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Blaze kills more than 300 animals

In aftermath, support rallied for Lima Township 4-H family

By Ben Baird
Heritage Media

Support from the community has softened the blow after more than 300 animals died in a barn fire April 11 at the Welshans' centennial farm at Scio Church and Parker roads in Lima Township.

Robin Welshans, who owns the farm with her husband, Douglas, said so far the outpouring of support has been amazing following the tragedy.

Chelsea Area Fire Authority Chief James Payeur said there was extensive damage from the fire and the barn was a complete loss.

All the animals kept in the barn died. There were about 200 show rabbits, about 50 egg-laying hens, about 50 baby chicks, 17 baby ducks, a steer and a horse named Tina.

"It has been very hard," Robin Welshans said. "They're our pets you know?"

Five cows and a calf survived the fire because they were outside in a pasture when the fire occurred. The fire quickly swept through a consumed the barn and damaged other buildings on the property. The cause of the fire is still unknown.

The entire family worked to care for the animals,



Photo courtesy of Molly Walters.

More than 300 animals died in a barn fire at about 11 a.m. March 11 at Scio Church and Parker roads.

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Residents continue annexation talks

By Krista Gjestland
Heritage Media

Chelsea City Council members sat down with residents from Chelsea Springs to discuss the possibility of annexation into the city during a special meeting April 10.

Chelsea Springs, a subdivision located in Sylvan Township, has reached out to the city administration of Chelsea regarding annexation after increasing dissatisfaction with township officials.

Homeowners' association board member Tim Dark said the sentiment is reflected throughout the 51 residents.

"Everyone's pretty disgruntled with Sylvan Township," he said.

The sentiment caused Chelsea Springs representatives to email Chelsea City Manager John Hanifan in December.

Water and tax rates make living in Sylvan Township costly for Chelsea Springs residents, homeowners' association president Denell Harney said.

"We do believe that there is an opportunity to pay less to live in the city of Chelsea," she said.

Sylvan Township is currently under a \$13.2 million financial strain due to county debts from its sewer and water systems. In

November, voters turned down a 20-year 4.75 millage that would have paid off that debt as well as a \$1.25 million debt to the Washtenaw County treasurer. The township's board has requested that millage option be placed on the Aug. 7 ballot for a second chance. The first millage vote was defeated 475-328.

The township is also facing an undetermined tax increase later this year because it will be unable to meet a May bond payment of \$175,000 for the water and sewer systems.

Chelsea Springs residents already pay for some Chelsea services, such as library, fire and

school millages as well as electricity.

One of the biggest changes for Chelsea Springs would be with the city's general fund millage, which is at 11 mills. In Sylvan Township, residents pay less than 1 mil toward the general fund.

There is also the possibility that the debt accrued will follow the residents into Chelsea as the subdivision was a part of Sylvan Township at the date of the bond's issuance. The city's lawyers are currently looking into the matter.

Councilmember Cheri Albertson

PLEASE SEE SPRINGS/3-A

Downtown to host Midwest Literary Walk



Photo by Erica McClain

Author Jeff Kass shares a poem at the Chelsea River Gallery during the 2011 Midwest Literary Walk, while fellow author and poet Scott Beal watches.

Nationally-known poets and writers will read their work at venues up and down Main Street and greet fans in person at the fourth annual Midwest Literary Walk on April 21. Some of them will even listen to you read your own work at the Open Mic.

This year's all-star cast features poet Thomas Lux, performance poet Jeff Kass, "Gravity" and "Consider the Oyster" playwright David MacGregor and many more.

ML Liebler, poet and winner of the 2010 Barnes & Noble Writers for Writers Award, will emcee the 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. event. All readings are free and open to the public.

Lux, who has received grants and fellowships

The Line-up

- Jerry Dennis and Jeff Kass at the River Gallery at 11 a.m.
- David MacGregor, ML Liebler and Robert Jones at Chelsea Center for the Arts at noon.
- Lolita Hernandez and Onna Solomon at Chelsea District Library at 2 p.m.
- Open mic at Chelsea District Library at 3 p.m.
- Thomas Lux at River Gallery at 4 p.m.

from the Guggenheim Foundation, Mellon Foundation and National Endowment for the Arts, will read from his latest work at walk.

Lux's poetry compilations include "God Particles" and the "Street of Clocks."

Jerry Dennis, one of America's most celebrated writers about nature and the Great Lakes, will also read at the walk.

Those interested in

reading at the open-mic can sign up the day of the event; readers will be limited to three minutes per reading.

Last year's Literary Walk drew more than 250 people to Chelsea. Building on that success, the Chelsea District Library, Chelsea Center for the Arts and River Gallery, with support from Nicola's Books are again teaming up to present this year's walk.

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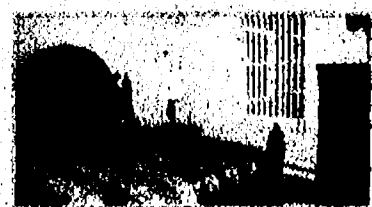
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Taskforce aims to raise awareness of child abuse prevention

By Ben Baird
Heritage Media

April is being recognized as National Child Abuse Prevention Month and the Michigan Internet Crimes Against Children taskforce is trying to raise awareness about child abuse and neglect.

The taskforce is particularly focused on increasing awareness of online sexual exploitation of children.

Detective Sgt. Jay Poupard with the Michigan

State Police is the coordinator of the taskforce. Its mission is to protect children online and hold offenders accountable.

Although the nearest taskforce station to Washtenaw County is at a state police post in Livonia, he said there is a lot of activity in the county when it comes to providing education and assisting local agencies with incidents of child abuse.

A great number of requests to provide education are received in the area.

Law enforcement officials are available through the taskforce to come to schools and other locations to talk to children about how to be good cyber citizens, Poupard said. He said a state trooper recently talked to a group of about 400 children in Monroe County.

More than 1,000 cyber tips sent to the taskforce are investigated in Michigan annually. About 50 to 60 tips are received annually specific to Washtenaw County.

The taskforce encourages parents to diligently supervise their children on the Internet to ensure their safety. Others on the Internet may not be who they seem, so the taskforce



advises children to not give out personal information like their name, home address, school name or telephone number anywhere that can be viewed publicly.

Another safety tip from

the taskforce is to be wary of offers to meet an online friend or have an online friend visit their home. Children should not send photos of themselves online without first asking a parent. Another tip is to

never respond to messages or items that are suggestive, obscene, belligerent, threatening, or otherwise make children feel uncomfortable.

The Michigan Internet Crimes Against Children

taskforce is part of a nationwide partnership of law enforcement agencies.

Recently the state taskforce has arrested a suspect for using a family's wireless access point to exploit children, assisted in the conviction of a former school bus driver by providing a digital forensic examination, and helped secure a guilty plea from a youth minister charged with using an instant messaging program online for sexual communications with minors.

For more information, visit the taskforce's website at www.michiganitac.com. Tips regarding child sexual exploitation can be submitted at the website, which are forwarded to local law enforcement.

Anyone interested in organization an educational event with the taskforce can contact Poupard at 517-241-2425 or visit the taskforce website.

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League of Women Voters to host forum for commissioners race

By Sean Dalton
Heritage Media

Residents of Pittsfield Township interested in the race Washtenaw County District 7 commissioner race between Democrat Felicia Brabec and Republican Richard Conn might want to watch the League of Women Voters forum April 25.

The forum will be broadcast 7 p.m. April 25 on CNT and throughout the interim time between then and the May 8 election. Residents have until April 19 to submit their questions to lwvannarbor.org.

The seat was formerly held by Kristin Judge, who vacated the post last October. The winner of the May 8 race will serve out the remainder of Judge's term until Dec. 31.

Heritage Media caught up with the candidates this week to discuss some current events and pressing matters that the County Board has been wrestling with the past few weeks.

The repeal of the Personal Property Tax, which currently accounts for \$43 million in tax revenue for municipalities across the state, \$5 million of which belongs to Washtenaw County alone, is a looming concern in the face of upcoming tight fiscal years.

"The potential loss of personal property tax is daunting," Brabec said. "Losing that with limited details about an appropriate and 100 percent fully guaranteed replacement puts our county at risk."

Conn agreed with the county commission's passage of a resolution in opposition to eliminating the personal property tax without a "100 percent guaranteed" mechanism to replace the revenue last week.

"There needs to be a transition period and there needs to be exploration as to how to replace that missing revenue," Conn said. "(County Administrator) Verna McDaniel was just talking about losing 1 to 3 percent in state revenue sharing ... there's not a whole lot of notice. Government entities need to be given time to think through what to do."

Conn added that the repeal ties into his major overlying concern, which is the budget.

During the 2012-2013 fiscal year, county officials are looking at a \$20 million deficit that will have to be addressed, since county local governments are not allowed to file a deficit budget with the state of Michigan.

Oil drilling is another topic that the county commission has taken onto its plate, on behalf of concerned residents.

"There are environmental, health, financial and infrastructure concerns all related to this process," Brabec said, adding that the next working session of the County Board will be entirely dedicated to the topic.

Much of the what will be discussed during the work session is the result of individual commissioners communicating with residents and doing their own research into the matter.

"There is always more to learn, and I look forward to augmenting my knowledge with what I learn on April 19," Brabec said, referencing an upcoming town hall on the issue in Saline.

Conn said that he would like to think there are mechanisms already in place at the regulatory level that make allowing drilling in Washtenaw not as bad of

a pitfall as it may appear to some.

"I've got to believe that as we have evolved (politically and economically) there is some system of checks and balances," Conn said. "I hope that system is robust like any system and that it's been vetted and that whoever is in charge of monitoring these drills has the resources to monitor them and the ability to demand changes in the process if it's needed."

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By Amy Bell

Residents express concerns over 'smart meters'

Meters fall within FCC guidelines

By Amy Bell
Heritage Media

The Michigan Public Services Commission is fielding complaints from residents about smart meters that are being installed throughout Washtenaw County.

The commission launched an investigation Jan. 12 into the installation of smart meters by electric utilities in Michigan. The agency is taking complaints from residents until April 16.

Michigan Stop Smart Meters, a grassroots organization, wants the public to know about the alleged dangers of the devices.

"We are slowly getting the word out," said David Sheldon, a retiree and president of the organization.

A member of the group, Mary Hankins, travels door-to-door throughout Ann Arbor educating the public about the meters. Hankins lived in California, where there has been strong opposition to the meters throughout the state.

The devices replace the analog meters.

DTE Energy maintains that the devices are safe and will provide several benefits to customers, including notifying the company if power has been lost, which will reduce the time necessary to restore power. Meters also can be connected and disconnected from a desktop computer, said Bob Sitkauskas, manager of DTE's Advanced Meter Infrastructure project.

Many organizations throughout the United States have concerns with smart meters, referred to by some as advanced meters, saying the meters "pulse" high levels of electromagnetic radio frequency.

Sitkauskas said the meters fall well within Federal Communications Commission guidelines of radio frequency, adding the waves are everywhere from the remote control on the television to the garage door opener.

Some individuals have claimed to be electro-sensitive due to the large amount of electromagnetic radio frequency present in the environment.

Electromagnetic hypersensitivity is a condition when people react to electromagnetic field sources found



Photo courtesy of The Oakland Press

Oak Park's David Sheldon, who has put locks on his electrical meters, has posted a sign declaring he does not want DTE to install a "smart meter" at his house.

in the environment in places such as wireless routers and cellular phones. Symptoms range from redness of the skin to fatigue to dizziness. However, many scientists have disputed the legitimacy of the condition.

Visit <http://www.who.int/mediacentre/factsheets/fs296/en/> to read a 2005 report from the World Health Organization regarding electromagnetic hypersensitivity.

Medical organizations such as the American Academy of Environmental

Medicine have also weighed in on the safety of the devices. The group has asked that a moratorium be placed on the installation until the health issues are addressed.

"Continuing with their installation would be extremely irresponsible," according to the report.

According to the website, the Board of the American Academy of Environmental Medicine opposes the installation of wireless smart meters in homes and schools based on a scientific assessment of the current medical

literature, which raised "serious" concerns with the levels of radio frequency or extremely low frequency exposures produced by smart meters.

Several city councils throughout Michigan have adopted resolutions against the installation of smart meters and throughout the United States several lawsuits have been filed.

Sitkauskas said those wanting to opt out of the installation of a smart meter at their homes should contact DTE customer

service at 800-477-4747 who will put them in touch with the Advanced Meter Infrastructure project department. As a result of the MPSC investigation, which is set to be complete at the end of June, an opt-out policy is in the works, but is not yet complete. Those wanting the meters uninstalled from their homes also should contact DTE, he said.

According to the DTE website, Grosse Ile and Harsens Island's installations of smart meters are complete. All installations in Washtenaw County will be finished by the beginning of 2013.

To file a complaint with the MPSC, visit (http://www.michigan.gov/mpsc/0,1607,7-159-16368_16415--00.html)

Michigan Stop Smart Meters is hosting an informational meeting called "Smart meters: helping or hurting us?" at the Ferndale Public Library 6 p.m. April 23.

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Anti-fracking meeting provides another look at process

Environmental expert speaks to group

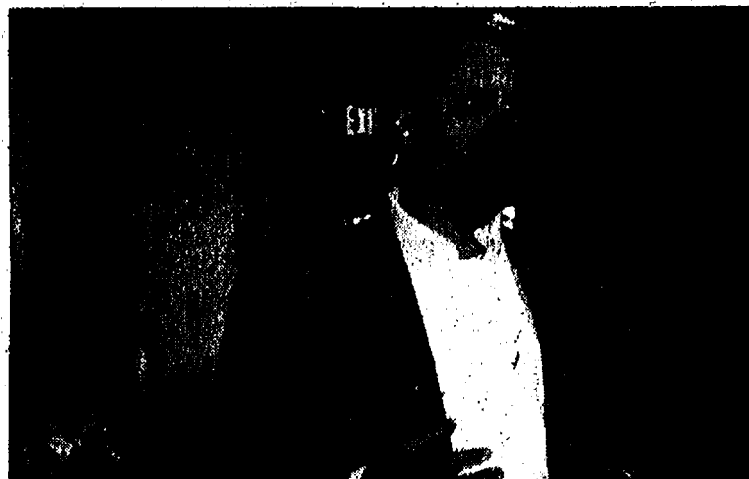
By Sean Dalton
Heritage Media

A message delivered by environmental expert Christopher Grobbel, president of Grobbel Environmental and Planning Associates, to Jackson County citizens is a universal one: Energy recovery is an imperfect process destined to cause problems.

Those in Washtenaw County would do well to add his voice to the conversation on resource extraction, given the activity of energy exploration and extraction companies in the county in recent years.

Grobbel has worked for environmental regulators and later served as an expert in a number of cases on the side of private property owners across the state who have learned the hard lesson that he shared April 5 at Cornerstone Community Church in Brooklyn, Mich., with a loosely organized group of residents who are concerned about what drilling will do to their local environment.

"I really feel for people who have to become experts," Grobbel said of the property owners who signed leases for oil and gas



Environmental expert Christopher Grobbel spoke to a group in Jackson County about the issue.

recovery on their properties, only to have something go wrong.

In Grobbel's experience, most of these people can't rely on state regulators, and certainly not the oil and gas companies left to their own devices, to address a spillage or seepage of essentially toxic fluids into groundwater and even surface water, in some cases.

"Don't trust regulators — watch them, be vigilant, and make sure that there is a watch dog," added Grobbel, who has taught at Michigan State University since 1992.

The land crust that underlies what we typically think of as the state of Michigan, rather than a mass of ancient dirt beneath our feet, contains a great deal of what Grobbel referred to "unconventional shale," which is not easy

to extract resources from, often requiring hydraulic fracturing or a variation of that technique, which entail pumping massive quantities of chemical infused water into the Earth to induce enough pressure to allow the pumps at extraction stations, or "oil donkeys," to bring those resources to the surface in a timely enough manner to make each site profitable.

Grobbel warned that there has been an ongoing concerted effort to keep a lid on a significant number of issues at drilling operations across the state, which included discontinuing a list of contaminations at drill sites in Michigan called the SAPP list.

That list of contaminations was eliminated and taken out of public view in 1995, according to Grobbel,

In his experience, it wasn't uncommon for a truck hauling hydraulic fracturing fluid, which contains benzene and other highly carcinogenic and acutely deadly chemicals, to slip off a road.

who said that the list contained hundreds of contamination incident recordings in the file.

"Today, there is no comprehensive list available, and it takes a lot of effort to find out where those sites are," Grobbel said.

In a 2001 study by the Alliance for the Great Lakes, Grobbel said that of 3,000 drilling sites contained in the alliance's research, 200 had contamination.

Grobbel says that that study is a good baseline for extrapolating out from that year to now to make an educated guess on the track record of drilling operations in the state.

In the study, 6.6 percent of sites were contaminated, and 25 percent of those sites had contaminated a source of drinking water. Regulators investigated 61 percent and failed to take action on 21 percent of those 3,000 wells. None of them had been fully remediated, where grand water contamination had occurred.

"Not a good record,"

Grobbel concluded.

In his experience, most of the issues with resource extraction are tied to human error, either a truck operator runs off a road with a tanker full of contaminants, or sometimes a corroded pipeline just bursts.

On average 80 percent of contamination incidents are due to human error, according to Grobbel.

"I've had to go out on truck spills (dozens of times) ... one of us had to be on call all the time," Grobbel said of his time working for the state Attorney General's Office.

In his experience, it wasn't uncommon for a truck hauling hydraulic fracturing fluid, which contains benzene and other highly carcinogenic and acutely deadly chemicals, to slip off a road.

In one case, in 1988, a truck containing the fluid slid into the Indian River, which resulted in Grobbel and other authorities having to shut down south-bound I-75.

"These things happen and industry will tell you that they don't," Grobbel said. "Government will tell you, 'Trust us.'"

"There is a record of inadequate cleanups," given that the Department of Environmental Quality's Office of Oil & Gas allows regulators to rely on their senses of smell and vision to literally sniff out contaminations, rather than soil testing and other actually scientific methods.

"What they'd do is smell their way to a cleanup," Grobbel said. "Everyone else has to take samples in accordance with state government to approved labs," a standard of every other office of the DEQ in Grobbel's experience.

If none of this sounds promising, Grobbel recommends those living in an area where a company is looking to set up an extraction site should attend EPA hearings and provide both written and verbal feedback.

And if you must sign a lease, "make sure there are contingencies" in black and white in the lease agreement that address contamination and other negative outcomes of any new drilling operation, Grobbel added.

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Researchers look at link between dental X-rays, tumors

Modern-day X-rays don't pose threat

By Jim Shelton
Journal Register News Service

People who received frequent dental X-rays a generation ago, before stricter radiation dosages were put in place, are at greater risk for developing a type of non-cancerous brain tumor, according to Yale University researchers.

The findings were published last week in the American Cancer Society's online journal, Cancer.

"We know people will be very concerned, but we are not telling people

they should stop going to see their dentist," said the study's lead author, Dr. Elizabeth Claus, a professor at Yale's School of Public Health and an attending neurosurgeon at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston.

The Yale study looked at more than 1,400 people from Connecticut, Massachusetts, North Carolina, California and Texas who were diagnosed with a meningioma, a non-cancerous tumor that can cause a range of medical problems with vision, speech and motor control, as well as causing headaches. The study also looked at a similar group of people who did not have a meningioma.

The average age of the

patients was 57, according to Claus.

Researchers found that patients with meningioma were twice as likely to have had dental X-ray exams since childhood in which they bit down on a tab of x-ray film at least once a year. That type of test is known as a bitewing exam.

There was an even stronger link between meningioma and the panorex dental exam, in which a single X-ray picture of teeth is taken outside of the mouth. Patients who had this exam when they were younger than 10 years old had a nearly five times greater risk for meningioma.

Claus pointed out that today's dental X-ray technology and practices use

significantly lower radiation dosages than in the past. She estimated there has been at least a 50 percent reduction in dosage since the 1980s.

Meningioma occurs in eight out of every 100,000 people, according to the National Institutes of Health.

This makes it a rare disease, even though it is the most commonly diagnosed brain tumor.

In a statement released to the media, the Chicago-based American Dental Association says it has a long-standing position that "dentists should order dental X-rays for patients only when necessary for diagnosis and treatment," but called certain aspects of the Yale study into question.

The association faulted the study for relying on "individuals' memories of having dental X-rays taken years earlier," and that "results of studies that use this design can be unreliable because they are affected by what scientists call 'recall bias.'"

The ADA stresses it encourages use of protective aprons and thyroid collars on all patients to minimize radiation exposure. It also says X-rays are needed to detect oral diseases that can't be found through visual and physical examination.

Claus says the Yale study looked into a connection between meningioma and dental X-rays because ionizing radiation is the "most consistent environmental

factor" known to be a risk factor for the tumor.

Claus also says the study should serve as a starting point to examine how often dental X-rays are necessary even with today's practices and technology. She says the American Dental Association suggests that children have one dental X-ray every one to two years, that teens have one every one and a half to three years, and that adults have one every two to three years.

"It is worthwhile to have a discussion as to whether they are needed in every instance," Claus says. "That is probably our biggest message."

Reporter Jim Shelton can be reached at 203-789-5664.

St. Louis Center to hold bike blessing April 28

After setting record temperatures in Michigan during the month of March, many motorcyclists have already taken the wraps off their bikes to hit the road and enjoy the gift of an early spring.

For riders of faith however, there's one thing they haven't had yet, and that's a formal blessing from our local clergy to invoke God's grace for a safe riding season.

That, of course, is the reason the priests of the Servants of Charity in Chelsea have agreed to host the sixth Annual Blessing of the Bikes at St. Louis Center on April 29.

Not only does it provide for a special blessing from Father Enzo Addari for everyone who attends, but it also provides a destination for motorcycle riders

to go where they can have some fun in a "family friendly" environment; then take a ride throughout the beautiful Waterloo Recreation Area.

Sheila Fitzgibbons of Jackson, is a co-chair of the event along with her husband, Richard Ellison, and the event is now in its sixth year.

"As riders ourselves, we started this event to raise awareness for St. Louis Center, and to help them make a little bit of money in the process," Fitzgibbons said. "We know that as these events grow, some in the state can have several hundred bikers in attendance, and that's what we're hoping for someday."

The St. Louis Center is located at 16195 W. Old U.S. 12 Highway in Chelsea and is five miles west of

the City of Chelsea. A \$5 donation per person is requested at the gate, and the blessing takes place at 1:30 p.m. Classic Rock band Massasagua will be providing the entertainment, food will be available to purchase, and there will be prize drawings and other contests throughout the afternoon. Gates open at 11:30 a.m., and the event ends at 3 p.m.

St. Louis Center is a residential care facility for persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities, and has been run by the Servants of Charity for the past 52 years.

For more information, please visit www.stlouiscenter.org and click on the events page, or contact Public Relations Director Joseph Yekulis at 734-475-8430.



Rick Visel (left), Tony and Sister Brenda discuss the successful day at last year's Blessing of the Bikes at the St. Louis Center.

Church to hold special sermon April 22 on LGBT acceptance

By Sean Dalton
Heritage Media

Webster United Church of Christ has been "open and affirming" to anyone who wants to join the congregation, both in spirit and in terms of the church's bylaws.

With Greenhills School student Katy Butler's struggles and recent success lobbying to have the rating of "Bully" changed from R to PG-13, the congregation has decided to reinvestigate its efforts to be inclusive to all, particularly members of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community.

"We are going through a renewal and revitalization about really being positive about who we are as people with the congregation," church spokeswoman Judy

Bemis said. "We want to invite more people from more walks of life to join us."

Butler's story struck a chord in the hearts of the church's congregation, since her coming out to a best friend at the age of 12 resulted in years of torment from classmates that culminated several times into physical violence.

The Greenhills School junior has come out of her personal Hell as a strong, beautiful young woman with a bright future.

Bemis hopes the congregation can further brighten their lives and their communities by rededicating themselves as Butler has dedicated herself to ending or addressing the human failings that result in the weak and few being targets of the malice of the major-

ity. To that end, Bruce D. Martin, executive director of the Ecumenical Center and International Residence of U of M, will

be preaching 10 a.m. April 22.

His sermon "Eating What is Set Before Us:

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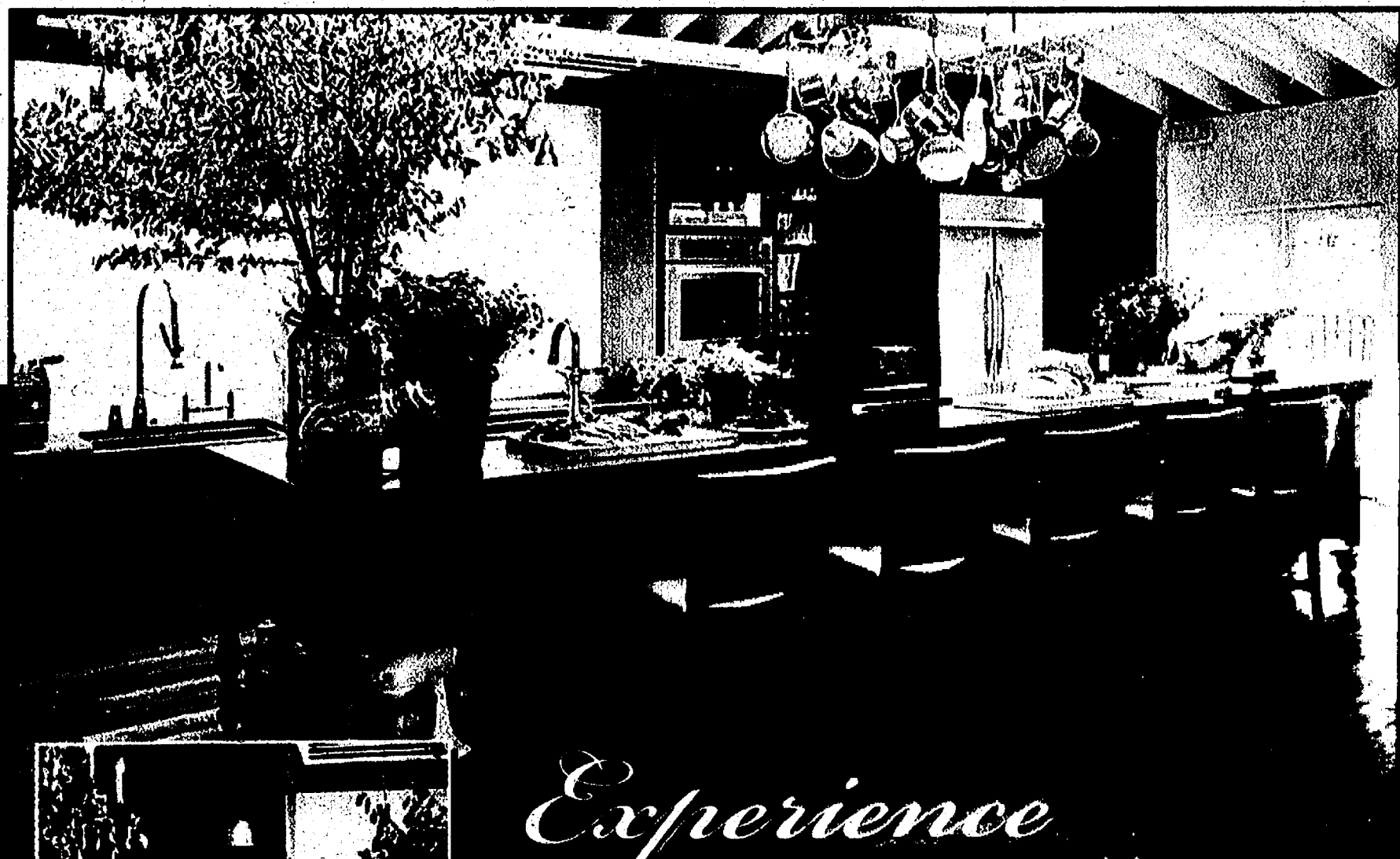
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QUESTION

Did Milan school board make the right decision to create a new school logo, but keep Big Reds?

- A. Yes, if it was offensive
B. No, the district should uphold its traditions
C. No, it caved to pressure
D. Yes, other schools have, so Milan should, too

Don't overshare information on social networking sites

Are you oversharing online? Think before you post.

To find out how much of your information is online, just do a search of your name on the Web. Surprised? The Pew Research Center performed a study in 2010 called "Reputation Management and Social Media" to find out how much personal information we are sharing. The unofficial answer is too much.

Surprisingly, the study found that adults share even more freely than younger users. And we thought kids were more revealing online.

In my last column, I wrote about protecting your kids from making poor decisions online. Usually, it's the kid's behavior that is scrutinized, but parents can unknowingly expose their kids by posting too much information. Again, think about the 542 "friends" you are sharing information with online.

We recommend our kids not share birthdates, school name and other identifying information. But, when a

ONLINE SAFETY



KRISTIN JUDGE

mom announces online that her daughter turned 16 today and got her license, we have her date of birth. Then the next post could show a link to her winning high school sports team news story. Next comes an announcement on what college they were just accepted to.

Can you see the beginning of a personal profile?

Does each of your "friends" need to know this personal information about your child?

Summer vacation season is coming up soon, and I'm hoping this column can influence people to think before posting details online. When people go on vacation, they may stop the mail and newspaper delivery, have a neighbor bring in the trash cans, and set light timers in the hopes of stopping a potential burglar.

We certainly don't put a "gone fishing" sign on the door when we leave town, inviting criminals to take advantage of an easy mark. So, why do people insist on sharing their itinerary

and real-time photos online when they go on vacation?

I understand the urge to share that beautiful picture on the beach with your closest 542 "friends," but know that the information you share can get into the wrong hands. A quick online search will show examples of people who have been robbed as a result of posting too much information online. All the great details of a vacation can still be shared; just wait until you get home.

Recently, some companies made news by requiring employees to share their Facebook passwords. Employers often conduct online searches of potential candidates to see what information they have posted.

Colleges also have been known to check prospective students on social media sites. Being a believer in personal privacy, this makes me a little uneasy. However, we all need to remember that the Internet is not a private place. Once information is posted online, we give up control of that information. It's important to own your digital footprint. Don't post anything that can be misinterpreted.

Even when you take all the right steps to not overshare online, others who

don't practice the same restraint can impact you. In fact, I have found myself in situations where photos of others and me at various events or activities were posted on friends' social media pages without my permission.

As much as we like to share pictures, we need to consider the other people in the photo. Posting pictures of yourself is one thing, but when you include others, you should use caution and understand the implications.

Today's Quick Tip:

Think before posting personal information online. Keep these questions in mind:

Who will see it?
What can they do with it?
Why do I want or need to share it?

To get more great information about staying safe online, including access to free monthly newsletters, webcasts and more, visit the Center for Internet Security at www.cisecurity.org.

Kristin Judge is the director of partner engagement for the Center for Internet Security, Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center. She can be reached at kristinj@msisac.org.

OUR TAKE: Editorial

Leave moral stands off of license plates

State lawmakers are considering legislation that would allow Michigan residents to buy a "Choose Life" license plate with a portion of the money going to Right to Life. The organization says the money would go to abortion prevention projects.

While many consider an abortion murder, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in 1973 in *Roe vs. Wade* that the Constitutional right to privacy extends to a woman's decision, in consultation with her physician, to terminate her pregnancy.

The same ruling says that states may prohibit abortion in the third trimester unless a woman's life or health is endangered.

Many consider abortion a moral decision, while others say it's a legal decision. Whatever the case, we don't think it's a good idea for our lawmakers to approve what amounts to a statement contesting a law.

What's next? In response, we can foresee the National Organization for Women insisting in what amounts to equal time — a license plate saying "It's a Woman's Choice," with part of the fees going to support keeping abortions legal.

Sen. Patrick Colbeck, R-Canton Township, who introduced the bill, says "it will provide drivers a way to promote abortion alternatives and protect the lives of the most helpless members of our society."

We respect his opinion, as we do for those in favor of the right to choose.

Michigan offers many fundraising specialized license plates that promote 15 universities and eight special causes like the Boy Scouts of America and lighthouse preservation.

A state license plate should not be used to promote a position on a moral and legal issue.

Hopefully, our lawmakers will agree.

—Courtesy of The Macomb Daily

Your Voice: Letters to the Editor

Editorial sparks thoughts on adoption by homosexuals

The April 12 "Our Take" editorial from The Macomb Daily ("Superintendent bullied student columnist") sent me to the Internet to find the student column that sparked the controversy (find it at <http://www.greenbaypressgazette.com/assets/pdf/U0183892114.PDF>).

To make one of his points — that from a Christian perspective, homosexuality is a detestable act and a sin — the student columnist uses two different translations of Leviticus 20:13.

One of the translations that he quotes says that both participants in homosexual activity should be put to death, and the other states that they must be put to death and their blood will be on their own heads.

While I am happy to note that the student is not advocating killing gays, the arc of this particular argument seems to be that we know that homosexuality is loathsome to God because God says homosexuals should be killed; therefore homosexuals should not be allowed to adopt.

I live as someone who has been redeemed through the blood of Christ by the grace of God. However, when a fellow Christian says that someone should not be permitted to do something because they shouldn't exist, I find it difficult to reconcile that with my own experience of grace.

In a Christian or Jewish context, this particular argument about homosexuality should undoubtedly be considered within a larger discussion of Levitical law.

In a secular context, such as a public school, this particular argument borders on hate speech, and I am not surprised that the school would take action.

I hope arguments like the one being made by the

student from Wisconsin would not be entertained in our community, but seeing that particular editorial in the local paper was discouraging.

—PS. Kudos for the excellent "Gray Matter" piece on race that appeared next to it. I'm clipping that one for my files.

Carolyn Holland
Lyndon Township

'Women are Watching' campaign supports pro-women candidates

April marks the one-year anniversary of the vote in Congress to bar Planned Parenthood from providing preventive health care through federal programs.

It's a reminder that most Americans support Planned Parenthood's critical work and that we'll take this issue into the voting booth, come November.

Fortunately, President Obama and a bipartisan Senate stood up for women's health and blocked the House of Representatives' extreme proposal.

Planned Parenthood is a trusted health care provider to one in five women at some point in her life, and if far-right members of Congress would have gotten their way, millions of people would have lost access to preventive health care, including birth control, cancer screenings, STD testing and treatment and annual exams at their preferred health care provider.

This year, women are sending a message through Planned Parenthood Action Fund's Women are Watching, womenarewatching.org, a campaign to support elected officials and candidates who stand for women's health, and to hold politicians accountable when they're on the wrong side.

They are telling politicians to stop playing politics with women's health. We are watching. And we'll be voting.

Liz Ratzloff
Planned Parenthood
Advocates of Michigan

Dad or Super Dad? You choose

Have you ever met Super Dad?

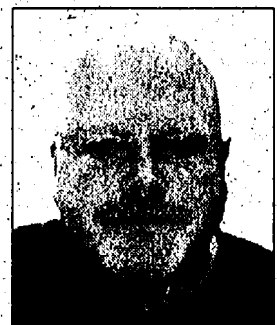
I'll introduce you to him. Super Dad is that single father who has a child or two — maybe three with a woman he is no longer in a relationship with. Most likely, she is still single and raising the children on her own, with some "help" from Super Dad, of course.

Super Dad thinks his responsibility ends when he signs his child support check each month. He thinks it's babysitting when he has to care for his children when it is not during the two weekend visits per month he received under court order.

Super Dad will often have Grandma and Grandpa watch his children during their weekend visits so he can go fishing, bowling or just out to have a few beers with the guys. But it's cool, Grandma and Grandpa love spending time with the kids.

Super Dad complains if the mother of his children asks for money for the children's school clothes, field trips, soccer registration or

GRAY MATTER



JOE GRAY

medicine.

"That's why I pay child support," he whines. Of course, Super Dad never bothers to discuss with the mother how she is spending the child support or taking the time to set up a budget to make sure the money is spent wisely. It's more constructive to tell his

friends how his ex is probably spending "his" money on some other guy.

Super Dad is quick to let everyone know when he takes time out of his busy schedule to watch one or two of his son's 15 Little League games.

"I'm a good dad," he will boast.

Super Dad doesn't help his children with homework because it's a long drive to their house. The same goes for teaching them to ride a bike or drive car.

"We can do that stuff when they are here on the weekend," he says.

What makes Super Dad so super? He's the cool parent.

He isn't around very much, so he doesn't yell or discipline his children often.

He doesn't feed the kids too many home-cooked meals, so he orders a lot of pizza. And, because the kids are over on weekends, they can stay up late and eat ice cream. That's cool. Also, once a year, Super Dad will take the kids to Disney World or on a weeklong camping trip. What a guy.

Wouldn't you have preferred Super Dad to your dad? Me neither.

Obviously, not all single fathers are like Super Dad. Many, if not most, are good men who are trying to raise fine children.

But, it is the ones who think being a dad is part-time work who bother me. I've known too many Super Dads in my life, and they all made me a little ashamed of the male species.

I am not a father, but I had a great one. I understand it is a hard job and is mostly thankless, but it's a very important responsibility. Boys and girls need a father, not just some guy who got their mom pregnant and comes around every once in a while.

There are many strong

single mothers out there who work hard to bring up their kids. But no matter how much they can bear, they need help. The same goes for single fathers. They can't do it alone. Parents need to be a team. They need to rely on each other to provide the best environment for their kids, even if they don't live in the same house.

When one parent needs a break, the other should be prepared to step in to help.

That requires good communication between the parents. It also requires an unselfish attitude. The children have to be the top priority. Don't ever let frustration toward your spouse or ex turn into some sort of neglect toward your kids.

Is your ex getting on your nerves? Yes? Too bad. Make sure that child support check is sent on time. Is it a 30-minute drive to your kids' house? Yes? So what. Make the time to be there when they need help with homework. If your ex is making it difficult to be in the same house, then take the kids to the library.

You might be thinking, "What do you know? You never had to sit up with a sick kid all night or deal with an ex-wife who makes every day miserable."

That's true, but I know one of the biggest problems facing our society is a lack of good fathers in the home.

For all you Super Dads out there, you need to put aside your selfish ways and put your kids first. If your ex is a total witch, find a way to deal with it. Maybe start off by apologizing for not being there like you should have been.

If that doesn't work, swallow your pride, shut your mouth and work to prove you are ready to be good father. You don't have to be super.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

What is done cannot be undone in Sylvan Township

I am hoping to clarify some questions on the Sylvan Township water and sewer assessments.

A lot of you have asked why you didn't get to vote on the water and sewer.

Because of the way Washtenaw County is involved, there was no provision made for a referendum. In both water and sewer, petitions came to the township from the property owners.

The wastewater was to go to an area near Cavanaugh Lake, and we got many nasty letters against this.

When the option of Leoni came up, we thought it would take care of the Cavanaugh Lake problem. It did.

When the urban area developers couldn't make their payments they found this change and that is why we got this horrendous lawsuit.

We listened to our consultant and our attorney, and the water system was put in based on future growth.

Well, we all know what happened to the economy. Now, we wish we wouldn't have done it. But I guess

we all have done things we wish we wouldn't have.

We have a school that sits in Chelsea that sits empty because it was built for growth. We are paying for that.

A lot of people use the Chelsea District Library, but, also, a lot of people don't.

Our vacant land helps pay for both of the above, as well as the people who don't use them.

The township is getting slammed on all sides about a lot of things, more lawsuits, more attorney fees.

We are a very conserva-

tive board, cutting corners wherever we can. As far as all the complaints on insurance, pension and salaries, we have life insurance because it is required by the state. Our pensions are self-funded, and the township puts in the social security match if a person opts out of social security, which a public employee has the option to do. When we draw on this, we pay taxes on all of it. As far as salaries go, we haven't had a raise in six years, and, myself, as treasurer, work many months for \$15 an hour, with all the

extra hours I put in besides required hours.

The tax bills need to be printed, checked to be sure they are all printed, folded, stuffed in envelopes, sealed and stamped.

When do you think all this gets done? We are the lowest paid in Washtenaw County. Several treasurers get an extra dollar per par-

cel for collecting summer taxes, or a flat amount.

Not Sylvan. We all do many duties on our own time to save the township money.

We do not get mileage or extra meeting wages.

Arlene J. Grau
Sylvan Township
Treasurer

Knights of Columbus grateful for everyone who helped campaign

The local Knights of Columbus Council No. 3092 would like to express their thanks to the more than 80 volunteers, many businesses and hundreds of contributors who gave their support to the Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities, formerly called Tootsie Roll Drive, March 30 through April 1.

The proceeds from this annual drive are used to fund many activities for the mentally challenged young men and women at the St. Louis Center

and those of the broader Chelsea community through Chelsea Special Education. We are proud to be part of this community and wish to express our sincere thanks to the many generous contributors who make this work possible.

Larry Kranick and Frank Pignatelli, co-chairmen
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SRSly SPRING SERIES: BY THE CHELSEA POLICE DEPARTMENT

Set an example by hosting 'dry' parties for youths

The Chelsea Police Department congratulates all of the graduating seniors in the area. Between proms and graduations, there is much to celebrate as the school year winds down.

It is also time for parents to step up and set a proper example for the young adults who will soon be leaving home and out on their own.

When parents host a party that includes non-residents of the household or non-family members, they must ensure that there is no alcohol use by anyone less than 21 years of age.

Parents who allow underage drinking in their home can be charged with furnishing

alcohol to minors. They can also be held civilly responsible if they knew or should have known that alcohol use by minors was a possibility and they did not take steps to prevent alcohol use.

Parents, we urge you not to risk a tragedy in order to be "the cool parent." It is against the law and you could be prosecuted if you allow underage drinking at your home.

If you host a party, make it "dry," with no alcohol. Give our students a fun and safe place to socialize with their peers. Communicate with other parents and talk to your kids. Explain what acceptable behavior is

and what is not. Lock up your alcoholic beverages, and, should any party attendee introduce alcohol to the party, STOP IT, SEIZE IT and do not allow those who brought the alcohol to drive away. Call the police if necessary, but it is incumbent upon parents having parties to supervise those parties.

Even if you demand all the keys from partygoers but look the other way on underage drinking, you are still breaking the law. Not only is it irresponsible, but it is a recipe for disaster.

Most students have cell phones and friends outside the party who can pick up and deliver kids and "party favors" to and

from the party. Do not allow a party "escapee" to ruin their chance for a future by being caught by the police and arrested or cited, involved in an alcohol related mishap, injured or killed. It is your responsibility, parents - do not take it lightly and keep our students safe.

If parties serving alcohol to minors are observed, please call the Chelsea Police Department immediately at 734-475-9122 ext. 1, or 911 in the case of an emergency.

If you wish to remain anonymous, call 734-475-9122, ext. 5. Officers will respond and proper enforcement actions will be taken. Please make the

call - you might save a student's bright future - or their life.

The Chelsea Police Department supports SRSly in their effort to educate parents and students to prevent tragedies. The young people of our community

are our most precious resource. Let's help them to celebrate safely.

For more information, go to www.srslychelsea.org

This column is part of a three-part series from the SRSly Coalition of Chelsea.

Youth Dance Theatre will stage classic 'Swan Lake'

In one of their most ambitious efforts to date, the dancers and volunteers of Chelsea's Youth Dance Theatre have been creating their first-ever production of "Swan Lake."

A significant undertaking for the company, this classic ballet has required many hours of rehearsal, all new costumes, updated sets and skillful choreography by Artistic Director Wendi DuBois.

"Swan Lake" tells the story of Odette, a beautiful princess cursed to be a swan by day, and Siegfried, the prince who loves her.

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If you go

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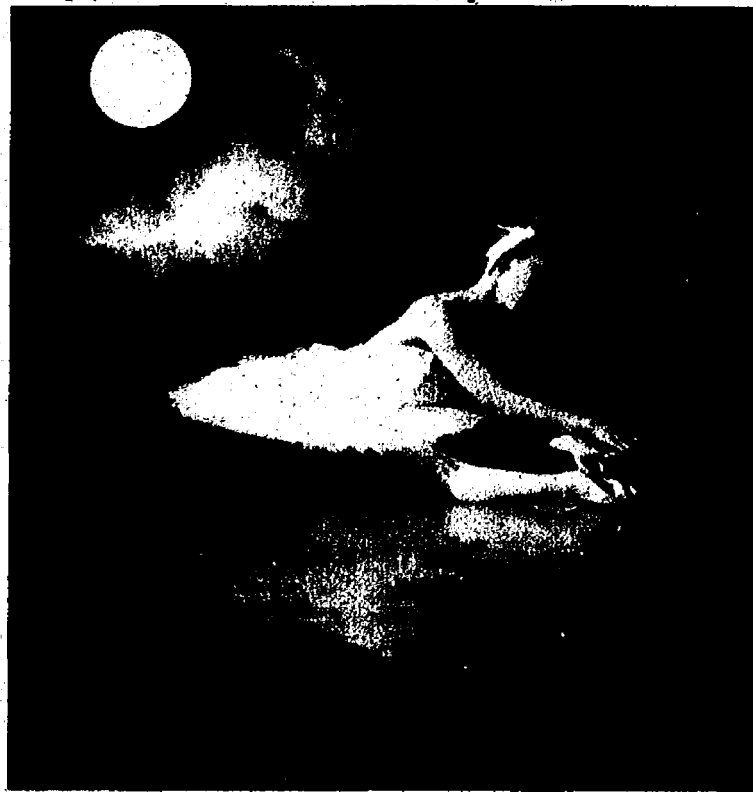


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Melissa Krienke performs in the role of Odette.

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Christ and Culture" will precede a forum for questions and answers. The public is invited to attend the worship and discuss open and inclusive societies.

Martin has studied philosophy and psychology at the University of Wisconsin and divinity at Princeton Theological Seminary.

He has served as a chaplain at Eastern Mennonite University and at Penn State University.

Martin is currently an adjunct instructor in Ojibwe studies for the Interinstitutional Consortium for Indigenous Knowledge at Penn State University.

"Growing up among the Anishinaabe people of northern Minnesota taught me to respect cultures and to appreciate diversity," Martin said. "This passion for difference has been invaluable in developing residential and educational programs for international students and visiting scholars at the University of Michigan."

Bemis said she hopes Martin's words will give those who attend the Sunday service at Webster United Church of Christ a better understanding of acceptance.

"How can people know and understand what that means?" she asked. "We want to develop ministry specifically for LGBT community. We currently help families with LGBT members," which the congregation considers an extension of WUCC's historical advocacy in favor of the anti-slavery movement and the pro women's rights and human rights movements of the past century.

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For area Muslims, faith is not a hurdle in success but traveling is a different story

Akhtar says 'profiling' biggest hurdle

By Aftab Borka
Journal Register News Service

What problems, if any, do Muslims face in the United States?
Bloomfield Hills resident Victor Ghalib Begg, who is the co-founder of the Muslim Unity Center in his community, said he has been a successful businessman and his faith was never a hurdle in his progress.

"I was elected to my school board," Begg said. "I ran, very openly, as a Muslim candidate, not necessarily on faith basis, but people knew who I am. I got elected. My kids are grown up. They are doing fine. My wife wears a hijab (head cover), goes out. She never had a problem."

But he does realize the overall picture is not similar for every Muslim. Begg blames some extremist groups in society that create problems for Muslims, just as they create problems for everyone.

"The African Americans had problems, the Jewish community had problems. There was a time when Jews couldn't buy a piece of property in my neighborhood," Begg said.

He said it's the duty of these communities to deal with it and maintain the values of this country.

His wife, Shahina Begg, is a co-founder of the inter-faith WISDOM group. She, too, said she feels "blessed" to live in America and never faced a problem because of her faith.

Dr. Adil Akhtar, chief of oncology at Troy Beaumont Hospital and president of the Pakistan American Association, too, has had a successful career in the United States. Just like the Beggs, Akhtar also believes his faith was never a problem in his professional life.

But, he said, life changes at the airports, where he has to spend "hours" every time he enters the United States from a foreign country.

"I have to spend two to three hours with the immigration people, with the customs people, just because, in my opinion, my name is different," Akhtar said. "I am sure there is some kind of list somewhere which alerts the system and then they have to go through the entire process."

He said he understands the global security threats and the necessity of a sophisticated security system at the airports. But the legal process should not be a pain for travelers, he said.

"I am not suggesting that they should not do the due process, but I think profiling is the biggest hurdle in our lives here," he said.

As far as some stereotypes relating to Muslims are concerned, Akhtar says American Muslims also have the responsibility to assimilate into society.

"Muslims, in general, have really not made a conscious effort to assimilate in the society," Akhtar said, adding that once they do that, "things will start to get better."

Shandana Shakoor, a Bloomfield Hills mother and director of Pakistan American Association, also believes traveling has become a challenge for Muslims since the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

"It's a painful process," she said. "I understand at

the end of the day it is for our safety. So, you do feel that you are profiled a lot more being a Muslim, and I have heard a lot of stories and cases within the community where people are specifically targeted and profiled just because

they are Muslims or they are from a particular region of the world."

But more than herself and people of her generation, Shakoor is

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concerned about the next generation of American Muslims who will inherit the same challenges.

"We are still the immigrant generation who

moved here and we are so much used to adopting to a new culture and new things. I think the hardest part is going to be for the coming generation: our children. They don't know anything other than America. For them,

America is their country and that's all they know," Shakoor said.

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FIRE

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including Welshans' children. Feeding and petting the animals was a big part of her 10- and 11-year-old daughters' daily routine, she said.

They kept four different breeds of rabbits that were often taken to shows and 4-H events. Robin Welshans said the steer was being raised by her 11-year-old for a 4-H fair in the summer.

"They don't do sports and stuff," she said. "This is their life."

Her young daughters attend Dexter Community Schools, which she said have been incredibly supportive. The staff there has really helped her girls deal with the tragedy.

"They've just been wonderful," she said.

It's amazing how supportive the local community is, she said, both when it comes to the fire and the recent tornado in Dexter.

People have already started contacting the families about how they can help. Farmers in California and Oregon learned of the story and offered to send some rabbits to their farm. A Girl Scouts troop, through a former coworker Welshans knows, has offered to contribute a rabbit carrier.

Because the family has been receiving calls offering donations and other aid, a website has been created to receive any donations: welshansfamilybenefit.com. A PayPal button will be added to the website.

Five area fire departments responded to the fire.

Chelsea, Dexter, Manchester, Saline and Scio Township firefighters were dispatched when calls started coming in at about 10:52 a.m. March 11. About 40 firefighters were on scene for about five hours.

Nobody was home when the fire started, Welshans and her husband, who both work at the University of Michigan, were at their jobs and their children were in school.

Scio Township Fire Chief Carl Ferch said it took firefighters about an hour to get the fire under control and confined.

"It was a pretty big fire," Ferch said.

An open burning pile on the east side of the barn has been identified as a possible cause of the fire, Ferch said.

Payeur said the fire's cause is still under investigation.

Welshans said they may never know how the blaze started. Her husband was fanatical about safety and recently had new wiring installed.

"He had taken every precaution," she said.

While insurance may pay for damage to the family home, which started smoldering on its north side from the fire, the barn was uninsured.

They tried to insure it, Welshans said, but because the barn is 150 years old it wasn't possible. In an area where more resources are available to farmers, it might have been possible to insure it. Farms in this area are

treated like businesses even when they are run by a family like their case, Welshans said.

Besides the animals, they also lost a tractor, a wagon, equipment used to create hay and many other tools the farm had amassed in its long history.

"The barn was the hub; everything was there," Welshans said.

She's sure they will get more animals again, but there is no plan yet on where things go from here.

"We don't know what we're going to do," she said.

Welshans and her husband both come from families with a farming background.

They will have been married 33 years as of July. Together they have five children. Their two youngest and 21-year-old live on the farm.

Dale Leslie, who has known the family since Douglas worked for him at Leslie Office Supply Inc., said when the Welshans were a newlywed couple their dream was to operate the farm. Despite slowly but surely realizing this dream, he said they still found it necessary to work for the University of Michigan.

They are two hard-working residents who made a commitment to provide meat, produce and eggs by laboring on the land like their forefathers, Leslie said. He said while it's not something that makes it into the public ear often, agriculture remains a significant industry in Washtenaw County.

Firefighters learned about the fire after a

neighbor saw it and called 911.

Fire personnel were on the scene until about 3:40 p.m. excavating the barn and spreading burned materials around so it could be doused with water. It is an involved process because barns have a lot of nooks and firefighters have to make sure there is nothing that will reignite.

It was difficult to get water to penetrate certain areas of the barn due to the large amount of hay and large wooden beams used in its construction, Payeur said, which are typical difficulties with barn fires.

Scio Township received a call regarding the fire at 10:52 a.m.

The fire damaged four outbuildings in the farm complex. One of the nearby buildings had some propane tanks that exploded, which accelerated the fire in that area.

Firefighters were able

to extinguish the flame to preserve all buildings on the property except for the barn. A house on the property was damaged from the fire, but the inside of the home was not damaged. The property was uninsured.

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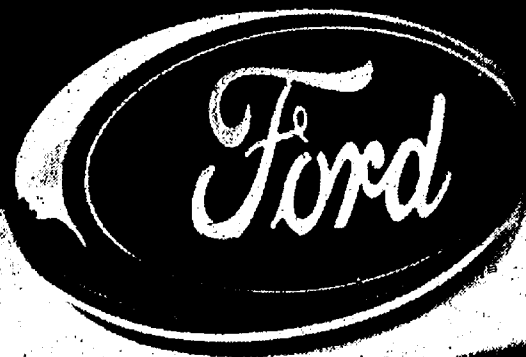
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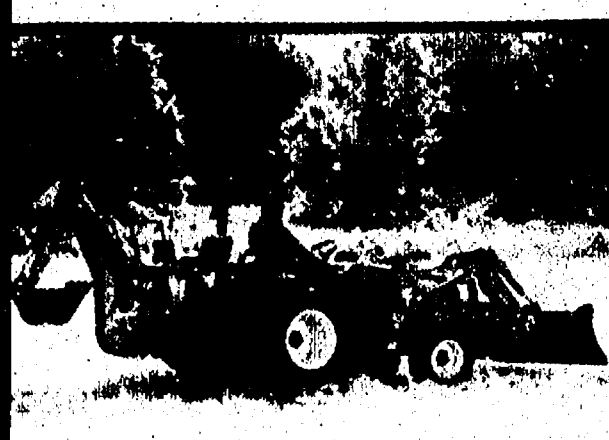
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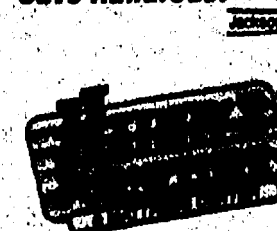
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This situation presents a challenge when planning for retirement, health insurance and other areas. But with careful planning, you may be able to continue investing for your later years, paying for medical expenses and making progress in other areas of your financial life.

Medical matters

If you find yourself without employer-sponsored insurance, consider

whether you may be able to explore the following options.

Keep in mind that your health status and your age will influence whether certain plans are available to you and how much you will pay.

Regardless of where you obtain insurance, you are likely to pay more when compared with an employer-sponsored plan, and your coverage may be less comprehensive.

■ Arrange to go on a partner's plan if you are in a long-term relationship. Increasingly, coverage is made available to unmarried partners as well as to spouses.

■ Explore whether your state makes a plan avail-

able to individuals who meet certain qualifications, such as income thresholds.

■ If you are a union member, contact your union to find out about medical insurance options.

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■ If you are self-employed, consider joining a chamber of commerce or other business organization that offers a group plan to members.

Retirement

You can continue investing for retirement even if you do not have access to an employer-sponsored plan.

■ Maintain an IRA. The maximum annual contribution is \$5,000, plus an additional \$1,000 for those aged 50 and older.

Anyone with earned income can contribute to a traditional IRA. But you must begin taking required minimum distributions, which are taxable, after age 70 and a half. To contribute to a Roth IRA, you are required to meet income thresholds established by the IRS, but RMDs are not mandatory.

■ When launching a

small business, such as yourself and one other employee, consider contacting a financial advisor who markets independent 401(k) plans. This strategy may help you stay on track when building a retirement nest egg.

■ Review assets in retirement plans you may have with former employers. When deciding how to manage these assets, be sure you understand the rules associated with the plan.

By law, you are able to roll over assets from a 401(k) plan to a rollover IRA. A direct rollover, in which the money goes directly to the firm managing the rollover IRA,

preserves the tax-deferred status of your assets.

Try to avoid a non-qualified withdrawal, which is taxable and may impact your ability to save for retirement. Rules associated with a defined benefit plan, such as a pension, may differ.

You may have to do a bit of research to find medical and retirement benefits that are suitable for your situation. However, with some legwork, you may encounter success.

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Early College Alliance earns recognition

The University Musical Society recently honored the Ypsilanti-based Early College Alliance as the 2012 DTE Energy Foundation School of the Year and Troy High School band director Brian Nutting as the 2012 DTE Energy Foundation Educator of the Year.

The awards will be formally presented Sunday during the 17th annual Ford Honors Gala in the University of Michigan Biomedical Research Building and follows a Hill Auditorium concert by Academy of St. Martin in the Fields with Joshua Bell, leader and violin.

The musical group and its leader are recipients of the 2012 UMS Distinguished Artist Award.

DTE Energy Foundation sponsors the school and educator of the year

awards through a financial commitment to UMS's Youth Education Program. This year, for the first time, the recipients were nominated through a public process.

The School of the Year award went to the Early College Alliance for its dedication and commitment to arts education, organizers said.

An educational program that strives to create successful transitions from high school to college, the Early College Alliance exists in partnership with Washtenaw County school districts and is housed on the campus of Eastern Michigan University.

Through a combination of large-scale field trips to UMS performances, pre-show preparation, performance-related book groups and post-show engagement, ECA has worked to inte-

grate the performing arts into its curriculum, preparing students with the cultural context and dialogue intended to encourage success in a post-secondary environment.

ECA is helping students look not only at the quality of the performers on stage, but at the entire cultural history, context and meaning of the work presented in UMS productions.

Nutting is honored as the Educator of the Year for his commitment to arts education at Troy High School and in the community at large.

As band director for Troy High School, Nutting has been taking student ensembles from the school to many prestigious venues, such as Carnegie Hall, the Lord-Mayor of London's New Year's Day Parade and the Michigan Music Conference.

While this track record of achievement is impressive in its own right, it is Nutting's dedication to the transformative power of the performing arts that earned him the nomination, according to the award program organizers.

Last November, Nutting established a program for students called "Takin' It to the Streets." In the program, band students perform a diverse repertoire of both classical and popular music in free community concerts that are both impromptu and scheduled all around the city of Troy.

With ensembles that range from traditional (woodwind and brass quintets) to unique combinations (jazz tubes and boomwhackers), and a percussion ensemble modeled off of the international percussion phenomenon

STOMP, Nutting's students perform in public and community spaces to demonstrate that instrumental music and classical performances are accessible.

"It's important to recognize the tremendous difference educators like Brian Nutting and educational programs like the Early College Alliance can make in the lives of young people and in the community at large," said Fred Shell, DTE Energy vice president of corporate and government affairs, in a news release. Shell is also president of the DTE Energy Foundation.

"Helping students develop an appreciation for the performing arts is something that can enrich their lives forever. We are very pleased to again sponsor the DTE Foundation Energy School and Educator of the Year

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"UMS is thoroughly impressed with the work that the Early College Alliance is doing, especially in regards to incorporating the performing arts in the curriculum," UMS President Ken Fischer said.

"The performing arts provide immediate and deeply-felt gateways to different parts of the world, different artistic visions and different moments in history and demonstrate the very best in human achievement."

Fischer added that he believed ECA understands the deep impact that performing arts can have when integrated into the curriculum.

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GAME REVIEWS:

Hosting a party? Microsoft's Kinect a sure hit

By Jeff Hoard

Journal Register News Service

Microsoft's Xbox 360 is over six years old, but it sure isn't selling like an aging console. According to NPD Group, which tracks video game sales in North America, the system sold 426,000 units in February, beating out the Nintendo Wii and Sony PlayStation 3 for 14 months straight.

The Xbox 360 is the new Wii in terms of console domination nowadays. While blockbuster games like Call of Duty: Modern Warfare 3 have much to do with sales, an add-on Microsoft released during November 2010 surely helped, too. The Kinect sensor device, which allows for controller-free gaming, has sold more than 18 million units worldwide as of January 2012.

There are plenty of games out there, both in retail and Xbox Live Arcade, that take advantage of this feature. Here are some mini-reviews of games I have tested out recently.

Dance Central 2

I'm no dancer. You won't ever see me on the club floor busting a move. Luckily, there are dancing games like this one where I can make a fool of myself in the comfort of my own home with the blinds shut.

I never played the first Dance Central, so no comparisons here. There are 44 songs to choose from, featuring a wide variety of artists like Lady Gaga, Rihanna, Donna Summer, Justin Bieber and Usher. Pretty much, you mimic the dancers on the screen, and the Kinect tracks your movements. The better your moves the higher score and ranking you get.

Each song has a difficulty ranking, and I found myself playing easier ones a lot to get used to the moves. More difficult songs like Lady Gaga's "Born This Way" will have you stumbling in a hurry if you're a rookie like me. Cue cards cycle through on the side to let you know what dance moves are coming up, but I found myself focusing more on the dancer. To ease frustrations, songs have dance patterns that can be remembered easily.

The Kinect tracking my dancing worked great. When I knew I was dancing right, the sensor did, too. However, navigating the menu got real frustrating to the point where I found it much easier to just use the controller to select options. The sensor felt touchy, and the slightest arm movements had me picking the wrong stuff all the time. The game features two-player competitive and cooperative gameplay, a campaign mode, a Break It Down feature allowing you to practice moves, voice commands, and a fitness mode to burn some calories. This is a great game to exercise to. There's also paid downloadable content to add songs to your playlist.

Dancing alone is fun, but multiplayer can bring out the laughs. My wife loves this game and kicks my butt every single time. She never played it before but jumped right in just fine. No shocker, she likes to dance, but that's OK with me. She can keep the dancing crown.

3 1/2 stars out of 4

Kinect Sports: Season 2

The classic way to show off motion-sensing technology is with sports. Nintendo did this with the very popular Wii Sports, and Sony touted Sports Champions for its Move devices. Season 2 is the sequel to Kinect Sports and adds six more activities to the mix: golf, darts, baseball, skiing, tennis and American football.

The problem with this game is not the motion controls - they worked great - but the types of sports available. Baseball, tennis and golf have been done to death for this type of gaming, and it didn't feel exciting playing these again on the Kinect. I normally like tennis and

baseball, but my favorites here were skiing and darts because they were new - to me anyway. I enjoyed leaning from side to side to control my skier and soar between flags, and carefully aiming my shots in darts to get the triple 20. American football was fun, although running all the time gets tiring real quick. Aside from traditional gameplay there are mini-games to partake in, which changes the pace a little. And maybe this is just me but I felt awkward having to swing the golf club, tennis racket or baseball bat without a controller in my hand. For example, it took me a bit to get my timing down when the pitcher threw the ball at me.

Taking on the computer does get boring after a while and more fun will be had with others around. There is Xbox Live multiplayer, but it's better if people are in the same room as you. If you party a lot, this is a good game to pick up. But if you're tired of playing baseball and golf, you won't be missing much.

2 1/2 stars out of 4

Kinect Adventures

Another compilation of mini-games, Kinect Adventures is another piece of software designed to show off the motion sensor. The goal is to collect as many adventure pins as you can, which are needed to progress through the story in Adventure mode.

Game types include: 20,000 Leaks, where you're stuck in an underwater cube and have to position your body and limbs to plug cracks caused by sea life; Rally Ball, where large balls come flying at you, and you must smack them back to destroy targets before time expires; River Rush, where you pick up pins scattered throughout a rapids course by leaning side to side to control your raft, or jumping off ramps to gain big air; Reflex Ridge, where you must avoid obstacles on a moving platform while collecting pins; and Space Pop, where you flap your arms to fly around a room and pop bubbles.

The game does a good job utilizing the sensor. In Space Pop, you can walk toward or away from it to pop bubbles in the front or back of the room, and Rally Ball is hectic fun trying to block numerous balls soaring at you.

If I had to rank them, River Rush would be my favorite followed by Rally Ball and Reflex Ridge. 20,000 Leaks and Space Pop loses its charm after a while since there's not much going on. I just wish there were more mini-games available. Adventure mode gets very repetitive as you progress through it, since you're playing the same game types over but just needing to collect a higher amount of pins than before to keep the story going.

But like in Kinect Sports: Season 2, bringing a friend along for the adventure will make things more amusing. Sharing a raft with someone else will bring out both laughter and yelling at each other. The fun factor increases with more people involved.

2 1/2 stars out of 4

Fruit Ninja Kinect

This popular smartphone app where you slice all kinds of fruit got the Kinect treatment in August 2011. The goal remains the same: Slice as much fruit as possible to achieve a high score. This time you'll be sweating up a storm doing so. This game will tire you out after a few rounds if you're really into it.

A silhouette in the background represents the player, which helps determine where to aim your swings. You can easily use both hands to create a fruit salad with no problems, but you get more points with larger swings across three, four, five or more pieces of fruit.

Game modes include Classic, which increases the difficulty over time by

tossing up more fruit and game-ending bombs; miss three fruit and it's game over. Arcade mode is timed and you have to dodge bombs that penalize your score. Slicing random bonus bananas will create a fruit frenzy or multiply your score. If you hit the pomegranate, go crazy and swing your arms like never before for monster points. Zen mode is really basic with no bombs and bonus fruit. There is also a Challenge mode where you can beat high scores from friends on your leaderboard.

You can also team up or go against a friend in multiplayer action, which is always fun. The sensor does get touchy at times, especially on the menu screen. Like in Dance Central 2, if you're not careful you may end up selecting something you don't want. Also, when I tried to dodge bombs in Classic or Arcade modes, I occasionally hit one inad-

vertently, ruining a good high score. I imagine it's much easier to navigate on a smartphone touchscreen.

My main concern is the price. It only costs \$9 cents on the iPhone, but this version costs \$10 on Xbox Live Arcade. While the presentation is charming, it's a little on the pricey side for what you get. This game is great for quick bursts, but gets monotonous and tiring after a while.

3 stars out of 4

The Gunstringer

Last but not least is this humorous, unique game from the twisted minds of Twisted Pixel. This Wild West game plays out on a theatre stage in front of a real-life audience. They've come to watch you take control of an undead marionette sheriff who has risen from the grave to seek revenge on his enemies. The developer makes great use of the audi-

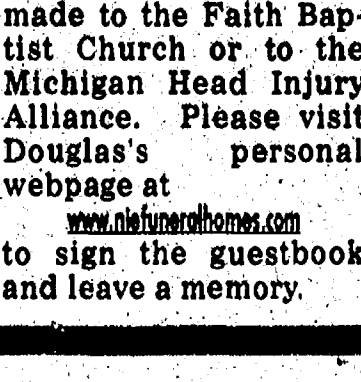
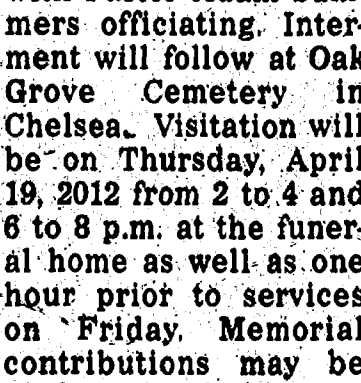
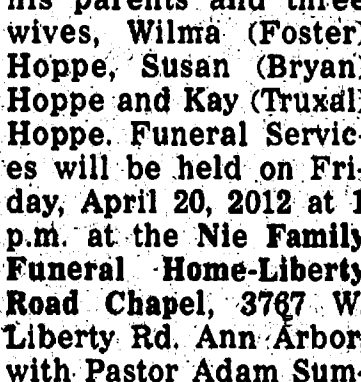
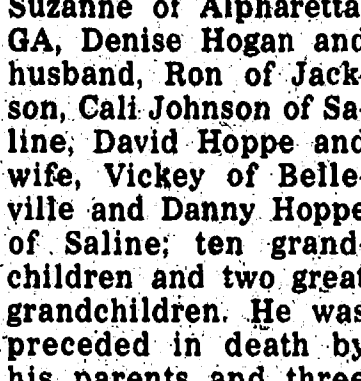
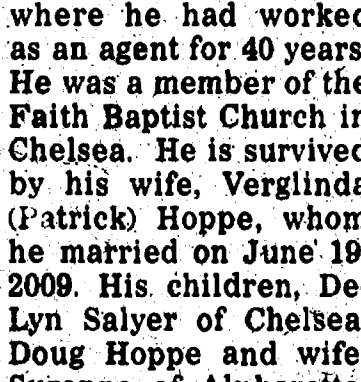
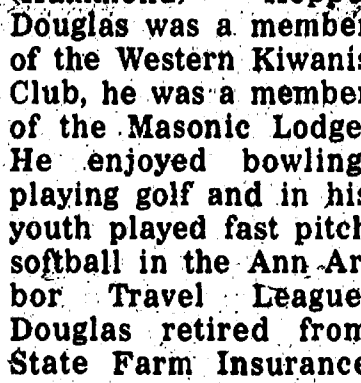
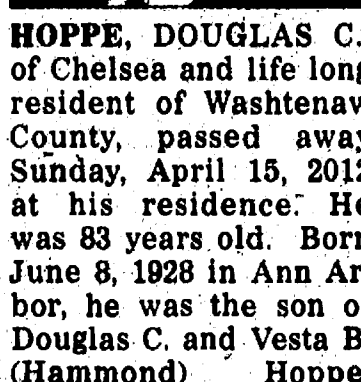
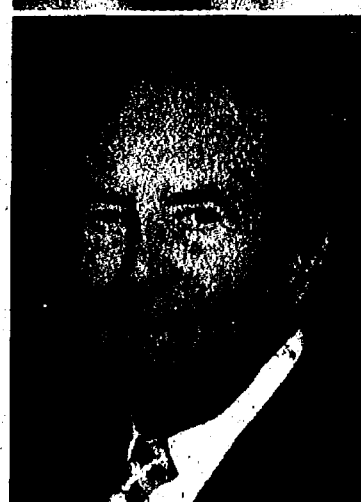
ence. During certain parts, the game will cut away to a shot of the crowd's reaction. They'll boo or applaud at the appropriate times. Adding to that are real-life hands that slam down and destroy obstacles in your path.

The controls are pretty basic. Since it plays like an on-rails shooter, all you have to do is control your angry puppet to the left or right with your left hand while he runs, and aim at targets and blast them away with your right hand. However, aiming takes a while to get used to, and sometimes the sensor will feel unresponsive and laggy, causing your reticle to jump all over the screen. But once you master it, it's simply highlighting your targets and pulling your hand back quickly to shoot the gun. Targeting multiple enemies and pulling the trigger is recommended strongly. Aside from shooting, there are moments where you'll have to punch enemies or slice

them with a sword. You'll have to dodge boulders rolling down toward you and perform timed jumps to avoid falling to your demise. There's also a cover system to hide from projectiles.

While presented well and having a variety of gameplay, it's unfortunately lacking in longevity with its \$30-\$40 price tag. The story takes only several hours to complete. However, there is plenty of unlockable content to obtain. There is also free DLC entitled The Wavy Tube Man Chronicles, a hilarious spoof of the Mad Dog McCree FMV shooter. Not to spoil much but you should download it and play it one time for the experience. It's not meant to be taken seriously, which I'm sure that's what Twisted Pixel was aiming for.

The Gunstringer also comes with a Fruit Ninja Kinect code, which slightly eases the pain of its price. It gets 3 stars out of 4



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HOPPE, DOUGLAS C.; of Chelsea and life long resident of Washtenaw County, passed away Sunday, April 15, 2012 at his residence. He was 83 years old. Born June 8, 1928 in Ann Arbor, he was the son of Douglas C. and Vesta B. (Hammond) Hoppe. Douglas was a member of the Western Kiwanis Club, he was a member of the Masonic Lodge. He enjoyed bowling, playing golf and in his youth played fast pitch softball in the Ann Arbor Travel League. Douglas retired from State Farm Insurance where he had worked as an agent for 40 years. He was a member of the Faith Baptist Church in Chelsea. He is survived by his wife, Verglinda (Patrick) Hoppe, whom he married on June 19, 2009. His children, DeLyn Salyer of Chelsea, Doug Hoppe and wife, Suzanne of Alpharetta, GA, Denise Hogan and husband, Ron of Jackson, Cal Johnson of Saline, David Hoppe and wife, Vickie of Belleville and Danny Hoppe of Saline; ten grandchildren and two great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and three wives, Wilma (Foster) Hoppe, Susan (Bryan) Hoppe and Kay (Truxal) Hoppe. Funeral Services will be held on Friday, April 20, 2012 at 1 p.m. at the Nie Family Funeral Home-Liberty Road Chapel, 3767 W. Liberty Rd. Ann Arbor, with Pastor Adam Summers officiating. Interment will follow at Oak Grove Cemetery in Chelsea. Visitation will be on Thursday, April 19, 2012 from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home as well as one hour prior to services on Friday. Memorial contributions may be made to the Faith Baptist Church or to the Michigan Head Injury Alliance. Please visit Douglas's personal webpage at www.niefuneralhomes.com to sign the guestbook and leave a memory.

KOENGETER, LOREN ALTON; of Chelsea, Michigan; age 88; passed away on Thursday, April 12, 2012 at Legacy Assisted Living in Jackson. He was born on June 6, 1923 in Freedom Twp., the son of Wilbert and Elsie (Loeffler) Koengeter. On September 8, 1945 he married Dorothy Geraldine Grau and she preceded him in death on February 20, 2010. Loren had lived in Chelsea his entire life and was a life-long member of Zion Lutheran Church, Chelsea, where he was also a Church Council member. He graduated from Chelsea High School in 1941 and was Kiwanis Farmer of the Year in 1989. He was a member of 4-H; the Washtenaw County Livestock Council, and a former Chelsea Fair Board member. Loren exhibited at the Junior Livestock Show at the Michigan State Fairgrounds. Surviving are three children, Nancy (Garry) Hopkins of Galesburg, Donald (Wanda) Koengeter of Chelsea, and Robert (Dee) Koengeter of Chelsea; eight grandchildren, Todd, Scott, Amy, Daniel, Beth, Lisa, Laura, and Joe; eight great grandchildren; and his brother and sister-in-law, Lloyd (Arlene) Grau of Chelsea. In addition to his wife, he was preceded in death by his parents. A Funeral Service will be held on Monday, April 16, 2012 at 11 a.m. at Zion Lutheran Church with Rev. John Morris officiating. Burial will follow at the church cemetery. The family will receive friends at the Staffan-Mitchell Funeral Home on Sunday from 4 to 8 p.m. and at the church on Monday from 10 to 11 a.m. Expressions of sympathy may be made to Zion Lutheran Church.

STEINAWAY, KEITH DAVID; Saline, MI; age 57; passed away April 11, 2012; at the Evangelical Home Saline. Born October 5, 1954 to Kathryn and Veryl Steina-way. Keith waged a courageous ten year battle with Multiple Sclerosis, facing each new challenge with a positive outlook. He was employed at the University of Michigan Medical Center for 30 years. Keith was very active in the Dexter Lions Club, where he was a life member and past President, along with numerous other offices. One of his favorite activities was selling Christmas trees with the group each December. Keith enjoyed many hobbies including remote control car racing, camping, and card playing. Keith was an avid follower of NAS-CAR and an enthusiastic Michigan football fan. For years he spent football Saturday's taking tickets at Gate 10 with his father, brother and sister. Keith was preceded in death by his father. He is survived by his mother; his siblings, Gary and Kit Steina-way of Ann Arbor, Karen and Miles Bowen of Tehachapi, CA, and Jeanine Steina-way of Ann Arbor. Funeral Services were held Monday, April 16, 2012 at St. Paul United Church of Christ in Chelsea. Jim Coyl officiated. Burial followed at Oak Grove Cemetery, Chelsea. The family received friends on Sunday. In lieu of flowers, donations are welcome to the Evangelical Home Saline or the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. Arrangements by Cole Funeral Chapel.

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Son wears mask to shed light on blindness

For entire month, Lane wore blindfold

By Catherine Kavanaugh
Journal Register News Service

Brian Lane's world faded away when he put a black mask over his eyes to see — and not see — what it is like for his mother, who lost her sight following a fall 14 years ago.

But this is no simple exercise in empathy, like students who put on blindfolds for a class.

For the entire month of March, Lane, 31, wore three kinds of masks that simulate vision impairments classified as legally blind.

Lane also wore neon T-shirts that beg the question "Ask me why" as he goes about his day. He is trying to raise awareness and money for research that could restore sight for others, especially his mother, Terry Lynn Lane, 60.

One week, Lane is wearing a mask with pinholes that give him tunnel vision, blocking his view of everything not happening right in front of his face. His mother has no peripheral vision in her right eye. He also put a piece of plastic wrap over the right hole of the mask because she only sees a blur of light with that eye. Her left eye picks up some color but mostly distorted shadowy figures.

Brian Lane said he didn't really know what his mother went through until he put on the mask March 1.

"It can be really frustrating," he said. "It's like looking through two straws. It's



For the entire month of March, Brian Lane, 31, is wearing three kinds of masks that simulate vision impairments classified as legally blind.

hard. I have to feel when I walk. I step carefully in case the ground slopes. I count the stairs, I feel off balance a lot."

He said he also felt startled and momentarily vulnerable March 7, when someone came up to him at the South Oakland Business Expo.

"He grabbed my hand and put something in it," Lane said. "Before I could figure out that it was a \$100 bill, he was gone. I didn't get a chance to thank him."

Lane has raised about \$800, so far, for the Bascom Palmer Eye Institute in Florida. He would like to be able to donate \$20,000 at the end of the month and \$5,000 to FiftyTwo4Mom, a nonprofit group he started to raise awareness of optic nerve disorders and fund assistance programs.

"They are doing good research at Bascom and have had some success in animal testing," Lane said. "We want to help fund more."

Lane said he thinks vision disorders don't get a lot of attention or funding, in part because they aren't terminal.

"Lives aren't being

lost, but lives are being changed," he said. "I want people to know there are all kinds of blindness."

On Saturday, he will switch to a mask that gives him only central vision, and then he will spend the last 11 days in total blindness.

Lane does take the mask off if he has to drive for work or needs to see at work, but he accepts every challenge he can. He bumps into things. He misplaces things. He touches "decline" on his phone when he wants to "accept" calls. He longs to see the blue sky on an unseasonably warm day.

"I'm sad my mom can't enjoy the sun," he said. "After the first day, I called her and apologized. This is how she has seen for 14 years. I was always proud of her, but I had no idea how difficult it is. I'm a thousand times more appreciative of her."

Terry Lynn Lane was working as a patient care attendant at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Pontiac in 1997 when she slipped on a wet floor and broke her leg in three places. The next week, with her leg in a cast, she was hobbling to the door of her house when she tripped and hit her head on the concrete. She suffered a brain injury and immediately lost her short-term memory.

However, the brain injury wasn't evident right away because Terry Lynn Lane forgot about the fall right after it happened. A few months later, she wondered why the television looked fuzzy. She covered her left eye and discovered she couldn't see out of her right eye. Her doctors thought it might be related to high



Brian Lane will be wearing three types of masks to simulate visual impairments in an effort to understand blindness and raise funds for research to help people like his mother, who lost her sight 14 years ago. He is shown walking inside and outside.

blood pressure.

For the next seven months, Terry Lynn Lane rehabilitated her leg and learned to drive and perform her work duties with one good eye. She put her life back together until a year later. One day at work, the vision in her left eye rapidly grew dim.

Three weeks later, doctors determined optic neuropathy was the cause. Terry Lynn Lane started a steroid treatment that saved a little bit of sight in her left eye.

"I was so scared," she said. "Your world changes so fast. I couldn't go back to the job that I loved so much. It was a blessing to me. I tried to stay upbeat, but

there was a time I couldn't enjoy dining out and I'm glad I never wore a lot of makeup because I couldn't put it on."

Her family saw her through a long adjustment period fraught with other falls that resulted in two broken feet and many twisted ankles.

They also fill her life with new and old favorite activities. She listens to audiobooks, takes walks with her husband, Michael, to feed the ducks, enters 5K fun runs, gets to college basketball games, and brags about Brian and her other son, Christopher.

"Our children are a gift," she said. "I worry

about Brian doing this and warned him not to go places out his comfort zone. He wants to step in his shoes to help me and others. He told me, 'Mom, you could be first in line for research studies. I do want to see again.'"

Even if he doesn't come near his fundraising goal, Brian Lane said he will feel he has accomplished something.

"People are thinking about visual impairments now so it has served that purpose," he said. "And I have a better understanding of my mom."

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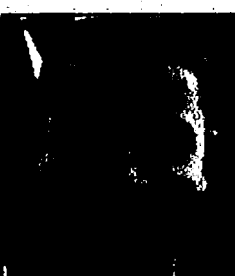
Documentary looks at Detroit's modern history

By Joe Ballor
Journal Register News Service

When Daniel Falconer and Andrew Rodney began research for their documentary on Detroit's modern history, they quickly discovered how complex the factors are that contributed to the Motor City's rapid decline.

"The real story we were finding was the one in the details and in the lesser discussed parts of it," said Falconer, who produced, directed and co-wrote "DeForce: America's Past, America's Future. Detroit's Present," was screened in March at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History in Detroit.

"We don't even talk about the loss of jobs in the auto sector, which is obviously

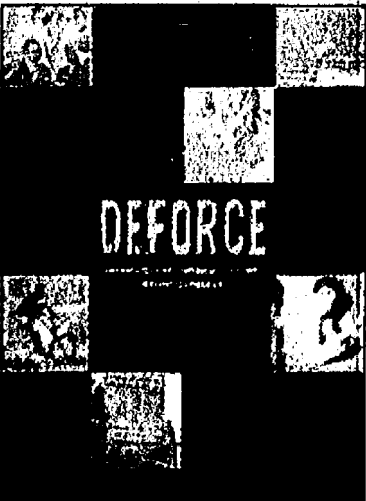


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huge in this area. We felt like that would be akin to saying that the movie is set on Earth. You know that walking into the theater. But, what you don't know about, maybe, are things like housing policy, (or) how disproportionately the drug war has impacted Detroit."

Falconer, 28, was born in Detroit and grew up in Oak Park, Berkley and Southfield. He graduated from Groves High School in 2001 and studied at New York University's Tisch School of the Arts. At Groves, Falconer was classmates with Rodney, executive producer and co-writer of "DeForce."

"He had seen a short film ('On My Own') that I had made and took it as enough of an indicator that we could make something professional if we had the right money," Falconer said. "He knew he could trust me with his project, which was nearer and dearer to him at that time than it was to me. It didn't take long to enlist me. I found the subject to be very



gripping. It's extremely relevant to me in a personal way because I'm from this region, but I think I would be intrigued by it if I were from anywhere in the country, because it's just such a story."

Delving into Detroit history produced many facts that surprised the youthful filmmakers.

For example, Falconer learned about the overt nature of racism in policy, and that black citizens were limited in housing opportunities by more than just intimidation.

"I didn't realize that it was written into the city charter, that black people and Jewish people were not allowed," Falconer said. "I didn't realize that as recently as the '50s and '60s, not just pre-World War II, that that stuff was going into local city charters. That shocked me."

So did the mismanagement of funds. For example, one of the numerous interesting facts in the film shows that Detroit Public Schools purchased five floors of the Fisher Building as its headquarters for \$24.1 million, more than the entire building was purchased for only a year earlier (\$21.7 million).

"Then they spent another \$14 million on top of that, which was about half the cost of the building again, just to renovate those floors," Falconer said.

The film utilizes an impressive collection of video and still photos from sources including the Burton Historical Collection at the Detroit Public Library and the Walter P. Reuther Library at Wayne State University. Famed documen-

tary filmmaker Ken Burns describes "DeForce" as "an essential study of an iconic industrial aftermath. The ceaseless trials of Motown are brought to life as never before."

"DeForce" has been screened at numerous film festivals, including the Message to Man Film Festival in St. Petersburg, Russia; the Bradford International Film Festival in England; the Mexico City Film Festival; and Michigan festivals such as the Waterfront Film Festival in Saugatuck and the Hell's Half Mile Film & Music Festival in Bay City.

The film includes interviews with experts and community leaders, including investigative reporter M.L. Elrick; Reynolds Farley, research professor emeritus with University of Michigan's Population Studies Center; Judith Jackson, president and CEO of YouthVille Detroit; Michigan Chronicle senior editor Bankole Thompson; and the Rev. Kevin Turman, pastor of Second Baptist Church of Detroit.

It also includes interviews with some of Detroit's inner city residents. Falconer was surprised how easily he interacted and communicated with them. It also depressed him to realize how similar people are as individuals, but how disparate opportunities can affect their life choices.

"Seeing how readily we could make each other laugh and get along was very, very positive for me. It made me sad because it reaffirmed how artificial and manmade the divisions between us are."

Falconer hopes that the movie will enlighten viewers and make them realize that poor Detroit citizens face similar challenges to victims of hurricanes or tsunamis, but who don't realize the benefits of fundraisers and media campaigns that assist disaster victims.

"I just don't see that sense of urgency for our inner cities, which are absolutely Third World in nature. We should be

ashamed, as Americans, that we have Americans living there in those conditions.

"You're not really try-

ing to change the world with a documentary. It's going to be people who change the world. You just hope that you can

increase awareness."

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Scouts to hold cookie fundraiser for soldiers

Girl Scouts from Chelsea and Dexter will be out at the Chelsea U.S. Post Office, at M-52 and Old U.S. 12, giving everyone a last-second chance to buy Girl Scout Cookies 4-6 p.m. April 26.

But the Scouts won't be there just for cookies. The troops will also be taking donations to raise funds for cookies for soldiers and the cost needed to ship them overseas.

The troops, including, Chelsea Brownie Troop No. 41629, Brownie Troop No. 41629, Junior Troop No. 41095, Junior Troop No. 40211, Cadette Troop No. 41807 and Dexter Junior Troop No. 40082 have raised 135 boxes of Girl Scout Cookies for soldiers, with an overall goal of 170 boxes - one for each soldier in the 1462nd Transportation Company of the Army National Guard out of Howell.

The project, Operation: Make Them Smile! was spearheaded by Ms. Yekulis, a kindergarten teacher at Klager Elementary School in Manchester, who found out in December 2011 that the father of a boy in her class was being sent overseas.

The father is a member of the 1462nd Transportation Company.

Each month, the class made a care package and, with financial support from the local Knights of Columbus Cardinal O'Hara Assembly 0489 Fourth Degree, they sent them overseas to this unit. They filled stockings, made lifesaver trains, created valentines, baked cookies and, this month, sent Easter Eggs filled with candy with the help of Mrs. Haeussler's kindergarten class.

After seeing how happy the children were to help keep these soldiers smiling, Chelsea Brownie Troop No. 41629 set a goal to raise donations of 170 boxes of Girl Scout Cookies, one per soldier, to send to this unit.

Knowing that they were limited in the amount of time to raise money, they asked other Girl Scout Troops to team up with them.

The Girl Scouts have also invited the Chelsea Area Fire Department and police department to the event, and the two agencies will be bringing out a fire truck and a police car for kids to see.

If you are unable to make it on Thursday, but would still like to make a donation, please contact Kim Kachur at 734-929-7064.



The 1462nd Transportation Company of the Army National Guard out of Howell poses for a photo. The soldiers will each receive a box of Girl Scout cookies. Girl Scouts from Chelsea and Dexter include Nancy Neff (back, left), Abbie Bough, Emily Chizek, Olivia Prodin, Maddy Scheese, Ava Mater, Kim Kachur, Emma Loy (front, left), Keller Johnson, Amelia Robinson, Michelle Armitz and Julie Merillat.



Community band celebrates 30 years with upcoming concert

The Dexter Community Band will celebrate its 30 season of concerts on April 29 with a concert featuring dance music.

The concert, "Let's Dance," starts at 3 p.m. and will be held in the Dexter Center for the Performing Arts in Dexter High School, 2200 N. Parker Road.

The concert will feature "Pineapple Poll," a suite from the ballet of the same name. This music was written by Arthur Sullivan and arranged for band by Charles Mackerras. John Phillip Sousa is known for his marches, but he also wrote a waltz. The band will present "La Reine De La Mer" Valse, "Symphonic Dance Music" from "West Side Story" is Leonard Bernstein at his best. This work includes a mambo, cha-cha and some hot jazz. Diane Telgen, the band's principal flute, will perform "The Wren Polka" by E. Damare.

One does not think of a military band playing a waltz, but Rocus Van

Yperen has arranged the "Waltz" from the play "Masquerade" composed by A. Khachaturian for full military band.

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The Dexter Community Band began 30 years ago inspired by the desire of Chris Wall, then-director of Dexter School's Community Education programs, to have a local town band. Dave Angus was the founder and first conductor of the band.

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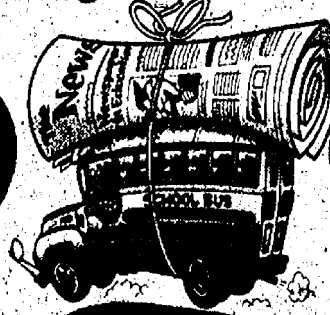
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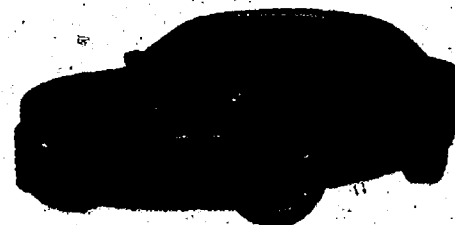
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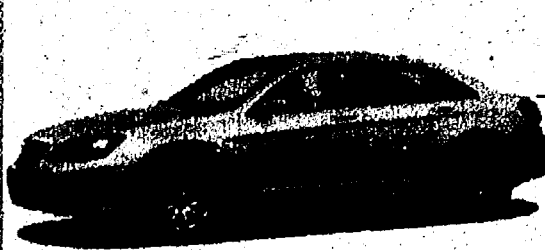
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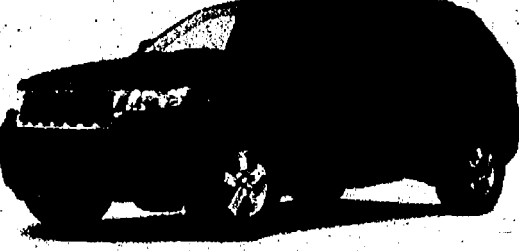


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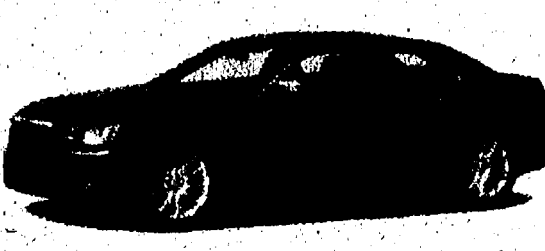


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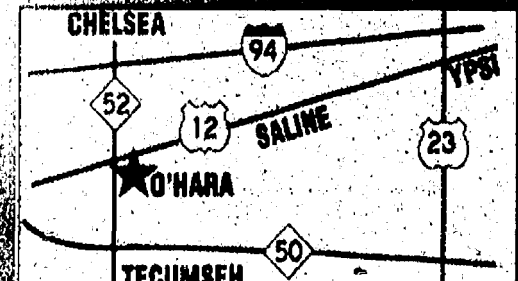


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Springing into football



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Michigan quarterback Denard Robinson and wide receiver Roy Roundtree take the field for the Wolverines' spring football game on Saturday.

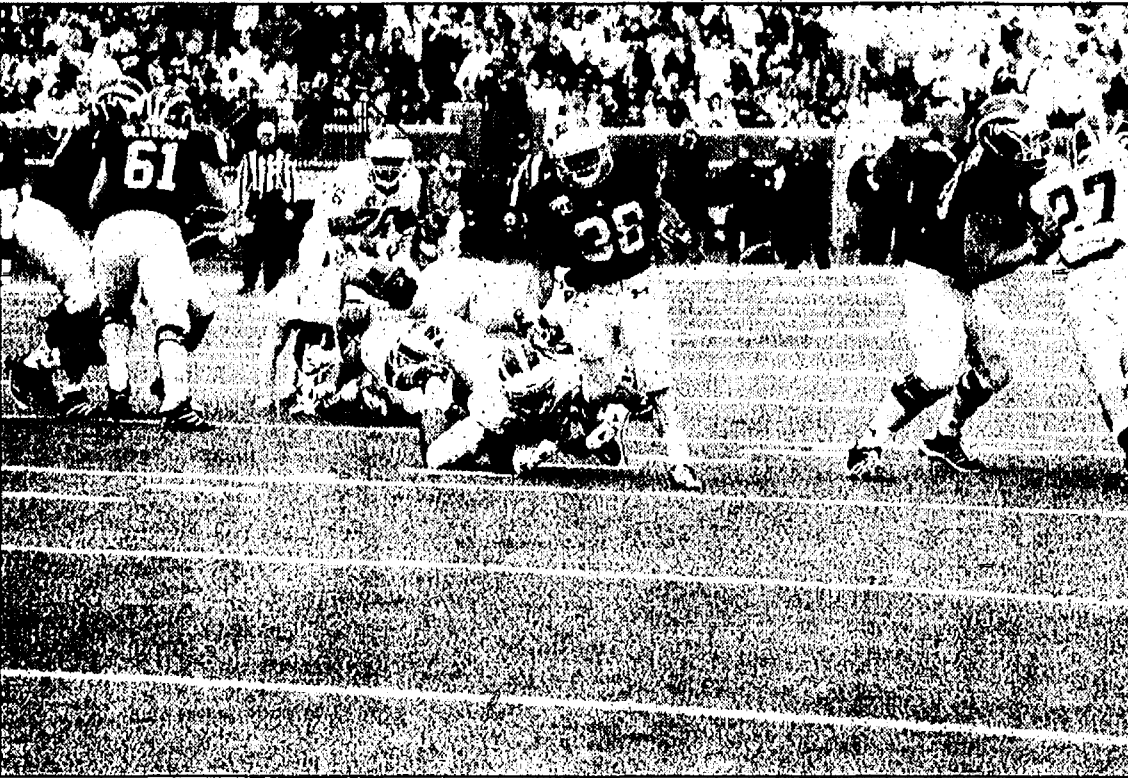


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Running back Fitz Toussaint finds the open field during Saturday's spring game.



Photo by Randy Castro

The Michigan football team gathers prior to the annual spring game.

U-M spring game brings some pleasant surprises

By Randy Castro
Heritage Media

While its star player was on the sideline for much of the action Saturday, the Michigan offense wasn't without a few playmakers.

Though it may not have been who you were expecting.

Sophomore running back—and apparent backup to Fitzgerald Toussaint—Thomas Rawls

stood out during Team 133's Spring Game at Michigan Stadium Saturday afternoon. Rawls carried the ball nine times for nearly 40 yards and scored on a pair of touchdowns.

"I think Thomas has had a good spring," coach Brady Hoke said. "He's one of those guys—when you look at the body of work—I really think, his physicalness, he's hard to tackle."

"I think he's a good foot-

ball player."

Rawls, listed at 5-foot-10 and 219 pounds, is considered a change of pace from the elusive Toussaint, who emerged as the clear front-runner out of the Michigan backfield a season ago.

"He's a battering ram-type guy," offensive coordinator Al Borges said. "When Thomas hits you, you're going to feel him."

As for the rest of the offense, the Wolverines

didn't put much on display. Quarterback Denard Robinson played just one series—completing two passes and recovering a fumbled snap—before handing over the first-team offense to Devin Gardner.

Following the scrimmage, Robinson said he is working on his passing efficiency heading into his second year with Borges. Listed among his areas of focus were throwing

mechanics and decision making.

"As a quarterback... you've got to be the No. 1 person that tells the team there's no turnovers," Robinson said. "We've got to keep the team going."

"Turnovers [were] a big factor last year. They kept a lot of teams in the game."

Though Robinson—and the rest of the offensive firepower—was all but reined in for the roughly

25,000 fans in attendance Saturday, Borges attests the Wolverines have made significant strides during spring practice.

"We got a lot of questions answered I think," he said. "We had a chance to do some experimenting, although we didn't use any of it today."

"But we did some things...and turned another page in our offensive approach."

White team earns EMU spring game win

The Eastern Michigan University football team put the finishing touches on the 2012 spring drills with the Cueter Chrysler Spring Game Sunday, April 15, in Rynearson Stadium.

Despite dodging some early rain drops, the day turned out perfect with the players putting on a hard-hitting exhibition with the

offense, in white jerseys, taking on the defense, in black jerseys.

The White Team recorded an 8-7 win in the scoring system that awarded both teams points.

"I loved the offensive line," said fourth-year Head Coach Ron English in his postgame radio interview. "I think we have depth

there and I think we are going to be pretty good up front."

The line helped the Eagles' running game account for five touchdowns on the ground, including a pair from sophomore Ryan Brumfield and Bronson Hill.

Additionally, sophomore Tyler Allen electrified

the crowd with a kickoff return for a touchdown.

While he was happy with his offense, English was not as thrilled with the effort of his defense.

"The worst thing that I saw today was our eyes on defense," said English. "The defensive front is coming along, the linebackers are decent, the safety

position... we have a long way to go."

With that being said though, English still feels that his football team is ready to compete for a Mid-American Conference West Championship during the 2012 season.

"We are further along in our development overall," English mentioned. "I

think we have a chance. I think we have to get a lot better like everybody at this time of the year feels. I believe that if we play well, we will have a chance."

Following the game, some of the top performers during spring drills were presented with awards by the EMU Sports Performance Staff.

Local gymnasts claim USAG state championships

Seven gymnasts from Gym America in Ann Arbor won individual state championships at the USAG State Gymnastics Championships over the weekend in Lansing. Among the champions were three girls from Saline: Erika Myers, Hannah Lewis and Alex Wagner.

The event, which was held at the Summit in Lansing, attracted about 600 of the best gymnasts from throughout Michigan, competing for state titles in Levels 7-10.

Gym America's team competed in Levels 7, 8 and 9, and won individual state championships at each level. The Ann Arbor gym

also did very well in the team competition. In Level 7, Gym America placed third out of 35 teams from across the state. The Level 8 team finished in sixth place, while the Level 9 team took eighth place.

In Level 9, Emma Kerber of Ann Arbor won two state championships for Gym America, winning the balance beam and floor exercise in her age group. She scored a 9.375 in both events to take the titles. Kerber also placed second in the all-around.

Gym America's other Level 9 gymnasts also fared well at the meet, all of them qualifying for regionals with their scores. Leah Clapper took fourth on



Gym America's Level 7 team hoists the banner after taking third place (out of 35 teams) at the USAG State Gymnastics Championships over the weekend in Lansing. From left, Coach Brian Zook, Head Coach Claudia Kretschmer, Nicole Bow, Jenna Gileczek, Laurel Dudek, Angela Daman, Hannah Lewis, Riley Meeks, Samantha Fontana, Amelia Moorehouse, Coach Sarah Osburn and Coach Steph Harrigan. Not pictured: Alex Wagner, Naya Haynes, Ling Peng, Megan Black and Seanna Mueller-King.



From left, Alex Wagner (a seventh-grader at Saline Middle School), Hannah Lewis (a freshman at Saline High School) and Erika Myers (a sophomore at Saline High).

floor and sixth on beam; Taylor Helber placed third on beam; Morgan Bradford took fourth on beam; and Darby Slater placed sixth on beam.

In Level 8, Gym America had two state champions - Katie Black of Pinckney on the uneven bars (9.450) and Erika Myers of Saline on balance beam (9.350). Black was also second in the all-around.

All of Gym America's Level 8 gymnasts also

qualified for regionals. Myel Ristenblatt was second on vault and third on bars; McKenna Linnen was second on beam; Bianca Allen placed third on bars; Camille Burt took sixth on beam; Amelia Hill placed ninth on vault; Mara Santiz was 10th on beam; Lilli Paquin placed 10th on vault; Cali Harden took 10th on bars; and Addison Neff was 12th on beam.

In Level 7, Gym America

had four state champions. Hannah Lewis of Saline was a state champ in two events, winning the vault (9.725) and uneven bars (9.375).

Amelia Moorehouse of Gregory was also a state champion in two events, taking first in the balance beam (9.450) and floor exercise (9.50). Riley Meeks of Ann Arbor won the state title in the floor exercise (9.475), while Alex Wagner of Saline captured the

vault title (9.575).

Also placing for Gym America at Level 7 were Laurel Dudek, second place on vault; Samantha Fontana, third on vault; Naya Haynes, third on vault; Ling Peng, fourth on bars; Nicole Bow, fourth on vault; Jenna Gileczek, fourth on vault; Seanna Mueller-King, fourth on floor; and Megan Black, 12th on vault.

Whippets field hockey team seeking eager players

By Sharon Kegerreis
Special Writer

Field hockey is a fast-action sport that combines skill, speed and endurance to move a ball from teammate to teammate before it is whipped into the net. It's one of the oldest sports in history and is played all over the world.

The Washtenaw Whippets field hockey club in Chelsea is an active, exciting program that, in combination with other clubs and camps, offers year-round playing for girls in 9th to 12th grade. Girls within this grade range for the 2012-13 school year are invited to attend the registration meeting on May 30 at the Washtenaw Street Education Center at 6 p.m. to learn more about the program and sign up for summer Whip-It Field Hockey Camp and to play field hockey as a Washtenaw Whippets in the fall. No experience is required and all girls are invited to join the team. Girls in seventh and eighth grades are invited to participate in Whip-It camp.

Washtenaw Whippets is one of 23 teams in the Michigan High School Field Hockey Association. Coaches Roxy Block and Leslie Fry established the club in 2004 when their daughter, Corey Block, started high school in Chelsea. Corey will play her fourth season on Michigan State University's field hockey team as a red shirt senior this upcoming season.

Corey is coaching Whip-It camp, along with Fry, for which 7th to 12th grade girls are invited to sign up now through Chelsea Community Recreation. Girls will develop stick and ball handling skills and learn how to play the game of field hockey. The deadline is June 15 for the camp, which runs June 18-22.

So, what exactly is the game of field hockey? Field hockey is a fall high school sport that consists of two teams of 11 on the field. The object is to hit the ball down the field and into the shooting circle (actually a half circle) and into the net. Players use the flat side of the stick to move the ball from player to player without the ball hitting feet and without excessive over-the-shoulder swinging of the stick. In fact, the rules of play state the ball is not to be raised above the knees and the stick cannot be raised above the shoulders when other players are around. Field hockey is a non-contact sport, so pushing and shoving between players are not allowed. Players hold various positions, such as defense, mid, forward and goalie, and wear protective mouth guards, shin guards and goggles. Sticks, balls and

shin guards can be rented through the club for the playing season. The game ignited in the United States in 1901 after Englishwoman Constance Applebee introduced field hockey to Bryn Mawr College in Pennsylvania and Vassar College in New York.

In 1922, the United States Field Hockey Association was established. Nearly 50 years later, high school and collegiate field hockey began in Michigan after the University of Michigan and Michigan State University established teams in the early 1970s. This summer, cheer on USA's women's field hockey team at the 2012 London Olympics.

"Field hockey is a sport with great strategy and teamwork and plenty of running and hand-eye coordination," says Coach Block. "Everyone plays for the love of the sport - not just to beat the other team. It's a great community of players, coaches, parents and fans."

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Washtenaw Whippets is a club sport consisting of Chelsea, Manchester and Pinckney players. The club formerly consisted of Dexter and Saline girls until the school districts established varsity and junior varsity (JV) teams. 2010 was a rebuilding year and by the fall 2011, the Washtenaw Whippets club was back up to 27 players with varsity and JV teams. The Chelsea School District recognizes the club team as a high school sport and awards Varsity letters.

"Last year was a very young team with seven 8th grade players," says Coach Block. "Players have taken advantage of the many opportunities to play field hockey in the off season and to build knowledge and skills. We are very excited about the prospect of the 2012 season. We have 11

returning Varsity players and most are involved in the USFHA Futures program and other off-season playing opportunities. They are committed to the sport and their playing is showing it." Five athletes from the Whippets Varsity team participated in Disney's Field Hockey Showcase in February, as part of Ann Arbor's Pinnacle Club program. The Pinnacle Club operates sessions nearly year-round with a focus on improving technical skills.

This spring, 11 Washtenaw Whippets are playing in the US Field Hockey Association's Futures Program. The girls were invited to participate in the program after participation in camps, like Pinnacle Club and Michigan State University's summer field hockey camp, and at Futures try-outs. According to the USFHA, the purpose of the Futures program is to develop the "best athletes" for future Olympic play and to "strengthen the level of field hockey throughout the United States."

The program entails 27 hours of training before girls compete in a regional tournament on May 20 and 21 at Michigan State University. The most-skilled girls are then invited to play in a national tournament and guided to other opportunities to hone skills for potentially playing on a future Olympics team. Last year, as a seventh grader, Maggie Cole of Chelsea played in the national tournament in Virginia Beach. As eighth graders, Maggie and her twin sister Meghan were honored as top State All Division III players after the fall 2011 season.

The Washtenaw Whippets club team is open to all girls entering 9th to 12th grades for the 2012-2013 school year. At the May 30 registration meeting, information will be shared, including participation cost and game and event schedule. For immediate information and to register online for Whip-It Field Hockey Camp and for the 2012 Washtenaw Whippets playing season, visit michiganhsfieldhockey.com.



Maddie Ingalls avoids a defender during a Washtenaw Whippets contest.

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Meghan Cole makes a move for the Washtenaw Whippets field hockey team.

Dreads hold off Bulldogs

Alex Hardie
Guest Writer

Green grass, sunny, dry and mid-50s temperature. What a great day for a Dexter vs. Chelsea soccer match.

In an early season match-up between league rivals in a non-league game, Dexter continued to do what was needed for a win.

When these two teams meet, it doesn't matter what the records are, it's going to be a hard-fought match. Last year, the two teams met three times. First, the non-league opener for both teams and a 1-0 win for Dexter. Then a 2-2 tie in the final SEC game for both teams, with the Dreads having already won the league title.

Finally, a heart wrenching, agonizing, hair pulling, ulcer building, nail-biting (do you get the idea?) 2-2 draw in regulation time, two overtime periods, and then the penalty kick shootout in the district final with Dexter winning.

Both teams knew going into the match that they had the ability to add to this rivalry.

The Dreadnaughts started off strong, developing some good attacking chances but couldn't score.

Then 13:45 into the game, the Dreadnaughts had a couple of good shots on goal before junior Alex Dinser fired a knee high laser into the back of the net. The play started with a great through

ball from Victoria Pepper to Olivia Vollmers. The Dexter forward lofted a shot toward the Chelsea net that grazed the crossbar. The Dreads had a hard shot knocked away by a Chelsea defender standing on the goal line before Dinser finally put the ball in the net.

The Dreadnaughts continued to put pressure on the Chelsea defense for the remainder of the half without giving the visiting Bulldogs any solid chances.

With Dexter ahead 1-0, both teams began the second half like it was the beginning of the game. With the Bulldogs adjustments, they began to have more ball possession and were able to develop some scoring opportunities.

Any chance Chelsea had in getting the equalizer were equally met by defenders Madison Judge, Celina Sunesen, Andrea Kimble and Jaimie Verbal. The few shots that got past this were met with the solid goalkeeping of Sarah Silvani.

A formation change by Dexter then limited the opportunities the Chelsea team found early in the second half. It also gained back some of the ball possession and scoring chances that they had in the first half.

Still, Chelsea was up to the task and didn't allow the Dreads an insurance goal.

Dexter improved their record to 2-1-0.

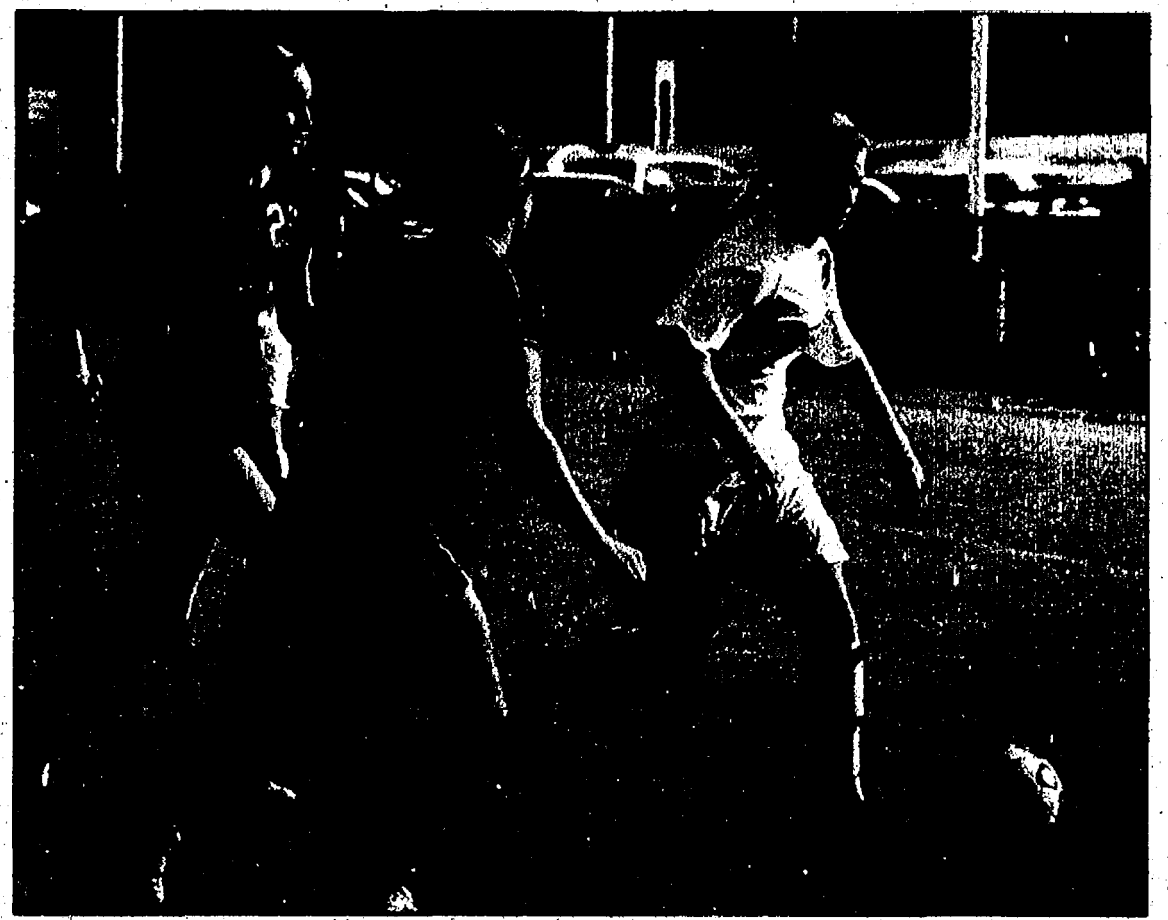
fell to 0-2 after a tough loss on Tuesday to Detroit Country Day.

"It's a good feeling getting a win over Chelsea," said Dexter coach Scott Forrester. "They always bring their 'A' game when they play us. This rivalry has become healthier in that it is a good hard physical game."

"I am impressed on how we came out and put pressure on them from the very first second of the match. We continued to create some solid scoring chances...that's the hard thing to coach. Now we must do what is easy, to finish on those chances."

Forrester said several of his players stood out against the Bulldogs.

"Left back Jaimie Verbal played great, Victoria Pepper is the glue for our team and played a very good game and Nicole Lucas should have been rewarded with a goal for her performance," he said. "Lastly Alex Dinser's goal was a great play."

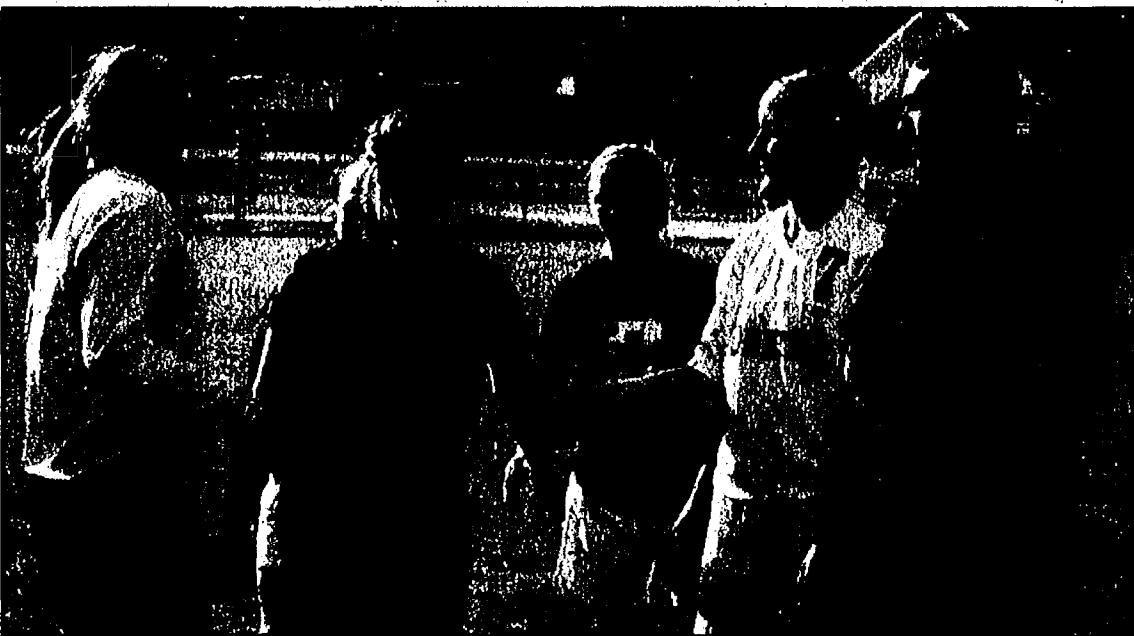


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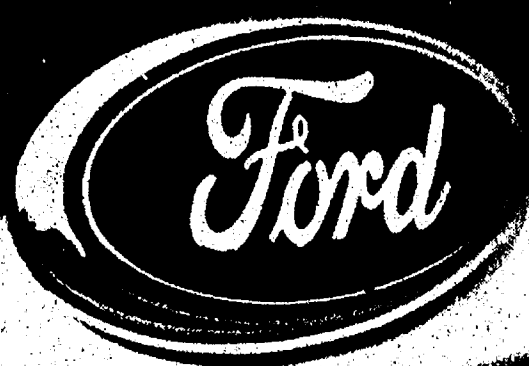
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TOP: Senior goalie Katelyn Kingsley makes a save for the Bulldogs. **ABOVE:** Dexter's Alex Dinser draws the attention of two Chelsea defenders. **LEFT:** Dexter's Emily Tamaski helped the Dreads control the midfield. **BOTTOM LEFT:** Captains meet at midfield before Dexter's 1-0 win over rival Chelsea.



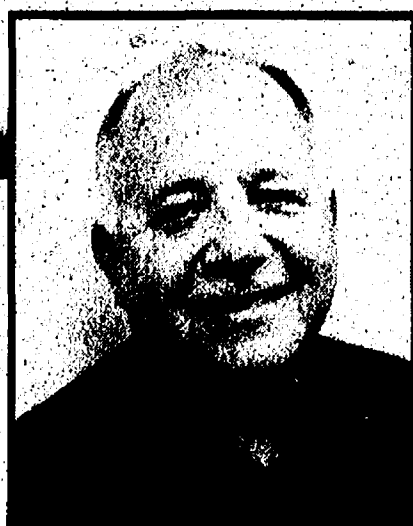
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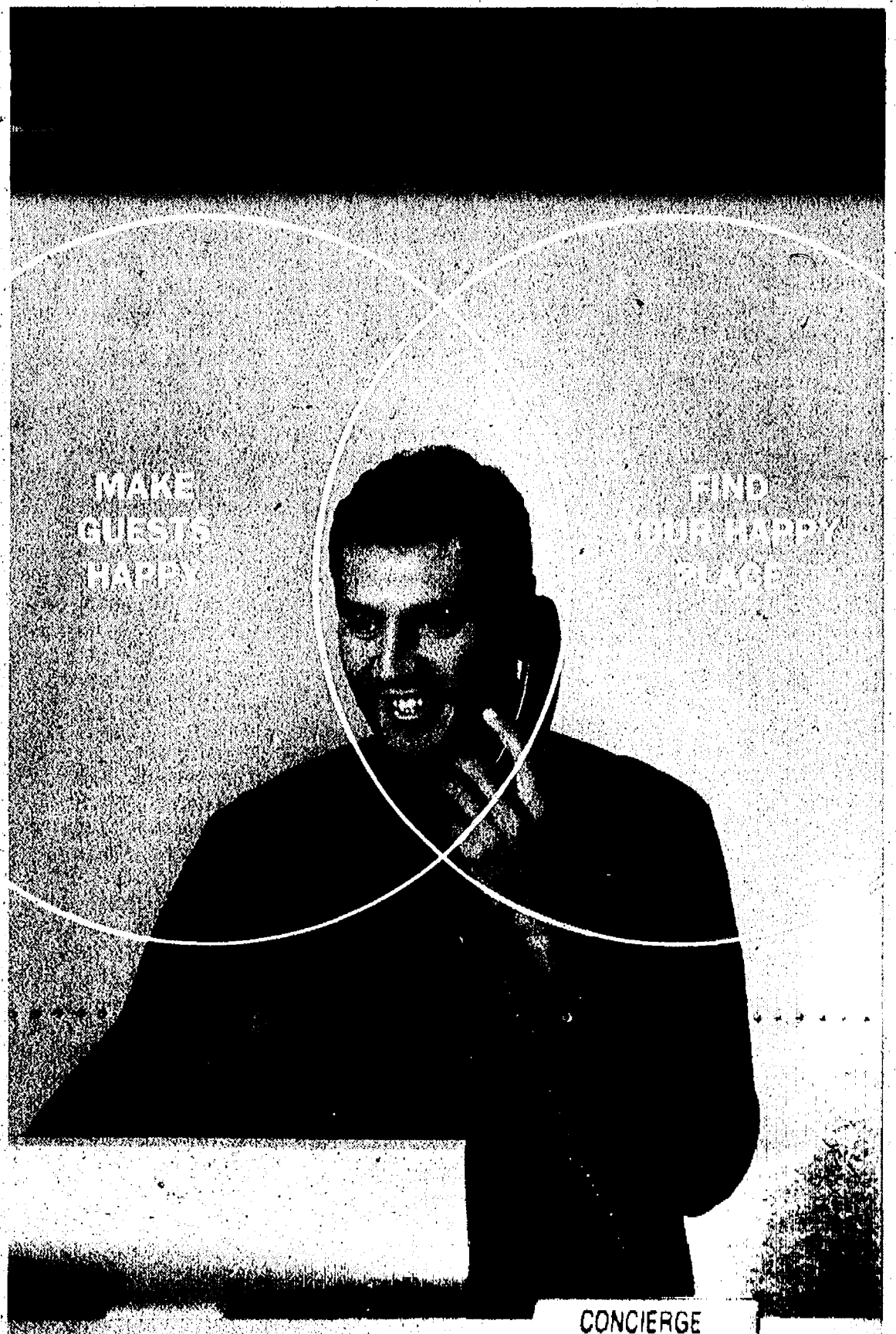
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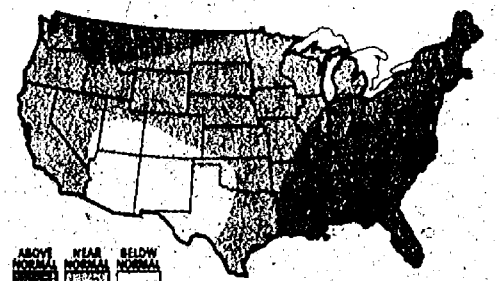
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Mostly sunny	Clear	Times of clouds and sun	A thunderstorm possible	A thunderstorm possible	Cloudy, a shower, cooler	Rain	Mostly cloudy
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SEVEN-DAY FORECAST FOR WASHTENAW COUNTY

NATIONAL OUTLOOK

Temperatures 4/12 - 4/18



Precipitation 4/12 - 4/18



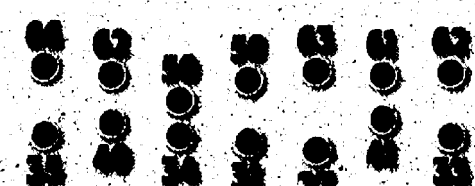
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Statistics for the week ending Monday, April 9

Temperatures:	
High/low for the week	66°/27°
Normal high/low	56°/32°
Average temperature	47.4°
Normal average temperature	44.1°
Precipitation:	
Total for the week	0.14"
Total for the month	0.14"
Total for the year	6.83"
Normal for the month	0.80"
Normal for the year	6.25"

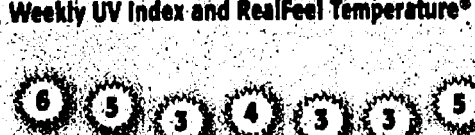
PAST WEEK'S TEMPS

Temperatures ● High ● Low



THIS WEEK'S CONDITIONS

Weekly UV Index and RealFeel Temperature®



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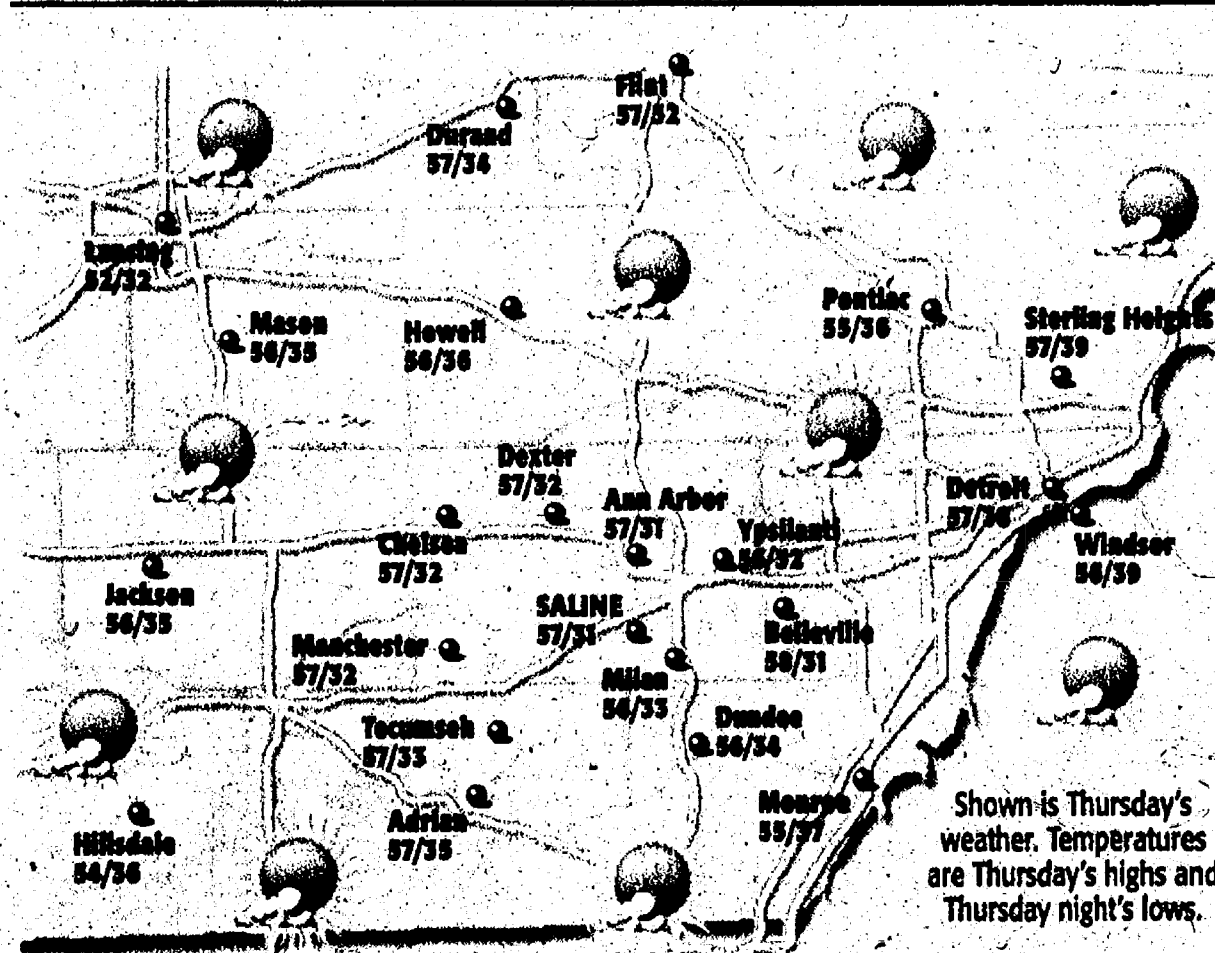
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THE REGION



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

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	City	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Adrian	52/30/pc	57/35/s	63/43/pc	67/50/c	Marquette	45/26/s	52/30/s	64/46/pc	68/47/c
Ann Arbor	51/29/pc	57/31/s	62/41/pc	67/48/c	Midland	51/29/pc	57/34/s	61/44/pc	68/49/t
Battle Creek	50/31/pc	55/36/s	64/48/pc	70/52/c	Muskegon	48/29/s	54/34/s	62/45/pc	70/50/c
Bay City	50/30/pc	57/34/s	61/45/pc	68/50/t	Pontiac	50/32/pc	55/36/s	60/43/pc	67/50/c
Detroit	52/34/pc	57/39/s	60/49/pc	66/52/c	Port Huron	50/30/pc	54/31/s	59/41/pc	66/48/t
Flint	50/30/pc	57/32/s	64/44/pc	69/49/c	Saginaw	51/32/pc	57/33/s	61/44/pc	68/49/t
Grand Rapids	50/31/pc	54/36/s	66/47/pc	72/53/c	Sauk Ste. Marie	47/28/pc	53/31/s	59/39/pc	58/40/sh
Kalamazoo	51/32/pc	56/36/s	65/48/pc	70/54/c	Sturgis	51/33/pc	59/38/s	64/49/pc	71/54/c
Lansing	50/29/pc	52/32/s	62/47/pc	69/55/c	Traverse City	49/28/pc	54/30/s	63/44/pc	70/46/t
Livonia	52/32/pc	57/38/s	61/45/pc	66/52/c	Warren	50/33/pc	57/39/s	61/46/pc	67/52/c

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	6:59 a.m.	8:13 p.m.	Thursday	2:05 a.m.	11:51 a.m.				
Friday	6:57 a.m.	8:15 p.m.	Friday	2:49 a.m.	12:57 p.m.				
Saturday	6:56 a.m.	8:16 p.m.	Saturday	3:26 a.m.	2:03 p.m.				
Sunday	6:54 a.m.	8:17 p.m.	Sunday	3:57 a.m.	3:07 p.m.				
Monday	6:52 a.m.	8:18 p.m.	Monday	4:25 a.m.	4:09 p.m.				
Tuesday	6:51 a.m.	8:19 p.m.	Tuesday	4:51 a.m.	5:09 p.m.				
Wednesday	6:49 a.m.	8:20 p.m.	Wednesday	5:17 a.m.	6:09 p.m.				

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NATIONAL CITIES

City	Thu	Fri	Sat
Atlanta	67/44/s	74/51/s	76/56/pc
Boston	52/41/sh	56/43/pc	65/48/c
Chicago	58/39/pc	65/48/c	73/54/c
Cincinnati	59/37/s	68/49/pc	72/55/c
Cleveland	53/36/s	60/43/pc	65/51/c
Dallas	78/64/c	79/66/pc	83/69/c
Denver	70/37/pc	62/35/pc	56/33/c
Honolulu	83/68/pc	83/68/s	85/71/pc
Houston	82/65/pc	82/68/pc	84/71/c
Kansas City	62/51/r	71/57/t	75/59/c
Las Vegas	72/50/pc	63/48/e	65/50/c
Los Angeles	64/52/c	60/49/r	65/53/c
Miami	83/68/pc	81/69/pc	82/69/s
Minneapolis	62/46/pc	64/51/t	67/45/c
New Orleans	77/61/pc	80/64/pc	81/66/pc
New York City	58/42/pc	62/45/s	68/53/c
Orlando	79/57/pc	78/59/s	83/60/s
Philadelphia	58/38/pc	64/43/s	71/51/c
Phoenix	76/53/s	76/52/c	69/48/c
Pittsburgh	54/32/pc	63/43/pc	69/50/c
St. Louis	64/47/pc	72/59/t	77/61/c
San Francisco	58/48/r	55/45/sh	58/47/pc
Seattle	58/40/sh	56/42/pc	57/42/pc
Wash., DC	60/42/s	65/45/s	71/54/c

WORLD CITIES

City	Thu	Fri	Sat
Athens	69/56/s	71/57/pc	71/58/sh
Berlin	59/43/pc	59/39/sh	61/47/r
Buenos Aires	77/84/pc	79/84/c	79/55/pc
Cairo	78/61/pc	86/69/pc	91/74/pc
Calgary	51/33/r	38/32/r	43/28/c
Hong Kong	82/73/s	82/73/t	81/73/c
Jerusalem	60/48/pc	68/51/pc	78/60/s
Johannesburg	69/47/pc	70/49/s	70/49/s
London	54/39/sh	55/34/sh	52/37/sh
Mexico City	79/52/t	79/48/sh	80/48/s
Montreal	52/35/c	58/36/pc	58/42/c
Moscow	44/31/c	54/39/pc	55/40/r
Paris	57/39/sh	60/40/pc	58/39/c
Rio de Janeiro	84/73/sh	85/73/t	87/74/pc
Rome	69/53/s	61/33/r	61/48/sh
Seoul	59/41/pc	61/39/c	64/41/s
Singapore	88/77/r	88/77/t	88/77/t
Sydney	73/57/c	77/59/s	79/59/c
Tokyo	68/55/s	66/54/pc	63/52/sh
Warsaw	61/43/sh	54/39/r	62/46/c

Bulldogs dominate WL Relays

By Terry Jacoby
Heritage Media

The Chelsea girls' track and field teams put in an impressive performance at the Whitmore Lake Relays on Friday night.

Chelsea won nine of the 14 relay-style events.

"The team is really starting to come together, and we are looking forward to working hard during this midseason stretch we are about to begin," said coach Shane Rodriguez.

"This meet at Whitmore Lake really shows that the 2012 installment of the Chelsea team is very good, if not excellent, in almost all of our events."

The 4x100 relay team of Victoria Collins, Lynnae Cooley, Sofia Gonzalez and Maria Osentoski took first in 52.30. The 4x200 relay team

Girls Track

of Collins, Laura McGrath, Rachel Yordanich and Grace Sauers took first in 1:50.40.

The 4x400 relay team of Danielle Dahl, Megan Hall, Yordanich and Sauers took first in 4:21.6. The 4x800 relay team of Jessi Battaglia, Dahl, Ella Fritzemeier and Artemis Eyster won in 10:20.

The 4x1600 relay team of Sofia Gonzalez, Laura Heany, Lauren O'Toole and Abi Schott won in 27:14.30. The sprint medley relay team of Hall, Elaine Johnson, Megan Lowe and Yordanich won in 3:10.4.

The distance medley team of Battaglia, Johnson, Dahl and Fritzemeier won in 14:00.40. The

shuttle hurdles team of Cooley, Victoria Dennis, Fallon Mosier and Hall won in 1:10.8.

In the shot put, Zoe Sing (third), McKenzie Hoffman (fifth) and Alex Engler (sixth) did well for the Bulldogs. Sing took fourth in the discus with Hoffman taking seventh and Heany taking eighth.

Dahl took second in the high jump (4-10) and Maria Osentoski was sixth (4-6). Sauers was first in the long jump with a leap of 16 feet, 1.5 inches. Megan Lowe was sixth.

"Upperclass athletes such as Lowe, Sauers, Dahl, Hall, Battaglia, Fritzemeier, and Johnson set a great example for the team," Rodriguez said. "Young talent such as Eyster, McGrath, Yordanich, Collins, Osentoski, Mosier and Gonzalez continue to impress, improve and score valuable points."

Bulldogs compete at Haslett Invite

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The Chelsea golf team teed off the season by shooting a team score of 338 at the Haslett Invitational on Friday at Forest Akers East at Michigan State University. The Bulldogs placed 15th out of 20 teams.

Varsity golf

Senior Mason Wagner tied for fifth overall with a score of 74.

Other top Chelsea scores were carded by senior Bourke Lodewyk (86), senior Cole Mauti (88) and senior Wesley Mitchell (90). Getting their first varsity start were sophomores Michael Purdy (93) and Teddy Darr (96).

"Overall, I would rate our performance as just OK, not too far off from what I predicted for our first contest," said Chelsea coach Joe Ewald. "Mason played great, as expected, but we need to find about six shots a piece from the other guys to be considered a pretty decent team."

"I definitely think it's possible, as we left a number of shots out there on the greens alone. These guys are good enough players, and just need to clean up their game a little. That should come as we continue to practice and play more matches."

Chelsea runs off with first place

The Chelsea boys' track and field team ran away with first place at the Whitmore Lake Invitational as the Bulldogs took first place in all nine running relays and second in the other three on Friday. C

Chelsea finished with 118 points with Michigan Center taking second with 79 points and Lumen Christi taking third with 73 out of six teams.

"This was a truly fun meet, we dominated from start to finish," Chelsea coach Eric Swaggar said. "The guys really stepped up and performed well across the board."

"It is really nice to see some of our weaker events make progress and become

Boys Track

competitive. The discus throwers had a great day, with all three athletes throwing lifetime bests, while both the high jump and long jump had some career bests.

"The freshman/sophomore relay teams also performed well - which is exciting for the sprint future for our next few years."

The accolades didn't stop there.

"The top scoring guys also continued to improve," Swaggar said. "Zach Rabbitt, James Biller, Jacob Stubbs and Bryce Bradley had multiple solid races,

while our varsity relay teams are running faster times than even a year ago with the 800 relay time running the sixth fastest time in school history."

The shot put team of Kirk Olsen, Sam Katon and Mike Mesko took first.

The 6400 relay team of Bryce Bradley, Austin Horn, Bram Parkinson and Jack Abernethy took first in 19:18.5; the 800 relay team of Colton Dennis, Max Giller, Luke Oliver and Christian Vosters won in 1:32.9; and the 3200 relay team of Zach Rabbitt, David Trimas, Jacob Stubbs and James Biller won in 8:31.5.

The sprint medley relay team of Dominic Davis,

Vosters, Biller and Max Giller won the sprint medley in 2:41.2 and the 400 relay team of Giller, Oliver, Vosters and Ty Nelson won in 44.8.

The freshman-sophomore 400 relay team of Nelson, Will McEchern, Kenny McDowell and Ryan Hoag won in 47.6.

The distance medley team of Bradley, Rabbitt, Stubbs and Peter Riemenschneider won in 11:10.2 and the 1600 relay team of Mike Hovater, Biller, Dennis and Oliver won in 3:34.1.

The freshman-sophomore team of Nelson, McEchern, McDowell and Trimas won the 1600 relay in 3:49.7.

Sports Briefs

Hoop camp

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College honor

Eastern Michigan University sophomore Natachia Watkins was one of 12 student-athletes named to the Academic All-Mid-American Conference team for women's basketball, the league office announced Monday, April 16.

Watkins is the 13th EMU women's basketball player to

earn academic honors from the MAC and the first since the 2009-10 campaign when Taveyn James garnered the honor. Watkins currently owns a 3.21 cumulative GPA as a simulation, animation & gaming major.

She was joined by Sina King and Taylor Ruper of Akron, Jessica Slagle and Chrissy Steffen of Bowling Green, Teresa Semalulu of Buffalo, Trisha Krewson of Kent State, Courtney Osborn of Miami, Tenishia Benson of Ohio, Courtney Ingersoll and Haylie Linn of Toledo and Maria Iaquaniello of Western Michigan.

DEXTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING NOTICE

Tuesday, April 24, 2012
AT 7:00 P.M.
AT
DEXTER TOWNSHIP HALL
6680 DEXTER PINCKNEY RD.
DEXTER, MI. 48130

AGENDA

1. Review Inverness Inn's Conditional Use Application
2. Review Proposed Village of Dexter Master Plan

Molly Wade,
Chairperson
Dexter Township
Planning Commission

Publish April 19, 2012

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING VILLAGE OF DEXTER PLANNING COMMISSION ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS

Pursuant to Michigan Public Act 207 of 1921, as amended, notice is hereby given that the Village of Dexter Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, May 7, 2012 at 7:30 pm at the Dexter Senior Center, 7720 Ann Arbor Street, to hear public comment on the proposed amendments to the following Articles of the Village of Dexter Zoning Ordinance. All amendments are comprehensive and available for review on the Village's website, www.villageofdexter.org

Article 5: Parking and Loading - Revisions are comprehensive and include, but are not limited to Section 5.01A, provisions for Planning Commission review of parking within the front yard have been added, Section 5.10 Access Management provisions have been added from Article 15B, Dexter Ann Arbor Road Corridor and Article 15D, Baker Road Corridor provisions.

Article 6: Landscaping Standards - Revisions are comprehensive and include, but are not limited to Section 6.02-addition of minimum plant material standards, Section 6.04-revisions to the Required Parking Lot Screening Standards, Section 6.05-revisions to the minimum plant material standards, Section 6.06-revisions to Landscaping Screening Between Land Uses, Section 6.07-On-Site Landscaping, Section 6.08-Parking Lot Landscaping, Section 6.09-Street Tree/Required Greenbelt Planting and Section 6.11-Recommended Plant Materials.

Article 14A: Professional Business (P.B.) District - Child Care Center or Day Care Center is proposed to be added to Section 14A.02, Permitted Land Uses.

Article 15B: Ann Arbor Road Corridor (A.R.C.) - Revisions to architectural standards to mirror the architectural standards and materials within the Baker Road Corridor, Article 15D. Signage, parking and access management standards were removed and relocated to respective Articles of the Zoning Ordinance.

Article 15D: Baker Road Corridor (B.R.C.) - Parking requirements were removed and relocated to Article 6, parking and Loading Standards.

Article 20: Schedule of Regulations - References to Note 6 were added to the VC Village Commercial and CBB Central Business Districts and C-1 General Business District Minimum Lot Area was amended to 2 acres and Minimum Lot Width was amended to 200 feet.

Information regarding the proposed ordinance amendments is available for public inspection at the Village Offices, 8123 Main Street, Dexter, weekdays between 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. or by phone at (734) 426-8303 Ext. 16, or abishop@villageofdexter.org. Written comments regarding the proposed amendments should be submitted to the Village Offices, and must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, May 2, 2012. Sign language interpreter, or other assistance, is provided upon request to the Clerk, at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting. Minutes of all meetings are available at Village Offices and on the Village website.

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Synopsis of the CITY OF CHELSEA REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING Tuesday, March 27, 2012 Washington Street Education Center

Call to Order.
Pledge of Allegiance
Approval of Consent Agenda
MOVED Holmberg SECONDED Anderson to approve minutes, bills, traffic control orders and establish general fund budget work session as submitted. All Ayes. Motion Carried.
Approval of Regular Agenda
MOVED Feeney SECONDED Albertson to approve the agenda as submitted. All Ayes. Motion Carried.
Council Business
1. Bob Pierce - Farmer's Market
MOVED Martinez-Kratz SECONDED Albertson to approve the use of the parking lot 3, commonly referred to as the "Library Lot" for the Farmer's Market on Saturdays from 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. for the period May 5, 2012 to October 27, 2012. All Ayes. Motion Carried.
2. 2nd Reading of Ordinance No. 172 - Allow and Regulate Keeping of Backyard Chickens
MOVED Albertson SECONDED Holmberg to approve the second reading of Ordinance 172 for adoption with any approved and set for publication.
Five (4) Ayes. Two (2) Nays. (Lindauer, Anderson) One (1) Absent. (Hammer) Motion Carried.
03. Annual Resolution of Support for Las Fuentes Sidewalk Café Permit
MOVED Martinez-Kratz SECONDED Feeney to approve the updated resolution for the local support of an outdoor sidewalk café within the MDOT right-of-way with the same conditions. All Ayes. Motion Carried.
Adjournment
MOVED Anderson SECONDED Feeney to adjourn at 7:37 p.m. All Ayes. Motion Carried.
APPROVED: April 10, 2012
NOTE: This is only a synopsis of the Regular Council Meeting. The minutes in their entirety may be viewed at the Clerk's Office at 305 S. Main St., Chelsea, MI or online at www.city-chelsea.org

Respectfully submitted, Terri Royal, Clerk
Publish April 19, 2012

SCIO TOWNSHIP Public Act 188 of 1954 Proceedings NOTICE OF IMPROVEMENT HEARING PARK ROAD IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT 2012-1

TO THE RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SCIO, WASHTENAW COUNTY, MICHIGAN, AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that as a result of petitions of property owners within the Township signed by the record owners of land whose area constitutes more than 50 percent of the total area of the hereinafter described Park Road Improvement District-2012-1 special assessment district and the Scio Township Board proposes to improve a portion of Park Road with asphalt paving, curb and gutter, drainage construction, earthwork, pavement markings, signs, and slope restoration, and to create a special assessment for the recovery of the costs thereof by a special assessment against the properties benefited therein.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the district within which the foregoing improvements are proposed to be constructed and within which the cost thereof is proposed to be assessed, is more particularly described as follows:

Sites 1 through 20, Hunter's Crossing, Washtenaw County Condominium Plan #240; Sites 1 through 11 (no site #9 exists), The Woods of Park Road, Washtenaw County Condominium Plan #230; and also a 2.81 Ac. metes and bounds parcel of land described as: COM AT W 1/4 POST OF SEC 27, TH N 00-58-40 W 1260.24 FT, TH N 60-12-00 E 775.25 FT FOR A POB, TH N 01-10-25 W 576.81 FT, TH S 64-24-03 E 222.52 FT, TH S 29-48-00 E 323.14 FT, TH S 60-12-00 W 402.71 FT TO THE POB.

Pt NW 1/4 Sec. 27, T2S-R5E

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Township Board has received engineering plans showing the improvements and an estimate of the costs of such construction in the amount of \$242,700, and has placed them on file with the Township Clerk, and has passed a resolution tentatively declaring its intention to make the improvements and to create a special assessment district. The Township Board has tentatively found the petitions to be in compliance with statutory requirements.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that said plans, estimates of cost, proposed special assessment district and petitions may be examined at the office of the Township Clerk from the date of this notice through the date of the public hearing and may be examined at such public hearing.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a public hearing on the petitions, plans, district and estimate of costs will be held at the Scio Township Hall, Ann Arbor, MI on Tuesday, April 24th, 2012 commencing at 7:00 PM.

At the hearing the Township Board will consider any written objections to any of the foregoing matters which is filed with the Board at or before the hearing as well as any revisions, corrections, amendments, or changes to the plans, estimates and costs or to the special assessment district.

All interested persons are invited to be present at the hearing and to submit any comments that they may have.

Nancy J. C. Hedberg
Scio Township Clerk
827 N. Zeeb Road
Ann Arbor, MI 48103
734-369-9400
Publish April 12 & 19, 2012

NOTICE OF ELECTION TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF WASHTENAW COUNTY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT ON

TUESDAY, MAY 8, 2012

FROM 7:00 A.M. TO 8:00 P.M.

AN ELECTION WILL BE HELD FOR THE PURPOSE OF VOTING ON ONE ANN ARBOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS PROPOSAL (SEE BELOW FOR SUMMARY)

FOR FULL TEXT OF BALLOT PROPOSALS VISIT THE WEBSITE ELECTIONS.WASHTENAW.ORG OR CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK/ REGISTER'S OFFICE AT 734-222-6730.

PRECINCTS AND POLLING LOCATIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

SCIO TOWNSHIP (Ann Arbor Public Schools)
2 & 3. Scio Township Hall, 827 N. Zeeb Rd.
4 & 8. Scio Community Church, 1293 N. Zeeb Rd.
5 & 6. Scio Fire Hall, 1055 N. Zeeb Rd.
7 & 9. Washtenaw Intermediate School, 1819 S. Wagner
WEBSTER TOWNSHIP (Ann Arbor Public Schools)
2. Scio Fire Hall, 1055 N. Zeeb Rd. (Temporarily moved to Scio Twp. for this election only)

All polling locations are accessible to voters with disabilities. The AutoMARK voter assist terminal, Braille and audio instruction are also available in all polling locations.

PROPOSAL SUMMARY:

ANN ARBOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS
TECHNOLOGY IMPROVEMENTS BOND PROPOSAL
ESTIMATED MILLAGE TO BE LEVIED IN 2012 IS .48 MILL.
ESTIMATED SIMPLE AVERAGE ANNUAL MILLAGE RATE IS .51 MILL.
NOT TO EXCEED 11 YEARS

TREASURER'S STATEMENTS:

Office of County Treasurer
200 N. Main Street, Suite 200, P.O. Box 8645
Ann Arbor, MI 48107-8645
Phone: 734.222.6600, Fax: 734.222.6632
e-mail: taxes@washtenaw.org

Catherine McClary, Treasurer

I, Catherine McClary, Treasurer of Washtenaw County, Michigan, hereby certify that as of Thursday, April 5, 2012, the records of this Office indicate that the total of all voted increases over and above the tax limitation established by the constitution of Michigan, in any local units of government affecting the taxable property located in: Scio Township, Washtenaw County, Michigan, is as follows:

Charter millages are not over and above the tax limitation, but are listed here for information purposes. The records in this Office may not yet include all updated tax levies for the current year.

Purpose of Millage	Millage Amount	Expiration of Millage
Ann Arbor District Library		
Operating	1.9214	Indefinite
Ann Arbor Public Schools		
Operating Homestead	12.4675	Dec-19
Sinking	1	Dec-14
Operating Non-Homestead	18	Dec-19
Dexter Community Schools		
Operating Non-Homestead	2.633	2013
Operating Non-Homestead	17.3727	2013
Dexter District Library		
Operating	0.4361	Indefinite
Operating	0.6925	Jan-17
Scio Township		
Preservation	0.4942	12/31/2014
Operating	0.9518	Indefinite
Washtenaw Community College		
Operating	0.5838	Indefinite
Operating	1	Dec-20
Operating	1.0354	Indefinite
Operating	0.8384	Dec-16
Washtenaw County		
EECS	0.2	2015
Parks	0.2367	2019
Parks	0.2409	2020
Operating	4.5493	Indefinite
Act 88	0.05	2012
Veterans' Relief	0.025	2012
Park	0.2353	2017
HOMA	0.2146	Indefinite
Washtenaw Intermediate School District		
Special Ed Operating	2.8911	Indefinite
Gen Ed Operating	0.0894	Indefinite
Special Ed Operating	0.985	Dec-17

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Purpose of Millage	Millage Amount	Expiration of Millage
Ann Arbor District Library		
Operating	1.9214	Indefinite
Ann Arbor Public Schools		
Operating	18	Dec-19
Non Homestead	12.4675	Dec-19
Operating Homestead	1	Dec-14
Sinking	1	Dec-14
Dexter Community Schools		
Operating Non-Homestead	2.633	2013
Operating Non-Homestead	17.3727	2013
Dexter District Library		
Operating	0.4361	Indefinite
Operating	0.6925	Jan-17
Livingston		
Educational Service Agency		
Operating All	1.0124	Indefinite
Operating All	1.2567	Indefinite
Operating - Home/Non-Homestead	0.067	Indefinite
Pinckney Community Schools		
Non-Homestead	18	Dec-14
Washtenaw Community College		
Operating	0.8384	Dec-16
Operating	1.0354	Indefinite
Operating	0.5838	Indefinite
Operating	1	Dec-20
Washtenaw County		
Parks	0.2367	2019
Operating	4.5493	Indefinite
Parks	0.2409	2020
HOMA	0.2146	Indefinite
Parks	0.2353	2017
EECS	0.2	2015
Act 88	0.05	2012
Veterans' Relief	0.025	2012
Washtenaw Intermediate School District		
Gen Ed Operating	0.0894	Indefinite
Special Ed Operating	2.8911	Indefinite
Special Ed Operating	0.985	Dec-17
Webster Township		
Public Safety	2	11/3/2014
PDR	0.5	11/3/2014
Operating	0.779	Indefinite
Whitmore Lake Public Schools		
Recreation Mill	0.6001	Dec-23
Operating NH	1.949	Dec-16
Headlee	17.5482	Dec-16
Operating NH		

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Bulldogs sticking together

The Chelsea varsity lacrosse team lost to host Oxford 13-3 on Saturday. Oxford led 3-0 after the first period and 6-1 at halftime. They took an 11-2 lead into the final period.

Chris Hudson, Nick Rosol and Tony Corazzol each scored one goal for the Bulldogs.

"We played hard the entire game and never gave up," said Chelsea coach Joe Koenigter. "There were a few opportunities that we did not take advantage of and that proved to be very costly in the end."

"It was very good to see Tony score. He is a defenseman and they normally don't get opportunities to score. He made a great play on the defensive end to take the ball away and ran coast to coast. He took a great shot and beat the goalie. As a coach, you always get nervous when a defenseman shoots because they don't practice that but Tony did a great job."

Koenigter says his club is getting better.

"We are improving every game and have great leadership from the senior class," says Koenigter. "It is just a matter of time before we put a full game together."

The Bulldogs will host Lincoln at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday on the football field.



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Chris Hudson takes a shot against Ypsilanti (top) while Eric Bragg (above) looks to make a play against the Phoenix.

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they were able to get off four shots in the waning minutes of the third period. Duncan was able to stop two of the four shots.

As the period was about to draw to a close, Doman again broke free in the middle of the offensive set and scored on a heavily contested shot. Chelsea was up 8-5 going into the fourth period.

Katie Eisley took over in the fourth period. She did a wonderful job running the offense from the point through most of the game calling out plays and moving the younger players into their proper positions on defense. The fourth period was her time to shine.

"Katie made two beautiful moves inside to create advantage twice and she made it payoff with two excellent goals early in the period," said Chelsea coach Dave Jolly.

Chelsea went into defense mode the remainder of the game subbing in fresh players. Portage scored one more goal late in the 4th to make the final score 10-6 and moving Chelsea's match game record 3-0.

Grand Ledge was in town on Thursday and humbled the high flying Bulldogs with a 15-4 setback. The Bulldogs didn't look good giving the ball up continually in their own end and passing the ball out of bounds five times.

Doman was the only Chelsea scorer in the entire first half of play. Chelsea has some fine arms but they were silent in the first half with excellent defense played by Grand Ledge, who took 18 shots on goal most from 7 meter and scored 12 times.

Each team only scored three more times. Katie Eisley scored in the third period and Jessica Hinderer again late in the game scored twice in the 15-4 win.

Chelsea also participated in the Bulldog Battle at Mason High School over the weekend and went 2-2 over the two day tournament. Friday afternoon Chelsea battled with Grand Blanc and lost a tough game 11-6. Chelsea out shot Grand Blanc but struggled again on defense allowing too many shots to get to the goalie.

In the second game, Chelsea took on Troy and again seemed to be the better team. Chelsea's offensive plays were much cleaner and they were getting much better looks at the net but Troy exploited Chelsea's inability to stop the shot from the point. Troy bombed away from 7 meter and won 14-11.

On Saturday, Chelsea played much better winning against host Mason 10-6 and then beating Troy Athens 16-0 in the final Game.

Dreads LAX continues to pile up the victories

By Terry Jacoby
Heritage Media

The Dexter lacrosse team kept on rolling with a 13-9 win Monday against visiting University Liggett. The game was played in a steady strong wind as the Dreads blew the game open with a strong first half.

"I was very happy with our first half," said Dexter coach Brian Callanan. "We really came out hitting on all cylinders, our offense was moving the ball quickly and efficiently. Our intensity was outstanding."

The Dreads led 9-2 at halftime.

"In the second half, Liggett really started to wear us down physically, they were a very strong and physical team and that started to give us problems," Callanan said. "Defensively, we lost some of our intensity and we paid for it. Our defense has not yet learned how to stay on point for an entire game. We really need to get that corrected."

Senior attackman Andy McDonagh played an excellent game, leading the way with five goals and one assist. Fellow attackman Jake Waldrup added three

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BRIAN CALLANAN

goals and two assists. Ian Wiesenberg did an outstanding job on face-offs winning 77 percent of the draws. Michael Spuller did an excellent job drawing the double team while scoring two goals and adding two assists.

"Our effort in the first half was pretty good, hopefully they learned that you must maintain the effort until the end, not the middle," Callanan said.

Last week Dexter knocked off visiting Greenhills 16-3.

"Offensively, we were not nearly sharp enough," Callanan said. "We are still committing too many unforced errors. We had several real strong and efficient possessions but were sloppy on the fast break and

basically just gave away too many possessions."

"Defensively we are just not physical enough, we are hesitant and it's costing us. We are working hard to fine tune both dimensions of our game."

Wiesenberg played an excellent all-around game scoring four goals and assisting on another. Michael Spuller contributed three goals and one assist from the midfield and did an excellent job defensively.

Senior attackman Hunter Hook added three goals off the bench.

On Friday, Dexter had few problems in a 25-1 win over Lincoln.

Spuller paced the offense with six goals and four assists.

"Michael is an excellent transition player who can really cause a defense problems," Callanan said. "He was seeing the game really well and he was shooting really well."

Waldrup added five goals and four assists.

"Jake is a real threat from the wing, his size and speed make defenses slide early and that opens up other opens for us," Callanan said.

Dexter HS track splits

The Dexter track and field team opened up the season last week with a split against Adrian. The girls won 89-48 while the boys lost to the Maples 110-27.

The girls 4x800 relay team of Emily Papp, Katie Adler, Tara Stetler and Elise Dombkowski won with a time of 11 minutes, 27.02 seconds.

In the 100 hurdles, Megan Cansfield was second (18.88) and Traci Meisner third (19.67); in the 100-meter dash, Darion Maynard was first (13.42) and Jessica Hopkins fifth (14.56); in the 1600, Abbie Betzoldt was first (603.23), Madeline Nicholas second (610.39) and Callin Mclean was third (610.82).

In the 4x200 relay, Darion Maynard, Alex Ammann, Brienna Hayter and Megan Cansfield took first in 1:58.87. In the 4x100 relay, Micaela Conter, Jessica Hopkins, Hailey Korte and Darion Maynard took second (58.35).

In the 400, Maddie Kurcz was first (67.50) and Margaret Bussineau third (72.23); in the 300 hurdles, Brienna Hayter was first (53.1) and Megan Cansfield second (53.81); in the 800, Abbie Betzoldt was first (2:42.62) and Rylee Hanson third (2:52.59); in the 200, Maddie Kurcz was second (28.73) and Kami Powell third (28.95); in the 3200, Emily Papp was first (12:09.43), Elizabeth Greve second (12:44.55) and Elise Dombkowski third (13:20.25).

The 4x400 relay team of Darion Maynard, Alex Ammann, Brienna Hayter and Megan Cansfield took second.

In the 1600, Emily Papp took first in 4:53.42; in the shot put, Josie Cohen was third (20 feet, 11.25 inches); in the discus, Sara Vontom was second (59'7.5) and Josie Cohen took third (52'9); in

the long jump, Michelle Klein was third (13.3); in the high jump, Sarah Stone was first, Allison Franz third and Michelle Klein fourth.

In the pole vault, Nicole Ferguson was first (11 feet), Micaela Conter second (10-6) and Claire Tewksbury third (10-6). All three girls qualified for regionals.

On the boys side, the 4x800 relay team of Taylor Neely, Zac Whidby, Brad Carruthers and Matt Greve finished in 8:59.02.

In the 110 hurdles, Luke Hayter was fourth (21.65); in the 100, Noah Gary was third (11.46) and Andrew Schwartz fifth (12.35); in the 1600, Joe Wendorf was first (4:50.67) and Blake Loudermilk third (4:56.76).

In the 4x200 relay, Andrew Schwartz, Andrew Richter, Andy Coger and Austin Pallo was second (1:43.8).

In the 4x100 relay, Erik Leon, Luke Hayter, Andrew Schwartz and Noah Gary took second (46.84).

In the 400, Andy Coger was second (57.8) and Borchhardt fourth (59.78); in the 300 hurdles, Luke Hayter was fifth (48.74) and Casey Hanson sixth (48.76); in the 800, Joe Wendorf was second (2:12.2) and Nick Empey seventh (2:27.84); in the 200, Jacob Sterlitz was fifth (24.80).

In the 3200, Matt Greve was first (10:14.71), Taylor Neely second (10:21.62) and Blake Loudermilk third (10:37.10); in shot put, Erik Leon was fifth (27'2); in the discus, Erik Leon was fourth (59'6); in the long jump, Stavros Vorlas was sixth (15'9); in the high jump, Andrew Richter was second (5'2) and Noah Gary third (5'0); and in the pole vault, Casey Hanson regionally qualified.

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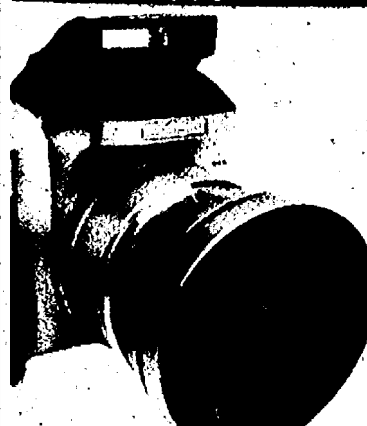
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Mortgage Sale - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Tri-County Investments III, LLC, a Michigan limited liability company, to University Bank, a Michigan banking corporation, dated May 6, 2004, and recorded on May 13, 2004, in Liber 4390 of Mortgages, beginning on Page 132, Washtenaw County Records. There is claimed to be due as of the date hereof the sum of \$592,616.04, including interest at the rate of 7.25 % per annum.

Under the Power of Sale contained in such mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at or in the main lobby of the Washtenaw County Courthouse, in Ann Arbor, Michigan at 10:00 a.m., on May 17, 2012. Said Premises are located in the city of Ypsilanti, Washtenaw County, Michigan and are described as:

PARCEL 3: Commencing at a point where the North line of Pearl Street intersects the East line of Normal Street running thence North along the East line of Normal Street 100 feet; thence East parallel with the North line of Pearl Street 80 feet; thence South parallel with the East line of Normal Street 100 feet to the North line of Pearl Street; thence West along the North line of Pearl Street 60 feet to the Place of Beginning, being part of Lots 13 and 14 of part of Cross and Bagley's Addition, as recorded in Liber 41 of Deeds, Page 57, Washtenaw County Records.

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The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241(a) in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights.

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who purchases the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale, or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Dated: April 17, 2012
 Fulton B. Eaglin
 Attorney at Law
 310 S. Main St., Ste 13
 Ann Arbor, Michigan 48104
 Attorney for Mortgagee

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Garage/Rummage Sales 2160

ALLEN PARK Estate Sale Fri 4/20 - Sun 4/22, 10am-6pm 14531 Cleophas Antiques: sewing machine RCA radio/record player in cabinet, Cavalier hope chest, WC Frank's TV Cabinet

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LINCOLN PARK: 1288 Ferris, 4/19-4/22, 9-7pm, lawn mowers, bicycles, grills, lots more!!

MANCHESTER 13360 E. Austin Rd., April 20-21, 9am-5pm

RIVERVIEW - Hair Salon Closing Sale, 17044 Fort St., Apr 18-28, Stations, chairs, dryers, mirrors & misc. EVERYTHING MUST GO 734-282-4850

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Garage/Rummage Sales 2160

SALINE: Estate Sale 278 Clark St. Apt 2, Apr 20-21, 9-4pm Everything must go

SALINE RIDGE Subdivision Garage Sale! Willis & Warner May 4 & 5; 9-3pm. Lots of kids toys, clothes, etc.

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SOUTHGATE ESTATE Sale Fri 4/20, Sat 4/21, 9am-5pm 14763 Richmond Antiques, Furniture, Household

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TAYLOR 10547 Baraga April 19-21, 9a - 6p

ESTATE SALE Antiques china dinnerware, depression glass, figurines & toys. Collectibles: Norman Rockwell, Sebastian miniatures. Dolls by Marcia, Nancy Ann, Madame Alexander; paper mache clowns; animated music boxes by Enesco, San Francisco MBC, Mr. Christmas; housewares, appliances, tools, antique & retro furniture. No pre sales, CASH ONLY PLEASE

TAYLOR - baby items/girl clothes, home decor, art & crafts, supplies, household goods, 15886 Hamden, April 21-22, 8a-4p.

Trenton - 1580 Yellowbrick, Fri-Sat 9-4p; kids books, bookcase, recliner, household items!

TRENTON - 1852 Ardmore, April 18-21, 9a-4p, toys, kids/adult clothes, household, Casio keyboard

TRENTON 4 Family Sale: 1837 Oakwood. THIS Fri, 8-12p. Sat, 8-2p. Furn., Clothes, toys, & more!

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NOTICE OF LETTING OF DRAIN CONTRACT AND DAY OF RE: W OF APPORTIONMENTS HENRY DRAIN

NOTICE IS HERBY GIVEN, That I, Lavonda Jackson, County Drain Commissioner of the County of Wayne, State of Michigan, will, on **Thursday the 3rd day of May, 2012,** at the Wayne County Department of Public Services Field Office, 3501 Henry Ruff Road, Westland, Michigan 48186, in said County of Wayne at 11:00 a.m. in the forenoon of that day receive sealed bids, when bids will be opened and publicly announced for the reconstruction of certain "drain known and designated as "Henry Drain", located and established in Van Buren Charter Township in said County. Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation in the meeting should contact the Wayne County Department of Public Services Field Office at (734) 326-4500 at least one week in advance of the meeting to request mobility, visual, hearing, or other assistance.

Said Drain is divided into 2 sections as set forth: All stations are 100 feet apart. Section 1, Station 0+00 to Station 4+00, consists installing a 12" diameter storm sewer approximately 400 feet in length at an average depth of 6 feet. Section 2 Station 9+65 to Station 34+58, consists of an open channel approximately 2,500 feet in length with a typical 4 foot bottom width, and 2 on 1 or flatter side slopes with an average depth of 5 feet. This Notice of Letting, the plans, specifications, and bid proposal shall be considered a part of the contract. The following items will be required and a contract let for same:

Storm Sewer Construction (Furnish and Install)

15' Lin. Ft. 15" Dia H.D.P.E.
 1 Each 15" Dia. H.D.P.E. Flared End Section
 437 Lin. Ft. 12" Dia H.D.P.E.

3 Each 4" Dia Manhole/Catchbasin (Frame and Cover)
 1 Each 24" Nyloplast Drain Basin and Grate
 Open Drain Construction:

1,318 Lin. Ft. Open Channel Excavation
 1,318 Lin. Ft. Spoil Leveling in Drain R.O.W.

1 Lump Sum Site Clearing
 Crossings (Furnish and Install)

NO. 1 - STA. 10+90 - Earl Farr (Native Ground)
 240 Lin. Ft. 18" Dia H.D.P.E.

NO. 2 - STA. 15+30 - John Morin (Native Drive)
 40' Lin. Ft. 18" Dia H.D.P.E.

NO. 3 - STA. 21+01 - Assembly of God (Native Drive)
 40' Lin. Ft. 18" Dia H.D.P.E.

NO. 4 - STA. 34+42 - Sheldon Road
 1 Lump Sum: Cleanout Existing Crossing

NO. 5 - STA. 0+00 - HJD Enterprises Inc. (Gravel Drive)
 1 Lump Sum: Cleanout Existing Crossing

Soil erosion and Sediment Control
 50 Sq. Yds. Miscellaneous Plain Riprap

30 Lin. Ft. Plain Riprap Spillways
 58 Lin. Ft. Grass Spillways

90' Lin. Ft. Riprap Toe of Slope Protection
 4 Each Riprap Splash Pad

4 Each Tile Outlet Repair
 1 Each Sedimentation Basin

1 Lump Sum: Seeding, Mulching and Fertilizing of Project
 850 Sq. Yds. Gravel Drive Restoration

1 Lump Sum: Cleanup and Restoration
 1 Lump Sum: Traffic Control

Each proposal shall be accompanied by certified check or bidder's bond in the amount of 5% of the bid. Checks shall be drawn payable to the Henry Drain Drainage District as security for the acceptance of the Contract and subject to the conditions stated in the Instructions to Bidders. The Owner reserves the right to waive any informality in any bid, to reject any or all bids, or to accept any bid which is considered most favorable to the Owner or in the best interest of the County.

A mandatory pre-bid conference will be held at 11:00 a.m. on the **24th day of April, 2012** at Wayne County Department of Public Services Field Office, 3501 Henry Ruff Road, Westland, Michigan 48186. Representatives of OWNER and Engineer will be present to discuss the Project. Bidders are required to attend and participate in the conference. Engineer will transmit to all prospective Bidders of record such Addenda as Engineer considers necessary in response to questions arising at the conference. Oral statements may not be binding or legally effective. Bidders not on time for or not in attendance at the pre-bid conference will not be allowed to bid on this project. Plans, proposal forms, and specifications may be obtained by qualified bidders at the Wayne County Department of Public Services Field Office, 3501 Henry Ruff Road, Westland, Michigan 48186, at no charge, beginning on the **16th day of April, 2012.**

Said job will be let in accordance with the diagram now on file with the other papers pertaining to said Drain, in the office of the County Drain Commissioner of the County of Wayne, to which reference may be had by all parties interested and bids will be made on received accordingly.

Contracts will be made with the lowest responsible bidder giving adequate security for the performance of the work, in the sum then and there to be fixed by me, reserving to myself the right to reject any and all bids, and to adjourn such letting to such time and place as I shall publicly announce.

The date for the substantial completion of such contract is 60 calendar days after the date when the Contract Times commence to run. Any persons desiring to bid on the above mentioned work will be required a 5% bid bond deposit (certified check or money order - cash is not acceptable) as a guarantee that they will enter into a contract and furnish the required bond as prescribed by law. The checks shall be drawn payable to "Henry Drain Drainage District". The checks of all unsuccessful bidders will be returned after contracts are awarded. The payment for the above-mentioned work will be made as follows:

NOTICE IS FURTHER HEREBY GIVEN, that on the **13th day of May, 2012,** at the Wayne County Department of Public Services Field Office, 3501 Henry Ruff Road, Westland, Michigan 48186, or at such other time and place thereafter, to which I, the County Drain Commissioner aforesaid, may adjourn the same, the apportionment for benefits and the lands comprised within the "Henry Drain Special Assessment District," and the apportionments against municipalities within the Drainage District will be subject to review for one day, from nine o'clock in the forenoon until five in the afternoon. At said review, the computation of costs for said Drain will also be open for inspection by any parties interested. Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation in the meeting should contact the Wayne County Department of Public Services Field Office at (734) 326-4500 at least one week in advance of the meeting to request mobility, visual, hearing, or other assistance.

The drain assessments against land in the drainage district will be collected in the same manner as property taxes. If the drain assessments against land are collected by installment, the land owner may pay the assessments in full with any interest to date at any time and thereby avoid further interest charges. Please contact the office of the [County] County Drain Commissioner with any questions about payments of drain assessments.

Pursuant to Section 155 of the Michigan Drain Code, any owner of land within the drainage district or any city, village, township, district or county feeling aggrieved by the apportionment of benefits made by the Drain Commissioner, may appeal the apportionment within ten (10) days after the day of review of apportionment by making an application to the [County] County Probate Court for the appointment of a Board of Review.

The description of area that is served by the Henry Drain consists of lands situated in Section 7 of Van Buren Charter Township, T35-R8E, in Wayne County, Michigan.

The following public corporation will be assessed at large to pay part of the cost of the Drain:

Charter County of Wayne

Charter Township of Van Buren

NOW, THEREFORE, All unknown and non-resident persons, owners and persons interested in the above-described lands, and you:

Clerk of Wayne County, Cathy M. Garraht

Clerk of Van Buren Charter Township, Leon Wright

Wayne County Department of Public Services, Hassan A. Soob, Director

are hereby notified that at the time and place aforesaid, or at such other time and place thereafter to which said letting may be adjourned, I shall proceed to receive bids for the construction of said "Henry Drain", in the manner hereinbefore stated; and, also, that at such time and place as stated above from 9:00 o'clock in the forenoon until 5:00 o'clock in the afternoon, the apportionment for benefits and the lands comprised within the Henry Drain Special Assessment District will be subject to review

AND YOU AND EACH OF YOU, Owners and persons interested in the aforesaid lands, are hereby cited to appear at the time and place of such reviewing of apportionments as aforesaid, and be heard with respect to such special assessments and your interests in relation thereto, if you so desire.

This review of apportionment is consistent with Section 154 of the Michigan Drain Code of 1956.

Dated this 10th day of April, 2012.

Lavonda Jackson, ESQ.

Wayne County Drain Commissioner

Publish April 13, 20, 2012

Garage/Rummage Sales
2150

TRENTON - Estate Sale, 2481 Edsel, off West Road. Fri 10a-4p, Sat, Sun 8a-4p.

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WOODHAVEN- 23897 Foxmoor, Woodpointe Sub. Final moving sale, everything goes, rain or shine, Apr 19-20; 10-4.

WYANDOTTE- 1037 17th St. Apr 20-21, 10-6pm tools, cameras, X-mas, computers.

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Under the Power of Sale contained in such mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at or in the main lobby of the Washtenaw County Courthouse, in Ann Arbor, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on May 17, 2012. Said Premises are located in the city of Ypsilanti, Washtenaw County, Michigan and are described as:

Lot 240, Washtenaw Clubview Subdivision, as recorded in Liber 5 of Plats, Pages 24 and 25, Washtenaw County Records
Commonly known as 2506 Burns, Ypsilanti, Michigan 48197.

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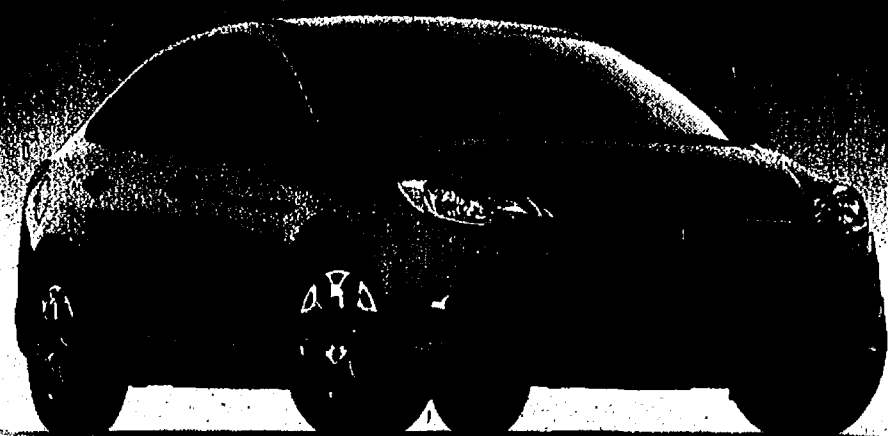
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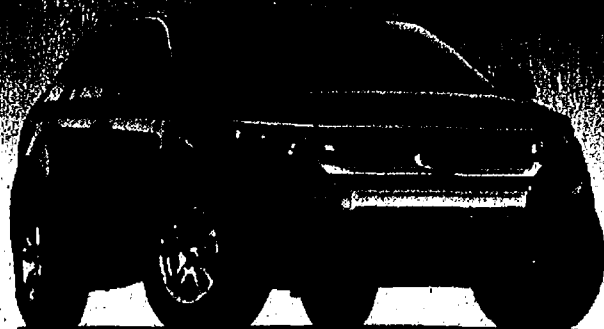
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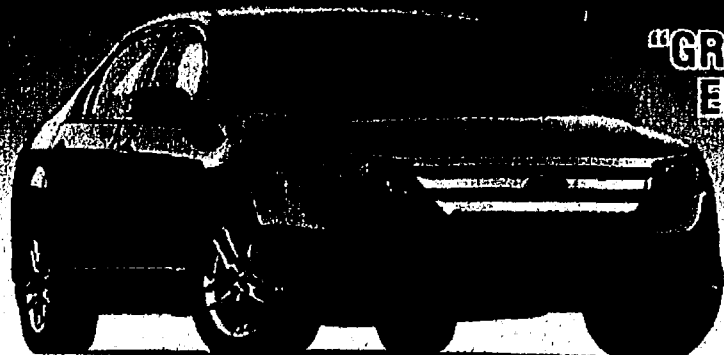
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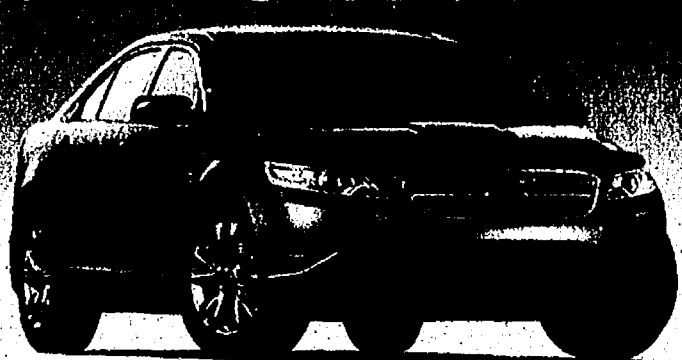
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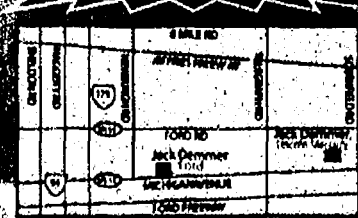
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Right-to-work law could be introduced soon

Unions launch petition drive to put it to vote

Editor's Note: This is the last article in a three-part series on the right-to-work debate in Michigan.

By Craig Farrand
Special Writer

For all the words spoken so far in the battle over right to work in Michigan, the ultimate showdown may be one between GOP-sponsored legislation vs. a union-backed constitutional amendment — even though Gov. Rick Snyder would prefer both ideas to simply go away.

ANALYSIS

On the one side, Republican leaders in the state House of Representatives haven't introduced legislation yet and won't say when they might.

But observers say it's just a matter of time.

On the other side, and to pre-empt such legislation, United Auto Workers' union President Bob King has launched a petition drive to place a constitutional amendment on the fall ballot that would prohibit right-to-work laws in the state.

Neither is what the governor wants.

Quoted while traveling on a trade mission to Europe in mid-March, Snyder said he has asked union leaders to "reconsider and to have a dialogue" about a petition drive aimed at enshrining collective bargaining in the Michigan Constitution.

"My concern," he was quoted as saying, "is that (the labor initiative) could start a whole divisive atmosphere of other people trying to put right to work on the ballot, a whole bunch of things like that, and that would distract from the good things we've got going on."

King made his campaign announcement March 1 at the UAW's national convention in Washington, D.C., adding that union representatives had discussed the issue the day before.

"In that meeting, we got consensus," King was quoted as saying.

"The UAW has been out in front advocating ... that we do a ballot initiative to change the (state) Constitution, protect workers against corporations and guarantee workers' right to collective bargaining."

"We hope," he said, "that Michigan can lead what will then be movements around the United States to guarantee workers' rights to organize and to collective bargaining."

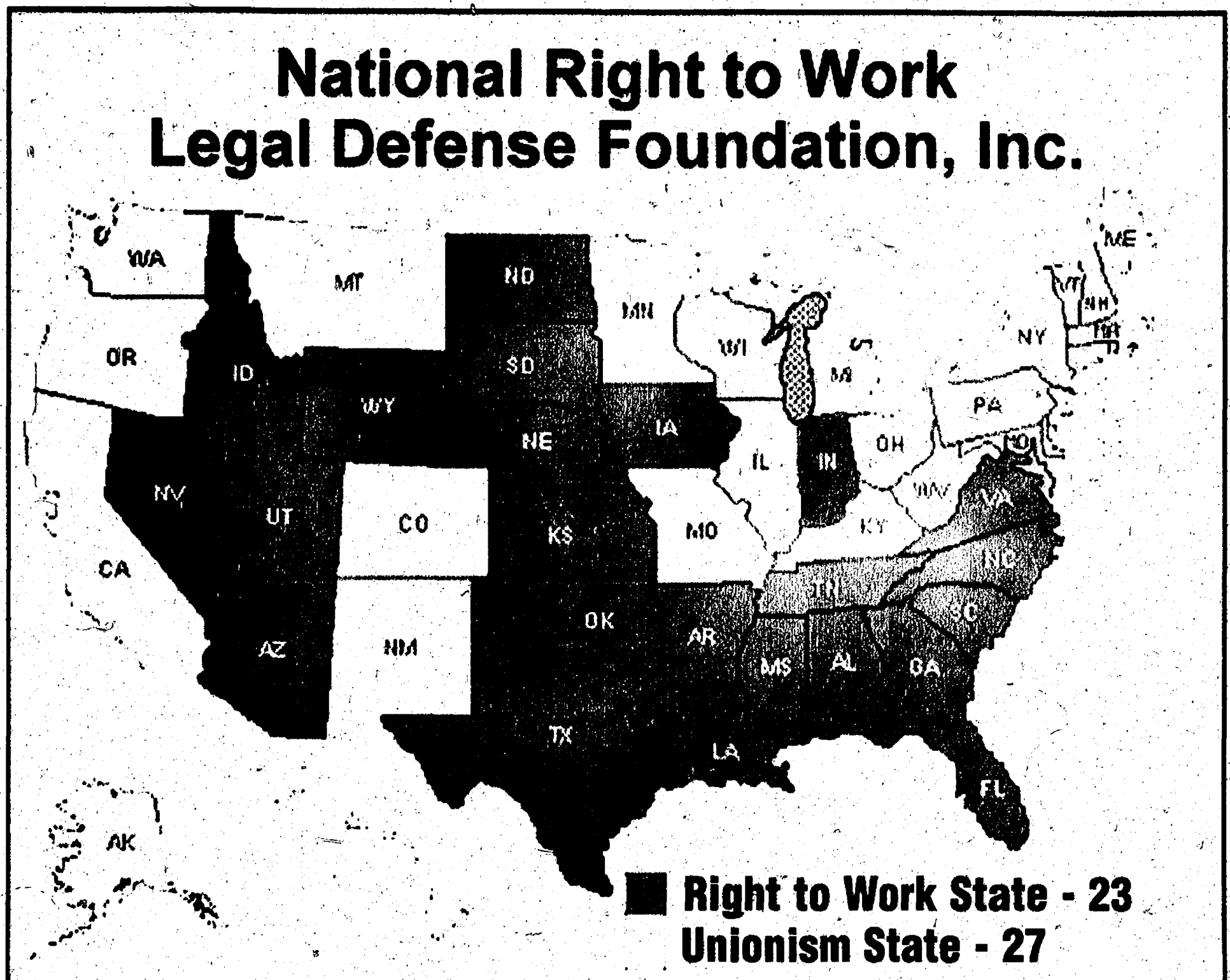
King said other union presidents decided to support the "Protect Our Jobs" Michigan effort to send a message.

And although Snyder has consistently said that the right-to-work issue is not his priority, King and his union brethren are taking no chances. He said the group will seek 500,000 signatures — about twice what the law requires to place a constitutional amendment on the state ballot.

A constitutional showdown?

That's just fine with state Rep. Doug Geiss, D-Taylor.

"I think people should always have recourse; that if they don't think legislation represents them, they should have a voice in say-



ing so," he said.

For Harry Lester, longtime union leader and activist, the prospect of another union cause already has him going.

"I already told Bob King that, although I'm 83 years old, I'm ready to go," Lester said.

"I'm ready to hit the streets, whatever it takes; I'll be right out there with my old buddy."

That battle might be inevitable, given the results of a recent statewide poll, conducted by Marketing Resource Group and Inside Michigan Politics.

Conducted March 14 through 19, the poll found that 58 percent of likely voters would support a Michigan right-to-work law.

Only 37 percent said they opposed such a law.

Oddly enough, the results were much closer when it came to a law that was just recently put on the books.

On March 16, the governor signed into law Public Act 53, which prohibits public schools from deducting union dues or service fees from employees' paychecks.

Yet, only 46 percent of the poll's respondents approved of such a law vs. 40 percent opposed.

Tom Shields, president of MRG, said in a press release:

"Michigan may still be a stronghold for labor unions, but their dwindling membership numbers have weakened their political strength in this state."

"Getting their anti-right-to-work ... proposal on the ballot may be a lot easier than getting (it) passed."

To which Bill Ballenger, editor and publisher of IMP added: "The unions' strategy of pushing constitutional amendments to preserve and protect their power and influence could be a big mistake for the labor movement."

Even so, already there is movement in the state Legislature to shift the debate by creating what's been deemed a "hybrid" right-to-work bill.

This bill, according to

GOP lawmakers, would eliminate union membership as a condition of employment, but would continue to protect workers' rights to collective bargaining.

State Sen. Patrick Colbeck, R-7th District, who most likely would be a sponsor of any eventual right-to-work bill, has been quoted as saying of the "hybrid" model: "We've just got to make sure we've got something that appeals to everybody."

And although such a bill is seen as a way to derail efforts by the unions to put a constitutional amendment on the fall ballot, there still isn't support from the Snyder administration to even discuss the issue.

State Rep. Mike Shirkey, R-65th District, who also is expected to sponsor any eventual right-to-work bill, said it was "inaccurate" to say possible legislation would be delayed because of the union campaign, but declined to put a timetable on introducing such legislation.

In the meantime, both Shirkey and Colbeck are quoted as saying they are lining up votes in the GOP-controlled House and Senate for an eventual legislative fight.

So where does that leave the battle?

Until and unless there is legislation and/or a fall referendum on a right-to-work law in Michigan, the war continues to be one of words.

Politics and personal rights

And those words ultimately include matters of political power — both partisan and individual — because to say the debate is purely about wages and business competition would be to shortchange these other two issues.

The first is the politics involved — as in party politics.

The second is the individual right of each worker.

And they have an impact on each other.

"Right now, the Republicans have the

House; they have the Senate," Geiss said. "So, they control the debate."

"Whether this will become a battleground state like Wisconsin was, I don't know; I hope not."

Yet it's impossible not to ignore that unions traditionally have supported Democrats — with money collected through union dues — and that right-to-work initiatives are viewed by many as a way to erode that financial support.

In a Michigan Public Radio story Jan. 27, one union worker underscored the issue.

Terry Bowman is a Ford worker and a member of the UAW who calls himself a "union conservative."

In the report, he objected to his union's political support of agendas and candidates that go against his beliefs.

As a result, he objected to having his union dues used against his interests.

In his interview, Bowman talked about a 2010 union rally in Washington in which union officials railed against things he supported.

"They got up, blasting the Republican Party," he was quoted as saying, "blasting free market economics, blasting businesses and corporations."

"Blasting, really, anything that's not part of their agenda."

It's because of this political disconnect that Bowman wants Michigan to become a right-to-work state.

Then, he said, he'd have a choice of whether or not to pay his union dues.

"What happens ... is all of a sudden union officials become accountable to the union membership, where they were not before," he said.

Colbeck shares: "There are union conservatives; and they have a First Amendment right to their beliefs."

"They have a right of freedom of assembly, to be or not to be in a union where they may or may not share every view."

PAC money talks

Still, Colbeck wouldn't

be drawn into discussions about how union dues are translated into political contributions.

"The union PACs are a tertiary issue," he said. "It's not worth talking about."

That, however, is not the case for some union leaders, who admit that their organizations "are some of the strongest backers of the Democratic Party," and that less money through union dues would weaken the Democrats.

The UAW's Ray Holman was quoted in the same Michigan Public Radio report that right to work in Michigan "would mean — in the long run — fewer politicians advocating for safe working conditions, security for workers and better benefits."

"This is one of those lines in the sand that we've drawn," he said.

"And, you can believe that all unions, all folks that believe in collective bargaining rights will be out in the streets."

"That, I can guarantee you."

In the end, observers on both sides wonder about the political implications of a right-to-work fight in an election year.

Are the Republicans making a strategic mistake?

"So far, I don't see all the rhetoric we did in Wisconsin," Geiss said. "And I hope it doesn't get to that level."

"But if people feel their rights are being trampled on, they have to do more than hold placards and shout slogans."

"It's all about people voting," he said.

A free ride vs. a free choice

Finally there's the issue of the rights of the individual worker — not just the rights of partisan politics, but fundamental rights to choose.

Should union membership be a condition of employment?

For those who support right to work, the answer is no; that there's a fundamental right for someone to be employed without

affiliation to a labor organization.

For unions, however, it's a matter of fairness. Holman said right to work would "simply allow some workers to be free-riders."

"If certain people were not paying dues and got all the benefits from having a collective bargaining agreement, that's not fair," he said.

Yet, for Colbeck:

"It's a matter of choice by the individual. If he — or she — feels they're getting value for their union dues, then they can pay them."

"But it's up to the unions to develop that relationship with the workers."

But that relationship, Lester said, already has been developed through years of union battles over issues of job safety, fair wages and benefits and job security.

"If right to work becomes law and people have the option to pay their dues, what do you think some will do?" Lester posed.

"It's like paying taxes. No one likes to, but by paying taxes, we get the benefits and protections of being citizens in this nation."

So, will right to work become the law of the Michigan landscape by the end of this year?

Or will the state Constitution enshrine and codify Michigan's labor history into its pages?

"Time will tell; all eyes will be on Lansing — and in the streets of the state — watching two parties, two schools of thought and two powers make their case."

As will Harry Lester. "I've been fighting for workers' rights all my life," he said.

"And that fight never ends."

Craig Farrand is a business owner and school district consultant, as well as a former managing editor of The News-Herald Newspapers, a former adjunct professor of journalism at the University of Detroit Mercy and a longtime freelance writer.

ENTERTAINMENT

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'White Buffalo' a touching tale of redemption

"White Buffalo" is the tale of a broken rural Wisconsin family and their farm, where one of their small herd of buffalo gives birth to a pure white calf.

As the title indicates, this is kind of a big deal.

Michelle Mountain steals the show with her performance as Carol, the fictional stand-in for the actual woman who in 1994 in Janesville, Wis., found a newly-born white buffalo calf in her pen.

Carol is the single-parent steward of a crumbling farmstead with a meager herd of buffalo on a patch of land that Vincent Mountain's set gives the impression of being not the most fertile swath of God's green Earth within the borders of the cheese state.

Mountain and Stacie Hadgikosti, as 18-year-old daughter Abby, make great use of their off-stage rapport during their mother-daughter interactions. At times, those interactions can be tumultuous since Mountain wants the best for her daughter and herself.

Abby also wants the best for them, but they have a difference of opinion, the details of which form the

PLAY REVIEW



SEAN DALTON

spinal column of Zolidis' rich tale of faith and forgiveness.

Alex Leydenfrost is Abby's estranged husband, Mike, who arrives home shortly after the white buffalo comes into the world.

There are ample opportunities for skepticism of

various characters' motives, such as Mike and millionaire cattle ranching tycoon Anders Wilkes, played by David Daoust, who wants to buy the white buffalo.

It's refreshing that everyone is somewhat sympathetic and nobody twirls their mustache, which Daoust's Wilkes could literally do.

Zolidis is a titanic talent when it comes to writing dialogue and monologue for his characters, which Director Guy Sanville capitalizes on greatly.

Michael Brian Ogden, as John Two Rivers, musters up a great deal of resentment, anger and frustration while giving what feel like Zolidis' monologues, opining about the current state of Native Americans, inappropriate adoption and exploitation of other cultures as well as the validity of spiritual

faith in general.

Probably the only weak point in "White Buffalo" was the romance that blooms between John and Abby. It just didn't seem as authentic as the rest of the play.

On the other hand, Mountain and Leydenfrost's estranged and long-separated husband and wife interactions are sometimes so genuine that they're uncomfortable to hear, while Hadgikosti's battles with her mother are incredibly similar to dad's, indicating either greatly nuanced writing on Zolidis part, amazing directing from Sanville or more than likely both.

"White Buffalo" is so chock-full of loving attention to detail and genuineness at nearly every level that it's impossible to dislike the experience.

The cast and crew handled the actual on-stage representation of the white buffalo surprisingly well.

Rainbow Dickerson leads a group of fellow cast-members, including Matthew David, Nate Mitchell and Meghan Thompson, who are an amalgam of the actual white buffalo and the spiritual intent and history that it embodies, with a little narration thrown in.

It's the spiritual mix that stands as a visual representation of the history and the magic of the white buffalo. The group tastefully conveys the historical culture of the



Nate Mitchell (left), Meghan Thompson, and Matthew David represent the white buffalo in its pen. Rather than see an actual white buffalo throughout the play, the audience sees the spiritual side of the creature.

Native American through song, stories and dance throughout the play.

At one point an older buffalo, represented by David hunched over with a skin draped over his back, passes away.

It almost feels like someone is telling the audience, "Hey, look at how we could have handled the white buffalo." It's a relative connection that adds to the appre-

ciation of how the white buffalo was handled.

It should be noted that Dickerson is a newcomer to the Purple Rose Theatre Company. Her singing, dancing and general stage-presence were top-notch, and she meshed incredibly well with the seasoned David and the talented physical acting of Mitchell.

It will be interesting to see what the Purple Rose has in

store for her.

"White Buffalo" is a tapestry of rich detail and well-balanced storytelling that exists creatively high up in the clouds without bewildering us by the distance between it and those of us watching from the ground.

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Ann Arbor Film Fest platforms autonomous independents

Podcast featured at Heritage.com

By Jacquelyn Knudson & Sam Logan Khaleghi
Guest Writers

Established in 1963, the Ann Arbor Film Festival claims itself to be the longest-running independent and experimental film festivals in the nation.

Internationally recognized, the six-day festival took place March 27 through April 1 at the Michigan Theater.

Many talented filmmakers, including Sarah J. Christman, with an interesting twist to their subjects or narratives were lucky to have their work showcased.

Christman, a native of Philadelphia, traveled to Michigan to take in an audience reaction through the dark lights and speaker

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AUDIO: Jacquelyn Knudson interviews filmmaker Sarah J. Christman about her film "As Above, So Below" at Heritage.com.

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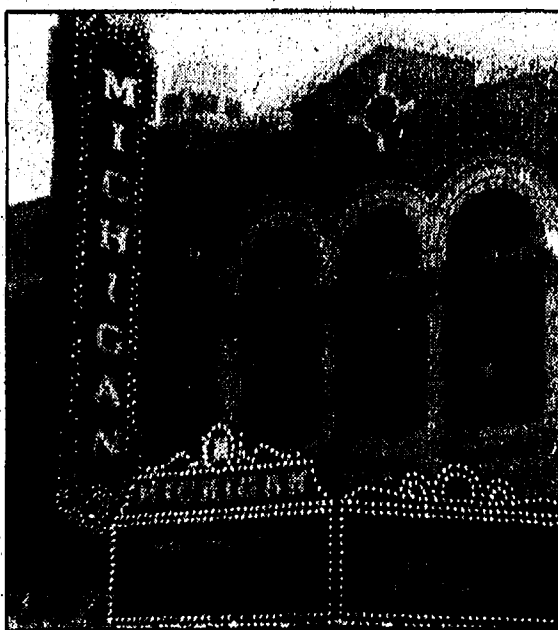
An assistant professor in the film department at Brooklyn College, she had the world premiere of her documentary "As Above, So Below."

The title comes from Sir

Isaac Newton's translation of the ancient text from the Emerald Tablet of Hermes.

The film festival's website premises the film in a unique and solitary way: "For thousands of years, alchemists toiled to synthesize rare substances and universal cures, to manipulate the speed of natural processes."

"Today, my mother has her husband's ashes transformed into a memorial diamond. Precious metals are extracted from obsolete."



The Ann Arbor Film Festival began in 1963.

THINGS TO DO: REGIONAL CALENDAR

CHELSEA

Thursday, April 19

■ **"White Buffalo"**
8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, 3 p.m. Saturday and Wednesday, 2 p.m. Sunday: Purple Rose Theatre, 137 Park St. Call 433-7673.

■ **"Dungeons & Dragons"**

4:30 to 8 p.m. Thursday: Chelsea District Library, 221 S. Main St. Free. 475-8732.

■ **FCC Players Present Murder Mystery, "And Evermore Shall Be So"**

7 p.m. Thursday and Friday, and 2 p.m. Sunday: First Congregational Church of Chelsea, 121 E. Middle St. Free, but donations accepted for the church's mission trip. 475-1844.

Saturday, April 21

■ **Midwest Literary Walk**
11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday: various downtown locations. Free. 475-8732.

■ **Chelsea Chess Club**
3 p.m. Saturday: Wendy's, 1640 Commerce Park. Free. 475-1583.

■ **Chelsea Teddy Bear Co.**
11 a.m., 1 and 3 p.m. Saturday: CTBC Warehouse, 400 N. Main St. Free. 433-5499.

■ **DJ Skate**
7:15 p.m. Saturday: Arctic Coliseum, 501 Coliseum Drive. \$5 (ages 14 and younger, \$3), skate rental \$3. 433-4444.

■ **"Momentum": The Factory Dance Company**

4 p.m. Saturday: Tree of Life Cultural Arts Studio, 6065 Sibley Road. \$10 (ages 12 and younger, \$5). 433-0897.

■ **"Swan Lake": Youth Dance Theater**

7 p.m. Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday: Chelsea High School 740 N. Freer Road. \$18 (students \$12). 475-3070.

Sunday, April 22

■ **"Strange Creatures of the Spring Pond"**

2 p.m. Sunday: Eddy Discovery Center, Bush Road. \$2 (families \$5). Pre-registration required. \$10 annual vehicle fee. 475-3170.

Tuesday, April 24

■ **"Dungeons & Dragons"**

4:30 to 8 p.m. Tuesday: Chelsea District Library, 221 S. Main St. Free. 475-8732.

DEXTER

Thursday, April 19

■ **"Godspell"**

7 p.m. Thursday, 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday: Encore, 3126 Broad St. Tickets at theencoretheatre.org and at the door. 288-6200.

■ **International Night**

1 p.m. Thursday: Westminster Presbyterian Church Hall, 1500 Scio Church Road. Free. 995-1645.

Friday, April 20

■ **Agility Trials: Ann Arbor Dog Training Club**

9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, 8:30 a.m. to afternoon Saturday and Sunday: Ann Arbor Dog Training Club, 1575 E. North Territorial Road. Free. 995-2801.

Saturday, April 21

■ **Draw Doubles: Disc Golf Club**

Noon Saturday: Hudson Mills Metropark Activity Center, 8801 N. Territorial Road. \$7 per player; free for spectators. \$5 vehicle entrance fee. 449-4300.

■ **"Scio Woods Preserve Hike": Huron Valley Sierra Club**

11:30 a.m. Saturday: Scio Woods Preserve, north side of Scio Church Road, west of Wagner, Scio Township. Free. 677-0823.

SALINE

Thursday, April 19

■ **Armed Forces Concert: Saline New Horizons Band**

3 p.m. Thursday: Liberty School Auditorium, 7265 Ann Arbor-Saline Road. Free. 429-4730.

■ **Dick Siegel and the Brando: Music Under the Arch**

7:30 p.m. Thursday: Stone Arch Arts and Events, 117 S. Ann Arbor St. \$15 and \$20 (students, \$10) at musicunderthearch.com and by phone, and (if avail-

able) at the door. 316-2118. 4840.

Friday, April 20

■ **Ballroom Dance Party**
8 p.m. Friday: Come Dancing, 7025 E. Michigan Ave. \$12. 944-1888.

Saturday, April 21

■ **Single Connections Dance: Parents Without Partners/ Professional Volunteer Corps**

8 p.m. Saturday: Grotto Club, 2070 W. Stadium Blvd., Ann Arbor. \$8 (PWP members \$6). 578-3664.

■ **Spring 2012 HomeTown Concert: Fiddlers ReStrung**

6:30 p.m. Saturday: Saline Middle School, 7190 N. Maple Road. \$15 (students and seniors, \$10) at fiddlersrestrung.com. 429-8000, ext. 2338.

■ **Contra Dance**
8 p.m. Saturday: Concourse Hall, 4531 Concourse Drive. 426-0241.

■ **Pittsfield Open Band**
3 p.m. Saturday: Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor-Saline Road. Free. 994-9307.

■ **Young Contra Dancers**

4 p.m. Saturday: Concourse Hall, 4531 Concourse Drive. \$13 (members, \$12; students, \$8). 248-417-7968.

Monday, April 23

■ **Line Dancing**
6 p.m. Monday: American Legion Hall, 320 W. Michigan Ave. \$7. 429-

Tuesday, April 24

■ **New Horizons Band**
7 p.m. Tuesday, 1 p.m. Thursday: Liberty School band room, 7265 Saline-Ann Arbor Road. Free. 429-1742.

■ **Euchre**
6 p.m. Tuesday: Tri-County Sportsman's League, 8640 Moon Road. 429-9561.

Wednesday, April 25

■ **Saline Woodcarvers**
6 p.m. Wednesday: Saline Area Senior Center, 7190 N. Maple Road. Free. 944-1918.

■ **National Rifle Association Banquet**

5:30 p.m. Wednesday: Tri-County Sportsman's League, 8640 Moon Road. \$40. 429-9561.

■ **MiRobotClub**
7 p.m. Wednesday: Maker Works, 3765 Plaza Drive. Free. 517-618-9546.

■ **YPSILANTI**

■ **"Guys and Dolls"**
7 p.m. Thursday through Saturday: Quirk Theater, Ford Street, EMU campus. \$15 (students \$12; ages 12 and under \$7). 487-2282.

■ **Habitat for Humanity Annual Fundraiser**

6 p.m. Friday: Washtenaw Community College Morris Lawrence Building, 4800 E. Huron River Drive. \$50 in advance at h4h.org. 677-1558, ext. 121.

■ **EMU Chorus and Symphony Orchestra**

8 p.m. Friday: EMU Pease Auditorium, West Cross at College Place. Free. 487-2255.

Saturday, April 21

■ **"iCloud and What's New at Apple": MacTechnics**

9:30 a.m. Saturday: 275 WCC Liberal Arts Building, 4800 E. Huron River Drive. Free. 995-0732.

■ **Jazz Combos**
2 and 7 p.m. Saturday: EMU Alexander Recital Hall, Lowell at East Circle Drive. Free. 487-2255.

■ **Aglow International**
9:30 a.m. Saturday: 340 WCC Liberal Arts Building, 4800 E. Huron River Drive. Free. 971-4545.

■ **Orchid Festival: Ann Arbor Orchid Society**

Noon to 4:30 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sunday: Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro Road. Free admission. 663-0756.

■ **Puppet Show**
3:30 p.m. Sunday: Dreamland Theater, 26 N. Washington St. \$5 (ages 3 and younger free). 657-2337.

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PLEASE SEE REGIONAL/3-C

The Mister Laurence Experience plays May 6

Local kid-friendly musical act The Mister Laurence Experience will feature its latest CD, "The Teddy Bear's Picnic," during a concert noon May 6 at Oz's Music.

The new CD's 14 tracks include original rock and blues songs and new interpretations of children's classics, performed by

Mister Laurence, Ms. Princess Melinda and OSO the Drumming (mechanical) Bear.

This trio uses a rock/blues genre to connect the musical dots between parents and children — sophisticated enough for the grown-up ear, yet playful and age-appropriate to keep the little ones danc-

ing in the aisles.

In the title track, Mister Laurence and Ms. Princess Melinda invite their listeners to "The Teddy Bear's Picnic."

They recast the famous ditty (first recorded in 1908, with lyrics added in 1932) as a crunching-but-not-menacing guitar cavalcade.

Included in the performance will be "Shoe Blues," a moan about a problem that plagues many toddlers — misplaced footwear.

"How Much is That Doggie in the Window?" is a spunky rocker with updated lyrics, while the ensemble's version of "Three Blind Mice"

sets up the back-story of everyone's favorite trio of rodents.

Did you know the mice were once virtuoso fantasy artists?

As storyteller Mister Laurence reveals, "They could paint, kind of like how Beethoven, after losing his hearing, composed symphonies."

Mister Laurence has been performing original music for kids since 1998, as a "healthy alternative to purple dinosaurs and fast-food clowns."

Oz's Music is located at 1920 Packard Road in Ann Arbor.

The cost for the May 6 show is \$5 per person or \$10 per family.

'Leaving Iowa' at Ann Arbor Civic Theatre May 3-6

Ann Arbor Civic Theatre will present an American road-trip comedy, "Leaving Iowa," directed by Michael Schacherbauer, May 3 through 6 at the University of Michigan's Arthur Miller Theatre, 1226

Murfin Ave. in Ann Arbor.

"Leaving Iowa" is an homage to the classic family road trip. In the play, Don Browning, a middle-aged writer, returns home to take his deceased father's ashes back to the family home, as requested.

After discovering that the family home has been torn down and replaced with a grocery store, he begins a journey across Iowa searching for a proper resting place for his father.

This "father-and-son" road trip shifts from the present to Don's memories of all the past family road trips which were full of memories — good and bad.

"This play is a walk



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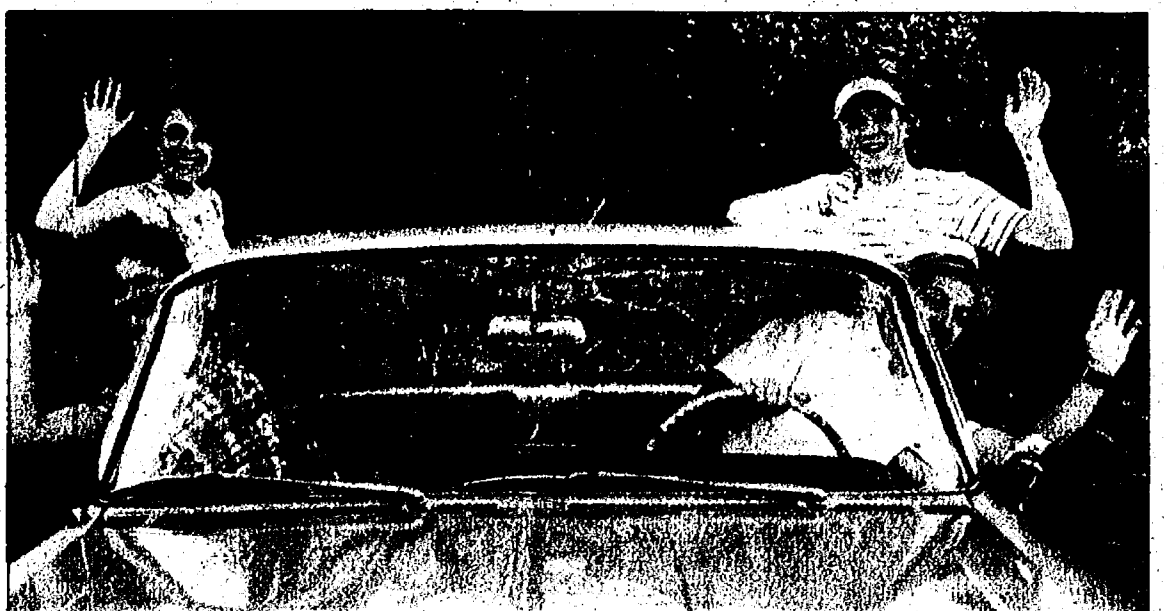
"Leaving Iowa," directed by Michael Schacherbauer, will play at the Arthur Miller Theatre in Ann Arbor May 3 through 6. Members of the cast include Matt Steward (left), Kathleen Beardmore, Nick Boyer and Dana Denha.

down memory lane for every audience member," said director Michael Schacherbauer in a news release.

"It is full of laughs but is also quite poignant. I wouldn't be surprised if there were a few tears amid the laughter. 'Leaving

Iowa' made its world premiere at Chelsea's Purple Rose Theatre in 2004. I think it's a great show for Midwesterners, and we are thrilled to bring it back to the area."

The cast of "Leaving Iowa" features Nick Boyer as Don, Matt Steward as



Members of the cast of "Leaving Iowa" in the front row are Kathleen Beardmore (left) and Matt Steward. In the back are Dana Denha (left) and Nick Boyer.

Dad, Kathleen Beardmore as Mom and Dana Denha as Sis.

The cast also includes Amanda Barnett, Erica Dutton, Isaac Ellis, and Steven White playing multiple characters.

Performances are at 8

p.m. Thursday through Saturday and at 2 p.m. Sunday. Ticket prices are \$20 for adults, \$18 for seniors or \$15 for tickets on Thursday. Student tickets are \$10 for any performance.

Tickets are available

online at www.a2ct.org, by calling the office at 971-2228, at the A2CT office at 322 W. Ann St., or at the door.

Additional information is available by visiting www.a2ct.org.

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■ **Genealogical Society**
1:30 p.m. Sunday: St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Education Center auditorium, 5305 Elliott Drive. Free. 483-2799.

Monday, April 23

■ **Bob Lutz: Washtenaw Economic Club**

11:30 a.m. Monday: WCC Morris Lawrence Building, 4800 E. Huron River Drive. \$80 in advance only at washtenaweconclub.org. 477-8959.

Tuesday, April 24

■ **Huron Valley Harmonizers: Barbershop**

■ **Harmony Society**

7:30 p.m. Tuesdays: Stony Creek United Methodist Church, 8635 Stony Creek Road. Free to visitors, call in advance: 445-1925.

■ **Jewish Spirituality and Recovery from Addiction: Dawn Farm**

7:30 p.m. Tuesdays: St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Education Center, 5305

Elliott Drive. Free. 973-7892.

MANCHESTER

Sunday, April 22

■ **"Spring Things in the River Rains": Hike**

1 p.m. Sunday: Sharon Mills Park, 5701 Sharon Hollow Road. Free. 971-6337, ext. 334.

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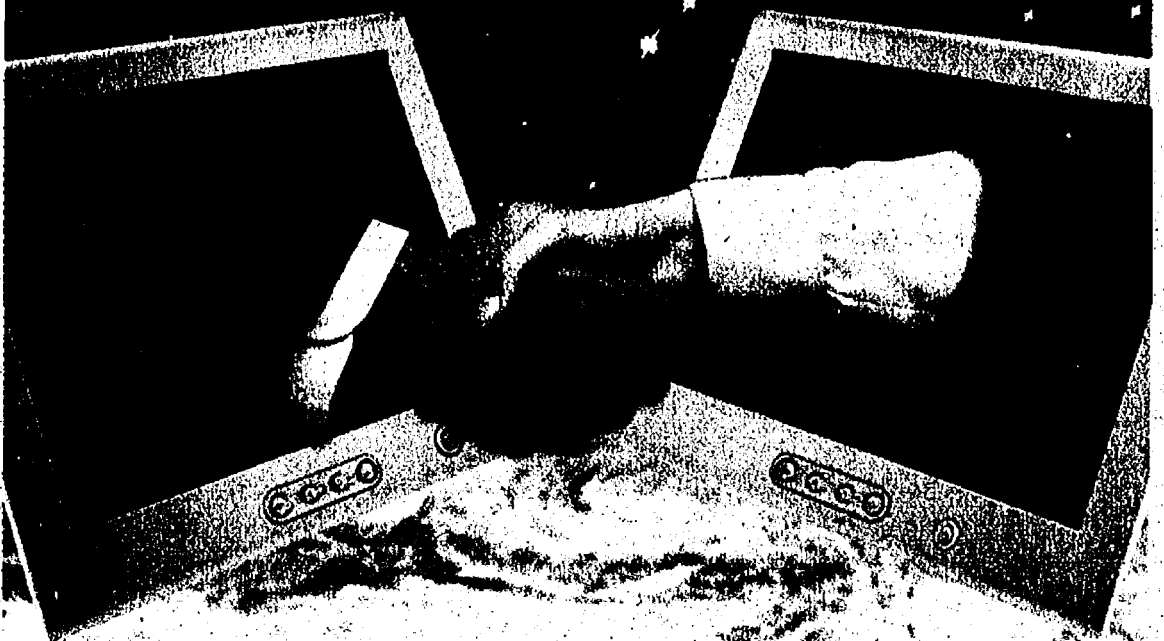
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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Thursday, April 19

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

■ The Dexter District Library hosts a Microsoft Excel 2007 learning session at 9:30 a.m. Registration is required.

■ Better off Read, a book club for adults, meets at 2 p.m. at the Dexter District Library. Registration is required.

■ 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.

■ See "Godspell" at the Encore Theatre, 3126 Broad St. in Dexter, at 7 p.m. Tickets may be purchased online at theencoretheatre.org or by phone at 734-268-6200.

■ See "White Buffalo" at the Purple Rose Theatre, 137 Park St. in Chelsea, at 11 a.m. or 8 p.m. Tickets may be purchased online at purplerosetheatre.org or by phone at 734-433-7673.

Friday, April 20

■ Arts Meets Business is hosted by the Chelsea District Library at 10 a.m.

■ Join the Dexter District

Library for Muffins-N-Movies at 2 p.m. The featured film is "The Boy in the Striped Pajamas," rated PG-13 with a runtime of 94 minutes.

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

■ In honor of Earth Day, learn how to make a bracelet out of an old T-shirt at the Dexter District Library at 4 p.m. Bring your own T-shirts or make use of one of the library's. Registration is required.

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Saturday, April 21

■ The fourth annual Midwest Literary Walk starts at 11 a.m. at River Gallery in downtown Chelsea. The walk features authors, poets, playwrights and musicians at locations throughout the downtown and throughout the day. Drop in for one performance or follow along from place to place. From the River

Gallery, the walk will head to the Chelsea Center for the Arts at noon, a lunch at 1 p.m., the Chelsea District Library at 2 p.m. and River Gallery will close out the event at 4 p.m.

■ See "Swan Lake", a classic ballet to music by Tchaikovsky, presented by Chelsea's talented Youth Dance Theatre at 7 p.m. at Chelsea High School. Tickets are available online at youthdancetheatre.org or 475-3070.

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■ Transition Town Chelsea presents the movie "Earth Days" at 2 p.m. in the McKune Room of the

Chelsea District Library. The film explores the driving forces leading to the very first Earth Day on April 22, 1970, and how it has led to the modern environmental movement. For more information, contact Cathy Muha at cathymuha@sbcglobal.net.

■ See the last performance of "Godspell" at the Encore Theatre, 3126 Broad St. in Dexter, at 2 p.m. Tickets may be purchased online at theencoretheatre.org or by phone at 734-268-6200.

■ See "White Buffalo" at the Purple Rose Theatre, 137 Park St. in Chelsea, at 2 p.m. Tickets may be purchased online at purplerosetheatre.org or by phone at 734-433-7673.

Monday, April 23

■ The Chelsea District Library hosts Magic: The Gathering Weekly Gaming Night at 6 p.m. in the KidSpot.

■ The Community Read planning meeting is at 7 p.m. in the McKune Room of the Chelsea District Library. For more information please contact the library director, Bill Harmer, at bharmer@chelseadistrictlibrary.org.

Tuesday, April 24

■ The Ancestry Aficionados meets at 10

a.m. at the Chelsea District Library.

■ 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.

■ The CROP Hunger Walk's 2012 planning meeting is at 7 p.m. at St. Paul United Church of Christ, 14600 Old U.S. 12 in Chelsea. If you would like to help plan the Chelsea/Dexter Walk which will take place the first Sunday in October, please send a representative. For more information call Kathie at 313-268-6537.

Wednesday, April 25

■ Dance along and sing along with Mrs. Beth at the Chelsea District Library at 10:30 a.m. This program is children ages 2 and up.

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phone at 734-433-7673.

Thursday, April 26

■ 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.

■ Celebrate the opening of the Chelsea District Library's Business Resource Center, created with the support of the Michigan Small Business & Technology Development Center, at 5:30 p.m. Speakers and demonstrations will introduce you to free business resources as well as business and entrepreneurs at the library.

■ See "White Buffalo" at the Purple Rose Theatre, 137 Park St. in Chelsea, at 8 p.m. Tickets may be purchased online at purplerosetheatre.org or by phone at 734-433-7673.

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.

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Encore's 'Godspell' walks on water

Of all the times Jesus Christ came to a live theater near me, the Encore's "Godspell" is easily my favorite incarnation of Christ's exploits thus far.

It's thanks largely to an all-star cast of actors and some great casting chops, such as getting Rusty Mewha to grace the stage to give audiences a clean-cut, extraordinarily affable interpretation of Jesus.

Usually the assessments of actors come further down in a play review for me, but Mewha's performance is really the glue that holds the show together, which is fitting considering that the character he plays, is, for Christians, the glue holding humanity together.

One thing's for certain: Stephen Schwartz's music is perfect for the segmented nature of the script, broken up with Matthew's (and some of Luke's) gospel, and interspersed with

some downright hilarious comedic sketches.

At one point, one of the disciples is doing a noir bit, at another point there's a puppet show, and, further in, everyone's talking like the character Goat Boy from Saturday Night Live, the latter of which cracks Mewha up during almost every performance, I've been told by folks close to the Encore.

As a piece of intellectual property, "Godspell" has a lot of room for individual theater companies to put their own spin on the tale, and even for the actors to cut loose a bit, which is wonderful since the Encore is at its best when the resident artists are allowed to be themselves.

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PLAY REVIEW



SEAN DALTON



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ville theater set was a wise choice of backdrop for the Encore's iteration of "Godspell." It fits both thematically and from a story perspective as several common items are used in unexpected ways as altars and crosses when the time comes.

Cooney should get another nod for the fact

that "Godspell" entails a great deal of group performance, whereas a lot of musicals have more focus on individual actors, who take turns in the spotlight. There aren't many solos in this show, as obviously the disciples are sort of a package deal in a script as loose as this one.

And having the entire group on stage all at once doing various things provides a very rich and detailed show for the audience's senses to take it.

Daniel C. Walker's lighting, often a character in and of itself, does a wonderful job giving a visual element to the Pharisees and on another occasion

in the story, God.

Sharon Larkey Urick's costumes were a good fit on a clean cut, youthful group of disciples, and her costume choice for Mewha added to his considerable height, which towered over the other actors. A Jesus who is taller than everyone else physically just feels right.

Keith Kalinowski, Charles Lindsay, Sonja Marquis, Angela Kay Miller, Fatima Poggi, Amy Smidebush, Brian Thibault and Tara Tomcsik: all take a bow.

Brian Buckner, take two. The music direction, which is Buckner's specialty, continues to be excellent and his acting and singing are getting more and more impressive with each show.

"Godspell" is showing Thursdays at 7 p.m., Fridays at 8 p.m., Saturdays at 3 and 8 p.m. and Sundays at 3 p.m., with a one-off matinee on April 5 and no show on Easter Sunday, April 8. The run runs until April 22.

For more information visit www.theencoretheatre.org.

BULLETIN BOARD

"Around Town with Linda"

"Around Town with Linda" will feature Lynda Collins, owner of Thompson's Pizzeria. "Around Town with Linda" features interviews conducted by the local host Linda Meloche.

The show airs daily on Channel 18 at 7:30 a.m., noon, 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://storiesofchelsea.org>.

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Sign up for The Chelsea Standard and Dexter Leader's e-newsletter to get the latest headlines delivered directly to your e-mail box, as well as breaking news and community alerts.

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Chelsea school district is now accepting scholarship applications

The Chelsea School District's Great Start Readiness Program is now accepting applications for preschool scholarships for the 2012-13 school year. To be eligible for the scholarship children must be 4 years old by this Dec. 1, be a resident of the Chelsea School District, meet income guidelines and show the most need. Contact Sally Wingle at 734-433-2208, ext. 6307, for an application.

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

By Sean Dalton
Heritage Media

Tony Logan's "Red" is coming to Ann Arbor and Washtenaw County's Performance Network Theatre this week.

The Tony award-winning show, which premieres this Thursday, is an occasion that the Performance Network Theatre staff is using as an opportunity to literally paint the town red.

In "Red," artist Mark Rothko and his assistant engage in a passionate argument about the esoteric topic of what the color red represents.

"Red" also chronicles two years in the life of Rothko, as he works feverishly on the then-highest paid commission in history, for New York's Four Seasons Restaurant.

Performance Network's "Red All Over" community art project also goes live at select businesses in and around Ann Arbor this Thursday.

The project is aimed at creating an artistic representation of Ann Arbor, using only the color red.

Beginning April 12 and running through April 25, Ann Arbor residents will notice canvases scattered around town at popular hang outs and businesses.

Performance Network invites residents to add their own drawing to the canvases using the provided selection of supplies, including markers, pencils and pastels.

Previous experience in the visual arts is not required. Both master painters and in-the-margin doodlers are encouraged to participate.

The finished artworks will be displayed in the Performance Network lobby during the run of "Red."

Schedule of Canvas Locations:

- Arbor Brewing Company: April 12-15
- Aut Bar: April 12-14
- Walgreen Drama Center: April 12-15
- Michigan Theater: April 16-18
- Zingerman's Coffee Company: April 16-18
- Zingerman's Deli: April 19-21
- Maison Edwards Tobacconist: April 19-21
- Everyday Wines: April 22-24
- Enspire Dental: April 23-25

Performance Network Theatre will be providing updates on the event's progress on Twitter and Facebook with info and photos for those who want to see what participant interpretation of the color red looks like.

In conjunction with the production, Performance Network and the Ann Arbor District Library are teaming up to bring community members a deeper look at Rothko's famed commission as well as his other life's works.

Grant Mandarino, from the U of M History of Art department, will be presenting a free lecture on 7-8:30 p.m. May 8 at Performance Network Theatre.

In addition to his regular teaching duties, Mandarino works as a freelance art critic and has published reviews in journals such as ArtNet Magazine, USart, The Stranger, Ann Arbor Observer and H-Net German.

Tickets are available for "Red" and can be ordered at 734-663-0681, online at www.performancenetwork.org or by coming to the Performance Network Theatre, 120 East Huron St., in Ann Arbor.

Weekly performances of "Red" are Thursdays at 7:30 p.m., Fridays and

Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m., with 3 p.m. Saturday matinees on May 5 and May 19.

Performance Network will also be presenting "Jamie and Jordan" as part of the Saturday Series for Young Audiences.

This spring, Performance Network Theatre's educational outreach program, the Children's Theatre Network, is offering something for the whole family.

Performance Network will be presenting the musical comedy "Jamie and Jordan" on 1 p.m. April 28, which features book and lyrics by Kim Carney, a Performance Network staple, with music by Gene Gaunt.

Born in the same hospital on the same day, neighbors Jamie and Jordan

are lifelong best friends until a twist of fate and an ankle separates them.

This musical tale teaches children about the importance of a healthy lifestyle and healthy friendship — both important for long lasting happiness.

Tickets are priced at \$7 for children and \$10 for adults.

Children's Theatre Network is a touring program dedicated to awakening the creativity, intellect and compassion of our youth through the power and fun of live performance. Performance Network presents each of the productions one Saturday a month on its Main Stage for local families.

ENGAGEMENT



Melissa Jaeger and Karl Schmidt

Jaeger-Schmidt

Melissa Mary Jaeger of Ann Arbor, daughter of Eric and Mary Anne Jaeger of Ann Arbor, and Michael Karl Schmidt of Ann Arbor, son of Karl and Ruth Schmidt of Saginaw, are engaged and plan to marry in September at Weller's in Saline.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Pioneer High School and of the University of Michigan, where she earned a master's degree in elementary education and was a member of the

women's swim team. She works as a third-grade teacher at Pittsfield Elementary School in Ann Arbor.

The groom-elect is a graduate of Heritage High School and of the University of Michigan, where he earned a bachelor's degree in movement science and was a member of the men's baseball team.

He works as a clinical research associate at Trialynx Inc. and as the assistant varsity baseball coach in Dexter.

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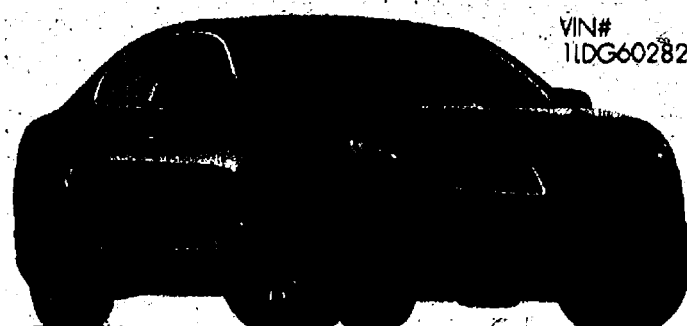
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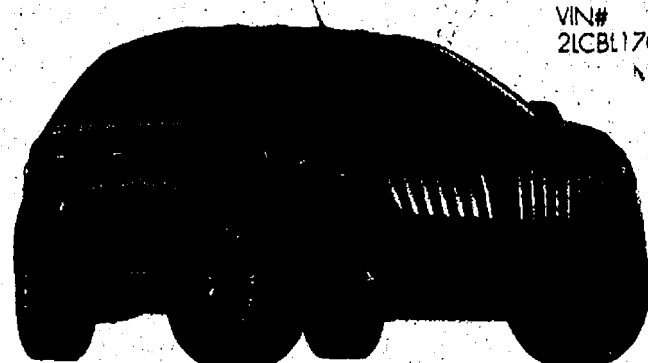
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