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## Chocolate, anyone?

More than 30 local groups, businesses have sweet offerings

By Sheila Pursglove  
 Special Writer

If Tini Pifer were stranded on a desert island, she knows what sweet treat she would crave.

"My favorite form of chocolate indulgence is a warm chocolate brownie with a scoop of vanilla ice cream on top. If I were on a deserted island, this would be my chocolate craving," she said.

Pifer, owner of the Garden Mill in downtown Chelsea, is organizing the Chelsea Chocolate Extravaganza on Valentine's Day from noon to 5 p.m. on Feb. 14, downtown Chelsea will be chock-full of chocolates in search of that sweet decadence.

About 30 businesses and organizations are participating, including McKim Memorial Library and the Chelsea Center for the Arts.

"We all know it's a tough time for small businesses

which just means we need to be more proactive and optimistic, with a dose of realism," Pifer said.

With Valentine's Day being on a Saturday this year, it's a great opportunity to organize a fun event that will draw people to spend the day in Chelsea — and who doesn't love chocolate?

Shoppers are urged to shop, eat and experience chocolate, learn about the history of chocolate, how to make decorative chocolates, and indulge in all things chocolate.

Participating stores on the chocolate trail — identified by red and chocolate brown hearts on their doors — will offer free chocolate tasting, sales on chocolate-themed merchandise, door prizes, and activities.

Goodies range from a chocolate fountain to gourmet

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Leah Pifer (left), Maya Pifer and Sasha White get in practice for the upcoming Chocolate Extravaganza by visiting the Gourmet Chocolate Café.

## Special Report: Washtenaw County First Steps Program

# Taking steps for our children

By Crystal Hayduk  
 Special Writer

Brynara Schmidt and Kadin Campbell are engrossed in their playdough creations, while their moms join in, offering encouragement to the children and each other. Luke Mourad plays with a pop-up toy, cementing the cause-and-effect relationship while refining motor skills. Across the room, Kanon Kajander exercises his large muscles on the indoor play equipment. All this activity is backed by upbeat children's tunes emanating from the CD player — just loud enough to be heard.

It's a typical day at the Chelsea district play group, part of the First Steps Washtenaw program. First Steps Washtenaw exists to support families in preparing children for school through the coordination and delivery of early childhood development and community services. The program is open to families with children from birth to 5 years old, and is offered by every school district in the county.

Julie Swanson, speech therapist and service coordinator for Dexter's First Steps and Early On programs, said that most people in Chelsea and Dexter who have heard of this program regard it as "Parents as Teachers." Swanson clarified that Parents as Teachers is the curriculum for the First Steps program.

The concept for the program began in the late 1970's when educators in Missouri noticed that children were starting kindergarten with a variety of readiness levels. At

Play groups, parent support, developmental screening and home visits part of program offered in Chelsea and Dexter



Lori Campbell and her son Kadin create a playdough masterpiece at the First Steps program in Chelsea.

### Chelsea facts

**What:** First Steps Washtenaw/Parents as Teachers

**Where:** 500 Washington Street in the Early Childhood Center

**When:** Play groups are held Monday through Friday; monthly parent education group; weekly classes include "Sign with me," "Song and dance with Deb," and "Late talker class;" periodic developmental screening; quarterly home visits; and special events such as field trips, parties, and family fun nights.

**Who:** Targets families in the Chelsea School District with children from birth to kindergarten.

**How:** For more information, contact Vicki Kellogg, Chelsea's First Steps Washtenaw supervisor at (734) 433-2208 extension 6724, or email her at vkellogg@gmail.com, chelsea.k12.mi.us

**Cost:** Quarterly tuition is a maximum of \$75, on a sliding scale fee. Scholarships are also available.

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## City passes resolutions as tax season approaches

By Sean Dalton  
 Staff Writer

With tax season just around the corner the Chelsea City Council has passed a pair of resolutions to allow for residents to protest and file for hardship on their taxes.

The resolutions are passed each year with little change, aside from the qualifications for the hardship exemption, which follows the guidelines of the public school lunch program for low-income families.

Letters of protest are intended for those who disagree with their taxes as they relate to property values — the bulk of tax revenue for municipalities.

In the past, surrounding townships that Chelsea fell within the tax jurisdiction of would handle assessing and other tax functions, according to City Clerk Terri Royal.

"Since we became a city in 2005 we've been passing these resolutions," she said. "It would have been up to the township ... as I understand it we use the state

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## History: Lost & Found



The Chelsea Area Historical Society has identified the oldest verifiable picture in existence of the downtown. The photo dates to the early fall of 1876 showing the Vogel's and Foster store being built. The picture was taken from the top of what is today Zou Zou's. At the far right side of the photo you can see the side of the original Kempf Savings Bank building, built around 1865, which is today the Chelsea Print and Graphics. To the left of the construction are two wooden buildings which would burn down a few months later. The Kandlehner building was built there and is today the old State Farm Office located on South-West corner of Middle and Main. Information and photo courtesy of the Chelsea Area Historical Society, located inside the Gourmet Chocolate Café.

## SRSly addressing drugs and alcohol

Coalition announces three-year plan

After months of planning and preparation, the SRSly Coalition is now armed with a strategic plan to address the issues of youth drinking and drug use in Chelsea. At their meeting on Jan. 15, the SRSly Steering Committee approved the three-year plan for programming, which they will present to the entire Coalition on Feb. 5.

"This helps the students, parents and community see that there is a structure and a plan of attack to prevent underage substance abuse in Chelsea," said Beth Morris, SRSly Steering Committee member and school social worker. "It shows how comprehensive the goals are to reach the youth in this town in numerous venues and

mediums." Bob Pierce, president of the Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce, says he is delighted with the plan, and believes it is imperative for the success of SRSly.

"The plan clearly outlines strategies that address the key elements that concerned the community when we first began meeting," Pierce said. "Not only are we looking at the immediate prevention needs, but we are planning to keep abreast of emerging needs of our youth."

Coalition members from multiple community sectors will work together to implement the plan, which will be presented at next week's

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## Government roundup

# Byrnes excited about 'possibilities'

Speaker Pro Tempore Pam Byrnes, D-District 52, said last week that she looks forward to a productive year of being part of a new leadership team in the State House of Representatives and expects a new bipartisan tone and focused agenda to produce positive change for Michigan.

"I have already seen the fresh energy and focused priorities of this new Legislature, and I'm excited about the results we're going to produce for the people of Michigan," said Byrnes, who was elected to the Speaker Pro Tempore position unanimously by her colleagues.

"I am honored to be part of a leadership team that is committed to inclusion and bipartisanship, which is what our residents want and deserve."

Byrnes joins fellow

Washtenaw County Representative Kathy Angerer (D-Dundee), the new Majority Floor Leader, as a leader of the 110-member House. This marks the first time that women hold two of the top three posts in the House.

"This is an exciting time for America, and it can be an exciting time for Michigan, too, if we all work together," Byrnes said. "I hope this is the year we can truly make progress on creating jobs, increasing educational opportunities, improving health care and making Michigan a place where talented young people want to live. I look forward to helping achieve these positive changes."

### Meet Pam

Byrnes will host a coffee hour on Friday, Feb. 6. The purpose of the coffee hour is for Byrnes to meet and

talk with her constituents about the issues they feel are important to them. It is an informal, free event open to the public.

The coffee hour will be held from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the Scio Township Hall, 827 N. Zeeb Road.

### Pushing for 'green' jobs

Officials from the parent company of United Solar Ovonic testified before the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee last week calling for investment in solar technology as part of the upcoming economic stimulus package. As a member of the committee, U.S. Rep. Mark Schauer, D-District 7, spoke out in support of United Solar Ovonic's proposal to install thousands of rooftop solar systems on government facilities, businesses and homes across the country to help 'green' our economy and create high-tech Michigan jobs.

"We have the talent and technology to build thin-film solar photovoltaics right here in Battle Creek," Schauer said. "By investing

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Speaker Pro Tempore Pam Byrnes, D-District 52, presides over the Michigan House of Representatives on Jan. 14, the first day of the new legislative session.

## Celebrating history



The Historic Depot in Chelsea was filled to capacity for the Western Washtenaw Democrats' Inaugural Ball last week. Pictured among the guests are Jennifer Kundak, along with Gary and Jackie Maveal.

## AN EAGLE EYE VIEW

### Busy Saturday set for the Convo

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**YPSILANTI, Mich.** — There will be plenty of activity Saturday, Jan. 31, in Eastern Michigan University's Convocation Center.

The EMU men's basketball team is scheduled to host Mid-American Conference foe Miami University in a 2 p.m. game.

In addition to the men's basketball game, new Head Football Coach Ron English will be on hand for his first public appearance since accepting the job of leading the football Eagles, Dec. 22, 2008.

The first-year head football coach will be introduced to the crowd during the first timeout of the first half.

Adding to the festivities will be the first appearance since the 2005 season of The ZOOPERSTARS! at the game.

A troupe of inflatable cartoon characters, The ZOOPERSTARS! will be performing at halftime of the basketball game and will also be meeting and greeting the incoming crowd at 1 p.m. in the atrium of the Convocation Center.

The ZOOPERSTARS! come to the Convo after recently finishing in the top 20 on NBC's America's Got Talent.

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Tickets to the basketball game are \$9 for adults and \$7 for youth. Group tickets are also available to parties of 10 or more for only \$3 each. Tickets can be purchased through the EMU Ticket Office by calling 734.487.2282 or online at emueagles.com. For more information on the ZOOPERSTARS!, please visit www.zooperstars.com.



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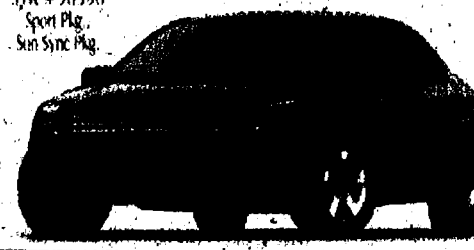
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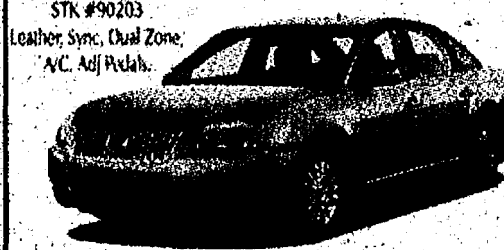
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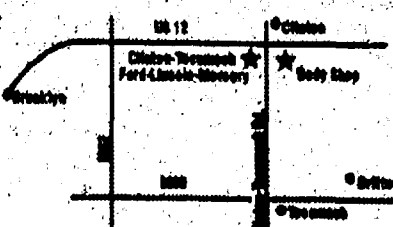
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guidelines for free meals in schools for the exemption. That is our poverty guideline.

The resolution states that the exemption is a "shift of that portion of the tax burden to the other taxpayers of the community," the resolution guideline says.

The exemption is granted for one year and must be reapplied for yearly and is only applicable to homestead land. An applicant cannot be granted the exemption for more than five consecutive years with catastrophic circumstances unless the applicant has reached the age of 62.

Chelsea City Assessor Greg Zamenski says that he does not expect a significant increase in hardship exemptions, despite the economy.

"I have not seen a significant increase in exemptions, because poverty levels are relatively stringent," he said. "We want to make sure people applying for them are qualified according to the law."

Exemptions are typically looked over at the July and December Board of Review meetings, as opposed to the March meeting, which is typically where letters of protest are dealt with.

"Poverties can be heard in March, but people usually don't have their income ducks in a row, so we postpone to July and December during the March meeting," Zamenski said.

The relief granted is a reduction over and above the \$1,200 maximum Homestead Property Tax Credit granted by the state through income tax filing.

Those seeking the exemption must provide their most recent federal income tax return and a Michigan Homestead property tax credit claim with the hardship application form.

The income threshold is \$19,240 for a single person household and \$25,000 for every additional household member. If an applicant's income is above the dollar amount calculated by number of household members the applicant is not eligible, according to the resolution.

Those applying must also be sure that the State Equalized Value of their principal residence is not over \$110,000. It is also disqualifying to have more than \$25,000 in assets, aside from the homestead and vehicle. Assets include stocks, bonds, mutual funds, insurance policies, coin collections, boats, ORVs, motorcycles, recreational vehicles, second homes, retirement accounts, jewelry and saleable property.

Protesting assessments Zamenski says that letters protesting tax assessments have to be filed in time for the assessor's Board of Review the first Monday of March, at which time the city hears verbal protests or receives and files the letters for review.

"It was a very interesting situation when we were a village," Zamenski said last week reflecting on how the city has taken on the process. "As a village, assessments were done by township assessors, so two-thirds was done by Sylvan and one-third was done by Lima. When we became a city we put two halves into a whole."

Chelsea's assessments are usually in by the end of February, based on cost information and market assessments compiled and processed by the end of January. That information is the basis for property taxes each year.

"Typical evaluation protests are done in the first week of March," Zamenski said. "We mail the notice in February."

He says that many protests come about due to a misunderstanding.

"I would say, a very significant number of people come to the board asking 'Why is my assessment going down and my taxes going up?'" Zamenski said.

Assessed value is tied to the market, and during "good times" assessments can increase due to strong sales over a limited time, which could yield a 5 to 7 percent increase.

Since 1994, Zamenski says, assessments in Chelsea could have risen 150 percent or more. The taxable value only rises at the Inflation Rate which hasn't been higher than 5 percent and has stayed near 2 to 3 percent.

In that case the taxable value has risen half of the area average.

On a property worth \$100,000 in 1994, on which the assessed value is \$50,000, the house is now worth \$198,000 after 15 years of 5 percent yearly increases. Now the assessed value is \$99,000.

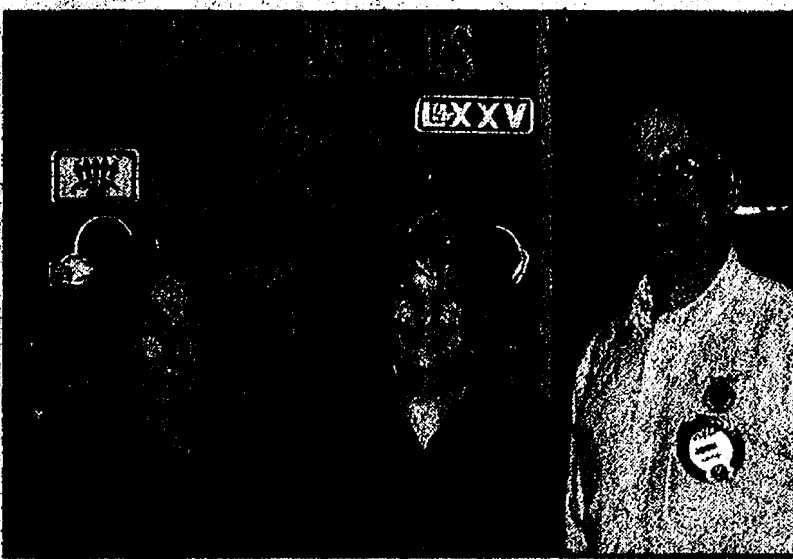
The taxable value of all properties in Michigan under Proposal A was \$50,000 in 1994 (when Prop A was passed) and 14 years later with only average taxable adjustment of 2.5 percent stands at \$70,500, which is a threshold that the assessed value must fall below in order to lower the taxable value.

As a city Chelsea has managed to hold onto its value roughly a year ahead of the rest of fellow municipalities, Zamenski said.

"Sales of residential properties slid late this last year," he added. "We will see significant changes in values this year more than we have last year. Things peaked in 2006 and 2007 and Chelsea began following (the national trends) roughly a year later."

Zamenski wants residents to know that he is understanding of the situation and looks forward to talking to residents at the Board of Review meetings throughout the year.

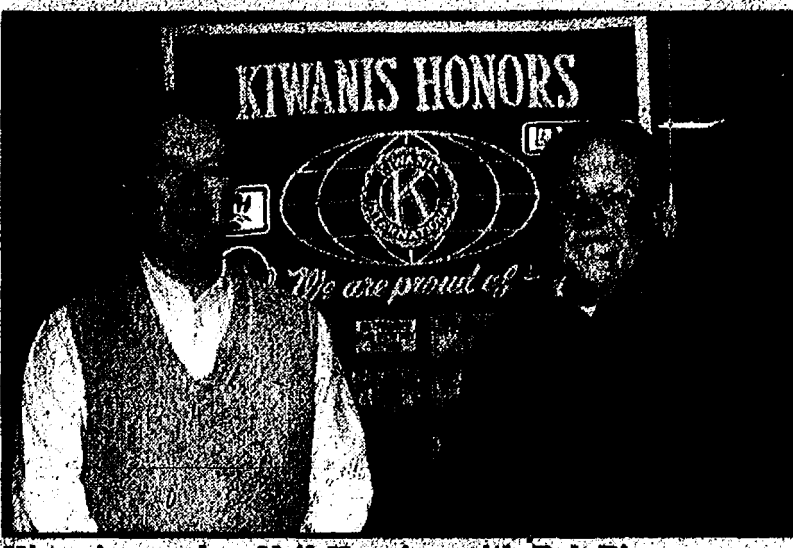
## From the Kiwanis



Jeanne McLaughlin and Nancy Harris with Kiwanis President John Knox during a recent Kiwanis meeting with information about Hearts, Inc.



Kiwanis member Dave Schaible with Aubrey Thornton Martinson, executive director of Chelsea Center for the Arts. Aubrey was a speaker at a recent Kiwanis meeting.



Kiwanis member Neil Horning with Bob Pierce, executive director of the Chelsea Chamber of Commerce. Pierce was a guest speaker at the Jan. 19 meeting.

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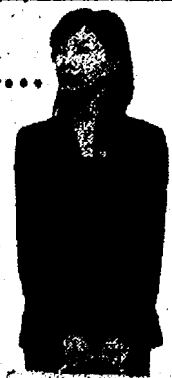
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## Chelsea Briefs

## Antique appraisal

The Chelsea Area Historical Society is sponsoring an Antique Appraisal Fair fund-raiser from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Feb. 28 at The Depot.

Bring in your family heirlooms, antiques, treasures, and recent finds for a verbal appraisal by area antique professionals. Reservations for an appraisal time is recommended, but not required.

For more information, call 475-1071.

## School Board election

The Chelsea School Board election is May 5, 2009. Chelsea has two board members, Anne Mann and Rob Turner, 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.

## Chamber event

Kick off your Super Bowl weekend by attending the Chelsea Area Chamber's "Business After Hours" from 5 to 7 tomorrow night. Hosted by Arctic Breakaway Restaurant & Bar, "Business After Hours" is a great chance to meet local business owners while sampling some great food at Chelsea's only complete sports bar. There will be a cash bar for this event.

Arctic Breakaway Restaurant & Bar is located on the second floor of the Arctic Coliseum, 501 Coliseum Drive in Chelsea.

RSVP by Monday by calling the Chelsea Chamber Office 475-1145 or emailing info@chelseamichamber.org.

## Horticultural grants

The Chelsea Area Garden Club announces that a limited number of small grants of \$500 or less are available to individuals or non-profit organizations for horticultural purposes that reflect the objectives of the CAGC.

Questions and applications can be obtained by contacting Ruth Broesamle at 734-475-9803. Application deadline is Feb. 28.

## Music at McKune

The annual Music at McKune series caps off 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.

## Chelsea cheerleader flipping for a bid to 'world' competition

By Nicole Winkle  
Special Writer

Chelsea High School football fans may know her from flipping down the field on Friday nights during Bulldog games, but Katrina Williams has been preparing her whole life to perform on a much bigger stage.

Katrina wasn't born with all this talent. She's had to work at it. Fine tune it. And then work harder at it. Today, her commitment and dedication is starting to pay off.

Katrina's dream of becoming an all star cheerleader began when her mom, Marti Williams, was hired in 2001 to be the coach of the Chelsea High School cheerleading team. Katrina's favorite part of hanging out with her mom was the opportunity to watch and train with the cheerleaders.

"She was in tap, jazz and hip hop for five years prior to doing all star cheer," Marti said. "One day I looked over and she was jumping as high as my high school girls, so I asked her if she wanted me to find her a team her age. That's how we found MIX (Michigan Xtreme Cheer)."

MIX was founded in the fall of 2001 by Lisa Hemmle as a program to provide the safest and best quality of cheer training to cheerleaders in Michigan. Along side coaching CHS, Marti also began coaching with Michigan Xtreme Cheer in 2002, and Katrina has been

## Meet Katrina

Name: Katrina Williams  
Hometown: Chelsea  
Age: 16  
Grade: Junior at Chelsea High School  
Parents: Marti and Tim Williams

Future plans: Planning to continue her cheer career through college and looking at the University of Hawaii and Michigan State University. Studying to be a Spanish teacher.

Other interests: Track and hanging out with friends.

Favorite TV show: "That '70s Show"

Favorite movie: "Gladiator"

Music on your i-Pod: Anything played on Channel 95.5

Are you Blue (U-M) or Green (MSU): Go Green! Florida or Up North: Florida.

Quote: "Athletes lift weights, cheerleaders lift athletes."

competing with them for seven years.

Michigan Xtreme cheer has more than 250 athletes with locations in Ann Arbor, Lansing, Fenton and Canton, where the team is headquartered. All Star Cheer has five levels for ages 3-18 and the total cost for the year, including camp fees and travel expenses, is around \$5,000.

See KATRINA — Page 6-A Sweet Little 16: Katrina Williams has a plan and is determined to reach for the stars.



## January: Adopt-a-Farm

## Off the charts

## Mapping out crops for best chance of success

This month's sub-zero temperatures have a positive side for Fusilier Farm and Greenhouses near Manchester.

"One good thing is, it kills all the bugs and diseases," Kathy Fusilier said.

And those bugs and diseases are just two of the things that could threaten the future of the farm.

By Edward Freundl  
Special Writer

Even in the dead of winter there are still things to do on a farm, and the Fusilier Farm and Greenhouse is no exception.

There's not a lot to do outside while the snow is high and the temperatures are low, but inside it's time to make plans for the coming year.

"We always talk about it, then we formalize it so we don't forget anything,"



Chad Fusilier works with his father, Mike, to decide which variety of carrots to grow and where to plant them.

explained Kathy Fusilier.

The Fusiliers grow about 100 varieties of at least 25 produce crops on about

200 acres in order to supply customers at a dozen farmer's markets throughout Southeast Michigan.

"It takes quite a while to keep track of what we've got," Mike Fusilier said, and the only way to do that successfully is to have a plan for where to plant how much of which crops.

"It doesn't take too long to draw it out, about a day, but at that point we've been talking about it and thinking about it for quite a while."

Added Kathy: "You try to get it worked out in your mind before you put it on paper."

The Fusiliers use a fairly simple system, putting pencil to paper to diagram the different crops on a form known as a crop monitoring worksheet.

The worksheet is not only handy as a map for planning, it helps them keep notes on any problems they may encounter throughout the season.

It's also an informal way

to track expenses.

"You have to take into account all the fertilizers, the drip (irrigation) tape, the stakes and everything else that goes with the particular crop," Mike said.

Another advantage to mapping is to keep track of crop rotation, Mike pointed out.

Rotation of vine crops — cucumbers, pumpkins, squash, etc. — is particularly important.

"We try to get three or four years between vine crops, because they tend to have a long carryover with diseases and insect pressures," Mike said.

"You have to watch some things and move them around; if they are in the same family they are prone to the same diseases and pests."

Crop rotation is also

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# Resident questions legality of ordinance

By Sean Dalton  
Staff Writer

A change to several ordinances dealing with utility bills last November came back to haunt the Chelsea City Council at Tuesday's meeting when a resident openly challenged the implications of those changes.

Resident and landlord Marc Keezer spoke to the council about the implications of the ordinance changes to him and other landlords in the city.

The ordinance changes for both water and sewer service provided that any property in the service area may have a lien placed upon it for delinquent charges six months or older.

The liens are certified on a yearly basis with the assessor and applied on the following tax roll and are applied and enforced in the same way that annual taxes are enforced on property owners.

"From what I got after reading the ordinance, it's shifting the burden of utility bills from tenant to landlord," Keezer said. "That places a lot of burden upon landlords. We all know that there are a lot more costs involved now and rents are going down."

Keezer said that one of his properties has recently had a delinquent utility bill accrued by one of his tenants and a lien placed upon the property in question.

Not only would Keezer have the lien as the property owner, but the city retains the right to withhold service to those properties that have fallen into a state of delinquency.

Keezer said it was a growing concern for him as utility rates increase, thus increasing the potential amounts of the bills that could be placed as liens on his and other rental properties in the city.

Keezer presented a copy of

a Michigan Attorney General's opinion to the council, in which he said there was language that made the ordinance change illegal.

"According to the opinion of the Attorney General, I don't see that it's legal that you can do this," Keezer said. "There is verbiage in there about state law saying that you can't do that, (you're) not able to place a lien upon property or have landlord responsible for utility bills."

Keezer concluded his speech to the council by asking them to "revoke" the ordinances.

City Administrator John Hanifan said it was "not a strict provision on the lien."

"If you dig down (into the wording of the opinion), where the landowner has executed and has filed an affidavit to the appropriate city officer....," Hanifan said.

Keezer responded before Hanifan could finish that he is going to file the affidavit saying he is not responsible, pending a review and revoking of the ordinances.

Hanifan said he wished to refrain from giving Keezer a legal opinion, although he did offer that the ordinances go through a legal review process before they are passed by council.

"The idea behind the ordinance is that the number of

delinquencies that we have, the burden gets shifted to people who pay," Hanifan said.

"So it gets passed to the landlords?" Keezer responded. "I can't be responsible. It's impossible. I wouldn't make any money."

Council did ask Keezer if he places language in the leases that he has tenants sign effectively expressing his view on utility costs that he had just shared with the council and he said that he does.

## Fire budget approved

The council also approved the Chelsea Area Fire Authority budget for the 2009/10 fiscal year.

The operations budget is \$897,785, down from \$929,436 the previous year.

Truck funds are up from \$92,754 to \$130,000 in this newest budget.

There is no building fund in this year's budget, whereas last year's budget had \$40,000 allocated to that purpose.

The total overall budget is \$1,012,785, a 5 percent decrease or \$49,405 from last year's budget.

With \$15,000 that the department collects from billing the operations cost would be further reduced to \$882,785, adding an additional budget decrease of 2 percent, bringing the overall budget decrease to 7 per-

cent. The new CAFA budget includes a 3 percent pay raise.

Much of the incident expenses stemmed from 10 emergencies, according to the budget narrative.

The largest of those involved the shopping center on the corner of Main and Old U.S. 12 in May. It was the largest structure fire of the year. Chelsea fire has also had two rescues, one a trench rescue in the city and the other was a water rescue in Lyndon Township.

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## SRSLY

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Coalition meeting. The meeting is scheduled from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 5 at the Washington Street Education Center cafeteria. It is open to the public, and both youth and adults are invited to participate.

"We will roll out the line up of activities and events for the rest of 2009 at this meeting," said Jim O'Neill, President of the SRSLY Steering Committee. "Coalition members will have a chance to sign up to work on the projects that interest them, and learn what others are working on."

"We're expecting a good turnout at the meeting," said SRSLY Director Reiley Lewis. "People are really excited about everything we're doing, and they're looking for ways to get involved."

Pierce emphasized the importance of including parents and the community as necessary components of the prevention message, saying, "This is huge in my view."

SRSLY is a member of the national, non-profit group Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America, or CADCA, and used many of their tools and guides during the strategic planning process. According to CADCA, the central task of coalition work is to create a comprehensive response to the problem of youth substance use. Their Web site explains, "Comprehensive interventions are those that use multiple strategies in multiple sectors to change the conditions that make substance abuse in the community more likely."

"Ultimately, we want to see fewer young people choosing to use drugs and alcohol," Lewis said. "This plan gives us a clear road map of how we can achieve that as a community."

For more information on SRSLY and the three-year Strategic Plan, go to [www.srslychelsea.org](http://www.srslychelsea.org).

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## KATRINA

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Marti said the great thing about MIX is that they offer sponsor programs to help defray costs for the athletes and their families, so that young girls can compete and stay active. When Katrina started cheering she competed on a Level 2 team and is now competing on a Level 5 team called the "Platinum Stars." There are only two other Level 5 teams in Michigan.

Katrina has mastered the round-off back handspring full, toe-touch tuck and the front-through round off handspring layout. These are skills that are very challenging and take a lot of hard work for a 16-year old to accomplish.

"My favorite part of being involved with MIX Cheer is being around girls and guys that love doing what I love to do," says Katrina. "Plus, I love to compete."

Outside of school, Katrina spends most of her time at the gym training in Canton. She practices three days a week, totaling seven hours or more. Katrina also enjoys sharing her knowledge and skills with younger girls. She has been coaching the Ann Arbor MIX team Starlites for the last three years. The Starlites are a junior Level 2 team in Ann Arbor that originated from Chelsea Rec and is made up of mostly girls from the Chelsea area.

Karen Allen's daughter, Sara, who is an eighth grader in Chelsea, has been coached by Katrina for the last four years.

"Katrina has earned the respect of the girls she coaches with her knowledge, expertise and commitment to the team," Karen said. "She is upbeat, enthusiastic and always encourages the girls to give 100 percent. They love to see Katrina perform and aspire to be just like her. I cannot think of a better compliment than saying my daughter views her

as a mentor." Katrina also has been busy working as a choreographer and a Chelsea Recreation cheer instructor for the last three years and a private tumbling instructor for the last two years.

Katrina's hard work has paid off in many ways. In 2008, she was honored with the Celebrity Standout Award at the JamLive competition with MIX Cheer. She also has been voted MVP in 2006, 2007 and 2008 for the CHS Cheer Team. "My favorite part of CHS Cheer is joining a team with girls that I would normally not have a chance to know," said Katrina, who also has been on the CHS varsity track team for three years and received the Most Improved award in 2008.

Katrina also believes in giving back to her community. She volunteers for Toys for Tots every year, teaches cheer camp at Avila Child Care Center and held a Hurricane Katrina fund-raiser for her 13th birthday where she raised \$1,400 for hurricane victims.

While Katrina has already accomplished some of her dreams, there is at least one

more dream she wants to achieve. She would love to be the first cheerleader in the area to have a chance to compete at The Cheer Worlds held in Orlando on April 25-26. Teams must receive a bid to be eligible to compete and only Level 5 and collegiate Level 6 teams are awarded bids.

The International All Star Federation (IASF) and the United States All Star Federation (USASF) host two competitions a year: The Cheerleading Worlds and The Dance Worlds. Event producers of premier national championships sponsor their best teams to compete at these competitions.

"This would be a huge success and a dream come true," she said.

Katrina participated in several fund-raisers last year and will be kicking off the sponsor fund-raiser next week to raise money to get to The Cheer Worlds.

Individual and corporate sponsors are welcome to sponsor individual athletes.

For information on sponsoring Katrina, email [mwilliams@premierathletics.com](mailto:mwilliams@premierathletics.com) or call 1-734-645-5357.

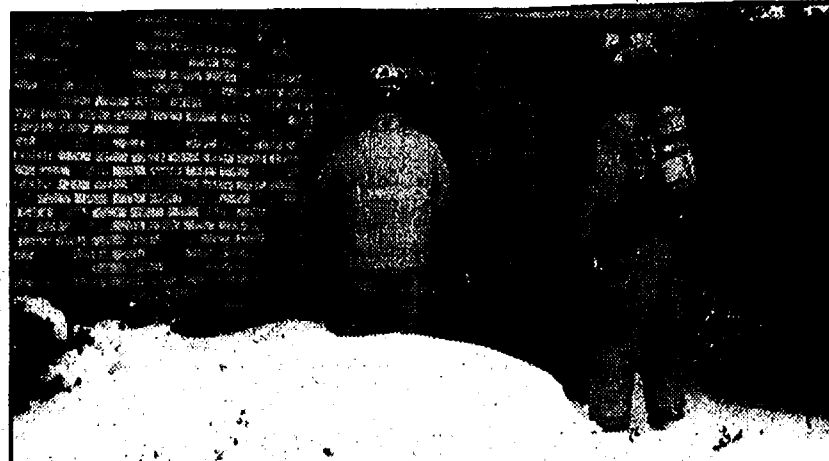
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Chelsea police arrived at the scene of a fire at the Main Street Coney Island in the 15000 block of S. Main Street.

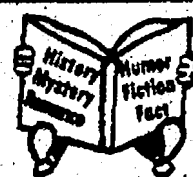
When they arrived at 10 a.m. on Jan. 22 customers and staff were still inside the restaurant. When officers entered the back area and opened a cooler the smell of smoke entered the room.

The owners of the restaurant took officers to the east exterior wall of the building opposite the cooler and small wisps of smoke were visible coming from the mortar cracks of the brick and the wall was hot to the touch. Officers called central dispatch for fire assistance. Chelsea Fire arrived and took over the scene.

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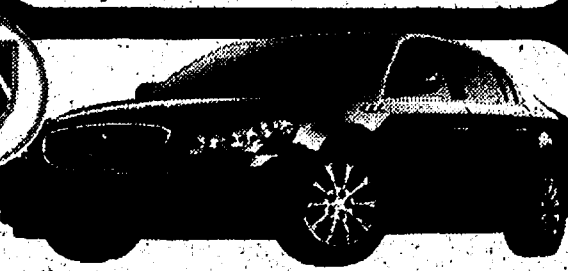
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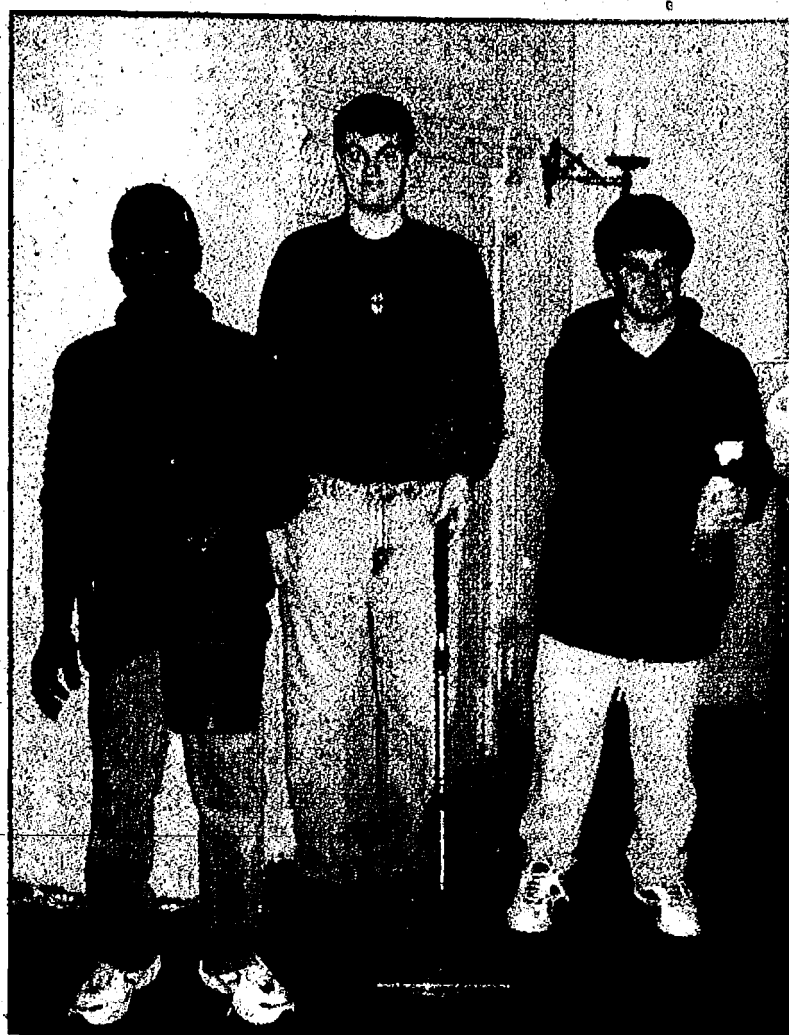
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## Chelsea Young Adults

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## SWEET

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truffles and fair trade organic chocolate. Coffee shops will offer chocolate baked goods and chocolate beverages.

"What could be more fun on a gloomy February day in Michigan than to bundle up and head downtown to overdose on chocolate in every conceivable form?" said Chelsea Mayor Ann Feeney, a self-described recovering chocoholic.

"Munch on a milk chocolate heart, dip a juicy strawberry into the chocolate fountain, dunk your chocolate chip cookie in a mocha latte."

And if you can't eat it, then wear it. Non-edible offerings include discounts on chocolate themed clothing, and chocolate-colored boots, as well as books.

"I can't think of a better way to start your Valentine's Day celebration than by strolling in and out of our many unique downtown shops while sampling a variety of chocolate surprises that await you in the stores," said Bob Pierce, executive director for the Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce.

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Sweet stuff

### Chocolate tidbits

Our expanding waistlines can thank the Aztecs and Mayans, who used chocolate in royal and religious ceremonies. The word comes from the Aztec word *xocolatl* - *xocolli*, meaning "bitter," and *atl*, meaning "water." Aztecs associated chocolate with the goddess of fertility, Xochiquetzal, and Mayans had a similar belief.

Native to lowland, tropical South America, cacao has been cultivated for at least 3,000 years in Central America and Mexico; its earliest documented use was around 1100 BC. Cacao beans were often used as currency. After the Spanish conquered the Aztecs, chocolate was imported to Europe, where it became a court favorite. Chocolate houses opened in London, England in the mid 1600s.

For centuries, chocolate was a handmade luxury only the wealthy could enjoy. But by the 1800s, mass production made solid chocolate candy affordable to every sweet tooth.

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### Family Connections

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The Chelsea Standard

January 29, 2009

## Lansing needs sense of urgency

And you wonder why everybody favors a part-time state Legislature? The prevailing public attitude is that we already have one, but lawmakers still drag down a full-time paycheck.

On most jobs, the boss can tell who shows up, but there is limited accountability when it comes to the folks you hire to run state government.

Take the recent holiday break for starters. Lawmakers left town on Dec. 18 and returned here on Jan. 14 for a really neat holiday break of 27 days. And one of the first acts of house members was to basically adjourn until Jan. 27.

Nice work if you can get it. Now on the surface, one might assume that during that time away from the Capitol, lawmakers were loafing. To be fair, we just don't know.

Legislative leaders defend their colleagues by claiming, "They are home working in the district."

That might be true, but it might not. Short of calling all 148 legislators every day and asking them what they are doing, taxpayers just have to trust they are on the job at home.

At least when there are session days, reporters can keep tabs on who is here and who isn't, and when a lawmaker misses a session, excuses are filed.

But the excuses are worthless.

At the beginning of each session, somebody will get up and say, "Mr. Speaker an excuse for Rep. so-and-so and so-and-so."

The "excuse" is always granted, and if you're sitting in the balcony, you foolishly assume that means something. It doesn't.

Lawmakers are not required to file any explanation. An attempt to reform that was, of course, killed by lawmakers last year.

Nice job if you can get it. But back to the legislative schedule: Last year the House and Senate spent about 100 days in Lansing, and while they are technically back in session this month, they are not exactly getting off to an urgent start.

You can thank Gov. Jennifer Granholm for that in part.

Lawmakers need to see her blueprint for action, but they'll have to wait until Feb. 3 to hear her State of the State speech.

It was not only thus.

Gov. John Swainson spoke on Jan. 12, 1961; Gov. George Romney on Jan. 10, 1963, and Jan. 11 the next year. The latest Gov. William Milliken spoke was Jan. 15 in 1981.

And that was the pattern pretty much until the Granholm folks hit town. For some reason, it's now always late January or early February.

Asked about this the other day, Granholm confessed she was not aware of the earlier tradition. Now look it. She's the governor and can deliver her talk any darn time she wants, but by delaying, it adds more to the negative public perception of Lansing.

New President Barack Obama demanded legislation on his desk the first day he took office. There's no such urgency around these legislative halls.

But leaders again reassure the public — just because you can't see us working it doesn't mean we aren't.

To assuage the public, which is loath to trust any politician, if all these Lansing folks were smart, they'd hit the ground running on day one. But tradition dictates otherwise.

Nice work, etc.



Tim Skubick

To the Editor: I'm writing to publicly thank the Manchester and Saline Fire Departments for their effort to contain and extinguish the fire that started on the evening of Monday December 15th and the morning of Tuesday, Dec. 16 at our home in Manchester.

We are truly grateful for the quick response time in which they arrived and began getting the fire under control. I want to especially thank the first man on the scene, Rich Lutton, who was on the scene within the first three minutes of my making the 911 call. He was able to get me focused and give me something to do in order to keep me calm. I would also like to thank him for working with my husband in those first few minutes to help try and contain the fire until the rest of the department arrived with the water trucks.

Thanks to these departments and their quick response our home is salvageable and we will be able to rebuild it within the next four-six months. I can't begin to tell people how much that means to us. My husband, our family and closest friends built our home and it is our personal treasure so it is all the more valuable to us.

Kathleen and Don Swallow  
Manchester

To the Editor: As automotive companies continue to one-up each other with product features and options, it is apparent that they have lost sight of the basic core function of a transportation vehicle. We are being asked to purchase vehicles with high cost options which are no better than gimmicks and gadgets. They have no functional value.

It's great that a car can park itself without hands on the wheel? We can distract ourselves with advanced sound systems and hands free communi-

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Don and Jen Melinsky, Dexter

cations. We can get instantaneous feedback that the road is icy, but we can't see past the frozen ice on the windshield to avoid sliding off the road. A compass tells us that if the morning sun is in our face then we must be going east. We have awkwardly sized cup holders that chill or heat our cups.

We have so many technologies at our finger tips, but we still can't see out the windshield when it snows and ices over. What good are all these gizmos if we cannot see to get to our destination?

If we could see past the frozen windshield we could look for a rare old-fashioned parallel parking space and have the car park itself. We can't see out the front but it parks itself backwards just fine! Maybe we should drive the vehicle in reverse since our heated backlight is free of snow and ice with a functional wiper blade.

If automotive companies are seeking competitive advantages then focus on practical innovations. Engineer a snow and ice free windshield. Design a wiper blade that does not leave a blurred stripe in the line of vision. Make sure the windshield glass is perfectly flat without a manufacturing induced cavity just perfect for the wiper to miss.

Want proof? Want validation? Want buyer comments? Send Product Planners to any Interstate fuel stop and observe frustrated drivers. Ask snow plow drivers. Watch drivers chop ice from the wiper blade. Notice the constant usage of squeegees on the windshield. Check the white knuckles on drivers' hands and blurred red eyes. Observe vehicle

usage under harsh conditions and not just in perfect environment surroundings.

Until manufacturers can meet customer expectations for functional systems they should be chastised for spending valuable resources on gimmicks.

Steve Gergely  
Dexter

To the Editor: The article that Crystal Hayduk wrote on the volunteers was wonderful. That was one of the best editions I have read. Keep up the good work.

Marjorie Kirn  
Chelsea

To the Editor: In these difficult economic times, it is heartwarming to know that the spirit of giving is alive in the Dexter community. With our families spread so far across the country, we really appreciate the care and concern shown to us from so many.

Our family has been very fortunate to have such wonderful people in our lives. The St. Joseph's Parish family, our friends in the Dexter swim and water polo communities, our Hidden Woods neighbors and the staff at Cornerstone Elementary have been overwhelmingly generous with all the support they have provided our family in a time of need.

When Don found a new job in early 2008 we had reservations because it required relocating, but then we learned that his cancer had returned and this transition became impossible. While we were caught at a bad time without employer provided disability and medical benefits, we have had the comfort of staying in the

home and community that has shown us what a special place Dexter is.

We appreciate all the time and planning from the parents to organize the Swim-a-thon and all the laps past and present swim-

mers and water polo players put in to benefit our family. The gifts from St. Joseph's and within the Hidden Woods neighborhood were a wonderful surprise with perfect timing. The ongoing support from our friends at Cornerstone has been very comforting.

On behalf of our family, we would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all.

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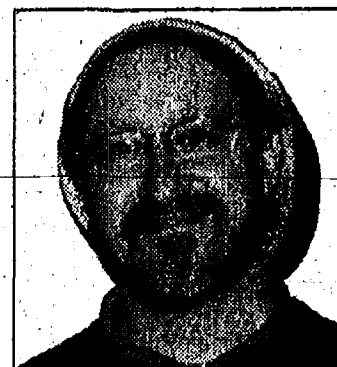
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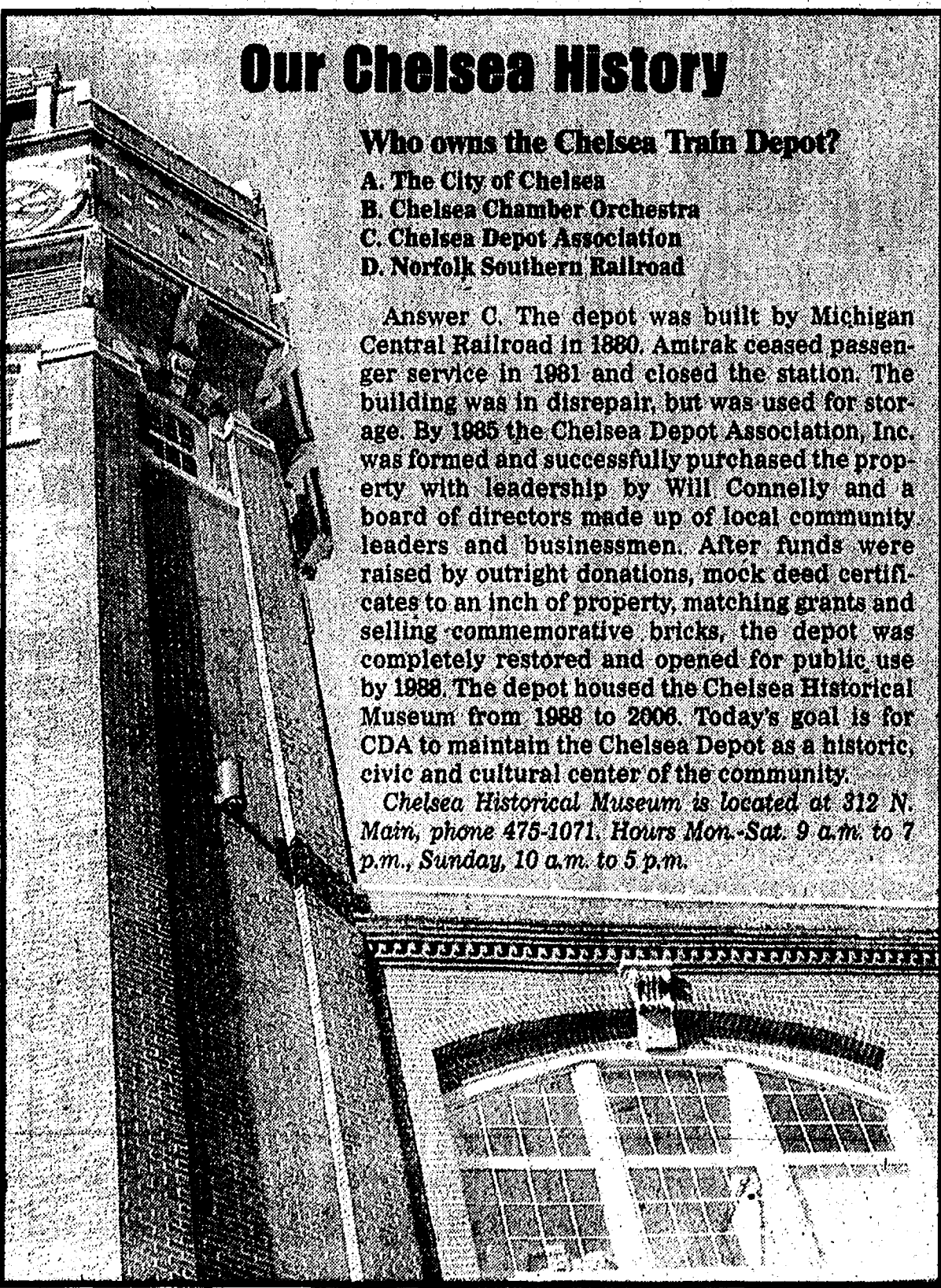
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- A. The City of Chelsea
- B. Chelsea Chamber Orchestra
- C. Chelsea Depot Association
- D. Norfolk Southern Railroad

Answer C. The depot was built by Michigan Central Railroad in 1880. Amtrak ceased passenger service in 1981 and closed the station. The building was in disrepair, but was used for storage. By 1985 the Chelsea Depot Association, Inc. was formed and successfully purchased the property with leadership by Will Connelly and a board of directors made up of local community leaders and businessmen. After funds were raised by outright donations, mock deed certificates to an inch of property, matching grants and selling commemorative bricks, the depot was completely restored and opened for public use by 1988. The depot housed the Chelsea Historical Museum from 1988 to 2008. Today's goal is for CDA to maintain the Chelsea Depot as a historic, civic and cultural center of the community.

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## FARM

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important because some crops deplete the soil of nutrients more than others, as well as other important considerations.

"We try to keep cucumbers away from the other vine crops because you have a pollination and taste carryover, and it's the same thing with cantaloupes," Mike said.

"Anytime you plant something year after year, you're going to have problems."

Another way to reduce disease problems is to purchase seed varieties that have good disease resistance, he added.

### Room for improvement

While mapping out the crop locations, the Fusiliers try to set aside at least a little ground to try different varieties of produce or different growing methods.

For example, Mike is always thinking of ways to extend the growing season or increase productivity.

One thing he will try this year is to use the calendar to grow two crops with different growing schedules on the same patch of land.

"We're going to plant green beans (a 50- to 60-day crop) in April and keep them covered with plastic tunnels, then plant pumpkins (more than 100 days) in between in June," he explained.

"By the time the pumpkins get going well, the beans will be long gone. We'll also plant radishes among them, because they only take a month."

The Fusiliers will also experiment with covering the ground with red plastic to improve their valuable tomato crop.

"We're going to try the red plastic again on some tomatoes; it's supposed to give a higher yield and an earlier crop," Mike said.

They tried the red before, but it let too much light through and allowed weeds to grow.

This time, Mike said, they will use it in conjunction with black plastic.

"We're just going to try 2,000 feet of it to see if it works, it's just an experiment," he added.

Kathy said her husband is the one who usually proposes new ideas to her, and she plays devil's advocate.

"He comes up with all these things, and I'm the one who asks how it's going to work," she said.

"Sometimes it works, sometimes it doesn't, and sometimes we change our mind after we talk about it for a while."

### Making the transition

The Fusiliers are pretty good at what they do now, but it didn't happen overnight.

Since changing from raising hogs more than a decade ago, they have also relied on the advice of other farmers to run their greenhouse operation.

"When we first got going in this we had conversations with people who were very knowledgeable and very nice; we made good contacts and we made a zillion mistakes," Kathy said.

"If you make enough mistakes you get better."

Mike credited their long association with Farm Bureau on the county, state and national levels for providing excellent information.

"We've met a lot of different growers through Farm Bureau, which is one of the advantages of being a member," he said.

They started small for the farm markets, switching from field corn to sweet corn, and began growing acres of pumpkins.

"We started with sweet corn because we were already growing field corn and they're not that much different," Mike recalled.

"We had 20 or 25 acres of pumpkins; we were the biggest pumpkin growers in the area, and that got our feet wet in growing produce for the markets."

Being a family business involves participation by the entire family, and Mike and Kathy have figured out a very effective division of labor.

She is in charge of the flowers with his help, and he is in charge of the vegetables with her help.

The Fusilier children — Matthew, Brittany, Travis and Chad — are also given responsibilities on the farm.

"We're also trying to get our kids to be involved, maybe get one of them to take ownership of the small fruits as long as they're interested," Mike said.

He also has set aside small plots of land for the kids to try their own growing experiments, and they help order the seeds.

Before they went into the produce and greenhouse business, Kathy said, they had been looking for something to add to the farm income, but it had to be something she could help

with.

"When we had the hogs and the row crops, Mike did most of the work and I took care of the kids and the house," Kathy said.

"This is a lot harder but the income is more reliable."

"He knows he's got work to do in the field in the spring; we've got good help in the greenhouses right now, so there's not much reason for him to be in there."

"And with as many kids as we hire, we try to time planting things so most of it will be harvested by the time school starts."

Not only does the farm benefit from its customers' efforts to "buy local," it also benefits from Mike and Kathy's efforts to "hire local."

"Labor is a big thing these days; there's so many government regulations with migrant workers now we really don't want to go that route if we don't have to; we'd much rather hire local people," he said.

"With the core group of workers we have, we make them crew leaders when they come back and try to give them more responsibilities the next year."

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### GOP vents

Michigan's unemployment rate has hit 10.6 percent, according to data released last Wednesday by the state's Department of Labor and Economic Growth. The rate is now the highest it has been in nearly 25 years.

"For six years our economy has been struggling in

this state, and for six years the Granholm-Cherry Administration has been part of the problem, not part of the solution," said Michigan Republican Party Chairman Saulius "Saul" Anuzis.

"This administration has run out of excuses, and the people of Michigan are tired of hearing them. They are starving for results that both Gov. Granholm and Lt. Gov. Cherry have continuously failed to provide."

According to Anuzis, Michigan has lost nearly 400,000 jobs since the Granholm-Cherry Administration took office in 2003.

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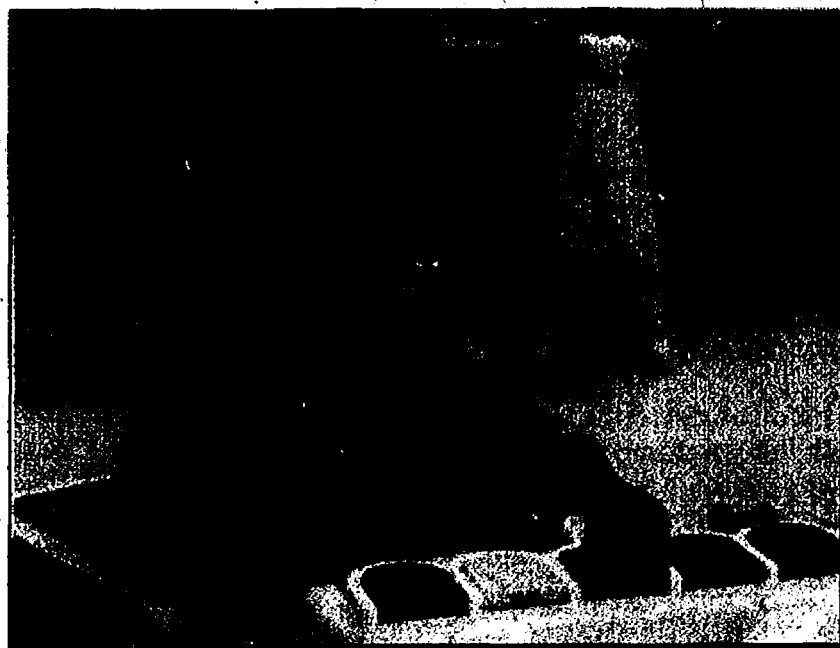
that time, research was beginning to show that greater family involvement in young children's learning was a vital link to their academic development. Helping parents to understand their role in their child's development from the very beginning could help to prepare the child for success, both in school and later in life.

Missouri piloted the project in 1981 for first-time parents of newborns. It was so successful that by 1985, the state of Missouri provided funding for Parents as Teachers to expand throughout the state.

Chelsea began offering the program in 1998; Dexter's program began in 2004. At present, the program is used internationally.

Vicki Kellogg supervises the Chelsea program, in addition to her other duties as the Early On coordinator and speech therapist for Early On and the Chelsea Community Preschool. She said that Parents as Teachers is a research program that looks at how the brain develops on a weekly basis and what a child is learning at that point. Parent education is provided regarding normal, expected development and ways to encourage and enhance learning through play. For example, if a parent knows that a 12 month old child is able to learn how to nest cups, why the behavior is important, and that he may need to do it 500 times to master it, then the parent can encourage the behavior through a range of activities and be more patient with the repetition required.

The goals of First Steps/Parents as Teachers are achieved through several interventions, including play groups, parent support and information classes, developmental screening, and home visits. Swanson and Kellogg agree that the home visit is



ABOVE: Luke Mourad sharpens his fine motor skills.  
RIGHT: Brynara Schmidt experiments with chalk.

what makes the program special. "The home visit is the most important piece of what we offer," said Kellogg. "It's what personalizes the program. This is where we can talk about specifics and milestones of development. And if there are problems, we can talk about how to solve them."

Chelsea's First Steps is located at the Washington Street Education Center, in a large space that the school district generously donated and remodeled specifically for this program. "The Chelsea School District is committed to early intervention," Kellogg said. "They understand that what you do for younger kids will help them to do better all through school and ultimately benefit the community."

The two groups are not funded equally, however. Chelsea's First Steps is funded by a variety of sources, including grants from the Washtenaw Intermediate School District, United Way, and Washtenaw Children's Wellness. Dexter functions on a smaller budget, with funding based on numbers collected in 2003. They also receive grants from the Washtenaw Intermediate School District.

Although families may pay tuition, a broad scholarship program exists. Kellogg said

that First Steps is a non-profit program whose goal is to be accessible to all interested families.

Parents who are part of the First Steps Washtenaw program learn about child development; define appropriate expectations; identify opportunities to promote intellectual, physical, and social growth; and utilize available resources and services.

One of the additional benefits of the program is socialization. "Kadin doesn't like change, so coming here gets him to begin to adjust to a future that involves preschool," said Lori Campbell. "And we live outside of town where there aren't kids to play with, so this is a way for him to make friends. Hey, even for the parents it's great. We can talk to each other about something other than 'Blue's Clues.'"

Chris Schmidt praised the program for the many ways her daughter has benefited. "She really loves the wide range of art projects here that I'm not brave enough to try at home," Schmidt said. "Here there are no distractions. I can play with my child and not worry about the laundry that needs done. I really like the monthly meetings, too. I've learned a lot of strategies for dealing with problem areas, like looking at Halloween from a toddler's perspective.



ings for more families to enroll, and now is a great time to do so. New sections in both districts will be starting in the next few weeks. "Even families with two full-time working parents can enroll," Kellogg said. "Children are welcome to attend play group with any caregiver - not just a parent. We have kids who come with a grandparent or a sitter. Parents can attend our evening events if that works better for them."

Kelly Stoker is a former elementary school teacher who was involved with First Steps in Chelsea with her two children for four years. She feels that the program makes a strong positive impact on families. "This is a great program, especially for the younger kids," she said. "Parents may not always realize how important play activities are for preparing their children for school. The music class with Deb was amazing. The songs and finger plays that go along with them develop fine motor skills that make a big difference in their emerging literacy. The art projects were absolutely incredible - and the variety of equipment and toys. People would have a hard time accomplishing so much at home on their own."

What's it like for them? I would say their discussions are always really relevant."

Kellogg is assisted by two parent educators, Deb Alvarez and Jackie Maveal. Swanson is also assisted by two parent educators, Fifi Moghtassed and Nicole Durbin. These women help by running the play groups, teaching some classes, and doing some of the home visits.

Nicole Durbin has been on both sides of the First Steps program. "As a parent,

attending First Steps with my son, I benefited greatly from the social and supportive environment First Steps provides," she said. "It gave me peace of mind knowing that questions I had regarding my son's growth and development were just a phone call away. Now, as a playgroup facilitator with First Steps, I hope I am able to provide that same peace of mind for other parents."

Both Chelsea's and Dexter's program have open-

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## THE SENIOR Scene



BY GINA EKIS

## Chelsea Senior Center offers variety of programs

Getting a little stir crazy looking out the window and watching the snow fall, the wind blow and the temperature drop? Maybe it's time to get out and stretch those legs and work that brain.

If the weather has stopped you from keeping New Year's resolutions, it might be time to get started or make new resolutions.

If you'd like to get out more, exercise, learn a new craft, travel, play cards, join a book club, a computer club, etc., you can find all of this and more at the Chelsea Senior Center - and it's close to home. If you have an interest you'd like to share with others, why not teach a class? You'd be surprised to learn just how many seniors are interested in what you have to offer.

Stop by the Senior Center, have a cup of coffee - the pot is always on - and learn more about the wide range of opportunities for learning and for fun! You'll also find a delicious well-balanced meal each week day at noon in the Taste of Home Cafe. Meet with friends and family in a friendly atmosphere at a cost of only \$2.50 for seniors.

The Senior Center also is a wonderful resource for families in need. Tina Patterson, our director, and Kay Heller, administrative assistant, are a wealth of information. They can point you in the right direction for answers to many concerns, including legal, financial and medical. Throughout the year we also present programs on these and other relevant topics.

Why not become a member of the senior center? I can guarantee you'll find many areas of interest as well as a group of friendly faces eager to welcome you. As a member, our newsletter will be mailed to your door and you'll find yourself waiting for the mailman each month just to find out what's new and exciting.

We're at 512 E. Washington Street (in the Washington Street Education Center), Monday through Friday, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Call 1-734-475-9242 or visit our Web site at [www.chelseaseniors.org](http://www.chelseaseniors.org).

### 'Around Town with Linda'

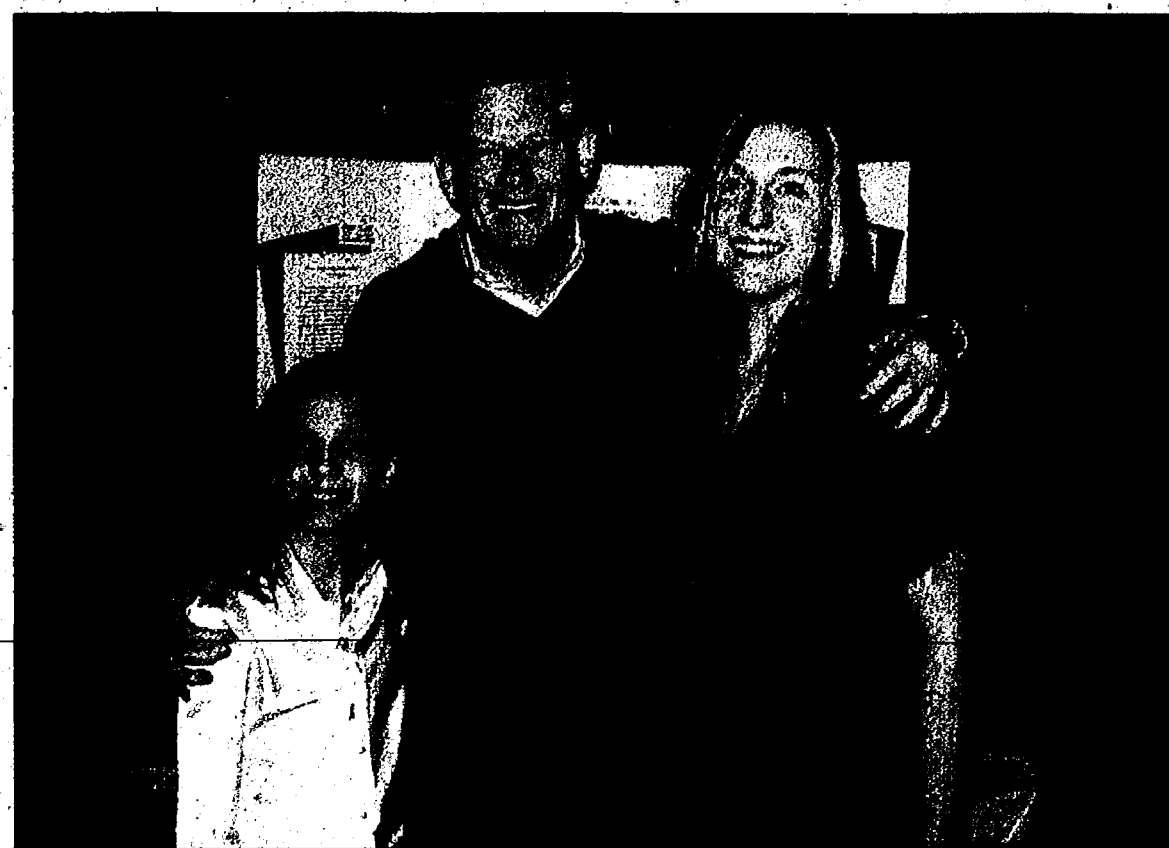
"Around Town with Linda" will feature Rita Fischer, Faith in Action volunteer, starting today.

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

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



Kevin Frahm of the Mission Marketplace won the "Carrying the Dream Award."



County Commissioner Mark Quimet with Karana Wickens (left) and Bonnie Bairley.

## CREATIVITY, DEDICATION HONORED DURING MLK DAY

An art contest, sponsored by Chelsea Center for the Arts, produced many impressive works and judges didn't have an easy time picking the winners. The theme was "Why do we celebrate Martin Luther King?" The art was on display at the CCA during the week leading up to MLK Day.

The four art winners for the first MLK Day art contest were: Kali Hill (age 11); Kelly Berton (age 10); Mitchell Taylor (age 10); and Josie Sarel (age 8).

During the evening program, Washtenaw County Commissioner Mark Quimet presented the Essay/Poetry contest winners. The subject of the essays was the same as the theme for all the events: "Why do we celebrate Martin Luther King?" The essay winners were Karana Wickens (9-11 age group) and Bonnie Bairley (12-14 age group). Lindsey Smith won the poetry contest in the 9-11 age group.

Pam Byrnes presented the One World One Family Carrying the Dream Award to Mission Marketplace. The One World One Family Task Force "Carrying the Dream Award" is presented annually to the person or group that has made a significant contribution to advancing the understanding of the world's different cultures, respect for diversity and non-discrimination attitudes and practices in Chelsea and to furthering the dreams and ideals of Dr. King.

Kevin Frahm of the Mission Marketplace said in accepting the award: "The Mission Marketplace strives not only to create a marketplace for fairly traded items produced by underemployed families both here and abroad, but our vision is one so strikingly similar to the messages heard from the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, that is one of dignity, respect and equality for all human beings and quite eloquently that each and every man/woman and child simply has enough. Enough food, water, shelter, clothing; enough opportunities including education and health care and finally enough dignity, respect and future. On behalf of the Mission Marketplace I am truly honored and humbled to receive the Martin Luther King, 'Carrying the Dream' award."

## Essay winners

### The reason we celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr.

By Karana Wickens

Why do we celebrate the life of Martin Luther King, Jr. anyway? That was what I wanted to know. Every year I miss school to honor him, but why? What did he do that was so special?

I used to ask myself these questions. Now, I'm old enough to understand. If you are also asking yourself why, here are the answers.

We celebrate Dr. King because he believed that people should be treated with equality. That isn't all, he didn't just believe. Dr. King held speeches in public and preached sermons in his church about equality. He made equality happen. Before he was around, black people couldn't drink from the same water fountain as white people. How ridiculous! Most people back then didn't think it was absurd at all.

This is where Dr. King comes in. He taught us that people should not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character. He said that we must not hate but love one another. We can NOT discriminate

against each other because of our physical appearance. Although he did not make a sudden difference, he made a huge difference over time. Some people tried to ignore it at first, but his words were still there, and more and more people were following Dr. King's ways.

He made the same effect on civil rights as weathering makes on a crack in concrete. It may start out small, but over time, over years, it grows. It can become a huge crack in the cement. Even if somebody tries to fill it in with tar, it is still there, growing. Dr. King's civil rights movement could not be stopped.

Dr. King was also an encouragement to many people. He had true spirit! He opened our eyes and made us understand things we hadn't realized before. His sayings are an inspiration to me. Dr. King said, "Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase," and "Whatever your life's work is, do it well." I try to apply this to my schoolwork.

Dr. King made me understand that what you see of a person on the outside does not matter. It is what is in that person's heart that truly counts. That is why our great nation honors Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

### United We Stand, Divided We Fall

By Bonnie Bairley

Martin Luther King Jr. had a dream, that one day his children would not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character. Today most people believe his dream has been fulfilled. There may be no signs demonstrating segregation, but there are still others who we casually pass on the street, who carry discrimination in their heart. Teenagers are being killed in gang violence all across American schools, all because of what they look like, and where they come from. In Chelsea, citizens may not see racism to this extreme, but we celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. to remind us of a dream that must continue. Now is not a time to wait, but a time to take action.

We all have different experiences, but it is important to learn from the people you meet in life. A man of great importance in my life, an amazing African American, changed who I was, and what I believed in. I cared about this person greatly but the fact of our racial differences caused much stir in the way others viewed me. I spoke with his sisters who grew

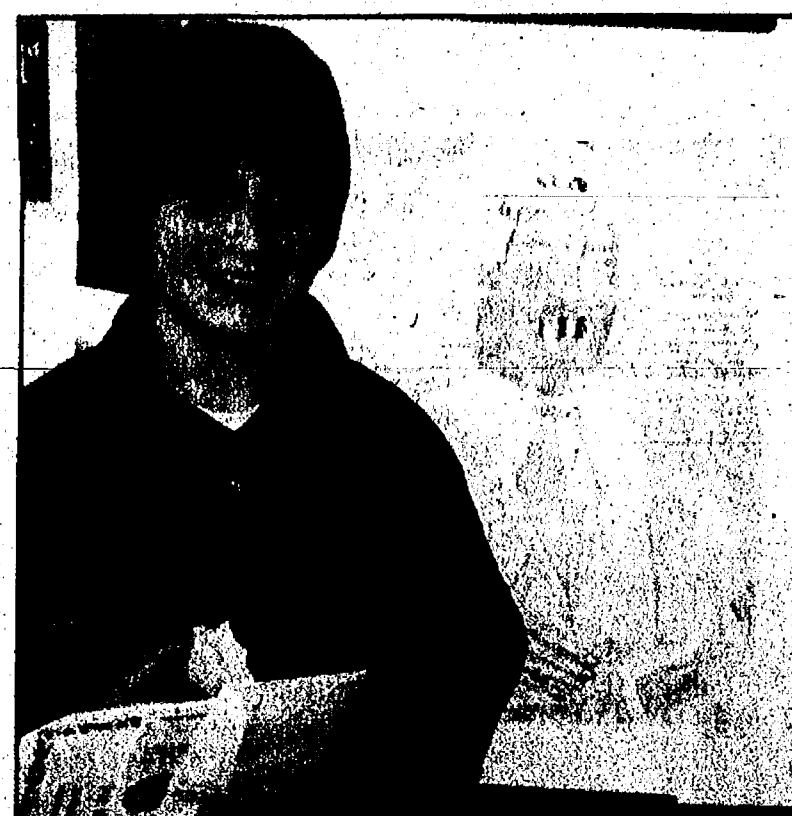
up in California during the nineties; where gang violence, over racial pride, was a major issue in school. I discussed race last year with this person, who spoke of being discriminated by teachers in school, and being chased home by white supremacists after school. This shocked me in an incredible way. It was a wake up call to the racism most people believe is gone. Even in 2008 we have eight-hundred eighty-eight active hate groups whose main mission is genocide against who they believe is the "enemy," race. Twenty six of these hate groups exist in Michigan. Supremacists groups have hurt our brothers and sisters whom we share this country with.

We are all Americans, and we must remember the quote, "United we stand, divided we fall." Ordinary students, secretaries, office workers, parents; all of us, are all capable of turning on a small light in a dark room. A new year is here, and as Barack Obama becomes our president, we must not let race divide the country and we must speak up against everyday bigotry. That is why we celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. to remind us to keep working for his dream; now is the time for change.

## Artistic winners



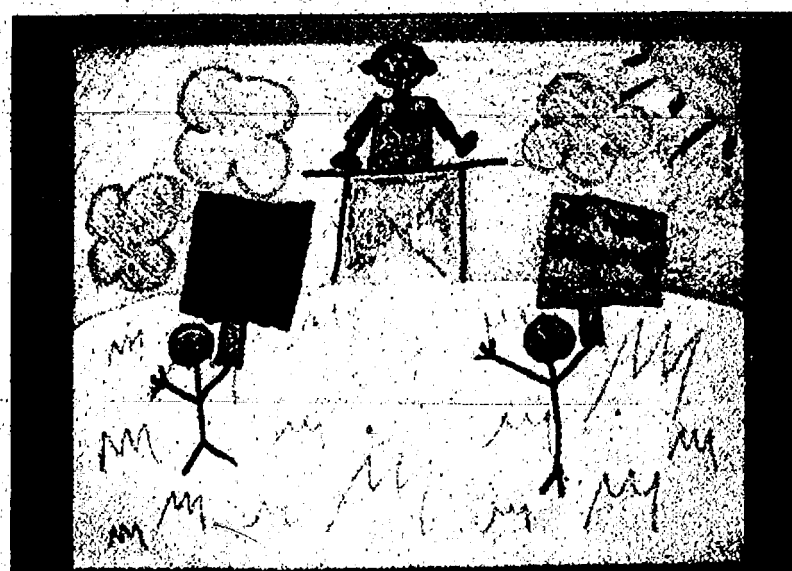
Josie Sarel (age 8).



Mitchell Taylor (age 10).



By Kelly Berton (age 10).



By Kali Hill (age 11).



## Honors & Awards

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Several local students have been named to the Albion College Dean's List for the fall 2008 semester. Students named to the Dean's List must achieve a GPA of 3.5 or above at the completion of the semester.

Michelle Alber is a junior majoring in economics and management. She is the daughter of David and Evelyn Alber of Brooklyn and a graduate of Chelsea High School.

Sarah Christian is a sophomore at Albion College. She is the daughter of Roy and Jean Christian of Ann Arbor and a graduate of Dexter High School.

Alexandra Goss is a senior majoring in psychology. She is the daughter of Steven and Karen Goss of Dexter and a graduate of Dexter High School.

Meredith Holman is a junior majoring in philosophy and minoring in English. She is the daughter of Timothy Holman of Chelsea and Rita Welch of Chelsea and a graduate of Chelsea High School.

Kelly Houk is a junior majoring in political science, with a concentration in the Gerald R. Ford Institute for Public Policy and Service. She is the daughter of Douglas and Cheryl Houk of Chelsea and a graduate of Chelsea High School.

Lindsey Keyes is a first-year at Albion college, with a concentration in the Gerstacker Liberal Arts Program in Professional Management. She is the



Corrine from Nogginz Hairshop in Chelsea.

daughter of Brian and Diane Keyes of Chelsea and a graduate of Chelsea High School.

Nicole Oberholtzer is a first-year student majoring in journalism. She is the daughter of Steven Oberholtzer of Chelsea and a graduate of Chelsea High School.

Christopher Tapping is a sophomore at Albion College. He is the son of Donald and Kimberly Tapping of Chelsea and a graduate of Chelsea High School.

The following DePaul University students were named to the Dean's List for the 2008 autumn quarter (to receive Dean's List commendation, full-time students must earn a grade-point average of 3.50 or above): Ayla DeTroyer of Chelsea; Leah Ford of Chelsea; Alexander Stephens of Chelsea; Paul Hennessy of Grass Lake; and Michael Powers of Pinckney. Serving more than 23,000 students, DePaul University is the largest Catholic university in the country.

Chelsea's Jacob T. Riley has been named to the Chancellor's List for the fall 2008 semester at the University of North Carolina Asheville. The Chancellor's List is made up of full-time students who have achieved a 4.0 grade-point average.

Cadet James Adam Patt of Summerville, S.C., achieved Dean's List status at The Citadel, The Military College of South Carolina, for the fall semester of the 2008-2009 academic year. Patt is seeking a BS in physical education. Dean's List recognition is given to those cadets and active duty military students registered for 12 or more semester hours whose grade point average ratio is 3.2 or higher with no grade below a C for the previous semester's work. Patt is the son of Paula Kay Patt of Summerville, S.C. and Frank Benson Patt of Dexter.

Local students making the Dean's List at Hope College for the first semester of the 2008-09 school year include from Dexter Jenny Cowen and Christine Murray and from Chelsea Alexander Schwiebert, Matthew Shott and Lauren Wright. To be named to the Dean's List a student must have a minimum 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

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## Chelsea, Dexter hoop fans invited for spaghetti

The Chelsea High School varsity girls' softball team is going all out to provide the community with a great spaghetti dinner and silent auction. The fund-raising event is from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. tomorrow in the high school commons. Cost is \$10 per person or \$25 per family.

Guests can also enjoy some basketball tomorrow night. The CHS girls and boys varsity and junior varsity teams will all be facing off with rival Dexter that night.

"Our spaghetti dinner fund-raiser was started a year ago to help defray the cost of our annual spring break softball trip to Charleston, S.C.," said Coach Robin Raymond. "The Chelsea softball program has a rich tradition of competitiveness, not only in the Southeastern Conference, but in the state of Michigan."

The team has been going to the Charleston area for more than 10 years. It is a great time for the players to develop team chemistry, spend a full week together and to learn what varsity softball is all about. Practice times are extended throughout the week, concentrating on skill development and putting into action the offensive and defensive plans.

The softball team would like to thank all of the many people involved in putting the dinner together, especially Linda Collins and her staff at Thompson's Pizza, who caters the meal. Our parents and players are excited to get our pre-season off to a great start with the dinner and invite you to join in the fun.

Silent auction items will include Red Wings tickets, miscellaneous Detroit sports memorabilia, a stay at the Dearborn Hyatt, lodging at Beaver Creek Resort and more.

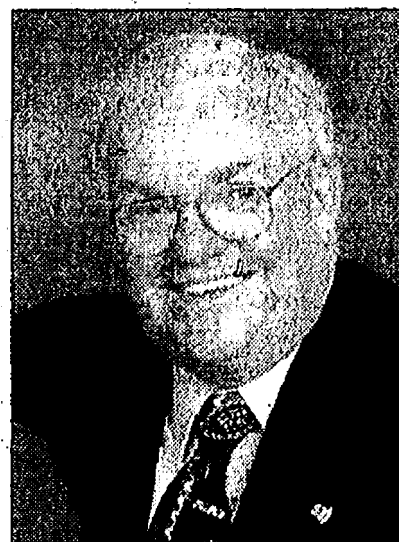


Left: Stevie Gregory, Sarah Dixon and Kaley Dixon make posters. Above: The CHS softball team is working hard to get ready for the dinner, but finds time for a little fun: Sara Dixon (bottom), Shelby Platt, Andrea Herrst, Kaley Dixon, Ellie Stoffer (second row), Nicole Reid and Marie Zill and Stevie Gregory (top).

## DEATH NOTICES

**SASIN, DELLA LEE**; of Milan, Michigan; age 90; died January 23, 2009, at her residence. She was born August 15, 1918, in Rose Hill, Virginia, the daughter of Isaac Newton and Nann Lee (Young) Daniels. She was married to Walter Frank Sasin, and he preceded her in death on November 20, 1969. Mrs. Sasin came to the Ypsilanti Area during W.W.II to work in the Bomber Plant. She was also employed with Universal Die-Cast in Saline, Michigan, for "almost" 24 years before being medically retired. Mrs. Sasin was very proud to be involved in bringing the union into Universal Die-Cast and served two terms on the Bargaining Committee. She was very active in the Boy-Scouts while her sons were growing up in Ypsilanti, where she served as a Den Mother and was also very active in her children's schools, working with the PTA. Mrs. Sasin will always be remembered for her great love of family, enjoyment of gardening and flowers. Survivors include 7 children, Bessie Daniels, Betty Daniels, Marcia (Rocky) Renda, John (Terri) Sasin, Gary (Lisa) Sasin, Vicky Sasin and Mary (Sid) Bowler; 8 grandchildren, Lynn (Scott) Lorimer, Kathy (Paula) Armstrong Scott, Chris (Jennifer) Scott, Chet (Aileen) Milkey, Tim (Jackie) Yearly, Chuck (Stephanie) Yearly, Laura (Gene) Allbright and Joe (Bianca) Sasin; 13 great grandchildren, Harry, Donny, Samantha, Christina, Leslie, Brittany, Tyler, Caleb, Kelley, Aaron, Alex, Griffin and Francesca; 1 sister, Eileen Dilmon; and 1 sister-in-law, Gloria Perry. She was preceded in death by one son, Walter Frank Sasin, Jr.; one daughter, Wanda Sue Milkey; one grandson, Michael Todd Scott; one great grandson, Hunter Milkey; three sisters, Alfa Daniels, Elsie Daniels and Rachael Hensley; and one brother, Homer Daniels. Funeral Service was held Tuesday, January 27, 2009, at 11 a.m. at the Janowiak Funeral Home with Rev. David Grinnell of York Baptist Church officiating. Burial followed in St. John Catholic Cemetery, Ypsilanti, MI. The family received friends at the funeral home on Sunday from 5 to 8 p.m. and Monday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Please sign her guestbook at [www.janowiakfuneralhome.com](http://www.janowiakfuneralhome.com) "Where Families Come First."

**HENES, DOROTHY M.**; of Dexter, Michigan; age 88; passed away Thursday, January 22, 2009, at the Chelsea Retirement Community. She was born on March 12, 1919, in Chelsea, Michigan, the daughter of Edward and Mary (Nordman) Koch. Mrs. Henes had lived in Dexter and was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church all her life; she was an altar society member for many faithful years. Sunday and holiday dinners brought her great joy, as she owned and operated her own catering business for 35 years. Summers at Baseline Lake with her grandchildren she adored. Watching hummingbirds and her garden she truly loved. Surviving are 5 children, Kenneth Henes, Mary (Nick) Heller and Linda (Floyd) Mc Michael, all of Dexter, Ruth Ann Allerton of Grand Rapids and James Henes of California; 19 grandchildren; and 23 great grandchildren; two sisters, Margaret Longthorne and Mary Vasher, both of Harrison; and several loving nieces and nephews. Dorothy and her family appreciate the many acts of kindness and support from Bob and Karen Murphy, Ann Dahman and the Dexter Senior Center. She was preceded in death by her husband, Kenneth E. Henes, two sons, Frederick and Edward Henes, one infant son, Kenneth, one great grandchild, one brother, Edward Koch, and two sisters, Ruth Oppenhuizen and Gertrude Scammon. Mass of Christian burial was celebrated Sunday, January 25, 2009, at 2:30 p.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Village Church, 3430 Dover Street, with Father Brendan J. Walsh presiding. Burial followed at St. Joseph Catholic Church Cemetery, Dexter. Expressions of sympathy can be made to Leader Dogs for the Blind. The family received friends at the St. Joseph Catholic Church, 3430 Dover Street, from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. with Rosary at 7:30; also at church on Sunday from 1:30 until time of service.



**WARREN, DOUGLAS S.**; went to meet the Lord on Saturday, January 25, 2009, in Leesburg, FL; at the age of 69. Doug will always be remembered for his great faith, sunny disposition, and deep love for children. He was born in Jackson, MI on August 3, 1939 to the late John E. and Margaret (Schiller) Warren. Douglas served his country in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict, and was a member of the V.F.W. Doug was a licensed barber in MI where he owned his own barber shop, and often donated his services where needed. He was a member of Christ United Methodist Church in Leesburg, and the Covenant Church of Chelsea, MI of which he was a founding member and sat on the board of directors. He will be greatly missed by his loving wife Mary; three sons, Thomas (Sherry) Kriska of Brighton, CO, David (Pege) Kriska of Dania Beach, FL, and Andrew (Jeanette) Kriska of Port St. Lucie, FL; and two daughters, Debbie (Darryl) Studer of Hovey-in-the-Hills, FL, and Theresa (Marty) Bartoy of Endicott, NY; he is further survived by one brother Ron (Mary Ann) Warren of Chelsea, MI; a nephew Kevin (Shirley) Warren; and a niece Kristin (Kirk) Putnam. Funeral Services for Mr. Warren will be held at the Christ United Methodist Church in Leesburg on Thursday, January 29th at 11 a.m. with the Rev. Dan Henderson officiating. Friends and family may call at the Page-Thus Funeral Home on Wednesday, January 28th from 5 until 7 p.m. In lieu of flowers the family has requested memorials in Doug's honor be made to the Covenant Church of Chelsea, MI. Memorial Service will be held at a later date at the Covenant Church in Chelsea, MI.

**WISELEY, ALLAN RICHARD**. A good man has left us. He was a member of the "Greatest Generation," the likes of which we will not see again. Allan Richard Wiseley; age 83; soldier, farmer and businessman; passed away January 23, 2009, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital after a valiant struggle, surrounded by his family, who loved him dearly. Richard was born in Ypsilanti, MI, on June 7, 1925, the son of Marcus Willoughby and Dorothy (McClumpha) Wiseley, the eldest of seven children. Raised in the Plymouth area, he graduated from Plymouth High School in 1942 and attended M.S.U. He was a sergeant in the U.S. Army during W.W.II, serving in England, France, Belgium, Germany and Italy. He married Dilys Elizabeth Richards on June 15, 1957, in Franklin, Michigan, and remained devoted to her until his dying day. After they were married, they moved to the farm near Dexter. He owned Huron Farm Supply, a John Deere dealership in Dexter, for 30 years. Richard enjoyed his grandchildren and spending time at his cabin on Lake Huron (and Lucky Strikes). A recent highlight was visiting the W.W.II memorial in Washington with Pride and Honor Flights. Mr. Wiseley is survived by his wife; children, Mark (Sonja), Lisa (Jeff) Kuebler, Brett (Tina) and Derek (Kathleen), all of the Dexter area; 7 grandchildren, Nicholas and Megan (both U.S. Army), Cody, Marcus, Tyler, Dylan and Elise; and step-granddaughter, Kristin (Russ) Girbach; his brothers, Jack (Faye) and Dan (Red); sister, Donna Palmer; and sister-in-law, Megan Winter. He was preceded in death by his brothers, Dale (Anne) and Robert, sister, Mary Devlin, and brothers-in-law, Dick Palmer and Vic Devlin. Services were held at the Dexter United Methodist Church on Wednesday, January 28. Memorial contributions may be made to Pride and Honor Flights ([www.rc.net.org/prideandhonorflight](http://www.rc.net.org/prideandhonorflight)) or Crystal Cathedral Ministries ([www.crystalcathedral.org](http://www.crystalcathedral.org)). Arrangements completed by the Nie Family Funeral Home, Liberty Road Chapel, Ann Arbor.

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If you've participated in the Chelsea Center for the Arts' Try-It-Day, you know to expect music, teachers, art activities, and lots of fun. Although this year's event occurred in the midst of the Jan. 10 blizzard, it proved to be as boisterous and popular as ever. Participants from Chelsea, Manchester, Dexter and Ann Arbor toughed the snowy roads to enjoy free activities such as watercolor painting, cartooning, and fossil making. New students played their first notes on the violin, while others listened in on Alex Anest's open guitar studio. Registration is still open for many of the visual arts, drama, and music classes at CCA.

For more information, go to [www.ChelseaCenterForTheArts.org](http://www.ChelseaCenterForTheArts.org).

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## Movie looks at life gone backwards

### The Curious Case of Benjamin Button

There were some great movies in 2008 including "Iron Man," "The Dark Knight," and "Burn After Reading" to name a few. Towards the end of last year, "The Curious Case of Benjamin Button" was released and is Director David Fincher's seventh film.

"The Curious Case of Benjamin Button" is based on a short story published in 1921. It stars Brad Pitt as the title character. Born old, Benjamin Button ages in reverse and that's basically what the movie is about. We watch Benjamin grow young and see how the world reacts to him and see him develop relationships with people much older than him who are unaware of Button's true age. This creates an interesting viewing experience. The film shows a late teen Button going to a brothel, getting drunk and working on a tug boat because he looks like an 80-year-old man.

The most eye catching moments in the movie are when Benjamin is in his youth, and his face is a digital version of Pitt's face, made to look old. This effect adds a great deal of realism to the movie, and keeps the attention of the audience by making the reverse aging process seem more natural.

Pitt shows that he is one of the best actors around. His supporting cast, including Cate Blanchett and Taraji P. Henson, do a good job of adding to the story.

The movie is just shy of three hours long and it feels much longer. There also are points where the jump from age to age is much more than expected. In a few minutes, he goes from his mid-60s to early 50s. But the opposite also occurs. The time in his early 40s to late 20s is the longest part of the movie.

"The Curious Case of Benjamin Button" gets a B+.

"Folie à Deux" by Fall Out Boy

### IN REVIEW Music, Film, Games



BY LEE COPLEY

Fall Out Boy has amassed something similar to a cult following in the last few years. Their fan base has grown in leaps and bounds - and with good reason. Fall Out Boy has put out several successful pop punk albums.

"Folie à Deux" follows Fall Out Boy's trend of well produced and well written albums. Both "From Under The Cork Tree" and "Take This To Your Grave" created a good name for the band.

The majority of the songs on "Folie à Deux" are good. "Disloyal Order Of Water Buffaloes" has a good combination of a slower drum beat and quick guitar and bass. However, the lyrics have nothing in common with the name. "I Don't Care" sounds like a song from the late 80s and the opening sounds sampled. It's a good song with strong vocals. "27" is a decent song that sounds like an older Fall Out Boy song. "w.a.m.s." features slower and slightly softer vocals than the other songs. The best song on the album is "She's My Winona." It has an upbeat pop beat with a pop punk sound. Patrick Stump's vocals are strong and fit the music perfectly. He has one of the most easily identified voices in music today.

"Folie à Deux" is a good album, but pales in comparison with the group's older work. "Folie à Deux" seems very commercial. There's no heart in any of the songs. "Folie à Deux" is worth a listen, but not a buy. It gets a B-

### "Day & Age" by The Killers

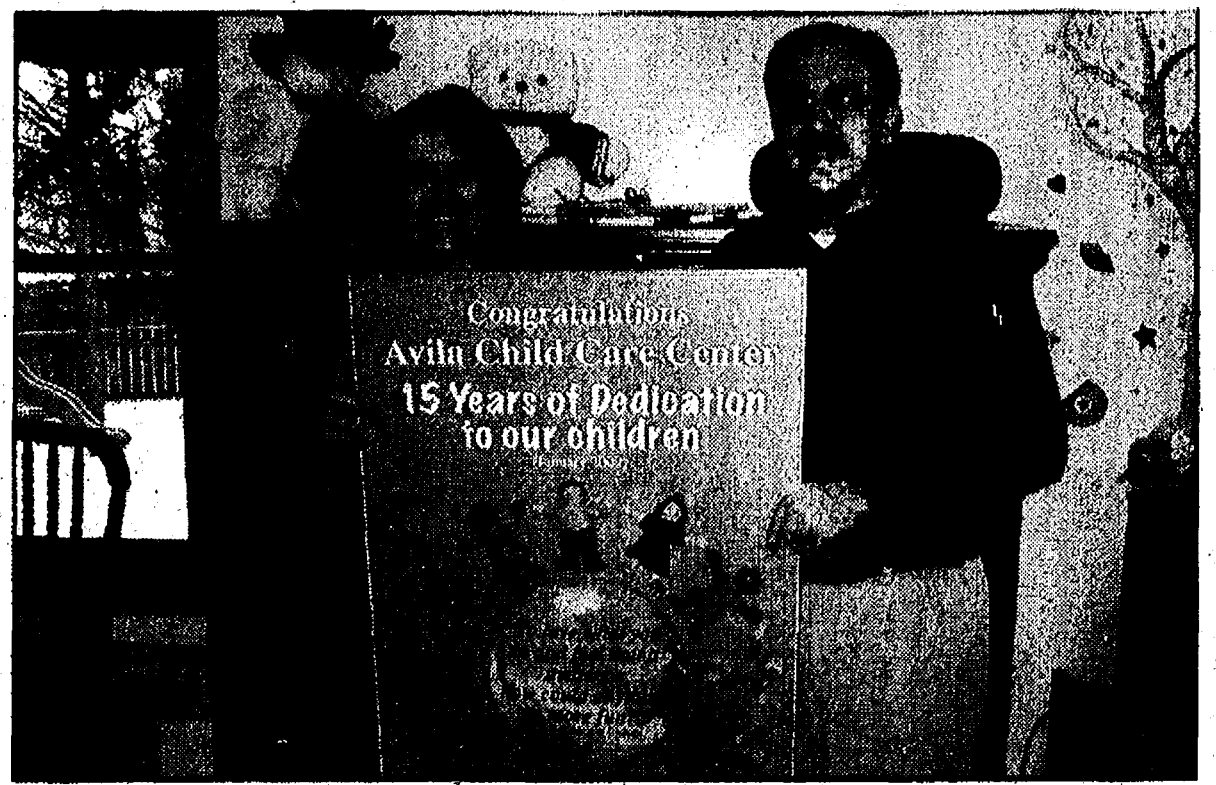
Few alternative rock bands have reached the fame achieved by The Killers. Their first two albums, "Hot Fuss" and "Sam's Town," are both well produced and performed. However their recent album, "Day & Age," doesn't even come close to the other two.

"Day & Age" is a shorter album, consisting of only 10 songs. Unfortunately, there are no outstanding songs in those 10. The song selection is meager and at times sounds more like a demo tape. Every song seems to be trying to be different or unique. "Human" is the first single off the album, and it does the job of a single. It's repetitive nature make it sink into the listener and it's techno sound make it somewhat enjoyable.

"Joy Ride" has the best sound of any song on the album. It's a funk song with an amazing beat. But the lyrics are average at best. "Neon Tiger" sounds like something off a mix tape from 1987. "A Dustland Fairy Tale" is a slow and boring song that will be most likely be skipped over by most people.

The worst song on the album is "This Is Your Life." The vocals come off as annoying and ruin the rest of it.

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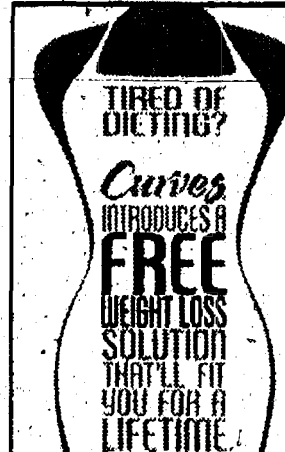
The Killers hit the scene as an up and coming alternative rock band with the potential to set the standard for the genre. After "Hot Fuss" came out, The Killers seemed close to their goal. And with "Sam's Town," their status as 'alt-rock royalty' seemed almost certain. But, "Day & Age" knocks them back down the ladder. "Day & Age" gets a C-

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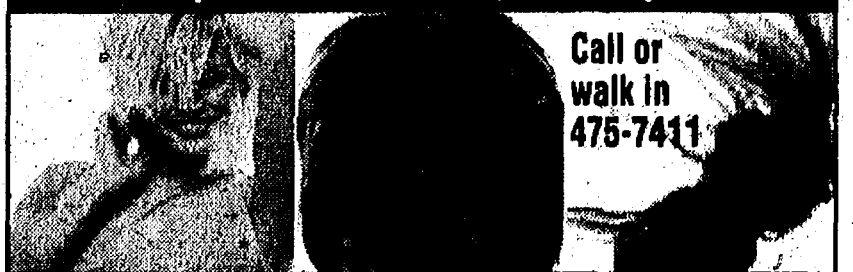
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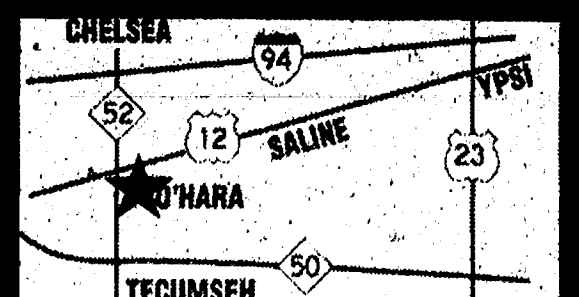
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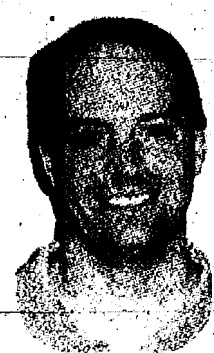


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Chelsea Standard / Dexter Leader Sports Editor Don Richter goes beyond the final scores.

## MSU is giving me a case of the blues

With last week's sweep by the University of Michigan, the Michigan State University hockey program has reached a new low.

The Spartans lost to the Wolverines 6-2 last Friday in a game at Joe Louis Arena in Detroit. I can remember a time when Joe Louis Arena used to be called Munn East because of MSU's dominance.

It sure looks like those days are over - at least for this season.

Last Saturday, the Spartans lost to U of M at Yost Arena 5-3 in a game marred by fights, scuffles and penalties on and off the ice.

Near the end of the contest U of M junior defenseman Steve

Kampfer was roughly checked by two MSU players into the boards. After the hit, Kampfer lay motionless on the ice for a few moments. He would later be taken to the U of M Hospital as a precautionary measure before being released on Sunday.

In an even more bizarre twist to the hockey rivalry, a spectator somehow gained access to the MSU locker room after the game and confronted Spartan players and coach Rick Comley before being escorted away by arena security.

No matter what, the fact still remains that MSU hockey was swept by its arch rivals this season. The Spartans lost all five games to the Wolverines this year. I think Amo Bessone is rolling over in his grave somewhere.

How have the Spartans, 7-16-3 overall this season fallen so fast and so quickly. Two years ago, MSU was the toast of the NCAA hockey world, parading around East Lansing as national champions.

What has happened since that time? I'm sure graduation has hurt and the departure of numerous top players to the NHL and other professional leagues has hurt the talent pool at MSU.

Has Comley lost control of the program? Was last Saturday his Bobby Williams dazed and confused moment? His confirmation that, yes, indeed, he has lost control of his players.

I don't think so.

Yes, this season so far has been an absolutely forgettable one. Every program goes through its ups and downs. But, I believe, if MSU has another losing season next year, heads might be rolling in.

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# Slow start hurts

## Dawgs fall to 0-4 in league after loss to AA Huron

By Don Richter  
Sports Editor

Chelsea's boys' basketball team lost to visiting Ann Arbor Huron 63-40 last Friday.

The Bulldogs (2-6, 0-4 Southeastern Conference) fell behind early, trailing the River Rats 15-6 after one quarter.

At halftime, Huron increased its lead to 33-18.

"Our effort at the beginning of the game was good, we had a lot of energy, but we missed some easy shots, had a few turnovers and fell behind," said Chelsea coach Robin Raymond.

Raymond said the River Rats are a difficult team to play against.

"They have a lot of 6-foot-2, and 6-4 guys who are really athletic and have long arms," he said. "Huron's defense is an all out full court zone press. They trap out of their press all game. You have to be able to handle their press to have a chance to win."

Chelsea had a tough time breaking Huron's press, committing 37 turnovers during the game.

"We were hesitant with our passes and that resulted in way too many turnovers and easy baskets for Huron," Raymond said. "They stay after you every minute."

After falling behind in the first half, the Bulldogs found the going rough in the final two quarters.

In the third quarter, Huron outscored Chelsea 18-10 taking a 49-28 advantage into the fourth frame.

In the fourth quarter, the River Rats outscored the Bulldogs 14-12 for the night's ending tally.

Sophomore center Conor Tait (6-5, 205 pounds) led Chelsea with 12 points and three rebounds.

Junior power forward Colton Waterbury (6-3, 220) added 10 points and six boards, while senior forward Jake Mantel (6-3, 225)



Chelsea junior guard Ben Sauers scored three points and grabbed three rebounds in last week's game against Temperance Bedford.

had eight points and four rebounds for the Bulldogs.

Sophomore point guard Patrick Roberts (5-11) finished with four points, eight rebounds and four assists, while sophomore forward Mason Borders (6-3) had two points and three rebounds, junior forward Scott Devol two points and senior wing player Brett Everding and sophomore forward Spencer Mykala one point each for Chelsea.

Senior guard Michael Roberts had three rebounds, three steals and three assists for the Bulldogs.

As a team, Chelsea ended

up 14-of-39 from the field for 39 percent, while Huron was 24-of-54 for 44 percent.

At the foul line, the Bulldogs were 12-of-17 for 71 percent, while the River Rats were 11-of-15 for 73 percent.

Chelsea was strong on the boards, out-rebounding Huron 32-29, including 12-11 on the offensive glass.

The River Rats forced 15 steals.

On Jan. 20, the host Bulldogs lost to Temperance Bedford 55-51.

Similar to Huron, Chelsea fell behind early against the Kicking Mules.

After one quarter, the

Bulldogs trailed 18-7.

At the break, Bedford increased its lead to 33-17.

"We dug ourselves a deep hole," Raymond said. "We haven't been a good starting team since Christmas. We've been talking about getting better starts, but we didn't do that against Bedford."

In the third quarter, Chelsea rallied, heating up offensively outscoring the Mules 23-17, and cutting Bedford's lead to 49-40.

In the fourth quarter, the Bulldogs cut the Mules' lead to 53-51 with 45 seconds left.

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## READY, SET, SPORTS



JANA MILLER

## Wolverines sweep up Spartans in hockey

I have to award Don Richter, my dueling column opponent, my condolences. His Michigan State Spartans have a terrible hockey team this year.

They were nothing for my now 18-8 (overall), 12-6 (CCHA) University of Michigan Wolverines.

The 6-2 victory at Joe Louis Arena Jan. 23 hosted 12,981 fans who were made witnesses to the thumping.

Truth be told, perhaps our perfect blend of international prowess with grassroots know-how was just too much for you, Don. We hail players from Sweden and Ontario to Washington State and as close as Ann Arbor and Milan.

In fact, our Swedish star Carl Hagelin had some solid goals and assists for the Wolverines. And Louie Caporusso of Canada made a night of it, as did Danny Fardig of Ann Arbor.

What was astonishing from both sides were the lack of power play goals and major penalty minutes.

In fact, there were zero power play goals and under 20 penalty minutes for the teams. Oh, but don't worry, Don, I'm saving my little penalty tidbits for a few more paragraphs.

Next up on my "I'm-better-than-you hiflirt" is the 53 win Saturday night at Yost Arena that satisfied 8,845 rowdy, screaming Michigan fans. Your lost little Spartans are now 7-16-3 overall and 4-12-2 in the CCHA.

That means Michigan has a six-game winning streak over MSU this season. That, my friend, is the longest streak since a two-season run from 1960 to 1961 and 1961 to 1962.

Oh, and by the way, those were the years when Red Berenson was a junior and senior. Ah, Red, that has to feel good. Nothing like repeating a statistic like that.

Maybe all that talk about your head coach was a bit unfounded, eh Don? What was his name again? I guess that whole winningest coach theory doesn't really stack up against opponents with high caliber, like my Michigan Wolverines. We're no Central Michigan, after all.

Oh, and maybe you should have actually attended Saturday night's game at Yost. Because while you celebrate all your NCAA and CCHA playoff appearances that you mentioned last week, a simple visit to Yost and the many hanging banners would illustrate that my team has done a bit more than make appearances.

We actually win things, like tens of CCHA titles and enough national titles to be deemed a major hockey school. You haven't quite earned the reputation of a national competitor yet. Maybe you're the grasshopper, and not I.

I guess if those appearances had been wins, you

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## Chelsea wrestlers finish 4-1 at own tourney

By Don Richter  
Sports Editor

Chelsea wrestling hosted its own six-team invitational last Saturday. The Bulldogs finished the tournament with a 4-1 overall record.

Chelsea defeated Onsted 38-37, Gibraltar Carlson 79-0, East Detroit 63-14 and L'Anse Creuse 43-29. The Bulldogs lost to Milan 33-31.

Individually, for the Bulldogs in the lighter weights, Vince Kause was 4-1 at 103 pounds, while Steve Buss was 2-2 and Ben Doll 1-0 at 112, Andrew Nold 5-0 at 119, Glen Cobb 5-0 at 125, Travis Goetz 2-2 and Jake Riemenscheider 1-0 at 130 and Matt Gillespie 0-2 and Andrew Nelson 1-2 at 135.

In the heavier weights, Joey Newland was 2-3 at 140, Brandon French 5-0 at 145, Dakota Cooley 5-0 at 152, Kevin Watkins 3-1 and Andrew LeVanseler 0-1 at 160, Kevin Rosentreter 4-1 at 171, Travis Ostrowski 4-0 and Kyle Coburn 0-1 at 189, Tim Shoemaker 3-2 at 215 and Tim Rosentreter 3-2 at heavyweight.

"We're doing some really good things right now," said

Chelsea coach Kerry Kargel. "We hope to continue that for the rest of the season."

On Jan. 21, Chelsea participated in the Dexter Quad. The Bulldogs defeated Division 4 No. 5-ranked Manchester 42-32 and Pinckney 78-6.

Against the Flying Dutchmen, Chelsea rose to the occasion.

"I thought it was the best we have wrestled all year," Kargel said. "The difference in the meet was that we got more pins than they did."

Both teams recorded seven wins.

Earning victories for the Bulldogs in the lighter weights were Kause (103) by pin in 42 seconds, Buss (112) by pin in 2:54 and Cobb by pin in 1:59.

Picking up wins in the heavier divisions were Cooley (152) by pin in 3:37, Kevin Rosentreter (171) by pin in 1:52, Shoemaker (215) by pin in 41 seconds and Early McGowan (heavyweight) by pin in 41 seconds.

Chelsea next travels to Durand for a meet Saturday at 9 a.m.

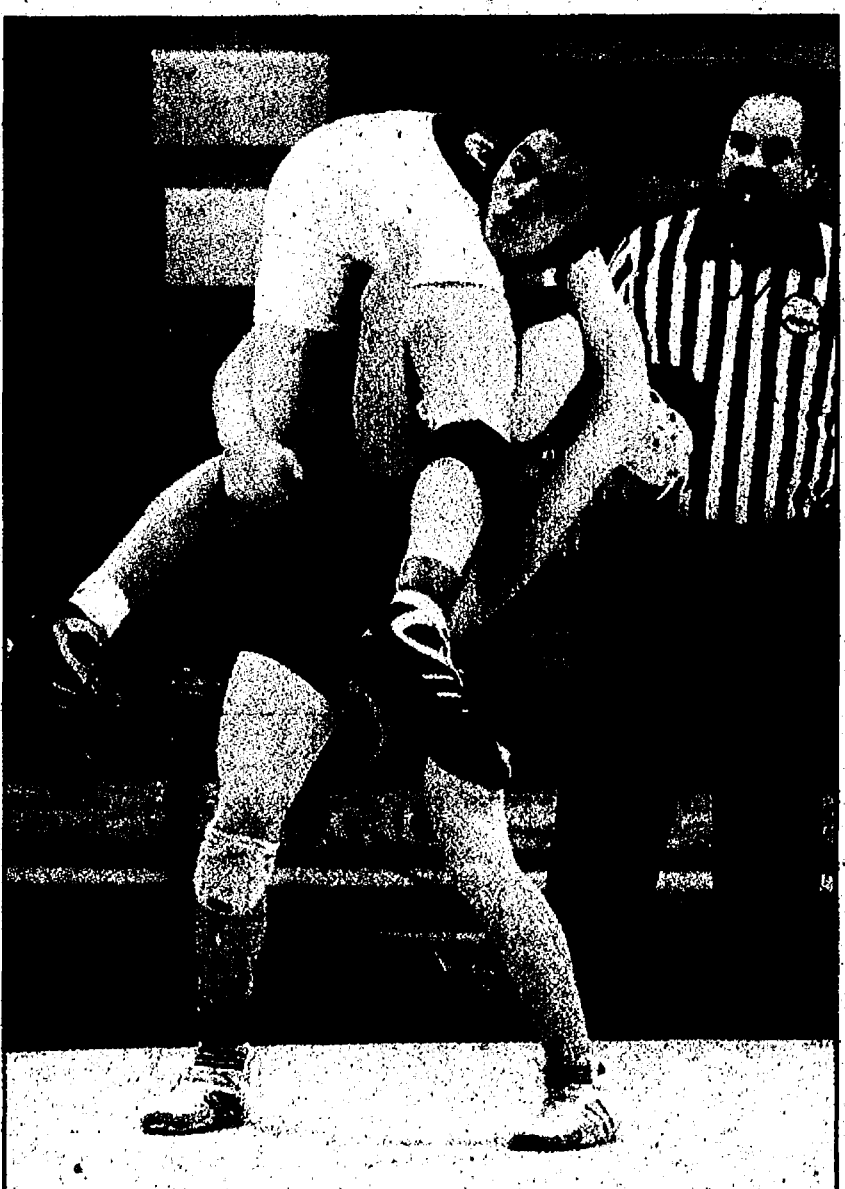


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Bulldog Brandon French finished 5-0 at 145 pounds in last Saturday's Chelsea Invitational.



## Girls' Basketball

# Dawgs fall despite solid efforts from Schwarze, Cooperrider

By Don Richter  
Sports Editor

Chelsea's girls' basketball team lost to visiting Ann Arbor Huron 68-49 last Friday.

To begin the game, the Bulldogs (5-6, 2-5 Southeastern Conference) trailed the River Rats 16-15 after one quarter.

At halftime, Huron increased its advantage to 40-29, outscoring Chelsea 24-14 in the second quarter.

Entering the fourth quarter, the Bulldogs cut the River Rat lead to 52-43.

In the fourth frame, however, Huron closed out the contest netting 16 points, while holding Chelsea to six points for the night's final score.

Senior Krystin Schwarze sparked the Bulldogs finishing with 14 points, including four triples, four rebounds, four assists and one blocked shot.

Sophomore Rachel Cooperrider added 13 points and two boards, while senior Zoe Suffety had six points, three rebounds and one assist for Chelsea.

Senior Megan Dunn had five points, five rebounds and five assists, while freshman Mackenzie Cole had five points and two rebounds. Sophomore Amber Stebleton had four points, while senior Erin Benjamin had two points, three points and five assists for the Bulldogs.

As a team, Chelsea ended up 19-of-33 from the field for 58 percent, while Huron was 28-of-59 for 48 percent.

At the foul line, the Bulldogs were 6-of-12 for 50 percent, while the River Rats were 7-of-17 for 41 percent.

Huron out-rebounded Chelsea 26-19, including 15-1 on the offensive glass.

The River Rats forced 25 Bulldog turnovers.

On Jan. 20, visiting Chelsea lost to Temperance Bedford 50-32.

The Bulldogs fell behind

24-13 at halftime.

In the second half, the Kicking Mules outscored Chelsea 26-19, including 14-7 in the fourth quarter, for the final margin.

Dunn led the Bulldogs with 13 points, including three 3-pointers, four rebounds and three steals.

Cooperrider chipped in five points, five rebounds and two steals, while freshman Samantha French had five points and two assists and Cole four points.

Benjamin had three points, three rebounds and two assists, while Suffety had two points and three boards.

As a team, Chelsea finished 11-of-29 from the floor for 38 percent, while Bedford was 19-of-47 for 40 percent.

At the line, the Bulldogs were 7-of-12 for 58 percent, while the Mules were 10-of-13 for 77 percent.

Bedford won the battle of the boards out-rebounding Chelsea 26-20, including 12-5 on the offensive side.

The Mules ruled the paint scoring 32 points inside, while the Bulldogs had 12 points down low.

"Both Huron and Bedford are very solid, undefeated senior laden teams," said Chelsea coach Todd Blomquist. "Bedford caused problems with their size and Huron created problems with their quickness. They (Huron) also have a very difficult match-up in Tyler Hardy."

Despite the setbacks, Blomquist said playing strong teams like Bedford and Huron is a positive for his squad.

"Competing with those teams like we did will make us a better team this season if we learn from our successes and mistakes," he said.

Chelsea next hosts county rival Dexter Friday at 5:30 p.m.

On Monday, the Bulldogs host Ypsilanti Lincoln at 7 p.m. for a make-up game.

On Tuesday, Chelsea hosts Temperance Bedford at 7 p.m.

### JV basketball

Chelsea's JV girls' basketball team defeated visiting Ann Arbor Huron 52-30 last Thursday.

The Bulldogs (7-4, 4-3 Southeastern Conference) ran out to an 18-7 first quarter lead.

At halftime, Chelsea continued leading 25-17.

Entering the fourth quarter, the Bulldogs built their lead to 39-25.

In the fourth frame, Chelsea put away the River Rats, outscoring Huron 13-5 for the night's final outcome.

Grace Martin led the Bulldogs with 10 points, while Amanda Gates had nine points and Emily Shrosbree and Megan Hall each scored eight points.

Jessica Ruikka added five points and seven rebounds for Chelsea, while Hannah Fitzsimmons played well at the point guard position.

"We came out and played with passion," said Chelsea coach Rourke Skelton. "We played well defensively. Everybody was able to get some playing time and experience. We're starting to enjoy playing together."

On Jan. 20, the visiting Bulldogs lost to Temperance Bedford 32-26 in overtime.

"Even though we lost, I thought we played hard," Skelton said. "We were able to come back in the fourth quarter and force overtime. That showed a lot of grit."

Chelsea led 4-1 after the first quarter.

In the second quarter, the Mules outscored the Bulldogs 13-8 to take a 14-12 lead at the break.

In the third quarter, Bedford held Chelsea to one point, while scoring three points for a 17-13 advantage heading into the fourth stanza.

In the fourth quarter, the Bulldogs battled back scoring 13 points, while limiting

the Mules to nine points tying the game at 26-26 at the end of regulation.

In overtime, Bedford blanked Chelsea 6-0, scoring all of its points from the foul line, for the contest's final margin.

Hall led the Bulldogs with nine points, while Martin had five points.

Freshman Basketball

Chelsea's freshman girls' basketball team defeated Ann Arbor Huron 35-23 last Thursday. The victory was the third straight for the Bulldogs.

"Defensive hustle was the key to winning this game," said Chelsea coach Brian Boos. "We pressed full court all game and were able to capitalize on Huron turnovers."

Allie Smith led the Bulldogs (4-6, 4-5 SEC) with 11 points, while Amber Plemens had eight points and Katelyn Kingsley seven points.

Tess Schuessler and Briana Carden each added three points, while Nicole Brown had two points and Sarah Bucholz one point for Chelsea.

On Jan. 20, the Bulldogs defeated Temperance Bedford 44-24.

"From the start, Chelsea was faster and more aggressive than the Kicking Mules," Boos said. "This was the first game of the season that the girls held a lead for the entire game."

Kingsley netted 13 points to pace Chelsea, while Plemens had 10 points and

Smith nine points.

Carden chipped in four points, while Brown had three points, Bucholz and Schuessler two points apiece and Tessa Elwart one point for the Bulldogs.

On Jan. 17, Chelsea defeated Tecumseh 45-30 in a make-up game.

"This was a great game that was won by hard work and defense in the second half," Boos said.

Smith had 13 points to lead the Bulldogs, while Plemens had 10 points, Kingsley nine points and Bucholz eight points.

Brown and Elwart each finished with two points, while Krista McInnis had one point for Chelsea.

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but Bedford was able to break Chelsea's press and score a breakaway basket for the game's final margin.

Despite the loss, Raymond was pleased with his squad's second half comeback.

"At the beginning of the third quarter, we decided to trap full court," Raymond said. "Our defensive pressure began wearing Bedford down. In the end, we ran out of time. But we can't dig ourselves that big of a hole to begin with."

The Bulldogs doubled their output in the second half, scoring 34 points in the third and fourth quarters combined, after netting only 17 points in the first half.

Individually, for Chelsea, Michael Roberts paced the team with 17 points, including two 3-pointers, two rebounds and two steals.

Mantel recorded 12 points, seven rebounds and two assists, while Patrick Roberts had eight points, four rebounds and three assists for the Bulldogs.

Junior guard Ben Sauers had three points and three rebounds, while Devol had three points, Tait two points, three blocked shots and nine rebounds and Waterbury two points and four boards. Junior forward Nate Branham and Borders each had two points for Chelsea.

As a team, the Bulldogs were 19-of-57 from the floor for 33 percent, while Bedford was 18-of-45 for 44 percent.

At the line, Chelsea was 11-of-19 for 58 percent, while the Mules were 19-of-35 for 54 percent.

Bedford out-rebounded the Bulldogs 34-31, including 18-15 on the offensive boards.

Chelsea next hosts county rival Dexter Friday at 7 p.m.

On Monday, the Bulldogs travel to Ypsilanti Lincoln for a game at 7 p.m.

On Tuesday, Chelsea visits Temperance Bedford for a contest at 7 p.m.

### JV basketball

Chelsea's JV boys' basketball team defeated Temperance Bedford 62-61.

Nate Udell led the way with 12 points, while Charlie McCalla and Logan Yordanich each added 11 points.

The Bulldogs (6-3) lost to

Ann Arbor Huron 64-51.

Udell paced the squad with 14 points, while Brian Paulsen had eight points.

Chelsea defeated Tecumseh 54-32.

Udell scored 14 points to lead the Bulldogs.

"We have played well," said Chelsea coach Mark Scheese. "We have a very unselfish team with many assists and solid team defense."

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# Beach Middle battles Dexter

By Don Richter  
Sports Editor

Chelsea's Beach Middle School eighth-grade girls' Blue basketball team lost to rival Dexter 15-13 last week.

Bailey Darwin led the Bulldogs (1-1) with nine points, while Margaret Lindauer and Laurel Hall each had two points.

Also last week, Beach defeated Adrian 16-15 in overtime.

Hall paced the Bulldogs with eight points, while Darwin had seven points and Lindauer six points.

Chelsea's Beach Middle School seventh-grade girls' Blue basketball team lost to Dexter 17-15 last week.

"We played extremely hard in our first game of the season," said Chelsea coach Mike Bareis. "Kerri Benjamin and Taylor Langenderfer played very well at both ends of the floor."

## Girls' hoops

Also last week, Beach (1-1) defeated Adrian 19-15 in overtime.

"We were down 13-6 with only three minutes left in the game," Bareis said. "We made a remarkable comeback to tie the game in regulation at 15. We held Adrian scoreless the entire overtime period with outstanding defense."

Chelsea's Beach Middle School seventh-grade girls' Gold basketball team lost to Dexter 15-12 Jan. 20.

"It was our first game of the season and for many of the girls the first game of their lives," said Chelsea coach Brian Sayers. "The girls came out and played hard and came up just a bit short."

Elizabeth Stofflet led the Bulldogs (1-1) with 12 points, while Dani Slinder had five points.

Last Thursday, Beach defeated Adrian 21-13.

"Every player played hard and contributed to the win," Sayers said. "The girls improved tremendously from Game 1 to Game 2."

Slinder sparked Chelsea with 11 points.

Stofflet added nine points, while Liana Pieske and Hannah Noble each scored four points. Tiffany Valencia and Maya Pifer each had two points, while Sofia Gonzalez had one point for the Bulldogs.

Last Monday, Chelsea lost to Saline Gold 15-8.

"We are slowly learning the game of basketball," Sayers said. "I look forward to the rest of the season to see how we progress as a team."

Stofflet led the Bulldogs with four points, while Rachel Boote, Noble and Slinder each scored two points for Beach.

"I really like your Spartans this year, actually, because they motivate my guys to do incredible things. Incredible, emotional and embarrassing-for-you things. I love it."

Jana Miller, Heritage sports writer

## U-M

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would have mentioned that instead, huh? Ouch.

I also noticed that Jeff Lerg didn't see playing time in Saturday's game after his 2-6 loss on Friday. He had 30 saves Friday night to Hogan's 22, but you can't save them all, I suppose.

Instead Drew Palmisano tried his hand and glove at the challenge, taking on the visitor's net in Yost Saturday night. Too bad we took the lead Saturday only 36 seconds into the first period off the stick of Matt Rust. That's embarrassing. Well, welcome to the big game, Drew.

Another juicy tidbit that might actually shed some positive light on your goaltenders is the shots-on-goal margin. After only the first five games between our two teams, Michigan had 212 SOG to MSU's 111. We then opened game No. 6 with a solid 21 SOG to your six. That was our most in a period this entire season, Don.

I really like your Spartans this year, actually, because they motivate my guys to do incredible things. Incredible, emotional and embarrassing-for-you things. I love it.

In fact, could you possibly get your team to improve a bit so we can play again in the CCHA playoffs? I think that would really give my team the kick they need to have another blowout.

You'll have to win a little more to qualify for that, though. So get to work on that, Don. You said yourself that you are second-to no one, except maybe us.

Now back to the penalties. Everyone knew there would

be some fighting Saturday night. There always is.

What I didn't expect was for it to get as bad or as cheap as it did. At least all-out brawls are a fair fight, and let the best hockey fighter win.

But your boys put one of my guys into a head-dive toward the boards and then proceeded to slash the grounded U of M player on the back of the neck.

Might I remind you that this kid was just back from a skull fracture and back injury. Your players would have known that. Do your Spartans really want to go to prison that fast?

You should tell your players it's just a game, Don. Sure, no one likes to be a loser. But people hate sore losers a heck of a lot more.

I must exclude you from this, Don. I know you are a fine and caring man. But I must say that you would be happier as a Wolverine. I think everyone would be.

Jana Miller is a reporter for The Saline Reporter and Milan News-Leader.

## MSU

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East Lansing. The MSU natives would definitely be getting restless.

With 23 NCAA appearances, nine Frozen Fours and three national titles to its credit, the Spartan hockey program isn't used to losing. Every team has its down times, but the successful programs bounce back and refuse to fold.

Are the Spartans ready to fold? Are the halcyon days of MSU hockey over?

I don't think so. Check back with me a year from now and I think we'll finally have our answer.

Don Richter is sports editor of The Chelsea Standard and The Dexter Leader. He can be reached at 475-1371 or at drichter@heritage.com.

# Beach fourth at Erie Mason

By Don Richter  
Sports Editor

Chelsea's Beach Middle School swimming and diving team finished fourth in the 42nd annual Erie Mason Invitational. The Bulldogs ended up with 111 points.

Winning the eight-team meet was Saline with 487.5 points.

In the 200 medley relay, the Beach foursome of David Alday, Zach Ousley, Logan Simpson and Nick Burris placed seventh. Nick Deppner, Graham Rutherford, Talia Dyerly and Jillian Dixon touched ninth.

In the 200 freestyle, Alday finished fifth. Simpson was

## Swimming

10th in the 100 individual medley. Burris ended up fourth in the 50 freestyle, while Dyerly was eighth in the 50 butterfly.

In the 200 freestyle relay, Simpson, Deppner, Alday and Burris placed third, while Will Wickens, Dixon, Rutherford and Dyerly finished ninth.

In the 400 freestyle relay, Simpson, Deppner, Alday and Burris placed sixth, while Katie Olsen, Dixon, Rutherford and Dyerly ended up eighth.

Also last week, Beach lost to host Saline 162-53 in a

dual meet.

Mare Almhiemed was second in diving, while Sarah Carrara was fifth and Maddie Perry sixth for the Bulldogs.

James Hansen was fifth in the 100 individual medley, while Blake Ortbring was sixth, Ousley seventh and Olivia Raye-Leonard eighth.

Ousley was fourth in the 100 breaststroke, while Ortbring was fifth, Kelsey Brinklow sixth and Raye-Leonard seventh.

Dyerly was fifth in the 50 freestyle, while Dixon was sixth, Rutherford 11th and Nathan Obenchain 13th.

# Local soccer looks to bounce back

Soccer in Chelsea will see renewed effort in 2009 to ensure that the community has an affordable, yet comprehensive, soccer program that allows boys and girls of every age and ability to play soccer at an appropriate competitive level.

The Chelsea Soccer Club will be working with the Chelsea schools, Chelsea Recreation, local college teams and Detroit Ignition to encourage children in the area to try the sport and pick up habits that will benefit them throughout their lives.

Almost 40 million students play soccer in the US every year of which just under half are female. The sport is diverse in terms of gender,

ethnic background and international popularity and normally does not require a significant financial commitment on the part of parents. Players can succeed regardless of their size or strength and as the sport is relatively easy to learn, they can quickly become proficient.

Soccer is a great way to teach children how to interact effectively as part of a team and to adapt to the different temperaments, abilities and backgrounds of others. Strong friendships are rapidly formed which often extend well beyond the soccer field. Children experience the value of supporting one another to achieve a team objective, the impor-

ance of sportsmanship and respect for others and the resilience to failure that comes with consistent commitment and self discipline.

Soccer quickly delivers significant physical and mental benefits. Agility, muscle tone, bone strength, endurance and a high level of aerobic fitness will result from a game where everyone is participating, moving constantly, stopping, starting and turning. As players become more committed they start to think about diet and how it affects their ability to play the sport. Children often improve their ability to focus and concentrate and all of this leads to increased confidence.

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# 'Streetcar' pulls into Chelsea

## Williams' classic now showing at the Purple Rose Theatre

The Purple Rose Theatre Co. is proud to announce their production of the American classic, "A Streetcar Named Desire," by Tennessee Williams. The production will enjoy a limited nine-week engagement that runs through March 21.

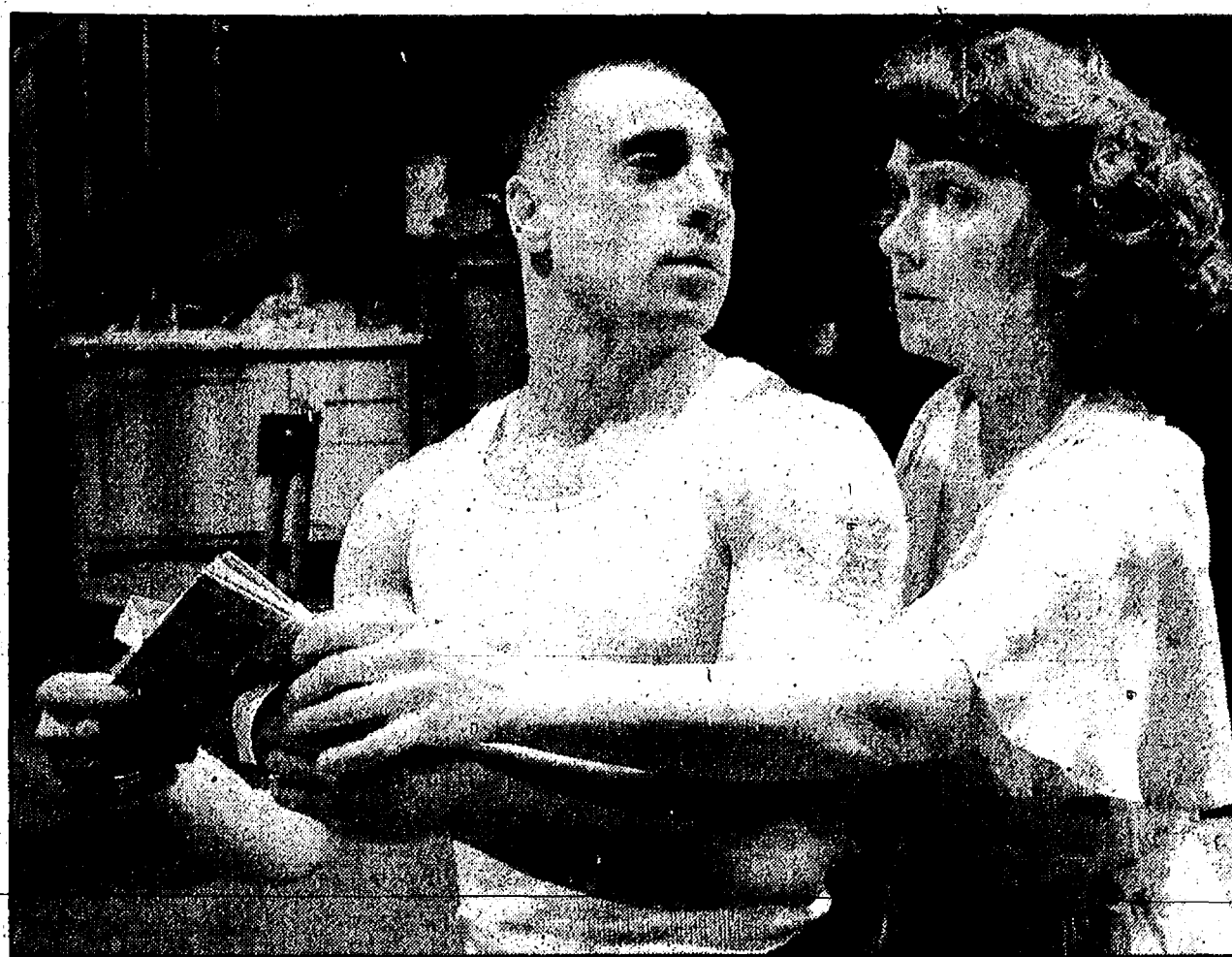
Press Opening is tomorrow while regular performances for the duration of the engagement are Wednesdays through Saturdays at 8 p.m. with Wednesday and Saturday matinees at 3 p.m. and Sunday matinees at 2 p.m.

All performances will be at The Purple Rose Theatre Co., 137 Park Street in Chelsea.

Set in steamy New Orleans following World War II, "A Streetcar Named Desire" tells the story of Blanche DuBois, a fragile woman desperately seeking a place to call her own. Blanche sashays into the home of her sister, Stella, and her volatile husband, Stanley, interrupting the careful balance of their turbulent marriage.

The passionate conflict between these three struggling souls provides a thrilling emotional climax not to be missed.

"A Streetcar Named Desire" earned Williams his first Pulitzer Prize in 1948. The original Broadway production was directed by Elia



Photos by Danna Segrest, courtesy of The Purple Rose Theatre Company. Matthew David (above and upper right) plays Stanley while Purple Rose favorite Michelle Mountain (above) plays Blanche in "A Streetcar Named Desire."

Kazan and starred Marlon Brando and Jessica Tandy.

When Kazan directed the iconic film adaptation in 1951, Tandy (despite receiving the premiere's only Tony Award for Best Actress) was replaced in the role of Blanche by Vivian Leigh, star of the 1949 London stage production.

Several high-profile revivals of the play have been staged since the premiere, including the Lincoln Center production in 1973 starring Rosemary Harris and James Farentino and the 1992 revival at the Ethel Barrymore Theatre starring Jessica Lange and Alec Baldwin.

"We're excited and grateful to present the 'purple'

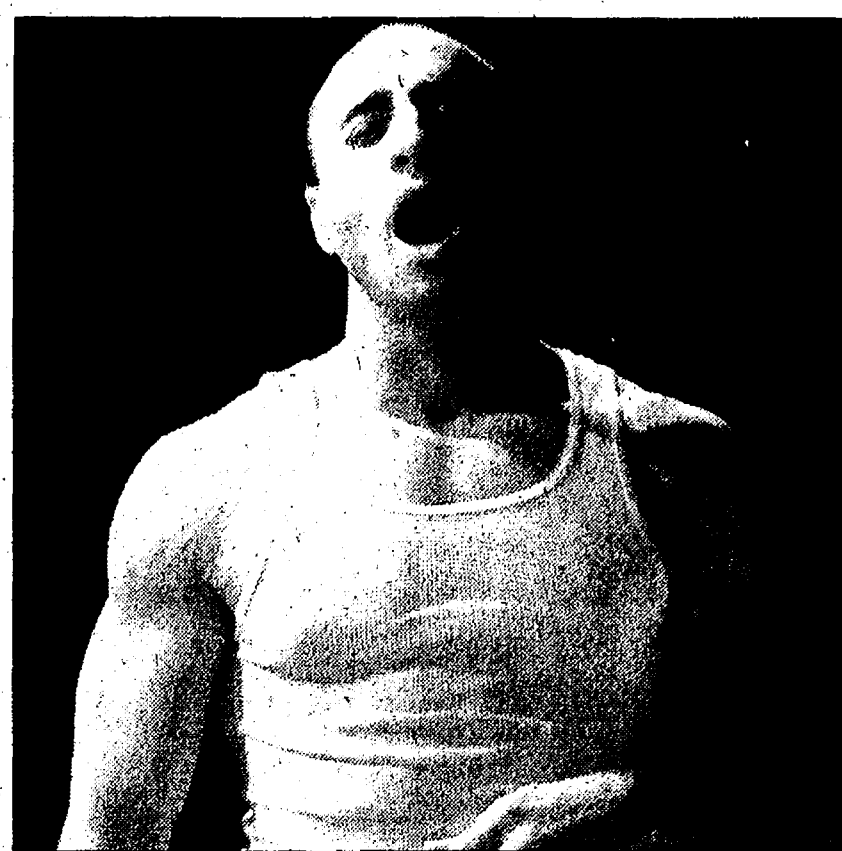
version of this great American classic, to dust off an old play and make it live in a new and dynamic way that honors the play and says something about who we are as a company," said PRTC Artistic Director Guy Sanville. "We hope people will take us up on the rare chance to see what many believe is the greatest American play in a professional venue."

Under the direction of Sanville, the cast of "A Streetcar Named Desire" features PRTC resident artist Michelle Mountain as Blanche, PRTC associate artist Matthew David as Stanley, and PRTC associate artist Charlyn Swarthout as Stella. The supporting cast

includes Rhonda Freya English, PRTC associate artist Stacie Hadgikosti, PRTC resident artist Grant R. Krause, Hugh Maguire, PRTC associate artist Qarie Marshall, Tristan Peach, PRTC resident artist Phil Powers, and PRTC associate artist Rhiannon Ragland.

Design for this production includes set by Daniel C. Walker, properties by Danna Segrest, costumes by Christianne Myer, lighting by Dana White and sound by Tom Whalen. Michelle DiDomenico stage manages with Stephanie Buck as assistant stage manager.

This PRTC production is generously underwritten by ADR North America.



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## Purple Rose adds new classes to 2009 schedule

The Purple Rose Theatre Co. is proud to announce the addition of two new classes to the 2009 schedule: Actor Boot Camp and Teen Intensive.

The popular weekend intensive Actor Boot Camp is designed to fit busy schedules and has been described by attendees as "life-changing" and "cathartic."

Taught by PRTC Artistic Director Guy Sanville and resident artist Michelle Mountain, this class offers movement training, vocal and monologue work, and a Q&A with working professionals about essential guidelines for developing a career in the entertainment industry.

The class will be held May 15-17. Participants must be at least 18 years of age. Cost for the class is \$200 which includes lunch on Saturday.

Following the success of our 2008 Teen Intensive, this year's class will run for two weeks and feature a smaller class size to facilitate more one-on-one work. Designed for students ages 13 to 18, this class will meet Mondays through Thursdays, July 20-30, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Under the direction of Mountain and associate artist Heidi Bennett, students will explore the acting process and the principles that guide PRTC actors in their work. Topics include voice, movement, audition techniques, monologue and scene work, and acting for the camera.

Students must come to class prepared with a memorized, one-minute comic monologue from a published play.

Cost for the class is \$300. Both classes will be held at the PRTC rehearsal space in the Chelsea Center for the Arts at 400 Congdon, Chelsea.

Registration for these and other classes is available now by calling the PRTC administration office at (734) 433-PRTC (7782); office hours are Mondays

through Fridays from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Registrations are accepted on a pre-paid basis; come, first-served basis; full payment is required to

register. Additional information and printable registration forms can also be found on the PRTC Web site: [www.purplerosetheatre.org](http://www.purplerosetheatre.org).

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## Business Profile

# 'Potting Shed' moves into much bigger digs

By Edward Freundl  
Staff Writer

Bonnie Cook has not only defied the odds, she has defied conventional wisdom in the current economy by buying a building downtown and expanding her business.

The best part is, it all seems to have worked out better than she could have expected.

"I just love it, it's so much better," she said from behind the counter of her store, the Potting Shed, in its new home at 112 W. Middle St.

"Especially in today's environment we were a little hesitant to make the move, but we're totally happy with it."

Two months ago Cook and her husband, Scott, moved the store across from its previous location at 105 W. Middle and the results have shored aside any concerns they may have had.

The other store was either cozy or cramped, depending on one's point of view, and that limited space apparently limited the business.

"It was a great success," Cook said. "People are buying more of everything, and I think that's because they can see everything so much better."

The Potting Shed's new home not only offers more space for merchandise, it has the added value of being a Chelsea landmark: the former Sylvan Township and Chelsea Village offices.

"I don't think it's too big,

### The Potting Shed

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it's just right," Cook said.

The Potting Shed sprouted to life 13 years ago literally in a potting shed on the Cooks' property on North Territorial Road in Lyndon Township.

"I did it for a hobby, started out at a slow pace, and one thing led to another," Bonnie said.

"We got such a good response from people and things just got bigger."

From there the business moved to Manchester in 2001 for a year, and then settled on Middle Street in Chelsea.

"We were across the street for six years," she said. "We did a good business out of that little place. We were happy over there; we just outgrew it."

Scott Cook spent three months remodeling the former municipal office, uncovering and refinishing the original wood flooring, and adding new flooring — and square footage — on the second level that had been open all the way up to the roof.

Then the new, improved Potting Shed was ready to open its doors.

"We moved in here the second weekend in

November, with our 'Wine, Women and Shopping' weekend," Bonnie said.

"We had a good Christmas, and we have great customers. We've had people come in with bags from all over town saying they try to shop locally, and that's really nice."

And when warmer weather finally arrives, Bonnie will introduce the last part of the expansion: more herbage.

"In the spring we'll do lots of herbs, and we're going to open up the alley so that I can display them," she said.

Keri Poulter of Chelsea has been a regular customer for several years.

"It's a wonderful place; it has perfect little gifts," she said while buying a few trinkets for her daughter.

Dale and Jane Throneberry of Ann Arbor, who are also loyal customers, said they keep coming back for the selection of unique items.

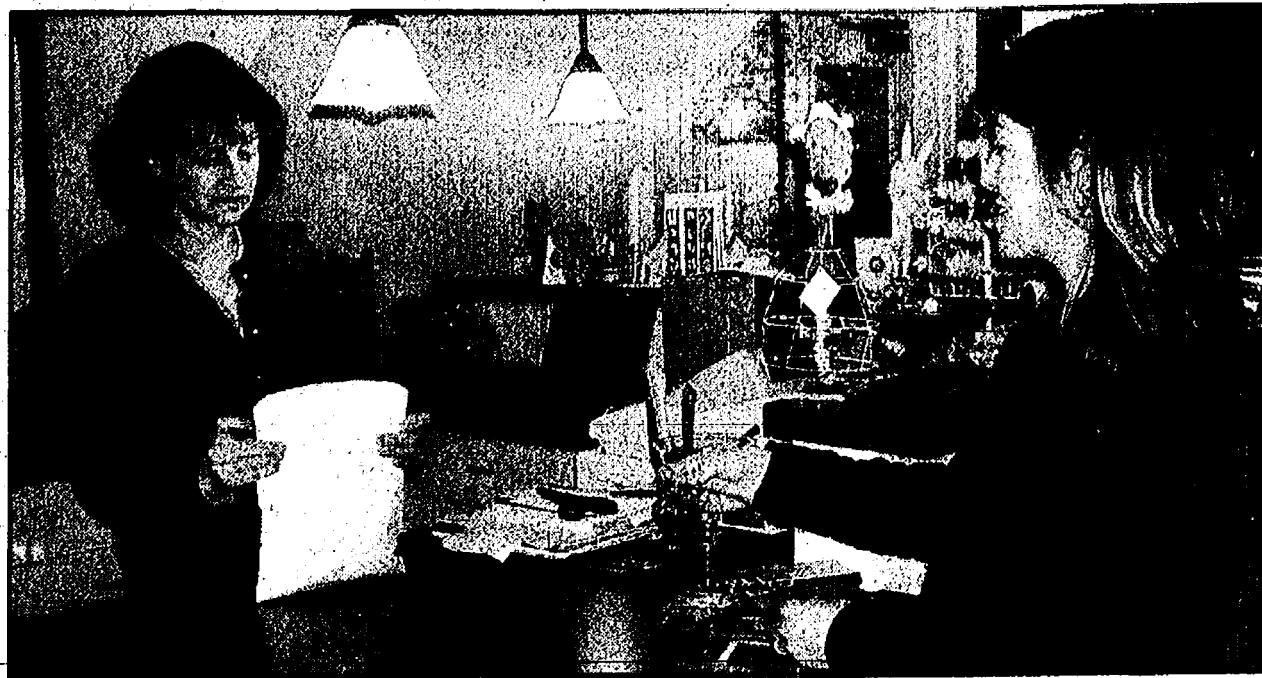
"We always come to browse and usually end up buying something," Jane said.

"It's like walking into a fairyland, there's something for everyone in the family in here."

Dale lent a male perspective: "I like it because there's stuff for me to look at and buy."

"It's cute, it's fun and it's a combination of a lot of styles."

Cook explained her passion for the business, which in turn helps explain her



Photos by Edward Freundl  
Bonnie Cook, left, bags up a purchase by regular customer Keri Poulter of Chelsea at the Potting Shed, a gift and specialty shop.

success over the years regardless of the location.

"I'd wanted a store for 20-some years; some people know they want to be a doctor or a lawyer, I knew I wanted a store," she said.

"We started small, and waited for the kids to get out of school before getting bigger."

Cook had collected antiques through the years, so the Potting Shed started with antiques and gardening items.

"We wanted a store that was gardening with a vintage theme, and now we've expanded into holiday themes, baby items, candy and teas and paper items," Cook said.

"My husband said if he hadn't heard the all the positive comments from customers, we wouldn't have gone forward with this."

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## Financial Peace University comes to Dexter

By Sean Dalton  
Staff Writer

Tracie Sikora's was a familiar story of overextended finances, a non-existent budget and no end to debt in sight.

She's not alone, which is why Dexter United Methodist Church, at 7643 Huron River Drive in Dexter, is holding classes starting Feb. 8 at 6 p.m. for Financial Peace University.

FPU is a 13-week program taught by Dave Ramsey (via video) a personal money management expert and national radio personality who has created a routine for getting out of debt. He is also author of "The Total Money Makeover" and "Financial Peace," as well as "More Than Enough."

Sikora was in one of the first groups to participate in the program last year. FPU helped her and the rest of the participants from her congregation pay off more than \$270,000 in debt.

"My husband had lost his job in 2006 and we had really kind of gotten into quite a bit of debt," Sikora said. "We just had to find a way to get out."

When Dexter United Methodist Church offered the program it was like the Sikora's prayers were answered.

"Financial Peace gave us the tools that we needed to really focus our efforts and really start picking up our debt one by one," Sikora said.

Like many people she and her husband didn't have a plan for the money that they made, let alone the money that they spent. With four children and a car breakdown, they found themselves in a deep hole.

Shelley Hershner was in the same boat herself when she heard Ramsey's radio program. After looking at

some of his books she knew she wanted to bring the message of another good book to her friends and family at Dexter United Methodist.

"The program is kind of like a nuts and bolts on how to get your finances in control and change your behavior," Hershner said.

Participants engage in a several step workshop that initially entails putting \$1,000 away into an emergency fund and drawing up a budget. More advanced stages involve "snowballing" or paying off credit cards from the smallest to the largest balance. The trick is to knock out as many minimum payments as quickly as possible so larger payments can be made on cards with higher balances, hence snowballing.

"People who go through this program have had really positive results in my experience," Hershner said. "It has really helped people, it has helped marriages because there is less conflict when money and bills aren't problems."

The folks at Dexter United Methodist who organize this are also aware of how easy it has been to get credit and how consumerism is ingrained in the American psyche, which is another hurdle that the program tries to get people over.

Hershner says that from what she has seen people purchasing things with credit

cards or loans don't have the money to be spending what they're buying in the first place, but she says that the level of abstraction that these things that are ideally tools put between good decision making and people's money is dangerous.

"Me and my husband got into credit card debt with denial," Hershner said. "We had credit card bills. We decided to redesign our basement. We thought of it as increasing the value of our house, so we took a home equity loan. We transferred debt from one credit card to a zero percent card (for 12-months)."


The next thing the Hershners knew they had doubled down on their plastic liabilities and had their property leveraged too far.

On average people who participate in the FPU program pay off \$5,800 over the course of the 13-week program.

Hershner says 22 couples are already signed up for the program and there is plenty of room for more.

The Sikora family is getting their heads above water, and despite not being able to attend the program this year, they are still practicing the principals they learned last year.

"Without FPU it would have gotten much worse," Sikora said.



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Chelsea dentist Kelly Ann Scherr

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Jason Krueger, spokesman for the Fluoride Action Network.

# The fight over fluoride

## Local fluoride discussion becomes regional health debate

By Sean Dalton  
Staff Writer

A local dentist's inquiry into whether or not Dexter village's water was actually fluoridated has grown into something bigger than a single dentist's concern about public health.

Last week the village of Dexter decided to shelve plans to discuss water fluoridation in the village, which would require installation of equipment at the Dexter wastewater treatment plant, as well as at a future fifth well site on Dexter Community School property.

Village officials put the issue down citing costs — \$79,000 for the four well systems now and more when the fifth well goes online. They also cited a lack of community feedback expressing interest.

Dexter Dentist Barbara Wehr will now be pushing for a petition drive and active engagement at later meetings to reopen the discussion with village officials and make visible a desire for water fluoridation that Wehr alleges does exist among village residents.

"I think it's just how much it would cost for the equipment," Wehr said, adding that she didn't think ample time and opportunity had been given to discuss the matter.

"I'm going to get together with my colleagues here in Dexter and the area," she said of her desire to pursue the issue further.

The issue has also garnered national attention. After the article published in The Dexter Leader on Dec. 25, 2008, members of a group called the Fluoride Action Network contacted the newspaper via e-mail, as well as local officials expressing their displeasure at the fact that the negative side of fluoride had not been presented. Their group, known as FAN for short, both oppose expanded efforts to offer fluoride in municipal drinking water, but push for a number of public information initiatives, including warning residents served by fluoridated systems of alleged health risks and environmental issues.

The group is an official project of the American Environmental Health Studies Project, a non-profit organization, as of May 2004.

"Fluoride has been promoted by many health agencies and enjoys a very favorable reputation as a tooth decay fighter," said group spokesman Jason Krueger.

The recommended level for fluoride as an additive to drinking water is 7 to 1 parts per million. Dexter has .35-.38 according to water studies conducted by Wehr. Chelsea maintains 1 part per million in its water system, according to Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent Ray



Chelsea dentist Kelly Scherr examines Kim Rosenthal for decay.

Schmidt.

Krueger says that the recommended level has not accounted for an alleged rise in other food and beverage products consumed by most people on a daily basis.

He added that the optimal level has never been scientifically proven, citing the Dec. 1995 Vol. 126 of the Journal American Dental Association, page 1,625.

Krueger goes on to say that the trend is actually shifting away from fluoride at the community level. FAN's Web site has a number of communities listed as having rejected fluoridation when the matter is up to the referendum vote.

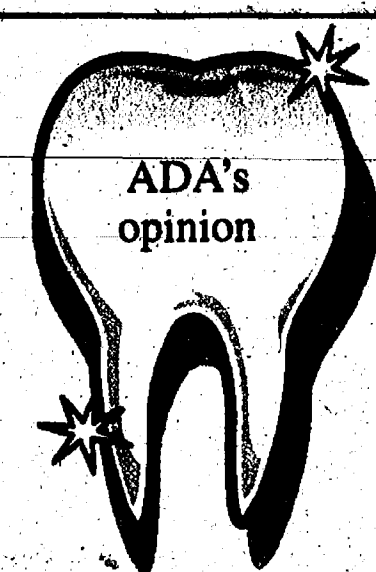
Krueger and FAN allege that fluoride is in fact a "pollutant" that in most other circumstances is classified as such, except when it is being introduced into public drinking water sources via controlled methods in a sanctioned facility.

Fluorosilicic Acid, as fluoride is less commonly known as, is actually a byproduct of the phosphate, or fertilizer industry, which provides the bulk of municipal fluoride sold as an industrial byproduct.

Krueger alleged that fluoride is a health concern for people in a number of cases, including those with kidney based illness or weakness.

"In 2006, the National Research Council reported that fluoride (at "optimal" levels) can pose risks to the thyroid gland, diabetics, kidney patients, high water drinkers and others and can severely damage children's teeth," Krueger said. "At least three panel members advise avoiding fluoridated water."

He also added that the National Kidney Foundation has asserted that fluoride could be harmful to those with Chronic Kidney Disease, noting their removal from a list of agencies and organizations that approve of the ADA's stance on supporting fluoride.



Questions regarding adverse effects on the thyroid gland, long-term genetic hazards, human fertility, Alzheimer's disease and cancer patients have not been proven to exist, according to the ADA's "Fluoridation Facts" booklet, which was the basis for the questions in the breakout box (right) and the official stance of the organization and most dentists in the U.S.

A report issued by the NKF cites a several studies, two of which focus on fluoride. One of the studies, published in the Oxford Journals, does show a detrimental effect on someone with CKD, although the basis study states that the individual was not in the United States and was living in an area with 4 parts per million of fluoride, which is the threshold targeted by organizations like the Department of Environmental Quality and the Environmental Protection Agency, among others, for toxicity.

Wehr took issue with the cited studies, saying that many dialysis machines used tap water.

"Hospitals used tap water in many procedures in the 80s, but that's no longer the case," she said. "It's no longer an issue, because purified water is used in those cases."

Wehr wasn't alone in voicing support of fluoride in municipal water.

Chelsea dentist Kelly Ann Scherr says she has heard a lot of the controversies around fluoride, but generally sticks to where the ADA stands on the issue.

"That research has not been proven in the U.S.," she said in response to the NKF cited study of fluoride and CKD.

She doesn't pay too much mind to groups like FAN. "You're always going to have your off the beaten tracks groups who are against fluoride or mercury or any kind of product."

No study that she has seen has demonstrated conclusively a detriment to the health of a public in an area with water fluoridation at the recommended thresholds.

"There have been some cases out west where people consuming too much fluoride have fluorosis or mottling of their teeth," Scherr said. "I learned in dental school that areas in the western states with mountain water, if it's over 1 parts per million, have it."

Scherr says that she has not seen any epidemic of fluorosis in Chelsea, even though the city has been adding the substance to water served to its customers longer than it has chlorinated the water to treat for bacteria, according to the water plant's superintendent.

Scherr's patients age 2 to 10 years of age are not being harmed by fluoride supplements that she prescribes them if their family lives in the surrounding townships outside of the reach of Chelsea water supply.

"Fluoride has to be ingested into the body to be incorporated into enamel," Scherr said when asked if there is an alternative to municipal fluoridation that addresses FAN's concerns and continues to provide the plus side of fluoridation.

"Fluoride toothpaste can lay some surface fluoride irons down, but it's not a source of incorporating fluoride into the teeth."

Fellow Dexter dentist Brent Kolb, of Dexter Family Dentistry says he is standing on the side of the issue with the most scientific evidence behind it at the moment.

"As health care professionals, we are required by law and a code of ethics to treat people using evidence based knowledge," Kolb said. "Scientific peer reviewed research regarding water fluoridation supports its use, in moderation, to prevent dental caries."

Kolb says he provides free home test kits for fluoride and encourages people to figure out how much they're consuming on a daily basis.

"Everything in moderation," he said. "People need to consult their physician, pediatrician, and/or dentist; gather all pertinent expert information regarding their health, and make the best decision for themselves and their family."

Krueger agrees on the point of consulting a physician and getting opinions that don't come from professionals with the initials "DDS" next to their names.

He pointed to an ADA interim document on mixing baby formula with tap water. The ADA states that a study conducted in 2006 showed that reconstituted baby formula and tap water could be a recipe for a "greater than optimal" intake of fluoride.

Kolb recommends visiting the ADA at [www.ada.org](http://www.ada.org), the American Pediatric Association at [www.aap.org](http://www.aap.org), and the American Pediatric Dental Association at [www.aapd.org](http://www.aapd.org).

The Fluoride Action Network can be found at [www.fluoridealert.org](http://www.fluoridealert.org). The topic of fluoride and public health is broad and specific to an interested individual's gender, age and other unique circumstances.

## ADA answers your fluoridation questions

Does fluoride in the water supply, at the levels recommended for the prevention of dental decay, adversely affect human health?

A: The overwhelming weight of scientific evidence indicates that fluoridation of community water supplies is safe. (citation: Institute of Medicine, Food Nutrition Board, National Research Council, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Public Health Services, World Health Organization).

Are additional studies being conducted to determine the effects of fluorides in humans?

A: Yes. Since its inception, fluoridation has undergone a nearly continuous process of reevaluation. As with other areas of science, additional studies on the effects of fluorides in humans can provide insight as to how to make more effective choices for the use of fluoride. The American Dental Association and the U.S. Public Health Service support this ongoing research.

What is dental fluorosis?

A: Dental fluorosis is a change in the appearance of teeth and is caused when higher than optimal amounts of fluoride are ingested in early childhood while tooth enamel is forming. The risk of dental fluorosis can be greatly reduced by monitoring the proper use of fluoride products by young children.

It is caused by a disruption in enamel formation which occurs during tooth development in early childhood related to a higher than optimal intake of fluoride.

How much fluoride should an individual consume each day to reduce the occurrence of dental decay?

A: The appropriate amount of daily fluoride intake varies with age and body weight. As with other nutrients, fluoride is safe and effective when used and consumed properly.

ADA recommended intakes are 0.01-0.7 milligrams for infants 0-6 months up to 16 pounds and 0.5-0.9 for infants 7-12 months up to 20 pounds. Children ages 1-3, 4-8 and 9-13 are recommended 0.7-1.3, 1-2.2 and 2-10 milligrams respectively. Teens and adults have an adequate intake of 3 milligrams, with men needing 1 milligram more. Teens and adults should both take in no more than 10 milligrams on a daily basis.



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By Fr. Joseph Rinaldo  
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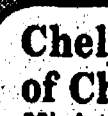
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Church School, 10:00 a.m.  
Worship, 10:00 a.m.



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Chelsea, MI 48118  
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Sunday School 9:30 am  
Sunday Morning Service 10:30 am  
Sunday Evening Service 6 pm  
Wednesday Bible Class 6:30 p.m.



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11:00am Praise Service  
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930am Education Hour  
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## AREA CALENDAR

### Chelsea

**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.; Quilting 10 a.m.; Euchre 12:30 p.m.; Wil Fun 1 p.m.

**Monday:** Bingo 9 a.m.; Chair Exercise 10:30 a.m.; Hand & Foot 12:30 p.m.; Dominoes 1 p.m.

**Tuesday:** Free blood pressure check 10 a.m.; Crafts 10 a.m.; Knit & Crochet 12:30 p.m.; Poker 12:30 p.m.; Euchre 6:30 p.m.

**Wednesday:** Bridge class 10 a.m.; Free Fit and Fun 10:30 a.m.; Square Dancing 12:30 p.m.; Pinochle 12:30 p.m.; Bowling at Chelsea Lanes 1 p.m.; Foot care all day, call for information.

**Thursday, Feb. 5:** Computer Club 10 a.m.; Chelsea Area Bridge 12:15 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

**Financial series**  
Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University is a 13-week series that begins Sunday, Feb. 8, 6-8 p.m.

### Coming soon

#### Winterfest

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 Sunday, a fund-raiser 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 Sam 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, pennywhistle, folk flutes, mandolin, harmonica and hand-percussion, including the bodhran and the bones.

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@michiganfriendscenter.org

#### Ann Arbor Camerata: Debut concert

The Ann Arbor Camerata, Ann Arbor's new resident professional chamber ensemble, will give its first concert at Concordia University Chapel in Ann Arbor at 4 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 15. The program will include the following works: Mozart Oboe Quartet in F major, K. 370; the Brahms Piano Trio in B major, Op. 8; and the Mozart Sinfonia Concertante for Violin, Viola, and chamber orchestra.

Tickets prices are \$18 for adults, \$15 for seniors and \$8 for students. General admission tickets will be available at the door. To reserve general admission tickets, patrons are asked to request tickets by phone: 734-417-6699 or by email: annarborcamerata@gmail.com.

The Ann Arbor Camerata, founded in 2008 by Ralph B. Lewis and Gloria Kittó Lewis, is welcomed by musicians and chamber music lovers, all of whom recognize the need in the Ann Arbor community for a fine chamber orchestra. These AAC music offerings will complement the programs offered by the city's other professional musical organizations.

shershnr@med.umich.edu or om to register.

**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.

**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 sue-andhernie@aol.com

**Friday, Feb. 13, 11 a.m.** Howell Nature Center presents: "Creatures of the Night" Live Wild Animal Program for all ages.

### County

**Dawn Farm**  
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](http://www.dawnfarm.org)

### Support group

A new support group is forming for western Washtenaw County family members of the incarcerated. The family of Prisoners Support Group (FOPS) will meet the fourth Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Chelsea District Library. This is a peer support group where members will help each other with: emotions, money management, resources, transportation, advocacy, and whatever else members would find helpful. When you arrive at the library ask for the location of the room reserved by "FOPS".

### Parks

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

**ANIMALS THAT WILL WARM YOUR HEART: 2-3 p.m.** Saturday, Feb. 14.

Celebrate Valentine's Day with Paul McCormack and his lovable animals. Paul will bring a variety of live animals for his humorous, interactive presentation that all ages will enjoy. You will have the opportunity to see and touch these animals while learning all about them.

**Hudson Mills Metropark**  
8801 N. Territorial Road, 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.

**"Animal Track T-Shirt and Hike," Saturday, Feb. 21 at 1 p.m.** Activity Center. Make an animal track T-shirt, then take a hike to discover the animals making tracks at the park. Bring a white T-shirt to the program. Fee: \$2 per person. Pre-registration required.

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[multilakessewerauth@charterinternet.com](mailto:multilakessewerauth@charterinternet.com)

#### MEETING DATES FOR 2009

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH @ 7:00 PM**  
(WORK SESSION)  
**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25TH @ 7:00 PM**  
(BUDGET AMENDMENTS)  
**WEDNESDAY, MAY 13TH @ 7:00 PM**  
**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10TH @ 7:00 PM**  
**WEDNESDAY, JULY 8TH @ 7:00 PM**  
**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12TH @ 7:00 PM**  
**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH @ 7:00 PM**  
**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14TH @ 7:00 PM**  
**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH @ 7:00 PM**  
**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9TH @ 7:00 PM**

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## Engagements

Ashley Fournier, of Ypsilanti, and Aaron Montero, of Munith, are engaged to be married March 7, 2009.

The future bride's parents are Charlotte Fournier of Taylor and John Fournier of Livonia.

The future groom's parents are Al and Jane Montero of Chelsea.

Fournier is a 2003 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School.

Montero is a 2000 graduate of Chelsea High School and a 2005 graduate of Central Michigan University.

The future bride is an administrative assistant at the University of Michigan Kellogg Eye Center.

The future groom is a construction supervisor with Construction Services at the University of Michigan.



### NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Act 344 of the Public Acts of 1982 that a REPORT OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS session held on January 21, 2009, will be available for public inspection and copying from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, beginning Tuesday, February 3, 2009, at the Office of the County Clerk/Register, Suite 120, 200 N. Main Street, Ann Arbor, Michigan. Publish: January 29, 2009

also. Childcare provided for a nominal fee. Call 734-426-2551 or email

### DEXTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC ADVISORY MEETING NOTICE

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2009  
FROM 7:00 P.M. TO 9:30 P.M.  
DEXTER TOWNSHIP HALL  
6880 DEXTER-PINCKNEY RD., DEXTER, MI. 48130

#### AGENDA

1) Master Plan Public Advisory Meeting, to discuss policies in the Rural Residential and Commercial areas of Dexter Township.  
John Shea, Chairperson  
Dexter Township Planning Commission

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## COUNTY OF WASHTENAW STATE OF MICHIGAN

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREMENT FINANCING AND DEVELOPMENT PLAN AMENDMENT OF THE CITY OF CHELSEA DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

#### TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS IN THE CITY OF CHELSEA:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the City Council of the City of Chelsea, State of Michigan, will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, the 24th day of February, 2009 at 7:00 o'clock, p.m., prevailing Eastern Time at the Board Room at the Washington Street Education Center, 500 Washington Street, Chelsea, Michigan, to consider the adoption of an ordinance approving an amendment to the Tax Increment Financing and Development Plan for the City of Chelsea Downtown Development Authority pursuant to Act 197 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1975, as amended.

The boundaries of the development area to which the amended Plan applies are as follows:

Beginning at the northeast corner of Lot 1, Block 16, Elisha Congdon's Third Addition; thence S 02 degree E 340.25 feet along the E line of Lots 1 and 2, Block 16 of second addition and along the E line of Lots 1 to 4 inclusive, Block 17 of said addition to the centerline of Van Buren Street; thence N 88 degree 30' E 132.00 feet along the centerline of Van Buren Street; thence S 02 degree E 284.79 feet; thence N 88 degree 30' W approximately 297 feet to the centerline of M-52; thence S 02 degree E along the centerline of M-52 to the centerline of Lincoln Street; thence S 89 degree W approximately 197 feet along the centerline of Lincoln Street; thence N 01 degree W 231 feet along the E line of Block 6, James Congdon's Second addition to the SE corner of Lot 6, Block 6 James Congdon's Second addition; thence S 89 degree W 297 feet along the S line of Lots 6 and 13, Block 6, James Congdon's Second Addition to the centerline of Congdon Street; thence S 01 degree E 66 feet along the centerline of Congdon Street; thence S 89 degree W 330 feet along the S line of Lots 7 and 12, Block 5, James Congdon's Second Addition to the centerline of Garfield Street; thence N 01 degree W 132 feet along the centerline of Garfield Street; thence N 89 degree E 330 feet along the N line of Lots 6 and 13, Block 5, James Congdon's Second Addition to the centerline of Congdon Street; thence N 01 degree W 198 feet along the centerline of Congdon Street; thence N 89 degree E 297 feet along the N line of Lots 3 and 16, Block 6, James Congdon's Second Addition to the E line of said Addition; thence N 01 degree W 156.75 feet along the E line of Block 6, James Congdon's Second Addition to the centerline of West Summit Street; thence N 89 degree E 70.36 feet along the centerline of West Summit Street; thence N 01 degree W 123.75 feet; thence S 89 degree W approximately 188.5 feet to the E line of Block 1, James Congdon's Second Addition; thence N 01 degree W approximately 516 feet along the E line of Block 1, James Congdon's Second Addition to the centerline of South Street; thence N 70 degree E along the centerline of South Street to a point S 20 degree E 333 feet from the SW corner of Lot 11, Block 4, Plat of the city; thence N 20 degree W 157.08 feet along the E line of Lot 11, Block 4, Plat of the city to the NW corner of Lot 11; thence S 70 degree W 132 feet along the N line of Lots 12 to 15 inclusive, Block 4, Plat of the city to the NW corner of said Lot 15; thence N 20 degree W 157.08 feet along the W line of Lot 15, Block 4, Plat of the city to the centerline of West Middle Street; thence S 70 degree W 305.25 feet along the centerline of West Middle Street; thence N 20 degrees W 165 feet along a line 8.25 feet W of and parallel to the E line of Lots 23 and 37, Block 5, Plat of the city to the N line of said Block 5; thence S 70 degree W approximately 198 feet along the N line of Block 5, Plat of the city to a point in the N line of Lot 29 of said Block 5; thence S 20 degree E 16.5 feet; thence S 70 degree W 66.4 feet; thence N 20 degree W approximately 173.1 feet to the centerline of the Conrail Railroad right-of-way; thence N 70 degree E approximately 715 feet along the centerline of Conrail Railroad right-of-way; thence N 20 degree W approximately 80 feet; thence N 29 degree W 33 feet; thence N 65 degree 30' E 113 feet; thence N 20 degree W 62 feet; thence N 70 degree E 16 feet; thence N 20 degree W 54 feet to the SW corner of Lot 12, Block 6, Plat of the city; thence S 70 degree W 132 feet along the S line of said Block 6 to the SW corner of Lot 14, Block 6, Plat of the city; thence N 20 degree W 446.49 feet along the W line of Lots 14 and 33, Block 6, Plat of the city, and along the W line of Lot 7, Mary P. Frazer's Addition to the centerline of Buchanan Street; thence N 71 degree 23' 15" E approximately 175 feet along the centerline of Buchanan Street; thence continuing along the centerline of Buchanan Street N 78 degree 17' 15" E approximately 204.4 feet; thence N 13 degree 37' 20" W approximately 302.6 feet; thence S 83 degree 47' 45" E 54.7 feet; thence N 00 degree 17' 15" W 110.4 feet; thence W 264 feet to the centerline of M-52; thence S 00 degree 04' 00" W approximately 122.5 feet along the centerline of M-52; thence S 89 degree 55' 40" E 216.48 feet; thence N 00 degree 50' 40" E 132.3 feet; thence S 86 degree 56' 20" E 452.24 feet along the S line of D.B. Taylor's Addition; thence S 01 degree 04' 20" E 123.75 feet; thence S 87 degree 02' 20" E 71.97 feet; thence S 11 degree 49' E approximately 196.2 feet to the centerline of East North Street; thence S 71 degree 47' 40" W approximately 327.5 feet to the intersection of the centerline of East Street; thence S 18 degree 18' 20" E approximately 363 feet to the intersection of the centerline of the Conrail Railroad right-of-way; thence S 71 degree 47' 40" W 282 feet along the centerline of said Railroad right-of-way; thence S 20 degree E approximately 174 feet along a line 18 feet W of and parallel to the E line of Lot 33, Block 2, Plat of the city; thence S 70 degree W 147 feet along the S line of Lots 33 to 37 inclusive of said Block 2 to the SW corner of said Lot 37; thence S 20 degree E 157.08 feet along the E line of Lot 13 of said Block 2 to the centerline of East Middle Street; thence N 70 degree E 33 feet along the centerline of East Middle Street; thence S 20 degree E along the E line of Lots 40 and 17, Block 3, Plat of the city to the centerline of "Former Public Alley"; thence N 70 degree E along the centerline of "Former Public Alley" to a point N 20 degree W of the NW corner of Lot 1, Block 16, Elisha Congdon's Plat of His Second Addition; thence S 20 degree E to the centerline of Park Street; thence S 02 degree E 165 feet along a line 16.5 feet E of and parallel to the W line of Lot 8, Block 14, Elisha Congdon's Plat of His Second Addition to the N line of Abel R. Fenn's Addition; thence S 89 degree W 16.5 feet along the N line of Abel R. Fenn's Addition to the NE corner of Lot 3, Block 2, Abel R. Fenn's Addition; thence S 02 degree E 40 feet along the E line of said Lot 3; thence S 89 degree W 132 feet along a line 40 feet S of and parallel to the N line of Lots 2 and 3, Block 2, Abel R. Fenn's Addition; thence N 02 degree W 40 feet along the W line of said Lot 2 to the NW corner of said Lot 2; thence S 89 degree W 66 feet along the N line of Lot 1, Block 2, Abel R. Fenn's Addition to the NW corner of said Lot 1; thence S 02 degree E approximately 91 feet; thence S 88 degree 30' W 132 feet; thence S 02 degree E 161.04 feet to the centerline of Orchard Street; thence N 88 degree 30' E 66.6 feet along the centerline of Orchard Street; thence S 02 degree E 161.04 feet along the E line of Lot 1, Block 1, Abel R. Fenn's Addition to the SE corner of said Lot 1; thence S 88 degree 30' W 60.66 feet to the SW corner of said Lot 1; thence southerly approximately 21.1 feet to the PLACE OF BEGINNING, being a part of the E 1/2 of Section 12, T2S, R3E, City of Chelsea, Washtenaw County, Michigan.

Copies of the proposed Amendment, The Plan, maps, plats, etc. are on file at the office of the City Clerk for inspection.  
At the public hearing, all interested persons desiring to address the City Council shall be afforded an opportunity to be heard in regard to the approval of the amendment to the Tax Increment Financing and Development Plan for the City of Chelsea Downtown Development Authority.  
FURTHER INFORMATION may be obtained from the City Clerk's office.  
This notice is given by order of the City Council of the City of Chelsea, Michigan.  
Teresa Royal, Clerk of the City of Chelsea  
Publish: January 29, 2009, February 12, 2009

### DEXTER TOWNSHIP SUMMARY OF ACTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR BOARD MEETING JANUARY 20, 2009

Called to order at 7:03 PM  
Members Present: Supervisor Kelly, Treasurer Kooyers, Clerk Rider, Trustees Brushaber, Knight, Lesser, and Maciejewski  
Also Present: Patrick Sloan, Director of Planning & Zoning  
Absent: None

The Board heard brief presentations from County Commissioner Mark Culmet, and from Elizabeth Riggs (Huron River Watershed Council) and Susan Lackey (Washtenaw Land Trust) about the Portage Creek Regional Planning Project.

The Board approved the Consent Agenda, and approved January gross payroll of \$22,586.66, General Fund bills of \$49,686.26, Fire Fund bills of \$5,902.23, and Police Fund bills of \$1,815.00, noting that Washtenaw County did not send a bill for recent police services.

The Board approved resolutions recognizing Mark Anderson, Eagle Scout candidate and member of Dexter BSA Troop 477, for his project documenting the Hudson Mills Cemetery; Approving the transfer of the Class "C" liquor license with dance and entertainment permit from Inverness Inn LLC to Rexo LLC; Opting in to continue to conduct elections for the Dexter Township voters in the Dexter, Chelsea and Pinckney School Districts, unless the Pinckney School District is holding an election that is not in conjunction with any other election in Dexter Township, in which case the Dexter Township voters who are in the Pinckney School District would vote in Putnam Township.

The Board again tabled the proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendment #34-6, with direction to a committee to provide additional study and input, and to draft proposed language for consideration. The Board also approved a contract with the Chelsea Area Fire Authority; approved a partial refund of a ZBA fee; approved training expenses for Board of Review members; and rescheduled the budget workshop meeting from January 27th to February 9th at 5:00 PM.

The Board made the following appointments: Trustee Brushaber as alternate to the Portage Base Lakes Sewer Authority Board and as alternate to the Western Washtenaw Recycle Authority (WWRA) Board; Trustee Maciejewski as a regular member to the WWRA Board; and Bob Tetens, Trustee Lesser, Bonnie Sroka, Dale Lesser and Ann Ruhlig to the Farmland Preservation Board.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:36 PM

Respectfully submitted, Harley B. Rider, Clerk, Dexter Township  
Summary approved by Pat Kelly, Supervisor, Dexter Township  
This Summary of the January 20, 2009, Regular Meeting of the Dexter Township Board of Trustees was prepared by Harley B. Rider, Dexter Township Clerk, and approved by Pat Kelly, Dexter Township Supervisor, in accordance with the provisions of MCL 41.72a(5). A draft of the full minutes of the January 20, 2009, Regular meeting of the Township Board is available for examination at the Township Hall during regular business hours (8:30 AM to 4:30 PM Monday through Friday, except holidays). The full minutes of the January 20, 2009, Special meeting of the Dexter Township Board of Trustees will be presented at the February 17, 2009, Regular meeting for review and approval by the Board. Following approval the full minutes will be posted on the Township's web site [www.twp-dexter.org](http://www.twp-dexter.org).  
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# Artistic side

## Chelsea students honored during Teen Arts Festival

By Jackie Smith  
Special Writer

Two students from Chelsea High School took home honors for their artistic talents during an award ceremony last month. The event was part of Washtenaw County's third annual Teen Arts Festival.

Sophomore Emma Argiuff and senior Patrick Holloway both entered pieces, which were displayed in the "What Is That" Art Gallery in Ypsilanti. And both received first-place prizes in their category.

With around 400 pieces submitted, Argiuff and Holloway were among only 44 artists to be selected for exhibition prior to their honors.

"We usually have students compete every year," said Kerry Kargel, CHS art instructor. "I do think it's very important for these two in particular to enter because they have a passion for art and want to go into the art (field)."

After a bit of a push of encouragement, Holloway said he entered the contest with three digital graphic and two photography pieces the final day before the deadline. He ended up taking first in Graphic Design.

Holloway's love of art began several years ago.

"I had fun doing some photo manipulations and such," he said. "And a little while later I took an interest in designing video games."

One artist in particular, Andrew Jones, was an inspiration early on. Holloway said he was inspired by Jones' method of creating "a stunning work of art" from chaos. It's a technique he said he has adopted, but with

### Call for Work

What: Chelsea's Patrick Holloway submitted one of his digital pieces in a "call for work" for an upcoming University of Michigan Art Show earlier this month. Holloway learned last week that his work "Faces" was accepted for the show.

Exhibition: Call For Work: The Storm Show  
Where: 306 S. State Street, Ann Arbor  
When: Feb. 6 to March 6  
Opening reception: Feb. 6, 6-9 p.m.

his own style and spin.

Holloway, a senior, is now looking toward the future. He has plans to work with conceptual art for video games and other similar media. He was recently admitted to the University of Michigan's School of Art & Design. Entering - and winning - contests such as the Teen Arts Festival can only help his resume.

"Since it's getting close to the time where I need to start trying to make a name for myself, not only for college but beyond that, I thought this was a good opportunity," he said.

The good opportunity became a great showcase for the young artist.

Argiuff is an even younger artist, but she too is making a name for herself. Once she got into high school, she wasted no time jumping into competitions. This was the sophomore's second time entering the Teen Arts Festival, but her first time winning an award.

She submitted three pieces and received first for

### Drawing

With budding plans to achieve a degree in art, Argiuff credits her instructors for her growing appreciation and understanding of art.

"The more art I (do) the more interest I get," she said. "I'm really interested in drawing, I'm still working on painting a lot. I've been researching a lot of artists and different techniques."

Kargel said that for students such as Argiuff, contests help to build portfolios even with multiple years in high school left. He teaches studio art, art design, jewelry and ceramics and said he helps students to expand their range of interest while leaving them plenty of freedom with their work.

"Pat actually did his photography in studio art, which is an advanced class, so students have a chance to (grow)," Kargel said. "You can work in the student's strengths."

For Argiuff, art is of a simpler complex, and something she's always enjoyed.

"It's one of those things you can always fall back on," she said. "I use it as a constant in my life. It's powerful, you can use it to change things and speak out."

There's no end in sight for the benefits these contests offer art students, Kargel said. He plans on exposing his students to more opportunities to compete in the future.

"I'm hoping we can get more contests and more competition for the kids," he said. "We have a couple of contests coming up in the spring."

And no doubt more first places.



Sophomore Emma Argiuff (right) and senior Patrick Holloway (left) took home honors at the Washtenaw County's third annual Teen Arts Festival.



Works by Chelsea's Patrick Holloway include "Explosive Duel" (left) and "Light" (right).



Sophomore Emma Argiuff's "Maisy."



Sophomore Emma Argiuff's "Lost Your Marbles."



Sophomore Emma Argiuff's "March to the Sea."

## AccuWeather.com® SEVEN-DAY FORECAST FOR WASHTENAW COUNTY

Thursday	Thu. night	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Some snow	Some snow	Some snow	Clouds and sun; breezy	A snow shower possible	Mostly cloudy	Mostly cloudy and cold	Mainly cloudy
24° to 30°	12° to 18°	18° to 24° 5° to 11°	26° to 32° 19° to 25°	32° to 38° 19° to 25°	24° to 30° 9° to 15°	20° to 26° 7° to 13°	26° to 32° 17° to 23°

### ALMANAC

Statistics for the week ending Tuesday, Jan. 27.

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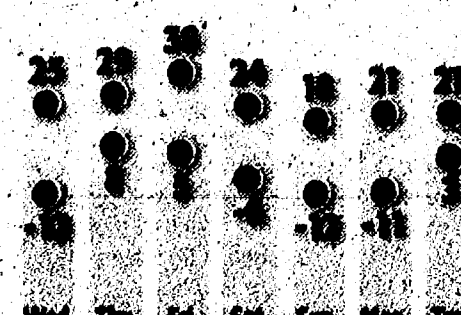
High/low for the week: 38°/12°  
Normal high/low: 30°/16°  
Average temperature: 10.8°  
Normal average temperature: 23.0°

#### Precipitation:

Total for the week: trace  
Total for the month: 0.54"  
Normal for the month: 1.96"  
Normal for the year: 1.96"

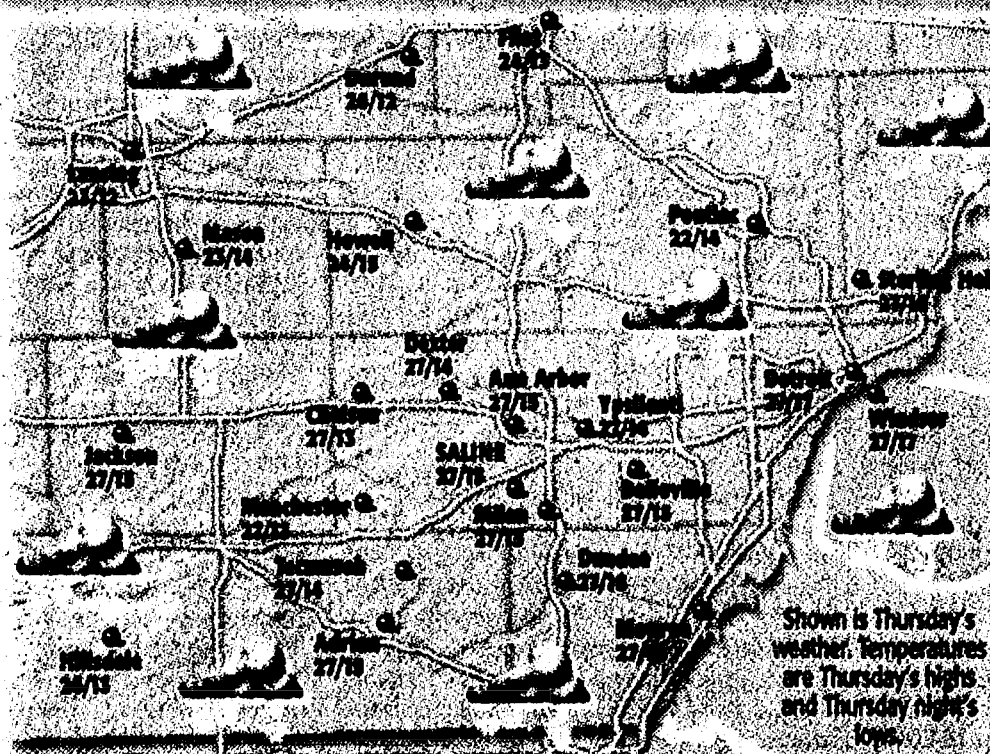
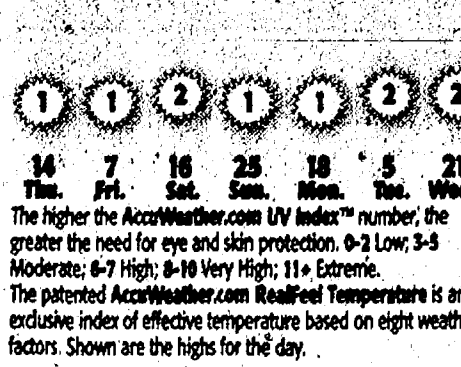
### PAST WEEK'S TEMPS

Temperatures: High Low



### THIS WEEK'S CONDITIONS

Weekly UV Index and RealFeel Temperature®



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### SUN AND MOON

The Sun	Rise	Set
Thursday	7:51 a.m.	5:46 p.m.
Friday	7:50 a.m.	5:47 p.m.
Saturday	7:49 a.m.	5:48 p.m.
Sunday	7:48 a.m.	5:50 p.m.
Monday	7:47 a.m.	5:51 p.m.
Tuesday	7:46 a.m.	5:52 p.m.
Wednesday	7:45 a.m.	5:54 p.m.

The Moon	Rise	Set
Thursday	9:14 a.m.	9:28 p.m.
Friday	9:35 a.m.	10:34 p.m.
Saturday	9:57 a.m.	11:42 p.m.
Sunday	10:22 a.m.	none
Monday	10:51 a.m.	12:54 a.m.
Tuesday	11:28 a.m.	2:07 a.m.
Wednesday	12:16 p.m.	3:21 a.m.

### First

Feb 2

### Full

Feb 9

### Last

Feb 16

### New

Feb 24

### RIVER LEVELS

As of 7 a.m. Tuesday	Flood stage	Current stage
Ecose Creek		2.36 ft
Darborn Heights		
Huron River	16 ft	12.47 ft
Ann Arbor		
Mallets Creek		3.28 ft
Ann Arbor		
Mill Creek		
Detroit	12 ft	6.37 ft
River Raisin		
Manchester		3.27 ft

Lake	Normal	Current
Lake Erie	580.11 ft	570.94 ft
Lake St. Clair	575 ft	573.98 ft

### LAKE LEVELS

## REGIONAL CITIES

City	Thu	Fri	Sat
Ann Arbor	27/15/sn	21/8/sn	29/22/pc
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Bay City	23/13/sn	20/12/sn	30/25/pc
Dearborn	27/15/sn	21/8/sn	29/22/pc
Flint	24/13/sn	22/12/sn	30/25/pc
Grand Rapids	22/14/sn	19/13/sn	29/23/pc
Kalamazoo	24/16/sn	20/10/sn	31/26/pc
Lansing	23/13/sn	20/10/sn	31/26/pc
Livonia	27/15/sn	24/11/sn	26/20/pc

City	Thu	Fri	Sat
Ann Arbor	27/15/sn	21/8/sn	29/22/pc
Ann Arbor	27/15/sn	21/8/sn	29/22/pc
Midland	26/12/sn	23/9/sn	29/18/pc
Port Huron	22/14/sn	22/11/sn	27/24/pc
Pontiac	22/14/sn	22/11/sn	27/24/pc
Saginaw	23/13/sn	20/12/sn	30/25/pc
St. Louis	25/14/sn	18/10/sn	30/26/pc
Sturgis	25/14/sn	18/10/sn	30/26/pc
Troy	27/15/sn	24/11/sn	26/20/pc
Warren	27/17/sn	23/14/sn	30/25/pc

## WORLD CITIES

City	Thu	Fri	Sat
Athens	37/21/s	37/28/c	34/24/pc
Berlin	37/28/s	37/28/c	34/24/pc
Bombay	69/49/s	67/49/s	67/51/s
Cairo	69/49/s	67/49/s	67/51/s
Calcutta	69/49/s	67/49/s	67/51/s
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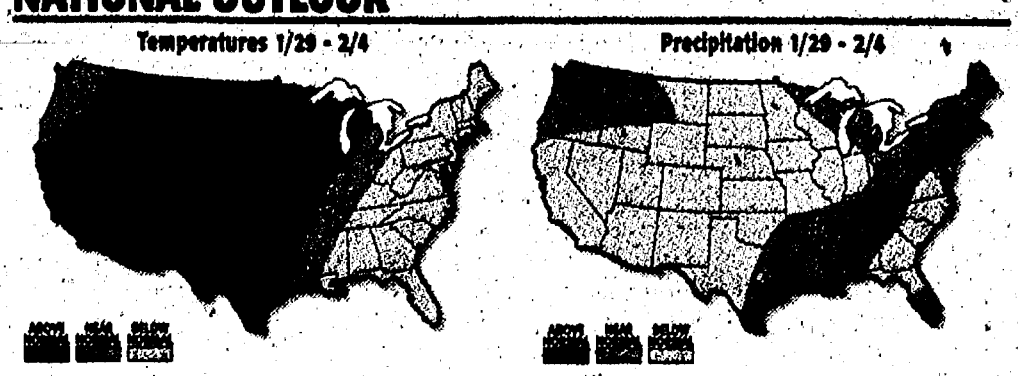
  

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Cincinnati	32/20/pc	26/10/sn	31/20/pc
Cleveland	32/20/pc	26/10/sn	31/20/pc
Dallas	54/34/s	64/35/s	63/46/s
Denver	54/34/s	64/35/s	63/46/s
Honolulu	80/68/s	81/68/s	79/67/s
Houston	82/57/s	84/61/s	80/59/s
Kansas City	36/20/pc	43/26/s	52/30/s
Las Vegas	63/38/pc	66/39/pc	66/40/pc
Los Angeles	78/52/s	80/52/s	74/50/s
New York	37/25/pc	36/23/sf	31/24/pc
San Francisco	63/43/s	61/46/s	62/44/s
Seattle	40/27/pc	41/25/pc	37/26/s
Wash., DC	40/27/pc	41/25/pc	37/26/s

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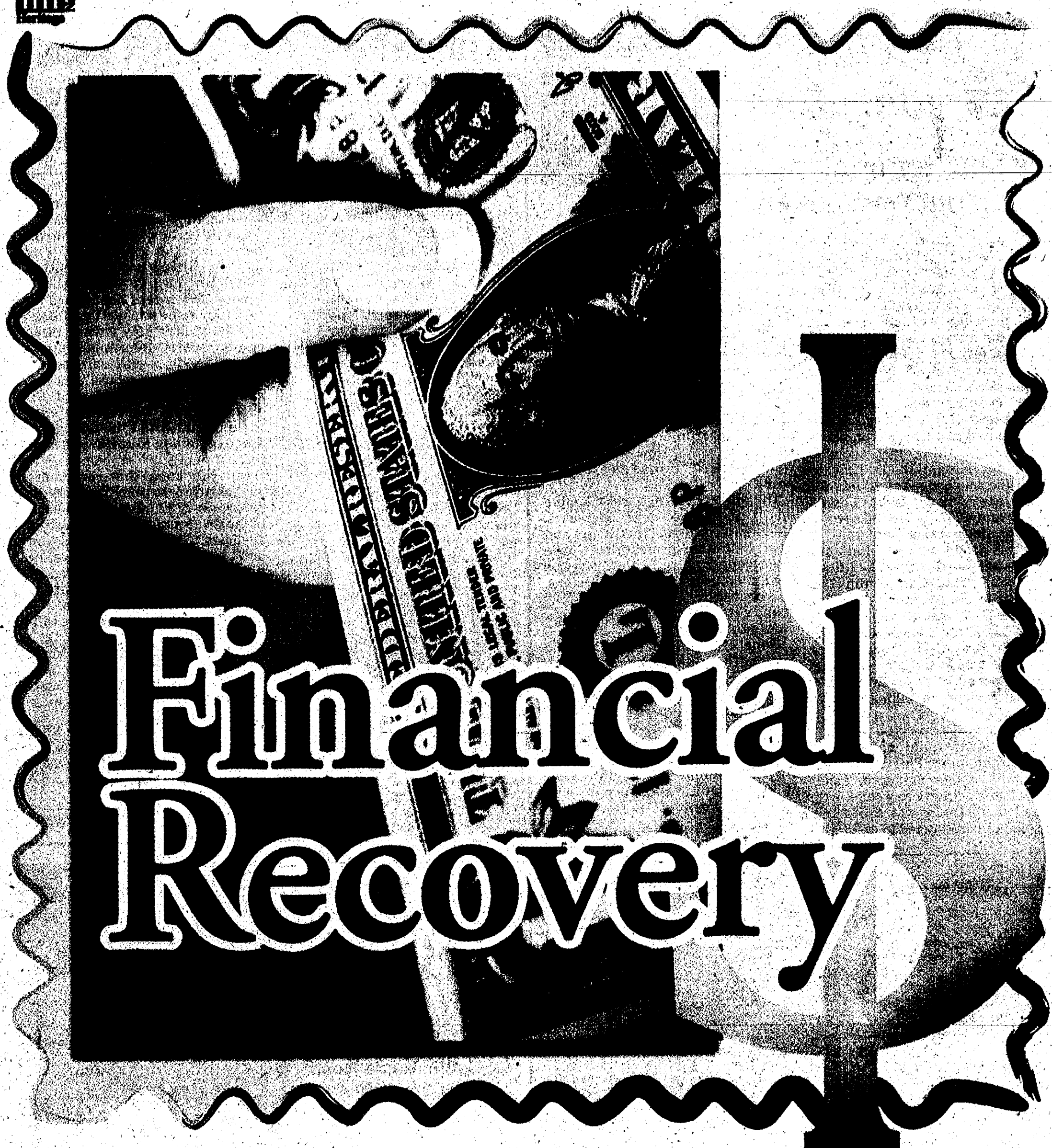
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Houston	82/57/s	84/61/s	80/59/s
Kansas City	36/20/pc	43/26/s	52/30/s
Las Vegas	63/38/pc	66/39/pc	66/40/pc
Los Angeles	78/52/s	80/52/s	74/50/s
New York	37/25/pc	36/23/sf	31/24/pc
San Francisco	63/43/s	61/46/s	62/44/s
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# Financial Recovery



## Financial Recovery Guide

### \$tretching your dollar

It's time for us all to start taking our own advice



CHRIS  
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This past summer, I had the opportunity to be a part of the crew for a client on his 32-foot sailboat.

Most of the Tuesday race nights passed quite uneventfully. There were gorgeous sunsets, bustling storms, but always a feeling of security and safety. The number one (and number two) rule on the boat was simple enough: Don't get hurt!

One evening will always be remembered as a sobering experience. We had just finished an exciting race, finishing just seconds before our closest rival's time to clinch the much needed points for first place. Drinks were passed around and Phil lit one of several cigars he smoked that day.

All was good. Suddenly, Phil, our captain, sat down and said, "I don't feel well." Those were the last words he spoke for thirty terrifying minutes. Phil was having a heart attack. The crew immediately leapt to action; two piloting, one calling 911 to meet us at the pier, and one, who happened to be an Emergency Medical Technician, taking medical charge of Phil. There was a place for everyone and for everyone a task.

As we made quiet phone calls back at the pier, Phil was swept away with a fate unknown, emergency lights aglow. I was stuck with what I now realize was a life-long lesson. I was instructed to call Phil's

cardiologist.

People don't usually have a cardiologist unless there is a need for one. A preliminary visit with Phil's doctor had revealed an immense risk for myocardial infarction. Phil's doctor promptly instructed him to stop drinking, quit smoking and start living a healthier lifestyle. That was six years ago.

When I finally reached Phil's cardiologist, he asked, with no small amount of irony, "I told him to change his ways. Now what do you want me to do?" He had an excellent point.

The lesson I learned was a simple one. Doctors, attorneys, engineers, teachers and financial advisors and nearly all other professionals have been repeating the same mantras for the entirety of such professions. "Live healthy," "Protect yourself," "Never stop learning," "Live within your means."

None of this is earth shattering advice. The truth is we aren't usually willing to listen until it's often too late. We refuse to change until our bad habits catch up with us.

In no way am I attempting to blame the financial and economic meltdown on hardworking, taxpaying, law abiding citizens. In reality, it is often these good people who bear the brunt of many others'

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### Annual credit checks are important to fiscal health

By Debby Kearns

Special Writer

Now that the holiday season is behind us, it's the perfect time to focus on your financial well being.

Although there are many directions this task can take, start with the basics. Start by obtaining and reviewing your credit reports.

There are three major credit reporting agencies, Experian, Equifax and TransUnion. It's recommended that you obtain a copy of each report since financial institutions don't necessarily report to all three agencies.

What exactly is a credit report? Simply stated, your credit report details how you've managed financial obligations both past and present. Credit reports have four main sections: credit terms and obligations, personal identifying information, public record information such as bankruptcy and tax liens, and an inquiry section such as requests by others to review your credit history.

The information contained in your credit reports will follow you for a long time. Credit history information will remain for seven years; while personal bankruptcy will remain for up to 10 years.

Here are just a few of the many reasons consumers need to obtain and review their credit reports at least annually:

■ Review the contents for accuracy

■ Ensure the information reported is yours

■ Look for possible fraudulent account activity

■ Avoid unexpected surprises when making a major purchase

Consider this, if family members share the same name, it is quite possible their information may end up on each other's reports. Often consumers have no idea they've been a victim of identity theft until they review their credit reports. Remember, unexpected credit issues can impact your ability to purchase a home, car or obtain a credit card. In short, you want your credit reports to be accurate and the only guarantee is for you to review them at least annually.

Did you know that consumers are entitled to one free credit report every 12 months from each of the three major credit reporting agencies? The good news is you don't have to contact each agency individually. They have teamed up and set up one central Web site at [www.annualcreditreport.com](http://www.annualcreditreport.com).

Consumers can also call the toll-free phone number at 1-877-322-8228; or by mail at Annual Credit Report Request Service, P.O. Box 105281, Atlanta, GA 30348-5281. Just pick the method that's most convenient for you.

The central Web site will give you immediate access to your credit reports and you can even print them out. Requests made by

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financial irresponsibility. It is a sad time in our country, but all is not lost.

This is a time of change, to be sure. We can no longer afford to live the lifestyles we have grown accustomed to. Or, more accurately, we couldn't afford it before and now it's sinking in.

I will give the same advice that I have given in much better economic times: See a financial advisor.

"I don't have any money to invest," is a poor excuse. Pay for great tax advice. Make saving a part of your everyday budget. Make it automatic.

Keep putting money in your 401(k) and 403(b). It's more important now than it has ever been. Write a budget and stick to it. If you need help, ask for it. If you feel lost, ask someone who looks found.

I am happy to report that Phil lived through this harrowing experience. I would love to tell you that he hasn't had a drink or smoked since that day, but that's simply not the

case. He was back to most of his bad habits within hours of leaving the hospital. Obviously, change is hard. I'm not saying this recovery will be easy or that one year from now we will be restored to the powerhouse we are used to being. That would be foolish and naive.

What I will say is that there are millions of hardworking, taxpaying, law-abiding citizens who are doing everything in their power to lead us forward.

What America stands for hasn't changed even the least bit. We are still the Land of the Free and the Home of the Brave. I have never been more proud to be an American. If you are fortunate and far-sighted enough to feel comfortable right now, help whomever you can. Make a choice to do the next year differently.

Last night at about 8 p.m., my phone rang. It was Phil. We chatted for a few minutes about how the sailing season had wrapped up and what he had been staying busy with in retirement. We discussed his financial accounts, which he thanked us for taking care of. It had been quite a transition for him to

retire, but he was adjusting well.

It had required some changes, much like the markets have with our investments. Finally, then the conversation came around to his health. I couldn't help but ask, "Are you still smoking?" I expected to hear something about how he was too old to change.

"Nope," he explained in an upbeat voice, "I decided it was time for a change. I've never felt better. It's going to be a great year!"

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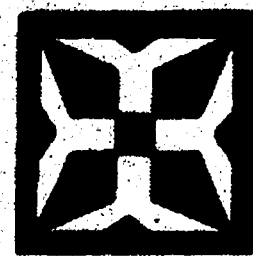
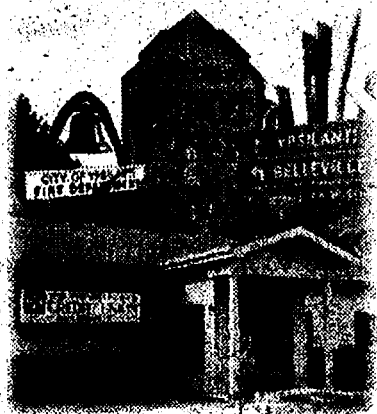
mail or by phone will be mailed within 15 days of receipt. You can request all three of your credit reports at once or request one now and another later, the choice is yours.

Whether you order your credit reports from the central Web site, phone number or address, you'll find each agency uses their own unique format. No need to be concerned because each format is fairly simple to follow. For security purposes, all three agencies will only list the last four digits of each of your account numbers and social security number.

Once in-hand, review the entire credit report line by line to make sure everything is accurate. If there is an error, contact the specific credit reporting agency in writing so you will have a paper trail. Be patient, the process can take up to 30 days. You should also contact the company who reported the information incorrectly so those records can be corrected as well. Don't forget to ask for written verification that the error has been corrected.

Remember, you'll never know what your reports say about you if you don't look!

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# Protect your wealth, retirement with annuities

By Terry Lucas  
Special Writer

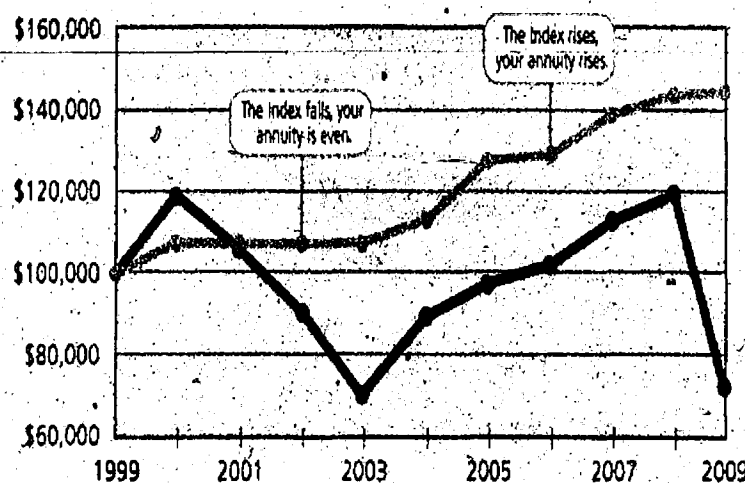
Annuities, in one form or another, have been around for more than 2,000 years.

In Roman times, speculators sold financial instruments called "annua," or annual stipends. In return for a lump sum payment, these contracts promised to pay the buyers a fixed yearly payment for life, or sometimes for a specified period of term.

The Great Depression was especially significant in the history of annuities. Until then, annuities represented a minuscule share of the total insurance market, which equated to only 1.5 percent of life insurance premiums collected in the U.S. between 1886 and 1920.

During the Great Depression, investors sought out more reliable investments in order to safeguard themselves from financial ruin.

### Fixed Index Annuities Help You Stay Protected



This chart compares the historical performance of the S&P 500 - the bottom line - with the hypothetical performance of a fixed index annuity. It assumes an initial premium of \$100,000 and the Point-to-Point Cap Strategy with an 8 percent Index Cap rate.

With the economy less stable than it had ever been, many individuals looked to insurance companies as a haven of stability in what seemed a sea of turmoil.

But, annuities aren't just vanilla,

low yielding income products anymore. Annuities have undergone tremendous transformation in the last decade and even more so in the last 12 months to also become an attractive alternative for accumula-

tion of assets as well.

Individuals who are looking for accumulation but are not willing to risk their hard-earned principal because of market fluctuations may want to take a closer look at annuities. Recent stock market volatility has left many investors feeling like they're on a roller coaster ride that just won't stop. If you're one of the passengers close to retirement, you may be looking for safer places that allow your retirement money to credit interest while offering protection from stock market free falls.

A fixed index annuity may provide you with exactly that. You get protection of principal - minus withdrawals and surrender charges - found with a traditional fixed annuity along with the potential for greater interest credit linked, in part, to the performance of a market index.

When the index goes up, your contract's accumulation value may rise up to the applicable index cap rate,

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### Save money on 2009 tax preparation, get refund faster

Regardless of whether you are entitled to a refund or owe money, you can easily save some cash this tax season by using tax preparation software. And thanks to electronic filing offered by the IRS, receiving your refund faster has never been easier.

Virtually all taxpayers can prepare, print and e-file their federal return for free by using tax preparation software offered by the Free File Alliance LLC, an IRS-approved group of private sector tax software companies. Taxpayers can choose whatever program they prefer. For taxpayers who must also submit a state return, most alliance members offer a low-cost way to transfer their federal data to quickly complete the state form.

The average tax-preparer fee for an itemized 1040 Form with Schedule A and a state tax return

is about \$205, according to a survey by the National Society of Accountants. The average cost to prepare a Form 1040 and state return without itemized deductions is \$115. On the other hand, using tax preparation software to prepare your Federal and State returns can cost as little as \$13.95.

To receive your refund in the fastest way possible, the IRS recommends e-filing with direct deposit.

"Filing electronically with direct deposit can get refunds to taxpayers in as few as 10 days," says IRS Commissioner Doug Shulman.

More information about e-filing and a list of all companies participating in the Free File Alliance can be found at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov). Information about TaxACT is available at [www.TaxACT.com](http://www.TaxACT.com).

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#### Despite economic woes, keep investing in 401(k)

If you have a 401(k) plan, you've got a very good retirement-savings vehicle that's probably had a rough year. However, while you might have been tempted to toss your statements without looking at them, you don't want to throw away the opportunity to continue contributing to your 401(k) — and now you can contribute even more.

To be specific, the contribution limit for 401(k) plans will increase from \$15,500 in 2008 to \$16,500 in 2009. And if you're 50 or older, you can put in an extra \$5,500 in 2009, up from \$5,000 in 2008. Your 401(k) plan may also allow Roth contributions, which are made with after-tax dollars, although withdrawals, includ-

ing earnings, are tax-free in retirement.

Of course, higher contribution limits won't mean much to you if you're questioning whether you should put anything into your plan, given the results of the past year. How can you reassure yourself that you're making the right move by continuing to fund your 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan, such as a 403(b) or 457(b)?

Here are a few suggestions:

■ Know your risk tolerance. If big losses in your 401(k) are causing you to lose sleep, you may be taking on too much risk for your investment

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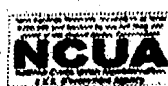
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- Work with a Realtor with experience in the foreclosure market
- All foreclosures are sold through licensed Real Estate agents
- An agent experienced in foreclosures can advise and guide you so you get the home you really want
- You are buying the 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.

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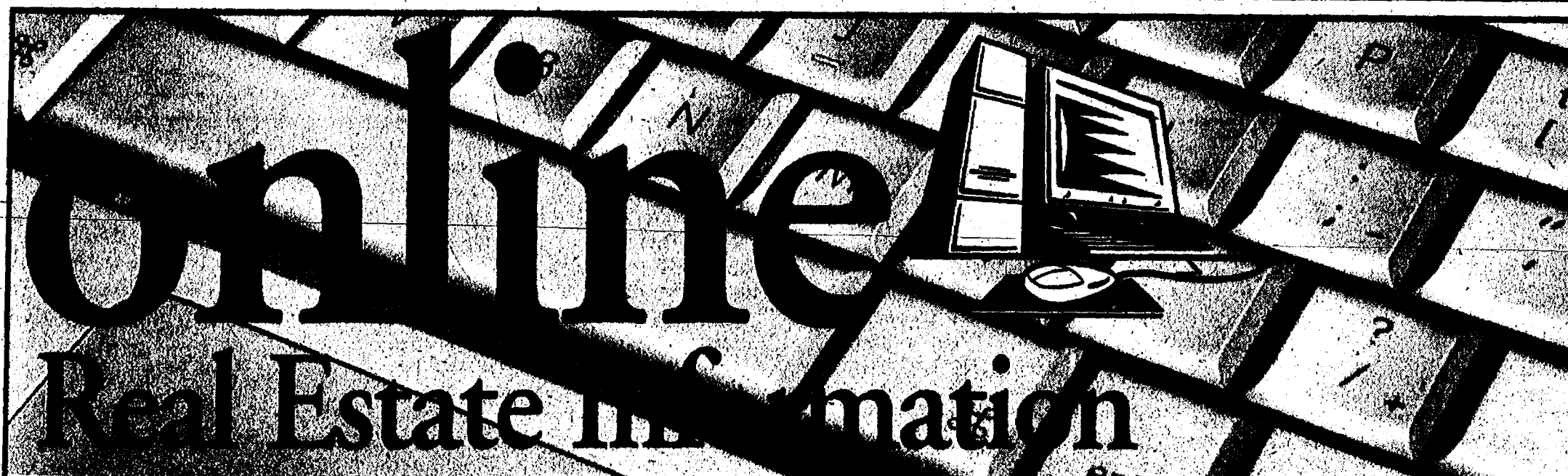
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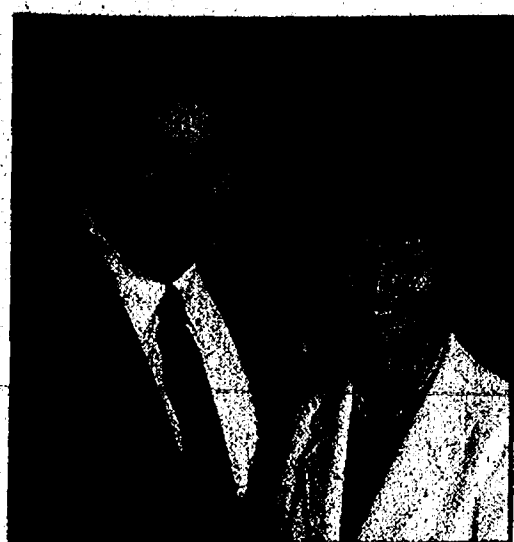




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## Financial Recovery Guide

### INVESTING

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personality. If that's the case, you may need to rebalance your 401(k) portfolio so that you have a higher percentage of more conservative investments. Keep in mind, though, that your 401(k) is designed to build resources for retirement, so you will always need some growth potential.

■ Don't overload on company stock. If a downturn hurts your company, and you have a big percentage of company stock in your plan, your account will take a big hit. Diversify your holdings among the various investments available in your plan.

While diversification cannot guarantee a profit or protect against a loss, it can help reduce some of the effects of market volatility.

■ Adjust your investment mix over time. You need to periodically evaluate and adjust the investment mix in your 401(k). When you're starting out in your career, you can afford to invest more aggressively, because you have decades in which the market can overcome short-term downturns, no matter how severe. As you move closer to retirement, you may want to scale back the aggressive-growth portion of your portfolio and create an investment mix that might be less susceptible to big market drops.

Above all, don't lose faith in the power of your 401(k) to help you save for retirement — in good and bad markets. As a retirement account, a 401(k) offers several key advantages. First, you typically make pre-tax contributions, so the more you put in, the lower your taxable income. Also, your earnings can grow on a tax-deferred basis, unless you are making Roth contributions, which are withdrawn tax-free. Furthermore, you can choose from an array of investments, so you can create a portfolio that fits your risk tolerance, time horizon and individual objectives. Finally, your employer may offer a matching contribution; if you don't accept it, you are

literally walking away from "free money."

It can certainly be upsetting to see declines in your 401(k) statements. But if you stopped participating in your 401(k), you'd have a much harder time reaching your retirement goals. So keep contributing, even in down markets.

Someday, you may be glad you did.

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### PROTECT

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depending on the strategy elections you choose. If the index decreases, your contract's accumulation value doesn't lose value.

In addition, there is a minimum guaranteed return which can exceed what CD's and other conser-

vative investments are currently yielding. A lot of annuities have appealing riders that can be added at the time of purchase to help you with your retirement income or legacy planning. One such rider is known as a Lifetime Withdrawal Benefit which usually provides 5 to 8 percent guaranteed compound interest during the deferral or accumulation phase. It then provides a withdrawal in the same range as

long as long as you are alive even if you should exhaust the account balance.

These benefits may be as much as doubled should you need care in a nursing home, hospital or become terminally ill. The advantage of this type of rider versus traditional annuitization is that it's revocable and it's possible that your income can increase due to future index gains.

Conventional wisdom says you can't time the markets, so thoughtful planning, preparation and discipline are key to building financial security.

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Dexter, has new classes beginning 6 p.m. Feb. 8. Contact Shelley Hershner at 1-734-426-2551 or [shershnr@umich.edu](mailto:shershnr@umich.edu) for more information or to register. As they work on a Total Money Makeover, the average family pays off \$5,300 in debt and saves \$2,700 in the first 91 days after beginning FPU and is completely out of debt, except for the mortgage, in 18 to 24 months.

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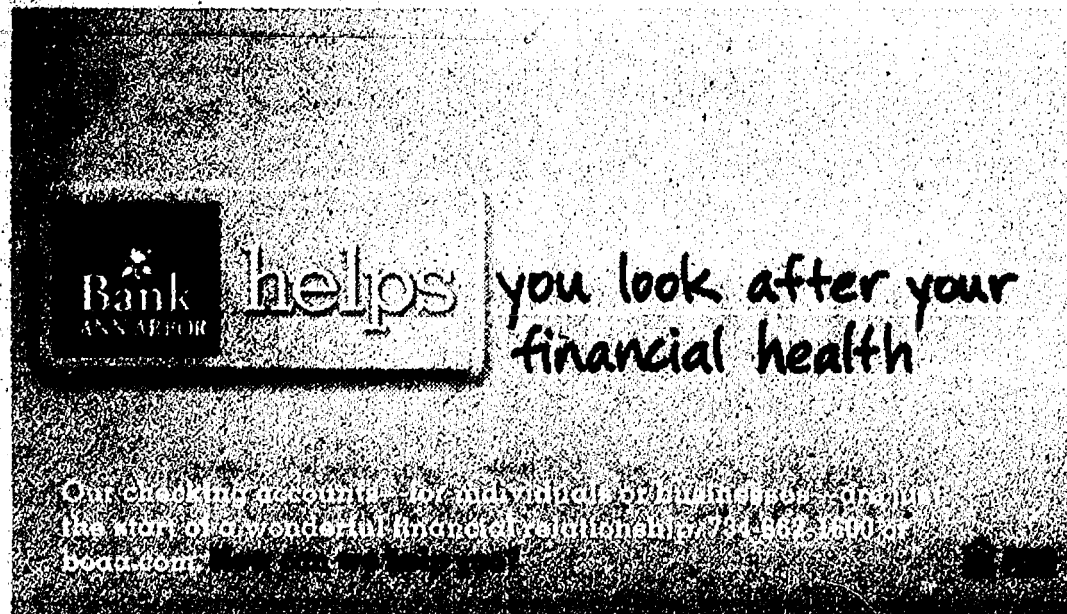
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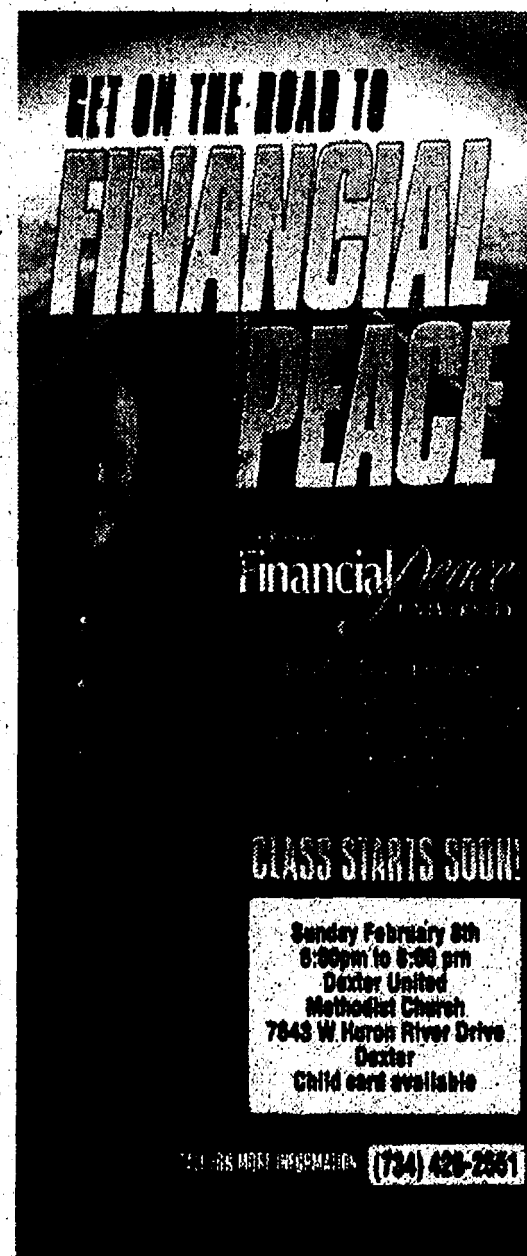
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15 - 15.5 oz.  
Selected Varieties



**KRAFT  
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Selected Varieties



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MAC & CHEESE**  
5.5 - 7.25 oz.  
Selected Varieties



**SWANSON  
BROTH**  
14.5 oz.  
Selected Varieties



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PINEAPPLE**  
20 oz.  
Selected Varieties



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MIX**  
8.5 oz.



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40 oz.



**MC CORMICK  
TACO SEASONING**  
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Selected Varieties



**MC CORMICK  
CHILI SEASONING**  
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Original or Mild



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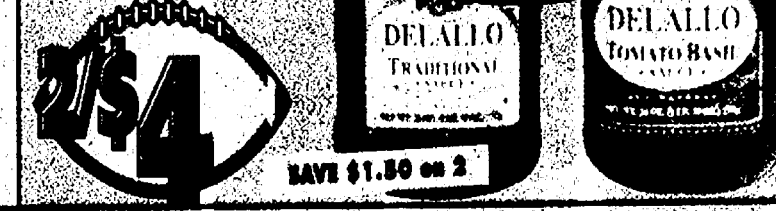
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TOMATO PRODUCTS**  
28 - 29 oz.  
Selected Varieties



**DE LALLO  
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15.5 oz.  
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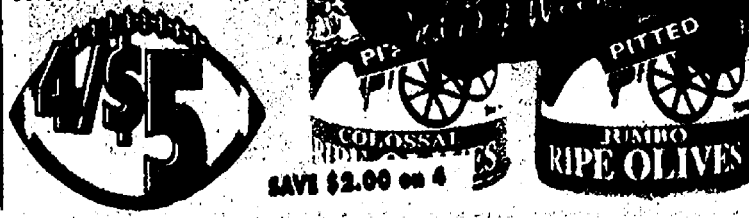
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26 oz.  
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Selected Varieties





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WINGS**  
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**2/\$6**

**ECKRICH  
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FRANKS**  
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1 lb.

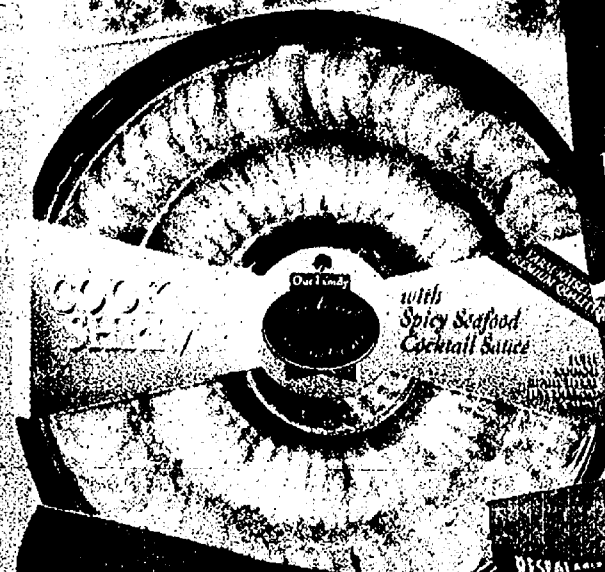
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Serves 7 - 13 People

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ENTREES**

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CREAMER**

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BREAD**

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Selected Varieties

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SAVE \$1.00 on 2



**TYSON  
CHICKEN**

7.5 - 13.25 oz.  
Selected Varieties

**2/\$5**

SAVE \$1.50 on 2

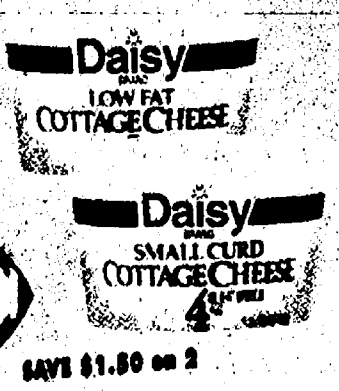


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COTTAGE  
CHEESE**

16 oz.  
2% or 4%

**2/\$4**

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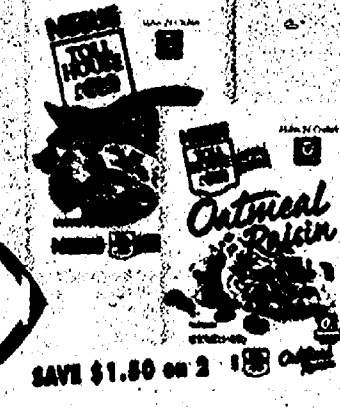


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Selected Varieties

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Selected Varieties  
2 - 2.5 oz.

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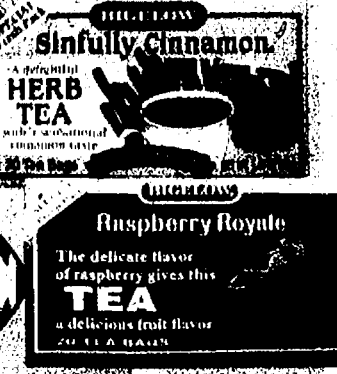
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CEREALS**  
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Selected Varieties

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SAVE \$1.00 on 2



**BIGELOW  
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**2/\$3**  
SAVE \$0.1 on 2



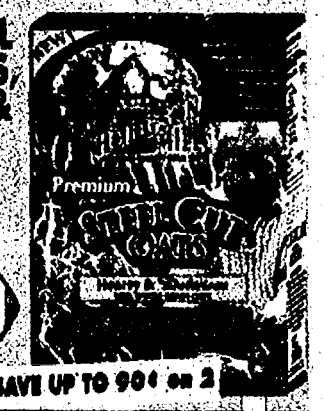
**HODGSON MILL  
ORGANIC WHOLE  
WHEAT PASTA**  
8 - 12 oz.  
Selected Varieties

**2/\$4**  
SAVE 70¢ on 2



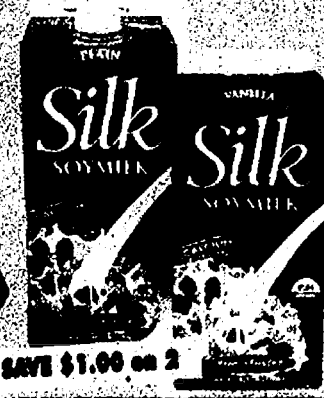
**HODGSON MILL  
STEEL CUT OATS,  
WHEAT BRAN &  
WHEAT GERM**  
12 - 18 oz.

**2/\$3**  
SAVE UP TO 90¢ on 2



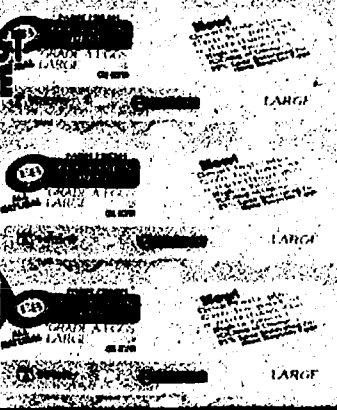
**SILK  
SOY MILK**  
64 oz.  
Selected Varieties

**2/\$5**  
SAVE \$1.00 on 2



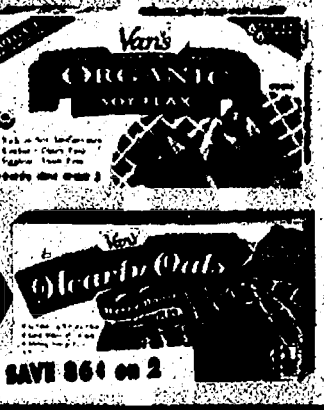
**EGGLAND'S BEST  
GRADE A LARGE  
EGGS**  
1 Dozen

**2/\$4**



**VAN'S  
WAFFLES**  
7.5 - 9.5 oz.  
Selected Varieties

**2/\$5**  
SAVE 8¢ on 2



**BLUE HORIZON  
SPRING ROLLS**  
6 oz.  
Selected Varieties

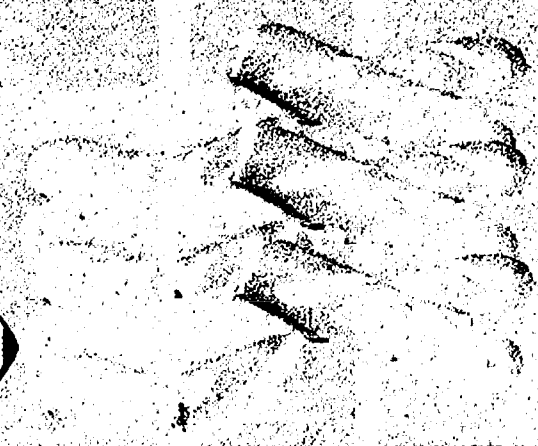
**2/\$6**  
SAVE UP TO \$4.00 on 2



## Bakery

**Fresh Baked  
FRENCH BREAD**  
16 oz.  
White or Wheat

**\$1.49**



**Fresh Baked  
LARGE KAISERS**  
6 ct.  
White or Wheat

**\$1.79**



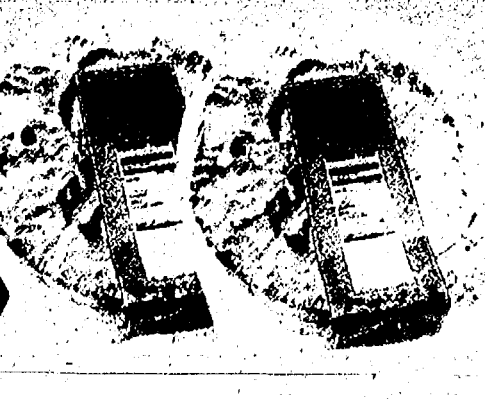
**CHEESECAKES**  
40 oz.  
Selected Varieties

**\$8.99**



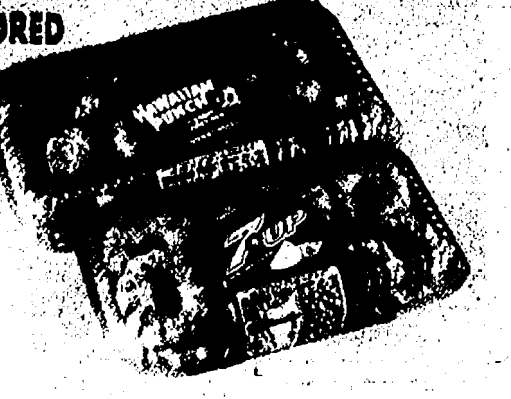
**DANISH  
TEA RINGS**  
16 - 17 oz.  
Selected Varieties

**\$3.89**



**SODA POP FLAVORED  
DONUT HOLES &  
CRUELLERS**  
8 - 9 oz.  
Selected Varieties

**\$2.29**





# HOME & HEALTH CARE SAVINGS!

**DIXIE PREMIUM & HEFTY PAPERWARE**  
20 - 60 ct.  
Selected Varieties



SAVE UP TO \$1.70 on 2

**CASCADE AUTO DISH DETERGENT**  
20 ct. or 75 oz.  
Selected Varieties



SAVE UP TO \$1.74 on 2

**PALMOLIVE DISH SOAP**  
20 - 25 oz.  
Selected Varieties



SAVE 1.70 on 2

**BOUNTY BASIC PAPER TOWELS**  
8 Roll



SAVE \$2.92 on 2

**TREND 2X LAUNDRY DETERGENT**  
60 oz.  
Selected Varieties



SAVE \$1.56 on 2

**KLEENEX COTTONELLE BATH TISSUE**  
12 Double Rolls  
8 Triple Rolls



SAVE \$1.96

**KLEENEX FACIAL TISSUES**  
8 Pk. Personal  
or 60 - 200 ct.  
Selected Varieties



SAVE 90¢ on 2

**DIAL BAR SOAP**  
3 Pk.  
Selected Varieties



SAVE 90¢ on 2

**VICKS CUSTOM CARE**  
6 - 8 oz. or 18 ct.  
Selected Varieties



SAVE \$2.90 on 2

**CREST TOOTH PASTE**  
6.4 oz.  
Selected Varieties



**GILLETTE SERIES & SATIN CARE SHAVE CREAM**  
7 oz.  
Selected Varieties



SAVE \$1.58 on 2

**BAYER ASPIRIN**  
100 - 120 ct.  
Selected Varieties



SAVE \$2.29

## PET CARE SAVINGS!

**FANCY FEAST CAT FOOD**  
3 oz.  
Selected Varieties



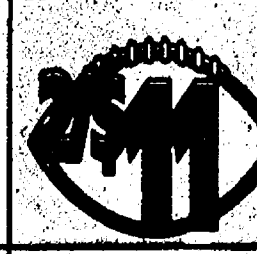
SAVE 20¢ on 4

**NUNN BETTER ORIGINAL CAT FOOD**  
16 lb.



SAVE \$2.90 on 2

**NUNN BETTER WILD BIRD SEED**  
20 lb.



SAVE \$4.00 on 2

**NUNN BETTER PREMIUM DRY DOG FOOD**  
16 lb.  
Selected Varieties



SAVE \$1.00 on 2

**PEDIGREE CANNED DOG FOOD**  
13.2 oz.  
Selected Varieties



SAVE 40¢ on 4

**PEDIGREE DRY DOG FOOD**  
15.9 - 20 lb.  
Selected Varieties



SAVE \$4.50 on 2



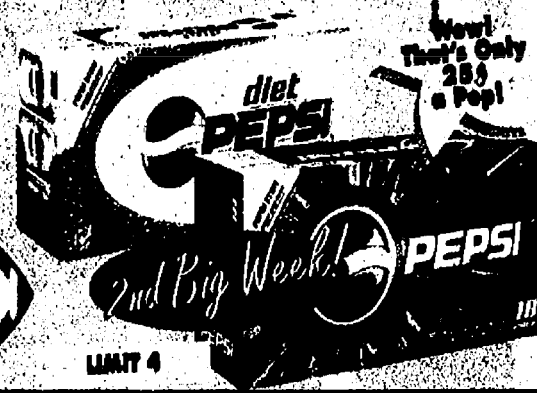
# SNACK & BEVERAGE SAVINGS!

**COCA-COLA PRODUCTS**  
12 Pk. 12 oz. Cans  
Selected Varieties  
(plus deposit)



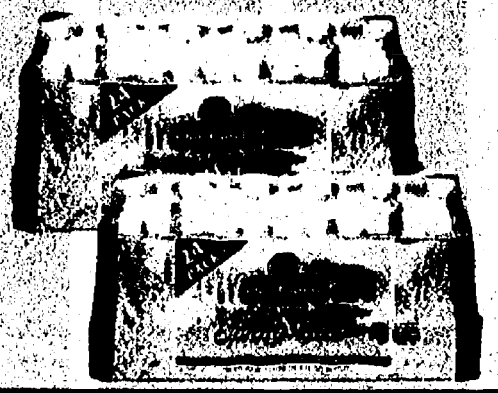
SAVE UP TO \$2.00 on 2

**PEPSI-COLA PRODUCTS**  
18 Pk. 12 oz. Cans  
Special Bonus Pack  
Selected Varieties  
(plus deposit)



LIMIT 4

**OUR FAMILY SPRING WATER**  
24 Pk. 1/2 Liter Bottles



**BETTERMADE POTATO CHIPS**  
11.75 oz.  
Selected Varieties



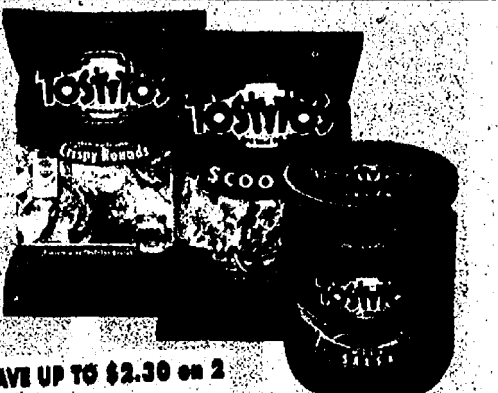
SAVE \$3.00 on 2

**NABISCO SNACK CRACKERS**  
7-10 oz.  
Selected Varieties



SAVE \$2.00 on 2

**TOSTITOS TORTILLA CHIPS & SALSA**  
9-16 oz.  
Selected Varieties



SAVE UP TO \$2.30 on 2

**BETTERMADE PRETZELS**  
15 oz.  
Selected Varieties



SAVE \$2.34 on 3

**BETTERMADE TORTILLA CHIPS**  
13 oz.  
Selected Varieties



SAVE \$3.69 on 3

**SOBE LIFE WATER**  
20 oz.  
Selected Varieties



**COCA-COLA PRODUCTS**  
6 Pk. 24 oz. Bottles or  
8 Pk. 12 oz. Plastic  
Selected Varieties  
(plus deposit)



SAVE \$1.50 on 2

**FRITO LAY LAY'S POTATO CHIPS**  
10.5-11 oz.  
Selected Varieties



SAVE \$3.30 on 2

**NABISCO RITZ CRACKERS**  
13.66-16 oz.  
Selected Varieties



SAVE \$2.50 on 2

**PEPSI-COLA PRODUCTS**  
8 Pk. 16.9 oz. Plastic  
Selected Varieties  
(plus deposit)



SAVE \$1.00 on 2

**CAPRI SUN JUICE DRINKS**  
10 ct.  
Selected Varieties



SAVE \$1.00 on 2

**KRISPY & ZESTA SALTINES**  
15-16 oz.  
Selected Varieties



SAVE \$3.84 on 3

**ORVILLE REDENBACHER'S MICROWAVE POPCORN**  
2-4 Pk.  
Selected Varieties



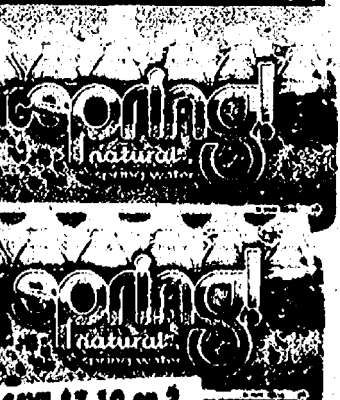
SAVE \$2.50 on 2

**BAREMAN'S FRUIT DRINKS**  
Gallon  
Selected Varieties



SAVE \$1.00 on 4

**SPRING! NATURAL SPRING WATER**  
24 Pk.



SAVE \$7.10 on 2



# WINE CELLAR

# SPIRITS

## GALLO TWIN VALLEY WINES

1.5 Liter  
Assorted Varieties  
(plus tax)

**\$7.75**

SAVE \$1.74



## ARBOR MIST PARTY FAVORITES

750 ml  
Selected Varieties  
(plus tax)

**2/\$8**

SAVE \$1.90 on 2



## MR & MRS T BLOODY MARY MIX

64 oz.

**2/\$10**

SAVE \$1.98 on 2



## FAYGO MIXERS

6 Pk. 12 oz. Cans  
Selected Varieties  
(plus deposit)

**2/\$4**

SAVE \$90 on 2



## LITTLE PENGUIN AUSTRALIAN WINES

1.5 Liter  
Selected Varieties  
(plus tax)

**\$8.90**

SAVE \$3.05



## MENAGE A TRO WINES

750 ml  
White or Red  
(plus tax)

**\$6.90**

SAVE \$2.60



## KAHLUA

750 ml  
Selected Varieties  
(plus tax)

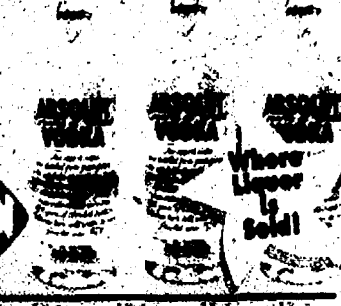
**\$19.97**



## ABSOLUT VODKA

750 ml  
(plus tax)

**\$21.97**



## SMOKING LOON WINES

750 ml  
Selected Varieties  
(plus tax)

**\$8.90**

SAVE \$2.05



## BERINGER WINES

1.5 Liter  
Selected Varieties  
(plus tax)

**\$9.90**

SAVE \$1.85



## SOUTHERN COMFORT

750 ml  
(plus tax)

**\$15.99**



## CAPTAIN MORGAN SPICED RUM

750 ml  
(plus tax)

**\$15.99**



## LINDEMANS SOUTH AFRICAN WINES

750 ml  
All Varieties  
(plus tax)

**2/\$11**

SAVE \$4.90 on 2



## PETER VELLA PARTY SIZE WINES

5 Liter Box  
Assorted Varieties  
(plus tax)

**\$9.90**

SAVE \$5.1



## DEWAR'S WHITE LABEL SCOTCH

750 ml  
(plus tax)

**\$22.95**



## DISARONNO AMARETTO

750 ml  
(plus tax)

**\$25.00**



# THE BREWERY!

## MIKE'S PREMIUM COCKTAILS

4 Pk. 8 oz. Bottles  
Selected Varieties  
(plus tax & deposit)

**2/\$9**

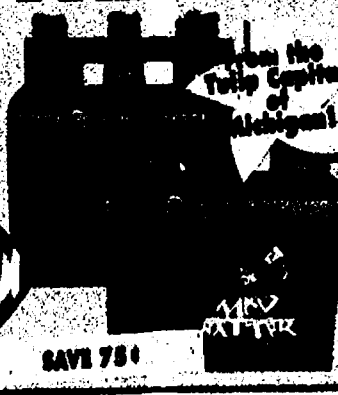


## NEW HOLLAND BEERS

6 Pk. 12 oz. Bottles  
Selected Varieties  
(plus tax & deposit)

**\$8.00**

SAVE 75¢



## MICHIGAN BREWING

6 Pk. 12 oz. Bottles  
Selected Varieties  
(plus tax & deposit)

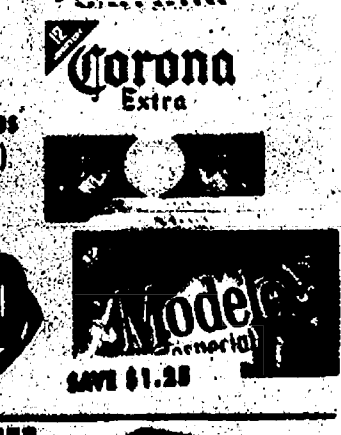
**\$7.00**



## CORONA & MODELO

12 Pk. 12 oz. Bottles  
(plus tax & deposit)

**\$12.50**



## COORS & LABATTS

18 Pk. 12 oz. Cans  
Selected Varieties  
(plus tax & deposit)

**\$10.95**

SAVE \$1.00



## BUDWEISER PRODUCTS

18 Pk. 12 oz. Cans  
Selected Varieties  
(plus tax & deposit)

**\$10.95**

SAVE \$1.00



## MICHELOB BEER

20 Pk. 12 oz. Bottle  
Selected Varieties  
(plus tax & deposit)

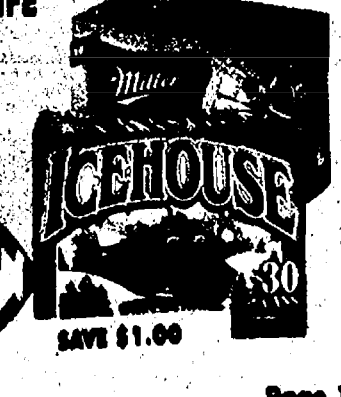
**\$12.50**



## MILLER HIGH LIFE & ICE HOUSE

30 Pk. 12 oz. Cans  
Selected Varieties  
(plus tax & deposit)


**\$15.50**





# SCORE WITH THESE "SUPER BOWL" SAVINGS!

Enjoy 5 Servings of Fresh Fruits & Vegetables Each Day for Better Health



SAVE \$1.21

**Jumbo Red & Green SEEDLESS GRAPES**

**\$1.28** LB.



SAVE \$2.00

**IDAHO RUSSET POTATOES**

104.5 Bag

**\$2.88** EA.




SAVE 98¢

**Dole Greener Selection DOLE SALADS**

12 oz


**2/\$3**



SAVE UP TO 58¢

**Cara-Cara ORANGES**

**3/\$2**



SAVE \$2.98

**Dole CAULIFLOWER**

**2/\$5**




SAVE 51¢

**Dole BABY CARROTS**

1 lb.

**\$1.18** EA.



SAVE 51¢

**Nutrition AVOCADOS**

**98¢** EA.



**Fresh Floral Department**  
May not be exactly as illustrated

**FRILLS & THRILLS BOUQUET**

**\$7.99**



SAVE UP TO 50¢

**Tart & Tangy LEMONS OR LIMES**

**5/\$2**



SAVE \$1.98

**Marzetti's VEGGIE DIPS**

15.5 oz.

**2/\$5**



SAVE \$1.98

**Sunkist California MINNEOLAS**

3 lb. Bag

**2/\$5**



**Earthbound Farm. ORGANIC Mini Peeled CARROTS**

1 lb.

**2/\$3**