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Residents oppose storage facility

Commissioners table site plan

By Sean Dalton
 Heritage Media

The matter of a storage facility in Lyndon Township will have to wait to take another step until April 12 after the municipality's planning commissioners tabled plan approval at a regular meeting March 7.

The plan had been revised after being sent back with a list of concerns by the township's planning consultants, who hadn't had enough time to go over the new draft plan for the storage facility on 7

acres of land on Stofer Road. Residents attended the meeting in force, filling the Lyndon Township Hall to capacity. Most were against the facility for a range of reasons including concerns over crime, pollution and public nuisance, although a dozen or so of the 80-some people in the room were for the addition to the township's economy and tax base.

One of the first speakers expressed concern about criminals tearing the doors off of the storage facility and raiding it for its contents, while another chimed in about the observatory on North Territorial Road spoiling the night sky, adding that

she didn't want similar light pollution from the storage facility.

Township resident James Hall said that he adamantly opposed the development and read from the township master plan for his comments: "The next 10 years will see Lyndon Township much the same way it looks today ... the township landscape will be dominated by public natural resources being recreation and privately held lands ... the wildlife that abound today will continue to be plentiful ... the natural resources of the township including its air and water resources will be pristine and there will be an

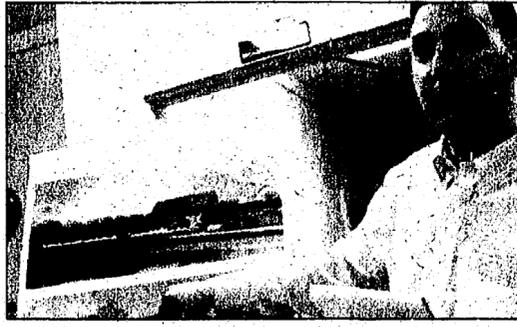


Photo by Sean Dalton
Ronny Hamama, who owns the property on Stofer Road, explains how the facility would look.

overall atmosphere of health and vigor among residents. "I am opposed," he repeat-

ed after reading the excerpt

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The other women's boutique

By Erica McClain
 Heritage Media

When Lisa Watkins and her co-worker Laura Rivard decided to go into business together to run The Other Women, a consignment shop, they instantly thought of downtown Chelsea.

"I love Chelsea," Watkins said. "My son goes to kindergarten here, and I just love the community and how they support local business."

"When we thought of our business, we knew right away that it had to be in downtown Chelsea because the local business owners really do support each other."

Watkins and Rivard, who both work together at Metzger's German Restaurant in Ann Arbor, had dreamed about owning a business for a while, and when the two talked



Kim Watkins and Laura Rivard will open The Other Women, a consignment shop, in downtown Chelsea March 16.

about a consignment shop, it just clicked.

The shop, which will open 10 a.m. March 16, will feature gently used women's, men's and children's clothing along with a smattering of used and new designer handbags and wallets, including Coach, and even some household décor. Watkins said their store currently has some designer

clothing in stock, too, such as Armani, BKE and Juicy Couture.

"We wanted to be a mix - to be more like a boutique," Watkins said. "We even have new tote bags, umbrellas - it's a lot of fun stuff, fun little treasures."

Situated at 121 S. Main St., just above Chelsea Market, The Other Women owners' will showcase local artists including painter Lynn Bray, jeweler Ken Grant and woodworker Bob Masta, among others.

"Chelsea is such an artsy town, and that's why we wanted to support local artists."

At The Other Women's grand opening March 16, Watkins and Rivard will have door prizes, give aways and h'o'r d'oeuvres.

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Gallery seeks art for event

River Gallery is looking for artists to submit applications for this year's SculptureWalk, an annual public arts project that will launch June 7 in coincidence with the beginning of Sounds & Sights.

Entries will be critiqued on artistic merit and originality, and artists must be 18 and older to apply. Artists may submit up to three original sculptures, which will be juried into the show, and the application fee is \$25, with checks payable to River Gallery. Freestanding and wall-mounted sculptures will be considered. All work must be original, created by the artist, for sale and remain in the exhibit for one year. If a piece is sold, a 25 percent commission of the sale price will go toward the sculpture walk project.

The postmark deadline for entries is April 14, and artists selected will be notified by April 21. Artists will receive a \$350 stipend and their work will be featured in highly visible sites in Chelsea.

For more details and to apply, visit <http://www.chelsearivergallery.com/artists/Images/SculptureWalkApplication2012.pdf>.

School board discusses improvement projects

By Crystal Hayduk
 Special Writer

At the Chelsea School District Board of Education's work session on Monday evening, administration and board members discussed plans for the capital projects to be completed in the coming year. Funds for the projects come from the second series of the 2009 bond issue, which was sold in January. According to Superintendent David Killips, the district is able to take advantage of both excellent interest rates on the money and generally good bidding rates on services. Some projects that may be

pursued at North Creek include replacement of 18 doors, adding a sink to the large group instruction room, replacing flush valves in bathrooms and updating the cafeteria's sound system.

South Meadows may receive new heating controls in an effort to save utility costs, and some furniture may be replaced.

Energy efficiency improvements will also be pursued at Beach Middle School, including boiler work and pipe insulation. Window blinds that will improve heating and cooling of rooms, especially those with a southern exposure, will be replaced at North, South,

and Beach.

The bleachers at the high school require some work, including improving safety issues of the stairs and railings. The parking lot resurfacing that was begun last year still needs to be completed.

The board agreed to pursue a storage and shade structure near the tennis courts at the high school. It is hoped that bids will be available at the April board meeting.

Killips reported that administration is beginning to "put the puzzle together" for staffing the district for 2012-'13. Issues to be considered include the budget, number of students per class and teacher

certifications and endorsements. The district will try to reduce staff without layoffs by taking advantage of retirements.

Another factor that affects scheduling is the number of students in the district, based on families moving into or out of the district and the age of kindergarten enrollment guideline. The current guideline states that a child must turn 5 by Dec. 1 of the year he or she begins kindergarten. Killips said that if the state changes the date to Sept. 1, it could decrease the expected kindergarten enrollment by 25 percent.

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Global Marketplace features Laura Scriven

By Erica McClain
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After living in Korea and Italy and spending extensive amounts of time in Thailand, Morocco, China and Argentina, Laura Scriven has built an impressive portfolio of photography.

Scriven, a native of Chelsea, has spent much of her adult life traveling and living around the world, all the while taking impres-

sive images of every life in other countries.

Now back in Chelsea, Scriven and her work will be featured at The Global Marketplace.

Scriven's work focuses on important stories about international life and for that reason Kevin Frahm, owner of marketplace, felt her photos needed to be exhibited.

"Her photographs look beyond the everyday to see the uniqueness and specialness of the world around her," Frahm stated in a press release. "Because of her extensive travels, she sees beauty in some of the most ordinary and extraordinary things and tries to capture them in her photos to share with others. We, at The Global Marketplace,

are certain you will enjoy the world through her eyes."

Much of Scriven's work on display at the fair trade store features images from Argentina during 2011 but a few are also from Korea, including a personal favorite of a school of Confucianism.

"I had lived in this town for about 12 years and passed by this area every day and never stopped," Scriven said of the photo. "It took a friend of a friend who was touring the area to get me out there, and it was simply amazing."

Scriven's photos will be on display at The Global Marketplace, 115 W. Middle St., with photos ranging in size from card-sized for \$3 to 8-by-10 for \$40.



This landscape photo is just one of many of Laura Scriven's pieces on sale at The Global Marketplace.

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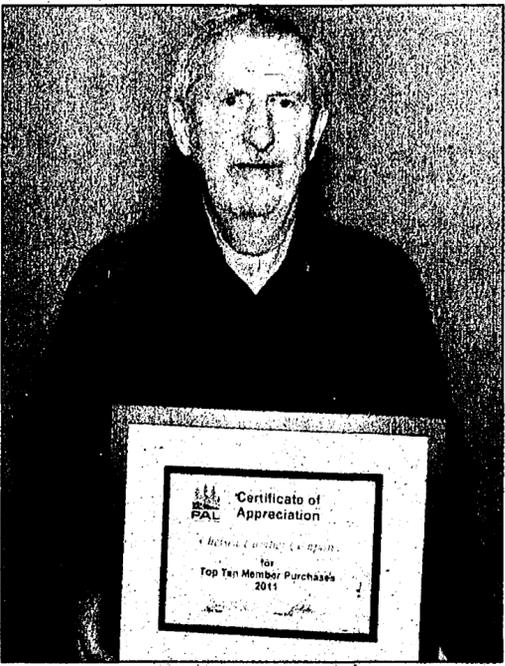
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Family to share aquaponics tips with March 24 tours

A Chelsea family is taking advantage of an emerging gardening trend, called Aquaponics, to promote family food security and sustainable gardening with area residents.

Sasha and Bryan Grove have been growing vegetables in their pole barn this winter in gardens fertilized by yellow perch and rainbow trout. Aquaponics, a sustainable gardening method in which fish and plants are grown together in a constructed recirculating ecosystem, is the rising star of sustainable living.

"Our family has been so excited to be part of a community like Chelsea," said Sasha Grove, manager of Ever Green Aquaponics. "We want to contribute to the health of our community. Aquaponics allows families to grow produce and protein year round, right under their own roof."

"McDonalds on every corner has taken the place of the garden in every backyard. We need to return to the simple tradition of feeding ourselves."

Harmful chemicals have no place in aquaponic gardening, and watering and weeding is a task of the past. Energy and water use is drastically lower than in tra-

ditional soil gardening.

"As we have shared the method of aquaponic gardening with families, business people and community organizations, we have had an overwhelmingly positive response. We are really excited about the future of aquaponics," Sasha Grove said. "Our goal is to enable families to be in control of their own food supply."

Ever Green Aquaponics plans to offer family-sized food production kits, training, classes, system design consulting, and monthly tours of their aquaponic gardens.

In the future, with the expertise of permaculture design specialist, Brendan Bradley, also of Chelsea, they will offer aquaponically-grown produce at area farmers markets.

Ever Green Aquaponics invites the community to come to 18750 N. M-52, Chelsea for a free family-friendly tour of their research gardens on March 24.

Tours begin on the hour starting at 10 a.m. The last tour will begin at 1 p.m.

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and before retaking his seat as the crowd applauded.

Fellow resident Janet Longworth, who has lived in the township for 52 years with her husband, said that she was concerned about the facility being an eyesore and polluting her land and the land of her neighbors, all of whom live nearby where the facility would be built.

She acknowledged that the plan addresses that issue and states that toxic materials are not allowed on site, but she questioned whether that policy could or would be enforced to the fullest.

Other residents praised the project for creating employment and adding to the township's tax base when tax revenue is critical and difficult to come by.

Hamama thanked the crowd and said that he respected their opinions. He also hopes that he can remain on amicable terms and continue the neighborly relations he had as owner of the North Lake Store, he told the crowd.

"I hope this does not create any animosity."

Hamama said that the facility would actually stand as a "crime deterrent," in his opinion, since the gray structure apparently resembles a prison compound.

The facility itself has a 6-foot-tall fence, 24-hour surveillance and on-site personnel: "It's like a jail cell without the inmates."

He pointed to competing facilities in Dexter and Chelsea, none of which have 24 hour security and are even unstaffed on Sundays, according to Hamama.

He also quoted a traffic study saying that six vehicles will enter and four will exit during morning peak hours and eight will come and eight more will go in afternoon peak hours, in order to assuage fears that his storage facility will cause traffic delays on Stofer. This fact coupled

with the additional buffers added to the revised site plan would eliminate noise, he added.

The final issue Hamama addressed involved fear over pollutants escaping the facility and despoiling the township's natural resources.

"I am going to be personally responsible and will do whatever is ethical and moral to abide by all of the environmental standards," he said.

Engineer Terry Baker went over several items that had been addressed in the revised plan in great detail, including: the front of the building was shortened by 16 feet for additional parking outside of the fenced portion of the site, the other buildings were shortened by 10 feet so a wider buffer could be installed so the fence would be built 20 feet off of the property line, and the buffer was extended from the front and two sides to all the way around the facility.

The buffer also has a staggered double row of trees along all four sides, each of which is an evergreen that exceeds the 5-foot tree requirement in the township's ordinance book by 1 foot.

"The 2-foot berm all the way along the north side will raise the trees up two feet blocking eight feet off the building when planted," Baker said. "The building is 250 feet wide and with the 5-foot-high berm along the majority of the front, you're only going to see the top of that building."

The only visible portion will be the office and apartment atop the structure, the frontage of which has been enhanced with cut stone to improve the aesthetics of the building.

Earlier in the 50-minute public comment period, someone had expressed concern over Washtenaw County Road Commission approval, as well as county drain commission and state health department approval, all of which Baker surmised were being held back from review by those respective agencies to

see if the township would approve the plan in the first

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For those women, Watkins and Rivard have dedicated a wall of their shop.

Currently, Bray's sister, Gay, is featured on the wall, but the women hope to cover the wall with 5-by-7s of inspiring women. Anyone who has a woman in mind may drop off a framed photo and a short printed message on why that person inspired them.

For those looking to consign their clothing, handbags or household items, Watkins said poten-

tial consigners may bring in their items for appraisal. The clothing must be "in fashion" and gently used. Items approved for consignment are then on sale in the shop for 60 days, and if an item is sold the sale is split 50-50 between the shop and the consigner.

Watkins said they are looking for more artists to showcase at the shop as well, and the sales of an artist's work is split 70-30, with the artist receiving the larger portion.

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Camp Take Notice seeks support

Signatures needed on petition

By Krista Gjestland
Heritage Media

Washtenaw County was home to almost 5,000 homeless people in 2011. With limited shelter options, many of these people end up taking refuge under bridges and in public parks.

Some, however, find shelter in a small wooded area next to I-94 on Wagner Road called Camp Take Notice.

Camp Take Notice is tent city, one of many throughout the country. But what sets it apart is that it's independent and self-governed.

The tent city is located on land owned by the Michigan Department of Transportation, which allows the camp to stay there.

Founder and resident Caleb Poirier said he came up with the idea of a self-governed tent city in Ann Arbor after living in one in Seattle.

"While in Seattle I lived inside their two tent communities and I fell in love with what

their tent communities did for people that were in my situation, which was in the shoes of not having a job, being lonely and discouraged," he said. "So when I moved into that tent community, I found that not only were my physical needs met, but my social needs were, as well."

All of the decisions regarding how to run the day-to-day operations of Camp Take Notice come from the residents. Each Sunday, an all-resident meal and meeting is held to, as a group, decide on punishments for rule-breaking, community service projects and whatever else may arise.

The camp has a no drug



MISSION board member Peggy Lynch and a Camp Take Notice resident sit and eat Sunday's regular meal together March 4.

or alcohol policy, quiet hours of 11 p.m. to 8 a.m. during the week and a no-weapons policy, in addition to more basic rules like cleaning up after oneself and cooking in designated areas.

To stay at the camp, residents have to sign a rules agreement and violations of that agreement can lead to

eviction.

In addition to providing a community for the homeless people who live there, Camp Take Notice has improved the area by cleaning up the site. Camp Take Notice residents adopted a portion of I-94 last year to clean, as well.

The camp itself is overseen by Michigan Itinerant Shelter System-Interdependent Out of Necessity, which is a non-profit more commonly known as MISSION.

Before Camp Take Notice, homeless people used the site. Nut without organization, violence and drug use was often a problem.

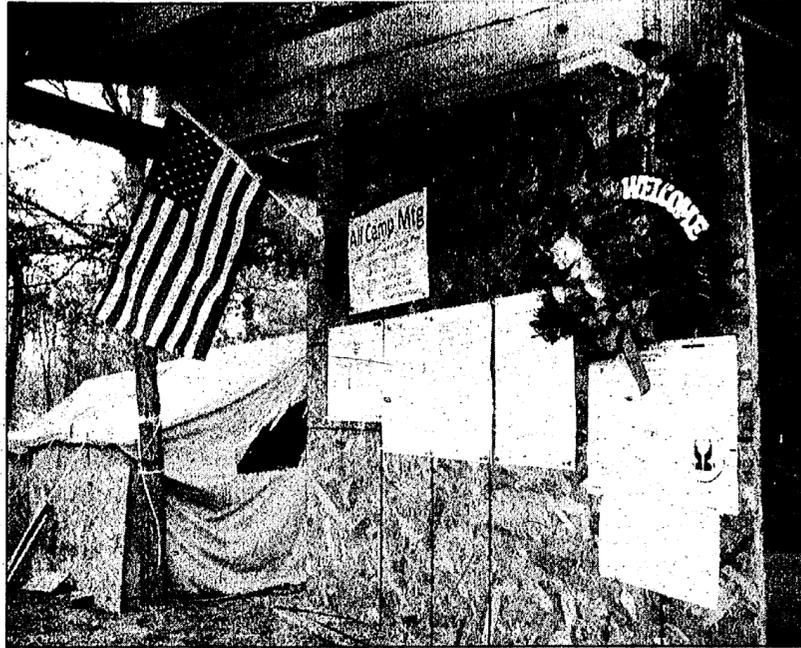
"If someone's going to be homeless, it's so much better

to be homeless in a community so people can support each other and not have that really intense alienation that a lot of times goes along with homelessness," said MISSION board member Peggy Lynch.

What people don't see is the shame many homeless people have to deal with, Lynch said. Camp Take Notice helps lessen that. "People often experience a lot of shame," she said. "And here that dynamic is really different. It's very welcoming."

Shame is something that Poirier experienced first hand. Because of medical depression, Poirier lost his job and because he didn't want to face his friends and family, he left for Seattle, where he found himself homeless.

"This group of people would be sleeping by themselves, and usually sleeping outside by themselves," he said. "So, big picture aside, every time a night goes by and people have a safe and peaceful night with the knowledge that there are friends to help them if



Photos by Chris Nelson

Welcome sign and notice board greets newcomers into Camp Take Notice, a tent city located just outside of Ann Arbor.

something goes wrong, then I consider that a success."

Although Camp Take Notice is on the property with MDOT's permission, talks of revoking that permission have gone back and forth for some time, Poirier said. A petition to allow the residents to stay currently has 320 signatures and has a goal of 1,000.

Poirier said those who want to help can donate through Camp Take Notice's website at <http://tentcitymichigan.org> and sign the online petition to encourage MDOT to continue to let the camp stay.

The camp runs on the charity of donations of others, which is funneled through MISSION. Lynch stores and organizes all of the donations in the basement of her home until the camp needs them.

"We organize the donations and keep an inventory (to) make sure we know what we have," she said. "That way, when donors

call and say, 'We want to do something. What can we do?' I can kind of give a running list of needs."

Much of the camp's donations come from area church and religious groups, including Holy Faith Church in Saline. The Rev. Ian Reed Twiss said the church has sponsored Sunday meals and held materials drives to collect coats, tents, sleeping bags and other warm layers. "They rely on a lot of volunteer help to provide for the basic needs of the people who show up there," Twiss said.

The people who live at Camp Take Notice come from all walks of life and are homeless for a wide array of reasons. Physical and mental disabilities, substance abuse, job loss and not being paid a living wage all contribute, Poirier said.

Currently, there are about 25 residents, though numbers swelled into the mid-50s last summer, Poirier said. Of those 25 residents,

many of them have part-time or full-time jobs, and two of them are going to school.

Alonzo Young, who has been homeless for the past eight months, attends Washtenaw Community College. He's studying political science and communication, and plans to graduate in April.

Young said Camp Take Notice and those who lead it have been "very inspirational" for him. "Poirier is very inspirational for me," he said. "I never give up. This place is like family to me."

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Former resident's work in hypnosis focus of TV show

Greenberg to be on ABC's 'Nightline'

By Amy Bell
Heritage Media

For years, companies have been cashing in on people looking for ways to lose weight or stop smoking. However, the answer may be within the subconscious of our own minds.

Former Ann Arbor resident Rena Greenberg, president of Wellness Seminars Inc., performs hypnosis on clients looking to lose weight and stop smoking.

Greenberg has performed weight loss and smoking cessation hypnosis seminars in 17 Michigan hospitals. Her most recent work, which involves gastric bypass hypnosis surgery, will be featured in a future episode of ABC's "Nightline."

"Hypnosis is powerful because it ingrains new images and possible suggestions in the mind to help a person change how they think about themselves and food subconsciously," she said.

Greenberg holds two certifications in hypnosis from both The Eastern NeuroLinguistic Programming Institute and the National Guild of Hypnotists in addition

to biofeedback certification from the Biofeedback Certification Institute of America.

She is also a certified hypnosis and neurolinguistic programming trainer and has a master's degree in divinity from the University of Spiritual Healing and Sufism.

Leonard Dingman, 48, of Howell went to one of Greenberg's weight-loss seminars in 2004 after he received a recommendation from a co-worker who attended one to stop smoking.

At 6-foot-1 and 315 pounds, Dingman was looking to lose 50 pounds at the recommendation of his doctor. He was on high blood pressure medication, had a family history of diabetes and suffered a mild heart attack three years prior.

"My doctor told me I really needed to lose some weight," he said.

Admittedly, Dingman said he was a bit hesitant of hypnosis at first.

"I was skeptical, but I figured, 'What the heck, I'll give it a try,'" he said.

Dingman attended the seminar on a Saturday held at Providence Hospital, paid the \$60 fee and went through the seminar.

The beginning of the class was more like a health pep talk where they were told they needed to change their eating habits, he said.

After the talk, Greenberg



Photo courtesy of Rena Greenberg

Leonard Dingman of Howell is pictured before attending a 2004 weight loss hypnosis seminar

placed the participants under hypnosis. Dingman said he remembered being told not to eat sugary or high-fat foods and specifically were told to eat "green" food.

After the class, he went to the grocery store and found himself buying green food and bunches of healthy vegetables.

"Everything I bought was good for me," he said.

Dingman started exercising and put himself on a diet where he ate oatmeal for breakfast, had a large salad for lunch and a light dinner.

Looking back, Dingman said hypnosis wasn't scary and he still knew what was going on around him.

"It's not like Hollywood, where they dangle a pendulum in front of your face," he said.

After about nine months, he was down to 165 pounds, but his family and friends



Photo courtesy of Leonard Dingman

A current photo of Leonard Dingman of Howell.

became scared, saying he was too skinny. He decided to put some weight back on and now weighs 215 pounds.

Since taking the class, Dingman said he became vegan and has managed to keep the 100 pounds off, even though his weight does fluctuate.

Dingman said he is thankful for the class, especially because he now feels better and is no longer on any medications.

"I think that she gave us the willpower because I obviously didn't have it before," he said.

Greenberg said many clients come to her after being on every diet imaginable. However, diet is deprivation and through hypnosis, people can learn how to

act as if they are naturally thin and choose good foods. Eventually, it becomes second nature.

Greenberg has been using hypnosis for 21 years now and began performing gastric bypass hypnosis a year and a half ago.

"I was very excited when I heard about gastric bypass hypnosis, they were doing it in Europe and were quite successful," she said. "They realized they could save people from the trauma of going through the surgery."

The procedure is done in four private sessions, the first three being used as preparation for the surgery. Patients are guided through gastric bypass surgery while under hypnosis. Under hypnosis, the patient

meets the doctor, the anesthesiologist and the surgeon performing the procedure.

They are given the option of follow-up care and receive reinforcement CDs and are taught self hypnosis.

"Reinforcement is crucial to success," she said.

Afterward, patients report they are no longer able to eat as much.

Greenberg has performed the gastric bypass surgery procedure nearly 30 times and has helped more than 100,000 people through her seminars.

Greenberg said that hypnosis is not a "magic wand." Messages are implanted into the patient's subconscious and patients are taught to associate healthy food with good feelings.

"It really is the power of suggestion," she said.

She is offering a weight loss seminar from 1 to 3 p.m. March 24 at Providence Medical Center, 3750 Seven Mile Road, in Livonia. A stop smoking session also will be held from 10 a.m. to noon. Cost is \$79.99, which includes the seminar and a take-home toolkit consisting of a behavior modification booklet, access to an eight week online course and a year of follow-up care.

Those who are interested can receive \$10 off by registering at www.easypower.com.

Those interested in gastric bypass hypnosis can get more information on her website or contact Greenberg at 1-800-848-2822. Sessions are available March 21 through 25.

HomeGrown Local Food Summit is April 2

For the fourth year in a row, volunteer organizers are coordinating an all-day event to bring together stakeholders and community members to strengthen Washtenaw County's local food system.

The HomeGrown Local Food Summit will take place from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. April 2 on the Washtenaw Community College campus in the Morris J. Lawrence Building.

This year's Local Food Summit will highlight Michigan's agricultural past to link history with future possibilities. Organizers will focus on how to connect the context of the past and present to strengthen the region's food system.

Author, Michigan historian and storyteller Larry B. Massie will speak about Michigan's culinary history. He travels both peninsulas of the state to share his enthusiasm for Michigan's heritage with others and was recently awarded the first ever Lifetime Achievement Award from the Historical Society of Michigan.

Local Food Summit registration is open to everyone who eats. Farmers, chefs, grocers, artisans, food distributors, educators, political representatives and health professionals are especially encouraged to attend.

Need-based scholarships are available to those for whom the \$35 registration fee is not affordable. Registration includes a local food breakfast and lunch during the day.

Summit organizers are working with Washtenaw Community College staff to procure and prepare a local, seasonal menu.

To move toward a zero waste event, organizers ask that participants bring their own dishes and uten-

sils. As in past years, a segment featuring Washtenaw County's "local food victories" will celebrate the promise, innovation and success in the work so far to create a healthy local food system, highlighting many of the area's exemplary individuals and projects.

In the afternoon, two sets of breakout sessions will provide discussion and networking opportunities and address a wide variety of current issues.

Some topics to be

addressed include: Understanding and Leveraging Food Policy; The State of Farm-to-School in Washtenaw County; Slow Money; Investing as if Food Farms and Fertility Matter; Starting Your Local Food Business; Food Hubs and Learning Communities; and Scaling Up Local Food Access.

For more information, contact email localfoodsummit@gmail.com. To register online, visit <http://localfoodsummit.org>.

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"I feel better now than I have felt in my entire adult life thanks to Louella Harris."

Karri Stokely (Lakeland, FL) says, "I feel better now than I have felt in my entire adult life thanks to Louella Harris." Karri suffered from migraine headaches and a lowered immune system disorder. "I would be in bed for days, getting up only to vomit," says Karri, an emergency medical technician whose life had completely stopped. Then she met Louella.

James Tomasi (Oklahoma City, OK) is adamant. "I would be dead today if it were not for Louella Harris." James suffered from what is considered to be the most painful disease known to man - Trigeminal Neuralgia. With a gun ready, James was 3 days away from committing suicide when his wife heard Louella on the radio.

Barbara Ellington (Boston, MA) tells everyone, "I'm back to work because of a woman in a wheelchair." Barbara, an artist, had lost the use of

her hands and arms due to pain. Her career was over. She was devastated and fighting depression when she happened to see Louella on television.

Louella Harris, a master degreed rehabilitation counselor who contracted polio at age 3, is saving lives by spreading the word about a little known procedure that is bringing substantial pain relief to thousands.

Thirteen years ago, Harris suddenly became confined to bed due to a combination of fibromyalgia and post-polio syndrome. The pain grew so intense that any sort of movement at all was agony. Her husband, Richard, had to dress, feed, and help Louella with all her personal needs. She couldn't even sit up to watch television or hold a book.

"Like so many of my clients," Harris recalls, "none of the medical treatments were helping.

I was told to learn to live with it."

Then a friend told Louella about a little-known, non-surgical procedure practiced by only 2000 chiropractors worldwide. Harris says, "I couldn't get past the word 'chiropractor'. I was extremely skeptical of chiropractic, having no idea that chiropractic as a whole is now so advanced, there are many different types of chiropractic. I had never heard of Upper Cervical, a very specific type of chiropractic that meticulously corrects the atlas, the top bone of the spine at the base of the skull. But from the moment my Upper Cervical doctor corrected this 2 ounce bone, it was like someone turned on a switch. I felt all the pain rush out of me, while it seemed all the electrical and blood flow exploded into me. To this day, it never ceases to amaze me how these doctors can do this."

After 3 months of being under this care, Louella was out of bed, back to work, able to get pregnant, and forming a national non-profit consumer awareness organization, The National Awareness Campaign for Upper Cervical Care (The NACUCC) to inform the public about this phenomenal answer to pain. "This procedure is so little known and had such an impact on our lives, Richard and I felt compelled to educate the public on a large scale about it."

According to Louella Harris, many people with chronic, debilitating ailments like Trigeminal

Neuralgia, Fibromyalgia, headaches of all kinds, neck, back, shoulder and hip pain, as well as Carpal Tunnel Syndrome can be helped significantly without drugs or surgery. People may get differing results from this procedure, but many will have their lives restored to them. In an interview on CBS she said, "This technology was available all the time I suffered. I just didn't know about it. The sad part, neither did my medical doctor. It's one thing to hurt because nothing can be done - but suffering because of ignorance is tragic."

Louella tours the country spreading her message of hope for chronic pain sufferers. Her staff researches areas all over the country and Canada to locate chiropractors who have received the intensive training required to perform this very unusual technique. She says, "Most communities are completely unaware that one of these types of chiropractors are among them. As a result, people are suffering day and night and, yet, they may be right next door to their answer: an Upper Cervical doctor."

"We have found an outstanding Upper Cervical doctor in Ann Arbor," says Harris. "Dr. Jonathan Lazar. What's amazing about Dr. Lazar is that he adamantly refuses to take credit for the miracles that walk out of his clinic. Instead he explains, 'All I do is reposition the atlas, the top bone in the spine that is closest to the brainstem. When

that happens, the body's own ability to self-repair is restored. That is why so many different kinds of painful conditions respond to this care. I don't do the healing. The body does."

Dr. Lazar says he does not cure anything, but a number of his patients with whiplash, fibromyalgia, asthma, allergies, attention disorders, digestive problems, tendonitis and arthritis have responded well to the procedure. "The list of conditions is very diversified because the procedure restores proper nerve flow to all parts of the body. That makes a huge difference in the body's ability to overcome a number of issues," says Dr. Lazar. "Most people come to me as a last resort when nothing else has worked."

Louella has experienced her body being able to heal when nothing else worked and a national non-profit consumer awareness organization has been the result. James Tomasi is out telling everyone with Trigeminal Neuralgia about it. Karri has not had one migraine since the first time her atlas was put back into place. Barbara is painting her pictures with joy. These are only a few of thousands of others who are discovering this little-known health-care technology.

"It is amazing to me that, as a masters degreed rehabilitation counselor on the cutting edge of much of the latest medical technology, I was completely

ignorant of the role a 2 ounce bone at the base of our skulls plays in our overall health."

Jim Burleson, Public Relations director for the NACUCC, says, "Louella's mission is to raise public awareness of this safe and natural health technology available now for children as well as adults. Thousands of people are getting their lives back as a result of our TV and radio interviews and local community talks. Louella has a triumphant, emotion-packed story that changes lives. Anyone with any kind of physical problems needs to listen to what she has to say."

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OUR TAKE: Editorial

Congress should pass Dream Act

It doesn't seem quite right to us that a mentally disabled Iraqi immigrant, convicted of a sex crime, must be deported to his native country, which provides few resources for the disabled. In this case, the ultimate punishment seems excessive.

But our laws, federal and state, don't appear to provide an out for Muwafak Zaya.

The 40-year-old, a resident in a Clinton Township group home, was residing with his brother six years ago, when he pleaded guilty to fourth-degree criminal sexual conduct in Warren's 37th District Court. He had been charged with sexually touching a woman.

Although it's a misdemeanor in Michigan, it's considered a high misdemeanor, punishable by up to two years in prison.

And under federal law, an immigrant convicted of such a crime is subject to automatic deportation.

If that happens, said Zaya's brother and guardian, Mazin Abro, the disabled man won't live very long. Zaya's attorneys wanted the man's conviction overturned on grounds that he wasn't advised that his guilty plea would subject him to deportation. They contend that Zaya wouldn't have been considered competent to make the plea, if anyone had thought to check.

Specifically, they sought to apply a U.S. Supreme Court ruling that overturned a conviction because the defendant wasn't told his guilty plea would result in his deportation.

In Macomb County Circuit Court, Judge Edward Servitto ruled against Zaya, saying he can't apply the 2010 U.S. Supreme Court ruling retroactively to Zaya's 2005 guilty plea.

His attorneys aren't done. They'll ask Servitto to reconsider. They may take their arguments to the state Court of Appeals, where a panel is considering a similar case.

The crime to which Zaya pleaded guilty, fourth degree criminal sexual conduct, sounds minor. This one wasn't. An assistant prosecutor told Servitto that the victim, years after, is still in therapy as a result.

We've sounded off in the past against what seemed to us unfair deportation, specifically of successful young people whose failure to seek citizenship was the fault of their parents.

Congress, so far, has failed to pass the so-called Dream Act to remedy this wrong. Zaya and others in his plight can only dream of that kind of salvation.

—Courtesy of The Macomb Daily

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#StopKony and the danger of push-button activism

"Nothing is more powerful than an idea whose time has come." — Kony2012

Anyone who has lived in Ann Arbor as long as I have knows that causes, protest movements and petition drives come a dime a dozen.

From Occupy Arin Arbor to Recall Rick Snyder, from Anti-Israel to anti-abortion protesters to Diag preachers to people who want to bring solar panels to the Big House, Ann Arbor has no shortage of people out to convince you that their cause is the cause, worthy of your time, your money, your signature.

On the Internet, petitions and awareness campaigns have replaced chain letters as the communication medium for arms-length acquaintances seemingly

concerned for your soul. It used to be: "Forward this chain letter so nothing bad happens to you." Now it's: "Sign this petition and do your good deed for the day."

And with the rise of Twitter and Facebook as platforms for social movements, we are all Ann Arborites now. "How could I have missed this?" was the question on

many people's minds last week with the #StopKony campaign.

Almost overnight, everyone from Justin Bieber to President Barack Obama proceeded to weigh in and make Ugandan warlord Joseph Kony a household name. Invisible Children, the anti-Kony group which produced a 30-minute video about the warlord, had gotten its wish. Overnight,

hordes of people who can't point to Uganda on a map were beating the drum for war. #StopKony.

But is this a good thing? When it comes to causes, Aristotle might have gotten it right in that we are what we repeatedly do. When a new cause or belief system rises to the top of your list, overnight, because it was a trending topic on Twitter, this should give you pause. This isn't how people find causes in the real world.

Care about schools? Go to Board of Education meetings or join a Parent-Teacher Association. Care about food issues? Volunteer at Food Gatherers or take a cooking class at Zingerman's. Whatever your interest is, there are people doing the work locally. In the time it takes to watch the #StopKony video, you can find them.

But instead of taking on the tedious, time-consuming volunteer work that's really out there, these Internet campaigns teach people that a digital signature, a retweet, or even

unfollowing people who don't feel the exact same way (and as passionately) is activism.

This is like the 16-year-old who decides which classic book to read that day — "Siddhartha," perhaps, or maybe "Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance." You can read the words all you want, but they don't mean anything. Because experience is what's missing.

The real danger here isn't that people have taken such an interest in #StopKony, but that pushing a few buttons passes for activism these days.

What's the online community saying about the #StopKony campaign? Check out my annotated Storify at www.Heritage.com.

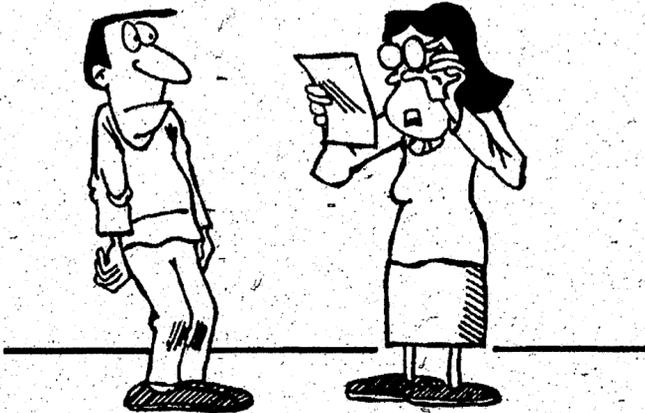
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"OKAY, IT'S SAFE TO LOOK AT THE 401(K) STATEMENT AGAIN."

Facebook's \$3 billion tax break shows need for reform

As we look for ways to reduce the deficit and increase tax fairness, there is more focus in Washington than ever on the need to close tax loopholes.

As someone who has fought for years against unjustified tax loopholes, I'm glad the public is becoming more aware of just how damaging they can be. Not long ago, I went to the floor of the Senate to tell my colleagues about one example that is helping build momentum for reform.

At the center of this story is a remarkable American business success story: Facebook and its founder, Mark Zuckerberg. As part of that success, Facebook is in the process of making its initial public offering of stock.

According to documents the company has filed as part of its stock offering, when Facebook goes public, Zuckerberg plans to exercise options to purchase

120 million shares of stock for 6 cents a share, or about \$7 million.

GUEST COLUMN



CARL LEVIN

Zuckerberg's shares, obviously, are going to be worth a great deal more than 6 cents; they will likely be worth more than 600 times as much, something in the neighborhood of \$5 billion in total.

Here's where the tax loophole comes in. Under current law, Facebook can — perfectly legally — record on the company's financial books that the stock options he received cost the company just pennies a share.

But the company can also — perfectly legally — later file a tax return claiming that those same options cost the company something close to the real value of the shares — perhaps \$40 a share. And the company can take a tax deduction for that far larger amount.

Stock options are the only kind of compensation expense

where corporations are allowed to deduct more than the expense they actually incur.

In addition, Facebook is allowed by law to use this deduction to claim a refund of taxes paid over the last two years, a refund the company estimates at half a billion dollars.

So instead of paying taxes to the Treasury, this profitable company will claim a hefty refund of taxes already paid.

And the company says it will, as allowed by law, also use its deduction to reduce its taxes for up to 20 years into the future. Altogether, this loophole could give Facebook a tax break of up to \$3 billion and, despite its profits, eliminate its federal income tax bill for years.

Facebook's actions are within the law. As with so much of our tax code, it's not the law-breaking that shocks the conscience — it's the stuff that's perfectly legal.

For years, my Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations has identified this stock option tax loophole and tried to explain its cost, its unfairness and why it should be closed.

Facebook's \$3 billion tax break brings the issue into sharp focus.

American taxpayers will have to make up for what Facebook's tax deduction costs the Treasury. That \$3 billion will either come out of the pockets of American families now, or it will add to the deficit they will have to pay for later.

What could our nation do with the \$3 billion it will lose when Facebook exploits the stock option loophole?

Well, we could reduce the federal deficit.

Or we could pay for programs to protect our seniors and veterans, put cops on the beat, or teachers in classrooms.

That money would more than triple the annual budget of the Small Business Administration, which seeks to help American entrepreneurs create jobs and grow the economy.

Some claim Zuckerberg's taxes will make up the loss, but what the Treasury receives from him on the one hand, it will return and then some to his company with the other hand.

Given that his financial future is tied to that of his company, he

also benefits when Facebook's taxes disappear.

There is no reason why Facebook and other profitable corporations should continue to use the stock option loophole to receive windfall tax deductions.

In February, I introduced the Cut Unjustified Tax Loopholes Act, or CUT Loopholes Act, with Sen. Conrad, Senate Budget Committee chairman.

Our bill includes provisions, similar to legislation that I have introduced in the past few congresses, to close the stock option loophole.

Under our bill, corporations would no longer be allowed to claim stock option tax deductions that are larger than the expense they report to their shareholders and investors.

The stock option loophole should have been closed long before Mr. Zuckerberg's lucrative options became public.

But surely the case of Facebook illustrates to the Senate, to the Congress, and to the American people why we must close this loophole.

Carl Levin is the senior U.S. senator from Michigan.

GUEST COLUMN: By Amy Heydlauff

CWF seeks insight on multi-use trail project

Recently, a pair of unnamed students in colorful jackets was spotted walking north on M-52, just north of Werkner Road. It was after school and they were wearing backpacks and walking their bikes. Of course, the first thought is for the students' safety. But hopefully, that isn't our only thought. Here are several others that may occur to you.

- It's good to see kids moving.
- It's a nice day - maybe I should take a walk.
- I'm glad we live in a place where drivers will be gracious when they see walkers or bikers on the side of the road.
- I wonder if it's legal for them to walk there?
- Good thing it's a wide

shoulder. ■ Kids should be able to walk and bike safely in our community.

What would it take for kids, adults, families and visitors to walk or bike safely along M-52? Believe it or not, there are people in Chelsea and Lyndon Township who have the answer to such a question.

In 2010, Lyndon Township completed a Recreation Plan. One piece of that plan is a multi-use trail to connect Chelsea's sidewalk system with trails in Lyndon Township. If you have never experienced the trail system in north and south Lyndon Township Parks, you're missing a treat. They are accessible, beautiful and peaceful. Take M-52 north out of Chelsea to

North Territorial Road and turn right. The parks are on either side of the road about two miles from M-52.

Anyway, an early phase of the Lyndon Township Recreation project is a multi-use trail from Lanewood's sidewalks to Waterloo Road and Keezer's Hill. The engineering is done and partners from the Michigan Department of Transportation, Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation, the City of Chelsea and the Michigan Trails and Greenway Alliance have joined discussions. Of course, the enthusiasm of planners is not enough to fund and carry the project forward. It takes more.

What they need now is a knowledgeable public. How

many of you know about this multi-use trail as a possibility? Do you think it's a good idea? And who should you tell if you do think it's a good idea?

These are some of the questions to which the planners wish they had answers. The Chelsea-Area Wellness Foundation offered to help them gain some insight by posting a very brief survey of four questions on our website. It's in the bottom right under CWF News. Visit www.5healthytowns.org to take the brief survey. While you're there, look around and maybe even click on the 5H Pledge at the upper right of the website.

If you want more information, please call our office, 734-433-4599. Amy Heydlauff is the

executive director of the Chelsea-Area Wellness Foundation and opines monthly for the Chelsea

Standard and Dexter Leader.

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Dhyse-Cross

Kerri Dhyse of Oak Park and Kevin Cross of Oak Park are engaged and plan to be married April 28 at the National Shrine of the Little Flower in Royal Oak.

The bride-elect is the daughter of David and Karen Maurer of Harbor Beach and the late Arvid Dhyse. She graduated from Harbor Beach High School in 2000 and graduated from Saginaw Valley State University in 2004 with a bachelor's degree in communications. She works as an associate director for the American Cancer Society in Southfield.

The bridegroom-elect is the son of Michael and Kathy Cross of Chelsea. He graduated from Chelsea High School and received his bachelor's degree in financial planning and counseling from Purdue University in 2001. He works as a financial adviser at TD Ameritrade in Birmingham.



Kevin Cross and Kerri Dhyse.

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HIGHER EDUCATION BRIEFS

Gupta to speak at U of M spring graduation

Dr. Sanjay Gupta, CNN's Emmy-winning chief medical correspondent, will speak at the University of Michigan's spring commencement April 28, the university announced.

Pending approval by the U of M Board of Regents, Gupta, a Michigan alum, will be among six people to receive honorary degrees from U of M. The others are Maestro Jose Antonio Abreu, a pianist; J. Ira Harris, a Michigan alum, former Michigan Daily staffer and financier; Susan Orlean, a Michigan alum and author ("Saturday Night" and "The Orchid Thief"); Richard Sams, a biomedical engineer; and Chris Van Allsburg, a Michigan alum and author ("Jumanji" and "The Polar Express").

Chickens come home to roost, as Michigan faces real Ohio

In a strange twist of fate, the University of Michigan men's basketball team will square off against the Ohio Bobcats to start the NCAA's March Madness tournament. Ever since U of M football coach Brady Hoke arrived in Ann Arbor, an Ohio native who refused to call Ohio State University by its name, referring to it only as "Ohio," that speech pattern has caught on in the Michigan community — much to the chagrin of both Ohio schools.

Woody Hayes, the late Ohio State football coach, famously refused to call the University of Michigan by name, referring to it only as "That School Up North." So intense was Hayes' animosity for U of M that the Buckeyes didn't stay overnight or even gas the team bus in the state of Michigan. Hoke's "Ohio" hit a nerve in a way that's given Michigan its equivalent of Hayes' gamesmanship. U of M hoops coach John Beilein has continued the trend, referring to OSU as Ohio and to Ohio University as the Bobcats. Bobcats coach John Groce recently told The Post, the Ohio University student newspaper, that he considers the naming practice disrespectful — that Ohio is Ohio and Ohio State is Ohio State and both should be called by name.

"It is kind of disrespectful, but it is what it is," Groce, a former Buckeye assistant coach, told The Post. "You can't control what other people say. You can only control what you're doing on a daily basis. That's how we operate here, and I can assure you that's how Coach Matta operates in Columbus."

When the Wolverines face off against the Bobcats on Friday in Nashville, it will be the first time in more than 40 years that U of M has played Ohio in either basketball or football.

Weeks after airing his displeasure with U of M's nomenclature, Bobcats coach John Groce will finally have a chance to put Ohio on the map. Michigan and Ohio will square off at 7:20 p.m. The game will be on TNT.

Recent conference at EMU called a success

The TEDxEMU conference at Eastern Michigan University Friday was deemed a success, reports The Eastern Echo.

TED is an acronym for technology, entertainment and design, and TED conferences have been cropping up across America and the world since 1984. Its slogan is "ideas worth sharing," and the talks are meant to spark further dialogue.

TEDxEMU was the product of Gregg Costanzo, who

coordinates entertainment programs at the university, and more than 30 speakers participate, reported Jerome Stuart Nichols.

Ethos Week under way at EMU

Ethos Week is under way at Eastern Michigan

University, announced. The weeklong conference will discuss ethical issues in government, technology, journalism, finance

and the law, and will wrap on Friday with a keynote address by Anton Valukas, who worked on the Lehman Brothers bankruptcy for

the Chicago firm of Jenner and Block.

—Compiled by Staff Writer James David Dickson



Photo courtesy of CNN
Dr. Sanjay Gupta.



CONNOR, DAVID BRIAN; age 49; of Saline, Michigan; passed away peacefully at his home, surrounded by his family, on March 10, 2012, following his battle with cancer. David was born July 28, 1962 in Pontiac, Michigan to Donald and Shirley Connor. David graduated from Pontiac Northern High School in 1980, and went on to earn his Bachelor of Science from Eastern Michigan University in May 2006. He began working for Service Brands International in Ann Arbor in November 2006, where he remained until the beginning of his illness. David and Elizabeth were married on August 3, 1991. David is survived by his wife of 20-1/2 years, Elizabeth (Hanson) Connor; and his daughter, Erin E. Connor; father, Donald Connor; brother, Donnie Connor; sister, Caron Connor; and nieces, Morgan McDonald and Kiadadh Harstern. David is preceded in death by his loving mother, Shirley Connor. David was well known throughout his community as a loving son, brother, uncle, husband, father, and friend. A Memorial Service will be held at the First United Methodist Church of Saline, 1200 N. Ann Arbor, Saline, MI 48176. Visitation will be held Thursday, March 15, 2012 from 6 to 8 p.m., as well as Friday 10 to 11 a.m. The Memorial Service will be held Friday, March 16, 2012 at 11 a.m. at the church. A luncheon will follow. David's wish was for donations to be made towards the Erin E. Connor Education Fund in lieu of flowers. A trust has been established at the United Bank and Trust. Envelopes will be available at the service or made directly to the bank at 734-429-3824.

BURGER, SHIRLEY ROSE; (nee: CISLO); March 5, 2012; age 69; of Riverview, Graduate of Milan Class of 1960. Beloved wife of Henry; loving mother of Lisa Bastien-Henri and Michael Burger; dearest grandmother of Calli, Haley and Emma. Also survived by her siblings, Betty (James) Fitzsimmons, Clyde (Linda) Cislo and Mary (Mark) Tucker. Preceded in death by her parents, Edward and Grace (Clyde). Visitation Friday March 9, 2012 from 4 to 8 p.m. at Ochalek-Stark Funeral Home, 218 E. Main, Milan, where services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. Private burial. Donations see: www.ochalekstark.com

GARRISON, FLORANCE H.; age 88; of Jackson, formerly of Albion; passed away Sunday, March 11, 2012; at the Bethany Home in Jackson, Michigan. She was born in 1923 to Louis and Adrienne Pelletier in Munising, Michigan. In 1956 she married Kearny R. Garrison who preceded her in death in 1972. Florence worked as a nursing assistant for Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak, where she worked for many years. She came to Albion in 1996, where she lived at Maple Grove for several years. She was a member of St. John's Catholic Church in Albion and St. Catherine Labourer Church in Concord. She enjoyed knitting, sewing and baking, especially pasties. Florence is survived by daughter, Adrienne Garrison of Albion; son, Louis Garrison of Albion; step-daughter, Mary Garrison of Oregon; step-son, Kearny Garrison, Jr. of Oregon; sister-in-law, Madeline Sloan of Ann Arbor; several cousins and a niece. She was preceded in death by an infant son, John. Visitation for family and friends will be Wednesday, March 14, 2012 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the J. Kevin Tidd Funeral Home, 811 Finely Drive, Albion, Michigan 49224. Funeral Service will be Thursday, March 15, 2012 at 11 a.m. at St. Catherine Labourer Church, 211 Harmon Street, Concord, Michigan 49237 with Rev. Dennis Spitzley, officiating. Burial will be at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, 25800 West 10. Mile Road, Southfield, Michigan 48075. Assistance with Memorial Contributions to, Bethany Home, 1000 E. Porter Street, Jackson, Michigan 49202 is available at the funeral home. www.kevintiddfuneralhome.com



BRANNOCK, WILLIAM R.; age 48; of Manchester; passed away March 10, 2012. Billy was born on April 24, 1963 in Albion, NY to John and Rosemary Brannock. He married Linda (Maconber) on August 6, 1994. Memorial donations may be given to Billy's family for future designation. Envelopes will be available during his Healing Farewell. Gathering will begin Tuesday from Noon until 2 p.m. and 4 until 8 p.m. at the Manchester American Legion, and also Wednesday from 10 a.m. until the time of service at 11 a.m. at Manchester United Methodist Church. Please sign Mr. Brannock's guestbook at www.borekiennings.com or leave a message of comfort for his family by calling 877-231-7900.

JONES, MARY ANN; age 79; of Tecumseh, Michigan formerly of Maybee until 1999; passed away on Wednesday, March 7, 2012; at Heartland Health Care Center in Ann Arbor following a long illness. She was born in Poughkeepsie, N.Y., July 1, 1932 the daughter of Stephen and Mary (Kochis) Gaydos. She married Gerald R. Jones April 23, 1960 in Inkster. She graduated from Milan High School in 1950 and Cleary Business College in 1952 in Ypsilanti. She was employed as a secretary at Warner-Lambert, later becoming Pfizer Pharmaceutical in Ann Arbor. She loved gardening and her flowers. Survivors include her husband, Gerald; a son, Gerald Stephen Jones (Dewey Russell) of Bay St. Louis, Mississippi; daughters, Gwenith (Michael) Fedor of Tecumseh and Mary Elizabeth Turner of Playa Del Ray, California; a sister, Rose (Bill) Carter of Tecumseh and brothers Frank Gaydos of Knoxville, TN and Stephen (Magdalena) Gaydos of Houston, TX. Friends may call Monday from 3 to 8 p.m. at Cover Funeral Home, 297 Tecumseh Street in Dundee 734-529-3156. Service 11 a.m., Tuesday, March 13, 2012 at the funeral home. Cremation will follow the service with interment in Marble Park Cemetery in Milan. Memorials may be made to any charity of the donor's choice. Online condolences may be made at www.coverfuneralhome.com



SCHUELKE, DAVID JAMES; Tampa, FL, formerly of Chelsea, MI; age 55; died Tuesday, February 28, 2012; at his home. He was born August 18, 1956 in Manistee, MI, the son of Keith and Marlene (DeCair) Schuelke. David lived in Chelsea until 2001, when he moved to Tampa. He graduated from Chelsea High School in 1974. David worked at Polly's Country Market in Chelsea for many years. He loved animals and was an avid hunter. David was very skilled at carpentry. He was good-natured with an incredible sense of humor. David was a good son and great brother. Survivors include his father of Grass Lake; one sister, Sue-Ann (Kirk Drews) Schuelke of Pinckney; two brothers, Danny (Beverly) Schuelke of Grass Lake, and Bob (Dianna) Schuelke of Fowlerville; and five nephews, Matthew, Michael, Adam, Stephen, and Derek. He was preceded in death by his mother, Marlene in 2000. The family will receive friends Saturday, March 31, 2012 from 3 to 6 p.m. at Cole Funeral Chapel, Chelsea. Memorial contributions may be made to Humane Valley Humane Society or Cascades Humane Society.

VASBINDER, EUNICE RUBY; 73; of Blissfield; passed away on Wednesday, March 7, 2012; at Ebeid Hospice in Sylvania, Ohio. Eunice was born on February 18, 1939 to Harold Clayton and Ruby E (Matevia) Clayton. She married Richard Vasbinder in August of 1961, who preceded her in death in 2005. Eunice was a teacher at Sumnerfield Elementary for 18 years, she taught 1st and 2nd graders. She attended the Solid Rock Church in Blissfield. Eunice is survived by her two sons, Robert Vasbinder of Dundee and Eric (Heather) Vasbinder of Blissfield; grandchildren, Sarah and Christian of Dundee, Devin and Dalton of Blissfield; and two sisters. A Memorial Service for Eunice will be held at a later date. You may send a condolence to the family at www.WagleyFuneralHome.com

ROULLIER, DONALD WILFRED SR.; age 89; of Belleville; March 7, 2012. Beloved husband of Phyllis; loving father of Donald (Claudia) Roullier Jr. and Jacqueline; dear grandfather of Donald Roullier III, Renee (Jeff), Michael and Patrick and great grandfather of Danielle, Samantha, Katherine, Ila and Al-ice. He was preceded in death by his parents, Wilfred and Irene Roullier and his brother, James. Funeral service was Sunday, March 11, 2012 at 2 p.m. at Michigan Memorial Funeral Home, (next to Michigan Memorial Park) 30895 Huron River Dr., Huron Twp., 734-783-2646. Visitation was Saturday, March 10, 2012, 1 to 8 p.m. Interment in Michigan Memorial Park. www.michiganmemorialfuneralhome.com



KILGUS, GLAZIER, JANICE M.; age 86; former Chelsea resident; married to Stanton P. Glazier; grandson of pioneer industrialist Frank P. Glazier; died on Friday, March 9, 2012 at the Residence at Timber Pines. Janice and Stanton lived in Chelsea for 15 years. They were married in 1945, following Stanton Glazier's service in the U.S. Navy. The couple had three sons, Daniel Paul Glazier, Steven Clay Glazier and Bradley Kurt Glazier. Stanton Glazier died on February 2, 1986. Janice married Fred Kilgus, and they were married until he passed away in 1996. Janice enjoyed travel, playing bridge and golf. Janice is survived by her sister, Gail Johnson; her brother, Joseph Owsley; her sons, Daniel Glazier and Bradley Glazier; and her grandchildren, Julie Szczepanski, Brian Glazier, Caitlin Busch, Samuel Glazier and Emily Glazier. The Glazier family are descendants of George P. Glazier, who opened the first bank in Chelsea in 1860 and Frank P. Glazier, who started the Glazier Stove Works in what is now called the Chelsea Clock Tower Building. Arrangements entrusted to National Cremation Society, Hudson, Florida. Memorial contributions may be made to HPH Hospice.



AHRENS, TROY SCOTT; age 49; of Manchester; passed away on March 8, 2012. A Simple Farewell took place on Monday, March 12, 2012. To view the full obituary please visit www.borekiennings.com

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U of M program teaches kids importance of eating right

March 24 set as Health Discovery Day

By James David Dickson
Heritage Media

If only these seminars would start an hour later, Jess Makowske said minutes before class time, maybe attendance would be better.

Turns out, it wasn't that the lesson on the connection between diet and health started too early, but that Makowske, an instructor with the University of Michigan's Museum

of Natural History, 1109 Geddes Ave., had spoken too soon.

A room that was empty at 10 a.m. held its biggest audience for yet one of the health programs at the downtown library, 343 S. Fifth Ave., with five children.

The hourlong session started with a discussion of what the children had eaten the day before, and where it came from. The children, some of whom were as young as 4, were able to note that foods like rice come from the ground and foods like Oreo cookies come from factories.

Then Makowske reviewed the new food pyramid, which is actually a plate, telling students how much fruit (1.5 to 2 cups a day; visually, a cup is about as big as a baseball,

Makowske said) and veggies (2 to 3 cups per day) a person should eat every day. She also discussed non-meat alternatives to protein, such as peanut butter, nuts and beans.

Makowske explained the role of fiber, which is to push foods through the body, a lesson most of the kids seemed to have learned from the popular

children's book "Everybody Poops." Next up was Health Bingo, which goes by the same rules as any other Bingo game, except chips were placed on the boards based on health-related facts ("There are 206 bones in your body") or instructions ("drink water"), rather than numbers or letters. The instructor brought enough toys that each child walked away with one.

The last activity of the day allowed children to leave with a potted plant of their own making. Using biodegradable crates, the children added soil, water and seeds to a plant of their choosing — tomatoes, carrots and green beans

were among the popular choices. The crate will turn into soil when it breaks down, and the hope is that each kid, with the help of a parent, will plant the vegetables in the ground at some point.

The natural history museum has been hosting health-related seminars at public libraries in Ann Arbor in anticipation of Health Discovery Day, which the museum will host March 24. Health Discovery Day will offer a daylong exploration of health issues, and will serve the same K-5 demographic the seminars have.

Later that day, Makowske was to teach

the same lesson again at the Traverwood branch of the Ann Arbor District Library, 3333 Traverwood Drive. She expected a bigger turnout at the afternoon session.

For more information on Health Discovery Day March 24, visit the U of M Museum of Natural History's website.

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Love is Louder

Actress kicks off conference on depression at U of M

Snow says love louder than bullying

By James David Dickson
Heritage Media

Actress Brittany Snow of "Guiding Light" and "Harry's Law" fame kicked off the University of Michigan's 10th annual Depression on College Campuses conference March 7 at the Rackham Auditorium, 915 East Washington St.

Snow's message was that love is louder than the bullying and disrespect that many young people face.

The Love Is Louder campaign emerged in September 2010 after a number of teens committed suicide after being bullied.

Courtney Knowles, director of Love Is Louder, a project of the Jed Foundation and MTV, said that the whole thing came together in about two days after Snow expressed interest in becoming a face of the anti-bullying movement.

Although Snow didn't fit into any of the typical groups children tend to tease — she wasn't fat or gay or a minority, and in fact was a successful actor on "Guiding Light" — she was still bullied. And it still hurt.

Snow had made a promise to herself that someday she would shun the veneer



Actress Brittany Snow kicked off the University of Michigan's 10th conference on Depression on College Campuses with a simple message: Love is Louder than bullying, disrespect, and homophobia.

of perfection that comes with red carpet appearances and glossy magazine covers and that she would let the world know that she once faced the same issues millions of teens face every day, and that better days are ahead.

That doesn't mean the Love Is Louder philosophy is without its limitations. One

parent of an Ann Arbor middle school student who attended the talk said: "I can love away the bullying, I can't love away the depression."

This was a limitation Knowles readily acknowledged. Love Is Louder, he explained, is not a cure-all, nor is it a substitute for the mental health assis-

tance someone may need. Nor does the love need to come from an external source, like a friend or a parent. Love Is Louder, Knowles explained, is simply a belief that everyone can take a small step toward getting the social or emotional help they need.

As Knowles explained in an interview on the Jed Foundation's website: "We all deal with lots of internal and external 'stuff' each day that is difficult and it is amazing what the smallest act of kindness can do to overshadow all of that... When you get overwhelmed or ticked off or feel hopeless, take a deep breath and say 'Love is Louder' to yourself a few times. It really works."

The Jed Foundation seeks to reduce the suicide rate among college students and eliminate the stigmas that prevent some from seeking help with their mental health issues.

Other sessions during the two-day conference include a seminar on the mental health issues of campus veterans and talks on how to build mental and emotional resiliency among college students.

The 11th annual Depression on College Campuses conference will take place at the University of Michigan from Feb. 26 and 27, 2013.

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Washtenaw County collaboration shrinks healthcare gaps

The Washtenaw Health Initiative — a collaborative group of Washtenaw County community leaders and organizations that has worked together voluntarily over the past year to improve access to health care for the county's low-income, Medicaid and vulnerable populations — announced in early March that it has helped more than 700 people in Washtenaw County obtain or keep Medicaid coverage or obtain access to other social supportive services.

The WHI estimated that about 6,400 Washtenaw County residents are currently eligible for, but not enrolled in, Medicaid, and as many as 25,000 residents could become newly eligible if the federal health care reform act remains in place.

Helping improve the Medicaid enrollment process ahead of the projected influx, two employees with the Washtenaw County office of the Michigan Department of Human Services were selected to work out of the Washtenaw Health Plan office, addressing issues that include enrolling clients for Medicaid and public assistance benefits to correcting client contact information.

The DHS workers see clients at the WHP offices and make weekly visits to the Delonis Center, the county's largest homeless shelter.

The Corner Health Center was recently added to the workers' weekly rotation of visits, with plans to expand to other clinics in the future.

"The amount of time that these DHS workers devote to solving the myriad issues clients face is staggering. They are getting to know the clients in ways not possible without their work in the community and they are sorting out very complex issues in the human services system. They've helped hundreds of people in some way," said Ellen Rabinowitz, executive director of the Washtenaw Health Plan, in a news release.

"This has been a phenomenal partnership." The move gives the DHS workers — Tiffany Gore and Liz Ahrens — direct access to community members who are at risk of losing their Medicaid coverage or public assistance benefits as well as those who may be eligible for assistance but not yet enrolled.

Through remote access to the DHS eligibility system, Gore and Ahrens can make immediate updates to an individual's file or identify eligibility for other assistance.

Gore and Ahrens' efforts since September 2011 include:

- Helping more than 200 single, childless adults at risk of losing Medicaid coverage maintain that coverage.

- Enrolling more than 200 people in the state's Food Assistance Program.

- Helping 261 people apply for medical assistance, 69 for state disability assistance and 22 for emergency relief for services like heating and utility assistance.

- Assisting more than 200 people at the Delonis Center.

"The Washtenaw Health Plan is the envy of every other county health plan because our Adult Medical Program numbers are increasing; this is unprecedented in a period of closed enrollment," said Rabinowitz.

"Because of the systems put in place by the two DHS workers and the

Washtenaw Health Plan enrollment staff, we are able to contact members well before their enrollment is terminated, and as a result, help them stay enrolled."

While the fate of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (the federal health care reform act) will be decided by the U.S. Supreme Court later this year, the DHS and Washtenaw Health Plan partnership indicates that there is a lot communities can do right now to improve the health of residents, said Robert Guenzel, retired Washtenaw County administrator and co-chair of the effort.

"If federal health care reform is repealed, there will still be community members who can't access the care they need. There will still be those who are eligible but not enrolled in programs like Medicaid. There will still be a need — and perhaps it will be even greater — for communities to work together on improving care for its citizens," said Guenzel.

Guenzel, along with retired Saint Joseph Mercy Health System chief executive officer Robert Laverty and retired University of Michigan treasurer Norman Herbert, spearheaded the WHI.

The initiative is sponsored by the University of Michigan Health System and Saint Joseph Mercy Health System and staffed by the Center for Healthcare Research & Transformation, based at the University of Michigan.

The WHI kicked off in January 2011 with an evaluation of the county's current demographics, Medicaid eligibility and enrollment process and

health care delivery systems with a focus on primary, mental health, dental and substance use care.

Results were released in July 2011 as the group moved into identifying recommendations to close the identified gaps. Recommendations were completed by September 2011.

In addition to this enrollment outreach partnership between the WHP and the Washtenaw County office of the Michigan Department

of Human Services, the group is in the process of implementing 10 other recommendations focusing on both helping people obtain and keep insurance coverage, as well as getting access to needed primary care, dental, substance use, mental health, substance use and human services.

Since the group's official formation, WHI membership has expanded from 40 individuals representing 20 organizations to 70 individuals representing more than 30

organizations. The WHI includes representatives from the Ann Arbor-based Center for Healthcare Research & Transformation, U of M Health System, Saint Joseph Mercy Health System, VA Ann Arbor Healthcare System, health plans, county government, community services, physicians, and safety net providers. For more information on the Washtenaw Health Initiative, visit www.washtenawhealthinitiative.org.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Haddox's column misses the mark on Founding Fathers' viewpoints

It's not easy to find the right tone for a response to Tom Haddox's guest column in the March 1 Chelsea Standard.

For starters, any debate about religion in our civic life, especially now, is likely to spark a heated argument. Second, I don't want to seem to be an opponent of orthodox or any sectarian version of Christianity. Its precepts and values are far too humane and benevolent for that. It has often been an advocate of moral uplift, individual responsibility and social betterment. Nonetheless, I take issue, as a professional historian, with Haddox's views of our national founding and of the Founding Fathers in particular, partly because his assertions are widely shared, partly because they attempt to "rewrite history," the secular sin he seeks to rectify.

The role of Christianity in our national birth is a complicated story that I can scarcely do justice to here. Suffice it to say that it is certainly an important backdrop to our founding, but it is not fair or accurate to say that America was established as a Christian country. There is a vast scholarship attesting to the fact that the Pilgrims and Puritans meant to cut themselves off from the traditions and practices of mainstream Christianity. They were exclusionists who preached an intense opposition to all other Christians. Virginia was an overwhelmingly secular settlement.

As for the Founding Fathers, the historical evidence is clear. Like many educated men of the 18th century, while not atheists, neither did they subscribe to "the God of the Bible." The God of the Founding Fathers was "Nature's God," a creator who operated on rational, Newtonian-like principles, shorn of miracles, divinity or prophecies. With the exception of John Jay, all the Founding Fathers adhered to the precepts of the Christian faith but rooted it in a secular context that demanded respect for the citizen's private practices and beliefs, even for other faiths.

These were "natural rights" bestowed by the creator on all men. The Declaration of Independence denounced British oppression as a

perversion of the "natural order." One of its authors, Thomas Jefferson, flatly denied the divinity of Christ even as he affirmed his worth as a great teacher. Consequently, Jefferson eliminated any and all references to Jesus as the Son of God in the "Jefferson Bible." Jefferson did not believe in the Trinity, the virgin birth, miracles or the resurrection.

The Declaration was formulated in the language of Deism, a Christianity that was decidedly not Biblically based." The Deists posited a world in which God was neither active, nor partisan nor arbitrary. Indeed, sectarian churches as vessels of divine truth were to be restrained. There is no mention of a Christian nation in the Constitution, though it does provide that "no religious tests shall ever be required as a qualification to any officer or public trusts." The other Haddox cites is Benjamin Franklin, who described himself as "a thorough Deist." The emblematic design that Franklin and Jefferson collaborated on, the "Eye of Providence," had much more to do with Freemasonry, a secret society of the 18th century

ridiculed by conventional Christians as dangerous "free thinkers" than with divine intervention. The parting of the Red Sea by Moses to escape Pharaoh's army was simply a common metaphor for resistance to political tyranny.

Today, we frequently talk about social and political "agendas," often meaning somewhat disguised or hidden programs. I don't know if Haddox has one. But he evidently believes our political heritage rests on familiarity "with what place God and the Bible had in the origin of this great nation." If he means by that an exclusionary Christianity, a church that invokes the authority of God in political affairs, or a society that dissolves the wall between church and state, he is wrong historically. If, however, he means an America that stands for pluralism, and civil privacy and protections; for an America that cares for all its citizens regardless of particular creeds or partisan commitments, then we have no disagreement.

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Beware the Ides of March?

Today is the "Ides" of March. The ancient Romans labeled the 15th of March, as well as the 15th of several other months, "Ides." Up until 44 B.C. no one thought anything of it. But Julius Caesar's assassination on that date made March 15 "a day that will live in infamy."

Allegedly a Roman astrologer had warned Caesar a few days in advance, "Beware the Ides of March," and some accounts claim that Caesar was being cautious and staying around the house March 15, but later in the day his "friend" Brutus convinced him it was just superstitious foolishness and that he should attend a meeting of the Senate. Caesar was assassinated. As he was being attacked he saw Brutus and said pathetically, "And you, Brutus, my son!"

This event raises several issues. For one, if an astrologer - or anyone - warns you about some alleged danger, how seriously do you take them? The Bible warns against astrology and other means of trying to find out the future. If someone encounters you, however, and gives you a warning, it might not be a bad idea to evaluate whether there is a good reason to take it seriously.

At the same time, we can't live our lives in fear. Just because Julius Caesar was murdered on March 15 doesn't mean it will be a bad day for us. You probably weren't concerned about the Ides of March before reading this column; nor do you have to be. My wife and I flew to Europe 5½ years ago on September 11, and it turned out to be a great day to fly - the airport was practically empty!

Finally, anyone who believes in Jesus Christ is prepared for death at any time. Jesus said, "I am the Resurrection and the Life. Whoever believes in Me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in Me will never die" (John 11:25-26). Whether it's March 15, September 11, November 22, or December 7, our Savior is waiting to receive us into eternal life in heaven, because He paid the full price for us with His sacrificial death on the cross. He takes away any fears that we might have. Do you believe in Him?



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Faculty, friends and fun

The Chelsea High School auditorium hosted the Faculty and Friends show March 12, featuring music, humorous skits and dance. All proceeds from the ninth annual show benefited the Chelsea music program and featured talented students, teachers and community members.

Photos by Burrill Strong



Eric Swager and his sons, Zebedee, Leo and Karl demonstrate "Slobokian Tonal Percussion."



Art Finger (left), Rob Turner and Nick Angel perform "Big Girls Don't Cry."



Lottie Prevenost sings with The Quill.



(Right) Jim Otto (left) and Rick Catherman, who was recently awarded as the Band Teacher of the Year, perform a trumpet duet.



(Left) Bob Knopper, a Chelsea High School and Juilliard grad, performs alongside others at the Faculty and Friends show. Knopper, 24, is a percussionist and accomplished rag-time xylophone player with the MET Orchestra.

(Right) Phoebe Harris of the North Creek Fiddlers plays.



The North Creek Fiddlers perform.

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THE FANTASY OF MAKING DISNEY'S

'John Carter'

By SEAN P. MEANS
For Journal Register Newspapers

Carefree, Ariz. — In 1995, when "Toy Story" was a fresh success for Pixar Animation Studios, Andrew Stanton — then a Pixar screenwriter, animator and story artist — made a pitch to the boss. "What if we could do hybrid movies?" Stanton asked Pixar co-founder Ed Catmull.

The live-action/animated movie Stanton had in mind was an adaptation of "A Princess of Mars," the 1912 pulp novel by Tarzan author Edgar Rice Burroughs. It's the first of 11 space fantasy adventures centering on John Carter, a Civil War-era soldier magically transported to Mars, which the inhabitants there call Barsoom.

Stanton had dreamed of the project since he was a boy. He had even honed his art skills by drawing the characters of Burroughs' adventures.

Now, a century after Burroughs created them, Stanton — who rose within Pixar's ranks to direct two of the studio's most beloved films, "Finding Nemo" and "Wall-E" — has brought those characters to a movie screen in the science-fiction epic "John Carter," opening nationwide on Friday, March 9.

Burroughs' "Barsoom" books are the Rosetta Stone of science fiction. Authors such as Ray Bradbury (The Martian Chronicles), Arthur C. Clarke (2001: A Space Odyssey) and Robert Heinlein (Stranger in a Strange Land) cited Burroughs as an inspiration. So did astrophysicist Carl Sagan, who read the books as a child. "Flash Gordon," "Star Wars" and "Avatar" all can trace their creative DNA to Burroughs' novels.



But while Burroughs' other famous creation, Tarzan, has been adapted into countless films, a movie about John Carter and the Martian princess Dejah Thoris has never been attempted on the big screen. (There was a cheap direct-to-DVD movie, "Princess of Mars," starring Antonio Sabato Jr. and Traci Lords, in 2009 — but the less said about that, the better.)

Stanton alerted Disney to his interest in acquiring the rights to Burroughs' books in 2006, while he was still working on "Wall-E." A few months later, Disney (which had good relations with the Burroughs estate after making an animated "Tarzan") secured the rights to the first three books. Then Stanton started working on a script with his Pixar writing partner, Mark Andrews.

"You start with a grocery list of cool stuff, and how you're going to make a story that's interesting," Stanton said at a press junket last month at a resort outside Phoenix. The first draft, he said, "had much more of the books than I thought."

After a couple of drafts, Stanton said he

and Andrews decided "this story needs to get better." They decided to find another writer — and contacted Pulitzer Prize-winning novelist Michael Chabon (The Adventures of Kavalier and Clay), not sure if he would be interested.

Chabon was also a Burroughs fan — and, like Stanton and Andrews, still had the drawings of the Barsoom characters he made as a kid. "He said 'yes' before I could finish [asking him]," Stanton said.

Stanton and Andrews would write pages of the script by day and e-mail them to Chabon, who works at night. In the morning, Stanton would find rewritten pages in his inbox. "He was like the elves and I was the cobbler," Stanton said.

Then Stanton started assembling his cast and crew, which differed from his work at Pixar's Bay Area offices, where he usually worked with the same animators and artists from film to film.

"It's a gypsy world vs. lifers — it's an extreme difference," Stanton said in a phone interview, comparing live-action filmmaking to animation. He determined one of the

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things he could control was to hire people who were easy to work with. "If I got a vibe that they would be difficult to work with, then I moved on."

Lynn Collins, who portrays the Martian princess Dejah Thoris, noticed the difference at her first audition. Instead of just asking her to read a few pages, Collins said, Stanton gave her a 40-minute presentation of his vision for the film, complete with artists' renderings of the characters and settings.

"I was like, 'What is going on? Do I have the job?' ... Then he left the room, and I thought, 'Oh, he's not from Hollywood,'" said Collins, best known for her role as the mutant Kayla Silverfox in "X-Men Origins: Wolverine."

Dragon Wagon headlines Music Under The Arch

The March 15 Music Under The Arch show will feature Dragon Wagon, with opening act Taylor Paxman, a recent Saline High School Talent Show

winner. Dragon Wagon's bluegrass sound has been described as "Michigan Roots music," with a combination of mandolin, fiddle, banjo, guitar, bass

and drums. The band formed in 2008 and is based in Ann Arbor. Paxman, a Saline High School senior, took first place in the 2012 Saline High School talent

show, and his opening act is described as "extreme piano."

The show will take place at Stone Arch Arts and Events, located at 117 S.

Ann Arbor St. in Saline. Doors open at 7 p.m., and the show begins at 7:30 p.m.

Reserved tickets for the show are \$20 or \$15 for general admission, \$10 for

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Ann Arbor Civic Theatre seeks original scripts

Eastern Michigan University's 24-hour Relay for Life event will take place at EMU's University Park 1 p.m. April 13 through 1 p.m. April 14.

The American Cancer Society sponsors Relay for Life events to help spread

awareness about raising funds to find cures, helping people get well and stay well and to fight back against cancer.

This year, EMU's Relay for Life event will feature a Harry Potter theme, and some fun-filled activities

will be Harry Potter related. Participants are welcome to come dressed in purple for Relay for Life or in Harry Potter gear.

Participants can celebrate those who have beat cancer by cheering them on at the survivors lap and remember

those who have lost a loved one by honoring them with a luminaria. Candles are lighted in a sand-filled bag with a loved one's name on it, and, during the luminaria ceremony, people may take a lap around the track in silence. There will be no

fees for anyone who wants to come participate at the EMU event. Members of the American Cancer Society will attend the event to provide people with information about the organization and its goals. Reminders will be posted

on social networking websites such as Twitter and Facebook.

To find your own local Relay for Life event, visit www.relayforlife.org. For more information, contact Steve Windom at steve.windom@cancer.org.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Thursday, March 15

■ The Chelsea Downtown Development Authority meets at 7:30 a.m. in the McKune Room of the Chelsea District Library.

■ The Chelsea Senior Center hosts Legal Link at 9 a.m. This week's topic will be: What to do with the Family Cottage?

■ The Dexter Senior Center will celebrate St. Patrick's Day today. Enjoy corned beef and cabbage for lunch, and play bingo at 12:30 p.m. Make a reservation for lunch by calling 426-5397.

■ Join Michaelina Brown for a lively, friendly book discussion with Books & Banter at the women's club table on the second floor of the Chelsea District Library at 1:30 p.m.

■ The Dungeons & Dragons Weekly Gaming group meets at 4:30 p.m. at the Chelsea District Library. The group will be using the 3.5 edition of the game.

■ Stephanie Schneierman of Tia Stephanie Tours presents: The Culture and Cuisine of Mexico at the Dexter District Library at 7 p.m. Registration is required. Call 426-4477 for more informa-

tion or visit dexter.lib.mi.us.

Friday, March 16

■ The Chelsea District Library hosts Art Meets Business at 10 a.m. This program is meant to assist highly-motivated, creative entrepreneurs with marketing, technology and business skills. Register for the free, one-hour session by calling the library at 475-8732, ext. 219.

■ The Chelsea Senior Center will hold a March birthday lunch at noon as well as celebrate St. Patrick's Day.

■ Suzanna VanNatter will hold her famous felting class at the Dexter Senior Center at 1 p.m. The theme will be Easter, and the cost is \$6 for members and \$9 for nonmembers. She will supply all the materials. Register by calling 426-7737.

■ Join the Dexter District Library for Muffins-N-Movies at 2 p.m. The featured film is "Michael Collins," rated R with a runtime of 133 minutes.

■ Improve your skills with READ to Library Dogs at the Chelsea District Library at 3:30 p.m.

■ Transition Town Chelsea will present two short documentaries, "The Awakening" and "2012 Doomsday Prophecy," at the Welfare Building at 7 p.m. as part of "Movie Series: 2012: Transformation or Apocalypse." A discussion on the films will follow the viewing as well as a short talk on growing mushrooms. The Welfare building is off Main Street, just east of the Clocktower, north of the tracks and across from the Chelsea Depot. The meeting is free and refreshments will be provided. For more information, contact cshurch@comcast.net.

Saturday, March 17

■ The 39th annual Dexter Pioneer Art Fair is 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Creekside Intermediate School on Baker Road.

■ The Chelsea District Library will host a Purple Rose Play Reading at 10:30 a.m.

■ Teens Celebrate St. Patrick's Day at the Dexter District Library at 1 p.m. Decorate a cookie to reflect the spirit of the holiday, play trivia and dress in green for a chance to win green goodies. This program is for children in fourth through 12th grade. Registration is

required.

■ Join SRSLY for a 5 p.m. St. Patrick's Day Party at the Chelsea District Library.

Sunday, March 18

Get 1-on-1 Computer Help at the Chelsea District Library at 3 p.m.

■ Monday, March 19 The Chelsea Senior Center has Massage with Dawne by appointment at 10 a.m.

■ State Rep. Mark Ouimet will be at the Chelsea District Library for a coffee hour at 1 p.m.

■ Play Magic: The Gathering at its weekly gaming night-time at 6 p.m. at the Chelsea District Library.

■ Today is the first day of spring.

■ The Chelsea Senior Center has free blood pressure checks today at 10 a.m.

■ Get 1-on-1 Computer Help at the Chelsea District Library at 10 a.m.

■ Join the Animanga Club at the Chelsea District Library at 3:30 p.m.

■ The Dungeons & Dragons Weekly Gaming group meets at 4:30 p.m. at the Chelsea District Library. The group will be using the 3.5 edition of the game.

■ It's celebrity server night at the Chelsea Big Boy from 5 to 8 p.m. Tips will benefit the Chelsea Senior Center.

■ The Chelsea District Library Board of Trustees meets at 6:45 p.m. in the McKune Room of the library. The public is welcome to attend.

■ Silver Maples will hold a Kaleidoscope Concert with the Royal Garden Trio at 7 p.m.

Wednesday, March 21

■ Helen O'Toole will teach a class on Iris paper folding at the Dexter Senior Center at 12:30 p.m. The class will have an Easter theme and all materials will be provided. The class is free to senior center members and \$3 for nonmembers. Participants must register by March 16 by calling 426-7737.

■ The Dexter Senior Center hosts a monthly birthday celebration at noon

for all senior center members with a birthday in March. Each month Bush's donates a beautifully decorated sheet cake and a mystery birthday singer performs for the diners.

■ Grow Your Own Business One-on-One Counseling takes place at 3 p.m. at the Chelsea District Library.

■ Join the Dexter District Library for Book Snackers book discussion group, at 4:30 p.m. This group is for kids in third through fifth grade. This week the group will talk about their Favorite Folktales from Around the World. Registration is required.

■ The Dexter District Library hosts Computer Basics 2 at 6 p.m. Registration is required.

■ View the documentary Honor Flight of Michigan: "Legacy" and stay for a discussion at the Dexter District Library at 6:30 p.m.

■ Chelsea99% meets at the Chelsea District Library at 7 p.m. for a talk with Lynn Rivers.

Thursday, March 22

PLEASE SEE CALENDAR 3-B

BULLETIN BOARD

'Around Town with Linda'

"Around Town with Linda" will feature Pat Cleary, partner of Cleary's Pub. "Around Town with Linda" features interviews conducted by the local host Linda Meloche. The show airs daily on Channel 18 at 7:30 a.m., 1 p.m., 6 p.m. and 11 p.m. A new interview begins every Friday evening and runs for a week. The guests all live or work in Chelsea, and everyone connected with the show is a volunteer. Previous shows are available to view at McKune Memorial Library or online at <http://storiosofchelsea.org>.

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Dexter Garden Club has grant and scholarship funds for local projects

This year, for the first time,

Dexter Garden Club is able to provide grant and scholarship monies for horticultural projects in the Dexter area.

Individuals and not-for-profit groups could receive up to \$250. Application forms and further information regarding criteria for eligibility are located on the Dexter Garden Club's website at www.dextergardenclub.com.

Click on resources, choose the appropriate application and click on download.

All applications may not be accepted but all will receive a timely reply. The deadline for applications is April 1. Funding for the grants and

scholarships is raised by the club members participating in a spring plant sale held at the gazebo in downtown Dexter. This year's sale date is May 12 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Registrations still open for ALI spring classes

It is not too late to register for ALI upcoming spring classes. The 14 available classes due to start in March, April and May offer a wide range of topics selected to appeal to adult learners.

For a complete listing and description of the classes still available visit the ALI website.

To register for one or more classes download a form from the website or contact ALI by phone and request an ALI catalogue.

Registrations are accepted by mail in only until class limits are reached. Catalogues are available for pick up at the Chelsea and Dexter Senior Centers And Libraries. Visit www.adultlearnersinstitute.org or call 734-433-1000-7358 for more information.

To have an item placed on the bulletin board, e-mail information to Erica McClain at emcclain@heritage.com by 5 p.m. Friday for the following week's edition with the keywords "Bulletin Board" in the subject line.

CALENDAR

FROM PAGE 2-B

■ The Dexter District Library hosts the second part of a gardening series, called Successful Composting, at 10 a.m.

■ The Dungeons & Dragons Weekly Gaming group meets at 4:30 p.m. at the Chelsea District Library. The group will be using the 3.5 edition of the game.

Friday, March 23

■ The Chelsea District Library is closed today for a staff in-service.

■ The Dexter District Library hosts a Hunger Games Party in honor of the movie's release day from

4:30 to 5:30 p.m. The party is for youths in fifth through 12th grade. There will be a trivia contest to test your knowledge of "Hunger Games" for a chance to win Quality 16 movie tickets and other fun prizes. Registration is required.

Ongoing -

■ The Dexter Garden Club meets 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month September through May at the Dexter Senior Center. Each month features a different speaker or event.

■ The Chelsea Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. the first and third Tuesdays of each month in Chelsea Community Hospital's private dining room "A."

■ CSS/Older Adult Services offers tax assistance at the Dexter Senior Center March 1 and March 15. Appointment times are

made between 9 a.m. and noon both days. Volunteers will only allocate enough time for simple tax returns. Please bring full income

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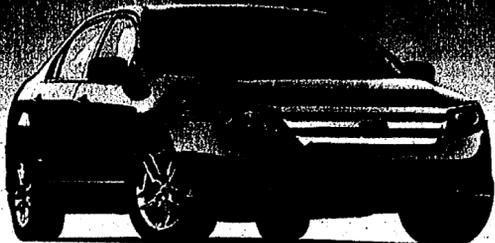
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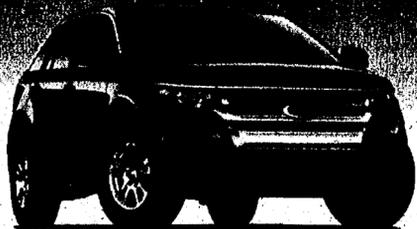
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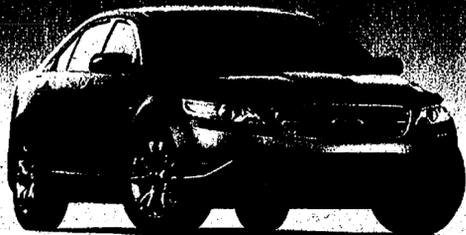
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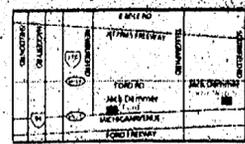
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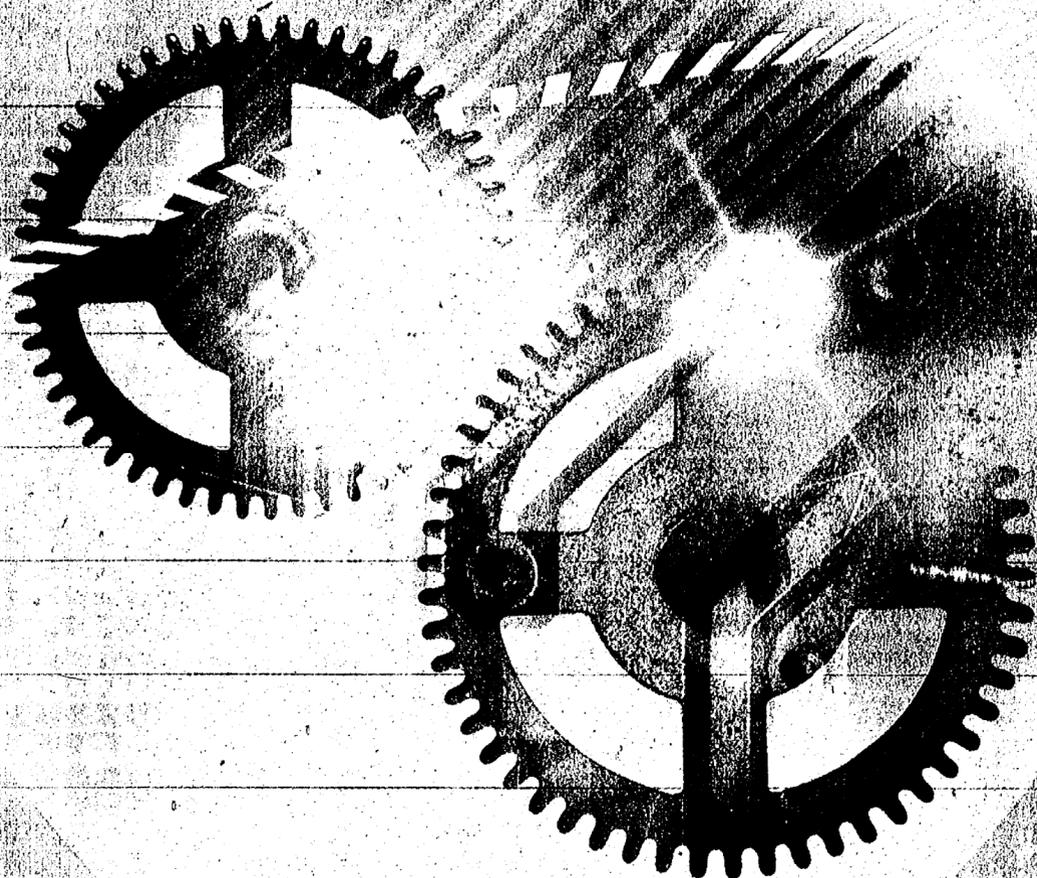


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Second bridge still 'in limbo'

By Dennis Hinzmann
Heritage Media

DETROIT — Efforts to build a second bridge across the Detroit River could be stirring once again thanks to a recent court ruling.

Ending years of delays, a decision by a Wayne County Circuit Court judge finally will lead to the completion of the Gateway Project, which was begun by the owners of the Ambassador Bridge in 2008.

Judge Prentis Edwards ordered last week that the \$230 million project be turned over to the Michigan Department of Transportation for completion.

Though not tied directly to another proposed bridge linking Michigan and Ontario, the Gateway Project is in the mix.

The judge's decision springs from the Detroit International Bridge Co. not complying with its contract with MDOT. The bridge company is owned by Manuel "Matty" Moroun.

The Gateway Project is designed to adjust I-75 and I-96 to improve access to the Ambassador Bridge, which links the cities of Detroit and Windsor.

The judge's decision also could have the impact of bringing the long-discussed idea of a second bridge across the Detroit River back to the forefront of lawmakers' minds.

State Rep. Douglas Geiss (D-Taylor) said a proposed second bridge — formerly known as the Detroit River International Crossing and now called the New International Trade Crossing — "is in limbo."

"It may be in a cooling off period," he said. "At this point there is no action. The bill I had on the House side has not even been given a hearing date."

"If I were the chairman, I would have that on first thing and at least have the debate and discussion."

A new international crossing over the Detroit River to Canada has been in the thoughts of officials in both countries for more than a decade. Moroun has opposed the idea.

In 2000, the Border Transportation partnership was formed, and four years later it identified the need for a long-term plan that would

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United States and Canadian environmental documents were finished from 2005 to 2009 as a prerequisite for such a vast venture. The U.S. government approved a new Detroit-Windsor junction on Jan. 14, 2009.

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A judge has ordered that the \$330 million Gateway Project be taken over by the state.

Access to e-books at libraries uncertain

By Sean Dalton
Heritage Media

Ever since Kindle and Nook devices were brought onto the list of compatible e-reader hardware, e-books have exploded at the Dexter District Library.

In 2010, just 527 e-books were checked out by the relatively small rural community that proudly supports its library, and then last year that figure exploded to 3,208 e-books.

"There were so many disappointed people during Christmas 2010, they would excitedly tell me that they had gotten a Kindle for Christmas, and I would have to inform them that our service doesn't support their device," Dexter District Library Director Paul McCann said.

Once Amazon put in place the infrastructure to borrow and lend books between Amazon accounts and created a system for renting titles from Amazon, libraries were brought in.

"We were expecting big results, but it was still surprising to see the numbers jump," McCann said, adding that his peers and colleagues across the state anecdotally report similar results.

It's not surprising when one considers the results of the latest Pew Internet and American Life Project report released early this year, in which it was revealed that 29 percent of Americans own a minimum one tablet device with e-reader capability, which was just 18 percent the previous December. That's right, in one holiday season the newest line of Kindle, Nook and iPad hardware not just pushed the market forward, but violently shoved it.

Core business versus emerging market

With the public voting so overwhelmingly for e-books at retail, it's surprising to hear the news in the industry, or it's not surprising at all

depending on who you are. Of the "Big 6" publishers, Penguin Group ("The Help" and "Eat, Pray, Love.") made the decision recently to pull e-books from libraries, which get their licenses from Ohio-based Overdrive Inc.

Last year, HarperCollins, publisher of Michael Crichton and Sarah Palin titles, decided to institute a license expiration, meaning after 26 checkouts of a single e-book copy, that license would vanish from a library's catalogue, requiring either repurchasing a new license or letting the catalogue shrink.

Popular publishers Simon & Schuster and Macmillan long have been absent from the table entirely, taking a wait-and-see approach to the library corner of the world of e-books, which most people with an opinion on the matter agree is where music was shortly after the explosion and clampdown on Napster during the illegal music file sharing craze.

Much like the record labels during that period, book publishers don't appear to have a surefire model that they're confident won't harm pulp sales, so the marketplace is in a state of price parity between print and digital.

In the meantime, library patrons are being left in the dark with regard to accessing much of the mainstream

body of work produced by the world's authors, said Jim Flury, technical services manager for The Library Network.

"Unfortunately, some of the most important publishers that work with many authors that libraries and the public want to read won't sell their e-books to public libraries, so a lot of popular material is excluded," Flury said, turning the logic of denying access to library members to preserve retail pulp sales on its head.

Flury says that, just as each publisher has their own unique way of handling — or not handling — the issue of library e-books, many libraries find themselves in different positions with regard to the restrictions on digital content.

The cutting into sales argument

The rocky relationship between book publishers and libraries is nothing new, Flury said.

"The message we want to get out to these publishers is the same we were trying to get out 25 years ago," he said. "We don't steal sales from libraries."

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New International Trade Crossing Projections

- The NITC would create 10,000 construction jobs and 30,000 additional jobs in Michigan alone.
- Traffic is predicted to increase across the border by 128 percent by 2035.
- Without additional capacity that the NITC would provide, Michigan could lose about 3,200 jobs in Wayne County, an additional 9,700 jobs in the rest of the region and 12,700 jobs in the rest of the state by 2035.

BRIDGE

FROM PAGE 1

But going back more than 90 years ago, even the concept of the Ambassador Bridge was met with problems of its own in its fledgling stages.

The achievement in architecture was almost too grand for its time and might never have gotten off the ground, or, above water, without the determination of some individuals.

In the aftermath of World War I, Charles Evan Fowler, a New York civil engineer, proposed a bridge that could serve automobiles, trains, street cars and pedestrians between the United States and Canada.

He formed the American Transit Co. and the Canadian Transit Co. and earned support from both the U.S. Congress and Canada's Parliament.

The structure would cost \$28 million and construction for it would begin a mile inland to lay rail approaches for trains. At its center, the bridge would have had a 110-foot clearing, only allowing for some shipping clearance.

The plan proved too ambitious and Fowler failed to acquire finances for his international link, thus causing his supporters to look elsewhere to guarantee the span would be connected.

Joseph A. Bower, a New York banker, studied the construction and financing of bridges throughout the United States and Europe and took up the project in 1924.

He purchased stock options in both the

Canadian and American Transit companies, mainly due to their government authorizations, and kept the McClintic-Marshall company, the same one that Fowler had approached, to engineer his bridge.

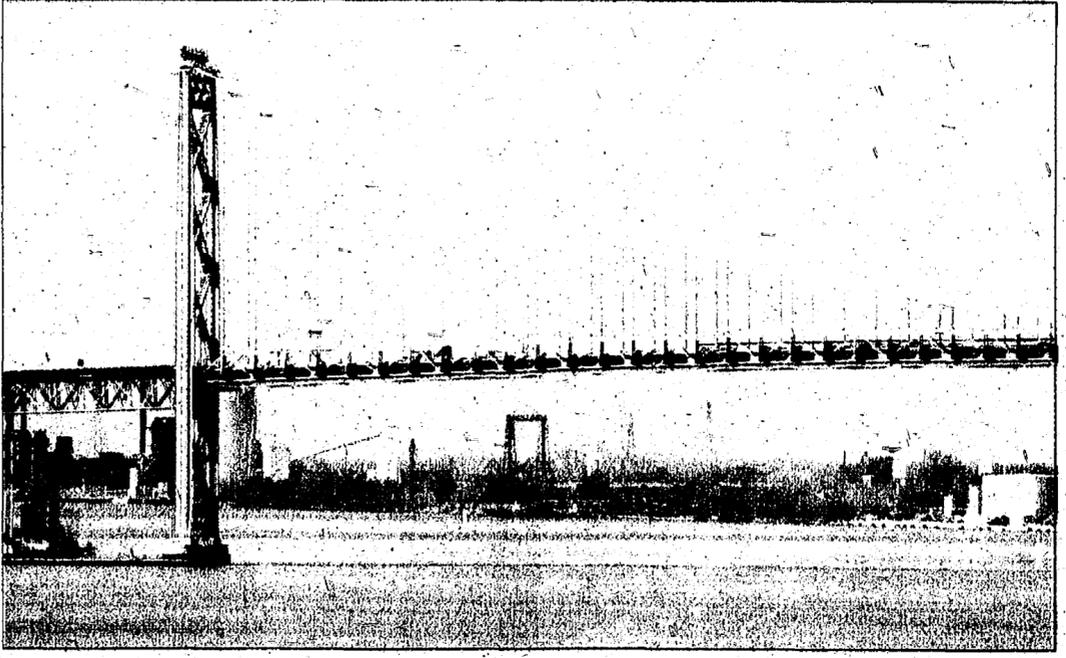
Bower's proposal was accepted by the president of the United States, the governor general of Canada, the U.S. War Department, the state of Michigan and the province of Ontario, among others.

Bower arranged for funding on his own and, after his approvals, he applied to local authorities for their permission. An objection arose in Detroit that the bridge's planned 135-foot clearance would hinder future navigation.

After discussion, Bower decided he would build his bridge 152 feet above the river. That change led the Detroit Common Council to unanimously approve the bridge's construction.

One obstacle still remained, however:

Then-Detroit Mayor John



The Detroit-International Bridge Co. has wanted to build a second span next to the Ambassador Bridge.

W. Smith had not flexed his authority yet. He attempted to veto the council's approval. The council overrode the veto and the matter was taken to Wayne County Circuit Court.

Smith argued that in the end the users of the bridge would pay for its cost and debt and would pay a continuous profit to its owners.

An election was on the horizon and Smith needed to cement a position among his constituents. But

the business leaders of Detroit had committed to

the project and Smith had underestimated Bower as

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TRADE

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an opponent. Bower would not be taken to court by Smith and, instead, personally assumed an estimated \$50,000 cost for a referendum, which led to a publishing blitz for advertisers both supporting and condemning the project.

The night before the referendum's special election, Smith broadcast one final blow against the proposal. As he left the studio, he met the commissioner of state railways, H. H. Esselstyn, on his way to give a pro-bridge speech.

Esselstyn was relieved of his title on the spot. He still gave his presentation and closed on the note of his dismissal.

History records that Smith had caused his own ruin.

On June 28, 1927, more than 74,000 votes were cast in a special election and the bridge was approved by a margin of 8 to 1. October of that year saw John C. Lodge defeat Smith in the mayoral primary.

In April 2010, Mohammed Alghurabi, an MDOT senior project manager, said a new bridge should be built south of the current span. He said the new bridge would be north of Zug Island, near Southwestern High School, and would be "the most important economic project Michigan will ever do in our lifetime."

The proposed bridge was in a critical 30-day period at the time, awaiting government authorization.

"We are building this bridge for 100 years to come," Alghurabi said then.

In December of that year, the proposed bridge plan was hit hard when it failed in the Michigan Senate by a bipartisan vote of 23 to 11. Then-state Sen. Raymond Basham (D-Taylor) said he was disappointed that the plan failed but was confident it would move forward.

"This is a delay," he said. No action was to be taken on the bridge before the Legislature's adjournment for that year, but Basham pushed it through, hoping at the time to create much-needed jobs.

"It was something we could have lived with and would have benefited all major industries in this region," he said.

In the 1920s, construction on the Ambassador Bridge actually started before the referendum in June 1927. Congress had ruled that construction would have to commence before May of that year or the bridge franchise would expire.

The contract for construction was made effective Aug. 16, 1927. McClintic-Marshall had until the same date three years later to complete the bridge, or it would be liable for interest on securities until the bridge was able to produce income.

But if the builder finished the job before the deadline, it was eligible for half of the revenue earned between the opening day and April 16, 1930.

The Ambassador Bridge was operable just over two years later, on Nov. 11, 1929.

In Gov. Rick Snyder's first State of the State address in January 2011, he revitalized the new bridge plan, which had nearly perished just weeks before in the state Senate.

Though suburban Detroit residents are unlikely to be affected by a second bridge, some state officials believe it will have an impact on the community.

"Eventually, it will get down to the consumer in

the form of lower costs for goods, but the most important thing is the jobs," state Rep. George Darany (D-Dearborn) said in 2011.

At that time, Geiss said: "All across our great state, the tenor of what people are saying is both clear and consistent: We need jobs and we need them now."

He believes that remains true now, as well, that "the building of the Detroit River International Crossing will immediately create jobs for workers in southeast Michigan."

Funding was one of the biggest concerns about the project, considering it was teetering during the Great Recession of the past few years, but then Canadian officials offered \$550 million to help pay for Michigan's share of the combined effort.

"Not only has the Canadian government offered to pay Michigan's cost to build the bridge," state Sen. Hoon-Yung Hopgood (D-Taylor) said last year, "but doing so will allow the state to use that investment as our match for ... more than \$2 billion in federal transportation funds."

That offer mirrors the agreement that was struck with Canada over the Blue Water Bridge between Port Huron and Sarnia, Ontario. In that deal, the U.S. paid for the bridge, and Canada is being repaid, as Michigan was, in tolls collected from bridge users.

The first Blue Water Bridge opened in 1938; the second opened in 1997. It is the second busiest span between the two counties, after the Detroit-Windsor crossing.

Financial issues also threatened the Ambassador Bridge in its early years. The crash of the New York Stock Exchange that led to the Great Depression that lasted through much of the decade of the 1930s began just three weeks before the bridge opened.

Then, the Detroit and Canada Tunnel opened just a year after the bridge and was able to offer toll rates much lower than the bridge could hope to match. That put further strain on the finances of the bridge and its company sponsors.

Then, Bower, who had been renowned for his ability to redeem weakened businesses, was looking to save his own.

Bower had successfully reorganized his bridge company when World War II struck just as the span was reconfirming its spot in the city — and traffic over it actually increased during the war years. The United States was involved in the war from late 1941 until its end in mid-1945.

The bridge, and companies on each side of it, flourished in the postwar years.

Traffic and revenue continued to increase through the bridge's 20th anniversary in 1949. More than 50 million people had crossed the bridge since its opening, and the circulation of goods and people created hundreds of jobs in the U.S. and Canadian customs and immigration services.

The now-proposed New International Trade Crossing also boasts the potential for impressive job numbers.

The NITC would create 10,000 construction jobs and 30,000 additional jobs through related economic activity solely on the Michigan side of the international border.

Michigan accounts for more than half of the total U.S. trade with Canada, with more than \$1.1 billion in goods crossing between the

countries every day. International trade and commerce supports more than 221,500 jobs in Michigan. Without the additional traffic capacity that a new bridge would allow for, Michigan could lose as many as 3,200 jobs in Wayne County, an additional 9,700 jobs in the region and 12,700 jobs in the rest of the state by 2035.

But residents of the area where the new bridge is to

Ambassador Bridge Owners

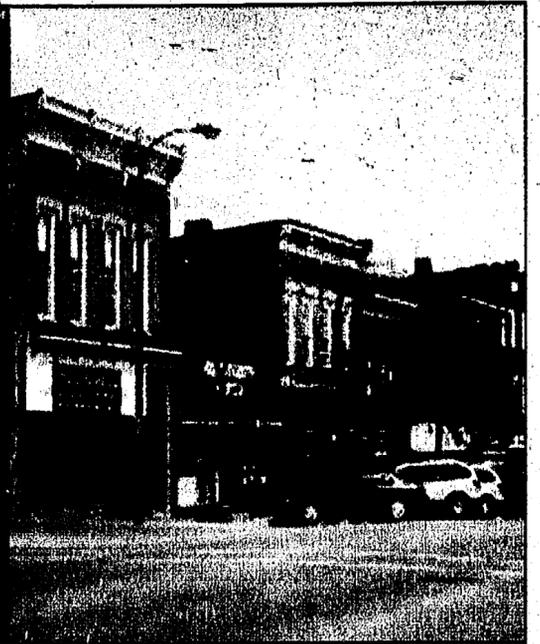
The Bower family maintained the Ambassador Bridge until 1979, when it decided to withdraw from the responsibility. The Central Cartage Co., owned by a native Detroit family and headed by Manuel "Matty" Moroun, purchased the bridge after negotiations that lasted two years. Moroun recognized the bridge's history and its great potential and helped make it one of the busiest international crossings in North America. In January 2012, Moroun was jailed due to noncompliance because the company had not finished building ramps for I-75 and I-96 that were part of the Gateway Project to alleviate congestion and truck traffic near the bridge. Since talks began more than a decade ago, Moroun has been a vocal advocate against any other entity building a second international crossing over the Detroit River. Moroun's campaign against another crossing has included numerous expensive televised advertisements.

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- When it opened it had the longest suspended central span in the world, at 1,850 feet. The total bridge length is 7,500 feet.
- It is mainly made out of steel, 21,000 tons of it, but the towers, which rise 386 feet, are made of a steel-silicon alloy.
- At its highest point, the roadway rises 152 feet above the Detroit River and only the main span is supported by suspension cables.
- The sidewalk on the southern side of the bridge used to allow pedestrians and cyclists, but after Sept. 11, 2001, security concerns had it closed off.
- More than 10,000 commercial vehicles cross the bridge on a typical weekday and they carry more than \$1.1 billion in goods between the two countries.
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Time is right for small-business creation in state

By Austen Smith
Heritage Media

With a jobless rate reaching a three-year low and an economy slowly breaking free from recession, business leaders in Michigan are looking toward the future instead of brooding on the past.

Emerging technology has helped shift our economic base and indicators are pointing to a ripe time for small business creation.

For Michael Rogers, vice president of the Lansing-based Small Business Association of Michigan, the recent surge of entrepreneurship can be credited in part to a business-friendly governor and Legislature and also to the small business support programs such as the ones his organization offers.

Rogers said state lawmakers have Michigan on track to becoming one of the more business-friendly states in the country, and pointed to the fact that SBAM dedicates a significant portion of its time and budget to lobbying on behalf of more than 13,000 members.

"The quick answer is yes, there has been a trend over the past few years for more people who are supporting local, independently owned businesses; and that has been led in part by the efforts by our association to get policymakers to do their part," Rogers said.

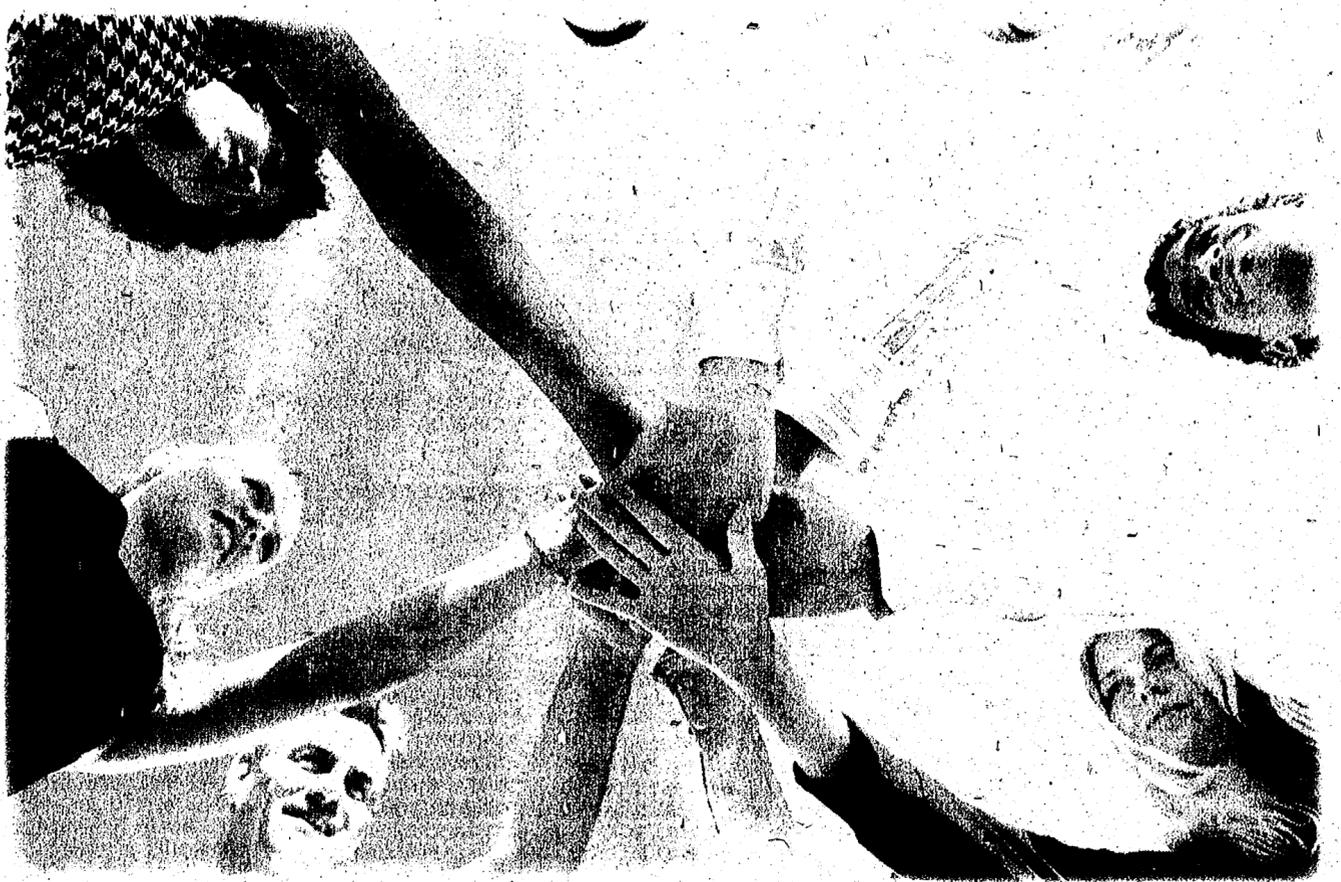
In January, the Michigan Business Tax ceased to exist, replaced with a corporate income tax in which C-corporations will see a 6 percent tax on all federal taxable income apportioned to Michigan. The personal income tax rate will stay at 4.35 percent, but will drop to 4.25 percent in 2013.

According to a statement from the Michigan Economic Development Corp., the new tax structure will simplify the tax code and businesses will see an estimated 86 percent drop in their state-business taxes.

"All industries are in line for significant tax cuts, thus reducing operational costs and encouraging new investment in the state," according to an MEDC press release.

Rogers said the elimination of the Michigan Business Tax and the continued support for the alternative business income tax aimed at cultivating small businesses is an important step for the state's job creation future. Another piece to the puzzle, according to Rogers, will be the concept of "economic gardening," a buzz phrase now circulating through Lansing.

In November, the MEDC launched its Economic



The Economic Gardening Pilot Program selected 54 companies to receive a package of consulting services in the areas of strategy and management; market research, Internet and social media strategy.

Gardening Pilot Program and selected 54 companies to receive a package of consulting services in the areas of strategy and management; market research, competitive intelligence; Internet and social media strategy; and geographical systems to help locate customers in other states.

The pilot program zeroes in on "second-stage" companies that can be defined as any non-lifestyle business nearing the \$1 million per year revenue mark, and having the proper direction for coordinated growth can be the difference between a thriving future and eventual death, Rogers said.

"The goal of this program is to help these second-stage companies grow and, in turn, generate new private investment and create new jobs for Michigan," Michael Finney, MEDC president and CEO, said in 2011.

"The program is part of our toolkit for economic gardening that's built on Michigan's broad asset base of strong corporate enterprises, innovative entrepreneurs and rich technology resources."

One of the companies selected for the pilot program is Pixel Velocity in Ann Arbor, a video surveillance business that deals in large-scale security imaging for airports, marine ports and mass infrastructure buildings such as sports stadiums.

Started in 2001, Pixel

Velocity fits right into that sweet spot for potential massive growth in the coming years being in a high-tech field that has carved out a definite niche for its services.

For Ann Arbor-SPARK, described as a small business incubator, it is high-tech businesses like Pixel Velocity that will represent a definitive cornerstone for the state's economic future.

Skip Simms, Ann Arbor-SPARK senior vice-president, said they focus on cutting edge technology business concepts seeking to expand out of state. They provide a valuable bridge

between private enterprise, he said, and the available public programs support and help direct that growth.

"We seek out the new and innovative ways people are doing things that are improving the way that we work and live," Simms said, "and it all starts with education, and that's an important component of what we do."

Simms has seen more support being thrown behind technology start-ups and small business growth by way of statewide programs and through heightened awareness on behalf of the consumer. He sees those types of trends

starting 10 years ago, however, before the economy as it was then was lambasted into recession.

"I see this as over a long period of time," Simms said. "We have a state moving toward more and more an entrepreneurial culture. There are more and more young and talented people who are thinking more entrepreneurial than there were in 2001."

He said one needs only to look at the state of the economy during the past decade when many Michiganders were forced to pursue start-up businesses after being laid off. It was in about 2005

that the "seeds were really planted" for more small business support programs and organizations such as SPARK, he said.

"We have seen entrepreneurship grow drastically since then," Simms said. "But this all takes time. All the signs are very positive right now. We have a growing number of incubators in our state, and the venture capital industry has probably tripled in the state over the past few years."

"The direction and momentum is clearly there." Contact Austen Smith at asmith@heritage.com or 734-246-0839.

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Social media has changed way we communicate

By Erica Perdue
The News Herald

There's no doubt that social media sites have changed the way we communicate. "Friending" and "following" now are verbs commonly used in the English language, and we post pictures on our profile walls instead of the walls in our homes.

The social media kingdom came into our lives fast and hasn't stopped changing since.

It seems that in the kingdom, the crown gets passed around every few years. Remember MySpace? The social networking site from the early 2000s that everyone joined to post statuses, share photos and chat with friends?

It started a phenomenon. People of all ages started using the site to talk to people down the street or across the country. It became the social networking site.

It wore the crown in the social media kingdom — and with not a lot of competition, it wasn't a difficult task.

A few years into the MySpace era, a new site emerged and has yet to be trumped.

Facebook's entry into the social media kingdom

changed the dynamics. Since it was founded in 2004, Facebook has become the most dominating social media website there is. By the end of 2011, there were more than 845 million monthly active users and 483 million daily active users.

Facebook surpassed MySpace's number of unique visitors in 2009, making it the king of social media land — a title that has proved difficult to take away.

The original layout of the site was similar to that of MySpace; however, MySpace had a large spam issue and lost many users that way.

Facebook, like most social sites, is free. Like the others, it connects people with friends and it's been called addicting.

It has more uses than can be named. It serves as a public diary for some, a business forefront for others — and, it has become the best form of crowdsourcing one can find.

The options to "like" or "comment" on posts leads to communicating with others on the same post. Someone can ask a question and, depending on the amount of friends he has, have several responses within minutes. "Status" updates are how we keep up with friends.

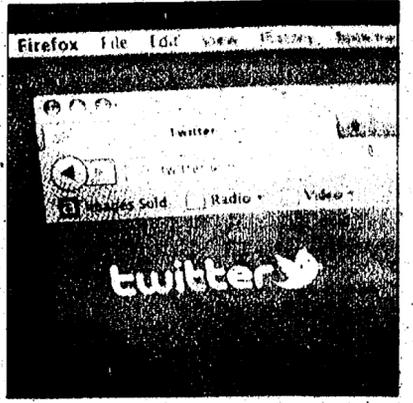
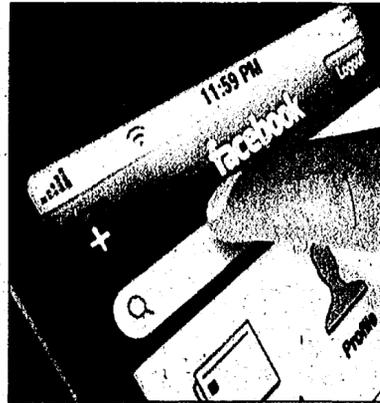
Facebook has taken the place of formal invitations. Within the last year, an invitation to an event is most likely to come through Facebook. The host of the event chooses who to send invitations to, describe the event, lists details and then people can RSVP instantly. Questions or comments can be posted on the event wall and answered without directly talking with the host.

Facebook is everywhere and easily is the most popular social networking site. However, it does have some serious competitors.

In the past year, another social media site has come close to trumping Facebook — but with a different layout and format, it's been able to become just as popular without taking down the empire's king.

Twitter is not only a social media site, but also an information network. In the last year, "tweeting" has become almost as popular as "updating" a status.

Twitter is short, fast and to the point. At 140 characters per tweet, the statements are simple and informative. It's more of a "post-and-leave" type of site, while Facebook is a "type and wait-for-a-comment" site.



It gives you the options of replying to others, retweeting messages that others have posted and sending direct, private messages. Though, the privacy aspect of it isn't a prominent part of the network.

The ability to "share" things on Facebook has kept it on a similar page as Twitter. News can be spread quickly on both sites. If either site loses that connection with users, then it will be no more popular than MySpace is right now.

Sharing ideas, likes, photos and interests are the main reasons social media sites are a booming trend. Pinterest is a fairly new site that has taken off in the past few months. It is essen-

tially an online pinboard that has taken a different approach to social media.

CNN has called it the "breakout social network of 2012," even while recognizing that it was launched nearly two years ago.

There is no question that Pinterest is the next big site; unique visitors to the site grew 400 percent from September to December 2011.

According to published reports, Pinterest drives more visitors to third-party websites than Google+, YouTube and LinkedIn combined.

It allows for liking and commenting on others' photos and to also "repin," and then add to your own

boards. There's categorizing, which gives users all of the control.

Pinterest has been used to plan weddings, remodel homes and share fun things — but all in photographs.

The ease and amount of visuals on the site make it appealing and the number of users continues to grow.

While Pinterest is the booming site of the early months in 2012, Google+ has been adjusting its site and becoming a solid competition for all of the sites.

The network grew in January 2012, and close watchers of Google+ say it will have 400 million users by the end of the year.

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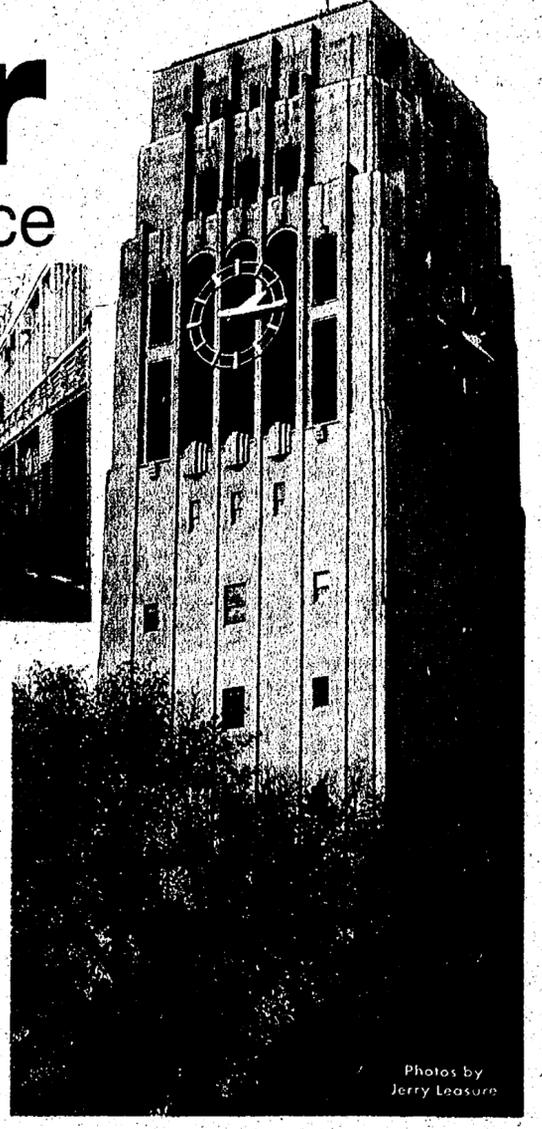
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Upward trend

U.S. automakers turnaround trajectory puts bailout questions to rest

By Sean Dalton
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Michigan automobile dealer Matt LaFontaine pondered the auto industry bailout, requested by the Detroit automakers in December 2008, during a talk in his office at LaFontaine Chrysler Jeep Dodge during the recent 2012 North American International Auto Show. "Anyone who questioned whether or not we should have gone forward with the bailout, as a country, has quieted down," he said. "It was the right thing to do."

It's an opinion backed by numbers that chronicle the resurgence of Ford Motor Co., General Motors and Chrysler Automotive Group in the years since the government issued \$24.9 billion. The auto companies originally requested \$34 billion, but that number was pared down.

Despite the difference in the totals, the Detroit Three stabilized their market share and slowly ramped production back up from

a market share low of just 43.66 percent — Toyota had 18.1 percent of the market and Honda had 10.3 percent at this point — compared to 46.18 in 2011.

When taking into consideration that U.S. vehicle production is up to Ward's Auto, jumped from 10.6 million in 2009 to 11.5 million last year, the increase in market share since the bailout is given full perspective.

Even Toyota, with a slip in market share from 18.1 percent of all U.S. automobile sales in 2009 to 12.65 percent in the most recent data available, needs to be considered with an overall more robust U.S. automotive business in the background to fully understand what's happening in this industry.

Vehicle production peaked at 17.8 million vehicles in 2000 during the height of the SUV craze, and fell dramatically to the 2009 low point, but LaFontaine believes domestic production and market share now are on an uptick.

LaFontaine pegs that success on the Detroit Three — and the indus-

try as a whole — shifting product focus into high gear.

"The reason domestics are doing so much better than they were during 2007 to 2009 is because of the smaller engine, the smaller cars, the smaller SUVs, the smaller trucks. They're just loaded up."

Another factor is the rising fuel economy ratings of standard powertrains versus alternative fuel vehicles like Toyota's Prius, which boasts a combined 50 mpg. Vehicles like the Ford Fusion and Fiesta boast nearly 40 and 33 combined mpg — a vast improvement over the 2008 lineup, which was sold in a market where gas was \$4.50 a gallon in some parts of the country.

LaFontaine attributes that trend to mainstreaming higher-end car technology by integrating it into whole lineups.

"There aren't lineups with a few superstar models and 'the rest,'" he said. "There aren't any gaps and the lineups are brand new."

Some things in the auto business

have changed one way or another. "Leasing has gone to the wayside in favor of more straightforward pricing, and leases are coming back on the strength of domestic product retaining residual value longer — a historic weakness lamented by domestic diehards for many years leading up to the post bailout reality."

"Residual value is a big reason why leasing is coming back," LaFontaine said. "Better product leads to better quality leads to better residual value."

The kneejerk reaction is to hanker for the "better days" when the Detroit automakers were The Big Three and they controlled more than 90 percent of domestic autos throughout North America comfortably from the Detroit of 1965.

But assessing the domestic auto business is much more difficult with foreign corporations running U.S. subsidiary auto groups and manufacturing infrastructure in the United States from offices in Europe and Asia.

Now it's about keeping business

on the ramp," as LaFontaine puts it.

"We were good for so long because everything was synced up," he said. "We had good cars, good incentives, good residuals, and new and used cars were selling, and everything just worked."

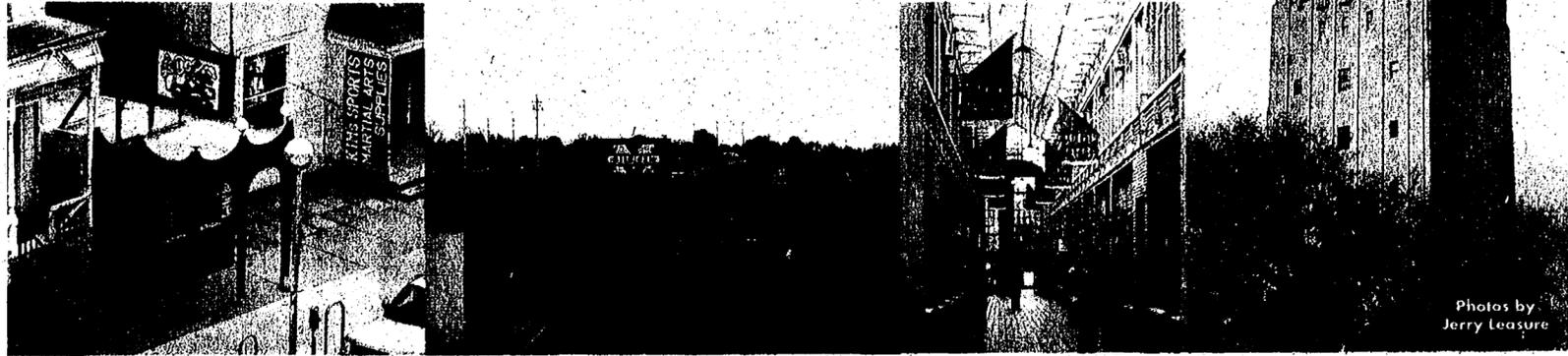
"And then the banks came off the tracks and we lost that continuous motion."

With the average vehicle on the road in the United States at 9.4 years old, an all-time high since World War II, LaFontaine and auto industry analysts, in general, believe the value of new products and the still-limited supply of affordable used vehicles that are a true value, versus a new vehicle, will be the next big push to new vehicle production across the board.

"That trade cycle is just now beginning to come in," LaFontaine said, adding that December was his best month since Cash 4 Clunkers, which he believes is not a phenomenon isolated to his or other LaFontaine dealerships in Michigan.

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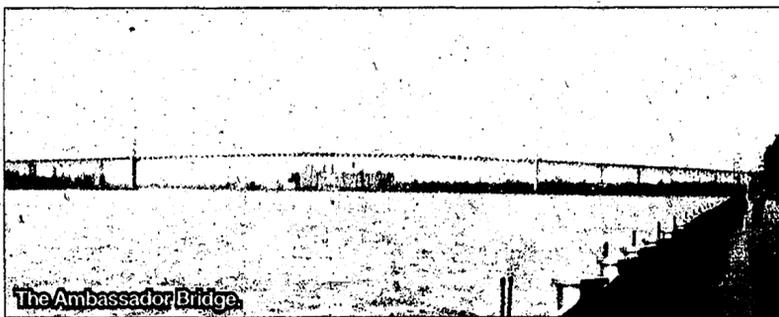
DETROIT

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be constructed are worried about the now, not the then. The Delray section of southwest Detroit will feel one of the biggest impacts if construction goes ahead as planned. In January 2011, residents of Delray gave state legislators a tour of the prospective bridge site to express their concerns firsthand.

"Building this bridge is vital to creating a thriving Detroit and a thriving Michigan," said Delray resident Scott Brines, president of the Community Benefits Coalition.

"But we must do it the right way and assure



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accountability to the community to address impacts and create a welcoming, safe and healthy border community for all."

Among the several concerns identified by the Community Benefits Coalition were:

- A 160-acre customs plaza and widening of I-75 will displace 257 households, 43 businesses and five churches.

- Four overpasses will close, further cutting off the community and the Community Health and Social Services center, which

has been serving residents for over 40 years.

- Constant noise and vibration from trucks.

- Diesel exhaust from idling trucks. The traffic is predicted to increase by 128 percent by 2035.

The leaders of the coal-

tion also believe that the bridge project will lead to a long overdue cleanup of the hazardous areas and contaminated properties in the community.

They also are hoping to build on existing businesses

that are attracted to a border crossing and are optimistic about long-term jobs.

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MEDIA

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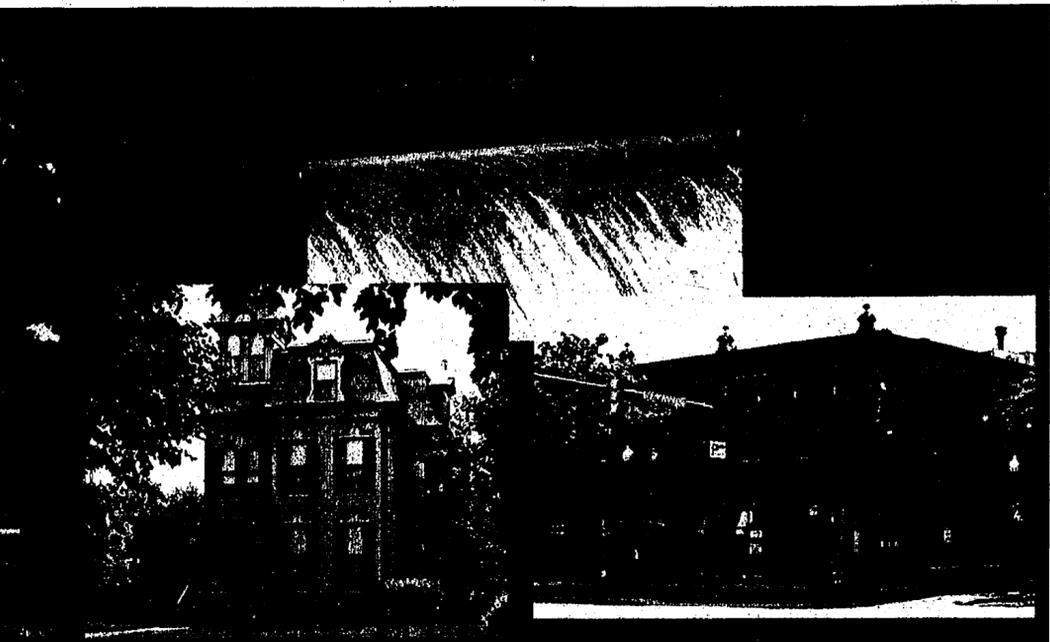
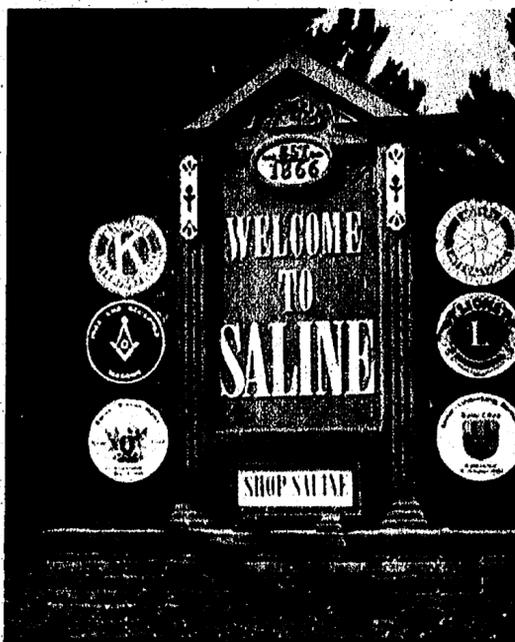
That estimate is still half of the number of users Facebook has, but if it happens it will be an impressive growth.

The social media world had high expectations for Google+ but it hasn't come close to defeating Facebook for the top spot. However,

with Facebook's constant changing and the initiative it recently took to make all users utilize the new timeline format, Google+ might have a chance.

So, what's next in the social media empire? Any of these sites could be the next power-hungry network to take over our communication tactics.

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EBOOKS

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ership rather than connect existing readers with content they might have bought without free access to it in a publicly funded library collection.

McCann compared the difference in the pulp side of the business now to the early 1900s, when libraries in America still were a relatively new thing, as what publishers should be shooting for in the e-books space.

"The symbiotic relationship between publishers and libraries has been proven over a great deal

of time," McCann said. "Look at the number of books published now versus 1900. You can't keep up with the number of books published in a single day now."

Books always have been an expensive item, a luxury item in the earlier parts of the previous century; and hardcover prices remain high today, which is why McCann believes that a publically funded library provides a marketing function for the publishing world.

"If you're not familiar with an author, you're not going to spend \$30 for a hardcover edition of their new book, and risk getting home and realizing that

you don't like it," McCann said. "People check that unfamiliar author's book out, keep it for two to four weeks, most of the time not finishing it, and if they like it, they buy it and often stick with that author."

"That's the best thing we can do for a publisher, but sometimes I feel like they're trying to cut libraries out, and in order for e-books to generate as much revenue as traditional publishing, we're going to need to be involved."

Caught in the middle

OverDrive Inc. sympa-

thizes with the Big 6, while at the same time getting involved with authors like J.A. Konrath, a leading self-publisher who is one of the more successful mid-tier authors on the e-books scene.

"It is a dynamic time for the entire publishing industry," said David Burleigh, director of marketing for OverDrive.

While the Big 6 are the purveyors of the mainstream pop books like the "Harry Potter" series and other multimedia powerhouse intellectual properties, OverDrive supplies titles from more than 1,000 smaller publishers with 40,000 new titles added to the company's catalogue

last month alone."

Some highlights provided by OverDrive that illustrate growth in the e-books sector:

- 1.6 billion book and title catalog pages viewed, up 130 percent from 2010.
- 35 million digital titles checked out in 2011, with 17 million holds.

The OverDrive catalog for libraries now includes 700,000 copyrighted eBook, audiobook, music and video titles in 52 languages, including 300,000 titles added in 2011.

With libraries an increasingly popular community meeting space, with many people going for reading and learning programs or to access the

Internet, Burleigh hopes that eventually he will be able to bring publishers on board for supplying libraries with e-books to the level that they supply pulp copies, particularly since projections indicate that e-book sales will overtake pulp sales by 2020.

In the meantime, library directors like McCann are playing it safe by keeping their investment in e-books conservative, while some others are forced to because of the prohibitive terms and license costs.

"It makes no sense for me, as a library director, to invest significantly in e-books when they could disappear from the collection," he said.

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iPads evolve in classrooms throughout Michigan

By Michelle Pafford Helms
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Zeeland school Supt. Dave Barry has been interviewed by USA Today, National Public Radio, WJR-AM (760) and a host of Michigan newspapers — and that has been only since the beginning of the school year.

Barry's media popularity stems from an innovative iPad program Zeeland Public Schools launched in 2011 that is garnering attention throughout the state as the trend from textbooks to iPads takes off.

"We are really excited about the iPad initiative," Barry said. "Our goal is to get an iPad in every student's hands in grades three through 12. I think we recognize there are several advantages of doing so. We were the first in the state of Michigan to do this, and probably nationally in the top 5 percent."

Advantages of having iPads in the classroom, Barry said, include cost savings on textbooks in the digital format (\$115 a textbook compared to \$15 for a digital book), a wide assortment of instructional applications, a decrease of paper usage, an ability to learn to use new digital norms and technology, and a more focused

engagement of students.

"We have done a staff survey and a student survey, and it's overwhelmingly positive that iPads enhanced instruction in the classroom," Barry said. "We have probably two schools that visit us every week to see what we are doing. It's really affirming for our staff to have people ask about what they do and how they do it."

Another advantage of using iPads over textbooks comes down to convenience, says Sue Hoffenbacher, principal of Southfield Christian High School, whose school also began an iPad program last fall.

"When you get a textbook out of a kid's hands, those things are heavy. An iPad is simplistic and light," Hoffenbacher said.

Hoffenbacher said her school chose the iPads, typically \$500 each, for instructional purposes because they fit the school's needs and were within their budgetary constraints.

Southfield Christian charges students an iPad rental fee of \$125 a year, and at the completion of their senior year, it belongs to the student to take. While the school needed funding on the front end for infrastructure, it was able to overcome that hurdle from a one-time

donation from a few donors.

In terms of what it took Zeeland Public Schools to make the high-tech transition, Barry said voters previously passed a \$20 million bond issue, with approximately \$6 million of that being spent on the total technology infrastructure. Barry said that if other schools are looking to emulate the same type of program systematically, he is not sure if there is an alternative to a bond issue.

"We have some great teachers across the state that are very tech savvy, who are great digital users and have a significant digital footprint," he said.

"The problem is, the infrastructure for local schools in terms of the cost isn't there to keep up with it."

"It will either require a state initiative to ensure that every student has the wireless access and available technology, or it will take the support of local voters to do a bond to support the initiative."

In Ann Arbor, the school board is putting a \$46 million technology bond request up to voters this May. Citizens Millage Committee member Donna Lasinski said iPads fit into that request more in a general way than a specific one.

"What we are trying to look at with this technology bond is to get in a position that we have the funds to take advantage of the new technologies that are on the market right now, and those that we don't even know about that will come into education in the next five to seven years," Lasinski said. "So, specifically addressing the one technology of the iPads, there has been a strong interest at the elementary schools, particularly because of the apps that kids can explore and discover."

In the meantime, Lasinski said that iPads also are making their way into Ann Arbor classrooms through other avenues.

"What we are seeing is that some of the teachers are bringing in their own iPads and integrating them into our curricula," Lasinski said. "We're also seeing our parent groups driving technology innovations in our schools in that they are using some of their donations from their parent-teacher funds to donate iPads to teachers to introduce them ahead of the district's ability to fund."

Barry said now that his school system has funded the new technology — and has taken the leap from text-



Zeeland Public School students are making the shift from traditional textbooks to iPads for their course work.

books to iPads — they have no plans to turn back.

"Now we've made a commitment," he said. "We will never purchase textbooks. We will only do that in the digital format as we go for-

ward with digital purchases.

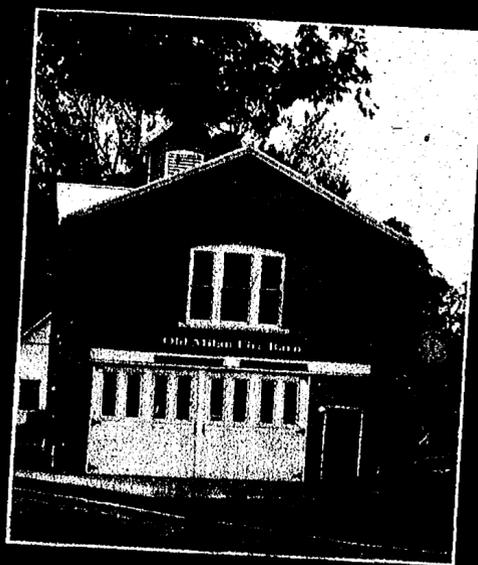
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Thursday, March 15, 2012

Big Ten Bulldogs swim to 10th

The Chelsea boys' swimming and diving team traveled to Oakland University over the weekend to compete with 63 other teams in Division 3 Swimming & Diving State Championships. Chelsea finished their season with a 10th place finish amongst the state's elite teams.

St. Joseph won the Division 3 finals with 250 points, followed closely by Grand Rapids Christian with 245. East Grand Rapids was third (228) and Hamilton (225) was fourth.

The young and talented Bulldogs finished with 78 points.

The meet began on Friday afternoon with the prelims. The top 16 placers from each event would then be invited back on Saturday for the finals.

"Chelsea had some work to do for sure," said Chelsea coach Dave Jolly. "As is always the case, whatever tone is set right away usually dictates the course of events."

And the Bulldogs got off to a great start in the prelims with a focused and fired up

D-3 State Finals

200-yard medley relay. Nick Deppner, David Alday, Logan Simpson and Nick Burris combined for a season best time of 1 minute, 43.53 seconds which put them 12th going into the finals.

In the finals, Chelsea had to move things around a bit as Simpson fell ill. The junior who was so crucial to Chelsea's success all season was unable to perform which left a question on who would swim?

"It is a shame when one of your best swimmers gets hurt or sick especially at a meet of this caliber," Jolly said. "Logan is our best flier and an excellent athlete. It was tough to have to sub him out in the finals."

Through adversity comes new challenges and Chelsea was up to the task. Freshman Sam Almhiemid moved into the backstroke

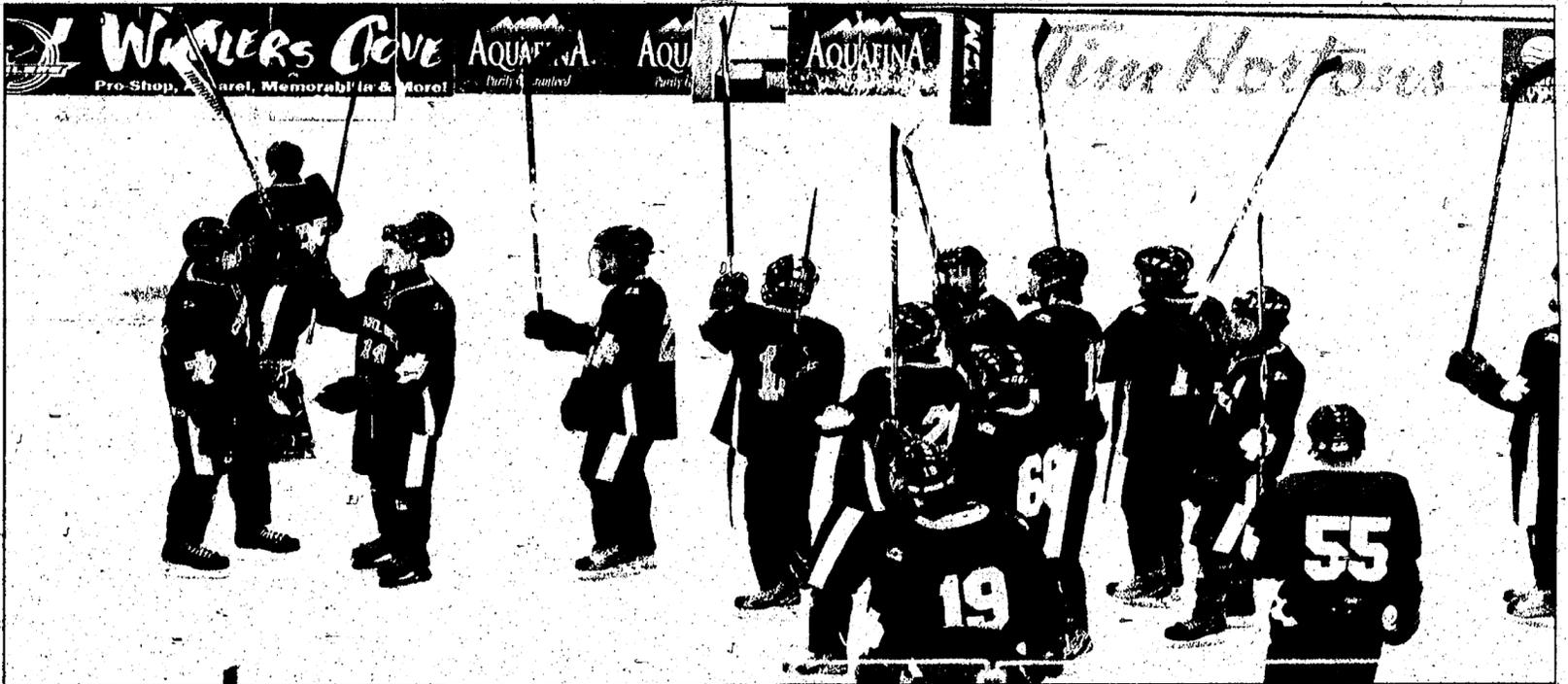


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The Chelsea medley relay team of Nick Burris (front), Sam Almhiemid, David Alday (back) and Nick Deppner placed ninth in the state in D-3 with a time of 1:42.91.

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TOP: Chelsea salutes the crowd after its 5-1 loss to University Liggett on Friday. ABOVE: Kody Johnson moves in on the Liggett goal in Friday's semifinal game.

Chelsea's great season comes to an end in state semifinals

By Terry Jacoby
Heritage Media

Unnecessary penalties proved costly all afternoon for the Chelsea Bulldogs in a 5-1 loss Friday to Grosse Pointe Woods University Liggett in a Division 3 state hockey semifinal game at Compuware Arena in Plymouth.

The Bulldogs had three penalties in the first period and four more in the second period, giving the Knights too many scoring chances. And it could have been much worse without some spectacular saves by Chelsea goalie Chris Boyd, who finished with 30 saves in the game.

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COACH DON WRIGHT

penalty box," Chelsea coach Don Wright said. "I thought in the first period when we were five-on-five we got good pressure and played well. The story of the game was that we were in the penalty box way too much. Give Liggett credit. They took advantage of it."

Many of Chelsea's penalties were unnecessary. They

were called for three roughing penalties and two tripping penalties in the first two periods. These weren't penalties made in desperation or to help prevent a goal.

"I'm a big believer that most penalties are unnecessary," Wright said. "Those are just mental mistakes that shouldn't have happened. Guys are excited and guys are trying hard and they do make mistakes. We got our sticks in places we shouldn't and (penalties) put us in a bad situation."

There is a fine line between being aggressive and not playing smart and the Bulldogs crossed that line too many times against

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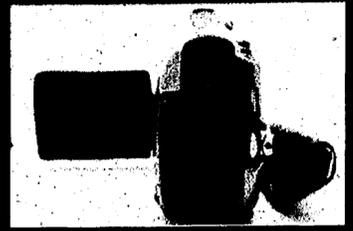
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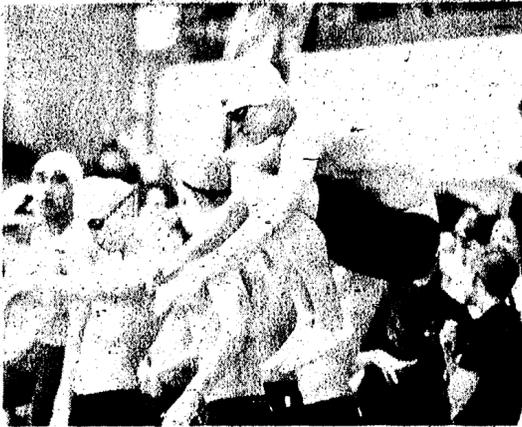
Mark Brown, Dexter

Mark Brown swam on the first-place 200-yard freestyle during Dexter's D-2 state title run on Saturday. The relay set a D-2 state record. Brown also took second in the 50 free style and third in the 100 freestyle.



Chris Boyd, Chelsea

The Bulldogs lost 5-1 Friday to Grosse Pointe Woods University Liggitt in a Division 3 state hockey semifinal game at Compuware Arena in Plymouth. But without Boyd, it could have been worse. The senior made some spectacular stops and finished with 30 saves in the game.



David Boland, Saline

The junior swam to individual first places in the individual medley and the butterfly at the Division 1 state meet. He also was a member of two first-place relays as the Hornets won their third straight state title.



Jessie Manders, Manchester

Freshman guard Jessie Manders, who scored nine points in the pivotal third quarter, helped lead the Lady Dutch to a 43-38 win over Adrian Madison in a pre-regional game last week. Manders finished with 16 points in the win.

Kendall springing into action

By Terry Jacoby
Heritage Media

The warm air is in the air. The sun feels a little warmer and the snow flakes are hopefully gone for good - although this being Michigan we all know they'll be back before we really spring into the new season.

As one would expect, the Kendall Golf Academy and Miles of Golf in Ypsilanti were packed over the weekend as golfers came out of exile to begin preparing for the upcoming season. There were young and old, male and female, good swings and bad swings. Let's just say there were probably more bad swings than good swings for many, but then again it's only March.

Inside the Kendall Golf Academy on Saturday afternoon, the impressive roster of golf instructors were busy taking their students through the paces. They were talking about everything from swing plane to chipping, to putting, to confidence and everything in between.

Jim Yuhas, one of Kendall's outstanding teaching pros, spent a good



Jim Yuhas helps a young student review his swing at the Kendall Golf Academy.

part of his weekend helping get his new students and his veteran students in the swing of things for the upcoming golf season.

"The winter time is a great time to make dramatic changes in your golf swing," Yuhas said. "It's difficult to make big changes during the summer because you are trying

to play golf and worrying about your score and it makes it difficult to make that transition."

Yuhas says the winter time is the time to build your swing for the spring time.

"Now is the time we are working more on the finer points and how to get the ball in the hole," he says.

Some of his students are at different points in their rebuilding process and there is still time to make big changes in the swing if the golfer is committed to making it work. The golf season in Michigan is still weeks even months away from really teeing off.

Yuhas stresses the importance of playing golf even when there is snow on the ground. And places such as Miles of Golf offers the facilities to do that - with not only heated tees but heated golf balls.

"Too many times people put away the golf clubs all winter long and come the spring time, the golf club feels foreign in their hands," he said. "A little bit of instruction and a little bit of practice can go a long way, and when spring time-

finally comes, you're ready to go."

Lessons can make a huge difference in a player's game. And everyone starts at a different starting point.

"Some players may have the perfect posture and the perfect grip during their very first lesson," Yuhas says. "Other players may be struggling with different aspects of the game. I try to give my students one or two things to work on after each session. Go the range, reinforce that and go to the next lesson where we left off. So instead of repeating the previous lesson, we continue to make progress."

The progress is all part of the process to becoming a better golfer.



Jim Yuhas instructs a student on how to properly hold a club in preparation for the upcoming golf season.



For more information and a video of one of Yuhas' lessons, head to www.heritage.com/sports.

U-M ready to hit the baseball diamond

By Josh Babbitt
For Journal Register Newspapers

The temperature in February is not ideal for baseball Michigan, and neither is the snow piled up around Ray Fisher Stadium.

To find the Michigan baseball team you need to look inside Oosterbann Fieldhouse where the Wolverines prepare for the upcoming season.

The Michigan baseball program is full of tradition reaching back all the way to the first season in 1866. Since then, the Wolverines have been the fourth winningest baseball program in NCAA history and multiple Wolverines have gone on to Cooperstown and the Major League Baseball Hall of Fame.

Unfortunately for Michigan, last season was not a typical one for the Maize and Blue.

"Last season was the perfect storm," said Matt Husted, an assistant coach and recruiting coordinator. The perfect storm it

was, and in its wake it left Michigan with a 17-37 record.

The Wolverines lost several players to the MLB draft before last season, including outfielder Daniel Fione, a top pick of the Tigers.

Combine that with veterans Ryan LaMarre and Chris Berset leaving early, and the roster was drastically different in 2011 than in prior seasons.

"You get hungry again," said Husted. "We have unbelievable tradition here with 35 Big Ten titles, and guys have really embraced the challenge of it and are excited to get at it."

The 2012 version of the Michigan baseball team will look similar to last year's group because it only lost two players. With a whole roster full of experienced talent back, expectations will be high in Ann Arbor this year.

Back are some extremely talented players, including Tigers draft pick and lead-off hitter Patrick Blondi. A junior outfielder, Blondi led

the Wolverines in both his freshman and sophomore seasons in steals and is a career .300 hitter.

The Wolverines also will be leaning on shortstop Derek Dennis, a 10th round draft pick in 2009 who turned down big money from the Tampa Bay Rays to play at Michigan.

But the guy who really stood out this off-season during winter conditioning was sophomore Michael O'Neill. Coming from a rich family history in baseball, O'Neill was named a Louisville Slugger All-American last season. His uncle, Paul O'Neill, was a five-time World Series champion and played for the Yankees.

Not only are the Wolverines excited about position players next year, but there is an extreme optimism when it comes to the pitching staff as well.

The big change in the off-season was the addition of new pitching coach Steve Merriman. Merriman, who has been a pro scout the past few seasons, has had

many years of experience coaching, including in the minor leagues for both the New York Mets and the Arizona Diamondbacks.

Right-handed senior pitcher Brandon Sinnery had a great season last year, and could have a very high draft stock if he has the same type of successful year he had last season.

"He has a chance to play at the next level, and he has pitch ability, which matters a great deal," said Husted. Sinnery had the lowest earned-run average on the team last year.

The Wolverines have a packed non-conference schedule this season including a trip to No. 12 ranked LSU.

Also on the non-conference slate of games for Michigan are defending Big East champion Connecticut, powerhouse program Coastal Carolina.

The Wolverines will begin their home portion of the schedule on March 23 when they welcome Indiana-Purdue-Fort Wayne University.

Area news in brief

For middle school and high school basketball players interested in competing throughout the spring, the Western Washtenaw Basketball Association AAU program will be hosting tryouts Sunday, March 18 at Chelsea High School.

Tryouts for current 7th, 8th and 9th grade boys will run from 1-2:30 p.m., while the session for current 10th and 11th grade boys, and 11th grade girls, will be held from 2:30-4 p.m.

The AAU season for the WWBA - which emphasizes

individual skill development and teamwork in a competitive environment - will end in late May.

There is no cost for the tryouts, but parents will need to sign medical release forms.

The costs for the season

is expected to be \$250 per player. There will be an opportunity to reduce that amount through fundraising.

More information about the WWBA program can be found by visiting wwbawarriors.wordpress.com.

HIGH SCHOOL HOCKEY STATE PLAYOFFS

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a quality team such as Liggett.

"We thought playing them five-on-five that with our speed we could play right with them and be in good shape," Wright said. "Penalties was something we didn't want to do and we ended up having more than any game we've played."

Kyle Whipple, who scored the Bulldogs' only goal of the game, said trying to kill penalties "takes a lot out of a team."

"Our top forwards have to help kill the penalties so it's hard to do that and then come out with energy to try and score goals," he said.

The Bulldogs finished an outstanding season with a 21-5-2 overall record and playoff wins over Jackson Lumen Christi, Monroe St. Mary's Catholic Central and Allen Park. They also went 10-0 in the Southeastern Conference.

Chelsea struck first in the game as Whipple scored with 10:28 left in the period with assists from Kody Johnson and Joe Hewitt.

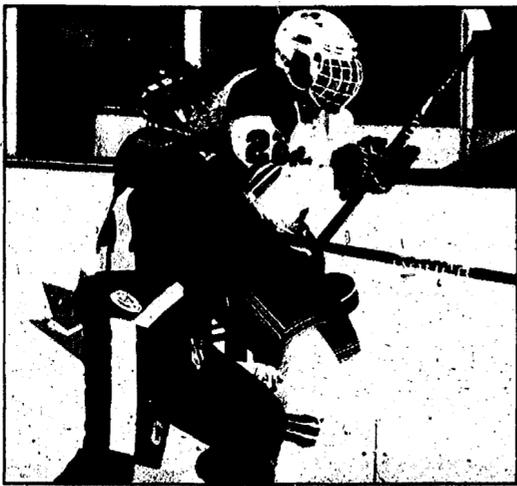
The puck went into the right corner and Hewitt was able to dig it out and send a perfect centering pass out front despite having two Liggett defenders on him.

Johnson came in all alone right in front of goalie Joseph Davenport but the puck got away from him.

Johnson still was able to make a play on the puck, diving to the ice and helping redirect it out front. And Whipple came in down the middle and fired a perfect shot into the Liggett net.

At 6:05, Boyd made a great save to keep Liggett off the scoreboard. And soon after, Chelsea had a great scoring chance of its own when Austin Sullens came in to the right of Davenport and fired a point-blank shot but the Knights goalie made a great glove save.

After he took the shot, Sullens unnecessarily ran into the Liggett goalie giving him a nice shove after the play was clearly over. That



undisciplined penalty ended up costing the Bulldogs.

The Knights' Vincent Scarfone scored just 10 seconds into the power play to tie the game at 1-1.

Boyd came up big again at 4:35 when he made a nice save on James Counsman. But the Knights would take advantage of another penalty when Chelsea's Cody Fojtik was called for tripping a Liggett player coming across the center just in front of the Bulldogs' net.

Just as the announcer said that the Bulldogs were back at full strength, Liggett's Jacob Jerome scored at 14:32 to give the Knights their first lead of the game at 2-1.

Whipple was called for roughing at the end of the period, giving Liggett a power play to start the second period. But Boyd made two nice saves on Cameron Marchese during Liggett's power play to keep it a one-goal game.

At around the 12-minute mark of the second period, Liggett really cranked up the pressure. Boyd made a few big saves and was sprawling all over the ice to help keep the puck out of the net, throwing his legs up at one point to stop the puck.

The Knights were rewarded with a penalty as Chelsea was doing everything from preventing that third goal. But with 1:38 left in the first penalty, Chelsea got another penalty and Liggett had a two-man advantage - with

the game seemingly on the line.

The Knights would not be denied. And Boyd had no chance as James Counsman was all alone by the side of the net and scored to make it 3-1.

At 9:59, Liggett was awarded a penalty shot after another scramble in front of the Chelsea net. Austin Petitpren took the shot, but Boyd came out of the net and poked the puck away with his stick to keep it a two-goal game.

With 7 minutes to go in the third period, the Chelsea offense finally got buzzing and had several nice scoring opportunities. A minute later, Johnson came in all alone but Davenport made a great stick save on the senior forward.

At the other end of the ice, Boyd was keeping Chelsea in the game.

Liggett picked up its first penalty with 5:20 left in the second period. And Chelsea had a few shots but couldn't get it past Davenport.

At the end of a second Chelsea power play late in the second period, Chelsea's Jacob Ryan was called for tripping. And, again, Liggett made them pay.

With just 7.2 seconds left in the period, Lordanthony Grissom fired a perfect shot past Boyd to give Liggett a commanding 4-1 lead after two periods.

The Knights would add a power-play goal late in the third period.



Photos by Merrill Strong

Chelsea goalie Chris Boyd (above, below) played a strong game in net but it wasn't enough. Taylor Atchley (above left) greets a Liggett player along the boards.



Photo by Mark Bogarin

Chelsea players celebrate while an Allen Park player can't stand to watch.

Chelsea's two-goal first period lifts squad over Allen Park in quarterfinal

By Dave Herndon
Heritage Media

The first period of Wednesday night's state quarterfinal match-up between the visiting Chelsea Bulldogs and the host Jaguars was eerily reminiscent of the regional final for Allen Park as they fell behind 2-0.

Unfortunately for the Jags, the rest of the game didn't play out like the regional final as they fell 2-1 to the 'Dogs.

Chelsea advanced to Friday's state semifinal where they played Detroit University Liggett at Computware Arena.

Chelsea opened up the scoring less than five minutes into the game when Taylor Atchley wrapped

around the back of the net they made a laser pass to Brad Hepler in front of the goal. He slipped the puck over Blake Martin's right shoulder into the net.

The Bulldogs struck again, with the eventual game-winner with 4:15 to go in the first when Kyle Whipple got a shot past Martin. He was assisted by Joe Hewitt and Kody Johnson.

The Bulldogs headed into the first break with the two-goal lead.

Neither team scored in the second, though the Jags stepped up their play, taking Chelsea out of their game plan a bit.

"They took us out of our style for a good portion of the second half of the game," said Bulldogs coach

Don Wright. "You have to give them a lot of credit."

Allen Park coach Barry Goudy also thought his team stepped it up a notch in the second half of the game.

"We reminded them that we've come back down two before," he said. "We played much better in the last two periods, but ultimately you have to play the whole game, not just half."

Donnie McClellan scored the Jags lone goal with 12:10 to play in the third.

He was assisted by Tyler Kuehn.

Allen Park had three minor penalties in the first two periods, Chelsea had two.

In the third period they took offsetting unsportsmanlike conduct penalties.

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At the hotel before shave down are (front) Max Lonnemo, Joe Smith, Jacob Burris, (second row) Bent Thoms, Sam Almhiemid, Jacob Hartman, (third row) Nick Deppner, David Alday, Nick Burris, Johnny Mangner, Zach Ousley, Will Wickens and Tommy Olsen. Not pictured is Logan Simpson. Jacob Burris (below) was 10th in diving.

SWIM

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position, Alday stayed in the breaststroke and Burris moved to the fly. Deppner took over the anchor position swimming freestyle and swim he did.

Chelsea hit the water and never looked back, winning the consolation finals in impressive fashion with a season-best time of 1:42.91.

"I was so jacked up after that swim," Jolly said. "To have them adjust to a new game plan that well and swim to that level says a lot about this team's character."

Alday was up next for the Bulldogs in the 200 freestyle. Alday who is by far one of the strongest swimmers in the area did not disappoint. He swam a very controlled prelim swim going a career best 1:48.22 which put him 10th going into the finals.

In the finals, the state got to see an impressive swim by the sophomore and a glimpse of special things to come. Alday in his trademark "come from behind fashion," caught up and passed the field to win the consolation final of the event.

What was most impressive was the 1:46.69 clocking which was a career best time.

Next up for the Bulldogs was Deppner. After swimming the 200 Individual Medley most of the season, he switched to the 50 freestyle after swimming a state cut in the event at

the SMISL Championships a week earlier. Deppner swam a career best of 22.92 seconds which earned him 24th place.

Taking part in diving regional qualification meet this year were freshmen Joe Smith and Jacob Burris. The duo took part in the MHSAA regional diving qualification meet on Tuesday, March 6 at Haslett High School. Both freshmen divers placed well.

Smith placed 8th with 305.50 points and Burris was 5th with 338.30 points.

"Placing in the top 12 at regionals to qualify for the state meet at Oakland University was our icing on the cake," said Bulldog diving coach Eric Burris. "Our goal in the diving program this year was to get the boys to experience a regional meet and if we got someone to state, great; but gaining the postseason experience was the real goal."

"I'm very proud of both Jacob and Joe. They worked hard all season to get to this point. They gained both confidence and experience at the state level this year as freshmen."

Chelsea diving had two of the eight freshmen competing in the diving event at the Division 3 state meet and Smith placed 31st.

"The diving competition had a talented field this year and we knew making it past the first cut was going to

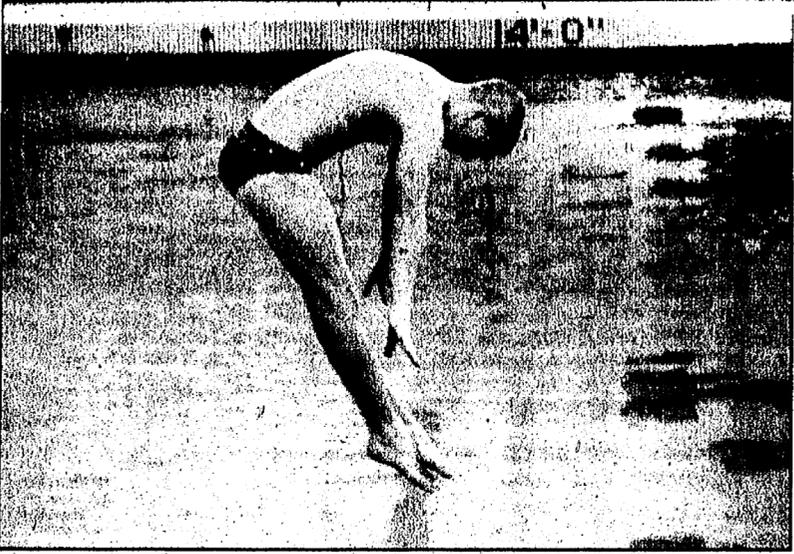
be difficult," Burris said. "Joe had a great first high school season and believing in the process while gaining confidence will go far into the post season in years to come."

Burris finished the state meet in 10th place with 337.70 points.

"Jacob became a big meet diver this year," Eric Burris said. "He worked hard all season, with little bumps along the way but persevered. He fought through some of the biggest competitions so far in his diving career and rose to the occasion. I look forward to the years to come for both boys."

Jolly was equally

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Chelsea introduces new lax coaches

The Chelsea Bulldogs open their lacrosse season on March 27 with a home game against Howell. They started practice on Monday with a new coach and an ever growing excitement for a growing sport.

"We have an entirely new coaching staff at Chelsea this season and are very excited to get things started," said Joe Koengeter, who is the new varsity coach for the Bulldogs who have had a lacrosse program since 2008.

Koengeter graduated from Chelsea in 2002 with varsity letters in football, wrestling and track. He was the captain of the 2001 Chelsea football team and folks around here know the importance of that honor along with the responsibilities it brings.

- He played football at Adrian (2002-2003 seasons) and lacrosse at Central Michigan (2006 and 2007 seasons) and at Eastern

Michigan (2010). He was the assistant lacrosse coach at Chelsea HS in 2008 and the varsity head coach at Ann Arbor Huron HS from 2009 to 2011.

Koengeter has surrounded himself with a talented staff. Here is a look at the Chelsea lacrosse coaching staff for the upcoming season:

Andy Christofferson (varsity assistant coach)
- College football at Central Michigan University
- Four years varsity lacrosse at Novi High school
- varsity football Novi high school- played lacrosse 5th -12th grade

George Brown (varsity assistant)
- Played all four years at Perrysburg High school in Ohio
- Played defense one year and goalie for three years
- Made defensive player of the year two times
- Senior year made first

team all region, second team all city and honorable mention all state in Ohio as well as captain

Ty McGuire (JV head coach)
- Senior at EMU for secondary education
- Coach fall and winter indoor lacrosse leagues and summer travel team
- Defensive assistant for Grand Blanc from 2009-2010
- Coached youth baseball, basketball, lacrosse, and football for 10 years
- played baseball in high school

Jim McDermott (JV assistant)
- Goalie coach for Grand Blanc from 2009-2010
- Two years at Alfred University men's lacrosse team
- Three years on Varsity for Tecumseh High School boys' lacrosse
- Two-year starter, 1st all-state his senior year, 2002

division 3/4 state champion

Vinny Giacona (JV assistant)
- Junior at EMU for special education
- Assistant coach for Utica-Eisenhower boy's freshman lacrosse team from 2010-2011
- 4 years on Varsity for Utica-Eisenhower, 2 time all-state, played middle and attack.

Chelsea's double winners



The Chelsea eighth-grade boys' travel basketball team defeated Howell in the finals at the EMU StyFox tournament last month. Chelsea defeated Hartland in the finals in Saline this past weekend. The team features (back) Coach Forsberg, Collin Steinhauer, Justice Staton, Mitch Singleton, Trevor Kingsley, Jacob Scheese, Coach Scheese, (front) Noah Vanreesma, Ethan French, Sam Golding, Trey Seitz and Austin Gier.

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Boys Hoops Chelsea rally falls short in districts

By Terry Jacoby
Heritage Media

Slow starts against good teams is never a good thing in boys' basketball - especially in the postseason. The Chelsea Bulldogs found that out the hard way as they struggled in the first half and despite a great comeback in the second half, fell to Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard 59-52 Wednesday night in a district semifinal game at Tecumseh.

Chelsea struggled on the offensive end in the first half and found themselves down 18 points at halftime.

"We couldn't hit the broad side of a barn," Chelsea coach Robin Raymond said. "They shot the ball very well in the first half."

But the Bulldogs weren't about to give up.

"We regrouped at half time and I wanted them to cut the lead in half by the end of the third quarter," Raymond said.

And the Bulldogs did almost exactly that as they headed into the fourth quarter down just eight points.

"We were able to get back in the game by the end of the third quarter with good defense and we knocked down some shots," Raymond said.

The Bulldogs had the Richard lead down to four points with 4 minutes to go but the Irish were able to hang on for the victory.

"We couldn't get over the hump," Raymond said.

Gabriel Richard locked up the win at the free-throw line. The Irish made 13 free throws in the fourth quarter.

"It was a great effort by the team in the second half," Raymond said.

Michael Steinhauer had a strong game for the Bulldogs. The junior forward made 6 of 12 shots from the floor and finished with 15 points. He also had eight rebounds in the game.

Senior Jake Fischhaber was 5 of 10 from the floor and finished with 13 points and 10 rebounds.

Logan Brown hit 3 of 8 from beyond the arc and scored 11 points and Luke Hollandsworth had six points. Cody Barber had five rebounds and five assists. Truman Hadley grabbed five boards for Chelsea.

Richard advances to Friday's championship game against Onsted at Tecumseh High School.

Phoenix fall

Ypsilanti coach Steve Brooks told his team that a "my bad" in March from his team could cost them a chance at a state title.

The Phoenix found that out the hard way.

Ypsilanti missed four potential game-clinching free throws with under a minute left and fell 64-53 in overtime to Temperance Bedford in Friday's Class A district final at Milan.

"We never stopped falling into the bad habits," Brooks said. "We had an 11-point lead from getting the ball into the paint. Then we took four jumpers, and the lead got down to three."

The Kicking Mules tied the contest with four seconds left in regulation and never looked back. Ypsilanti led 51-50 early in OT, but never had the advantage again.

Bedford (18-5) outscored the Phoenix 14-4 in the extra period.

Mamadou Ba led Ypsilanti (17-4) with 10 points. While nine players scored for the Phoenix, Ba was the lone double-figure finisher.

On the other end, just five Bedford players registered points - four of which made it to double digits.

That effort was led by Jackson Lamb, who knocked in 20 points. Kenny McFadden added 16, Jeremy Harris had 11 and Ryan Rightnowar chipped in 10.



Photos by Tressie Davis

The Bulldogs had their highs and lows this season but coach Robin Raymond's squad never gave up and always played hard. Senior Dominic Davis dives to the floor (far left) with Michael Steinhauer ready to help out. Senior Jack McDougall (No. 2) was a steady force with the basketball in his hands.

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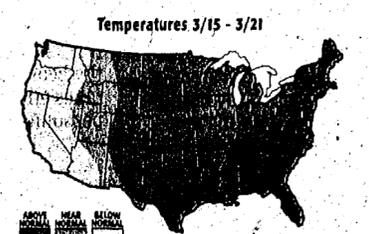
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Mainly cloudy, a t-storm	A t-storm in the area	Thunderstorms possible	Chance of a shower	Partly sunny and warm	Mostly sunny and warm	Showers around	Partly sunny
70° to 76°	49° to 55°	65° to 71° 47° to 53°	68° to 74° 46° to 52°	67° to 73° 46° to 52°	73° to 79° 45° to 51°	67° to 73° 36° to 42°	57° to 63° 36° to 42°

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Temperatures 3/15 - 3/21



Precipitation 3/15 - 3/21

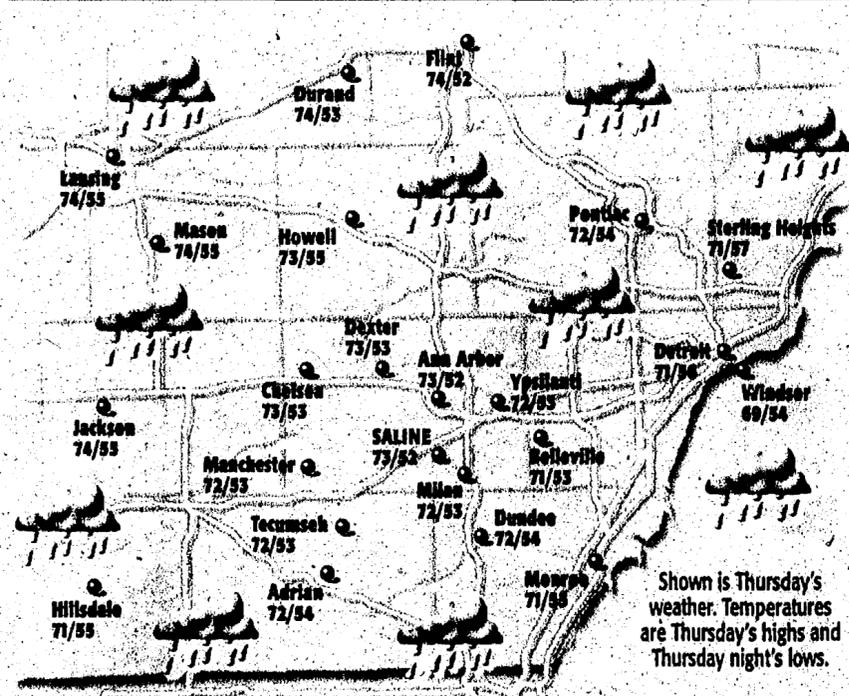
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Statistics for the week ending Monday, March 12.

Temperatures:
 High/low for the week 66°/19°
 Normal high/low 43°/23°
 Average temperature 43.1°
 Normal average temperature 32.7°

Precipitation:
 Total for the week 0.61"
 Total for the month 1.13"
 Total for the year 4.76"
 Normal for the month 0.80"
 Normal for the year 4.11"

THE REGION



PAST WEEK'S TEMPS

Temperatures ● High ● Low

57	64	60	48	65	62
●	●	●	●	●	●
27	43	27	24	38	38
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Tue. Wed. Thu. Fri. Sat. Sun. Mon.

THIS WEEK'S CONDITIONS

Weekly UV Index and RealFeel Temperature*

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72	66	66	66	75	72	60
Thu.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.

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RIVER LEVELS

As of 7 a.m. Monday

River	Flood stage	Current stage
Dearborn Creek	-	2.99 ft
Heron River	-	-
Ann Arbor	16 ft	15.75 ft
Malletts Creek	-	-
Ann Arbor	-	3.83 ft
Mill Creek	-	-
Dexter	12 ft	8.16 ft
River Raisin	-	-
Manchester	-	4.63 ft

LAKE LEVELS

Lake	Normal	Current
Lake Erie	580.11 ft	571.72 ft
Lake St. Clair	575 ft	574.07 ft

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Hi/Lo/W	Thu. Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W	City	Wed. Hi/Lo/W	Thu. Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W
Adrian	70/53/s	72/54/t	70/53/t	72/53/pc	Manistee	66/47/pc	62/38/pc	63/47/pc	64/46/pc
Ann Arbor	71/49/s	73/52/t	68/50/t	71/49/pc	Midland	70/53/s	71/50/t	68/51/pc	72/51/pc
Battle Creek	74/56/s	74/55/t	72/56/pc	75/56/pc	Muskegon	66/52/s	67/48/t	64/51/pc	67/52/pc
Bay City	71/54/s	71/50/t	68/51/pc	72/52/pc	Pontiac	67/53/s	72/54/t	66/53/t	70/52/pc
Detroit	69/51/s	71/56/t	67/53/t	71/54/pc	Port Huron	62/47/s	69/49/t	61/47/pc	67/47/pc
Flint	70/54/s	74/52/t	69/52/pc	70/51/pc	Saginaw	71/53/s	71/50/t	68/51/pc	72/51/pc
Grand Rapids	72/53/s	72/53/t	69/54/pc	71/54/pc	Sault Ste. Marie	49/38/pc	50/39/pc	53/41/pc	54/45/pc
Kalamazoo	73/55/s	74/54/t	73/55/pc	72/56/pc	Sturgis	73/56/s	73/56/t	71/56/pc	74/57/pc
Lansing	72/55/s	74/55/t	70/55/pc	72/55/pc	Traverse City	68/50/pc	63/43/pc	65/46/pc	69/49/pc
Livonia	69/53/s	71/56/t	67/53/t	70/54/pc	Warren	67/53/s	71/57/t	66/54/t	70/52/pc

Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, l-ice.

SUN AND MOON

The Sun	Rise	Set	The Moon	Rise	Set	Last	New	First	Full
Thursday	7:27 a.m.	7:42 p.m.	Thursday	3:20 a.m.	12:54 p.m.	Mar 14	Mar 22	Mar 30	Apr 6
Friday	7:45 a.m.	7:44 p.m.	Friday	4:08 a.m.	1:58 p.m.				
Saturday	7:43 a.m.	7:44 p.m.	Saturday	4:49 a.m.	3:04 p.m.				
Sunday	7:41 a.m.	7:45 p.m.	Sunday	5:24 a.m.	4:09 p.m.				
Monday	7:40 a.m.	7:46 p.m.	Monday	5:54 a.m.	5:13 p.m.				
Tuesday	7:38 a.m.	7:48 p.m.	Tuesday	6:22 a.m.	6:15 p.m.				
Wednesday	7:36 a.m.	7:49 p.m.	Wednesday	6:47 a.m.	7:16 p.m.				

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NATIONAL CITIES

City	Thu. Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	82/61/t	80/59/pc	79/57/pc
Boston	47/39/c	52/44/sh	57/42/pc
Chicago	77/57/t	75/56/pc	73/53/pc
Cincinnati	74/59/t	74/58/t	74/54/pc
Cleveland	69/55/t	65/52/t	68/53/c
Dallas	81/69/t	79/62/pc	79/62/c
Denver	72/39/s	76/41/s	73/41/pc
Honolulu	81/69/pc	81/70/pc	82/70/s
Houston	80/66/pc	78/65/pc	80/64/c
Kansas City	77/60/t	77/59/pc	77/56/pc
Las Vegas	76/54/pc	74/56/pc	68/48/pc
Los Angeles	68/56/pc	68/55/c	60/47/r
Miami	81/69/t	77/65/pc	82/69/pc
Minneapolis	66/51/s	70/57/s	71/54/c
New Orleans	79/63/pc	78/63/pc	79/64/pc
New York City	61/48/pc	55/48/sh	63/48/sh
Orlando	83/60/pc	82/60/s	82/60/s
Philadelphia	69/49/pc	59/52/sh	67/46/sh
Phoenix	81/54/pc	82/56/s	78/49/pc
Pittsburgh	76/57/t	70/54/t	72/50/t
St. Louis	80/62/t	79/61/t	78/57/c
San Francisco	62/52/r	60/47/r	54/42/r
Seattle	54/39/t	48/38/sh	49/37/c
Wash., DC	75/57/pc	74/55/t	72/50/t

WORLD CITIES

City	Thu. Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W
Athens	63/47/s	62/46/pc	62/49/s
Berlin	58/43/pc	64/46/s	63/46/pc
Buenos Aires	77/57/s	81/61/s	82/63/pc
Cairo	66/51/pc	69/46/s	68/46/s
Calgary	54/35/pc	58/32/c	51/30/pc
Hong Kong	75/72/pc	79/72/pc	79/72/sh
Jerusalem	50/42/t	53/37/sh	51/37/s
Johannesburg	73/54/c	68/54/r	76/53/t
London	59/43/pc	57/45/pc	54/41/r
Mexico City	79/48/pc	79/48/s	77/46/pc
Montreal	48/39/pc	54/41/pc	55/41/pc
Moscow	28/18/c	25/14/pc	37/30/pc
Paris	67/48/s	68/48/s	59/48/r
Rio de Janeiro	86/73/t	82/71/r	81/69/r
Rome	66/48/s	66/48/s	65/44/pc
Seoul	52/39/pc	48/43/r	55/39/r
Singapore	88/77/t	88/77/t	90/77/t
Sydney	82/64/c	84/66/pc	79/64/sh
Tokyo	54/37/s	50/48/pc	57/50/r
Warsaw	42/34/pc	54/40/s	60/43/s

Eighth graders have unusual encounter with Michigan bears

Prior to last week, neither Meagan Wander nor Josh Lauinger had so much as seen a bear in Michigan. Now, both have held wild Michigan bears under their coats and gotten a first-hand look at the work of the Department of Natural Resources.

The pair of Lake Orion eighth-graders won't the opportunity (through an essay contest) to accompany a DNR Wildlife Division crew on a winter bear den check. When the crew arrived on location in the northeast Lower Peninsula and sedated the mama bear, they found she'd given birth to three cubs in the preceding weeks.

Both Wander and Lauinger were pressed into duty keeping the cubs warm while a team of DNR personnel gave the adult female a physical. That meant the students held the cubs under their coats while the DNR staffers did their jobs.

"Amazing," is how Wander summed up the experience. "He's so fuzzy - I want to keep him! Oh my gosh, this was so worth getting up at 5 a.m."

Both Wander and Lauinger are students in Jon Gray's eighth-grade science classroom. Gray, who is a well-known conservation educator, had incorporated bears into his curriculum this year.

A teacher at Waldon Middle School, Gray has been at the forefront of the Michigan Wild Turkey patch contest in recent years. Gray encourages his students to enter artwork into the annual contest that chooses a design for the Wild Turkey Management Cooperator patch, which is available to turkey hunters from the Michigan Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation. Several of Gray's students have designed the winning patch in the last five years.

Last year, Gray became intrigued with the den-check program after hearing a DNR presentation on the subject at a Safari Club event. The wheels started turning in his head. He contacted DNR biologist Adam Bump, the Wildlife Division's bear specialist, and suggested bringing a student along on a den check. Between the pair, they came up with an idea: Gray's students could write essays about bears in Michigan and the winning essayist would be invited to participate in a DNR den check.

Problem was, Gray couldn't pick just one winner. When Gray suggested that both Wander's and Lauinger's essays were deserving of the prize, Bump decided that Gray could invite both students.

DNR wildlife biologists have been checking wintering bears in their dens for more than two decades. Their research has given the department a better understanding of reproduction, habitat usage and the travel patterns of Michigan black bears.

The bear the DNR checked in on this February day had been located four winters ago and outfitted with a radio collar so biologists could track her. They've visited her den every winter since to see how she was doing, document her reproductive success, and conduct routine maintenance on her collar.

"The collar is everything to us," said biologist Mark Boersen, the DNR management biologist for the area in which this bear lives.

Boersen said this bear is 15 years old, something determined from a tooth sample taken the first time the DNR checked her. She weighed 166 pounds this year, which is "the most she's ever weighed in the four years we've followed her," Boersen said.

When DNR staffers check a bear den, they locate the den, slip up on



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DNR wildlife biologist Mark Boerson tucks a bear cub into Josh Lauinger's sweatshirt.



Meagan Wander poses with a bear cub.

it quietly and anesthetize the bear. Once the drug takes effect, the DNR personnel work quickly, removing the bear from the den, taking a variety of measurements (temperature, heart rate, respirations, etc.) and weighing the bear. They perform any necessary maintenance on the radio collar and return the bear to the den.

The cubs are given a quick once-over, weighed and returned to the den with the mother. The three cubs in this den, two females and a male, all weighed around five pounds and appeared to be healthy, Boersen said.

Besides gathering information about the bears, the den-check program often bears additional fruit. These bears provide invaluable opportunities to both educate the public about Michigan's black bears and provide training opportunities for DNR field staff. These opportunities ensure

Wildlife Division staff is prepared to assist in research efforts as well as handle any problem bear situations in a safe and effective manner.

For his part, Lauinger described the day as "awesome." He also departed with some souvenirs; while under his coat, one of the cubs scratched Lauinger lightly on the neck.

Lauinger said he hopes the scratches leave a permanent scar. "I'll tell people I got it from a bear attack," he joked.

The DNR's Bump said that because this first student/den check went so well, he hopes to expand the program to more classrooms around the state. Science teachers who'd like to investigate the opportunity to incorporate Michigan bears into their curricula can learn more at the DNR website www.michigan.gov/bear or call Adam Bump at 517-373-1263.

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SWIM

FROM PAGE 4-D

impressed with his divers. "Jake Burris and Joey Smith both dove excellent in the regional competition earning a spot in the field of 36 to compete at this year's state championships," Jolly said. "Joey Smith did an excellent job to get to this position and finished the season with a 31st place showing. Jake Burris was most impressive taking control of his nerves and making it through the first cut and then the second cut to earn a chance to compete in the finals. His 10th place finish was the highest place for a freshman in the past 25 years."

Next up for the Bulldogs was the 100 butterfly. Nick Burris and Simpson swam solid in one of the toughest fields in recent history. Simpson finished in the 28th position at 58.36 and Burris was 30th at 58.49. Both swam well but not quite fast enough to make the field of 16 for the finals.

Chelsea had two competitors in the 500 freestyle. Ben Thoms and Alday who were the powerhouses for Chelsea all season did not hold back on this day.

Thoms went a season best in the event stopping the clock in the prelims with a season and career best time of 5:12.93 and 28th place.

"Ben came a long way in one season," said Jolly. "He is only going to get better and will no doubt be a placer at this meet next year."

Alday was fantastic in the prelims swimming a season and career best and coming ever so close to Josh Hack's 1998 varsity record of 4:51.47. Alday swam a 4:52.43 and earned himself a spot in the championship heat of the event. It also assured him an All State reward for his efforts.

Alday swam a bit slower in the finals going a 4:54.99 and taking sixth place. Only a sophomore, the future is quite bright for this talented young swimmer.

Next up for the Bulldogs



The Bulldogs feature (front row) Nick Deppner, Logan Simpson, Johnny Mangner, Will Wickens, Tommy Olsen, (second row) David Alday, Joe Smith, Zach Ousley, (third row) Ben Thoms, Jacob Burris, Nick Burris and Sam Almhiemid. Photo by Cathy Burris

was the 200 freestyle relay. This was Chelsea's weakest relay coming into the meet. Seeded 18th coming in the Bulldogs knew they would have to swim lights out to make the finals and swim they did. In the prelims, Chelsea went with it's power swimmers that had carried them through the whole season. Deppner, Simpson, Will Wickens and Nick Burris combined for a season best of 1:31.83 which earned them a spot in the finals as the ninth fastest relay just outside the elite eight.

As in the 200 medley relay, changes had to be made. Johnny Mangner would have to come off the bench and attempt to swim to a level he had never seen before.

"What Johnny did in the finals was absolutely awesome," Jolly said. "This is why I tell the guys all the time that we all matter and you never know."

Mangner led off the relay in the finals and swam a season best time of 23.70. Chelsea came back with Wickens at 23.22 and then Deppner at 21.97 and Nick Burris as the anchor at 22.92. Their combined time was 1:31.81 which gave them 10th place honors.

Chelsea had three representatives in the 100 backstroke. Freshman Jacob Hartman was the first of the Bulldogs to swim the event and he improved his best performance to date by going 1:00.44 which earned him 29th overall.

Deppner, who had just came out of the previous event, swam an impressive 57.17 in the prelims which gave him a spot in the finals. He then swam to an even faster mark in the finals stopping the clock at 57.04 which earned him 11th place overall.

One of the biggest sur-

prises for the Bulldogs all season was freshman Sam Almhiemid who really impressed everyone with his 56.54 in the prelims and then his 56.04 in the finals to take seventh place overall and earn the team's second All State honor.

Chelsea finished the meet on Friday with a strong performance in the 400 freestyle relay but failed to get to the finals. It was probably the only swim that didn't go as planned. The Bulldogs had the right parts, but just didn't quite execute and fell short of making the finals placing 17th overall.

Chelsea finishes its season 9-1 in dual meets. Its only loss came to Division II State Champion Dexter. It finished second in the SEC White Division. And the Bulldogs won The SMISL League Championship for the first time.

A 10th place finish by the

Bulldogs is just a glimpse of what is to come over the next few years for an extremely talented and young team. Chelsea graduates only one senior this season and no one from this year's state meet squad.

"It has been a wonderful season with much to be proud of," Jolly said. "I can't say enough about all the guys and their dedication. We had leadership, talent, fun, hard work, and chemistry. These are the ingredients for success."

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