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Focus group pushes 'shop local' message

Coalition seeks way to revitalize interest in Chelsea

By Sean Dalton
Heritage Newspapers

Earlier this month 55 members of the Chelsea business community participated in

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four separate focus group studies.

Now key members of the Downtown Development Authority, Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce and

the city government are waiting for a report by focus group administrator Hank Weber.

Weber's report is expected in the coming weeks. That report will be the basis for the coalition's future efforts and an outline for a future board comprised of six to 10 Chelsea business figures and a future director in order to draw business back into the city.

DDA President and business owner Mike Jackson said that the focus group members were picked from the chamber's membership list.

"We had a good mix of people, business owners, retail,

people from the retirement communities, real estate people, bankers and north and south end merchants," Jackson said.

There is a sense of urgency behind the drive to get a collective marketing effort in place, as the number of high profile business closures in Chelsea's downtown has some people considered.

On the other hand, Jackson was encouraged by what he

saw in the focus groups.

"I was really impressed by the level of excitement that people had and the level of commitment that people showed for the community," Jackson said. "So it's obvious to me that we have an opportunity to make some good things happen for the community."

Jackson said that the focus groups were nearly unani-

mous in their support of both marketing a shop local effort centered on local retailers and reaching outside of Chelsea to bring "out-of-towners" into the community with draws like The Purple Rose Theatre, The Jiffy Mix Plant and The Common Grille.

Many in the groups agreed that supporting local businesses is important for the local tax base, property values and local employment.

The groups also discussed measuring factors such as the number of people who are moving to Chelsea, the amount of vacant office space and apart-

ments, number of ticket sales at the Purple Rose and other benchmarks.

Some in the groups acknowledged "fragmented" marketing efforts by individuals in the community, but added that they should be brought together under a collective effort.

Other comments in the preliminary report indicated that business owners feel that Chelsea should market itself statewide as a unique location that has a rare combination of small-town appeal and big-town sophistication.

PLEASE SEE MARKET/3-A

Extravaganza set for Feb. 13

Chocolate lovers can enjoy activities at local businesses

By Daniel Lai
Heritage Newspapers

Chocolate lovers everywhere can indulge their sweet tooth

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while having fun at Chelsea's second

annual Chocolate Extravaganza set for Feb. 13.

Residents can indulge in all things chocolatey with events and treats to celebrate both Valentine's Day and the Lunar New Year.

"Last year's event was a huge success," event coordinator Trinh Pifer said. "We had 30 different businesses participate. This year we expect at least 30 businesses, if not more."

Throughout the day, participating stores throughout Chelsea will offer free chocolate tasting, sales on chocolate-themed merchandise and family fun activities from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Brochures with event listings will be available on the day of the event at participating stores.

"This is something fun for the whole family to enjoy. It's February; people are getting cabin fever and nothing is going on, so we usually get a good turnout," Pifer said.

Mayor Jason Lindauer said he is looking forward to the event.

"Once again this year, the

Chelsea merchants are combining fun and imagination to ward off February's chill. Join the crowds headed downtown to celebrate Valentine's Day and usher in the Lunar New Year," he said. "This decade's first Chocolate Extravaganza will be held on Feb. 13 and promises fun and great memories for everyone. The merchants will be presenting their individual takes on chocolate and the enjoyment thereof in every conceivable fashion."

"Whether you appreciate your favorite chocolate poured, baked, dipped or wrapped around fruit, the Chocolate Extravaganza is your day to experience it all. The warmth of Chelsea's downtown and the high art of confections are sure to start the Lunar Year off in a great way."

Pifer said this year's activities range from a demonstration on making chocolate mole sauce, sampling gourmet truffles and making your own molded chocolate treats. The coffee shops will offer gourmet chocolate baked goods for sale and warm hot chocolate beverages, perfect for a wintry Michigan day. Some businesses will also offer special promotions on Valentine's Day themed clothing, jewelry and teddy bears.

"Last year, someone brought a chocolate fountain. I hope we can have the fountain back again this year," she said.

Pifer said it's very auspicious

PLEASE SEE CHOCOLATE/3-A

Caldwell leaves mark on county

Chelsea resident helped construct prominent buildings

By Sheila Pursglove
Special Writer

Local resident Mary Caldwell has fond memories of Ann Arbor and surrounding communities back in World War II and the decades that followed.

Caldwell, now in her 90s

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and a resident at Silver

Maples of Chelsea - along with her first husband George Minion, helped to build many structures in Washtenaw County as owners of Minion-Construction.

The company's projects included the first phase of Chelsea Community Hospital; the Garden Apartments and Crippen Building at Chelsea Retirement Community, Ypsilanti Police Station, Faith Lutheran Church in Ypsilanti, parts of Ypsilanti State Hospital, and schools in Milan, Bedford and Ann Arbor.

"We won the bid for the Stone School addition by 36 cents," Caldwell said.

Another big project for the company was J. M. B.



Submitted photo

Mary Caldwell of Chelsea, along with her husband George Minion, helped construct several prominent buildings throughout Washtenaw County.

Sill Hall at Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti, named for John Mayhew and Barry Sill, a member of the first graduating class of 1854. Built in 1965 as the Fine Arts and Industrial Arts Building, Sill Hall currently houses the Communications Technology, Aviation Technology, Construction Management,

ceramics lab, CAD/CAM lab, and a snack bar.

One of the most interesting projects Caldwell remembers was a church built for Ypsilanti State Hospital on Carpenter Road. The building, which is no longer standing, had three wings - one entrance and a wing for each of three different faiths.

Caldwell handled the office side of the business.

"George handled the problems," she said. "He often teased me, saying I married him for his typewriter."

On Sundays, her husband would take her and his mother for drives to see the latest

PLEASE SEE CALDWELL/3-A

Legion hosts winter carnival

Fishing, Euchre open to all ages; prizes awarded for winners

By Daniel Lai
Heritage Newspapers

The American Legion Post 31 in Chelsea is hosting its annual winter carnival beginning Feb. 5 at the legion hall.

The carnival will run thru Feb. 7 and includes a weekend of fun-filled family activities.

"This is a small community event that we enjoy putting on every

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year," legion member Don Bell said. "It's something fun to do and it gets people out of their

houses. We have been gearing it more toward children each year."

Activities begin with a Euchre tournament at 7 p.m. Feb. 5. The tournament is free to enter but registration is requested.

The annual fishing derby begins at 7 a.m. Feb. 6, with a chili cook-off at the legion hall beginning at 10 a.m. Chili samples will be available for judging between 1:30 and 3 p.m. The contest is open to all area chefs.

"We usually get about 12 entries competing in the cook-off," Bell said.

In the evening, the band Star 69 will perform at the legion beginning at 8:30 p.m.

This year, the legion will award cash prizes for first, second and third place winners in the fishing contest. The cost is \$5 per adult and \$1 per child to enter. Breakfast will be served at the legion hall from 7 a.m. to noon Saturday.

"If you are going to fish, we encourage you to sign up and pay before you go out to the lake," Bell said. "It's usually an honor system and people have been good about paying."

On Sunday, breakfast will be served from 7 a.m. to noon, followed by a raffle drawing at 2 p.m.

The awards ceremony for the fishing competition will also take place at 2 p.m.

PLEASE SEE LEGION/3-A



The Chocolate Extravaganza is set for Feb. 13 in downtown Chelsea and will feature several local businesses.

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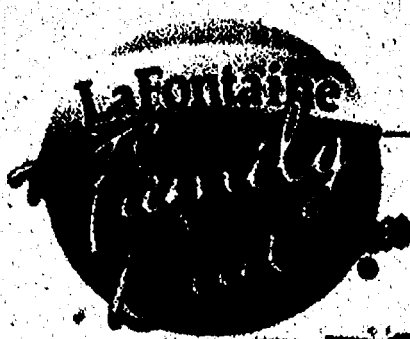
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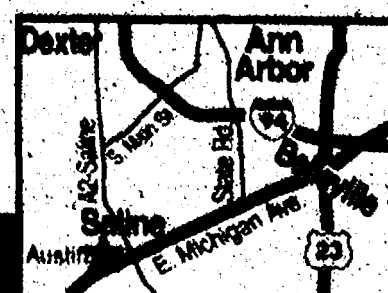
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that Valentine's Day and the Lunar New Year coincide on the same day this year.

"Traditionally, the Lunar New Year is a day that should be spent with family and friends; to be thankful for the past year and to look forward to the coming year. This event in downtown Chelsea is a perfect way to acknowledge and celebrate two holidays that are all about

appreciating our loved ones," she said.

Most of the events are free and open to the public. Some merchants might charge small fees for materials. For more information, call Pifer at 1-734-475-3539.

"Come support local businesses in Chelsea and enjoy delectable chocolate treats. After all, life is like a box of chocolates: you never know what you're going to get, but you should enjoy it," Pifer said. Daniel Lai can be reached at 429-7380 or dli@heritage.com.

LEGION

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Throughout the weekend, the American Legion kitchen will also open at noon each day. Pizza by the slice, sloppy joes, chili and hamburgers and hot dogs can be purchased.

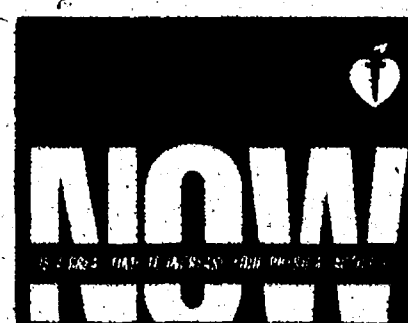
Raffle tickets this year are \$5 for one, three for \$10 and seven for \$20. Prizes include a 40-inch TV, a 20-gauge shotgun with scope, a rifle barrel, and \$200. "We're a not-for-profit orga-

nization. Any money we make goes right back into the community. We're just trying to keep our lights on and pay our gas bill," Bell said.

Bell said turnout for the event has been high in recent years. "There isn't a lot going on in Chelsea, Dexter and Manchester at this time of the year, so we get a lot of people coming out to have fun at the carnival," he said.

For more information, call

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CALDWELL

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building projects.

The couple originally came to this area in 1942 from Belding, near Grand Rapids, after George got a job as an inspector on final assembly at the Willow Run bomber plant. Caldwell found work with 200 other women in the Willow Run payroll office. The couple had to live in a tent for the first two weeks in town.

In 1946, with World War II over, the couple started their construction business by building garages. They made their home on Washtenaw Avenue in Ann Arbor, just east of US-23, and were members of the Ypsilanti United Methodist Church.

"When we bought 12 acres in 1950, Washtenaw was just a three-lane highway with a drive-in theater and one restaurant," Caldwell said. "Cleary College was on Michigan Avenue in downtown Ypsilanti."

Caldwell lived in the home for 48 years before moving to Silver Maples 11 years ago.

Construction wasn't the couple's only interest - the two were also licensed pilots. Caldwell learned to fly in 1967 at the Willow Run and Ann Arbor airports, getting her license at age 50 - a fairly unusual accomplishment for a woman in the 1960s. The couple bought a Piper Arrow 180 after a pilot friend flew them up north for weekend getaways.

"I was skilled at cross-wind landings," Caldwell said. "We flew in Michigan and out of state, including Florida."

They sold the plane in 1969. After her husband's death, Caldwell married her second husband, Carroll Caldwell in

1991 - a member of her church, and a fellow pilot. The newlyweds flew their plane to Arizona for their honeymoon.

Ardent travelers, they have explored the world together, visiting Australia, Egypt, New Zealand, the full length of Russia to the Black Sea, Japan and China.

Caldwell said she always enjoyed new experiences - the construction business, flying and travel.

"I was just curious and wanted to know what was going on," she said. "The curiosity of a farm girl."

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Help *for* Haiti



Saline High School teacher Lisa Howard gets a crash course on text messaging from her class so she can join in and donate to the Haiti relief efforts through the Red Cross program.

Students join together to help earthquake victims

By Jeremy Allen
Heritage Newspapers

On a typical day at Saline High School, texting in class is strictly prohibited. But on Jan. 22, from 1:25 p.m. to 1:30 p.m., that rule went out the window.

During the five-minute time span, students and staff at the

school were able to raise more than \$4,000 for Haiti relief efforts through text messages and donations.

The mobile fundraising initiative, called "SHS Text for \$10,000," was organized by five Saline High School juniors in conjunction with the American Red Cross' "Text 'HAITI' to 90999" campaign. Each text message sent to that number serves as a \$10 donation added to the sender's monthly bill.

Students Grace Bowe, Haley Breedveld, Jaime Davis, Kate Laramie and Arianna Wellings were the organizers of the campaign, as they came up with the entire plan for the event in a little more than two days.

"There were a lot of things we had to do to make sure the event was successful," Davis said. "We had to get students to have their parents sign permission slips to make sure it was OK for them to make the donations, then we had to spread the word to everyone by posting fliers and signs, and we also made a PowerPoint presentation about Haiti and the disaster."

Members of the group started to come up with potential ways they could help after watching the devastating ordeal of the Port-au-Prince earthquake unfold on the news and discussing the issues in-depth with Saline High School teachers Jason Gumenick and Brian Lampman.

"These girls took immediate action once they saw how great the need was for help over in Haiti," said Lampman, a government and sociology teacher.

"They were all very caring and committed, and banded their efforts together to do something tremendous."

The fundraising efforts originally started as separate



Saline High School juniors Jaime Davis, Grace Bowe, Kat Laramie, Haley Breedveld and Arianna Wellings spearheaded the "SHS Text for \$10,000," an initiative to raise \$10,000 for Haiti relief efforts through text messaging and donations.

campaigns, but the girls realized it would be more effective if they combined their efforts to make one massive drive of support.

"We collected money at lunch to donate, and we also came up with the idea to get in contact with the Red Cross' texting campaign because pretty much everybody here texts and we thought it would be cool to show support that way," Laramie said.

More than 300 students filled out permission slips to participate in SHS Text for \$10,000 and many staff members also sent text messages. Those efforts combined with the more than \$700 in donations brought the total contributions of Saline High School

to well more than \$4,000.

"We may not have reached our ultimate goal of the \$10,000, but we're still not through and these kids have learned a very valuable lesson," Gumenick said.

"Times like these are when we're most proud as educators," Lampman said. "We try to make the most of teachable moments, and when the students take initiative like this, you can really tell that they get it. They get the big picture and they know what it's all about."

Julie Dean, communications director at the Washtenaw County Chapter of the American Red Cross, expressed her pride in the efforts of not only Saline High

School, but of Washtenaw County as a whole.

"Saline really showed ingenuity and they really touched me by reaching out to the Red Cross," Dean said. "A lot of other high schools have followed suit and asked for ways they could get involved, too. Other county residents, who either didn't want to text or didn't feel safe donating on the Internet, came right into the center here and have donated more than \$40,000 over the past week for the Haiti relief efforts."

Dean also talked about the efforts of the Edgemont Elementary "Hats for Haiti" in which students and staff members donated \$1 and were able to wear a hat for

the school day. In total, \$450 was raised during the two-day event.

Students and staff at Heritage School in Saline also held a coin drive to benefit earthquake victims in Haiti.

In Chelsea, members of the First United Methodist Church are seeking donations to send to rescue workers aiding the residents of Haiti.

Hertha Laupmanis, a resident at Chelsea Retirement Community, said she took it upon herself to start collecting donations for the United Methodist Community on Relief and other international relief organizations as soon as she heard the news on CNN.

"I could not believe what I was watching," she said. "I just sat there and cried. They have doctors there, but they do not have any equipment and nothing to work with."

The Salvation Army of Washtenaw County also got involved in the efforts. The organization teamed up with Briarwood Mall to host various activities and volunteer collection sites, as \$10 wristbands were sold to guests who wished to participate in the activities. All the proceeds went to Haiti's rebuilding efforts.

"Our strength and readiness as a community allows us to do great things for people in need," Dean said. "Everyone's efforts to assist Haiti are very compelling and moving. Only through local strength can organizations like the Red Cross branch out globally with its efforts."

Saline High School hasn't given up in its efforts to reach its \$10,000 goal. If you wish to help the students get to their mark, e-mail Lampman at lampmanb@saline.k12.mi.us.

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County has 16 bridges on critical list

By Lisa Allmendinger
Heritage Newspapers

Washtenaw County has 111 total bridges under the jurisdiction of the Washtenaw County Road Commission. Of that number, 43 are considered in good condition, 29 are in fair condition, 23 are in poor condition and 16 are in critical condition.

This information came from Roy Townsend, director of engineering, Jan. 19 at a meeting of the Washtenaw County Road Commission.

Townsend said the road commission has \$91 million in cost needs to fix them all.

• Thirty bridges need preventative maintenance at \$500,000 each or \$15 million.

• Twenty-three bridges need replacement at about \$2 million each for \$46 million.

• Fifteen need replacement at about \$2 million or \$30 million.

In fact, Washtenaw County has the 12th highest square feet of bridges, Townsend said.

While most of Manchester's, Freedom's and Bridgewater's bridges are in good condition, Lima, Augusta and Saline townships have "a whole bundle of bridges and little tax base," said Commissioner Doug Fuller after looking at a map with each bridge color-



Photo by Lisa Allmendinger

Roy Townsend, director of engineering for the Washtenaw County Road Commission, holds a map of all the bridges overseen by the Road Commission. Each of the 111 bridges has a color-coded condition that ranges from critical to good.

coded by condition.

About 33 percent of the county's bridges are consid-

ered "structurally deficient,"

Townsend said, while 8 percent are functionally obsolete,

which means they have narrow shoulders or should be wider, for example.

"It's interesting to note that Pittsfield has no bridges," said Commissioner Fred Veigel.

In contrast, Augusta Township has 20 bridges, four of which are in poor condition, one in critical condition, six in fair condition and the rest in good condition.

Lima Township has 16 bridges, four in critical condition, four in poor condition, three in fair condition and the remainder in good condition.

York Township has eight bridges, several of which are on the township line. One is in critical condition, two are in poor condition and the rest in good or fair condition.

Scio Township has 18 bridges, with one on the critical list, but the majority of which are in good condition.

Of Saline Township's seven bridges, two are in critical condition, one is in fair condition and the rest are in poor or good condition.

In fact, 29 of the county's bridges have weight restrictions, four of which are closed and one that's under construction.

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Commission flirts with idea to drop wireless vendor

Program chief concern at board meeting

By Sean Dalton
Heritage Newspapers

An update on the Wireless Washtenaw program stood out as the chief item of concern at last week's Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners meeting, not for its content but rather for the commission's response to the update.

Wireless Washtenaw Project Manager James McFarlane gave the update in which he outlined the financial difficulties that the project is facing in light of the economic situation in the state and across the country.

McFarlane told commissioners that he and his colleagues at Ann Arbor-based 20/20 Communications are awaiting the award of \$4.2 million in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds that they submitted an application for last summer.

Commissioner Ken Schwartz, toward the end of the board's comment period, asked several questions. "If 20/20 was to turn off the system today, would there be other sources of wireless Internet for these customers," he said. "I personally feel that, at some point, if they can't perform under the contract that we have, (we have) to look at whether or not some alternative means should be taken."

Schwartz was alluding to the potential termination of the existing contract between Washtenaw County and 20/20 Communications.

"I'm interested in finding what alternatives could be available," he said.

So far, the project has received \$2 million in investment to build out the pilots in downtown Ann Arbor, downtown Saline and portions of Manchester Village.

A total of \$70,000 in government grant money has been awarded, but private invest-

ment prospects have dried up, McFarlane said. And now the ARRA money is the only foreseeable injection of capital into the project.

The existing pilots cover 100 square miles and serve 540 subscribers, a far cry from the 340,000 Washtenaw County residents.

"It has been no secret over the last couple of years that 20/20 has faced some challenges seeking funding to build out the network," McFarlane said. "The good news is that ARRA came out with \$7.2 billion in funding for fixed wireless services."

McFarlane said he didn't know how much longer the wait would be, but said that he was "very optimistic" and that in the meantime the project was in a "wait and holding pattern."

The estimate is that it would take \$10 million in total investment to cover the whole county. The ARRA money would bring Wireless Washtenaw's umbrella over another 260 square miles, mostly in rural areas.

Commissioner Jessica Ping asked if representatives from 20/20 would be willing to attend a question-and-answer session.

"I think it would be beneficial to open the lines of communication because a lot of people have asked me questions and I just forward them on. I just want to let people know we still want this to move forward," she said.

The commission also appointed its members positions on various board, committees, commissions and agencies.

Typically, such appointments are a perfunctory action taken with little discussion, but this time a couple of oversights were brought to light when Commissioner Conan Smith raised the issue that he was not appointed to the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments.

"I have served on the Southeastern Michigan Council of Governments for a number of years as both representative of this board

and last year as the alternate," Smith said. "So I'm a little surprised that I'm being pulled from it without it being discussed with me."

"I would like to maintain my slot there if I may. As you know, my daily work is in regional governance and inter-governmental cooperation."

He pointed out that he was not in attendance during a work session in which appointments were a topic of discussion because of other obligations.

Commissioner Jeff Irwin said there should be two representatives and two alternates, according to SEMCOG bylaws. The proposal that went up before Smith's comments was for two representatives and one alternate.

"Each of the alternates corresponds with each of the delegates," he said. "So, we're actually short one county representative on this list."

A motion was passed for an appointments list including Smith as an alternate on SEMCOG.

The commission also appointed Cindy Harrison of Chelsea to the Washtenaw County Workforce Development Board as a private representative.

She was endorsed by the Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce. Her term expires Dec. 31, 2012. The commission also authorized the admin-

istrator to sign the "Total Maximum Load Monitoring Planning in the Middle of the Huron River Watershed" grant award from the MDEQ on behalf of the Office of Water Resources Commissioner in the amount of \$134,756 for Feb. 15 through Sept. 30, 2011.

The administrator will also sign for an Environmental Protection Agency environmental education grant with the Department of Public Health's Environmental Health division for \$30,240.

The commission also dissolved the Washtenaw County Law Enforcement Citizens Review Board, in addition to adopting a resolution to support the application of official designation of the Southeast Michigan Resource Conservation and Development Council Area for program assistance from the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

The commission approved the bylaws of the Washtenaw County Public Health Appeals Board. The move led to some passionate discussion over the naming of the board.

The resolution was submitted under the board's new name, Health Code Appeals Board/Public Health Advisory Committee, which some commissioners thought was misleading in light of the fact that the county's public health board had been dissolved. Commissioner Barbara

Bergman thought the name was a typo at first.

"This has been mislabeled," she said.

"It looks like we have a public health board, which we don't."

That comment riled up Commissioner Ronnie Peterson.

"We did," he repeated a few times in the background of Bergman clarifying the naming convention.

"We did, but you don't now," Bergman responded. "So let's not call this what it isn't ... let's wait and see if we can get (a public health) board."

The name change was included in the package of bylaw amendments submitted by the appeals board.

"If you change the name, it still has a limited function and what Mr. Peterson and I have been interested in is a larger public health board," Bergman said. "This name change makes it sound to me

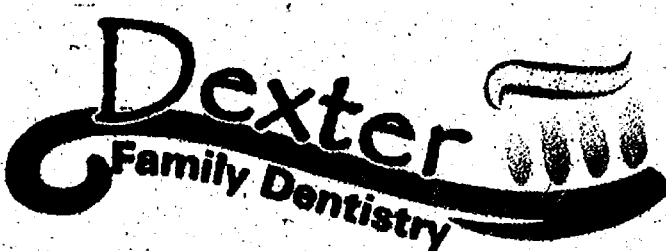
like (the appeals board does) something that (it doesn't)."

Bergman said it was confusing to county residents who might look to the board or do so assuming it has the same function as the public health board.

"I hope we can revisit the fact that we need a board of public health to advocate for a number of health issues," Peterson said. "It's important especially during these times where a lot of people don't have health insurance. The focus will eventually come on a public board of health. I hope we get it done in the next few months."

"We have a history of being a strong advocate for public health of children and families and we need to get back on that page."

Commissioner Leah Gunn motioned to accept the bylaws and reject the new name, opting for the former name.




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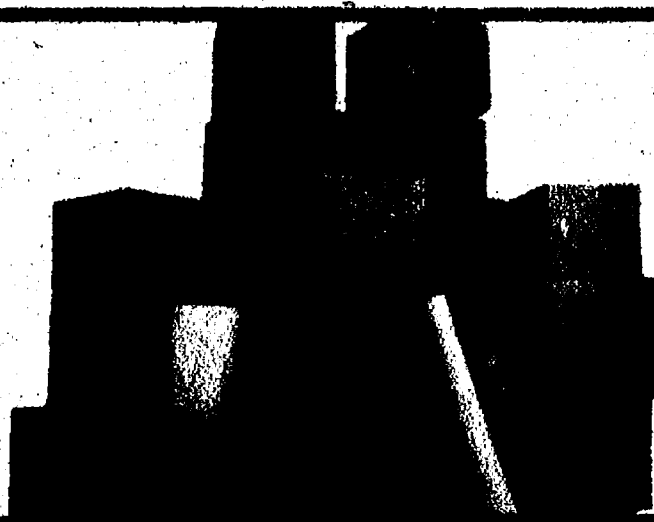
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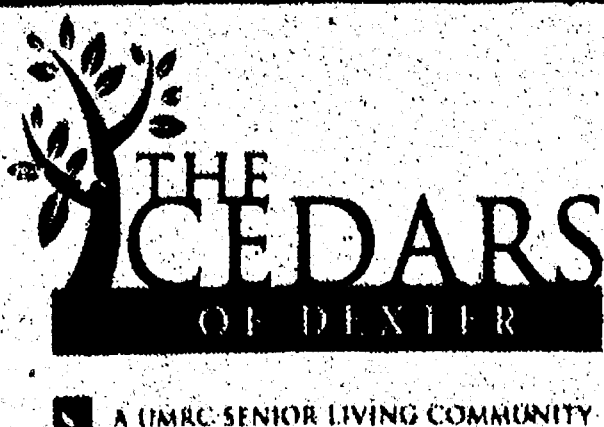
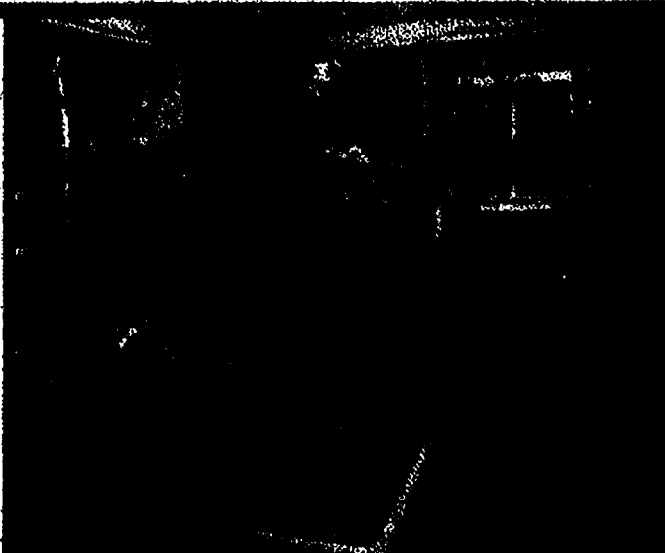


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What's the key to getting rich?

A. Hard work
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C. Luck
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Michigan facing an educational crisis

Projections recently released by the Senate Fiscal Agency in Lansing point to a budget deficit of \$1.8 billion for the 2010/2011 fiscal year. Under those projections, the School Aid Fund, which was spared during the current fiscal year by one-time federal stimulus dollars, is anticipated to take a hit of \$315 million.

Not 24 hours after the announcement of those startling figures, the Kids Count in Michigan Data Book was released. The annual report ranks Michigan counties based on a variety of quality-of-life issues that face our children, not the least of which is the quality of education opportunities.

Summarized well in that

GUEST COLUMN



MARK QUIMET

report was the challenge we face in Michigan:
"As the state struggles to adapt to an economy in transition, no issue draws more interest and concern than the educa-

tion of the next generation. The need to improve educational outcomes for a larger number of children so they can compete successfully in the global marketplace is universally acknowledged."

Having traveled to a number of school districts in Washtenaw County, I've seen firsthand the efforts being made by our local districts to meet this challenge head-on by implementing innovative changes to ensure that our children have the tools they will need to excel in the new economy. However, at the same time, each district has expressed the same concern almost verbatim, a concern I share.

Given that 86 percent of school funding is controlled by the state, the Legislature must

serve as a partner in this challenge by developing an alternative way of funding our schools. The current system is no longer practical given Michigan's economy.

Recent budgets have relied heavily on short-term or one time fixes to create a revenue stream that is simply too unpredictable for local districts to properly determine priorities and make necessary adjustments. In recent years, administrators and school boards have been forced to appropriate funds based on anticipated revenue projections and worse, have had to make severe changes mid-year.

Mark Quimet serves as on the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners. He can be reached at 646-3980.

OUR TAKE: Editorial

Movement on to pull politics out of Supreme Court

The public at large may prefer its judges to be either liberal or conservative, but are those appropriate standards?

"Everyone should want moderates," says Robert Garvey, a St. Clair Shores attorney who is part of a nascent movement to make Michigan's Supreme Court an independent entity.

While the political pendulum may swing rapidly as voters choose members of legislative and executive branches of government, it "is supposed to swing slower for the judiciary," Garvey says.

Judicial decisions should be based not on political philosophy, but on history. It's the concept of "stare decisis," which is a doctrine or policy of following rules or principles laid down in previous judicial decisions unless they contravene the ordinary principles of justice, according to Merriam-Webster.

Stare decisis emerges from our English common law-based system, Garvey says.

The phrase is Latin for "to stand by things decided." Stare decisis is essentially the doctrine of precedent, according to Cornell University's Legal Information Institute. The goal of the legal system should be to build slowly and change slowly, Garvey says.

Garvey says Michigan's high court has "become way too political. Money drives things way too much."

The Michigan chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates is heading the effort to consider reforms in the way the state chooses its Supreme Court justices. Garvey is the Michigan chapter's representative to the national ABOTA board.

No attempt is being made to influence the state's election cycle of justices, says Loretta Ames, a Detroit attorney who is president of the Michigan chapter of ABOTA.

Any reforms adopted would not take effect for 10 years, Garvey and Ames say.

Potential reforms that have been tried in other states include merit selection of justices with retention elections, public funding of elections and general election reforms.

To kick off the effort, ABOTA has joined with the Wayne State University Law School to schedule a program titled "Options for An Independent Judiciary in Michigan" from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Feb. 9 in WSU's Community Arts Auditorium. Keynote speaker will be retired U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor. For information about the forum, call 1-313-577-3099.

Garvey calls O'Connor an excellent example of a moderate justice. She was appointed by President Ronald Reagan and widely respected.

The movement to improve Michigan's Supreme Court "needs conservative and liberal leadership," Garvey says.

"There is no one agenda. All possible reforms should be looked at. I don't know how much fairer we can be."

Notable reforms have occurred in Arizona, which Ames described as the Rolls Royce of merit selection systems, and Wisconsin, which is implementing a public funding system for electing Supreme Court justices this year.

ABOTA wants to start the movement and then walk away from it and let others take the leadership, Garvey says.

Garvey thinks there has been an erosion of public confidence in Michigan's high court and "that's not a good state of affairs."

Retired Oakland Circuit Judge Fred Mester agrees "there is a feeling in the general public of problems in our high court. I think it's good to start this dialogue."

Lawyers on both sides who have disparaged Michigan justices are doing a disservice, Mester says.

"It is the one branch of government the public has trusted as fair and impartial," Mester says.

Mester says he has met with all the Michigan Supreme Court justices and "they all have a sense of their responsibility. They try to do what is right."

But once they are portrayed in a certain light by their opponents, there is a perception that cases may not be handled fairly. For instance, Mester says, "the Michigan Trial Lawyers Association feels there is a bias against them by the Republican Party. Their arguments have reached the public."

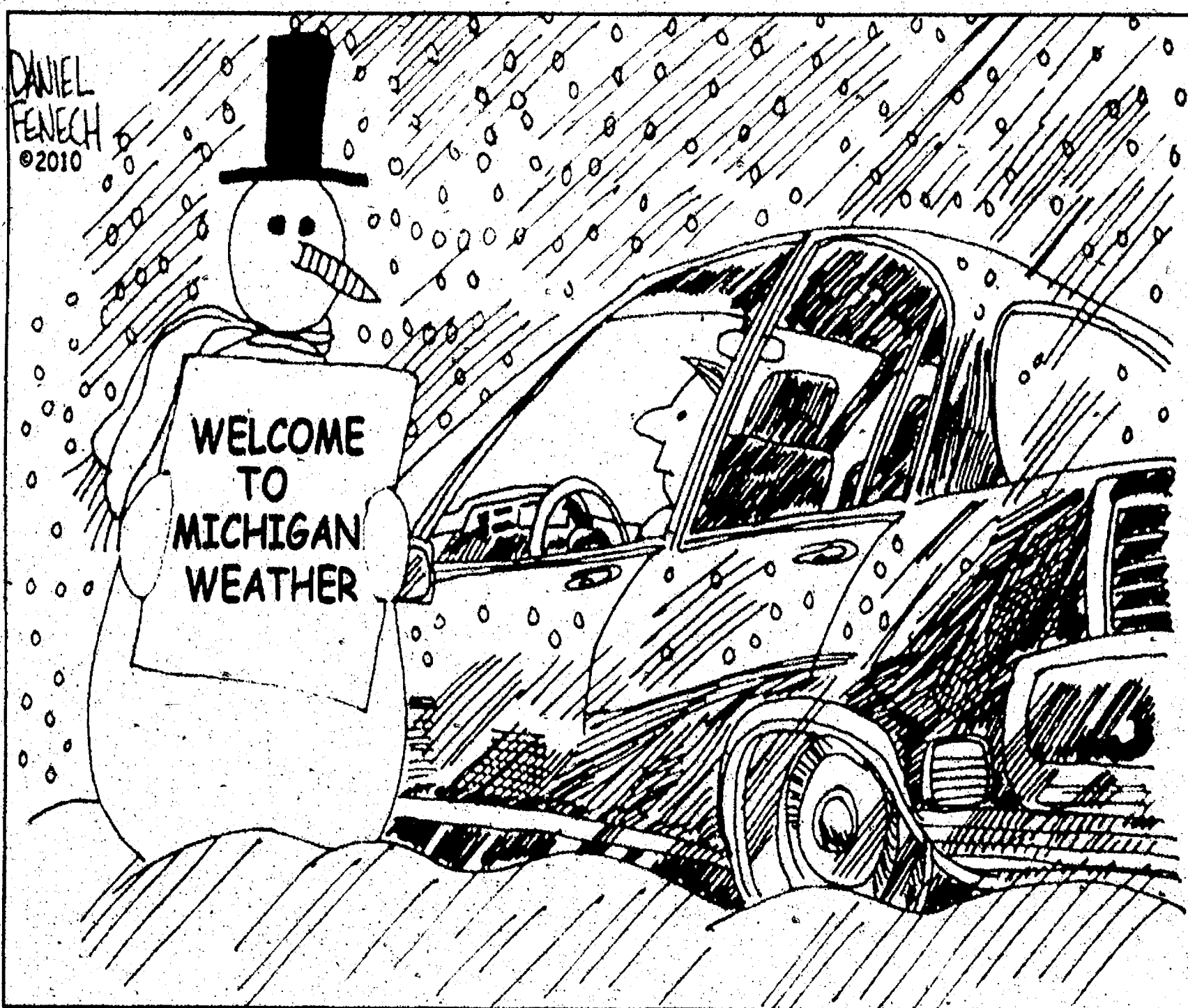
"Politics has entered our system so much. Something has to change. I am really concerned about the confidence in the system. It's being dismantled by assertions of politics."

As for reforms, Mester says "almost any system is going to have a political component. I'm talking politics in a general sense."

"We need everyone at the table," Garvey says of the reform efforts.

It certainly seems like a worthy cause.

— Courtesy of The Oakland Press



Check out the Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds

In the last week, I've made a number of trips to the Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds.

In fact, Stan Poet, the manager there, jokingly said he should designate a special parking space for me on the grounds since I spend so many weekends there.

Most recently, it was the Saline Area Historical Society's annual Antique Show, then 4-H Family Fun Day and, on Jan. 23, the Future Farmers of America annual Toy Show.

Last month, there was a model train show and a 4-H Christmas tree sale.

In fact, almost every weekend, there is an event, most of them of the family-friendly variety.

Among the long list of stuff to see are remote-controlled car racing, auctions, 4-H events, home building expos, farm festivals and a gem show.

There's a weeklong 4-H show and the Saline Community Fair, a rodeo, fiber expositions, sheep

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LISA ALLMENDINGER

sales, and dog and horse shows.

One of my all-time favorites is the mid-week Project RED, an acronym for Rural Education Days, a chance for third-grade students throughout the county to learn more about farming and the environment.

This year, it's planned for April 27 through 29.

Most of these events have a

link to farming, a topic that's a favorite of mine.

So, aside from reminding people to visit www.washtenawfarmcouncil.org for a look at all the cool things that happen at one conveniently located spot, here are some fun farm facts from the Web site Farmers Feed Us.

There are 47 different breeds of sheep in the United States and they grow two teeth a year until they are 8 years old.

Pork is the most widely eaten meat in the world.

"The average person consumes 594 pounds of dairy products a year, while the average dairy cow produces 7 gallons of milk a day, 2,100 pounds of milk a month and 46,000 glasses of milk a year."

Today's American farmer feeds about 144 people worldwide, compared to 25.8 people in 1960.

Agriculture employs more than 24 million people worldwide, which represents 17 percent of the total U.S. work force.

Think about this the next time

you drive by a farmhouse or a field and make a point of attending one of the many events at this county's premiere farm council grounds.

Established in 1955, the Washtenaw Farm Council's mission is "to promote the interest of agriculture, horticulture, household arts and mechanic arts and sciences, and all kindred sciences and arts in their varied branches."

In addition, the council was formed "to promote and conduct agricultural, industrial, educational and recreational fairs and exhibitions, and to provide entertainment and amusement..."

I'd say the folks who oversee and run the Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds do a fine job of accomplishing that mission.

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OTHER VOICES

How to achieve wellness in 2010: Part II

Editor's note: This is part two in a series of fitness articles spotlighting personal trials and successes of local residents.

By Crystal Hayduk
Special Writer

Chelsea resident Andrew Ingall had reached a crossroads in life. At the age of 38, he felt winded after walking up a flight of stairs and exhausted after playing outside with his sons. "I had shoulder surgery that kept me sedentary for six weeks, and I was at the highest weight I've ever been," he said. "I started eating healthier and shed a few pounds, but I knew I needed to do more."

While driving home from work one day, he saw resident Mike Kapolka running. "I asked him if he would partner with me, and he gave me a plan. I was just a companion to his plan at that point," Ingall said.

Ingall's first day running with Kapolka was Dec. 10, 2008. But the next thing he did was

Quick tips

- **Set goals and write them down.** Make them SMART (specific, measurable, action-based, realistic and time-oriented). For example, during the next two weeks, walk for 15 minutes each day on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday.
- **Don't compare yourself with others.** Find something that you can do that will make you feel better and improve your life, but no comparing allowed.
- **Reward yourself.** When you've maintained your plan for a period of time, pamper yourself in a way that is good for you. For example, get a massage or spend an hour with a favorite book.
- **In addition to exercise, good nutrition is also important to wellness.**
- **Recommended Web sites for further information:** www.livestrong.com and www.sparkpeople.com.

to register for a three-mile race that took place on March 15, 2009.

"I had a goal to achieve something and it became a competition," Ingall recalled. "Plus, I had \$30 invested in it."

The American Heart Association recommends exercising at a moderate intensity for at least 30 minutes on most days of the week.

"This means any activity that increases your heart rate - walking, swimming, biking, jogging - it depends on what

you like," Dawn Lyons, fitness manager at the Chelsea Wellness Center said. "Find something you enjoy doing."

In addition to cardio exercise, Lyons recommends strength training two to three times per week.

"We lose muscle mass as we get older," she said. "And stretching can be done every day."

"I also think it's important to incorporate balance training. As we age, our balance gets worse. Even teenagers should

work on balance. Just because you're strong doesn't mean your balance is good. It's part of the overall wellness that people need to work on."

Lyons says that moderation and finding the place for exercise in every day life are keys to wellness.

"It's all about finding something healthy that works for you, and it will be different for different people," she said.

Cindy Triveline, founder of Chelsea's annual Run for the Rolls race, has run in seven marathons including the Boston Marathon in April 2009. Exercise time increases greatly during race training as she works to build speed, strength and endurance.

"It takes a lot of time," she said. "I sometimes have to cut back. I work about 25 hours a week; I'm a mom, and I manage things at home. I'm busy. I get tired."

It's when it gets hard that the mental focus becomes most important, she said. "Without the mental, the

training can fall apart," Triveline said. "Just as each person has to find an exercise plan suitable for his or her lifestyle, each person needs to articulate what provides the motivation to stick with it when it's difficult - or to get back to it after falling away."

Ingall is delighted with the results of his efforts towards

wellness, and cannot imagine going back to his former lifestyle.

"I've lost 60 pounds and I feel great," he said. "My wife and sons have started running, too, so it's something that we can do as a family."

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Standard should focus on local news

Every year when I renew my Chelsea Standard subscription, I ask myself why?

I long for the days when the Chelsea Standard was actually about Chelsea - Chelsea Schools, scouts, civic organizations, churches, 4-H, community activities (like the fair and side-walk sales).

Many months ago the Coles and Mitchells were honored for all they do in the community. Where was the article? Was it on the front page where it belonged, where it would have honored the two families? No, it was on an inside page where it could have easily been overlooked.

This is just one example of something that happens frequently - Chelsea news either being ignored or shuffled to an inside page.

There was, however, a nice full page of pictures highlighting the Chelsea High School Orchestra (Jan. 21).

If I didn't know better I would think I was reading a Saline paper. Between articles from other communities and the large number of ads, there is very little to read about Chelsea.

I fully realize that a newspaper is a business and needs to make a profit (stay) in business, thus the abundance of ads. However, a small town newspaper that is not focused on the small town, uses canned articles for filler (rather than sending a reporter to cover local events) and fills the majority of the pages with ads is missing the mark.

I, for one, would welcome a paper that was all about our community.

Judy Irwin
Chelsea

Schauer should learn from Mass. election

Dear Congressman Schauer: I cannot tell you how happy I am with the election results from Massachusetts. The Founding Fathers were very wise men. Ours is a government "by the people and for the people." Our government is not a club for a small group of egotistical elected officials in Washington, D.C.

I have written you several times over the last few months and expressed my displeasure with the proposals and out of control spending that this Congress and you have been supporting and passing into law.

In one response you stated that the health (insurance) reform legislation needed to be passed because thousands of Michigan jobs were being lost and those losing jobs needed insurance. Congressman Schauer this is not an insurance problem; it is a jobs problem. The state and federal leaders need to address the jobs and economy situation so that these proud people can go back to work.

It is time for you to accept the fact that you work for the people. You do not work for the

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The Live Nativity Scene at the Chelsea Hometown Holidays took place on Dec. 4, 2009

Nativity brings Christmas story to life

By Judy Koenn
Staff Writer

The Live Nativity Scene at the Chelsea Hometown Holidays on Dec. 4, 2009, was a success according to anyone that was there. Over 100

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people attended the event. All attendees enjoying the animals, carolers, Nativity characters and the age-old story of the babe in the manger on Main Street.

It was truly a community

event with carolers from SRSLY, First Congregational, St. Mary Parish, First United Methodist, Free Methodist and assorted singers drawn into the scene.

Sue Rogers of Rogers Corners brought donkeys, sheep and goats to complete the

picture and delight the children, while live Nativity figures gave life to the story.

Donations for the Toys for Tots campaign were collected at the site to distribute to children in need, and the Purple Rose Theater donated risers.

Lecture, performance looks at Mozart

Psychoanalyst, pianist offers view of composer

The Dexter District Library will present a special lecture on Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart and a piano performance featuring Mozart's A Minor Piano Sonata.

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K. 310 on Jan. 31 at 3 p.m. Dr. Julie Jaffee Nagel, pianist and psychoanalyst, will discuss the unique musical piece from a psychological and musical point of view. The event will be capped by a performance of the full sonata by Dr. Louis Nagel, concert pianist and music educator. The lecture and performance will be held at the library, 3255 Alpine St., in the library's meeting room. This presentation is free and open to the public.

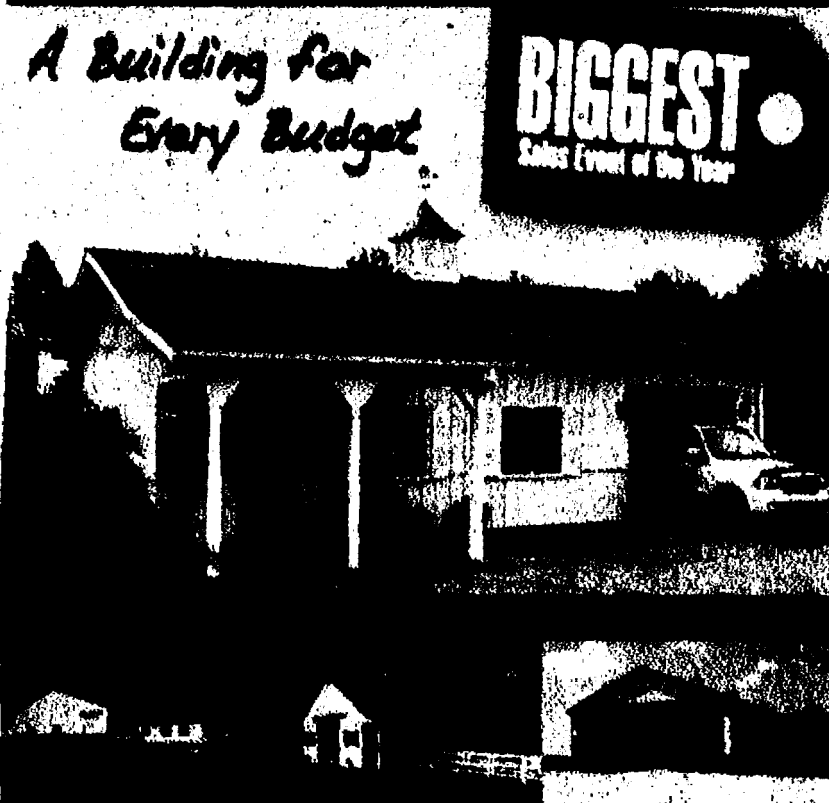
Julie Nagel, holds degrees in piano performance from The Juilliard School and the University of Michigan. A graduate of the Michigan Psychoanalytic Institute, she is certified in adult psychoanalysis by the American Psychoanalytic Association. She has been honored by APSA for papers on Mozart and Donizetti's "Lucia di Lammermoor," and recently received the Ernst and Gertrude Ticho Lectureship for her work that combines music and psychoanalysis. She is in private practice in Ann Arbor.

Louis Nagel holds three degrees from the Juilliard School. He is a professor of piano and director of the Outreach Program at the University of Michigan's School of Music. A Steinway artist,

he combines an active concert and teaching schedule and is noted for his lecture-recitals by musicians and non-musicians alike. He has performed in highly acclaimed solo recitals and concerto concerts in major American and European cities. In the summer of 1778, Mozart suffered "writer's

block" and depression while traveling in Paris with his mother. On that trip his mother died, and Mozart's father blamed him for her death. These emotionally charged events occurred around the time he composed the A Minor Piano Sonata, K. 310, Mozart's only piano sonata in a minor

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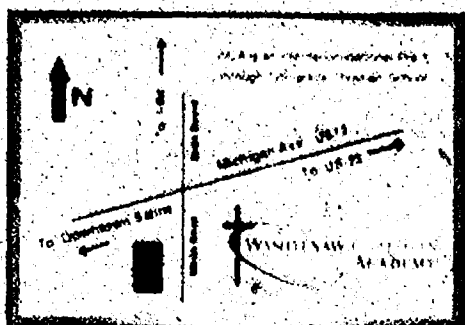
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and mother of three teenage boys. She was diagnosed with stage four ovarian cancer. Proceeds from the event will help defer the cost of medical treatment and doctors bills.

The event will feature music performed by Amy Timbers

and DJ Scotty. Autographed Detroit Red Wings memorabilia, a day of handyman services, services from Monica's Salon, tent rentals from Dexter Tents, one week of professional dog sitting services, services from the Hair Loft, Yoga classes, artwork, wildlife photography, woodworking items and quilts will all be auctioned off.

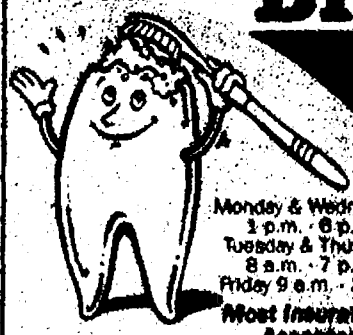
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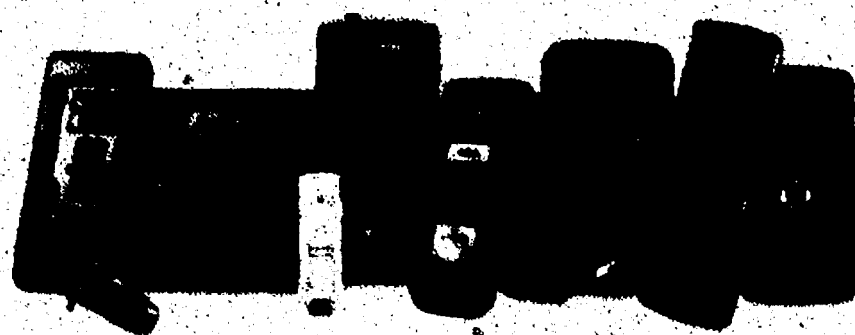
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Sheriff to introduce community initiative

'Total Policing' is a community-oriented data program

By Jana Miller
Heritage Newspapers

The Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office will be shaking up the way it fights crime over the next year or two, with a new policing initiative by Sheriff Jerry Clayton.

The changes, Clayton said, will be a major departure from how the office previously operated.

The initiative is being called "total policing" and is a more community-oriented problem-solving technique that involves partnerships with communities throughout the county, collecting data and giving those individual communities the resources and help that the data shows has a need.

"Our efforts should be driven by what the data tells us," Clayton said. "That helps us in terms of if we need to give additional resources and what stakeholders we need to engage. Law enforcement can't be a success by itself. You need to have a trusting relationship with the community."

Those data-driven community efforts will take on an educational role. Police officers under the new initiative will be coaching and teaching local residents on how to prevent and deal with crimes that are likely to occur in their area.

"What this will mean for Manchester and Milan versus a place like Ypsilanti and Ann Arbor is obviously something different. The level and types of crimes differ," Clayton said. "So what it means for us in terms of what we deliver is to do an analysis to find out what the current crime is and engaging the community to get their assessment. It's about problem solving, crime analysis and community engagement. We're addressing all of those challenges."

The initiative will take at least a year to get off the ground based on the time-consuming stage of data collection that includes surveying.

After the data is collected, the sheriff's department will be able to deploy its staff and give

directions as to where they should focus their efforts.

"My belief is that our staff should never get in a patrol vehicle without a clear purpose in mind. We should be able to know what the outcome is from eight hours of effort related to any given community," Clayton said. "We should be able to tie it back to results. My belief is that these are residents' dollars we're using, so we should be efficient in delivering those services."

In the past, the concentration primarily has been in the hours spent on crime prevention. Clayton said that, while he believes the hours are important, if they aren't working on the right

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JERRY CLAYTON
Washtenaw County Sheriff

things, then the efforts yield no benefits.

Clayton hopes that by the middle of this year, the sheriff's department will have had the opportunity to analyze collected data and begin meeting with and engaging community members to outline the appropriate output and crime prevention strategies.

"Hopefully, residents will see an immediate change in terms of the activities engaging the staff and how we talk about what we do," Clayton said. "But it will take some time because it is a significant departure from how we have viewed delivery of our services in the past."

The sheriff's department is also planning to hold various community forums in the coming months. The presentations will be open events to the community to share strategies and background on the goals of the initiative. Those forums will be publicized in advance.

Staff Writer Jana Miller can be reached at 429-7380 or jmiller@heritage.com.

Byrnes to host two coffee hours

State Rep. Pam Byrnes, D-52nd District, will host two coffee hours in February.

The purpose of the coffee hours is for Rep. Byrnes to meet and talk with her constituents about the issues they

feel are important.

These are informal, free events and are open to the public.

The first coffee is set for 9:30 a.m. Feb. 1 at the Manchester Village Hall, 912 City Road.

Manchester.

The second coffee hour will be held at 9:30 a.m. Feb. 5 at Saline City Hall, 100 N. Harris St., Saline.

For more information, call Byrnes' office at 1-800-645-1591.

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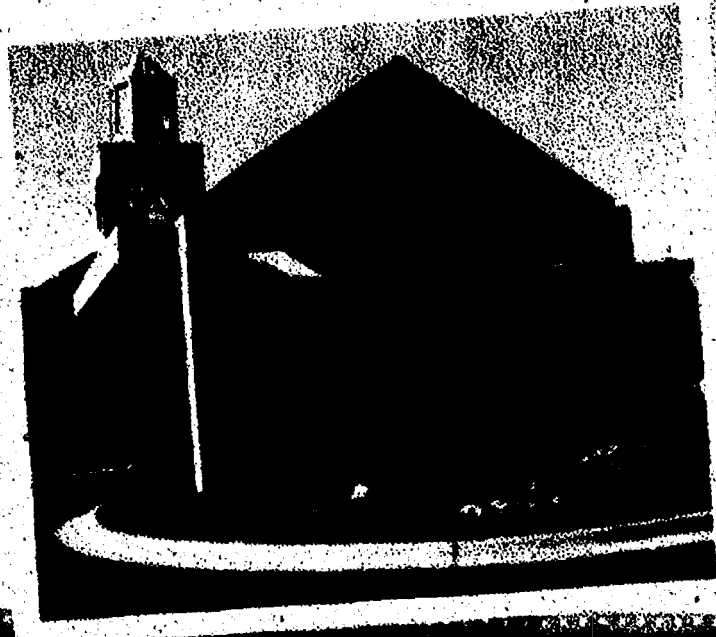
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Green throws her hat in the ring for House seat

By Daniel Lai
Heritage Newspapers

Scio Township resident Christine Green is the newest candidate to toss her hat in the political ring to represent Michigan's 52nd District. She will run in the Democratic Primary in August.

Green, a civil rights attorney, has practiced law in Michigan for 25 years. "We need good, smart government officials in Lansing," Green said about her decision to seek office. "We need broader-based decisions and policies that create and sus-

tain jobs in our district." Green was elected to the Scio Township Board of Trustees in 2008. She also served for several years on the Scio Township Planning Commission. Green said she first began actively pursuing the prospect of state representative a year ago.

"I am a small-business owner and I've served in various positions. It just seemed like this was the trajectory I was heading toward," she said.

Green said throughout her legal career, she has fought for the

civil rights of women and minorities in employment. She has devoted her efforts to protecting the environment and to providing services to disadvantaged and vulnerable citizens.

"I plan to continue to support the causes I have championed while serving as the representative from the 52nd House District," she said.

One of her long-term objectives, if elected, would be focusing on new technology and "green" jobs.

"We have to get our unemployed workers back to work," she said. "We must establish a new economy now and we must prepare our citizens to take part

in this new economy.

"Green" jobs are very important. It's a win-win for both the job market and the environment," she said.

Reform in Lansing is also a high priority.

"I believe that a strong democracy is dependent on the integrity of its laws. I have practiced law for the past 25 years, representing employees against corporations and governmental entities, and injured persons against insurance companies and negligent parties. I have seen the damaging impact on people of poorly drafted, short-sighted legislation. On the other hand, I have seen the protective impact that well-

thought out legislation can have on the rights of individuals, and on our faith in democracy."

If elected, Green said she would pledge to work with her colleagues on both sides of the aisle on legislation for the 52nd District.

"There seems to be a deadlock in Lansing. People have to realize that if there is a good idea that benefits Michigan, it should be embraced," she said. "If a good idea is brought up, I will support it no matter what party initiates it."

As state aid cuts and declining enrollment force school districts deeper in the red, Green said new methods of public school funding

must also be looked at.

"We have to come up with a sustainable method of funding education, that much is certain," she said. "Education is the best way to prepare our young adults with the training they need to take on the new technology that will bring the focus back to Michigan."

However, Green said schools must also be held to a higher accountability with their expenses, as well.

For more information on Green, visit www.votescristinegreen.com.

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Green

Hearing delayed in Ann Arbor stabbing

The competency exam for an Ann Arbor man charged with tying up a teen and stabbing a roommate over the summer is complete, but a hearing to review the doctor's report won't be held by a judge until next month, court officials said.

Jerome Jopila Powell, 33, was scheduled to appear in Washtenaw County District Court this week on charges of unlawful imprisonment, assault with intent to murder, assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder, car theft, domestic violence and assault with a dangerous weapon.

However the hearing was adjourned while the report on Powell's case is completed. A formal competency hearing is now scheduled Feb. 24, and a preliminary hearing is to follow, court records show.

Powell was arrested by a special police task force in the Toledo area in September, about two weeks after he fled the scene of a reported assault in the 600 block of West Summit Street Aug. 23.

Police said he was living at the residence when he cut a 40-year-old roommate with a knife Aug. 23. The man was not seriously injured.

Police discovered a 17-year-old boy with his hands and legs bound together with belts in the basement of the home.

The teen was not injured, and he reportedly is an acquaintance of Powell's, according to police reports. Police are still not discussing the motive for the attack.

He remains in custody on \$250,000 bond, court records show.

Crime novelist's trial set April 19

A trial date has been set for an Ann Arbor crime novelist who shot her father with a shotgun outside his Dexter home over the summer.

Lisa Reardon will stand trial April 19 for assault with intent to murder and felony possession of a firearm in Washtenaw County Circuit Court, records show. A final pre-trial hearing is scheduled for March 4.

She is accused of shooting her father in a nighttime attack along Brand Road Aug. 21. The 68-year-old man was struck in the leg and buttocks as he tried to run back into his house, but survived. She fired several more shots into the home before fleeing in her vehicle, according to police reports.

Authorities arrested Reardon a short time later outside a Livingston County outlet mall.

She was found competent to stand trial and to assist in her own defense by doctors at the Center for Forensic Psychiatry in York Township prior to a November preliminary hearing.

Reardon is a noted crime novelist who in 2005 penned "The

Mercy Killers," which was set in Ypsilanti. She passed a court-ordered competency examination at the Center for Forensic Psychiatry in York Township prior to a preliminary hearing in November, court records show.

She remains in custody on \$500,000 bond.

Couple accused of stealing police car

A homeless couple was charged with unlawful driving away an automobile for taking a Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department patrol car for a joy ride last week, according to police reports.

Christopher Hahn, 39, and Cathy A. Hahn, 37, were arraigned on the felony charges at the Washtenaw County Jail last Friday and remain in custody on \$30,000 cash bond, a sheriff's department news release stated.

A deputy placed the pair in the back of his patrol vehicle while he investigated a domestic disturbance in the 100 block of Chestnut Boulevard, within Scio Township's Scio Farms Estates at about 5 p.m. Jan. 20.

As he interviewed a potential witness about an ongoing dispute over living arrangements with family members, one of the suspects crawled through a window in the vehicle's protective divider and got in the front seat. The

vehicle was driven away before the deputy could react, according to reports.

Deputies located the patrol vehicle not far from the manufactured home community within a few minutes, but it was empty and running.

The Hahns were arrested a short time later, according to reports. Preliminary hearings are scheduled for next week.

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Survey for bus millage shows mixed results

By Austin Smith

Heritage Newspapers

A survey gauging Washtenaw County residents' willingness to pay a 1-mill levy to continue providing full-service and expanded service public transportation in metro and rural areas received mixed results.

While 51 percent of the 1,100 respondents contacted by phone said they would "definitely" or "probably" vote "yes" on a 1-mill tax issue, the survey showed that 41 percent would vote "no."

According to the company providing the survey, it's recommended that results show that no more than 30 percent of respondents say that they would vote "no" on the issue before it's placed on any upcoming ballot.

The Washtenaw Partners for Transit group — a recently formed group of local government officials, representatives of area community groups and concerned residents — first initiated the survey in November and was conducted by two different research groups based in Ohio. The issues focus on already-existing routes provided by the non-profit Ann Arbor Transportation Authority, or The Ride, and not creating new routes or government-run buses.

Terri Blackmore, director for the Washtenaw Area Transportation Study and member of the transit group, said in a previous interview with Heritage Newspapers that WATS thought it was highly important to keep the bus routes alive and the only avenue left is public funding because of massive budget cuts throughout the areas served by AATA routes.

"There is so much demand for public transit," Blackmore said. "Gas prices are always going up, and if we really want to restart the economy, continuing to expand and support public transportation creates jobs."

AATA officials offered a positive spin on the survey results saying they are encouraged by the 51 percent of voters who would support the measure.

"Public transportation plays a critical role in helping residents get to and from where they live, work and play and is increasingly important to the economic development of a region," said AATA Chief Executive Officer Michael

What would additional funding mean for public transit in Washtenaw County?

Extend Hours of Operation: Late night and weekend service is the difference many potential riders need to use service for everyday trips such as work, shopping and entertainment.

Increase Frequency: The Ride's busiest routes have more riders than the service can support. Shorter wait times between buses make using the service more attractive for first-time users and free up seating capacity.

Expand Door-to-Door Service Countywide: Demand response, or door-to-door service, is a critical need for individuals who are not able to drive. Many areas of the county have no access to needs such as hospital visits, jobs, and government and human services facilities. Door-to-door service allows rural residents to age in place.

Regional Rail Service: Initiating The WALLY rail service along the US-23 corridor from Howell into Ann Arbor is currently under development by The Ride. The service would bring commuters into downtown, and reduce US-23 congestion. Users would be able to complete trips throughout the city via bus connections from the train station. Supporting east/west service rail service along the I-94 corridor from Detroit into Ann Arbor is under development by the Southeast Regional Council of Governments. The service would provide regional transportation supported by S.M.A.R.T. and DDOT service from the multimodal train station in Detroit, and The Ride service from the train station in Ann Arbor.

Route Deviation: Route Deviation, or Flex Buses, follow a fixed route making regular stops. The advantage is the bus will "flex" off route by one half mile to pick up or drop off pre-scheduled riders. The service expands route coverage and supports Community Connector and Door-to-Door service.

Community Connector: Outlying communities are connected to each other as well as downtown Ann Arbor, using Community Connector Service. From the Community Connector's downtown stop, riders continue their trips using The Ride.

Express Bus: With more riders than ever on The Ride buses, improving efficiency and travel options is an important goal. Express buses provide faster trips between higher-volume bus stops reducing travel time between major destinations. Express service provides more favorable option for choice riders, and eases congestion for regular service on the same routes.

Urban Bus: Urban Bus service provides transportation throughout the Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti urban area. Nearly all destinations are within one-quarter mile of The Ride service. Urban Bus service brings commuters into downtown from park-and-ride lots, alleviating congestion on downtown streets and in parking lots. Urban Bus service supports other travel options such as driving, rail service, and community connectors.

supporters of the measure, including those from WATS, the transit group and the AATA.

■ Solidifying the attitudes of positive voters.

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Other survey results showed that 72 percent of respondents

said it was "extremely" or "very" important to provide public transportation in Washtenaw County. Voters living in Ann Arbor were much more likely to vote for a public transportation millage than those in out-county areas. Twenty-three percent of Ann Arbor residents said they would "definitely" and 96 percent said they would, "probably" vote "yes" on the issue.

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Ford in a press release. "I consider it a positive sign that the majority of respondents in this survey hold public transportation in such high regard."

While the survey results had

not reached the standards recommended by the survey firms, officials also suggested that opinions could be swayed through public education and marketing.

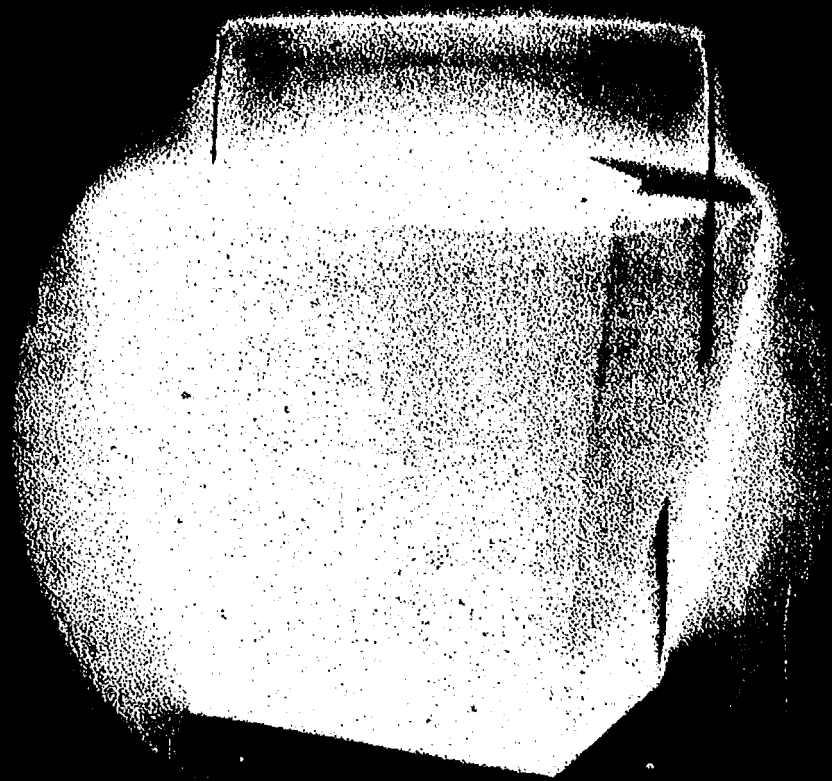
"... All of this is not to say that the issue cannot pass. On bal-

ance, there is reason to believe it can, although it will require a determined effort," according to a summary of the survey. The summary went on to state that swaying the numbers would depend on several tasks left up to the public.

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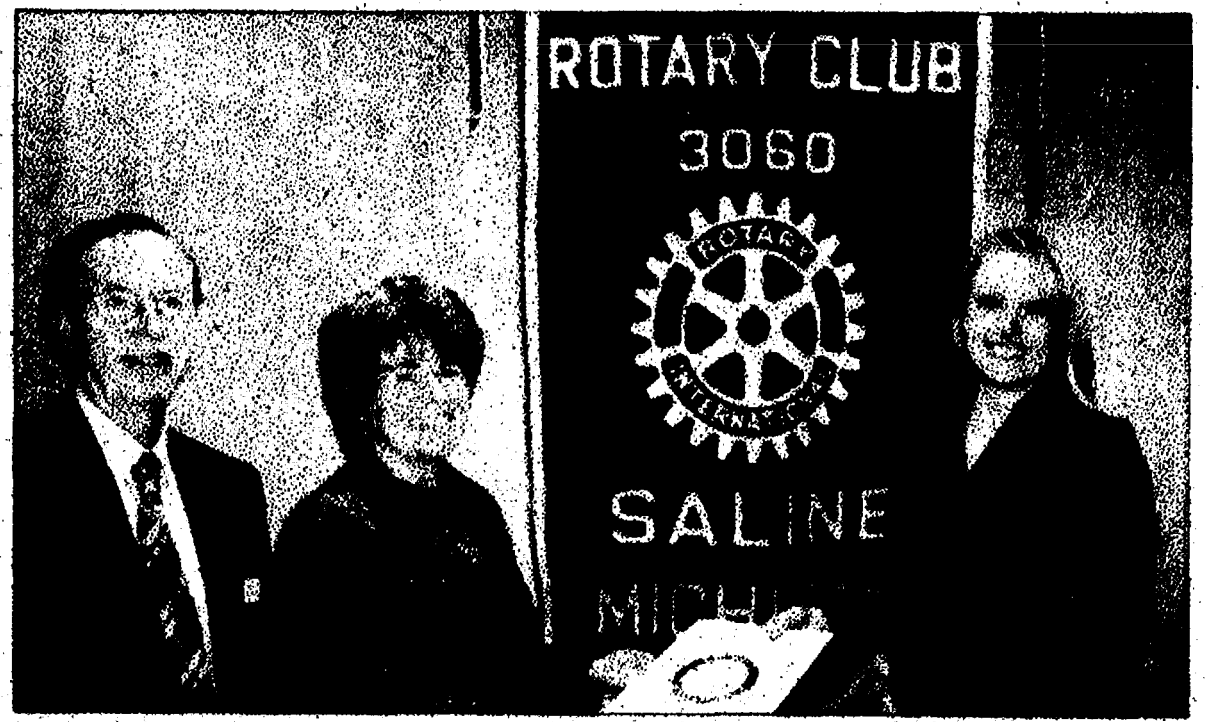


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Toy drive a success



New Era Chiropractic's patients and an anonymous donor helped make the holidays brighter for the less fortunate. From Thanksgiving to Dec. 14, New Era collected toys for the Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots. The anonymous donor dropped off eight grocery bags full of games, puzzles, yo-yos, princess jewelry sets, tea sets, Barbie dolls, books and more. She stated that this year she was thankful to have a job and a beautiful baby, so she wanted to brighten the lives of others this season. Another favorite donation was a life-size Scooby Doo doll. As shown by the picture, it's no wonder Southeast Michigan ranks third in the nation for donations to Toys for Tots.



Ragland joins Rotary

Saline Rotary welcomed Karen Ragland as its newest member at a meeting held Jan. 7. Ragland is owner of DesignHub, a Web site design company in Saline, and was chosen by the Saline Area Chamber of Commerce as Citizen of the Year in 2007. David Blough (left), Rotary's membership chairman, stands with Ragland and Jill Durnen, standing in for Ragland's sponsor, Becky Pazkowski. The Saline Rotary Club was chartered in 1929. The membership of 35 is made up of business and professional leaders who volunteer in the community and promote world understanding and peace.

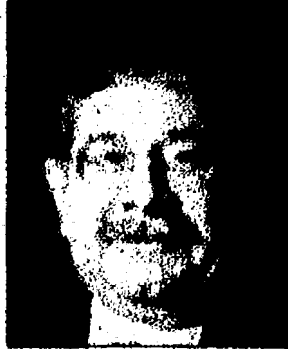
We're being watched more today, so smile for the camera

Sometimes technology helps us and sometimes it hurts us. This is nowhere more apparent than in the proliferation of video clip sharing sites like YouTube. These sites show glimpses of us at our best and at our worst.

It seems that everyone has a video camera or a video phone that gets pulled out whenever something unusual happens. We are filmed at every major shopping mall and some entertainment venues.

Recently, a clip was put up on YouTube about some fans behaving badly at a local sporting event. The fans appeared to be intoxicated and argumentative. Someone sitting near them

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at the event pulled out their camera and began filming once a disturbance broke out. Every bad word and gesture was caught on film and have now been viewed by thousands of people.

The availability of cheap video cameras and ubiquitous cell phone cameras combined with the ubiquitous presence of security cameras means that we are being filmed much more than we think.

Consider how fast TV news shows are able to show video shot at malls, arenas and even wilderness areas. We need to be much more conscious of being filmed.

Perhaps the greatest increase in surveillance cameras has been the installation of traffic

cameras at intersections. I work just over two miles from home, but pass through four intersections that are under video surveillance. Each of these intersections has at least four cameras mounted overhead. I have been trying to find a route to get more three miles from home without being photographed and I cannot do it. The number of cameras is just incredible. The level of video surveillance is also increasing. In many cases, the businesses put a monitor in view of their customers to make them aware that they are being observed.

Surveillance videos have been used to document crimes and perceived injustice. How many people watched the Rodney King video that framed a national debate?

Video footage is changing our world whether we are ready or not. Videos are changing how we teach college students. I use

videos in some of my classes at Walsh College. It is very simple to include a link to a clip in my PowerPoint slides and there is a quick transition from lecture to viewing. A succinct and humorous video clip can bring a lesson to life in ways that I cannot as a lecturer.

Videos clips have many positive uses in our society. Many artists use YouTube to promote their work. I have browsed clips to determine if a song or CD is worth the money before I purchase it.

YouTube video clips can help keep families together. My niece posted a clip of my grand-nephew singing the "Wheels on the bus go round and round," which helped our geographically dispersed family to connect. It was a great clip and a moment captured forever.

Constantly being on camera is changing our political landscape and our sense of privacy.

Cameras used to raise a sense of outrage, but now very few of us even notice the addition of new cameras into our world.

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Dowty talks current affairs

Heritage Newspapers' Terry Jacoby recently sent Washtenaw County Democratic Party Chairman Stuart Dowty a questionnaire about his role and thoughts on a range of topics, from health care to the current state of affairs in Michigan.

Q: Can you give us an update on the Democratic Party in Washtenaw County in terms of membership and support?

A: The Democratic Party in Washtenaw County has substantial support from Washtenaw voters. In the 2008 presidential election there were approximately 188,000 Washtenaw voters, and more than 130,500 (almost 69 percent) voted for Barack Obama. The Republican candidate, John McCain, received fewer

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than 29 percent of the county vote. Of the 130,500 Democratic voters, 58,700 (45 percent) voted a straight Democratic ticket. More voters choose a straight Democratic ticket (58,700) than there were total votes for McCain (53,900).

Both members of the U.S. House of Representatives whose districts include portions of Washtenaw County are Democrats.

The Washtenaw County Commission has 11 members. Nine are Democrats.

The Ann Arbor City Council has 10 members. All 10 are Democrats.

There are four state representatives from various parts of Washtenaw County. All four are Democrats.

There are two state senators from parts of Washtenaw County. One is a Democrat.

The governments of our largest townships — such as Ypsilanti Township, Pittsfield Township, Scio Township and Superior Township — are all predominantly Democratic.

Q: How can people get involved and what are some of the things you are looking for people to do?

A: Volunteers are welcome. We encourage civic involvement at all levels of government and activities. Individuals can work with campaigns of particular candidates; work with local Democratic "clubs" such as the Western Washtenaw Democrats (www.wwdems.com) and the Ann Arbor Democratic Party (www.aadems.com); work with the Washtenaw County Democratic Party which is a unit of the Michigan Democratic Party (www.washtenawdems.com); or engage in community organizing activities with Organizing For America, which is a project of the Democratic National Committee (www.mybarackobama.com).

Activities vary depending on the election cycle. Campaigns become more active close to election dates. We are always looking for help in canvassing, phone-banking and fundraising. Our local and county Democratic organizations often sponsor educational forums and town halls on political topics. The OFA activities in Washtenaw have included civic projects such as community-based food and clothing drives. The Washtenaw County Democratic Party itself has traditionally helped coordinate administrative and office resources during campaign periods.

We encourage anyone interested in working with us in any of these activities to review and contact us through the Web sites mentioned above.

Q: As the chairman, what do you see your role as?

A: My job is to see that the WCDP achieves its goals of recruiting, training, organizing and supporting Democratic Party activists, and to support Democratic Party candidates in Washtenaw County.

Q: How has the role of the County Democratic Party group changed over the years?

A: Each election cycle is somewhat different, depending on the candidates and the nature of their organizations.

ANDERSON, HAZEL, of Milan, MI, age 88, died January 23, 2010, at home. She was born June 12, 1921, in Milan to John and Myrtle (Raymond) Walters. On September 18, 1937, she married Frank Anderson in Milan and he preceded her in death on April 3, 2007. Hazel was a member of the Milan Women of the Moose. She is survived by her children, Jane (William) Haase, Joyce Hearn, Frank, Jr., John David (Anita) and Colleen (Douglas) Smith; 15 grandchildren; 25 great grandchildren; a great great grandson; and two sisters, Esther Lloyd and Shirley Schettler. Besides her husband, she was preceded in death by a grandson and two sisters. A Funeral Service was held Wednesday at **Ochalek-Stark Funeral Home** in Milan with Burial following at Marble Park Cemetery.

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DICKSON, SHARONLOU MARIE "Gummy", 71, of Milan, Michigan, Beloved mother, and grandmother, died on January 20, 2010. Sharon died peacefully at Grand Court of Adrian after a courageous battle with cancer. She was surrounded by family and her friends from Hospice. Sharon was born on November 1, 1938, in Milan, Michigan to Vernon and Helen Straits. Sharon lived in Milan her entire life and worked at several factories until she became employed by Ford Motor Company in Milan in 1978. She retired in 2004. Sharon had many friends who she loved to play bingo with. She also loved going to the casino and playing the slots. Sharon loved to spend time with her family and was a wonderful mother and grandmother. Sharon was the type of person who was always there to help out and was always putting other people first. Sharon was preceded in death by her father, Vernon Straits, mother, Helen Straits; her sister, Jeanette Leveille; a brother who died at birth and good friend and ex-husband, Douglas Dickson. She is survived by daughters, Deborah (Timothy) Unold, Diane (Rodney) Schroeder, Dawn Spack (David Hessler); four grandchildren, Toni, David, Kristina and James; and three great grandchildren. Sharon had many other close friends and family who stood by her side during her illness. Lil-Rose, Irene, Gale, Danny, and Shirley; also the many friends she made at Grand Court in Adrian, including Liz, Linda, Brenda, and many others whom we are very grateful for their loving care. We would like to extend our thanks to the workers of Hospice who cared for our mother like she was their own including Marlene, and Gretchen. Sharon donated her body to Medcare of Oregon in hopes a cure may be found for her illness. per her request, there will be no service. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Humane Society of Lenawee County.



GREGORY, (MYRTLE) JOY, November 23, 1928 - January 20, 2010. Joy Gregory, 81, passed on with her daughters by her side following a stroke. Joy shared 57 years of her life with her loving husband, Amos Leroy Gregory who preceded her in death October 17, 2002. Joy was an entrepreneur before it was fashionable, whether she was sewing wedding dresses as Sha-Lynn-Ka, making ceramic frogs and turtles as Joy-Lee Ceramics, selling Avon, or growing and selling African Violets to the local Franks franchises. Always a giver, Joy spread much love and many lessons to those she met. Joy will always remain in the hearts of her three girls and their families: twins, Sharon Westwood and Karen Monroe (Carl), and Linda Montie (Ernie); grandchildren, Jennifer Parker, Don Monroe (Jayme), Kerry Metcalfe (Dave), Dan Westwood (Jodi Berns), Matt Westwood, Gregory Montie (Kellie), and Kimberly; also, seven great grandchildren, Christopher and Ashley Parker, Mia, Ava, and Emily Monroe, and Kaylin and Kaci Montie; survived by her two sisters, Becky and Ruth; and one brother, Donald. Preceded in death by seven siblings, Madell, Ruby, Jackie, Ray, Doris, and Helen; also loved by many nieces and nephews. Joy worked at the Saline Public Schools as a Certified Food Service Associate until the week preceding her passing. Joy had a special place in her heart for her SPS family and the many doctors and nurses who cared for her at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital. Contributions can be made to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Palliative Care Department. Services have taken place. Arrangements made by the **Robison-Bahnmler Funeral Home** of Saline.

MACH, ROBERT R., age 88, of Belleville, MI, passed away January 20, 2010. He is survived by his wife, Annette B. (Jacox) Mach; daughters, Ms. Karen Medley of Saline, MI and Gina (Ronald) Held of Belleville, MI; three grandchildren, Aaron MacLeod, Brent Held, and Lindsay Ethridge; two great grandchildren, Allyson and Alivia Held; brother of Arthur (Rita) Mach of Wayne, MI and Ms. Ruth Clark of Westland, MI. Preceded in death by his parents, John and Eleanor (Sohn) Mach; sister, Lorraine Block; and brothers, John, Toot and Ted Mach. Bob was a veteran of the United States Navy, owner/operator of Wheel Truck Stop 1950-1985, Lifetime member of Romulus Rotary, receiving the Paul Harris award. Also a member of Romulus VFW Post 9568. Services were held Monday, January 25, 2010 at St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, Belleville, MI with Pastor James Frey officiating. Interment Glen Eden Memorial Park. Memorials may be made to the church. Arrangements by **Crane Funeral Home, Inc.**, Romulus, MI.

JACOB, RAYMOND, JR., age 83, passed away at the Jackson County Medical Care Facility on January 22, 2010, surrounded by his family. He was born on May 4, 1926, in Freedom Twp., the son of Raymond and Anita (Uphaus) Jacob. On December 31, 1949, he married Irene L. Luckhardt and she survives. Raymond farmed in Sharon Twp. and sold his produce at Eastern Market in Detroit. He also worked for the Washtenaw County Road Commission for 28 years. In addition to his wife, he is survived by his children, Lyle (Linda) Jacob of Williamsburg, OH, Susan (John) Fletcher of Brooklyn, MI, and Larry (Laurie) Jacob of Batavia, OH; also surviving are his grandchildren, Jason Fletcher, Lindsay (Jacob) Peed, Lesley (Jacob) Schabille, Kaylee Jacob, Abigail Jacob and Morgan Jacob. He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Jerry Jacob. Jake would like to say a final farewell to all the "Dukes and Duchesses" he ever met and Yaba-Daba-Do. A private family service will take place at a later date. Arrangements are by the **Staffan-Mitchell Funeral Home**.

KUPISZ, JACQUELINE MARIEPAULE (GELINASE), of Chelsea, MI, formerly of Windsor, ON, Livonia, MI, and Ocala, FL, age 87, passed away Wednesday, January 20, 2010, at Silver Maples surrounded by her family. She was born on February 12, 1922, in Windsor, ON, the daughter of Albert and Yvonne (Potvin) Gelinase. She loved traveling, fishing with her grandkids, bingo, and her Silver Maples card group. Faith, family and friends were most important to her. She is survived by three children, Lori (Doug Shepherd) Kupisz-Vincent of Johnstown, OH, Thomas Norman Kupisz of Jacksonville, FL, and Neal (Rhea) Kupisz of Tecumseh, MI; two grandchildren, Nichole and Derek Kupisz; and one sister, Lucille Connor of Maidstone, ON. She was preceded in death by her husband, Melvin Kupisz, and four brothers, Roland, Raymond, Marcel and Rene Gelinase. Services will take place in Florida, entrusted to **Roberts Downtown Chapel** in Ocala. Burial will take place at Good Shepherd Memorial Gardens in Ocala. Local arrangements by **Staffan-Mitchell Funeral Home**, Chelsea, MI.

LANCE, GLENYS V., of Dexter, MI, age 84, passed away Monday, January 25, 2010, at her home surrounded by her family. Arrangements pending from **Staffan-Mitchell Funeral Home**.

SCHNEIDER, MELINDA, of Ann Arbor, passed away on January 23, 2010, at home surrounded by her loving family. She is survived by her husband, Alton, for 68 years; her children, Robert (Carol) Schneider, Linda Skrzypek and Sylvia (Jack) Davidson; grandchildren, Brian Darrow, Jamie (Denise) Darrow, Dan Schneider, Scott (Meagan) Schneider, Sean Davidson and Kyle Davidson; and 11 great grandchildren; also survived by nephews, Ronald (Joyce) and Richard (Wanda) Wild. Melinda was a long-time member of Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church. Services were held from **Hosmer Muehlhig Chapel**, Dexter, MI. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Arbor Hospice or Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church.



RAEDER, WENDY LYNN ROBINSON, of Chelsea, MI, died January 20, 2010, after a courageous battle with cancer. Wendy was born August 13, 1939, in Evanston, IL, to Myfanwy Braun Robinson and Joseph J. Robinson, now deceased. Wendy was a dedicated wife, mother and daughter. She is survived by her sons, Kevin (Laura) Raeder of Boulder, CO, and Andrew (Kathleen) Raeder of Evergreen, CO; her daughter, Kristen (Rob) McFate of Chelsea, MI; 6 grandchildren; her sister, Heather (Jan) Dick of Marysville, OH; her brother, Barry (Sally) Robinson, of Columbus, OH; brother-in-law, George (Patricia) Raeder of Akron, OH; and 12 nieces and nephews. Her husband of 43 years, J. Paul Raeder, died in 2004. Wendy graduated from Dover High School in Ohio, where she was a member of the National Honor Society. She attended Ohio Wesleyan University, where she was selected for Mortar Board senior women's honorary. She was elected Student Council Secretary and was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority. She earned her Bachelor's degree in English, education and psychology in 1961. She went on to earn a Master's degree in guidance and counseling at the University of Michigan in 1964. Wendy was a member of Mensa and was president of the Ann Arbor area alumnae chapters of Mortar Board, Kappa Kappa Gamma, Pan-Hellenic Council and the Republican Women's Club. She served on the Ann Arbor School Board and several city committees, as well as Recording Secretary for the Ann Arbor Women's City Club, and as Republican City Committee Secretary and Chair for Wards and Precincts. As a NOMAD, Wendy and Paul enjoyed international travel and hosting friends from other countries. Her enthusiasm for arts and crafts led her to make macramé and wall hangings with her sister, Heather, for the Ann Arbor Winter Art Fair for many years. Wendy earned her professional credentials as a Certified Meeting Planner and coordinated geophysical sciences, safety and health conferences for ERIM and NSF. Wendy was an active member of Zion Lutheran Church and superintendent of the Church's Sunday School program when her children were young. The family requests that memorials be sent to Zion Lutheran Church, 1801 West Liberty, Ann Arbor, MI 48103. The Wellness Community, 2010 Hogback, Suite 3, Ann Arbor, MI 48105 or Washtenaw Literacy Council, 1100 North Main, Ann Arbor MI, 48104. The family received friends Friday, January 22, at **Muehlhig Funeral Chapel** and a Service was on Saturday, January 23, at Zion Lutheran Church, Ann Arbor. Burial followed at Forest Hill Cemetery, Ann Arbor.

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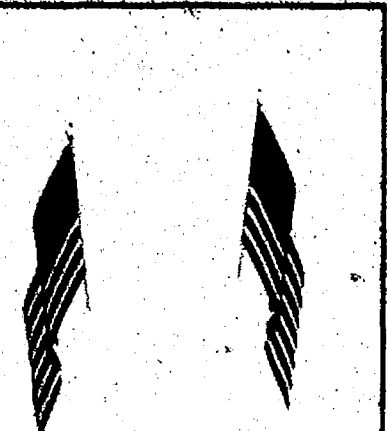
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Schauer optimistic about future economic turnaround

By Daniel Lai
Heritage Newspapers

During a recent visit to Washtenaw County, U.S. Rep. Mark Schauer, D-7th District, spoke with reporters about his plans for healthcare reform, drawing jobs back to Michigan and his outlook for the mid-term election.

"We, from day one, have dug into local businesses to find out how we can help," Schauer said. "When I was sworn in just over a year ago, the economy had just fallen off the cliff and we began the deepest recession in decades, so our priority was pretty clear — helping companies grow or in some cases keeping companies here or getting companies to come here."

Working with groups such as Dexter Research, Schauer said he has been able to secure \$1.6 million in federal funds and 15 jobs in Washtenaw County for projects such as updated perimeter surveillance equipment for the U.S. military.

"We were very excited to be able to help them with their project, not only because of the job impact here, but also for the interest of national security," he said.

Schauer said his office also has been working with Cybernet Systems Corp. in Ann Arbor to secure \$1.2 million from the Department of Defense for on-board wireless computer systems on U.S. Navy vessels.

"They are in the final phases before they begin to start manufacturing the wireless systems, which they project will create 250 manufacturing jobs," he said. "We want to make sure in this tough economy... that

we've helped to bring back some resources. That's what the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act was about."

Despite talk of a stagnant economy, Schauer said he remains optimistic that the \$800 billion stimulus package passed last year has begun to put Michigan residents back to work.

"The state unemployment rate has dropped during the last three months. Washtenaw County's unemployment rate was at a high of 10.6 percent in June 2009 and it's holding at 8.8 percent. The key is that we continue to work hard in all kinds of ways to help the economy generate jobs and put people back to work," he said.

Schauer credited increased jobs in the auto sector due to the government's Cash for Clunkers program last year. However, according to an article in the Wall Street Journal, the United States' economy needs to produce a net increase in jobs of about 150,000 per month just to keep up with high school and college graduates searching for work.

"We have a lot of work to do," Schauer said. "Passing a universal health care bill also would stimulate the economy, he said."

"Healthcare reform is an economic issue and Congress needs to resolve that in a bipartisan way and stop spending time on an issue that should have been resolved a long time ago," he said. "The reason I say it's an economic

issue is because small businesses have seen their premiums go up 129 percent in the last decade. It's an economic issue for families because their premiums have doubled in the last 10 years, and we spend as a country 16 percent of our overall gross domestic product on health care and our competitors are spending between 9 and 10 percent."

"It is an economic issue that has to be resolved and resolved quickly. It has taken way too long."

Other priorities in the new year include reducing the federal deficit and a timetable for withdrawing troops in Iraq.

"I have staked out a position in terms of going after wasteful spending on some of my colleagues' earmarks that won't have job implications in Michigan and didn't pass the smell test in terms of what taxpayer dollars should be used for," Schauer said. "I've also co-sponsored legislation that would put into law that Congress can't spend money unless they pay for it. They can't cut taxes unless they pay for it because that's a form of expenditure. We need to act in a fiscally responsible way."

"A lot of people act like this president and this Congress created this budget mess. I, as a member of Congress, inherited a \$1.3 trillion budget deficit, and that's for a number of reasons."

Due to increased terrorism threats to the

United States, including the failed Christmas Day bombing attempt on a Detroit-bound airliner, Schauer said Congress must also take a closer look at Homeland Security.

"If you've gone through the security process at airports, I think we have to agree that we are more secure than we were before Sept. 11, 2001," he said. "However, I think the threat of Al-Qaeda is very real. I think it is a very dangerous world and the attempted Christmas Day bombing is a reminder that there are flaws in our national security systems and they must not be tolerated. They must be fixed. As a member of Congress, I will use my role to make sure that it happens."

Schauer was also outspoken about a U.S. Supreme Court decision Jan. 22 that allows companies and unions to spend freely on ads that promote or target particular candidates by name, and lifts the barring of union and corporate-paid issue ads in the closing days of campaigns.

"I think what the Supreme Court did (Thursday) is a game changer. This decision may make candidates incidental. It may make grassroots activists and small donors incidental. We're not going to let ExxonMobil or anybody else buy an election. If we didn't like what they did to our nation's economy, we're sure not going to like what they'll do to our nation's government. The Supreme Court sold our democracy to the highest bidder."

DOWTY

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In recent years, the WCDP has expanded its activities beyond electoral politics and engaged in more educational and civic programs than in years past.

Q: What are some events or projects coming up involving the Washtenaw Democratic Party?

A: We held a Town Hall forum on Jan. 23 about the Michigan Supreme Court. Check our Web site for details: www.washtenawdems.org. We also have a calendar on the Web site which will have information on other activities and events as they are confirmed. I anticipate that we will sponsor an educational event or forum of some sort approximately monthly between now and the 2010 elections.

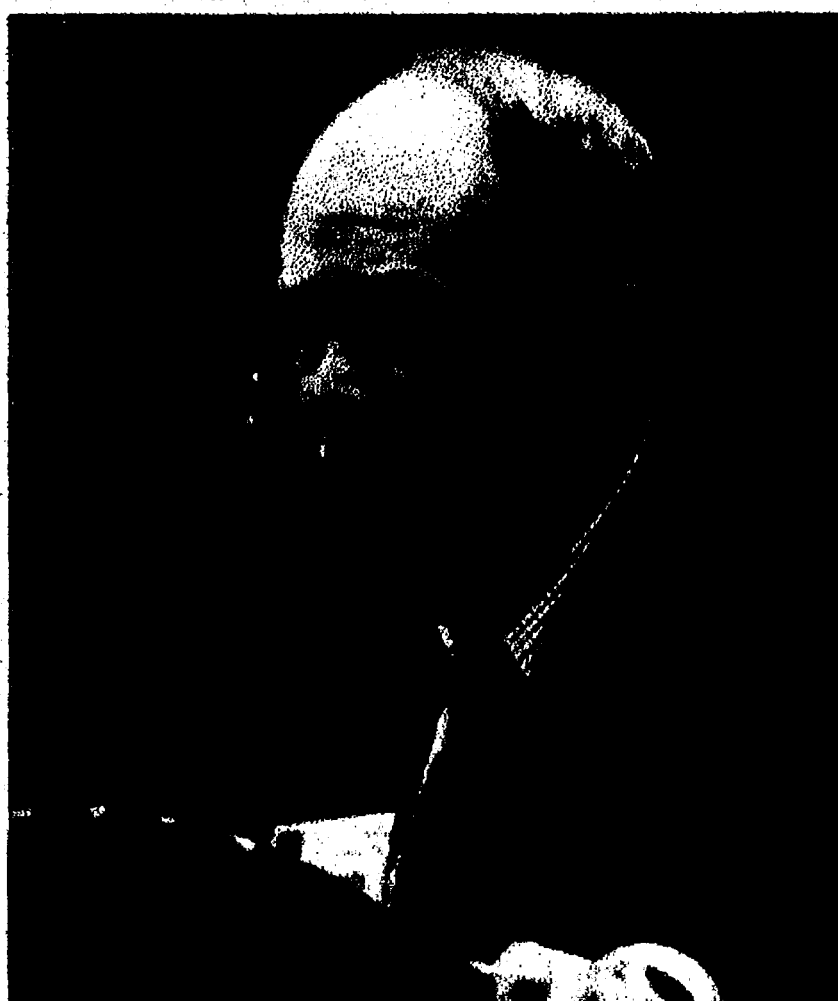
Q: How and why did you get involved in politics?

A: I have been politically active in one form or another for my entire adult life. My first experience in canvassing for a political candidate was for John F. Kennedy in 1960.

Q: How would you grade President Obama and U.S. Rep. Mark Schauer after their first year in office?

My personal conclusions are less relevant than, I believe, recognizing the circumstances of their taking office. President Obama (and Congressman Schauer) inherited two (two, count them, two) unpaid for wars; the worst and most serious economic crisis and recession since the Great Depression; rising unemployment and continued loss of jobs; a health-care system with costs spiraling out of control while also failing to serve almost 47 million Americans; a national debt of \$10.7 trillion (during the Bush administration the national debt rose from \$5.6 trillion to \$10.7 and from 54 percent of gross domestic product to 75 percent GDP); escalating environmental and energy needs to address the specter of global warming; and a Senate that, despite having only 41 Republicans, has disproportionate representation and antiquated rules to the extent that Senators representing 14 percent of the population can (and do) obstruct passage of legislation.

President Obama is a breath of fresh air after eight years of



Washtenaw County Democratic Party Chairman Stuart Dowty

Bush's failures and lies. One year is a short time to confront all these inherited problems. In light of such circumstances, President Obama and Representative Schauer are, by any measure, doing excellent jobs. Check these Web sites for details of what they have done: <http://www.whitehouse.gov/> and <http://schauer.house.gov/>.

Having said that, if you really want to know my personal evaluation of their performance on particular issues, contact me and maybe we can discuss specifics over coffee.

Q: How do you respond to the fact — and it's a pretty solid number — that 80 percent of Americans with health insurance are satisfied with their coverage. Democrats seem pretty set on telling 80 percent of Americans that the government can do better. Do you understand their fear, doubt and skepticism?

Democrats support genuine health care insurance reform. No Democrat is, as you assert, telling any Americans they should change from health care insurance that they currently have and like. None of the proposals before Congress prevent anyone from keeping the insurance that they already have.

I understand this — the

fear, doubt and skepticism you mention has been generated primarily through the lies, fear-mongering and misrepresentations of the multi-million dollar insurance lobby. These insurance groups have been spending \$1.4 million a day in lobbying efforts to spin things their way. They want to protect the status quo, where the top 10 health insurance companies made \$8.28 billion last year and their profits soared 426 percent from 2000-2007.

The fact is that our health care system is in crisis. Costs are spiraling out of control, co-pays are increasing, coverage is shrinking, and almost 47 million Americans have no coverage.

How do I respond? First, consider the current status of U.S. health care: About 15.3 percent of Americans have no health care insurance, almost 47 million. Of those insured, 58.4 percent, or about 176.3 million, are in employer-paid plans. This percentage has gone down steadily during the past couple decades. Medicare has 14.2 percent of those insured, Medicaid, 14.1 percent. The military, 3.8 percent, and self-insured, 8.8 percent.

After adjusting for inflation, health care premiums have risen 300 percent in the past 30

years, about 10 percent a year. They are expected to continue to rise at this rate unless there is reform of some sort.

In 1999, the average total cost for family health care coverage was \$5,790. In 2009, this was \$13,375. The average family now pays about \$1,110 a year in its insurance premiums to cover costs of medical services for the uninsured.

About 17 percent of our \$14 trillion U.S. economy is spent for health care. This is the highest of comparable countries. We spend approximately \$7,000 per person per year for health care. This is the highest in the world.

About 45,000 die each year for lack of health insurance. Health care costs cause a bankruptcy every 30 seconds. About 60 percent of all bankruptcies are due to health care costs.

A total of 20 percent of the health care dollar in the United States is spent for non-medical costs of paperwork, reviewing claims, and overhead. (In other developed countries this is typically 5 to 6 percent). For Medicare, the comparative administrative percentage is about 3 percent.

About 88 million of those who are insured are at risk for future coverage due to pre-existing conditions, expensive premiums, or high co-pays and out-of-pocket costs.

In comparative studies — by such groups as the World Health Organization and the Commonwealth Fund — among wealthy or developed countries, the United States has been low or at the bottom in "avoidable mortality" (19th), survival rate for major diseases (near or at the bottom for asthma, diabetes, kidney transplants and surgery mishaps), life expectancy (tied for last out of 23 countries) and infant mortality (last).

The status quo is simply not tenable, economically, morally or politically.

Second, look at the actual provisions in current legislation before Congress. The House and Senate have passed separate bills. Currently, the political situation concerning either of the bills, or a reconciliation of the two, seems to be changing almost daily. However, there is one consistent factor: Republicans are doing everything possible to prevent any change to the current medical status quo. On health care reform, the only thing the Republicans have offered is

"No."

The New York Times outlined both bills in an editorial on Dec. 27, 2009. It stated:

"The basic framework of the bills is the same. Both would require everyone to obtain health insurance — and all employers to provide it — or pay a penalty. Both would set up insurance exchanges on which small businesses and people who buy their own health insurance could choose from an array of private plans."

"Both would provide subsidies to help low-income people buy insurance on the exchanges and expand Medicaid to help the poorest."

"Both would impose new rules on insurance companies and force them to accept all applicants without regard to pre-existing conditions."

Both would begin to move Medicare, and through its example the entire health care system, away from wasteful fee-for-service medicine toward coordinated delivery systems that improve quality and lower costs."

The Times editors conclude that the House bill "does a better job of making health insurance affordable" and that the Senate bill "has stronger provisions to restrain escalating medical costs."

The House bill would expand health insurance coverage from the current (approximate) 83 percent to about 96 percent, and the Senate bill to about 94 percent.

The editors also noted "neither bill would bust the budget; they would reduce the deficit over the next decade by comparable amounts in excess of \$130 billion, according to the budget office."

The general cost of the plan has been placed at about \$900 billion over 10 years, or \$90 billion a year. Currently, we spend \$2.3 trillion a year on health care (and this is rising at about 7 percent a year), so the \$90 billion a year represents about 4 percent. This is a small percentage for an expansion and improvement of coverage.

The Congressional Budget Office estimates that the Senate bill will add insurance coverage to about 30 million people, and another 10 million will change because of searching for more affordable options in the employer or individual markets in the exchange. Thus, almost 90 percent of Americans will

continue with their current insurance.

In conclusion, your perception — that Democrats are telling Americans who are satisfied with their current health care insurance that government can do better — is simply wrong. The current proposals will not force insured Americans to change.

The proposals will, however, start to address the very real problems of millions of uninsured Americans, the additional millions who face shrinking benefits and coverage, and escalating medical care costs so serious that they threaten our general economic stability.

Q: The Democrats have run this state for years, including our own Pam Byrnes in the House of Representatives. Now she is running for the Senate. Does she deserve our vote when her policies have contributed to state's economic mess?

A: Yes, Pam Byrnes deserves our support. No, her policies have not contributed to our economic mess.

In fact, the Democrats have not "run this state for years." The fact is that since 1966, the Republicans have had control of one branch of Michigan government or another. They have been able to block any legislation they do not like. And they have.

Fact: Republicans have controlled the Michigan State Senate since 1966, to date.

Fact: the Michigan governor from 1991-2002, was a Republican, John Engler.

Fact: the Democrats have not "run this state for years."

To blame Pam Byrnes, or Democrats in general, for the economic mess is Michigan makes no more sense than to blame the editor of the Saline Reporter for the current distressed economic state of the newspaper business. (Is your paper responsible for the impact of the Internet?)

The Michigan economy has been the victim of worldwide economic realities, such as globalization, NAFTA, and the management decisions of the "Big Three" auto companies during the past several decades.

The inability of Michigan's Legislature to respond to the fundamental economic changes of recent years has been due to the obstructionist practices of the Michigan State Senate, not Democratic legislators.

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COLLEGE NEWS

Several local students have been named to the Albion College dean's list for the fall 2009 semester.

Students named to the dean's list must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 or above at the completion of the semester. This GPA must be based on at least three units in graded courses and a minimum of four units completed.

Sarah Christian is a junior majoring in communication studies with a minor in management. She is the daughter of Roy and Jean Christian of Fairfax, Va. and a graduate of Dexter High School.

Abigail Hess is a freshman at Albion College. She is the daughter of Gary and Sandy Hess of Dexter and a graduate

of Dexter High School.

Mariah Hill is a junior at Albion College, with a concentration in the Gerald R. Ford Institute for Public Policy and Service. She is the daughter of James and Jane Hill of Grass Lake and a graduate of Dexter High School.

Kelly Houk is a senior majoring in political science with a minor in English, 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.

Robert Moffett is a senior majoring in economics and management. He is the son of Robert and Brenda Moffett

of Chelsea and a graduate of Chelsea High School.

Nicole Oberholtzer is a sophomore majoring in psychology with a minor in Spanish, with a concentration in human services. She is the daughter of Steven Oberholtzer of Chelsea and a graduate of Chelsea High School.

Heather Riecker is a junior majoring in communication studies with a minor in management. She is the daughter of Charles and Celia Riecker of Dexter and a graduate of Dexter High School.

Jesse Stewart is a junior majoring in economics and management. He is the son of Rodger and Anita Stewart of Grass Lake and a graduate of Chelsea High School.

NEWS BRIEFLY

Sauerkraut dinner

St. Andrew's United Church of Christ in Dexter will cook up a pork, sauerkraut and knoefies dinner on Feb. 4. Serving begins at 5 p.m., and the church is located at 7610 Ann Arbor St. at Inverness.

Tickets for the dine-in or carry-out meals will be sold at the door. Prices are \$8 for adults, \$5 for youth ages 5 to 12,

and free for children ages 4 and under.


Valentine's Day benefit

The Chelsea Chamber Players will be hosting their annual Valentine's Day Benefit from 7 to 9 p.m. Feb. 14 in the Chelsea Depot. The CCP must-

icians will be performing three concerts. Light appetizers will be available between performances.

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Tickets are available in advance by calling Ian Cumming at 1-734-646-4674. Tickets are \$25 per person.

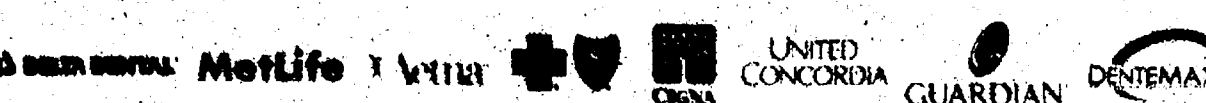


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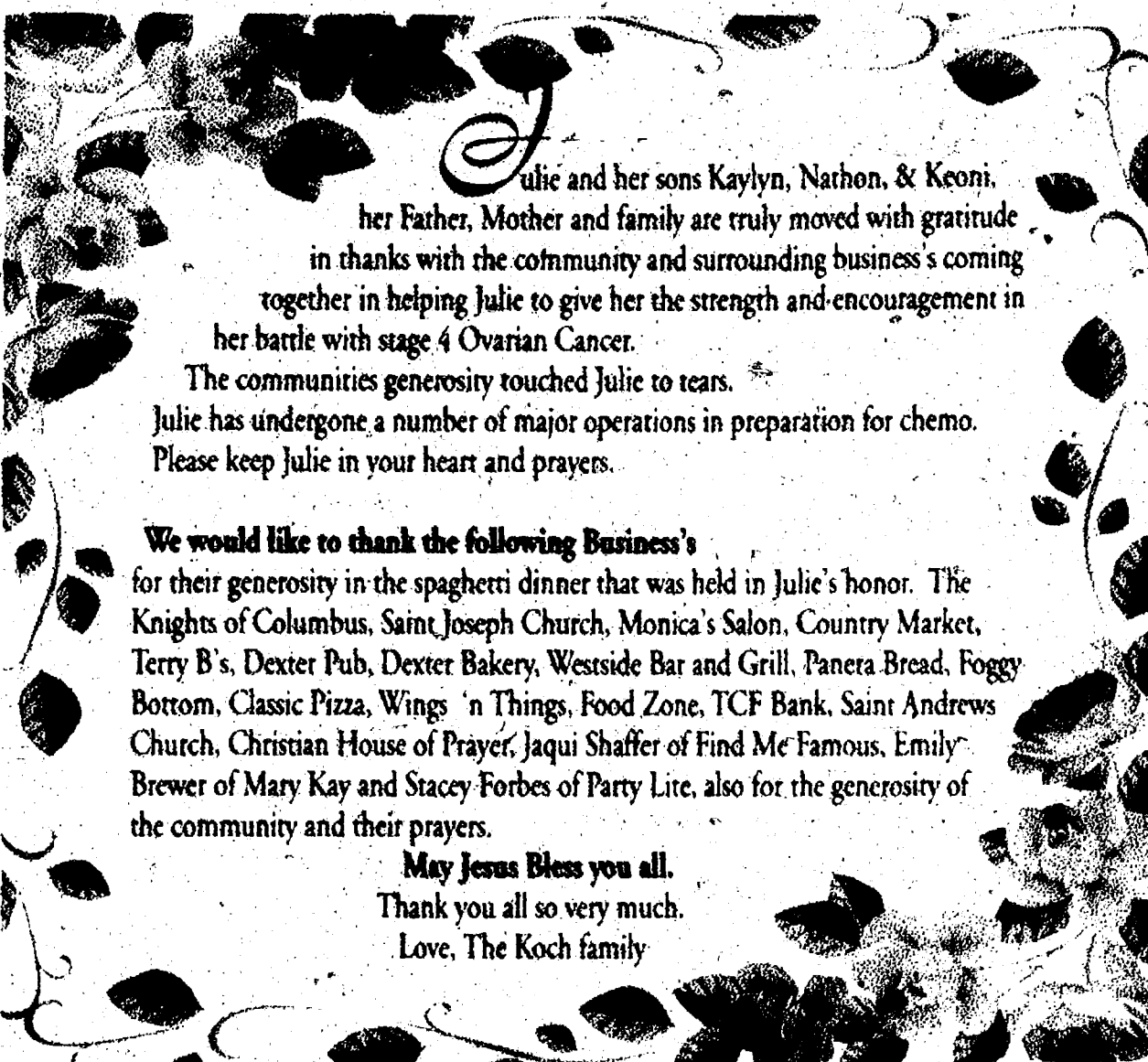
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The communities generosity touched Julie to tears.
Julie has undergone a number of major operations in preparation for chemo.
Please keep Julie in your heart and prayers.

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Wellness Foundation invests in towns

By Amy Heydlauff
Guest Writer

The establishment of the newly formed Chelsea Area Wellness Foundation is a remarkable opportunity for Chelsea and the surrounding communities. The Foundation was established as a result of the merger between Chelsea Community Hospital and Saint Joseph Mercy Health System. It is entirely focused on health and wellness in Chelsea Community Hospital's geographic service area.

The CWF endowment totals \$25 million, and the Foundation will invest approximately \$1 million annually to positively impact community health and wellness.

The residents of Chelsea, Dexter, Manchester, Grass Lake and Stockbridge, which make up the CWF service area, already have at their disposal many of the resources believed to support good health. Southeastern Michigan has some of the best health care organizations in the nation, and Chelsea Community Hospital is well known and respected around the state.

Chelsea and its surrounding communities have access to good doctors and good school systems. Many citizens are willing to volunteer their time to serve their communities. The air is clean. Residents have access to parks and protected wilderness areas like Waterloo Recreation Area, the River Raisin, Hudson Mills and others. There are pools, ice rinks, dance studios and farm markets. So, shouldn't residents in this area of the state be healthier than most?

It turns out, they are not. Every five years all the counties in Michigan conduct a survey of representative residents. The survey asks residents about their illness prevention measures, eating and exercise habits, mental health and other health-related questions. In 2000 and 2005 it was discovered that the residents of Chelsea, Dexter and Manchester are

Quick Facts

- One dollar spent on proven wellness programs, today, returns \$6 in health care savings later on.
- Five towns will benefit from the Chelsea Area Wellness Foundation's funding efforts: Chelsea, Dexter, Grass Lake, Manchester and Stockbridge (including Gregory, Munith and Unadilla).
- About 50,000 people who reside in the CWF service area are invited to join CWF's efforts.
- Approximately \$1 million will be granted each year to help these five communities be well.
- For more information about the Chelsea Area Wellness Foundation, including the grant application process and benefits, visit the Web site www.TheHealthyTowns.org.

more overweight (particularly children), exercise less and eat fewer fruits and vegetables than residents in the rest of Washtenaw County.

Residents of Jackson County fared no better. The CWF believes this data, provided by residents, demonstrates more can be done to move our communities toward a culture of wellness recognized by energy and vitality.

The CWF Board of Directors set out to imagine residents so healthy that the entire community conveys energy and vitality. They were looking for a vision. That vision evolved through months of research into what constitutes community wellness. The Board asked questions like, "Do you know a 'well' community when you see it? How can you tell? How do experts in community health define healthy communities?"

The CWF Board explored important concepts, like the behavioral causes of premature death (approximately 42 percent of the behavioral causes of premature death are related to smoking; 40 percent are related to obesity). They looked at successful community health improvement efforts and the impact improved health has on individuals, communities, local economies and the cost of health care.

They considered the impact improved community health would have on aggregate mental health.

"To get where we knew we

wanted to be, we realized planning would be challenging, sometimes even painful. It was even harder because we are a new board without our own organizational history. But, when we were done, we knew the time was well-spent," Judy Nold, board chairwoman said.

After months of research and discussion, the Board envisioned a future of wellness for local communities. That vision became the vision statement for the CWF. The Foundation is able to foresee communities in which the majority of residents choose to eat better, move more, avoid unhealthy substances

and connect with each other in healthy ways.

Amy Heydlauff, executive director of the CWF, believes the most important word in the CWF vision statement is 'choose.'

"No one is required to choose health. We hope our communities will come together and prove that with opportunity and encouragement, people will choose a kind of wellness evidenced by energy and vitality. In fact, we're staking \$1 million a year to give our residents an opportunity to choose health."

After months of laying the groundwork for the CWF the board is ready to reach out to the local communities. Late last year Heydlauff met with local government representatives and superintendents of the five school districts that make up the CWF service area.

In early January the CWF began their push to reach a broader representation of the communities. Their message is focused on the CWF desire to engage community groups. The Foundation hopes organizations will unite around the Foundation's mission to create

a culture of wellness and foster sustainable improvements in the health of our communities.

In February the CWF will host a series of meetings inviting representatives from local non-profit groups. The purpose of the meetings is to bring constituents together provide an opportunity to discuss the values, vision and mission of the CWF and introduce the grant process.

"These meetings will be a great opportunity for local leaders and organizations to learn how they can leverage the Foundation's resources. It's also a chance for these communities to connect with each other and share ideas - if a wellness program is improving the overall health of one town, chances are it will do the same in another," CWF board member Gwen Stubbs said.



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LETTERS

FROM PAGE 7-A

Obama, Pelosi and Reid agenda. It is time for our elected officials at all levels of government to return to working together to write and pass good laws for the people. If you do not, you will be a one-term congressman, and you should be. If you think that cannot happen to you, I refer you to what the good people of Massachusetts just did.

Tim Kelley
Sylvan Township

Thanks for helping our visiting relative

I would like to publicly extend a huge hand of thanks to Pat, the pharmacist in the Chelsea Community Hospital for helping my 92-year-old aunt who was visiting from England and had run short of her heart medications.

We were at our wits end

and Pat was our last resort. Thankfully she came through for us and all of the Matthews family is extremely grateful for her help.

Judy Nana
Lyndon Township

Who will pay back borrowed money?

This is a letter to the editor addressing how much Congressman (Mark) Schauer and President Obama have done for us.

Evidently he has a lot of money and never borrowed any. Well, you go to the bank and explain why you need it and how you are going to pay it back.

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Box top initiative benefits students in classrooms

Project nets about \$1,500 in collection period

By Crystal Hayduk
Special Writer

The Box Tops for Education program is off to a strong start in the Chelsea School District. The fundraiser for the Parent-Teacher Organization has netted over \$1,500 in the first collection period of the year, an increase of 66 percent over last year.

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Visit www.boxtops4education.com for a complete list of products.

"We have to say thank you to everyone who has contributed the labels," Lisa Nickel, principal of South Meadows Elementary School said. "It

really makes a huge difference for our schools."

Two years ago, the PTO raised nearly \$15,500 from all sources of fundraising, but last

year that number fell to a little over \$9,000. With the continued downward economic trend, this year's total is only about \$7,700.

The funds are divided between all three elementary schools, and cover items such as student planners, literacy materials, math games and recess balls and jump ropes. PTO funds also cover repairs to aging sound systems, school assemblies and events such as the finale festival.

"We keep paring back, and it's hard," Nickel said. She said that the PTO Board

would love to continue providing the things they always have, but the budget won't allow it.

"For example, Science Night costs \$1,500 to put on, and in the past, we've never charged for families to attend," Nickel said. "They decided this year that they would accept donations to help defray expenses. That way, we hope that a family will donate whatever they can afford to, but it won't keep away those who can't pay anything."

Nickel plans to spend this installment of box top funds on playground equipment, primarily balls and jump ropes that are heavily used and worn out. Lucy Strieker at Pierce Lake plans to use the funds for school assemblies. Marcus Kaemming at North Creek Elementary intends to purchase playground equipment and bring in guest speakers to replace field trips that have been canceled due to the district budget reductions.

Lions to attend district convention

The Lions District 14-B1 convention will be held on April 16 thru 18 in Ann Arbor. The district

convention is being hosted by the Dexter Lions Club, where the present district governor, Terry Walters, is a member. Lions club within the district include Ann Arbor Evening Lions, Ann Arbor Host Lions, Chelsea Lions, Dexter Lions, Huron Valley Sunrise Lions, Manchester Lions, Saline Lions, Ypsilanti Lions at Eastern Michigan University.

There will be various speakers from Lions projects including: Michigan Eye Bank, Leader Dogs for the Blind, Penrickton Center and the Lions of Michigan Foundation. Former Dexter Community Schools

Superintendent John Hansen will be a guest speaker.

Lions and their clubs will be recognized for their various community service projects as well as their membership

growth and membership involvement within the club and community.

The former international director, Ron Duffy of Wisconsin, will be the featured

speaker.

For more information about the Lions Club, visit www.11b1lions.org or contact Terry Walters at twalters02@comcast.net.


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Edward Jones honored by Fortune magazine

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The full list and related stories appear in the Feb. 8 issue of Fortune.

Edward Jones' 11 Fortune rankings include top 10 finishes for eight years and consecutive No. 1 rankings in 2002 and 2003. This is the firm's second consecutive year in the No. 2 spot.

"This honor is especially gratifying in the face of the adversity and challenges the financial-services industry has faced the last two years," said James D. Weddle, Edward Jones' managing partner. "But we were able to stay focused on the long-term because we are a partnership and we know who we are and what we do."

"We had no layoffs. We had to make some difficult decisions in terms of cutting back expenses, which we did successfully. But when you respect the people who work here, you take care of them not just in the good times, but in the difficult times as well."

To pick the "100 Best Companies to Work For," Fortune partners with the Great Place to Work Institute, a global research and consulting firm with offices in 30 countries, to conduct an extensive employee survey in corporate America.

Two-thirds of a company's score is based on the survey, sent to randomly selected employees.

The survey asks questions related to employees' attitudes about the management's credibility, job satisfaction and camaraderie.

The remaining third is based on a company's responses

to the Institute's Culture Audit questionnaire, which asks detailed questions about demographics, pay and benefits, and open-ended questions about hiring, communication and diversity.

Currently, Edward Jones has more than 600 positions available throughout the country. The largest positions open are that of financial advisor and branch office administrator.

Each Edward Jones branch office includes one financial advisor and one branch office administrator who work one on one with clients in the communities where those clients live.

The Fortune ranking is one of several honors based on associate input that Edward Jones has received in recent weeks. In December 2009, the firm was ranked No. 1 in Registered Rep. magazine's annual brokerage report card for the 17th consecutive year.

Also in December, Edward Jones ranked No. 10 among the "50 Best Employers in Canada" in the Globe and Mail's annual listing in Report on Business Magazine. Over

the past several years, Edward Jones has been ranked among the "100 Best Companies to Work For" in the United States and Canada.

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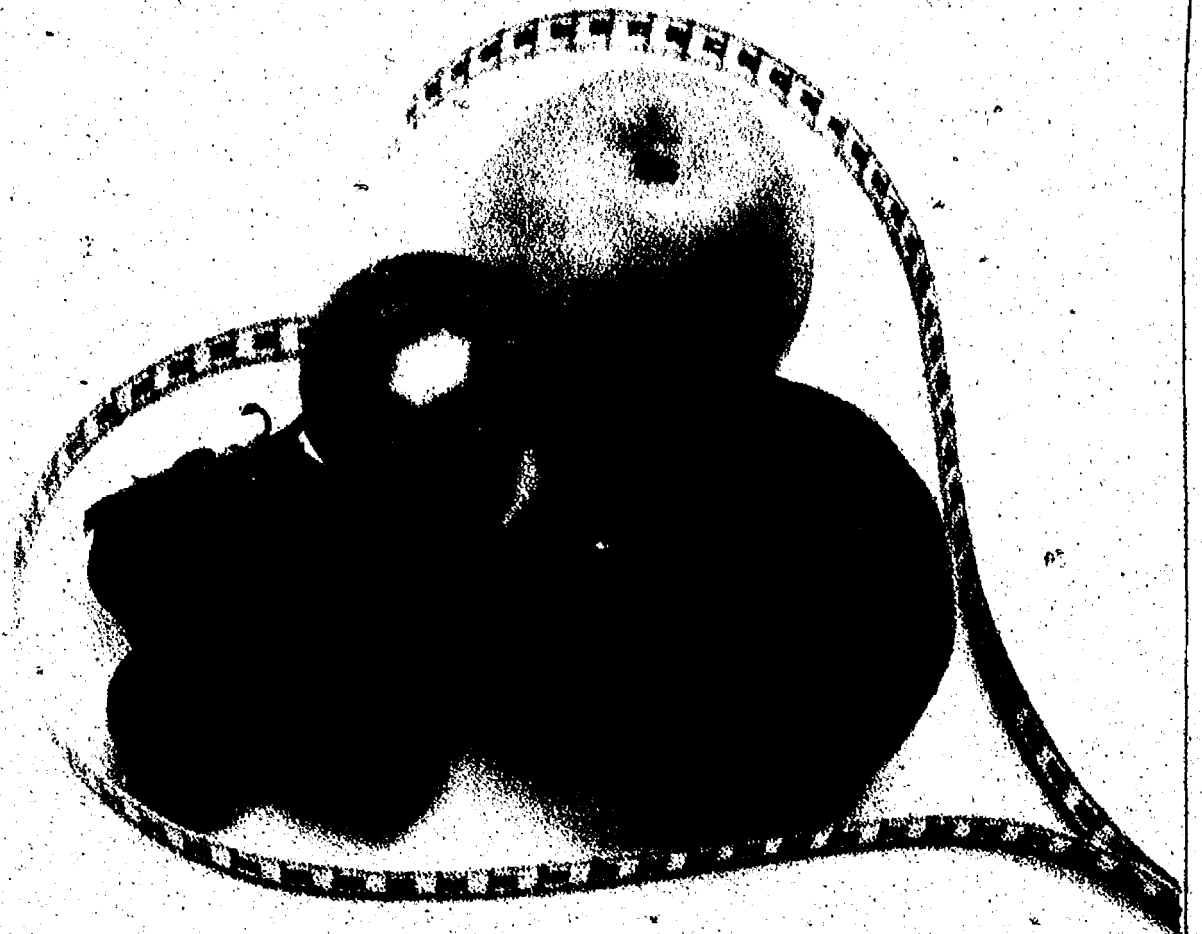
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Student wins local competition

Brandon Alder, an eighth grade student at Beach Middle School, won the school-level competition of the National Geographic Bee on Jan. 20, and a chance at a \$25,000 college scholarship.

The school-level competition, which involves sixth grade students from South Meadows School and seventh and eighth grade students at Beach Middle School, answered oral questions on geography and was the

first round in the 22nd annual National Geographic Bee. The competition is sponsored by the National Geographic Society.

The kickoff for this year's event was the week of Nov. 9, 2009, with thousands of schools around the United States and in the five U.S. territories participating.

The school winners, including Alder, will now take a written test; up to 100 of the top scores in each state will be eligible to compete in their state competition on April 9.

The event will take place on the campus of Central Michigan University.

The National Geographic Society will provide an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C., for state champions and teacher escorts to participate in the National Geographic Bee national championship on May 25 and 26.

The first-place national winner will receive a \$25,000 college scholarship, a lifetime membership in the Society, and a trip to the Galapagos Islands.

Fink named partner in law firm

Joshua R. Fink has become a principal at the law firm of Pear Sperling Eggen & Daniels, with offices in Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti. A Dexter resident,



Fink

Fink specializes in elder and special needs disability law (including Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid benefits and estate planning) as well as the general practice of law including business and commercial law.

Fink currently serves as chairman of the Board of Directors of the Washtenaw Association for Community Advocacy, a leading organization in the field of disability rights and advocacy.

Fink is a regular contributor to the Institute of Continuing

Legal Education including:

co-authoring and annually updating a chapter in ICLE's Michigan Revocable Grantor Trusts handbook on special needs planning. He frequently speaks on the topic of estate planning for

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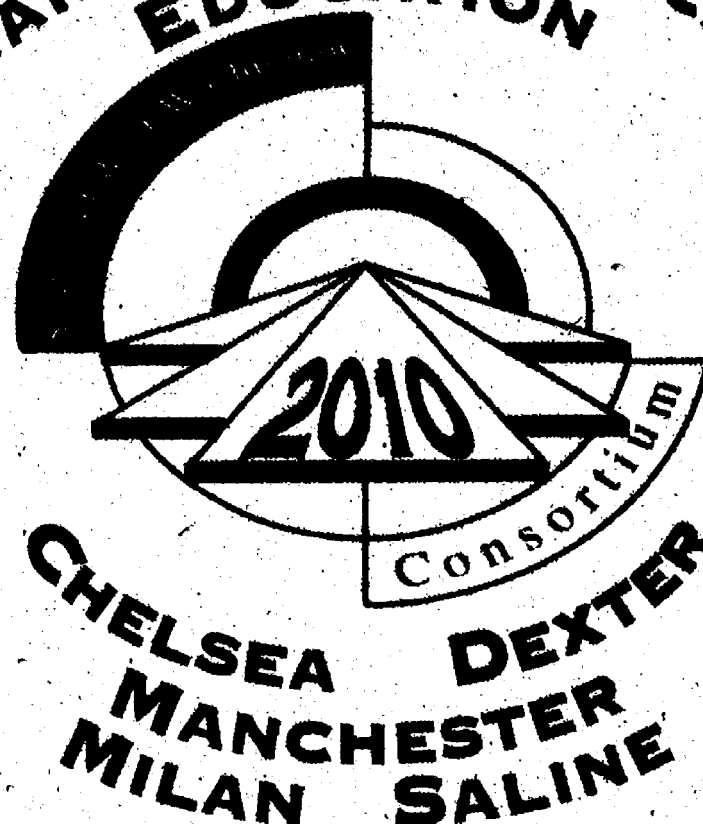
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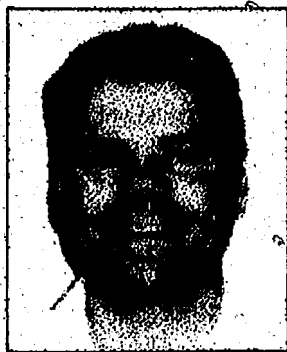
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**HAVING
 A BALL**



BY TERRY JACOBY

**Grappling
 with pitfalls
 of learning
 a new sport**

I couldn't believe what I had just seen. Where was the security? What was this kid's problem? Had he just simply lost it right there in front of a bleacher full of spectators and four wrestling teams gathered last Thursday at Ann Arbor Huron High School?

I took a seat in the corner and began watching my first wrestling match. I have to admit, it was pretty intense. These kids are in amazing shape. Strong. Quick. Aggressive. I was trying to figure out some of the moves when the referee - I think they're called referees - fell to the floor to improve his angle.

Even I knew he was trying to determine whether or not to start counting off a pin.

Then, suddenly, without any warning, it happened. I was shocked. And judging by the immediate reaction of the referee, he also was surprised. I mean, he stood up and blew his whistle to end the match right there on the spot.

While he was getting in for a good look at the shoulder blades, a young man came running out onto the mat and smacked the referee on the back with a towel. I couldn't believe it. Where did this kid come from?

Well, the referee stood up right away and ended the match. I thought, yeah, no kidding. Now I'm really going to see a butt-kicking. This kid is going to be dragged out of this gym by more than just his towel.

The referee then, much to my complete disbelief, turned away from the kid - leaving his backside wide open for another ruthless, unprovoked attack. He gathered the two wrestlers in the middle and had them start wrestling again. No one said a word about the kid. It was like it didn't happen.

I said to the woman sitting next to me, "I can't believe that just happened."

She replied, "Yeah, should have been a pin."

A pin? So because the referee may have screwed up, you are condoning that kind of behavior from a college fan? I mean, I've seen a college basketball coach throw a chair before. But attacking the referee was new to me.

After it occurred a few more times I discovered that this happens when the referee can't see the clock and time has expired. Good thing I didn't run out and tackle the kid the second time it happened. Boy, would I have looked stupid.

Welcome to wrestling 101. The only way to learn it is by observing it. And even then, it can be pretty confusing.

"It took me awhile to understand the scoring," said Lori Newland, as she videotaped her son Joey's match at 145 pounds. "I still don't know all the names for the moves, but I know most of them."

PLEASE SEE JACOBY/4-B

Wrestling's Brother & Sister Act

Chelsea's Dakota Cooley is chasing a state title while kid sister, Taylor, is more than just along for the ride

By Terry Jacoby
 Heritage Newspapers

How and where to begin? Taylor Cooley knows how and where to begin.

The thin, young, female wrestler competing with the big, experienced, male wrestlers for the Chelsea High School Bulldogs prepares for her first match last Thursday at Ann Arbor Huron High School the same way she always does.

Taylor walks over behind her brother, Dakota, who is sitting on the Chelsea bench. He helps her stretch and whispers some last-minute advice to his kid sister and Bulldogs' teammate. And Dakota knows a thing or two about wrestling and preparing for a match - after all, he is 37-0 and a favorite to win the state wrestling title at 140 pounds.

So, where to begin?

The freshmen girl holding

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her own on the varsity wrestling team? Or her senior brother who is on the road to a state championship before heading off to wrestle for national power Central Michigan University in the fall?

The answer is easy. You begin with both - because wrestling is a team sport in the Cooley home. Just like everything else they do, they do together, as a family and with a relentless passion to succeed, whether in school, on the job or on the wrestling mat.

Preparation

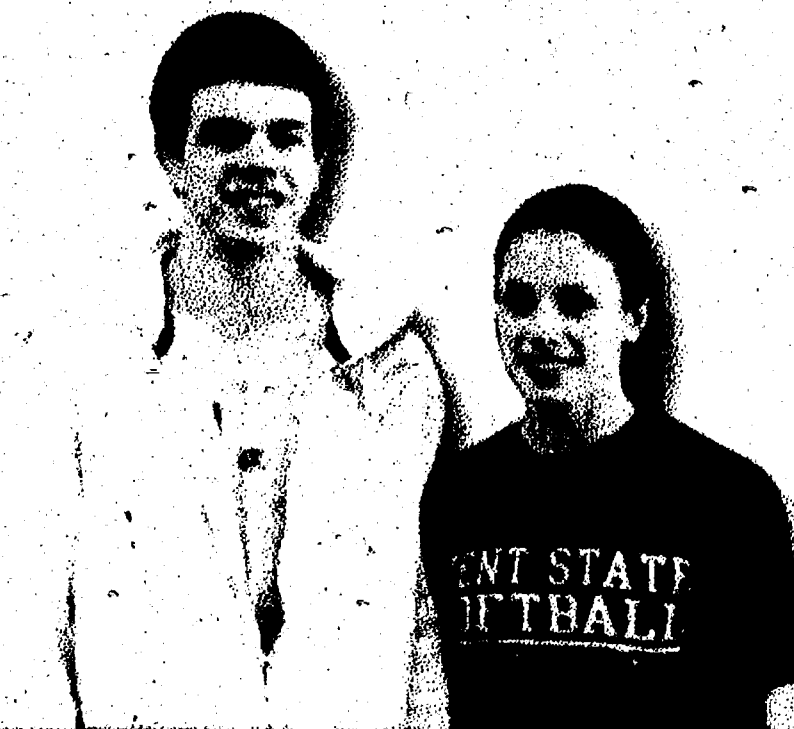
Taylor, 14, is sitting in the middle of the Chelsea bench, watching and cheering on her

teammates as they compete against Ypsilanti Lincoln High School. She fits right in and doesn't stand out at all in a sea of blue sweat tops and wrestling head gear.

A few minutes later she is over in the corner getting ready to compete in her first match of the day. Off comes the big sweatshirt and gray sweat pants. The "different" part of her is now obvious to anyone paying attention, and more than a few eyes are looking her way.

Her eyes are only focused one way - on the match taking place in front of her. As she goes through her routine, she watches intensely. She is not distracted at all by anything going on around her. In the movies, it's called the "eye of the tiger." But for Taylor, it's probably more

PLEASE SEE COOLEY/2-B



**Coaching is
 a Mann's job**

Ex-Chelsea great enjoying life on the sidelines

By Terry Jacoby
 The Chelsea Standard

If life is a book filled with different chapters, Chelsea's Ali Mann likes where her story currently resides while at the same time preparing herself to turn the page.

Where she currently resides is Indiana, and the women's basketball coaching staff at Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne (IPFW), the largest public university in northeast Indiana. She is in her second year on the bench after taking the job in June 2008.

"I am really enjoying myself here," said Mann, a three-time All-Conference basketball player at Chelsea High School who also lettered twice in softball, playing first base and helping the team to two State Championships. "I work a lot with the post players here. It helps that I played at a successful program and that I can still play the game. The players can relate to me and they respect me, which is very important."

But hanging up the sneakers for dress shoes hasn't been easy. Mann, 24, admits there are days she would rather take the ball

All Mann: By the numbers

Chelsea's Ali Mann finished her basketball career at Bowling Green with her name littered across the school's record book, including finishing second in career points (1,825) and third in career rebounds (811). She also has the most free throws made (482) and attempted (877), the second most field goals made (619) and games started (126) and the third highest three-point field goal percentage (.389) in Bowling Green's 35 years of women's basketball. She is also one of just three players in BGU history to earn Academic All-MAC honors in three consecutive seasons.

to the basket rather than rolling it out on the floor to someone else.

"This has been one of the hardest transitions in my life," she said. "To go from player to coach has had its challenges. There have

PLEASE SEE MANN/5-B



Chelsea junior Alex Liedel keeps her composure as an Ann Arbor Huron defender turns up the heat. Burnell Strong photo

**Bulldogs bounce
 back, top Lincoln**

By Terry Jacoby
 Heritage Newspapers

The Chelsea girls' basketball team experienced both ends of lopsided games last week. After falling to league power Ann Arbor Huron on Monday, the Bulldogs responded with a 65-48 victory Thursday over host Ypsilanti Lincoln.

The young Bulldogs, who are playing without any seniors this season, are 5-6 overall and 3-3 in the league.

The Bulldogs came out strong against Lincoln, taking a 13-3 first-quarter lead and never looked back. They led 28-14 at halftime.

Grace Martin played a solid all-around game for the Bulldogs. The sophomore for-

ward had 15 points and seven rebounds. Fellow sophomore Megan Hall made 6 of 10 shots from the floor for 14 points and grabbed six rebounds while junior guard Rachel Cooperrider had 11 points and five steals in the victory.

Hannah Fitzsimmons and Alex Liedel each scored six and Mackenzie Cole and Bailey Darwin each scored five.

On Monday, the Bulldogs fell to Huron, 64-36. Chelsea trailed by only three points after the first quarter, but went into the locker room down 32-21 at the break. Huron stretched its lead with a 16-6 third quarter.

The Bulldogs didn't take

PLEASE SEE BACK/6-B

We're No. 1



Ronnie Hein and Jake Gingell of Beach Middle School are members of the Detroit Compuser 1997 AAA hockey team. Their team recently won the 2010 Silver Stick International tournament in Port Huron. The tournament is the oldest in North America, starting in 1957. The Compuser 1997 AAA team is 47-2-3 and are currently the top ranked team in America. They played the Toronto Marlboros, top team in Canada, in the final. Compuser won 7-3. The team qualified to play in the Pee Wee World tournament in Quebec in February.

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COOLEY:

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the "eye of a Cooley" because her brother has that same look before he steps out onto the mat.

A few Chelsea teammates wander over next to her, beginning their own routines. Taylor barely gives them a glance. They might as well be on the other side of the gym.

As the match draws closer, the "pregame" ritual intensifies. This is a routine she says she follows before every match. It's important to prepare the same way every time, she says later. And there is no need to ask where she learned this from. The "teacher" lives down the hall from her.

Taylor rolls up her sleeves and is almost ready to take the stage. Her arms look strong, even from across the way. She appears to be in great shape and that look of seriousness on her face is undeniable. No one can see this and think, "hey I'm wrestling a girl, this should be easy."

"They may have thought that at first, but not anymore," says her father, Jerry. "The word has gotten around that Taylor is pretty good and it's going to take a good effort to beat her. You know, her opponents are really in a no-win situation. You either beat a girl or lose to a girl. Either way, you are going to hear it from your friends."

Most of the time, they end up losing "to the girl."

The heavyweights have finished. It's Taylor's time. She straightens out her head gear and steps onto the mat. She's ready. But is her opponent?

Showtime

The 103-pound wrestler from Ypsilanti Lincoln is actually smaller than Taylor as the two shake hands in the middle of the mat. Most eyes in the bleachers are now focused on the Chelsea-Lincoln match.

Dakota leans forward in his chair. Karen, Taylor's mom, takes a knee in the corner, not exactly praying, just watching with great interest. Jerry makes sure he has a clear view as his daughter's match begins.

It doesn't take long for Taylor to score two points and secure the lead. And it doesn't take long for the young man from Lincoln to realize he's wrestling someone who is tough, experienced and prepared.

Dakota yells a few words of advice, but it's easy to see she can handle this one on her own. She quickly gets him in a hold that it's clear few people could escape from. Taylor is holding on, applying more pressure as the ref falls to the mat for a closer look.

Then - almost as quickly as it started - it's over. A pin for Taylor and six more points for the Chelsea Bulldogs.

She flashes a slight smile when it's over and goes and shakes the hand of the Lincoln coach who first introduced her to the sport when she was just 3 years old. Her opponent doesn't look embarrassed at all - a testament to the respect he had for Taylor before the match even started. He holds his head up high while he shakes Chelsea Wrestling coach Kerry Kargel's hand. Hey, he lost to a good wrestler. Happens all the time.

"I don't think he will hear a word from his teammates about losing to a girl because they know how good she is," Jerry says.

After the match, her teammates stand up and yell out her name. The same way they did for every teammate that evening. There is no special salute for the girl. No cheer designed just for her. It's another match. Another pin. Another victory. From one of the Chelsea varsity wrestlers.

Teammates

The guys on the varsity wrestling team don't look at Taylor as a girl or a freshman or even Dakota's little sister. They look at her as a teammate. And a teammate who has become an important part of the team's success this season.

"Yeah, they like her on the team and why not, she's helping us win," says Kargel. "Her big brother is the team captain and at first that might have helped with the transition, but now she is just one of the wrestlers on the team. And a good one. She's doing great and fits right in."

Kargel has coached wrestling at Chelsea High School for 27



Photo by Burna Strong

Taylor Cooley (above) applies pressure during a recent match. The Cooley family, Karen, Jerry (top row), Dakota and Taylor (bottom) hang out in between matches on Thursday at AA Huron.

years and Taylor is the first girl he's coached at the varsity level.

"She did a good job as an eighth grader and was even the team captain, so I was glad when I heard she was coming out," he said. "You see more girls wrestling every year and more colleges are starting programs so I think the interest will only increase."

In one of her first matches on varsity, Taylor faced one of the top wrestlers in the state at 103 pounds. She proved to him, future opponents and her teammates that she indeed belongs. But more importantly, she proved it to herself.

"She did a good job," says Jerry, who has been a successful wrestling coach over the years. "She was down in points in the third period and tried to make a move because she really had nothing to lose, and got pinned. But she wrestled him tough and never gave up. Taylor will never give up."

And that's a quick way to gain respect from your teammates.

Big Brother

Taylor isn't shy at all about admitting why she wanted to wrestle this year.

"I wanted to be on the team with my brother during his senior year," she says.

One gets the impression that Taylor likes wrestling, but loves hanging out with her older brother. "They've always been close," Jerry says. "I mean she doesn't hang out with Dakota and his friends, but they help each other all the time and are always there for one another. They are pretty close and we're very happy with how they get along and support one another."

Between matches, Dakota sits on the floor next to the bleachers in front of his parents. Right next to him is Taylor. The Cooley family hanging out on a Thursday night in the gym. It's one of the reasons why Taylor decided to wrestle.

"She was going to come to



all the matches anyway, so she might as well be wrestling," says Dakota, who is focused only one goal this year - not losing.

"I want to go undefeated and win the state title at 140 pounds," he says. "I'm confident when I walk out onto the mat, but I also know that I need to wrestle well because one move can beat you."

So far, that hasn't happened. Dakota is 37-0 and counting after finishing third in the state last year.

He's already signed on to wrestle next year at Central Michigan University.

"I really like the coach and the assistant coach and they have a great program with a new facility, so I'm excited about next year," said Dakota, who won the first tournament he ever entered. "I don't remember when I started, but I knew I liked it right away and had instant success so I'm sure that helped."

Taylor's success also has been pretty quick. Dakota is glad she's along for the ride. "I knew she could compete," he said. "And I knew she had the skills to do well. Now it's expected that she does well. I'm really glad she decided to be on the team this year."

From the bleachers

Jerry admits he gets nervous watching his daughter wrestle.

the following year.

"I never thought she would do something like this," says Karen, who also knows something about competition. She is a seven-time National Champion and one-time World Champion arm wrestler.

"They get that focus and drive from her," Jerry says. "That competitive nature comes from Karen."

And Taylor, like Dakota, is competitive.

"She is a tough girl and has gotten stronger over the years," Karen says. "But I do worry because she is going to run into some tough kids."

Taylor runs about four miles almost every night after practice to keep her weight below 103 pounds. That's how committed she is to wrestling.

"She is always trying to keep her weight down," Karen says. "It's hard sometimes."

Looking ahead

"I don't know," Taylor says when asked if she will wrestle next year. "My teammates want me to, but I haven't decided yet."

Taylor is a busy, young lady these days. She is an excellent student, another thing she has in common with her brother, and is preparing to play softball this spring for the Bulldogs. She is currently working out with

her summer league team, the Michigan Classics.

She also has a social life. Remember, she's a freshman in high school.

"She does have her girl side, and a group of friends she hangs out with," says Karen. "Sometimes when you see her, it's hard to believe she wrestles on the varsity team."

Taylor says her friends have been supportive of her wrestling career.

"They're great," she says. "They think it's cool what I'm doing. They go to the meets and cheer me on."

Ann Arbor Huron also has a young lady on its varsity wrestling team. When asked about Taylor, she quickly responds. "Taylor Cooley is unbelievable," she says. "She is my idol. I'm not close to being as good as she is."

And Taylor is good. Very good, in fact, for a freshman wrestler on a team that prides itself on competing against the top teams in the area.

"I'm glad with how it's turning out," she says. "It hasn't been easy, but I can handle it. And I like being just one of the wrestlers."

Against North Farmington at the South Lyon Invitational, Dakota went up to talk with Taylor before her match. But he wasn't offering any advice this time.

"He came up to me and said we need six points," she said. "This is going to be a close match so go get us a pin."

Taylor, who wears her brothers old wrestling shoes, stepped in and delivered the six points for the Bulldogs. After all, the team captain asked for it.

The bottom line or starting point in all of this is that Taylor likes being with her brother. It's family. It's about being teammates and helping one another achieve their goals.

She enjoys the wrestling, but one gets the feeling she also enjoys that front-row seat she gets to watch her brother do what he does as well as anyone in the state.

"He's so good," she says. "I love watching him wrestle."

"Yeah, he still amazes me." There is a lot of that going on around the Cooley home these days.

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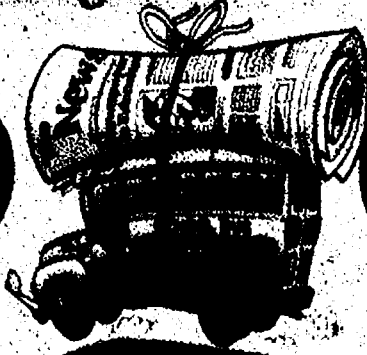
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Athlete of the Week



John Brosch Dexter Hockey

Dexter's John Brosch set a Michigan High School hockey record Saturday by scoring three goals in just 34 seconds. It's the quickest hat trick on record with the state. The senior started off the streak with a goal at the 5:16 mark of the first period. He then scored at 4:58 on an unassisted goal. At 4:52, Brosch struck again, capping off his record-setting hat trick. Dexter went on to win the game 5-1.

Local Leaders

BOYS BASKETBALL

Scoring	
Connor Heine, YP	16.2
Josh Herbert, AGR	15.1
Charlie McCalla, CH	15.0
Josh Blades, MN	14.0
KeAndre Taylor, YL	14.0
Andrew Dillon, YL	14.0
Stephen Elslager, DX	12.4
D. Hendrickson, SL	12.2
B.N. Carmack, SL	11.6
Dave LaMore, DX	11.0
Corwin Every, MN	10.7
Jake Steinhauer, CH	10.0
Matt Jenkins, AGR	8.6
Brandon Casey, MN	7.8
Luther Page, AGR	7.5
Keith Mackie, AGR	7.4
Brian Paulsen, CH	7.0
Reece Dils, SL	6.5
Donnie Eaton, AGR	6.1



Chelsea's Brian Paulsen is averaging 7 points per game.

Rebounds

Connor Heine, YP	13.2
Josh Blades, MN	9.8
Andrew Dillon, YL	9.5
Jake Steinhauer, CH	8.0
KeAndre Taylor, YL	7.2
Brandon Carmack, SL	6.0
Mike Kedroske, DX	5.7
Dave LaMore, DX	5.3
Spencer Mykala, CH	5.0
Brian Paulsen, CH	5.0

Assists

Andy Muchmore, DX	3.3
Josh Blades, MN	3.1
Jack McDougall, CH	3.0
Charlie McCalla, CH	3.0
Corwin Every, MN	2.3
David Hendrickson, SL	2.3
Reece Dils, SL	2.3

Elly Mioduszewski, DX	7.7
McKenna Erkfriz, MN	7.6
Angela Broggi, AGR	6.2

Rebounds

McKenna Erkfriz, MN	7.5
Tyler Richardson, YP	7.0
Amber Stebelton, CH	5.4
Grace Martin, CH	5.1
Elly Mioduszewski, DX	4.0

Assists

Sarah Falvey, AGR	3.6
Taylor Manders, MN	2.3
Taylor Parks, MN	2.0

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Scoring	
DeLisa Morris, YP	12.0
Tracy Schabbe, MN	9.8
Logan Sims, AGR	8.7
Rachel Cooperrider, CH	9.4
Sarah Molr, DX	8.8
Sarah Falvey, AGR	8.4
MacKenzie Cole, CH	8.4
Taylor Manders, MN	7.8

WRESTLING

Brandon Farrell, YL	37-0
Dakota Cooley, CH	37-0
Forrest Sampson, B	32-2
Travis Ostrowski, CH	30-2
Dylan Farrell, YL	28-4
Tim Shoemaker, CH	28-7
Joey Newland, CH	28-10
Charlie Kempf, CH	22-6

Local Standings

BOYS BASKETBALL

Cascades Conference

1. Hanover-Horton	4-0	7-1
2. Napoleon	3-1	8-1
3. Michigan Center	3-1	7-2
4. East Jackson	3-1	5-3
5. Vandercook Lk.	2-2	6-2
6. Grass Lake	1-3	2-8
7. Manchester	0-4	2-7
8. Addison	0-4	1-8

SEC Red Division

1. Ann Arbor Huron	3-1	7-3
2. Ann Arbor Pioneer	3-1	4-4
3. Bedford	2-2	4-5
4. Monroe	1-3	3-5
5. Saline	1-4	3-8
6. Ann Arbor Skyline	0-0	1-0

SEC White Division

1. Ypsilanti	4-0	8-1
2. Dexter	3-2	7-3
3. Chelsea	4-2	8-3

4. Ypsilanti Lincoln	2-1	6-3
5. Adrian	2-3	4-5
6. Tecumseh	0-4	2-7

Western Wayne Ath. Conf. (Blue Div.)

Belleville	8-0
Huron League	
Milan	4-0 4-4
Catholic League (West Division)	
AA Gabriel Richard	2-1 4-5
Independent	
Willow Run	6-5

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Cascades Conference

1. Napoleon	8-1	9-2
2. Michigan Center	7-1	11-1
3. Addison	7-2	10-2
4. Grass Lake	5-4	6-7
5. Manchester	5-4	5-7
6. East Jackson	2-7	2-9
7. Hanover-Horton	1-8	2-10
8. Vandercook Lk.	0-8	0-11

1. Ann Arbor Huron	6-0	9-3
2. Ann Arbor Pioneer	4-2	6-3
3. Monroe	2-1	5-4
4. Saline	2-3	5-6
5. Bedford	0-3	2-3
6. Ann Arbor Skyline	0-0	2-2

SEC White Division

1. Adrian	4-0	9-3
2. Dexter	4-2	7-5
3. Chelsea	3-3	5-6
4. Ypsilanti	2-2	4-5
5. Tecumseh	0-3	0-6
6. Ypsilanti Lincoln	0-5	1-8

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Friday night on the Web

The following games will be covered by the Heritage sports department with reports being posted online right after the game at www.heritage.com.

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Ypsilanti at Chelsea (boys)
Carleton Airport at Milan (boys)
Bedford at AA Pioneer (boys)
Bedford at AA Pioneer (girls)

Local Schedules

Today

BOYS BASKETBALL
Willow Run at River Rouge, 7 p.m.
Saginaw at Belleville, 7 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL
Manchester at Grass Lake, 7 p.m.
Riverview at Milan, 7 p.m.
River Rouge at Willow Run, 7 p.m.

WRESTLING
Monroe at Dexter, 5:30 p.m.
Tecumseh at Saline, 5:30 p.m.
Ypsilanti at Ann Arbor Skyline, 5:30 p.m.

SWIMMING
Bedford at Chelsea, 6:30 p.m.
Dexter at AA Skyline, 6:30 p.m.
Milan at Dundee, 6:30 p.m.
Saline at Tecumseh, 6 p.m.
Ypsilanti at Ann Arbor Huron, 6:30 p.m.

HOCKEY
Eastwood at Belleville-Willow Run, 6:30 p.m.

COMPETITIVE CHEERLEADING
Saline at Adrian Invite, 6 p.m.

Tomorrow

BOYS BASKETBALL
Carleton Airport at Milan, 7 p.m.
Saginaw at Belleville, 7 p.m.
Tecumseh at Dexter, 7 p.m.
Vandercook Lake at Manchester, 7 p.m.
Ypsilanti at Chelsea, 7 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL
AA Huron at Saline, 7 p.m.
Chelsea at Ypsilanti, 7 p.m.
Dexter at Tecumseh, 7 p.m.

HOCKEY
Madison Hts. Lamphere at Belleville-Willow Run, 7 p.m.
Saline at Woodhaven, 8 p.m.

Saturday

HOCKEY

Bedford at Milan, 5:25 p.m.
Chelsea at Jackson Lumen Christi, 8 p.m.

WRESTLING
Belleville at Observerland Invitational, 9 a.m.
Chelsea at Lakeview Invitational, 8:30 a.m.
Dexter at Allen Park Invitational, 10 a.m.
Manchester at Beslie tournament, 9 a.m.
Milan at Bill Evans Memorial Inv., 9 a.m.
Ypsilanti at Saline Super Duals, 9 a.m.

COMPETITIVE CHEERLEADING
Manchester at Michigan Center Invitational, 1:30 p.m.
Saline at Northville Invitational, TBA

GYMNASTICS
Saline at Troy Athens Invitational, TBA

Monday

GIRLS BASKETBALL
Whitmore Lake at Manchester, 7 p.m.
Milan at Flat Rock, 7 p.m.

BOWLING
Belleville at Kennedy, 3:30 p.m.
Tecumseh at Chelsea, 3:25 p.m.
Ypsilanti at Adrian, 3:30 p.m.

Tuesday

BOYS BASKETBALL
Adrian at Saline, 7 p.m.
Dearborn at Belleville, 7 p.m.
Dexter at Bedford, 7 p.m.
Hanover-Horton at Manchester, 7 p.m.
Milan at NB Huron, 7 p.m.
Ypsilanti at Ann Arbor Pioneer, 7 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL
Ann Arbor Pioneer at Ypsilanti, 7 p.m.

Belleville at Dearborn, 7 p.m.
Dexter at Bedford, 7 p.m.
Saline at Adrian, 7 p.m.

WRESTLING
Dexter, Manchester at Chelsea quad, 5:30 p.m.

SWIMMING
Ypsi-Lincoln at Milan, 6 p.m.
U-D Jesuit at Dexter, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday

HOCKEY
Crestwood at Milan, 8 p.m.
Riverview at Chelsea, 6:30 p.m.

WRESTLING
Saline quad, 5:30 p.m.

GYMNASTICS
Saline at Jackson County Western (Parma), 5:30 p.m.

COMPETITIVE CHEERLEADING
Manchester, Saline at Clinton, 6 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 4

GIRLS BASKETBALL
Manchester at Napoleon, 7 p.m.
Milan at Grosse Ile, 7 p.m.

SWIMMING
Dexter, Ypsilanti Lincoln at Ypsilanti, 6 p.m.
Milan at Riverview, 6 p.m.
Saline, Ann Arbor Skyline at Chelsea, 6 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 5

BOYS BASKETBALL
AA Pioneer at Saline, 7 p.m.
Belleville at Romulus, 7 p.m.
Chelsea at Dexter, 7 p.m.
Manchester at Addison, 7 p.m.
Milan at Flat Rock, 7 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL
Belleville at Romulus, 5:30 p.m.
Chelsea at Dexter, 7 p.m.
Saline at AA Pioneer, 7 p.m.

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Her son, who won both of his matches that day, not only knows the names of the moves, but how to execute them. It doesn't take an expert long to figure out that Chelsea is the elite team in this grouping, something they prove throughout the evening.

And what a long evening it was. In football and basketball, you can look up at the scoreboard to see how much time is left in the game. There is no time limit in baseball and softball, but you can figure out how much time you have to get a hot dog and get back to your seat.

Can someone order a pizza?

The action at a wrestling meet is non-stop, unless of course, a team has to wait for its next opponent to complete its first match. Chelsea's Dakota Cooley is sitting with his parents devouring some kind of hearty sandwich. I would ask for a bite, but I just saw him throw a kid in a headlock, flip him over his back and pin him to the mat in about five seconds. I wasn't that hungry.

But when both matches are going on, it's pretty exciting; even if you don't know what's really going on. The matches are fierce. It's one on one from the beginning to the end. Once you step in that circle, you are completely on your own. Sometimes you're wrestling for your team. Other times, you're wrestling for survival.

Before the match, longtime Chelsea Wrestling Coach Kerry Kargel said he was suffering from laryngitis and had to save his voice for more important things.

"I have to teach tomorrow," he said.

Hopefully, he had a movie to show his students because the "I can't yell" lasted about 15 seconds into the first match.

Kargel and everyone sitting

near me began to educate me on some of the wrestling lingo. "Trap the hand." "Turn." "Hip up." "You're positioning is bad." "Put your leg in." "Get the face."

Those last two sounded uncomfortable, even painful. "Get the face" is legal? I think I might like this sport.

Cooley pinned his guy with a move called a "gator roll," also known as the "cement mixer." A move as good as that deserves two names.

You don't have to be an expert to appreciate the physical abilities and dedication these kids put into their sport. This ain't easy, folks. Experience is very important. So is speed and quickness, and of course, pure strength.

Watching Kargel "coach" is interesting. He jots down notes during matches in a little notebook. And he meets with each wrestler for a few seconds after each match with a little bit of advice and plenty of encouragement - win or lose.

At one point, Kargel asks his

assistant how the Lincoln wrestler got a point. If a guy coaching for 27 years is confused, what chance do I have? I'm just glad he didn't ask me. I would have said, he must have made a free throw.

There are some interesting traditions in this sport. The cheering for your teammate after each match is pretty cool.

And I like how the wrestlers go over to the opposing coach and shake their hands after a match. Great show of sportsmanship not shared by all sports.

Of course, not all sports approve of a kid whacking the referee with a towel. That's going to take some getting used to.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO CITY OF CHELSEA ZONING ORDINANCE

Notice is hereby given that the Chelsea Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing, as the statute in such case provides, for amendment of the Chelsea City Zoning Ordinance (Ordinance No. 79). The requested change would revise the Zoning Map from AG-1 to RS-2 in the area described as:

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CHELSEA CITY PLANNING COMMISSION
George Kinzer, Chair

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Learn to skate

The Learn to Skate program at the Arctic Coliseum in Chelsea for the winter season is under way and has attracted quite a few young skaters. The program is on Thursday evening. Classes for this season are full, but there are still openings for the Saturday morning program. Learn to Skate is a great way to learn how to skate, make new friends in a safe and fun environment. For information on any of the programs at the Arctic Coliseum, log onto www.arcticcoliseum.net or call 734-433-4444.

NOTICE OF VARIANCE HEARING

An application has been filed by **DEREK RADDAD OF CHELSEA PETROLEUM, INC. (MOBILE GAS STATION) CHELSEA** for a variance from the requirements of Section 603 A4 of Ordinance No. 79 (Zoning Ordinance), to **ALLOW THE PLACEMENT OF AN LED SIGN ON AN EXISTING FREE STANDING SIGN AT 1629 S. MAIN STREET FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISPLAYING GAS PRICES.**

The property is described as follows:

TAX CODE: 06-06-13-380-016
1629 S. MAIN STREET (MOBILE GAS STATION) CHELSEA, MICHIGAN

Pursuant to the procedure for a variance request, a Notice of Hearing shall be given and will be served personally or by mail at least fifteen (15) days prior to the date of such hearing, upon the party or parties making the request for appeal, and all owners of record of property and occupants of property located within three hundred (300)

feet of such premises in question.

You are hereby notified that a hearing will be held by the Chelsea Zoning Board of Appeals on **Wednesday, February 17, 2010 at 5:00 o'clock PM** or as soon thereafter as possible, in the Chelsea City Offices, located in the Chelsea Bank Building, 305 S. Main Street, Suite 100 (lower level conference room), to consider objections to said request.

The petition is on file in the office of the Planning and Zoning Department, 305 S. Main St., Suite 100, Chelsea and may be examined prior to the date of the hearing.

Persons requiring reasonable accommodations to disabilities in order that the hearing be accessible to them, are requested to notify the Zoning Board of Appeals Chairman no later than five (5) business days prior to the date of the hearing of such disability.

DONALD T. OSBORNE, CHAIRMAN ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

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IN SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MARICOPA

BEST WESTERN INTERNATIONAL, INC., an Arizona non-profit corporation,
Plaintiff,

SAGINAW BUSINESS, INC., a Michigan corporation, and **RAY NASSER**, an individual,
Defendants.

NO CV2009-032360

SUMMONS

THE STATE OF ARIZONA TO THE DEFENDANTS

SAGINAW BUSINESS, INC., a Michigan Corporation, Registered Agent Joe Kouza, 201 North Main, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48104

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to appear and defend within the time applicable, in this action in this Court if served within Arizona, you shall appear and defend within twenty (20) days after the service of the Summons and complaint upon you, exclusive of the date of service. If served out of the State of Arizona whether by direct service, by registered or certified mail, or by publication

you shall appear and defend within thirty (30) days after the service of the Summons and Complaint upon you is complete, exclusive of the day of service. Where process is served upon the Arizona Director of Insurance as an insurer's attorney to receive service of legal process against it in this state, the insurer shall not be required to appear, answer or plead until expiration of forty (40) days after date of such service upon the Director. Service by registered or certified mail without the State of Arizona is complete (thirty) 30 days after the date of filing the receipt and affidavit of service with the Court. Service by publication is complete thirty (30) days after the date of first publication. Direct service is complete when made, service upon the Arizona Motor Vehicle Superintendent is complete thirty (30) days after filing the Affidavit of Compliance and return receipt or Officer's Return RCP 4, A.R.S. • 20-222, 28-502, and 28-503.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that in case of your failure to appear and defend within the time applicable, judgment by default may be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint. **YOU ARE CAUTIONED** that in order to appear and defend, you must file an Answer or proper response in writing with the Clerk of this Court, accompanied by the necessary filing fee, within the time required, and you are required to serve a copy of any Answer or response upon the Plaintiff's attorney RCP 10(d), A.R.S. • 12-311, RCP 5.

The name and address of Plaintiff's attorney is:

Kelly Y. Schwab
Michelle Swann
CURTIS, GOODWIN, SULLIVAN, UDALL & SCHWAB, P.L.C.
301 East Thomas Road
Phoenix, Arizona 85012 3205

SIGNED AND SEALED this date:
October 14, 2009
MICHAEL R. JAMES, CLERK OF THE COURT

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Webster Township Regular Board Meeting January 19, 2010

The Webster Township Regular Board Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Supervisor Kingsley on January 19, 2010 at the Township Hall, 5685 Webster Church Road, Chelsea, MI 48130.

Members present: Supervisor Kingsley, Clerk Heller, and Treasurer Whitney. Trustees: Koch, Westman, Estleman & Kleinschmidt, Township Engineer Zoning Administrator Pindza, Washtenaw County Commissioner Gurnet and two citizens.

Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Approve Minutes
Motion Kleinschmidt second Estleman to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on December 15, 2009. All ayes and carried.

Supervisor Remarks:

Approve Agenda
Motion Westman second Koch to approve Agenda as presented. All ayes and carried.

Call to Public

Reports:
A. Treasurer's Report:
Motion Kleinschmidt second Heller to accept Treasurer's report and pay bills as presented as well as those anticipated bills received before the February meeting. Roll call vote, all ayes and carried.

B. Planning Commission:
Report received.

C. Parks & Recreation Committee:
No report received.

D. Zoning Inspectors Report:
Report received. One new permit issued and five zoning inspections.

E. Sheriff's Report:
No report received.

F. Zoning Board of Appeals:
No report received.

G. PDR Committee:
Report received.

H. Fire Department Report:
Report received.

Old Business:

A. Budget Discussion of Township Cost Cutting
Motion Whitney that at the beginning of the fiscal year April 1, 2010 we would pay our Deputy Clerk and Deputy Treasurer \$15.00 per hour up to \$1,000.00 per year motion failed due to lack of second.

Motion Koch second Westman to have a Special Meeting Tuesday February 2, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. for budget discussion. All ayes and carried.

New Business:

A. Webster Township Farmland & Open Space Preservation Board Bylaws

Motion Heller second Kleinschmidt to approve the amended Bylaws of Webster Township Farmland and Open Space Preservation Board. All ayes and carried.

B. Zoning Board of Appeals Board Member Appointment

Motion Kingsley second Heller to appoint Rob Mittel to a three year term that expires on January 2013 on the Zoning Board of Appeals. All ayes and carried.

C. Planning Commission Board Member Appointment

Motion Kingsley second Heller to appoint Gary Koch, Erica Perry and Cynthia Zuccaro to a three year term on the Planning Commission Board. All ayes and carried.

D. Resolution Regarding Poverty Exemption Guidelines

Motion Westman second Kleinschmidt to adopt Resolution Regarding Poverty Exemption Guidelines. All ayes and carried.

E. Farmland & Open Space Preservation Board Members Appointment

Motion Kingsley second to appoint John Westman, Erica Perry and Jean Cares to a two year term that expires January 2012 on the Farmland & Open Space Preservation Board. All ayes and carried.

Treemore Ecology & Land Services Contract

Motion Westman second Estleman to approve contract for Treemore Ecology & Land Services until April 1, 2011. Roll call vote, all ayes and carried.

G. PDR Web Page Discussion only

Correspondence

Call to Public

Adjourn:

Motion Kleinschmidt second Koch to adjourn meeting. Meeting adjourned at 10:28 p.m. All ayes and carried.

Respectfully submitted

Mary Dee Heller, Clerk Webster Township

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Washtenaw County Legal Notice

Washtenaw County Purchasing Division is issuing a Request for Proposal for Solid Waste Disposal & Recycling Services. Detailed specifications may be obtained at the Washtenaw County Finance/Purchasing Department located at 220 North Main Street, Room B-35, Lower Level, Ann Arbor, MI 48104 RFP #518 Due Tuesday, February 16, 2010 by 4:00PM local time. For more information, please call (734) 222-6760 or logon to our website at <http://bids.washtenaw.org> and click on "open bids".

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WEBSTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED BASE LINE LAKE RESIDENTIAL ZONING DISTRICT

THE WEBSTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING AT THEIR REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 17, 2010 AT 7:30 PM AT THE TOWNSHIP HALL, 5685 WEBSTER CHURCH ROAD, CHELSEA, MICHIGAN 48130

PURPOSE: To consider zoning regulations for waterfront properties along Base Line Lake. Copies of the regulations are available at the Township Hall for review or online at www.twp.webster.mi.us.

Written comments may be made in advance by mailing or delivering to the Township Hall at the above address.

Those with disabilities must notify the Township Clerk no less than seven (7) days prior to the meeting, so that accommodations may be furnished to satisfy their disability and allow for meaningful attendance.

Bruce Pindza, P.E., Township Engineer/ Zoning Administrator

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LYNDON TOWNSHIP PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Lyndon Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Thursday, February 18, 2010, at 7:00 PM at 17751 N. Territorial Rd. Chelsea, MI 48118. To discuss the request from the Chelsea Free Methodist Church, 7665 Worker Road, Chelsea, MI 48118, to amend their Special Land Use granted in 1978 in order to operate, as a Church Community Outreach Program by facilitating the rental of their licensed kitchen to a Michigan Non-Profit Corporation (Chelsea Community Kitchen) (Property ID E-05-36-100-008).

Written comments may be sent to: Roxanne Petrie, Lyndon Township, 17751 N. Territorial Rd., Chelsea, MI 48118. The Lyndon Township Planning Commission will provide at the public hearing, if time after the request allows, necessary and reasonable auxiliary aids or services to individuals with disabilities by contacting Lyndon Township in writing or by phone at 734-475-2401.

Linda Reilly, Clerk

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LYNDON TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING

17751 N. Territorial Rd., Chelsea, MI 48118

SUMMARY OF MINUTES January 12, 2010

Meeting called to order at 7:02 PM with a quorum present.

Items approved:

Agenda

Board minutes of 12/08/09 as presented.

Bills as presented.

Tabled Recreation Plan for Lyndon Township pending further information from Carlisle/Worman Associates.

Reappointment of Mary Jane Mase as representative to the Western Washtenaw Recycling Authority for a one-year term ending 12/31/2010, and to

reappoint Robert Mester as alternate representative to the same for a one-year term ending 12/31/2010.

Reappointments of Jerry Nelson, Joyce Bepner, and Michael Grambau as representatives to the Lyndon Township Planning Commission to serve three-year terms ending November 2012.

Approved Board of Review Poverty/Hardship Guidelines Resolution.

Approved pay for any Board Member, Committee Member, or Employee for court appearances on behalf of the Township.

Approved CAPT/DAIR Access Plan Resolution for Lyndon Township.

Approved Silver Lake Settlement Agreement contingent upon Pat Hanniford's review and approval.

Approved First Amendment to Agreement for Connection to

Dexter Township 6880 Dexter-Pinehwy Rd. Dexter, MI 48130 734-426-3767

Summary of Action of the Dexter Township Board of Trustees Regular Board Meeting January 19, 2010

Called to order at 7:01 pm

Members Present: Supervisor Kelly, Treasurer Koozers, Clerk Rider, Trustees Brunsbaker, Knight, Lesser, and Maniejewski.

Also Present: Patrick Sloan, Director of Planning & Zoning.

Absent: None.

The Board approved the Consent Agenda along with General Fund bills totaling \$29,943.49; Fire Fund bills totaling \$65,181.98; Police Fund bills totaling \$22,327.50; and gross January payroll of \$22,407.35.

The Board also approved a resolution to petition the Washtenaw County Water Resources Commission to locate, establish and construct a County Drain under Chapter 4 of the Michigan Drain Code regarding the Copper Meadows Drain Drainage District, authorized contracting with Gerald Aleck Company, L.L.C. to perform a Summary Report approved in accordance with USARP standards, on the property located at 11485 North Territorial for an amount not to exceed \$2,520.00, authorized the Dexter Area Fire Department Chief to determine with the Putnam Township Fire Department Chief, a dual response area for Portage Lake and to provide dual emergency response to the area during

the construction of the new Portage Canal bridge on Dexter-Pinehwy Rd. approved Resolution 10-273, a resolution to adopt poverty exemption guidelines and assist test approved Resolution 10-274, a resolution to allow taxpayers to protect property tax assessments by mail, and approved the Silver and Brule Lake agreements as presented.

The Board discussed the meeting conflict between the Chelsea Area Fire Authority (CAFA) and the Dexter Area Fire Department (DAFD) Board Meeting Schedules. Supervisor Kelly intends to discuss meeting dates with the DAFD Board in an effort to rectify the conflict resulting from CAFA changing their meeting times.

The Board cancelled the Budget Workshop that was originally scheduled for February 9, 2010.

Clerk Rider also reminded the Board and the public that Dexter Township residents in the Pinehwy School District will vote in Putnam Township for the February 23rd Special School Election and that notices and maps have been mailed to all affected voters.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:32 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Harry B. Rider, Clerk, Dexter Township

Summary approved by *Pat Kelly, Supervisor, Dexter Township*

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Multi-Lakes Sewage Disposal System at Bruin Lake contingent upon Pat Hanniford's review and approval.

Added Dart Bank of Mason, MI and Bank of Ann Arbor, Ann Arbor, MI, to the Lyndon Township investment policy.

Meeting adjourned at 9:31 PM.

Prepared by Office Manager, Roxanne Petrie.

Approved by Supervisor John Francis.

Copies of meeting minutes are available upon request from the Township Clerk, or at www.lyndontwp.org. Office hours are 9 AM to Noon, Tues, Wed, and Thurs.

Linda Reilly Township Clerk

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Exemptions and Instructions Motion carried.

The Treasurer's Report was received.

The Zoning Administrator presented his annual report for 2009. Permits were issued for 29 new homes, 4 home additions, 8 decks, 3 pole barns, garages, 1 additional structure, 1 van, 1 temporary building, total permits issued for 2009: 51. In the month of December, permits were issued for 1 new home, a commercial use permit and one home occupation.

Motion by Laker supported by Havens to schedule a work session to review/recommend action on the proposed CAPA amended Articles of Incorporation on January 19, 2010 at 8:

Wrestling

Bulldogs pin down tourney win

By Terry Jacoby
Heritage Newspapers

The Chelsea varsity wrestling team hosted its annual invitational on Saturday and came away with the first-place trophy. In the round-robin tournament, the Bulldogs defeated Milan (45-22), Onsted (36-34), Gibraltar Carlson (79-12) and Carleton Airport (48-21) on the way to the championship match.

In the final, Chelsea toppled L'Anse Creuse 40-30 in a match that came down to the end.

Steve Buss, Andrew Nold and Dakota Cooley went 5-0 on the day for the Bulldogs. Ben Doll, Vince Kause and Travis Ostrowski all went 4-1. Charlie Kempf was 3-0, Ricky Douglas was 2-0 and Chris Millen and Jake Grambeau were both 1-0. Other strong performances were turned in by Taylor Cooley (3-2), Joe Newland (3-2),



Matt Lindauer (2-2) and Tim Shoemaker (2-1).

The Bulldogs had an easy time on Thursday knocking off Ypsilanti Lincoln (69-12) and Ann Arbor Pioneer (63-18) in a quad-meet at Ann Arbor Huron.

Against Lincoln, Chelsea got wins from Taylor Cooley, Doll, Buss, Kause, Nold, Andy Nelson, Newland, Dakota Cooley, Keith

Watkins, Ostrowski, Shoemaker and Kempf.

In the win over Pioneer, Chelsea got wins from Taylor Cooley, Doll, Buss, Kause, Nold, Newland, Dakota Cooley, Lindauer, Watkins, Ostrowski and Shoemaker.

The Bulldogs travel to the Lakeland Invitational on Saturday.



Photos by Mary Kumbier

Steven Buss (top) and Andrew Nold (left) take care of business for the Chelsea wrestling team.



All Mann, left, and the Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne coaching staff talk strategy.

MANN

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been times where I have had a hard time trying to motivate kids because I just want to go do it myself. But those days are over."

It's called turning the page. The hard work that goes with being an assistant coach will hopefully pay off someday for Mann. At least that's the script she's working on at the moment.

"My ultimate goal is to be a head coach at the major college level," she says. "I'm familiar with this level of college basketball and feel comfortable here and feel like I belong here. I would love to create something somewhere like we did at Bowling Green."

Mann has no timetable set to begin her next chapter.

"I'm not concerned at all with how long it takes," she says. "I just know I love the college game. I like the teaching part of it, the recruiting part of it, all of it."

Still, Mann doesn't completely rule out one more chance to lace up the sneakers.

She graduated from Bowling Green with a bachelor's degree in supply chain management in May 2007 after an outstanding career with the Falcons.

Following her graduation, she played professionally in both Luxembourg and Portugal.

"That was a great experience," she says. "They gave me an apartment, a car, money for food so I had no expenses. All the money I made I banked."

The professional leagues overseas for women's basketball allow for only one paid player. And

Mann was it for her two teams. The seasons each lasted four months.

"It was different because some of my teammates were 16 and 17 years old while others were as old as 35," she said. "But I missed the college game too much and wanted to come home."

And what about the WNBA?

"During my senior year at Bowling Green, I got a couple calls from the Chicago Sky," she said. "They told me I was on their radar. But the teams in the WNBA have very small rosters. They are very limited on what they can do with players."

"I never got a tryout and I've always felt like I could compete at that level. I always wanted a shot to see if I could make it. I still think I can."

Mann said if the urge to play was too powerful she would consider going overseas again. But her focus right now is gaining experience as a coach and helping the Mastodons win basketball games. And she knows a little about winning college basketball games.

"We are thrilled to have All on our coaching staff, here at IPFW," head coach Chris Paul said. "She brings the knowledge and experience of a winner, and is a huge asset to our program."

A four-year starter and two-year team captain for BGSU, Mann helped the Falcons compile an overall four-year team record of 103-25, including three Mid-American Conference (MAC) regular season titles, three MAC Tournament titles with a subsequent three NCAA Tournament berths.

During her senior year, she helped lead the Falcons with

NCAA Tournament victories over Oklahoma State and Vanderbilt, giving MAC women's basketball its first-ever "Sweet 16" appearance.

She is just the sixth player in MAC history to have been named the league's Freshman of the Year (2003-04), Tournament Most Valuable Player (2005-06) and League Player of the Year (2006-07) during her career. She was twice named to the All-MAC First Team (2005-06 and 2006-07), once to the second team (2004-05) and once to the honorable mention squad (2003-04). Three times she was named to the MAC All-Tournament Team (2003-04, 2005-06 and 2006-07) and during her freshman year she was named to the MAC All-Freshman Team and to the Texas A&M Corpus Christi Islander Classic All-Tournament Team.

"My time at Bowling Green was the best four years of my life," she said. "I couldn't be happier with how things turned out. I felt comfortable there from the first time I visited. I knew it was where I wanted to be."

And it was her abilities on the floor that helped land her the job "off" the floor.

"We played IPFW when I was at Bowling Green and coach Paul was an assistant at the time and he remembered me as a player," Mann said. "There is an NCAA Web site with job openings and I applied to everyone on it. He (Paul) called me in for an interview and within a week and a half, I was on my way to Fort Wayne with a new job."

And a new career.

So far, Mann's life has been a real page turner. It looks like it's only going to get better.



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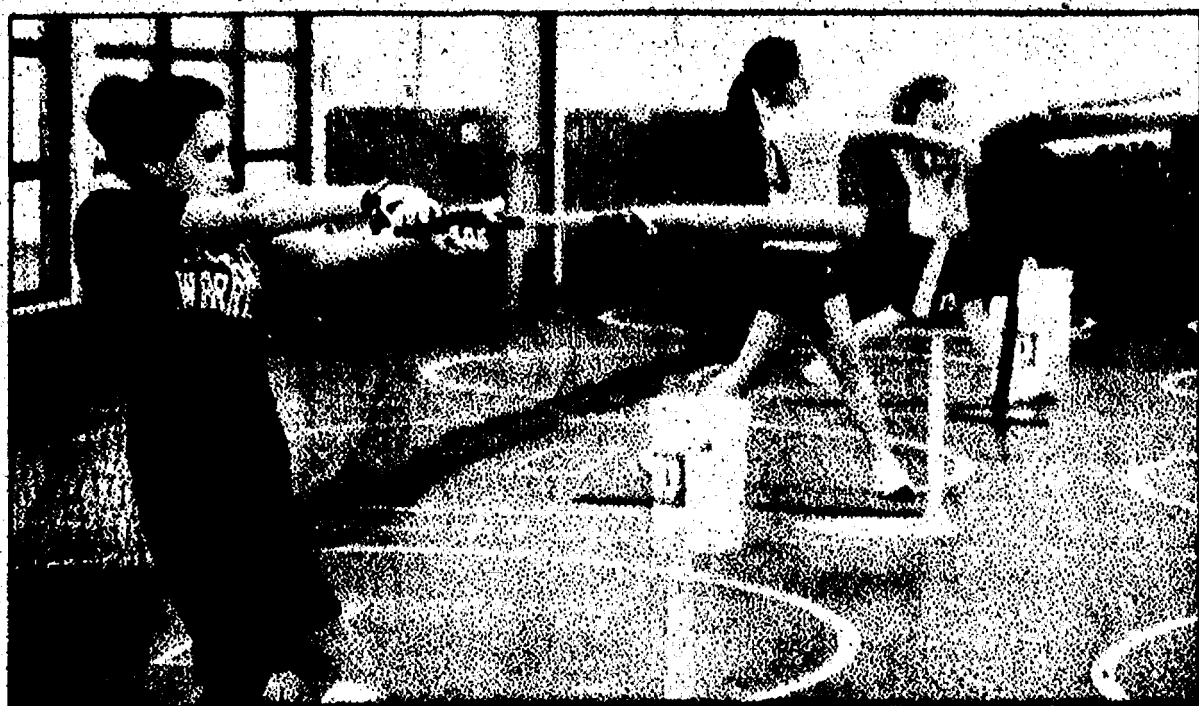
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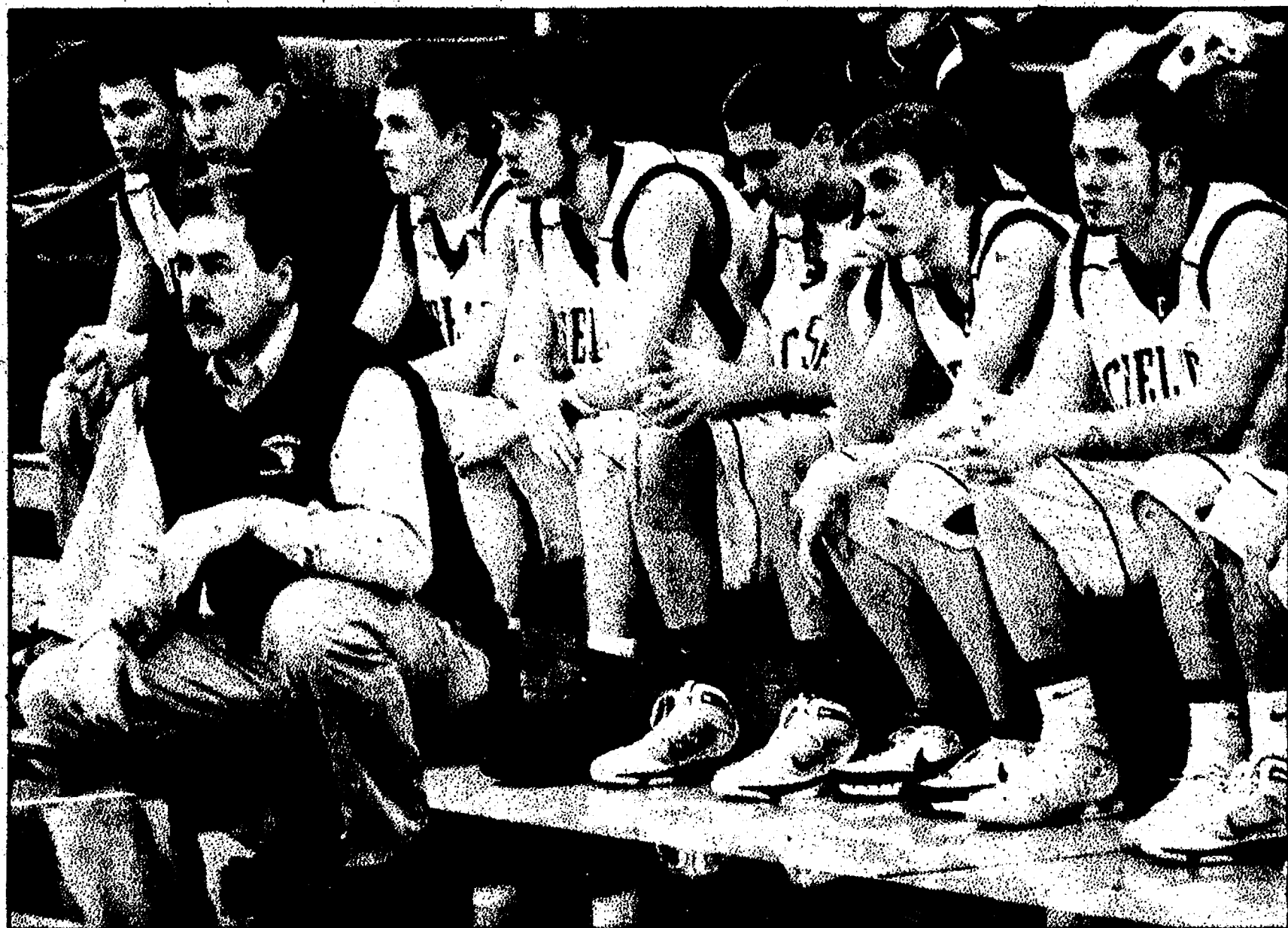


Spaghetti for softball



Olivia Steele and MacKenzie Trester are ready to play ball. Conditioning for the softball season began this month as well as plans for the annual spaghetti dinner. Everyone loves spaghetti and the Chelsea High School softball girls' team is once again hosting a Spaghetti Dinner to help raise money for the team. The dinner will be in the Commons at Chelsea High School from 4:30 to 8 p.m. tomorrow. Cost is \$10 per person or \$25 for a family of four. The menu will include spaghetti, salad, breadsticks and dessert.

Rollercoaster ride



Photos by Burrill Strong
Chelsea Coach Robin Raymond and the Bulldogs are looking for some consistency.

Ypsilanti Lincoln runs past Chelsea

By Terry Jacoby
Heritage Newspapers

Yes, there is snow on the ground and the temperatures are quite chilly, but the Chelsea varsity boys' basketball team thinks it's summer at Michigan Adventure. How else do you explain the Bulldogs' rollercoaster ride so far this season?

After a tough home loss, two weeks ago to Adrian, the Bulldogs went on the road and knocked off Ann Arbor Huron, one of the top teams in the area.

But on Friday, this young team took a ride back to the

bottom with a loss to Ypsilanti Lincoln.

Chelsea Coach Robin Raymond isn't totally surprised by the mixed results.

"This is as good as I've seen this league in a long time," Raymond said. "Every team is having an up year so you have to be ready every night. There are a lot of very good basketball teams."

And the Bulldogs are one of those teams. Just ask Huron.

But on Friday night, the young team from Chelsea had trouble with Ypsilanti Lincoln's speed, quickness and Andrew

Dillon.

"They came in at 6-3 and we knew they were very athletic, very quick," Raymond said. "They like to push the tempo and run the fast break. They have big guards who are quick and that makes them tough to defend. We gave up a lot of layups and didn't play well at all after the first quarter."

Dillon, a dominant player inside for Lincoln, finished with 25 points and 16 rebounds. Three of those rebounds he turned into dunks. The Bulldogs gave up a season-high 20 offensive rebounds

DeAndre Taylor was another problem for Chelsea. The 6-4 guard had 18 points.

"And when he wasn't scoring, he was passing off for layups," Raymond said.

Conor Tait, who had a great game in the win against Huron, led Chelsea with 12 points. Patrick Roberts had 11 points and Jake Steinhauer added five.

The Bulldogs face perhaps the best team in the league on Friday when Ypsilanti visits Chelsea.

"We knew this was going to be a difficult stretch," Raymond said.

Down on the Farm: JV and Freshmen roundup

JV boys' basketball

Scoring 80 points takes a team effort - as does beating Ypsilanti Lincoln. Done and done for the Chelsea junior varsity basketball team. The Bulldogs defeated the visitors on Friday night 80-75 in overtime.

Lincoln led 39-30 at halftime before Chelsea pulled within two points after three quarters.

"We had a number of players make big contributions," said coach Mark Scheese. "Sean O'Quinn and Dominic Davis made some big defensive plays and Cody Barber and Ryan Koenn played well."

The offense came from a number of players. Jacob Fischhaber scored 30 points with Jarred Scheese scoring 18 and Truman Hadley 13. Hadley also had seven rebounds and Scheese had seven assists.

On Tuesday, the Bulldogs fell to Ann Arbor Huron, 72-52.

"It was a fast-paced game," Scheese said. "Huron was undefeated, and we played well in the second half."

Chelsea outscored Huron 14-11 in the fourth quarter.

Scheese led the way with 18 points followed by Jacob Fischhaber with 15 points and six assists. Max Giller and Barber each had three assists.

JV girls' basketball

There were plenty of positives to take from Chelsea's 43-31 win over Adrian last week.

"I really thought we played our best game up to this point in the season," coach Rourke Skelton said. "It was a long

ride and they are a good team, but we came out and really played good defense with Grace Sauers creating opportunities for us to get in transition and score easy baskets off our break." Riley Singleton controlled the paint in the second half, scoring 13 of her game-high 17. Sauers added 12 while Nicole Robbins played well in her first game on JV adding four points.

The Bulldogs lost to Huron 42-27. "We did a great job of competing for the entire game and really made some nice runs in the second half," Skelton said. Singleton scored 10 her 12 points in the second half. Guards Carley Wooster and Allie Smith handled the second half pressure with success.

Against Lincoln, the Bulldogs raced to a 19-3 first-quarter lead and cruised to a 55-16 victory. Chelsea's tough defense held Lincoln to one point in the third quarter. "We really had some great passes against their half-court zone throughout the game," Skelton said.

Sauers and Singleton each had 14 points. Katelyn Kingsley and Wooster each scored nine. Skelton praised the play of Smith, Nicole Robbins and Tess Schuessler.

Freshmen boys' basketball

The Bulldogs picked up their first win of the season on Friday with a 57-50 victory over Lincoln. And it was a team effort as four players scored in double figures. Luke Hollandsworth and Michael Steinhauer each scored 15 while Alex Maloney scored 12 and Zach Rabbitt 10. Craig Centofanti took two charges and Adrian Schuh also played well on the

defensive end. The Bulldogs held Lincoln to 19 first-half points. Chelsea earned its second win of the season with a 40-31 win Monday at Bedford as Chelsea held its opponent to just three points in the first quarter. The Bulldogs won the rebounding battle, 37-18. Hollandsworth and Steinhauer each scored 15.

Freshmen girls' basketball

Call them the comeback kids. The freshmen girls were down 34-18 going into the fourth quarter Friday against Ypsilanti Lincoln. The Bulldogs went on a 27-2 run in the final quarter for an impressive 45-38 victory.

"Autumn Johnson was a spark off the bench defensively and drained a three-pointer for us," said coach Kristin Hendricks. "I'm proud of the girls for not giving up and taking charge of the momentum in the fourth quarter." Laurel Hall and Christina Argiero each had nine points. Gabrielle Lantis scored seven.

Last Tuesday, the Bulldogs lost to Huron 38-31. Argiero had 10 points, Ella Fritzemeier scored eight and Lauren Jolly six.

On Monday, the Chelsea girls defeated Bedford 54-50 in overtime. Margaret Lindauer had 19 points and Christina Argiero 16 to lead the Bulldogs. "The girls played with a lot of passion and determination to win the game," Hendricks said. "I'm so proud of the way they played." Lindauer hit a clutch shot in regulation to send the game into overtime with less than 30 seconds on the clock. Ella Fritzemeier hit two free throws to clinch the victory in overtime.

Bowling



Photo by Burrill Strong

Eddie Greenleaf III rolled a perfect game last week at Chelsea Lanes. The owner of the Chelsea bowling facility and coach of the Bulldogs' bowling team picked up his 300 game as part of the Junior House League last Thursday. He finished with a 759 series.

Bowling Standings

League Name: Junior House

League Standings:		
RED Division		
1	Lloyd Bridges Traveland	103 37
2	Color Express Printing	72 68
3	Hamdon & Assoc.	60 80
4	J & D Auto	53 85 1/2
5	Government Cheese Film	49 91
WHITE Division		
1	Mark IV Lounge	89 51
2	Parts Peddler - Dexter	77 62
3	CFM	77 63
4	Seltz's Tavern	72 68
5	Jay-Mark Associates	54 85 1/2
BLUE Division		
1	La Jolla Shoppe	87 52 1/2
2	Michael's Construction	77 63
3	Cleary's Pub	75 65
4	Herrst Construction & BP	32 107 1/2

H1 Game: 300 E. Greenleaf III
H1 Series: 759 E. Greenleaf III

Floor hockey fun



Photo by Burrill Strong

The Chelsea Recreation Dept. hosts a floor hockey league for young hockey players.



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Mackenzie Cole plays keep away from Huron's Christina Allen.

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very good care of the basketball, committing 38 turnovers. They only had 12 against Lincoln. And Huron took 47 shots from the floor, compared

to only 29 for Chelsea.

Cooperrider was 6 of 8 shooting for a team-high 14 points. Martin made 5 of 7 from the floor for 12 points.

Hall had six points and four steals for the Lady Bulldogs.

Chelsea plays at Lincoln tomorrow.

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EASY #45 MEDIUM #45

Making Waves



The Chelsea boys' swimming and dive team lost to Milan on Tuesday 96-89. Despite the tough loss, the Bulldogs turned in many personal best performances and continue to show improvement.

Chelsea got the meet off to a great start by winning the 200-yard medley relay. Nick Deppner, John Skidmore, Logan Simpson and Blayne Ray swam to a season-best time of 1 minute, 53.84 seconds.

Both teams scored eight points in the 200 freestyle. Top finisher for the Bulldogs was Casey Hirth who swam a solid 2:02.97 for second place. Andrew Wickens had a season-best time of 2:09.06 to finish third and Phillip Wilson was fifth in 2:15.34.

The Bulldogs outscored the Big Reds in the 200 IM. Skidmore was second in 2:20.10 clocking while Simpson was third (2:20.56) and Deppner fourth (2:28.22). Chelsea came right back in the 50 freestyle with another 2-3-4 finish with freshman Nick Burris taking second with a season-best time of 24.00. Jacob Bogarin was third (24.23) and Blayne Ray fourth (24.72).

Chelsea's strong suit all season has been their superior diving. It continued against Milan with Michael Heydlauff leading the way with a first-place performance of 210.35 points. Colby Wrathall was second (208.80) and Robby Everard fifth with a season-best 111.65 points.

Chelsea led by 12 points after diving. Chelsea continued to outscore Milan in the 100 butterfly with another 2-3-4 finish. Casey Hirth was second with a season-best time of 1:00.76. Wickens was third in 1:02.16 and Simpson fourth in 1:03.09.

"We were up by 14 points at this point and we knew we could pull off an upset," coach Dave Jolly said.

Milan responded by going one-two in the



Photos by Burrill Strong

Freshmen Tommy Olsen (top photo) and Nick Deppner (above) are proving the future for Chelsea swimming is bright.

100 freestyle. Burris continued to improve, posting his best time of the season at 54.31 to take third and Bogarin was fourth in 55.15.

Chelsea came right back by taking first and second in the 500 freestyle. Blayne Ray swam a career best in the event to capture first in 5:48.81. Phillip Wilson was second with a solid time of 6:06.67.

Chelsea managed only a second-place finish in the 200 freestyle relay as their lack of depth began to surface. Bogarin, Burris, Wickens and Hirth finished with a team-best 1:37.07.

Deppner was the lone scorer in the 100 backstroke placing second overall with a time of 1:06.27.

Suddenly, the lead was down to two points.

John Skidmore gave it his all as he was just touched out for first place in the 100 breaststroke. He did post his season-best time in the event. Zach Ousley took fourth place in 1:16.31.

The Bulldogs now trailed the Big Reds by four points going into the last event of the evening. If they were to pull off the upset they would have to capture first and third in the event. But they came up short, taking second and third.

Bogarin, Wickens, Hirth and Burris swam a season-best time of 3:46.47 to take second.

Chelsea swam a double dual meet on Thursday. The Bulldogs lost to Dexter, 124-61, and to Adrian, 112-73.

"Chelsea swam Jackson High School on Tuesday and take on SEC foe Bedford today.

Bulldogs win

By Terry Jacoby

Heritage Newspapers

Welcome home, Bulldogs.

After six consecutive games on the road, the Chelsea hockey team returned to the Arctic Coliseum on Saturday to face Downriver power Woodhaven. The Bulldogs probably didn't need directions to their own arena, but it had to feel good to be back on familiar ice.

And they responded.

After a scoreless first period, Chelsea came out strong in the second, scoring three times in a 4-2 win over the Warriors. Woodhaven came into the game with an impressive 11-2 record.

Sophomore Kyle Whipple got the Bulldogs on the board with a power-play goal at 2:40 with assists from senior Dan Hudson and sophomore Joe Hewitt.

Sophomore Austin Sullens - yes, this team is young - made it 2-0 at 7:48 with an assist from senior Jesse Forner.

After Woodhaven cut the lead in half, Chelsea took a 3-1 lead on a goal by senior Jason Doyle. Junior Dylan Laidlaw and freshman Jacob Ryan had assists. The Bulldogs added a third-period goal when sophomore Brad Hepler scored from Hewitt and Hudson at 4:08.

The Warriors scored at 7:42 of the third period to finish the scoring.

Senior Matt Darr had

On the Web

The Chelsea Bulldogs played at Dexter yesterday in the second meeting of the season between the two rivals. For a complete game report, log onto www.heritage.com.

27 saves for the winners. Woodhaven outshot Chelsea 29-23.

"Matt played well in goal and we had a good game in front of him," coach Don Wright said. "They got a lot of shots, but we did a good job limiting their good shots on net. Overall, I thought we played very well."

On Friday, the Bulldogs fell at Canton 8-2.

"We had our chances, but couldn't put the puck in the net and they made the most of their chances," Wright said.

Canton took a 3-0 lead and led 6-1 after two periods.

Hudson scored in the second period for Chelsea with assists from Hepler and Whipple. Doyle scored in the third period with an assist from Forner.

Darr allowed six goals while sophomore Chris Boyd allowed two.

The Bulldogs, who played rival Dexter yesterday play at 8 p.m. Saturday at Lumen Christi.

January is FAMILY FIT MONTH



Invitation to Bid Dexter Community Schools Phase 2 Work

Bid Package No. 7 Bates Elementary School 2010 Renovations. Work includes entry vestibule remodeling, visual display boards, food service equipment, plumbing fixture replacement, lighting upgrades, and flooring replacement.

Bid Package No. 8 Copeland Administrative Building 2010 Renovations. Work includes door replacement, roof replacement, window replacement, mechanical upgrades, plumbing fixture replacement, lighting upgrades, and flooring replacement.

Bid Package No. 9 Cornerstone Elementary School 2010 Renovations. Work includes door replacement, food service equipment, mechanical upgrades, plumbing fixture replacement, lighting upgrades, and flooring replacement.

An optional joint pre-bid meeting for bid packages 7, 8 & 9 will be February 3 at 9:00 a.m. at Granger Site Office 8100 Shield Rd. Dexter, MI 48130.

Bid Package No. 10 Mill Creek Middle School 2010 Renovations & Outbuildings. Work includes door replacement, flashing repair, flooring replacement, food service equipment, vestibule addition, mechanical upgrades, plumbing fixture replacement, lighting upgrades, and pavilion and toilet building construction. An optional joint pre-bid meeting for bid package 10 will be February 3 at 10:00 a.m. at Granger Site Office 8100 Shield Rd. Dexter, MI 48130.

Bid Package No. 11 Wylie Elementary School 2010 Renovations. Work includes door replacement, roof replacement, pool equipment replacement, pool deck tile replacement, mechanical room addition, food service equipment, mechanical upgrades, plumbing fixture replacement, lighting upgrades, and flooring replacement. An optional joint pre-bid meeting for bid package 10 will be February 3 at 11:00 a.m. at Granger Site Office 8100 Shield Rd. Dexter, MI 48130.

Bid documents are available via ftp at <https://docs.grangerconstruction.com> User ID: Dexter Bidder, Password: Bid10101.

Bid proposals must be received prior to 1:00 p.m. on February 25, 2010 according to Project Manual Section 002113 Instructions to Bidders.

Bid security, in the form of bonds, must be submitted with all bids. EEO M/F/H/V. All bidders will be required to provide financial disclosure in compliance with MCL 380-1287. The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, to accept other than a low bid, and to waive informalities, irregularities and/or errors in proposals. Owner: Dexter Community Schools, Construction Manager: Granger Construction, Lansing, MI. Architect: Kingseott Associates, Kalamazoo, MI. For more information contact Granger Construction at 734-424-5126.

Beach takes fourth in Erie Mason

The Beach Middle School swim team finished fourth with 163 points at the Erie Mason Invitational on Saturday. Dexter won the meet with 434 points. Adrian was second (281.5) and Milan third (224.5).

Eight-grader David Alday led the way with his first-place finish in the 200 freestyle and set a new school record with his second-place time of 1 minute, 26 seconds in the 100 backstroke. The old record of 1:02.36 was set by Andy Hack in 1997.

Alday also anchored the second-place 200 freestyle relay with James Hansen, Ben Thoms and Jacob Hartman. The same foursome was third in the 400 freestyle relay.

Other top 12 finishers included the 200 medley relay team of Josie Ewald, Kaylin Zocharski, Alex Duncan and Nikki Atchley in 11th place.

Hartman was sixth in the 200 freestyle. Thoms placed tenth in the 100 IM and seventh in the 100 breaststroke. In the 50 freestyle, Hansen was fourth, Bram Parkinson 11th and Max Lonnemo 12th. Hansen also placed fifth in the 100 freestyle.

Kayla Whipple was third in the 1-meter diving event with Jacob Burris sixth. Jante Bush eighth and Sean Lyons 10th. The 200 freestyle relay team of



The team of David Alday (front row), Ben Thoms, James Hansen (back row) and Jacob Hartman was second in the 200 freestyle relay and third in the 400 relay on Saturday.

Ewald, Parkinson, Lonnemo and Atchley was 12th and the 400 freestyle relay team of Kat

Haroney, Parkinson, Lonnemo and Madison Nelson placed 10th. In earlier action, the Beach

swim team lost to visiting Dexter in a dual-meet 117-53.

The 200 medley relay team of Alday, Hansen, Lonnemo and Parkinson placed third and Maddie Doman, Atchley, Ewald and Duncan placed sixth. In the 200 freestyle, Thoms was second, Hartman fourth and Sam Almhemid sixth. Hansen won the 100 IM followed by Atchley in fifth place.

In the 50 freestyle, Lonnemo was fourth, Parkinson fifth and Johnny Mangner sixth. Whipple was second in diving, Burris fourth and Lyons sixth. In the 50 butterfly, Ewald was third, Lonnemo fourth and Duncan fifth. Alday won the 100 freestyle with Almhemid fifth and Parkinson sixth. The 200 freestyle relay team of Almhemid, Thoms, Hartman and Hansen placed third and Zocharski, Duncan, Nelson and Mangner sixth.

Alday won the 100 backstroke, Atchley was fifth and Doman sixth. In the 100 breaststroke, Hansen was fourth, Zocharski fifth and Drew Deppner sixth.

The 400 freestyle relay team of Thoms, Almhemid, Hartman and Alday finished second; Lonnemo, Haroney, Ewald, and Parkinson were fifth; and Tyler Lukomski, Maria Elie, Miles Fischer and Mangner sixth.

Learn to skate



The Learn to Skate program at the Arctic Coliseum in Chelsea for the winter session is under way and has attracted quite a few young skaters. The program is on Thursday evening. Classes for this session are full, but there are still openings for the Saturday morning program. Learn to Skate is a great way to learn how to skate, make new friends in a safe and fun environment. For information on any of the programs at the Arctic Coliseum, log onto www.arcticcoliseum.net or call 734-433-4444.



OUTDOORS

Friendship with archer worth more than medals

The Novi Expo is one of the largest outdoor shows in the country. Recently, it was in full swing with thousands of people milling about along with outdoor vendors showing off their products.

I remember how difficult it was to find a parking spot, let alone the long walk to the main doors. I got a few stares and double takes as I made my way inside this expansive building carrying my cased longbow and wooden arrows. I vividly remember how loud it was. The announcer came over the overhead speakers and promoted various things such as the fishing equipment and camping areas.

What impressed me the most were the hunting outfitters that came from all over the world in the hopes of snagging a few Michigan dollars.

The announcer spoke again thanking everyone for coming to the 1995 Novi Expo and asked all archers to make their way to the back of the building.

I was so nervous as I made my way through the crowds of people. I was attempting to qualify for the upcoming World Championships sponsored by the International Bow Hunting Organization (IBO). It's difficult enough to walk around with all these people, but almost impossible carrying my archery equipment.

I finally broke free from the main area and was shocked to witness the sea of archers on the shooting line, not to mention the mass of archers waiting their turn to shoot. "Who am I kidding," I thought to myself as my nervousness turned into a near panic.

I got in line with the other archers and finally made it to the registration table. I gave them my money and

TAYLOR MADE ADVENTURES



RICK TAYLOR

waited for my turn to shoot. An older gentleman who worked the event took the time to ask if I had any questions. He could tell I was nervous and helped me gather my wits. He told me about the rules and then told me who to worry about. And that's when it happened.

He pointed out this tall guy already on the shooting line. "That's Bill Powell," the man said. "He's an excellent archer and always does well."

And, just like that, I hated Bill Powell. I had to hate him because he was my competition.

I watched Bill shoot the rest of his targets and turn in his scorecard. I wanted to meet my adversary so I slowly made my way up to him and introduced myself.

Well, I learned two things that day. The first is that Bill is amazingly gracious and easy to talk to. The second is that Bill and I shoot in different divisions since he shoots a recurve bow and I shoot a long bow. Bill suggested we shoot upcoming archery competitions together on that day at the Expo. Little did I know that we'd shoot hundreds of times together over the years. Whew...talk about an auspicious beginning to a won-

derful friendship that has lasted many years.

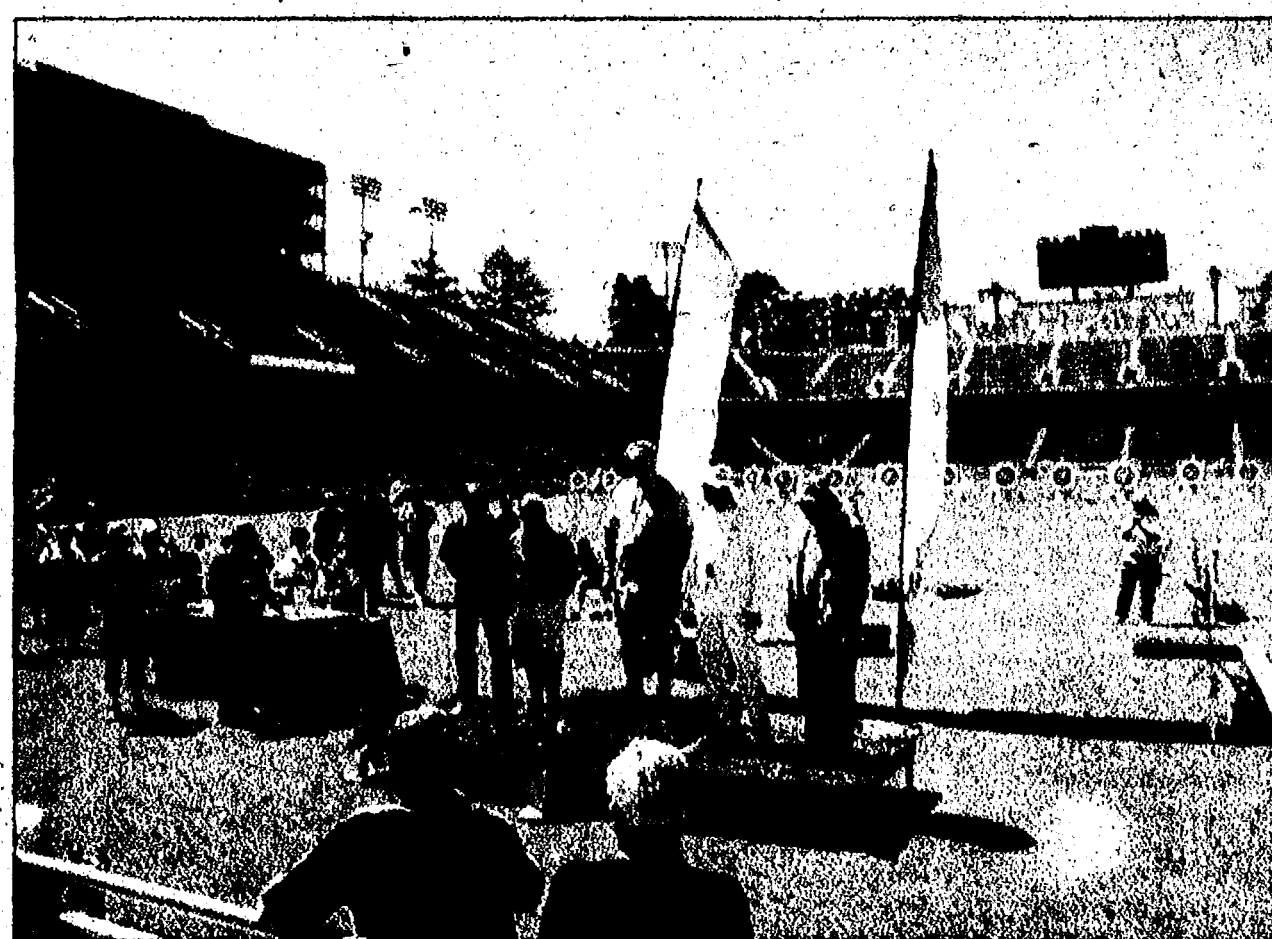
Bill is an amazing archer to say the least. More importantly, he's the most humble archer I know. He never talks about his accomplishments and they are many.

Most recently, Bill stood tallest on the podium winning the gold medal at the 2009 Senior Olympics, held near San Francisco. Bill not only took the gold, but he also shattered the national record. Bill has also won the IBO Indoor World Championships three times -- that's right, three times. The list goes on and on. I'm not even going to talk about the state titles Bill has won, otherwise we'd be here all day. More importantly, my archery titles came as a direct result of Bill's mentoring ability.

To say we have many fond memories would be an understatement. We've traveled many miles together shooting some of the toughest tournaments and have hunted together, as well. Bill was a fantastic mentor and friend. We've hunted Javelina and Mule Deer in Arizona along with Whitetail deer throughout Michigan.

One of our funniest memories occurred on the Javelina hunt many years ago. There's nothing barren about the Arizona desert. There are mountains, draws and many species of cacti, including the majestic saguaro cactus. Bill and I were quietly stalking the desert when I suddenly felt this unimaginable pain in my right elbow. I quickly looked over and saw a chunk of "jumping cactus" that had come off the main cactus embedded in my elbow. The pain was so intense that my right elbow became paralyzed. I literally couldn't move it. I called Bill on the two-way radio and told him what happened and asked him to help me remove the cactus from my elbow.

I forgot that the other group of hunters with us could also hear my pleading on the radio. They thought I was quite wimpy about this and they all got a good laugh hearing my pleas over the radio. Bill came on over with a smirk on his face and opened up his multi-tool. He also thought I was acting like a baby. That was, however, until his pliers slipped off a thorn as he pulled on one of the one and a half-inch long thorns. They actually made this horrible "popping" sound as he jerked them out of my elbow. It's funny now thinking about it, but it sure wasn't funny at the time.



Bill Powell stands on the podium with his gold medal at last year's Senior Olympics.

Bill had worked as an inspector for North West Airlines, but had to retire in 2005 due to NWA's financial problems. If you think your job is tough then listen to this. Bill had to certify that commercial jets were safe to fly after the airline mechanics worked on it. Bill would have to use ultra sounds, x-rays, visual inspections, etc., before making the determination that a plane was good to go. I cannot imagine that kind of responsibility.

Bill took early retirement from NWA and now works for Connie Kalitta near his home in Mio. Sadly, this necessary decision halted our ability to shoot together like we had for so many years. But, that's life isn't it? My life has also changed on many levels. I'm divorced, a single dad and I don't shoot competitively anymore. But, the reality is that I'm okay with that. I'm glad to take on the role as a father and wouldn't want it any other way. I may even consider shooting competitively again when my son is older and out of school, who knows?

The one thing I do know is that I miss my friend and mentor. On the other hand, I've got my own family now and I wouldn't change it for anything. I met up with Bill at the Dexter Pub in order to write this story. Bill was coming down here to have minor eye surgery. We took this opportunity to catch up on things and joke about the old times. Bill told me that he's currently working with the 4-H club in Mio -- they're putting together

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Bill Powell's official scorecard from the 2009 archery Senior Olympics.

an archery program for the kids up there. They're still working on a building so they can shoot indoors in the winter time.

Bill also discussed his passion for bow hunting and what he gets out of it. I've never known Bill to hunt from a tree stand, he's always hunted from the ground for as long as I've known him. He prefers to conceal himself in a ground blind and allow deer to get within a yard or two from him without ever being detected. Bill explains that he sees all kinds of game and enjoys the challenge of the hunt itself. It's not about killing the deer, but rather outwitting the deer. Many deer walk by Bill and live to tell the tale, yet they never even knew Bill was there to begin with.

Bill credits his hunting ability to his dad. Bill was introduced to hunting at a young

age. Bill's dad would have him and his brother follow the deer tracks in the woods and push the deer back to his dad while hunting. Bill was about 12 years old at the time and became an expert in tracking deer and understanding their behavior.

Bill and I are talking about doing another Javelina hunt in Arizona. I'll make sure to stay away from the cactus this time.

I'd like to thank Bill for his friendship both on and off the archery course. If you have a talent and want to share your experience with someone then please consider doing so. I never would have done as well in my archery accomplishments without Bill's help.

Your comments and story ideas are always welcome. Please feel free to call me at (734) 223-5656 or email me at rtaylor@reinheartrealtors.com



Bill Powell stands with his archery gold medal at the Senior Olympics in 2007.

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STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF WASHTENAW
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Decedent's Estate
FILE NO. 09-1073-DE

Estate of Jane E. Burham
Date of Birth: 06/06/1923

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS:
The decedent, Jane E. Burham, who lived at 1133 Huron St., Saline, MI, died March 20, 2009.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to BETSY SUE SHAWMONT, named personal representative of the estate, within four months after the date of publication of this notice.

Dated January 25, 2010

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Pertaining to the Superior Township Zoning Ordinance

Please take notice that a Resolution to Amend Fees

Pertaining to the Superior Township Zoning Ordinance was adopted at the regular meeting of the Superior Township Board of Trustees on January 19, 2010, at the Superior Charter Township Hall located at 3040 N. Prospect Road, Ypsilanti, MI 48198. The Resolution amends the regular in which administrative fees are charged for the processing of Township Ordinance applications.

Publication of this Resolution was made by posting in the Office of the Clerk, 3040 N. Prospect Road, Ypsilanti, MI 48198, and on the Township website www.superior-twp.org.

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STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF WASHTENAW

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Decedent's Estate

FILE NO. 09-1174-DE

Estate of HAZEL OLTHA JOHNSON, Date of Birth: 10/31/1914.

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS:
The decedent, Hazel Oltha Johnson, who lived at 1200 Eastlawn Road, Ann Arbor, Michigan, died September 14, 2009.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Kathryn M. Johnson, named personal representative of the estate, within four months after the date of publication of this notice January 28, 2010.

Kathryn M. Johnson
2300 Fuller Court
Ann Arbor, MI 48105
(734) 913-6300

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STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF WASHTENAW

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Decedent's Estate

FILE NO. 09-1174-DE

Estate of Elba Carmody, deceased Date of Birth April 10, 1930

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS:
The decedent, Elba Carmody, who lived at 3145 Fort Lane, Dexter, Michigan, died November 9, 2009.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to William J. Carmody, named personal representative of the estate, within four months after the date of publication of this notice.

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As of the date of this Notice there is claimed to be due for principal and interest on the Mortgage the sum of Two Hundred Fifteen Thousand Five Hundred Ninety Five and 63/100 Dollars (\$215,595.63). No suit or proceeding at law has been instituted to recover the debt secured by the Mortgage or any part thereof.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of the power of sale contained in the Mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, and to pay the above amount, with interest as provided in the Mortgage, and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and all taxes and insurance premiums paid by the undersigned before sale, the Mortgage will be foreclosed by sale of the mortgaged premises at public vendue to the highest bidder at the main lobby of the Circuit Courthouse, Huron Street entrance, located in Ann Arbor, Michigan on Thursday, February 25, 2010, at ten o'clock in the forenoon. The premises covered by the Mortgage are situated in the Township of Freedom, County of Washtenaw, State of Michigan, and are described as follows:

The West 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 36, T3S, R4E, Freedom Township, Washtenaw County, Michigan, except the Eastern 50 feet of the North 1/2 thereof, excepting therefrom land deeded to the Township of Freedom by deed recorded in Liber 129, Page 540, described as: commencing at the intersection of the North and South 1/4 line and the highway running East and West, now known as Saline-Waterworks Road, thence South 160 rods, thence East 80 rods, thence West 4 rods, thence North 160 rods, thence West 4 rods to the place of beginning, this land is to be used for public highway in the Township of Freedom, County and State aforesaid, being all in Section 36 of Freedom.

Also excepting therefrom land deeded to the Board of County Road Commissioners recorded in Liber 341, Page 572, Washtenaw County Records, described as: a parcel of land in the Southwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 36, T3S, R4E, Freedom Township, Washtenaw County, Michigan and more particularly described as follows: Beginning at a pipe in the South line of Section 36, T3S, R4E, Washtenaw County, Michigan which pipe is 66 foot North 88°49'39" East of the South 1/4 corner of said Section 36, thence North 0°49'39" East 401.0 feet to a pipe, thence South 17°45'41" East 418.16 feet to a pipe in the South line of said Section 36, thence North 88°49'39" West 133.4 feet along the South line of the aforesaid Section 36 to the point of beginning, exclusive of that portion contained in the present right of way.

Also excepting the North 800 feet of the above described property

Together with all the fixtures, tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances belonging or in any way appertaining to this real estate.

Commonly known as: 0 Boelter Road, Freedom Township, Washtenaw County, Michigan.

PP # N-14-36-400-016

Notice is further given that the length of the redemption period will be one (1) year from the date of sale, unless the premises are abandoned. If the premises are abandoned, the redemption period will be the later of thirty (30) days from the date of the sale or expiration of fifteen (15) days after the Mortgage is given notice pursuant to MCLA §600.3241a(c) stating that the premises are considered abandoned unless Mortgagor, Mortgagor's heirs, executor, or administrator, or a person lawfully claiming from or under one (1) of them gives the written notice required by MCLA §600.3241a(c) stating that the premises are not abandoned.

Dated: January 21, 2010

GREENSTONE FARM CREDIT SERVICES, FLCA

Mortgagee

Timothy Hillegonds

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Public Hearing Notice

City of Ypsilanti City Council

Tuesday, February 16, 2010

The City of Ypsilanti Council will be holding a public hearing on the following items at its February 16, 2010 meeting. The meeting will be held in the Council Chambers of the City Hall, One South Huron Street, Ypsilanti, Michigan 48197, beginning at 7:00 pm.

Ordinance to vacate a portion of Collegewood right-of-way

In 2001, the City Council resolved to not improve a section of the Collegewood Drive right-of-way in order to facilitate the construction of Eastern Michigan University's President's house. That project has been completed, and the University has asked that the City vacate its remaining interest in the right-of-way. The Council will consider a resolution vacating and relinquishing all interest in the portion of the Collegewood right-of-way running from the western edge of Lot 63 of University Estates to the eastern edge of the Hewitt Road right-of-way. This section of Collegewood is bounded only by land owned by the University.

All interested citizens are invited to attend this meeting and to send written comments to the City of Ypsilanti, Planning and Development Department, One South Huron Street, Ypsilanti, Michigan 48197. For further information, please call 734-483-9646.

The City of Ypsilanti encourages persons with disabilities to participate and will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting to individuals with disabilities upon two days notice to the City of Ypsilanti. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the City of Ypsilanti by writing or calling the following:

City Clerk's Office

One South Huron Street

Ypsilanti, Michigan 48197

(734) 483-1100

Frances McMillan

City Clerk

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To: Jerry Page 1583 Wingate Boulevard Ypsilanti, MI 48198 County: Washtenaw

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NOTICE OF MODIFICATION OPPORTUNITY Borrowers: Linda Carrick Property Address: 9066 Augusta Street, Willis, MI 48191-0000 Pursuant to MCL 600.3205a please be advised of the following: you have a right to request a meeting with the mortgage holder or mortgage servicer. The name of the firm designated as the representative of the mortgage servicer is: Randall S. Miller & Associates, PC, and designee can be contacted at the address and phone number below. You may contact a housing counselor by visiting the Michigan State Housing Development Authority ("MSHDA") website at: http://www.mshda.info/counseling_search/ or by calling 1-800-A-SHelter. 24 hours a day, seven days a week, year-round. If a meeting is requested with the designee shown above, foreclosure proceedings will NOT be commenced until 90 days after the date the notice mailed to you on 01/28/2010. If an agreement is reached to modify your mortgage loan the mortgage will NOT be foreclosed if you abide by the terms of the agreement. You have the right to contact an attorney. The website for the Michigan State Bar Lawyer Referral Service is: http://www.michbar.org/programs/lawyerreferral.cfm and the toll free number is: 800-968-0738. You may bring an action in circuit court if you are required by law to be served notice and foreclosure proceedings are commenced, without such notice having been served upon you. If you have previously agreed to modify your mortgage loan within the past twelve (12) months under the terms of the above statute, you are not eligible to participate in this program unless you have complied with the terms of the mortgage loan, as modified. Notice given by: Randall S. Miller Randall S. Miller & Associates, PC, 43252 Woodward Avenue, Suite 180 Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302 313-883-3336 (Loan Modification Dept.) loanmod@millerlaw.biz Case No. 100MI00085-1 Dated: January 28, 2010 PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT THIS OFFICE MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. ASAP# 3428118 01/28/2010

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B 21 Viola E. Mines
M 07 Kim Grantham
I 08 Charlene Coleman
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Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority

ANNOUNCEMENT FOR PUBLIC HEARING

The Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority will conduct a public hearing on its plan to construct three miles of paved bike-trails along the Huron River, Dexter Township, Washtenaw County, Michigan.

The hearing will be conducted on Tuesday, February 16, 2010 at 7:00 PM, E.S.T. at the Activity Center of Huron Hills Metropolitan, 880 North Territorial Road, Dexter, Michigan, 48130.

The purpose of the hearing is to discuss the project and to provide interested parties the opportunity to comment. Plans for this project will be available for review prior to the hearing in the office of the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority located at 13000 High Ridge Drive, Brighton, Michigan beginning February 1, 2010. Contact Susan Hyatt, Chief Park Planner, at 800-477-2757 or susan.hyatt@hcmra.org for more information. Written comments should be mailed to the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority to the attention of Susan Hyatt.

Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority
Gregory J. Alms
Secretary

Published: January 28, 2010

NOTICE OF MODIFICATION OPPORTUNITY Borrowers: Amanda Case Property Address: 540 Pinewood, Ypsilanti, MI 48198 Pursuant to MCL 600.3205a please be advised of the following: You have a right to request a meeting with the mortgage holder or mortgage servicer. The name of the firm designated as the representative of the mortgage servicer is: Randall S. Miller & Associates, PC, and designee can be contacted at the address and phone number below. You may contact a housing counselor by visiting the Michigan State Housing Development Authority's website at: http://www.mshda.info/counseling_search/ or by calling 1-800-A-SHelter. 24 hours a day, seven days a week, year-round. If a meeting is requested with the designee shown above, foreclosure proceedings will NOT be commenced until 90 days after the date the notice mailed to you on 01/25/2010. If an agreement is reached to modify your mortgage loan the mortgage will NOT be foreclosed if you abide by the terms of the agreement. You have the right to contact an attorney. The website for the Michigan State Bar Lawyer Referral Service is: http://www.michbar.org/programs/lawyerreferral.cfm and the toll free number is: 800-968-0738. You may bring an action in circuit court if you are required by law to be served notice and foreclosure proceedings are commenced, without such notice having been served upon you. If you have previously agreed to modify your mortgage loan within the past twelve (12) months under the terms of the above statute, you are not eligible to participate in this program unless you have complied with the terms of the mortgage loan, as modified. Notice given by: Randall S. Miller Randall S. Miller & Associates, PC, 43252 Woodward Avenue, Suite 180 Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302 313-883-3336 (Loan Modification Dept.) loanmod@millerlaw.biz Case No. 100MI00021-1 Dated: January 28, 2010 PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT THIS OFFICE MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. ASAP# 3423028 01/28/2010

FORECLOSURE NOTICE RANDALL S. MILLER & ASSOCIATES, PC IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY SERVICE, PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE, AS YOU ARE ENTITLED TO SPECIAL PROTECTIONS. Mortgage Sale Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Jacqueline Reed, aka Jacqueline D.W. Reed and Glenn Reed, Wife and Husband to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Parkway Financial, LLC. Mortgage dated February 27, 2007, and recorded on March 28, 2007 in Liber 4616, Page 660, Washtenaw County Records, said mortgage was assigned to HSBC Bank USA, N.A., as Trustee on behalf of ACE Securities Corp. Home Equity Loan Trust and for the registered holders of ACE Securities Corp. Home Equity Loan Trust, Series 2007-ASAP2, Asset Backed Pass-Through Certificates by an Assignment of Mortgage dated June 10, 2009 and recorded June 22, 2009 in Liber 4739, Page 589, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Four Thousand Three Hundred Fifty-Eight and 41/100 (\$124,358.41) including interest at the rate of 8.000000% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the Circuit Court in said Washtenaw County, where the premises to be sold or some part of them are situated, at 10:00 AM on February 11, 2010. Said premises are situated in the Township of Ypsilanti, Washtenaw County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 550, Nancy Park Subdivision No. 7, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Liber 13 of Plats, Pages 38 and 39, Washtenaw County records. Commonly known as: 2044 Harmon Street. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days after statutory notice, whichever is later. Dated: January 14, 2010. Randall S. Miller & Associates, PC, Attorneys for HSBC Bank USA, N.A., as Trustee on behalf of ACE Securities Corp. Home Equity Loan Trust and for the registered holders of ACE Securities Corp. Home Equity Loan Trust, Series 2007-ASAP2, Asset Backed Pass-Through Certificates 43252 Woodward Avenue, Suite 180 Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302 248-935-9200 Case No. 258.00425-4 ASAP# 3403986 01/14/2010, 01/21/2010, 01/28/2010, 02/04/2010.

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FORECLOSURE NOTICE In the event this property is claimed as a principal residence exempt from tax under section 70c of the general property tax act, 1893 PA 206, MCL 70c please contact our office at (248) 844-5123. This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for this purpose. If you are in the Military, please contact our office at the number listed below. **MORTGAGE SALE - Default** has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Calvin West, A Single Man to Interbay Funding, LLC. Mortgage, dated May 2, 2006 and recorded June 13, 2006 in Liber 4583 Page 591 Washtenaw County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was assigned to Bayview Loan Servicing, LLC, by assignment dated December 27, 2007 and recorded February 27, 2008 in Liber 4667, Page 473, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Eighty-Five Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty-Eight Dollars and Five Cents (\$185,938.05) including interest 10% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, Circuit Court of Washtenaw County at 10:00AM on February 11, 2010. Said premises are situated in City of Ypsilanti, Washtenaw County, Michigan, and are described as: Beginning at the intersection of the Southern line of West Michigan Avenue (U.S.12) with the Eastern line of First Ave., French Claim 690, Town 3 South, Range 7 East, thence North 55 degrees 10 minutes 20 seconds East, 142.85 feet along the Southern line of West Michigan Avenue to a point which lies South 55 degrees 10 minutes 20 seconds East, 593.80 feet along the Southern line of West Michigan Avenue from the Western line of Hawkins St., thence South 34 degrees 49 minutes 40 seconds East, 102.64 feet, thence South 56 degrees 07 minutes 00 seconds West, 72.20 feet along the Northern line of Worden City Gardens, an unrecorded subdivision and the Western extension of said Northern line, thence South 01 degrees 52 minutes 10 seconds East 9.73 feet, thence South 88 degrees 27 minutes 20 seconds West, 114.61 feet, thence North 01 degrees 32 minutes 40 seconds West, 55.94 feet along the Eastern line of First Ave. to the point of beginning, being a part of said French Claim 690, Town 3 South, Range 7 East. Commonly known as 915 W. Michigan Ave. Ypsilanti MI 48197. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241(c), whichever is later. Dated: 1/17/2010 Bayview Loan Servicing, LLC, Assignee of Mortgagee Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, PC, 811 South Blvd. Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248) 844-5123 Our File No: 09-16877 ASAP# 3385989 01/14/2010, 01/21/2010, 01/28/2010, 02/04/2010

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THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE: Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Michael Pepper, a single man and Lindsey Thacker, a single woman, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgage, dated August 7, 2006 and recorded August 15, 2006 in Liber 4576, Page 226, Washtenaw County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by HSBC Bank USA, National Association, as Trustee for Nomura Asset Acceptance Corporation Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-AR4 by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Nineteen Thousand Four Hundred and 73/100 Dollars (\$119,045.73) including interest at 7.5% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the or in the Main Lobby of Washtenaw County Courthouse Huron Street entrance in Ann Arbor, MI in Washtenaw County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on FEBRUARY 4, 2010. Said premises are located in the Township of Pittsfield, Washtenaw County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 13, Oak Hill Subdivision, as recorded in Liber 11 of Plats, Page 5, Washtenaw County Records. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foregoing mortgage can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights. Dated: January 7, 2010 Orleans Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 248-502-1400 File No. 306.3227 ASAP# 3400092 01/07/2010, 01/14/2010, 01/21/2010, 01/28/2010

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE
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Mortgage made by David Raupp and Christina M. Raupp, to GreenStone Farm Credit Services, FLCA, mortgage in a mortgage dated September 18, 2008, and recorded in the office of the Washtenaw County Register of Deeds on October 9, 2008, in Liber 4702, page 184, of Washtenaw County Records. The balance claimed owing on the mortgage at the time of this notice is Forty-five Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty-six and 41/100 (\$45,986.41) Dollars. The mortgage contains a power of sale, and no suit or proceedings at law or in equity have been instituted to recover the debt secured by the mortgage or any part thereof.
NOW, THEREFORE, take notice that the mortgage will be foreclosed by sale of the property described in the mortgage at public auction on Thursday, February 18, 2010, at 10:00 a.m., at the main entrance of the Washtenaw County Courthouse, 101 E. Huron, Ann Arbor, Michigan (that being the place where the Washtenaw County Circuit Court is held). The mortgagee will apply the sale proceeds to the debt on the mortgage, as stated above, plus interest charges at the rate of 5.4%, and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law or contract, and also any amount which may be paid by the mortgagee to protect its interest in the property.
The property to be sold at foreclosure is described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land situated in the Township of Pittsfield, Washtenaw County, Michigan, and described as follows, to-wit:
Unit No. 81, Highpointe at Stonebridge, a condominium, according to the Master Deed therefor, as recorded in Liber 3841, Page 689, Washtenaw County Records, and amended by First Amendment to Master Deed recorded in Liber 3857, Page 44, and amended by Second Amendment to Master Deed recorded in Liber 3862, Page 320, and amended by Third Amendment to Master Deed recorded in Liber 4148, Page 193, and amended by Fourth Amendment to Master Deed recorded in Liber 4154, Page 538, and amended by Fifth Amendment to Master Deed recorded in Liber 4366, Page 840, Washtenaw County Records, designated as Replat No. 1 of Washtenaw County Condominium Subdivision Plan No. 312, together with the rights in general common elements and limited common elements, as set forth in said Master Deed and as described in Act 59 of the Public Acts of 1978, as amended.
The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of sale pursuant to MCL 600.3240, unless the property was determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.
DATED: January 10, 2010 GreenStone Farm Credit Services, FLCA, Mortgagee
Drafted by:
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MARGARET S. HANSON AND STEPHEN PAUL HURD, Plaintiff,
RELUX LYNN VARGAS AND FOWNE E VARGAS Defendant.
NO. RM133 FILE # 3229
Order of Publication
IT appearing by affidavit that Edwin E. Vargas, defendant, is a non-resident of the State of Tennessee and is avoiding service of process, so that ordinary process cannot be served upon the above named defendant.
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the Defendant file an answer in the General Sessions Court of White County at Sports Tennessee and with Plaintiff Attorney, Cindy Howard Morgan, whose address is 8 West Beckman Way, Sports, Tennessee 38583 within THIRTY (30) DAYS of the last day of publication, or a judgment by default may be entered, and the cause as for a hearing EX PARTE for the relief demanded in the petition.
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this notice shall be published in Sports Tennessee, The Sports Examiner, a weekly newspaper of general circulation, ONCE WEEKLY for FOUR consecutive weeks beginning the
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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE
LEARMAN, SAROW, BIRCHLER, FITZHUGH & PURTELL, P.C. IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. The mortgage described below is in default.
Mortgage made by C.S.T. L.L.C. a Michigan limited liability company, to GreenStone Farm Credit Services, FLCA, mortgage in a mortgage dated October 16, 2002, and recorded in the office of the Washtenaw County Register of Deeds on October 31, 2002, at Liber 4178, page 541, of Washtenaw County Records. The balance claimed owing on the mortgage at the time of this notice is Five Hundred Four Thousand Four Hundred Ninety-seven and 97/100 (\$5,044.97) Dollars. The mortgage contains a power of sale, and no suit or proceedings at law or in equity have been instituted to recover the debt secured by the mortgage or any part thereof.
NOW, THEREFORE, take notice that the mortgage will be foreclosed by sale of the property described in the mortgage at public auction on Thursday, February 11, 2010, at 10:00 a.m., at the main entrance of the Washtenaw County Courthouse, 101 E. Huron, Ann Arbor, Michigan (that being the place where the Washtenaw County Circuit Court is held). The mortgagee will apply the sale proceeds to the debt on the mortgage, as stated above, plus interest charges at the rate of 7.75%, and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law or contract, and also any amount which may be paid by the mortgagee to protect its interest in the property.
The property to be sold at foreclosure is described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land situated in the Township of Salem, Washtenaw County, Michigan, and described as follows, to-wit:
All that part of the Town 35.50 acres of the East 1/2 of the Northeast fractional 1/4 which lies Southwesterly of the Pere Marquette Railroad right of way and also the South 1/2 of the East 1/4 of the West 1/2 of the Northeast fractional 1/4 of Section 10, Town 1 South Range, East, Salem Township, Washtenaw County, Michigan, and being more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the East 1/4 corner of said Section 10; thence along the East-West 1/4 line South 10 degrees 05 minutes 21 seconds West 155.04 feet; thence North 01 degrees 02 minutes 18 seconds East 125.04 feet; thence North 81 degrees 05 minutes 01 seconds East 350.46 feet; thence North 01 degrees 02 minutes 18 seconds West 4.85 feet; thence North 78.07 degrees to the Southwesterly right of way of the Pere Marquette Railroad; thence along said right of way South 52 degrees 26 minutes 34 seconds East 55.77 feet to the East line of Section 10 (nominal centerline of Currie Road); thence along said Section line South 00 degrees 18 minutes 38 seconds East 843.48 feet to the point of beginning.
EXCEPTING THEREFROM the following described parcel: Commencing at the East 1/4 corner of Section 10, Town 1 South, Range 7 East, Salem Township, Washtenaw County, Michigan; thence North 00 degrees 12 minutes 14 seconds East 174.70 feet to the East line of said Section 10 and the centerline of Currie Road (86.00 feet wide) for a place of beginning; thence South 81 degrees 05 minutes 27 seconds West 417.29 feet; thence North 00 degrees 18 minutes 38 seconds West 321.54 feet; thence North 88 degrees 08 minutes 51 seconds East 415.27 feet; thence South 00 degrees 12 minutes 14 seconds West 270.33 feet along the East line of the said Section 10 and said centerline to the place of beginning.
The redemption period shall be one (1) year from the date of sale pursuant to MCL 600.3240, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.
DATED: December 28, 2009 GreenStone Farm Credit Services, FLCA, Mortgagee
Drafted by:
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THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE: Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Brenda L. Betts, an unmarried woman, to Universal Mortgage Corporation, D/B/A Nations One Mortgage Corporation, Mortgage, dated March 21, 2007, and recorded March 29, 2007 in Liber 4617, Page 49, Washtenaw County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Nations One Mortgage, LLC by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Two Hundred and Forty-Six Thousand Seven and 45/100 Dollars (\$209,007.45) including interest at 6.5% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the or in the Main Lobby of Washtenaw County Courthouse Huron Street entrance in Ann Arbor, MI in Washtenaw County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on FEBRUARY 11, 2010. Said premises are located in the City of Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 36, Maple Ridge Subdivision, as recorded in Liber 12 of Plats, Pages 47 and 48, Washtenaw County Records. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foregoing mortgage can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights. Dated: January 14, 2010 Orleans Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 248-502-1400 File No. 426.0920 ASAP# 3407956 01/14/2010, 01/21/2010, 01/28/2010, 02/04/2010

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THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Raymond L. Smith to ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc. nka CitiMortgage, Inc., Mortgage, dated January 30, 2004, and recorded February 9, 2004 in Liber 4360, Page 496, Washtenaw County Records, Michigan. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy-Nine and 49/100 Dollars (\$100,779.49) including interest at 3.5% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the or in the Main Lobby of Washtenaw County Courthouse Huron Street entrance in Ann Arbor, MI in Washtenaw County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on FEBRUARY 18, 2010. Said premises are located in the City of Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County, Michigan, and are described as: Unit 86, Georgetown Commons Condominium, according to the amended Superseding Consolidated Master Deed recorded in Liber 2717, Pages 263 through 328, inclusive, Washtenaw County Records, and designated as: Replat Number 1, of Washtenaw County Condominium Subdivision Plan Numbers 18, 19, 27, and 34, together with rights in general common elements and limited common elements set forth in the above Master Deed and amendments thereto, and as described in Act 59 of the Public Acts of 1978, as amended. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foregoing mortgage can rescind the sale, in that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights. Dated: January 21, 2010. Orlans Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 248-502-1400 File No. 241-8151 ASAP# 3412276 01/21/2010, 01/28/2010, 02/04/2010, 02/11/2010

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Michael B. Lewis, a married man and Lorraine Lewis, his wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns. Mortgage, dated April 10, 2006 and recorded April 19, 2006 in Liber 4552, Page 377, Washtenaw County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Chase Home Finance LLC by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Two Hundred Fifty-Four Thousand One Hundred Seventy-Six and 96/100 Dollars (\$254,176.96) including interest at 6.625% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the or in the Main Lobby of Washtenaw County Courthouse Huron Street entrance in Ann Arbor, MI in Washtenaw County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on FEBRUARY 25, 2010. Said premises are located in the Village of Dexter, Washtenaw County, Michigan, and are described as: Unit 95, Dexter Crossing, according to the Master Deed recorded in Liber 3899, Pages 504 through 568, inclusive, Washtenaw County Records, and any amendments thereto, and designated as: Washtenaw County Condominium Subdivision Plan Number 293, together with rights in general common elements and limited common elements as set forth in the above Master Deed, and as described in Act 59 of the Public Acts of 1978, as amended. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foregoing mortgage can rescind the sale, in that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights. Dated: January 28, 2010. Orlans Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 248-502-1400 File No. 310-8174 ASAP# 3417806 01/28/2010, 02/04/2010, 02/11/2010, 02/18/2010

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Luke B. Nolan, a single man, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns. Mortgage, dated May 24, 2007 and recorded June 8, 2007 in Liber 4628, Page 979, Washtenaw County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Chase Home Finance LLC by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Forty-Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty-Three and 85/100 Dollars (\$148,853.85) including interest at 6.375% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the or in the Main Lobby of Washtenaw County Courthouse Huron Street entrance in Ann Arbor, MI in Washtenaw County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on FEBRUARY 18, 2010. Said premises are located in the City of Ypsilanti, Washtenaw County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 42 and 43, Orchard Park Addition, as recorded in Liber 5, Page 47 of Plats, Washtenaw County Records. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foregoing mortgage can rescind the sale, in that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights. Dated: January 21, 2010. Orlans Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 248-502-1400 File No. 310-7274 ASAP# 3416431 01/21/2010, 01/28/2010, 02/04/2010, 02/11/2010

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Amy M. Boyd, a married woman, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns. Mortgage, dated May 25, 2007 and recorded June 8, 2007 in Liber 4628, Page 985, Washtenaw County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Nationalstar Mortgage LLC by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Two Hundred Twenty-Two Thousand Two Hundred Twenty-Nine and 67/100 Dollars (\$222,229.67) including interest at 6.875% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the or in the Main Lobby of Washtenaw County Courthouse Huron Street entrance in Ann Arbor, MI in Washtenaw County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on FEBRUARY 11, 2010. Said premises are located in the Township of Ypsilanti, Washtenaw County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 637 of Greene Farms Subdivision Number 6, according to the Plat thereof, recorded in Liber 34 of Plats, Pages 42 through 49 of Washtenaw County Records. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foregoing mortgage can rescind the sale, in that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights. Dated: January 14, 2010. Orlans Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 248-502-1400 File No. 426-0911 ASAP# 3405816 01/14/2010, 01/21/2010, 01/28/2010, 02/04/2010

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Michael W. Hoag and Ashley R. Hoag, as joint tenants with full rights of survivorship, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns. Mortgage, dated May 17, 2007 and recorded May 18, 2007 in Liber 4625, Page 704, Washtenaw County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by GMAC Mortgage, LLC by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty Thousand Three Hundred Eighty-Eight and 81/100 Dollars (\$50,388.81) including interest at 11.77% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the or in the Main Lobby of Washtenaw County Courthouse Huron Street entrance in Ann Arbor, MI in Washtenaw County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on FEBRUARY 25, 2010. Said premises are located in the Township of York, Washtenaw County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at the Southeast corner of Section 23, Town 4 South, Range 6 East, York Township, Washtenaw County, Michigan; thence North 01 degrees 31 minutes 00 seconds West 697.77 feet along the East line of said section to the Point of Beginning; thence South 89 degrees 13 minutes 00 seconds West 341.90 feet; thence North 01 degrees 31 minutes 00 seconds West 150.00 feet; thence North 89 degrees 13 minutes 00 seconds East 341.90 feet; thence South 01 degrees 31 minutes 00 seconds East 150.00 feet along the East line of said section to the Point of Beginning. Being a part of the 'South half of the Southeast quarter of Section 23, Town 4 South, Range 6 East, York Township, Washtenaw County, Michigan. Being subject to the rights of the public over that part of Carpenter Road lying Westerly of East line of said Section 23, York Township, Washtenaw County, Michigan. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foregoing mortgage can rescind the sale, in that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights. Dated: January 28, 2010. Orlans Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 248-502-1400 File No. 280-7783 ASAP# 3425273 01/28/2010, 02/04/2010, 02/11/2010, 02/18/2010

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Donald L. Worton, a single person, to ABN AMRO Mortgage Group Inc nka CitiMortgage, Inc., Mortgage, dated January 5, 2007 and recorded January 26, 2007 in Liber 4604, Page 583, Washtenaw County Records, Michigan. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Seven Thousand Forty-Five and 28/100 Dollars (\$127,045.28) including interest at 6.25% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the or in the Main Lobby of Washtenaw County Courthouse Huron Street entrance in Ann Arbor, MI in Washtenaw County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on FEBRUARY 25, 2010. Said premises are located in the Township of Ypsilanti, Washtenaw County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 73 and the North 13.33 feet of Lot 74, Murray and McFadden Subdivision, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 8 of Plats, Page 5, Washtenaw County Records. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foregoing mortgage can rescind the sale, in that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights. Dated: January 28, 2010. Orlans Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 248-502-1400 File No. 241-8200 ASAP# 3419243 01/28/2010, 02/04/2010, 02/11/2010, 02/18/2010

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jay Douglas Houston, aka Jay Houston, a single man, to Amerquest Mortgage Company, Mortgage, dated September 17, 2004 and recorded September 29, 2004 in Liber 4428, Page 386, Washtenaw County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by JPMCC Specialty Mortgage LLC by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Eighty-Six Thousand Four Hundred Seventy-Four and 32/100 Dollars (\$186,474.32) including interest at 3.86% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the or in the Main Lobby of Washtenaw County Courthouse Huron Street entrance in Ann Arbor, MI in Washtenaw County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on FEBRUARY 18, 2010. Said premises are located in the Township of Pittsfield, Washtenaw County, Michigan, and are described as: Unit 3, Weatherstone Condominiums, a Condominium according to the Master Deed recorded in Liber 3871 on Pages 36 and amendments thereto, and designated as: Washtenaw County Condominium Subdivision Plan Number 131, together with rights in general common elements and limited common elements as set forth in said Master Deed and as described in Act 59 of the Public Acts of 1978, as amended. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foregoing mortgage can rescind the sale, in that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights. Dated: January 21, 2010. Orlans Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 248-502-1400 File No. 209-6973 ASAP# 3416481 01/21/2010, 01/28/2010, 02/04/2010, 02/11/2010

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jeffrey D. Pratt and Tracy Pratt, husband and wife, to CitiMortgage, Inc. successor by merger with CitiFinancial Mortgage Company, Inc., Mortgage, dated December 11, 2006 and recorded December 13, 2006 in Liber 4597, Page 151, Washtenaw County Records, Michigan. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Two Hundred Thirty Thousand Fifty-Nine and 89/100 Dollars (\$230,059.89) including interest at 7.836% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the or in the Main Lobby of Washtenaw County Courthouse Huron Street entrance in Ann Arbor, MI in Washtenaw County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on FEBRUARY 11, 2010. Said premises are located in the Township of Manchester, Washtenaw County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at the South 1/4 corner Section 23, Town 4 South, Range 3 East, Manchester Township, Washtenaw County, Michigan; thence East 482.04 feet along South line of said Section and the centerline of Bowen's Road to the point of beginning; thence North 00 degrees 05 minutes 40 seconds East 290.40 feet; thence West 150.00 feet; thence North 00 degrees 05 minutes 40 seconds East 372.78 feet along the West line of the East 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of said section; thence East 473.28 feet along the North line of the South 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of said section; thence South 00 degrees 18 minutes 30 seconds West 663.24 feet; thence West 320.69 feet along the South line of said section and the centerline of Bowen's Road to the Point of beginning; said parcel being a part of the South 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 23, Town 4 South, Range 3 East, Manchester Township, Washtenaw County, Michigan; Also being subject to the rights of the public over the North 33 feet of Bowen's Road. The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foregoing mortgage can rescind the sale, in that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights. Dated: January 14, 2010. Orlans Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 248-502-1400 File No. 293-0594 ASAP# 3405889 01/14/2010, 01/21/2010, 01/28/2010, 02/04/2010

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Linda D. Boles, a single woman, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns. Mortgage, dated June 13, 2007 and recorded June 27, 2007 in Liber 4631, Page 831, Washtenaw County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by JPMorgan-Chase Bank, National Association by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety-Eight and 09/100 Dollars (\$98,998.09) including interest at 7.75% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the or in the Main Lobby of Washtenaw County Courthouse Huron Street entrance in Ann Arbor, MI in Washtenaw County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on FEBRUARY 25, 2010. Said premises are located in the Township of Ypsilanti, Washtenaw County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 65, Westwillow Unit One, as recorded in Liber 10, Page 37 of Plats. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foregoing mortgage can rescind the sale, in that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights. Dated: January 28, 2010. Orlans Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 248-502-1400 File No. 362-4084 ASAP# 3418292 01/28/2010, 02/04/2010, 02/11/2010, 02/18/2010

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Brian B. Schmidt, a single man, also known as Brian Schmidt, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns. Mortgage, dated August 4, 2006 and recorded August 18, 2006 in Liber 45152, Page 3343, Wayne County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by US Bank National Association, as successor Trustee to Bank of America, National Association, (successor by merger to LaSalle Bank National Association) as Trustee for Morgan Stanley Mortgage Loan Trust 2007-1XS by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-One Thousand Four Hundred Ninety-Seven and 62/100 Dollars (\$81,497.62) including interest at 7.675% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the Courthouse 1607, Wayne County Circuit Court Tower in the Coleman A. Young Municipal Center in Detroit in Wayne County, Michigan at 1:00 p.m. on FEBRUARY 11, 2010. Said premises are located in the City of Taylor, Wayne County, Michigan, and are described as: Unit 171, Building 43, Dupage Green Condominium, according to consolidated Master Deed recorded in Liber 19972, Page 352, and amendment recorded in Liber 25555, Page 415, Wayne County Plan Number 139 together with rights in general common elements and limited common elements as set forth in the above Master Deed and as in Act 59 of the public acts of 1978 as amended. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foregoing mortgage can rescind the sale, in that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights. Dated: January 11, 2010. Orlans Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 248-502-1400 File No. 306-3235 ASAP# 3408177 01/11/2010, 01/21/2010, 01/28/2010, 02/04/2010

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Brian Fortson a single man, to Center One Mortgage Corporation, Mortgage, dated July 10, 2003 and recorded July 23, 2003 in Liber 4287, Page 965, Washtenaw County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., successor in interest from the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, as Receiver, for Washington Mutual Bank, FA by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Forty-Five Thousand Two Hundred Fifty-Nine and 93/100 Dollars (\$145,259.93) including interest at 5.625% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the or in the Main Lobby of Washtenaw County Courthouse Huron Street entrance in Ann Arbor, MI in Washtenaw County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on FEBRUARY 11, 2010. Said premises are located in the City of Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at the Northeast corner of Lot 15, Brookridge Heights as recorded in Liber 11 of Plats, on Page 13, Washtenaw County Records; thence along the Southerly line of Sunset Road North 51 degrees 39 minutes West 291.0 feet for a Place of Beginning; thence South 39 degrees 21 minutes West 120.0 feet; thence along the Northerly line of Brookridge Road North 51 degrees 39 minutes West 60.00 feet; thence North 38 degrees 48 minutes East 120.02 feet; thence along the Southerly line of Sunset Road South 51 degrees 39 minutes East 58.95 feet to the Place of Beginning; being a part of Lots 9 and 10 of said Brookridge Heights, City of Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County, Michigan. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foregoing mortgage can rescind the sale, in that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights. Dated: January 14, 2010. Orlans Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 248-502-1400 File No. 362-6438 ASAP# 3405693 01/14/2010, 01/21/2010, 01/28/2010, 02/04/2010

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Lee Scribbling, a single man, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns. Mortgage, dated March 25, 2006 and recorded March 31, 2006 in Liber 4548, Page 645, Washtenaw County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by BAC Home Loans Servicing, L.P. fka Countrywide Home Loans Servicing, L.P. by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Nine Thousand Seventy and 46/100 Dollars (\$129,070.46) including interest at 6.625% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the or in the Main Lobby of Washtenaw County Courthouse Huron Street entrance in Ann Arbor, MI in Washtenaw County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on FEBRUARY 18, 2010. Said premises are located in the Township of Superior, Washtenaw County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 554, Woodland Acres Subdivision Number 6; according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 20 of Plats, Pages 1 and 2, Washtenaw County Records. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foregoing mortgage can rescind the sale, in that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights. Dated: January 21, 2010. Orlans Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 248-502-1400 File No. 285-8740 ASAP# 3412318 01/21/2010, 01/28/2010, 02/04/2010, 02/11/2010

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Brian B. Schmidt, a single man, also known as Brian Schmidt, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns. Mortgage, dated March 10, 2004 and recorded March 25, 2004 in Liber 4374, Page 540, Washtenaw County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee of the IndyMac INDX Mortgage Trust 2007-AR21, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2007-AR21 under the Pooling and Servicing Agreement dated October 1, 2007 by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Three Hundred Sixteen Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty-One and 36/100 Dollars (\$316,821.36) including interest at 6.5% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the or in the Main Lobby of Washtenaw County Courthouse Huron Street entrance in Ann Arbor, MI in Washtenaw County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on FEBRUARY 11, 2010. Said premises are located in the City of Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 88, Packard Lawn Addition, as recorded in Liber 3 on Page 17 of Plats, Washtenaw County Records. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foregoing mortgage can rescind the sale, in that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights. Dated: January 14, 2010. Orlans Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 248-502-1400 File No. 225-4381 ASAP# 3405676 01/14/2010, 01/21/2010, 01/28/2010, 02/04/2010

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Steven Vandro, a single man, to Fifth Third Mortgage - MI, LLC, Mortgage, dated June 27, 2003 and recorded July 14, 2003 in Liber 4283, Page 107, Washtenaw County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Fifth Third Mortgage Company by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Three Thousand Fifteen and 58/100 Dollars (\$123,015.58) including interest at 3.25% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the or in the Main Lobby of Washtenaw County Courthouse Huron Street entrance in Ann Arbor, MI in Washtenaw County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on FEBRUARY 18, 2010. Said premises are located in the Township of Ypsilanti, Washtenaw County, Michigan, and are described as: Unit Number A-6, Cliffs on the Bay Condominium, according to the Master Deed thereof, as recorded in Liber 1405, Pages 624 through 645, inclusive, and as amended by First Amendment to Master Deed recorded in Liber 1459, Pages 373 through 380, inclusive, as amended in Second Correction to Amendment of Master Deed, recorded in Liber 1467, Pages 638 through 640, inclusive, as amended by Third Amendment By-Law recorded in Liber 1578, Pages 954 through 955, inclusive, as amended by Fourth Amendment to Master Deed recorded in Liber 1590, Pages 385 through 387, inclusive, and as amended by Fifth Amendment to Master Deed recorded in Liber 3133, Pages 837 through 867, inclusive, Washtenaw County Records, designated as: Washtenaw County Condominium Subdivision Plan Number 16, together with the rights in general common elements and limited common elements, as set forth in said Master Deed and as described in Act 59 of the Public Acts of 1978, as amended. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foregoing mortgage can rescind the sale, in that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights. Dated: January 21, 2010. Orlans Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 248-502-1400 File No. 260-5734 ASAP# 3416452 01/21/2010, 01/28/2010, 02/04/2010, 02/11/2010

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THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by George T. Robinson and Tammy L. Robinson, husband and wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated August 10, 2005 and recorded August 22, 2005 in Liber 4501, Page 870, Washtenaw County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Citi Mortgage, Inc. by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Six Thousand One Hundred Sixteen and 73/100 Dollars (\$106,116.73) including interest at 6% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the or in the Main Lobby of Washtenaw County Courthouse Huron Street entrance in Ann Arbor, MI in Washtenaw County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on FEBRUARY 25, 2010. Said premises are located in the Township of Ypsilanti, Washtenaw County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 66, Huron Heartside Subdivision, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Liber 10 of Plats, Page 52, Wayne County Records. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights. Dated: January 28, 2010. Orlands Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer, P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 248-502-1400 File No. 241.5333 ASAP# 3425228 01/28/2010, 02/04/2010, 02/11/2010, 02/18/2010.

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THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Stacey M. Jordan aka Stacey Jordan, a single woman, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated July 27, 2007 and recorded August 21, 2007 in Liber 4641, Page 406, Washtenaw County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by CitiMortgage, Inc. by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Six Thousand Three Hundred and 4/100 Dollars (\$96,037.04) including interest at 7.75% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the or in the Main Lobby of Washtenaw County Courthouse Huron Street entrance in Ann Arbor, MI in Washtenaw County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on FEBRUARY 25, 2010. Said premises are located in the City of Ypsilanti, Washtenaw County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 5, R.W. Hemphill's Addition to the City of Ypsilanti, Washtenaw County, Michigan, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 78 of Deeds, Pages 228 and 229, Washtenaw County Records. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights. Dated: January 28, 2010. Orlands Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer, P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 248-502-1400 File No. 241.8216 ASAP# 3425658 01/28/2010, 02/04/2010, 02/11/2010, 02/18/2010.

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THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Leo Babcock, a married man and his sole and separate property and Barbara Babcock, husband and wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated January 26, 2006 and recorded March 3, 2006 in Liber 4541, Page 814, Washtenaw County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Indenture Trustee, on behalf of the holders of the Accredited Mortgage Loan Trust 2006-1 Asset Backed Notes by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Seventy-Three Thousand Four Hundred Seventy-Two and 53/100 Dollars (\$173,472.53) including interest at 7.75% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the or in the Main Lobby of Washtenaw County Courthouse Huron Street entrance in Ann Arbor, MI in Washtenaw County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on FEBRUARY 11, 2010. Said premises are located in the City of Saline, Washtenaw County, Michigan, and are described as: Lots 23 and 24, except the Southerly 83 feet thereof, Assessor's Plat Number 1, City of Saline, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 9 of Plats, Page 41, Washtenaw County Records. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights. Dated: January 14, 2010. Orlands Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer, P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 248-502-1400 File No. 231.7817 ASAP# 3401914 01/14/2010, 01/21/2010, 01/28/2010, 02/04/2010.

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Rose Ann Yurko, a single woman, to Republic Bank, Mortgagee, dated September 2, 1994 and recorded September 12, 1994 in Liber 3026, Page 491, and Loan Modification Agreement dated 8/15/02, recorded 9/12/02 in Liber 4161, Page 59, Washtenaw County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by GMAC Mortgage Corporation by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty-Six and 56/100 Dollars (\$80,966.56) including interest at 8.5% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the or in the Main Lobby of Washtenaw County Courthouse Huron Street entrance in Ann Arbor, MI in Washtenaw County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on FEBRUARY 25, 2010. Said premises are located in the Township of Scio, Washtenaw County, Michigan, and are described as: Lots 146 and 147, and Evergreens, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 7 of Plats, Page 42, Washtenaw County Records. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights. Dated: January 28, 2010. Orlands Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer, P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 248-502-1400 File No. 280.0730 ASAP# 3425879 01/28/2010, 02/04/2010, 02/11/2010, 02/18/2010.

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Dionigi G. De Luca and Sharon J. De Luca, husband and wife, to Fifth Third Mortgage - MI, LLC, Mortgagee, dated May 19, 2004 and recorded June 15, 2004 in Liber 4399, Page 572, and Loan Modification Agreement Liber 4699, Page 556, Washtenaw County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Fifth Third Mortgage Company by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Three Hundred Eighty Thousand Four Hundred Sixteen and 35/100 Dollars (\$318,416.35) including interest at 6.375% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the or in the Main Lobby of Washtenaw County Courthouse Huron Street entrance in Ann Arbor, MI in Washtenaw County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on FEBRUARY 25, 2010. Said premises are located in the Township of Northfield, Washtenaw County, Michigan, and are described as: Beginning at the Northeast corner, Section 26, Town 1 South, Range 6 East, Northfield Township, Washtenaw County, Michigan; thence due South 669.60 feet along the East line of said Section and the centerline of Earhart Road; thence North 69 degrees 36 minutes 50 seconds West 1302.48 feet; thence North 00 degrees 20 seconds East 669.59 feet along the West line of the East one-half of the Northeast one-quarter of said Section; thence South 89 degrees 36 minutes 50 seconds East 1301.02 feet along the North line of said Section to the place of beginning, being the East one-half of the Northeast one-quarter of said Section 26 being subject to the rights of the public over the Easterly 33.0 feet thereof as occupied by Earhart Road. The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights. Dated: January 28, 2010. Orlands Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer, P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 248-502-1400 File No. 200.3319 ASAP# 3419786 01/28/2010, 02/04/2010, 02/11/2010, 02/18/2010.

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Dancin' the night away

Students at Chelsea High School volunteered their time to help serve appetizers at the Chelsea Retirement Community's Snowball Dance on Jan. 14 for the residents of Towsley Hall. The dance also took place Jan. 21 and will take place Jan. 28 in the Living Room at the Chelsea Retirement Community.



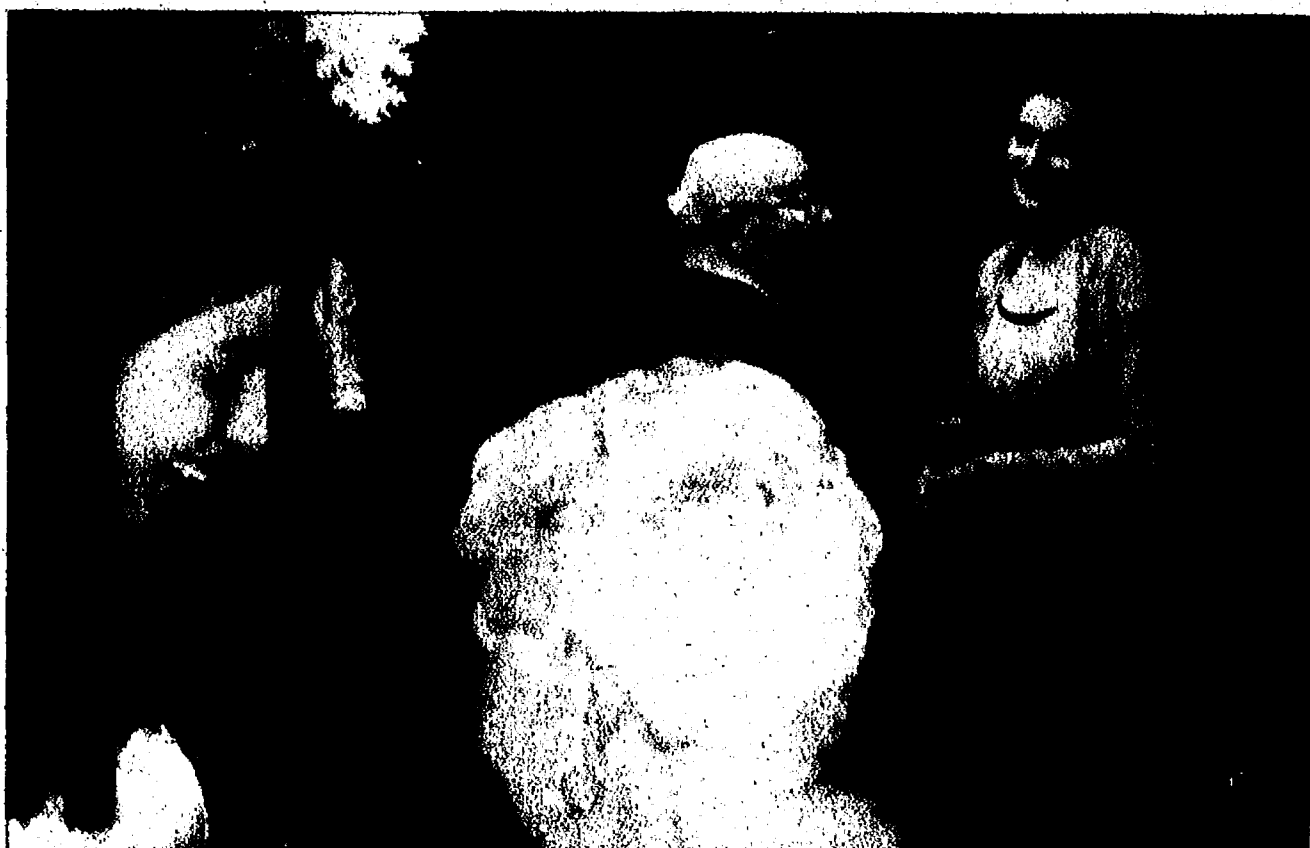
Liz Boyce, Megan Lowe, Anyssa Marsh and Margaret Lindauer.



Gabrielle Lantis and Autumn Johnson.



Mallori Botter, Jessie Palumbo, Lauren Barbour, David Martin, Heather Smallwood, Zena Mitchell, Kelly Schmidt and Jill Schmidt.



Autumn Johnson and Gabrielle Lantis.



Laurel Hall, Gabrielle Lantis and Ella Fritzmeier.



Laurel Hall, Ella Fritzmeier, Liz Boyce and Megan Lowe.



Megan Lowe



Gabrielle Lantis and Anyssa Marsh

Dance works come to stage

The University of Michigan School of Music, Theatre and Dance and University Dance Company presents "(Re)Visionary Dances," an evening of four dance works celebrating modern dance's protean capacity both to consistently generate new visions for the stage and to re-envision landmark moments from its extraordinarily rich legacy.

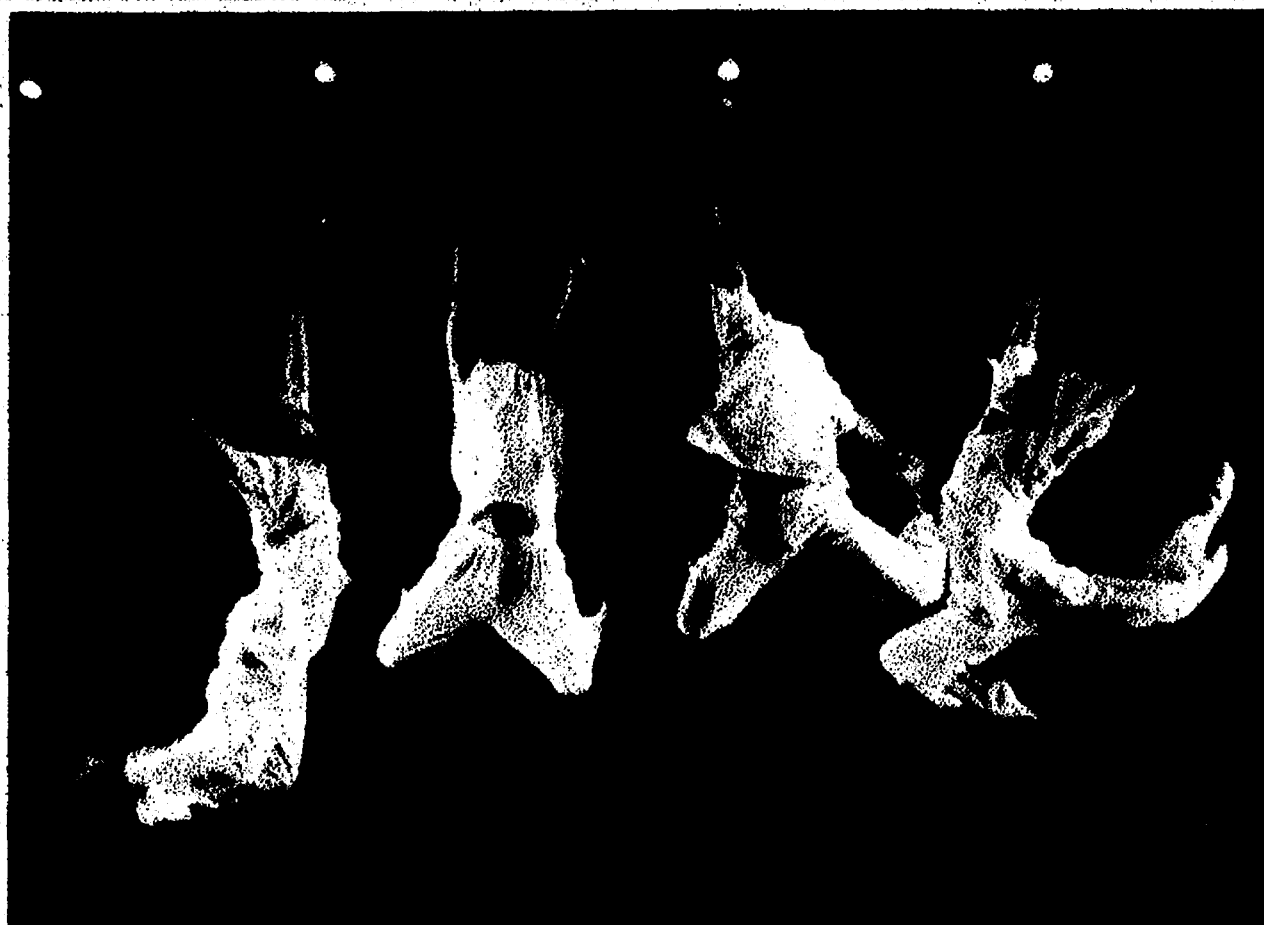
The evening will feature Paul Taylor's "Le Sacre du Printemps" ("The Rehearsal"), a dramatic re-envisioning of the most radical, defining moment in 20th century music and dance.

It premieres faculty members Amy Chavasse, Jessica Fogel and Sandra Tortijano.

The concert plays 7:30 p.m. Feb. 4; 8 p.m. Feb. 5 and 6; and 2 p.m. Feb. 7 at the Power Center for the Performing Arts in Ann Arbor.

"(Re)Visionary Dances" features artistic direction by Peter Sparling; lighting design by Mary Cole; scenic design by Katarzyna Mrozowska and costume designs by Rebecca Turk and Corey Davis.

According to the San Francisco Examiner, "Paul Taylor is without question the greatest living American choreographer. Taylor's emphasis



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on emotion within actual movement, the rhythmic vitality of his accents, his all-American youthfulness and optimism, all have set standards for American dance."

This 30th anniversary staging of Taylor's "Le Sacre du Printemps" is part of a yearlong project by the Department of Dance in celebration of the foremost American modern choreographer's 80th birthday.

Premiered in 1900, "Le Sacre" layers highly stylized movement with a melancholy wit. The dance is set to Stravinsky's original piano four-hand score of the same name, and will be played live by associate professor of dance Christian Matijas and Ilya Blinov, a DMA student in piano performance at the

School of Music, Theatre & Dance studying under professor Arthur Greene.

Restaging the work is Ruth Andrien, a member of Taylor's company from 1974 to 1983, who danced the role of "The Girl" in the premiere of "Sacre."

This past summer, the American Dance Festival recognized Andrien with its distinguished teaching award.

In addition to "Le Sacre," the concert features three new works by faculty choreographers. Amy Chavasse, in collaboration with her cast of 17, will present "Hunger for the Craving for the Longing for the Aching," a biased history of seduction. Using four very different versions of Woody Guthrie's 1940 seminal folk

song, "This Land is Your Land," the dance is a Busby Berkeley-like pastiche in homage to things people claim are right and true.

Ticket prices are \$24 and \$18 reserved seating, with students only \$9 with identification. Tickets are available in person at the League Ticket Office, located within the Michigan League. Order by phone at 764-2538.

Tickets may also be ordered online at www.music.umich.edu.

The Power Center for the Performing Arts, located at 121 Fletcher St., is wheelchair accessible and equipped with an infrared listening system for hearing enhancement.

Peter Jackson rules Hollywood

Hey, I'm Ryan Michaels, a 13-year-old writing movie reviews for Heritage Newspapers. I've been doing it for two years, and enjoy it a lot. Here's my review of "The Lovely Bones" and "Leap Year."

Director Peter Jackson has, in the past several years, basically conquered Hollywood. He's made some of the highest-grossing films of all time, including an 11-hour fantasy epic.

Jackson's last four films have won a combined total of 20 Academy Awards and earned more than \$3 billion. Yet, somehow, Jackson can't direct a cohesive story on a family torn apart by tragedy.

Not to say that his latest film, "The Lovely Bones," isn't excellent in several areas and incredibly moving in some scenes. It just seems like a film divided in two, one-half of which is a gritty drama about forgiveness and the other half a spaced-out, candy-colored metaphorical fantasy.

On paper, that sounds like an odd mix, but in context of the plot, it somewhat makes sense. The year is 1973. The Salmon family lives a quiet albeit happy life in Pennsylvania. But when young Susie Salmon is murdered and dismembered, that perfect existence is shattered.

The film then splits into two narratives — the family trying to find the murderer to justice and ultimately cope with their loss and Susie watching her family's plight from a version of heaven known as "In Between."

Oscar-nominated "Atonement" actress Saoirse Ronan plays Susie, the protagonist of the film, and she does it beautifully. Her character goes through an incredibly tragic chain of events, oddly the first of which is her death. She's perfect in this role, displaying the emotional range necessary for such a large part.

Mark Wahlberg and Rachel Weisz as Susie's grieving parents are merely decent. Without any big major emotional scenes, they mostly serve to keep the film emotionally grounded.

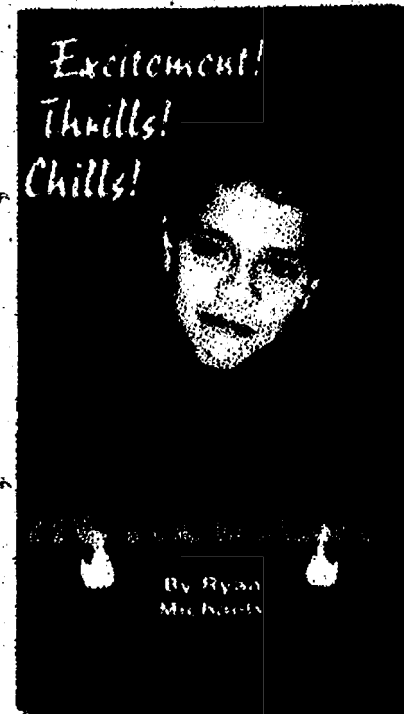
There is, however, one actor in this film who isn't just great — he's somewhat masterful. And that's Stanley Tucci as Susie's murderer, George Harvey. On the surface he is calm, polite and mannered, but at his core, savage and instinctive. Tucci is perfect in this part. In fact, he's often the saving grace of the film because it's really, really messy at times.

Its random alternating between the two narratives makes for an often messy, odd experience. The editing is oddly-paced, rapid in some scenes, then slow and delicate in others. The problem with the film is ultimately that there's too much stuff in here.

There's so many sub-plots and nuances here that it's hard to keep track. The film changes tone and pace seemingly every 10 minutes — suburban drama, teen romance, fantasy and dark crime film.

There's so much material fighting for attention here that the film just feels messy. Some parts are moving and brilliant, while others fall flat on their (metaphorical) face.

I give it two out of four stars.



'Leap Year'

Before "Leap Year," Amy Adams had never been in a bad film. Sure, the parts "Julie and Julia" starring her sucked, but the half with Meryl Streep was exceptional enough to lift it up. Sure "Underdog" was an epic fest of crap, but she technically only voiced a character, and didn't fully appear in it.

But all good things — and in this case, streaks — must end.

"Leap Year" is the first movie of the new decade, and I hope it's not a good indication of the films to come this year. It's charmless, humorless and inept in every possible way. It has no shame in stealing entire scenes from other films ("The Proposal," "PS I Love You," etc.) It has no shame in depicting Irish folk as either thieves or drunks, and has no shame in painting women as uptight shrews who eschew logic and emotion simply because they are "on a schedule."

Adams plays Anna, an uptight business-woman-who-worships-her-Blackberry type of cliché and who always needs things according to "plan." When her surgeon-bland-schmuck-boy-friend goes to Dublin, Anna follows him to propose to him as there's a tradition in Ireland that allows a woman to propose to a man, so long as it falls on "Leap Day," Feb. 29.

Her flight to Dublin is grounded in Wales, so she hires an easy-going Irish inn keeper, Declan, to drive her to Dublin. Along the way, he realizes, as is customary for romantic comedies, that she likes the man who is her polar-opposite — the charming Irish dude.

The film borders on sexism, having an uptight, unlikeable, boring woman as a protagonist. The movie doesn't have characters, but archetypes — the laid-back man, the upper-class woman, the arrogant jerk who the upper-class woman must be romantically involved with.

No aspect of the film approaches originality. It somehow manages to make the lively Irish countryside seem dull. I've already said this, but allow me to stress it: If there's an Irishman in the film, he's a drunk or a thief.

Amy Adams, I ask you: Why? Why bother showing your face in a film so insipid?

Money, probably.

The first film of 2010, and also the worst, I give it a half star out of four.

Film critic Ryan Michaels, a student at Emerson School in Ann Arbor and two-time winner of the Michigan Press Association Better Newspaper Contest for his reviews, can be reached through mrogers@heritage.com.

Directors to be at screening of 'Cyrus'

The Sundance Institute has confirmed that directors Jay and Mark Duplass will appear at the Michigan Theater along with their new film, "Cyrus," at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 28.

The filmmakers, who are also the film's screenwriters, will introduce the film and conduct an audience question and answer session. An introduction video featuring highlights from the festival will precede the screenings.

This is one of eight such screenings in theaters around the country in conjunction with the 2010 Sundance Film Festival, a project of the Sundance Institute. The institute is a not-for-profit organization that fosters the development of original storytelling in film and theater.

The screenings are part of the inaugural Sundance Film Festival USA, an initiative designed to take the festival experience to local art house audiences who support independent film throughout the year and to stimulate conversation about the art of filmmaking. The Sundance Film Festival opens Jan. 21 and runs through Jan. 31.

"Cyrus" is a comedy starring John C. Reilly, Marisa Tomei, Jonah Hill and Catherine Keener in which a recently divorced guy meets a new lady. Then he meets her son who is, well, interesting.

"Ann Arbor's inclusion in the Sundance Film Festival USA program is a great honor," said Executive Director Russ Collins in a news release.

"The other cities include New York, Los Angeles, Chicago, San Francisco and Boston. Ann Arbor is the smallest city of the bunch, and the Michigan Theater is the largest theater participating."

Reserved seats for the Jan. 28 screening are \$15 and are available at ticketmaster.com and all Ticketmaster outlets, including the Michigan Union Ticket Office and Macy's stores. Tickets may be charged by phone at 1-800-745-3000.

For more information about the screening of "Cyrus" at the Michigan Theater in Ann Arbor, visit www.michtheater.org/sffusa.

For a sneak peek at the 2010 Sundance Festival, visit www.sundance.org/festival.

Quebe Sisters to join Saline Fiddlers

The Texas musical group The Quebe Sisters Band will warm the stage with the Saline Fiddlers at the Fiddlers' 16th annual Winter Hometown Show 7 p.m. Feb. 6 at the Sandra Nadig Auditorium at Saline Middle School.

The Quebe Sisters Band is fronted by Texas champion fiddlers Grace, 22, Sophia, 20, and Huida, 17, whose triple-fiddle runs and three-part vocal harmonies are backed by rhythms

of award-winning fiddler and guitarist Joey McKenzie and bass fiddle player Drew Phelps.

The group has shared the stage with Ricky Skaggs, Merle Haggard, Asleep at the Wheel and Riders in the Sky. Recently named "Group of the Year" by the Academy of Western Artists, Recipient of the "Crescendo Award" by the Western Music Association and nominated for "Country Group of the Year," the band

has played the Grand Ole Opry, The Kennedy Center and NYC's Lincoln Center.

The group plays a wide variety of bluegrass and traditional music, as well as the Texas swing, hot jazz and standard swing.

They are currently promoting their debut album "Timeless," which highlights their signature vocal harmonies. The Saline Fiddlers are a 30-piece, semi-professional, touring

fiddle band of music students from Saline High School.

They will open the concert with a new upbeat program of music, singing and dance from the traditions of American folk fiddle, bluegrass, jazz and Celtic music.

Tickets for the Hometown Concert are \$15 and \$20. For tickets and information, visit www.salinefiddlers.com or call 1-866-257-5333.

Art sale a fundraiser for scholarships

A special exhibition and sale at the Ann Arbor Art Center will benefit the center's Art for Kids Scholarship Fund.

Earlier this year, 30 artists accepted the challenge put out by the Ann Arbor Art Center to create 30 paintings in 30 days to be sold to benefit children's programs at the art center.

The 10-inch by 12-inch paintings and other artwork will be on display in the

Ann Arbor Art Center's second-floor exhibition galleries beginning Feb. 18 but will not be available for purchase until noon Feb. 20. At that time, the pieces will be sold for \$40 each, and the sale will continue until 5 p.m. or until all the works of art are sold.

Originally slated to include only 10-inch by 12-inch canvases, potters and jewelers also asked to contribute,

expanding the variety of items for sale.

The Ann Arbor Art Center's Art for Kids Scholarship Fund provides tuition and art supplies that enable kids to take classes whom otherwise would not be able to do so.

For more information, visit www.annarborartcenter.org or stop by the art center at 117 W. Liberty St. in downtown Ann Arbor.

THINGS TO DO: REGIONAL CALENDAR

CHELSEA

Mystery of the Missing Groundhog

2 p.m. Saturday: Puppet show about a reporter's efforts to discover where the groundhog is hibernating. Eddy Discovery Center, Bush Road, Chelsea. Pre-register at 475-3170. Free. \$6 vehicle entry fee.

DEXTER

Draw Doubles Disc Golf Noon Saturdays: Play disc golf at Hudson Mills Metropark's

24-hole courses. Beginners paired with advanced players. Golf discs available free. Hudson Mills Metropark Activity Center, 8801 North Territorial Road, Dexter. \$5 per player. \$5 vehicle fee. 449-4300.

Visitors Night: Ann Arbor Model Railroad Club

7:30 to 10 p.m. Michigan Central Depot, 3487 Broad St., Dexter. Free. 426-5100.

SALINE

Weathering Market

Volatility

9 to 10:30 a.m. Saturday: Free seminar, Travis Pointe Country Club, 2829 Travis Pointe Road, Ann Arbor. Call 668-4302.

Divorce Recovery Workshop

7 to 9:30 p.m. Thursday through March 18. Knox Presbyterian Church, 2065 S. Wagner Road, Costa. \$30. Scholarships available. 761-4669.

Remote-Controlled Car Racing

10:30 a.m. to midnight Saturday: Washtenaw Radio-Controlled Raceway, Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds, 5055 Ann Arbor-Saline Road. Free. \$16 to race. 1-313-565-2815.

YPSILANTI

"Manilow Competition"

3 p.m. Friday: EMU undergraduate vocalists and instrumentalists in classical, jazz, and pop styles compete in scholarship competition funded by singer Barry Manilow. Alexander Recital Hall, Lowell at E. Circle

Drive, Ypsilanti. Free. 487-2255.

A Puppet History of Ypsilanti

3:30 p.m. Sunday: The Dreamland Puppet Troupe presents kid-friendly marionette and shadow puppet show about Ypsilanti's history, from the formation of the Great Lakes to the founding of the Ypsilanti Underwear Co. in 1904. 26 N. Washington, Ypsilanti. \$5 (3 and younger, free). 657-2337.

Ann Arbor/Ypsilanti Reads 2010: "The Living Great"

Lakes: Searching For The Heart Of The Inland Seas

7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday: Morris Lawrence Building, Washtenaw Community College, 4800 Huron River Drive, Ann Arbor: Author Jerry Dennis discuss this year's "Reads" book, as well as his own thoughts on the Great Lakes and his four-week journey through the lakes and beyond as a crew member on a tall-masted schooner. A book signing will follow and books will be for sale, courtesy of Nicola's Books in Ann Arbor.

WEDDINGS



Early-Wenzel

Dawn Early of Dundee, daughter of James and Jean Early of Milan, and Kevin Wenzel of Dundee, son of Linda Royal (Tommy) Smith of Milan and the late Arthur Wenzel, were married Dec. 31 at the Milan Senior and Community Activity Center.

The bride, who was escorted down the aisle by her sons, wore a floor-length ivory strapless gown with beading and crystals, organza over satin, crystal headband, and carried a bouquet of white silk roses and gardenias wrapped in pale blue ribbon.

The maid of honor was Lisa (Slagle) Miller of Milan, the bride's best friend. Matron of honor was Elizabeth Early of South Bend, Ind., sister of the bride.

Bridesmaids were Miranda Cody of Ida, the groom's daughter; Jody (Wenzel) Taylor of Milan, sister of the groom; and Jessica Miller of Milan.

"Best girl" was the groom's daughter, Holly Cody of Petersburg. Groomsmen were Andrew Early of Dundee, Joshua Ladd of Milan and Joel (Ladd) Early of Dundee, all sons of the bride.

Flower girl and ring bearers were Morgan Noworyta and Marissa Cody, granddaughters of the groom.

The couple spent their honeymoon in St. Lucia, West Indies.

The bride is a Milan High School graduate. She is a student in Monroe Community College's nursing program.

The groom is also a Milan High School graduate. He is a supervisor at Milan Vault Co.



Jones-Tecco

Meredith Estelle Jones and Ryan Tecco were married April 25, 2009, in Shakespeare Garden in Golden Gate State Park in San Francisco. Ethan Birchard, friend of the bride, officiated the ceremony.

Parents of the bride are Christina Jones of Murfreesboro, Tenn., and the late Russell Jones and Sam Lynah.

Parents of the groom are Betty Tecco of Saline and Thomas Tecco of Brighton.

Mandy Polse served as maid of honor, and Laurel Lea and Christine Landrey were bridesmaids. All are friends of the bride. Carlos Hinojosa, friend of the groom, was best man.

The bride graduated from Amherst College and the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine. She completed a psychiatric residency at the University of California in San Francisco and is practicing psychiatrist in the Bay Area.

The groom graduated from the University of Michigan and is chief technology officer of Triggitt in San Francisco.

The couple honeymooned in December in London and Amsterdam, and currently resides in Oakland, Calif.



Feltman-Nichols

Erin-Leigh Feltman of Atlanta, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Feltman of Patterson, La., and Thomas Boyd Nichols of Atlanta, son of Jan Johnson of Saline and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Nichols of Kalamazoo, were married Nov. 7, 2009, at St. Louis Cathedral in New Orleans.

Monsignor Richard Greene officiated the double ring ceremony.

The bride is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Feltman and Fulton Feltman Jr., all of Patterson, La., and the late Alvin and Meredith Bernard. The groom is the grandson of Joyce Johnson and the late Homer Johnson of Waterford, and the late Lorene Soucie and Otis Nichols Jr.

The bride is a graduate of Patterson High School and Louisiana State University, with a bachelor's degree in landscape architecture.

The groom is a graduate of Saline High School and Michigan State University with a bachelor's degree in landscape architecture.

Decorations included red mango calla lilies, kiewi vine, bear grass and willow twigs, ribbon. The bride carried a hand-tied bouquet of white peonies, mini calla lilies, ranunculus roses and hanging amaranthus accented with green hypericum berries and willow twigs.

The bride wore a custom A-line bridal gown made of silk satin with a chapel-length train, a shoulder-length veil with netting and an ostrich feather headpiece. She was escorted down the aisle by her father.

The maid of honor was Teri Ellison, and bridesmaids were Abby Fitzgerald-Paradee; Courtney Oubre; Jennifer Couvillion Feltman, sister-in-law of the bride; and Adrienne Nichols, sister of groom. The bridal attendants wore strapless tea-length dresses of espresso taffeta accented with sash.

The best man was Scott Love, and groomsmen were Marc Feltman, brother of the bride; Ben Feltman, brother of the bride; Matt Devey; and Nick Shaw.

The flower girl wore a champagne-colored Victorian dress and carried a basket filled with antique hydrangeas and hanging amaranthus, accented with bear grass and willow twigs.

Readers were Beth Robertson Feltman, aunt of the bride; Claudia Keeley, aunt of the groom; and Stephanie Knope, cousin of the bride.

Ushers were Chad Feltman, cousin of the bride; Chris Abate; Nate Griswold; and Bill Welch.

The organist was Michele Starnes, and the vocalist was Megan Dearie.

Wedding party and guests followed the bride and groom in a grand New Orleans tradition to Latrobe's on Royal in a Second Line led by The Pin Stripe Jazz Band.

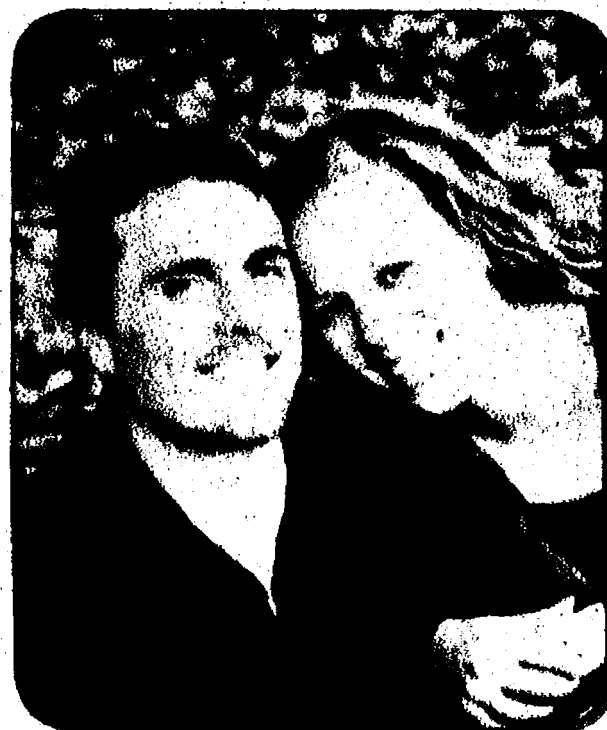
Tables throughout the room held tall trumpet glass vases of willow twigs, greenery, hanging amaranthus, red mango calla lilies and hanging votive candles. The buffet tables were accented with large willow trees with hanging votives. Guest dined on traditional Cajun cuisine.

The bride's cake was a four-tier buttercream cake accented with orange pincushion protea flowers. The layers were filled with fresh fruit, vanilla custard and French buttercream.

The groom's cake was a red velvet cake depicting a camera.

The couple honeymooned in St. Lucia and now reside in Atlanta.

ENGAGEMENTS

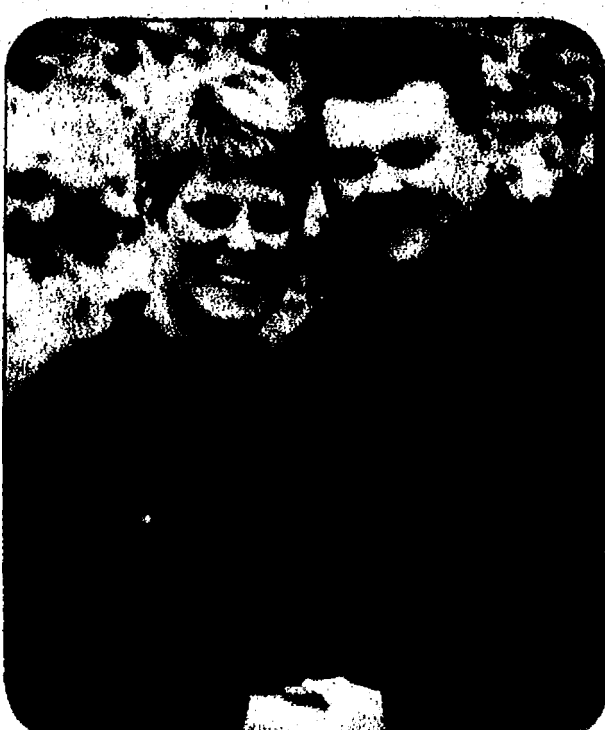


Parrish-Buchanan

Libby Parrish of Ann Arbor, daughter of Stan and Ruth Parrish of Ann Arbor, and Brian Buchanan of Saline, son of Bill and Michele Buchanan of Ann Arbor, are engaged and plan to marry in July 2010.

The bride-elect is a 2001 graduate of Saline High School and a 2005 graduate of the University of Michigan. She is employed by the Saline Area Schools.

The groom-elect is a 1998 graduate of Saline High School and a 2005 graduate of Eastern Michigan University. He is employed by the Saline Area Schools.



Hendrickson-Casey

Robin Hendrickson of Chelsea, daughter of Bev and Richard Becker of McGregor, Iowa, and Timothy Casey of Chelsea, son of Louise and Larry Thelsen of Adrian, are planning to marry May 15 at Northlake United Methodist Church in Chelsea.

The future bride works at Marshalls Department Store and the future groom works for the city of Milan.

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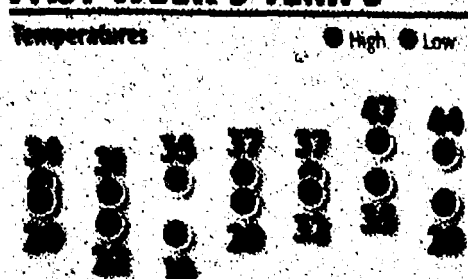
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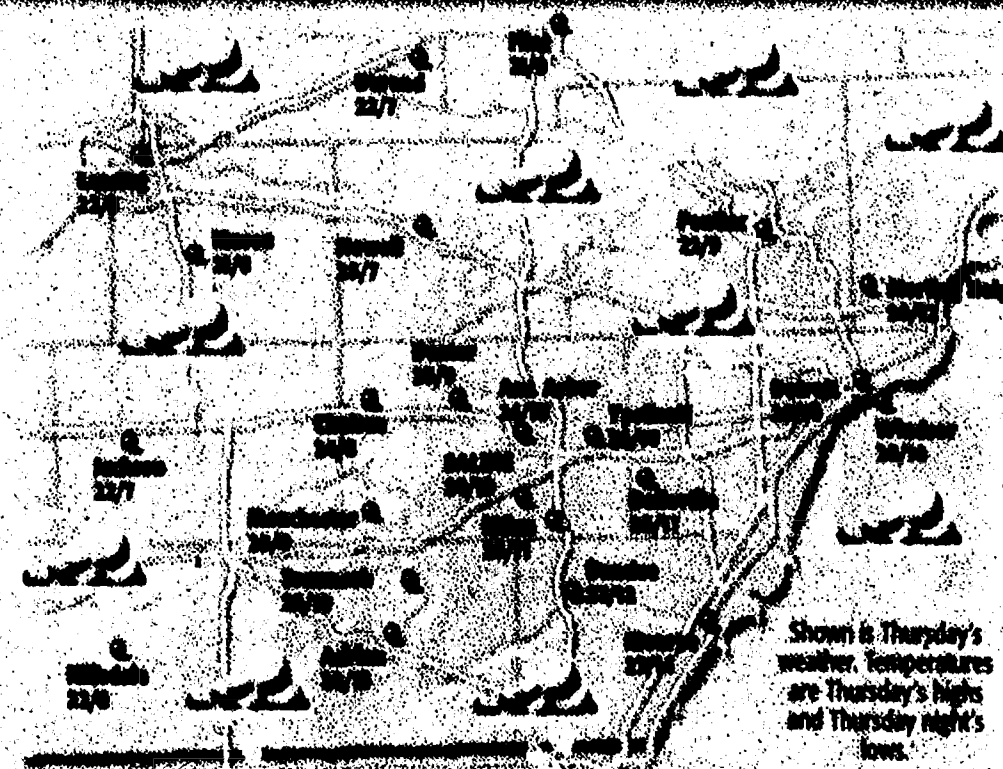
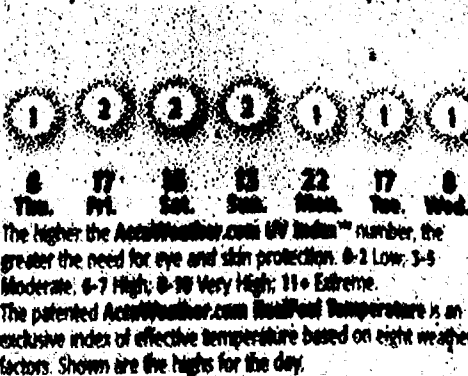
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Total for the month	0.54"
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PAST WEEK'S TEMPS



THIS WEEK'S CONDITIONS

Weekly UV Index and RealFeel Temperature*



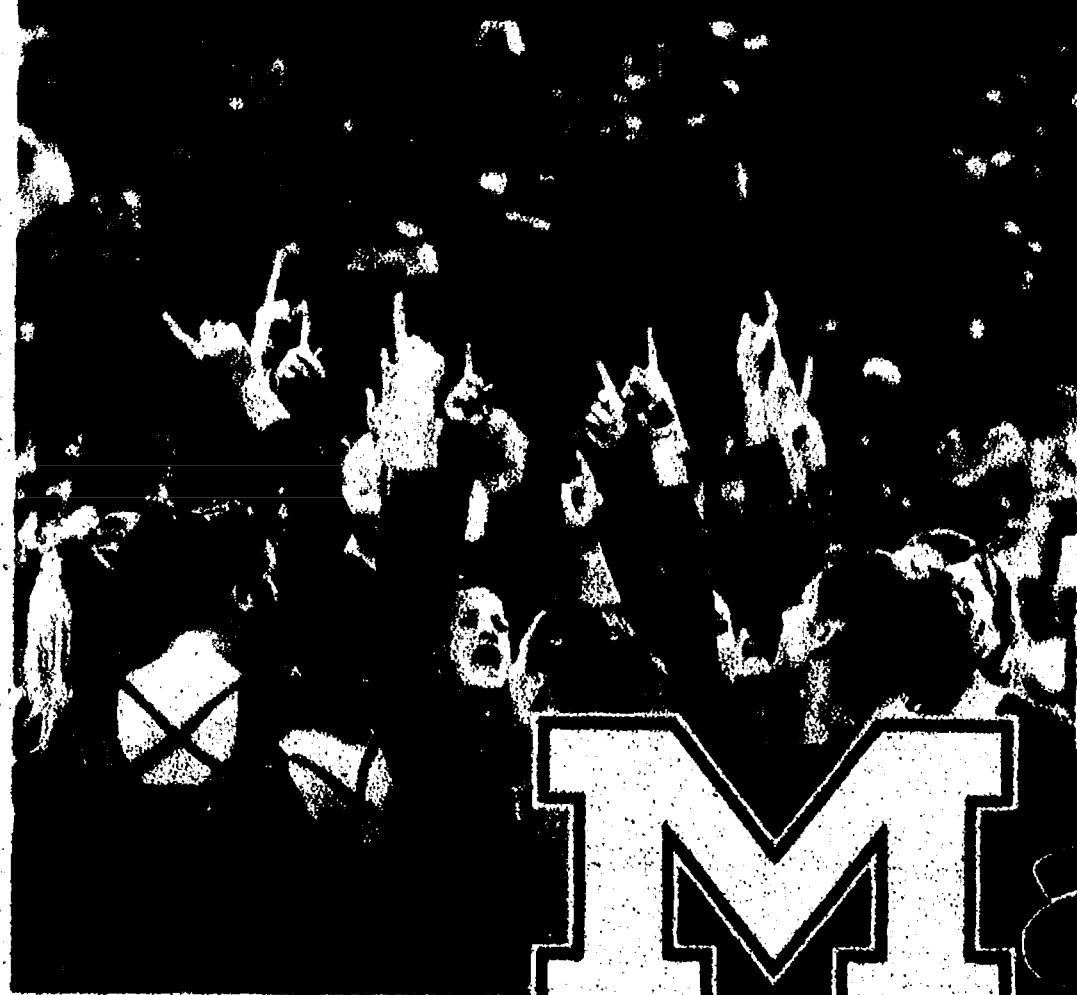
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Wednesday	7:46 a.m.	5:52 p.m.
The Moon		
Thursday	4:39 p.m.	5:08 a.m.
Friday	5:22 p.m.	7:19 a.m.
Saturday	6:04 p.m.	7:59 a.m.
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Monday	6:23 p.m.	8:54 a.m.
Tuesday	6:36 p.m.	9:21 a.m.
Wednesday	6:50 p.m.	9:47 a.m.

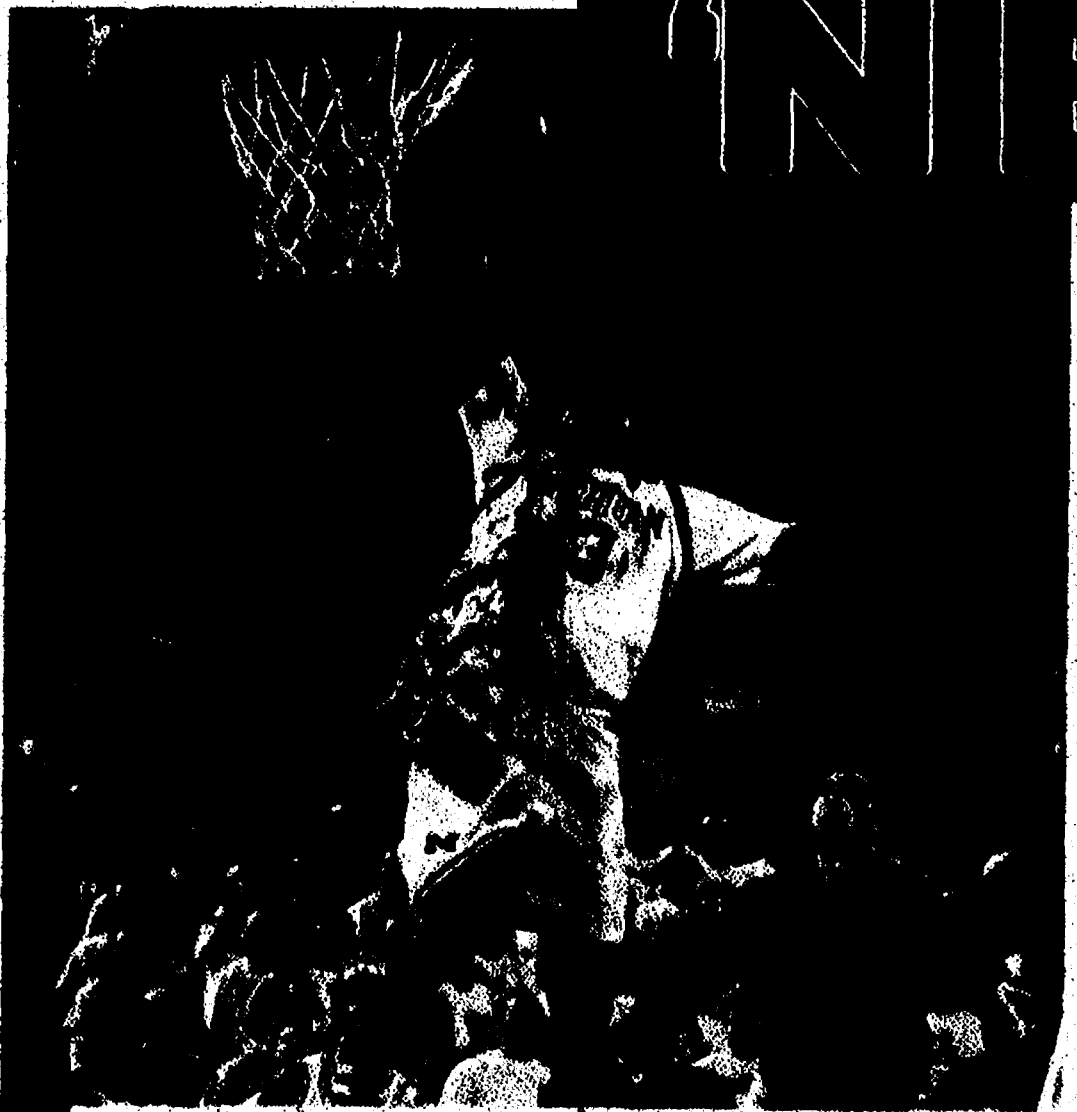
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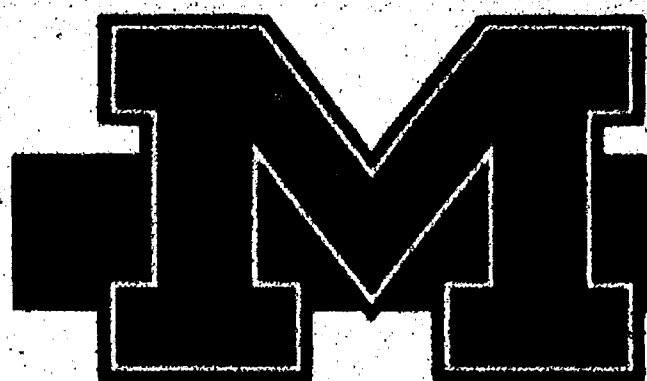


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Thanks again for picking up this edition of the Maize 'N Blue. We hope you read over the last copy we sent out this Fall, but if not, you're in for a treat! We want you to stay connected to Michigan Athletics because we know how important the Wolverines are to you. So read on! Find out what's going on with some of your favorite teams. Basketball, hockey, wrestling, swimming & diving, and gymnastics are all in the midst of their seasons, and tennis and track & field are just getting started. There's so much to see! Once again, this publication is our way of keeping you in the loop no matter how many games you can make it to, because trust us, we know it's not possible to be everywhere at once, although we know you try to be.

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BRANDON'S BIO

In October when current Athletic Director Bill Martin announced that he would be stepping down from his position, many in the Michigan community wondered whether the school would be able to find another leader to continue the Michigan tradition while holding tight to high athletic and academic standards. It seems that the Wolverines have found their man -- and a true *Michigan* man -- to take over the immense pressure of being *THE* man at Michigan. After March 8th, there will be a new face of Michigan's Athletic Department, and it looks like this:

David Brandon

Age 57, Married, Four Children
Back-up Quarterback under
Bo Schembechler

BA, Education, U of M, 1974

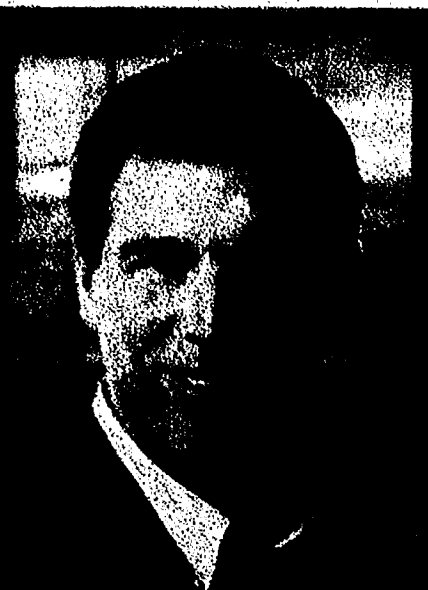
Former U of M Regent, 1998-2006

Current CEO of Domino's Pizza,

the nation's 2nd largest pizza chain

Former CEO of Valassis Communications,

one of the world's largest coupon distributors



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"It is my distinct honor and privilege to have this opportunity to serve the university in yet another way," Brandon said. "My participation as a student-athlete at U-M has made a profound impact on my life and career, and I fully understand and respect the important role our athletic programs play in helping to shape the culture and image of our university community."

"He'll certainly move us forward. I'm very, very pleased, and I look forward to working with him in a very orderly and smooth transition," said Martin.

Brandon is also known for his spots in broadly run commercials for Domino's Pizza. One features him in Washington, D.C., giving a (pizza) bailout to Main Street offering \$5 pizzas and sandwiches, in light of 2009's financial crisis.

Check it out on YouTube!

Sometimes, Losing is a Good Thing!

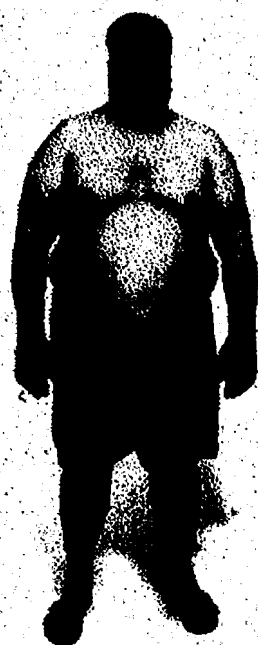
Meet Pete Thomas.

Why? He's not the next coach of Michigan Basketball. We're quite happy with the ones we have. He's not the new starting point guard; again, the ones we have are working quite well for us. He's probably not even the biggest fan, not anymore at least. No, he's not the biggest fan; he's the biggest loser! And this biggest loser and about five of his "Loser" friends are coming to a Michigan Women's Basketball game to share their stories.

Mark your calendars for January 31st at 1:00pm. The "Losers," as they call themselves, will be in attendance as part of Women's Basketball's Heart Health Awareness day.

For those of you who haven't seen the show, *The Biggest Loser* is a reality television show on which people of "great personalities and great gerth" (Pete's description, not ours) compete to win a cash prize, and more importantly, a healthy lifestyle, by losing weight. At the final weigh-in, the person to have lost the largest percentage of their body weight is named the Biggest Loser. While Pete didn't win the final weigh-in, he did win the At-Home Challenge by losing the highest percentage of body weight between the time he left the show and the time of the final weigh-in.

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The contestants train at a ranch during filming, working out about 4 hours a day on average. The workouts were so difficult, Pete says, that if people knew what would be required of them, no one would apply to be on the show.

In the time Pete was on the show, 62 days, he lost 83 pounds. In the first fourteen days alone, his blood pressure went from 150 over 90 to 102 over 60, and his resting heart rate dropped from 89 beats per minute to 62 bpm. By this point, the contestants were considered athletes and the only thing left for them to do was lose the weight. By the end of nine months, Pete had lost 185 pounds and his percentage of body fat went from 50.5% to his current 10%.

Pete Thomas, before and after the show

Pete has been able to maintain his healthy ways since the show and is looking forward to coming to the game as a way of spreading his successful message with the record crowd expected to be in attendance. He especially appreciates being able to come before a crowd at a team sport considering how important teammates were to him on the show. One teammate, Dr. Jeff, who is seven years older than Pete, was able to keep working out despite his physical ailments. Pete would look to Dr. Jeff and see him working, knowing that if Dr. Jeff could fall and get back up, Pete himself had no excuses.

Just like the Women's Basketball team knows, and as Pete learned during his time on *The Biggest Loser*, "Teammates help drive you to levels you didn't know you had."

Look on the back cover of this issue for a \$1 Admission coupon to see the "Losers" at the game!

MICHIGAN: 15-LOVE

THERE REALLY ISN'T A GAME ON THE MEN'S TENNIS NON-CONFERENCE SCHEDULE THIS YEAR THAT WOULDN'T BE CONSIDERED AN IMPORTANT ONE IN ANY OTHER YEAR: A HOME-OPENER AGAINST PURDUE (2/6 @ 6PM), A MATCH FOLLOWING WEEK AGAINST ALWAYS-TOUGH NOTRE DAME (2/13 @ 6PM), A MATCH AGAINST A PERENNIAL LEADER NORTH CAROLINA (2/20 @ 6PM), AND A MARQUEE MATCH AGAINST STANFORD (2/27 @ 6PM).

SO WHAT ONE ARE YOU COMING TO?

OF COURSE, THERE'S ALWAYS THE MEET AGAINST MICHIGAN STATE (3/20 @ 6PM).

Something else to watch out for is freshman Evan Laine, a former top player in the NCAA Boys' 18 and-under singles rankings and 14th in the International Tennis Federation rankings.

Be sure to be a fan, so make sure to come early and often and on the bandwagon!

Chris Madden

After Michigan's 2nd place finish at the NCAA Championships last year and their tie for the Big Ten Championship, you NEED to know these Michigan gymnasts! Here's a closer look at Senior Co-Captain David Chan's introduction to Ann Arbor courtesy of the M-Zone & MGoBlue.com. An excerpt from:

The Accidental All-American

By Joanne C. Gerstner

Michigan gymnastics coach Kurt Golder wishes he could spin a dramatic tale about how hard he worked to find Wolverine senior co-captain David Chan. But Golder is happily honest, acknowledging the incredible chain of events that brought Chan from Asia to Michigan had nothing to do with his recruiting prowess.

Chan, a native of Singapore, had attended boarding school in Australia since the age of 12.

6 After graduating from high school in Perth in 2003, he returned to Singapore for the mandatory three years of military service. He had been a successful gymnast during his school days but stopped training during his stint. Chan knew he wanted to come to the United States for university after he finished the military obligation. So he began researching where he should go to college, knowing he wanted to study aerospace engineering somewhere in North America. A web search informed him that the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor had one of the best engineering programs in the United States.

He applied to Michigan, without ever visiting the campus. His first days in North America came in the fall of 2006, when he arrived in Ann Arbor for orientation. Gymnastics was the furthest thing from his mind: he just wanted to fit into a new place very far from home.

It was a little intimidating at first, because there was a lot to adjust to," Chan said. "I felt I had made a good choice pretty quickly, it was just a matter of getting things going for me."

Chan's acclimation to North America and university life was going well. He became friends with some people who knew members of the Michigan

women's gymnastics team. Chan was intrigued, as gymnastics was still something he loved. He didn't know about Michigan's varsity gymnastics program, much less the level of competition at the Big Ten and NCAA.

He just wanted to do a few tricks on the pommel horse or a few flips to relieve school stress and have fun. Chan wondered if Michigan had some type of open gym or a club team. So he walked into the gymnastics practice facility, and met Golder.

"He was a nice kid, said he wanted to drop in and work out a bit, but I had to set him straight -- that's not how it works," Golder said, adding a laugh. "If you're working out here, you're on the gymnastics team. We're not a drop-in kind of club. We're a serious NCAA varsity program that trains on a schedule."

Chan was still interested, after seeing the blue expanse of the padded floor and the equipment in the Coliseum. Golder and Chan chatted a bit, with the coach trying to stealthily determine how good this freshman from another country could be. Chan was sent off for a tryout with an assistant coach, and Golder figured that would be the end of things.

"I got a call about 10 minutes into the tryout, and I was told that this kid was really, really good," Golder said. "I have to say I was surprised. All-American-types of gymnasts just don't walk into your office off the street."

Chan has become an important part of Michigan's gymnastics team, which is regarded as one of the best in the NCAA. The Wolverines were the 2009 co-Big Ten champions, and finished as NCAA runner-up. This season, Michigan is ranked No. 4 in the nation in the preseason poll and No. 1 in the Big Ten preseason poll.

INTERVIEW

The M-Zone sat down with Senior **Kelsey Knutson** thoughts on the beginning of the season and her New Year's Resolutions.

Q: How are you feeling about the season ahead? I'm really hyped about this to show the world what Michigan gymnastics is all about.

Q: What is your favorite part of being a gymnast? I love being on the team that is so dear to my heart. Just being able to help out the team and help them reach our goal is something I'm truly proud of. I try to do everything I can to fulfill that expectation.

Q: Other personal goals: "My personal goals are to help out my team as best I can on bars and on balance beam. And I also want to keep the team positive and keep the team motivated and committed to our goal that we set way back in the spring of last year. We want to peak and have our best performances at Big Tens, Regionals, and Nationals."

Q: What is your biggest goal for the season, not losing to a Big Ten team for two years? "We don't see that as pressure. We have a tradition of excellence at this school, and it is something that excites us and motivates us."

Q: What are your New Year's Resolutions? "I have several New Year's Resolutions, but one that I'm really focused on is that I'm going to floss my teeth everyday." (By the way, she's keeping up with that resolution.)

Q: What are your thoughts from Coach Bev Flocke?

Q: How do you feel about the team and the season progression? "The team is really motivated, and they've been working hard in a number of years... [they've] worked hard the last few years, and they're all looking really, really good."

Q: What is the best gift for me would be for my team to make it through the entire season healthy and happy."

A NEW HOME FOR WRESTLING

For the Michigan Wrestling program, celebrations and thoughts of new beginnings were in large supply as the calendar flipped from December to January this year, not only in anticipation of the 2010 season, but also because Michigan Wrestling coaches and student-athletes kicked off their 2010 settling into their new 18,000 square foot training and practice facility. The building is on South State Street adjacent to the Preston Robert Tisch Tennis and the Donald R. Shephard Women's Gymnastics facilities. The new wrestling facility includes 7,500 square feet of wrestling space, coaches' and athletes' locker rooms, a training room, equipment storage, a designated area for strength and conditioning, and a Michigan Wrestling Hall of Fame displayed in the lobby.

8 "The building itself is going to be named after Ralph Bahna a former wrestler here who wrestled under Coach Cliff Keen. We can't express our gratitude to Ralph enough," head coach Joe McFarland commented.

Bahna helped to fund the project with a \$5.5 million donation. McFarland has been patiently awaiting the completion of construction and could not be more thankful for a facility that encompasses in one location all of the facets necessary to be successful in intercollegiate wrestling. "We pretty much have everything that we need here. It's great," McFarland added.

McFarland is not the only member of the Michigan Wrestling program excited about the new state-of-the-art facility. "We're just really happy that we got out of the old facility [at Crisler Arena] where there were a lot of distractions and conflicts," commented Hunter Collins, a freshman Wrestling Wolverine from Gilroy, CA. "We're in a place now where we can train when we want and have everything possible to make us go to that next level."

To see the beginning effects of the new training center, don't miss Michigan Wrestling in home action at Cliff Keen Arena on Friday, January 29th at 7:00PM as they take on in-state rival Michigan State and on Sunday, February 14th at 2:00PM as they battle Wisconsin. Michigan will also play host to the Big Ten Championships at Crisler Arena on Friday, March 6th and 7th. Check www.mgoblue.com for more details.

A Winning Winter

Promotions Jan. 28 - Mar. 10

WOMEN'S GYM

***Sat., Feb. 13th vs. Minnesota @ 6pm**

-First 500 fans receive a free Go Blue! t-shirt

***Fri., Feb. 19th vs. Utah @ 7:30pm**

-Circus Day: Clowns, balloon animals, & more

-Elementary School Day

ICE HOCKEY

***Tue., Feb. 9 vs. Bowling Green @ 7:35pm**

-Michigan Trading Cards Giveaway

***Sat., Feb. 20 vs. Northern @ 7:35pm**

-Tricycle Race & Trading Cards Giveaway

WRESTLING

***Fri., Jan. 29 vs. Michigan State @ 7pm**

-Michigan Trading Cards Giveaway

***Sun., Feb. 14th vs. Wisconsin @ 2pm**

-Kids Go Blue Club Vacation Day to Colorado

MEN'S BASKETBALL

***Sat., Jan. 30 vs. Iowa @ 4:30pm**

-First 5,000 fans get a reusable tote bag

***Sat., Feb. 6 vs. Wisconsin @ 4pm**

-1984-85 Big 10 Championship Team Reunion

***Sat., Feb. 20 vs. Penn State**

-Halftime Entertainment:

Hooper and the Pistons Flight Crew

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

***Sun., Jan. 31 vs. Penn State**

-Pack the House Challenge

-First 1,000 fans get a Michigan Mini-Hoop

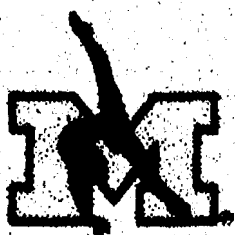
-Health Awareness w/the Biggest Losers

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Saturday, Feb. 6th @ 6:00pm

Men's Gym vs. Oklahoma

Saturday, Feb. 20th @ 2:00pm

Women's Basketball vs. Penn State

Sunday, Jan. 31st @ 1:00pm

Women's Gym vs. Utah

Friday, Feb. 19th @ 7:30pm

Men's Basketball vs. Wisconsin

Saturday, Feb. 6th @ 4:00pm

Ice Hockey vs. Notre Dame

Thursday, Feb. 25th @ 7:35pm

Family Club Spotlight

on the O'Clair family of Dexter

Maize 'N Blue: How did you hear about the family club?

O'Clair Family: The entire family enjoys cheering on the Michigan volleyball team and also has a love of sports in general. So while browsing through the MGoBlue website I saw a link to the Michigan Family Club.

MNB: How did you decide to join? Was it obvious that the benefits outweighed the monetary cost?

OF: It was a no brainer decision. We usually go to at least 4-5 volleyball games per year as a family and would have spent more money attending those games if we did not have the benefit of the Family Club. It also opened up the possibilities of attending varsity sporting events that we may have not otherwise attended.

MNB: Since you get two family passes, does the family ever separate on a night and have some family members go to one event and others to another?

OF: Not yet! However, two passes allows for one parent to wrangle up the kids while the other parent is able to join the excitement after work.

MNB: What is your most memorable Michigan sports moment?

OF: When my 3 year old daughter, Avery, dressed in her most lovely princess dress and tiara for a volleyball game, and Megan Bower handed her a small volleyball.

MNB: If you had to pick a sport that describes your family, what would it be?

OF: Definitely basketball! There is so much running around between work, the children's school, and extra-curricular activities. During these times, my husband and I find ourselves "passing" the children off between the two of us. And on the weekend events we plan, sometime we score and sometimes we miss, but we keep on shooting!

The Michigan Family Club offers families a cost-effective way of seeing almost any Michigan event. For \$100 at the start of the Fall season, families can enroll to receive two family passes allowing entrance to any sport except football, ice hockey, and men's basketball. The two passes allow families to split up for a night, perhaps sending mom and son to wrestling and dad and daughter to tennis. Each family also gets guest passes in case the kids want to bring friends along. With enrollment in the family club, each family member also receives a Michigan t-shirt and chances to win prizes!

For more info on the Family Club, call (734) 615-2025!

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STOP IN TO WIN A CHEVY CRUZE!

Prosper in the new economy despite having weighty home mortgage to pay

By Jon Mykala
Guest Writer

A recent poll shows that challenging economic times has home owners realigning their priorities. Dramatic declines in housing prices are causing bewildered home owners to wonder if they have financed the American Dream or the American Nightmare. With drops in value by as much as 40 percent in some areas, they are left wondering if they will ever see their equity again.

In addition, lending guidelines have tightened to the point where even the most credit-worthy borrowers are being faced with additional hoops to jump through in order to get a home loan. The combination of the two factors has the average home owner wondering how to get out from under the weight of a mortgage that may be causing concerns over their loss of equity, funding college or retirement plans, or even facing the hectic stresses of every day life.

A 'New Economy'

The first thing to realize if you are a home owner faced with concerns over your home value, mortgage or other debt, is that we have entered a 'New Economy'. The 'boom' years are gone for now and we have entered a period described by economic expert Harry Dent as a "long economic winter". This means that you should not expect a quick return to prior values in both housing and stocks, thus relying on the markets to create equity or build wealth.

The New Economy doesn't mean that you cannot prosper. What it does require, however, is a change in our thinking and habits related to our mortgage, debt and savings/investments. It is forcing us to focus on self-reliance and self-accountability for determining our own financial destinies. Here are some tips for finding ways to prosper in this new environment:

Create A Plan

Depending on your age, income, and lifestyle you have to decide how you will re-capture your equity. Will you aggressively pay off debt or will you increase your savings and/or investment contributions?

Understand The Meaning of RISK

The biggest wake-up call that the 'New Economy' has provided is that



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all markets can be extremely volatile, including housing. Even more importantly, it has taught us that every investment (including our home) has the potential to lose substantial, if not all of the money we place in it. This makes it even more important to understand the relation between risk, timing and the use of leverage.

Establish A HIGHLY LIQUID Emergency Fund

Before you begin paying off debt or

increasing savings/investments, plan for a minimal amount of readily available reserves. The days of borrowing on lines of credit or home equity loans for essentials or emergencies have all but disappeared.

Set Realistic Time Frames

Regardless if you decide on an aggressive debt reduction strategy for your mortgage or increased savings and investments, eventually using the extra accumulated funds to pay-off your loan,

make sure that you evaluate your risk tolerances appropriately and the length of time you have available to reasonably accomplish your goal. Remember that it may have taken a number of years to have accumulated your original down payment and that you should give yourself a realistic time frame to rebuild that equity.

Cut Expenses

By cutting household and lifestyle expenses you will find more free cash flow to contribute to your plan, increasing your ability to replace lost equity or wealth quicker.

Find More Cash Flow

While cutting expenses is a great way to find more cash flow, adding supplemental income can help turbo-charge your recovery. Temporary part-time jobs, consulting, selling 'widgets' for a local small business on commission, or even starting a small boot-strap business all present fantastic opportunities to provide additional income.

If your income has been affected by a job loss or lack of business, keep faith by knowing "that this too shall pass," and that a brighter income opportunity is awaiting.

Discipline & Consistency

When I review the six steps above with my clients, they are usually shocked to see that the average person can be COMPLETELY out of debt in only 12.9 years, including their mortgage. The plan to re-capture your equity or build wealth is not difficult. It simply requires you to maintain the discipline and consistency to accomplish your goal.

The changes we have seen in our economy may feel painful on a temporary basis, but the long term affects are healthy. Whether it is re-aligning family priorities, searching for new career opportunities, furthering our education, or streamlining our business, we are rising to a new level of economic awareness that will empower and enable us to control our financial futures.

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Government to encourage shift to annuities

The next decade is going to be the age of self-reliance. If you want to have financial security, where are you going to get it? Are you going to rely on the federal government?

The last I checked they were 12 trillion in debt and that's estimated to grow by one trillion annually over the next 10 years. Are you going to rely upon your employer? A lot of people aren't even employed today. If you were lucky enough to have been employed by a company that offered a pension, that's great, but a lot are currently underfunded.

The move from pensions (which are unaffordable to companies in a global competition versus peers who do not need to fund them) to 401(k)'s will probably prove to be a long-term disaster. Since it won't all explode in a three- to four-year time frame like the mortgage mess, this will be an issue that will come to the forefront over the long run when many baby boomers realize they are going to be working "until they drop." Not to mention the cost is punitive to most small businesses, which employ the majority of Americans.

The push away from defined benefits was a great thing for corporations; the risk was moved from the corporation to the worker, so what is not to love? Even in the best of economies and best of stock

Insurance companies have annuities with income riders which can guarantee as much as eight percent per year and can offer a 10 percent upfront premium bonus.

markets this would have ended up in horrors for reasons I listed above.

Throw in a bubble economy with a bubble stock market—not to mention the fact that the corporation can walk away from matching—and you have the steaming mess we have now. "There's a real desire on a lot of people's parts to try to encourage something other than just rolling over a lump sum, to make sure this money will actually last a lifetime," said Certner, legislative counsel for Washington-based AARP, the biggest U.S. advocacy group for retirees.

Asking people to make investment decisions on their own when they have little to no exposure to the investment world is an impossible task. You see how many "do it yourself" home improvement projects work out, right? Eventually a professional is called in to fix the mess.

Are you asked to do surgery on your friends? Or do you get a professional? The answer is obvious; yet somehow everyone is supposed to be an expert in investing

after spending just a few hours a month on it, if that. Plus, this is not to say many "professionals" in the investment world have done a good job taking care of their clients either. It's all relative. Even if you are willing and to attempt taking on such a task, the likes of Warren Buffet and Bill Gross project five to six percent returns with volatility.

If you go to the bank for safety you get a CD paying approximately two percent. According to the rule of 72, it will take you 36 years to double your money.

The Barack Obama administration wants to encourage workers to shift their investments from some retirement savings vehicles into guaranteed income streams, such as annuities. Recent reports from the assistant labor secretary and deputy assistant treasury secretary indicate that the U.S. Treasury and Labor Departments will soon ask for public comment on ways to promote the conversion of 401(k) savings and IRAs into annuities or other steady payment streams.

According to the legislative counsel for the AARP, "annuities generally guarantee income until the retiree's death, and often that of a surviving spouse, as well. They are designed to protect against the risk that retirees outlive their savings, a danger made clear by market losses suffered by older Americans over the last year."

Insurance companies have annuities with income riders which can guarantee as much as eight percent per year and can offer a 10 percent upfront premium bonus. You can double your money in as little as eight years guaranteed and trigger an income stream at any time that you can't outlive.

Here's an example. Let's say Jane (age 50) puts \$100,000 into an annuity that pays her a 10 percent premium bonus up front and offers a lifetime income benefit rider. When Jane turns 65 and plans to retire, she'll receive \$17,466 annually to supplement her retirement income. That \$17,466 is guaranteed as long as she lives. Results can of course vary depending on age, length of deferral and the annuity.

If you would like more information on annuities we can be contacted at Wealth Management Solutions at 800-616-1496 (toll free) or 734-433-1496 (local), as well as by e-mail at tlucas@WealthMgtSolutions.com.

Advice offered for those starting up a nonprofit

While many people are content to make monetary donations or volunteer their time to causes they care about, others are so impassioned that they feel compelled to do something bigger and bolder—like start a nonprofit organization of their own.

For those who are passionate enough to make the leap—or even those who might consider it—here are six tips for getting the project off the ground.

Do your homework

The desire to make a difference is great, but without a solid plan based on sound research, your desire can't be transformed into action. While there are fundamental differences between nonprofit and for-profit organizations, both require a lot of work on the front end: a viable business plan, a source of start-up funding and a set of concrete goals. Most important, however, is to determine if your proposed venture will actually qualify legally and financially as a nonprofit organization.

Play by the rules

Nonprofit organizations are required to adhere to both state and federal regula-

tions. Find out what they are and follow them to the letter. For example, you will likely need to file a certificate of incorporation, obtain an employer identification number (EIN) and file for a federal tax exemption. The Foundation Center's Web site (www.foundationcenter.com) offers a lot of helpful information as well as a tutorial with step-by-step guidance on starting a nonprofit organization or foundation.

For the record

Since there are special reporting requirements for nonprofit organizations, keeping good records is a must. Even in the early stages of forming your organization, it's important to carefully document your activities and decisions.

Room and board

Other key decisions include deciding if you will need to rent office space and/or hire employees and, most importantly, how you will build an effective board of directors. Not only is a board legally responsible for keeping the organization on track to meet its objectives, its members are critical to the success of your

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Retirement tips for aging baby boomers

The key to a successful retirement is planning ahead and it's never too early to start. Knowing how your future will look and having a clear plan of how you will get there can make the idea of retirement less intimidating. Here are some strategies to help ensure the "golden years" are really golden.

Determining needs and wants

Retirement means something different to everyone. Some may choose to be semi-retired and continue their careers part-time, while others look forward to spending time with family and friends, volunteering in the community or traveling the world. Having a vision of what you want is the first step toward what steps to take and the resources needed to make it possible.

How much is enough?

Financial planning is the backbone of any retirement strategy. Investments and contributions to a retirement account can provide the income you'll need if they are maintained properly and you don't withdraw funds early from tax-deferred accounts. If you are over 50, the tax-code contains "catch-up" provisions, allowing higher contributions to retirement



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accounts that can yield as much as an additional \$155,507 at age 65. If you are unsure about what you'll need for retirement or the best way to get there, consider consulting with a financial planner.

Less now is more later

Spending less now and investing the

savings can help you achieve your retirement goals. The proceeds from selling your "empty nest," for example, can be reinvested while saving the expense of maintaining a larger than necessary home. Fewer meals eaten out, a more modest vacation or trading down to a smaller, more efficient car today means a

more comfortable tomorrow.

To your health

Review your current insurance policies to be sure the coverage is adequate and you're not paying for coverage you

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Money merging strategies for today's couples

Among the many decisions newlyweds must make, deciding how to combine their incomes and share financial decision-making is at the forefront. Even in single-income households, individual assets and debts are typically merged, requiring couples to work together to determine their financial future. Here are some strategies for a successful money merger.

Honesty is the best policy

Along with trust and honesty, open communication about finances is important in building a strong marriage. Without these components, it's difficult to work together as a team toward common financial goals. Each person needs to be aware of any assets or outstanding debts belonging to their spouse. It's okay for couples to have separate accounts so long as there are no secret accounts. Having joint checking, savings and credit

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card accounts creates transparency and requires couples to communicate clearly and work together. Even if only one partner generally signs the checks and balances the accounts, ideally both partners should have a clear sense of the financial picture.

Make a plan

Create a budget that you can stick to that realistically reflects future spending. Decide who is going to have primary responsibility for writing checks or how you're going to share them. Set a time to sit down together every month when it's

time to pay bills to talk about current and future spending so you're on the same page. Agree on discretionary spending and saving after bills and expenses have been paid. The easiest way to keep money from undermining your marriage is to make a plan together, agreeing on where the funds will come from and how they will be spent each month.

Balance the bills

More often than not, couples merging their finances have different incomes and amounts of accumulated debt. Couples need to agree on how much each person

should contribute to the household and how past debts are to be paid off. There are a number of basic ways to divide the financial pie. If a couple has similar incomes and debts, a 50/50 split is a simple solution. A couple can decide to each contribute a set percentage of their incomes towards expenses and purchases.

Previous debts can be absorbed to become a shared expense or remain the responsibility of the spouse who accumulated them. Discretionary spending towards the household or things like vacations can be treated the same as other household expenses while personal purchases might be considered the responsibility of the individual.

There are countless ways to determine how finances are shared, but the important thing is that you and your partner are clear about each others' expectations when it comes to spending and saving.

Advisor an asset in taxing times

Knock, knock! It's tax time. While some people simply can't wait to sharpen their pencils and open fresh spreadsheets, for most it's a time of stress.

A hundred questions run through most taxpayers' minds. Did I remember all of my deductions? Can I claim my student daughter in her fourth (or fifth or sixth) year of college? Will I get an energy credit for those windows I installed last year?

As usual, there are few easy answers. All of them depend on the answers to several other questions. The tax code doesn't seem to be getting any easier, either. With the addition of the First Time Home Buyer credit, and the re-enactment of the Efficient Energy credit in 2009, taxpayers are up to their necks in tax code changes that can (and usually do) affect their 2009 filing.

There has never been a better time to have your tax return prepared, reviewed, and explained by a true tax professional. Does it cost a little bit more than buying the software and preparing it yourself? It depends on how you price your time. Most people who prepare their tax return themselves estimate it takes them about four

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hours to complete the return. Let's assume Joe Taxpayer makes an annual salary of \$45,000. A salary at that level means an hour of Joe's time is worth about \$22. Four hours makes it \$88. Add in the cost of the software and the electronic filing fee, and you're looking at about \$150.

The worst part about this scenario is that Joe Taxpayer has no idea if his tax return is right. He has no way of checking to see if he's on track with the state exemption of his pension on Michigan Schedule 1. He can't be sure if the energy credit he's attempting to get includes the cost of labor or not. And the worst of all is that he has to pay someone else to help him fix his problems if he screwed something up!

Most people can have their state and



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federal tax returns professionally prepared, electronically filed, and reviewed for about \$200. Most tax offices will even stand behind their preparation, and fix the return FOR FREE if they screwed it up! One of the great joys of this line of work is to see the look of relief on our clients' faces when we say, "Yes, we can take care of that for you."

As you might have noticed, 2009 wasn't the easiest year on most people. Many lost jobs, made difficult moves, retired when they weren't quite ready to, and had their homes foreclosed. As a financial advisor, it has been a challenging but rewarding year. We have been able to help our clients in ways they might never have imagined.

That is simply one more reason why you should see a professional tax preparer. If possible, you should see one that is a financial advisor, too! The federal tax return can be a very telling document. With it, a good advisor can tell roughly what a client saves in a given year, where he or she can make the most tax savings, whether or not it would be worth it to put money into a Roth or Traditional IRA, and a multitude of other tax concepts.

All in all, \$200 seems like a pretty good deal for advice that could be worth thousands of dollars in tax savings. If you haven't seen a tax professional in a few years, call one! We are close by, with an office in Saline and a number in the phone book. We would be happy to help, and you would be supporting a local, family-owned

business. If you're already a client, by now you have received a checklist of items to bring in for your tax appointment. And, of course, you also heard from us during the summer for a no-cost check up. If you're not a client, what are you waiting for? There has never been a more important time to make sure your financial balance sheet is in check.

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New year brings new Roth IRA conversions

By Edward Jones

If you already have a Roth IRA, you're aware of its biggest benefit. Your earnings grow tax free, provided you meet certain conditions. If you don't have a Roth IRA, you may want to consider one, and it may be easier for you to do just that in 2010.

Before we get to the reasons why 2010 may be your year to open or convert to a Roth IRA, let's look at some differences between Roth and traditional IRAs. If you own a traditional IRA, your contributions may be tax-deductible, depending on your income level.

But whether you can make deductible contributions or not, your earnings grow on a tax-deferred basis, which means your money can grow faster than it would if it were placed in an investment on which you paid taxes every year. On the other hand, Roth IRA contributions are never tax-deductible, but your earnings grow tax free as long as you've held your account at least five years and don't start taking withdrawals until six months prior to turning 60 years old.

Furthermore, unlike a traditional IRA, a Roth IRA does not require you to start taking distributions when you reach 70 years old. Consequently, you'll have more flexibility and freedom when it comes to making withdrawals.

If you have a traditional IRA, you might be thinking it's a good idea to convert to a Roth IRA because tax free sounds better than tax deferred — and, all things being equal, tax free

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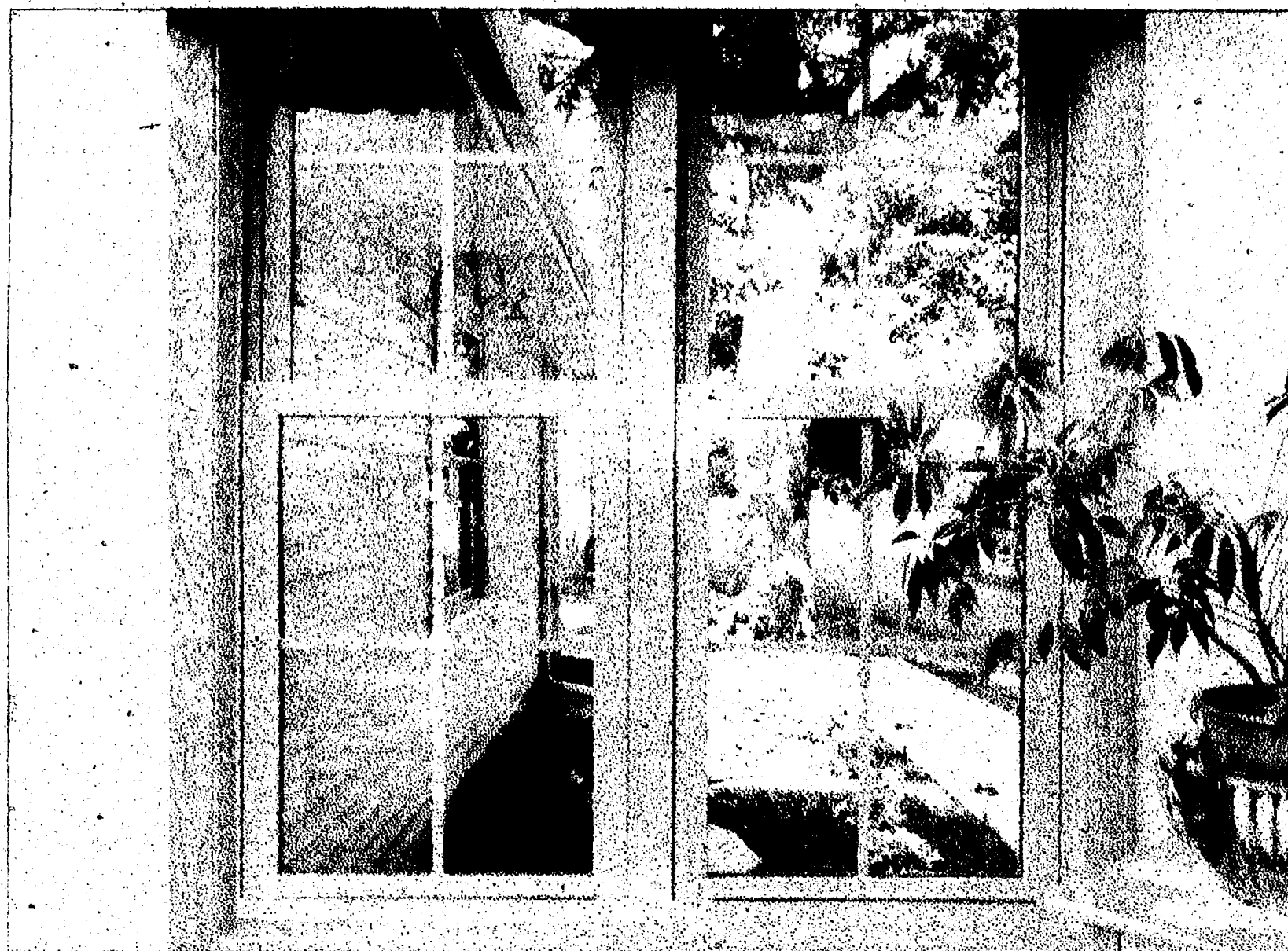
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Homeowners looking to upgrade their windows and take advantage of the government's energy tax credit have until the end of 2010 to qualify for up to \$1,500 in federal tax credit.

"Now is the time to save green—both in your wallet, with lower long-term energy bills, and with the federal tax credit," says Christopher Burk, product manager for Simonton Windows. "With energy-efficient vinyl windows you can start saving on energy bills the day your new windows are installed. Then you get additional savings at the end of the year from the government."

According to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, homeowners can gain a tax credit of up to 30 percent of the cost of qualifying energy efficient upgrades to a maximum of \$1,500 per household until the end of 2010.

To make life easier for homeowners, Simonton Windows offers a variety of competitively-priced Energy Tax Credit (ETC) glass packages that are guaranteed to qualify for the tax credit and are built to provide optimal thermal performance.

"It's easy to match up the qualifying windows with your home's personal style and design," says Burk. "Simply visit www.simonton.com/taxcredit to learn more about windows that can add comfort and beauty to your home while giving you a substantial tax credit at the end of this year."

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day I need it. It's difficult to deal with an illness, but if a catastrophic illness or accident separates you from your ability to work, the impact can be devastating. Life insurance can help pay for the expenses of a long-term care facility.

consider purchasing long-term care insurance. Though the emotional trauma of an illness can be overwhelming, having your retirement savings wiped out, and the financial burden of continued care placed upon your family can be avoided. Long-term insurance is expensive, but it may be a small price to pay to keep your retirement savings and peace of mind.

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fundraising efforts and should bring the organization a range of expertise that complements your own.

Follow the money

Fundraising is a major activity for nonprofits and requires a blend of knowledge, creativity and persistence. Don't underestimate its importance or the amount of time it will require. In fact, your fundraising plan will be an important aspect of your overall business plan.

Pay attention to the details

Once you have laid a solid foundation for your nonprofit, it's time to focus on the structural details, such as opening bank accounts, developing mission and vision statements, establishing bylaws and board policies, hiring staff and creating personnel policies. In addition, establish payroll procedures and obtain the necessary insurance coverage.

Once your board and organizational structure are in place, you will be well prepared to transform your passion into programs and your ideas into action.

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would indeed be better. However, it's not quite that simple. If you convert your traditional IRA to a Roth IRA, you'll have to pay taxes on those traditional IRA earnings and contributions that had previously gone untaxed. If you do convert, you'll be better off if you use money held outside your IRA to pay the taxes. If you simply take money from your IRA, you'll obviously lower the value of your IRA, and you may have to pay an additional 10 percent penalty on the amount you withdraw to pay the taxes if you are younger than 59½ years old.

In the past, many investors have been prohibited from converting their IRAs due to either their tax filing status or their income. Under previous rules you could convert your traditional IRA to a Roth IRA only if you were married and filed a joint return or were a single filer and your modified adjusted gross income (MAGI) was \$100,000 or less. But starting in 2010, you can convert funds to a Roth IRA even if your MAGI is over \$100,000. You will also be able to convert to a Roth if you are married and file separate tax returns.

And that's not the only piece of good

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news regarding your conversion ability. As mentioned above, you will have to pay taxes when you convert to a Roth IRA. A conversion is usually reported as income for the tax year the conversion takes place. However, in 2010 only, your conversion amount will be split and reported as income for tax years 2011 and 2012 unless you elect to report the entire conversion amount on your 2010 taxes. You may find that spreading the taxes over two years can make the conversion more affordable.

In any case, consult with your tax advisor before converting from a traditional IRA to a Roth. If done correctly, such a conversion can potentially make a big difference in your ultimate retirement lifestyle.

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Host of factors can reduce insurance costs

For homeowners, the cost of home ownership can feel overwhelming at times. That's particularly the case for first-time homeowners, who often find the initial few months of home ownership to be financially stressful.

Coming to grips with all the costs of home ownership might be difficult, but it's something all successful homeowners eventually do. Still, there are things prospective homeowners can do to prepare themselves for that initial sticker shock, and even make the cost of home ownership less than it might otherwise be.

Perhaps one of the best ways to lower that cost is to reduce insurance costs. Many prospective home buyers might be surprised to learn that home insurance costs often depend on the individual, and aren't set in stone based on the property value, geography or many other factors beyond the control of the homeowner. For those thinking of buying a home, the following tips might help reduce the cost of home insurance, helping make for a smoother transition to home ownership in the process.

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Maintain a strong credit rating

Whether applying for homeowners insurance, automobile insurance or renter's insurance, applicants should know the role of their personal history in determining their insurance premiums. Insurance companies look at applicants as risk, with some proving more risky to insure than others. Those considered less risky are often those who have avoided financial pitfalls in the past and proved capable of maintaining a strong credit rating.

There are a host of ways to maintain a strong credit rating, from paying bills on time to never missing payments to exhib-

iting an ability to consistently pay bills, be it a phone bill, car note or energy bill. Any prior declarations of bankruptcies will likely raise a red flag with prospective insurers.

Shop around

Before buying a home, prospective home buyers can shop around for the best rates. Part of doing that is determining the deductible. The lower the deductible the higher the monthly payment will be. However, by raising the deductible, which will incur higher initial out of pocket costs in the case of an accident, homeowners can lower their monthly payments by as much as 20 percent, and

possibly even more. When shopping for coverage, inquire as to the potential savings of a higher deductible. Oftentimes, it can lead to substantial monthly savings. As homeowners grow more comfortable and financially stable, it's easy to simply lower the deductible if need be.

Consider geography

While many home buyers might have an ideal ZIP code or locale (i.e., oceanfront) in mind when shopping for a home, it's important to consider the insurance risks of certain regions. Coastal areas are routinely listed as the most costly places to own a home, as insurers are wary of insuring homes in areas that might be open to routine damage, be it from floods or other harsh weather associated with oceans, such as hurricanes.

When shopping for a home, the geography might be ideal, but the additional costs might make it difficult to enjoy the home. Prospective buyers with their eyes on an oceanfront home might want to consider something further inland, where they can save money on the price of the home and reduce their insurance costs as well.

Saving for college when it's just around corner

Paying for college has never been easy. But in this era of economic uncertainty, when retirement accounts and housing values have taken a turn for the worse, the ability to finance a college education has moved beyond the reach of many parents and students.

Further complicating an already difficult situation is the fact that many colleges and universities have lost sizeable chunks of their endowments, making scholarship money harder to come by.

If you have a child who is a few years away from entering college, it pays to learn as much as you can about the options that exist and to ensure that your college-bound son or daughter ends up at a school that is both appropriate and affordable. Here are some areas to consider:

Get the facts

If you have some money put away for college or invested in a 529 college fund, you'll want to get an idea of how those savings stack up against potential tuition and what level of financial aid you can count on. There are many resources available on the web, but you can start with the financial aid calculator at <http://www.finaid.org/>. To get the clearest picture what's in store, do the calculations used by both private and public institutions.

Apply to a wide range of schools

Despite the downturn in college endowments, some schools still have more scholarship money than others. In fact, some of the financial aid packages available at the nation's most elite universities are among the best in the country. As a result, parents of a top-tier student should not automatically rule out top-tier colleges. However, thanks to fierce competition among applicants, parents should encourage even the brightest of children to apply to several institutions, including a few "safety" schools that might be delighted to offer your child a scholarship.

Stay informed

Don't rule out financial aid and scholarships, even if you think your income may be too high. Complete the FAFSA—the Free Application for Federal Student Aid—because it is used by many schools as the primary basis for determining merit scholarships.

Borrow wisely

Increasingly prudent lenders make finding a private loan more difficult than ever. Your best bet may be federal loans given directly to students, which are not only easier to qualify for, but come with a much friendlier interest rate. There are also federal loans for parents, so be sure

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to do your homework.

Think outside the box

Creativity is a key asset when planning for college. If loans, scholarships and savings still come up short, con-

sider some alternative routes to the same destination. For example, consider the transfer option. If there is a good community or junior college near home, your child could start there and then transfer to a four-year college or university.

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