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Washtenaw's unemployment rate lowest in Michigan

By Jackie Smith
Special Writer

Washtenaw County has the lowest unemployment rate in Michigan, according to a report released Jan. 6 by the state's Department of Energy, Labor and Economic Growth.

With a 6 percent jobless rate, Washtenaw and the Ann Arbor area surpassed 48 of the 83 counties in Michigan that had rates in the double digits. Despite the low rate, joblessness was reported to have risen over the last year, as the report compared rates between November 2008 and November 2007.

Mark Reffit, DELEG

regional economic analyst, said the state jobless increase was 2.2 percent, whereas Washtenaw County's unemployment rate increased 1.5 percent.

"Nearly every market area I've seen has increased over the last year," he said. "That's happening not only statewide, but nationwide ... It's happening everywhere."

County Commissioner Mark Ouimet said Washtenaw's No. 1 ranking didn't surprise him because employment opportunities are frequently found at the larger area universities.

It's a typical, university-area trend seen throughout the state. Thirty-five other

counties reported jobless rates below 10 percent, several of which are considered to house large "college towns" and a student population to boost the local economy.

Still, there are other issues which should concern Washtenaw County residents.

Reffit said much of the tough economic struggles felt in Michigan have rooted from issues on a national level, a sort of large-scale domino effect causing pieces to crumble in even the smallest of American communities.

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Witnessing history



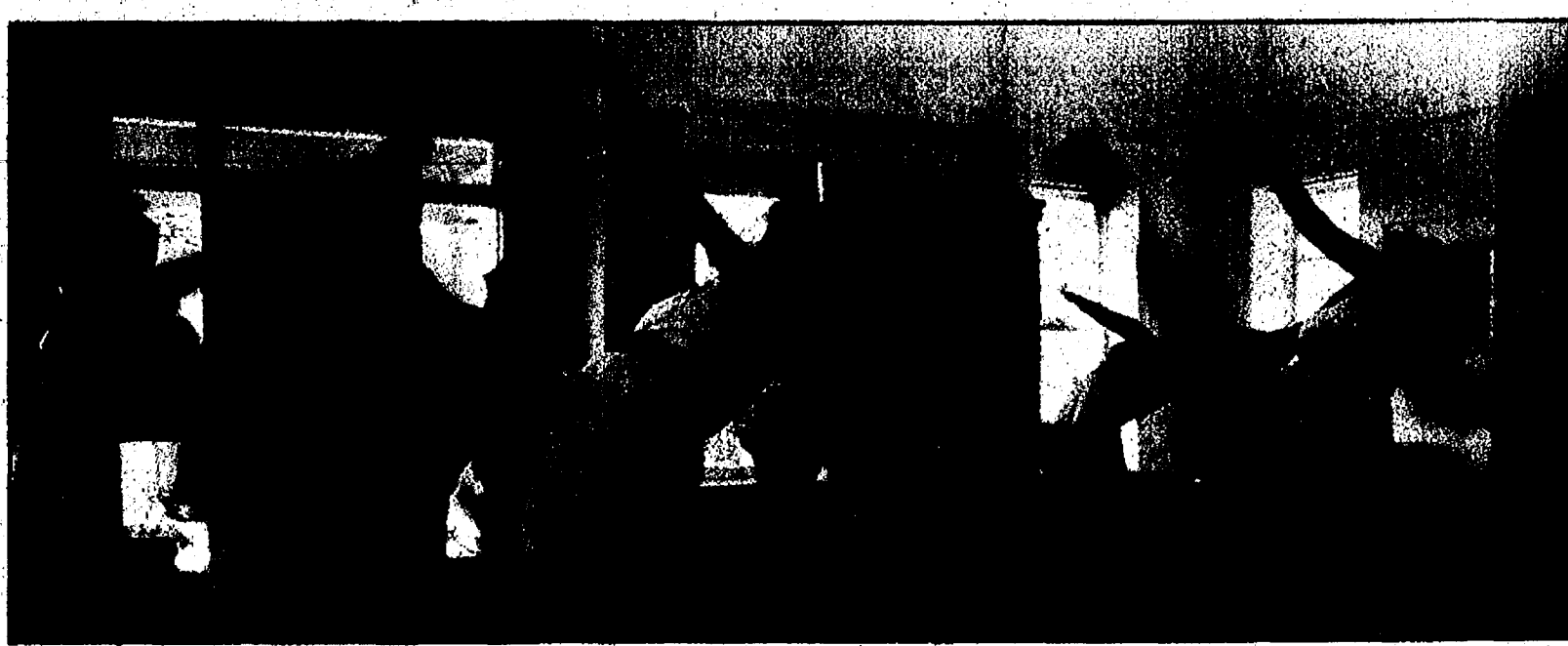
Seniors gathered Tuesday at the Chelsea Senior Center to watch history in the making with the inauguration of President Barack Obama.

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Celebrating MLK



One World One Family and other groups, including McKune Memorial Library and Chelsea Center for the Arts, helped celebrate Martin Luther King Day with several activities, including a parade and jazz performance. Josie Surel (below) took first place for her entry into a CCA contest. For more photos, see Pages 1-B and 1-D



Waterloo Planning Commission OKs gravel pit expansion proposal

By Crystal Hayduk
Staff Writer

While 'outside temperatures plummeted into the single digits, the mood of those against the expansion of the gravel pit owned by Aggregate Industries (AI) turned icy inside as the Waterloo Planning Commission accepted AI's proposal Jan. 13.

The proposed expansion of the gravel pit on Loveland Road in Waterloo Township was the only item on the agenda of the regularly scheduled January meeting of the planning commission. Aggregate Industries has expressed interest in purchasing nearly 19 acres of property from landowner Jim Dault, which is contiguous to their current operation, to allow for further mining of sand, gravel, concrete and asphalt for local construction purposes.

Although several supporters of the expansion were present at the meeting, none spoke openly to the commission during public comment

time. However, four individuals spoke against the project, and two letters against the project were submitted to the planning commission.

Some of the concerns mentioned related to property values, radon levels, water quality, dust, noise, traffic patterns, and subsequent land use.

Meagan Westcott, of Harvey Lane, said, "We don't have anything against Jim (Dault) - just the gravel pit. We feel that the problems that will result from their expansion are not minor like they said."

Charles Stockton, of Harvey Road, said that Aggregate Industries has a history of pushing at the boundaries of an ordinance. "This summer they were at my property line," he said. "The berm they promised should have been sloped and grassy, but it's too steep. It's barren dirt. If it is going to expand, will we see the same landscaping as last summer?"

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DDA bonds approved for joint city, authority efforts

By Sean Dalton
Staff Writer

The Chelsea Downtown Development Authority received approval to issue bonds that will raise \$995,000 for various projects in the district.

Members of the City Council unanimously approved the issuance of the General limited-tax general obligation bonds, which are essentially a loan against DDA revenues or Tax Incremental Financing (TIF) funds.

The bond will finance several DDA projects, including expanded parking in the district both around 305 Main Street - where the new municipal complex and Chelsea Police Department home will be - as well as 110 Jackson Street or the Longworth building. The money will also pay for expanded parking at the South Street parking lot.

The move comes as a logical next step after the coun-

cil made the city's purchase of the Chelsea State Bank property official last month. In that deal the city, DDA and CSB collaborated to

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Report: Tough times for children

By Terry Jacoby
Heritage Newspapers

The annual Kids Count in Michigan Data Book, produced by the Michigan League for Human Services, released last week highlights some tough times facing the state's youngest citizens. According to the report, poverty affects one out of every four children ages 0 to 4 in Michigan.

The report covers five key focus areas related to the well being of young children: Early Care and Education, Social Emotional Health, Physical Health, Parenting Education, and Basic Needs, Economic

Security and Safety.

"Nonprofit agencies believe that this data is critical because statistics highlight trends that, when interpreted appropriately, can increase the efficiency with which agencies can deliver their services," said Pam Smith, executive director of child care network. While Washtenaw County fared better than state averages on several indicators, there remains a number of concerns in the areas of health and growing unease about how the economic problems plaguing many Michigan families will affect their children. Washtenaw

County has seen a steady increase in the number of children participating in the Food Assistance Program, an indication of increased need for economic support for families.

In addition, the report noted that "stark disparities for minorities in Michigan threaten the well being of large numbers young children and their families."

Such is the case in Washtenaw County where death rate for minority children is twice the rate for white children.

While Faith in Action provides limited help for families trying to secure a pre-

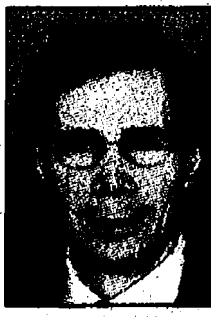
school experience for their children, FIA Director Nancy Paul said "It's our experience that affordable child care and preschool is a significant problem for many people with very limited help available from within the system."

Paul said that MSRP (Michigan School Readiness Program) provides a very small number of free spots in a community education preschool program for 4 year olds in communities where the population density of low income does not justify a Head Start program.

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Chelsea attorney talks innovation

Chelsea's Steven L. Oberholtzer, shareholder and managing partner of the Ann Arbor office of Brinks Hofer Gilson & Lione, believes that the innovation impact of the domestic auto makers was conspicuously absent from the



Oberholtzer

automaker bailout discussions in Washington.

Oberholtzer was interviewed last week on "Detroit Today" (WDET-FM). The topic of the interview was what Oberholtzer refers to as the "Arsenal of Innovation" — the tremendous talent and success the region and Michigan have known in the areas of research and development and innovation as a direct result of the domestic auto makers.

"The level of innovation centered in Michigan as a result of the domestic auto industry has not been talked

about broadly enough on a local, regional or national level," Oberholtzer said. "There has been great emphasis on where automotive components are assembled and various union/management issues. Yet, the strategic advantage that our nation has enjoyed as results of the depth of R&D and true innovation has been relatively ignored."

"As both a mechanical engineer and an intellectual property attorney, I see innovation in Michigan at its earliest stages and it is incredibly impressive. It is imperative that we further the dis-

cussion on our innovation advantage — our 'Arsenal of Innovation' — before more high caliber jobs and discoveries are lost, not only in our region, but in our nation."

Oberholtzer focuses his practice on patent and trademark counseling, corporate intellectual property policy development, technology licensing, joint development and joint venture relationship agreements, United States Patent and Trademark Office administrative proceedings, including interferences, re-examinations, reissues, trademark oppositions, patent application

preparation and prosecution, providing opinions regarding infringement risks, design-around projects and patentability and administration of corporate intellectual property portfolios.

He has extensive experience in the mechanical and electro-mechanical disciplines, with particular emphasis on automotive

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Volunteers needed

Ele's Place, a healing center for grieving children, is seeking caring men and women to volunteer as facilitators with its children's bereavement support group program in Ann Arbor which serves families from Washtenaw County and surrounding areas. The next training will be March 11, 18, 25, and April 1 from 6 to 9 p.m. and March 21 from 8:30 to 4:30 p.m. Call Karen Mertig at (734) 929-6640 for information and to sign up.

Ele's Place is currently experiencing a tremendous demand for services, and groups are becoming full. More volunteer facilitators are critical now so that Ele's Place can add more groups and meet the growing need in the community.

The boys and girls who participate at Ele's Place groups range in age from 3 — 18. They come from a variety of backgrounds and circumstances, but all are grieving the death of a parent, sibling, or other loved one.


To qualify to become an Ele's Place support group facilitator, individuals are required to complete a 20-hour training program. Since 1991, the organization has provided support for hundreds of grieving families in Mid-Michigan each year at their Lansing location.



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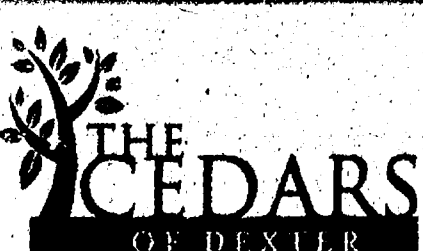
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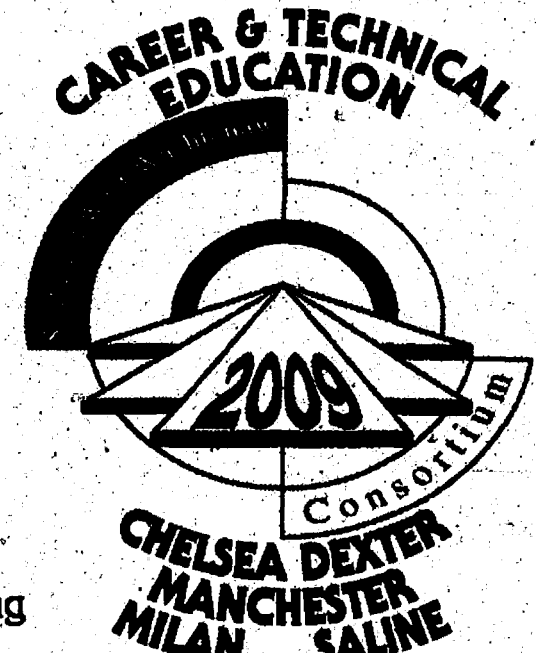
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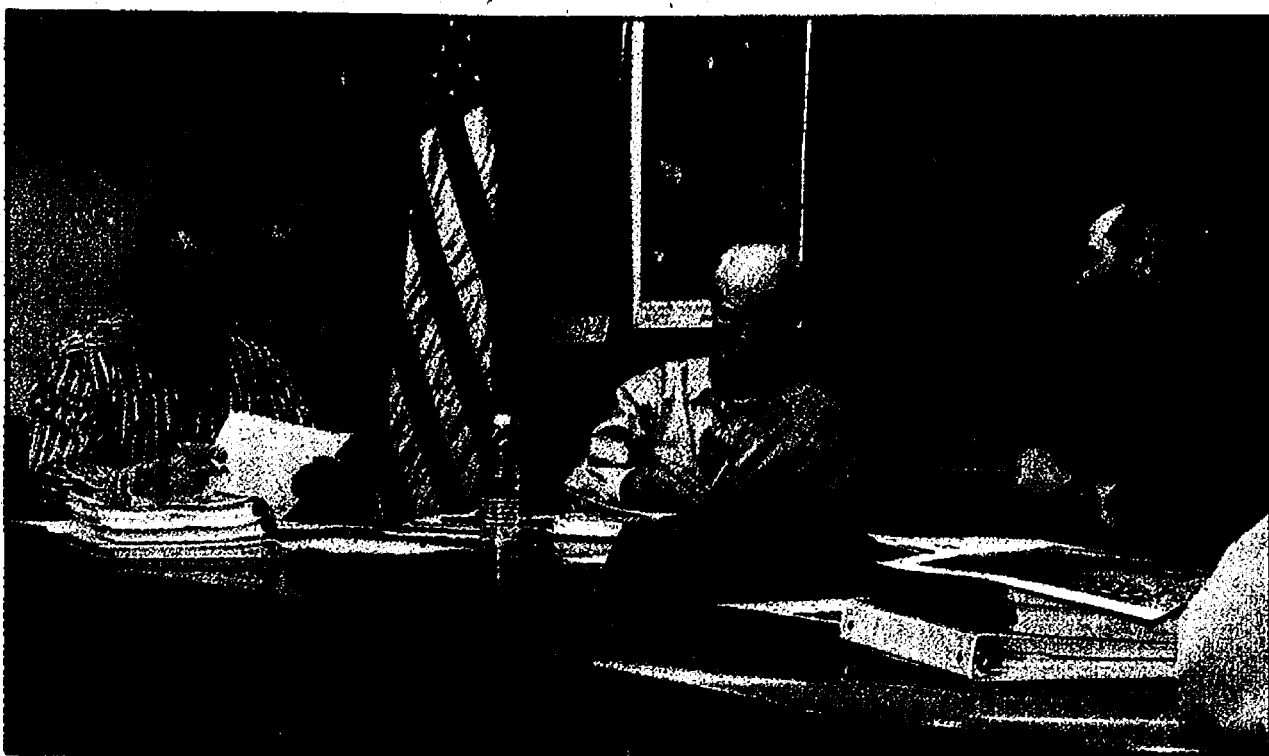
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Members of the Waterloo Planning Commission debate an expansion of the gravel pit owned by Aggregate Industries during a meeting last Tuesday night.

GRAVEL

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Commission member Bill Richardson presented a report of the extraction committee that had met previously to discuss details of the proposed expansion.

Steve Opp of the Planning Commission said that he saw two main concerns with the proposal. One is that the parcel of land does not meet the 40 acre minimum requirement, but because the land is contiguous with AI's existing pit, this would not likely be a reason to deny the proposal. The second concern is that the proposal shows only a 100 foot setback from existing property lines, which is less than the 200 foot setback

required by the zoning ordinance.

Planning Commission member Ted Beals pointed out that AI representative Martin Landes said that they want their application to be fully compliant, "...but the drawings don't show that. He submitted drawings with 100 and 150 foot setbacks."

Discussion regarding the differences in setbacks related to the property use versus the land zoning ensued. If the property is used and taxed as residential, the setback is 200 feet, regardless if it is zoned agricultural.

Dan Walsh, zoning administrator, addressed the commission members. "I hope that in our attempt to get through all this that we con-

sider the safety of the residents," he said. "I recommend testing for issues such as noise, radon, and traffic plans to be done at Aggregate's cost."

After a lengthy discussion of options and consultation of written ordinances, commission members finally agreed unanimously to accept AI's expansion proposal provided that the setbacks be changed to comply with the 200-foot rule. Amended plans need to be in the township office no later than Feb. 2, or the public hearing will be cancelled.

The public hearing has been scheduled for Feb. 24 at 7:30 p.m. at the Waterloo Township Hall, 11120 Musbach Road, Munith.

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bring the bank building plus parking lot, as well as two additional lots at 122 Orchard and 323 S. Main onto the city's list of land assets.

The DDA's TIF funds were also a key part of that deal, with a \$500,000 lump sum planned out for delivery to CSB no later than June 30. The overall cost of that acquisition will be \$1,495,000.

DDA President Mike Jackson says that the limit on bonding for several projects that are nearest on the radar will be \$3 million, which is a compromise sum as far as the authority is concerned.

"We're going to bond up to \$3 million so we can finance these projects, and we'll probably finance them separately," he said. "We could probably do (\$4 million), but we don't want to go beyond what we feel is fiscally responsible. Our projects will have to fit within that."

Jackson says the parking improvements are part of a long-term plan put in place by predecessor DDA bodies.

The parking improvements are a priority as both the city and the authority are waiting on them to move forward with other projects - the city will need parking addressed before making initial strides on their municipal complex and DDA members are waiting to architect a new 20-year plan.

"Longworth, helping the city with the municipal complex and police station and creating parking come first before the (20-year) plan," Jackson said.

While the DDA finishes cleaning off its slate, he added that identifying maintenance issues and new opportunities are priority, as the nature of TIF financing involves projecting property tax incomes based on property value increases spurred on by the very projects and improvements that they're financing.

Whether the Longworth building on Jackson will be snapped up by developers or purchased and repurposed into a venue, or shelter from liability as some officials have referred to it, for events like Chelsea's Sights & Sounds is still a

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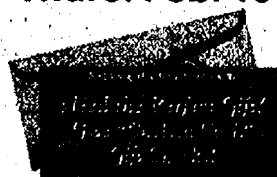
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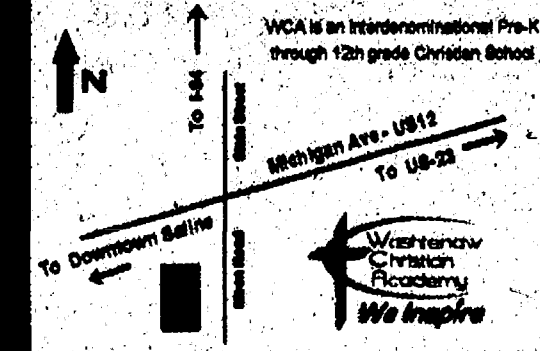
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Byrnes: Taxes, budget focus for Legislature

By Daniel Lai

Heritage Newspapers

Reemphasizing the need for tax reform, state Rep. Pam Byrnes, D-Dist. 52, said the Legislature will focus on several tax issues in its upcoming session. Byrnes met with several local residents during a coffee hour session Saturday at the Coffee Mill Café in Manchester.

"We have 46 new representatives so right now we're still going through the process of getting everyone acquainted," Byrnes said. "House Speaker Andy Dillon has a few ideas he wants to push forward which mainly involves tax reform."

"We need to look at our entire tax structure in the State of Michigan, not just income tax, but business tax, sales tax and the heavy burden we have with property taxes."

"But because property taxes are needed so much for the operating expenses of our local units of govern-



ment, something would have to go in place to replace that."

One option would be lowering the state's property tax and increasing the sales tax, Byrnes said.

"That would mean we would have to do a ballot initiative to amend the constitution," she said. "There are many thoughts out there

... I think the whole issue of taxation is going to be looked at."

However, with an estimated \$1.5 billion hole in the next state budget - Byrnes said legislators will focus a lot of their attention on a solution as quickly as possible.

"It (the budget) is a critical issue. Michigan must

House Speaker Pro Tempore Pam Byrnes, D-52nd District, is sworn in Wednesday, Jan. 14, by Supreme Court Justice Michael Cavanaugh in the chamber of the Michigan House of Representatives at the state Capitol in Lansing.

Byrnes was joined for the ceremony by her husband, Kent Brown, and her daughter, Katie Pecoraro. Byrnes led the first House session of the 95th Legislature on Wednesday after participating in the ceremonial swearing-in that marks the beginning of her third term.

have a balanced budget. Unlike the federal government, the state has a constitutional prohibition against deficit spending," Byrnes said. "If we don't have the revenue then we will have to make more cuts to programs."

Byrnes said legislators hope to balance the books this year without slashing

aid to public schools in the middle of the school year.

Spending from the general fund - the state's main checkbook - will be around \$8.3 billion this year, down nearly 6 percent from a year ago. The school aid fund will be nearly \$11.4 billion this year, off by 1.3 percent from 2008.

Other issues faced by the Legislature include a smoking ban for bars and restaurants, as much as a \$1 billion shortfall in road repair

money, protection for more homeowners facing foreclosure and reform of individual health insurance policies sought by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan.

"One thing we're looking forward to is the economic stimulus package from the federal government," Byrnes said. "President Obama has asked the states to submit lists of shovel-ready projects so everyone

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English Complete EMU Football Staff

YPSILANTI, Mich. - New Eastern Michigan University Head Football Coach Ron English has completed his coaching staff with the announcement that eight new assistants and one assistant from last year's staff have been hired.

Kurt Anderson, an assistant coach on the EMU staff in 2008, will remain as an assistant, moving from tight ends coach to serving as the offensive line coach. The eight new additions and their assignments are: **Tom Burpee** (Tight ends/Special Teams), **Antonio Carter** (Wide receivers), **Tim Carter** (Defensive backs/Recruiting Coordinator), **Casey Creehan** (Defensive line), **Ken Karcher** (Offensive coordinator/Quarterbacks), **Eric Lewis** (Defensive coordinator/Defensive backs), **Tyrone Wheatley** (Running backs), and **Kevin Wolthausen** (Associate Head Coach/Defense).

KURT ANDERSON (30) joined the EMU staff in April 2008 and coached during spring practices and the entire 2008 regular season. Prior to being hired last spring, Anderson was a graduate assistant at the University of Michigan for two seasons.

TOM BURPEE (26) was a graduate assistant football coach at the University of Louisville in 2008. A 2005 graduate of the University of Michigan, Burpee served the U-M football team as a student manager in 2002, an undergraduate assistant coach from 2003-04, a volunteer assistant in 2005-06, and finally as a defensive quality control coach in 2007.

ANTONIO CARTER (28) was the wide receivers coach at Appalachian State University in 2008. He is a 2004 graduate of the University of Alabama where he was an outstanding wide receiver for the Crimson Tide.

TIM CARTER (30), the brother of Antonio, joins the EMU staff after spending the previous three seasons as a graduate assistant football coach at East Carolina University.

CASEY CREEHAN (31) was an assistant coach with the Montreal Alouettes of the Canadian Football League last year and helped the team make it to the Grey Cup championship game.

KEN KARCHER (45), the quarterbacks coach at the University of Toledo in 2008, has a distinguished coaching and playing career in college, professional and high school football. He was the head football coach at Liberty University from 2000-05. In addition to his coaching experience, Karcher also played collegiately at Notre Dame and Tulane and also in the NFL for the Denver Broncos.

ERIC LEWIS (33) joins the EMU staff after serving as the defensive cornerbacks coach at the University of Louisville in 2008. Prior to his year on the Louisville staff, Lewis was an assistant coach with the Green Bay Packers of the NFL where he served as an assistant to defensive coaches Lionel Washington and Kurt Schottenheimer.

TYRONE WHEATLEY (37) joins the EMU football staff after turning in an outstanding college playing career at the University of Michigan followed by a 10-year professional career as a running back for the NFL's Oakland Raiders and the New York Giants.

KEVIN WOLTHAUSEN (51) is familiar with the Eastern Michigan University football after serving as an assistant football coach in 2002. He re-joins the staff with a wealth of experience as a professional and college football assistant.

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Q&A with State Rep. Pam Byrnes

State Rep. Pam Byrnes, D-District 52, recently answered questions regarding her goals for 2009.

Looking back at 2008, what were you most proud of in terms of accomplishments?



The last legislative session held several high lights for me in terms of accomplishments. In spite of severe financial constraints, we were still able to give a slight increase in operating appropriations to our 15 public universities. In addition, the Energy pack-

age that was passed last year was an important step in encouraging the use of renewable energy sources and promoting green industry jobs. I am also proud of the passage of my legislation which strengthens penalties against those who commit acts of cruelty against animals.

What do you see as the most pressing issue for 2009?

In my view, there are two areas the legislature needs to focus on: ensuring that the basic needs of the citizens are met and diversifying our economy. Making sure that people are able to put food on the table, have a home to live in and have access to adequate health care must be the State's pri-

mary concern. In addition, we must encourage growth in areas of the economy which are currently growing or have potential to grow, such as agriculture, bio-medical research, tourism, healthcare, and education. The current economic situation will make meeting those goals a challenge.

Is there a close second?

Education is also a pressing issue that needs to be addressed as it is closely related to job creation. Clearly, our education system needs to focus on retraining displaced workers. We also need to address issues of early childhood education, giving our children a head start and preparing them

for a rapidly changing world and job market.

What are some of the first things you plan on doing when you return to Lansing this month?

This month I have already been busy in Lansing moving and settling into my new office. I have met, and will continue to meet with other members of my caucus' leadership team to organize our goals for this legislative session.

You have some new responsibilities this year, what are they?

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Guest Column: By Ann Feeney

Mayor weighs in on 2008, sizes up 2009

Being the Mayor of the City of Chelsea makes me very proud. In reflecting on 2008 and looking forward to a new year, I see a city governance which is capable, hardworking, innovative and fiscally responsible. City Council is responsible for making policy decisions, but it is the staff which has the task of making a vision reality.

Examples of customer service improvement, one of the leading goals and objectives for 2008-09 fiscal year, is re-locating City Clerk Teresa Royal to the main floor, installation of a drop box in the driveway, availability of the most requested information on the City website, and a new, updated easily usable phone system. The limited space in the billing office was augmented with conveniently located shelves, and the rearrangement of the copier, mailboxes, etc.

As a walker and former jogger, the condition of the sidewalks has been a particular concern of mine. DPW Foreman Bill Paul has recently taken on the task of evaluating all city sidewalks based on a set of objective criteria. When

that is completed, a twenty year CIP (Capitol Improvement Plan) will be established. In effect the worse sidewalks will get the quickest attention.

Issues related to infrastructure are a concern of every community in the nation. Chelsea has faced its share this year, but under the leadership of Utilities Director Brad Roberts and the dedicated workers in each department, challenges have been met with creative, professional, collaborative solutions. Twice this year defective electric transformers were replaced with the help of Consumers Power. Water and sewer capacity problems were solved by replacing an eight inch pipe with a twelve inch pipe from Vets Park to the Wastewater Treatment Plant, underground, through the back yards of several residences. These homeowners gave their permission without blinking an eye. A severe storm this summer left the streets strewn with downed trees and limbs and power out in several areas of the City. All department personnel joined together to restore

power and make the streets and walks safe for cars and pedestrians within an amazingly short time.

In 2007 Brad Roberts assessed the condition of the 20 year old Wastewater Treatment Plant and realized that plans needed to be formulated to replace the aging system. His application to the State of Michigan for a low interest State Revolving Fund loan was approved early in 2008 and construction is underway. Target date for completion is late 2009 or early 2010.

Capping off the year and setting the tone for 2009 was the purchase of the Chelsea State Bank building, adjacent parking lots and property. City government will continue to function in its current space, but the plan is to eventually building a proper police station. A space study was done prior to closing, and there is more than adequate space for a new building and parking spaces. Moving toward taking the Chelsea Police Department out of its current, crowded, inadequate location was another goal for this fiscal year.

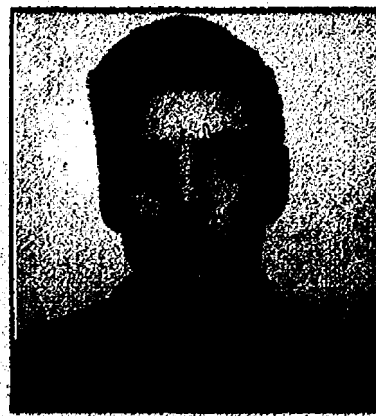
All in all 2008 has been a good year for the city. Since management and Council planned a fiscally conservative budget, with plans for a reasonable fund balance, it ought to be able to adjust to any downturn resulting from the shrinking economy. All departments operate with a limited, well trained staff, where there is efficiency without surplus. That will continue.

2009 will challenge everyone in one way or another. Chelsea City government pledges to plan well, spend carefully, innovate where helpful, provide good customer service, cross train personnel and represent the City to the outside world as professionally as possible.

Dewyer wins Geographic Bee

Nick Dewyer (right), an eighth-grade student at Beach Middle School, won the school-level competition of the National Geographic Bee on Jan. 14, and a chance at a \$25,000 college scholarship. The school-level Bee, which involves sixth-grade students from South Meadows and seventh- and eighth-grade students at Beach, answered oral questions on geography and was the first round in the 21st annual National Geographic Bee.

The kickoff for this year's Bee was the week of Nov. 10, with thousands of schools around the United States and in the five U.S. territories participating. The school winners, including Nick, will now take a written test; up to 100 of the top scorers in each state will be eligible to compete in



their state Bee on April 3, 2009.

The National Geographic Society will provide an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, DC, for state champions and teacher-escorts to participate in the National Geographic Bee national championship on May 19 and 20, 2009.

"Congratulations to Nick and good luck with the state qualification test," said Jason Morris, history teacher at Beach.

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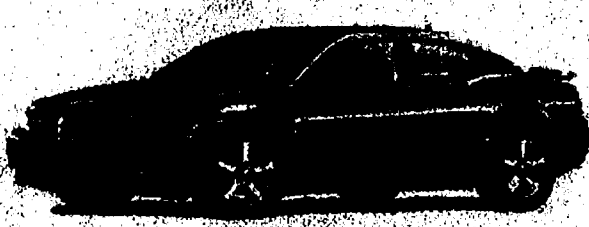
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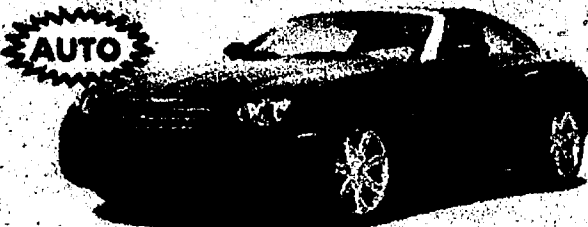
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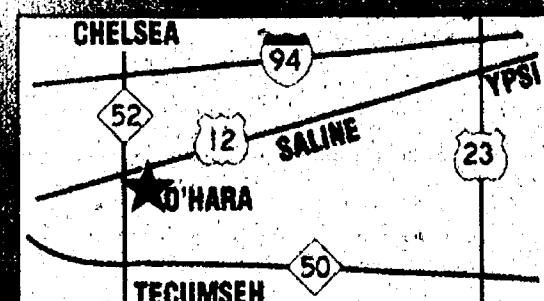
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School Board election

The Chelsea School Board election is May 5, 2009. Chelsea has two board members whose terms will expire on June 30, 2009.

School Board Election information, forms and petitions can be obtained at the Chelsea School District's Administration Office or the Washtenaw County Clerk's office. Candidates for school board must submit a notarized affidavit of identity and school district nominating petitions.

All forms must be returned to the Washtenaw County Clerk's office no later than 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 10.

Students honored

Annie Hollandsworth, a 2008 Chelsea High School

'Around Town with Linda' will feature John Schwarz, mixed media sculptor, beginning today.

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

graduate, recently completed her first semester at Central Michigan University and made the Dean's List with a 3.95 GPA. Melissa Perry of Chelsea was named to the Dean's List at Quinnipiac University for the Fall 2008 semester. Students who excel in scholarship by earning a grade-point average

of at least 3.5 with no grade lower than C are recognized by being placed on the Dean's List.

Richard Kinsey of Chelsea was named to the Olivet College fall semester Dean's List. To make the Dean's List, a student must be full-time and earn a grade-point average of 3.5 or higher.

Manchester kindergarten

The Manchester Community School District is planning for the 2009-2010 Kindergarten program. Families of children who will be 5 years old on or before Dec. 1, 2009, are encouraged to attend a special information night at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 29. For additional information, contact Klager School at 734-428-8321.

DDA

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question on the table.

"Longworth has been sitting empty for a long time," Jackson said. "A lot of potential developers have looked at it and many have backed away. That's why we decided it was time to intervene."

He says the DDA feels that "something wonderful" will come of Longworth one way or another, particularly after the DDA holds a pair of visioning sessions in the spring. "Everything is still on the table for that ... we would be happy to have a developer buy it and redevelop, although we're thinking to create some kind of an event space."

An architect has already been hired to evaluate property in the district on the authority's behalf, including Longworth, which will itself be a "gateway" site to the downtown intended to complement the Clock Tower complex.

Feedback for the 20-year plan will also be harvested from those sessions. Focus groups held last year show a strong interest in downtown enhancement that integrates core parts of the Chelsea community, such as the farmer's market.

Jackson says that and other local attractions will be top priorities for the plan. The farmer's market

would also be one of the drives behind bringing the Longworth building into city ownership as well.

There are three structures on the property and "all, some or none" could be purchased by the city.

"We're going to be studying exactly what we're going to do and (ask ourselves) is it cost effective," Jackson added.



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Brater: Educated workforce the way to rebuild economy

State Sen. Liz Brater, D-Ann Arbor, recently answered questions from Heritage Newspapers on her outlook for 2009.



Brater
I'm especially proud of the work I did on the Great Lakes Compact to

Looking back at 2008, what were you most proud of in terms of accomplishments?

protect Michigan's water resources from excessive withdrawals and diversions. Other highlights include securing funding in the state budget for Mental Health Courts, and working with Sen. Gilda Jacobs on a statewide campaign promoting the need for No Reason Absentee Voting in Michigan.

What do you see as the most pressing issues for 2009?

There are many important issues affecting our state at the moment, with

the economy at the forefront.

If we're going to work to revitalize Michigan's economy, we need to build an educated workforce by supporting funding for higher education institutions.

We need to encourage the development of new technologies and sustainable "green" jobs, and we need to protect the natural resources that make our state attractive to both residents and tourists.

What are some of the first things you plan on doing

when you return to Lansing this month?

I'll need to prepare to reintroduce bills that did not pass in the last session, such as the No Reason Absentee Voting legislation Senator Jacobs and I worked so hard to push through this fall.

I sit on the Appropriations Committee, and I'd like to get a head start on talking to subcommittee chairs about this year's budget so we can introduce bills that reflect the governor's recommendations.

Do you have any new

responsibilities this year?

No new responsibilities that I'm aware of. I expect to retain all of my current committee assignments.

Is there one issue that the residents in your district should pay particular attention to in 2009?

Higher education is a big issue for my district, which includes two universities. Funding higher education keeps tuition costs down, allows more students to go to school, and contributes to building a talented, competitive workforce.

Supporting our universities will also help Michigan become a leader in research, drawing top minds and resources to the state that might otherwise go elsewhere.

What would make 2009 a successful year in your eyes?

I'd like to see more bipartisan cooperation at the state government level, and some attention from Washington to Michigan's current economic struggles.

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House. During session it is my responsibility to maintain order and work with the Majority Floor Leader to ensure that the House rules and procedural operations are observed. I will be stationed at the rostrum and hold the gavel with the ability to open and close voting on bills and amendments as well as recognize other

members wishing to address the chamber. I will also be working with key members of the leadership team to set the agenda for the House.

Is there one issue that the residents in your district should pay particular attention to in 2009?

Transportation will be the issue to watch. In addition to the jobs that will be created in maintaining and improving our streets and highways, mass transit

infrastructure needs to be taken into consideration. Public transit systems in our cities, including light rail systems connecting our cities, are important element in retaining and attracting talent to Michigan.

What would make 2009 a successful year in your eyes?

If we can make progress towards the goals I outlined in No. 2, 2009 will be a successful year.

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is working on that."

Michigan's share of the stimulus package is not yet known, but the latest estimate has the state getting \$1.6 billion over two years.

Byrnes said she would like to see any money allocated to Michigan be spent on the creation of permanent jobs.

"We don't want to just create a bunch of one-time jobs," she said. "We need to look at creating jobs in industries like renewable energy."

However, Byrnes said much of the 95th Legislature's plans will depend on Gov. Granholm's State of the State address later this month.

"It will be interesting to

see what the governor would like to focus on," she said.

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Stabenow appointed to Senate Energy and Natural Resources committee

U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow, D-Michigan, announced her appointment to the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, which will play a leading role in shaping national energy policy in the 111th Congress. With Michigan's continued emergence as a leader in alternative energy and advanced manufacturing, Stabenow will serve as a champion for developing the new green economy and creating jobs.

Stabenow will continue to serve on the influential Senate Finance Committee, the Senate Agriculture Committee, and the Senate Budget Committee, all of which have jurisdiction over a wide range of issues important to Michigan. She will also once again serve in her leadership position as the Chair of the Democratic Steering and Outreach Committee.

"We stand at a critical time when the right policies and investments can create jobs, reduce our dependence on foreign oil, and combat global warming. My new responsibilities on the Energy and Natural Resources Committee will allow me to strengthen the role our state has in crafting and developing national energy policy," Stabenow said. "I look forward to ensuring that Michigan maintains and expands on our leadership in advanced manufacturing and the emerging green economy."

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"These spots do not come close to helping all the people who need help paying for preschool, even when we know that all indicators are that early childhood education is critical," Paul said. "Affordable child care is a similar problem locally."

Paul said Faith in Action, which provides food and other necessities to struggling families throughout Washtenaw County, has experienced a steady increase in the number of people served during the last five years.

"Of course this includes families with children," she said. "I am working with my board to continually evaluate how to best use our resources to help local families, and how to encourage people who need help to make that first step and contact us."

Washtenaw Success by 6, in partnership with the Early

Childhood Investment Corp., is working to improve the conditions for young children and their families in a number of ways, including helping to connect and coordinate early childhood services, helping families access publicly funded preschool and health insurance, providing parenting education materials and supporting child care providers. Washtenaw Success by 6 also coordinates the local Great Start Collaborative, a group of business and community leaders, early childhood professionals and parents working together to ensure early success for the county's young children.

Child Care Network (CCN) is part of this collaborative and has been the cornerstone of early childhood resource and referral services for more than 30 years. CCN serves Southeast Michigan families in five counties, helping families find child care, providing assistance with child care tuition and offering ongoing

training of early childhood professionals. For more information on local efforts to positively affect the lives of young children and their families, go to www.washtenawsuccessby6.org.

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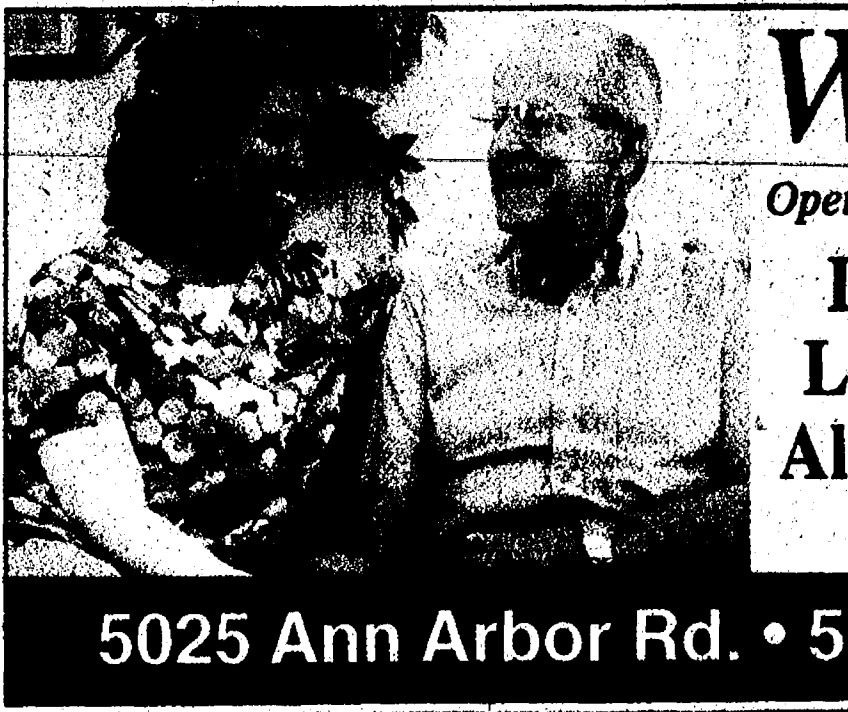
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Oberholtzer is the author of a primer on intellectual property entitled, "The Basic Principles of Intellectual Property Law." He is involved with many civic and professional activities, including the Washtenaw County Bar Association, where he serves as Chair of the Intellectual Property Law Section, the Technology Transfer Society, the Licensing Executives Society and the Original Equipment Suppliers Association.

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Invitation stirs the reporter in the reporter

It's a lousy way to go through life. But journalists are suspicious of everything, especially when it comes to folks who raise money for politicians.

The landscape is littered with nefarious types who give the fund-raising profession a bad name.



Tim Skubick

"We could get the money," Tricky Dick whispered in the Oval Office during the early 1970s, as he talked about hush money for Watergate break-in crooks.

For a more contemporary illustration, here's another name: Blagojevich and his alleged "pay to play" scheme in Illinois.

So when the invite to a Presidential Inaugural soiree in Washington, D.C., with Gov. Jennifer Granholm's name on it crossed this desk, the obvious question was, "How much would this 'celebrate the inauguration' gig cost?"

By calling the R.S.V.P. number on the invite a source and phone number popped up.

The conversation with the fund-raiser began innocently enough.

"How much will it cost to attend the two events in D.C.?"

There was a pause on the other end of the line and then came this: "I'm not sure."

Think about it. The person whose phone number is on the invitation for the fund-raiser is not sure how much the tickets cost?

Not only is she unsure of that, she splices up the conversation by volunteering that, "I'm not sure how you got this number."

Now the reporter's instincts are running wild. Maybe it will cost \$10,000 to get into the private reception? You could see the headlines: "Granholm Exploits Obama Inauguration to Fill Own Coffers."

Obviously a routine call for some simple information has all the signs of something much bigger.

At this point in the three-minute exchange, it's pretty clear there is an uncooperative witness and she ends the discussion by offering up the "appropriate person" to answer the probing questions.

"Why can't I talk with you?" "Please call Chris. Thanks."

Clunk and dial tone.

Now it's time to turn to Chris, as in Chris Dewitt, the longtime friend of the governor and handler of all things media driven for her.

With no one on the other end of the line anymore, the call was made to Big D and within an hour, he was back on the horn with an innocent explanation.

Turns out the two events are freebies ... and there goes that story out the window.

Major contributors to the governor get the private reception and then the \$5 and \$10 contributors get the unprivate reception later on. It was not clear if they get stuck with a cash bar. All this is to be paid by the leftover money from the governor's Denver Democratic National Convention fund.

Frankly, it would have been a non-story had the fund-raiser just said that in the first place, but turns out she has a suspicious gene, too.

She is not fond of dealing with reporters. I can't imagine why, but this column should cement that notion forever.

During a subsequent chat, in a classy-way she apologized for what appeared to be a hang-up of the telephone — although she did not intend it to appear that way.

She was given some friendly and unsolicited advice about the future: Just level with me and there won't be a problem.

Whether she took it or not, we'll just have to see — but I bet she has a new private cell phone number.

Tim Skubick hosts the TV show "Off the Record" and blogs regularly at www.heritage.com.

Letters to the Editor

To the Editor: Why discuss the merits of Columbus, Ind. in Chelsea? Vision.

Welcome to Columbus, Ind., a surprising community that is known around the world for its collection of work by renowned architects and landscape architects. Columbus is a great destination for a getaway.

Some 25-30 years ago in sleepy little Columbus, the city leaders had the vision of transforming their city into something special.

The method which they chose for this transformation was architectural design competitions. When there was a need for a new civic building, whether it was a new fire station, or school building, etc. they solicited architectural interest from around the country by posting an architectural design competition. Architects like to compete.

The projects were "juicy" enough to garner interest from national and sometimes internationally renowned architects. The buildings, which resulted from these design competitions, are of such outstanding design caliber that pretty soon it became very prestigious to have a building built in Columbus.

Slowly, but surely sleepy little Columbus, Ind. transformed into an architectural Mecca.

Columbus is ranked sixth in the U.S. for architectural innovation and design by the American Institute of Architects.

Our city leaders here in Chelsea are currently grappling with two projects which may have the potential to transform our city: the conversion of the Longworth site, and the new City Administrative offices located at the Chelsea State Bank site.

Both of these projects are definitely worthy of a national design competition. They each have some of the key ingredients which architects are intrigued with...historical nature and proximity to other historical buildings, great "before and after" photos, sites with great civic investment and Main Street exposure. The benefits of launching a design competition for these two sites are extensive. The resulting designs will likely be world class and the publicity gained from launching and awarding the competitions will significantly place Chelsea on the regional/state/national

map, and the resulting tourism to see these new buildings (and others) in our fair city will aid Chelsea for years to come.

So do we have the vision? Please encourage our leaders to do something special with these two sites.

Scott McElrath
Chelsea

To the Editor: This is in response to Senator Levin's article on the new U.S. Capitol Visitor Center.

The center was initially conceived in the early 1990s and projected to cost \$71 million. When the center was finally finished the total came to \$621 million and three years behind schedule. The House got a two-story hearing room and the Senate got a collection of small hearing rooms and a television and radio studio.

Those two efforts alone added \$85 million to the cost of the visitor's center. The GAO said the old center could have been refurbished for about \$3 million. These are documented facts.

Ed Fuller
Chelsea

To the Editor: It was with interest that I read that

Guest Column:

New law to further clog busy court system

Michigan Enrolled Senate Bill 1134 passed both houses of Michigan's Legislature Dec. 19, 2008, and is now awaiting the governor's signature. Known as the "Super Drunk" bill, this legislation amends several sections of Michigan law, and most notably adds a new crime for drivers with a bodily alcohol content of 0.17 percent or greater.

Under this new statutory definition of operating while intoxicated, these drunk drivers are required to have a breath alcohol ignition interlock device placed on their vehicle.

The new law will not take

effect until Oct. 31, 2010.

Under the bill, drivers with a high blood-alcohol content are subjected to other more punitive sanctions. For example, a first offense high-level drunk driver's license is suspended for one year. The first 45 days of this year is considered a "hard" suspension, meaning absolutely no driving is

PATRICK
BARONE

allowed. During the remaining 320 days, the offender is entitled to restricted driving privileges, but must have an ignition interlock device placed on his or her car during this period.

Fines are increased to \$200 to \$700, and potential jail time is increased from up to a possible 93 days to as much as 180 days. The court must also order a mandatory minimum one-year alcohol treatment program. The higher sanctions only apply to first offenders. Repeat offender sanctions remain unchanged.

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Our Chelsea History

What creature slept often at the foot of flagpole which once stood in the center of Middle and Main?

- A. Burg family dog.
- B. Town Hall pet cat.
- C. A Clocktower pigeon.

Answer A. Burg's corner drugstore was in business between the '20s and '40s after the flagpole was installed in the spring of 1917, just before World War I started. In the 1930s, "Sandy" the family black Scottish Terrier dog would follow any of the six Burg daughters and brother Vince from their home on Garfield Street on their way to Burg's to work. Sandy often took a nap inside the cement curb around the pole. The pole was removed on July 25, 1935 after one too many traffic accidents.

Answer courtesy of Vince Burg of Chelsea who worked for his father J. Vincent Burg, Sr. at the family drugstore for many years.

STREET TALK

What do you think of the Lions hiring Jim Schwartz as the new head coach?

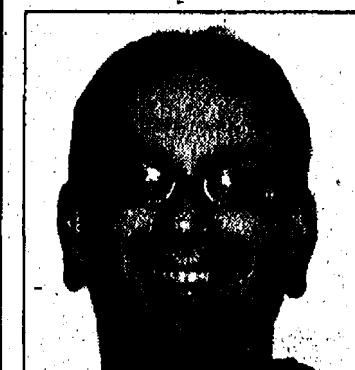


"Good luck to the new coach. He'll need it!"

PAGE SANDERS
CHELSEA

"I didn't even know we had hired a new one."

NICHOLAS WHITESALL
CHELSEA



"He has a lot of work cut out for him. He probably will be as good a coach as any of the other recent coaches."

PASTOR DOM AQUILINO
CHELSEA

"One coach is as good as the next one. It all comes down to teamwork."

PETER KATAKAWSKI
CHELSEA



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"What's very generally happening in the state of Michigan is we were treading water and not doing so well (already)," he said. "But when the national economy took a nosedive, we compounded. We're starting to feel it here."

With unemployment rates down in Washtenaw County, the cost of living is higher than the majority of its neighbors. Ouimet said it's all a part of the "delicate balance" to maintain the area's quality of life.

Julia Steiner, executive director of Interfaith Hospitality Network, witnesses this firsthand while she works with families whose homes have been foreclosed on or for some reason lost. IHN, a shelter which temporarily houses these families for three months, attempts to couple victims of the situation within some type of housing facility.

Two years ago, Steiner said only 50 percent of families to leave IHN found housing, and even then it was never permanent.

"Now it's down to about 40 percent. People are having trouble finding an income," she said. "There is a huge difference between housing in Washtenaw County and Wayne County, as a two-bedroom apartment might cost \$740 in Washtenaw and around \$400 in Wayne."

Steiner said it's considered lucky for families to find an apartment with rent payable by a minimum of two minimum wage jobs.

Having often dealt with landlords through this endeavor, she said, she's found a few who will put any previous evictions or poor credit histories aside. But as more property is bought up by larger companies, the few landlords to turn the other cheek become even fewer.

"We've found it's smaller landlords who are more open to helping and taking a chance on a family," Steiner said. "We try to stay away from the big landlords. But when the rental market was really soft in the last couple of years there were some larger companies that were buying up a lot of property."

Larger landlords are also less likely to give notice of a tenant's eviction, Steiner said, recalling one situation quite specifically.

"We have a woman, currently living in the shelter, who was living in a rental house that was being foreclosed on and she had no idea," she said. "There wasn't any indication. Now we make a habit of checking as much as we can on landlord's tax records ... to see if a house is safe in that way."

Falling sources of income

For families who leave the network, the problem isn't necessarily finding employment to pay their way, it's finding an income to accommodate Washtenaw County's "quality of life."

Steiner said families do receive help through Temporary Assistance for Needy Families. State issued vouchers, however, only cover the cost of rent, leaving families to fund their way through utilities, food and everything else. Often, these arrangements are short-term, once again leaving families homeless even before the required year has passed when they are allowed back to the shelter.

"We, the community, consider it a success if a homeless family stays housed a year," Steiner said. "Part of what happens to people if they have a small income, is they'll take apartments they can't afford in the long run."

Much of the conflict has to do with local property values and on what basis property is taxed, Ouimet said.

"A lot of the land that would normally be used for taxation is taken up by the universities," he said. "We

have a lot of schools and a lot of parks that are not on the tax roll."

Properties that produce business and employment, like any public school or institution, are often not entailed on that "tax roll," which perhaps, lessens dollars coming in for community services. It then makes it necessary to up the cost of living in order to "balance" where taxes aren't being paid.

Ouimet has been on the Washtenaw County Commission for nearly five years and has seen the efforts on a governmental scale to reverse the effects of families who can't meet high living costs.

The prime example, he said is the county's actions through the treasurer's office to work with homeowners before properties go to foreclosure and with banks to consider raising a property's value or refinancing one's home.

"The county is recognized for their proactive stance to try to minimize the amount of foreclosures ... We worked real hard at it and we've had a fair amount of success with it," Ouimet said. "It just becomes so challenging for the community. I think Washtenaw County does a good job, but there's certainly room for improvement."

He said the key is smart development.

"I think the development that we get needs to work with those people in communities," Ouimet said. "I think one of the great features that we have is we can still remain fairly rural and people cherish that type of life, which I think is good."

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The bill proposes to create a second new offense related to the monitoring of the breath alcohol ignition interlock device. Accordingly, any violation of the driving restrictions imposed, or operating or attempting to operate a vehicle with a blood-alcohol level of 0.025 or greater, results in a doubling of the license penalty. Thus, offenders who violate their license restrictions will have a second set of identical driver license sanctions imposed, meaning a new 45-day period of no driving followed by 320 days of restricted driving with the breath alcohol ignition interlock device.

Once installed, a typical breath alcohol ignition interlock device requires a driver to blow into the device when they first start their car, and then retest within the first five to 15 minutes.

The device will not allow the car to be started if it detects a blood-alcohol level of 0.025 or greater. When driving for longer periods of time, the driver must also test about twice every hour. The device records each test and any violation is reported to the monitoring agency.

If during operation it detects a blood-alcohol content of greater than 0.025, then a warning signal will be emitted and, after coming to a complete stop, the car cannot be re-started until the driver has a blood-alcohol content of less than 0.025.

A level of 0.025 percent is equal to about one drink of alcohol for a person weighing approximately 160 pounds. But that's probably not the reason they choose 0.025. Illinois' new breath alcohol ignition inter-

lock device law uses a slightly lower number of 0.024, and this is really the lower limit of the device's ability to measure breath alcohol. Anything less than that could literally be nothing but electronic noise.

The law also makes drunken driving more expensive because it is the driver's responsibility to pay the cost of installing the breath alcohol ignition interlock device, as well as the monthly fees required to maintain it.

While the state does not regulate the cost of ignition interlock devices, the Legislature had previously limited the amount that can be charged to people on low-incomes to a maximum of \$1 per day. The new law

increases this minimum to \$2 per day and, for certain low-income drivers, the installation fee is waived.

In Michigan installation fees are around \$50 and, depending on the vendor, monthly fees can be as high as \$100 month. For this reason, the breath alcohol ignition interlock device laws are expensive, terribly onerous and unreasonably punish drivers.

In passing this legislation, Michigan's lawmakers stopped short of matching statutes recently enacted in Illinois requiring a breath alcohol ignition interlock device be installed for all offenders. The Illinois law, which went into effect earlier this year, requires

the device as a condition of driving even before there has been a conviction.

The drunk driving laws were previously amended to allow the breath alcohol ignition interlock device as a condition of bond or probation, so the courts have already been given this tool. Considering this, one wonders why the new law was necessary. This new bill was ill-conceived, and is likely to have very little, if any, impact on safety or recidivism.

Patrick Barone is the principal and founding member of the Barone Defense Firm, whose practice is devoted exclusively to the defense of drinking drivers and license restoration matters.



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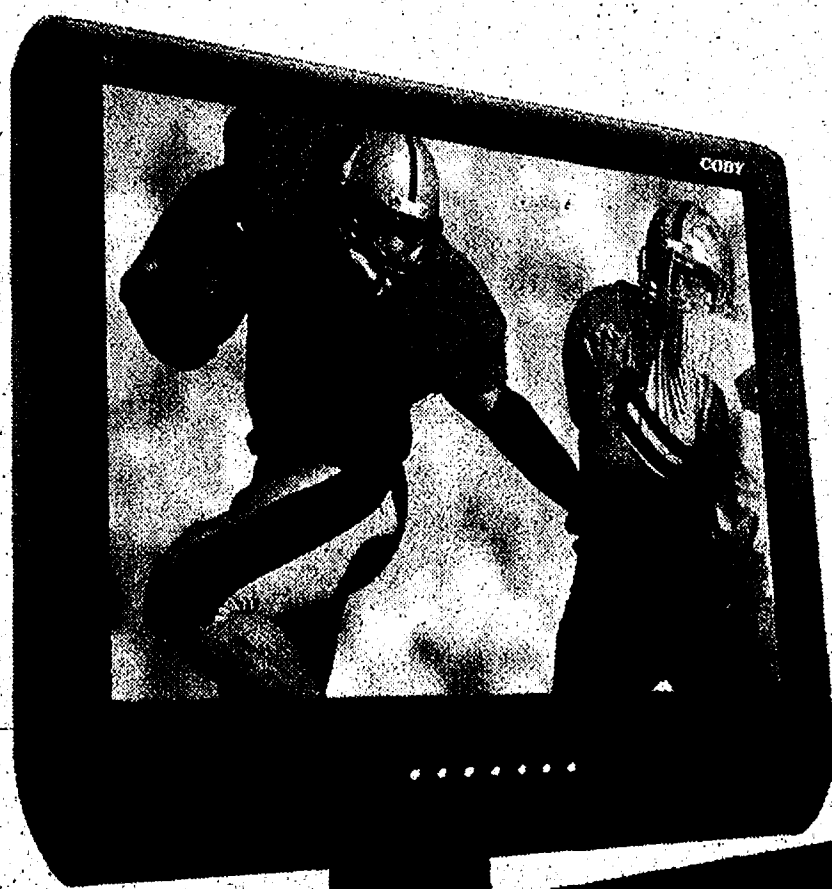
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CFA welcomes Battistone

By Sean Dalton
Staff Writer

Chelsea's newest firefighter carries on a family tradition of service to the public by protecting and ensuring their safety.

Chris Battistone became a full-time firefighter last October, after having worked for the department as a paid-on-call firefighter starting in May 2005.

Battistone's father, Tom, spent three decades serving as a firefighter within the Canton Township Fire Department.

The Battistone's have lived in Chelsea since 1990. They were Chelsea residents prior, but moved to Plymouth for awhile to be closer to a job that is rigorous and demanding.

But it's also rewarding and neither Battistone could imagine himself doing anything other than drenching fires and pulling people to safety.

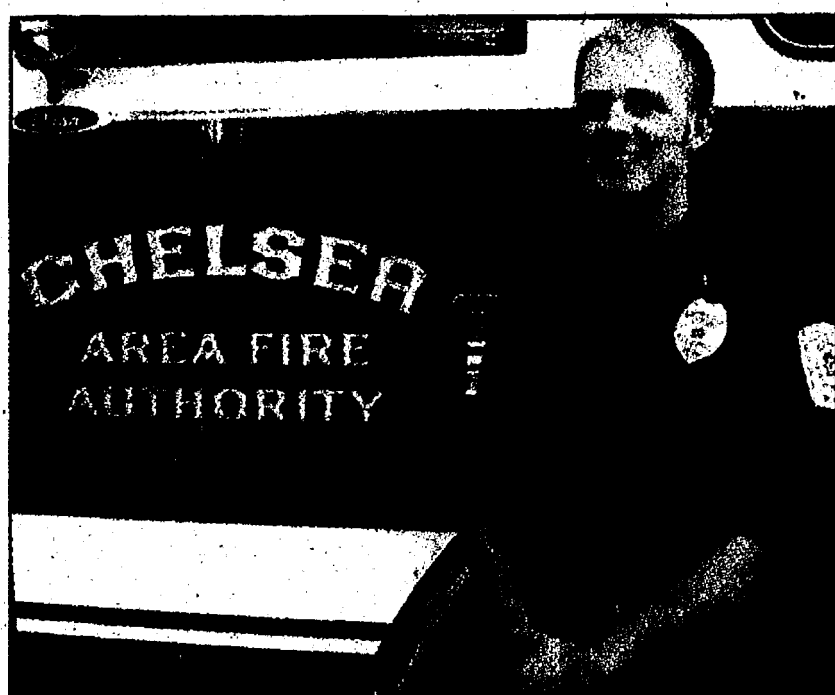
"Since I was little, I've always known I either wanted to be a cop or a firefighter," Chris said. "I guess my father convinced me to become a firefighter."

He also works for Huron Valley Ambulance as an Emergency Medical Technician, a position he has held since May 2006.

Battistone is a part-time EMT on his days off. He works the first shift at Chelsea's fire department, which starts at 6 a.m. and ends at 6 a.m. the following day.

"It's on a day, off a day, on a day, off a day and then four days off," he said, laughing at the notion of how tough such a schedule must be.

Battistone gets by on enthusiasm for his work, which was partly built up during his childhood listening to his father talk about his job and how much it meant to him that his life's work involve helping people at the worst time of their life.



Chris Battistone

"He would tell me stories when he came home after a shift about the people he helped for the better," Battistone said. "I like the challenge and the job itself. It's very exciting."

Now Battistone is living his own stories as one of seven fulltime firefighters, including Chief Jim Payeur, at the Chelsea department.

Tom jokes with his son, "It beats working in an office," but is quick to offer that it actually beats working any other job that doesn't constantly involve helping people. The fundraisers and all the runs, I loved it all."

Tom added that Chris wanted to be a police officer, but he talked his son out of it. "A lot of cops I talk to, after 5 or 10 years say 'I should have been a firefighter,' so we talked about it and he decided to take this route."

There are fewer runs in Chelsea than in Canton - 3 or 4 per shift compared to 12 to 20 -, but the profession has changed quite a bit in a post 9/11 world.

In addition to being certified in basic firefighting, Chris is trained in hazmat operations, firefighter survival and safety, rescue extrication from vehicles and

semi-trucks, wild land firefighting and ice water rescue.

Going from paid on-call to fulltime is a major life adjustment, as well as a professional one, Chris said.

"It's different because I'm the go to man if someone has a question they come to me," he said. "I'm expected to know the answer ... more is

expected of me."

Little things like knowing which compartment a tool is at on the truck during a barn fire this past weekend are the details that a firefighter must know and be ready to share with the person asking the question at a moments notice.

When asked if there is a tough part of his job, Battistone quickly responds, "I don't think so."

Battistone, a 2004 Chelsea High School graduate and member of the football and wrestling team only has one thing to say to those who wish to follow the path that he, his dad and so many other brave men and women have beaten over the years.

"It's more than a job, it's a lifestyle ... there isn't a day that goes by that I don't think of firefighting or EMS," he said. "It's part of my life and part of who I am as a person. It takes a lot of dedication and commitment."

"I plan on doing this for the rest of my life."

Dear Parents as Teachers,

I am 13 months old and have a problem that I think is common with all of the kids my age. I have so much to say and feel very frustrated when I can't get the words out. I have tried pointing and grunting, but it usually ends up with me getting crabby, and not getting what I really am asking for. Do you have any suggestions?

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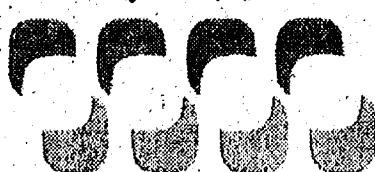
Yes, there is help for you, and it is fun, easy, and will help you in so many ways. It is called Baby Sign Language. It is very much like American Sign Language, (the language used for the deaf and hearing impaired), but slightly adapted for children your age. Babies love signing because it allows them to express their needs, thoughts and feelings before they have the words. Parents love it because it reduces frustration on both baby and parent, making life easier and happier for the family.

You know you are ready to sign if you are at least 6 months old, are starting to point to things, wave bye-bye, or shake your head "yes" or "no." Most parents can sense when their child is ready because he/she starts to show an interest in communicating. You may start bringing things to Mommy or Daddy looking for its name, or become interested in books focusing on and pointing to pictures. Just think how fun it will be when you can say in sign language that you want to "read the book that has a monkey in it", or that you are "thirsty for juice." Signing has many proven benefits for babies, including boosting their self-esteem and allowing them to develop their emotional awareness. What we are most excited about, is that signing increases the bond between parent and child. When you can communicate better with Mommy and Daddy your relationship will grow closer, and will allow you to feel more understood.

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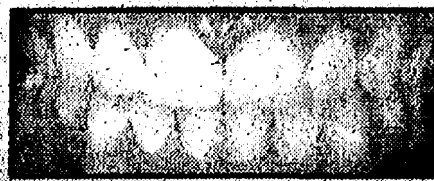
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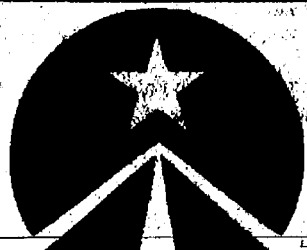
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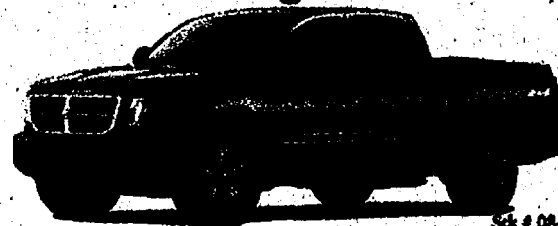
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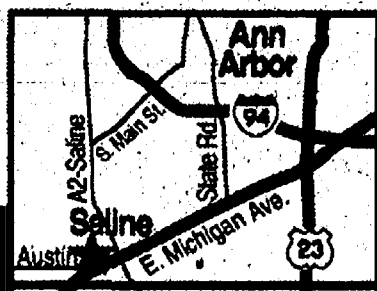
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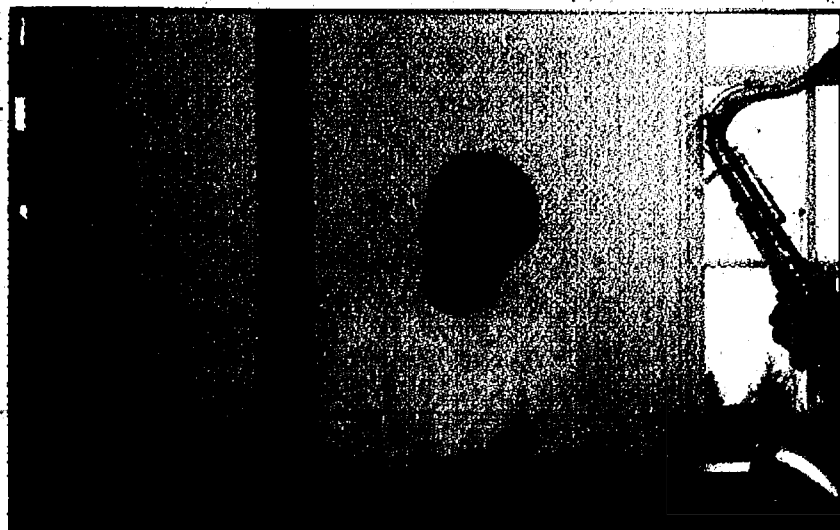
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Music



Glenn Persello-Seefeld toured for two weeks in Japan.

Persello-Seefeld makes McKune return Jan. 25

Come in out of the cold and heat up with the sound of music at the Chelsea District Library. The annual Music at McKune series kicked off earlier this month with the sounds of jazz and blues provided by M.L. Liebler and Robert Jones.

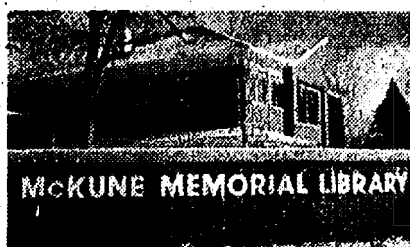
The series, an annual library tradition, continued this past Sunday with the University of Michigan Friars.

Glenn Persello-Seefeld will be making a return engagement on Jan. 25 and will perform jazz standards and some original compositions. He is currently a senior in the Jazz Studies program at Michigan State University, studying under award winning pianist, Rick Roe. He has played at most of the area's jazz clubs, including Ann Arbor's Firefly Club, and Detroit's Baker's Keyboard Lounge and Bert's Marketplace, and venues in Los Angeles and New York City.

Persello-Seefeld spent two weeks touring Japan last summer with the MSU Jazz Orchestra and plans to return to Japan for three weeks in 2009.

Persello-Seefeld was also in a jazz quartet that was selected to appear at the Jazz Academy of Aspen last summer for a nine day workshop. His quartet was one of only four selected for this honor out of a nationwide competition that drew more than 30 musical groups. They spent their days studying with the great

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jazz bassist, Christian McBride, and playing at several venues at the Snowmass Aspen Jazz Festival.

The series will cap off on Feb. 8 with a performance by Kitty Donohoe.

Donohoe is a popular songwriter and Michigan Emmy recipient who draws on her Irish and Celtic roots as an artist and singer. Each of Donohoe's CDs has garnered rave reviews for everything from her three-octave voice, to her instrumental prowess on guitar, cittern and piano, to the songs themselves.

She will be joined by multi-instrumentalist David Mosher.

"Registration is not required for these free programs, but please come early," says Bill Harmer, head of adult services at the Chelsea District Library. "Each year the crowds have grown in numbers and this year promises to be no exception."

Refreshments will be served.

For more information, visit www.chelsea.lib.mi.us

Library hosts series of parenting workshops

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

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

The following topics will be covered in the series:

Jan. 27 Autism Spectrum - How can I tell if my child needs assessment? - Ann Telfer. Autism is becoming more common, and diagnosed earlier. Ann Telfer, community relations manager for the U-M Center for the Development of Language and Literacy, and the parent of an autistic child will be the special guest.

Feb. 3 Positive Discipline - Melissa Pinsky, Washtenaw Great Start Collaborative.

What works to set limits and direct children's behavior? How can I discipline my child without being mean or harsh?

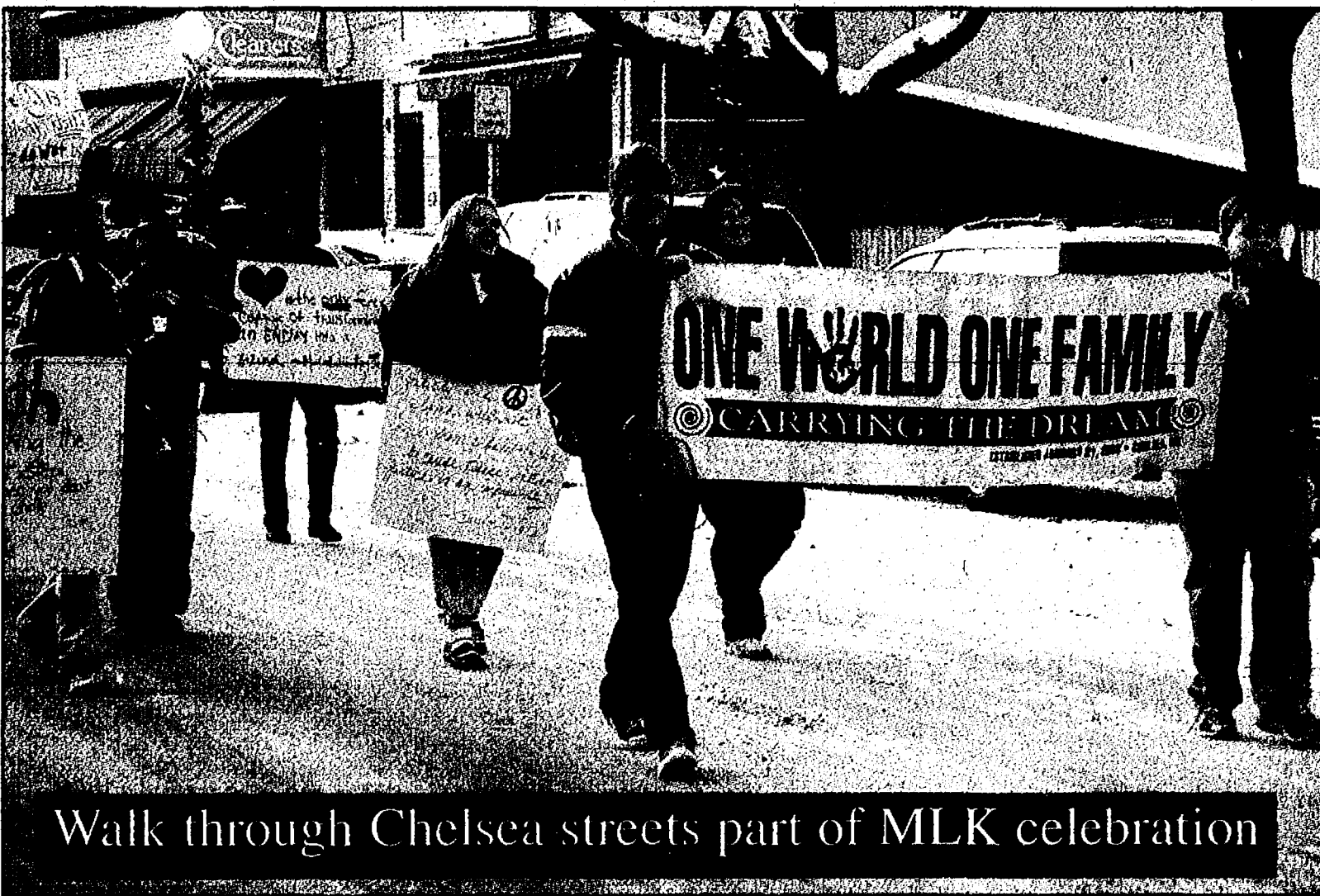
Melissa Pinsky, co-director of the Washtenaw Great Start Collaborative and early childhood specialist, will answer questions about discipline and behavior.

Feb. 10 Speech Development - Patti Devine, Washtenaw Intermediate School District. Your child's speech is their entry into the world of friends, learning and play. However, many things can interrupt the easy development of speech and language skills, and there is a lot that a parent can do to help. Patti Devine, speech therapist, will help teach ways to engage your child, develop language skills and prepare him or her for school.

Feb. 17 The Value of Play - Siân Owen-Cruise, Washtenaw Success by 6. As we race from preschool to appointments to commitments for our older children we often forget to just find the time to play. Come and meet Siân Owen-Cruise, Director of Washtenaw Success by 6, and learn about the essential value of play from birth to age six, both alone, with parent and with friends.

Materials and handouts will be available on each topic. Registration is requested. For more information, please visit the library's Web site at www.chelsea.lib.mi.us or call the library at 734-475-8732.

March for peace



Walk through Chelsea streets part of MLK celebration



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CALENDAR

Chelsea

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

Saturday: Songwriter's Workshop; 12-4 p.m.; Registration at the Chelsea Center for the Arts. Call 734-433-2787. This event will be held at the Chelsea Center for the Arts, located at 400 Congdon St. Space is limited. The High Strung will be joined by Chelsea's Artist-In-Residence M.L. Liebler who the Detroit Free Press called the "backbone of the new literary renaissance." The day will culminate in a jam session in which the group will compose a song on the spot. Learn more about the program and the artists by visiting them at www.chelseacenterforthearts.org or www.myspace.com/thehighstrung and www.mlliebler.com.

Jan. 25: Music at McKune-Glenn Persello-Seefeld Jazz Quartet; 2-3pm; McKune; Drop-in. MSU jazz senior, pianist Glenn Persello-Seefeld, appears at Music at McKune for the second year in a row.

Jan. 26: I Need to Read; 4-5 p.m.; McKune; Registration. Speakers from our community tell us about the need for reading in their exciting careers. For ages 6 & up. This month: Dr. Margaret Lane of Lane Animal Hospital will talk about her work with animals and bring a special guest.

Jan. 27: Family Connections Parent and Child Workshops; 1-2:15 p.m.; McKune; Registration. A new program designed for parents/caregivers and 2-4 year olds to do together. Today's theme: Autism Spectrum-Autism is becoming more common and diagnosed earlier. What is autism, how does it affect children, and what do you do if you suspect that your child may be affected? Meet Ann Telfer, community relations manager for the U of M Center for the Development of Language and Literacy, and the parent of an autistic child.

Jan. 27: Ancestry Aficionados; 10-12 p.m.; Learning Lab; Registration. Join your fellow family history gatherers for open research and sharing time in the Learning Lab. Expert volunteers will be on hand to answer genealogy and computer questions.

Chelsea Senior Center
Lunch served Monday through Friday at noon. For additional information and reservations phone the center at 475-9242.

Tomorrow: Bingo 9 a.m.; Block of the Month Quilting 10 a.m.; Euchre 12:30 p.m.; Wii Fun 1 p.m.

Monday: Bingo 9 a.m.; Painting with Steve Wood at 9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.; Chair Exercise 10:30 a.m.; Hand & Foot; Dominoes 12:30 p.m.; Wii Bowling Tournament at Silver Maples 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 27 - Special Oatmeal Breakfast 9 a.m.; Crafts 10 a.m.; Poker; Knit & Crochet 12:30 p.m.; Euchre 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 28 - Free Fitness 10:30 p.m.; Square Dancing; Pinochle at 12:30 p.m.; Bowling at Chelsea Lanes

Thursday, Jan. 29 - Computer Club 10 a.m.; Chelsea Area Bridge 12:15 p.m.

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Friday, Jan. 30 - Bingo 9 a.m.; Quilting 10 a.m.; Euchre 12:30 p.m.; Wii Fun 1 p.m.

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

Upcoming events include: March 13 Jazz & Chocolates; March 30 Spring Break Camps begin; April 25 Earth Day Garage Sale; May 2 CCA Beautification Day; May 16-17 Spring Festival of the Arts.

Dexter
Dexter District Library

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

Friday, Jan. 23, 11 a.m. "Mother Goose" Trudy Bulkeley Story Time and Craft. For all ages.

Saturday, Feb. 7, 10 a.m. U of M Hands-On Science Workshop "Beyond Earth: Exploring Outer Space" Part 2: Planet adventures for ages 6 and up. Registration required.

Saturday, Feb. 7, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Friends of the Dexter District Library Used-Book Sale. Anyone interested in joining the Friends of the Dexter District Library, contact Sue Smith at sueandbernie@aol.com

Dexter Senior Center
(734) 426-7737, 7720 Ann Arbor Street - Dexter

Monday, Jan. 26 - 8:30 a.m. Swimming - Wylie Pool; 9:15 - Walking; 10:30 - Exercise; 11:30 - Lunch Chopped steak and gravy.

Tuesday, Jan. 27 - 10:00 a.m., Lifestyle Fitness; 11:00 a.m. Tai Chi; 11:30 Lunch - chicken piccata; Noon - Rug Hookers; 12:30 p.m. French.

Wednesday, Jan. 28 - 8:30 a.m. Swimming; 9:00 - Yoga; Nurses Foot Care - Medicare Assistance; 10:30 - Exercise 11:30 - Lunch - Country fried steak

Thursday, Jan. 29 - 9 a.m. Acrylic Painting; 10 a.m. - Lifestyle Fitness; Knitting Club; 11:30 - Lunch - Cheeseburgers

County
The Dawn Farm Education Series on Addiction and Recovery upcoming programs include the following:

"Chemical Dependency and the Family" will be presented on Feb. 17; 7:30 to 9 p.m. by Mary Ragland, MSW, LMSW; Dawn Farm Daybreak Program. This workshop will describe the roles and behaviors that family members often acquire when living with addiction, ways in which

each family member is affected by addiction in the family, and options for family members to obtain help to cope with addiction in the family. For more information, log onto www.dawnfarm.org

Parks
Eddy Discovery Center: Waterloo

For more information, call the Eddy Discovery Center at 734-475-3170.

BATS OF THE WORLD: 2 p.m. Saturday. Step into the world of bats with this exciting presentation from the Organization for Bat Conservation. See a variety of bats up close, including a "flying fox" and a rare African bat with a 4-foot wingspan. Learn how they produce sound waves, what they eat, where they live and what we can do to protect their habitats.

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Dexter. For additional information or to register for programs, call 1-800-477-3191 or 734-426-8211.

"Bird Hike," Saturday, Feb. 7 at 8 a.m., Activity Center. Bring your binoculars and a field guide to observe bird

species seen in the park and record dates, locations, and trends from year-to-year. A variety of habitats throughout the park will be explored. Fee: \$2 per person. Pre-registration required.

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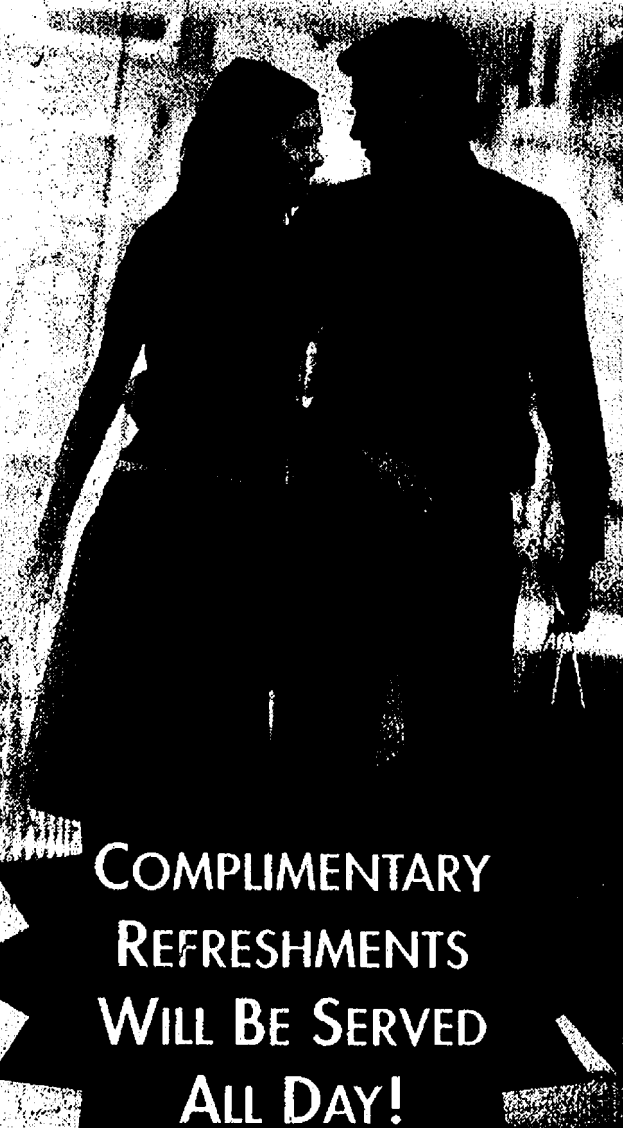
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Francisca Fernandez (left to right), Kevin Riley (owners of the New Chelsea Market) and Judy Stratman, director of marketing and development for Chelsea Community Hospital, exchange smiles and money. The "Uncorked" benefit opening event for the Market raised \$3,000 for the CCH Patient Assistance Fund as some 125 people attended the event in December.

CCH announces new board members

Chelsea Community Hospital recently announced the appointment of three new members to its Board of Trustees, effective Jan. 1, 2009.

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

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

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

Michael Dorsey, M.D., is a practicing anesthesiologist at CCH, a member of Chelsea Community Hospital's Finance Committee, and a member of Anesthesia Associates of Ann Arbor PLLC. Dr. Dorsey is a Clinical Instructor in the Department of Anesthesiology at the University of Michigan Medical Center, and was previously the Head of the Pediatric Anesthesiology Division at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital.

Dr. Dorsey has received many awards, including "Top Doctor" by the Consumer Checkbook Survey, and graduated from the University of Michigan Medical School with highest honors.

Misha Strauss Moore, Ph.D., is currently on the faculty of the Center for Ethics and Humanities in the Life Sciences at Michigan State University. Moore received her undergraduate degree in anthropology from Dartmouth College and holds a doctorate in philosophy from Georgetown University.

She has taught previously at the University of Michigan, Western Michigan University, and Georgetown University. Her previous employment includes the National Institutes of Health and Johns Hopkins University. Most recently, Moore served as the president of the board of trustees of the Chelsea Center for the Arts.

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

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

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

Class shows how proper diet can help prevent and survive cancer

The Cancer Project, a national nonprofit dedicated to advancing cancer prevention through education and research, is offering a free, four-session cooking course designed to help Chelsea residents prevent and survive cancer through proper diet and nutrition.

"The single easiest and best thing most of us can do to prevent cancer or its recurrence is to eat right," says Jennifer Reilly, R.D., a senior nutritionist for The Cancer Project. "More than a third of all cancer deaths in this country are due to poor diet."

The challenge, Reilly acknowledges, is not only to teach people which foods are good for them, but also to show them how to make the foods taste good.

Each class centers on important cancer-nutrition topics as local cooking instructor Jan Kemp guides students through the preparation of tasty and easy-to-prepare recipes.

The class lineup is as follows:

Feb. 4, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Fueling Up on Low-Fat Foods/Favoring Fiber

Feb. 11, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.,

At a glance

What: Cancer Prevention and Survival Cooking Course (four classes)

When: Feb. 4 to Feb. 25 (Wednesdays), 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Where: Chelsea Community Hospital, White Oaks Center, 775 South Main St., Chelsea

Sponsor: The Cancer Project

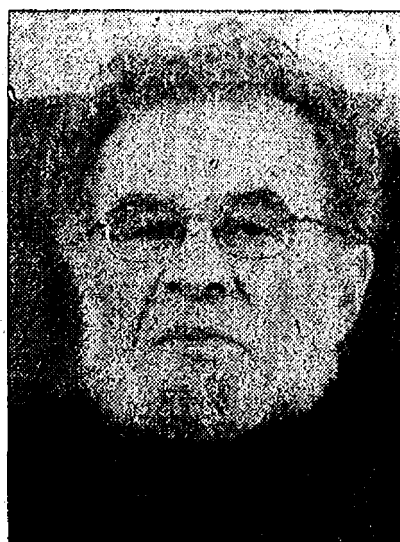
Cost: FREE (suggested \$20 donation per class) **Registration:** Contact Sara Wild at 734-475-4103

Discovering Dairy Alternatives and Replacing Meat

Feb. 18, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Planning Healthy Meals/Antioxidants and Phytochemicals

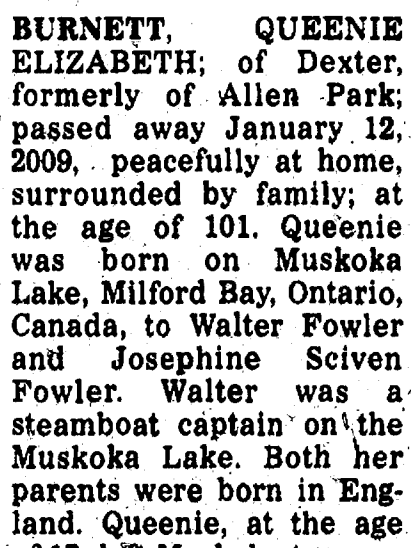
Feb. 25, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Immune-Boosting Foods and Maintaining a Healthy Weight

For more information about Cancer Prevention and Survival Cooking Classes, visit www.CancerProject.org or call 202-244-5038.



AMES, JOSEPH WILLIAM (BILL), of Manchester, MI; age 71; died unexpectedly at his home of an apparent heart attack on Sunday, January 18, 2009. Bill was born on January 10, 1938, in Sunfield, MI, to Herbert W. and Sarah (Smith) Ames. He married Linda Halsey on September 11, 1958. Bill was employed as a Vocational Agricultural Teacher for four years at Springport High School and for four years at Vicksburg High School. In 1968, he left the teaching he loved to become the MSU Agricultural Extension Agent for Washtenaw County, a position he held for 28 years until his retirement in 1995. In the mid 1980s, Bill began portraying Abraham Lincoln for the farm community, which was undergoing a depression. Upon retirement, he expanded his portrayals each year as he participated in more and more events: Project Red, Civil War re-enactments, Historical Museum presentations, school presentations, etc. He was a member of the Association of Lincoln Presenters and was Abraham Lincoln of the Year in 2003. During the past few years, he began working Mondays at the United Producers (formerly Michigan Livestock Exchange) in Manchester so that he could continue to have contact with "his farmers." Bill was an active member of the First Baptist Church in Ann Arbor, being the first person most people saw at the back door. He also helped with the homeless ministry. Bill had received numerous honors and awards throughout the years for his dedication to those he loved to serve. Bill is survived by his wife of 50 years, Linda; four daughters, Stacey Ames, Vanessa (Phil) Albee, Theresa Ames and Stephanie (Bruce) Carlton; five grandchildren, Ben (Stephanie) Carlton, Matt (Danielle) Carlton, Chett Albee, Megan Carlton and Ryan Albee; and two great grandchildren, Madison Rose and Hunter Elias Carlton. Bill is also survived by brother, Herbert (Connie) Ames; and cousins, Janet (Kendall) Baughman and Cliff (Susan) Schultz; and mother-in-law, Rhea Halsey. Bill was preceded in death by parents, Herbert and Sarah Ames; sister, Susan Ames; granddaughter, Angela Luree Daniels; and father-in-law, Robert Halsey. Bill leaves behind many friends and associates. Funeral Services will be held Friday, January 23, 2009, at 2 p.m. from the Staffan-Mitchell Funeral Home, Chelsea, with Rev. Paul Simpson Duke officiating. Interment will take place at Maple Hill Cemetery, Charlotte, MI. Contributions in Bill's memory may be made to the First Baptist Church of Ann Arbor for ministries to the homeless, or the charity of one's choice. The family will receive friends at the funeral home Wednesday from 6 to 8 p.m., and Thursday, from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m.; also Friday from 1 p.m. until the time of service.

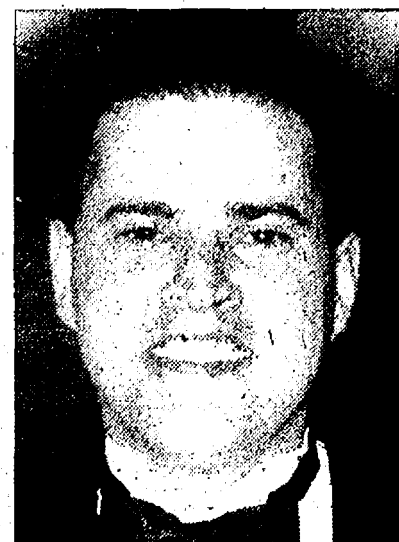
LIVINGSTON, ROBERT A.J.; former minister of the Chelsea Congregational Church from 1963 to 1987; died in Concord, New Hampshire, at age 92 from complications associated with Alzheimer's disease. He is survived by his wife, Helen; his three children, Judy of Gilroy, CA, Jay of Lowell, MA and Kent of Austin TX; three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.



BURNETT, QUEENIE ELIZABETH; of Dexter, formerly of Allen Park; passed away January 12, 2009, peacefully at home, surrounded by family; at the age of 101. Queenie was born on Muskoka Lake, Milford Bay, Ontario, Canada, to Walter Fowler and Josephine Sciven Fowler. Walter was a steamboat captain on the Muskoka Lake. Both her parents were born in England. Queenie, at the age of 17, left Muskoka to come to Detroit to look for a job, and shortly afterwards met her future husband, Robert. Queenie got a job at Morgan Wright, building automobile tires, which later became Uniroyal Tire Co. She was preceded in death by her parents, six siblings, her husband of 37 years, Robert Garden Burnett, Sr., born in Scotland, and children, Rosemary Elizabeth Rogers, Robert Garden, Jr., William (Bruce) and Donald Gordon; Sr. (Debbie) and grandson, Donald Gordon, Jr. She is survived by her children, Ian Malcolm, Sr. (Debbie), Roderick James (Mary), Janet Gayle, Douglas Alexander (Cindy) and William Stanley, a nephew she helped raise; grandchildren, Lori McKay (Jim), Tammi Scott (John), Diane Bice (Gary), Michael, Terry, William Rogers (Lisa), Ian, Jr. (Angela), Kristen, Robert (Nicole), Brett (Starla), Sean, Mike, Jody, Kristen, Brian, Scotty, Douglas, Jr. and James; and many many great grandchildren; and great great grandchildren; and numerous other family and friends. Funeral Service was Sunday, 2 p.m. at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd., Livonia. Visitation was Saturday, 1 to 9 p.m.



LINE, MARILYN JANE; Chelsea, Michigan; age 78; died Thursday, January 15, 2009 in her home due to Parkinson's. She was born February 25, 1930 in Roundhead, Ohio, the daughter of Walter L. and Bessie Mae (Neal) Cummings. Marilyn lived in Ann Arbor for 16 years, before moving to Chelsea in 1976. She earned her Masters from U of M. She was a teacher at Pioneer High School for 32 years, where she taught English, and initiated the Bible as Literature curriculum. She was an avid reader, and enjoyed the monthly meetings with retired teacher friends. Marilyn enjoyed genealogy, and was active in the Irish-American Club, both in Ann Arbor and Detroit. She was a long-time member of the Chelsea First United Methodist Church. On July 25, 1953 she married James R. Line in New Hampshire, Ohio, and he survives. Other survivors include a daughter, Jennifer "Dawn" (Thomas) Wacker of Chelsea; a son, Roderick (Barbara) Line of South Lyon; four grandchildren, Jared (Leslie) Wacker, Shevaun Wacker, Nathan Line, Shannon Line; two great grandchildren, Colin and Libby; two brothers, W. Dean (Naomi) Cummings of Wapakoneta, OH, and Willard (Hildegard) Cummings of Ann Arbor. Funeral Services were held Monday, January 19, at Cole Funeral Chapel, Chelsea with Rev. Mearl Bradley officiating. Burial followed at Oak Grove Cemetery, Chelsea. The family received friends on Sunday, Memorial contributions may be made to the Michigan Parkinson's Foundation.



MITCHELL, KEITH H.; of Dexter, MI; age 39; died unexpectedly on January 13, 2009, at Chelsea Community Hospital. He was born the son of Harold and Bonita (Shoulders) Mitchell on November 18, 1969. On September 3, 1994, in Ann Arbor, Michigan, he married Christina M. Flores, and she survives. Keith was a man on a mission to complete tasks, whatever they may be. He was a hard worker that could be counted on to get the job done. He could fix anything, and he would not rest until the job was complete to his satisfaction. His work ethic extended to his talent as a gifted guitar player and music writer. He was a laid-back person with a favorite saying: "I'm not worried about it," regardless of the situation. He was a natural leader who always had a smile on his face since the day he was born. Most of all, he was a loving son, husband, father and brother. In addition to his wife and parents, he is survived by his sons, Michael Andrew Champagne and Sebastian Keith Mitchell; as well as his siblings, Cindy M. Wilhelmson of Pinckney and Jarrod B. Mitchell of Dexter; he is also survived by Christina's parents, Andy (Sally) Flores of Dearborn Heights; as well as her siblings, Sandy (Mark) Oakley of Allen Park, Gilbert (Kim) Flores of Allen Park and Natalia (Martin) Flores of Dearborn Heights; and his nieces, Lauren, Andrea and Ciana; and nephews, Kyle, Ryan and Emilio; along with many cousins. Funeral Services were Saturday from the Shalom Lutheran Church in Pinckney, MI, with Pastor Kurt Hutchens officiating at 1 p.m. Expressions of sympathy may be made to the Mitchell education fund. The family received friends at the Staffan-Mitchell Funeral Home on Friday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. and again at church on Saturday from 11 a.m. until the hour of service.

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Salvation Army needs support

The holiday season may be over, but Washtenaw County residents can still help those in need by donating to The Salvation Army of Washtenaw County's (TSA-WC) Red Kettle Campaign, which runs through Jan. 31, 2009.

TSA-WC is about \$37,000 short (12 percent) of its Red Kettle Campaign goal of \$300,000.

"We are so grateful to all Washtenaw County residents who have donated to the red kettles and to our Mail Appeal so far, but the need in our community continues to increase," said Major John Williams, Washtenaw County coordinator. "Although we helped about 570 families, including nearly 1,500 children, during the holiday season due to the community's generosity, many more can be helped throughout the year if we reach our overall goal."

Those interested in donating to the Red Kettle Campaign can stop by the Ann Arbor Corps located at 100 Arbana St. or call 734-688-8358 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday to make a credit card donation.

Two queens



Ashlee Baracy (left) and Katie Lorenz (right) along with Miss Washtenaw Executive Director Laura Bloomensaaf.

Two former Miss Washtenaw County winners will be competing for the title of Miss America in Las Vegas.

Miss Illinois Katie Lorenz (Miss Washtenaw County 2004) and Miss Michigan Ashlee Baracy (Miss Washtenaw County 2005) will both be competing at the Miss America Pageant this week.

During their reign as Miss Washtenaw County they participated in fairs, parades, fund-raising events and public speaking engagements throughout the county. Both women are dancers and are thrilled to have this opportunity.

Ashlee's personal platform issue "Breast Cancer Awareness & Education" has made her one of eight finalists for the "Quality of Life Award."

A large Miss Washtenaw contingency, lead by Laura Bloomensaaf, MWC executive director, will be there to cheer on Katie and Ashlee as they compete for thousands of dollars in scholarships. Miss America is the largest scholarship organization for young women in the world.

The present Miss America, Kristen Haglund, is from Farmington Hills and a graduate of Walled Lake Western High School. The Pageant will be televised on TLC at 8 p.m. Saturday.

Junior Pageant



Little Miss Megan Brown (left to right) from Dexter, Junior Miss Sophia Sokansanj from Dexter and Pre-Teen winner Kenzie Devine from Commerce Township.

The 8th annual Miss Washtenaw Junior Pageant will be held Jan. 31 starting at 3:30 p.m. at the Washtenaw Street Education Center in Chelsea. Girls will be competing in divisions 5-7, 8-10, and 11-13.

Contestants will compete in personal interview, casual and formal wear, photogenic, talent and fashion modeling. Applications must be received not later than Jan. 25. See www.misswashtenawcounty.com for entry information. Winners will receive saving bonds, be in local parades and appear at the Miss Washtenaw County Pageant in October. Tickets will be available at the door 0-4 free, 5-17 \$5, 18 and up \$10.



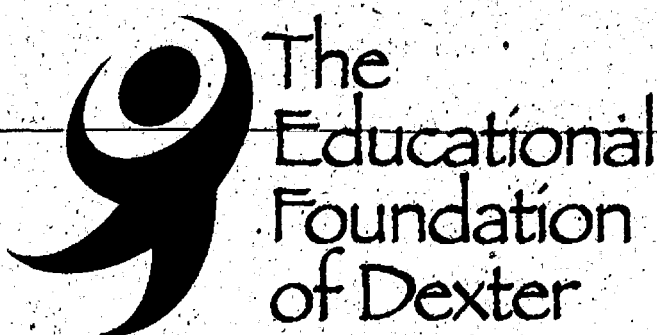
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News in Brief

Knights of Columbus

St. Thomas the Apostle Knights of Columbus No. 587 Council will host 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Degree Exemplifications at the St. Louis Center in Chelsea on Sunday, Feb. 1. The St. Louis Center is located on Old U.S. 12.

Candidates and their sponsors, for the 1st Degree are asked to arrive by 11 a.m. for check-in. The 1st Degree Exemplification will begin at noon. 1st Degree members who wish to advance to the 2nd and 3rd Degree are requested to arrive by 12:30 p.m. for check-in. The 2nd/3rd Degree Exemplification will begin at 1:30 p.m.

All candidates are requested to pre-register no later than Jan. 25. All State Officers will be in attendance along with the Servants of Charity, several Monsignors, and possibly our Bishop. It is expected that all 73 Councils in the Lansing Diocese will participate in this event.

At the dinner that follows the Exemplification, our own Brother Knight Tom Clark, who is a past State Deputy, will be honored.

Register by calling Robin Sanders at 734-662-6225 or sanderswelding@gmail.com

Tax seminar

An "update on Michigan's new business tax and federal taxes" seminar will be held at 6 p.m. on Feb. 5 at Whistle Stop Park Depot, 210 E. Michigan Ave. in downtown Grass Lake. The guest speaker will be from Bond and Company, PLC, a local and respected Michigan accounting/tax firm. The event is sponsored by the Grass Lake Regional Chamber of Commerce. The cost is \$5 per person at the door and includes appetizers. Please RSVP to grasslakechamber.org.

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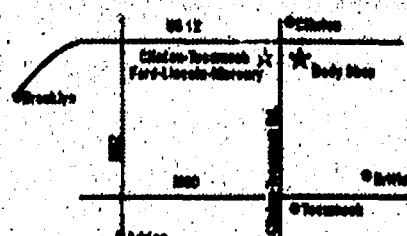
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Chelsea Standard / Dexter Leader Sports Editor Don Richter goes beyond the final scores.

Spartan hockey second to none

Welcome Ms. Miller, err, Jana, for short, to your first dueling column. I look forward to verbally sparring with you regarding all things athletics these next few months, especially when it comes to the Michigan State-Michigan rivalry.

You're taking the place of the venerable Lisa Allmendinger, my longtime foil on the other side of the page. A writer, once again, for that paper over in Ann Arbor, Ms. Allmendinger, back in the day, covered a Super Bowl or two as a writer for the Newark Star-Ledger and later was on a first name basis with a few U-M fellows called Bo, Lloyd and Don.

Like Lisa before you, I hear you're a University of Michigan graduate. If I'm remembering correctly, you once told me you had season tickets to Wolverine hockey while a student in Ann Arbor.

Good, that makes us even. When I was a student in East Lansing, I too had season tickets to Spartan hockey. And, yes, young lady, before you even say it, the goalies DID wear masks during those years, okay — I'm not that ancient.

Anyhow, I noticed that MSU plays U-M Friday at Joe Louis Arena, or should I say, Munn East. On Saturday, the two teams meet up again, this time at U-M's Yost Arena. I'm predicting two Michigan State victories.

Even though the Spartans (7-14-3, 4-10-2 CCHA) are currently having, arguably, their worst season since 1991 (17-18-5 overall record), I have faith in MSU and in coach Rick Comley to turn things around.

Yes, yes, young grasshopper, I know Michigan is ranked No. 6 in the country with a 16-8 overall record and a 10-6 mark in the CCHA and I'm aware the Wolverines have already beaten the Spartans three times this season (6-1, 5-3, 5-1), but something tells me MSU is bound to turn it around this year, so why not start this weekend against its in-state rivals?

Don't get me wrong, I think the Wolverines have a top-notch hockey program, it's just not on par with Michigan State's.

Ouch. I can already feel the daggers you're throwing at me from across the page, Jana. Let me explain.

To start with, the Spartans have Ron Mason, the all-time winningest coach in NCAA Division I

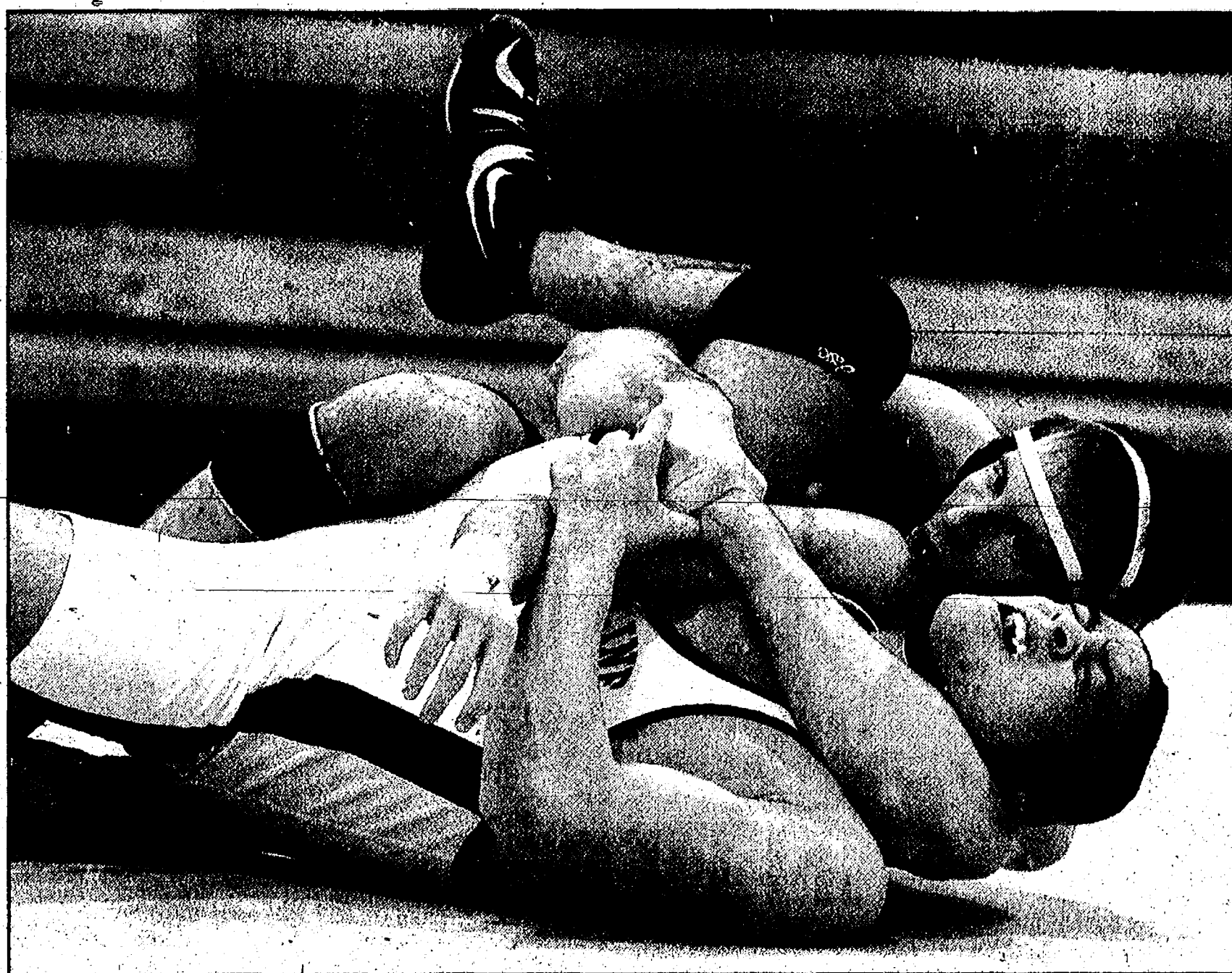


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Chelsea senior Kevin Rosentreter prepares to pin Saline's Marquis Washington during last Thursday's tri-meet.

Chelsea second at Holly

By Don Richter
Sports Editor

Chelsea wrestling finished second at the Holly Invitational Jan. 10.

The Bulldogs ended up with 197 points.

Winning the meet was the host Bronchos with 250 points.

Freeland was third with 192 points, while Flushing was fourth with 112 points, Armada fifth with 64 points and Milford seventh with 37 points.

"It was a really good tournament for us," said Chelsea coach Kerry Kargel. "We were able to see some good competition."

Individually for Chelsea, numerous wrestlers performed well.

At 103 pounds, Steve Buss finished 4-1 on the day, while Bulldog teammate Vince Krause was 3-1.

At 119, Andrew Nold was 4-1 for Chelsea.

"He's looking pretty good right now," Kargel said.

Glen Cobb ended up 4-1 at

Wrestling

125 for the Bulldogs suffering his first loss of the season to Flushing's Jamie Rebold 8-6. On the year, Cobb has an impressive 20-1 overall record.

Travis Goetz was 3-2 at 130 for the Bulldogs, while Matt Gillespie was 2-3 at 135.

Brandon French finished with a 3-2 record at 145, while Dakota Cooley was 4-1 at 152 for Chelsea.

Matt Lindauer was 0-5 at 160, while Kevin Rosentreter was 3-2 at 171 for the Dawgs.

Kyle Coburn posted a 4-1 record at 189, while teammate Travis Ostrowski was also 4-1 at 189 for Chelsea.

At 215, Tim Shoemaker ended up 4-1, while teammate Evan Grau was 3-2.

At heavyweight, Tim Rosentreter was 4-1, while Early McGowan was 3-2 for the Bulldogs.

Last Thursday, Chelsea hosted its own tri-meet with

Saline and Dexter.

The Bulldogs lost to Saline 39-31 and defeated Dexter 41-36.

Earning wins against the Hornets' in the lighter weights were Buss (112) by pin over Nick O'Neil in 1:13, Nold (119) by pin in 37 seconds over David Beckett and Cobb (125) by 6-2 decision over Nick Pataro.

Picking up wins in the heavier weights for the Bulldogs were Cooley (152) by 13-4 decision over Will Biocco, Kevin Rosentreter (171) by pin in 3:17 over Marquis Washington and Tim Rosentreter (heavyweight) by pin in 1:42 over Nick Sullivan.

Recording lightweight wins against Dexter were Kauser (103) by pin in 54 seconds over Evan Leonard, Cobb (125) by technical fall 15-0 over Alex Sloan and Joey Newland (140) by pin in 3:23 over Brandon Saunders.

In the heavier weights, picking up wins for Chelsea

were Cooley (152) and Rosentreter (171) by void, Kyle Coburn (189) by pin in 51 seconds over Sequoyah Burke-Combs and Tim Rosentreter (heavyweight) by pin in 3:50 over Josh Cash.

Last Saturday, the Bulldogs competed in the 20-team Napoleon Invitational. Chelsea placed fifth overall with 139.5 points.

Hudson finished first with 271 points.

Individually for the Bulldogs, Buss (112) placed second, while Cobb (125) was third, Cooley (152) first, Kevin Rosentreter (171) fourth and Tim Shoemaker (215) fifth.

Chelsea next hosts its own six-team invitational Saturday at 9 a.m.

On Wednesday, the Bulldogs travel to Milan to compete in a quad meet at 5:30 p.m.

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Bulldogs slam Tecumseh

By Don Richter
Sports Editor

Chelsea's girls' basketball team defeated visiting Tecumseh 59-22 last Saturday in a make-up game.

The Bulldogs (5-4, 2-3 Southeastern Conference) took control of the game early, outscoring the Indians 21-1 in the first quarter.

At halftime, Chelsea led 28-8.

Entering the fourth quarter, the Bulldogs increased their advantage to 52-13.

In the fourth quarter, Tecumseh outscored Chelsea 9-7 for the night's final margin.

Krystin Schwarze led the Bulldogs with 14 points, including one triple, three rebounds and one assist.

Samantha French added 11 points, while Rachel Cooperrider had eight points, three rebounds and two steals for Chelsea.

Erin Benjamin had six points, eight assists and three steals, while Mackenzie Cole had six points and two steals. Megan Dunn finished with five points, including one triple, while Zoe Suffety had



Photo courtesy of Alice Rawson

Senior Krystin Schwarze led the Bulldogs with 14 points in last Saturday's 59-22 win over Tecumseh.

five points and 12 rebounds.

Amber Stebleton and Lauren Zigman each netted two points, while Aimee Mesko had one rebound and Rachel Phillips one board and four assists for the Bulldogs.

As a team, Chelsea finished 21-of-43 from the field for 49 percent, while Tecumseh was 7-of-39 for 18 percent.

At the free throw line, the Bulldogs were 15-of-23 for 65 percent, while the Indians were 7-of-14 for 50 percent.

Chelsea out-rebounded Tecumseh 29-25.

On Jan. 13, the visiting Bulldogs lost to Ann Arbor Pioneer 56-51.

Ann Arbor raced out to a 5:30 first quarter lead. At the break, Chelsea trimmed the

Basketball

Pioneer advantage to 30-23.

Heading into the fourth quarter, the Bulldogs drew closer at 46-40.

In the fourth frame, Chelsea outscored the Pioneers 11-10 for the night's final margin.

Benjamin paced the Bulldogs with 18 points, including one triple, three rebounds and two assists.

Cooperrider chipped in 14 points and three boards, while Schwarze had 11 points, including three treys and six assists.

French ended up with four points, while Megan Dunn and Suffety each had two points. Suffety also had five rebounds, while Dunn had three boards.

As a team, Chelsea was 18-of-43 from the floor for 42 percent, while Ann Arbor was 21-of-35 for 60 percent.

Chelsea out-rebounded Ann Arbor 19-18.

The Bulldogs next host Ann Arbor Huron Friday at 5:30 p.m. On Jan. 30, Chelsea hosts county rival Dexter at 5:30 p.m.

READY, SET, SPORTS



JANA MILLER

Wolverines rule ice against Spartans

I know usually Don Richter squares off with other writers in the University of Michigan vs. Michigan State University columnist battle, but when it comes to hockey, he has his hands full with me.

I've been attending U-M hockey games since I was a wee 6-year-old. Yost Ice Arena is probably where I learned my first swear words.

So it's great to be a Michigan Wolverine. It really is, Don. You should try it. It's like standing in the winner's circle every day, especially this season.

Now, I know I could get into some low blows and teach everyone the "If you can't get into college, go to State..." song, but I'm a classy young woman. The past is in the past, and in this case I'm really enjoying the present.

Why am I enjoying it so much? Because it's pretty much a guarantee that your Spartans are going to be 0-5 against my Wolverines this year. Their three losses to my-icers were really embarrassing for you.

Those three games gave me some yummy statistics to play around with. So here are my reasons the Wolverines will sweep the Spartans Jan. 23 and 24.

Reason No. 1: You have to worry about a lot of players who can score goals. You lost the last three games 6-1, 5-3 and 5-1, but those goals against you didn't come from a trio of stars. They came from 10 different players. Spartan net minder Jeff Lerg is going to have his gloves full.

And speaking of goal-tenders, let's move into reason No. 2. Bryan Hogan of U-M is 13-2 this season, and Lerg is 6-13. That disappoints me, Don. Lerg was a solid goalie in the past and his record is being dominated by an inexperienced newbie. Ouch.

In Lerg's defense, I suppose that has something to do with your team's ineffective defensive line, which managed to allow more than 100 shots on goal from the Wolverines, while Hogan only had to deal with 61. Ouch twice.

Reason No. 3: We're scarier. I hate to bring up the big brother analogy, but I am disappointed in the rivalry this year. Hockey is usually the one sport I can trust you to bring your game in, Don. This year takes the fun out of it.

Why so serious, Don? Are you embarrassed? Do you know you're bad?

I know you know you're bad. You told me you would most likely write about the program's history. I told you I'd see your program's history and raise you a tradition of excellence.

So, reason No. 4: Our overall record with MSU, albeit a close one, is tipped



Chelsea's Ryan Wrathall finished fifth in the 200 freestyle with a time of 2:03.99 in last Thursday's dual meet against Ann Arbor Pioneer.

Pioneer laps Chelsea

By Don Richter
Sports Editor

Chelsea's boys' swimming and diving team lost to visiting state powerhouse Ann Arbor Pioneer 103-72 in a dual meet last Thursday.

In the 200 medley relay, the Bulldog foursome of Viran Rana, Ross Argir, Casey Hirth and Evan Phillips finished third with a time of 1:59.64.

In the 200 freestyle, Todd Kruse was fourth in 2:00.16, while Ryan Wrathall was fifth in 2:03.99 and Jacob Bogarin sixth in 2:10.45 for Chelsea.

Dominic Conybeare placed second in the 200 individual medley with a clocking of 2:12.13, while Jonathon Skidmore was fourth in 2:21.06 and Nick Dyerly sixth in 2:24.30 for the Bulldogs.

Phillips bested the field finishing first in the 50 freestyle in 23.79, while Blayde Ray was fifth in 26.38 and Nick Hewitt sixth

in 28.93.

In the one-meter diving competition, Michael Heydlauff was second with 233.35 points, while Colby Wrathall was fifth with 174.25.

Rana was third in the 100 butterfly for Chelsea, while Hirth was fifth in 1:07.04.

Andrew Wickens touched fourth in the 100 freestyle in 56.40, while Ray was fifth in 1:00.08 and Argir sixth in 1:00.45 for the Bulldogs.

Jacob Bogarin ended up fourth in the 500 freestyle in 6:03.66, while Phillip Arbogast-Wilson was fifth in 6:04.54 and Robby Everard sixth in 6:15.54 for Chelsea.

In the 200 freestyle relay, the Bulldog group of Ryan Wrathall, Dyerly, Phillips and Conybeare placed second in 1:34.56, while Wickens, Ray, Skidmore and Hirth finished fourth in 1:44.87 and Colby Wrathall, Bogarin, Hewitt and Arbogast-Wilson sixth in 1:56.49.

Kruse placed first in the 100 backstroke in 1:01.19, while Rana was second in 1:08.81.

Skidmore finished first in the 100 breaststroke with a time of 1:12.02, while Argir was second in 1:22.11 and Hewitt third in 1:28.27.

In the 400 freestyle relay, Chelsea's Ryan Wrathall, Conybeare, Dyerly and Phillips placed first in 3:34.15, while Rana, Hirth, Kruse and Wickens ended up second in 3:52.21 and Ray, Bogarin, Arbogast-Wilson and Everard finished third in 4:12.17.

The Bulldogs next travel to Southeastern Conference foe Adrian for a meet Thursday at 6:30 p.m.

On Tuesday, Chelsea hosts Jackson at 6:30 p.m.

On Jan. 29, the Bulldogs host county rival Dexter at 6:30 p.m. in their annual hardwood tussle.

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Bulldogs battle Pioneer

By Don Richter
Sports Editor

Chelsea's boys' basketball team lost to host Ann Arbor Pioneer 63-50 Jan. 13.

The Bulldogs (2-4, 0-2 Southeastern Conference) trailed 18-12 after one quarter.

At halftime, Chelsea was down 33-26.

Entering the fourth quarter, the Pioneers increased their advantage to 49-34.

In the fourth quarter, the Bulldogs rallied, cutting the Ann Arbor lead to four points.

"Pioneer controlled momentum most of the game," said Chelsea coach Robin Raymond. "We made a run in the fourth quarter, but we ran out of steam."

The Pioneers were able to withstand Chelsea's late game comeback, making their free throws down the

stretch to seal their victory.

"Pioneer is a good team," Raymond said. "Playing on their court is tough. We need to play a full 32 minutes."

Leading the Bulldogs offensively was junior Jake Mantel (6-foot-3, 225 pounds) with 14 points, five rebounds and one assist.

Senior wing player Brett Everding added 10 points, while sophomore guard Patrick Roberts had nine points and senior guard Michael Roberts and sophomore center Conor Tait (6-5) each netted five points. Tait also pulled down four boards for Chelsea.

Junior guard Ben Sauers finished with four points, while sophomore forward Spencer Mykala had three points and four rebounds for the Bulldogs.

As a team, Chelsea was 15-of-31 from the floor for 48

percent, while Pioneer was 23-of-40 for 58 percent.

At the free throw line, the Bulldogs ended up 16-of-31 for 52 percent, while Ann Arbor was 12-of-19 for 63 percent.

On the boards, Pioneer out-rebounded Chelsea 26-21, including 7-8 on the offensive glass.

Chelsea had 22 turnovers, while the Pioneers were forced into 17 miscues.

The Bulldogs next host Ann Arbor Huron Friday at 7 p.m.

On Monday, Chelsea hosts Tecumseh in a make-up game at 7 p.m.

On Jan. 30, the Bulldogs host county rival Dexter at 7 p.m.

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Icers win in overtime

By Don Richter
Sports Editor

Chelsea hockey overcame penalties, a hostile crowd and a long, drawn out break between games to defeat host Jackson Lumen Christi 5-4 in overtime last Saturday.

"We were called for nine penalties and played short-handed a good portion of the game," said Chelsea coach Don Wright. "Plus, prior to this game we had played only one game in the past four weeks."

Because of the snowy, icy weather recently, the Bulldogs (7-3-1), ranked No. 9 in the state in Division 3, had played only once (8-0 win over Riverview) between Dec. 18 of last year and last Saturday's contest against the Titans.

Because of the long layoff between contests, Chelsea was understandably a little sluggish last Saturday.

"We weren't where I wanted the team to be," Wright said.

Despite the long, unscheduled break, the Bulldogs still came out firing against Lumen Christi scoring at 2:50 of the first period as Randy Cox turned the light on off an assist from Drew Brown and Ethan Johnson.

Less than one minute later, the Titans tied the game at 1-1 as Brian Guerin scored on a power play.

At 4:11 of the second period, Brown vaulted Chelsea back on top scoring a power play goal giving the Bulldogs a 2-1 lead. Cox picked up an assist on the play for Chelsea.

Two minutes later, the Titans' Chris Wegrzyn scored a power play goal tying the contest at 2-2.

At 8:24 of the second period, Wegrzyn scored giving Lumen Christi the lead at 3-2.

Twenty-one seconds later, Johnson scored off an assist from Brown tying the game,

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Chelsea goaltender Joey Hume helped lead the Bulldogs to a 5-4 overtime victory against Jackson Lumen Christi last Saturday.

once again, at 3-3.

Forty-five seconds into the third period, Brown scored converting a pass from Johnson putting Chelsea back on top 4-3.

At 8:55 of the third period, Jake Stanton scored for Lumen Christi knotting the score at 4-4.

In overtime, Brown scored the game-winner 49 seconds into the extra session. Cox picked up an assist for the Bulldogs.

Prior to Brown's goal, Chelsea had killed off a penalty that had carried over from the third period.

"About 10 seconds after we killed off the penalty, Randy (Cox) hit Drew (Brown) with a pass in the neutral zone," Wright said. "He was 1-on-2 with the defensemen. He was able to

make a great move to get between them (defensemen) and get behind them and score. It was a great play."

Lumen Christi out-shot Chelsea 33-25 on the night. Earning the victory between the pipes for the Bulldogs was goaltender Joey Hume.

Chelsea, currently on a three-game win streak, next travels to Salem for a game 8:30 p.m. Friday at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

On Monday, the Bulldogs host Division 1 No. 5-ranked Howell (12-1) at 6:30 p.m.

On Wednesday, Chelsea visits Ann Arbor Huron for a contest 7:40 p.m. at the The Cube.

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RICK TAYLOR

Donald Laier was born on May 24, 1942 on the farm he now owns. He's happily married to Penny who's been by his side through thick and thin. He is the son of Gustave and Rose Laier. Furthermore, Don has three brothers. Both Ed and Carl have passed away, but his brother Bob is alive and well. Don also has two sisters named Theresa and Helen. Both Helen and Bob reside and work on the farm.

Don has been a dear friend of mine for the last 10 years. It's easy to like Don once you've met him. He's genuinely kind and very generous.

My mom recently visited me from Canada just before Christmas. The trip was the first time she's been to Chelsea. The first person I introduced her to was Don. I wanted my mom to finally meet the man whom I consider to be one of the best friends that I've ever had.

Don and his family have been on the same farm for the last 103 years. Don was born and raised on the farm he now is in charge of. The Laier farm just received its designation as a "Centennial Farm" three years ago from the State Of Michigan. For those of you who don't know, a Centennial Farm qualifies as such by being in the

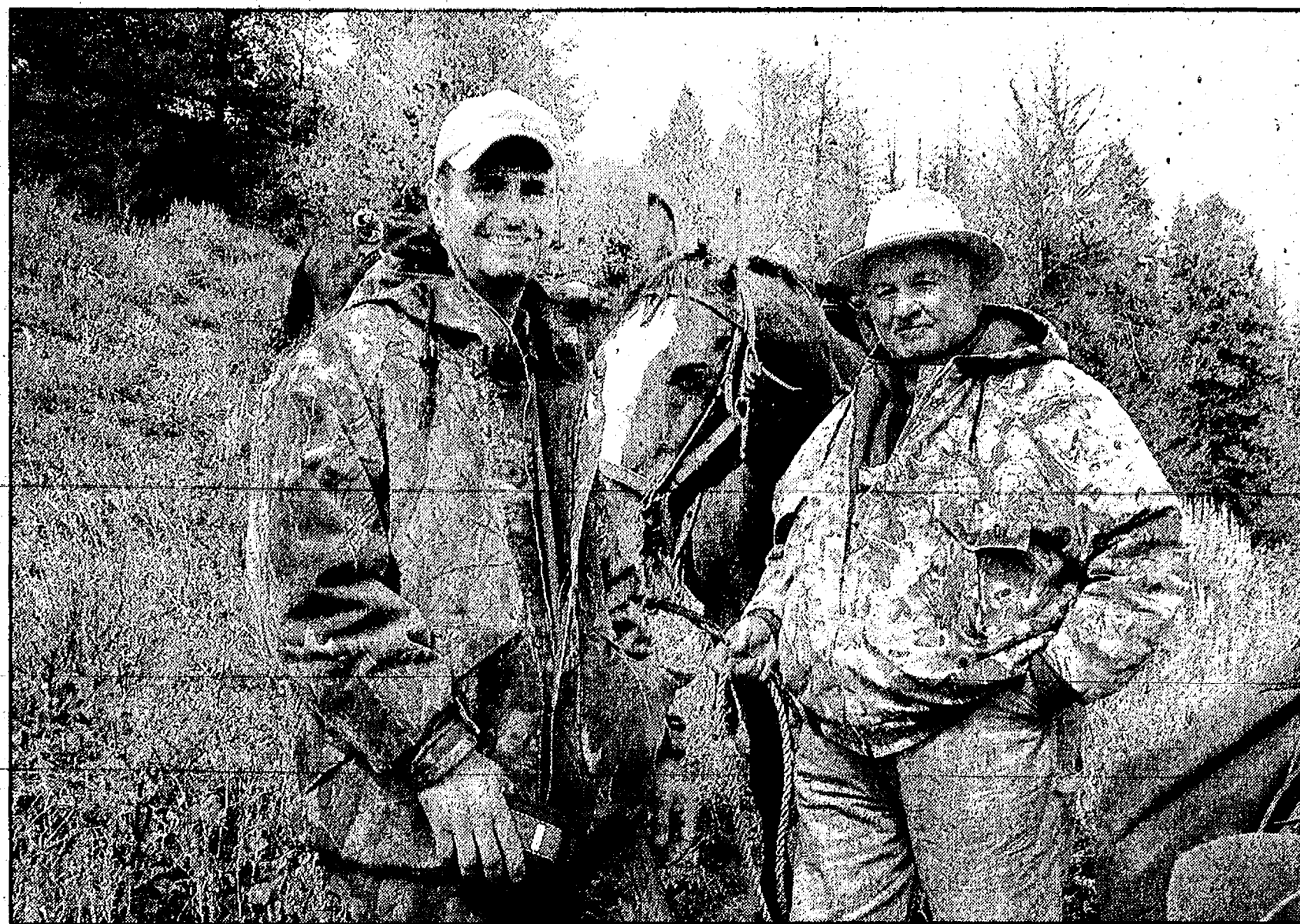


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Rick Taylor (left) and Don Laier have been good friends and have shared plenty of adventures over the years.

same family for 100 years or more.

Don has been a busy man over the years. Chelsea Kiwanis awarded him as the 2000 "Farmer of the Year" for his conservation contributions. Furthermore, the Washtenaw County Soil Conservation District awarded Don with the 2005 "Farmer of the Year" signed by Governor Jennifer Granholm.

Don does his best to grow quality crops and raise cattle on his farm. But, he also knows that he has a duty to protect the land and waterway that borders a large portion of his farm, namely the Mill Creek. Don grows "Filter Strips" along the banks of the Mill Creek. These strips prevent ero-

sion from entering the creek and give ducks, muskrats and other wild animals shelter near this water source. Don is also involved with the Conservation Reservation Program (CRP), which also allows wildlife to flourish in a farming environment.

Don wasn't forced to do these programs, rather he wanted to give back to the land that has given him so much over the years. It's these acts of kindness that make Don who he is. He was recently featured on "Around Town" with Linda, which is an honor in itself.

Don sadly lost his only son, Rodney to a farming accident while working on a tractor at another farm 10 years ago. I met Don three

months after the death of his son through a mutual friend and we've been friends ever since.

Don and I have shared many fun adventures over the years along with a lot of sweat while working on the farm. Don has a contagious laugh. To hear it just ask him about the "not so friendly" dog I encountered four years ago in the arena while at the Napoleon Stock Yards. Let's just say that I didn't know that I could run so fast. Don will also laugh about the "Badger" photo we took for Joe Merkel Jr. a few years back.

Don and I have hunted together many times over the years — we even hunted elk together in Wyoming four years ago. Don is an

excellent shot and a hunter among hunters. His knowledge base on animal behavior is unrivaled and he unselfishly passes on his knowledge to others such as myself.

Don loves to talk about the good old days here in Chelsea. And, there's a lot to learn from him since he's experienced so much in his hunting career. Don remembers the days when there weren't deer south of I-94 in the 1960s. They had to go to the Waterloo Recreation Area to find deer, if they were lucky. Furthermore, deer permits were not given out due to the scarcity of deer. I found it amazing that .22 caliber rifles were legal guns to use in the taking of deer back

then.

Don also remembers when deer hunters wore red and black plaid — hunter orange wasn't required back then because it wasn't invented yet. Don doesn't miss having to wear the deer-hunting license on the back of your hunting jacket. Metal license tags preceded the paper tags we use today along with many other differences.

One of Don's favorite memories revolves around his school days when he attended the one room schoolhouse on Guenther Road. He attended high school at St. Mary's in downtown Chelsea with his friends Paul Frisinger, David Rowe and Chuck Koenn. Oh, the St. Mary's High School is now known as the Chelsea Center for the Arts building on Congdon St.

Take the time to talk with Don or someone else about our local history, it's quite nice to hear how simple things used to be.

Finally, here's some advice to those hunters who'd love to hunt private land, but don't have any luck in doing so. First, don't wait to ask a farmer a week before the hunting season starts. You'll just insult the farmer and make a fool out of yourself. Secondly, offer to help the farmer during the planting season or hay cutting, etc. But, follow through with your promise to help. Talk is cheap but actions speak for themselves. Farmers get asked by dozens of hunters to be let on their farm, so, what can you do to stand out from the rest?

You've got plenty of time to hunt that dream farm this fall if you play your cards right. Good luck and get out there.

Next week, we'll be talking ice fishing, so stay tuned.

SPARTANS

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hockey history, with 924 career victories. Comley, Mason's successor after 23 years on the MSU bench, is already fourth all-time in career wins with 739.

U-M coach Red Berenson is seventh all-time with 644 victories.

I know Kevin Porter won the Hobey Baker Award last year for Michigan. The Hobey Baker Award is college hockey's equivalent to the Heisman Trophy. In

1997, Brendan Morrison also received the award for U-M. In contrast, MSU also has won the Hobey Baker Award twice, with Ryan Miller (2001) and Kip Miller (1990).

In the past 50 years, Michigan State has won three national titles. Michigan, during that same time span has also captured three NCAA championships. MSU last won an NCAA crown in 2007, while U-M's last title came in 1998.

With 23 NCAA appearances, nine Frozen Fours,

three national titles, two Hobey Baker Award winners, the NCAA's all-time winningest coach and too many NHL stars throughout the years to mention, Michigan State hockey stands second to no one.

Plus, how can you ever replace the memory of raising a mug full of ginger ale at a wall-to-wall, shoulder-to-shoulder, packed to the gills Dooley's in downtown East Lansing your sophomore year, going hoarse from yelling at the top of your lungs and watching the

Spartans beat Harvard 6-5 for a national title in 1986?

You can't.

That's why MSU hockey will always be No. 1.

And, Jana, c'mon, your coach's first name is Red. Need more be said?

I'm just sayin'... Speaking of red, is your face supposed to be that color, Jana?

Jana? Young lady, put down that hockey stick. Go Green!

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WOLVERINES

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in my Wolverines' favor at 128-118-18. Plus, our stadium dates to 1923. How's that for program history?

Plus Yost is noisy and has been featured by Sports Illustrated as one of the hardest visiting venues in the country. And we don't like you, Don. You know how my fans get.

You'll have a more even playing ground at Joe Louis Arena on Friday, but don't get too excited. It won't be enough to get you out of your 7-14-3 overall record to my team's 16-8 record. Talk about the slumps, eh Don?

Reason No. 5 is a simple one. Not only is my team better than your team right now, but we will be in the future. I think a tra-

dition of excellence has to include our 127 NHL draftees and a scary coach.

Yeah, let's go there. Let's talk about the coaching. Red Berenson has been coaching since 1984. I wasn't even born yet! The man has coached for 23 seasons — the most ever for any Michigan coach. He has 17 conference titles, while the Wolverines have won nine NCAA titles.

Oh, wait. What was your coach's name again? I keep forgetting because people don't really know your coach's name. Everyone knows Red's, even his enemies. In fact, everyone just knows him as Red. And my coach is a red-head, which means he's extra fiery.

So good-luck to you, Don, I mean it. I'd actually

prefer if your guys made a better game of it this time around. I don't want to be bored again. So, good luck. Hopefully you can rely on more than just Matt Schepke's stick for a goal or two. But I wouldn't count on it.

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Conifer forests are a deer's best defense against Michigan's cold and snow

Ask most deer hunters about what sorts of forests and woodlots are best for white-tailed deer and many immediately will zoom in on those that produce food: oaks and other mast-producing trees.

Others, with a little better understanding of the creature's year-round needs, will talk about early successional forests — aspen and the associated understory, where forbs and shrubs provide browse when mast isn't available.

But only a few understand the importance of conifers to deer.

In short, northern Michigan whitetails would struggle mightily without the hemlock, cedar and other conifers that help get them through the winter.

"Stands of hemlock and northern white cedar intercept snow and make travel by deer much easier," said Craig Albright, Department of Natural Resources wildlife biologist at Escanaba.

"Though the harvested tops of timber species, such as sugar maple, red maple and aspen, are important food sources, the food and cover must be in close proximity."

Albright explains it another way: If the tops of harvested timber are the "kitchens" for wintering whitetails, the conifer stands are the "bedrooms."

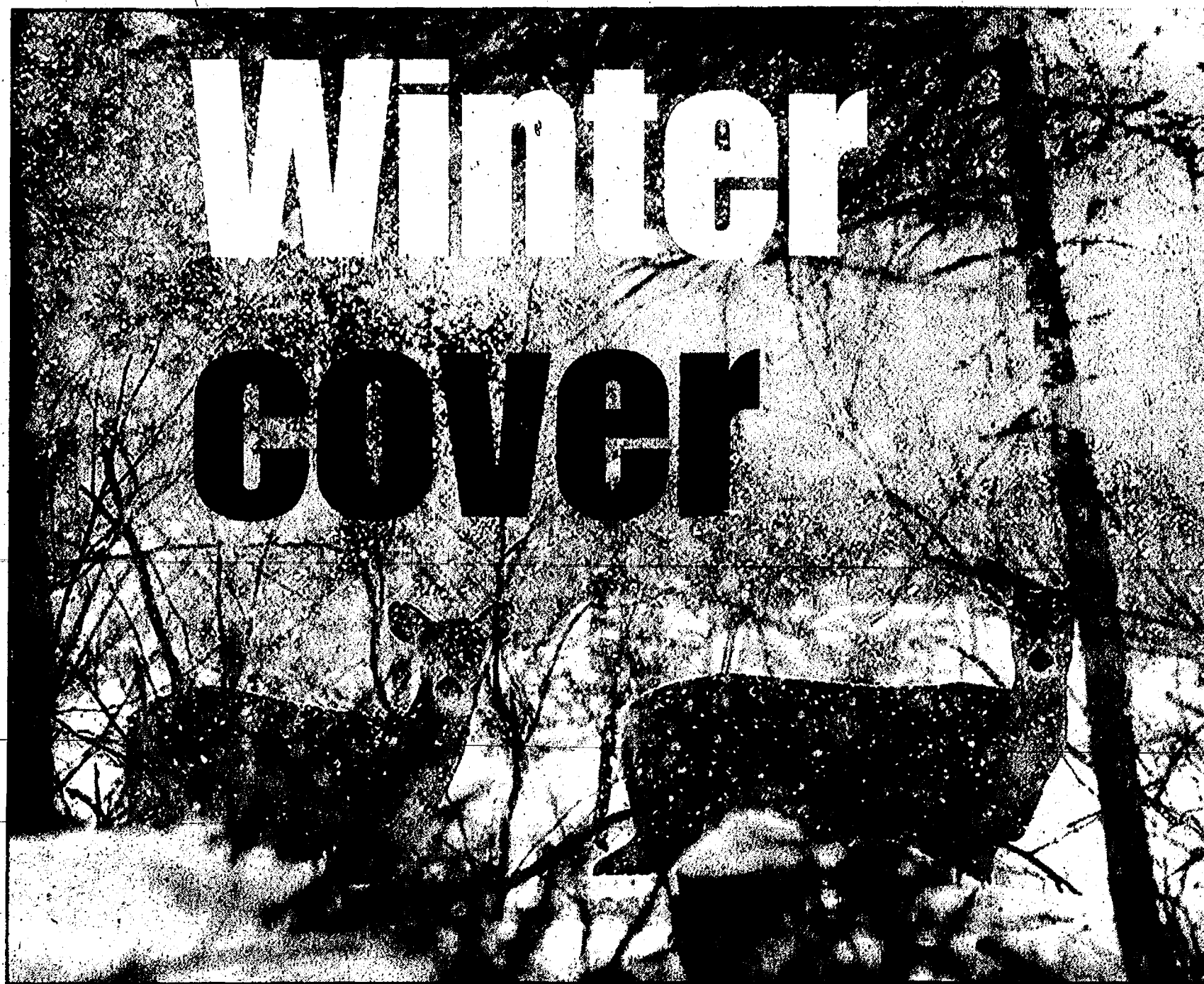
"These complexes house deer for up to four months each year," Albright continued. "A productive wintering complex must have a balance of food and cover in a mosaic of different forest types. Removal or imbalance of either of these two components leads to reduced capability of the wintering complex to support deer."

Western Upper Peninsula Wildlife Supervisor Bob Doecker agrees.

"The absence of logging leads to decreased amounts of food available from harvested tops and also a reduction in the regeneration that deer will be able to feed upon in future winters," Doecker said.

"However, the indiscriminate harvest of conifer cover leads to a loss of shelter and the decreased ability of deer to conserve energy, a loss they can ill afford during stressful winters."

Annual snow depths are relatively low in the south-central Upper Peninsula, so deer in that area are more loosely associated



In the Upper Peninsula, the thick stands of hemlock, cedar and other conifers shelter deer from snow, wind and cold temperatures. The needles intercept snow and serve as a sort of roof that creates a microclimate of warmer temperatures below the forest canopy. This protection also allows deer to move more freely, while expending less energy, as they travel to and from local food sources within these important wintering complexes.

with conifer cover than those that "yard up" near the Lake Superior shoreline.

Cedar is the predominant cover in the central and eastern U.P., but deer are strongly associated with Eastern hemlock in the northwestern U.P.

Hemlock is a slow-growing species that may take 200 to 300 years to reach maturity and can live to be 400 years old.

Unfortunately, the cumulative loss of hemlock across the U.P. landscape is approximately 80 percent since pre-settlement times.

Terry McFadden, a DNR wildlife biologist in Marquette, is particularly concerned about the loss of wintering habitat along the Lake Superior shoreline in northern Marquette County.

"Stands of hemlock are perhaps the most valuable of all conifers in terms of providing shelter from snow, wind and cold temperatures," McFadden said.

"The very small and dense needles intercept snow and serve as a sort of roof that creates a microclimate of warmer temperatures below the forest canopy. This protection also allows deer to move more freely, while expending less energy, as they travel to and from local food sources within wintering complexes."

The loss of conifer cover in deer wintering complexes is a major concern to Kevin Swanson, the biologist responsible for the DNR's Landowner

Incentive Program in the U.P., who concentrates much of his efforts on reestablishing mesic conifer habitat on private land.

"In the mixed hardwood-hemlock stands located within yarding complexes in the northern portions of Marquette and Baraga counties, traditional management involves harvesting a portion of the hemlock during each 15-year rotation," Swanson said.

"But, because sugar maple is more aggressive in becoming established after a harvest, each subsequent harvest rotation leads to a more pronounced loss of hemlock, further deteriorating the area's ability to sustain deer through the winter."

Hemlock does not regen-

erate as easily as sugar maple or aspen. Many of the hemlock stands that exist today were established after large-scale natural disturbances including wind events and forest fires. In most cases, hemlock seed will germinate only if the soil is thoroughly disturbed, and the low-impact logging equipment used today normally does not achieve such scarification.

The problem is intensified because deer are highly concentrated during winter months and will readily browse any seedlings that are established after a harvest.

"The situation is critical because the reduction in hemlock has resulted in deer being concentrated in fewer and smaller winter-

ing complexes in the U.P.," said Doug Wagner, wildlife biologist at Crystal Falls.

"The removal of hemlock in these areas leads to a permanent decline in snow-interception and wind-blocking values, cumulatively reducing the capability of these complexes to winter deer."

In many places, Wagner said wintering yards are in rough shape.

"There no longer is a balance," he said.

"Although ample food is present in the form of hardwood regeneration and harvested tops, the complex now is capable of holding far fewer deer as a result of the removal of hemlock and other conifers."

This loss of conifer cover is a concern not only to wildlife biologists, but also to most loggers, land managers and foresters in the western U.P.

"The problem is going to be difficult to reverse due to the lack of large-scale natural disturbances and the inability of hemlock to compete with sugar maple following traditional harvest treatments in wintering complexes," Wagner said. "I'm afraid it's going to take a concerted effort by a lot of parties to reverse the trend."

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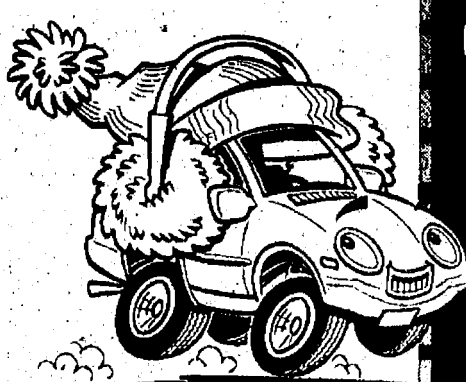
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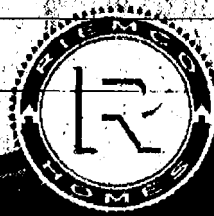
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New advanced portable heater can cut your heating bill up to 50%

Heats a large room in minutes with even heat wall to wall and floor to ceiling

Does not get hot, cannot start a fire and will not reduce humidity or oxygen

By John Whitehead, Media Services

A new advanced quartz infrared portable heater, the EdenPURE® GEN3, can cut your heating bills by up to 50%.

You have probably heard about the remarkable EdenPURE® as heard on Paul Harvey News and on television features across the nation.

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A major cause of residential fires in the United States is portable heaters. But the EdenPURE® cannot cause a fire. That is because the quartz infrared heating element never gets to a temperature that can ignite anything.

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The advanced space-age EdenPURE® Quartz Infrared Portable Heater also heats the room evenly, wall-to-wall and floor-to-ceiling. Other heating sources heat rooms unevenly with most of the heat concentrated high in the room and to the center of the room. And, as you know, portable heaters only heat an area a few feet around the heater. With the EdenPURE®, the temperature will not vary in any part of the room.

Unlike other heating sources, the EdenPURE® cannot put poisonous carbon monoxide into a room or any type of fumes or any type of harmful radiation.

For more details on the amazing EdenPURE® GEN3 Quartz Infrared Portable Heater, here is my interview with Julius Toth, Director of Product Development for BioTech Research®.

Q. What is the origin of this amazing heating element in the EdenPURE®?

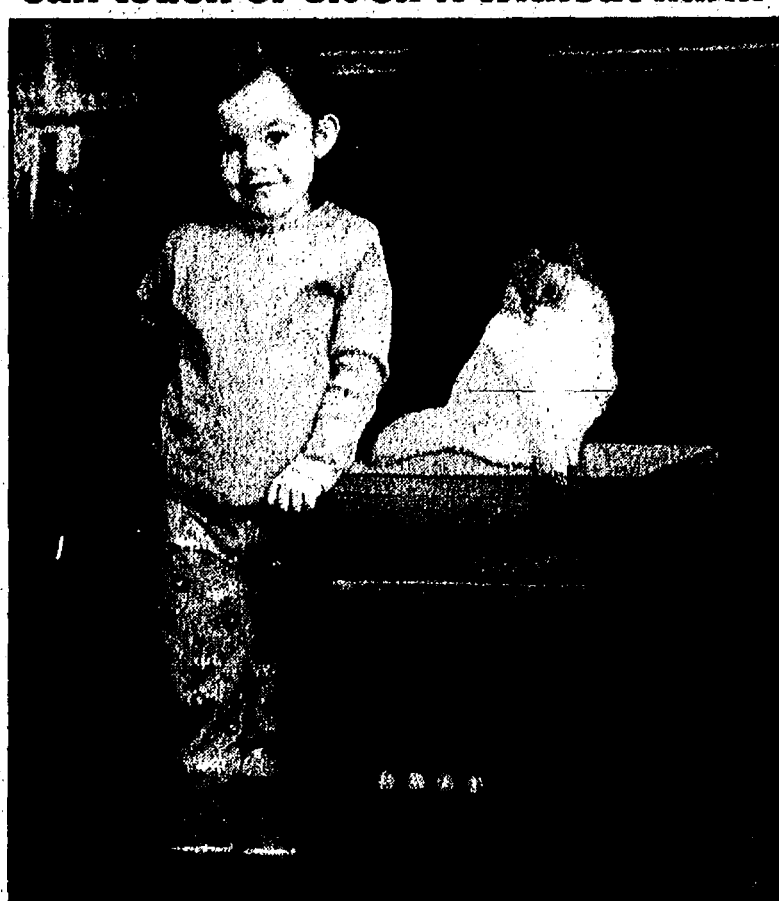
A. This advanced heating element was discovered accidentally by a man named John Jones. He had a large old farmhouse that was impossible to heat. Jones had a coal furnace in his basement. Jones placed a sheet of cured copper near the furnace to store it. Cured copper is a type of copper that goes through an extensive heating process to give it special properties.

After the fire went out in the coal furnace, Jones noticed that the sheet of copper

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Cannot start a fire; a child or animal can touch or sit on it without harm



was heating his entire basement evenly, even though the furnace was no longer putting out heat. He also was amazed as to how long the heat stayed in the copper and continued to warm the room.

Jones was so taken back by this that he started to experiment. He formed a company to develop a heating source out of this cured copper. But Jones had a number of children and he did not want a heating source that would cause a fire or create other hazardous situations like creating carbon monoxide or radiation. He also did not want his children to get burned.

To make a long story short, through a great deal of research and development, Jones developed a heating source that utilized commercial infrared quartz tubes.

Q. What advantages does infrared quartz tube heating source have over other heating source products?

A. John Jones designed his heating source around the three most important consumer benefits: economy, comfort, and safety. The final development of this infrared quartz heat source cannot be matched by any other heating system in the world.

In the EdenPURE® system, electricity is used to generate infrared light which, in turn, creates a very safe heat. Infrared is the safest form of heat because it does not create carbon monoxide or harmful radiation. And, most importantly, infrared heat does not reach a burning temperature.

After a great deal of research and development,

very efficient infrared heat chambers were developed that utilize three unique patented solid copper heat exchangers in one EdenPURE® heater. Over 5 years of research, development and real life field testing stand behind this heat source. It has now worked in residential and commercial applications worldwide for over 25 years.

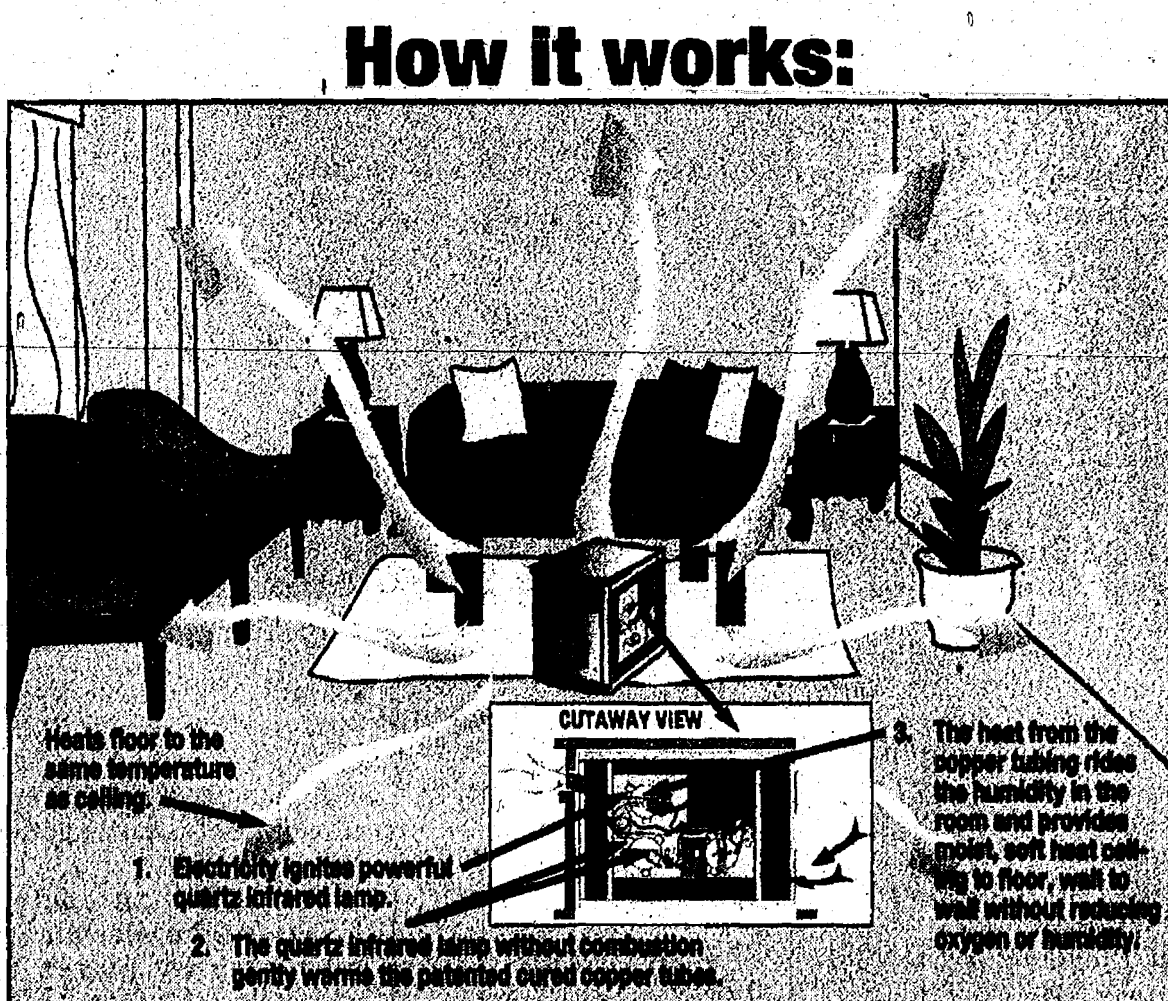
Q. Why is it that this quartz infrared heating source uses less energy to create heat than other sources?

A. Actually, there is more than one reason. One of the primary reasons is that heat at combustion level, which is what all other heat sources use, causes the heat to instantly rise to the ceiling. Therefore, the heat is not evenly distributed, causing a very inefficient and uncomfortable heat source.

The EdenPURE® GEN3 Quartz Infrared Portable Heater does not use burning heat. Once the heat exchanger absorbs the infrared heat, it exhales the heat into the living area which is carried by the existing humidity in the air. This causes the heat to travel rapidly and evenly throughout a room.

In actual studies, photos using infrared lighting demonstrated that the heat was almost perfectly even from floor-to-ceiling and wall-to-wall. The EdenPURE® Quartz Infrared efficiency is based on the distribution of energized air, not on just fan movement. This heat is coined as "soft heat" due to how comfortable it is.

Q. What are the other disadvantages of combustion heat sources?



A. Heat sources that are above the burning level have many unhealthy side effects. One of these is that it creates dry, irritating indoor air. It also burns a great deal of oxygen in the air. If you remember, when you sit in front of a fireplace or a portable heater or close to a heat source, you will remember yawning. This is because you are not getting enough oxygen.

This dry irritating heat and lack of oxygen dries out sinuses and mucus in the throat, and makes people susceptible to disease. The lack of oxygen causes fatigue.

Also, many combustible heat sources produce carbon monoxide, static cling, and some produce radiation.

Q. So you're saying that children or pets can come up to this unit and touch it and not be harmed?

A. That is absolutely correct. As a matter of fact, pets are actually drawn to this heat because it is a natural source of heat, just like the sun heats the earth. Animals are much more instinctive than humans. This heat not only heats the air, but it also heats the objects in the room. It is a perfectly balanced heat.

Q. How can a person cut their heating bill by up to 50% with the EdenPURE®?

A. First, the EdenPURE® uses less energy to create heat than other sources, but that is just part of why it will cut a person's heating bill. The EdenPURE® will heat a room in minutes. Therefore, you can turn the heat down in your house to as low as 50-degrees, but the room you are occupying, which has the EdenPURE®, will be warm and comfortable. The EdenPURE® is portable. When you move to another room, it will quickly heat that room also. This can drastically cut heating bills, in some instances, by up to 50%.

Q. I also understand that the EdenPURE® produces clean fresh air without furnace filters. How can it do that?

A. A furnace generates a lot of dust due to the combustion. By lowering the furnace temperature, you are using your furnace less and therefore reducing the

requirement for the furnace filters. Also, when there's no combustion, there are no harmful fumes.

Q. So, the EdenPURE® GEN3 is totally safe to use?

A. Absolutely is. The EdenPURE® has zero clearance, which means you can push it up against the wall or furniture without risk of fire. Tests prove the unit does not transmit any energy into the atmosphere that will burn or harm anyone regardless of distance between the person and the EdenPURE®.

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End of interview.

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Vesprini nurtures musical abilities

By Sheila Pursglove
Special Writer

Research shows all children are musical, says Tara Vesprini, a music teacher at the Chelsea Center for the Arts.

"This is in stark contrast to the impression most adults have of their own musical skill," she says. "Something is lost between birth and adulthood."

"In a sense the child's musical potential is weakened if not fostered."

Vesprini, the mother of three young children, teaches a CCA program called "Music Together" for children and their parents or caregivers. Parental participation is a keystone of this program that believes all people should be able to gain basic music competence - sing in tune and maintain a steady beat.

"In an ideal world, early childhood music classes would not need to exist," she says. "A hundred years ago families created music together around the piano and there were many opportunities for community dance. Music was a family unifier as opposed to today when headphones and i-Pods isolate us."

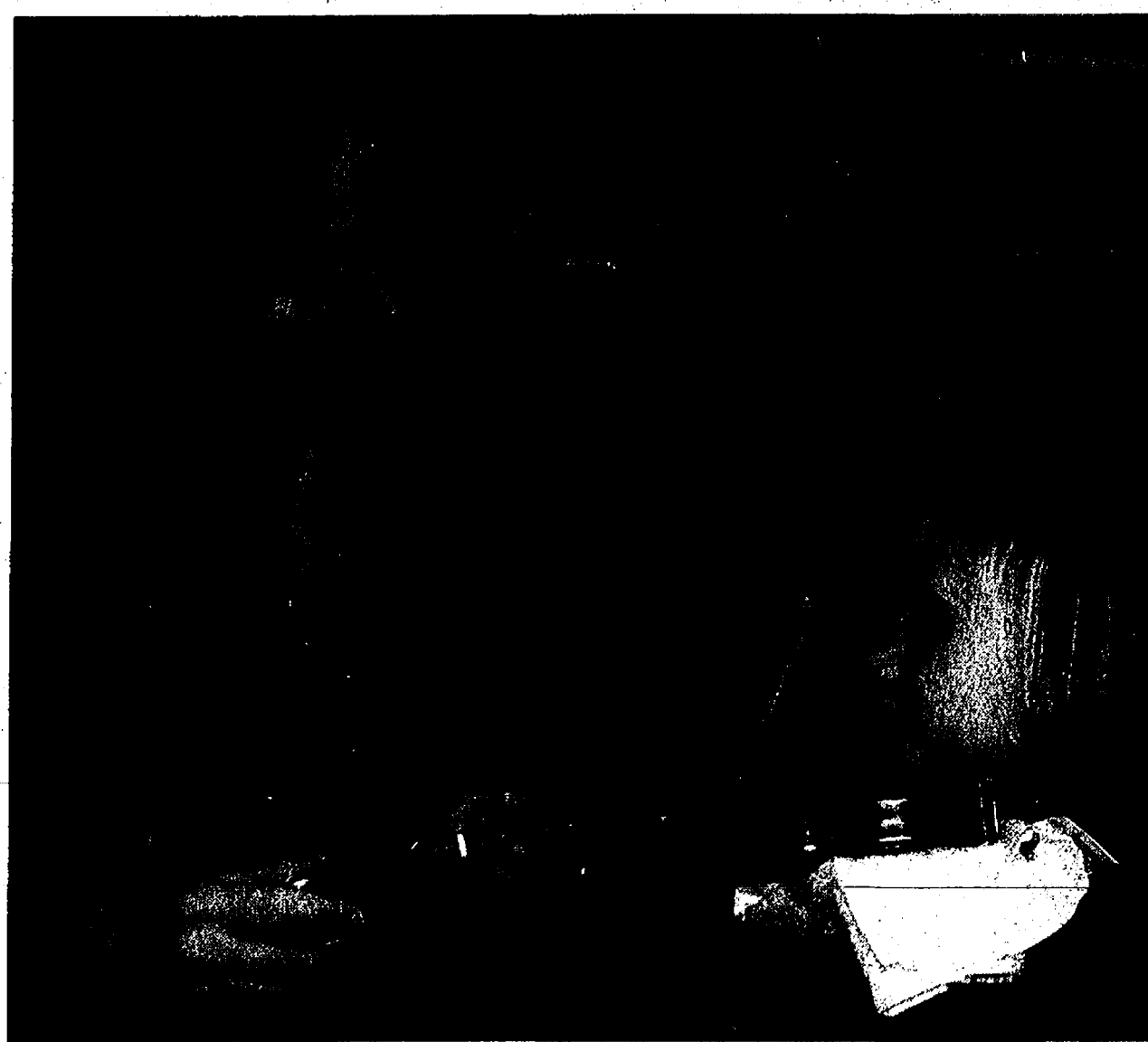
"Society is breeding excellent music consumers, but not producers. Our children know how to push 'Play' on the CD player."

"Music Together hopes it can help families recapture the joy of making music and simultaneously help our young children maintain the musical aptitude they were born with by giving parents ideas for musical enrichment at home."

A musically rich environment exposes children to a variety of music and movement opportunities, she says.

"At the most basic level, parents should sing to their children," she said. "A parent's voice is the most important sound to a child."

Vesprini was fortunate to grow up in such an environment, and says her parents provided a wonderful musical background without pressuring her to be musical.



Tara Vesprini, a music teacher at the Chelsea Center for the Arts, with student Aoife Oates.

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lessons and I can sing several Italian arias simply because I heard so many students working on them throughout my youth," Vesprini says.

Her father, an engineer by profession, was an amateur recorder player, and when Vesprini was in late elementary and middle school, she played recorder in a group comprising an elderly German couple, another adult, and her father.

Vesprini and her sister and each played an instrument. "But it was never work, it was simply something we all did for enjoyment," she says.

"We were the family that sang songs on car trips. My parents each sang lullabies to me that I still know by heart and in turn share with my children."

Vesprini, who played cello since the age of 9, began harp in high school, traveling to Europe twice to play cello and harp with the Blue Lake International orchestra.

She played with a string quartet throughout high

New Jersey. There she was one of two full-time string teachers in one grade 4-5 building where instructors taught over 300 children to play violin, viola, cello or bass each year.

While living in New Jersey, Vesprini also played in a professional ensemble, the Edison Art's Society orchestra.

Since moving back to Michigan her performance opportunity has been limited by her young children, Leo, Dominic and Maria, she jokes.

"I hope to begin playing the cello more and more. I miss the ensemble playing which was a part of my life since age 10."

Vesprini and her husband Norman - a piano technician for U-M, CCA and Chelsea schools - fill their Chelsea home with music. Vesprini received a guitar for Christmas and will eventually add it to her Music Together classes. "My husband noodles on the banjo and is an artist at the piano," she says.

The family has played music together at the Chelsea co-op, their children choosing from a bag of musical instruments while

Norman plays favorites on the piano and his wife sings or fiddles.

"My children have been my practice for teaching Music Together. Some time down the road maybe there will be a Vesprini Family music group at Chelsea's Sounds and Sights on Thursday Nights," she jokes.

Vesprini teaches a group of beginning violinists at CCA, and a beginning string class and intermediate orchestra through the River Raisin Center for the Arts in Monroe.

"I love teaching music," she says. "It is sharing the joy music has brought to my life with others. I specialize in teaching the beginning levels."

"I have a classical background, but love to incorporate alternative styles such as jazz and folk music."

"I used to tell my students their job was to give no more 'bad' to the world. One need only open the paper to be horrified at all the awful things that people do to each other each day. Make the world a better and more beautiful place. Music is one way to nurture the human spirit

Michigan Friends Center hosts Winterfest

By Sheila Pursglove
Special Writer

Beat the winter blues with a fun family afternoon in the woods and beside the lake at the Michigan Friends Center at 7748 Clarks Lake Road north of Chelsea.

The event is the annual Winterfest on Feb. 1, a fundraiser for MFC.

Activities get under way at 1 p.m. with a snowman-building contest. Participants can warm up at 1:45 p.m. with mulled cider and treats before an hour-long concert at 3 p.m. featuring the award winning music duo, Gemini.

Twin musicians San and Laz Slomovits offer sing-alongs, hand motion tunes, folk tales and music from around the world, and play a range of instruments - violin, guitar, slide guitar, penny-whistle, folk flutes, mandolin, harmonica and hand-percussion, including the bodhran and the bones.

The brothers, who hail from Hungary and now call Ann Arbor home, have been making music for over three decades, and have performed in concert halls, festivals, community centers and elementary schools throughout the United States and Canada. In 1997 they began performing with symphony orchestras, including the Detroit Symphony Orchestra and the Kansas City Symphony.

Since 1988, the pair has released six recordings for children and families. These recordings have won a number of awards including ones from Parents' Choice Magazine, the American Library Association, the National Parenting Publications (NAPPA), and the Wolf Trap Institute for Early Learning Through the Arts.

Gemini's first video, "Fancy That," was voted one

of the Top 10 children's videos by the American Library Association and Random House in their book "1992 Best of the Best."

A compilation, "The Best of Gemini," received a 1999 Directors' Choice Award from Early Childhood News, and a Silver Honors Award from Parents' Choice Magazine. "Volume 2 of the Best of Gemini" includes their newest original songs, and traditional songs from all around the world.

Gemini has received ASCAP's "Popular Awards," a songwriting and recording award from the American Society of Composers, Authors, and Publishers, every year since 1995.

Tickets are \$10 each or \$25 for a family. Since space is limited, people are encouraged to register early by calling 475-1892 or emailing man-ager@michiganfriends-center.org.

Workshop focuses on living debt free

The Chelsea adult education department is offering the "Strategies for Living Debt Free in the 21st Century" workshop. This one-day workshop is aimed at helping people get out of debt using the same math system that groups use that you hear advertising on the radio, or see on TV. The workshop also gets into budgeting, while going over a system to evaluate your budget for the purpose of putting more money back in your pocket in various spending categories. Forest "Rick" Wilson,

CPCU, AIU, AIM, AIS will be conducting the workshop. Wilson has helped families through his workshops regain control of their financial future for over 10 years.

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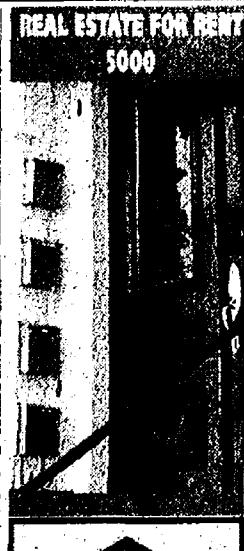
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Chelsea writers welcome award-winning author

Bonnie Jo Campbell, award-winning author of short stories and a novel, will appear at the Spring 2009 Writers' Workshop in Chelsea on Feb. 21. She will conduct a Q&A on writing fiction and critique the writing of one participant. In her novel, "Q Road" (Scribner, 2002), Campbell takes a quirky look at modern rural America, where farmers—who originally drove Native Americans from their land—are now being supplanted by developers.

Campbell's first collection of short stories, "Women and Other Animals" (University of Massachusetts Press, 1999 and Simon & Schuster, 2002) won the AWP Short Fiction Award. Several of her stories have won awards, including the 2003 "World's Best Short Story" contest of Southeast Florida Review and the coveted Pushcart Prize. Wayne State University will publish her second story collection, "American Salvage," this spring.

The Chelsea Writers' Workshop is starting its fourth year. Writers meet on alternate Saturdays, 10 a.m. to noon, at the Washington Street Education Center (WSEC), 500 Washington, Chelsea. The current workshop begins Feb. 7 and ends May 16. Campbell will appear at the Feb. 21st session only.

Writers of novels, short stories, creative nonfiction, plays, poetry, and other literature are welcome to submit excerpts of their work, give and receive feedback from each other, and share information on writing contests, competitions, classes, and conferences.

Those who participate must be 18 years or older, attend at least six of the eight sessions, and be willing to share their work. Cost for the entire eight sessions is \$50 for those who register by Jan. 30; after that the price is \$55. Fiction writers who wish to enter a drawing to have their work critiqued by Campbell must register for the full workshop by Jan. 30.

Admission to the Campbell session only is open to the public for a \$10 fee. Call (734) 433-2208 (ext. 6042) to register.

'Culinary Extravaganza' for the St. Louis Center

The Italian American Club of Livonia is again sponsoring the annual dinner-dance to benefit St. Louis Center in Chelsea. The event takes place on Sunday, and begins with a Mass at noon.

Highlights will include the Culinary Extravaganza featuring food selections from local restaurants, and "A Taste of Opera" featuring arias performed by artists sponsored by the Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan.

The Culinary Extravaganza takes place at 1 p.m., and is being coordinated for the second year by Italian American Club member Shirley Broccardo.

Dinner tickets are still available through the Italian American Club of Livonia and are \$50 each, with tables of 10 at \$500. As part of this event, a full meal also follows the Culinary Extravaganza. Dance music will be provided by the Amici Band. To order tickets, contact Gianna Prokop at (888) 990-IABC (ext. 2), or contact Joseph Yekulis at St. Louis Center (734) 475-8430.

Sneetches

Performance shows living together without discrimination

By Crystal Hayduk
Special Writer

What do you get when you mix passion for a cause, the energy of youth, and the genius of Dr. Seuss? A musical comedy with a message.

The First Congregational Church of Chelsea was the setting this past weekend for "The Sneetches," a Rainbow Players musical production. The three showings on Jan. 17 and 19 were part of the One World One Family celebration of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

"The Sneetches" was originally written by Dr. Seuss. The Cat in the Hat narrates the story of the Star-bellied Sneetches and the Plain-bellied Sneetches who could not get along because of their difference in appearance. Along comes Sylvester McMonkey McBean, who cashes in on Sneetch discrimination by selling time in his "Star On/Star Off" machine. Before long, the Sneetches are completely and hilariously mixed up. They finally understand that a Sneetch is a Sneetch, and decide to live together in harmony.

The cast of fourteen youth was directed by Athena Eyster, founder of the Rainbow Players. Amanda Patton, veteran Rainbow Players actress, provided vocal direction.

Krys Patton, producer, was amazed at how well the show came together given the post-holiday time and weather challenges. "They only had seven rehearsals, but they did a really awesome job," she said. "And we're thrilled at how many turned out, especially with the extremely cold temperatures." A total of 223 attended the show.

Eyster and (Amanda) Patton agreed that directing this group was a joy. The young actors were creative in their own right, hardworking, and enthusiastic.

After the last show, the cast presented their directors with signed copies of Dr. Seuss' books and stuffed Sneetch toys to express their appreciation for the leadership shown by these young women who volunteered their time and talents; and in hopes that they would be inspired to direct similar productions in the future.

Saying thanks!

The Rainbow Players would like to express their appreciation to the many people who made this production possible. Among them are Janice Ortring, who developed the idea; David Bloom, for arranging the music; and sponsors One World One Family, Pastor Barb Edema, First Congregational Church of Chelsea, and Chelsea Center for the Arts.



Left to right back: Phil Gibson, Lexi Beatty, Paige Sanders, Patrick Conlin. Front left to right: John Conlin, Katie Rae Hayduk.



Josie Elordi (left) and Grant Ortring



The Cat in the Hat is Audrey Bloom.



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Right: Sylvester
McMonkey
McBean was
played by Blake
Ortring.
Left: Zachary
Underwood
enjoys the show.



Faith: Ministerial Message

"Do not judge," said Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 7:1), "or you too will be judged." Many people get an awful lot of mileage out of that verse, especially when someone calls their words or actions or beliefs into question. Consider several scenarios, however:

In a courtroom all the evidence points against the defendant. The case is airtight. The prosecuting attorney sits down confidently after presenting his argument. The judge shocks the court, however, when he announces: "In my heart I know this man is guilty, and the evidence proves it; but Jesus

commanded me not to judge, so I have no option but to let him go free."

In a classroom a teacher hands back a paper which is pure garbage. Almost every word is misspelled. There is not one logical sentence. All the thoughts ramble. Furthermore, the paper is full of hatred and threats. "But," says the teacher, "because I am a Christian I will give you the same grade as I give all my students. Who am I to judge that your paper is worse than anyone else's?"

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The most often misquoted verse in the Bible

student has demonstrated virtually no knowledge of biology, anatomy, or medicine. The faculty's verdict: "We greatly fear that you will endanger the lives of your patients. However, we know what Jesus said in Matthew 7:1, and therefore we are conferring on you the degree of doctor of medicine."

Each of these ridiculous examples demonstrates why Jesus' words, "Do not judge," cannot stand alone or be taken out of context. In fact, the Bible is full of commands and encouragements to make judgments.

Every Christian, and every Christian congregation, is called

on to make judgments—judgments about false religious teachings, philosophies, behaviors, right and wrong, good and bad. We are to base our judgments on people's words and actions.

So what does Jesus mean when He says, "Do not judge?" What the Bible forbids is a judgmental, fault-finding spirit that is just looking for something bad in a person or a situation, and being filled with glee whenever our suspicions come true. The Bible forbids us to attribute wrongful motives to someone when there is no obvious reason to do so. When you spend your life looking for flaws in peo-

ple, you can be sure that others will rejoice when they find a flaw in you.

Thank God, He is willing to overlook the bad that is in each of us. No, not just overlook it, but rather, He placed all of our faults on His Son Jesus; for this, Jesus was judged and punished on the cross—so that we may be acceptable to our Father in heaven. When we recognize this, we will be far more lenient with one another.

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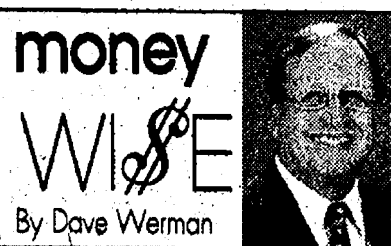
If you're an investor, you might be shaking your head in dismay after looking at your recent brokerage statements. In fact, you might even be thinking about giving up on Wall Street altogether. But before you do, consider the following story.

Two typical American children, Mary and Michael, begin their day with a hearty breakfast of oatmeal produced by Quaker Oats, a subsidiary of PepsiCo, based in Purchase, New York. At school, they work on a computer, using a Windows operating system produced by Microsoft, based in Redmond, Wash.

Upon returning home, they do their homework under a lamp containing light bulbs produced by General Electric, headquartered in Fairfield, Conn. That night, their parents, pressed for time, take them to McDonald's, whose corporate office is in Oak Brook, Illinois, and the children eat Big Macs and drink Cokes, produced by Coca-Cola, based in Atlanta, Georgia. Before going to bed, Michael and Mary wash up with Ivory Soap, produced by Procter & Gamble, based in Cincinnati, and are thrilled to learn their parents are going to take them to Walt Disney World, owned by The Walt Disney Company, which operates out of Burbank, California.

You get the picture. None of these businesses are on Wall Street — and when you invest in them, you're not investing in "Wall Street," which is really just a short-hand term for our system of trading stocks.

Unfortunately, many people seem to think they are actually investing in the system itself, rather than in individual businesses, so when they repeatedly hear



that "it's been a wild day on Wall Street," they start believing that the very act of investing has become too risky for them.

But that's not the case. As you can tell by their products, the companies mentioned above are likely to be around for a long time — or at least until people stop using computers, washing their hands and eating hamburgers.

Does that mean that the stock prices of these types of companies will just keep climbing? Of course not. These businesses, like all businesses, will go through good and bad periods, and their stock prices will reflect these ups and downs. But here's the key point: Barring an unforeseen calamity of epic proportions, there always will be businesses in which you can invest. And if you buy quality companies, and hold them for the long term, you're going to increase your chances for

success.

So when you're considering your investment strategy, don't worry about today's turbulence on "Wall Street." Instead, look at tomorrow's prospects for the companies in which you're interested. Are their products competitive? Do they belong to an

industry that is on the ascent or the decline? Do they have good management teams? Have they been consistently profitable over the years? By answering these and other key questions, you should be able to get a good sense of whether a stock is a good investment candidate.

By thinking more about the individual businesses in which you might invest, and less about "Wall Street," you can become a more focused investor. And, over the long

term, that focus can pay off for you.

Dave Werman is a financial advisor for Edward Jones in Chelsea. He can be reached at 134 W Middle St Suite B

DEXTER VILLAGE SYNOPSIS OF ACTION TAKEN AT THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MONDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2008

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 by President Keough in the Dexter Senior Center located at 7720 Dexter Ann Arbor Rd. in Dexter, Michigan

ROLL CALL: President Keough, Carson, Cousins, Fisher, Semifero, Smith, Tell

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion Smith; support Carson to approve the regular Council minutes of December 08, 2008 with the following corrections: K1 change funding to information, K2 insert village owned portion of in front of Monument Park and former in front of Cottage Inn

Ayes: Cousins, Fisher, Smith, Semifero, Tell, Carson, and Keough.

Nays: none

Motion carries

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion Smith; support Carson to approve the agenda as presented.

Ayes: Smith, Semifero, Tell, Carson, Fisher, Cousins, and Keough.

Nays: none

Motion carries

CONSENT AGENDA

Consideration of: Bills and Payroll in the amount of \$317,567.62
Consideration of: 2009 Meeting Schedule

Motion Fisher; support Semifero to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Ayes: Semifero, Tell, Fisher, Carson, Cousins, Smith, and Keough.

Nays: None

Motion carries

OLD BUSINESS-Consideration and Discussion of:

Motion Carson; support Tell to approve up to \$1000 for the permit application fee to Norfolk Railroad.

Ayes: Tell, Carson, Cousins, Smith, Fisher, Semifero, and Keough

Nays: None

Motion carries

NEW BUSINESS-Consideration of and Discussion of:

Motion Fisher; support Smith to approve the Council Rules with the corrections of Parks Commission and rule 8.

Ayes: Carson, Cousins, Fisher, Smith, Semifero, Tell, and Keough

Nays: none

Motion carries

Motion Fisher; support Smith to approve the Organizational Matters Resolution.

Ayes: Cousins, Fisher, Smith, Semifero, Tell, Carson, and Keough

Nays: None

Motion carries

ADJOURNMENT

Motion Cousins; support Fisher to adjourn at 8:27

Unanimous voice vote for approval

Respectfully submitted, Carol J. Jones Clark, Village of Dexter

Approved for Filing: January 12, 2009

The minutes in their entirety may be viewed at the Village Office at 8123 Main Street, Dexter MI or online at www.villageofdexter.org

Publish: January 22, 2009

**STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF WASHTENAW
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
FILE NO. 08-1068-DE
Estate of CHARLES M. GEMMILL,
DECEASED. Date of birth: September
27, 1927.
TO ALL CREDITORS:
ANY CREDITOR
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, CHARLES M. GEMMILL, who lived at 200 Silver Maples Drive, Chelsea, Michigan died May 31, 2008.
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to JOE B. GEMMILL, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 101 E. Huron, P.O. Box 8645, Ann Arbor, MI 48107 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.
JOE B. GEMMILL
Personal representatives
5991 Venture Park
Kalamazoo, MI 49009 (269) 375-3782
Publish: January 15, 2009**

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS AND ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF CHELSEA OF INTENT TO ISSUE BONDS SECURED BY THE TAXING POWER OF THE CITY AND THE RIGHT OF REFERENDUM RELATING THERETO

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the City Council of the City of Chelsea, County of Washtenaw, Michigan, intends to issue and sell downtown development bonds of the City in a principal amount of not to exceed Nine Hundred Ninety-five Thousand Dollars (\$995,000) (the "Bonds"), at the request of the City of Chelsea Downtown Development Authority (the "Authority") for the purpose of acquiring, constructing and installing certain parking improvements in the Downtown District of the Authority including but not necessarily limited to parking in the vicinity of the 305 S. Main municipal complex, 110 Jackson Street and the South Street Parking Lot. The Bonds shall mature or be subject to mandatory redemption serially in not to exceed twenty (20) annual installments with interest payable on the unpaid balance at a rate of not to exceed seven percent (7%) per annum.

SOURCES OF PAYMENT OF BONDS

THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON THE BONDS shall be payable primarily from the tax increment revenues to be received by the Authority and pledged to the City for payment. The Bonds shall also pledge the limited tax full faith and credit of the City of Chelsea. IN THE CASE OF THE INSUFFICIENCY OF THE TAX INCREMENT REVENUES, THE PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST ON SAID BONDS SHALL BE PAYABLE FROM THE GENERAL FUNDS OF THE CITY THAT ARE LAWFULLY AVAILABLE FOR SUCH PURPOSES, OR, IF NECESSARY, FROM AD VALOREM TAXES LEVIED UPON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY IN THE CITY, SUBJECT TO APPLICABLE CHARTER, STATUTORY AND CONSTITUTIONAL TAX RATE LIMITATIONS.

RIGHTS OF REFERENDUM

THE BONDS WILL BE ISSUED WITHOUT A VOTE OF THE ELECTORS UNLESS A PETITION OR PETITIONS REQUESTING AN ELECTION ON THE QUESTION OF ISSUING THE BONDS, SIGNED BY NOT LESS THAN 10% OF THE REGISTERED ELECTORS OF THE CITY IS FILED WITH THE CITY CLERK WITHIN FORTY-FIVE (45) DAYS AFTER PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. IF SUCH PETITION IS FILED, THE BONDS THAT ARE THE SUBJECT OF THE PETITION OR PETITIONS MAY NOT BE ISSUED WITHOUT AN APPROVING VOTE OF A MAJORITY OF THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY VOTING THEREON.

THIS NOTICE is given pursuant to the requirements of Section 5(g), Act 279, Public Acts of Michigan, 1909, as amended.

**CITY OF CHELSEA
Teresa Royal, City Clerk**

Publish: January 22, 2009

Edward Jones growing

Despite a tumultuous year on Wall Street, the financial-services firm Edward Jones continued growing to meet the needs of individual investors, adding nearly 1,000 new financial advisors in communities across the United States, Canada and the United Kingdom. The firm began 2008 with 11,202 financial advisors and ended the year with 12,155.

In addition, Edward Jones made significant progress toward recruiting women interested in a career with the global financial services firm. Now, about 25 percent of the new financial advisors hired at Edward Jones are women. The Women's Initiative for New Growth Strategies (WINGS) is a comprehensive program launched in 2008 to recruit, hire and retain new female financial advisors. WINGS recently won an achievement in diversity award from the Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association. The firm, founded in 1922, has locations in both Chelsea and Dexter.

Edward Jones provides financial services for individual investors and the firm's 10,000-plus financial advisors work directly with more than seven million clients to understand their personal goals.

Spaghetti fund-raiser

The Chelsea High School softball team will host a spaghetti dinner and auction fund-raiser on Jan. 30 at the high school before the boys and girls varsity and JV basketball teams play in Chelsea that night. The dinner will be from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. and cost \$10 per person or \$25 for a family of four.

All proceeds will support the Chelsea High School softball program.

DEXTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING NOTICE TUESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2009 AT 7:00 P.M. AT DEXTER TOWNSHIP HALL 6880 DEXTER-PINCKNEY RD., DEXTER, MI. 48130

AGENDA

- 1) Public Hearing for John Kelly Landscaping, Preliminary Site Plan
- 2) Washtenaw Parks & Recreation Commission, Preliminary Site Plan

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DEXTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC ADVISORY MEETING NOTICE SATURDAY, JANUARY 24, 2009 FROM 1:00 P.M. TO 3:30 P.M. AT DEXTER TOWNSHIP HALL 6880 DEXTER-PINCKNEY RD., DEXTER, MI. 48130

AGENDA

- 1) Master Plan Public Advisory Meeting, to discuss policies in the Lakes Residential areas of Dexter Township.

John Shea, Chairperson

Dexter Township Planning Commission

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DEXTER TOWNSHIP MEETING NOTICE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS WILL MEET ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2009 AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE TOWNSHIP HALL 6880 DEXTER-PINCKNEY RD., DEXTER, MI. 48130

Members of the public may appear at the public hearing in person or by counsel. Written comments may be sent to Dexter Township Hall, 6880 Dexter-Pinckney Road, Dexter, MI 48130, and must be received by 12:00 p.m. (noon) on Wednesday, February 11, 2009.

AGENDA ITEMS

- Agenda Item 1**
Appeal Number: 08-ZBA-694
Property Tax ID: 04-01-181-002
Applicant Name(s): Paul & Nancy Godek
Property Address: 9669 Portage Lake Ave.
This item was deferred from a previous meeting. The purpose of this variance request is to allow for construction of an attached 2-car garage and second story addition on the east side of the existing home at 9669 Portage Lake Ave., Pinckney, MI 48169 (parcel 04-01-181-002).
- Agenda Item 2**
Appeal Number: 09-ZBA-705
Property Tax ID: 04-01-480-013
Applicant Name(s): David & Sally Cross
Property Address: 9122 McGregor Road

Variances Requested per Submitted ZBA Application:				
Section	Current	Requested	Permitted	Description/Notes
12.02(E)(1)	9,293 sq. ft. (0.21 acres)	Same	1 acre	Recognize lot area is less than 1 acre. No change is proposed.
12.02(E)(2)	63 feet	Same	150 feet	Recognize lot width is less than 150 feet. No change is proposed.
*18.23(A)(4)(m) (McGregor Rd.)	44' (to the house); 5' (to the shed)	Same, but with a profile change to the house	100 feet	Recognize front yard setback of the shed and house is less than 100 feet. The proposed profile change to the house expands the nonconformity.
*18.23(B) (water)	28' (to the house)	Same, but with a profile change	50 feet	Recognize water side setback of the house is less than 50 feet. The proposed profile change expands the nonconformity.

The purpose of this variance request is to raise the profile of the existing house. The profile change and new roof were recently constructed without a variance or Zoning Permit.

- Agenda Item 3**
Appeal Number: 09-ZBA-706
Property Tax ID: 04-18-100-015
Applicant Name(s): Chris & Mary Seltz
Property Address: 7473 Noah's Landing

Variances Requested per submitted ZBA Application:				
Section	Current	Requested	Permitted	Description/Notes
12.02(E)(1)	5,376 sq. ft. (0.12 acres)	Same	1 acre	Recognize lot area is less than 1 acre. No change is proposed.
12.02(E)(2)	44.5 feet	Same	150 feet	Recognize lot width is less than 150 feet. No change is proposed.
18.23(A) (road)	33' (to the house)	Same	50 feet	Recognize front yard setback of the house is less than 50 feet. The proposed deck is more than 50 feet from the front lot line. No change is proposed.
*18.23(B) (water)	31' (to the waterside deck steps)	35' (to the proposed deck steps)	50 feet	To allow the proposed deck to be located within the required water side setback.
*12.02(E)(3)(b)	4'4" (south); 5'8" (north)	1' (south); 5'8" (north)	11 feet	To allow the proposed deck to further encroach into the required side yard setback on the south side.

The purpose of this variance request is to allow an expansion of the deck on the south side of the home. This deck was recently constructed without a Zoning Permit or variance.

- Agenda Item 4**
Appeal Number: 09-ZBA-707
Property Tax ID: 04-14-300-009
Applicant Name(s): Par d/b/a Verizon Wireless c/o Tele-site, Inc. (applicant)
Property Address: 10101 N. Territorial Road

Variances Requested per submitted ZBA Application:				
Section	Current	Requested	Permitted	Description/Notes
16.24(B)(9)	—	8 feet	15 feet	To allow the cable/tv bridge to be less than 15 feet from the ground.
Ordinance 27 and Planning Commission Resolution 08-PC-132	Land Division required by Planning Commission per Resolution 08-PC-132	Relief from the requirement to obtain a land division for the leased area.	—	To allow the applicant to lease an area for a wireless communication facility and tower without obtaining a land division for the leased area.

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Food for all



Helping Michigan, Helping the Hungry boxes up a successful week of collecting

Answering President Barack Obama's call to service, a grassroots team of volunteers in Scio Township organized a successful food drive, "Helping Michigan, Helping the Hungry," which focused on Michigan produced foods. The eight-day project concluded Jan. 17 at Eat Local Eat - Natural warehouse in Scio Township.

More than 65 people dropped off food Saturday at the warehouse. Congressman Mark Schauer, D-District 7, and State Rep. Pam Byrnes, D-District 52, spoke in the afternoon, voicing their agreement on the need to support our community's food pantries and educating the public on the importance of buying Michigan produced foods.

Helping Michigan, Helping the Hungry accomplished its three goals:

- Food collections: Several pallets of non-perishable items were collected. A significant donation of 10 cases of fruit were donated by American Food Products (Saline) Eden Foods (Clinton). It is estimated that 15 to 20 percent of the items collected were from Michigan based companies. The food collected



U.S. Rep. Mark Schauer (black coat, right) talks to a crowd of volunteers and supporters on Saturday in Scio Twp.

will be delivered to Food Gatherers on Monday, for distribution to area food pantries Faith in Action (Chelsea), Alpha House, Backdoor Pantry and the HIV/AIDS Resource Center.

- Community Education: Grocery lists were created and placed with the food donation drop boxes at Arbor Farms and Busch's (Dexter), listing the Michigan produced foods available at that location. Printed material was available at the two events held at Eat Local Eat Natural, documenting that buying Michigan produced foods

helps Michigan's economy, lowers the carbon footprint of our food supply, and leads to a more sustainable food system. Lists of additional information sources, as well as copies of the Grocery Guide PDF from BuyMichiganNow.com were distributed.

- Volunteer Recruitment: The group recruited more than 20 volunteers to work at Food Gatherers on Martin Luther King Day / National Day of Service, on Monday.

For more information on the group, contact Mary Shindell at 734-996-3963.

THE CHOPPING BLOCK

Obama brings hope to nation seeking change

Standing before the Lincoln Memorial on a hot August day in 1963, a young black minister gave a speech heard in the four corners of the United States.

The Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. proclaimed: "I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character."

In the shadow of that powerful memorial to the man who freed the slaves and while the echo of MLK's prophetic words resounded across the nation Tuesday, Sen. Barack Obama was sworn in as the first black president of the United States.

While the dream is still a work in progress, on Tuesday, America stood proud of this historic accomplishment.

The election of the first black president in U.S. history offers a powerful lesson about racial equality not only for Americans but also across the globe.

It isn't only a powerful sign of hope for black Americans but for all people who strive for an end to the intrinsic evil of racism and for the establishment of harmony among all peoples, cultures and nations.

Whether you are a Republican or Democrat, liberal or conservative, white or black, Jan. 20 was yet another historic milestone in the long litany of important events leading to American freedom. It was a day to put aside partisan politics and critical cynicism and to celebrate the American dream of liberty and justice for all.

This is the dream that Dr. King called for so many years ago.

As I watched President Obama take the oath of office, I thought of two great Americans: Rosa Parks and Abraham Lincoln, who accomplished so much for the equality of all Americans. I also thought of the thousands of black Americans who see hope and opportunity through President Obama. On Tuesday, Obama showed us that becoming President of the United States is not outside of anyone's reach. It inspired others



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to believe in themselves and to follow their dreams.

Now, with Mr. Obama assuming his duties as president, all eyes are once again on the White House. Mr. Obama has a long road ahead of him — a road less traveled by most of us.

I pray and hope that our new president will be able to respond not only to the expectations and hopes that have been placed

upon him but also to the economic crisis facing our nation amidst a world that continues to face violence and war.

He must serve human rights and justice by finding the best avenues to peace in our world. He must foster a growth in the respect for the dignity of all human life that will overcome even the evil allure of the culture of death. He must build a world of peace, solidarity and justice.

As a nation, we must rally behind our new president as he assumes the responsibilities of his office. Now is a critical time for Mr. Obama and members of Congress to begin working to find solutions to America's poor economy lack of health care coverage and automobile industry as well as the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Our country has come a long way to elect its first black president, and it is a testament to the American people for the progress that has been made over many years. Beyond ethnicity, this election has created unity amongst people from all walks of life and has served to energize our nation and restore confidence in our electoral system.

While there is much work to be done to rectify our financial system and our global relationships, I am confident in the direction that President Obama and his team will lead us over the next several years.

In the coming months, our new president will certainly face challenges, but even in the darkest times, it is vital that he and the Democratic Party stay true to their campaign message of "change" that brought hope to millions of middle-class Americans across the country.

Dexter Pioneer Arts Fair: Judge Dexter is back

An original oil painting of founding father Judge Samuel Dexter is back home in Dexter. Artist Catherine P. Richardson painted Judge Dexter's portrait in 1882. It was owned by the Dexter family until 1968 when Judge Dexter's granddaughter, Katharine Dexter McCormick, bequeathed it to the Washtenaw County Historical Society.

Judge Dexter's portrait was placed on display in the Circuit Court of Washtenaw County to honor Judge Dexter's appointment in 1827 as Chief Justice of the Circuit Court. The portrait remained in the County Building for many years.

Judge Dexter's portrait is now on display at the Dexter Area Historical Museum. The Dexter Area Museum is located at 3443 Inverness in the original St. Andrews church building. The Dexter Area Museum is operated solely by the volunteer efforts of the Dexter Area Historical Society. Funding for the Museum is in large part raised by the Society's annual Pioneer Arts Fair. The Fair features 50 local artists who demonstrate and sell their artwork. Hand crafted jewelry, wood carving, lace making, baskets, water colors, weaving and spinning are just a few of the crafts featured.

This year's Fair will be from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, March 21. For the first time the Fair will be held in a new location, "The Atrium" at the Dexter United Methodist Church, 7643 Huron River Drive in Dexter.

AccuWeather.com® SEVEN-DAY FORECAST FOR WASHTENAW COUNTY

Thursday	Thu. night	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Periods of sun	Rather cloudy	Some snow	Colder with flurries	Frigid	Snow possible; very cold	Cloudy	Cloudy, afternoon snow
30° to 36°	20° to 26°	34° to 40° 11° to 17°	15° to 21° -2° to 4°	10° to 16° -2° to 4°	14° to 20° 0° to 6°	23° to 29° 9° to 15°	-28° to 34° 16° to 22°

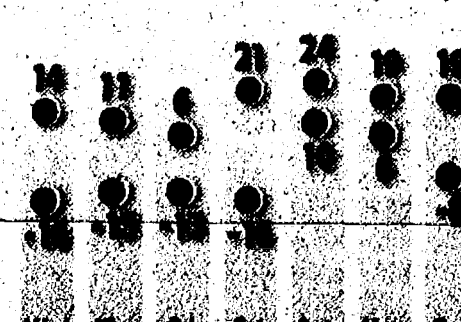
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Statistics for the week ending Tuesday, Jan. 20

Temperatures:
High/low for the week: 24°/16°
Normal high/low: 30°/16°
Average temperature: 4.6°
Normal average temperature: 23.0°
Precipitation:
Total for the week: 0.10"
Total for the month: 0.54"
Total for the year: 0.34"
Normal for the month: 1.47"
Normal for the year: 1.67"

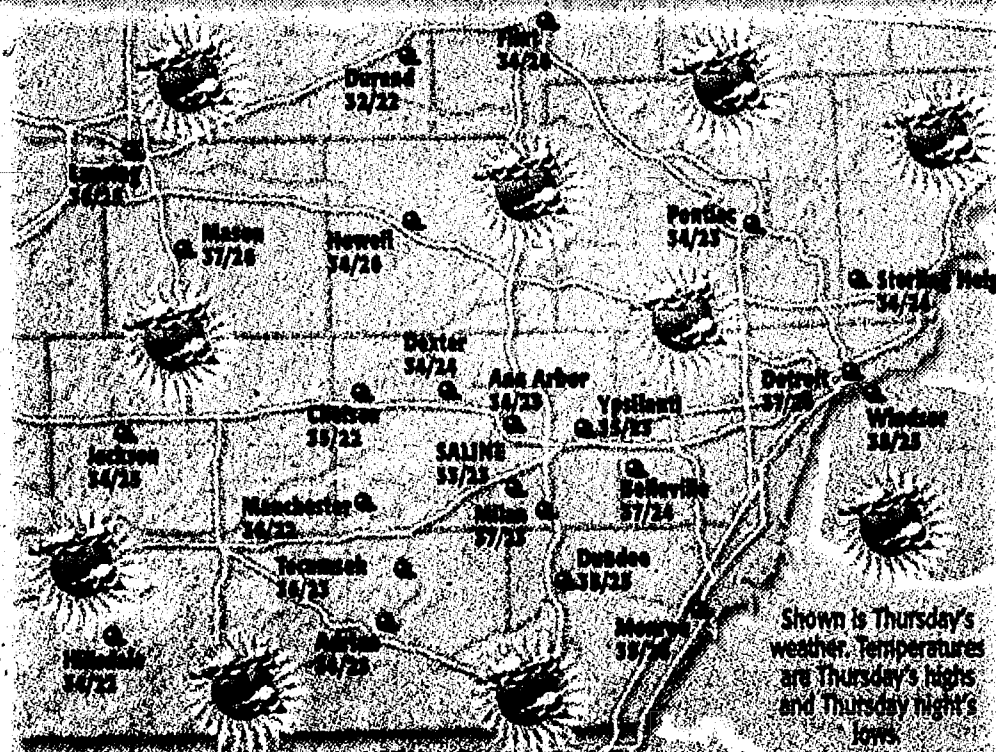
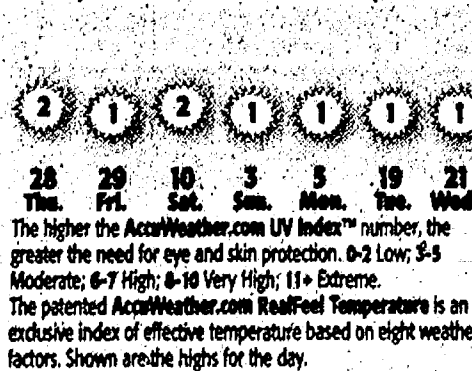
PAST WEEK'S TEMPS

Temperatures ● High ● Low



THIS WEEK'S CONDITIONS

Weekly UV Index and RealFeel Temperature®



SUN AND MOON

The Sun	Rise	Set
Thursday	7:57 a.m.	5:37 p.m.
Friday	7:56 a.m.	5:38 p.m.
Saturday	7:55 a.m.	5:39 p.m.
Sunday	7:55 a.m.	5:41 p.m.
Monday	7:54 a.m.	5:42 p.m.
Tuesday	7:53 a.m.	5:43 p.m.
Wednesday	7:52 a.m.	5:45 p.m.

The Moon	Rise	Set
Thursday	8:35 a.m.	2:11 p.m.
Friday	8:23 a.m.	3:06 p.m.
Saturday	7:04 a.m.	4:07 p.m.
Sunday	7:38 a.m.	5:10 p.m.
Monday	8:06 a.m.	6:15 p.m.
Tuesday	8:31 a.m.	7:19 p.m.
Wednesday	8:53 a.m.	8:23 p.m.

RIVER LEVELS

As of 7 a.m. Tuesday	Flood stage	Current stage
Ecorse Creek	16 ft	13.09 ft
Huron River	16 ft	13.09 ft
Mallets Creek	16 ft	13.09 ft
Ann Arbor	16 ft	13.09 ft
Mill Creek	12 ft	8.50 ft
Dexter	12 ft	8.50 ft
River Raisin	12 ft	8.50 ft
Marquette	12 ft	8.50 ft

Lake	Normal	Current
Lake Erie	880.11 ft	870.99 ft
Lake St. Clair	575 ft	574.02 ft

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Thu	Fri	Sat
Ann Arbor	34/25/c	33/14/c	19/3/s
Ann Arbor	34/25/c	37/14/s	18/1/s
Bay City	33/23/c	31/10/s	11/1/s
Dearborn	37/26/c	34/14/s	17/4/s
Flint	34/26/c	34/11/s	13/2/s
Grand Rapids	34/25/c	31/12/s	13/3/s
Kalamazoo	34/23/c	34/14/s	15/1/s
Lansing	36/23/c	33/10/s	13/1/s
Livonia	36/23/c	35/14/s	18/4/s

City	Thu	Fri	Sat
Marquette	37/23/c	32/10/s	11/0/s
Midland	34/21/c	32/10/s	11/0/s
Monroe	33/23/c	32/13/s	14/0/s
Pontiac	34/23/c	35/13/s	17/2/s
Rochester	37/26/c	34/14/s	17/4/s
Saginaw	34/23/c	31/10/s	11/1/s
St. Louis	34/23/c	31/14/s	17/2/s
Sturgis	33/27/c	34/14/s	17/2/s
Troy	32/22/c	34/14/s	17/2/s
Warren	36/27/c	36/15/s	19/7/s

WORLD CITIES

City	Thu	Fri	Sat
Athens	33/23/c	33/14/s	19/3/s
Berlin	39/32/s	37/32/r	36/28/c
Buenos Aires	35/23/c	31/12/s	13/3/s
Cairo	81/65/s	71/48/c	66/51/s
Calgary	14/4/s	6/13/s	12/1/s
Hong Kong	72/56/s	64/48/c	50/46/c
Jakarta	70/43/s	74/48/c	36/40/r
Johannesburg	79/60/r	79/60/r	72/58/r
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Mexico City	72/41/s	76/42/s	75/42/s

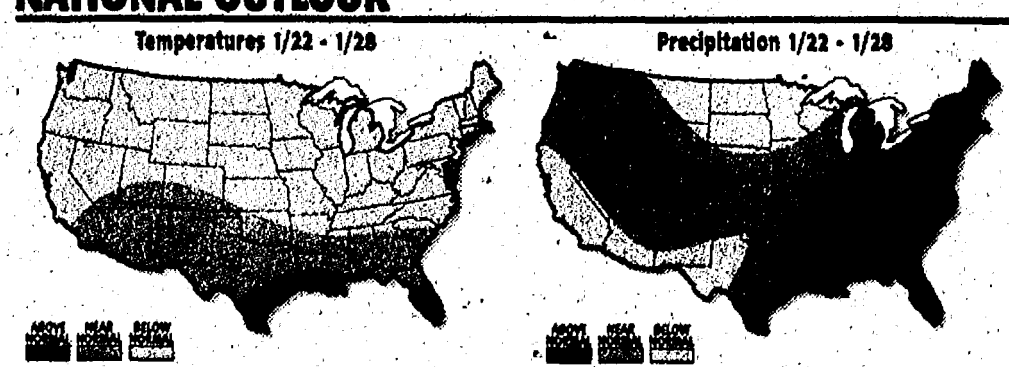
City	Thu	Fri	Sat
Madrid	23/14/s	23/14/s	19/17/c
Moscow	34/30/s	34/28/s	36/32/s
Paris	48/38/r	48/38/r	48/38/r
Rio de Janeiro	77/69/sh	78/71/r	81/73/sh
Rome	39/41/c	39/41/c	39/41/c
Seoul	38/9/c	18/7/s	18/11/s
Singapore	31/27/c	31/27/c	31/27/c
Sydney	97/73/s	90/77/r	87/75/s
Tokyo	52/48/r	47/48/c	47/48/c
Warsaw	36/30/sh	38/32/c	39/32/c

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Thu	Fri	Sat
Atlanta	34/25/c	33/14/c	19/3/s
Boston	35/27/c	38/29/c	30/12/c
Chicago	33/23/c	34/14/s	12/0/c
Cincinnati	44/28/s	46/26/c	30/14/c
Cleveland	36/30/c	31/12/s	22/8/s
Dallas	76/56/s	70/43/c	46/32/c
Denver	44/25/c	43/20/c	36/18/c
Honolulu	80/67/s	80/67/s	81/67/s
Houston	79/64/s	79/64/s	79/64/s
Kansas City	56/31/s	36/12/c	25/7/c
Las Vegas	68/57/r	67/48/c	63/45/c
Los Angeles	68/54/r	66/52/c	68/54/c

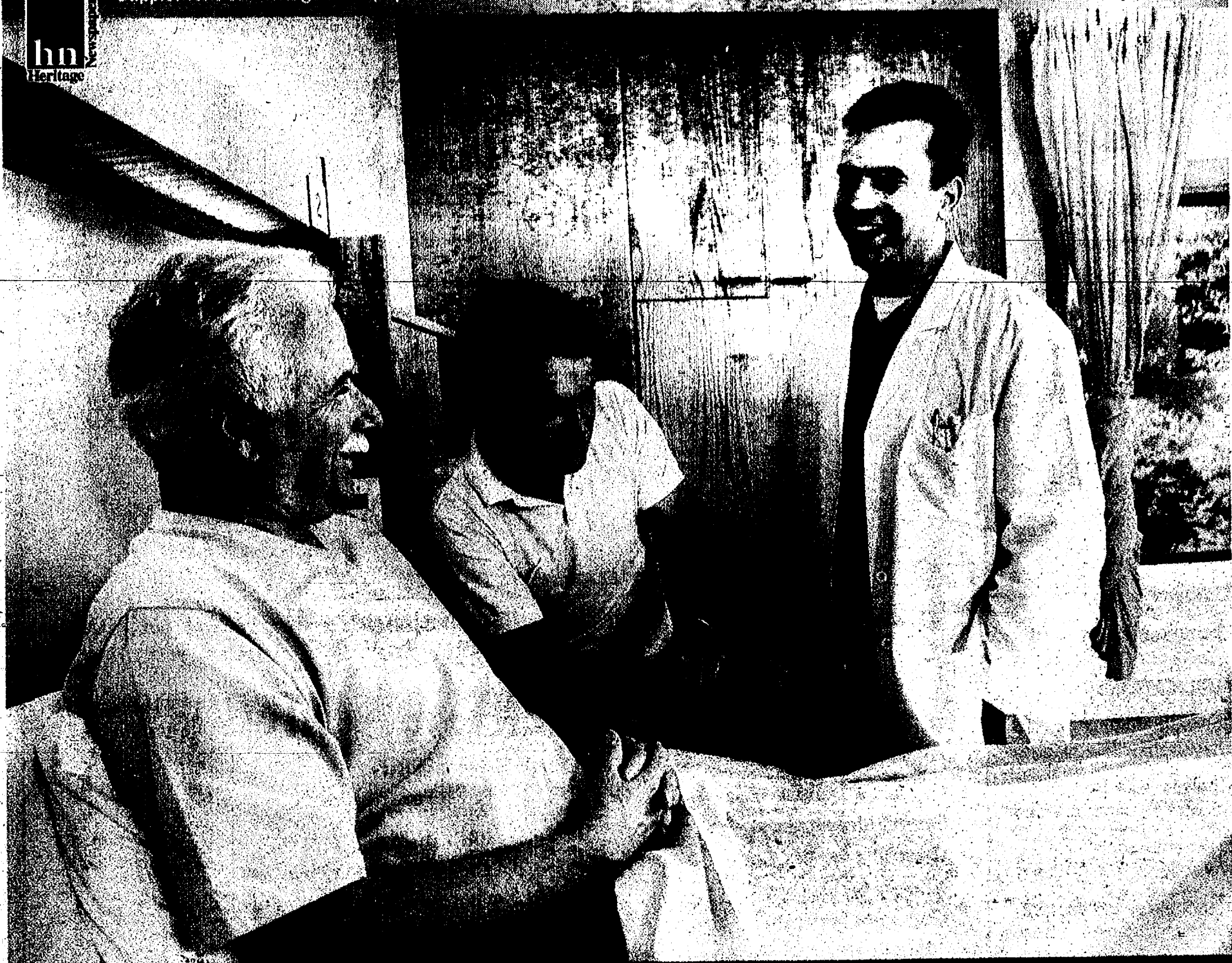
City	Thu	Fri	Sat
Minneapolis	34/13/c	16/5/c	4/8/c
New Orleans	68/53/s	72/58/s	71/58/s
New York City	36/31/s	44/33/c	34/18/c
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CONSUMER HOW-TO CHOOSE NEWSPAPER ADVERTISING

Top 10 Reasons to Advertise in Newspaper

1. Newspapers reach the majority of adults daily and on Sundays.
2. Higher-income-earning adults are more avid newspaper readers.
3. People with higher education are more likely to read newspapers.
4. People in higher-responsibility professional positions read newspapers more frequently than the average person.
5. Newspaper advertising can be targeted by section — and reader.
6. Newspaper advertising can target specific geographic locations.
7. You can select advertising alternatives from preprint inserts to full- or partial-page ads.
8. With short deadlines, newspaper advertising can be tailored for immediacy.
9. Newspapers are portable and convenient.
10. Newspaper advertising builds business credibility and momentum.

Why newspapers?

Targeting customers in a media-fragmented marketplace is a continual challenge for many advertisers.

The abundance of advertising sources has overwhelmed and divided consumer attention. This means media planners and buyers need the right tools to help them decide on the best allocation of advertising dollars. As advertisers strive for an effective media mix, they should know there is one medium that can deliver strength to advertising and marketing strategies.

The newspaper continues to be a powerful medium for reaching shoppers in the market for

a broad range of products and services. It is a portable and convenient source of advertising information — helping consumers decide where to shop and what to buy. The newspaper delivers customers unlike any other medium each and every day, reaching an

array of traditional and emerging markets with unsurpassed advertising impact.

Universal coverage, utility and power are the driving forces behind newspapers. And that is why they add value for advertisers!

Newspapers offer advertisers alternatives to reach customers — new and potential — with effective messages for long-term awareness or immediate call-to-action responses. Whether it's a preprint insert or run-of-paper (ROP) advertising adjacent to select editorial content, newspapers deliver the right message to the right people at the right time.

If we combine frequency measures for ROP and newspaper preprints, we have 90 percent of adults who use one or the other or in combination — a powerful pairing.

Opportunities in newspapers

ROP: Run of Press advertising means an ad placed on the pages of a newspaper. This best-

known newspaper advertising option offers short deadlines and proximity of editorial that enhances visibility.

Preprints: Preprinted inserts offer advertisers the flexibility and control of creating and printing advertising that the newspaper distributes.

Niche products/special sections: Newspaper offer a myriad of opportunities where a special marketplace is created to help in targeting an advertiser's best prospects. These products may be inserted into the newspaper or may be distributed in other ways needed to best attract the niche audience.

Highlights

The compelling facts below underscore the strength of newspapers:

- The majority of adults (54 percent) read a newspaper on an average weekday.

- More than six out of 10 adults (64 percent) read a newspaper on an

average Sunday.

- More than seven out of 10 adults (73 percent) read a daily newspaper in the past five days.

- More than three-quarters of adults (77 percent) read a Sunday newspaper in the past month.

- Newspapers usage is strong among emerging markets — teens and Hispanics.

- Customers for many products and services are also the heaviest newspaper readers.

- The newspaper provides advertisers with unique targeting opportunities.

- The newspaper is the most-used advertising source for various store categories.

- Newspaper Web sites are highly rated for being useful and informative.

SOURCE: National Newspaper Association

See corresponding advertisement on Page 44.

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CONSUMER HOW-TO CHOOSE A RETIREMENT COMMUNITY

The Top Five Things You Should Know...

1. Find out what retirement communities are located in the area where you or your relative(s) prefer to live.
2. Do your homework by reviewing brochures and Web sites to become informed about services, amenities and continuum of care.
3. Tour the property to assess the sense of community and whether it is a "good fit."
4. When comparing communities, consider what is included in the price structure.
5. Take a "test drive," if offered — or join a waitlist if your need is not immediate.

Retirement communities offer many different things for many different kinds of people. It's important for anyone seeking this type of lifestyle change to understand what you are looking for, while looking critically at the opportunities.

Where to Begin: Getting a Handle on the Options

Begin by deciding what locale(s) are desired. Are you looking for something close to family members? Or do you prefer living near the area where you have lived for many years? Once you have an idea of where to look, you can either contact the local Chamber of Commerce, library, phone book, or search the Web for retirement communities.

Retirement community brochures and Web sites provide a great deal of information, including an overview of living spaces, activities, medical services, and other resources, such as proximity to hospitals, doctors, pharmacies, shopping, and recreational pursuits.

Other pertinent information may be obtained from the State Department of Community Health licensing and survey reports. This information may be obtained via the Internet, at the State Department of Community Health or at any retirement community that has a licensed nursing wing or assisted living unit. The Dun and Bradstreet Financial rating, the State Nursing Home Association, the Better Business Bureau and Long-Term-Care Ombudsman can provide information on retirement community stability and history.

Once you've done the initial research and narrowed down your choices, it's time for the next step — the tour.

The Right Fit: Making the Most of Your Tour

A tour of a community is your best guide to discovering whether a particular retirement community is right for you or your relative. It's comparable to the college visit for high school seniors in that it's best way to get the pulse of a campus/community. It can give you a real picture of the atmosphere, facilities, and services.

First Impressions

Plan extra time to drive around the area where the retirement community is located. Some communities may be within walking distance of shopping, while others may be more remote.

Drive through the community before entering the building. Are there areas that need repair or updating? Is there activity by residents or staff? Are the gardens and lawns well kept? You may find that the grounds and outdoor maintenance may vary greatly from community to community. You may also find that what is pictured on a Web site may look drastically different in person.

Sense of Community: Meeting Potential New Friends and Neighbors

When touring, observe the interaction between staff and current residents. You may find that some retirement communities have a more institutional feel, while others have a sense of home. When you arrive, are you greeted with a smile? Do you see friendly conversations between staff and residents? Are residents out and about? What is the general atmosphere?

It is also helpful to talk to other residents. Most will be glad to share their experiences, both favorable and unfavorable. Their openness — or lack thereof — can speak volumes.

Beyond the immediate retirement community, look for how it fits into the greater community where it is located. Are there partnerships with local arts groups, the library, or other local resources? Is the community considered a valuable asset to the city, town, or village?

Your New Home

Some retirement communities have model apartments, while others show current residents' apartments. Assess the types and sizes of apartments and rooms associated with each level of care. Look to see if they are updated and fresh. Are they roomy and well lit? Is there plenty of storage space?

Also take into consideration the appearance of common areas, such as hallways, bathrooms, and meeting spaces. Are they clean and well cared for?

Look for handicap accessibility and safety features such as emergency response technology.

Some retirement communities are offering prospective residents the opportunity to "test drive." This is a free one to three night stay in a fully-equipped apartment. Meals are often included, as are participation in ongoing activities. It is an opportunity to meet other residents (your future neighbors), talk freely, and experience first hand what it would be like to live in a particular community. Test drives are often the final test in deciding whether a particular community is the best choice for you or your relative.

If you're not ready to make an immediate move, but want to lay the ground work to help secure your future, ask about waitlist opportunities. Waitlists usually require a deposit that may or may not be refundable. Typical waitlist afford you the security by making you aware of vacancies, to assure you priority choice in selecting your perfect home. Some added benefits may include exclusive invitation to lunch or dinner, community events, and often times exclusive specials. Be sure to find out how the waitlist program can benefit you and your personal situation.

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How Things Work: Staff and Management

Each retirement community is run by an executive director and director/managers of multiple departments. These include nursing, marketing, dietary, social services, activities/life enrichment, maintenance, grounds, and housekeeping, business and transportation.

Make an appointment with the director of marketing. He or she can introduce you to the staff and management who will answer any questions you may have. Look for open, friendly, and professional responses from experienced directors and manager.

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The Bottom Line: Financial Matters and Services

When comparing costs, be sure to compare apples to apples. Many communities offer an a la carte pricing system while others are all inclusive.

During the initial and follow-up interviews and tour, it is vital to be informed about the amenities, services and levels of care that are provided and included in the admission contract. It is imperative that a potential resident be advised about whether the retirement community is a buy-in or lease arrangement, the price, refund policy, pet policy etc.

All amenities such as meals, housekeeping and laundry/linen service, telephone, cable television, internet access, transportation and social activities should be explained.

A full service, multi-level continuum-of-care retirement community offers levels of care that range from independent living in villas and apartments, to assisted living or personal care to skilled nursing care. It is preferable to move into a retirement community where a resident may "age in place" and not have to relocate to another property or facility if they should have changes in their condition or require personal assistance or nursing care.

The social or recreational activity program should be assessed when making the decision about your future lifestyle. An activities calendar and newsletter should be available for you to review. A varied program of activities — including social, physical, intellectual, creative, and spiritual offerings — should be included so that a resident has multiple daily options and may be as active as they choose to be.

Examples of popular activities include musical concert and lecture series, exercise classes, art classes, workshops, trips to cultural events and local attractions, and theme parties and celebrations.

A transportation program should be provided to ensure transportation to doctor's appointments and other essential pickups, deliveries or personal transportation to shop, obtain medications and other essentials, since many senior citizens choose to stop driving.

Retirement Living

A Journey Worth Taking



Paul & Vi Becker

"Admittedly, we may have had different expectations than most", say the Beckers. Paul had served on the Board of Directors of a very fine retirement community in Rhode Island, so he had a high standard for community amenities. Vi had volunteered for a church organization that endeavored to help seniors stay in their homes as long as possible, so she demanded a place that allowed freedom and independence, and felt like a home...not an institution. "I love the physical environment, both inside and outside...the grounds are beautiful. And having excellent medical services and shopping a few minutes away are real plusses," says Vi. Paul adds, "I am pleased with the friendly, open staff who seem genuinely concerned with making the community a real home for residents. We love it here!"



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HOW-TO CHOOSE A FITNESS CENTER

Five Important Things to Remember

1. The location of your prospective fitness center should be convenient, either to your workplace or to home.

2. Look at the value of your training. If you have to pay a little more for a fitness center with attentive staff and professional trainers, you'll get more for your money in the long run.

3. Check out the equipment, locker rooms and amenities.

4. Qualified staff can help you do more than work out efficiently. A good personal trainer can help you achieve goals specific to you and your needs.

5. Many fitness centers offer a guest pass. Take advantage of it for opportunity to assess the atmosphere.

Getting the most out of a fitness center depends in large part on picking the right center in the first place. And that means the one right for you. Do you need an experienced personal trainer to help you exercise safely and effectively? Are you looking for a body-builder's gym where you can get inspiration and support to keep pumping iron? Or do you prefer a relaxed atmosphere where you can socialize after a class with other members? Choices abound, from chain outlets to locally owned centers, from small centers to mammoth ones, from upscale operations to more family-friendly places, from single gender to co-educational facilities. Before joining a fitness facility, so you don't regret it in a month, consider the following:

Location, Location, Location

Convenience counts a great deal, fitness experts say. Just like real estate, the location of your prospective fitness center should be convenient, either to your workplace or to home. The easier it is for you to get to a center, the more likely you are to use it. Finding a fitness center close to your place of employment can afford you the opportunity to exercise before or after work, or during lunch if time permits. If you hope to get the whole family active, choose a center near your home.

Affordability

The cost of working out varies with amenities, popularity and sometimes by franchise. Some also might require joining fees or extra charge for specialty classes. Compare centers' fees and what you're getting for your money. Pick a place that's within your budget. Otherwise, if the membership fee puts a strain on your finances, you'll soon have an excuse to drop out.

Personal Interests

Perhaps you have favorite fitness activities you enjoy or want to try, such as swimming, cycling, or yoga — a set of exercises focusing on strengthening and stretching the body. Maybe you are interested in hiring a personal trainer. An exercise program that works for one person may not work for another. A personal trainer will develop the most effective program for you based on your fitness evaluation results and personal goals. Find out if the center has the necessary services, facilities or equipment.

Facilities

Check out the exercise equipment, locker rooms and showers. Are they clean, or do they look like they need sanitized? This goes for the steam room or whirlpool, as well. Cleanliness defines the ownership and the membership. Is the equipment up-to-date and well maintained, or are the benches ripped and taped back together? Are there enough machines to accommodate fitness center members even during peak training hours, or does circuit training include 20-minute breaks between each exercise while you wait in line?

Staffing

Fitness centers tend to be better staffed with people who can help you use equipment properly and answer your questions nowadays. Personal trainers may be on hand to give you individualized instruction and guidance. They are also a major source of motivation and encouragement. Ask about staffing. What kinds of help and how much one-on-one attention do staff members provide? What credentials and certifications do they have? Qualified staff and trainers can help you do more than work out efficiently. They can also help you reach goals specific to you and your needs.

Classes

Fitness centers and gyms offer a number of aerobic classes, including spinning, step, high and low impact aerobics, or kick-boxing. If you prefer exercising in a class setting, then you'll want to make sure the class selection meets your needs and interests. Ask what qualifications including certifications instructors have. Ask to be allowed to attend one class session for free, or at least to observe one. Would you be at ease here? Notice if the instructor pays attention to people of all levels of ability and makes everyone feel comfortable. Does he or she make the class fun and motivating? Look at which each facility offers, and what, if any, additional costs are involved.

Two-thirds of people who join fitness centers stop going in the first six months, according to the International Health, Racquet and Sportsclub Association. Some, of course, may decide to pursue fitness another way, such as working out at home or outdoors. Many, however, just drop out of pursuing physical fitness altogether. If fitness is important to you, and you follow some of the guidelines offered here for choosing a fitness center, you'll boost the odds you'll stick with a fitness program.

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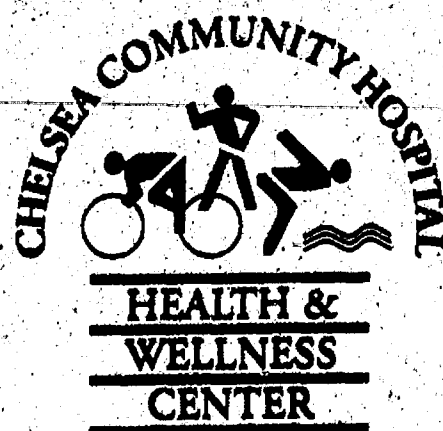
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CONSUMER HOW-TO SHOP FOR AN ALTERNATIVE HEATING SOURCE

15 Points to Consider When Deciding to Go "Green"

RESEARCH FIRST — Word of mouth is great but using the internet and logging on to ????? will give you the ratings on the top stoves in the industry. It can also help to locate dealers in your area. It will save you a lot of time and money.

LONG TERM BENEFITS — What features do you need from your stove? Going to ????? will help guide you in determining the cost savings and how long of a payoff for your investment. Tax credits for converting from a fossil fuel to a renewable energy heat source is now available.

PRODUCT COMPARISONS — All stoves are not created equal nor are the wood pellet fuels available to operate. It's important to read about each stove but equally important to actually see the product in operation before you buy.

CUSTOMER SERVICE — When choosing one retailer over another, make sure they are knowledgeable about the product. Dealers that offer financing, installation and replacement parts will add to the benefits. It's added insurance to know future service should you need it, will be available.

With propane, fuel oil and natural gas prices hitting record highs, 2008 sent many in search of alternative heat sources to help reduce their heating bills. Natural resources have seen a resurgence of interest as fuel prices continue drastic fluctuations.

Interest to returning to wood burning stoves of days-gone-by brings more options than ever before to choose from. So, how does one go about deciding what to buy?

With corn prices so low in the 1980's & '90's, manufacturers began introducing stoves that would make good use of corn as a natural fuel source and pretty soon, the sky was the limit on what could be classified as bio-waste and renewable energy fuel sources. Many of the corn burning stoves will also burn wheat, barley, cherry pits and wood pellets.

Today, there are hundreds of manufacturers out there touting their product as the best Corn Stove, Wood Pellet Stove, Coal Stove, Wood burning stoves & high efficiency fireplace inserts available. Some tips to look for when you begin to shop might include:

You can save yourself a lot of time running around by doing some on-line research first. Find out what endorsements each manufacturer has behind them as well as additional points to consider before buying.

Some helpful websites are:

apps1.eere.energy.gov/consumer/your_home/
www.ConsumerReport.org
www.pelletheat.org/3/residential/compareFuel.cfm
www.hearth.com/ratings
www.pelletheat.org

After you have read about each of the efficiency ratings & warranties, you can then move on to your top selections by visiting manufacturers websites. Here, you will learn the intricate features and benefits that each manufacturer offers. Many make the mistake of letting aesthetics drive their decision. While you will want a unit in our home that is pleasing to look at many of the manufacturers carry similar styles.

Next, you need to determine what your heating needs are. Are you trying to use this as your primary heat source or just supplemental to an existing source? Many factors on efficiency come into play when determining how many BTU's you need and how many sq. ft. you are trying heat. How well insulated is your home? Is this going into a basement? If so, is it insulated/finished? Is it being placed on the main floor and where? Does your home have ceiling fans to circulate the heat? How open is your floor plan? Answering those questions will help your local hearth dealers to better serve your needs.

Data taken from the Pellet Fuels Institute shows the current cost of wood pellets at \$260/ton, which equates to a cost of \$19.82 per one million BTU. Coal cost is \$350/ton, which costs \$15.25/million BTU. A full cord of hardwood cost estimate is \$190, costing \$15.83/million BTU. These figures, when compared to Fuel Oil at \$30.29, propane at \$34.67 and electricity at \$29.31/million BTU are a significant savings. Natural gas cost estimates are around \$19.39/million BTU.

Typically, wood stoves will cost less to purchase than wood pellet or corn stoves. However, pellet/corn stoves do not require a chimney, instead they use a direct-vent system. This allows you to vent directly through an exterior wall with very little pipe showing on the outside of your home. The direct vent systems usually cost around \$300. A wood stove will

require a class A chimney and depending on how high you need to run it above the roof line, can add upwards of \$800 or more to the cost of your stove.

Most manufacturers will post on their website dealers located closest to you. When shopping for a stove, the retailer is one of the most important decisions you need to make. Ask yourself, "Did they take the time to answer the questions I had? Did they show me how to operate and care for the stove? Do they offer installation? Will they be there to service any problems or answer future operational questions I may have?"

Internet buying is a common trend, but buyers need to beware! Many manufacturers are not obligated to warranty items purchased privately through the internet. Also, some dealers won't service stoves purchased online. Reputable stove manufacturers will not be selling direct to consumers on the internet.

Look for stores that have stove demos operating on display. Listen to the blowers. Free standing wood and wood pellet/corn stove's blower quality varies. Many pellet and corn stoves come with automatic ignite and built-in thermostats.

Some wood stove models have a re-burn feature. Re-burn is basically taking the gases created from the burned logs and re-burns it, thus allowing fewer emissions to escape up the chimney and more heat output into the home. Match the different features to see which best fits your needs. Also, how much maintenance is required? All stoves are not created equal.

Like other appliances in your home, you get what you pay for. You are investing in an appliance with the hopes of being able to cut your heating costs for many years. It should be treated like any other home-improvement investment. Many dealers offer financing. If not, check with your local lending institute to see how it can be refinanced into your existing mortgage.

Beginning January 2009, there is a new tax credit available when filing your 2009 taxes in 2010 on all stoves purchased in '09. This is being offered as a "Green" incentive to encourage Americans to use renewable energy sources. This is not a deduction but rather a set dollar amount that is credited to you.

If deciding a hardwood pellet or corn stove best fits your needs, the quality of the fuel source will make your stove operate to the maximum potential. Always look for "Premium Grade" hardwood pellets, with less than 1% ash. When possible, purchase pellets that have been warehoused, rather than stored outdoors. Wood pellets are a bi-product of sawdust and regardless how well they are wrapped, can still pick up moisture.

If you are burning corn, make sure it has been cleaned and dried to less than 12-13% moisture content. There is nothing more disheartening than to have your new stove in place only to discover it won't burn well because you have wet or low quality fuel. If you are unfamiliar with what is the best on the market, try starting with a couple of bags at a time, until you have tried several brands or ask others who have similar stoves. You will quickly learn which pellets burn the hottest, last the longest and cleanest, creating the least amount of ash afterwards.

With a little planning, the cost savings on your fuel bill, combined with environmental responsibility of using a renewable resource will double your rewards for years to come.

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CONSUMER HOW-TO CHOOSE A DENTIST

What You Should Know...

Once you have settled on a dentist, remember that you and your dentist are partners in maintaining your oral health. Take time to ask questions and take notes if that will help you remember your dentist's advice.

Annie and Daddy Warbucks sang, "You're never fully dressed without a smile." Indeed, a beautiful smile has a positive impact on your health as well as your appearance and overall sense of well being. That's why it's important to use care when choosing a dentist. In addition, there is a strong correlation between dental health and overall health with new studies providing insight to the ties between oral health and things like heart disease, diabetes, and birth weights of babies. Even more of a reason to be sure you choose a dentist who understands these important issues and who you can trust.

You might want to call or visit more than one dentist before making your decision. Dental care is a very personalized service that requires a good relationship between the dentist and the patient.

The relationship between you and your dentist is a shared responsibility. For many oral health concerns, your American Dental Association (ADA) member dentist can offer multiple treatment options for dental care. These options may vary in complexity, durability, and cost. Working together, you and your dentist can choose the treatments that best meet your needs. Your dentist should explain each treatment option, including its benefits and drawbacks.

To further help tailor your best treatment options, you should tell your dentist about yourself and your needs, and ask your dentist and office staff as many questions as needed to help you understand the treatment recommendations.

Here, complements of the ADA, are some guidelines to help you choose a dentist. Before going for a visit, do your homework. Ask

friends, family, neighbors or colleagues for recommendations. Your family physician or local pharmacist might also make referrals. If you're moving, ask your current dentist to make a suggestion. You also can go online to search the ADA's Web site, www.ada.org, or contact your local or state dental society to find a dentist in your area.

During your first visit, ask yourself these questions:

- Is the dentist's appointment schedule convenient for you? Is the office easy to get to from your home or job?

- Is the office clean, neat and orderly? What is the appearance of the dentist and the staff?

- What is the atmosphere of the office? Does the dentist take continuing education classes and is he or she a member of the Ameri-

can Dental Association (ADA)?

- Does the dentist seem interested in your health? Were your medical and dental histories recorded and placed in a permanent file?

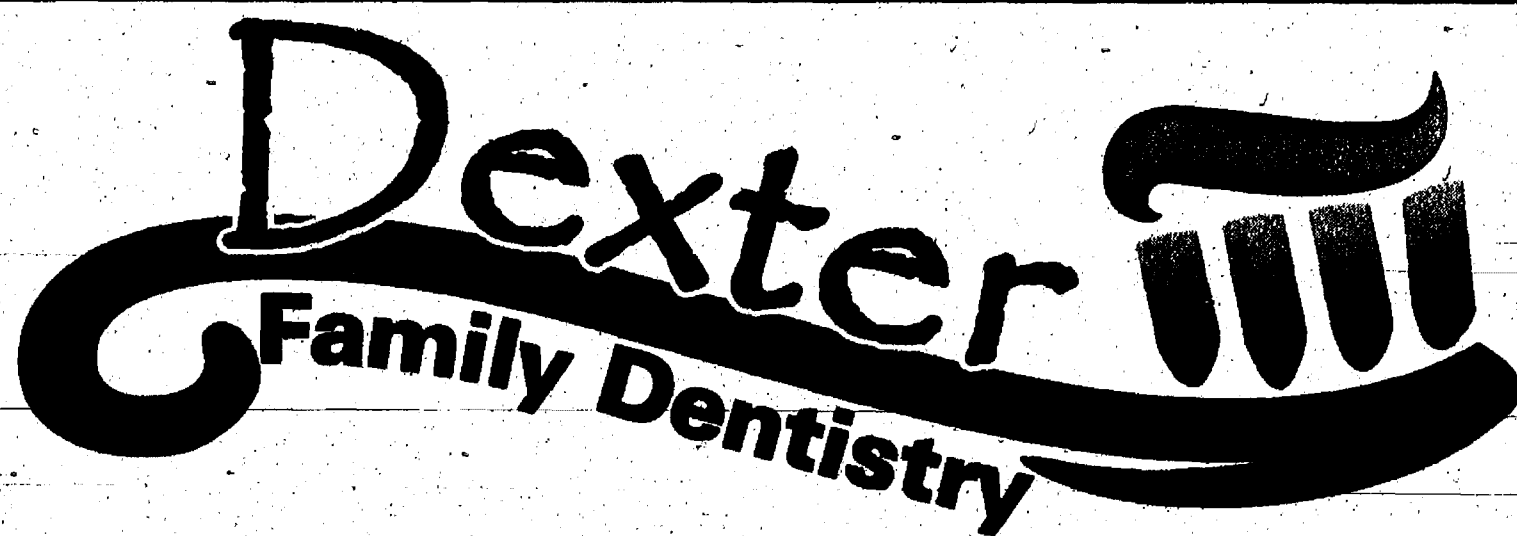
- Does the dentist explain techniques that will help prevent dental health problems? Are dental health and oral hygiene instructions provided? Does the dentist and his staff take time to answer all of your questions and concerns?

- What arrangements does the dentist have for handling emergencies? Is the dentist on call 24 hours a day? Does the dentist have an answering service or pager?

- Do you like the dentist and his staff? Do they appear to have a healthy working relationship?

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CONSUMER HOW-TO CHOOSE A PHYSICIAN

Everyone eventually gets sick

Important Points

- Get references from family and friends
- Ask questions
- Be up-front about what you are looking for
- A doctor's staff can be a reflection upon the physician
- Payment for medical services must be considered

Questions to Think About...

- What doctors are covered by your insurance?
- What are the doctor's qualifications?
- Do you and the doctor communicate and get along well?
- Can the doctor provide what you require from your primary care physician?

Sooner or later everyone gets sick, so sooner or later everyone needs a doctor.

But finding the right physician is not always easy. Since people require different things from their physicians, it's difficult to provide blanket guidelines to find a doctor. But there are some basic tips everyone can find useful.

Basic tips

A good first step is to ask friends and family members who have had good experiences with a physician. Second, contact clinics and hospitals in your area.

A good doctor is a combination of someone with good medical skills and good interpersonal skills the patient can relate to.

The best way to find out if a doctor has these qualities is to ask questions.

Where did the doctor go to school? Where did they do their residency? Where did they intern?

Is the doctor board-certified in his or her area of specialization?

Patients should ask about after-hours coverage. Who handles it and how it is done?

Another important question is how often the doctor wants to see the patient. Do they want to see the patient on a regular basis or just when they are sick?

Preventive health services can be important to some patients. Does the doctor provide screening exams, immunizations and other such services?

What about office hours? Is the doctor's office open in the evenings or on weekends?

How does the doctor's office handle scheduling? What other services does the clinic offer? What hospital is the physician on staff at?

Many of these questions have no right or wrong answers. It just depends on what fits the patient's needs.

Be honest

Patients should be up-front about what they are looking for in a physician and ask questions to find out if the doctor they are seeing will fit their needs.

Sometimes it may take several visits to different doctors to find one that a patient can relate to and feels comfortable with.

If a doctor is inattentive, doesn't get along with the patient or the patient is uncomfortable talking with the physician, they may want to seek another doctor.

Doing a check up

Potential patients may also want to check out their doctor with the state Board of Medical Examiners to see if any disciplinary actions have been brought against them. A past action doesn't necessarily mean a patient should stay away. It depends on what took place and when it happened.

Physicians are human like everyone else and can make mistakes. If the mistake was made fifteen to twenty years ago and there have been no problems since, the patient is probably safe.

Staff is important, too

A doctor's staff can be a reflection upon the physician. For example, a good doctor should have a staff member explain why a patient has to wait an exorbitant amount of time.

Patients in turn need to be patient, because emergencies can happen. The next time the emergency could involve the patient that once had to wait. Finally, payment for medical services must be considered.

Patients need to make sure doctors they are looking at take their insurance. If patients don't have insurance,

they need to make sure they can reach a payment agreement with the doctor.

Finding a good doctor is not an easy task. The right relationship between a doctor and a patient is different for every person. The task is further complicated by the fact many people don't regularly see a doctor.

Patients need to do their part to help doctors in the relationship.

The initial visit

When seeing a new physician, a patient should bring any medication they are taking and should be able to put in writing why they are taking the drugs.

Patients should also know any medications to which they are allergic, and the nature of the allergic reaction. They should also be prepared to give the doctor a good personal medical history.

The history should include any past or present chronic conditions, any family history of diseases such as diabetes, cancer or heart disease and a list of surgeries the patient has had.

Patients may also want to write down any questions they want to ask the physician.

Despite the difficulties, finding the right doctor can increase the length and quality of a patient's life.

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CONSUMER HOW-TO CHOOSE A MEMORY CARE CENTER

A Few Questions to Consider Asking Include:

1. Does the memory care center have space that allows for safe wandering and pacing?
2. How does the memory care center stimulate the 5 senses?
3. Are there areas that allow for solace and peace?
4. How does the center help your loved one to be connected to the environment in which they will reside?
5. Are there areas that allow for socializing and special visits?

Caring for a loved one with memory loss and or dementia can be overwhelming and difficult. In many cases, it is necessary for the loved one to be cared for at a specialty center called a memory care center. Memory loss can be life altering for both the affected individual and the caregivers. Embracing the necessary life adjustments are an important aspect to ensure the safety and care for the individual. For loved ones and families that are impacted by memory loss, there are special places that are equipped and trained to provide exceptional care and support to the patient, families and caregivers. When considering memory care centers there are several factors that should be considered.

The safety and security of your loved one is of abundant importance. There should be systems in place to ensure that your loved one is in a secure environment. In many instances, individuals with memory loss can wander from their safe environment. Wandering is among the most dangerous elements of dementia or memory loss, putting your loved one at risk for injury or unfortunate death. A memory support center should be equipped with security technology and have established procedures to ensure that your loved one is monitored at all times. There are other technologies that exist to monitor and identify when bed linens have become soiled and need to be changed, which may be an important feature for individuals also suffering from incontinence. Regardless of memory loss, all individuals deserve the right to be dressed in clean clothing and to sleep on clean linens. Another safety concern is related to injury and falls. Memory care centers should also have established policies and procedures on monitoring your loved one on a regular basis. Some memory care centers have motion sensors that can alert staff or the caregiver when the patient is moving around the suite. This alert will trigger the staff to check on the patient to ensure the patient is safe. Listed below are a few questions to ask about safety and security:

1. Is the security locked and secure, ensuring that your loved one cannot unintentionally wander to an unsafe location or area?
2. Are there sensors in place to monitor your loved one's movements within their room and to identify when bed linens have become soiled?
3. What type of technology is available to monitor injury or falls?

The training of the employees caring for an individual with memory loss is also of great importance. Caring for individuals with memory loss requires patience and a knowledge base regarding memory loss. There should be a defined approach in caring for individuals with memory loss by the memory care center. This defined approach provides the staff with the essential tools to ensure the safety and care of the patient.

Listed below are some questions to consider asking about the employees caring for your loved one.

1. How is the care giving staff trained on caring for individuals with memory loss? Do they receive ongoing training?
2. How is the care giving staff supervised?
3. What are the conduct expectations of the staff?
4. How are staffing problems resolved and corrected?
5. What is the staffing ratio per patient?
6. Is there a defined approach to memory loss care by the memory care center?

Another area of importance and consideration when selecting a memory care center is the environment. Special attention should be given to the environment. The environment of the memory care center should have incorporated ways to stimulate the senses of your loved one. Your memories are associated with your senses. Your senses include sound, sight, taste, touch and smell. In many instances, our senses can help with individuals with memory loss. The senses can provide a level

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of comfort to the individual with memory loss. The memory center should have a kitchen area where favorite foods can be prepared by the care giving staff. Familiar smells such as cookies baking and coffee brewing help to bring memories forward to your loved one and helps them to feel connected to their new living environment. The center should also have areas that allows for safe wandering and pacing. Those with memory loss often walk and pace for hours on end. There should also be areas

within the memory care center where the patient can find solace and peace; such as a garden area. Individuals with memory loss can be overwhelmed and frustrated and having a quiet place that allows them to feel comforted is essential. Home is where the heart is and special attention to detail at a memory care center is critical and important. It can be very revealing into how the organization has planned for memory care. A few questions to consider asking include:

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2. How does the memory care center stimulate the 5 senses?
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5. Are there areas that allow for socializing and special visits?

These are a few considerations when choosing a memory care center for your loved one. Visiting centers and asking questions will be essential in helping to make such a major life altering decision. There are many resources that are available for families that are dealing with memory loss. Explore your local community for resource agencies, visit your local library for books and resources, and exploring the internet can all be great ways to assist in making decisions for your loved one.

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CONSUMER HOW-TO PRE-PLAN A MEANINGFUL FUNERAL SERVICE

Issues to Consider When Prepaying

- What are you paying for? Are you buying only merchandise, like a casket and vault, or are you purchasing funeral services as well?
- What happens to the money you've prepaid? States have different requirements for handling funds paid for prearranged funeral services.
- What happens to the interest income on money that is prepaid and put into a trust account?
- Are you protected if the firm you dealt with goes out of business?
- Can you cancel the contract and get a full refund if you change your mind?
- What happens if you move to a different area or die while away from home? Some prepaid funeral plans can be transferred, but often at an added cost.

When a loved one dies, grieving family members and friends often are confronted with dozens of decisions about the funeral — all of which must be made quickly and often under great emotional duress. What kind of funeral should it be? What funeral provider should you use? What are you legally required to buy? What other arrangements should you plan? And, as callous as it may sound, how much is it all going to cost?

Each year, Americans grapple with these and many other questions as they spend billions of dollars arranging more than 2 million funerals for family members and friends. The increasing trend toward pre-need planning — when people make funeral arrangements in advance — suggests that many consumers want to compare prices and services so that ultimately, the funeral reflects a wise and well-informed purchasing decision, as well as a meaningful one.

Pre-need

To help relieve their families of some of these decisions, an increasing number of people are planning their own funerals, designating their funeral preferences, and sometimes even paying for them in advance. They see funeral planning as an extension of will and estate planning.

Planning

Thinking ahead can help you make informed and thoughtful decisions about funeral arrangements. It allows you to choose the specific items you want and need and compare the prices offered by several funeral providers. It also spares your survivors the stress of making these decisions under the pressure of time and strong emotions.

One other important consideration when planning a funeral pre-need is where the remains will be buried, in the short time between the death and burial of a loved one, many family members find themselves rushing to buy a cemetery plot or grave — often without careful thought or a personal visit to the site. That's why it's in the family's best interest to buy cemetery plots before you need them.

You may wish to make decisions about your arrangements in advance, but not pay for them in advance. Keep in mind that over time, prices may go up and businesses may close or change ownership. However, in some areas with increased competition, prices may go down over time. It's a good idea to review and revise your decisions every few years, and to make sure your family is aware of your wishes.

Put your preferences in writing, give copies to family members and your attorney, and keep a copy in a handy place. Don't designate your preferences in your will, because a will often is not found or read until after the funeral. And avoid putting the only copy of your preferences in a safe deposit box. That's because your family may have to make arrangements on a weekend or holiday, before the box can be opened.

Prepaying

Millions of Americans have entered into contracts to prearrange their funerals and prepay some or all of the expenses involved. Laws of individual states govern the prepayment of funeral goods and services; various states have laws to help ensure that these advance payments are available to pay for the funeral products and services when they're needed. But protections vary widely

from state to state, and some state laws offer little or no effective protection. Some state laws require the funeral home or cemetery to place a percentage of the prepayment in a state-required trust or to purchase a life insurance policy with the death benefits assigned to the funeral home or cemetery.

Be sure to tell your family about the plans you've made; let them know where the documents are filed. If your family isn't aware that you've made plans, your wishes may not be carried out. And if family members don't know that you've prepaid the funeral costs, they could end up paying for the same arrangements. You may wish to consult an attorney on the best way to ensure that your wishes are followed.

What kind of funeral do you want?

Every family is different, and not everyone wants the same type of funeral. Funeral practices are influenced by religious and cultural traditions, costs and personal preferences. These factors help determine whether the funeral will be elaborate or simple, public or private, religious or secular, and where it will be held. They also influence whether the body will be present at the funeral, if there will be a viewing or visitation, and if so, whether the casket will be open or closed.

Choosing a funeral provider

Many people don't realize that they are not legally required to use a funeral home to plan and conduct a funeral. However, because they have little experience with the many details and legal requirements involved and may be emotionally distraught when it's time to make the plans, many people find the services of a professional funeral home to be a comfort.

Consumers often select a funeral home or cemetery because it's close to home, has served the family in the past, or has been recommended by someone they trust. But people who limit their search to just one funeral home may risk paying more than necessary for the funeral or narrowing their choice of goods and services.

Comparison shopping need not be difficult, especially if it's done before the need for a funeral arises. If you visit a funeral home in person, the funeral provider is required by law to give you a general price list itemizing the cost of the items and services the home offers. If the general price list does not include specific prices of caskets or outer burial containers, the law requires the funeral director to show you the price lists for those items before showing you the items.

When comparing prices, be sure to consider the total cost of all the items together, in addition to the costs of single items. Every funeral home should have price lists that include all the items essential for the different types of arrangements it offers. Many funeral homes offer package funerals that may cost less than purchasing individual items or services. Offering package funerals is permitted by law as long as an itemized price list also is provided. But only by using the price lists can you accurately compare total costs.

In addition, there's a growing trend toward consolidation in the funeral home industry, and many neighborhood funeral homes are thought to be locally owned when in fact, they're owned by a national corporation. If this issue is important to you, you may want to ask if the funeral home is locally owned.

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CONSUMER HOW-TO CHOOSE A HOSPITAL

Five Things to Consider

1. Does the hospital have a culture of exceptional customer service and compassionate care?
2. What is the hospital's range of services? Does it provide complete heart care, including open-heart surgery?
3. Is the hospital accredited by the Joint Commission? (This is the primary source for reviewing the quality and safety of hospitals in the United States.)
4. How do independent rating organizations, such as Thomson Reuters 100 Top Hospitals, rank this hospital?
5. Does it have the advanced technology to provide the best care?

By Allegiance Health

Where to begin

For an overview of the hospital you are considering, or to learn about its mission and values, you can begin your search by visiting its Web site and comparing it with others. This should provide information about its accreditation, range of services, physicians, awards and honors, quality, community involvement and leadership team.

Customer service

You and your family deserve a hospital that supports a culture of service excellence and will treat you with respect and compassion. Does the hospital you are considering partner with an independent survey source (such as Press Ganey) to measure patient satisfaction? Does it post these satisfaction scores online? With a little digging, you should be able to find this information on the hospital's Web site. If a hospital is unwilling to share this information publicly, it may be a red flag.

The public now has access to a standardized survey that measures patient opinions on hospital care and allows you to make comparisons with different hospitals. You can review the hospitals you are considering by visiting hospitalcompare.hhs.gov. It is the most comprehensive source for information of this kind.

Range of services

To find the best options for you and your family, look for a hospital or healthcare system that provides a wide range of services. Does it offer advanced treatment and patient education for diabetes and other chronic illnesses? Is there a heart center that provides angioplasty and open-heart surgery? Are these services meeting or exceeding national quality and safety standards? Most of these answers should be available on the hospital's Web site.

Accreditation

It is important to choose a hospital that is accredited for the quality of its facility, physicians, staff and patient care. The primary accreditation service for hospitals in the United States is the Joint Commission (formerly called JCAHO), which reviews safety and quality through a rigorous process. Joint Commission accredi-

tation is ongoing, and hospitals must maintain compliance with safety and quality regulations that are continually changing. This should be a top consideration when selecting a hospital.

If you do not find what you need on the hospital's Web site, you can learn about the Joint Commission and accredited hospitals by visiting jointcommission.org.

Quality and safety rankings

Several independent firms, such as Thomson Reuters or the Leapfrog Group, rank hospitals according to safety and quality benchmarks. Hospitals are generally rated against their peers nationwide, according to the size of their communities. For more information, visit 100tophospitals.com or leapfroggroup.org.

Advanced technology

Another important consideration is whether the hospital invests in and supports technological advancement. Are the Emergency Department and Operating Rooms spacious and electronically updated to allow for the most advanced equipment? Does the hospital have the technology for minimally invasive surgery that is easier on the body and speeds recovery time? Are patient medical records stored and transferred electronically to minimize error? A Web site search or a tour of the hospital will provide you with these answers.

It makes sense to choose a hospital for yourself and your family before you actually need one. Taking a little time to shop around now will help you prepare for health-related situations and emergencies that could arise later.

Make a personal visit

Get a firsthand view of the hospitals you are considering before you make your choice. Note how willing staff are to assist you or to help you find information. Does it appear to be an environment of healing? Your observations and instincts can tell you a lot. Many hospitals will arrange a tour for you; call the general information number and ask.

Ask questions

Don't be afraid to ask questions about the hospital you are considering. Make a list of questions so you can be specific. In addition to searching the Internet, you can find helpful information from your primary doctor and his or her office staff. Making an informed decision now will make it much less stressful later if you or a family member should need a hospital.

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Generator Tips

- Never exceed the rated capacity of a generator.
- Always start the largest electrical appliance first, then plug in other items one at a time.
- Grounding the generator is recommended to help prevent accidental electrical shock.
- Choose the appropriate extension cord for the tool or appliance. Large gauge three-wire/three prong cords should be used when using an appliance or tool at a considerable distance from the generator.

Generators are an affordable way to ensure that your air conditioner, lights, home office equipment, security system, well pump, furnace, refrigerator, computer and other appliances are operating when you need them.

Since finding the right one can be confusing, the following information may be of help. What will surely help, though, is seeking the expert advice of a reputable, established power equipment dealer who sells and services portable and permanent, or standby, generators.

Portable generators

These generators are: mobile, gasoline fueled, and started manually.

They can power the necessary household items in case of a power outage, and can cost anywhere from US \$500-1,500. The wattage is typically 4,000-10,000 watts. A Manual Power Transfer System, is an important accessory to complement a portable generator by providing a means to quickly and easily connect to your home's electrical system, eliminating the need to use extension cords.

A Manual Power Transfer System is a must if you plan to operate your central air-conditioning, water heater or furnace units, since these items are hard-wired directly into your home's electrical system. These systems typically range from \$300-400 and should be installed by a licensed electrician.

Permanent generators

These generators are: permanently installed outside your home or office by a licensed electrician; connected directly to a natural gas or propane fuel supply; and able to sense a power disruption and automatically start and shut off when power is interrupted.

These units are generally priced around \$5,000-10,000 installed, and the wattage range is usually 5,000-20,000 for residential use.

Selecting a generator

Selecting the right standby generator for your power needs can be tricky. A generator system should be within your budget, power the tools and appliances you have selected in the event of a power outage, and include features and benefits designed to accommodate your needs.

Step 1: Establish your budget. — Generator system costs vary depending on whether you are interested in a portable standby system or a permanently installed standby system. A portable generator setup will cost \$500-1,500 depending upon wattage and additional features. Permanently installed systems run up to \$10,000, but provide a level of performance and convenience that is critical for some home and small business owners.

Step 2: Determine your wattage requirements. — Generally, most homes need between 5,000-7,500 watts to power essential items during a power outage. Our Ask the Expert tool can provide you with the wattage you need for what you specifically want to run in your home.

Step 3: Select appropriate features. — Generators come with many additional features that can make owning and operating your system more convenient, including:

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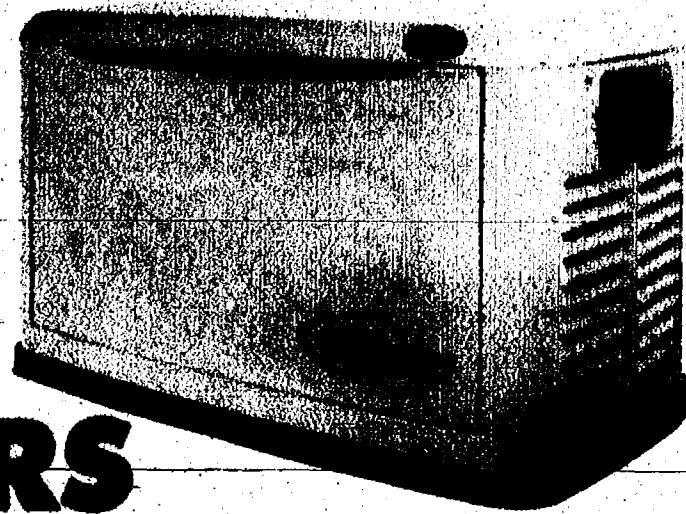
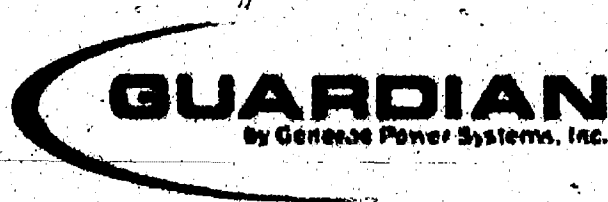
• **Run Time:** The size of the gasoline tank determine the amount of time a generator can run on a single tank of gas.

• **Automatic Voltage Regulation:** This maintains proper generator voltage, protecting sensitive electronic equipment (such as computers) from power fluctuations.

• **Fuel Capacity Outlet:** An outlet built into your generator system, which allows you to draw all of the generators' wattage capacity for one application.

• **Electric Start:** Assisted by battery power, an electric start will provide starting power to the engine without having to pull a starter rope.

Generators are an affordable way to ensure that your air conditioner, lights, home office equipment, security system, well pump, furnace, refrigerator, computer and other appliances are operating when you need them.



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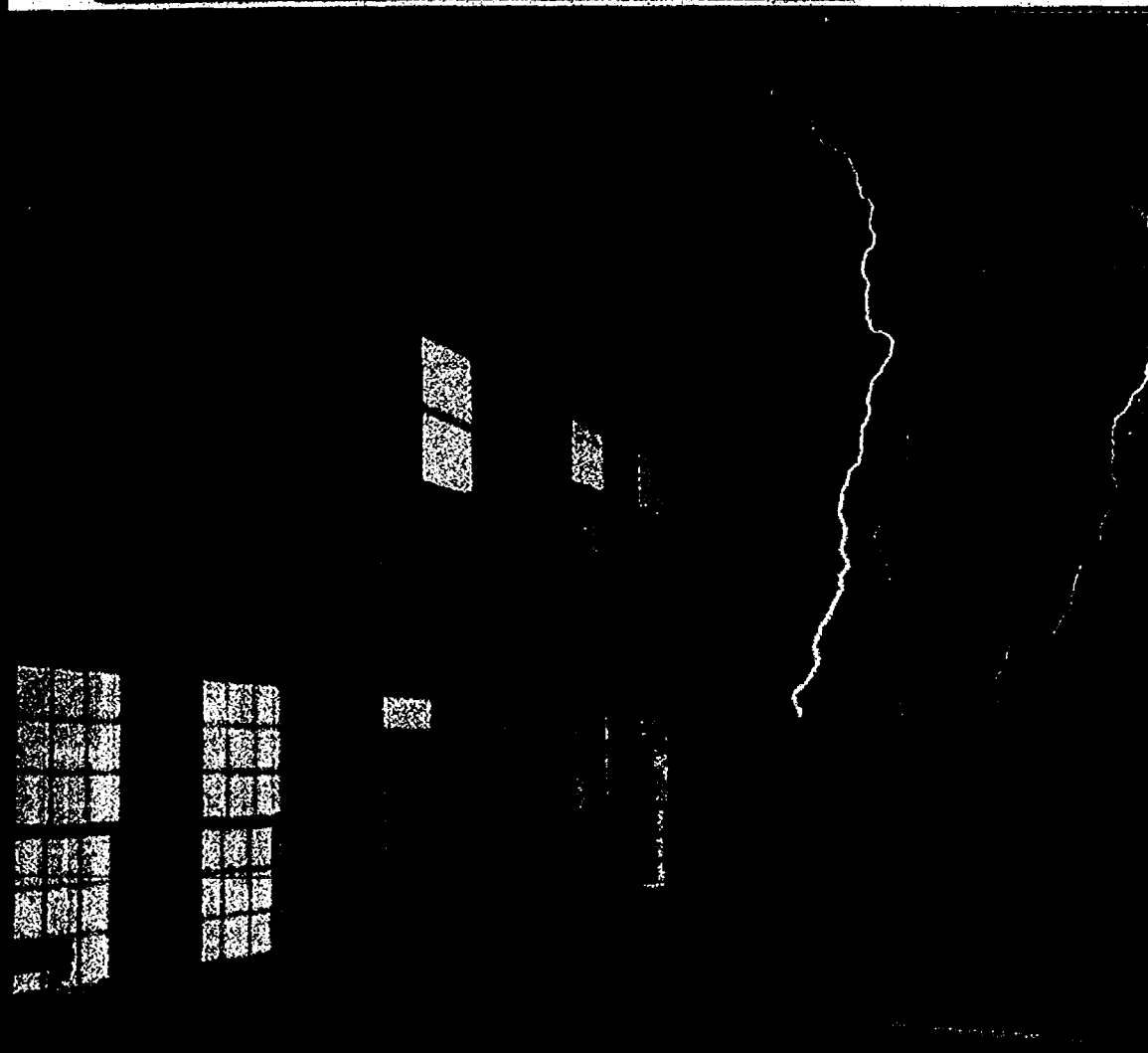


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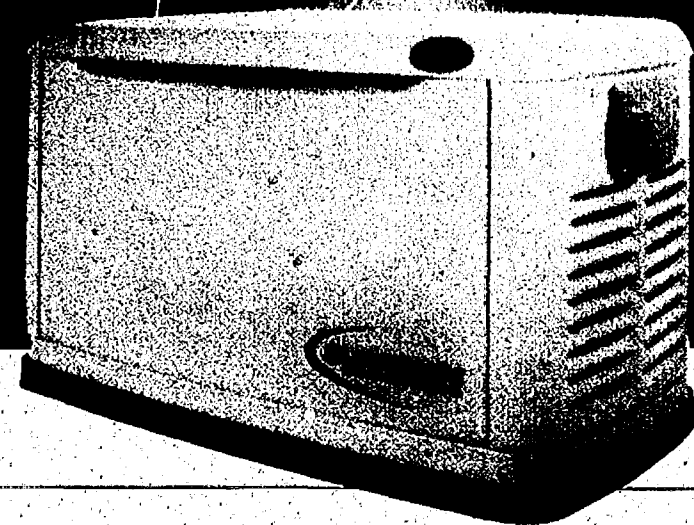
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CONSUMER HOW-TO SHOP FOR THE WIRELESS SERVICE THAT BEST FITS YOUR NEEDS

Top 5 Things to Know Before Choosing a Cellular Carrier

1. Where you will be using your phone — know what your home calling area is and what it covers.
2. How many minutes you plan on using each month, and what time of the day you will be using it the most.
3. What your monthly cellular budget is, and how it compares to how you intend to use your phone.
4. What types of features you want on your phone as well as provided from your carrier, and find out if they are included in the package.
5. What your contract length is, and how you can change your plan within that contract length.

Choosing the right wireless plan can be a difficult task with all the various plans and options to choose from. There are many issues to consider. Where will you be making most of your calls? How many minutes will you talk every month? How much do you want to spend? What type of contract length should I be prepared for? To assist you in making these decisions, here's a guide to choosing the plan that fits the way you use wireless.

Where will I use my phone?

Before you decide on a service plan that fits your needs, you need to first figure out where you'll be making most of your calls. If most of your calls will be made in and around the city in which you live, you will be best fit with a company that has good coverage in and around your city.

Some plans offer you nationwide calling from their network to anywhere in the United States. This is a consideration if indeed that is how you intend to utilize your phone. Consider the past few months. Where did you travel? Look at the plans that fit where you will use it the majority of the time. Don't pay for a nationwide plan if you would only use it for a once a year vacation. You would likely get a better price and better coverage on a different plan. You can always use your phone on that vacation by simply paying the additional roaming charges for using your phone outside of your home calling area.

How much will I talk?

The next item to consider is how much you will use your phone, and when you will be using it. Many plans contain buckets of minutes for each month and then might break down minutes you can only use during the night or weekend hours. You need to watch the breakdown of how many minutes are anytime and how many of your minutes are night-weekend minutes. Another thing to watch are what times the carrier begins and ends their night/weekend times. Some will designate their night hours to begin as late as 9:00 p.m. Again, consider when you will actually be using your phone.

There are also plans available that offer unlimited calling. With these plans you don't need to worry about watching how many minutes you are using up each month. Check with the carrier to find out when the unlimited calling applies. Some carriers will offer night/weekend unlimited calling only, while others offer unlimited calling plans that are anytime minutes.

How much should I budget for my wireless bill?

Cellular phone service plans can range in price from as low as \$10.00 per month all the way up to the hundreds of dollars depending on how many minutes you desire, and where you want to use your phone. You can also get pre-paid cellular plans to assist in controlling wireless costs. These options will either allow for up front purchases of a wireless calling card, essentially adding minutes to your phone prior to your using them, or will include a pay-as-you-use-it type phone. For these phones you may be required to pay a month in advance for cellular minutes that will be used during the following month.

What kind of features do I want with my phone?

Many carriers will offer a standard package of features that will come with your plan. Ask what those are and which ones are included with the plan that you have determined best fits your needs.

Some of the common included features are: Caller ID, Call Waiting, and Call Forwarding. There may be additional features you find to be beneficial. Inquire about which ones are available from each carrier and what the cost for those features are. A couple of those features might be voicemail and text messaging. Most carriers offer a text messaging feature that allows you to send text messages to or from your phone. This feature will allow you to communicate without using your included plan minutes.

Again, details will vary from carrier to carrier with how many messages are included with your feature price and what other options you have.

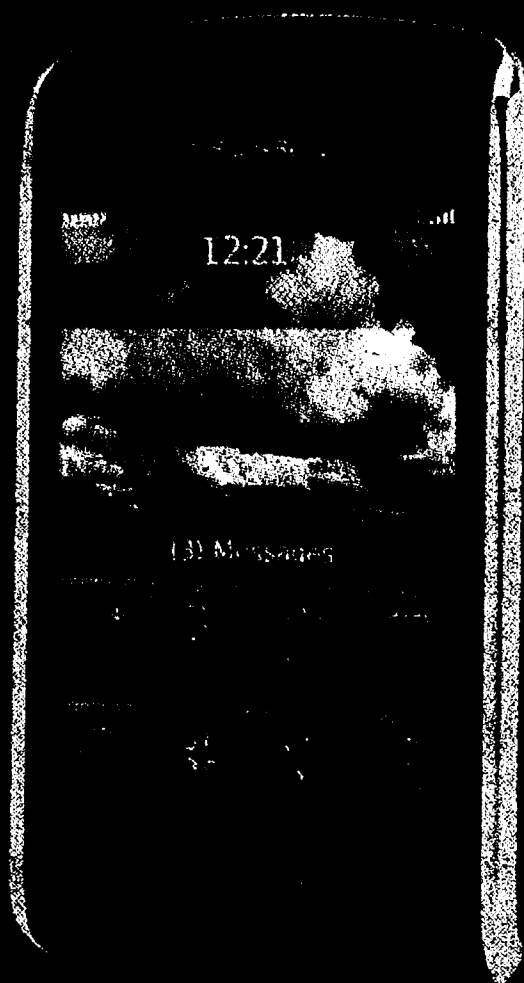
I am ready to make my decision. Anything else I should consider?

The only other item of consideration is a contract. Most carriers will require a contract to be signed for the cellular service. Contract length can vary anywhere from one to three years, depending on the carrier and the promotional offer that they have. Another question to ask is how many times they will allow you to change packages within your contract period. You may find you are using your phone more or less frequently than what you originally thought and may need to change the plan you are on. You will want to make sure you are able to do this without being charged a fee to do so.

With this information taken into consideration and an idea of how you intend to use your new service, you should be armed and ready to find the plan that works for you.

Choosing the right wireless plan can be a difficult task with all the various plans and options to choose from. To assist you in making these decisions, here's a guide to choosing the plan that fits the way you use wireless.

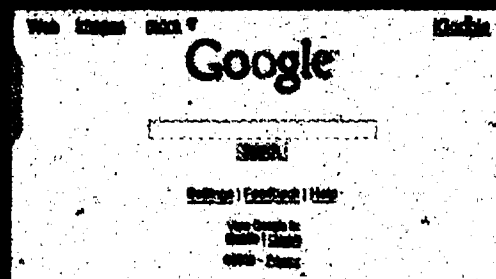
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CONSUMER HOW-TO DETECT HEARING LOSS AND WHAT TO DO ABOUT IT

How to Determine if You Have Hearing Loss

1. Do others accuse you of turning the television too loud?
2. Do others accuse you of not paying attention?
3. Do you misunderstand 50 for 15 or 60 for 16?
4. Can you hear better with one ear than the other on the phone?
5. Have you stopped attending plays and lectures because of the strain exerted to hear what is being said?
6. Do you have trouble understanding someone speaking to you from another room?
7. Do you have difficulty understanding speech when there is background noise?
8. Do you miss the punch line of jokes?
9. Do you seem to hear the words but not understand them?
10. Do you have a history of ear infections, earaches or running ears?

Do you have difficulty hearing the doorbell ring? Do you play your television or radio too loud? Do family members or friends complain that you don't understand them while conversing in group settings? If you answered yes to any of these questions you might have a hearing problem.

Most people who experience hearing loss initially lose their ability to hear high pitch, soft sounds. They constantly ask people to repeat themselves, experience undue stress or fatigue and avoid social situations. They often misunderstand conversations, experience strained personal and family relationships, and are usually in denial of their loss. These symptoms can intensify or worsen if the problem is ignored.

How can better hearing be achieved? First you need to acknowledge the hearing loss. This is your first step to achieving a better quality of life. You should schedule a hearing test with a licensed hearing healthcare professional who can diagnose your loss and prescribe a hearing instrument appropriate for your lifestyle. An annual hearing check-up is a good idea for people

from age 45 and up.

How has technology affected the quality of hearing health care? Today, new technology can help those living in a quiet world hear the sounds many of us take for granted. No technology can restore your hearing 100% but it can come close. Technology has, however, made great strides in providing amplification in many forms: aids with digital technology providing CD quality

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amplification, tiny hearing aids (so small they fit completely in the ear canal) and hearing enhancement products like telephone

amplifiers, television caption decoders and amplification systems for public places. Today's technology has improved the accuracy of diagnosing hearing loss. Hearing aids can now be adjusted and programmed specifically for the wearer, amplifying only those sounds that cannot be heard without amplification.

Many professionals conduct complimentary hearing evaluations to remind everyone that now is the best time to listen to sound advice about hearing. Your insurance plan may provide full or partial payment for hearing aids.

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CONSUMER HOW-TO CHOOSE AN OPTOMETRIST

13 Points to Consider When Choosing an Optometrist

- Office Hours — Are they convenient? Do they offer later appointments during the week and/or Saturday hours?
- Is the office neat and clean?
- Do they have a large frame selection?
- Does the office participate with your vision insurance plan? Call the office and see if the staff is willing to look up your benefits to see when you are eligible and if they are nice about it.

Most people identify eyesight as the sense they most worry about losing. That's why it's very important to find an eye care provider whom you can trust. In our busy lives, it's sometimes hard to do the research to find a new health care professional.

Many people start by asking others who they see for an eye exam. This is a good starting point but there are other things to consider before scheduling an appointment. Ask the person if the doctor was caring as well as knowledgeable and if they like their glasses and/or contact lenses. Did the doctor seem to care about their needs or seem in a hurry? Did the staff treat them courteously and were they helpful in wading through all of the frame and lens options?

Here are some other points to consider when choosing an Optometrist.

- Office Hours — Are they convenient? Do they offer later appointments during the week and/or Saturday hours?
- Is there a long wait to get an appointment? Will the staff try to accommodate your needs in scheduling an appointment?
- Is the office neat and clean?
- Do they have a large frame selection?

- Do they fit contact lenses?
- Can they do repairs on broken glasses in office?
- Does the office participate with your vision insurance plan? Call the office and see if the staff is willing to look up your benefits to see when you are eligible and if they are nice about it.
- Is the staff courteous and friendly on the phone?
- Does the Optometrist listen to your vision complaints? Does the doctor take any continuing education classes? Are they members of the American Optometric Association and/or the Michigan Optometric Association?

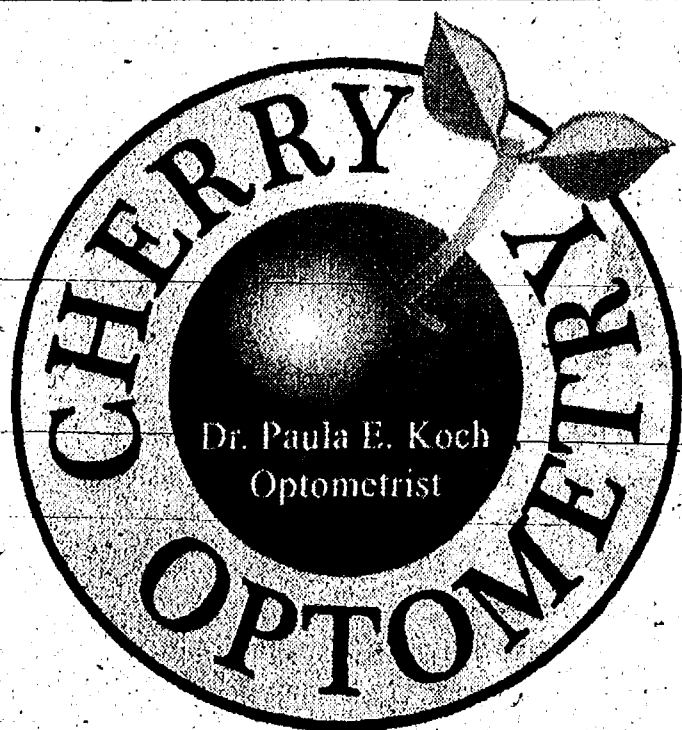
• Does the Optometrist enjoy working with children? With the elderly?

These are all questions that are helpful in determining "How to choose an Optometrist".

Also important to ask yourself, "When was your last eye exam?" If that answer is a hard one to remember, you may need to ask yourself some of the above questions and give an eye care professional a call!

To locate a Michigan Optometric Association doctor, please visit the www.themoa.org website and click on the "Find an Optometrist" tab at the upper right corner.

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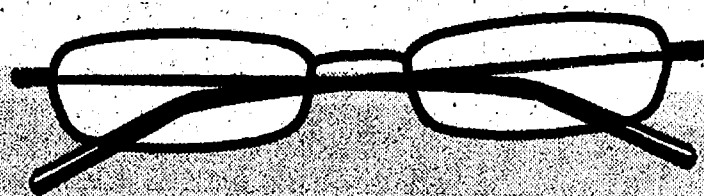


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What's a Credit Union?

- Have same products and services as a bank
- A not-for-profit financial institution
- Locally-based and member-owned cooperative
- Designed to serve the underserved
- Give back to the community
- Membership is open, based on certain criteria

A credit union is a cooperative financial institution, owned and controlled by the members who use its services. Credit unions serve groups that share something in common, such as where they work, live, or go to church. Credit unions are not-for-profit, and exist to provide a safe, convenient place for members to save money and to get loans at reasonable rates.

Credit unions, like other financial institutions, are closely regulated. The National Credit Union Administration (NCUA), an agency of the federal government like the FDIC, insures credit union deposit accounts up to \$250,000.

Like credit unions, banks and savings & loans accept deposits and make loans — but unlike credit unions, they are in business to make a profit. Banks and savings & loans are owned by groups of stockholders whose interests include earning a healthy return on their investments.

Credit unions are owned by their members.

Four ways to find a credit union

Credit unions are for everyone, but the law places some limits on the people they may serve. A credit union's charter defines its "field of membership," which could be an employer, church, school, or community. Anyone who lives or works in a community, for example, is eligible to join a community-chartered credit union.

If you don't belong, here's how to find a credit union to join:

1. Ask your family, friends, or neighbors. One in three Americans belong to a credit union. Chances are know someone that uses credit union services. And most credit unions allow members' families to join.
2. Visit lovemycreditunion.org to see

Michigan-based credit unions in your area. You can enter your location, and Love My Credit Union will show you which credit unions are nearby.

3. Do a simple online search, with your city and "credit union" in the search field. Credit unions maintain web sites that let you see what products and services they offer.

4. Ask your employer if there is a credit union that provides services like direct deposit and check cashing.

Credit unions vs. banks

A credit union is a cooperative, not-for-profit financial institution. It is owned and controlled by its members, and organized to bring savings and give credit to those who belong. Proponents of credit unions say earnings are returned to members in the form of higher savings rates, lower loan rates, fewer fees, and expanded services.

In contrast, a bank is a financial institution that accepts deposits and makes loans to corporations and individuals for a profit. A savings and loan institution is in business to accept deposits and make loans, primarily for first and second mortgages, at a profit.

Members vote for a board of directors, who serve on a voluntary basis and hire a Chief Executive Officer, who in turn hires staff to manage the credit union. All members receive information on the state of the credit union, generally in the form of newsletters and other periodicals, such as the credit union's annual report.

Founded on a philosophy of service, credit unions adhere to the pledge of "People Helping People." There are over 10,000 credit unions throughout the country serving over 80 million members.

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CONSUMER HOW-TO CHOOSE A PHARMACIST

How To Read A Prescription

Most prescriptions are made up of Latin abbreviations. The following is a short list of some of the more common ones and what they mean:

I	one
II	two
III	three
IV	four
po	take by mouth
QD	take once a day
BID	take two times a day
TID	take three times a day
QID	take four times a day
q12h	take every 12 hours
q4-6h	take every 4 to 6 hours
prn	as needed or if needed
pc	after a meal
ac	before a meal
as	left ear
ad	right ear
ou	both eyes
od	right eye
os	left eye
tsp	teaspoonful
ml	milliliter

If you're like most people, you did not choose a pharmacist, you chose a pharmacy for your medication needs. Your pharmacist is a very important part of your health care team and should be chosen carefully. In between doctor visits, your pharmacist can be an important resource for you. This is especially true if you are using multiple medications or need help with products such as blood glucose meters, asthma inhalers, or other special care items.

Some key questions to ask when choosing a pharmacist include:

- Does the pharmacist take time to answer your questions in a manner that you understand?
- Does the pharmacist tell you about each new medication and explain such things as how and when to take the medication and what you can and cannot take with it.
- Does the pharmacist have any special training in disease management, such as a certified asthma counselor.
- Does the pharmacist show concern for you and your family?
- Does the pharmacist recommend vitamins or supplements to take or tell you which ones you should NOT take with your prescriptions?

If your current pharmacist does not meet your needs or does not take the necessary time to make sure that you understand your medications, visit other pharmacies and ask if the pharmacists have any special certifications or training. Find out if the pharmacy has any special services that they can offer you such as demonstrating a new inhaler. See if you can find a pharmacist that is easy to talk to, yet shows concern and is able to explain what you need to know as a consumer of both prescription medication and vitamin supplements.

What to look for in a pharmacy

Where your family pharmacist works should also be an important consideration when deciding how to meet your education needs. Most people taking medications visit a pharmacy monthly and should consider several factors when choosing

which pharmacy to patronize.

Convenience is an important issue with all of the time pressures that people feel these days. The pharmacy should be in a convenient location with convenient parking nearby. If you are unable to get to the pharmacy, the pharmacy should make sure that your prescriptions are mailed to your home or delivered to your home or work. Having the ability to open a charge account or have a credit card kept on file for charging prescriptions is a convenient feature, especially when you are on a trip or

someone else is picking up the prescription for you.

The pharmacy may offer special services that set them apart from the other pharmacies. You might be interested in special packaging to make it easier to remember to take your medication. If you have diabetes, finding a pharmacy that

can demonstrate several glucose monitors to find which one works best for you can make testing your blood sugar easier.

Look for a pharmacy that offers a private counseling area so you can ask personal questions without being overheard. Other conveniences that should be taken into account include a toll-free phone number to use if you live out-of-town or are on vacation. Ordering refills over the internet is something new many progressive pharmacies now offer. Many times, you can also look up health information on the pharmacies' web sites as well.

It is a good idea to get all of your prescriptions filled at a single pharmacy. The pharmacy keeps a complete medication profile on you. These profiles record all medications that you are taking, health problems, and drug allergies that you have told the pharmacist about. By going to one pharmacy, your pharmacist will be able to continuously update your patient profile - making sure all the information is accurate. This will help avoid problems that occur when some medications are mixed.

With a little effort, you should be able to find a pharmacy that will be your partner in your goal of living a healthful life.

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HOW-TO CHOOSE A MORTGAGE LENDER

Take time to research area lenders

The Top Five Things You Should Know...

1. All lenders offer a variety of home financing options. They will work with you to find your best choice.
2. Most lenders use certain formulas to determine how much mortgage to offer you.
3. Not all interest rates or mortgage loan programs are equal.
4. Build a list of lenders. Talk to Builders, Realtors, Attorneys and other professionals in the industry to check a lender's reputation for good service, as well as their level of experience and trustworthiness.
5. Verify that your lender is a member of the local or state Mortgage Bankers Association.

When choosing a mortgage lender, the first thing one usually thinks of is getting the lowest interest rate available. While interest rates are important, there are other notable considerations, such as choosing a lender you can trust and work with.

The best mortgage

All lenders offer a variety of home financing options. A good lender will work with you to find what best suits your individual circumstances.

Most loan rates will not differ widely. However, differences in loan structures can result in significant savings to you. Loans may differ in such items as: Term (length of the loan), prepayment, options or penalties fees, no-credit fees, etc.

While most mortgages are offered for terms of 15 to 30 years, other terms may be available. Keep in mind that the shorter the term, the less you will pay for your house over the life of the loan. However, the shorter the term, the higher your monthly payment will be. Your lender can help you decode which loan arrangements are best for you.

- Build a list of lenders. Talk to people you know who have bought or refinanced a home recently. Check with local real estate professionals, or simply look in the yellow pages under "Mortgages."

- Talk to a loan officer. Call or visit the lenders on your list. Get a feel for what it will be like to work with them, and how they approach your needs. If you are still uncertain, ask for references from recent home buyers like yourself. Ask about their experience with a particular lender.

- Compare rates for similar loans. Among the things you will want to discuss with prospective lenders are the rates they offer on mortgages. But when comparing rates between lenders, be sure the rates are for comparable loans and remember to include fees and other costs so you're really comparing apples to apples.

It is important to verify that your lender is a member of a state Mortgage Bankers Association. This is a trade association made up of members engaged, either directly or indirectly, in the mortgage lending business. Each member is bound by a strict code of ethics to encourage the highest standards of conduct in dealing with the public and other members. The purposes of the association can be summed up as follows:

- Encourage among its members sound and ethical business practices in making, marketing and servicing of real estate loans.
- Inform the members of changes in government laws affecting real estate.
- Provide education to the membership and the public on real estate matters

Pre-qualification

Before you start house hunting, it is wise to determine your price range. This can be done through the simple process of prequalification. To become prequalified, a lender or Realtor will use financial information you provide to estimate the maximum mortgage you should be able to obtain. The process doesn't guarantee that your mortgage application will be accepted, but it does help you narrow your search to homes you can afford.

Interest rate protection

When applying for a loan you will be given an option to "lock in" a rate, thereby guaranteeing your interest rate during the processing and underwriting of your loan. It is wise to obtain a written, rather than verbal interest rate agreement, if you choose this option.

The other option is to let the rate "float", allowing the final rate and fees to be set nearer the settlement date. This means your rate would be subject to market conditions at the time/date that your rate is locked in prior to the closing.

Loan application process

The Loan Officer will complete the application form and collect all information necessary to begin processing the loan. Discuss the loan program and terms best suited to your financial needs with the Loan Officer. Then the Loan Processor will verify your loan application information.

The Loan Processor assembles your documentation for submission and final risk

approval to the Underwriter, who then forwards your package to a Closer to prepare the closing documents. If denied, a letter outlining the reasons for denial is issued to you.

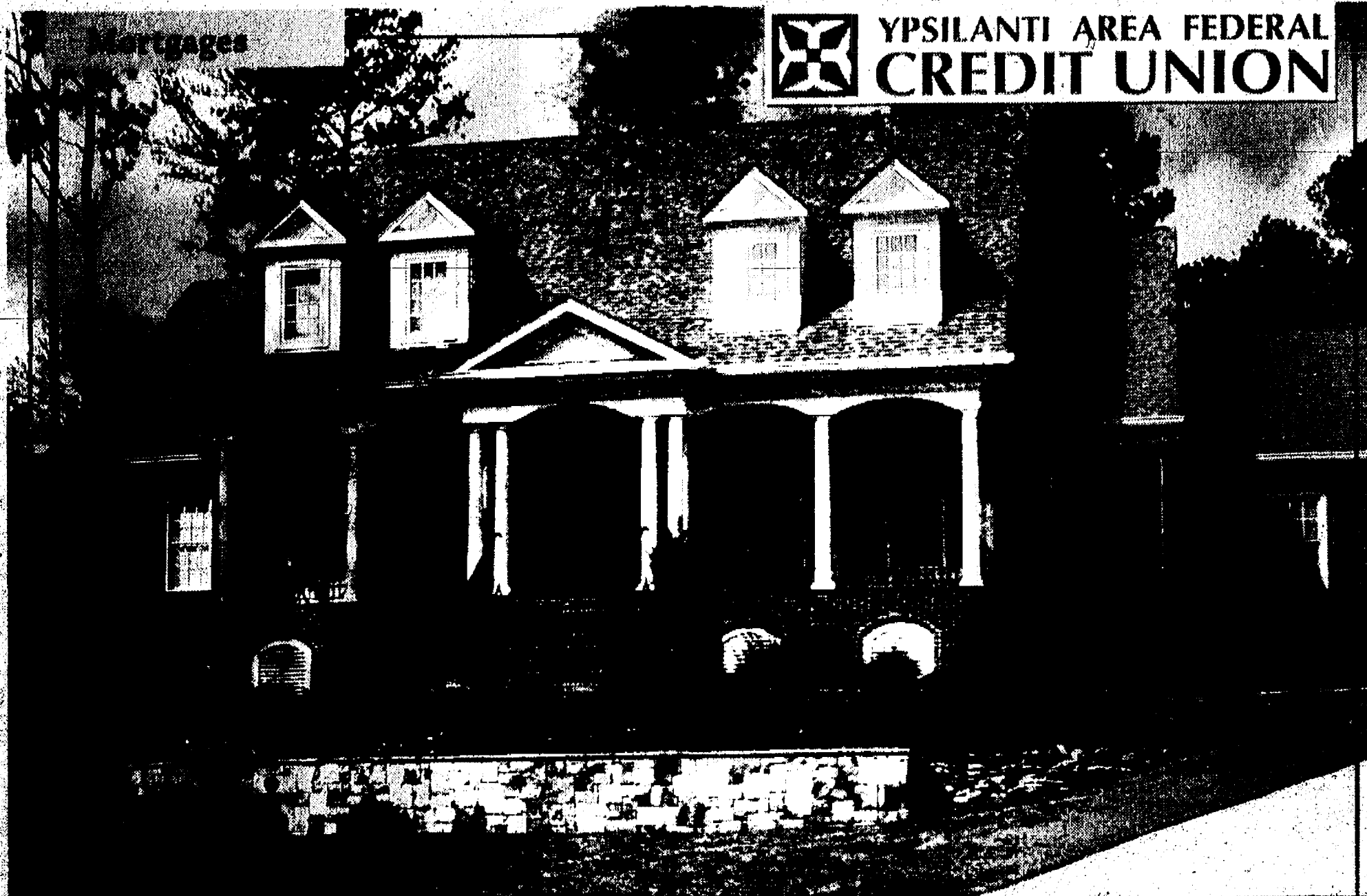
Loan closing

When the lender approves your loan, it is time to close. Closing the loan and transferring the title to the property are the legal procedures that are handled by a real estate attorney.

Summary

As you can see in this brief outline, obtaining a mortgage can be a lengthy and complex process. Along the way, there are many opportunities for problems and misunderstandings. Select a lender in whom you can have confidence and trust, one you can depend on to help you make decisions for your long-term benefit. Taking time to research the lenders in your area just may prove to be the most valuable investment you will make towards the purchase of a new home.

Keep in mind that the shorter the term, the less you will pay for your house over the life of the loan. However, the shorter the term, the higher your monthly payment will be. Your lender can help you decide which loan arrangements are best for you.



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CONSUMER HOW-TO BUY A FORECLOSURE

Points to Remember

- Work with a Realtor with experience in the foreclosure market
- All foreclosures are sold through licensed Real Estate agents
- An agent experienced in foreclosures can advise and guide you so you get the home you really want
- You are buying the property "as is"

The news headlines are packed with stories about declining home values and the increase of foreclosed properties in our area. Real estate prices are down, in some areas way down, but mortgage rates are at historic lows. If you are thinking about purchasing or selling a home in today's real estate market here are some tips that will help you get the best price on the best properties.

Work with a realtor with experience representing buyers in the foreclosure market.

As a buyer you do not pay any realtor fees. When buying a foreclosure the seller pays all realtor fees. Remember, the agent on the property lawn sign represents the seller. They have a fiduciary duty, or responsibility, to get the highest price at the best terms for the seller.

In today's market, a lender's Pre-Approval Letter or if paying cash, a Proof of Funds Letter from your bank is essential to have in hand before you look at any home. The best properties sell fast and a Pre-Approval or Proof of Funds letter is required to accompany any offer to purchase.

Banks are not in the business of selling homes. They lend money. When a bank forecloses on a home, the property becomes "Real Estate Owned" or "REO" on their accounting books. They do not want to become landlords or property managers, so they list the homes for sale with local real estate agents. All foreclo-

sure are sold through licensed real estate agents and not sold directly from the bank.

Most foreclosures are price well below market value. Our research shows most sell within 90% of the list price. A recent trend in marketing foreclosures is for the property to be listed well below actual market value. This creates an auction like effect. The listing agent will get multiple offers on the property and end up selling the property above the listed price. An agent experienced in foreclosures can

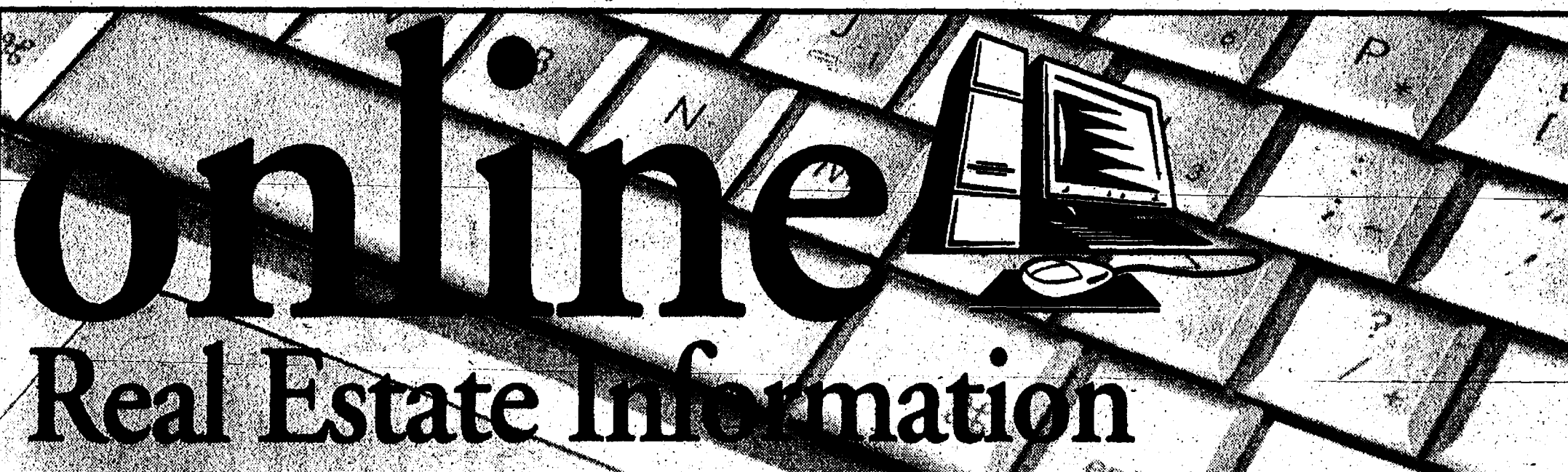
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If you have a home to sell price it aggressively. Hire an agent that will give you facts, not fantasy, regarding pricing your home to sell. It doesn't matter what the home was worth a year or two ago, or what you paid. Your home is worth what a ready, willing and able buyer is willing to spend today. If you are thinking of "moving up" to your dream home this is the time to act. While you may net less on the sale of your current home, think of how much more home you may be able to afford now!



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CONSUMER HOW-TO HIRE AN INTERIOR DESIGNER

Keep in Mind

- A good designer can help achieve the attractive, comfortable and functional look you want
- Building a relationship with your designer is fundamental in achieving the perfect end result
- Asking the right questions will eliminate miscommunication once the project has begun
- Designers want each project to be exactly what the client wants — so be honest

Where to start? This is often the first question that a consumer will ask when trying to make the decision to build a new home or remodel an existing space. The initial response to this question is hire an interior designer. Who? How much will it cost? Is a designer really necessary? The answers can be much simpler than you may think.

If the thought of hiring a professional seems intimidating—don't let it be. A good designer can help achieve the attractive, comfortable and functional look that you want. In a new construction situation, a designer can become part of the initial team working with the builder, architect, and client, making functional suggestions so valuable time and money is not wasted during the construction process. The end product should to be a reflection of the client and not of the designer. In order to achieve this communication is the key. A designer should take the time to get to know you and how you live in your home. Kids, pets, time spent entertaining can all be valuable information in the selection process for a designer working with a client.

Selecting a designer that works well with you is important. Most designers have web sites that showcase some of the work they have done. This is good a starting point. Keep in mind, most of the pictures shown are of projects that are client specific and may or may not reflect the only type of style that the designer does. Building a relationship with your designer is fundamental in achieving the perfect end result. This process could take months or even longer, so hiring someone who understands your vision for the project is important. Talk to friends who may have used a designer in the past. Word of mouth referral is the key to any designer. Ask for a referral list—most designers have clients who are happy to share their experience.

Will hiring a designer cost more money than tackling a project on your own? Typically the answer is no. Establishing a budget is the first step. For example in a remodeling project, a designer

can help prioritize the budget to get the most "bang for your buck". Because of the designers' experience, they could determine if the budget set is reasonable for the project. This can be helpful from the start and can eliminate problems down the road. Designers have all kinds of sources that may not be available to consumers directly.

Just as important as setting the budget, is understanding how the designer will be compensated for their time and expertise. Many designers charge an initial consultation fee. After that, time can be billed or a commission can be made on products purchased through the designer. Each designer works differently. Asking the right questions will eliminate miscommunication once into the project.

Homework on the part of the client is important for any design project. During the initial consultation, show a prospective designer pictures, colors and styles of items

that you like will help give a starting point. This process is valuable to the designer so that hitting the target is much easier and moves the project along. The designer will be able to interject ideas and concepts that may help the flow of the project. The designer may propose ideas that you haven't thought of but the end decisions are ultimately the clients—the designer will never live in your home.

Communication is key when working with a designer. It is the designer's foremost job to listen and make selections based on the client's likes and dislikes. A good designer will also show additional options. Designers can expose the client to other things out in the market that could be viable to a project. A client should be open to other selections illustrated but again, the final decision is the clients. Designers want each project to be exactly what the client wants—so be honest.

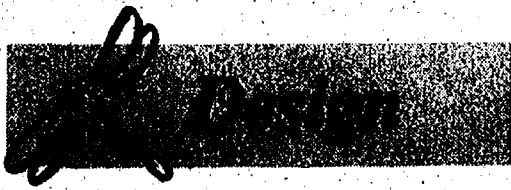
Decorating can be an overwhelming task, but with the right help, it doesn't have to be. Hiring an Interior Designer provides the expertise of an experienced professional to problem solve, avoid costly mistakes and create a space that is attractive and meets your needs.

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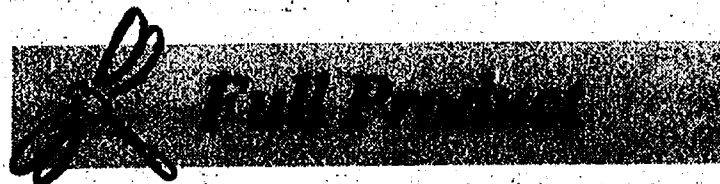
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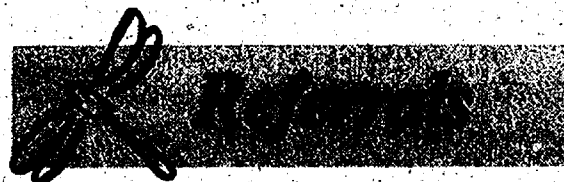
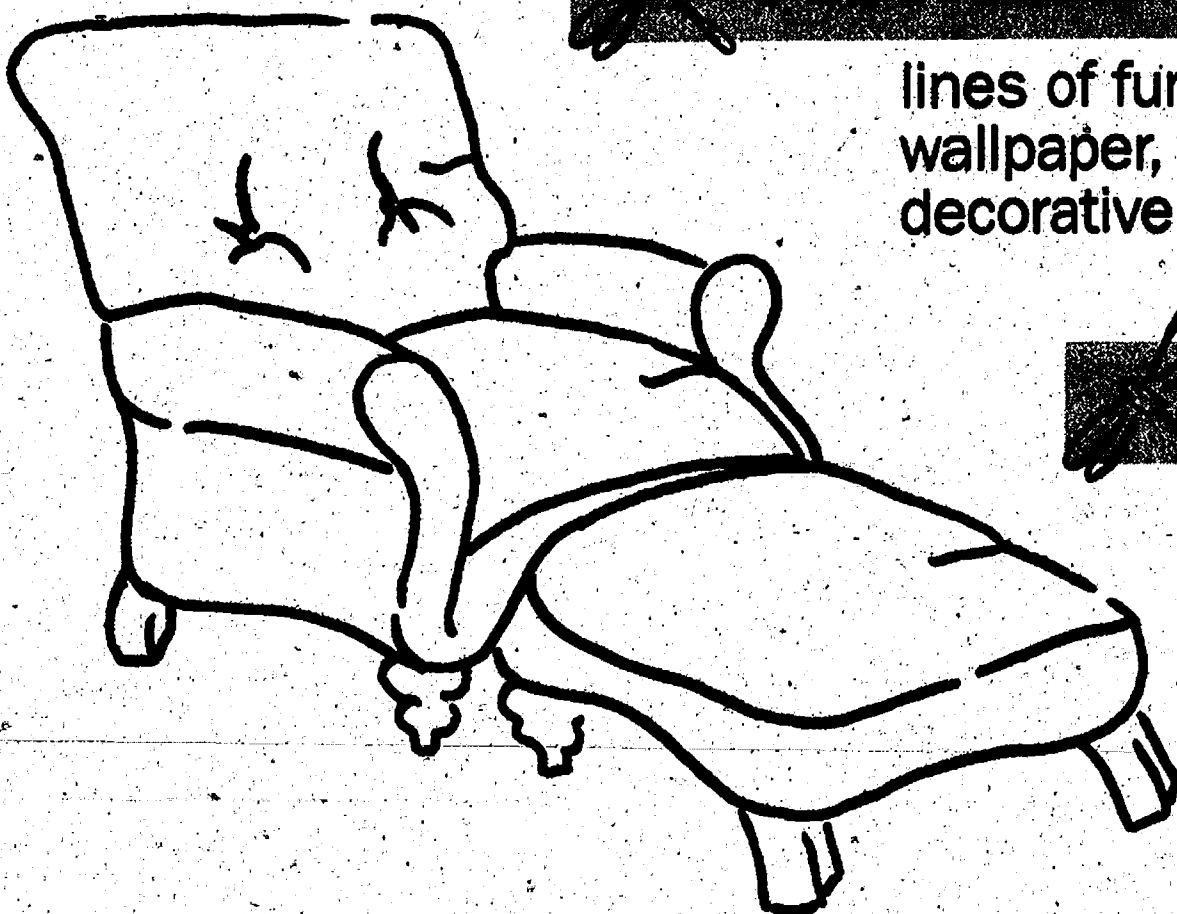
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CONSUMER HOW-TO CHOOSE MINIMALLY INVASIVE SURGERY

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The word "surgery" is often overwhelming to many patients, bringing about concerns over scars, pain, and long, difficult recoveries. As technology advances, patients facing surgery often have a variety of options. Minimally Invasive Surgery is becoming more common as treatment for certain health issues, offering greater benefits with fewer concerns for patients.

Basic information

The first step in choosing Minimally Invasive Surgery is knowing what exactly is minimally invasive surgery and the benefits it can offer a patient. Minimally Invasive Surgery, sometimes called laparoscopic surgery, is performed through small incisions with the aid of a viewing scope known as an endoscopic camera. Using these smaller incisions, the patient is left with less post-operative pain, shorter hospital stays and quicker recoveries. Additionally, the risk of wound infection or abdominal hernia, which can result from larger incisions, is greatly reduced.

Many of the operations performed by traditional open techniques through large incisions can now be performed laparoscopically. Examples of Minimally Invasive Procedures include Incisional Hernia Repair and Laparoscopic Nissen Fundoplication surgery for Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease (GERD).

Some advantages of laparoscopic surgery are much-smaller incisions, less pain and anesthesia, faster recovery and earlier return to both work and social activities including sports.

Who performs minimally invasive surgery?

A general surgeon

A General Surgeon is a physician who has completed five to seven years of specialized training in surgery. General surgeons are similar

to internal medicine physicians but they are able to go in and perform surgery to cure a patient's ailment. In coordination with a patient's primary care physician, General Surgeons diagnose and recommend the most appropriate treatment. This may or may not include a recommendation of surgery.

To determine if a patient is a candidate for a Minimally Invasive Procedure, a patient needs to discuss their options with their physician or surgeon. Factors under consideration include obesity, history of prior abdominal surgery, scar tissue, ability to visualize organs, bleeding problems during the operation and underlying medical conditions. A patient should also discuss the possible risks they may experience such as breathing problems, bleeding, blood clots in the veins or lungs, infection, along with other risks that may occur with any surgery.

The first visit

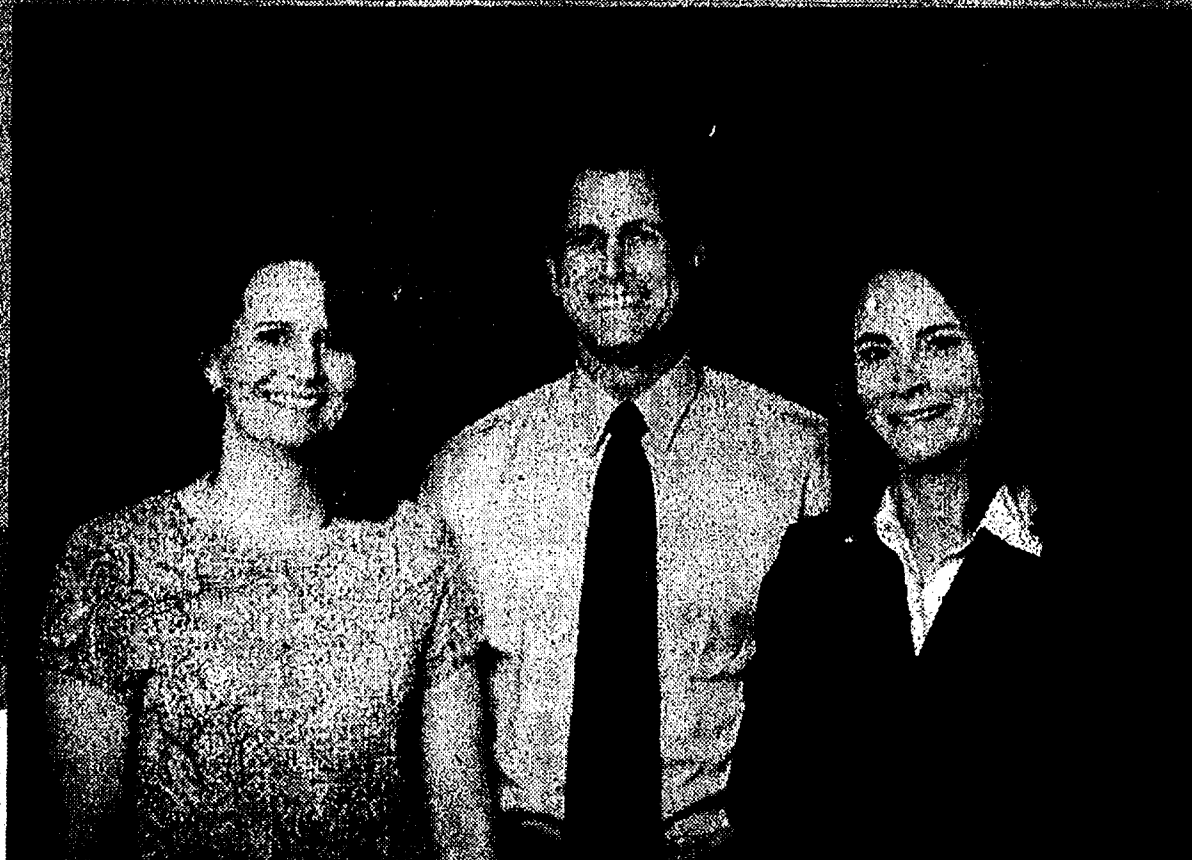
In most cases, a patient's first visit to a General Surgeon will be a consultation. This consultation requires a careful review of the patient's medical history to ensure that they get the best medical care possible. Since this review is extremely important, they prefer to have all of a patient's pertinent medical records and X-rays for the physician to review.

Patients should bring with them a list of all medications they are currently taking or the actual bottles if they have them. Additionally, patients should bring all necessary letters, reports or x-rays, along with a list of any questions they might have for the doctor. It is always a good idea for patients to call the office in advance to make sure that their medical records and tests sent from other doctors have arrived. These preparations allow a patient to get the most out of their first visit.

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CONSUMER HOW-TO CHOOSE A PHYSICAL THERAPIST

What to Consider When Choosing a Physical Therapy (PT) Provider

- Make sure your therapist is licensed in Michigan
- Check credentials
- Seek professionalism
- Pick the right facility
- Pick the right PT for your needs

You have just been involved in a motor vehicle accident, rear end collision, and a few hours later your entire low back and neck are aching, along with horrible headaches. Or, you are a weekend warrior and decide to run that spring 10K race without proper training, which at the end leaves you with a swollen knee and a sore heel. None of us are immune to injury whether by trauma, overuse or simply age related problems. Eventually you will need to see a physical therapist. How do you choose one that meets your needs, and is it important that you yourself make that choice? The answer to the latter part is a resounding "yes." Here are some helpful hints that you may want to consider when choosing a physical therapy (PT) provider.

Many people choose a PT facility based on location and convenience, and although these are important considerations, I would suggest that other factors can be included, such as availability of emergency visits, scheduling flexibility and most of all, waiting time before being seen by a facility. Some medical conditions need immediate physical therapy attention. If you have to wait more than a few days, you may want to keep searching. A flexible, newer facility location might be able to get you started quicker than a more established center with an existing case-load.

Most of you already seek out a facility based on the above criteria so the above are not a revelation, but let's examine some other factors that real physical therapy patients felt were important in selecting a Physical Therapist.

Make sure your therapist is licensed in Michigan

Michigan is one of 4 remaining states that still require a medical doctor's prescription for physical therapy. Once you have a prescription in hand, you want to make sure your therapist is licensed in Michigan. Once in treatment, do ask the specific credentials of who you are working with. It is important that your therapy plan is being overseen and managed by a licensed physical therapist. The physical therapist orchestrates your therapy plan of care. He or she won't necessarily play all the instruments, but should organize and coordinate, and is ultimately responsible for the treatment course of any patient.

Check credentials

Physical therapy is evolving into a doctoring profession, which means that, as of 2008, all PT students will graduate with a DPT or a Doctor of Physical Therapy degree. This is bound to cause some confusion in both public and clinical communities however, the benefits of a DPT should become more clear in time. During the next few years (transition phase) there will be PTs practicing in our community with anything from a certificate/diploma, to bachelors, masters and finally doctoral degrees. The degree conferred is not the ultimate determinant of the proficiency of the therapist. There will be excellent clinician therapists practicing regardless of entry level education. The advantage that doctoral prepared PTs will have in outpatient private practice, is that the extra training in pharmacology, radiology and pathology, will strengthen those skills required to communicate more effectively with medical doctors, and to help identify patients who need to be referred back to their primary physicians because of underlying or emerging pathology. The DPT trained therapist will be a strong and invaluable clinical partner to physicians in the outpatient sector.

Seek professionalism

Professionalism is an attitude and a behavior set that brings together knowledge, skills and personal traits such as compassion, caring and empathy. You have to be comfortable with the clinical demeanor of your therapist. How a therapist "carries" him/herself is very important and reflective of how much "passion" one has for their

patient care activities and profession in general. Hold a high standard for your therapist, you deserve to be treated in a manner that respects your values and is reflective of evidence based practice guidelines. When we hire therapists for our facilities, professionalism ranks very high on the criteria list. We hire for personality and train for skill. Ultimately, if a clinician has mediocre interpersonal skills, all the clinical certifications in the world will not compensate for poor interpersonal skills.

Pick the right facility

Facility is an important factor to consider when selecting a provider. Physical therapists are some of the most creative people you will meet and may not need a lot of equipment in their facility. Having said that, would you hire a contractor to build your dream home if he told you all he needed was a saw to fully construct your home? There are many more tools required to build a home than a saw. In the same way, therapists too need tools to perform their trade. Beware those practices that proclaim to specialize in a particular therapy method all in the name of quality of care—they tend to be the same ones who have

a limited tool set and adhere to a single method. There is no one "best" method or technique in physical therapy practice. Physical therapy is in most cases about the utilization of many methods and forms of treatment, all integrated into an organized treatment session with a very clear rationale that addresses specific treatment goals. Remember, when all you have is a hammer, everything looks like a nail. Your chosen facility should be clean, have many different treatment options available, and be responsive to your needs. Most of

all, you the patient should make the decision as to which facility to choose. Always exercise your freedom of choice (within the limits of your insurance plan)—it is a fundamental right in this country and one that many have sacrificed to preserve.

Pick the right PT for your needs

Do inquire if the therapist has any special competencies or areas of clinical interest, not so much to make a judgment about proficiency, but rather so you can fit your therapist selection to your condition. If you have torn a knee ligament recently and as a result have had to have surgery, you will want to see a therapist who has experience in knee rehabilitation. If you have fibromyalgia, perhaps a sports medicine clinic is not the right choice, but rather a practice that has experience and training in pain management would be a better choice. Some other questions might be: How much experience do you have treating a certain condition? How many years have you been practicing? Tell me about your mentorships (who have you worked with)? Will I be seen regularly by my physical therapist and will reports to my referral agent be generated on a timely basis? How often will you communicate with my doctor and could I see a sample of your documentation or reports? Why is this important? The reports communicate the important details of your rehabilitation to physicians, insurance carriers, case managers, and attorneys in cases of litigation. Good documentation (record keeping and clinical notes) serve many purposes, not the least of which, it informs your doctor of clinical progress and/or problems if any. You will want to know the quality of the information generated at a facility. And don't forget, good documentation is part of what your insurance dollars pay for.

By now you have already figured out that you should really invest some time and visit or contact several facilities before deciding. It will not be wasted time. Find the right therapist for you, and in doing so, you will find an invaluable health care partner for many years to come.

— Tiziano Marovino PT, DPT, FAAPM

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My hand pain and numbness are gone and I no longer drop coffee cups in the morning. That laser treatment really does work and I won't need any surgery this spring, thanks QPT. D.S (Carpal tunnel syndrome)

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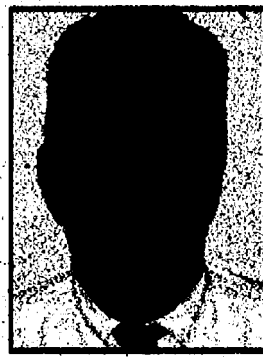
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