

Chelsea Standard



Broadway bound

2009 will be busy year for Daniels

By Terry Jacoby
Heritage Newspapers

When Jeff Daniels walks out on a stage, it doesn't matter if he has a script in his hand or a guitar in his hand. And it doesn't matter if the stage is small, like at the Purple Rose, or big, like on Broadway. Whatever the occasion, Jeff Daniels always brings his experience, confidence, humbleness and ability to tap into every emotion in the blink of an eye - or the strum of a chord, depending on the venue.

Great actors can give a speech that has the audience roaring with laughter at the beginning, and wiping tears away at the end. When Daniels walked out onto the stage last week at the Purple Rose Theatre in Chelsea and reached over and grabbed a guitar, many of the 170 in the crowd didn't know what to expect.

"How many people here have never seen me do this?" Daniels asked before playing a note or singing a lyric. A good number of hands confessed to being newcomers to the Chelsea native's musical side. But it didn't take long for the audience to realize that just like a Jeff Daniels play, they would be spending the next couple of hours laughing, thinking, reminiscing and even shedding a tear or two.

Daniels took all 170 folks in the audience on that emotional journey, delivered with the same ease and effectiveness of a great actor.

A few minutes after riding off stage in his "Recreational Vehicle," Daniels props his feet up on a table in a corner conference room at the Purple Rose. A fresh bottle of water sits on the table in front of him as he runs his hand through his still thick and long hair. As night set-



ties in outside, Chelsea's favorite son settles in for a quick break before his New Year's Eve show later that evening.

At age 53, Daniels looks trim and ready to go as

2009 is only a few hours away. "I've lost 25 pounds," he says with a smile. "Just felt like I needed to. It wasn't easy during the holidays, though."

What Daniels hasn't lost in all his celebrity and long list of accomplishments is his humble side. He never, ever takes his fame and popularity for granted. When he looks in the mirror, he sees the son of a lumber company owner, a proud father and a husband for 30 years who met and married the love of his life. He doesn't see

the star of "Dumb and Dumber," he doesn't see a big-shot actor who has shared the big screen with the likes of Clint Eastwood, Robert Duvall, Jack Nicholson and Russell Crowe, and he doesn't see a person who has walked along Broadway and the red carpet of fame countless times or the person who started a successful local theatre in his spare time.

"I'm so appreciative that I still get phone calls from people who want me to act in things," he said. "It's the fourth decade now that I've been getting those phone calls. And I still don't take them for granted. If I have a new year's resolution it's to enjoy it. I'm going to enjoy doing what I want to do. And I'm not going to do what I don't want to do."

Daniels has always felt fortunate to be able to make a living doing what he loves to do, and given the opportunity to do it on a stage that reaches millions of people all over the world.

"Every time I finish a gig, I'm out of work," he said. "You kind of get used to this life of being a gypsy and transient. What I choose to do now is what is well written. Then that's the easy decision. Maybe 10 or 15 years ago I may have done a film that was not so great, but the money was good. I know the kids are going to go to college now because of that film or I have some money I can put in the bank in case

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Waterloo Township Expansion of gravel pit stirs controversy

By Crystal Hayduk
Special Writer

Meagan Westcott lives on Harvey Lane in Waterloo Township with her husband and three young children. This piece of property they call home has been in the family for several generations.

But Westcott believes that her dreams of raising her children in a safe, quiet environment may soon be shattered if the township approves Aggregate Industries' expansion proposal. The expansion would

bring gravel pit operations 100 feet from her property line, along with the inherent noise and increased traffic of fully loaded gravel trucks sharing the road with her children's school bus.

Westcott is not alone in her opposition.

Neighbor Dale Robinson thinks that there has been enough aggregate mining in Waterloo Township, with 11 gravel pits within a three-mile radius, and only three currently operating.

"The rest have been abandoned, and they're eyesores now," said Robinson, who

Meeting set for Tuesday

Waterloo Township's Planning Commission will host a meeting at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday at the Waterloo Township Hall, 11120 Musbach Road. Aggregate Industries is expected to make an official proposal for expansion of its gravel pit located in the township. Residents are encouraged to attend to voice their opinions and concerns with the project.

lives on Harvey Lane. "They bulldoze and burn the woods to dig, and the animals are gone just like that. We used to have fox and coyote, but not anymore."

Aggregate Industries (AI) is part of the multinational corporation Holcim, based in Switzerland. Their United States operations employ 4,000 people, with seven to 14 local employees, depending on the season. AI purchased the existing gravel pit on Loveland Road in 1998 and has been operating it ever since.

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Fire Department fired up over \$84,000 grant

By Jackie Smith
Special Writer

Residents can now expect safer fire protection services with the Chelsea Area Fire Authority's acceptance of an \$84,000 grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Officially called the Assistance to Firefighters grant, Chelsea Fire Chief Jim Payeur said the department can now purchase new fire protective clothing and will only be responsible for 5 percent, or \$4,000, of the expenses to be paid over the next year.

With the new gear, some of which Payeur said dates to the 1980s, firefighters will be able to withstand greater temperature extremes, ultimately increasing performance longevity.

"There's no way that this department could have financed this on its own. It's a really big deal, all the firefighters are pretty excited."

Firefighter Augustine Syrov

"We've got guys running around with boots that leak. We spend a lot of time recycling our protective clothing and reusing it," Payeur said. "This will be the first time that everybody in the department will have new protective clothing head to toe."

What the department will be able to purchase will

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FULL DISCLOSURE

Life's unbelievable rollercoaster ride leaves Chelsea native passing the Michigan Bar and finding solace

By Terry Jacoby
Heritage Newspapers

There are no guaranteed contracts when you sign on to play for "life." While signs along the side of the road can be helpful and friends and family can help point the way, only the driver knows where they're going. And some times - most of the times, really - the maps and blueprints don't help because the curves life throws at you aren't known or documented or anticipated.

It's why so many end up in the ditch. That's why they call it life. Leslie Butler has been "driving her car" for 42 years. Her drive wasn't always simple growing up, but she managed to steer her way

through the halls of Chelsea High School all the way to graduation in 1964.

The rest of her trip would be a wild ride that ended up in the ditch more than a few times. But perhaps because she became accustomed to getting right back behind the wheel, her journey through life seems to be on full speed toward success and happiness.

Leslie's trip is more than just intriguing and interesting. It's inspirational and can leave one asking, "What if that was me?" "How would I have handled that?" "How would I have gotten out of the ditch?"

The best place to start in Leslie's story is where she started...the beginning.

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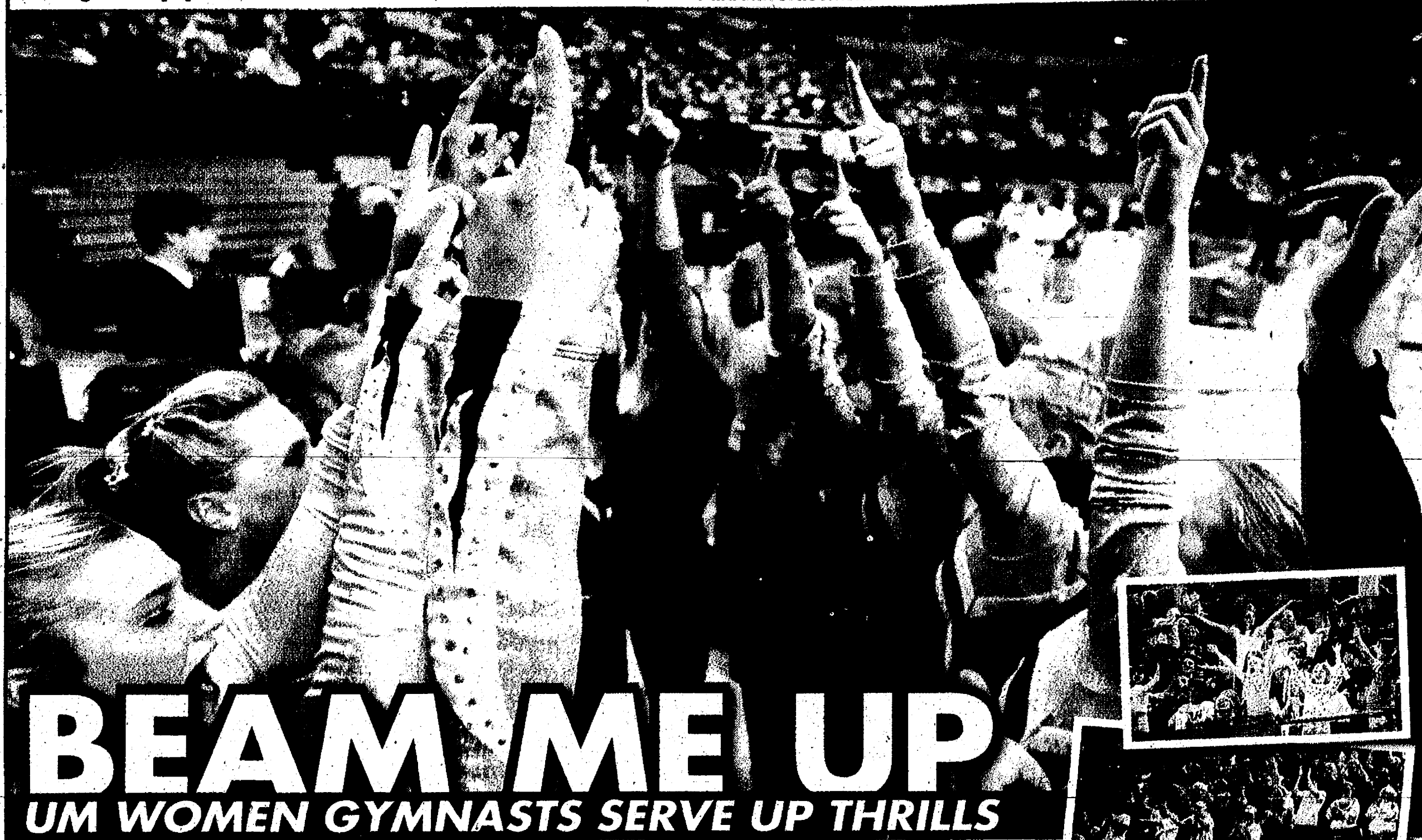




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Ask a gymnastics fan, and they will recognize these terms instantly, as they refer to the skills, elements, movements, body positions, training terms, and dance skills of gymnasts as they put their bodies through contortions, twists, flying leaps and eye-catching acrobatics.

A "Flic-Flac," also known as a "Flip-Flop," or back handspring, is a tumbling element used in back tumbling passes on the floor exercise and balance beam.

A "Fliffis" is a double somersault with a twist. A flip, similarly known as a somersault, a salto, or some, is a tumbling element that rotates about the transverse (horizontal) axis. Armed with your new vocabulary, are you ready for some dazzling displays?

The award-winning Wolverine gymnasts: Becky Bernard, Kylee Botteman, Sarah Curtis, Kelsey Knutson, Jaclyn Kramer, Huneth Lor, Maureen Moody, Kari Pearce, Jordan Sexton, Tatjana Thuener-Rego, Trish Wilson and Taylor Zondervan are tumbling into yet another season of awe-inspiring feats and thrills.

"It's such a challenging sport that pushes you to your very limit," Sarah Curtis says. "I love the feeling of overcoming obstacles."

The gymnasts, under head coach Bev Plocki, and assistant coaches Scott Sherman and Shannon Welker, compete in these four exciting events:

Vault

In gym lingo, a vault is not where Scrooge McDuck keeps his millions.

It's where gymnasts run down a padded vault runway, explode off the springboard onto the vault, block off the hands, and finish the vault in hopes of landing in a standing position, and "sticking it," involving no extra steps.

Vaults can be performed in various body positions. Some of which are tucked, piked or stretched, and can be a forward approach vault without a flip; forward approach vault with a flip in post-flight; vault with a half-turn onto the horse and a flip in post-flight; and vault (with, or without flips) from a round-off onto the springboard.

While gymnasts may do an impeccable job of making this sport appear effortless; in all reality, these devoted athletes suffer greatly for their art.

Jordan Sexton recalls trying to do an

extremely large vault: "I took my first step, tripped, and fell flat on my face and broke my toe," she said.

Uneven Bars

The uneven bars feature big swings that begin in handstands on the high bar, incorporating multiple hand changes, pirouettes and release elements. The routine moves from low to high bar, incorporating many grip changes, releases and re-grasps, flight elements, changes of direction, saltos, and circle swings through the handstand position.

Bars is the favorite event of Becky Bernard, also known as "Bernie" amongst her teammates. Bars has been her best event since Bernard first started competing in level five.

"It is also the event I have the most fun with," she says. "I love training bars in practice, as well as competing bars."

Bars is also a favorite for teammate Jaclyn Kramer. "Because I love to swing," Kramer says: "It's just fun and there's so much to do that you can never get bored."

Balance Beam

In the beam routine, gymnasts perform acrobatics, gymnastics and dance movements on a strip four inches wide, as easily as if they were on the floor.

The routine, lasting between 70 and 90 seconds, and covering the entire length of the beam, may feature a cartwheel into a back handspring, into a back salto, and a turn; followed by a split jump.

Gymnast Huneth Lor enjoys working out on the beam. "Because you can work and play around with all different kinds of skills on this event," she says.

Floor Exercise

The floor routine, choreographed to music, lasts between 70 and 90 seconds as well, and covers the entire floor area of 40 by 40 feet. Alongside the command of music, rhythm and space; acrobatic and gymnastic elements; leaps, pirouettes and turns, all work in conjunction to create high points for the gymnast's routine.

Kari Pearce, an Ann Arbor native and graduate of Huron High School, says she finds gymnastics challenging and fun.

Pearce enjoys the floor exercise "because I've always enjoyed tumbling," she says.

Pearce, who tries to relax by saying, a little prayer before each routine, claims her most embarrassing moment ever in gymnastics was missing her footing, and consequently wiping out while on beam.

What is it that keeps these young women so dedicated to the sport, and fiercely committed to thrilling their audiences season after season?

Trish Wilson may have said it best when putting into words her experience in gymnastics:

"I've learned so many things by being a gymnast like determination, dedication, learning to deal with success, failure, and struggles, working with a team, and most importantly I do gymnastics because I love it," says Wilson.

For more information on this exhilarating sport, or how you can find out more about the University of Michigan Women's Gymnastics, the team invites you to visit their website at: MGoBlue.com.



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Dale Robinson (left), Wendy and Larry Woodward stand 100 feet from the neighborhood property line, the potential location for the expansion of the Loveland Road gravel pit (right).



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According to Martin Landes, property, environment and reserves manager, based in AI's regional office in Kalamazoo, the local company mines sand, gravel, concrete and asphalt that are used in a variety of construction projects, including road paving.

The knowledge of road construction's dependence on the gravel pit industry is one of many concerns of Waterloo Township resident Larry Woodward, who also lives on Harvey Lane.

"If and when I-94 goes to three lanes, then Aggregate is going to want to expand yet again, so that there is a steady supply of road construction materials close by...and then what's going to happen," he asked. "What's going to happen to the deer and turkey and the Sandhill Cranes that nest right here? How is all that excavation going to affect our wells and our air quality?"

Landes said that his company's plans for the proposal are an expansion and continuation of current gravel pit operations.

"We have a steady demand for sand and gravel, and with the new administration's emphasis on infrastructure projects, that demand will increase," he said. "Gravel is a high-weight, low-dollar commodity, which means it's heavy and cheap, and almost always used locally."

While some of the residents of Waterloo Township are against expanding the gravel pit, others support it.

Aggregate Industries has offered to purchase nearly 19 acres from Jim Dault, who currently owns 140 acres of land. "When I first bought the land in 1980, I thought about turning it into a subdivision, but then I decided that would bring in too many people," he said. "I figure the land they are interested in is already adjacent on two sides to the gravel pit. There would be no more advancement to the west, because that is residential. I want to keep all the rest of my land, but Aggregate made a good offer for this little piece."

"With the stock market problems, I could really use the money for my retirement."

Chuck Young, who has lived within 500 feet of the entrance to the Loveland Road gravel pit for the last 50 years, agrees with Dault.

"The pit has been there about 60 years," he said. "Of course, it wasn't as big then and there used to be some problems, but I think Aggregate has done a pretty good job of improving things for those of us who live near them. They have a berm up there to cut down on what we see from the house."

Young also said that Aggregate Industries blacktopped the road, so there isn't the dust like there used to be.

"It's Jim's property, and I think he should be able to do what he wants with it," Young said. "They (AI) are going to leave it as a lake when they're done mining. That would be better than a subdivision. You bring one of those in here, and it's not even country anymore. Then it just seems like a city."

Woodward is a bit skeptical when people say that someday the pit will be a beautiful lake.

"Once these pits go in, it's just wasted land," he said.

Landes says that he is aware of the community's concerns about what will happen to the land when the gravel extraction is completed.

"Gone are the days when a company can decimate an area and not reclaim it," he said. "We have a reputation to uphold. We do the best job we can to make it happen."

"The biggest factor for the community is fear of the unknown because of how things used to be. The reality is that operations have changed significantly over the last few years. We don't want to disrupt lives. We tell our people to operate this

plant like it's in your own backyard."

Landes says that extraction speed is driven by demand. He anticipates that if the economy holds steady, extraction would be complete in two to three years, with reclamation completed within 12 months after retiring the pit.

Steve Wilson, minerals and mapping unit supervisor at the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, reports that laws that govern mine reclamation vary from state to state. Michigan does not currently have any rules or regulations for subsequent land use after aggregate mining.

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He says it's up to the individual company and the agreement made with the township.

"Ideally, there are appropriate considerations given to subsequent land use and

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Fun for all ages

SRSly New Year's Eve party a hit

More than 200 people gathered at Beach Middle School on Dec. 31 to attend the first "seriously" fun New Year's Eve party.

Organized by SRSly, in partnership with the Chelsea Rotary and Kiwanis clubs, the party lasted four hours and included a variety of fun activities for all ages. The Chelsea House Orchestra entertained party-goers for more than two hours in the cafeteria, while volunteers served up food and drinks, and kids decorated sugar cookies.

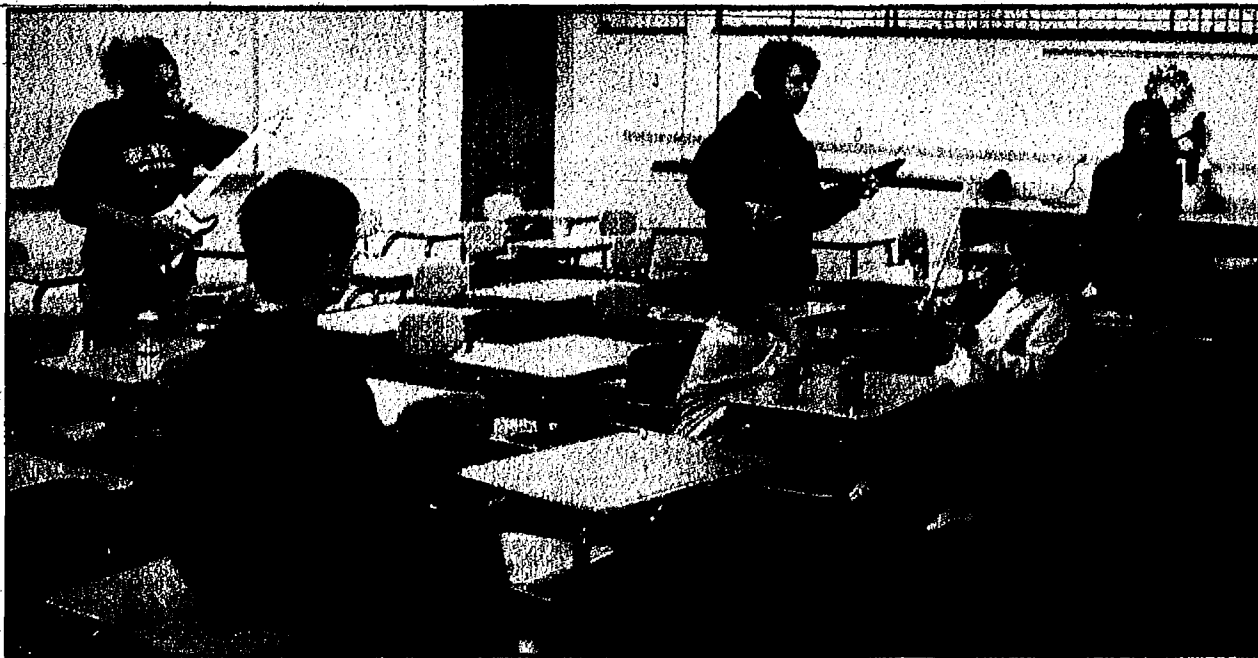
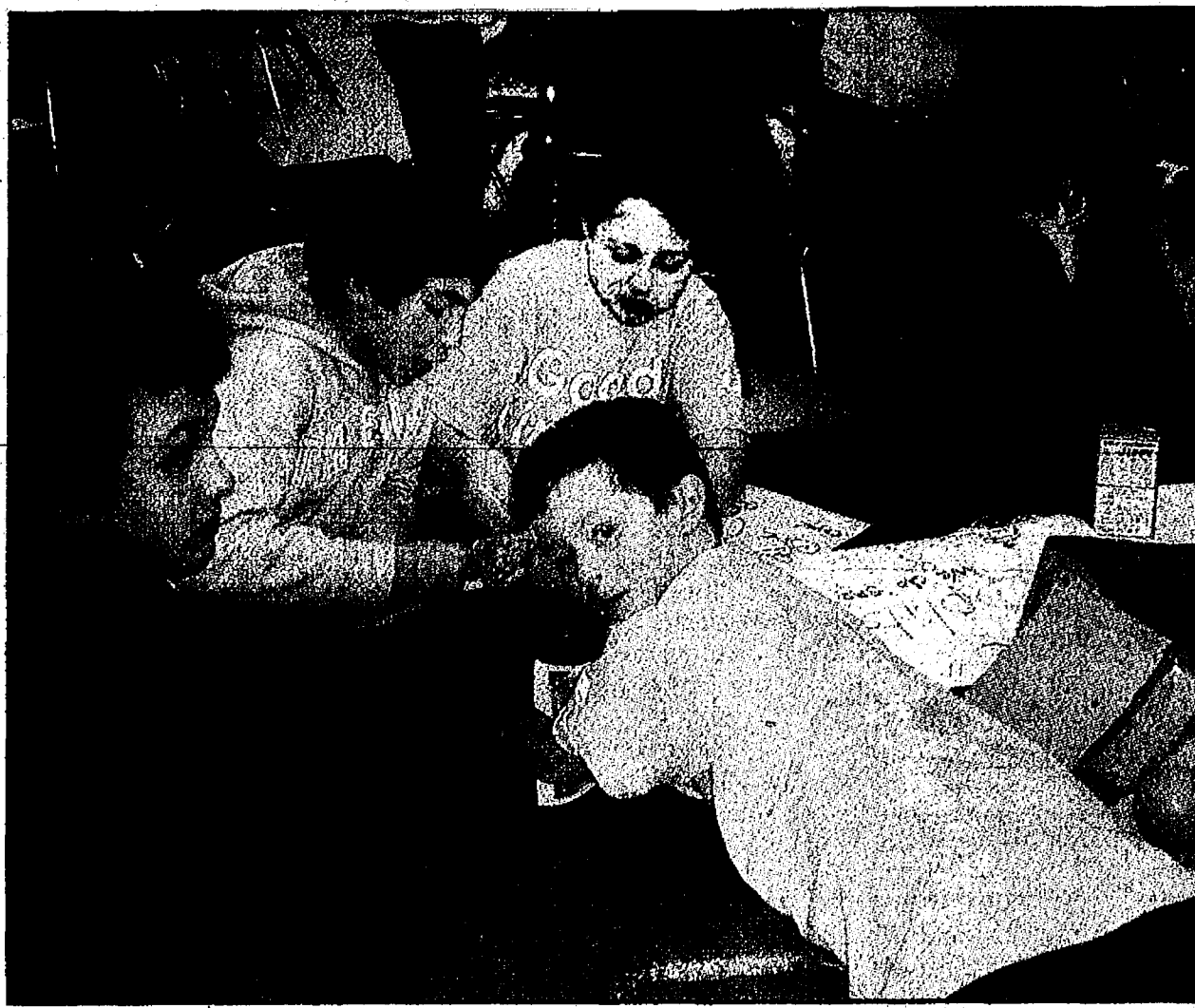
Youth used classroom Smart Boards to play video games such as Rock Band, Guitar Hero and Dance Dance Revolution, and classroom projectors to watch "The Dark Knight" and "Wall-E" on the big screen. Others played basketball, volleyball and indoor soccer in the gym, while the library was open for euchre and other card games.

CHS students Hope Morrow and Emma Argiroff led the arts and crafts room where kids made party hats and did face-painting.

Beth Ingall won the first annual SRSly chili cook-off, with her white chicken chili. Beating out five other contestants, Ingall took home a brand new skillet. Her winning recipe will be published on the SRSly Web site. Chelsea School District supplied the corn bread.

The SRSly Olympics saw eight teams compete in five events: trivia, Pictionary, name-that-tune, no-hands orange pass, and team pie eating. The 0-9's took first place, and selected gift certificates to Zou Zou's as their prize. Other prizes included a family ice-skating night, board games, dinner at the Arctic Breakaway, breakfast at Main St. Coney Island, food and more.

The party was free to the community, including refreshments, thanks to the following sponsors: Chelsea Rotary and Kiwanis Clubs, Chelsea School District, the Chelsea House Orchestra, Cole Funeral Chapel, The Balloon Boutique, Polly's Country Market, Meijer, Jet's Pizza, Thompson's Pizzeria, Pierce's Pastries Plus, and Zou Zou's.



Based on all the positive feedback from those in attendance, the SRSly coalition plans to make this an annual event. For more information, go to www.srslychelsea.org.



What's Happening: At McKune Marathoning 501 helps folks get (keep) in shape

By Peg Grelsberger
Guest Writer

It's that time of year when New Year's resolutions are made, especially the resolution to improve fitness and health. It's also the time of year to begin training...training for spring marathons.

Most of us are not prepared to tackle a marathon...an event that requires endurance, discipline, and commitment to exercise at a different level. However, you can keep your New Year's resolution and embrace your fitness challenge by exercising in a social way with a group such as the Chelsea/Dexter Running Fit 501 Team.

Marathoning 501 is supported by Running Fit Adventures, Inc. and has been a part of the SE Michigan running community for 20 years. Their primary goal is to help everyone "Get out and run, walk, and be healthy." Through seven store locations, beginners to ultra-marathoners may join a running team which helps make the running fun and rewarding. Beginners may join too if they are able to run at least three miles without stopping.

Two runners in the area joined Marathoning 501 and have gone from being casual runners to marathoners.

Sarah Smalheer says she was "hardly a runner at all" and could barely complete a half mile. She started by building a base fitness level then moved on to a few local 5K road races, and in October 2007 ran the Detroit Half Marathon. When Sarah started distance running she decided to do a half marathon because "at the time that was absolutely the farthest I was capable of running."

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Runner Ted Stillier.

'Family Connections' offered for both parents and children

The Chelsea District Library is presenting a series of free workshops for parents and preschoolers on Tuesdays in January and February. Called "Family Connections," the parent/child workshops will focus on issues of importance to parents of two, three and four year olds and will be led by early childhood professionals.

The Library is partnering with the organization Washtenaw Success by 6, a Great Start Initiative, which seeks to "ensure that all of our children enter school ready to succeed." Each workshop will be on a different topic and will be held in the library's McKune Room from 1-2 p.m.

"This is the first time that the Chelsea District Library is partnering with the Washtenaw Success by 6 organization," says Karen Persello, head of youth and teen services at the library, "and I am excited to offer parents a chance to connect with early childhood professionals on a one-to-one basis."

The workshops are intended for parents/caregivers and preschoolers to attend together and the hour-long format will be more like a storytime, rather than a lecture.

"Parents and children will sit on the floor together for group time when the day's topic is introduced, and then there will be lots of time for free play," Persello said. "While the children are playing with developmentally appropriate toys, parents will have a chance to speak individually with the professional about any concerns they may have about their child."

Coming up

Tuesday: Child Development - how do I know if my child is on track? Vicki Kellogg, Chelsea First Steps and Parents as Teachers. Do you ever wonder if your child is on track and developing as they should? As parents it is hard to know just what is normal for each age from birth to six.

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From Germany to Chelsea

Exchange student enjoying her time in United States

By Sean Dalton
Staff Writer

Lisa Krishok isn't from around Chelsea, Michigan or even the United States.

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The goal of the program is to place exchange students with volunteer-host families in an effort to immerse young people in new exciting cultures.

Krishok describes her experiences as fitting that bill nicely.

Hailing from a small eastern German town named Grimma, she says that Chelsea is quite similar to her hometown.

"It's about the same size, the schools are the same size," she says, but everything is "big."

Rick and Joni Benson are her host family for the duration of her stay, which began at the outset of the current



Lisa Krishok, from Germany, with Rick and Joni Benson, her host family during her stay in Chelsea. Her hometown of Grimma (right) might look different than Chelsea, but Krishok sees plenty of similarities.

school year and will end sometime next July.

"All she kept saying for the first few days was 'big,'" Joni recalled.

After heading out from Detroit Metropolitan Airport, Krishok noted the big roads. Then the Benson's ironically took her to Big Boy.

"The menus were huge,"

she joked, to say nothing of the portions.

As the days and weeks went by, observations about how much more spread out we are here in America than folks back home became less and less frequent, as other more prevalent differences became apparent.

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Life In America: A German teenager perspective

What is your favorite movie?

I have a lot of favorite movies...American History X, Forrest Gump, Harry Potter, Brokeback Mountain, Europa Europa, Die Kinder des Monsieur Mathieu, La Fabuleux Monde d'Amelie Poulain (the last two are French movies)

What is your favorite music (German and American)?

German: Silbermond, Die Aerzte, Die Toten Hosen

American: I don't know...I don't really like the music at the school dances.

What is your favorite food (German and American)?

German: Spaetzle (kind of noodles)

American: I don't know

What is your favorite television program (German and American)?

"Scrubs" and "Grey's Anatomy."

Where is your favorite spot in Chelsea?

Chelsea High School because I like to study and learn something new, the football field and the bowling alley.

FIRE

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advance their services, he said, offering benefits to the community as well.

"It is to help improve all aspects of fire safety," he said. "We received notice of the grant last Friday. As far as when the funds would be available, it's almost immediately."

Typically, Payeur said the CFD pays \$10,000 annually out of their approximate budget of \$1 million for just protective clothing.

The grant will enable the department to allocate those funds for separate uses, a huge advantage he said, especially as their budget is expected to decrease by 7 percent next year.

"There's no way that this department could have financed this on its own," Captain Augustine Syrov said. "It's a really big deal, all the firefighters are pretty excited."

Syrov researched and applied for the grant on

behalf of the department last spring.

He said he turned to FEMA's grant website to determine exactly what they were looking for in grant applicants.

"They have a lot of documentation for what they want to see," Syrov said, explaining the two step application process.

First, FEMA asks to see a detailed explanation of gear a department has and other detailed information about that department.

The agency then requires the department to provide evidence of need and how what they're applying for might benefit the community.

Vikki Hanson, fire program specialist to the grant program, said around 20,000

applications are submitted every year and received for scoring by individuals from fire services nationwide.

Despite yearly averages, she said there's no set number of applicants that will be rewarded for the amount of money requested.

"Everybody asks for a different amount of money. When they run out of money (for issuing grants) they stop giving out awards," she said. "There are some departments who have submitted every year since 2001, it depends how well you meet the criteria."

Assistance to Fire Fighters was just one of two grants the department applied for, Syrov said, but was the only to be issued.

"The other grant would have provided the area

authority with three additional personnel, which the federal government would pay 95 percent for in wages and step down from doing so over a five year period.

Despite the one negative result, the department has seen success previously in other grant requests.

"We received a grant through Homeland Security last year for a thermal imaging camera," Payeur said.

A grant for rapid intervention training is also included among prior successes. The \$84,000 grant, however, he said is by far the largest.

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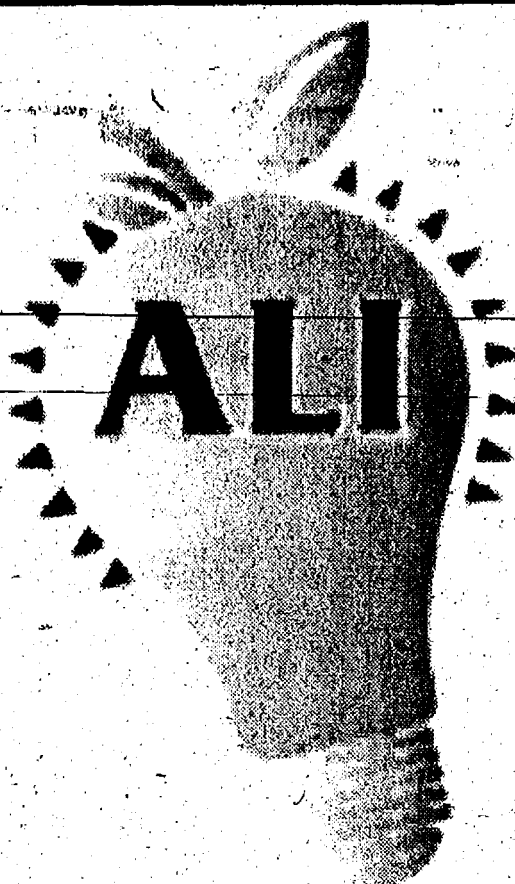
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Washtenaw County

Chelsea Community Foundation awards grant

The Chelsea Community Foundation, an affiliate fund of the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan, awarded a grant of \$25,000 to Western-Washtenaw Area Value Express (WAVE).

The grant provides an affordable, countywide mobility option to Chelsea area residents for the first time through the new LifeLine Services Van Program.

"For the first time, WAVE will be able to pick up riders at their doorsteps and take them into Ann Arbor, Ypsilanti or other Washtenaw County loca-

tions," said Michaelene Pawlak, executive director of WAVE.

"This program is the 'missing link' we've been waiting for."

The new LifeLine Services Van Program provides WAVE with the ability to put a ramped minivan on the road and expand the service area in Washtenaw County in order to assist riders in reaching hospitals, dialysis centers, private medical providers, human service agencies, employment agencies, grocery stores, wellness centers, pharmacies, and educational or enrichment

opportunities.

WAVE vehicles previously were restricted to a relatively small area of Washtenaw County. Although existing public transportation options, including bus services, provided for many transportation needs, limited schedules meant Chelsea residents could not rely on public transportation to meet some of their daily needs. The new LifeLine Services Van Program enables Chelsea residents to travel independently throughout the area.

The Chelsea Community Foundation is a permanent charitable endowment fund

that provides an ongoing source of revenue for worthwhile programs and activities in the Chelsea community. Founded in December 1995, the Chelsea Community Foundation is a \$2 million permanent charitable endowment and has awarded more than \$750,000 in grants to organizations working to improve the quality of life in Chelsea and surrounding communities.

For more information, contact the Chelsea Community Foundation at 1-734-475-9891. The Chelsea Community Foundation is an affiliate fund of the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan.

Relay For Life meeting Tuesday

Relay team Captains are urged to attend the first Captain's meeting of the 2009 season set for 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the WSEC (Room 115). The room is located in the hallway closest to the football field. To further entice returning Captains to come out in the cold, this year's registration fee is being reduced to \$100 until Friday, Jan. 15.

The planning committee is also trying to entice new teams to join the event this year by waiving the registration fee altogether if a new team registers by Friday, Jan. 15. New team Captains are also invited and encouraged to attend the season's first meeting to get a head start for your team. For further information related to Chelsea's Relay for Life and team registration, visit www.relayforlife.org/chelseami.

In other Relay news, Chelsea's Relay for Life Kick-off event will be from 1 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 8 at the Chelsea Lanes. This year's tentative theme is "Lights, Camera, Take Action."

This is the third year that Chelsea Lanes has sponsored Relay kick-off. Past, present and future relayers are invited to attend this fun, informational and inspiring event.

For more information, contact Janice Kett-Bilim at 475-7543, Janis Weston at 475-0229 or Jamie Lane at 475-2002.

SHAPE

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"Until I trained for that race, the farthest I had ever run in my entire life was about eight miles and that was in high school," she said.

She joined the RF 501 program to train for her first marathon. Her goal was to "just finish."

After training hard, "just finish" wasn't good enough, and Sarah completed the Detroit Marathon in less than four hours. Sarah's newest goal is to qualify for the Boston Marathon.

"It's all about pushing oneself and challenging oneself to attempt greater and greater things," she said.

Another runner Ted Stilber, who described himself as "overweight and definitely out of shape," began running at the invitation of a friend. Ted and his friend completed .3 mile and Ted was ready to turn back, but as they continued to run and talk, he forgot about the pain and lack of breath, and finished 5.5 miles his first time out.

As Ted's excitement continued, so did the distance he ran and he managed to run farther than he ever imagined. A year ago he joined the RF Marathoning 501 group and began to train five days a week with group runs on Tuesdays and Saturdays.

Ted says that Running Fit has "the experienced coaches and knowledge to

help with everything from stretching to nutrition to finding the right shoes and clothes."

After joining the team, Ted said the payoff was unbelievable.

"Not only did my race times improve dramatically, but I lost over 30 pounds and I am the healthiest I have been in 20 years," he said.

Ted plans on running his third marathon this May.

So if you are having trouble keeping your "get fit in the New Year resolution," come to the Chelsea District Library at 7 p.m. on Tuesday. Listen to a panel from the Chelsea/Dexter Running Fit 501 Team speak about their training program for the "fit" and "not-so-fit." Join Marie Brooks,

Chelsea's founding and out-going head coach Ted Stilber, Chelsea's incoming head coach Kristi Fox, physical therapist with Physical Therapy Services of Chelsea, and local runners from the 501 group who will share their training schedules, tips, and stories about getting in shape and maintaining fitness.

Victor Sellinger from Running Fit also will be on hand to help participants with any and all shoe and gear questions.

As Running Fit coach Marie Brooks emphasizes, "If you want to enter a race or have running be part of your personal lifestyle this program is for you."

Peg Greisberger is adult services librarian at McKune.

GRAVEL

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reclamation; as well as the effects of day-to-day operations," Wilson said. "Take lighting and noise, for example. Nobody wants to hear something at four in the morning. The township might want to consider a 'what if' clause. What if something happens to the wells of the people who live nearby? What will the company do then? You're not looking to put the gravel pit out of business, but you're not looking to put the neighbors out of business, either."

Wilson said some townships have had the mines take out a bond for the purpose of reclamation. The amount would vary according to the cost required to fulfill the subsequent land use plans. Then, if the mine owners don't follow through on their agreed plans for reclamation, the township can cash in the bond and take care of it themselves.

"It doesn't have to be an eyesore," Wilson said. "But what if today's good company goes out of business or is sold, and the new company doesn't want to do what the former company agreed to? Then the township can pull out the paper and say, 'This was the agreement.'"

Dan Walsh, Waterloo Township zoning administrator, says that the next scheduled meeting of the Planning Commission will be at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday at the Waterloo Township Hall, 11120 Musbach Road. While he has heard that AI is expected to present their application for expansion, the paperwork and the application funds for the project had not arrived as of Monday.

According to Landes, Aggregate Industries would like the ongoing matter settled as quickly as possible. If the expansion plan is approved at all required levels, mining could begin as early as April or May.

Wilson quotes the Mineral Information Institute when he says that on average, every American uses more than 17 million pounds of sand and gravel in a lifetime.

"The Chelsea area is prime gravel country, extending east and north," Wilson said. "This will be the township's chance to set their standards. What do they want to see hap-

pen, both during mining and afterwards. They have to provide for good stewardship of the area resources."

Walsh said he understands that the township faces a difficult decision.

"My number one issue is the safety of the residents," he said. "We have to consider all of the potential ramifications of an expansion. I'm looking at things like radon levels, truck traffic, noise level and earth shaking."

"I would urge all the township residents to be at the meeting. Public comment can't sway the result if AI meets the ordinance requirements, but it could sway the potential for a variance if they ask for that. And we need documents in hand to back up what they're saying."

What Westcott is saying is that she's worried. Very worried.

"Even with the gravel pit where it is now, my radon level has gone from under four to 21," she said. "I worry about our water quality and

supply. And when my kids get on the bus in the morning, it's dark, and those trucks are already on the road fully loaded. There's no way they

can crest that hill with a load and stop in time if they need to. It makes me sick to think it could be just outside my door."

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Free music concert series coming to Chelsea

Silver Maples receives grant for the Chelsea Community Foundation

Chelsea seniors and their families need to get ready to swing... and sway and toe tap.

Thanks to a grant for the Chelsea Community Foundation and the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan, Silver Maples and the Chelsea Senior Center are launching a free concert series for Chelsea-area seniors on Tuesday, January 20, 7 p.m. at Silver Maples of Chelsea.

Dave Bennett and his tribute to Benny Goodman will open the series. Bennett has performed his tribute all over the Midwest to rave reviews, including shows with the Columbus and Detroit symphonies. (photo attached)



The Dave Bennett Quartet will perform Jan. 20.

The February concert will showcase the jazz, folk, and classical music of "Home From Work." Gabe Bolkosky and Sandor Slomovits are highly renowned in southeastern Michigan - Bolkosky for his work with the Phoenix

Ensemble, Slomovits for his work with his twin brother and Gemini.

The series will continue through May, and, after taking a break for the summer, will resume in September.

"We're excited to bring this

musical opportunity to Chelsea seniors," said Shawn Personke, director of activities and public relations for Silver Maples. "Music is not only "music to the ear," but it's good for you, too. So many seniors are sometimes on limited budgets, so it's great to have this free concert series."

"We're also offering free door-to-door transportation for seniors who live in Chelsea, so they don't have to worry about driving in bad weather or in the dark." To make a reservation, call Silver Maples at (734) 475-4111 by January 16.

The free tickets to the concert are available at the Chelsea Senior Center and Chelsea Pharmacy.

Silver Maples, a non-profit independent and assisted living community, will also host

an open house will be held before the concert, from 4 to 6 p.m. where visitors can take advantage of a 25% off special, a savings of over \$20,000.

Kaleidoscope Concerts is funded, in part, by the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan and the Chelsea Community Foundation. For more information, call (734) 475-4111.

Kaleidoscope Concerts
Silver Maples Kaleidoscope Open House

Tuesday, Jan. 20, 4 to 6 p.m.
A one day special of 25 percent off entry fees will be offered to those stopping by for a tour or information. It's like free rent for a year plus up to a \$19,000 savings. Light refreshments will be served.

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GERMANY

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Sports are of keen interest to Krischok, who didn't know she would be a fan of American football (not to be confused with soccer, which is called football virtually everywhere else in the world).

Sports in a school setting in Germany are also different than they are here in the states - they don't have any.

"They have games from (one) school against another school so that's really cool here," Krischok said of her exposure to school sports at Chelsea High School.

The girl from Germany is a member of the CHS bowling team, when she's not singing in the choir or studying.

Krischok says she enjoys the added dimension to school spirit and pride that comes with school sporting events and the dimension that they add to student culture.

She has only completed one trimester at CHS so far as a senior. Krischok is actually a junior back in Germany, but the YFU program places all exchange students in 12th grade. Her time in Chelsea does not count towards her education, which is currently in a hold status until her return to Europe.

Thanks to technology it's not hard to be an exchange student from an emotional perspective, although the holidays are rough for anyone far from home, Krischok being no exception. And in Germany there is one less holiday to "holidays," as Germany does not celebrate Thanksgiving, she noted.

"I keep in contact with friends over email and chat, and I use a webcam," she said. A calendar given to her by her parents also has a picture of Grimma for the month of July in which her house in the picturesque German town is visible.

The Benson's had some of their own culture shocks taking a German exchange student into their home. For

the holidays, they had to introduce Krischok to the idea of Christmas stockings. Initially a simple expression of nationalism like a flag had unexpected pitfalls, according to Rick.

"That thing that surprised me with Lisa was that we have a flag out ... when I knew we were getting Lisa from Germany I got a German flag and she said that in Germany you wouldn't hang your flag outside, (since) you might be considered a Nazi."

German history of the last 100 or so years is probably the touchiest subject for German students. Krischok says she enjoys hearing different perspectives on history in her American classes. In fact, she and some other exchange students have things bounced off of them in class all of the time, she says. "We can put all of this international stuff from our own countries (into the discussion)."

The material recently touched on World War I and 2, which will be studied

more in depth this month.

Krischok laughs as she talks about one of her history class assignments. "We had to make (U.S.) war propaganda against Germany ... my teacher was like "I'm so sorry."

It wasn't an easy assignment, but she's aware enough of the cultural differences and points of view to appreciate a chance to express a German's view on the subject.

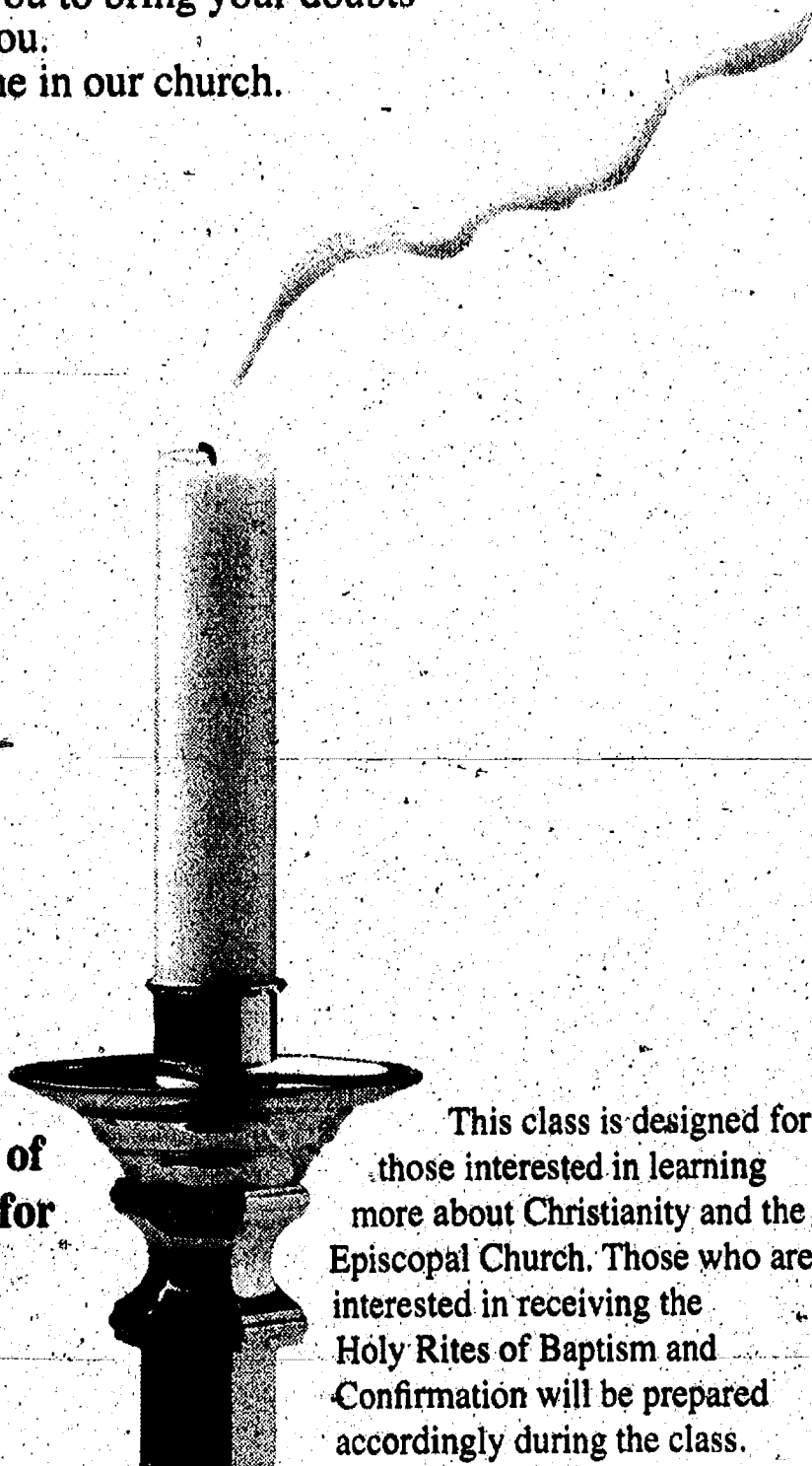
When she's not in school, participating in extracurricular activities or socializing, Krischok absorbs little pieces of American pop culture, such as music. Movies and television shows aren't much different here, aside from the absence of German voices dubbed over the original English voices.

One thing she longs for in Chelsea is a movie theater, which Grimma has.

With two more trimesters to go, Lisa and the Benson family will have more experiences to share. And that's what this program is all about.

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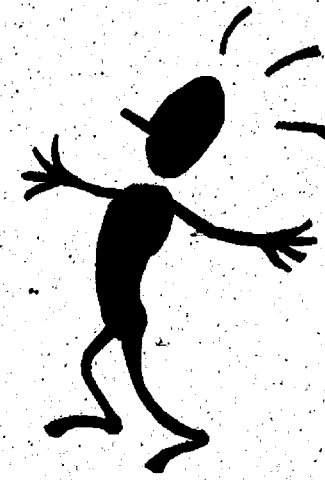
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WHAT'S HAPPENING / CALENDAR

Local group to celebrate MLK Day

From its first local MLK Day celebration in 2002, Chelsea's One World, One Family (OWOF) Task Force has continued to grow this annual event in an effort to reach as many people as possible with a message of peace, tolerance and recognition. The 2009 celebration promises to be the group's largest, most diverse event ever with two weekends of free activities and entertainment scheduled. The event is sponsored in part by the Chelsea Education Foundation and the Chelsea District Library.

The activities start at 2 p.m. on Sunday, when the Michigan Friends Center presents, "Sacred Storytelling," a conversational play written and produced locally and presented by the Interfaith Round Table of Washtenaw County. The event, geared towards



Artist and Professor Gilda Snowden will be a guest speaker on Monday.

teens, is free to the public. On Saturday, Jan. 17, at 2 p.m., the Rainbow Players Present "The Sneetches," one of three performances at the First Congregational Church on Middle Street. Sneetches is a story by Dr.

Seuss - adapted for the stage and directed by Athena Eyster, and will be performed by Chelsea youth actors.

There will be two performances on Monday, Jan. 19, also at the First Congregational Church, at noon and again at 2 p.m. This half-hour long musical play tells the story of the odd, yellow Sneetches, some with stars on their bellies and some without. This seemingly small difference causes great conflict until an enterprising young stranger arrives with some peculiar new ideas.

Along with the lovable Sneetches, audiences will meet Sylvester McMonkey McBean and even the Cat in the Hat! Sponsored by Chelsea First Congregational Church, all shows are free.

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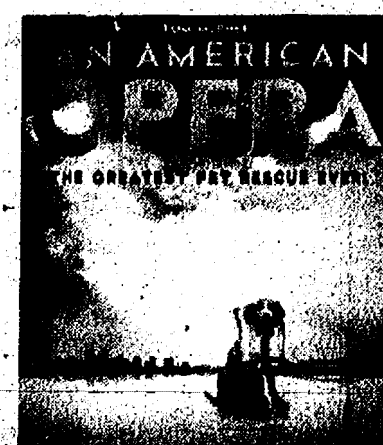
Chelsea filmmaker presents 'An American Opera'

Man Smiling Moving Pictures, in association with Cave Studio, recently announced the benefit premiere of "An American Opera" at The Michigan Theater. On Jan. 29, Tom McPhee will present his award-winning documentary at the historic Michigan Theater in Ann Arbor.

Proceeds will benefit several local and national charities, including The Michigan Humane Society, Best Friends Animal Society, and a variety of senior service organizations located in Washtenaw County.

McPhee of Chelsea is kicking off an extensive North American tour with "An American Opera" at the Michigan Theater. Presented as "the greatest pet rescue ever," the film details the efforts of thousands of volunteers who attempted to save the lives of hundreds of pets following Hurricane Katrina.

Guests are invited to meet McPhee when he hosts a special reception beginning at 7 p.m. on Jan. 29 in the majestic lobby of the Michigan Theater.



What: "An American Opera" benefit screening for local animal charities.

Where: The historic Michigan Theater in Ann Arbor.

When: 7 p.m., Jan. 29
Tickets: Tickets may be purchased through ticketweb or by contacting the Michigan Theater box office.

For more information: Individuals and businesses interested in sponsoring this premiere event are welcomed to contact Wendy Smith at aaoevents@yahoo.com or by phoning 734.355.9449.

Information about the charitable organizations being supported as well as

McPhee's current film project will be on display in the theater lobby throughout the event.

Appetizers and beverages will be provided by local sponsors for the party.

General admission tickets are \$10 and VIP tickets, which also include reserved seating and an autographed poster, are priced at \$25.

McPhee has been an innovator in the film, event, multimedia, and television industries for more than 15 years.

The filmmaker will host a short question and answer session immediately following the 8 p.m. screening of the film. Select interviews of McPhee's next major film project "My Senior Year" will be presented in the theater during the opening reception beginning at 7 p.m. The producer is currently involved with several local senior service organizations as he continues to embark on a national filming expedition to complete this incredible endeavor interviewing 10,000 people over the age of 60.

EDITORIAL / OPINION
Resolutions: Past and present

New Year's Resolutions. I usually don't make them. And I never say them out loud because most of the time they are just that, resolutions. So why go around telling people what you plan on doing when you know you probably won't end up doing them.

A few weeks ago I went searching for an old song I had written that was no longer on my computer. I have one of those software programs that automatically deletes anything that stinks in order to save space. Needless to say, my hard drive has plenty of memory.

Anyway, I found a disk labeled "2003 backup files." So I popped it in and started searching for the song. "If the world isn't flat why is my table." I told you it wasn't a good song. During my trip back to 2003 I stumbled across a word document entitled, "Goals for 2004."

I stared at it for a few minutes. It was like I saw a ghost from the past tapping me on the shoulder (or hitting me over the head). I knew I wasn't going to like what was inside. It was a casket filled with dead dreams and forgotten ambitions. But I had to take a look.

The first thing to come to me as I clicked "open" was a John Lennon lyric. "Life is what happens while your busy making other plans." Well life must have been happening pretty fast in 2004 because only one of my goals was ever accomplished on this rather lengthy and detailed list. I mean I could have knocked off a couple of things on the list during the time it took me to compile the list.

What was scary about the goals in this document was how recent this all seemed. It was five years ago. Do you know that it's 2009? I still put a 1 down at the start of the year on a check and have to start over and put a 2 on it. Didn't we just celebrate the

Millennium? Wasn't that only a few years ago? It was EIGHT years ago?

A few hours after the bell rang in 2009 I opened a new file on my computer, "Goals for 2009."

I thought of writing down: "Goal No. 1. Make no goals for 2009." That way I could hit save and go to bed.

But that's the easy way out. And like the lyric from a song I wrote in 2003 says, "Easy isn't a street, it's a bridge with hard curves and blind alleys" (yes, my software program zapped that, too).

The one resolution I want to share with you has to do with you and this newspaper. It's about overcoming difficult (not impossible) odds. It's about recharging and rededication. It's about loyalty and pride. It's about what we still stand for here at your little newspaper.

And I use the term "little" as a positive.

The newspaper business isn't exactly thriving. During my interview last week with Jeff Daniels he said one of the drawbacks about being an actor is that when the job you are doing is done, you are out of a job. He said that at least I know where I will be working in six months. I know as soon as he said it he wanted to take it back.

To be honest, I don't know where I will be in six weeks, let alone six months. But that brings me to my main point regarding resolution No. 79 (yes, I was up quite late that night). Folks have been coming to me recently and saying negative things about our company and feeling sorry for me and what is the future of the Journal Register, and so on.

Honestly, I don't care. And I say that for two reasons.

One, I have never seen myself as an employee of the Journal Register or Heritage Newspapers or the Heritage West chain. I see myself as your employee trying to put together a community newspaper for you. The readers are my boss. And, no, that's not a bad song title from 2003 and as corny as it sounds, it's true. Sometimes the truth isn't all that provocative.

Two. What exactly can I do

about the struggles the company is having? I work hard. I think I do a good job. And I try to keep spending down and come up with ways to increase revenue. But in reality I am not making much of a difference for the overall corporate machine.

So, in other words, it's really out of my control so I can't be sitting at my desk with my head buried in my hands wondering about the future of the company. As my two bosses, Jim Williams and Karl Ziomek, like to say, "Just keep doing what you're doing."

So that's what I'm doing. And that's my resolution to you.

They tell me subscriptions are down. I can look at this as a failure. I can look at it as a reality. Or I can look at it as a challenge. I choose all three because they are all part of the big picture.

The Chelsea Standard and Dexter Leader have won newspaper of the year honors over the past two years. I would say we have won more awards in the two contests we entered the last two years than any paper our size. I would be lying if I said that didn't mean anything.

But it doesn't mean half as much as what you, our readers, think. Awards can't compare to a "nice job" from Allan at the Purple Rose, or "you're wonderful" from Tina at the Chelsea Senior Center, or "great idea" from Nancy at Faith in Action or "we are lucky to have you" from Joe at the St. Louis Center or "your stepping on my foot," from Don, our wonderful sports writer.

I wish I could hang these on the wall, instead of some plaques from newspaper judges.

Yes, we lost some good people in 2008. But so did a lot of businesses. And some businesses lost their business. We still have ours and still plan on delivering the same quality that earned those plaques on the wall and the nice comments and encouraging emails from readers.

That's my resolution; no, that's my promise.

Hey, the software didn't delete that line. I must need to upgrade.

Local Calendar of Events

CHELSEA

Chelsea District Library.
For more information, call 475-8732.

Jan. 8: International Book Club; 7 p.m.; Women's Club Table; Registration. Co-sponsored by the Mission Marketplace, please join us as we feature books that will take you to cultures around the globe. Eighth Promise: An American Son's Tribute To His Toisanese Mother by William Poy Lee.

Jan. 8: It's a Labor of Love: Historic Buildings Interest Group; 7 p.m.; Pat McCarthy and Sharon Ferraro from the Old House Network in Kalamazoo, will teach how to care for older homes.

Jan. 9: Great Books at the Chelsea Senior Center, 1 p.m.; Senior Center, 512 E. Washington; Registration. This month's pick: "A Superior Death," by Nevada Barr.

Jan. 10: Friends Book Sale; 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. at McKune.

Jan. 10: Internet Safety for Children: Cyberbullying; 2-3 p.m.; KidSpot; Registration. Discuss what cyberbullying is, who is being cyberbullied, and what to do about it. For parents.

Jan. 11: Music at McKune. M.L. Liebler & Robert Jones; 2-3 p.m. For more than 20 years Robert Jones has been a champion of A.M. Roots music. He will be joined by our artist-in-residence, M.L. Liebler.

Jan. 11: Basics of Microsoft PowerPoint 2007; 2:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Jan. 12: 6-11 Club; 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.; Registration. Today's theme: Space-play robot relay, build UFOs and more.

Jan. 13: Family Connections Parent and Child Workshops; 1-2:15 p.m.; Registration. A new program designed for parents/caregivers and 2-4 year olds to do together! Today's theme: Child Development - Do you ever wonder if your child is "on track?"

Jan. 14: Storytime with Miss Jackie; 10:30 - 11 a.m. 2-3 year

olds; 11:30-12pm 3-5 yr. olds; KidSpot; Registration. Stories, fingerplays, puppets, songs, crafts!

Jan. 14: Basics of Excel; 6:30 - 8 p.m.

Chelsea Senior Citizens Activities Center

The center is located at 512 Washington Street (Washington Street Education Center). For reservations and additional information call 734-475-9242 or email chelseaseniors@aol.com

Tomorrow: Bingo 9 a.m.; Quilting 10 a.m.; Euchre 12:30 p.m.; Wil Fun 1 p.m.; Book Discussion with Bill Harmer of Chelsea District Library "Superior Death" at 1 p.m. at Senior Center

Monday - Bingo 9 a.m.; Massage & Manicure call for appointment; Chair Exercise 10:30 a.m.; Hand & Foot; Dominoes 12:30 p.m.; Special Travel Meeting to discuss 2009 trips at 1 p.m.

Tuesday - Crafts 10 a.m.; Knit & Crochet; Poker 12:30 p.m.; Senior Supper Club at CCH at 4 p.m.; Euchre 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday - Special program on Insurance and Financial Plan by Bill Ballagh at 10 a.m.; Free Fitness 10:30 a.m.; Square Dancing; Pinochle at 12:30 p.m.; Bowling at Chelsea Lanes.

Chelsea Center for the Arts
Chelsea Center for the Arts is located at 400 Congdon Street in Chelsea. For more information, call 734-433-2787

Jan. 10 Try-It Day! 1 - 4 p.m.; Jan. 19 MLK Art Contest; March 13 Jazz & Chocolates; March 30 Spring Break Camps begin; April 25 Earth Day Garage Sale; May 2 CCA Beautification Day; May 16-17 Spring Festival of the Arts

Adult Learners of Chelsea, Inc.
For more information, visit the Web site at www.adultlearnersinstitute.org or call 734-475-3480.

Winter-spring classes kick off and registration Tuesday; Jan. 13, 10 a.m. at Silver Maples of Chelsea, 100 Silver Maples Drive.

DEXTER

Dexter District Library

The Dexter District Library is located at 8040 Fourth Street. All Library programs are free and open to the public. For more information, call 734-426-4477.

Monday: Winter Story Times Begin - Registration Required. Toddler Story Times 10:30 a.m.

Monday, Wednesday or Thursday: Preschool Story Times 11:30 a.m., Monday or Thursday. Caregivers may register in person or by calling 426-4477.

Saturday, Jan. 17: 10 a.m., U of M Hands-On Science Workshop "Beyond Earth: Exploring Outer Space"

Part 1: Look Up at the Sky! Ages 6 and up. Registration required.

Monday, Jan. 19: 7:30 p.m. Book Discussion for Adults, "Crow Lake," by Mary Lawson. Registration required.

PARKS

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Eddy Discovery Center hosts events throughout the year. For more information, call 734-475-3170

Saturday: MAKE YOUR OWN SNOWSHOES - 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Join us for a snowshoe workshop. We will start with pre-made frame, Huron Snowshoe style, and complete the construction while we learn more of the history and modern day application of snowshoeing. Pre-registration required; workshop and snowshoes fee, \$160. BATS OF THE WORLD: 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24: Step into the world of bats with this exciting presentation from the Organization for Bat Conservation. See a variety of bats up close, including a "flying fox" and a rare African bat with a 4-foot wingspan. Learn how they produce sound waves, what they eat, where they live and what we can do to protect their habitats.

OUR TAKE: Obama's picks best for jobs on Capitol Hill

It may upset some of the Democratic Party's more amped up liberals who want us out of Iraq now, but Barack Obama did the wise thing in asking the Bush administration's defense secretary, Robert Gates, to stay on in that post.

And Obama was also smart in naming Hillary Clinton as secretary of state.

In naming Gates, 65, a Washington veteran who held intelligence and national security posts under four presidents, it may not seem like the "change" Obama was promising during the campaign, but there's a lot more to be said for pure experience.

And the appointment of Gates, who has long-standing ties to the Bush family, would fulfill, in part, Obama's commitment to bipartisanship.

There's a more important reason. Gates has been a very good defense secretary. He stabilized the Pentagon after the tumultuous Donald Rumsfeld years. He has shown that he's not afraid to make personnel changes. And under his watch, the war in Iraq has improved dramatically.

Obama campaigned on a speedy withdrawal from Iraq. Gates favors a more measured drawdown as events warrant. But given ratification of a status-of-forces agreement with the Iraqi government and successful parliamentary elections, the U.S. military may be able to pull out on a schedule that satisfies both men.

The United States is already on track to have its forces out of Iraq's cities by next June.

Both men seem agreed on a stepped-up U.S. focus on Afghanistan. Gates has run the department since December 2006. He gave up his position as president of Texas A&M University to replace Rumsfeld when the

Iraq war seemed to be failing.

And naming Clinton as his secretary of state was not just a action to placate a

strong primary election opponent. The position is too important and we hope this wasn't a case of pure political pacification.

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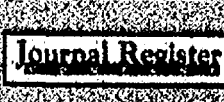
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Turning the key

"I tried college, but life just took me in a different direction," Leslie says, while sitting outside a trendy coffee shop in Ann Arbor. The sun is bright and the wind brisk while Leslie smiles thinking about high school, Chelsea and how long ago that all seems.

"The key for me is how you respond to it," she says, repeating a running theme that would take her from high school to starting her own law firm. "With a few ditches in between."

"I went to art school in Atlanta and took some classes at Washtenaw Community College," she says. "I went back and forth between Atlanta and Chelsea."

She spent two terms learning fashion design at The American College for Applied Arts, a popular art school in Atlanta. While at WCC she took some liberal art classes, ones that she could eventually transfer to a four-year school. At least that was the plan.

During one of her stops in the Chelsea area, she met her future husband, Terry, while working at an Ann Arbor restaurant. Terry had recently committed to college at Eastern Michigan University.

"After discovering I was pregnant, I put college on hold and had a baby." A son, Brendan, was a blessing, not a road block.

When Brendan was 10 months old, Leslie was accepted at Eastern Michigan University for a liberal arts degree and Terry had transferred to U-M Art School for a degree in graphic design.

"I always wanted to graduate from college," she said. "That was always one of my goals, but I didn't know how to get from here to there. And no one in my family knew anything about it."

Neither of Leslie's parents or grandparents had a college degree.

When Brendan was two, Leslie and Terry started to discuss expanding the family. After carefully deciding that a baby born in January 1991 would be good, Leslie discovered she was already pregnant and due in October 1990—right at midterm of her last semester at Eastern.

So instead of just worrying about homework and taking good notes in class, she also was nursing and changing diapers. Her son Kieran was another blessing and a gift she would never have second thoughts about. It was just another of life's "changes in direction."

And having a baby didn't stop her from attending school either.

"Brendan was in day care at Eastern and Kieran was with me," Leslie said. "I had my books and my diaper bag with me. It wasn't easy, but I managed. The teacher would always shake her head at me. Kieran was only 10 days old and he was already in college."

"But I was determined to finish and I promised my mom I would."

That word determine shows up a lot in Leslie's story. It's a word she has carried with her from the start and has been an important companion.

Now I'm a farmer.

For about a year Leslie designed wedding gowns for a shop in Manchester, but it was "hard to do with two small children at home," she said. "Sticky fingers and white satin don't mix. So for a year or two, I just raised my kids."

Meanwhile, Terry was the head of the graphics department at the Ann Arbor Observer. But he lost his job in the Fall of 1991.

"We went into emergency mode and did whatever we could to survive," Leslie said. "Terry started bartending just to make some money. This was when we decided we had to go in a totally different direction."

A "different direction" is a bit of an understatement. The different direction was a U-turn to the great up north.

Terry went to Michigan State and took a tree certification program and graduated from there.

"He wanted to run an organic orchard," Leslie said. "The northwestern part of lower Michigan was the best place for this kind of orchard so we found some property in Leelanau County. So in September 1994 we moved to the country."

From Chelsea, to art school, to college, to having babies to life on a farm. You could say it was a different direction. A right turn out of nowhere, but also out of necessity.

"I started working on another farm just so I could learn what to do," Leslie said. "So for five and half days a week I was working on someone else's farm."

In the spring of 1995, Leslie and Terry planted their first group of trees on the farm. And since this was an orchard, the trees had to be heeled-in by hand. Also, the 20-acre property didn't include a house, so they bought a trailer they would call home for the "near" future.

"Because we were planting fruit trees, we knew it would be five years before we got our return on the investment and started making money," Leslie said.

To make money in the interim, Terry bartended—at Red Hawk in Ann Arbor. He would travel from Traverse City to Ann Arbor on most weekends to tend bar and

would stay with family while in town. During the week he would do everything from working in a cherry orchard to working in a bakery to doing carpentry.

Leslie, meanwhile, was taking care of the kids, waiting tables and working with an interior decorator and a landscaping business. She also worked in the same bakery as Terry.

They both worked with dough to make dough. Whatever it took.

"It was our make-do farm, we used to always say," Leslie said.

Making do was becoming a way of life for Leslie and Terry.

Heartbreak (Part I)

In the spring of 1999, the Butler's life was blooming right outside their window. They had 500 apples trees ready to bloom into a comfortable living—finally. You don't just plant an apple tree and start making apple

sauce the next weekend. It takes years for apple trees to grow and become productive. The wait, so it seemed, was over.

But—a word that comes up quite often in Leslie's story—the apple trees were hit with fire blight, a destructive bacterial disease of apples and pears that kills blossoms, shoots, limbs and, sometimes, entire trees. The disease causes severe losses in some orchards in some years and little or no significant damage in others.

For the Butlers, it was severe.

The destructive potential and sporadic nature of fire blight, along with the fact that epidemics often develop in several different phases, make this disease difficult and costly to control.

Leslie had had enough. Understandably, it was too much for her to take.

"We really thought this was the year we had been waiting for," she said. "But

when we discovered the fire blight, I just lost it. I was done. Four years of growth were wiped out and we lost 450 of the 500 trees. We were supposed to be in a trailer for six months and we ended up there over six years."

In 1999, the Butlers finally found that house they were looking for and moved it onto their property. It was a home that had been removed from the Sleeping Bear National Lakeshore. But—there's that word, again—the house needed a lot of work. They spent their time refurbishing the house and trying to bring it up to code, while they worked there numerous jobs. Terry was hoping to have better luck with peaches then he had with apples and again hope was sitting there on the horizon.

"The house sat there for two years while we worked on it, everything from plumb-

ing to electrical to windows," Leslie said. "We really had no time for the family. We were either working our jobs or on the farm or on the house."

"We were ready to move in at one point when we had to wait another three months because the building inspector wouldn't approve it."

In February 2001, the wait was over and the Butlers moved into their house and sold the trailer. The spring came and so did the rains, a good sign for the peach trees. Unfortunately, good signs are no guarantees and disaster struck again.

The peach trees blossomed, but the peaches had brown rot, a fungal condition that attacks stone fruit, commonly affecting peaches, pears, apples and plums. The fruit develops small

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brown squishy circles, which gradually spread over the surface of the fruit. Once the fruit is entirely infected, it shrivels up and develops a fuzzy coating of fungus.

"We couldn't sell them," Leslie said. "And this is when Terry lost it. It was the final straw for both of us."

Life change...again

Terry decided he wanted to go back to school to get his teaching certification from Eastern. "And I didn't want to wait tables my whole life," Leslie said.

What she did want to do - what she always wanted to do - was go to the University of Michigan. From the fields of Traverse City to the classrooms of Ann Arbor? Sounded like a big leap, but the Butlers were determined to make the jump.

"We sold everything we had up north, the house, the property, everything," Leslie said.

But what to study? "I was doing some substitute teaching up north and enjoyed it, so I thought about either teaching or engineering, my dream from high school, or possibly history," she said.

Both Leslie and Terry applied and were accepted and they moved into family housing in Ann Arbor in 2002. A new house, another direction and new dreams. Leslie decided on a teaching degree in history and Terry provided some steady income returning to bartending and carpentry.

In December 2003, Leslie completed the big leap with a history degree - with distinction - from U-M. But she still didn't have her teaching degree to go with it.

"It would have taken me another three years to get the teaching degree, so I figured if I was going to go to school for three more years, I might as well go to law school," she said. "I was accepted into the Wayne State University Law School."

Leslie knew this wasn't going to be easy. Studying law is hard enough, but she also had a family to help take care of and also was working full-time as an office administrator with an Ann Arbor realtor. She spent two years going to school and working full-time.

Terry also had finished his teaching degree and had gotten a job with Willow Run Schools teaching art full-time. "I was really struggling with school," Leslie admitted. "It hit me like a ton of bricks."

Heartbreak (Part II)

Spring Break of the first year of law school, Leslie was scheduled to take the week off of work and relax after finishing a difficult 50 page "brief." All she had to do was get through work on Friday and

the break began.

It wasn't long after getting to work, when Leslie started feeling ill. Her thumb started to twitch, her arm went numb and she was feeling dizzy when she decided to sit down.

"It was the day before my break, and I got on the intercom to tell the other person in the office I wasn't feeling well," Leslie said. "The guy came up from his desk and called an ambulance right away."

Leslie spent that night, March 13, 2005, in the hospital while they ran some tests and doctors determined it was a migraine. Leslie went back to school and made an oral argument, but didn't feel well the rest of the semester. Maybe it was all the stress - that would hardly be a surprise to anyone. So she did the smart thing. She took the remainder of the summer off to lessen her stress as the family was moving into their own home in Ann Arbor.

Leslie returned for her second year of law school eager to do well, but continued to struggle.

"It was frustrating to not get the grades I knew I could get, I wanted to finish out the semester and quit my job so I could focus fully on school starting in the spring," she said. She and Terry decided that she would quit her job in May 2006.

Leslie then focused on the spring term and prepared for Brendan's graduation from Huron High School.

Just as Leslie was letting her guard down and starting to relax into school, her life took another turn in another direction. One that would truly challenge her determination.

On the evening of June 15, 2006, Leslie did some research on a few things she had to finish up with, worked out and then went to bed at around 11 p.m. She woke up the next morning with what she says felt like was a head cold.

"I couldn't get up and couldn't move," she said. "Then the whole thing is a blur. It was 8 a.m. and Terry was getting ready to go on an interview and everyone was in the house. I recall falling and crawling on the ground. Terry said, 'you up already.' And my reply was all garbled and I was drooling."

Terry went into "panic mode" and called an ambulance right away.

Doctors determined that during the night Leslie had a stroke. They also believe she had one on March 15, 2005. But this one was more severe. "Here I was at age 39 in the hospital with a stroke," Leslie said. "It was devastating. I didn't smoke, was in good shape and had no family history."

Leslie spent five days in the hospital and was sent home where her family would take care of her. She admits that she was lost and confused.

What do you do after you have a stroke? She had no idea. But she did know one thing.

"I wanted to be me," she said, her emotions catching up to her during her lowest point of the roller coaster ride.

Usually, that's not a big request. But it was all Leslie really wanted. She wanted to return to the life she was making for herself and her family. She knew the dreams she was chasing were within reach. She just wanted a chance to grab a hold of them.

"I was able to walk but still had my share of problems and couldn't see very well," she said. "I went through some difficult therapy. It was not a happy time and it was hard. But everyday I was getting better, and doctors told me the majority of improvement would come in the first three months."

Fighting back

Leslie was five weeks into a seven-week semester and had lost it all. What she didn't lose, what she's never lost, is her ability to overcome and persevere, despite the odds. She could handle this. It was a setback, a roadblock, not an exit or an ending.

In the fall, only months after being blindsided by a stroke, Leslie Butler was back in class, studying to become a lawyer and working on fulfilling a dream.

"I only took nine credit hours, limited myself to two nights a week, and cut out important extra-curricular activities," she said. "I made a strict schedule for myself. The stroke really changed my perspective on everything."

Once Leslie got back on her feet, and with this new approach on life, there was no stopping her.

"I did better in school after the stroke," she said. "I wasn't working and I managed my schedule better and I worked harder to do better in school."

While in Law School, Leslie was a semifinalist in the school's mock trial competition and during her last year at school, she was a legal intern with the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office Deed Fraud Unit assisting in the prosecution of deed and mortgage fraud.

In the Fall of 2007, she consulted with the Chief of Staff for Sen. Hansen Clarke (D-Detroit) in the drafting of legislation to prevent foreclosure fraud in Michigan.

To prepare for the Bar Exam at the end of July, she studied every day and took courses designed to help her prepare. "They are not testing you on the rules, but the exceptions to the rules," she says. But she knew she was ready. She had prepared herself for this moment.

Leslie A. Butler, a Chelsea High School graduate and former farmer, waitress, art student and stroke victim, graduated from Wayne State University Law School on May 12. Leslie, who also sits on the Board of Directors for Community Housing Alternatives, a non-profit corporation dedicated to affordable housing for low income families in Washtenaw County, sat for the July 2008 Bar.

In October she was told she had passed the Michigan Bar Exam on the first try and was sworn in to the Michigan State Bar in Pontiac in November. Last month Leslie was sworn in to the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan.

The future

The rollercoaster is riding along high these days. In fact, the wild ride seems a thing of the past as diplomas hang on the walls like security blankets. Leslie is healthy and happy and looking forward to starting her new career with determination, dedication and purpose.

"My current plans for employment involve starting a new general practice and real estate law firm in Ann Arbor, along with the assistance of some generous local attorneys who have agreed to mentor me as I start my venture," Leslie said with plenty of optimism in her voice.

She also is optimistic about her health.

"The doctors narrowed down the cause of my stroke to either the birth control pills that I was taking, because they do carry an increased risk of clotting, or it was 'just a fluke event,' she says. "We will never truly know."

Leslie, though, knows where she's headed. Her family is growing up and they all share a special bond of overcoming adversity.

While Leslie focuses on growing her fledgling practice, Terry continues to teach art at an Ypsilanti charter school and will apply to graduate school this winter at Eastern to further his printmaking skills. Brendan will continue working on an architecture degree from Washtenaw Community College while working at the special collections Map Library at U-M.

Finally, Kieran, who is a

senior at Community High, will continue working as a Web site developer for a local computer consulting company while anxiously awaiting attending college in the fall with his friends.

"Life is truly good," Leslie says.

The future seems bright. "I just want to be me" proved to be a worthwhile goal.

Leslie A. Butler handles most law issues, but focuses on real estate law, both commercial and residential. The Law Offices of Leslie A. Butler, PLLC are at 2281 Manchester Road in Ann Arbor. She can be reached at 734-929-2761.

Dept workshop

The Chelsea adult education department is offering the "Strategies for Living Debt Free in the 21st Century" workshop. This one-day workshop is aimed at helping people get out of debt using the same math system that groups use that you hear advertising on the radio, or see on TV. Forest "Rick" Wilson, CPCU, AUI, AIM, AIS will be conducting the workshop. The workshop will be offered from 6:15 to 9:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 28. For more information, call 433-2208.


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The Chelsea Area Network of Peace Activists and Supporters held their sixth anniversary last week.

Local group finds peace, satisfaction in 6-year run

The Chelsea Area Network of Peace Activists and Supporters, CANOPAS, marked the sixth anniversary of weekly peace vigils in front of the Chelsea Post Office on Sunday. Despite the icy conditions and wet weather, nearly 30 people attended. Participants lined both sides of Main Street, and received many appreciative horn toots from drivers.

The group's leaders noted that six years of unbroken weekly vigils is 312 weeks in which some members of the group attended, or more than 1,800 person-hours of standing for peace.

The group has decided to suspend the weekly vigils, due to the changed political situation in Iraq and the move toward diplomatic solutions as shown in the adoption of the Status of Forces Agreement.

After Sunday's vigil, a celebration pot-luck was held at Friends Lake Center which was attended by an additional 12 people who support the goals of peace



and justice. The singing duo Bridgewater, composed of A.T. Miller and Craig Kukuk, who are also members of another peace group from Manchester, entertained the gathering with music.

CANOPAS finished the afternoon with a solemn, ceremonial bonfire to burn

the 40 large placards known as "The Wall Of Names," a listing of the many US Service men and women killed in action in Iraq. This followed remarks by Michael Muha, member of the Vietnam Veterans for Peace group, honoring these fallen soldiers.

Lorin Kummer, creator of

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Christian rock

The St. Paul United Church of Christ youth ministries groups are hosting a baked potato dinner to raise funds to bring Lost and Found, a Christian rock duo, to Chelsea.

The fund-raiser is being held on Jan. 10, 2009 at St. Paul, 14600 E. Old U.S. 12 in Chelsea.

Hot baked potatoes with lots of fixings will be served, value priced at \$5. Chili is also on the menu. The event runs from 4 - 7 p.m. Anyone is welcome to attend; no reservations are needed.

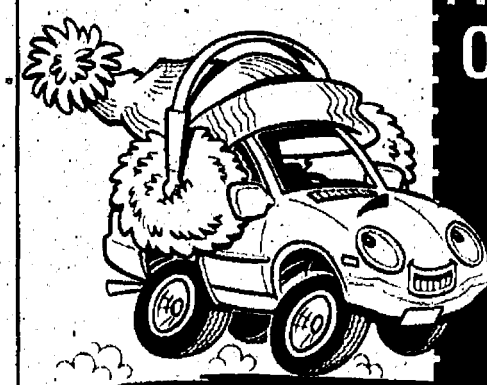
The Lost and Found concert will be held April 18 at St. Paul. Their concerts can feel like a gathering of friends. The music is organic and fun, and the lyrics comment on life, faith, travel, friends and relationships.

Tickets for the concert go on sale in January. More information about Lost and Found can be obtained on their Web site at www.speedwood.com.

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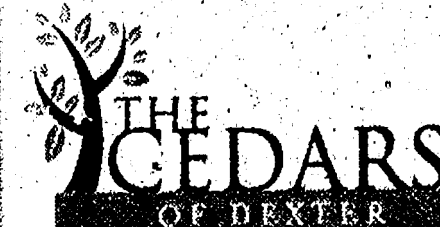
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Faith: Ministerial Message Is life spiritual, or just physical?

By Mark Porinsky

I was listening to "This American Life" last Nov. 1 on American Public Radio. The first segment of the show was about a family that moved, about 85 years ago, into a house that reputedly was haunted. Strange things happened. Family members heard footsteps in rooms above them. They saw people in the house that they did not know. Sometimes these people would even enter their bedrooms at night and pin family members down in their beds.

An investigation took place, and eventually the source of the occur-

rences was discovered: The fireplaces in the rooms were not well vented, and there was an extremely high level of carbon monoxide in the house. The elevated gas level was causing the family members to have hallucinations. There were no paranormal phenomena occurring. The same thing was also discovered in hundreds of houses in that time period, and might explain the existence of some "haunted houses" even in recent decades.

This brings up a disturbing thought: Since our brains function, at least in part, by means of chemical reactions, how do we know what's real and what's not? Worse,

what about the spiritual side of life? Is there a spiritual side, or is everything physical, based on principles of chemistry and physics? Was the Bible written by people who were truly moved by the Lord, or was it merely the product of chemical reactions in people's brains?

You can judge for yourself, but in this world we have to assume that the things we see and hear and touch are real. Trees, snow and ice, feelings of heat and cold, people on the street, cars on the road - we can't afford to label them as mere figments of our imagination. We have to act as if they really exist.

It's the same with the spiritual side of life. I'm convinced that the Lord has planted in each of us a sense of His existence, and a sense of His principles, His laws. That sense is not perfect, but it's enough to let us know that there is more to life than what we can see and touch, and certainly more to life than chemical reactions in our brains. And this sense of the spiritual should lead us to seek to know the One who created things both physical and spiritual, to know the Lord.

He can be known, in His book, the Bible. This book gives us all the information that we need about

Him. He can be known through His Son, Jesus Christ, who actually did live on this earth at a definite time and place in history in this physical world.

To write Him off as a product of human imagination would be a deadly mistake. Throughout all eternity every human being will be acutely aware of His reality. Through His Son Jesus Christ, and only through Him, will that awareness be a happy thing.

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



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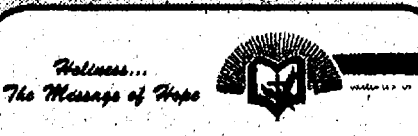


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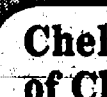
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Todd Clark, B.A., is President and CEO of United Bank and Trust - Washtenaw.

Previously, Clark worked at NBD Bank and National City Bank, where he assisted Chelsea Community Hospital in financing its Health & Wellness Center and invited Chelsea State Bank as a participant bank in financing this project. He serves on the Board of Directors of SOS Community Services in Ypsilanti and the Educational Foundation of Dexter. He also serves as Division Chair of the Washtenaw United Way.

Clark graduated from the University of Michigan School of Business Administration with high distinction.

Michael Dorsey, MD, is a practicing anesthesiologist at CCH, a member of Chelsea Community Hospital's Finance Committee, and a

member of Anesthesia Associates, of Ann Arbor PLLC. Dr. Dorsey is a Clinical Instructor in the Department of Anesthesiology at the University of Michigan Medical Center, and was previously the Head of the Pediatric Anesthesiology Division at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital. Dr. Dorsey has received many awards, including "Top Doctor" by the Consumer Checkbook Survey, and graduated from the University of Michigan Medical School with highest honors.

Misha Strauss Moore, PhD, is a frequent presenter and lecturer on biomedical ethics. Her academic background includes faculty appointments at the University of Michigan, Michigan State University, Western Michigan University, Georgetown University, and Dartmouth College. In addition, her employment history includes Mount Clemens General Hospital, the National Institutes of Health, and Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions.

She is past president of the

Chelsea Center for the Arts Board of Trustees.

Strauss Moore received her Master's degree and PhD from Georgetown University.

"Our new Trustees offer broad knowledge and experience in many key areas," said Kathleen Griffiths, President and CEO of Chelsea Community Hospital. "Their expertise will be a valuable asset to our Board as we continue to improve the health and well being of our communities."

Clark, Dr. Dorsey and Strauss Moore will fill the seats previously occupied by Jack Wheeler, PhD; Randall T. Forsch, MD, MPH; and Jeffrey D. Hardcastle, who completed six and nine year terms, respectively, on the Board.

The 2009 Chelsea Community Hospital Board of Trustees Officers are: James Woods, Chair; David Killips, BS, MA, Vice Chair; Erik Stalhandske, MPP, MHSA, Secretary; and Paul Bishop, Treasurer.

Anniversary contest deadline approaching

Organizers of the upcoming 175th anniversary of the founding of the City/Village of Chelsea are looking for some artistic help. To help mark this historic event, organizers are looking for a logo to be used for the design of the anniversary celebration on everything from posters to cups to bags to key chains to books and more.

A panel of four judges will select the winners that best depict the event. Cash prizes are \$100 for first, \$50 for second and \$25 for third.

Candidates must be middle school through high school students from Chelsea or surrounding townships, from the local student population of public, private and home-schooled young people.

The deadline for dropping off logo submission is Friday, Jan. 16.

Questions about the contest may be directed to Katie Francis (734-475-1174 or kt5017@yahoo.com).

Volunteers needed

An upcoming event to plan for is the celebration of the 175th Anniversary of the

Founding of the City/Village of Chelsea. The celebration (June 25-28) will include a parade, youth activities, contests, and music.

The 175th Committee met for the third time on Dec. 15 and the folks who attended are enthusiastically working on ideas and plans for the June event. Committees were formed: history, fundraising, events, marketing, among a few.

The committee that is

organizing 175th Anniversary of the Founding of the City/Village of Chelsea celebration welcomes all residents from youth to seniors, including groups and businesses to join in the planning of this spirited event.

The group is looking to incorporate ideas and get volunteers from the members of the Chelsea community. The next meeting is 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 13 at The Clock Tower Building (second floor).

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Dave Bennett Quartet - A Tribute to Benny Goodman
Tuesday, Jan. 20, 7 p.m.

Jaw-dropping clarinet player Dave Bennett channels Benny Goodman in this swingin' homage to the King of Swing. Bennett is joined by his quartet and vocalist on swing era classics like "Moonglow," "I've Got Rhythm," "Body and Soul," "Sing, Sing, Sing," and many others.

Home from Work
Tuesday, Feb. 17, 7 p.m.

Gabe Bolkosky and Sandor Slomovits bring an unique blend of jazz, classical and folk influences to songs like Irving Berlin's "Blue Skies," The Gershwins' "I Got Rhythm," Duke Ellington's "It Don't Mean a Thing If It Ain't Got That Swing," and to the music of Django Reinhardt, Stephane Grapelli, Paul Simon, Aron Copland and more.

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Local Politics

Byrnes, Brater applaud passage of separate legislation

The Michigan Legislature passed legislation last month introduced by State Rep. Pam Byrnes, D-Lyndon Township, that increases fines and jail time for a person convicted of felony animal cruelty. The plan heads to Gov. Jennifer Granholm for her signature.

"My bill gives prosecutors around the state the tools they need to bring these offenders to justice," Byrnes said. "I applaud my colleagues in the Legislature for passing this important legislation."



Byrnes

Under Byrnes' bill, anyone found guilty of the intentional killing, torture, mutilating, maiming or disfiguring an animal would face up to four years in prison and/or 500 hours of community service. This plan also allows a judge to order fines for up to seven actions of cruelty arising out of the same incident and alters the fine structure to allow for \$5,000 for the first animal abused, \$2,500 for each additional animal, with a cap of \$20,000.

"Animal abuse continues to be a serious and widespread problem," said Tanya Hilgendorf, executive director for the Humane Society of Huron Valley. "Because there is a proven link between animal violence and human violence, taking animal cruelty more seriously will benefit both animals and people alike. We are deeply appreciative of the efforts of Rep. Byrnes and other Michigan lawmakers to stiffen the penalties for animal abuse and believe these laws will be

helpful tools in our effort to create more compassionate and safe communities."

State Sen. Liz Brater, D-Ann Arbor, recently applauded the passage of House Bills 4402-4405 that address parole eligibility for juvenile offenders sentenced to life in prison. Brater developed the legislative package, which would prohibit sentencing an individual convicted of a crime before the age of 18 to imprisonment for life without the possibility



Brater

of parole, in 2006, and introduced it again as her first order of business last session.

"Many of the juveniles receiving this sentence were acting with older codefendants who received lesser sentences. Many were abandoned or neglected, or had untreated mental illness," Brater said. "It is important that the 300 people in our prison system who were sentenced as children to life without parole receive a second chance by giving them an opportunity to go before the parole board."

The four-bill package of legislation would amend the penal code to prohibit the sentencing of juvenile offenders to life without parole eligibility. Michigan currently has one of the highest populations of minors sentenced to life without the possibility of parole.

The laws that exist now mandate life without parole sentences even in cases of felony murder when the con-

GOP meeting

Western Washtenaw Republican Committee will meet at 10 a.m. on Saturday on the second floor of the Chelsea Clocktower building. Snacks and refreshments will be provided.

victed child is not the central perpetrator of the crime.

Over the past few years, Brater has been working with child advocacy and civil rights organizations to develop laws that will ensure children who commit violent crimes get a second chance at

life. Brater introduced a similar legislative package that would prohibit sentencing an individual convicted of a crime before the age of 18 to imprisonment for life without the possibility of parole.

"We are currently spending \$1 million a year to keep these people in prison-money that could be redirected to programs for youth that could help prevent criminal activity," Brater said.

On Monday, U.S. Congressman Mark Schauer, D-District 7, outlined his pri-

orities for the upcoming stimulus package in letters to President-Elect Obama and House Congressional Leaders. Schauer urges them to focus on economic assistance for middle class families, strategic infrastructure investments, and incentives for advanced battery and renewable energy research to assist the struggling automotive sector.

"Any recovery plan must offer immediate relief to struggling middle class families by cutting taxes, extending unemployment insurance, and by helping parents pay

for college," Schauer said. "By also investing in much-needed infrastructure projects and renewable energy technology for the domestic automakers, we can pave the way for long-term economic growth and sustain our natural resources for future generations."

Since last November's election, Schauer has met regularly with House leaders to discuss the auto rescue plan and the economic stimulus package. He officially took office in Washington D.C. on Tuesday.



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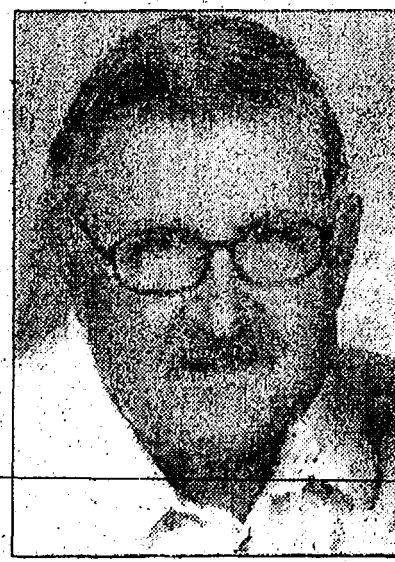
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BLANCHARD, NORA ARVILLA (WHITE); age 89; of Chelsea, MI; died quietly on Sunday, January 4, 2009, while enjoying a peaceful afternoon reading in her room at the Chelsea Retirement Community (CRC). Mrs. Blanchard was born June 17, 1919, in Schenectady, NY, to James White and Alice (Pridde) White, one of five siblings. She married Robert Durrell Blanchard on February 22, 1941, at Trinity Methodist Church with her sister, Margaret Kilfoyle, attending. Mr. Blanchard died February 11, 1999, in Albany, NY. She also was preceded in death by a son, Robert D. (Bud) Blanchard, Jr., on May 30, 2000.

Surviving are three daughters, Susan Jane (Gillespie) Moore (Harold) of Chelsea, MI, Beverly Alice Miller (James) of Farmington Hills, MI, and Sally Jeanne Snell (Douglas) of Blanchard, MI; Mrs. Blanchard is also survived by eight grandchildren, Lisa Rowe, Nancy Stine, James Snell, Eric Gillespie, Tania Schriptsma, Fred Miller, Alice Bailey and Robyn Tacci; and 16 great grandchildren; in addition, Mrs. Blanchard is survived by her sister, Avis Puchalski, Schenectady, NY; and Clifford White, Scotia, NY; as well as numerous nieces and nephews. Mrs. Blanchard will be remembered fondly for her quick wit, interest in others, knitting and crocheting, organ playing, travel, and zest for life. A Celebration of Life Service will be held at the Chelsea Retirement Community Chapel, 1 p.m. Sunday, January 11. A graveside service will be held at a later date in Memory Garden, Niskayuna, NY. It was Mrs. Blanchard's wish that contributions be made to the Memorial Garden, CRC, 805 W. Middle St., Chelsea, MI 48118, 734-475-8833. Arrangements are being handled by Staffan Mitchell Funeral Home, Inc., 901 N. Main St., Chelsea, MI 48118, 734-475-1444.



BLOSSOM, MAYNARD L.; age 81; of Manchester; passed away December 29, 2008 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital. He was born on September 4, 1927 in Liberty, Michigan the son of Laurence and Isabelle (May) Blossom. Maynard married Mary Tuckerman and she survives. Maynard served his country in the Navy during World War II. Mr. Blossom was a teacher with Manchester Public Schools until his retirement. He was a member of the Manchester American Legion and Chicken Broll. Besides his wife, Maynard is survived by his children, Garry (Liz) Blossom, Cindy (Gary) Pilbeam, Tom (Laura) Blossom and Deb (Bill) Kastanis; grandchildren, Chad, Diane, Katie, Jeff, Ryan, Eleni, Mary Catherine, Matthew, and Brian; great grandchildren, Dawson, Isabelle and Cody; siblings, Lola (Dale) Hart, Leslie (Pat) Blossom and Frank Blossom. He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers, Robert, Nelson and Howard. Memorial donations may be given to the Manchester American Legion or Emmanuel United Church of Christ. The family will greet friends on Saturday, January 3, 2009 beginning at 1 p.m. until an informal celebration of his life at 2 p.m. at the Manchester American Legion with Reverend Gary Kwiatek officiating. Arrangements entrusted to the Berek Jennings Funeral Home, Jenter Chapel, Manchester.

BOLANOWSKI, DELPHINE MYRTLE; of Jackson, Michigan; passed away Saturday, January 3, 2009 at Arbor Manor Care Center; at the age of 88. She was preceded in death by her loving husband, Walter. She is survived by five children, Darryl (Gay) Bolanowski of Mancelona, MI, Darlene (Gary) Johnson of Chelsea, MI, Donna Lesser of Chelsea, MI, Delphine (Edward) Goodrich of Ovid, MI and Dwight Bolanowski of Largo, FL; several grandchildren and great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. At her request cremation has taken place and there will be no services at this time. Friends who wish may make memorial contributions to Alligance Hospice.

DITTMAR, WILLIAM C.; of Chelsea, MI; age 96; passed away January 6, 2009, at the Chelsea Retirement Community. He was born on February 16, 1912, in Wayne, MI, the son of Herman and Amelia (Janner) Dittmar. William had been coming to Cavanaugh Lake in Chelsea since the late 1920s. He attended Immanuel Bible Church in Chelsea. At the age of 95 for the 2007 firearms season, Bill managed to successfully take a buck. He also enjoyed fishing, also at Cavanaugh Lake. Beginning in 1970 he owned and operated Cavanaugh Lake Store, and he sold the business in 1980. William retired as a Lieutenant from the Wayne Fire Department after 25 years. On July 25, 1936, he married Hazel M. Smith, and she preceded him in death on March 28, 1986. Surviving are 4 daughters, Janet (Robert) McPherson of Howell, Joan Dittmar of Wayne, Judy (Larry) Fidd of Gladwin and Jean (Phil) La Joy of Canton; 10 grandchildren; 19 great grandchildren; and 3 great great grandchildren. In addition to his wife, he was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, Arthur Dittmar and Edward Dittmar; one sister, Esther Crowley; and his son, James Dittmar. Funeral Services will be held on Saturday, January 10, 2009, from the Uht Funeral Home in Westland, MI, with Pastor Dominic Aquilino officiating. The family will receive friends at Staffan-Mitchell Funeral Home in Chelsea on Thursday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. and at Uht Funeral Home on Friday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Expressions of sympathy may be made to Immanuel Bible Church or the Old Betsy Fund at Wayne Fire Department.

WEST, CAROLYN LEE (WATKINS); Milan, MI; 53; daughter of Loyd (deceased) and Ola Watkins; passed away December 25, 2008, following a courageous battle against cancer. She was born February 22, 1955 in Ypsilanti, received her bachelor's degree and worked as a registered nurse. Besides her mother she is survived by her sons, John and Jacob; husband, James West; her sisters, Mary (Bill) Rasmussen, Jo Gardner, Linda Watkins, and Brenda Findsen; nieces and nephews, Tricia (Brian) White, Derek (Jennifer) Campbell, Danielle Findsen and Sara Findsen; and grandchildren and nephews. A funeral was held on Monday at Ochalek-Stark Funeral Home in Milan with Pastor Doug Strader of Milan Baptist Church officiating followed by interment at Arborcrest Cemetery, Ann Arbor, Michigan. Those desiring may make contributions to Arbor Hospice.

SANDERS, MURRAY H.; of Saline, Michigan; age 91; died Saturday, January 3, 2009, at Saline Evangelical Home. He was born August 28, 1917, in Carlisle Twp., Ohio, to Elwin and Rena (Murray) Sanders. On June 24, 1947, he married Mary Ellen Kendall in Hastings, Michigan, and she survives. Murray was a Master Technician Sergeant for Marine Air Corp in the South Pacific during W.W.II and attended Ohio State University Agriculture School. He worked for Peninsular Paper Co. of Ypsilanti, retiring in 1981, and had a passion for farming. Murray was the longest standing member of York Baptist Church, and a member of VFW in Milan and American Legion. Besides his wife, Mary, he is survived by a son, Tracy of Saline; 2 daughters, Amy (Dave) Shankleton-Novess of Milan and Nina (David) Lumsford of Britton; 9 grandchildren; 14 great grandchildren; 1 great great grandson; 1 brother; and 4 sisters. He was preceded in death by his five brothers and sisters. Visitation was held at Ochalek-Stark Funeral Home, Milan, where services will be held Thursday at 1:30 p.m. Burial following at Riverside Cemetery in Clinton. Contributions may be made to the family. www.ochalekstark.com

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County Dems host ball to celebrate inauguration

Tuesday, Jan. 20 will be an historic day for the nation when Senator Barack Obama takes the Oath of Office for President of the United States. In celebration of this momentous occasion, the Western Washtenaw Democrats will host an Inaugural Ball that night at the historic Chelsea Depot, beginning at 7 p.m.

"We thought it would be not only appropriate to mark the day with a big party," said WWDems Chairman Roy Schmidt, "but also a great way to celebrate and thank all of our members and supporters for all of their hard work during the election."

Schmidt said Obama's ascendance to the presidency has particular significance.

"This is an amazing moment in American history," he said. "This country has waited so long for a change in leadership, and we are changing to someone intelligent, optimistic and supremely capable. It is especially fitting Obama will be using the same bible Abraham Lincoln used when he took the oath in 1860. To see the first African-American to become President, well, it makes the moment even more significant."

The idea for the celebration came from WWDems member Mary Waldron, who was so happy for Obama's victory that she believed a party was not only a good idea, but something the whole community would appreciate.

"My inclination to happy news is to dance," Waldron said, "and, being a costume designer, I'm all for encouraging the creative spirit of the moment, the dress can make the event. And let's face it, creativity is what we need at this moment in history."

The WWDems will be utilizing the whole Depot space, and will be placing projected screens up to allow party-goers to watch

events in Washington, D.C. that night as well.

"Because Washington is so alive with parties on the night of the Inauguration, we wanted to have our own celebration," Schmidt said. "While we are having our fun here, we'll be able to watch all of the coverage of the night in D.C."

The WWDems' Inaugural Ball will not necessarily be a "black tie" affair, but the organization is asking everyone who will be participating to "dress to celebrate."

"No one is expecting tuxedos and evening gowns, though everyone is welcome to arrive in that attire if they like," Schmidt said, "but it will be a more formal party than we normally host."

Live music will be provided by the James Dapogny Trio. Dapogny is a music professor at the University of Michigan, and is a renowned expert on jazz music.

"Dr. Dapogny is an incredible musician and composer," Waldron said. "He has studied with Robert Kelly, Hunter Johnson and Ben Johnston. He's an expert on the music of Jelly Roll Morton and Chicago jazz and has several recordings of his own. It will be special for him and his band to play at our Ball."

Seating is limited, so the public is advised to get tickets in advance.

"The venue will be able to accommodate about 140 people and we have already received orders for nearly 100 tickets so far," said Schmidt. "If anyone is thinking about coming, they really should make their reservations now."

For reservation and ticket information, call 734-475-4434. Tickets are \$5 for participants who bring a dish to pass; otherwise they are \$10 each. Recommended age for the party is 12 and up.

For more information, visit the Western Washtenaw Democrats Web site at www.wwdems.org.

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Hollywood stops calling. I don't have to do that anymore. I can choose what I want to do, and that all comes down to the writing."

New York, New York

Like most years in those four decades on stage, 2008 was a busy one. He made a number of films, debuted an original play at the Purple Rose and spent the fall at the Goodman Theatre in Chicago starring in "Turn of the Century," a star-studded romantic tour through time and the American songbook. The play was directed by the nine-time Tony Award-winning director/choreographer Tommy Tune.

Also starring Rachel York ("City of Angels," "Dirty Rotten Scoundrels"), the play ran from Oct. 1 through Nov. 2. Daniels said he enjoyed doing the play and it went over well during its run in Chicago.

"If we got 12 reviews, I'd say nine or 10 of them were good or great," he said. "There were some problems with the script, but we knew that going into opening. We took this show from 90 pages on paper on Oct. 1 and opened on July 1. It was a brand-new musical with rewrites everyday and you're out there sometimes on stage spinning, what is the rewrite today?"

The future of the show is unknown.

"We went to Chicago to go to Broadway and get the show ready," Daniels said. "The show still needs work, and we haven't heard from the musical. The big problem is with the economy. There are Broadway investors trying to get their money back. To get a new show to New York or to Boston and then to New York is a few million bucks and it's difficult to raise right now."

Despite the setback with "Turn of the Century," Daniels is still heading to New York City. The phone rang in November and the result was a ticket to Broadway.

Matthew Warchus will reprise his directing duties for the Broadway production of Yasmina Reza's "God of Carnage," which he previously helmed at London's Gielud Theatre last year. The play is about a schoolyard dispute and its aftermath and will star James Gandolfini ("Sopranos"), Daniels, Hope Davis and Marcia Gay Harden.

Reza's "Art" won the Tony Award for Best Play, and her prior Broadway work also includes "Life X 3."

And no worries about financial backing with this play.

"The money had already been raised, basically on Gandolfini," Daniels said. "They called up around Thanksgiving and said they need a director, but if that goes well, do you want to do it?"

The timing, both professionally and personally, couldn't have been better for Daniels, who will begin rehearsals at the end of the month for an opening scheduled in March.

"We have an apartment now and the kids are in college so we're going and I can't wait," he said. "The things that would keep me in Chelsea are the kids, and we're empty nesting now," Daniels said. "The daily responsibilities are pretty much over. Kathleen even came to Chicago with me and brought the dogs and was there for weeks at a time. We never could have done that before."

"So that changes what you choose to do. I couldn't do a Broadway play if the kids were still in the house. It's just too big of a commitment."

On Broadway, Daniels has appeared in Lanford Wilson's "Redwood Curtain," in 1993, A. R. Gurney's "The Golden Age" in 1984 and Wilson's "Fifth of July" in 1979, for which he won a Drama Desk Award for Best

Supporting Actor.

Off-Broadway, Daniels received a Drama Desk nomination for Wilson's "Lemon Sky," and an Obie Award for his performance in the Circle Repertory Company production of "Johnny Got His Gun."

So, in other words, Daniels knows his way around New York City.

On the big screen

According to the Internet Movie Database (IMDb), Daniels has five movies rolling out in 2009.

Among those in the "completed" stages is "Arlen Faber," a comedy/romance starring Kat Dennings, Lauren Graham and Olivia Thirlby. The story is about a reclusive author of spiritual books, who is pursued for advice by a single mother and a man fresh out of rehab.

"State of Play" also is completed and features an impressive cast, including Rachel McAdams, Ben Affleck, Russell Crowe, Jason Bateman and Robin Wright Penn. No wonder this is on the big screen, there isn't enough room for all these stars on the small screen. Daniels plays George Fergus.

The movie, directed by Kevin Macdonald, is based on the BBC mini-series of the same title. The story is about a team of investigative reporters who work alongside a police detective trying to solve the murder of a congressman's mistress. It's a lit-

tle bit drama, a little bit crime and a lot of thriller.

Affleck plays handsome, unflappable U.S. Congressman Stephen Collins, who is the future of his political party. He is an honorable appointee who serves as the chairman of a committee overseeing defense spending. All eyes are upon the rising star to be his party's contender for the upcoming presidential race. Until his research assistant (and mistress) is brutally murdered and buried secrets come tumbling out.

Also scheduled for a 2009 release include "Away We Go" (with John Krasinski of "The Office" and Maya Rudolph); "Paper Man" (with Ryan Reynolds, Emma Stone and Lisa Kudrow); and "Howl" (with James Franco, Paul Rudd, Alan Alda and Mary-Louise Parker).

"I really like 'Paper Man,' it's a low budget film that we just shot in November," Daniels said. "A really good script, and we are going to submit it to the Toronto Film Festival."

Daniels also is off to the Sundance Film Festival later this month to promote "Arlen Faber." Daniels plays Faber, the reclusive author of "Me and God," a book that has redefined spirituality for an entire generation and has been translated into more than 100 languages.

The music

Before playing his next song last week at the Purple

Chelsea native Jeff Daniels: At a glance

"God of Carnage": The Plot

Before the play begins, two 11-year-old children, Ferdinand Reille and Bruno Vallon, play a game on their school playground which involves appraising the "God of Carnage." As a result, Ferdinand knocks out two of Bruno's teeth with a stick. That night, the parents of both children meet in order to discuss the matter. Ferdinand's father, Alain, is a lawyer who is never off his mobile phone. Ferdinand's mother, Annette, is in "wealth management" (her husband's wealth, to be precise), and constantly wears good shoes. Bruno's father, Michel, is a self-made wholesaler with an unwell mother. Bruno's mother, Veronique, is writing a book about Daffur. As the evening goes on, the meeting degenerates into the four of them getting into irrational arguments, up to the point where they even bring up the topics of misogyny, racial prejudice and homophobia.

—From Wikipedia

"Turn of the Century": The Reviews

"And although I wouldn't say Daniels is ideally cast—he is a gruff, realistic actor rather than a

naturally luminous" song-and-dance man—he holds his own." —Chicago Sun Times.

"Daniels is all confident charm and 'been there-done that' allure." —Chicago Sun Times

"Turn of the Century" is headlined by dazzling flexible-voiced Rachel York as Dixie and Jeff Daniels, in a good song-and-dance turn, as mercurial Billy." —Windy City Times

"Arlen Faber": The Movie

Arlen Faber (Daniels) is the reclusive author of "Me and God," a book that has redefined spirituality for an entire generation and has been translated into more than 100 languages. On the eve of the 20th anniversary of his still wildly popular book, Arlen is still sought after as the man who has all the answers. Arlen's life collides with Elizabeth (Lauren Graham), a single mom raising her 7-year-old son, and Kris (Taylor Pucci), a young man fresh out of rehab who is searching for meaning. Both Elizabeth and Kris are hopeful that Arlen has the answers, but the truth is, he hasn't got a clue. The film also stars Kat Dennings ("Nick and Norah's Infinite Playlist") and Olivia Thirlby ("Juno").

Rose, Daniels asks the audience if they remember their first car. A young man sitting in the front replies that his first car hasn't been made yet. It's just too good to ignore and Daniels speaks to 13-year-old Kyle throughout the show, even bringing him up on stage to help out on the train whistle.

"That was wonderful," Daniels says after the show. "The set list you could have just thrown out today, and I like that. There is a show and there is the new stuff that is trying to get into the

show. So there is this battle going on."

Daniels packed up his audience in his "Recreational Vehicle" and took a ride to the Lumberjack Tavern in Big Bay, headed over to Cooperstown, N.Y. and conversed about everything from marriage to road rage to his first car to teaching his daughter how to drive. He also sang about Clint Eastwood in "Dirty Harry Blues" and about forgetting his dress shoes while in Spain with "Tiny Shoes."

The humorous side of Daniels didn't catch many off guard. Anyone who can stand toe to toe with Jim Carrey over the course of a movie has to have some comedic chops. But the dramatic actor also showed his serious side with heartfelt and touching songs, such as "Michigan My Michigan" and "In the Meantime."

It's a rollercoaster of emotions with a conductor who knows the way.

"A part of what they want and what they're paying for

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Prior to the official MLK Day march at 5:30 p.m., Dance Arts of Chelsea's Jazz Ensemble will be performing in the McKune room at the Chelsea District Library, a piece entitled "I Feel It," a very inspirational work displaying their portrayal of Dr. King's "I Have a Dream" speech.

The peace march through downtown Chelsea follows at 5:30 p.m. starting in front of the First United Methodist Church on Park Street. The march will end with a VIP reception at 6 p.m. with refreshments at the library featuring guest speaker, artist and professor Gilda Snowden. The event is sponsored by the Chelsea District Library and The Common Grill.

"We're elated to have Gilda coming to Chelsea," says OWOF member and event coordinator, Janice Ortbring. "She was a great inspiration for me in college and offers a wonderful perspective in her work, both visually in her paintings and in her new book. This is a major treat for Chelsea and everyone should come to see her hear her speak."

Snowden will speak after the reception at the First Congregational Church starting at 7 p.m.

Snowden is a Detroit native and accomplished painter. In addition to being a highly successful fine artist including having five of her pieces at the Detroit Institute of Arts, Gilda is employed at Detroit Repertory Theatre as gallery director and as a fine arts professor at College for Creative Studies.

OWOF organized Chelsea's first Martin Luther King Jr.

Day Celebration in January 2002 when more than 500 people turned out. In 2003, they began an annual essay contest in the local schools, and have sponsored, along with the Chelsea District Library, Chelsea's Community Reads.

For more information about One World, One Family, go to www.owof.org.

Additional event sponsors include Edgar Norman Creative, Chelsea Center for the Arts, Chelsea First Congregational Church, Silver Maples, The Common Grill, Chelsea First United Methodist Church, Dance Arts Chelsea, Rainbow Players, local churches, The Chelsea Standard and local citizens.

Schedule of events

Sunday, Jan. 11, 2 p.m.

Michigan Friends Center Present "Sacred Storytelling," a conversational play geared towards teens.

At the Michigan Friends Center.

"Sacred Storytelling" is an opportunity to engage in extended conversations. What did we hear? What did we assume? What stereotypes were brought to our attention? What does it take to overcome prejudice? How can we build better bridges of friendship and understanding? The Interfaith Round Table is proud to produce and present, "Sacred Storytelling," as a way of bringing our differences to light and then letting that light illuminate our way toward our common goals and shared visions.

Saturday, Jan. 17, 2 p.m. and Monday, Jan. 19, noon and 2 p.m.

The Rainbow Players Present "The Sneetches" a story by Dr. Seuss - adapted for the stage and directed by Athena Eyster, and produced by Amanda Patton. At

the First Congregational Church - 121 East Middle Street. The event is free.

Monday, Jan. 19, 5 p.m. Dance Arts of Chelsea's Jazz Ensemble presents "I Feel It," a very inspirational work displaying their portrayal of Dr. King's "I Have a Dream" speech. Performed at McKune Room/Chelsea District Library

Monday, Jan. 19, 5:30 p.m. MLK Peace March. March begins in front of First United Methodist Church on Park Street. The march winds through downtown Chelsea and ends at the library, with a VIP reception to follow.

Monday, Jan. 19, 6 p.m. VIP reception at the McKune Room at Chelsea District Library, celebrating artist Gilda Snowden.



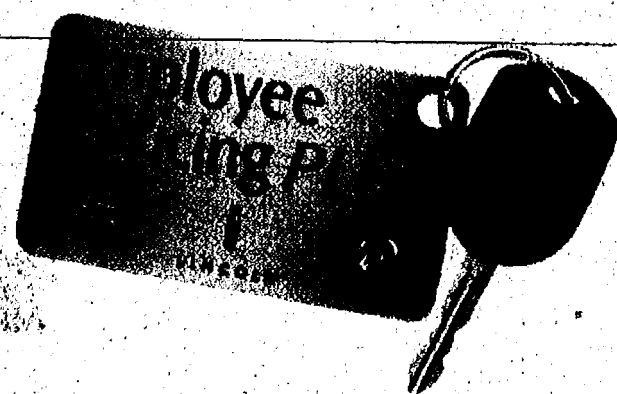
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Chalk Talk

Chelsea Standard / Dexter Leader Sports Editor Don Richter goes beyond the final scores.

Locals lead college teams

As is usually the case, Dexter and Chelsea athletes are making their marks at the collegiate level this winter sports campaign.

At the University of Texas, Dexter's Adrienne Woods is a key contributor for the Longhorns' No. 4-ranked women's swimming and diving team this season. Last month, Woods helped lead Texas to a second-place finish at its own invitational. The Longhorns trailed only defending national champion and current No. 1-ranked Arizona. Also competing at the meet were UCLA, Houston, Nebraska, Arizona State, Wisconsin and Washington State.

Individually, Woods finished 13th in the 200 individual medley with a personal best time of 2:00.92 and 15th in the 200 freestyle in a personal best 1:48.64. She won her consolation heats in the 50 freestyle in a personal best 23.14 and in the 100 freestyle in a personal best 50.34.

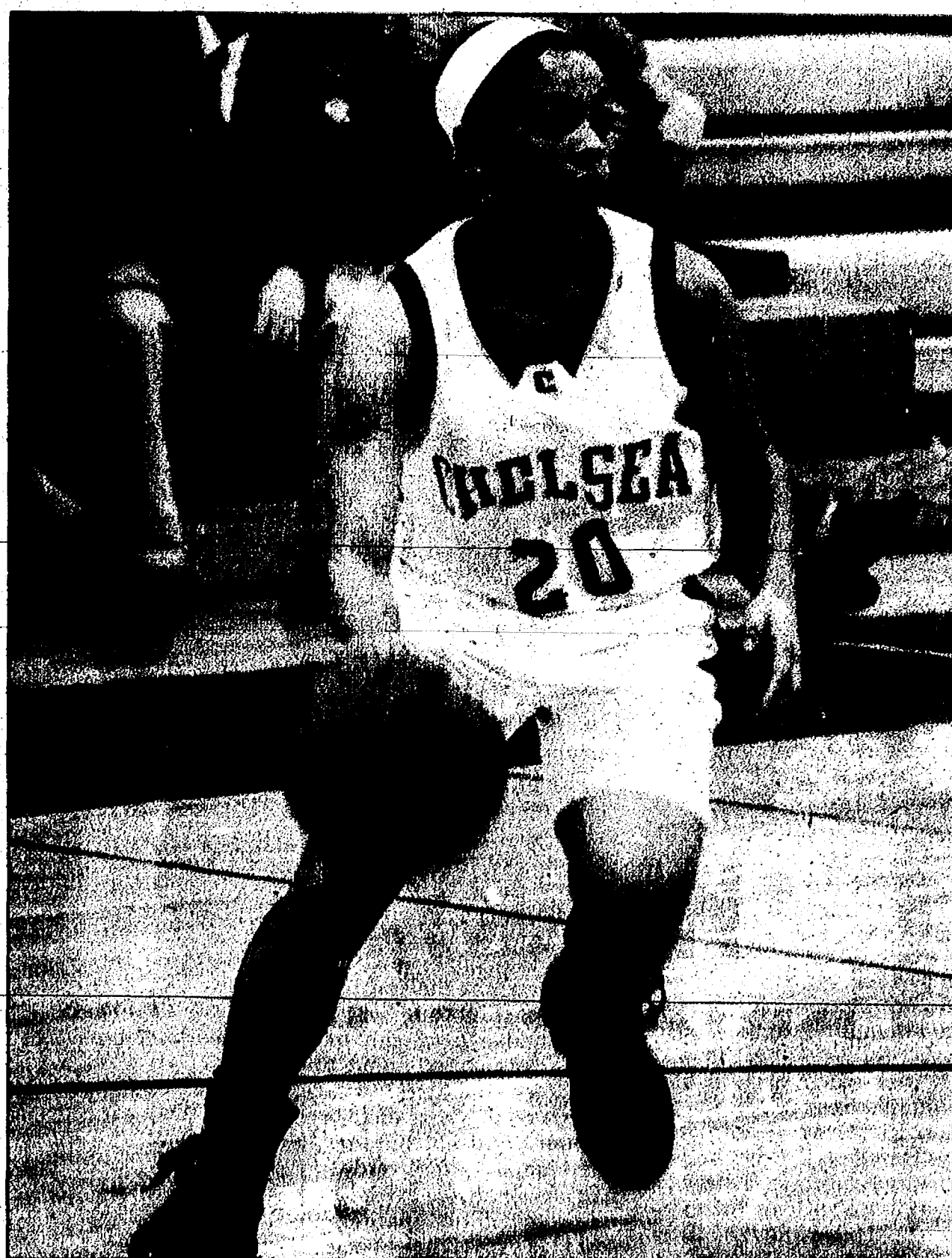
Also, Woods was a member of four relays that each placed in the top eight.

At Calvin College, Chelsea's John Mantel was named the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association men's basketball Player-of-the-Week the last week of November. A 6-foot-8 junior center, Mantel scored 41 points and had 12 rebounds over two games Thanksgiving weekend at the Grand Rapids Sports Hall of Fame Tournament hosted by Hope College. In an 85-82 overtime win against Cornerstone, Mantel had a career-high 27 points, including two 3-pointers, nine rebounds, two assists and two blocked shots. His two free throws sent the game into overtime. For his performance, he was named to the All-Tournament team.

At Albion College, Chelsea's Robbie Moffett, Austin Rodgers and Jesse Stewart earned varsity letters for their football performance this past season.

Also at Albion, Chelsea's Nicole Oberholtzer earned a varsity letter for her efforts on the women's cross country team. Her top 5K time this season was 23:10. Chelsea's Chris Moyle received a varsity letter for the men's cross country team.

At Hope College, Dexter's Jenny Cowen was named a tri-captain of this season's women's basketball team. The 5-foot-9 junior forward is averaging nine points and three rebounds per game so far this year for the Flying Dutch. Her 23 assists this



Chelsea's Erin Benjamin had 14 points and 10 assists in the Bulldogs' 58-55 win over Detroit Allen Academy Dec. 30.

Chelsea hosts tourney

By Don Richter Sports Editor

Chelsea's girls' basketball team hosted its own holiday tournament Dec. 29 through 30.

To open the tournament, the Bulldogs (4-2, 1-1 Southeastern Conference) lost to Northville 43-42.

After a 9-9 first quarter, the Mustangs broke free outscoring Chelsea 15-4 in the second quarter, taking a 24-13 halftime lead.

In the third quarter, Northville increased its advantage netting nine points, while limiting the Bulldogs to seven points, upping its lead to 33-20 entering the fourth frame.

In the fourth quarter, Chelsea refused to quit, furiously battling back outscoring the Mustangs 22-10 for the night's final margin.

Senior Zoe Suffety led the Bulldogs with 11 points, five rebounds and one steal.

Erin Benjamin added 10 points, two rebounds and three assists, while Krystin Schwarze had 10 points, two rebounds, four assists and one block for Chelsea.

Samantha French finished with five points and two rebounds, while Megan Dunn had four points and two steals and Rachel Cooperrider and Mackenzie Cole each had one point and two rebounds for the Bulldogs.

Amber Stebleton grabbed three rebounds for Chelsea.

The Bulldogs finished 13-of-32 from the field for 40 percent, while Northville was 14-of-48 from the floor for 29.2 percent.

At the free throw line, Chelsea was 13-of-28 for 46 percent, while the Mustangs were 14-of-19 for 74 percent.

Northville out-rebounded the Bulldogs 35-17, including 17-5 on the offensive glass.

Chelsea forced 22 turnovers and had eight steals. The Mustangs, on the other hand, pressured the Bulldogs into 20 turnovers and had 12 steals.



Bulldog guard Megan Dunn had four points and two steals in Chelsea's 43-42 loss to Northville Dec. 29.

On Dec. 30, Chelsea defeated Detroit Allen Academy 58-55.

After a 13-13 first quarter, the Bulldogs took a 30-25 halftime lead.

In the third quarter, Allen rallied outscoring Chelsea 15-12 and closing the gap to 42-40 entering the fourth stanza.

In the fourth quarter, the Bulldogs outscored Detroit 18-15 for the game's ending outcome.

Schwarze was Chelsea's top scorer with 19 points. She also recorded six assists, two steals and one rebound.

Benjamin posted a double-double of 14 points and 10 assists, while Suffety had seven points and four rebounds and Cole and Stebleton six points each for the Bulldogs.

Dunn had four points and two assists, while Cooperrider had two points and four rebounds for

Chelsea. French added two rebounds for the Bulldogs.

Chelsea next travels to Adrian for a game Friday at 7 p.m.

On Tuesday, the Bulldogs visit Ann Arbor Pioneer for a contest at 7:15 p.m.

On Jan. 16, Chelsea hosts Ypsilanti Lincoln at 7 p.m.

Freshman Basketball Chelsea's freshman girls' basketball team defeated Milan 35-29 Dec. 22.

The Bulldogs (1-4) were led by Nicole Brown with 11 points. Amber Plemens added 10 points, while Allie Smith had six points, Sarah Bucholz, Tessa Elwart and Megan Fenner each netted four points and Tess Schuessler one point.

"This game was a very exciting offensive game with balanced scoring by the girls," said Chelsea coach Brian Boos. "Their effort on defense helped tremendously in this win."

Bulldogs face Jackson in holiday final

By Don Richter Sports Editor

Chelsea's boys' basketball team hosted its own holiday tournament Dec. 29 through 30.

In the tournament championship game, the Bulldogs (2-2) lost to Jackson 47-45.

The Vikings (4-1) ran out to a 16-11 first quarter lead.

In the second quarter, Chelsea battled back, outscoring Jackson 13-4 taking a 24-20 halftime advantage.

In the third quarter, the Vikings rallied, posting 19 points, while holding the Bulldogs to nine points grabbing a 39-33 lead entering the fourth stanza.

Late in the fourth quarter, Chelsea roared back tying the game at 43-43. Jackson, however, was able to drill a 3-pointer and follow that basket with a free throw to take a 47-43 lead with less than a minute to go. The Bulldogs hit a shot at the buzzer for the final tally.

"I was pleased that we were able to stay with a good team like Jackson," said Chelsea coach Robin Raymond. "They (Jackson) are really good on the ball. They're a very strong defensive team. They're extremely quick."

Senior forward Jake Mantel (6-4) led the Bulldogs with a double-double of 12 points and 11 rebounds.

Guard Ben Sauers added nine points, while Brennan Darwin had eight points for Chelsea. Sophomore wing player Spencer Mykala had four points, while sophomore center Conor Tait (6-5) had three points and 10 rebounds.

Junior forward Scott Devol recorded three points, while sophomore forward Mason Borders, senior guard Brett Everding and sophomore point guard Patrick Roberts each had two points for Chelsea.

To open the tournament, the Bulldogs defeated Northville 48-35 Dec. 29.

"We always want to run," Raymond said. "We like up-tempo. Northville wanted a slow down-type of game. Our defense in the first half was really good. We shut down what they were trying to do."

Chelsea led 8-7 after one quarter.

In the second quarter, the Bulldogs outscored the Mustangs 14-6 for a 22-13 halftime margin.

In the third quarter, Northville fought back trimming Chelsea's lead to 29-23 heading into the fourth period.

In the fourth quarter, the Bulldogs regained control of the contest, scoring 19

points, while limiting the Mustangs to 12 points for the game's ending outcome.

Chelsea was forced to play the entire game without senior wing Michael Roberts, who rolled an ankle in the season-opener and Patrick Roberts, who was battling the flu.

With both players out, Sauers and Mantel combined to play the point for the Bulldogs.

"They both did a good job," Raymond said.

Against Northville, Chelsea displayed impressive scoring balance.

Borders, Darwin, Mantel and Mykala led the Bulldogs each scoring eight points.

Everding had six points, while Sauers had four points, Tait three points, Devol two points and junior wing Nate Branham one point for Chelsea.

"We rotated a lot of guys in and out," Raymond said. "It was a total team effort. I was pleased with how the game went."

In the tournament's other first round game, Jackson defeated Detroit Allen Academy 77-42.

On Dec. 23, the host Bulldogs beat Milan 69-42. Mantel had 13 points, while Patrick Roberts, Tait and Borders each had 12 points.

To open the season, visiting Chelsea lost to Pinckney 54-38 Dec. 16.

Mantel paced the Bulldogs offensively with 11 points.

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JV Basketball

Chelsea's JV boys' basketball team lost to Jackson 55-37 last week. Jake Steinhauer led the Bulldogs (3-1) with 13 points. Chris Ballow added eight points. On the boards, Nate Udell had six rebounds, while Jack McDougall had five rebounds for Chelsea.

Also last week, the Bulldogs beat Northville 70-61. Udell had 19 points, while Ballow had 12 points. Steinhauer had 11 rebounds, while Brian Paulsen had nine boards. McDougall recorded four assists to lead Chelsea in that department.

On Dec. 23, the Bulldogs beat Milan 71-46. Steinhauer had 11 points and eight rebounds to spark Chelsea.

To begin the year, the Bulldogs defeated Pinckney 55-45 Dec. 16. Udell had 14 points to lead Chelsea.

Chelsea twirlers to begin classes Monday

The Chelsea Twirlers and Pom Corps is offering twirling classes for new and returning students beginning Jan. 12, 2009.

Twirling is an enjoyable winter sport, offering participants the opportunity to be indoors, but keeping active by learning basic twirling skills, body movements and coordination.

Chelsea twirling coach is Stacy Leatherberry-Rehmann, former MSU feature twirler and national champion twirler.

Leatherberry-Rehmann has been involved with twirling for 18 years.

Classes are appropriate for students 5-years-old to teens and are held Monday evenings at Pierce Lake Elementary School.

Participants will perform at local events, parades and recital. Register Jan. 12 at 6 p.m. at Pierce Lake Elementary School.

For additional information, call 475-5795 or go to <http://chelseatwirlers.googlepages.com>.

Outdoors a great place for kids

Growing up, my mom would tell me not to come back inside the house until dinnertime. Over the years, from conversations I've had with other adults, I've come to the conclusion they heard the same phrase uttered by their parents.

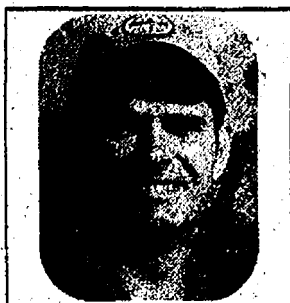
Unfortunately, today we live in a different world due to child predators and other like-minded criminals. It's safer for us to keep our children inside and pacified playing video games, watching cartoons or playing on the computer, isn't it? I can't believe I can't even let my son go online without worrying about some miscreant trying to harm my child in one way or another.

Today, we can't just send our kids outside like our parents did, but we can become more involved and take an active role in their outdoor adventures. The challenge for most adults nowadays is working harder than ever in a struggling economy and finding our time more valuable and pressed than ever.

I remember time used to stand still for me as a child. On the other hand, my parents were free to do whatever they pleased after work, as well. If my dad chose to sit on the recliner after a hard day's work, then fine. I sometimes think the worst inventions have been cell phones, traveling sports teams and the advent of e-mail. We can't escape from the technology surrounding us.

I firmly believe we're a more tense society today because we're not allowed to slow down. Look around and it's easy to see examples of this tension in our everyday life. Whoever

TAYLOR MADE ADVENTURES



RICK TAYLOR

thought there'd be a day when road rage became a familiar term in society?

Although there are more negative issues for all of us to deal with in today's society, I refuse to be imprisoned by it. I want my son Ricky to enjoy all the things life has to offer, including the natural world that surrounds us all.

The purpose of this column is to promote an outdoor lifestyle for everyone, especially our youth.

From the time Ricky was a toddler, he's been in the woods with me. He's learned how to fish, identify different tracks on the ground, hunt with me and truly appreciate the outdoors. I can remember telling him to look at the beautiful clouds in the sky or look at the sunset, among other things.

I'm so grateful I spent the time to take Ricky outdoors, because he reminds me of nature's beauty from time to time. Just yesterday, he pointed out the sunset and mentioned how beautiful it was. I hope he'll pass that on to his children someday.

Don't get me wrong, Ricky loves his video games and asks me for a new game every chance he gets. I keep



Columnist Rick Taylor kneels next to his son, Ricky, after a fishing outing.

saying no for the most part, but give in from time to time. I hope I'm not alone in this dilemma.

In the fall of 2008, Ricky and I were in a tree blind hunting deer during the archery season. At that time, it was still relatively warm out and the deer were pretty active in the hay and soybean fields. Prior to going out on this evening, Ricky grabbed my deer grunt call, as he always did, and blew through it. He had a talent for making the grunt call sound like a freight train, which was something I never knew was possible.

Anyway, I felt Ricky was ready to try grunting in a buck with the call on this evening. Just in case, I had the video camera with me. Before sunset, I told Ricky to attempt a grunt call. He was pretty excited. I turned on the video camera and told him to start grunting. I was surprised at how good he sounded. Ricky grunted in quick succession three or four times with medium volume. He'd wait about 20 seconds and try it again. He

learned from me not to blow too hard when in the field.

Suddenly we caught movement off to our right and a 6-point buck came out of the woods looking for a fight. I was so thankful I brought along the video camera. We had proof that a 5-year-old boy could grunt in a buck. Well, Ricky continued to grunt and the buck came closer and closer. Believe it or not, we were simply happy to let the buck walk away after a while. Ricky had more fun that autumn afternoon than any computer game could ever offer.

People ask me why I like to hunt and why I sometimes bring my son along with me. My answer is always the same. We're either watching the sunrise or sunset every time we go out. It's also awesome to have Ricky cuddled up next to me the whole time.

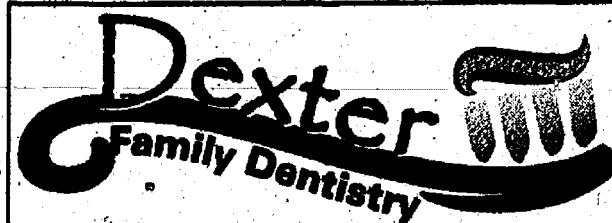
If you're thinking of taking your child out hunting or fishing, but are afraid, I have some advice to help you overcome the boredom most kids experience at one time or another.

Bring snacks. Healthy snacks are always good to have along — it helps the time go by faster.

Local Hunter



Bill Bennett sits next to the 16-point buck he bagged last year on Nov. 16.



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season are second-best on the squad. She leads Hope shooting 17-of-18 at the free throw line for 94 percent. She's also tops on the team, with 11 3-pointers.

On Dec. 16, Hope defeated Carthage 64-46 in the D3 Classic in Orlando, Fla. Cowen scored 13 points to lead the Flying Dutch. For her overall performance, she was named to the All-Tournament team. Hope (8-0) is ranked No. 1 in the nation in Division III by the USA Today/ESPN poll. The Dutch have a 31-game regular season winning streak. Last year, Hope finished 30-

1 losing in the Elite Eight of the national tournament to eventual champion Howard Payne (Texas) 53-49.

At Goshen College in Goshen, Ind., Chelsea sophomore Liz Gunden was a defender on this year's women's soccer team.

At the University of Michigan, Dexter's Hannah Smith helped lead the Wolverines' No. 18-ranked women's swimming and diving team to a first-place finish at the Eastern Michigan University Invitational Dec. 6. A senior, Smith finished

first individually in the 200 individual medley in a career best and meet record time of 2:02.70 and in the 200 freestyle in 1:51.40.

Smith was also a member of the first-place finishing 200 freestyle relay in a meet and pool record 1:31.37, the 400 medley relay in a meet and pool record 3:45.68 and the 200 medley relay in 1:44.85.

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Variety Die	7-4-2
Tidy Tom	6-4-3
ABC Detail	7-6
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Top 10 books and DVDs of 2008

By Joan Elmouchi

Another year has come and gone, which means it's time for a top 10 list! From documentaries to comedies, stark family sagas to revealing memoirs, here are my recommendations, in alphabetical order, for titles that you may enjoy.

Books

Helene Cooper - "The House at Sugar Beach"

A privileged childhood in Liberia comes to an end when civil war forces the author and her family to flee to America, leaving behind the girl that Cooper considered her sister. An excellent memoir.

Janet Evanovich - "Fearless Fourteen"

Another funny, sly Stephanie Plum novel from the ever-reliable Evanovich, who seems to get better every year.

Carrie Fisher - "Wishful Drinking"

From Princess Leia to rehab, Fisher dishes about her famous parents and her troubled life.

Tess Gerritsen - "The Bone Garden"

A new divorcee impulsively buys an old house and discovers a skeleton in the garden, which leads to some surprising discoveries.

Jennifer Haigh - "The Condition"

When the McKotch family's youngest, Gwen, is diagnosed with Turner's Syndrome, a genetic condition that prevents entry into puberty, the event leaves the previously happy family in tatters.

Penelope Livesly - "The House on Fortune Street"

The intertwined lives of four fascinating characters brought together by a tragic suicide.

Garth Stein - "The Art of Racing in the Rain"

Life, love, loss and auto

racing told from the point of view of a wise and highly evolved dog named Enzo.

Elizabeth Strout - "Olive Kitteridge"

Thirteen interconnected stories featuring an outspoken retired teacher, Olive Kitteridge, and her family and friends. Profound and beautifully written.

Joanna Trollope - "Friday Nights"

Friendships begin to unravel for six diverse women when one of them brings a new man into her life.

Barbara Walters - "Audition"

Frank and fascinating look at Barbara's personal and professional life, as well as the inside stories behind those groundbreaking interviews.

DVDs

"Dark Knight"

Arguably the best superhero movie ever made. Heath Ledger's over the top performance as the Joker is worth the price of popcorn alone.

"Gone Baby Gone"

A PI and his partner help the police search for a missing child in this clever, twisty tale of secrets and deception.

"In Bruges"

Two hitmen, a novice and a pro, flee to Bruges, Belgium after a job goes awry. Funny and thrilling, with some shocks along the way.

"Lars and the Real Girl"

Sad, delusional Lars is convinced that an anatomically correct sex doll is his girlfriend. A touching, sweet film.

"The Mist"

My choice for top horror DVD of the year is based on a Stephen King novella. In small town Maine, an ill-trustor and his young son become trapped in a supermarket, surrounded by a

malevolent, blinding fog.

"The Savages"

Siblings with problems of their own travel to Arizona to deal with their father's increasing dementia. Strong performances by Philip Seymour Hoffman and Laura Linney.

"Transsiberian"

A well done Hitchcockian thriller about a young couple who get caught up in a nightmare while traveling to Moscow on the Transsiberian Express train.

"Tropic Thunder"

Four self-absorbed actors get dropped into the jungle where they cross swords with real drug runners. My pick for funniest DVD of the year.

"Wall-e"

My favorite animated picture of the year. A lonely robot is left on a decimated earth with only a cockroach for companionship, until an egg-shaped probe drops from the sky. Adorable, with a eco-message as well.

"Young at Heart"

A documentary about a Massachusetts senior citizen's chorus who sings contemporary rock music. The very meaning of "heartwarming".

Joan Elmouchi is the Director of the McKune Memorial Library in Chelsea. All titles are available through the Chelsea Library.

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OF WEBSTER AND SCIO TOWNSHIP
COUNTY OF WASHTENAW, MICHIGAN**

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:
Notice is hereby given of a **SPECIAL BOARD MEETING**. The meeting will be held on:

January 19, 2009 - 7:00 PM
At the
Webster Township Hall
5665 Webster Church Road
Dexter, MI 48130

AGENDA
Review the report on the Loch Alpine water analysis and reliability study completed by Stantec Engineering
Auditors Report
- Determine what action should be taken on results of the Stantec Report
Other matters that may arise
December 31, 2008

Neil Geri, Chairman
Loch Alpine Sanitary Authority

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January 15, 2008



Gently-used books, donated by employees at Chelsea Retirement Community, were recently given to Girl Scout Troop 507 in Chelsea. Marie Seddon, executive director of the UMRC Heritage Foundation, presented these books to Girl Scouts, Fallon Mosier and Megan Heydlauff.

**DEXTER TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION
PUBLIC ADVISORY MEETING NOTICE**
TUESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2009 AT 7:00 P.M. AT
DEXTER TOWNSHIP HALL
6880 DEXTER-PINCKNEY RD., DEXTER, MI. 48130

AGENDA

1) Master Plan Public Advisory Meeting. The main topic will be discussion of future development policies in the Agricultural areas of Dexter Township.
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**VILLAGE OF DEXTER
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN

Pursuant to Michigan Public Act 110 of 2006, as amended, notice is hereby given that the Dexter Village Parks and Recreation Commission will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 17, 2009 at the Village Offices, 8123 Main Street, Dexter, Michigan, Second Floor of the National City Bank for the purpose of hearing public comment on the Village of Dexter Parks and Recreation Master Plan. The plan update included, but was not limited to the following: Village background study updates, including demographic information, public survey analysis, parks and recreation needs analysis, capital improvement planning and updates and extensive goal and objective review and revisions.

Information regarding the updated Parks and Recreation Master Plan is available for public inspection at the Village Offices, 8123 Main Street, Dexter, weekdays between 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. or by phone at (734) 426-8303 Ext. 15. Written comments regarding the proposed amendments to the Parks and Recreation Master Plan should be submitted to the Village Offices, and must be received no later than 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 10, 2009. Sign language interpreter, or other assistance, is provided upon request to the Clerk, at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting. Minutes of all meetings are available at Village Offices and on the Village website.
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**DEXTER TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**
MEETING NOTICE
TUESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2009 AT 7:00 P.M. AT
DEXTER TOWNSHIP HALL
6880 DEXTER-PINCKNEY RD., DEXTER, MI. 48130

**DEXTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING
NOTICE ON PROPOSED SPECIAL LAND USE PERMIT FOR A
LANDSCAPE NURSERY OPERATION AT 9449 HURON RIVER
DRIVE, DEXTER, MI 48130**

The Dexter Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on January 27, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of receiving public comment on a proposed special land use permit for a landscape nursery operation at 9449 Huron River Drive, Dexter, MI 48130 (Tax Parcel No. 04-13-100-021). This parcel is located on an approximately 7.86-acre parcel in Section 13 on the west side of Huron River Drive, about 450 feet south of Bell Road. The property is located in the RR (Rural Residential) District, which authorizes landscape nursery operations by special land use approval. A copy of the proposed development plan and application materials can 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), January 27, 2009 and addressed to the Dexter Township Planning Commission, 6880 Dexter Pinckney Road, Dexter, MI, 48130. The Planning Commission may take action on such application following the public hearing. The public may appear at the public hearing in person or by counsel.

John Shea, Chairperson
Dexter Township Planning Commission

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**WEBSTER TOWNSHIP
SPECIAL JOINT MEETING WITH THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND PLANNING COMMISSION
DECEMBER 17, 2008**

The Webster Township Board Special Meeting was called to order at 7:49 p.m. by Supervisor Kingsley at the Township Hall, 5665 Webster Church Road Dexter, MI 48130.

Members present Supervisor Kingsley, Clerk Heller, Treasurer Whitney, Trustees: Koch Kleinschmidt, Estleman and Westman Planning Commission Board members Chair Zalucha, Calhoun, Mitzel, Perry, Koch, Zuccaro, and Woods, absent Lovell. Also present Zoning Administrator: Pindzia, and recording secretary Zeeb, Planner Masson, Minock and one citizen.

Supervisor Remarks
Amend Agenda

Motion Westman second Kleinschmidt to amend the agenda and moved that the Board authorize the expenditure of up to \$2500.00 for the appraisal of a property that has been submitted for participation in the Farmland & Open Space Preservation Program. Roll call vote, all ayes and carried.

The Meeting was called to order at 7:52 by the Chairman of the Planning Commission Paul Zalucha.

A. Zoning Ordinance

Discussion took place regarding the proposed Township Zoning Ordinance from Article 9, Section 9.15 through the end of Article 12.

B. Meeting Time Change

Motion Kleinschmidt second Estleman to change the time of the Regular Webster Township Board

Meeting held on January 20, 2009 to 6:30 p.m.

C. Special Meeting

Motion Kingsley second Koch to establish Special Meeting the third Tuesday and Wednesday of January 20 & 21 2009 following the Township Board and Planning Commission meetings respectively. All ayes and carried.

Call to Public

Adjourn:

Motion Kleinschmidt second Koch to adjourn meeting. Meeting adjourned at 10:58 p.m. All ayes and carried.

Respectfully submitted
Mary Dee Heller, Clerk
Webster Township

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Music at McKune kicks off Sunday

Come in out of the cold and heat up with the sound of music at the Chelsea District Library. The annual Music at McKune series will kick start at 2 p.m. Sunday with the sounds of jazz and blues provided by M.L. Liebier and Robert Jones.

The series, an annual library tradition, will continue on succeeding Sundays with the University of Michigan Friars, the Glenn Persello-Seefeld Quartet, and Kitty Donohoe.

Liebier, who is also the Chelsea District Library's artist-in-residence, will be joined onstage with local blues legend Robert Jones. Jones has more than 25 years of experience as a musician, playing with some of the finest musicians in the world, including B.B. King, Bonnie Raitt, John Lee Hooker and Koko Taylor. Many will also remember Jones as the host of the award winning national public radio show called "Blues from the Lowlands."

For Liebier, the annual music series "demonstrates a genuine concern on behalf of the library to reach out to all people and help make more folks aware that culture and the arts are essential ingredients to a stronger, better community."

The University of Michigan Friars, a distinguished group of young gentlemen from the University of Michigan, will be making their Chelsea debut on Jan. 18. Founded in 1955 by Walter Collins, a former member of the Yale Wiffenpoofs, the octet is known for adding humor to the traditional a cappella repertoire.

The Friars have traveled around the world performing a variety of music arranged for a cappella, and spreading general musical merriment.

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King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Apiece
- 5 Despondent
- 8 Vagrant
- 12 Sly tactic
- 13 Praise in verse
- 14 October birthstone
- 15 Charged particles
- 16 Walled-in group of buildings
- 18 Use a seven-second delay, e.g.
- 20 Scads
- 21 Brilliant-hued fish
- 23 Female deer
- 24 UNIVAC; for one
- 28 Formerly
- 31 Honest
- 32 Paddock
- 34 Intimidate
- 35 Platter
- 37 Entire
- 39 Opposite of "dis"
- 41 Tragic
- 42 Beetle
- 45 Mythical maidens
- 49 Collected into a volume
- 51 Hodgepodge
- 52 Sheltered

DOWN

- 1 Grand story
- 2 Lotion
- 3 R.I. neighbor
- 4 Mint often used as an herb
- 5 Re Plato's teacher
- 6 Commotion
- 7 Showroom
- 8 Jinx
- 9 Wealth
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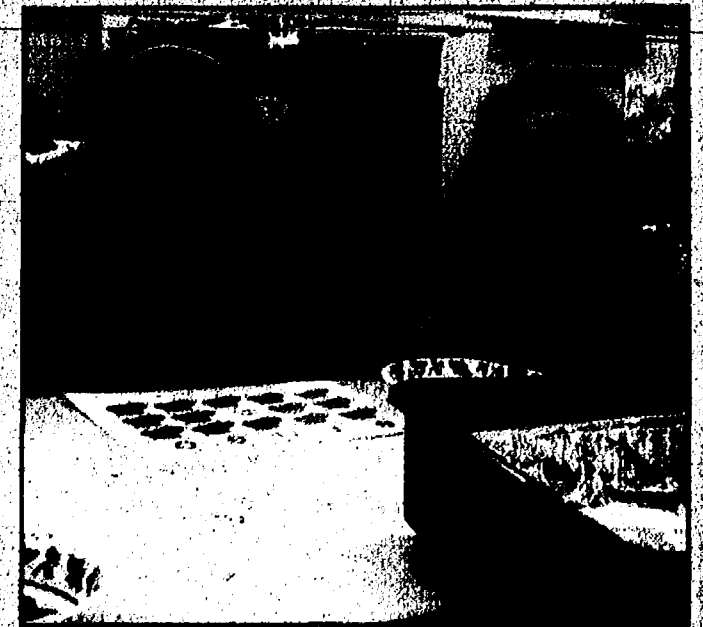
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Preschool party!

The Chelsea Community Preschool Holiday Party was held last month and food, fun and Santa were on the schedule. Students from Mrs. Wingle's 4-year-old classes enjoyed seeing Santa and making crafts.



INSET: Kayla takes her turn sitting on Santa's lap. **GROUP PHOTO:** Santa talks with the children and answers their questions about the North Pole and reindeer care. **ABOVE:** Gracelyn and Makayla play holiday Bingo. **ABOVE CENTER:** Dave and Danni string Christmas beads into necklaces. **LEFT:** The children sing "Jingle Bells" for their families. **FAR LEFT:** Joe explains exactly what he wants for Christmas to Santa.

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Thursday	Thu. night	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
26° to 32°	15° to 21°	23° to 29° 20° to 26°	28° to 34° 13° to 19°	14° to 20° 14° to 20°	23° to 29° 4° to 10°	18° to 24° 5° to 11°	13° to 19° -3° to 3°

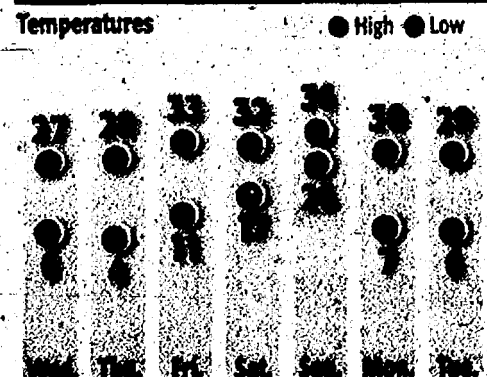
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Statistics for the week ending Tuesday, Jan. 6

Temperatures:
 High/low for the week: 36°/18°
 Normal high/low: 30°/18°
 Average temperature: 20.9°
 Normal average temperature: 24.3°

Precipitation:
 Total for the week: 0.10"
 Total for the month: trace
 Total for the year: 0.48"
 Normal for the month: 0.48"
 Normal for the year: 0.48"

PAST WEEK'S TEMPS

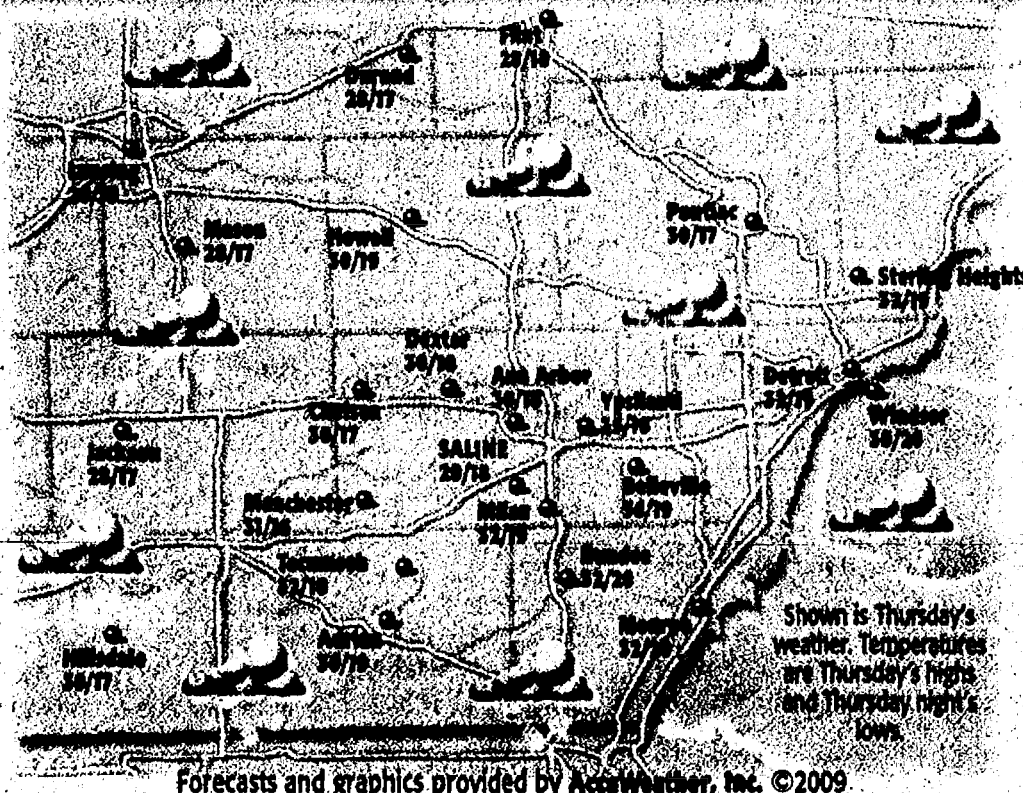


THIS WEEK'S CONDITIONS

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SUN AND MOON

The Sun	Rise	Set
Thursday	8:03 a.m.	5:21 p.m.
Friday	8:03 a.m.	5:22 p.m.
Saturday	8:03 a.m.	5:23 p.m.
Sunday	8:03 a.m.	5:24 p.m.
Monday	8:02 a.m.	5:25 p.m.
Tuesday	8:02 a.m.	5:26 p.m.
Wednesday	8:02 a.m.	5:27 p.m.

The Moon	Rise	Set
Thursday	2:29 p.m.	5:40 a.m.
Friday	3:37 p.m.	6:49 a.m.
Saturday	4:55 p.m.	7:47 a.m.
Sunday	6:17 p.m.	8:33 a.m.
Monday	7:38 p.m.	9:09 a.m.
Tuesday	8:55 p.m.	9:38 a.m.
Wednesday	10:07 p.m.	10:03 a.m.

Full

Jan 10

Last

Jan 17

New

Jan 26

First

Feb 2

RIVER LEVELS

As of 7 a.m. Tuesday

River	Flood stage	Current stage
Ecorse Creek	16 ft	13.38 ft
Dearborn Heights		
Huron River		
Ann Arbor		
Malletts Creek		4.15 ft
Ann Arbor		
Mill Creek		
Dexter	12 ft	6.09 ft
River Raisin		
Manchester		4.09 ft

LAKE LEVELS

Lake	Normal	Current
Lake Erie	580.11 ft	571.75 ft
Lake St. Clair	575 ft	574.26 ft

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Thu	Fri	Sat
Ann Arbor	26/19/sf	26/23/c	31/16/sn
Ann Arbor	30/18/sf	26/23/c	31/16/sn
Bay City	26/17/sf	25/21/sn	27/12/sn
Dearborn	26/18/sf	26/23/c	31/16/sn
Flint	26/18/sf	26/23/sn	27/16/sh
Grand Rapids	26/18/sf	26/23/c	31/16/sn
Kalamazoo	26/18/sf	30/24/c	27/17/sn
Lansing	26/18/sf	26/23/c	29/15/sn
Livonia	32/18/sf	28/21/c	31/16/sn

City	Thu	Fri	Sat
Marquette	27/19/sf	26/23/c	31/16/sn
Midland	26/15/sf	28/18/sn	26/12/sn
Pontiac	30/17/sf	26/22/c	29/16/sh
Port Huron	26/18/sf	26/23/c	31/16/sn
Saginaw	26/17/sf	25/21/sn	27/12/sn
Sturgis	28/17/sf	32/25/c	27/19/sn
Warren	34/20/sf	28/25/c	32/16/sn

WORLD CITIES

City	Thu	Fri	Sat
Adelaide	26/19/sf	26/23/c	31/16/sn
Berlin	25/22/s	33/29/c	37/29/c
Buenos Aires	26/18/sf	26/23/c	31/16/sn
Calgary	26/18/sf	26/23/c	31/16/sn
Hong Kong	66/54/s	63/48/s	61/48/s
Jakarta	81/62/s	77/64/c	73/62/r
Johannesburg	81/62/s	77/64/c	73/62/r
London	50/43/s	47/38/s	44/33/s
Mexico City	77/45/s	76/45/s	77/43/s

City	Thu	Fri	Sat
Manila	26/19/sf	26/23/c	31/16/sn
Moscow	16/0/sn	12/7/sn	12/6/c
Paris	32/21/s	34/23/sn	30/17/sh
Rio de Janeiro	82/71/pc	80/71/t	85/69/sh
Seoul	57/13/pc	25/2/s	22/4/s
Singapore	77/63/sh	72/59/pc	75/57/s
Sydney	77/63/sh	72/59/pc	75/57/s
Tokyo	50/43/s	47/38/s	44/33/s
Warsaw	21/16/c	27/21/sn	32/23/sf

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Thu	Fri	Sat
Boston	38/21/c	27/18/pc	31/24/sn
Chicago	34/20/pc	44/27/c	39/20/c
Cincinnati	34/20/pc	44/27/c	39/20/c
Cleveland	34/20/pc	44/27/c	39/20/c
Dallas	70/46/s	74/38/pc	50/31/pc
Denver	38/21/c	27/18/pc	31/24/sn
Honolulu	79/67/s	80/69/s	80/69/s
Houston	72/53/s	70/46/s	67/43/s
Kansas City	44/34/pc	44/19/pc	34/19/s
Las Vegas	66/48/s	70/46/s	76/46/s
Los Angeles	66/48/s	70/46/s	76/46/s

City	Thu	Fri	Sat
Minneapolis	16/14/s	25/10/sn	19/15/pc
New York City	40/29/pc	34/28/s	38/30/sf
Philadelphia	40/26/pc	38/28/s	40/26/c
Pittsburgh	28/20/sf	32/27/sf	38/26/sf
San Francisco	53/43/sh	59/43/s	60/44/s
Seattle	44/28/pc	43/30/s	43/30/c

NATIONAL OUTLOOK

