because we recognize our sins and weaknesses, and that we can't make it on our

own. Our claim to fame - or rather, our claim to God's love and eternal life - is not that we're better than other people, but that Jesus Christ came into this world to save sinners, which is what we are. We join together to be

for saints, it's more like—assured again and again of His love and forgiveness - in His Word and Sacrament - and to encourage each other to remain in His love and forgiveness.

> Having said all that, it is true that knowing God's love and believing in His forgiveness does lead a person to live a more moral and loving life. If this change in our lives does not happen, something is wrong. The fault, however, is most likely not with the church, and it certainly doesn't lie with God and His Word, but with the individual whose heart remains untouched, even though he or she might be outwardly attached to the church. Virtually every church has such

individuals, and we will not make any excuses, except to say that often the church is not aware of them.

It would be silly to let that keep you away from church, though, wouldn't it? Would you avoid a doctor because some of his/her patients refuse his/her medicine or therapy? Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. That includes you. He did not come to gather people who are better than others, but to give eternal life and all His blessings to us who don't deserve them.

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



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By Matt Rigotti

Pack 445 Cub Master

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from Chelsea celebrated Boy

Scouting's 98th birthday at it's annual Blue and Gold
Banquet held at Beach
Middle School Cafeteria on Feb. 23. A potluck buffet kicked off the event and was followed by the awarding of popcorn sales prizes earned by all the Cubs.

Trophies were awarded to the top popcorn sellers in each Den and also to the top three sellers in the Pack. The Pack was then honored with the "2007 Quality Unit Award." Each of the boys received a patch to wear on his uniform.

Pinewood Derby kits were also handed out to all the boys. Finally, the Bear Cubs earned various belt loop awards and many Webelo I Cubs were awarded their Webelo rank.

Outgoing volunteers
were honored with
plaques and certifications
of appreciation including:
Dustin Suntheimer Committee Chairman,
Karen Eisley - Webelo II
Den Leader, Jack Allen Popcorn Kernel and Roy
Schmidt - Web Master.

The highlight of the afternoon was the graduation, and crossover into Boy Scouts, of all six of the Pack's Webelo II Cubs. In addition, each of the six boys were awarded the "Arrow of Light," which is Cub Scouting's highest award. These boys were: Grant Allen, Sam Almhiemid, Ryan Eisley, Roy Schmidt, Michael Staebler and Sebastian Sutheimer. The boys all received personalized arrow plaques with golden arrows secured to them that were made by their parents.

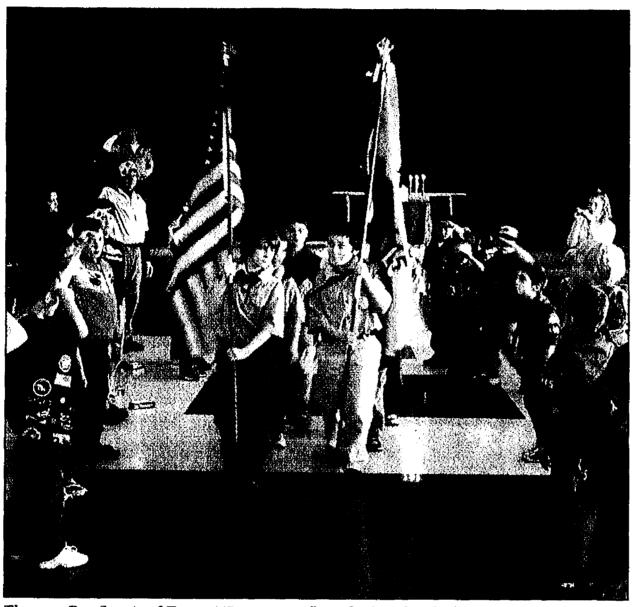
The boys were welcomed into Boy Scout
Troop 425 of Chelsea by
Scout Master Mark
Schroeder and Senior
Patrol Leader, and Life
Scout, Spencer Cone.

The afternoon activities were capped off with a pool party at the Beach Middle School pool. Honored guests included parents, grandparents and family members of the Webelo II Cubs, as well as, Joe and Linda Toro, District Director and Committee Member respectively, of the Huron Trails District of the Great Sauk Trail Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

The parents of Pack 445 also donated over \$2,000 to the Friends of Scouting to support scouting programs during the event.



Ryan Eisley participates in the annual Blue and Gold



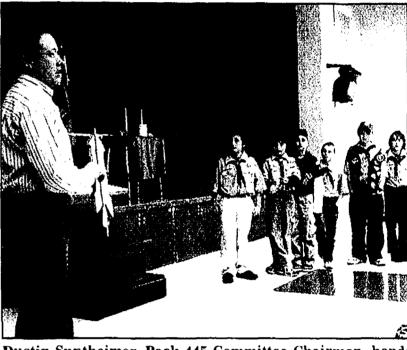
The new Boy Scouts of Troop 445 carry out flags during the closing ceremony of the Pack 445 Blue and Gold Banquet.



Pack 445 Leaders, Cubs and Parents join in the Circle of Friendship to close their annual Blue and Gold Banquet.



Pack 445 Webelo II Scouts (from left to right) are Sebastian Suntheimer, Roy Schmidt, Sam Almhiemid, Michael Staebler, Ryan Eisley and Grant Allen.



Dustin Suntheimer, Pack 445 Committee Chairman, hands out the "Arrow of Light" plaques to the Webelo II Cubs of Pack 445.

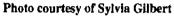


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North Lake School





Maryann (Musolf) Myers enjoys looking at the album being assembled of people who attended one room school houses. Maryann attended the Parks School.

By Sheila Pursglove Heritage Newspapers

The legacy of Chelsea's one-room schoolhouses will live on, thanks to the efforts and support of local groups. Tina Patterson, director of the Chelsea Senior Center, is spearheading the project.

"It all started with listening," she said. "I listened and heard stories that made me feel like I was living in the 1800s.'

Patterson listened to stories about the lessons in one-room schoolhouses, where older children helped teach the younger

than their eighth-grade pupils, often had a minimum of education and a tremendous amount of responsibility as they cared for children who were usually from poor, rural backgrounds, and who would be pulled out of school to watch younger siblings at home, or when it was time to plant, or harvest.

Many of these pupils went on to become successful local leaders and business people.



Cameron Figg looks at a map where one room school houses are being identified.



John Bohlender chuckles as he reads a book used in one room school houses.

Teachers, sometimes not much older

Patterson was dismayed to find that no one was recording these stories, and that this legacy was in danger of being lost for-

She was surprised to find her co-worker, Kay Heller, had attended a one-room schoolhouse.

"Kay was excited about preserving this history too," Patterson said. "Besides her warmth and historical context, Kay brings her ability to organize, connect, and keep a project on track."

Patterson contacted Bill Harmer, head of Adult Services at McKune Memorial Library in Chelsea, who recruited Elizabeth Goldman, Adult Services librarian, with expertise in local history and research skills.

Patterson then applied for a grant from

the Chelsea Community Foundation. "I knew they were always on the lookout for programs to support that help enrich and enhance Chelsea and liked to support projects done in collaboration with other community groups," she said.

With the support of the library and the Chelsea Historical Society, Patterson developed an outline of activities, questions, and a variety of programs to bring

together local people with a story to tell.

Patterson thought some seniors were joking when they told how they brought raw potatoes to school to cook in a pot bellied stove for a hot lunch at noon.

A Dec. 7 luncheon - featuring those infamous baked potatoes - drew 100 people who came to reunite and share stories.

Maryann (Musolf) Myers, who attended he Parks School, remembers those raw potatoes well.

"I'm pleased these memories are being saved for my grandchildren and the com-

munity," she said. Other seniors remember chopping wood to heat the schoolhouse, and traveling to school in winter in a horse-drawn sleigh.

"It's important to the community to save these memories and artifacts," said Cameron Figg, who remembers walking to a one-room school where the teacher fed a wood stove and students pumped water

Not only were youngsters allowed to bring knives to school, they played 'Mumbly Peg' with them at recess.

Everyone drank from a crockpot with water the youngsters hauled from a well, and one cup served an entire school.

"I was told that people were furious when the State said they had to put drops of bleach in the crock to keep down the germs," Patterson said.

The first goal of the project is well under way as a video has been started and is ready for editing, Patterson said. She said the entire project should be completed by September.

"We hope eventually to compile a book of memories, with photos and copies of old photos and documents," she said. "We've collected a number of amazing pictures and documents the library will be cataloguing and archiving as well as having articles on display at the Chelsea Historical Museum. "

A future plan is for One Room School House attendees to share their stories in the Chelsea schools, and the McKune Memorial Library will have videos and written histories available.

The Senior Center has also had visits from home-schooled children who come to listen to their elders.

"One-room schoolhouses were the basis of our educational system and there are so few left who have those memories," said senior John Bohlender.

The project is of value not just for history, but to the participants, Patterson said.

"It enhances their worth as it recognizes that personal stories and memories are important. It has involved whole families who search for records and artifacts that have been stored in closets and trunks," she said.

"We've been impressed that everyone has said that one-room schoolhouses were a wonderful experience and they were more than well prepared academically."

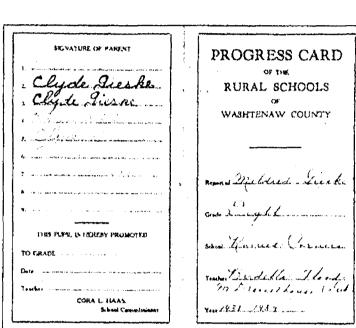
Harmer said the project has been fun. "This project really helps enhance the numerous resources already available online and in the library's Local History Room and provides us with an opportunity to give back to a community that has pro-

This has been a wonderful project, Goldman said.

vided us with so much," he said.

Preserving our past

One-room schoolhouse project is under way



card from Rowes Corners School, 1938-39

A report

Courtesy of Mildred Gieske Huehl

"As a younger person who grew up in a different part of the country, one-room schoolhouses were something I only knew through books. To meet people who attended these schools and hear their stories really brings this part of history to life. It's remarkable to learn how similar people's experiences were in different areas and also to find out what unique customs certain schools had.

"The Senior Center's ability to draw together such large and diverse groups of seniors will make this a rich collection of stories. Through our research, we've learned that very little has been recorded about one-room schoolhouses in western Washtenaw County. We're delighted to be playing a part in preserving these stories."

Writing a grant request to the Chelsea Community Foundation is one of the easier grant applications, Patterson said. "Any 501c3 can apply if they have a project they would like considered. The CCF wants to help fund projects and they are wonderful and encouraging to work with."

The Chelsea Community Foundation is pleased to play a part in archiving the history of Chelsea's one-room schoolhouses by providing this grant, CCF member Art Dils said. "It's our hope that many Chelsea area citizens will become more aware of our unique history through the efforts of Tina Patterson and the Senior

Sheila Pursglove is a freelance writer. She can be reached at bingley51@yahoo.com.



Chelsea native Ruth Ann (Trinkle) Steel looks at the list of people who are participating in the project with Kay Heller, who works at the Chelsea Senior Center and also attended a one room school.

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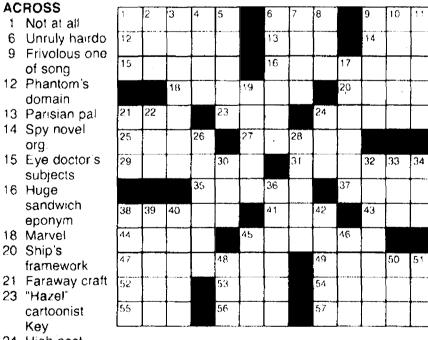
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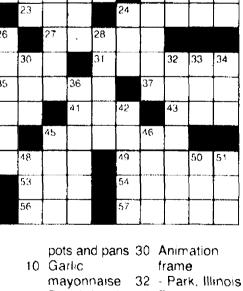
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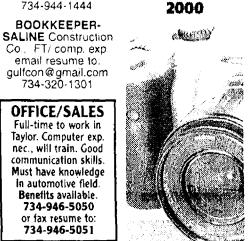
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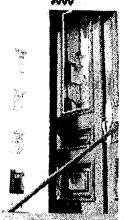
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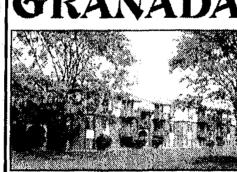
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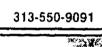
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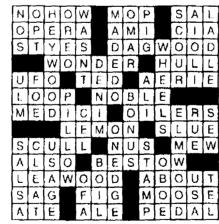
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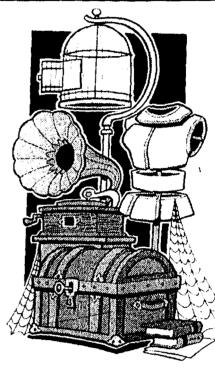
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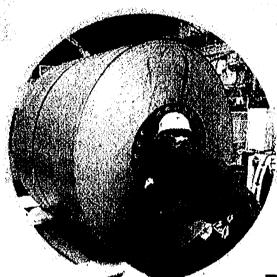
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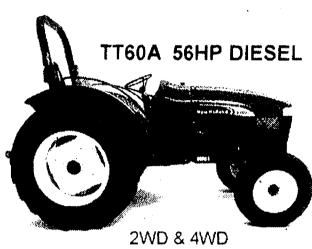


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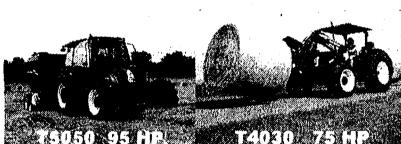
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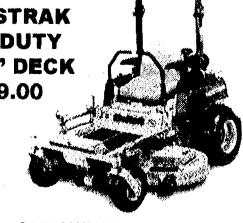
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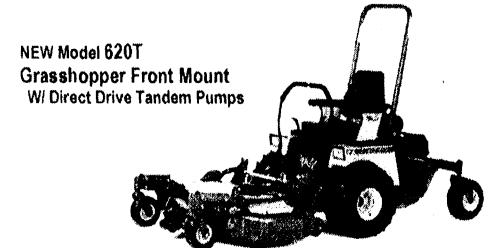
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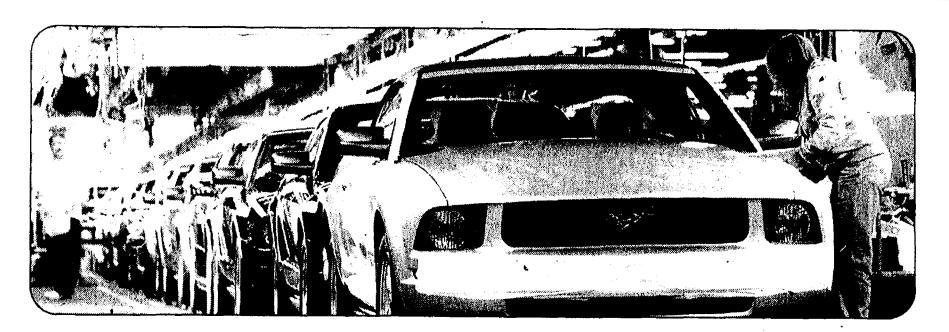
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The 2008 North American
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The redesigned Chevrolet Malibu drove away with one of the show's top awards, being named North American Car of the Year.

Now, the car that automotive journalists raved about is getting equally good reviews from what dealerships consider an even more important market: the buying public.

"Our sales are so good, our inventory is low," said Becky Doyle, sales manager at Rodger's Chevrolet in Woodhaven. "We could certainly use some more of them."

While there are several automotive awards handed out each year, many consider the North American Car of the Year a top prize because it is selected by journalists from a number of different outlets, instead of a single newspaper or magazine.

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Every year, a panel of journalist selects 15 nominees each for the car and truck of the year awards. Those nominees are whittled to three finalists for each award, and those finalists are unveiled in December.

Many in the field consider the Malibu a key player for the American automotive industry in its battle against foreign competition. The Toyota Camry, in its sixth generation, has been the measuring stick for sedans around the world. And the Camry isn't alone out there, not with the Honda Accord and the Nissan Altima also on the market.

This year's Malibu, therefore, finds itself somewhat of a standard bearer for the industry.

Most experts believe that the Camry remains the world leader, and early projections by Global Insight for 2008 sales indicate that the Toyota should again lead the field, with the Accord, Altima and Malibu trailing.

However, late 2007 consumer test drives of the Camry, Accord and Malibu arranged by Edmunds.com did indicate a clear winner among the test drivers in California. In fact, the Camry was heavily criticized, and that came on the heels of Consumer Reports removing the V-6 engine Camry from its recommended car list following complaints of transmission trouble.

So when the North American Car of the Year finalists were unveiled for the 2008 award, the Malibu found itself in a unique situation, up against another GM model, the Cadillac CTS, and the Accord.

In all. 45 journalists representing newspapers, magazines and electronic outlets vote on the award, which is based on innovation, design, safety, handling, driver satisfaction and value for the dollar.

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Malibu

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Those, according to Doyle, are just a few of the reasons buyers have been drawn to the Malibu. She added, however, that those coming into the showroom definitely know about the prize the Malibu earned

"They are very much aware of the award." Doyle said. "People are coming in to see that car

Dave Stamm, lease manager at Bill Wink Chevrolet in Dearborn, the Malibu definitely is the award has prompted a major advertising campaign.

try for 30 years and I've never seen so much advertising on a single vehicle," Stamm said.

Stamm also made no secret that aside from topping the Honda Accord in voting for the award, the Malibu has become an important stacks up well against models from Honda and Toyota.

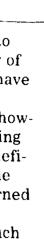
"We really needed a Honda and Toyota eater. breakfast right now," billboard and we put it to Toyota. We've got the

Lance Underwood. sales manager at Chelsea Chevy Buick, said the Malibu has brought "a different type of buyer"

import buyers coming in, and they're having a favorable impression of the Malibu," Underwood said. "It's been nice."

GM, which took home both big awards last year when the Silverado pickup was named truck of the year and the Saturn the year.

Malibu and Aura have something else in common: Both vehicles will be available in hybrid dealers said the Malibu



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in January. specifically."

agreed that awareness of out there, largely because

"I've been in the indus-

product for GM because it

and we're eating them for Stamm said. "We've got a right out there that we're tired of taking a back seat

into the showroom.

"We're seeing a lot of

The win for the Malibu continues a hot streak for Aura was tabbed as car of

Aside from winning the car of the year award, the version. The hybrid Aura already is available, and



"Fresh new styling, high quality materials and a silky smooth drivetrain give this family car the feel of an entry level luxury car. The 6-speed automatic and V-6 power are standouts."

Matt DeLorenzo Road & Track

"This 2008 version has clean and elegant lines that stand out among family sedans that look dead boring or make do with contrived visual details. Inside, the Malibu is equally captivating, with clean instruments and logical controls embedded in a panoramically sweeping dashboard. There's plenty of space for people and their stuff in this Malibu, which also has the versatility of a split-folding rear seat."

Tony Swan Car and Driver

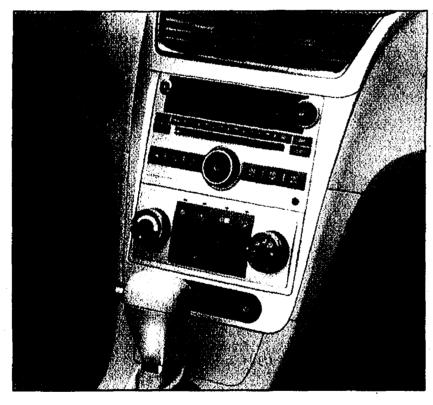
"True, the new Malibu performs, has perceived quality, and attention to detail of its industry stalwart Accord and Camry. But, beyond that, the Malibu is stylish, almost dynamic, taking the family sedan away from boring while not forgetting its purpose. While the entire car shows a flare not seen in Chevrolet sedans since the 1960s it is the interior of the new Malibu, its artistic flow, and tiny seams, that most impresses the eye and the operator."

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"Malibu is supposed to be GM's Camry-Accord-Altima fighter, and with the Saturn Aura as practical inspiration, finally seems to have gotten "it" right. The styling is a quantum leap from the "how did this happen" look of the previous generation. The 3.6 V-6 is an excellent performer, and delivered 23.4 mpg in mixed suburban driving (exactly the same as I got with the Accord). Ride quality is very good, just a bit firmer feel than a Camry, similar to the other Japanese competition. Fit/finish is right there, and the attractive pricing should make the Malibu very competitive."

Paul Weissler

Motor



hybrid will be available later this year.

"We're getting a lot of questions about hybrids," Underwood said. "People are coming in to see what all of the talk is about."

And while some auto

· insiders disagree with the actual impact hybrid cars will have on the industry, Stamm said he expects that, 10 years from now, half of all the cars on the road will be hybrids.

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"'Innovation' to me is an interesting word. It doesn't happen as a 'big bang,' but a disciplined process."

Plant President Gary Rowe

BY RENE CIZIO

Then AutoAlliance International was created, it was a previously unheard of joint venture between the historic Ford Motor Co. and Japanese automaker Mazda Motor Manufacturing.

That was in 1992, and the venture is still running on all cylinders.

Industry experts view automakers as being on the cutting edge of technology. and AutoAlliance has been a frontrunner in that regard.

Since its groundbreaking inception. analysts say, innovation at the plant has been a constant that has set it apart from the crowd and garnered attention from other companies that have followed its lead with other such domestic-foreign collaborations.

Plant President Gary Rowe talked recently about AutoAlliance's success.

"Innovation to me is an interesting word," he said. "It doesn't happen as a 'big bang,' but a disciplined process."

Though he declined to say what exactly AutoAlliance's next new move will be, he did say it's that "disciplined process" that will take the plant into the future.

"It is well known that we are preparing for the next generation," he said.

The plant at I-75 and Gibraltar Road has produced the Mazda MX-6, the Ford

Probe, the Mazda 626 and the Mercury Cougar.

Currently, 3,500 workers are busy making the Mazda6 and the Ford Mustang. The plant produces about 1,000 cars a day. Rowe said.

From the beginning. AutoAlliance has developed new methods and changed long-standing ideas in the auto industry.

Occupying more than 400 acres along Michigan's major north-south artery, the site was Mazda's first production operation in the United States. The company openly welcomed members of the United Auto Workers union and later was the first to have a collective bargaining agreement between a joint Japanese/U.S. plant and the union.

Currently, 2.7 million square feet of the site is a state-of-the-art complex housing one of the world's most modern auto assembly plants.

The site includes the former Ford Motor Co. Michigan Casting Center, a production center and offices.

The casting center closed in 1981 due to a recession that helped give Michigan the nickname "Rust Belt." Mazda took over the site in 1982 and began to turn that image around.

The Japanese company built a \$550 million facility, and as the economic outlook improved, some local leaders attributed it to Mazda's investment.

A boost in the housing market also increased when many workers and management teams moved from Japan into the Downriver area and other communities in southeastern Michigan.

Many have attributed the cultural differences between the East and the West, and their coming together, as being key in the success that AutoAlliance has had. It also has made for a unique situation.

During the plant's early days, the first Japanese born students came into local school districts, learning — and in the process, teaching — about a different cul-

Local libraries held programs such as one at Bacon Memorial District Library in Wyandotte presented by wives of Mazda, titled "Learning to Live in America."

Asian-themed restaurants opened and area grocers began carrying a variety of Asian foods.

Many people were interested in the plant and how the cultures worked together. At least one book was written on the topic.

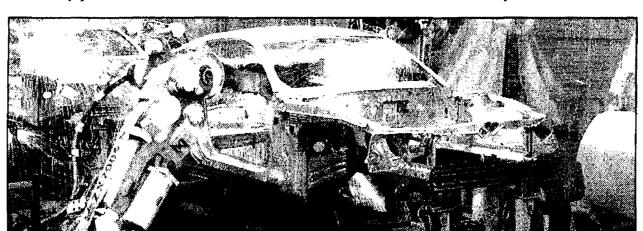
"Working for the Japanese, Inside Mazda's American Auto Plant" was written by a husband wife team — Joseph and Suzy Fucini of Farmington Hills.

Many years later, there still is a fair balance of Asian and Western employees at the plant.

"It is something we have to be very aware of," Rowe said. "We are currently running a program for our employees to deal with and understand the differences between the Japanese and Western cultures."

The mixing of the cultures seems to work well for the plant and some of its employee programs have been duplicated elsewhere.

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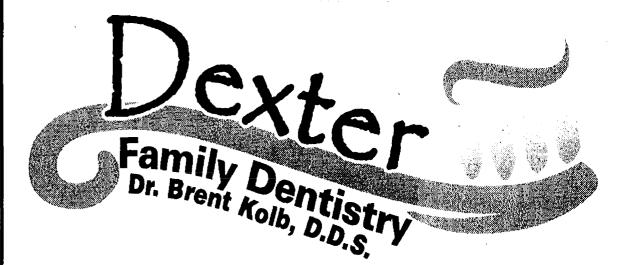


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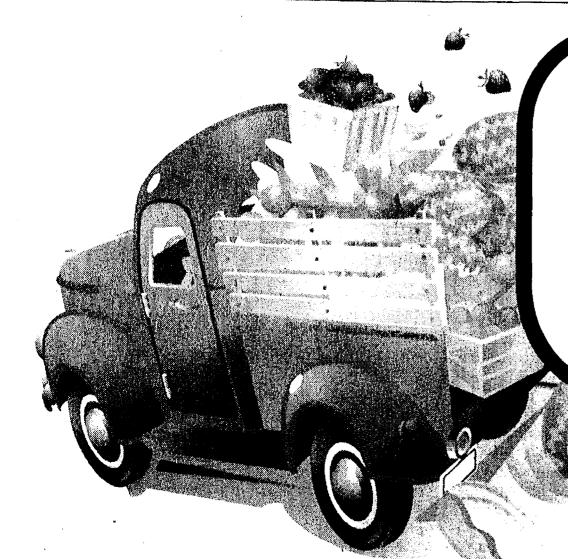
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Its fitness center is a \$1 million facility. The plant was one of the first manufacturers in Michigan to have an onsite fitness center as part of an overall health program.

The company provides a "Health Safety and Wellness" program that is a little different from "traditional" programs.

Programs have included ergonomics, overall wellness, skiing instruction, a golf clinic, weight training, self-defense and aerobics.

The center also has a video library on health matters, a rehabilitation area and a 1.5-mile walking/running track.

"The biggest part we've been focusing on in the last years is employee engagement," Rowe said. "We have work groups and a five-star rating system for employees."

The groups focus on skills and problem solving, Rowe said.

"We have a high level of employees that participate in improving the business," he said:

AutoAlliance has a Corporate Citizenship Strategy Model in place to optimize the positive impact it has on the Downriver community. It has placed a high priority on educational partnerships, environmental stewardship and enhancing community growth.

One favorite area of



Automated robot spot-welding on the 2008 Mustang.

participation for employees isn't inside the plant. but outside.

AutoAlliance is a Wildlife Habitat Councilcertified site.

"Employees have built birdhouses in the natural vegetation areas to attract local bird life,"

Rowe said. "We believe we're a part of the community. ... That's what we need to do and should do."

Connecting with the community is something the automaker has worked hard at from the

AutoAlliance has been the title sponsor for the Cruisin' Downriver car cruise for a number of years, given students scholarships to visit Japan, built playgrounds, contributed to the new community center in Flat Rock, sponsored a reading-support program in elementary schools and provided funding for the EarthWorks! program, among other things.

One of Rowe's favorites, though, is its educational partnership with the Downriver Career Technical Consortium.

The program promotes

science and technology among students, and the two have teamed up to add an advanced technology program to its curriculum and to house its central offices at AutoAlliance's learning center.

"They get to use our training facility, robotics, hydraulics and electrical and advanced technology," Rowe said.

All of that, however, doesn't take away from what the company does best — make cars.

AutoAlliance is one of a few self-contained. start-to-finish assembly plants.

The company devel-

oped a \$644 million flexible assembly line on which more than one car

model can be finished at the same time. Last year, it launched a robotic sealer applica-

tion paint shop. Both innovations now are used in other plants.

Rowe is hesitant to speculate on what the future holds.

"All I know is the companies that can deliver style, low cost and a great product will be the ones to succeed," he said. "That is how we'll protect our future ... and it's something we work on all the time, every day."



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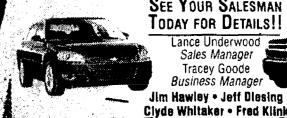
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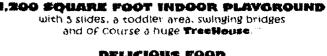
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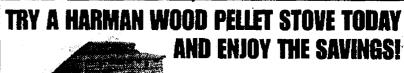
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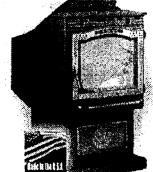
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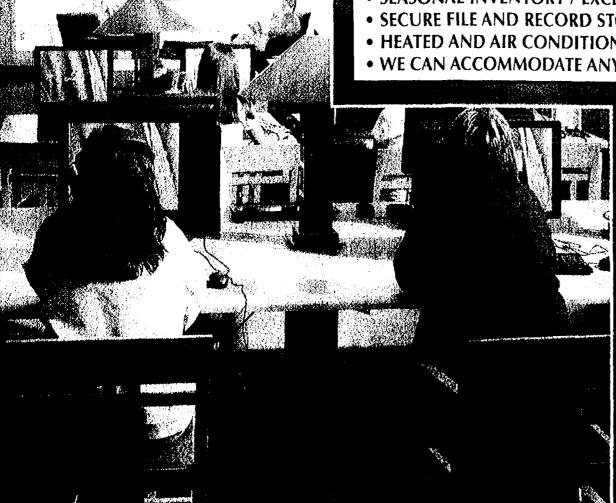
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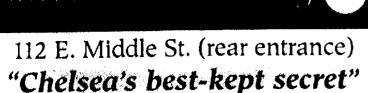
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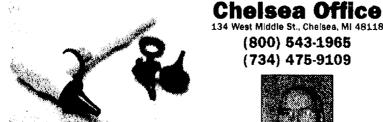
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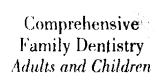


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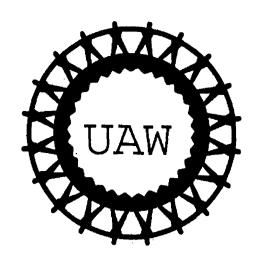
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Inside the Auto Industry



BY ANNE SULLIVAN

f you're sitting in a warm house heated by a Lennox furnace, spreading Land LO' Lakes butter on your morning toast and sipping Folger's from your coffee cup, you're being warmed body and belly by products made by members of the United Auto Workers.

The union, often called the UAW, is officially known as the United Automobile. Aerospace & Agriculture Implement Workers of America International Union. It is one of the largest labor unions in North America.

With headquarters in Detroit, the UAW currently has about 540,000 members represented by more than 800 locals in the United States, Canada and Puerto Rico. according to its Web site.

Founded in 1935, today's UAW is not your father's union.

With auto factories closing, buyouts and fewer workers needed in the newer automobile manufacturing facilities, UAW membership has declined. But Jerry Sullivan, president of Local 600 at the Rouge Plant in Dearborn, said he believes it is a temporary

UAW membership is diverse and includes parts suppliers for the automobile industry as well as workers in other industries, including health care professionals, he said. Other areas represented by the union, including health care facilities, have grown "by leaps and bounds in the last five years," he said.

Things are very different now in the UAW than they were when Sullivan was hired 36 years ago at the Rouge Plant. It now is known as SeverStal North America, a Russian-owned company, where steel is manufactured for Ford Motor Co.

The American auto industry is struggling as a result of global competition and domestic labor issues and changes had to be made. As part of national negotiations in the fall of 2007, the UAW agreed to lower pay rates for new employees at the Big Three automakers, Sullivan said.

It also agreed to take over administering health care to its members. The process is still being formalized and the transfer hasn't occurred yet.

"Over the long term, responsibility (for healthcare) will be ours," he said. "It won't be (the company's) anymore, which is a good thing for them."

Sullivan said he's confident the union will be able to keep it up.

"Nothing changes in terms of deductions," he said. "It's just going to another fund, and then we can find the best price we can, and that legacy cost will no longer be on the company's books of all three (Ford, General Motors and Chrysler)."

Sullivan said he can only speak as a Ford UAW member.

"It made sense to some degree," he said of the changes negotiated.

"Ford has been in such financial trouble in the last decade, the UAW has taken a

Reaching across the table has never been more important than in today's ever-growing competitive auto industry.

Diversification helped reshape UAW

more active, partnership role to make sure the company is profitable," Sullivan said.

The goal of that move is to ensure UAW workers "have job security, good wages, the benefits we hold dear."

"Don't get me wrong," he said. "We have our differences. but as far as having the same goals, we have the same goals."

This transition of the union has been going on for a long time, he said.

"Ford is leveraged to the hilt," Sullivan said. "The last thing we want to see is the company going into bankruptcy or a partnership."

That is never good for the workers, he said.

"We're going to work together with Ford to ensure it is profitable, and can

maintain the company as a long-term company with, hopefully, generations of workers to come," Sullivan said.

Union leaders believe the negotiated lower pay rates for new employees will create more UAW jobs by eliminating the need to outsource and bring jobs back to the automakers.

"The problem is, if you look at the Toyotas of the world, they don't come near to us with benefits and legacy (costs) and wages," Sullivan said. "There has to be a level playing field.

"With us going with taking over health care, we will give the companies an edge in leveling the playing field with the Asian plants that don't have legacy costs.'

The union continues to represent autoworkers, Bryce Cobb, UAW Local 372 president, said at a groundbreaking in May at the new Chrysler Phoenix Engine Plant in Trenton. He represents 1,458 UAW members at the Trenton Engine Plant.

The new plant, which is expected to be operational in 2009, will be represented by

FYI: The United Auto Workers

The United Auto Workers (UAW), officially the United Automobile, Aerospace & Agricultural Implement Workers of America International Union, is one of the largest labor unions in North America, The UAW has approximately 540,000 active members and over 500,000 retired members in the United States, Canada, and Puerto Rico organized into approximately 800 local unions. The UAW currently has 3,100 contracts with some 2,000 employers in the United States, Canada and Puerto Rico.

United Name: Automobile, Aerospace & Agricultural Implement Workers of America International Union

Founded: May 1935 **Members:** 540,000 Countries: United States, Canada Affiliations: AFL-CIO, CLC Office location: Detroit Web Site: www.uaw.org

Historical note: The UAW was one of the first major unions that was willing to organize African-American workers, which increased its ability to garner enough support to win recognition through election.

> tioners, Miller beers, Colt firearms, Master Loc locks, Libby's and Crosse & Blackwell canned foods, Yamaha musical instruments and Planter's nuts.

The UAW represents workers in automotive, aerospace and defense, heavy trucks, farm and heavy equipment, and other manufacturing sectors. It also represents technical and office professionals including state employees in Michigan, Indiana and Kentucky, and artisans at Greenfield Village at The Henry Ford.

The UAW represents skilled trades and production workers at Ford, General Motors and Chrysler. It also represents salaried employees — including engineers, designers and draftsmen — at those compa-

Workers at New United Motor Manufacturing Inc., a GM-Toyota joint venture, and Mitsubishi Motor Manufacturing of America Inc. also belong to the UAW.

The union also represents workers in the automotive parts industry, including Delphi, Visteon, Lear, Johnson Controls,

the UAW and employ 485 people when fully operational.

"This means we still have a future here in this great area," Cobb said. "For the work force itself, this was a nobrainer because we knew our future was here and we wanted to work toward our future.

"Now, the people of Downriver need to make sure to buy the products that support this area. We need them to buy Chrysler products so we can continue to grow."

Although it is bread and butter in the auto industry, many might be surprised at those who are card-carrying UAW members and the jobs they hold.

Other products made by UAW members are Kohler bathroom fixtures, Lennox air condi-

Dana, Collins & Aikman, Kelsey Hayes, American Axle, Thyssen Budd Automotive, and other tool-and-die manufacturers and suppliers.

In the aerospace and defense industry, the UAW represents workers at General Dynamics, Boeing, Lockheed-Martin, Honeywell, Raytheon, General Electric, Rolls-Royce Allison, Bell Helicopter, AM General (Humvee) and others.

The UAW represents skilled trades and production workers at five heavy truck manufacturers — Freightliner, Mack, Navistar International, Peterbilt and Volvo North America — as well as engineers, draftsmen designers and other salaried employees at three of those companies: Mack, Navistar and Volvo North America.

In the farm and heavy equipment industry, the UAW represents workers at Deere & Co., Caterpillar and CNH Global.

UAW members also work in other industries including household appliances, boats, toys, pharmaceuticals and food pro-

A growing sector for the UAW is the technical, office and professional workers it represents.

Curators, librarians, health care professionals, journalists, writers, engineers, computer specialists, social service workers, teaching assistants, draftsmen and industrial designers are among the professions represented by the UAW through its technical, office and professional workers membership.

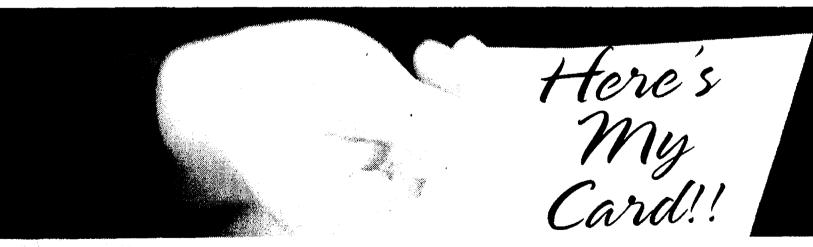
Technical and graduate student employees at more than 20 colleges and universities; technical and on-air staff of WDET, Detroit's public radio station; workers at the three Detroit casinos: staff lawyers of the Legal Services Corp.; and more than 5,000 members of the National Writers Union also are represented by the UAW.

Union members also build manufactured houses for Active Homes in Marlette, in Sanilac County, about 90 miles north of Downriver.

In terms of how well the unions and the companies have come together, Sullivan said, SeverStal North America bought the Rouge Plant in 2003. The company is investing millions in the facility.

The first time they negotiated a contract, the company came to the bargaining table with seven or eight lawyers, he said. Last spring, they didn't bring any.

"That's how far we've come," he said. Contact Staff Writer Anne Sullivan at asullivan@heritage.com or at 1-734-246-0863.



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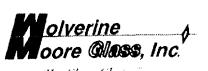
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Phoenix Rising

Trenton proud home of new Chrysler plant

BY ANNE SULLIVAN

Living in a state with economic woes that have left people crying for jobs, Trenton Mayor Gerald Brown is grateful Chrysler LLC decided to build its new Phoenix Engine Plant in his city.

"It's a wonderful thing what they're doing, building it here," Brown said. "The beauty of it is we can see a vertical building going up."

Brown said he drives by the Van Horn Road site at least three times a week. though now that the exterior walls are up he doesn't see much action.

Chrysler came to Trenton in the 1950s, and production began at the Trenton Engine Plant in 1952.

With the new plant in the works, the three engines built over the years — the 3.3L, the 3.8L and the 4.0L — will be phased out of production by the automaker. The old facility is slated to close in 2014.

The new plant will pro duce a fuel-efficient V-6 engine.

As nothing stays the same. Brown said he is happy the company that currently provides 1,630 jobs at the Trenton Engine Plant sees a

Chrysler in Michgian

Other Chrysler facilities in southeastern Michigan are the Chelsea Proving Grounds, the Conner Avenue Assembly DaimlerChrysler Plant. Transport, Detroit Axle. Global Engine Manufacturing Alliance, Jefferson North Assembly Plant, Mack Engine Plants I and II. Mopar Parts World Headquarters, Mount Elliott Tool and Die. National Parts Distribution Centers (3), Plymouth Road Office Complex, Quality Engineering Center, Sterling Heights Assembly Plant, Sterling Heights Stamping Plant. Sterling Heights Vehicle Test Center. Trenton Engine Plant, Warren Stamping Plant. Warren Truck Assembly Plant and the General Motors. DaimlerChrysler and BMW Hybrid Development Center.

future in his city. Ground was broken in

May on the Phoenix Engine Plant, which will go up next to where the Trenton Engine Plant now stands. It is slated to open in April 2009 and is expected to produce 450,000 engines a year with 750 employees.

Although the number of employees will be substantially fewer than at the existing plant, Bryce Cobb Jr., president of United Auto Workers Local 372, said the new plant is good news for his workers and the commu-

"Hopefully, Gov. (Jennifer) Granholm will think of spending energy in this area because of the investment Chrysler has made here," Cobb

"An opportunity of growth is there."

Retirement incentives have been offered to employees, he said.

"A lot of our people take the option to retire." Cobb said. "It also gives the opportunity for displaced (employees) to come back to the facility. which is definitely a good thing for the people who live in this region.

"We're going to convince the corporation to give us any volume associated with this engine that we can produce and definitely bring the numbers up."

It will take about two years to build the plant. said Curtise Garner, Chrysler public relations manager.

"We are slowly moving along with it, meeting our deadlines and we are on schedule," she said.

The two facilities will be on the same plot of land and will operate simultaneously for a few years.

Last year was an emotional roller coaster in the city as plans were

finalized for the \$730 million 822,000-square-foot facility.

Brown was brokering the deal for more than a year when it nearly fell apart.

Chrysler was considering six possible sites for the new engine plant, Brown said. Unknown to city officials, Trenton wasn't one of them. But, they kept lobbying for the plant and eventually got

"When we decided to build a new plant, it always was our hope (it would) be located in Trenton," Garner said. "We have a site-selection process, and we work with state and local (officials). ... A great deal of effort

was put in the process. We wanted to stay in Trenton and we're happy we could stay there."

Chrysler has been in the city for more than half a century and Brown said he didn't want to see the jobs and the tax base leave.

"It serves as a great opportunity for the future," Cobb said. "Knowing that when the company builds a new. facility it's built to last 30 years, it's the lifeblood for the people who have been here for years and have a new facility to call their own."

The company is aware of the impact its facilities have on the communities where they are located, Garner said.

"Our presence helps whatever area we're in become viable," she said.

Not only has the compa ny made a \$730 million investment in the city, but its employees also contribute, Garner said.

"The employees spend money in the community." she said. "It's part of the cycle of people with jobs spending money and business growing. And (employees also) are putting money back into their own neighborhoods. It's always good. Typically, businesses do well when people have jobs."

Chrysler originally planned to build a 1.2million-square-foot facili-

Company officials and former longtime employees helped break ground on the new Trenton Phoenix plant in 2007. tv that would have required closing Van Horn Road, Brown said. That announcement caused an uproar from

who opposed closing the road because of its proximity to the Grosse Ile free bridge. Then, plans changed

Grosse Ile residents and

some Trenton residents

and Chrysler opted for a smaller facility that would not require closing the road.

When Brown gave his State of the City speech Feb. 6, 2007, he told residents it didn't seem that the then DaimlerChrysler would build its new engine plant in the city. On Feb. 14, the company was sold.

Two months later, the new Chrysler LLC announced the Phoenix Engine Plant would be built in Trenton. Ground was broken in May on Van Horn Road.

"It was a surprise," Brown said.

It is part of a commitment to Michigan by the automaker that in the same week it broke ground on the Phoenix Engine Plant in Trenton, it also broke ground on an axle plant in Marysville, which will employ 900 people.

The two plants are part of a \$1.78 billion investment Chrysler is making in Michigan with its "Powertrain Offensive," which includes investment in plants in Sterling Heights and Warren.

Brown believes that incentives the city could offer sealed the deal with Chrysler.

At the time, because Trenton was a distressed community that had lost industry, it could offer tax abatements to lure industry back that other communities under consideration for the new engine plant couldn't offer, Brown said.

For building in the city, Chrysler will receive a 50 percent, 12-year tax abatement on personal property taxes, allowed under Public Act 198, Brown said. The company also will receive a 100 percent, eight-year tax abatement on real property taxes allowed under Public Act 328.

Equipment in the factories is very expensive and it's all taxed. Brown said.

The beauty is that both plants are on the same parcel, Brown said. Property in the existing plant will be taxed regularly, but it goes down each year because of depreciation.

"In 2009, we will have two plants on the same property," Brown said. "That's why we could offer the abatements. It was part of the rationale. We're not trying to make money off the company; we want to preserve jobs and the city's tax base.

"I know this is a business," he said. "They could have gone wherever. They were shopping around our deal. I'm very thankful to them."

The automaker also received incentives from the state, the UAW and the Michigan Economic Development Corp.

For the city, the decision means stability in its tax base, jobs and new people coming in, Brown said. "I'm optimistic when the plant closes in 2014-16, they will see value in enlarging the Phoenix plant, expanding into the old building," Brown said.

Auto companies focused on fuels

By MARK RUTKOWSKI or idling, and an electric plug-in hybrid sedan that

There was a time, not all a car meant making a lot of again. decisions.

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matter. Your car would run on gas. All the time.

Before that, it was a question of what type of gasoline, regular unleaded, but it was gaso-

line nonetheless. And today? Most of the vehicles on the road still run primarily on unleaded gasoline, but there are also hybrid, flex-fuel and biodiesel vehicles on the market, each of which has supporters and detractors.

Hybrids

As the name implies. hybrids are vehicles that garage, each night. combine two different systems.

hybrids, such as the Toyota Prius — seen by

motor takes over. When would be able to travel 50 the car starts to acceler- miles on a single charge that long ago, when buying ate, the gas engine kicks in using no gasoline.

In another available Biofuel Cassette or CD player? hybrid system, known as "mile hybrids," the gasoline engine never fully Today, some of those shuts down. Instead, the decisions are gone (cas- electric motor boosts the sette player?), but there is performance of the traditional engine.

In 2000, the first two that 10 years ago would hybrids - the Prius and largely the Honda Insight — were made available. While the What type of fuel system Insight has since been do you want for your vehi-scrapped. Honda has made hybrid versions of Not too many years ago, many of its vehicles availthere was no choice in the able, including the Accord and the Civic.

> The Prius still is available, and other Toyota hybrids have been produced as well.

Likewise, Ford, GM, Chrysler, BMWand Mercedes-Benz all have hybrids out now or are developing them to be released soon.

The newest generation of hybrids, known as plugin hybrids, also is on the horizon. As the name suggests, these vehicles get plugged in to a standard outlet, perhaps in the

The next day, the vehicles can go a certain dis-In most well-known tance without using a drop of gasoline

Chrysler is testing plugmany as the granddaddy of in hybrid versions of its the hybrid movement - Sprinter cargo van. and the gasoline engine shuts GM has announced plans off when the car is braking for the Chevy Volt. a full

Drive around town, and you're likely to see the "FlexFuel" badge on the back of any number of cars or trucks.

The badge designates that the vehicle, whether produced by Chrysler, Ford or General Motors, is able to use E85, a fuel blend of 15 percent petroleum and 85 percent ethyl alcohol, or ethanol.

Since ethanol is made primarily from corn, it is a renewable fuel source proponents say is cleaner for the environment because it is cleaner burning and produces fewer harmful greenhouse gases.

One of those proponents is Gov. Jennifer Granholm, who made ethanol and biodiesel, a similar blended fuel for vehicles with diesel engines, a big part of her State of the State speech in January.

Granholm introduced representatives of three new biofuel companies who had made commitments to the state. In addition, she announced a three-year, \$100 million effort to increase biofuel study and production, and the Legislature to support a goal of, within eight years,

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Inside the Auto Industry

Diversification is key for suppliers

By Brian Cox

As recently as five years ago, the client base of Protomatic, a prototype and short-run machining operation in Dexter, was 90 percent automotive.

Today, that percentage has plummeted to less than 30 percent, according to Doug Wetzel, vice president and general manager, who has been with the company since 1993.

Protomatic's dramatically dwindling automotive contracts is emblematic of auto suppliers' precarious position across the state.

If the past decade of declining domestic assembly volumes on the part of General Motors Corp., Ford Motor Co. and Chrysler has been painful for hundreds of American automotive suppliers, the foreseeable future only threatens to continue the excruciating squeeze.

Overall, industry analysts expect auto sales in the United States to fall below 16 million vehicles in 2008, the lowest level in a decade. And the car companies are expected to continue to exert pressure on suppliers for tighter pricing despite the rising cost of commodities.

That is not good news for most suppliers, who already have suffered years of losses and shrinking profit margins. Countless smaller companies have not survived, and the supply chain has become littered with dissolved or bankrupt larger suppliers.

Earlier this month, Plastech Engineered Products, a major plastic supplier based in Dearborn, filed for bankruptcy. Delphi and Visteon preceded Plastech.

And experts are predicting more bankruptcies could follow, estimating some 35 percent to 40 percent of auto suppliers are on the verge of insolvency.

One study, by the consulting firm BBK, found that one-third of North American suppliers were seriously financially distressed and estimated that another 22 percent could become so by the middle of this year.

"It doesn't look good for suppliers until the (auto manufacturers) come to realize they can't rely on suppliers in India or Bangladesh," said Dennis Virag, president of **Automotive Consulting** Group, an Ann Arborbased research and consulting firm.

Virag placed part of the blame for the rash of bankruptcies on the "consolidation and acquisition craze" over the past decade in which suppliers, at the urging of the auto manufacturers, expanded aggressively, building more factories and buying up smaller companies.

The result, Virag said, was "fewer, larger suppliers who are weaker today than they were before."

It's not all doom and

gloom, however. Some suppliers are posting sizable profits, such as Johnson Controls, the Milwaukee-based company that last month signed a memorandum of under-

standing for the purchase of the Automotive Components Holdings plant in Saline.

Last month, Johnson Controls reported record sales and income for the first quarter of fiscal 2008. Sales across the company rose 16 percent to a record \$9.5 billion.

Its sale of interior systems and products for passenger cars and light trucks reached \$4.6 billion, up 9 percent. Revenue in Europe increased 14 percent, while North American sales climbed 5 percent.

The company forecasts 2008 full-year revenue to increase 10 percent to about \$38 billion.

"The company continues to benefit from its business diversification." Stephen Roell, Johnson Controls' chairman and chief executive officer, said in a written state-

Lear Corp., which has headquarters in Southfield, also saw increased revenue last year. The company, which is one of the world's largest suppliers of automotive seating systems and electrical distribution systems, reported net sales of \$16 billion in 2007 and pretax income of \$331.4 million, compared to the previous year's \$17.8 billion in net sales and a pretax loss of \$655.5 mil-

Lear credited its success in part to diversifying its

sales, with 55 percent of its revenue last year coming from outside North America.

Diversification is one key to an auto supplier's survival, Virag said.

Protomatic's Wetzel can attest to that.

"The economy has necessitated us to shift gears," Wetzel said. "If you don't diversify your customer base, you're reliant on one customer and you have all your eggs in one basket."

Protomatic now services the aerospace and defense industries, as well as the alternate energy and medical fields.

"Our equipment is very agile," Wetzel said. "The challenge was learning the customer's needs."

He estimates it took Protomatic two to three years of being in a "learning mode" to position itself in these new markets.

Sometimes it wasn't always profitable, but he believes diversifying made the company stronger.

Suppliers looking to avoid insolvency also need to innovate and reposition themselves as low-cost manufacturers, Virag said.

"They have to get away from the mindset that they have to have these highvolume contracts," he said. "They have to get away from the volume and market-share mentality and move toward a profit mentality."

A third secret to suppliers' weathering the current economic storm and emerging stronger and more agile is what Virag calls "enlightened management."

"Management needs to instill a culture and philosophy of understanding of shared need between management and the work force," he said. "Their work force is their most valuable asset, but many do not leverage it."

While the Michigan Manufacturers Association remains confident the automotive industry will rebound, pessimism among members of the Original Equipment Suppliers Association continues to increase, according to the organization's most recent survey.

A full 55 percent of the respondents said they were "somewhat more pessimistic" regarding the outlook for 2008. Thirteen percent reported being "significantly more pessimistic," while only 11 percent said they were "somewhat more optimistic."

Wetzel is among those not optimistic about seeing an increase any time soon in work with automakers.

"We're not relying on automotive to come back." he said. "We can't. We have salaries to meet today."



The Toyota Prius is seen by many as the granddaddy of the hybrid movement.

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having 10 percent of the state's energy come from renewable sources.

Finally, Granholm said that by the end of this year. she would like to see 1,000 E85 or biodiesel pumps around the state.

"In the 20th century, we were the state that put the nation on wheels." Granholm said. "In the 21st century, Michigan can be the state that breaks our nation's dependence on foreign oil."

One of those Michigan companies that has been behind the biofuel movement, despite having nothing to do with the production of E85 or biodiesel, is Meijer.

According to Frank Guglielmi, director of public relations for the Grand Rapids-based retailer. every Meijer store opening this year that has a gas station as part of its operation will have biofuel pumps.

backer of E85 and biodiesel," Guglielmi said. one in Saginaw, and 40- let them fail.

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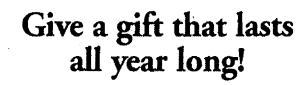
Guglielmi said the retailer does not discuss sales totals or trends.

Ethanol is not without its critics, however. Because the production of ethanol uses mainly corn, the price of corn has risen sharply in recent years, from \$2 a bushel to more than \$5 a bushel. That price increase might benefit corn farmers, but others, from consumers to other farmers who use corn as feed, are paying the higher price.

From an automotive standpoint, E85 might be cleaner burning than regular gasoline (and some scientists debate whether or not that is even true), but gas mileage for vehicles using E85 is noticeably lower, sometimes by as much as 20 percent.

Still others argue against ethanol and biodiesel from a policy standpoint, saying that neither industry would be able to exist with-"We are definitely a big out government support and subsidies.

If consumer demand is "We already have three not enough to keep these biodiesel pumps in opera- industries viable, they tion, two in Ann Arbor and argue, the market should



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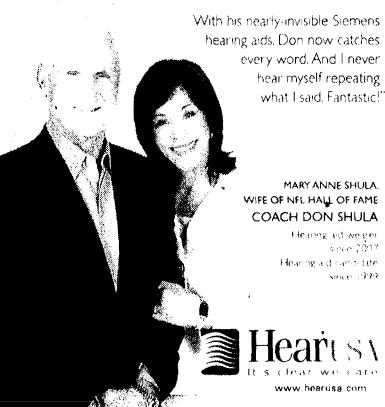
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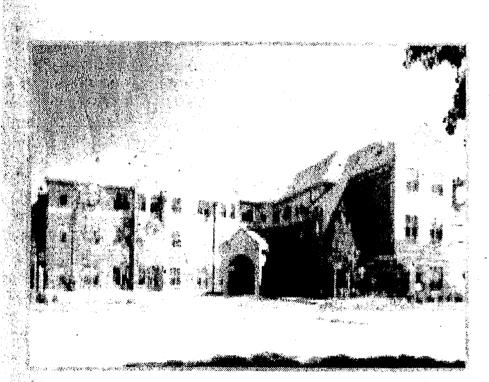


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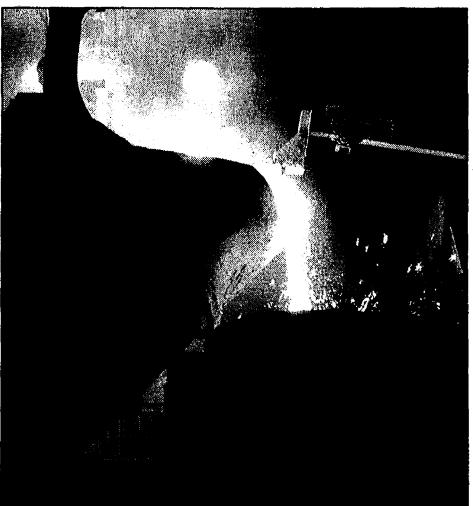
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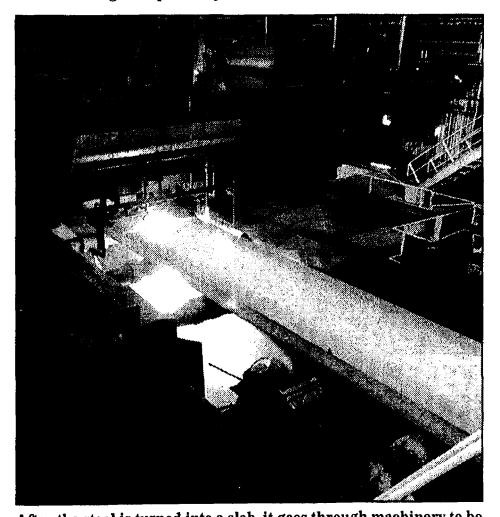
Fred Jauss, general manager of U.S. Steel's Great Lakes Works in Ecorse

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Steel companies have to change their ways to keep up with the latest trends and the needs of their top customers



Photos courtesy of U.S. Steel The steelmaking process begins with hot liquid steel being poured from a ladle here at U.S. Steel's Great Lakes Works plant in Ecorse. It is turned into cool slabs and later rolled into the coils that often are seen being transported by trains.



After the steel is turned into a slab, it goes through machinery to be cut into certain lengths. After cooling, the steel is rolled.



Operators inside U.S. Steel's Hot Strip Mill oversee the rolling of a

slab of steel.

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By Jason Alley

teel industry experts say they never imagined the push that would be on today to operate in such a green fashion.

With flex fuels and lighter weight vehicles being the trend these days, those who work with steel have to be just as flexible to changing their ways to keep up with the needs of their top customers.

"We weren't terribly prepared for these changes in the past," said Fred Jauss, general manager of U.S. Steel's Great Lakes Works in Ecorse. (Jauss was transferred Monday to a plant in Gary, Ind.). "Clearly, I think we are an industry where necessity is the mother of invention."

With the automotive industry being the largest user of steel in the United States, steel executives are virtually mandated to become experts in the automotive field as well in order to stay on top of their industry.

To prove that, the Ecorse steel mill has separate process lines that are strictly dedicated for Ford and GM..

"Great Lakes Works is fairly well tied to the automotive industry," Jauss said. "If cars are being sold, we're selling steel...."

In 1999, the U.S. Steel Automotive Center opened in Troy, specializing in research, development and sales. Or, as the center's general manager, Peter Alvarado, put it, "things we didn't concentrate on 20 years ago."

Sales and marketing is important for pulling in new customers, Alvarado said, because you just never know when one of your production lines could be slowed.

"If one of the companies no longer makes a model anymore, it impacts us,' he said. "We're not doing anything differently from what the state is doing. We're trying to diversify our customer

Technological advances over the years have changed the steel industry. Depending on whether you're an executive or an employee, however, that could be a good — or a bad — thing.

"Because of technology, we are able to employ fewer people than we were 20 years ago to make the same product," Jauss said. "The computer has allowed us to do many things efficiently. But we're not like an automotive plant where we have a lot of robotic machinery."

Recycling and reusing are important philosophies at steel companies, not just for the environmental benefits, but also for possible cost savings, Jauss

"Energy is a huge issue for us," he said. "We constantly are looking for ... 1 percent energy reduction across this facility. We just keep chipping away. I don't see those kinds of initiatives going away. The need to conserve energy in everything we do is something that is not difficult visualizing happening over the next 20 years....

"I think that high energy costs and greenhouse gas issues are going to be certainly plaguing us over the next five to 10 years. I don't see the dollar-a-gallon gasoline coming back."

Just as steel executives said they never would have been able to forecast the changes over the last couple of decades, Jauss said it's impossible to predict what the future holds for the industry.

"I think we would be enormously naive to think we have a handle on

what is going to come 20 years from now," he said. "Like the manufacturing industry does, we look at China; the cost structure and how the U.S. industry plays off what they are doing there. If they change policy, then the whole game changes.

"But that doesn't mean that we don't read the tea leaves on a regular basis and try to forecast. We're always trying to fortify our marketing group by doing more futuristic work to ensure that we have the steels developed for tomorrow's market before tomorrow arrives."

While they might be competitors, a number of steel companies work with one another to build alliances in light of global market pressures.

As the largest domestically owned steel company and the fifth largest in the world, U.S. Steel has a number of joint ventures.

Locally, it partners with SeverStal North America Inc. to run the Double Eagle Steel Coating Co., the world's largest producer of electrogalvanized steel. The company produces galvanized sheet steel primarily for the automotive

Both SeverStal and Double Eagle are in Dearborn.

SeverStal executives did not return phone calls seeking comment for this report. In announcing the partnership with U.S. Steel in January 2004, Alexey Mordashov, Severstal Group Holding's chief executive officer, said his company appreciates the opportunity to work with another top steel manufacturer.

"We are looking forward to a mutually beneficial and effective partnership in the Double Eagle joint venture," Mordashov said in a press release.

U.S. Steel also partners with Worthington Industries — which is based in Ohio but has an office in Taylor — to run Worthington Specialty Processing.

That plant, in Jackson, opened in 1986 and processes more than 500,000 tons of wide sheet steel annually for the auto industry.

Besides joint operations, some steel companies also collaborate to share technical information.

Such partnerships, experts say, are intended to help companies improve productivity, promote efficiency and create better products at lower costs.

U.S. Steel announced in January that it is teaming with JFE Steel Corp., which has headquarters in Tokyo.

The program, which will be managed by each company's research and technology organizations, will include periodic meetings, cooperative technical exchange programs and plant visits in North America, Europe and Japan.

In announcing the deal, John Goodish, U.S. Steel's executive vice president and chief operating officer, said working together ensures that the steel industry remains a strong market in today's competitive business climate.

"By sharing our expertise in a variety of steelmaking areas, we will each become more globally competitive and enhance the sustainability of steel — the raw material of modern society," he said.

While a sagging economy often causes some businesses to close or relocate, steel experts don't foresee that in their field.

"The difference between us and a lot of other companies is within 20 years, we'll still be here," Jauss said. "You can't pick up a steel mill and move it down South. For Great Lakes Works, we're here and







Movingforward

Inside the Steel Industry



PRODUCTION METHODS

Blast furnaces have been used for two millennia to produce pig iron, a crucial step in the steel production process, from iron ore by combining fuel, charcoal, and air. Modern methods use coke instead of charcoal, which has proved to be a great deal more efficient and is credited with contributing to the British Industrial Revolution.

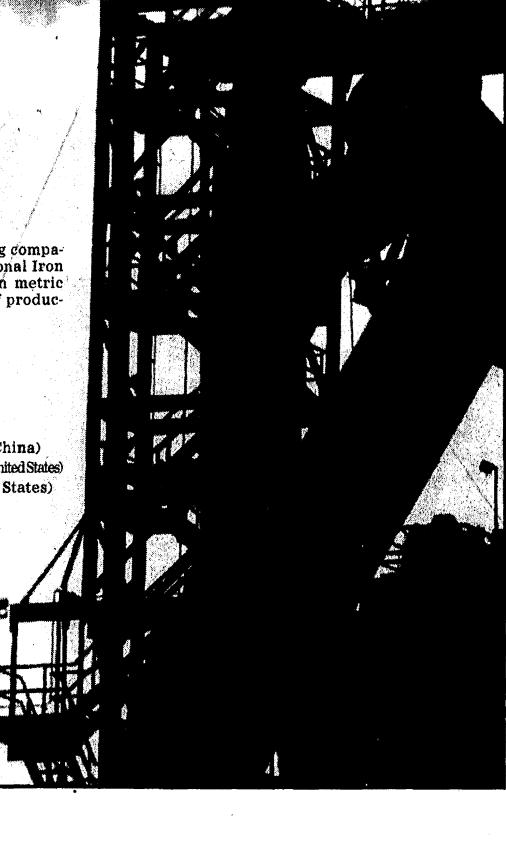
Once the iron is refined, converters are used to create steel from the iron. During the late 19th and early 20th centuries, there were many widely used methods such as the Bessemer process and the Siemens-Martin process. However, basic oxygen steelmaking, in which pure oxygen is fed to the furnace to limit impurities, has generally replaced these older systems. Electric arc furnaces are a common method of reprocessing scrap metal to create new steel. They can also be used for converting pig iron to steel, but they use a great deal of electricity (about 440 kWh per metric ton), and are thus generally only economical when there is a plentiful supply of cheap electricity.

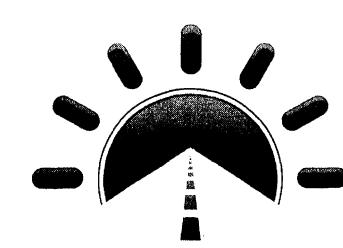
TOP 20 PRODUCE by International Iron & Steel Institute

This is a list of the largest steel-producing companies in the world according to the International Iron and Steel Institute, their output in million metric tons crude steel, and the country/region of producer's basing, specified in brackets:

- 117.2 Mton ArcelorMittal (Global)
- 32.0 Mton Nippon Steel (Japan)
- 30.5 Mton POSCO (South Korea)
- 29.9 Mton (Japan)
- 28.2 Mton Tata Steel (India)
- 23.8 Mton Shanghai Baosteel Corp. (China)
- 19.3 Mton United States Steel Corp. (United States)
- 18.4 Mton Nucor Corporation (United States)
- 17.5 Mton Riva Group (Italy)
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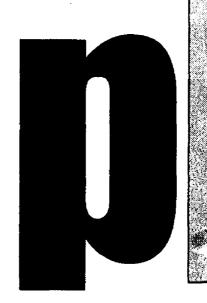
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Come out and

Golf and fitness are two of the engines that power the recreation business in Southeastern Michigan







statewide economic downturn and a glut of options has area golf courses in a predicament. But in an effort to stem the economic tide, the popular outdoor sport is far from moving to afterthought status.

Golf courses are using more aggressive advertising and including the Internet, while utilizing bigger and better banquet facilities to attract new business.

There have been significant changes to the business in the last 10 to 20 years, but more in the last 10, many believe. Rob Pare, director of golf for Taylor

Meadows and Lakes of Taylor, believes there are too many courses. "In the late 1990s, golf experienced a

huge boom," Pare said. "It was an easy business to be in in the late '90s. "Since 2001, the rest of the economy has suffered and recreation has taken a

big hit." Frank Garzia, one of the owners of Reddeman Farms in Chelsea, said many courses were built for the "wrong

reasons," creating the surplus. "A lot of times they would be built with a bottom line in mind," said Garzia, whose group bought Reddeman Farms in 1995. "Some were built (solely) for housing develop-

"There has also been an influx of city and municipal courses, which hurt the privately owned ones."

Garzia said that with tougher economic times, belt tightening has followed. Measures taken have included a tougher

bottom line with expenses and fewer work-

"Our No. 1 expense is still spending money on the golf course," Garzia said. "Some places have cut everything including customer services. We haven't."

In Taylor, 14 golf positions have been cut as the department experienced a downsizing to cope with the economic slowdown, Pare said.

At Dearborn Hills, General Manager Lee Morris said new areas of growth lie with women and junior players, ranging between the ages of 9 and 16.

"The typical player — a 35-year old male with 2.4 kids - doesn't exist anymore, at least not in the numbers they used to," Morris said. "We're trying to attract more young golfers, as well as females."

Women are one of the key emerging groups his course is seeking, Morris said.

'We're a certified women-friendly course with shorter tee lengths," he said. "Our pro shop also caters to female playing equipment and clothing."

Located in the western part of Washtenaw County, Reddeman Farms has



Getting in the swing

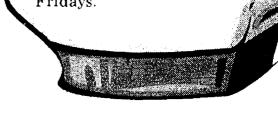
Michigan Golf Show

This year's Michigan Golf Show marks the 16th anniversary of the largest consumer golf show in the nation. The event kicks off the golf season, highlighting more than 400 exhibitors with great deals on every aspect of the golf game. The show is March 7-9 at the Rock Financial Showplace in Novi. Cost is \$10 and children under 12 get in free.

Lansing Golf Show

The Lansing Show is March 14-16 and will be celebrating its ninth year at the Lansing Center and continues to draw golfers from mid-Michigan looking for great deals and a chance to beat the winter blahs. The cost is \$8. Seniors are free on

Fridays.



benefited from urban sprawl. Newer housing developments in the area have helped the flow of traffic.

"There's more people living out here now, which helps," Garzia said.

One area of business growth for golf courses has been the Internet, which might offer a glimpse of where the business is headed in the future.

Pare said Taylor's two golf courses have aggressively adapted to the exposure a Web site online affords, including printout coupons and the ability to book tee times.

With online tee times, people can book at 3 a.m. the night before, Morris said.

"We can see that Mr. Johnson uses lefthanded clubs, and we can reserve those for

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There are all kinds of new ways to help get ...

By Dave Komer

n the old days, working out was something soldiers, athletes and a few "health nuts" used to do. But in these health conscious days, everyone, it seems, is bent on

getting in shape. As more and more. people come into the fitness arena, health clubs and organizations are developing new and innovative ways to keep their customers interested, involved and

engaged. One of the hot new

trends is personal training, which can be individually customized, according to Tim Beaker, membership and marketing director at the Southgate YMCA

"One of the biggest things available right now is personal training," Beaker said. "People have gotten a new relationship and are getting an idea of what it is all about. It's about setting goals and meeting them.'

Trainers work with children starting at 12 years old and go all the

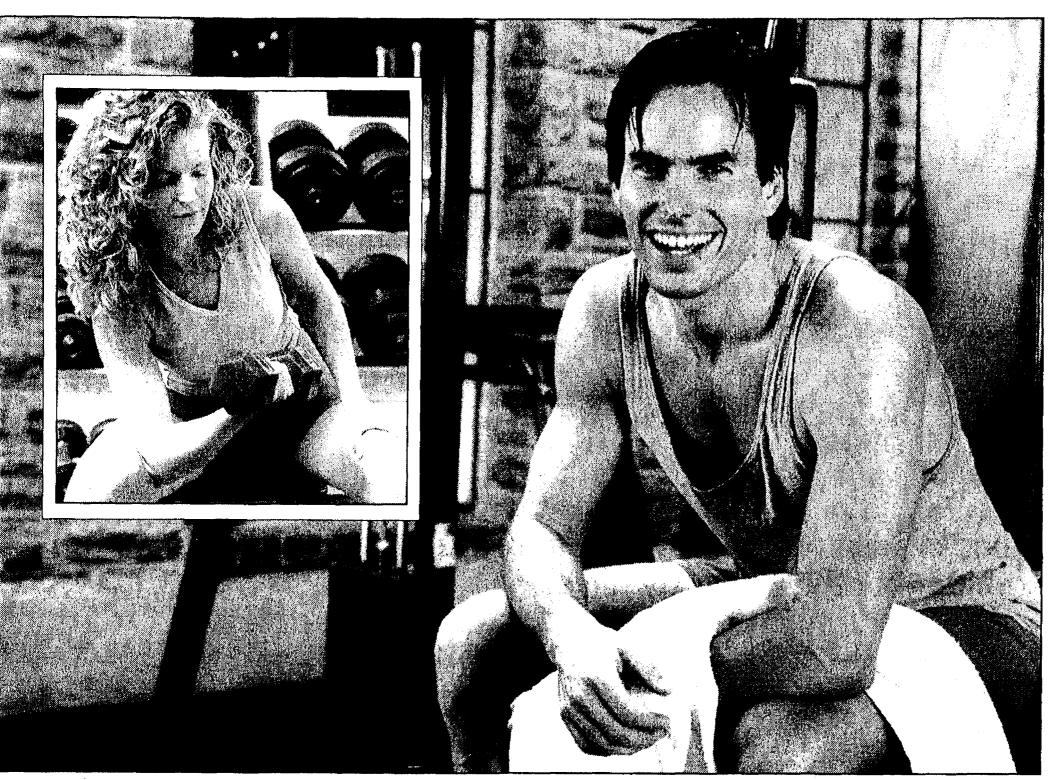
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Come Out and Play



FITNESS

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way up to senior citizens.

"It's gotten really popular, more and more people are taking advantage of it," Beaker said.

Also "hot" at local area Y's are non-traditional aerobic classes.

Here are Beaker's takes on two of the new classes:

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"They've both been very popular," Beaker said. "It's changing things up and not the same old 1980s aerobics people sometimes think of. It's about having fun and working out at the same time."

Swimming has always been a key pillar of physical fitness at the YMCA. Recently, though, there have been changes there,

"Our swimming lessons for youngsters have been revamped," Beaker said. "We're teaching kids how to swim like the penguins.

"We're trying to make it

more attractive to kids and make swimming more fun."

Patrons of the Ford Community & Performing Arts Center in Dearborn can find several options in its aerobics studio.

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Golf

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him," he said. "The Internet has opened up a lot of possibilities."

The days of small advertisements in newspapers have been bolstered by detailed Web pages with course pictures and prices online.

Dearborn Hills and both Lakes of Taylor and Taylor Meadows' Web sites offer packages or coupons.

In Taylor, there also is a calendar of events and an eclub, where customers can receive e-mail offers and other special information.

"The trend is online,"
Pare said. "It's changing
how we market ourselves.
It's been great."

The popularity of golf leagues and benefit tournaments has helped business, as well as non-golf banquet services.

Pare said he has seen an increase in wedding ceremonies being held outdoors, not just receptions and showers.

"It's helped out a lot,"
Garzia said. "Hosting
reunions, parties, showers,
rehearsals helps the (bottom line)."

Competition for the entertainment dollar is tough, but Morris believes a change in how courses are built might be in the cards 20 years from now.

"The biggest question is time," he said. "We all seem pressed for time. Not everyone has six hours to dedicate to a game.

"You're going to see more nine-hole courses, or shorter courses that allow less time to play.

"I think you'll see smaller courses in the future rather than some huge thing that only Tiger Woods can get around."



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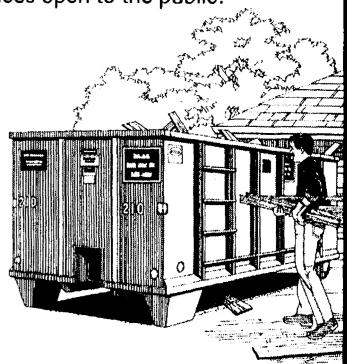
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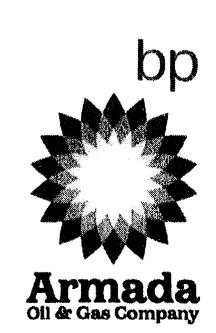
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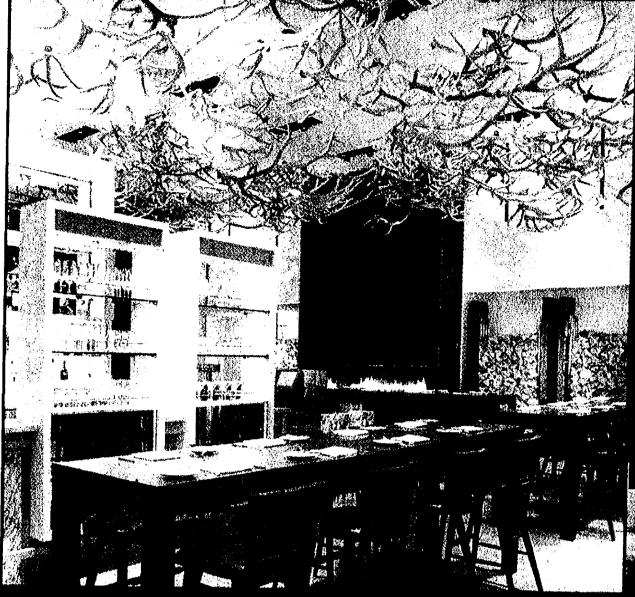
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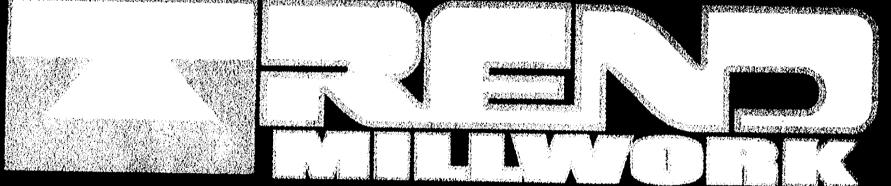
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anet Kelly has plenty of experience as a pet groomer and as an owner/operator of a kennel. But if you ask her what her greatest qualification is, the answer will come quickly.

"I am a lifetime dog lover," she says. "I have worked with animals for 21 years, but I have always loved animals.'

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Kelly realizes that a day at the groomers that involves nail clipping and a bath may not be a walk in the park for a lot of dogs.

"We try our best to make it a quick and easy experience for them," Kelly says, "But I am always amazed at the majority of boarding dogs who can't wait to get through the door for a return visit."

You mean dogs actually want to get boarded?

"It's true," she says. "Sit out in my lobby on a busy Friday morning of check-ins and you can see for yourself. Dogs love the outdoor play time and interaction they get with other dogs at the kennel. They are pack animals and to the single dog a stay at the kennel is a great dog socializing experience.

huge dog lover," Kelly says. "We in size and temperament for superunderstand how difficult it is to vised yard time three or four times a

'Of course we are also sensitive to the dogs who prefer to go out without company," Kelly says.

Kelly suggests going to a shelter, such as the Humane Society of Huron Valley, or a local rescue group when it's time to pick out a new furry member of the family. Many local ones are listed on www.petfinder.com.

Kelly offers a few other tips for pet owners:

- "Many dogs are overweight," she says. "Instead of giving food as a reward, give them love. A pat on the head is better all around than a bis-
- "If you wash your dog at home, comb them out completely first," she says. "As soon as water hits a mat, it makes it rock hard, and matted fur will more then likely mean a short clip next time at the groomers.'
- "A trained dog is a happy dog," Kelly says they group dogs similar she says. "Look into local dog classes or at least try to catch the Dog Whisperer on DVD."

Bookshelf

Take time to browse this great selection of animal-related books for young children

Go Home!: The True Story of James the Cat - by Libby Phillips Meggs

A handsome black cat has been wandering through the neighborhood. He's lost, hungry and on the lookout for a place he can call home. When the cat meets a nice family, he's sure his troubles are over-but they think that he must belong to someone else, and send him away. As months go by, the cat gets weaker and weaker—and then one fateful day, he comes face to face with a very angry, very large dog.... To find out what happens, you'll have to check out the book.

My Dog Toby - by Andrea Zimmerman and David Clemesha

Toby the basset hound, star of the book "My Dog ' is having a little trouble learning how to do tricks. Some members of his human family aren't being so supportive. The girl in the book is very sad because Toby cannot do tricks, and she tried everything to make him sit. Her brother even said that Toby is dumb. Will Toby prove them all wrong and learn to sit like a real pooch pro? It is a very funny story!

Rabbits. Rabbits and More Rabbits - by Gail Gibbons

Kids who like rabbits will love this book. Filled with facts about wild and domestic rabbits and suggestions for caring for your pet rabbit. Great information on domestic rabbits, wild rabbits, and hares written for a young audience with lots of pictures. Three pages on pet-rabbit care for kids.



'Let's Get a Pup!' Said Kate - by Bob Graham

Kate and her parents visit an animal shelter and adopt a puppy, but find it hard to leave an older charming dog behind. Kate and her parents go off to the animal shelter, where they adopt a puppy named Dave and reluctantly leave behind a large, older dog named Rosy. After a sleepless night, they all go back to the animal shelter to bring Rosy home.

Angel Cat - by Michael Garland

A touching story about a family grieving the death of their beloved cat. This thoughtful book emphasizes how different family members respond in their own way to the sad passing of their favorite cat.



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Local animal hospital offers variety of services

By Terry Jacoby Heritage Newspapers

r. Ruth Barthel has more than 27 years of experience as a small animal veterinarian. including 12 years as a Fellow in Veterinary Dentistry. She founded Grass Lake Animal Hospital in 2000 and the modern facility is designed specifically for your pet's health and safety.

"We offer wellness and preventive care, consultations for a wide range of health concerns, surgery, internal medicine and advanced dental care," Dr. Barthel said. "Our business philosophy is caring for the pet who shares your life."

What makes Grass Lake Animal Hospital unique is that Dr. Barthel offers dental care ranging from cleanings to periodontal treatment, oral surgery for fractures or tumors, root canals for broken teeth and orthodontic treatments

Dr. Barthel is a member of the Academy of Veterinary Dentistry, an international organization of veterinarians with a special interest in the dental care of animals.

Most of the members are active practitioners, serving the oral health needs of their patients. Some work with exotic animals in the wild and at exhibition parks and zoos.

Many others are involved in research, teaching, consulting and medical sales.

Other services offered by Grass Lake Animal Hospital include boarding, on-site diagnostic services, dietary and nutritional counseling, geriatric care, pet food and supplies, and radiology.

"We also offer modern health care in a lovely, rural setting," she says. "Customers like our caring and compassionate people."

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During a sudden stop or collision, an unrestrained dog can become a projectile in the vehicle. That means in addition to potential injury to the dog, the driver might also be injured from an airborne animal.

Properly securing a pooch can be done in a number of ways. The first is to load the pet into a crate. However, the crate is only safe if it itself is buckled down within the car; an animal can be injured in a crate sliding to and fro in the back of a car.

Another method of restraint is to use a dog harness that is specifically made for car travel. It will keep the dog in a sitting position or might allow for the pet to lie down. However, the slack will be tight enough to prevent the dog from being thrown in the event of an abrupt stop.

For those who do not want to purchase a separate harness, simply looping a leash around a lap belt tightened to offer the least amount of slack might also create a similar restraining effect.

For drivers of larger cars or SUVs, a mesh or wire grate that restricts the dog to the back of the car might be useful. While it will not prevent the animal from being thrown in the event of a stop or crash, it will keep the dog out of the front seat where the driver still can safely maneuver. This might be a good option for owners of dogs who are nervous and try to jump into the front seat.

In addition to securing a dog for travel, there are other safety precautions one can take to maximize comfort for the pet.

- Be sure to keep the dog leashed when entering and exiting him from the car. This will prevent injury from oncoming traffic and limit the chance of the animal running off.
- Do not allow dogs or other pets to ride in the front seat, or worse, on the driver's lap. The pet can inhibit driving and might even fall to the floor under the gas or brake pedal.
- Reassure a nervous pet frequently. Praise a dog for good behavior. This will slowly train the dog to be a better passenger.
- Take a dog on frequent short trips in the car to acclimate him to the vehicle if he tends to be hesitant. Simply putting him in there for trips to the veterinarian or groomer where it is often stressful for the pet might create a negative association with car trips.
- Pack ice chips or cubes that the dog can munch on during trips. This will satiate thirst and is less messy than a bowl of water.
- Bring along towels, cleaning supplies and plastic bags in the event that the dog becomes carsick.
- · During long trips, make a pit stop and take a walk every two or three hours.
 - Keep the windows rolled up

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---- Behavior Heinline

The Humane Society of Huron Valley offers a behavior helpline. Callers are offered oneon-one help on the specific problem they are facing with attention given to the unique circumstances of the household.

Pet guardians often need more in-depth information that is tailored to their unique situation and skill level. Trained volunteers will offer a combination of information and guidance to help them resolve the problem they are facing. Because



it is often the emotions associated with the problem that cause a break in the human/animal bond, and cause people to surrender their animals, callers will also be helped to understand the nature of the problem, thereby generating a greater level of patience, and be given recommendations, emotional support and encouragement needed to work through the problem.

A trained volunteer will retrieve and respond to messages left on the HSHV Behavior Helpline 1-734-662-5545.

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Like people, dogs suffer from anxiety

In many households, pets are seen as full-fledged members of the family.

And why not? Many pets — be it a dog, cat or other animal — light up a room upon entering. However, some pets suffer from problems more commonly associated with humans.

One such problem is anxiety. While it might seem hard to believe a household pet that naps all day and plays with members of the family all night can have anxiety, it's actually common for pets, particularly dogs, to suffer from anxiety issues.

For dog owners, these issues can be very disconcerting, as no one wants to see their pet with a sad face or behave in a way that makes the dog difficult to live with.

How do I know?

According to the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, feelings of anxiety in dogs often are the result of an attachment disorder known as separation anxiety.

Dogs are especially social animals and many struggle with being alone. Some indicators that your dog could be suffering from separation anxiety include the following.

 Destructive behavior: Anxiety can cause a dog to behave destructively with his teeth, whether it's destroying furniture, biting through walls or other destructive behavior.

 Soiling the house: A dog that's house trained but starts to randomly urinate or soil the house is exhibiting symptoms of anxiety.

 Excessive barking, growling or grunting: This can seem as though your dog is mad at you, but it's a sign of something deeper than that.

 Feelings begin as you prepare to leave: The telltale sign of anxiety is if your dog begins to worry or act



depressed as you prepare to leave. Another indicator is the dog's behavior when you get home. If your dog gets hyperactive and begins to act as if you've been gone a lifetime, anxiety could be to blame.

Why is this happening?

For loving dog owners, seeing your dog cope with anxiety issues can be very depressing. Many dogs wear their hearts on their sleeves, making it more heart-wrenching to

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Pets in tune with schedules

how in tune pets are to an owner's schedule.

They watched a dog at home and the dog owner at work on separate videos, observing what each was doing at a specific time.

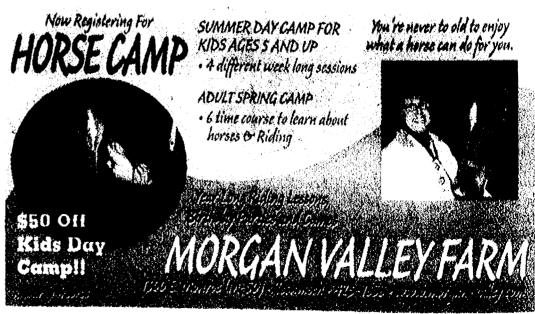
his coat to leave work, the dog went to the door and sat there

Someone once experimented on until the owner arrived home. While it can be argued that the dog became accustomed to the schedule, how would he know the precise moment the owner left every day?

Pets might be more connected The moment the owner put on to their owners than one might

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Exceeding expectations

Humane Society of Huron Valley has successful National Spay Day, adds Trap, Neuter and Return Program

By Terry Jacoby
Heritage Newspapers

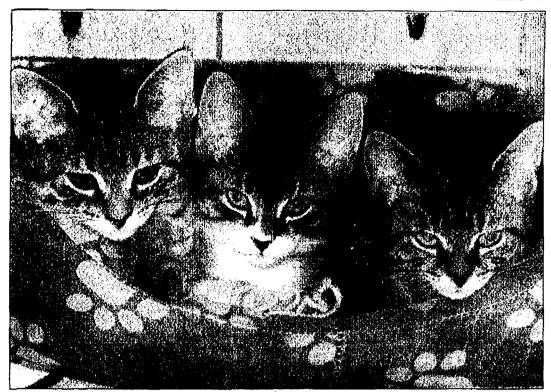
Valley (HSHV) celebrated National Spay Day on Feb. 26 by offering low cost spay/neuter services for the month of February. Created by the Doris Day Animal League in 1995, this national campaign was developed to promote spay/neuter as a simple, humane and effective way to end the tragedy of euthanizing homeless pets.

"We are proud to be participating in this important national campaign," said Tanya Hilgendorf, Executive Director of the Humane Society of Huron Valley. "Animal overpopulation is an epidemic prob-

lem resulting in many, many homeless animals in our community alone."

Every hour in the United States thousands of kittens and puppies are born. While some end up in loving homes, tragically, many meet untimely deaths. Spaying or neutering is the most effective way to help reduce the number of unwanted cats and dogs.

"A whopping 254 surgeries were performed in February in our clinic," said Dr. Mary Rupley, HSHV veterinarian. "Our team is very committed to reducing pet overpopulation and to making sure that a pet's offspring will not end up back in our shelter."



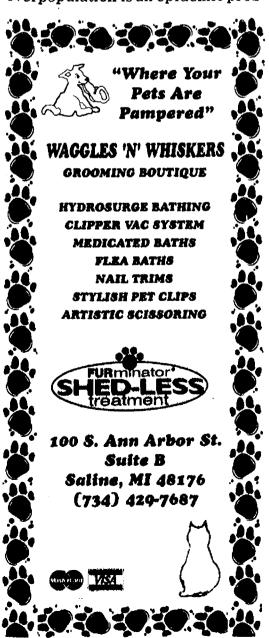
Humane Society officials say spaying or neutering is the most effective way to help reduce the number of unwanted cats and dogs.

Back in 1991, after careful evaluation of scientific data, the American Humane Association became the first national organization to endorse early spaying and neutering of puppies and kittens. The American Veterinary Medical Association and the American Animal Hospital Association quickly followed suit and believe the

practice of spaying and neutering as early as 10 weeks old is a safe practice.

"Part of our commitment to the community is to help reduce the estimated 60,000 feral cats in Washtenaw County," said Hilgendorf. "Many people do not realize

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Society of Huron Valley.

Are you affiliated with Michigan Humane Society or the Humane Society of the United States?

No. All Humane Societies are independent nonprofit corporations. HSHV serves Washtenaw County. Michigan Humane Society serves Wayne and Oakland County only and is not a statewide organization. In fact there are almost 30 different Humane Societies in Michigan serving their local areas-all of which have no formal ties to one another. The Humane Society of the United States offers education, training, and advocacy on animal welfare issues, but is not an umbrella organization.

Huron Valley get its funding?

Our funding comes from generous individual and corporate donors. We do not receive any government funding aside from a contract with Washtenaw County to house strays. This contract makes up less than 10% of our budget. We receive no money from any other humane organization and we are not funded by United Way. We are a 501(c) 3 notfor-profit organization and donations to HSHV are tax-deductible to the full extent of the law.

I get a lot of mailings and stuff from HSHV. How much do you spend on fund-raising?

HSHV relies on community donors to keep our doors open. To buy our animals food and medication, to keep our lights on, and to pay the staff who care for the animals, we depend on a steady stream of donor support. We do occasionally offer very inexpensive appreciation

The following are questions The majority of your contribution mal can stay with us. Although our mal abuse or neglect to HSHV, call regarding the Michigan Humane goes towards the care and adoption of our animals. We currently spend 12 percent on fundraising.

Where does the money from my donation to HSHV go?

Donations allow us to care for all of the abused, abandoned, injured, and unwanted animals that come through our door. Additionally, our Cruelty and Rescue Department, Volunteer Program, Community Outreach, and Harbor Program are 100 percent donor supported. We keep our administrative and fundraising costs low, so more than 83 percent of funding goes directly toward programs and services.

How many animals do you help each year?

We care for about 8,500 dogs, cats, Where does the Humane Society of rabbits, guinea pigs, gerbils, ferrets, and other small domestic animals every year.

Are you a "no-kill" shelter?

HSHV does not consider itself a "no-kill" shelter. We have an opendoor policy, which means that no animals are turned away. Because we serve as the impoundment facility for our entire county, we are obligated to humanely euthanize animals that pose a threat to the community. Our current euthanasia rate is about 33 percent — well below the national average. We are, however, constantly striving to save more lives and increase adoptions. We have several programs in place to improve the adoptability of our animals and to give support to pet owners so they can keep their animals.

Do you euthanize for space? How long can an animal stay at your shel-

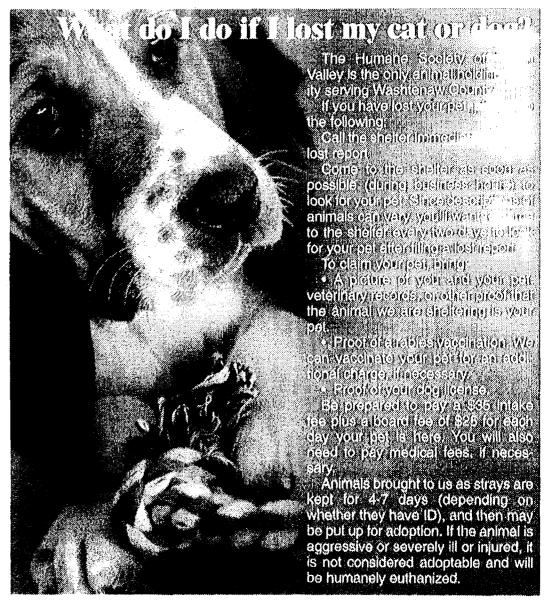
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What do I do if I see animal abuse? In Washtenaw County, report ani-

Does the HSHV Rescue Department pick up strays?

No. Animal Control picks up strays and brings them to our shelter. Our Rescue workers do the important job of helping sick and injured domestic animals and wildlife. If you see an animal hit by a car, injured, or appearing to be sick, call (734) 662-5585 (ext. 112). This service is available throughout Washtenaw County 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.





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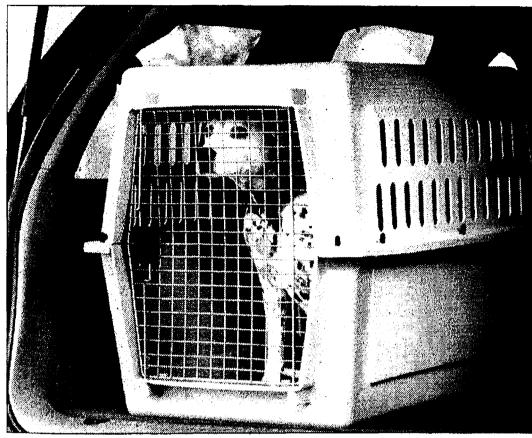
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owners if the dog seems upset.

Many things can actually trigger anxiety in a dog.

- A traumatic event: Like many humans, dogs exhibit adverse reactions when faced with a traumatic event in their life. The death of another pet, for instance, can be very troubling for a dog.
 - Moving: A new home could very

well trigger anxiety in a dog.

- Whether it's a new pet or a child, dogs could begin to harbor feelings of anxiety when the composition of the family changes.
- Boarding or hospitalization: Again, like humans, animals don't like being in a hospital for extended periods of time. Similarly, if you go on extended vacation and need to board your animal, anxiety could result.

Other factors that can contribute

An addition to the family:

patience plays a huge role. A dog already suffering from anxiety will

react very negatively to an impatient owner, and chances are great the existing feelings of anxiety will grow even stronger. Even raising your voice is a bad idea because it will further instill the fear that is common in dogs with anxiety.

are the dog's breed or age. ASPCA

notes that purebreds are more like-

ly to suffer separation anxiety than

mixed breeds, while older dogs

forced to move are more susceptible

Fortunately, there are several

Before taking those steps, howev-

er, dog owners need to know that

steps dog owners can take to lessen

to súch feelings, as well.

What can I do?

a dog's anxiety.

While those are things you can't do, here are some things you can:

Create a better "alone" experi-

If you can, minimize the amount of time your dog spends alone each day. When your dog does need to be alone, try and associate that time with as many positive things as you can. A great way to do this by using toys designed to keep your dog busy while you're away, such as those

with holes in the middle that you can stuff treats into. These toys are good for keeping your dog occupied.

Initially, after giving your dog such toys, leave the room for very short periods of time (30 seconds, for instance) and then re-enter. If your dog starts to think each time you leave will only be a few seconds, his separation anxiety will begin to decrease. Gradually increase the time between leaving and re-entering.

If you experience success with this method, every so often revert back to leaving and re-entering the room at short intervals. This will work to reinforce your dog's belief that you'll be right back.

• Use a professional. If you know you'll be away for longer periods than your dog can handle, your efforts to reduce his anxiety will be aided greatly if you hire a dog sitter or take him to doggy daycare.

Should neither of the above-mentioned approaches result in success, your dog probably needs a behavior specialist. Consult your veterinarian and make sure someone is with your dog at all times until the problem is resolved

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HSHV

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that we began a Trap, Neuter & Return (TNR) program in August 2007 and that this program has already surpassed our goals by performing 357 feral cat sterilizations."

HSHV cannot accept feral cats in the shelter because they are not adoptable. In fact, feral cats are content living outside and avoid human contact all together.

"The best thing we can do for feral cats is to immediately stabilize the size of the colony by eliminating new litters," said Kathryn Hancock, HSHV TNR coordinator. "Using the TNR technique, all feral cats in a colony are trapped, vaccinated, treated for injury or illness and then returned to their territory where community caretakers provide them with regular food and shelter.'

Studies have documented that a properly run and monitored TNR program will maximize the quality of life for feral cats and eliminate the existing colony over time through attrition.

Anyone currently caring for feral cats, should contact the Humane Society by calling 734-662-5585 (ext. 103) or by e-mailing tnr@hshv.org.

RESTRAIN

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high enough so the dog cannot squeeze out. Dogs have an uncanny way of getting out of even the tightest spots. Plus, it is not good for the dog to ride with his head out the window. Road dust and debris can fly into the eyes and ears.

Don't leave the dog in the car

unattended for an extended period of time. He might become nervous or overheat even if it doesn't seem that warm outside. If you must leave the dog for a short time, take off his leash so that he cannot get tangled and suffocate.

By heeding these safety precautions, drivers can ensure that road trips with their dogs are enjoyable for human and canine alike.

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Points on Pets

The birds and bees of cats

By R.G. Elmore, D.V.M. Copley News Service

Q: Our children were given a kitten several months ago. At the time we did not even know the sex of the cat. We are now pretty sure that our cat is a female. Because our cat roams the neighborhood freely most of the time we are concerned that she might get pregnant. How will we know when she is old enough to breed? As you can tell, we are very ignorant about reproduction in cats. Can cats get pregnant once per month like humans can?

A: The reproductive cycles of cats are quite different than those in humans. Cats are not reproductively active all of the time. Cats are seasonal breeders. This means that they are reproductively active while the length of daylight is maximum and the average environmental temperatures are relatively warm. Depending on the particular geographical area in which the cat lives, most begin to have reproductive cycles when the amount of daylight begins to lengthen in January. Cycles tend to recur through September when the amount of daylight begins to shorten significantly. Therefore, between September and January in most parts of the United States most cats are reproductively inactive. Most cats become reproductively active at about five to 12 months of age.

During the periods when a female cat is reproductively receptive to a male, her personality

and behavior changes greatly. Many receptive cats are thought to be in agony or pain because of their long mournful cries. Many first time cat owners mistake these cries and bizarre behavior as signs of serious illness. Fortunately, veterinarians can treat cats early in their receptive periods to eliminate this unpleasant behavior if breeding is not planned. The unpleasant behavior also ends very quickly after a cat is bred.

You should take your cat to a veterinarian for a complete physical examination. Your veterinarian can outline a complete wellness program designed for your particular cat. This will include recommended immunizations, internal and external parasite prevention methods, and a proper diet. If you do not want kittens you should have your cat spayed as soon as possible. This will eliminate your worry about her getting pregnant and the problem of finding homes for a litter of kittens.

Q: We recently noticed that our 6-month-old puppy has only one testicle! Because he has long hair, we had not noticed this before now. Is this a problem? Should we take our puppy to our veterinarian? We do not ever want puppies from this guy. He is just a lovable mutt!

A: You definitely should have your puppy examined by your veterinarian. Retention of a testicle in the abdomen beyond three months of

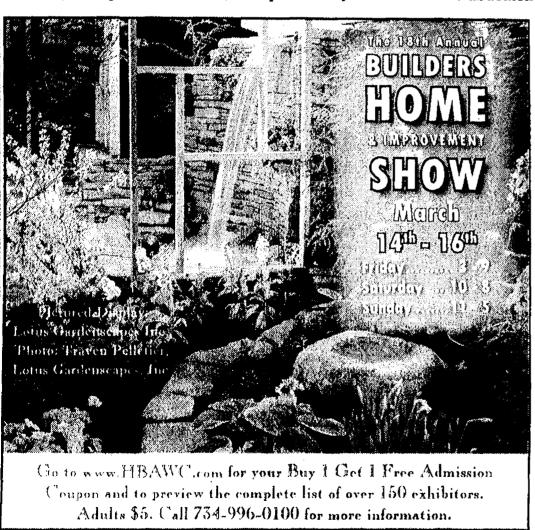


age is abnormal in dogs. Your veterinarian will likely recommend that your dog be castrated. This will require surgery to remove the testicle retained in the dog's abdomen.

The surgery to remove a retained testicle is more complicated than a routine castration. However, leaving the retained testicle in your dog's abdomen will increase his chance of developing cancer later in life. Your veterinarian can give you additional advice about how to handle your dog's abnormality.

Send e-mail to copleysd@copleynews.com or write to Pets, Copley News Service, P.O. Box 120190, San Diego, CA 92112-0190. Only questions of general interest will be answered in this column.

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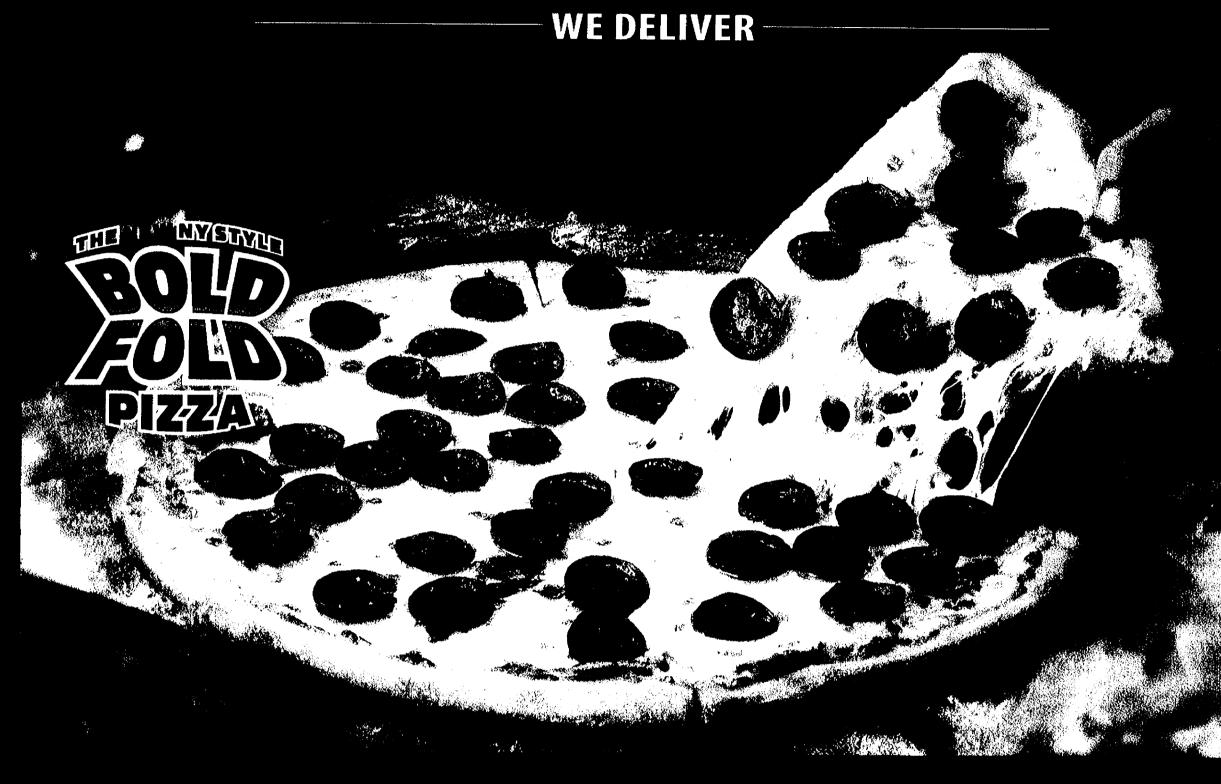
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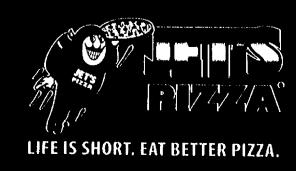
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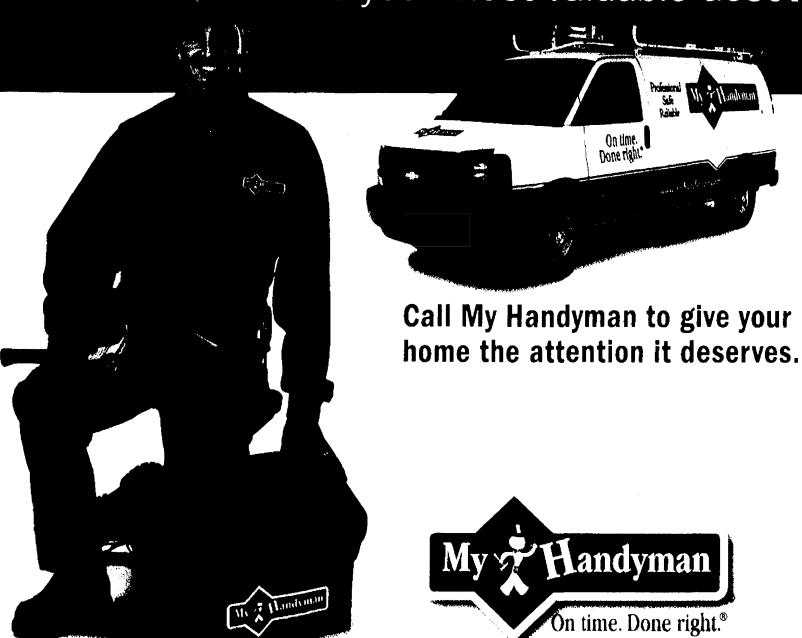
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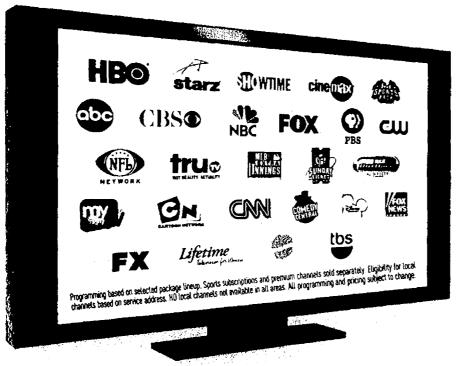


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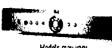
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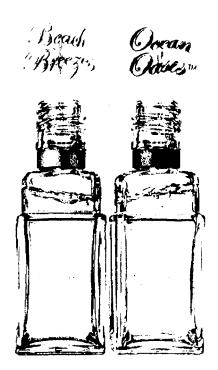
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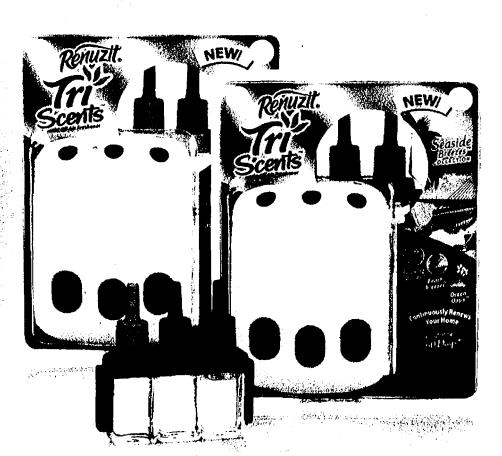
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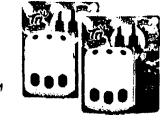
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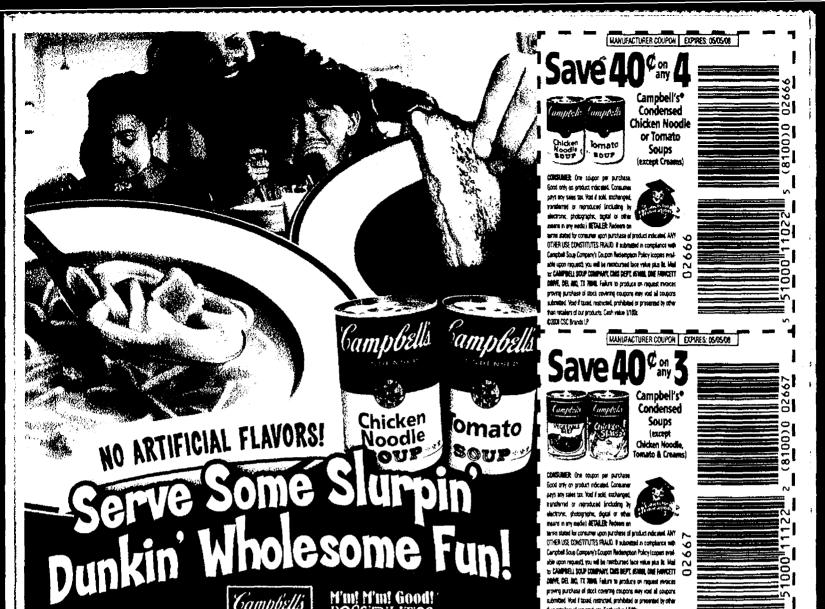
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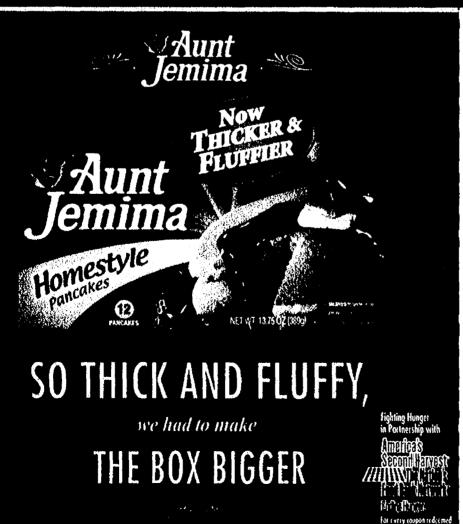
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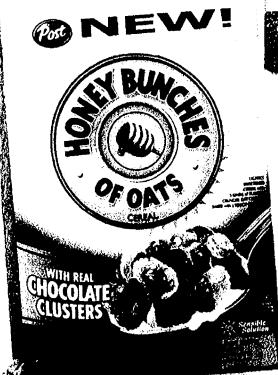


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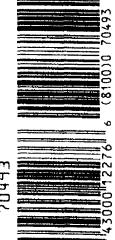


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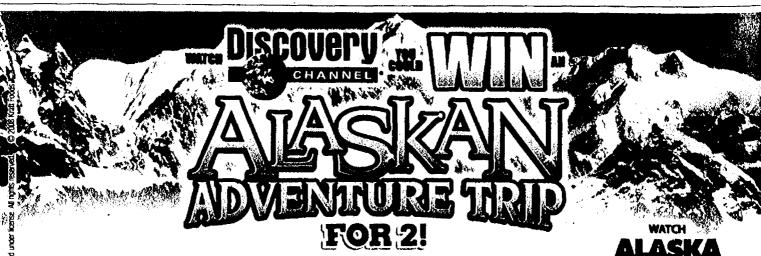
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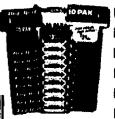
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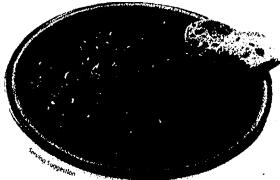
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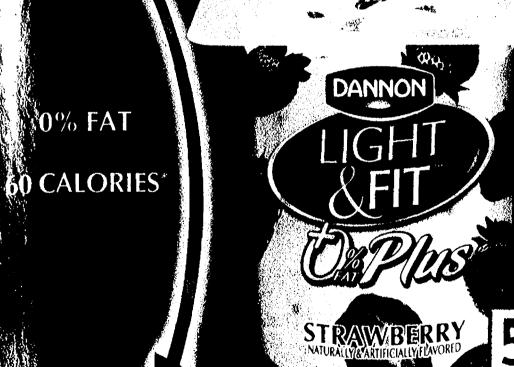




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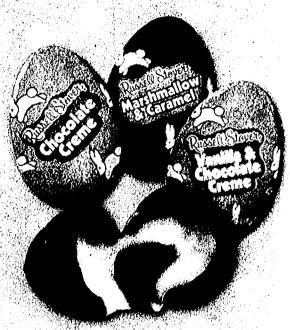
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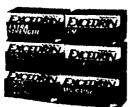
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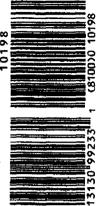


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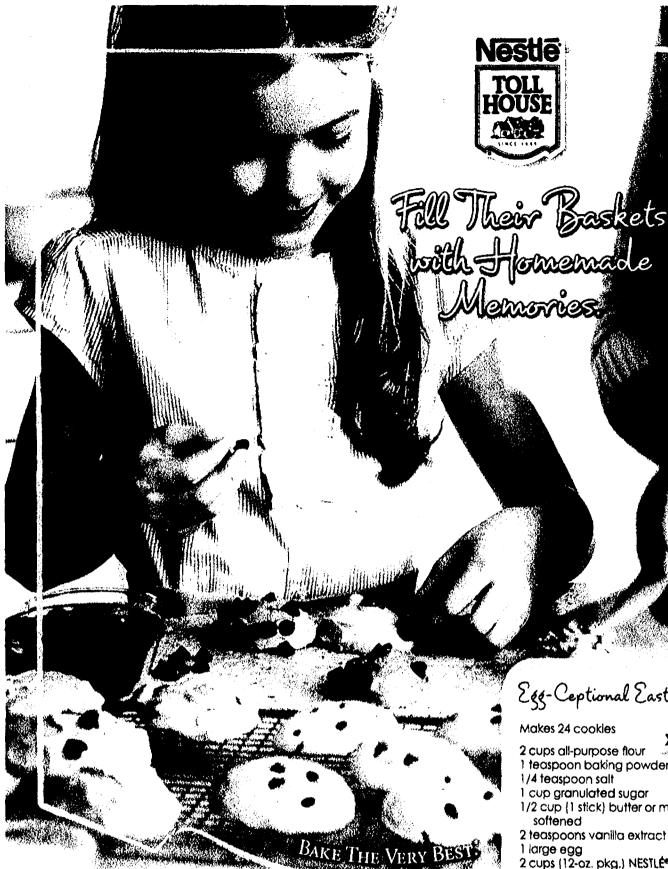
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1 cup granulated sugar

1/2 cup (1 stick) butter or margarine,

2 cups (12-oz. pkg.) NESTLÉ® TOLL HOUSE® Semi-Sweet Chocolate Morsels, divided Colored iclings, sprinkles

PREHEAT oven to 350° F.

COMBINE flour, baking powder and salt in small bowl. Beat sugar, butter and vanilla extract in large mixer bowl until creamy. Beat in egg. Gradually beat in flour mixture. Stir in 1 cup morsels. Press enough dough into greased and floured tablespoon to make slightly rounded. invertion to ungreased baking sheets. Continue with remaining dough.

BAKE for 10 to 12 minutes or just until golden around edges. Cool on sheets for 2 minutes. Remove to racks to cool completely.

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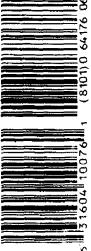
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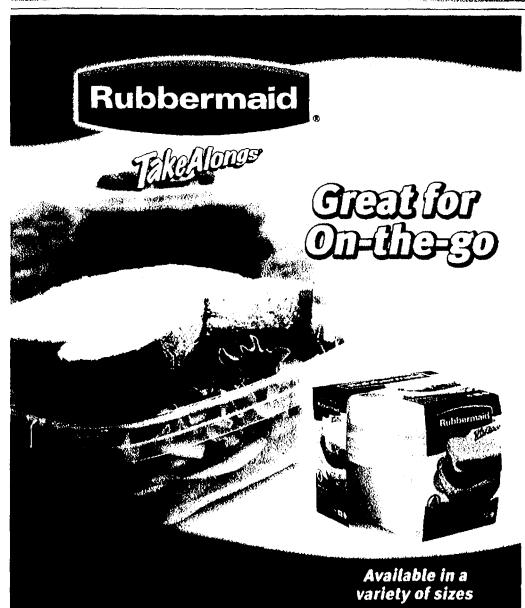
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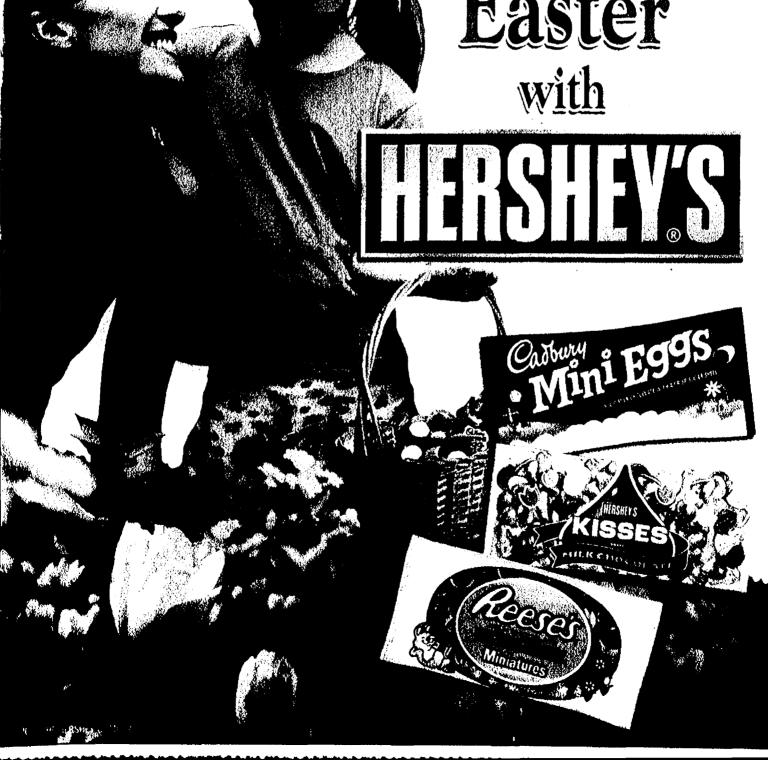
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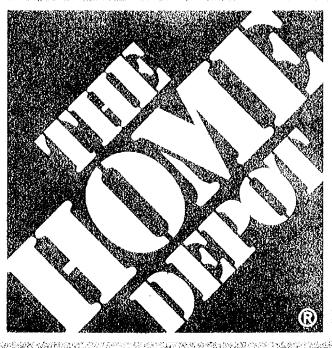
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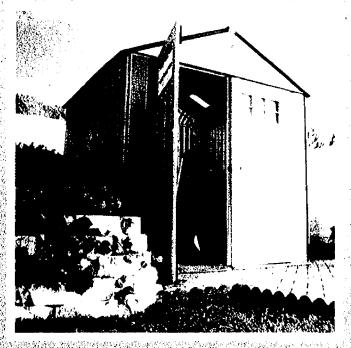
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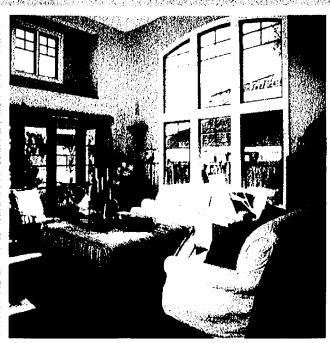
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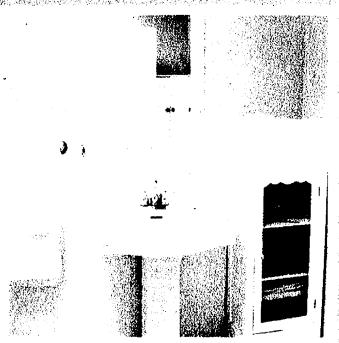
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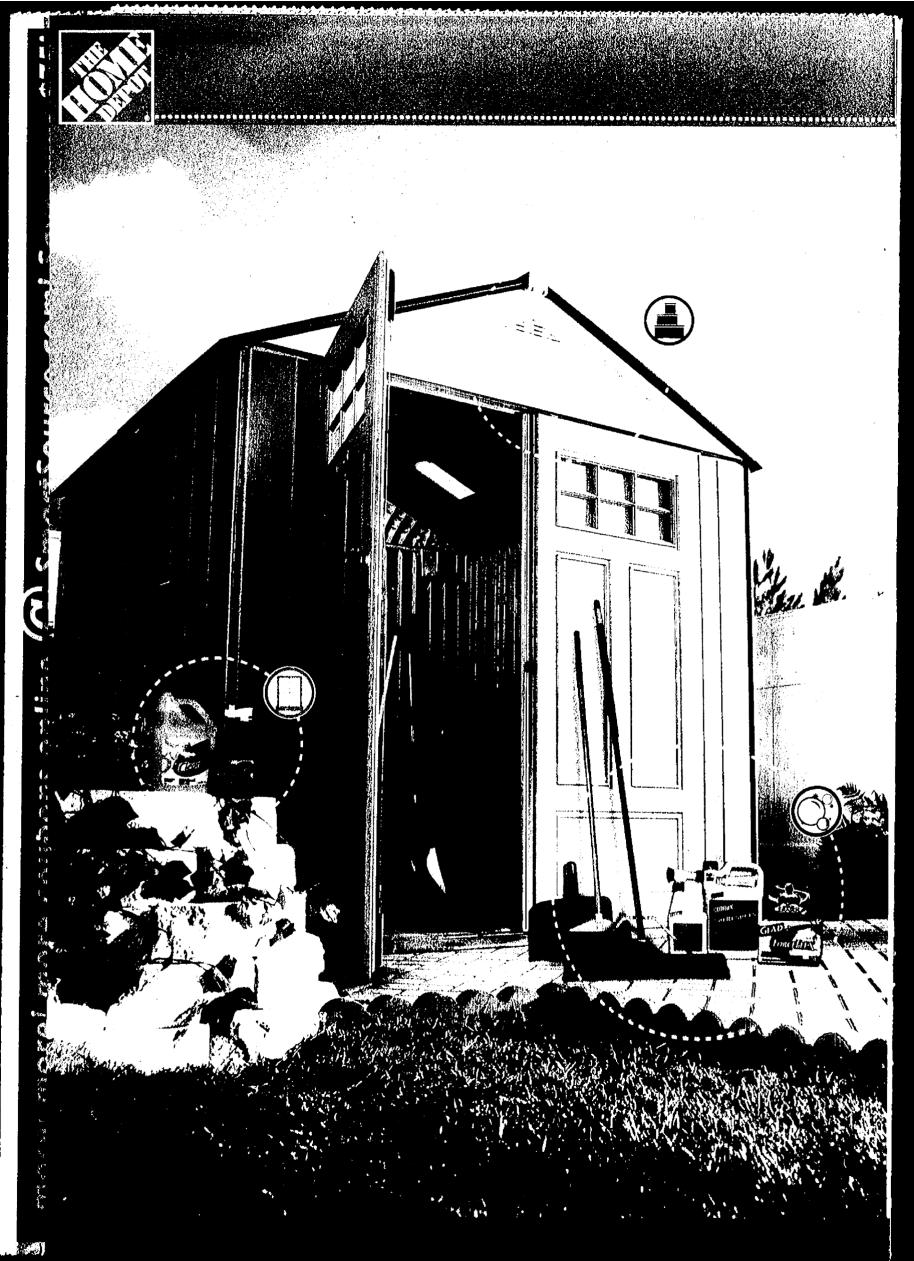






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It's easy to get your deck or patio ready for springtime fun with these great cleaning and organizing tips.



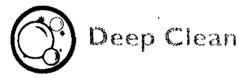


Get Organized

For most people, the backyard is where the most springtime fun takes place. That means all sorts of equipment, from toys to yard tools to pool equipment—but you can conquer the clutter and keep it under control with the right outdoor shed. The **Rubbermaid® Big Max Shed** is a strong and durable resin storage building. Lockable and moisture-resistant, it can be assembled in less than an hour and does not require maintenance. It also comes standard with a commercial-grade floor, windows and skylights.



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Start by sweeping away leaves, dirt and twigs that have accumulated on your porch or deck with a Rubbermaid® Commercial Products Angle Broom & Dustpan, and haul it away in GLAD® ForceFlex® Trash Bags. For stubborn debris, the Quickie® Super Bulldozer® 2 In I Squeegee Pushbroom has dual-action fibers and a built-in, professional-grade squeegee. Next, spray down your porch or patio with Clorox® ProResults Outdoor Bleach for an easy clean—it also removes stains, even on resin patio furniture. Simply dilute to the correct strength, put on rubber gloves and clean.* You can also use portable Clorox® ProResults Outdoor Bleach Cleaner for unique outdoor areas. Just pick up the container, pull out the extendable hose and point the nozzle at your target—no mixing or premeasuring is necessary.* For your resin patio furniture, just add water to the Mr. Clean Magic Eraser® Extra Power and wipe away the toughest dirt and grime.

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Windows and Screens

If your screens are still in your windows, remove them before cleaning. Lay them flat on a hard surface (put a cloth underneath to avoid scratching the frames) and spray them down with a garden hose. Scrub the screens lightly using a little bit of Mr. Clean® Multi-Purpose Cleaner—if they have aluminum frames, wipe dry immediately. Rinse the screens using the garden hose and tap off excess water. Before you reinstall them, get your windows ready for spring with Windex® Outdoor Window & Surface Concentrated Cleaner, which attaches to a garden hose and cleans most windows with no drying.

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Step Into Spring Cleaning

The season of spring cleaning is upon us, so it's time to get back to basics.





Plan Ahead

Before you break out the broom, start by going from room to room, assigning job tasks for each area. Next, take inventory of your cleaning products. Decide what you'll need to complete each chore, so you can make only one trip to the store.

The key is to start with a variety of products so you have everything you need to complete the job. The Metropolis™ Microfiber Duster with Extension Handle is great for cleaning walls, baseboards and surfaces and extends so you can clean ceiling fans, under furniture and other hard-to-reach places throughout your home.

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In addition to cleaning spots that are top-of-mind, the often-overlooked areas need spring cleaning too. Carpets and rugs need more than just vacuuming to clean the stubborn stains and odors that accumulate over winter.

Zep Commercial* High Traffic Carpet Cleaner is excellent for cleaning high-traffic areas without equipment, lifting food and dirt stains and eliminating odors. Then add a clean, fresh scent with Febreze* Fabric Refresher*.

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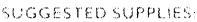
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Get Organized

The first step is to toss out expired prescriptions, over-the-counter medicines and beauty products you don't use anymore. Next, you'll be more likely to keep the bathroom tidy if you don't have to trek across the house for your cleaning supplies. Instead, keep a separate set of bathroom cleaning products in a Metropolis' 20 Quart Bucket so you always have them on hand.



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Deep Clean

Before you break out the liquid cleaners, dust the walls and baseboards to prevent dust from getting into the surfaces you'll be wiping down. Next, it's time to clean the toilet. Lysol' Toilet Bowl Cleaner destroys tough stains and kills tough lime scale and 99.9% of germs.

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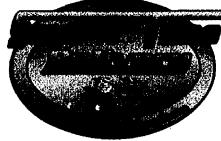
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