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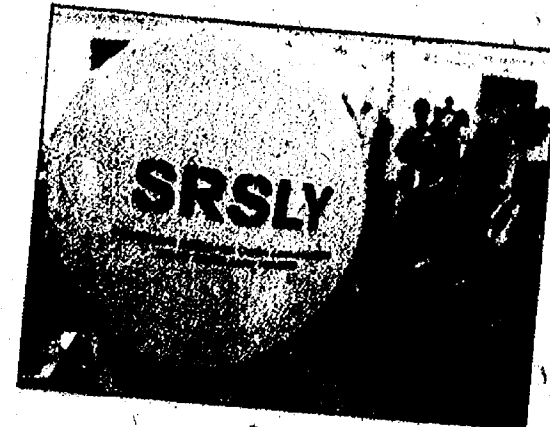
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A 'Made in Michigan' lunch

By Sean Dalton
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Beach Middle School's cafeteria bustled with activity last week as students grazed on lunch products plucked from Michigan farms and food companies during the school's "Made in Michigan" lunch in celebration of National Agriculture Week.

Student Gavin Staples seemed to gravitate toward what Michigan does best with a tray full of potato salad, cherry dessert and a Michigan apple.

There were also products from Bosco's Pizza, which is located on Guenther Road and East 10 Mile Rd. in Warren.

"I eat Michigan food because it helps the Michigan economy buying local farm products," he said before landing at a table full of friends and classmates to scarf down the meal.

Fellow students Anna Knight, Abby Burris and Brittany Hatto approached the school's new salad bar, paid for with a grant from Whole Foods Market, with a look of amazement and wonder.

The self-serve salad bar is twice as large as the school cafeteria's old unit, which was intended to serve a smaller selection to a much smaller student body than Beach's 650 students - all of



Photo by Sean Dalton
Kyle Trembley, Jordan Haber, Derrick Schaedig, Mitch Mills were proud of the heaps of Michigan goodies on their trays.

whom are very hungry every lunch period, said Sara Simmerman, food and nutrition director for both the Chelsea and Dexter school districts. The districts recently consolidated their food and nutrition departments as a cost saving measure.

She applied for the grant with both

Chelsea and Dexter schools in mind, but the grant application for Beach went into detail about the middle school's equipment needs and how staff couldn't currently display a wide enough variety of salads and produce.

"We want to expose them to this variety at a very young age," said

Simmerman. "This is one of the hardest age groups to feed ... they're not little kids, and they're beginning to want to make their own decisions."

Since middle school-age kids are making diet choices that will affect their palettes and appetites for years to come, food and nutrition staff and the folks at the Washtenaw County Farm Bureau want Michigan products taking root in children's taste profiles.

Simmerman introduced Kathleen Siler and Linda Reilly, both from townships in the county. Both are also farmers who represent the Washtenaw County Farm Bureau.

"I raise beef cattle, poultry and crops, and I would like everyone here to have a better understanding of where your food comes from," Reilly said to the cheering students.

The Farm Bureau provided a dozen poster boards covered in articles published by local newspapers including the Chelsea Standard and Dexter Leader covering local farmers. Other boards had facts and other information about local products and local farming and the important of supporting both through diets and shopping lists.

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The Chelsea District Library and the Chelsea Lions Club have teamed up to open a Low Vision Center, which features magnifiers for checkout at the library for those who have poor sight.

Low Vision Center opens

By Erica McClain
Heritage Media

A partnership between the Chelsea District Library and the Chelsea Lions Club has given a group the tools to read again.

The library recently opened its Low Vision Center, which features a host of Optelec handheld magnifiers, a Merlin electronic magnifier and a Visual Mate magnifier, with the assistance of a \$3,000 grant from the local Lions.

The handheld magnifiers are available for checkout at the library, and the Merlin and Visual Mate are available for use within the library's computer lab area on the second floor.

Library director Bill Harmer, who's also a Lion, spearheaded the project, after visiting a library in Plymouth with a low vision center. There, he spoke with Ellen Stross, who helped Harmer with the Chelsea project.

Harmer said the library and

Lions Club were able to identify a unique need in the area's population for low vision tools. He said about 25 percent of the population is 65 and older and that number is due to grow because of the baby boomer generation.

At the library's unveiling of the center, Stross was on hand to explain how the various low vision tools could help someone read.

"Almost 20 percent of seniors have low vision problems, and very often physicians do not tell them that there is such a thing as low vision therapy," Stross said.

Stross explained that not all magnifiers are created equally for everyone. Some of the library's Optelec magnifiers are handheld; while others rest on a paper.

She said between the Optelec magnifiers, the Visual Mate and the Merlin device, the center has the potential to really make a difference.

"This really could change

someone's life who's been struggling to read," Stross said.

The center was not just the work of the library and the Lions, however.

Chelsea resident Pat Montgomery donated an integral piece of the center, the Merlin, an electronic magnifier that looks a bit like a projector and a computer monitor combined. The Merlin, which cost more than \$3,000, can enlarge text up to 77 times its original size. It also helps those with macular degeneration, retinitis pigmentosa, glaucoma, cataracts and other low vision problems by changing the color contrasts of whatever it's enlarging.

Montgomery said the Merlin device belonged to her husband, Jack, who had macular degeneration. She said they had the tool for a number of years though it didn't help him read.

"But he could see someone's face in a picture," Montgomery said. "He could see the faces of

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Area named to Historic Places list

A section of Chelsea is now a part of the National Register of Historic Places.

The State Historic Preservation Office recently announced the addition of the area, the Chelsea Commercial Historic District, which is comprised of 61 buildings.

Near the north end of the district are the Norfolk Southern Railroad tracks, historically part of the Michigan Central Railroad. The district focuses on Main Street and includes properties on either side containing historic commercial, public, and institutional buildings. Also included are properties on Park Street, East and West Middle streets, Jackson Street, and the former Glazier Stove Works complex in the northeast end of the district.

"Chelsea's downtown has a fantastic stock of historic buildings for a small town that already attracts people to the community," State Historic Preservation Officer Brian Conway said. "They are what sets Chelsea apart from other towns. Chelsea has an opportunity to market itself as a heritage tourism destination and to take advantage of economic incentives for rehabilitating historic buildings."

Preservation Chelsea prepared the nomination, sought building owners' approval and compiled extensive historic and architectural information. The members were: Cary Church, John Frank and Jim Myles.

A community celebration for the national listing will be held 2 to 5 p.m. Saturday, May 14 at the

Chelsea Depot.

In addition to the Glazier Stove Works, the district includes the McKune Memorial Library, the former post office and several churches.

The Chelsea House Livery Stable, the Daniels Showroom, and the Mack Building, which make up what is commonly known as the Longworth Complex, are also listed.

These buildings are currently owned by the DDA, which is proposing to demolish the buildings. The national register designation gives the DDA an opportunity to market the buildings to a developer who wants to capitalize on the historic character of the buildings and use federal historic preservation

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McCalla Feed celebrates 50th anniversary

By Sean Dalton
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McCalla Feed will bring distribution representatives from their various suppliers to their Old US 12 storefront Saturday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. to celebrate the company's 50-year anniversary.

Sue and Elaine McCalla, and store manager Ron Stoffer hope that folks will come down to discuss farming, local history or simply take advantage of

special discounts on popular products that will only be available during the Saturday open house event.

The McCalla family and their staff are a feisty bunch who, despite a dreary economy and shrinking agricultural base in Washtenaw County, plan on sticking around for another 50 years.

And why not – the growing push for local products and the inevitability of rising fuel prices seem like irresistible forces, according to Stoffer.

"More people seem to want to buy local and more people go to the farmer's markets," he said. "We also see a lot of families becoming part-time farmers, where they have a garden, a horse running, some chickens and maybe even a couple of pigs."

Family matriarch Elaine McCalla fondly recalls the days when McCalla Feed was a feed grinder rigged to the back of a truck.

"We started out with that mobile feed grinder and were literally a farm-to-farm business," she said with a subtle smile. "Before we had these buildings we sold the feed out of the back of a semi-trailer."

Now McCalla Feed operates out of one main store building with a stationary feed grinder in a separate room and two additional barn buildings further back on the property.

Elaine's brother-in-law Ray McCalla once owned Dexter Mill and her father-in-law owned Washtenaw Farm and Garden in Ann Arbor before Kerrytown bought it.

"We're from a long line of

farmers and farm supplies," Elaine added, noting that when the family business was in its infancy the family would unload feed from railcars.

Elaine's husband, Ralph, started the business with little else but the aforementioned equipment and a focus on customer service, which the McCalla family and Stoffer hold as sacrosanct to this very day.

Even with only four employees, Stoffer makes sure that somebody drawing a paycheck from the company helps load every customer's car and that every delivery is done in a timely fashion.

It's the way Sue's husband, Ken, would have wanted it, Sue said.

Ken's the one who talked his dad into building the store building that we're standing in," she added.

The couple purchased McCalla Feed from Ralph McCalla in 1990 shortly before he passed away.

Ken McCalla died in 2005 in a snowmobile accident, which Sue responded to by dedicating herself to the business that he loved and poured his life into.

Additions like the stationary feed grinder are very popular for serious farmers, who the McCalla's say can be particular about what their animals are digesting.

"We installed the grinder about 25 years ago so farmers can bring their corn here to be ground up – we add additives, concentrates and molasses," said Stoffer. "You can make your own sweet feeds and calf feeds and pig feed, which can be more economical."



Elaine McCalla, Ron Stoffer and Sue McCalla are celebrating 50 years of McCalla Feed being a part of Chelsea this week.

Photo by Sean Dalton

Sue said that from her perspective it's about having a unique recipe keeping in mind how the animals are going to taste after their slaughtered, cleaned and served on the tables of friends and neighbors.

"We always had secret formulas for pig and steers when we showed animals at the 4-H fair and Chelsea fair," Sue said.

These days McCalla Feed handles bird seed, initially sold to the store by Ron Stoffer's family, which led to selling bird feeders, dog and cat food, and rabbit feed among many other things for farmers and hunters.

"Our business has really evolved as the agriculture industry has evolved in Washtenaw County," Stoffer said. "There used to be a bunch of farms and now there's just a handful. Now we're more into the part time farmer, co-owner." McCalla Feed also carries

water softener salt, shavings for barn animals to sleep on, mulch for gardens in the spring and summer, grass seed and fertilizer.

"It's gone from the big farms to hobby and weekend farmers," Sue said. "The number of big farms in the county you can count them on one hand."

The McCalla's are hoping to reach new Chelsea residents who don't know that McCalla

Feed exists, let alone its deep roots in Chelsea and the breadth of products that it offers.

"The open house is going to be like a mini-trade show for the public where representatives from businesses selling feed, grass seed, pond chemicals, food pellets for deer, dog food and other items will be available to answer questions," Sue said.

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Library to hold second 'Authors' event in April

The Chelsea District Library will hold its 2nd Annual Authors in Chelsea event Wednesday, April 13 as part of National Library Week.

Authors in Chelsea is a day-long event sponsored by the Chelsea District Library and the Friends of Chelsea District Library, bringing three nationally known authors and illustrators to do workshops in Chelsea schools, free of charge.

Children and their families are also invited to the Chelsea District Library in the evening to meet the authors and get books signed. This year's line-up includes Gail Carson Levine, author of Newbery Honor book (and motion picture), "Ella Enchanted," Michigan cartoonist and Chelsea District Library's Artist-in-Residence, Jerzy Drozd and Johanna Hurwitz, author of many books for young readers, including "Class Clown" and "Teacher's Pet."

Authors in Chelsea provides children close contact with nationally known award-winning authors and illustrators to explore the art and craft of writing and illustrating, in order to encourage students to read and appreciate literature. "Authors in Chelsea will help

students see that writing is a viable option for a future; real people write these wonderful books, someday they could too," said Patrick Little, principal of Beach Middle School.

Through intensive workshops with the authors, students will work to improve their creative writing, drawing and reading abilities. The library is donating books by each author and illustrator to the participating school classrooms.

Each author will be visiting Chelsea schools on April 13 to do writing and drawing workshops in the morning and afternoon with all the classes in second, fourth and sixth grades.

The public is invited to the Library's McKune Room in the evening to hear a brief presentation from each author, ask questions and then get book(s) signed from 6:30-8:00 p.m. Wednesday, April 13. Books by each author will be available for purchase at the library, courtesy of Chelsea's Just Imagine bookstore.

This is an all ages event and registration is not required.

LUNCH

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"Guess what - I'm farmer," Siler said with a big smile, while wearing appropriate attire for an office environment.

The kids all agreed when she said, "I probably don't look the way you'd expect a farmer to look, right?"

Siler asked how many kids live on farms and dozens of hands went up.

She pointed out to the crowd that farmers markets aren't the only way that people can get local foods. She asked how many kids eat fast food and followed it up by pointing out that McDonald's Corporation is a significant distributor of local produce.

"If you buy those wonderful apples and caramel dips from McDonalds those apples are grown right here on a farm in Michigan," she said, adding that other companies like Panera Bread use meat from locally raised turkeys and Lay's potato chips are from Michigan grown potatoes.

Several kids looked askance at their tray when she said that the Bosco's Pizza sticks use mozzarella from a produc-

tion facility in Allendale - one of the largest plants in the country in terms of mozzarella production.

"The next time you go eat out somewhere, think about a farmer, because without farmers you wouldn't have food," she said.

Beach Middle School head cook LeeAnn Shanahan shared knowledge with students as she handled the register, being a farmer herself.

"It took me a few hours to cut things up and make the salads and other items today," she said of the task of preparing the new salad bar. "It took a couple of days for everything to arrive, and some of the items like the fresh fruits were

washed but not cut up and mixed up until today," attesting to the freshness of the local produce on offer.

Shanahan says that eating local products isn't just important for the state economy, which would receive a \$36 billion injection if every family spent \$10 of their grocery budget on Michigan food, but it's important for our health in terms of immunity to illness and allergies.

"Studies have shown that

local honey and local fruits and vegetables help build immunity," she said. "Honey bees use local products and local pollen, and it's one of those things where local is better."

If that's not enough of an incentive to buy local, Shanahan says that parts of our Michigan food chain that come from out of state or country are going to double and triple versus local products.

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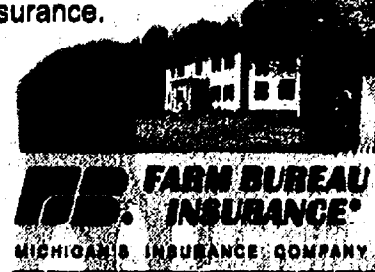
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family and people he loved; it really meant a lot to him."

Montgomery said her husband passed away two years ago.

"This is a great way for him to live on in the community," she said.

Harmer said the entire library staff has been trained on how to use the low vision tools, and by the end of the March 14 unveiling, two Optelec magnifiers had already been checked out.

LIST

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tax credits.

There are more than 1,800 Michigan listings in the National Register of Historic Places. In Michigan the national register is administered by the State Historic Preservation Office, which assists property owners with the nomination process.

Properties are nominated to the national register by the State Historic Preservation Review Board, which meets three times per year. National register designation makes the owners of income-producing properties eligible to apply for federal historic preservation tax credits for the rehabilitation of those properties.

"The recognition and preservation of historic properties is vital to the economic success of Michigan's communities, both large and small, and necessary for maintaining the sense of place that so many people desire" said Gary Heidel, executive director of the Michigan State Housing Development Authority.

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Officials split on AATA transit proposal

By Amy Bell
Heritage Media

Area municipalities seem to differ in opinion regarding how the Ann Arbor Transportation Authority wants to revamp the county's public transportation system.

The AATA announced March 17 that it had chosen the "Smart Growth" plan that will be used to gradually improve the county's public transportation system over the next 30 years.

"We now have a clear vision of what the people of Washtenaw County want their public transit system to do for them and the final Transit Master Plan will kick start the process for delivering it," stated Michael Ford, CEO of TheRide, in a press release. "But our work doesn't end here. We'll continue reaching out to the community to make sure the vision of the 'Smart Growth' scenario becomes reality."

The \$465-million plan includes investments in high-capacity transit corridors to help guide land-use development, preserve green space, increase jobs and relieve traffic congestion. The service would look to extend out to the Manchester area, possibly having a hub that would take riders to Saline and then Ann Arbor.

"Smart Growth" was favored by nearly three-quarters of those who provided feedback to TheRide. The plan topped the "Lifeline Plus" option, which received 11 percent support and aimed to improve basic transit services for the county's most vulnerable residents. It also beat the "Accessible County" option that garnered 16 percent support that would have extended basic transit services throughout the county, according to the release.

The process to create a plan, which was started by TheRide last summer, has involved public input received at more than 60 community meetings, workshops with area officials, in-person interviews and a survey given to more than 900 residents.

Growth

Jim Carson, chairman of the Washtenaw Area Transportation Study and Dexter Village Council trustee, said the Smart Growth plan is exactly what the county needs.

"It's good for economic development and growth," he said, citing other major metropolitan areas in the country that have major public transit systems.

Carson said public transportation like what the AATA's plan offers, is essential to drawing big business to Michigan.

"People who live in areas with public transportation would never bring their business to Michigan without it," he said.

Paul Schreiber, mayor of the city of Ypsilanti, said it's important to have good public transportation between Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti.

"We need a good way to get back and forth for the commuters," he said.

Funding

While funding has been a major talking point of recent public meetings regarding which plan should be enacted, Carson said it's important to remember that the \$465 million cost of Smart Growth will be spread across 30 years. That's \$15.5 million each year, and the burden will not be on taxpayers alone.

"There will be multiple funding sources," Carson said, "but you can't sustain the system with just federal and state funding."

Both Carson and AATA officials believe that private donations will be a key factor for funding.

From a private business standpoint, Carson said the University of Michigan could be a "big player" in terms of funding.

However, Carson said there is a good chance that a transit millage will make its way into the mix.

"There are a lot of ways this can be done," Carson said. "But until it's all determined, no one can say how it will be funded."

He said the AATA had the public select a transit plan first so it could apply for federal and state grants. Without a specific plan, applying for funding would not be possible.

Ron Mann, supervisor of Manchester Township, said he is concerned if the cost to the southwest corner of the county will be worth the investment. He said he had looked at the taxable value of homes in the four southwest townships and the village of Manchester, and is not



The Ann Arbor Transportation Authority announced this month that it chose the \$465-million "Smart Growth" plan to gradually improve the county's public transportation system over the next 30 years.

sure it will be cost-efficient. "How much are they going to bring in?" he asked at a recent Manchester Township Board of Trustees meeting. "I would like to know if we're going to get that back, or if it's going to go toward Ann Arbor."

Milan Mayor Kym Muckler thought that the tax increase to pay for the service likely would be a separate Washtenaw County millage, and would not affect the city taxes for a Milan resident.

Benefits

Aside from creating 1,830 jobs, the addition of Smart Growth would also aid senior citizens and county residents in more rural areas.

Carson said that for seniors who can no longer drive or don't own a car, better transportation is mandatory.

"With the rising aging population, for years and years,

when you reached a certain age, you would move to the city, where it was easier to get around," Carson said. "Now, that's no longer possible. People can't afford to do that, especially because of how difficult the housing market is."

At a recent Saline City Council meeting, Mayor Gretchen Driskell said she also would like to see the issue regarding senior citizen transportation addressed.

Carson, also the vice president of the Western-Washtenaw Area Value Express system, said the rise in senior and rural need has put the WAVE system at capacity with 35,000 riders per year.

"It's all we can afford without additional funding and quite a bit of funding at that," Carson said.

Schreiber said he looks for it to improve the economy by bringing more jobs to the urban centers and rural regions.

It will also provide people with more options, especially those who may ride the train to work in Detroit three or four days a week. He said those individuals can take advantage of a train's wireless Internet capabilities and work in a safe environment.

Driskell said in countries across the world, public transit systems are available and result in many individuals not having to own vehicles.

Without public transportation, businesses wanting to relocate here may have issues because of a lack of public transportation.

Driskell said having a plan in place can help to attract businesses because it shows that a plan is in the works to improve the system.

"If Ann Arbor wants to be competitive and receive global talent, they need to have alternatives," she said.

Muckler said she would love

to see a train from Milan to Ann Arbor.

"US-23 is so scary," she added, referring to the north-south highway that is typically used to travel between the two cities.

She preferred a train to a bus, she said, partly because it was more fuel-efficient. Martha Churchill, a Milan council member and mayor pro tem, agreed.

What's next

Carson said the next phase of the AATA's plan will be to assemble a regional board that will govern the mass transit plan and represent every area of the county. The group will be tasked with discovering funding sources and grants.

For more information on the AATA and its Smart Growth plan, visit www.movingyouforward.org.

Copy editor Erica McClain contributed to this story.

Policy to guide county board's budget cuts

Commissioners discuss rewarding departments for creative cost-cutting

By Austen Smith
Heritage Media

Washtenaw County commissioners moved forward with ubiquitous board policy March 16 that will guide the 2012-2013 budget period in which the county must wade through a potentially massive budget deficit.

The document, titled "2012/2013 Strategic Priorities and Budget Decision Principles," takes several months of budgeting workshops and a January board retreat to put forth a very broad-based set of guidelines to help direct elected officials and Washtenaw County employees.

The document was composed by Commissioner Conan Smith, D-10th District, and has undergone several revisions and tweaks, several of which were discussed at last week's meeting.

A small point of contention arose when commissioners debated whether they should include language about granting rewards to county departments that excel by developing creative methods to cut costs and seek additional revenue sources.

Smith proposed to add new language under the document's "Guidance Five: Ensure our fiscal responsibility focusing on long-term institutional stability," to "... reward and

nurture" the entrepreneurial spirit of county employees and departments in their efforts to think creatively, provide better services to residents and seek more streams for outside revenue.

Newly elected commissioner Rob Turner, R-1st District, agreed with the principle of providing funding incentives for departments that go above and beyond.

"Sometimes we need to go a step further. If a department is doing really well, they should be rewarded for that with maybe some extra funding," Turner said. "We can say, 'Hey, you're doing a really good job and we are going to recognize that by giving you a little more.'"

Commissioner Kristin Judge, D-7th District, took the idea a step further by proposing discussion about setting aside general fund dollars for merit rewards.

"To take a little further, what if we did have some sort of small amount set aside, say like \$100,000, for a department that is doing really great work," Judge said.

While some on the board supported the idea of keeping the language in the document, others were leery about making departmental financial incentives a part of board policy.

Wes Prater, D-4th District, suggested that administration

seek alternative and minimal cost ways to recognize outstanding work.

"If we were talking about our own money here, but we're talking about taxpayer dollars," Prater said. "I believe changing the word 'reward' to 'acknowledgement' is right, and we need to find something that is more inexpensive."

Leah Gunn, D-9th District, agreed saying the county should bring back employee recognition programs, to which County Administrator Verna McDaniel replied that they still have the employee recognition program, but have eliminated an employee breakfast recogniz-



Prater



Gunn



McDaniel

ing employee efforts.

"So we have cut the bacon," McDaniel said to quite a few laughs from the audience.

In the end, commissioners agreed to change the word "reward" to "acknowledge," and moved forward with the remainder of the document.

Later in the meeting, commissioners discussed whether they should make it a goal to shrink county government in the coming years. With newly inducted Gov. Rick Snyder's budget calling for continued government consolidation, while at the same time slashing state-shared revenues, the planning document supports the idea of making Washtenaw County "smaller, stronger and more stable."

Judge kicked off the debate by saying that becoming a smaller government body is going to be a necessity and shouldn't be listed as a guideline for the future. She took more issue with language that suggests some areas should be funded at a minimum service level.

"I never want to fund things at minimal service ability levels like the prosecutor's office or the water resource commissioner. That doesn't speak for me. I am very uncomfortable with that language," Judge said.

Smith, the author of the document, explained that the

logic behind the statement was that the county has more than 270 mandates that it must fund. And while they have no intention of running, for example the prosecutor's or clerk's office at a minimal service level, there may be other less integral department levels that can be reduced.

"We have some (mandates) that really should be funded at the minimum level," Smith said.

Newly elected Commissioner Yousef Rabhi, D-11th District, also aired his complaints over use of the word "smaller" as a future goal for Washtenaw County. He said smaller government doesn't necessarily mean better government.

"Smaller government is the type of rhetoric we are hearing at the state Legislature and that is not necessarily the right way to go," he said. "Smaller means that the poor and elderly are getting less services. Perhaps we should be more efficient and I can support that, and efficiency should be our goal."

Rabhi then proposed the commission strike the sentence and his suggestion was supported by Commissioner Leah Gunn.

While Smith agreed in principle with Rabhi's statements, he said there is a potential \$21 million budget deficit that the board has to negotiate, and

staffing cuts are more than likely going to be a part of that process.

"In terms of this budget process, I wanted to provide the backing to the administration to deal with the reality of our financial situation," Smith said. "There will be structural changes and human impacts on the workforce."

"We have to take some tough stances and really hard structural reforms this year. The administrator needs to know that she has the backing of the board."

Turner said he believed Rabhi was looking for clarification on the language and that Washtenaw County's real goal is to make things more efficient while continuing to provide vital social programs to the residents.

"We want to streamline and be more efficient. I see smaller as in that way. That doesn't mean that our impact has to be smaller," Turner said.

Rabhi agreed with Turner and then withdrew his proposal to strike the language.

"I agree. It's a matter of just semantics. So maybe it's just a matter of just clarifying for the administration that the people on the ground are getting the maximum amount of services they can," Rabhi said.

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Ann Arbor offers bike choir

By Sheila Pursglove
Special Writer

Sue Ziellinski enjoyed singing in the shower, in the car, and as she rode her bike around Toronto, Ontario, where she helped to found "Song Cycles — the Choir on Bikes" in the early 1990s.

"I had heard a great version of Beethoven's Ninth Symphony on the radio one morning. I was singing it while riding to work, realizing I could hardly even hear myself because of the traffic noise around me," said the Ann Arbor resident. "I thought, 'This would be so much better with 20 others singing.'"

"So, I started tentatively talking about the idea and eventually found Greg Furlong, who became our fearless choir director every Monday night and every gig for 10 years. When we started the bike choir in Toronto, I

was able to sing every week and learn a lot more."

When Ziellinski moved to Ann Arbor in early 2006 to work with Sustainable Mobility & Accessibility Research & Transformation, a University of Michigan project, she brought the idea with her.

"Laura Russello, the executive director of Michigan Peaceworks, invited me to make a presentation on sustainable transportation in Ann Arbor. For some reason, I started talking about the Toronto bike choir. I can't remember if I actually sang one of the songs, but it's possible," she said.

"Laura approached me after and said something like, 'We so need that in Ann Arbor,' and she immediately started organizing the first meeting at Ann Arbor Brewing Co., which actually drew more people than we thought it would — and we've

never looked back."

The choir sings a wide-ranging repertoire, including classical, jazz, world, pop and theater, changing the words and customizing the songs to sing the praises of bicycle transportation. Songs include "Mass Ride," "Thoughtless Drivers," "Two-Wheel Tango," "Way-O," and "Bicycled Ode to Joy."

The cycling choristers have performed at several venues in the area, including the annual Peace Concert at The Ark in December, the Ann Arbor Brewery on the Worst Day of the Year Ride, last fall's potluck of the Ann Arbor Bicycle Touring Society, the 90th birthday of an AABTS member and at Kerrytown during last May's Bike to Work Week.

Ziellinski, who is passionate about two-wheel transportation, has a commuter bike specially designed for commuting year round in a city

like Toronto or Ann Arbor, and a foldable bike that fits into her two-seater hybrid Honda Insight car or can be folded up and carried on a train or bus.

"Cycling is free, independent, physical, convivial, fun, and symbolic of a livable sustainable city, which we need these days," she said.

"It never ceases to amaze me how a combination so simple as singing and cycling can draw such different people together and be so incredibly fun. What started as a cockamamie idea ends up having so many benefits you never would have imagined."

For information on joining the Ann Arbor Bike Choir, e-mail Dorothy Nordness at dorothyk@umich.edu.

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Researchers move to U of M's North Campus

The first laboratory-based researchers have moved into the University of Michigan's North Campus Research Complex, bringing with them research that uses stem cells to create new heart muscle and focuses on the squeezing action of the heart.

The two researchers, Dr. Eric Devaney, associate professor of cardiac surgery, and Dr. Todd Herron, assistant research professor of Internal Medicine in the Center for Arrhythmia Research, are the first of about 60 researchers in a cardiovascular research cluster moving to the NCRC.

The university's DNA sequencing unit, which provides DNA analysis to researchers, also has moved in 23 staff and about \$10 million worth of equipment to NCRC.

The university now has about 600 people working at the NCRC, which is the former Pfizer property that the University of Michigan acquired less than two years ago.

"We are thrilled to have the fantastic lab facilities here at NCRC used again and seeing our careful planning process produce results," said David Canter, executive director for the NCRC, in a news release.

Members of the cardiovascular research cluster, which includes researchers from U of M's Center for Arrhythmia Research, will be working in labs that are located much closer to each other than before.

Devaney and Herron often work together on research, but their labs were at different locations in Ann Arbor, about 10 miles apart.

"A long drive between labs was an impediment to close collaboration," Devaney said. "Proximity leads to creative thinking and collaboration. The opportunity to work hand-in-hand with other researchers will help us think about science in a different way. The University is lucky to have a place where you can have a critical mass of talent and interest," he said.

This cluster of heart researchers will receive about \$20 million in research funding over the next five years, primarily from the National Institutes of Health.

"This research will change the way we treat heart rhythm around the world," said Dr. David Pinsky, chief of U of M's Department of Cardiovascular Medicine and director of the Cardiovascular Center, which is orchestrating the move. "But there's an economic impact as well. Here in southeast Michigan, research like this has a major impact on economic development," he said.

Research funding produces an economic ripple effect through local spending by the scientists, staff and students whose salaries and research activities are funded by the grants, as well as the purchase of supplies and ancillary services provided by U of M units and others who keep laboratories running.

According to the Association of American Medical Colleges, for every dollar directly spent by a medical school or teaching hospital, an additional \$1.30 is "re-spent" on other businesses or individuals, resulting in a

total impact of \$2.30 per dollar.

"From a community perspective, I believe this initiative represents a nexus of future biomedical commercialization opportunities that will benefit the state of Michigan's economic growth," said Maria E. Benavides, research administrator at U of M's Cardiovascular Center. Benavides was actively involved in the NCRC move.

Heart rhythm researchers were chosen through a highly-competitive process at the university, said Dr. Jose Jalife, co-director of U of M's Center for Arrhythmia Research.

In April 2010, an interdisciplinary faculty committee reviewed 20 proposals and selected four research clusters for location at NCRC: the cardiovascular research cluster, translational oncology, distributed health technologies and an interdisciplinary energy hub.

Robert Lyons, assistant professor of biological chemistry, directs the DNA sequencing labs.

The DNA lab provides service to about 2,000 researchers on campus and can process about 300,000 samples each year. The additional space will allow Lyons to hire up to 10 more people to his staff.

Lyons also hopes he can serve the businesses that may partner with researchers at NCRC or move into the new Venture Accelerator already at the complex.

The Venture Accelerator,

operated by the University's Office of Technology Transfer, already is working to locate five small companies to "incubator" space designed to help faculty entrepreneurs launch businesses related to research. The Accelerator is on the NCRC site.



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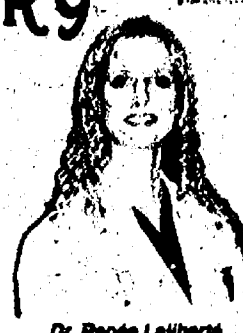
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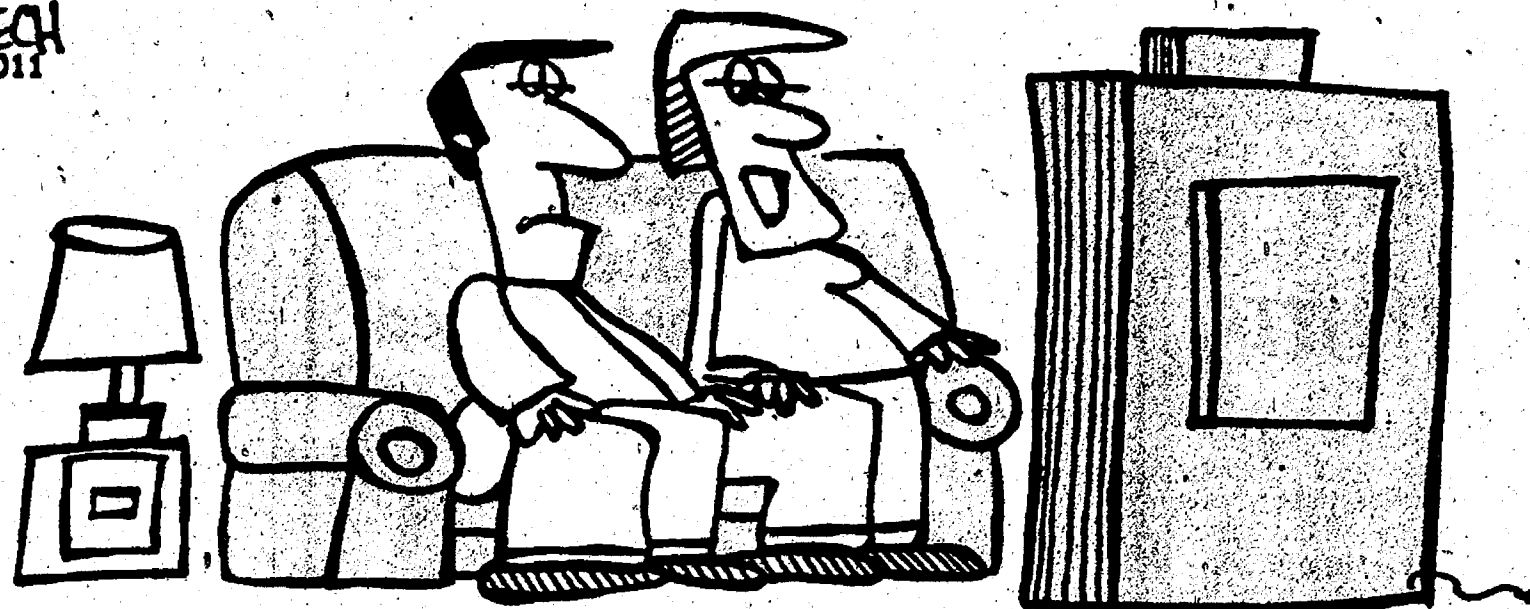
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"I THINK THESE SLOW-MOTION REPLAYS ADD TWENTY POUNDS TO THE PLAYERS..."

Your Voice: Letters to the Editor

Look into facts about Planned Parenthood

I just read the article titled "Young and Pregnant, Part 1: Prevention" in The Saline Reporter. Unfortunately, it was quite biased, and read more like a plug for Planned Parenthood than an article about pregnant teens in our county.

It appears this series is being written to put Planned Parenthood in a positive light due to the recent news about the Pence Amendment, rather than to highlight pregnant teens and what we can do for them.

The article presented no real facts in the article about why the Pence Amendment is even being considered in Congress. It's not just about abortions; it's about the fact that the majority of Americans don't want their tax dollars going to an organization that can't be trusted, especially in light of the recent scandal where videos revealed officials at Planned Parenthood willing to work with pimps in regard to their underage prostitutes. See www.exposeplannedparenthood.net for more information on this and other illegal activities taped at Planned Parenthood facilities throughout the country.

Planned Parenthood should not be teaching or even dealing with our teens, especially the pregnant ones. Most of the information given in the article on Planned Parenthood is not true, or has been twisted by Planned Parenthood to cover up the truth.

Look under the link "Get the Facts" and then under "Q & A About Planned Parenthood" on the website. I also recommend everyone watch the documentaries "Maafa 21" and "Blood Money" before considering Planned Parenthood as being such a wonderful, needed organization. There is more to Planned Parenthood than meets the eye.

Please look into the true facts about this organization.

Kathy Dobrowolski
Saline

Abortions are big money for Planned Parenthood

A recent story included a Planned Parenthood talking point saying abortions accounting for less than 3 percent of their services. While Planned Parenthood claims that abortion makes up less than 3 percent of its services, they typically fail to mention that abortions make more than a one-third of their clinic income.

Planned Parenthood provided 332,278 abortions in 2009. The average abortion costs around \$450. That means Planned Parenthood's abortion income

was approximately \$150 million in 2009. That's no small part of what they do. It's central to who they are.

That's why as the number of abortions has decreased in the United States over the past decade, the number of abortions provided by Planned Parenthood has doubled since 1997.

That's also why Planned Parenthood has created a "new patient services initiative," which requires every one of their affiliates to provide abortions by 2013.

Planned Parenthood may claim that abortion is only a small part of what they do, but their own internal information tells a much different story.

David Malone
Caledonia

Public needs unbiased reporting on series

I read the article "Young and Pregnant, Part I, Prevention," and it was a very one-sided article that seemed more intent upon promoting Planned Parenthood than discussing prevention of teen pregnancy.

It noted the fact that teen birth rates have decreased in the last eight years. Could it be coincidental that Planned Parenthood has performed more abortions in those years? According to their own statistics, Planned Parenthood in America committed 332,278 abortions in 2009. While they report this to be 3 percent of their services, it's more than in any previous year.

It also provides the majority of their funding. Our tax dollars provide one-third of their revenue.

They also indicate a drop in prenatal care clients and a decline in adoption referrals. Planned Parenthood now does 340 abortions for every one adoption referral and 47 abortions for every one prenatal care client.

Planned Parenthood also promotes condoms and birth control pills as methods of pregnancy prevention, yet does not inform their patients of the close to 100 STDs currently threatening our teens. Birth control pills prevent none of these and condoms, if used regularly and properly, guard against only a few. The STDs that are facing youth today can seriously impair their health and future reproductive systems. Pregnancy should probably be the least of our teen's concerns.

In light of the continuing revelation of Planned Parenthood's mistreatment of minors and their failure to report abuses, I fail to see how any school district could justify having Planned Parenthood as a part of any educational program.

I think that more unbiased

coverage of this topic in future articles would better serve the young people of Washtenaw County.

Stacey Foley
Saline

Take another look at health care

We are hearing a lot of rhetoric from those who want to repeal the recent Affordable Health Care bill.

The members of Congress who want to repeal the bill — both representatives and senators — are blessed with fine health care as part of their benefits as the federal government pays 75 percent of the cost. These elected people receive the kind of health care that most of us would love to have. Unfortunately, most of us are unable to purchase such health care for ourselves, because we cannot afford it.

Unlike many Americans, congressional representatives don't pay all the costs of their health care. Instead, this "Cadillac-type health care" is paid for, in part, by all of us — the American taxpayers. Those whose tax dollars help buy "top-notch" health care for these elected officials are regular American taxpayers, including those who cannot afford to buy medical insurance for themselves and their families.

Another consideration is health care in the United Kingdom. That country has provided health care, including dental care, for all of its people for more than 50 years. Many Brits will tell you that "civilized nations" provide health care for their people. Many other developed countries — including, but not limited to The Netherlands, Denmark, Canada and Argentina — see to it that all their people have health care and dental care. Are we a "civilized country," or are we still living in the days of the old Wild West?

A lot — but not all — of the anti-healthcare rhetoric ignores some of the "real problems" children without enough to eat, people with serious health problems who cannot get health insurance, and jobs for those who prefer to be self-supporting. When these unfortunate unemployed people do find work, the pay may not be enough to meet their family's needs. It may not allow them to buy even minimal health care.

Wasn't it only three years ago that we heard that if we didn't do something about our health care system, by the end of the decade, health care would cost 50 percent of our Gross National Product? We seem to have either ignored that information, or we pretend not to have heard it. Sometimes, we Americans seem

to put our heads in the sand.

Throughout our history, we Americans have "stood together." We believe that "we are all in this together." Helping each other is a part of our national psyche, even though some of us don't seem to "get it." But the current negative attitudes about health care don't fit our long-time basic-American values.

Should we revise the Affordable Health Care plan? Probably. Should we repeal it? That would be silly unless we have something better to put in its place.

Margaret Bennett
Ann Arbor

Men's issues need attention, too

On March 1, the White House released a report titled "The Economic and Social Well-being of Women." On March 8, International Women's Day highlighted inequities involving pay, poverty and domestic violence.

By addressing these inequities will men and women really be equal? What about the economic and social well-being of men and boys?

There has never been a government report on this subject, but according to the Whitehouse report on women:

- Men are less likely to have health insurance than women.
- Men are less likely to take part in preventative medical care than women.
- Men are more frequently victims of violence in society than women.

Men are victims of domestic violence in 20 percent of the reported incidences.

Boys are less likely than girls to graduate from high school or obtain an undergraduate college degree.

Boys are less likely than girls to obtain a college graduate degree.

Additionally, according to the latest reports from the U.S. Departments of Health, Labor and Education, men account for approximately 85 percent of homeless adults, 90 percent of prisoners, 80 percent of suicide deaths and 93 percent of occupational deaths?

Like women, men have areas where they are underperforming or underrepresented in society yet acknowledged and advocacy for these issues are conspicuously absent in public policy. Equality and economic and social wellbeing is a two-way street. So, as policymakers advocate for women's issues they need to acknowledge and act on those issues affecting men, as well. Only then will we truly be equal.

Brian Hall
Ann Arbor

OUR TAKE: Editorial

It's time for some old-fashioned values

Congress is struggling with trillion-dollar deficits and the words "budget cuts" are permeating throughout Washington, D.C. Being cast as some of the primary villains are what are called the entitlement programs, among them Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security.

How our leaders will resolve the debt issue is unknown, but it doesn't take a genius to realize that skyrocketing costs in these areas is the main problem.

Health care, in particular, is seeing crushing cost increases. The numbers are disconcerting, to say the least, in just the senior citizen skilled-care area.

The costs of providing such care have been rising at financially crippling rates, and it's easy to see that the figures exceed the income of the many people who require the care.

For example, in 2010, private room nursing home rates rose 4.6 percent, increasing to an average of \$229 per day, or more than \$83,000 per year. Assisted living rose 5.2 percent on average to \$3,293 per month, or more than \$39,000 per year.

Studies indicate 89 percent of senior citizens prefer to remain in their own homes, increasing the need for quality 24-hour home care assistance.

According to statistics from www.thefamilycaregiver.org, family caregivers provide an estimated \$375 billion worth of free care-giving services each year and spend an average of 20 hours per week caring for their loved ones.

Maybe it's time to up the ante. Maybe some type of minimal government financial help to assist the family members in caring for their aging loved ones is fiscally prudent, if not morally right.

Medical costs can be greatly minimized if family members take on some of the responsibilities of caring for their parents or grandparents. Obviously, most family members can't prescribe drugs or treat serious illnesses. But they can provide living assistance such as cooking and cleaning, as well as physical assistance, such as helping them get dressed or even feeding them.

In America's early years, it was common to see three or maybe even four generations of families living together, with the younger ones caring for the aging individuals.

However, our modern society has seen families drift figuratively and literally hundreds of miles apart. It was often seen as a sign of independence and coming of age. But in many cases, it also was a sign of selfishness and laziness. The younger generation didn't want to deal with mom and dad. So, sticking them in a nursing home became common. But today it's not only emotionally traumatizing to the parent, but it has gotten ridiculously expensive.

Obviously, if the senior citizen needs extensive medical care, then the nursing home is the way to go. But if they have some self-sufficiency, helping them stay in their home should be the way to go.

The popular old television show "The Waltons," where the grandparents, mom and dad and the kids lived in one house, often was the object of jokes. But the caring and love portrayed was something that every family could use today.

If it's old-fashioned to want to take care of mom and dad for purely emotional and moral reasons, then maybe throwing in some fiscal ones will make the responsibility more palatable to those who are hesitant.

But, either way, it's time for some old-fashioned values to resurface in this modern America.

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GUEST COLUMN: By Peter Spadafore

Governor hurting our local schools

The governor and Legislature need to keep the promise of funding K-12 education.

Last year, when the Legislature shifted \$208 million from the School Aid Fund to the General Fund for community colleges, it was sold as a one-time transfer being used under extreme circumstances. Now the governor is proposing an unprecedented shift in School Aid resources from K-12 to universities and community colleges.

Allowing the use of School Aid dollars for higher education, a \$900 million transfer, will result in a \$470 per pupil cut for every district. Some districts will see even deeper cuts. These cuts are on top of the increase in state-mandated costs for retirement, which will cost schools another \$230 per pupil.

Add the numbers together and districts face a \$700 per pupil cut. Schools can't absorb that type of cut without devastating their educational programs and students.

Now is the time to invest in our future, not cut it out of existence. The School Aid Fund, if left alone, has the potential to increase education funding by \$260 per pupil. Yes, you read that correctly. The governor has proposed a massive cut when there's enough money to actually invest in education.

In 1994, Michiganders voted on a state funding model for schools with Proposal A. The promise to the people was that the state would shoulder the responsibility of funding the K-12 system in exchange for limiting the ability to levy local school operating millages. Since that promise was made, it has been routinely

broken.

Before last year, the state never used the School Aid Fund for higher education as these entities have the ability to raise revenue in ways your schools don't. Now Lansing is preparing to use nearly a billion dollars from the School Aid Fund for non-K-12 programs.

Enough is enough. It's time we hold our elected officials accountable and demand they keep the promise to the taxpayers—the children of Michigan and the future of our state. We can't cut our way out of this problem; we need a solution that invests in education and prepares every child for the 21st century economy and workforce. School funding isn't just an education issue — it's a community issue, an economic recovery issue and a values issue. Education affects everyone, with and without children. It's imperative that we let legislators know the importance of rejecting Snyder's shift of community colleges and universities into the School Aid Fund.

The governor has talked about "shared sacrifices," but proposed a budget with nearly \$2 billion in tax reductions for business paid for, in part, by huge cuts in education. If the governor and Legislature truly value public education, as they say they do, they will prove it and keep their promise.

Peter Spadafore is the co-chair of the SOS Coalition which represents parents, school employees, school board members and concerned citizens invested in reforming education and school finance in the state of Michigan.

POLICE BRIEFS

Deputies arrest female for harboring runaways

Deputies located a vehicle involved in a hit and run incident in the 400 block of Cambridge while investigating another complaint on March 7. The officers were responding to a complaint of two juvenile runaways in the area when they noticed the vehicle that matched a description provided by witness of the hit and run. The deputies arrested the driver, a 31-year-old female, on the spot. The woman was arraigned on two counts of leaving the scene of a personal injury accident, three counts of contributing to the delinquency of minors and two counts of harboring runaways. She was also arraigned on three counts of contributing to the delinquency of a minor from a previous incident, according to the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office.

Man arrested for vehicle theft

Deputies arrested a 21-year-old Ann Arbor man for stealing vehicles from the 2500 block of Huron River Drive. A 2006 Ford Focus had been taken between the hours of 1:30 p.m. and 11 p.m. on March 11, and deputies recovered the vehicle at about 5 p.m. He was taken into custody for the vehicle theft as well as two outstanding traffic related warrants. Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office deputies turned the man over to the Van Buren Police Department for the warrants.

Residents report larceny, property destruction

Residents of the 7100 block of Dexter Pinckney Road north of N. Territorial reported two separate, but related, malicious destruction of property and larceny incidents involving motor vehicles on March 16. The damage and thefts occurred sometime between the hours of 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. according to the vehicles' owners. The 2007 Chrysler Aspen targeted during the incident suffered several attempts to gain illegal entry by breaking the windows. The attempts were unsuccessful, though they caused great damage to the vehicle. A 2006 Saturn Vue was also targeted. The responsible party or parties successful broke the driver's side window and took a purse from the front seat. These vehicles were parked in an area that would be visible for individuals driving on Dexter Pinckney Road, according to the report. The Sheriff's Office is asking that anyone with information please contact Corporal Mesko at 971-8400, ext. 67229.

Sergeant warns against possible phone phishing scam

A senior resident's caregiver contacted the Sheriff's Office after the woman told the provider that someone called representing themselves as a representative of Medicaid.

The Central Street resident told deputies that the call came from 866-661-2705, and that the person on the other end of the phone call told her that they were with Medicaid and needed information to issue a new card. The woman provided pertinent information regarding her identity and banking information, but the caregiver advised her to contact deputies. Deputies looked into the number and found that it appears to belong to an answering service. Individuals should be very cautious about providing pertinent information to unknown subjects, Gleske said in regard to this incident.

Resident finds car window broken

A resident of the 3200 block of Dover Street reported that someone broke the rear window of the vehicle. The damage occurred sometime between 6:30 p.m. on March 15 and 3:15 p.m. the following day. The owner did not hear or see anything out of the ordinary, according to the report.

Suspicious activity was inspection company

Deputies dispatched from the Dexter substation downtown at 1:30 p.m. on March 18 when several Island Lake Road and Sand Hill residents reported suspicious activity in the area. Multiple individuals were spotted near several houses in the subdivision going up to the houses. The deputies located the vehicle on Wylie Road and ascertained that the individuals were workers with an inspection company who were checking

area residents. The Sheriff's Office has received phone calls relating to a suspicious, early 20s female driving a dark colored SUV, approaching homes in the Webster Township area. Deputies are asking residents to report any suspicious activity right away to 911.

Compiled by staff writer Sean Dalton. He can be reached at sdalton@heritage.com.

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window, steals purse

A thief smashed a vehicle window and stole a woman's purse while she left it unattended for roughly 20 minutes last week. Officers were called to the 1600 block of Commerce Park Drive on March 15 and met with the victim, who said she parked the vehicle about 8:10 a.m. By 8:30 a.m. the side

window was broken and the purse was gone. No other items in the vehicle appeared out of place, reports said. No suspect description was available.

with information is the department at 911. The report was by freelance journalist.

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COLBY, DAVID: On January 7, 2011; David passed away leaving his wife, Linda; daughters, Mindi (Glen) Kwiatkowski and Bethan (Tom) Hamilton; grandsons he adored, Thomas Rockne and Frank Holtz. David was involved in the Tens n' Teens 4-H club for many years and was honored in 1993 as Leader of the Year. He was also very involved with both his daughters and their participation in the Dexter High School Equestrian Team. His love for old cars and car parts will be cherished by those who knew him. He was also heavily involved in fund raising for The Kronk Gym. His wish for closure was not to be memorialized, but rather to have friends and family celebrate his life. His wife, children and grandchildren will honor his wishes by hosting a picnic on July 10 at 2 p.m. at their home in Dexter. Our sincerest thanks to his doctors and nurses at the Ann Arbor Veterans Hospital, the wonderful team at Arbor Hospice and Pastor Porinsky for the last year and a half of enabling us to share our love and make memories with him.

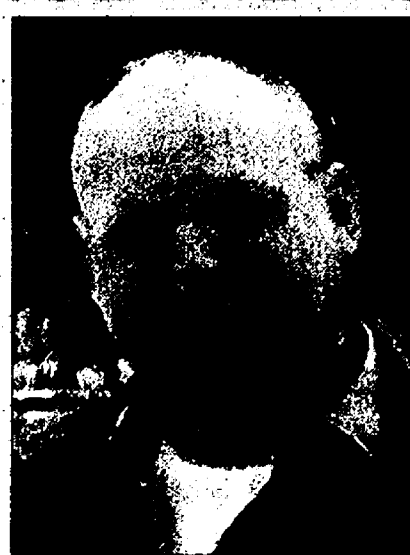


CRAWFORD, OLIVE MARIE: Chelsea, MI; age 92; passed away Thursday March 10, 2011; at the Chelsea Retirement Center. She was born June 8, 1918 in Cheboygan, MI, daughter of John and Marion (DeLoy) Baier and grew up on the shores of Mullett Lake. She graduated from Cheboygan High School in 1936 as class valedictorian and then from Cleary Business School in 1938. In 1938 Olive married Edward (Bud) Crawford in Flint, MI and they built their home in Ypsilanti. He preceded her in death in 1977 after 39 years of marriage. Olive could bake ten pies at a time without a measuring cup. Homemade bread and jam from her raspberry patch were a favorite. She was active in the Ypsilanti Historical Society, St. John's Church and book sales. She worked at Johnson Control in Whitmore Lake and Washtenaw Community College. Olive loved to be by the water; loved being outdoors and taking care of her trees, flowers and birds. She loved traveling, her trips with the seniors, occasional yard sales, the cabin in Luzerne, but most of all, her yearly fall vacations with her two daughters, Deborah and Cindy. Survivors include four sons, Jeffrey (Judy Speir-Crawford) of Dexter, Gregory (Connie) of Ypsilanti, Daniel (Barbara) of Winder, GA, and Kevin of Ypsilanti; two daughters, Deborah (Norman) Stoll of Ann Arbor and Cynthia McGregor of Milford; also surviving are 12 grandchildren; 10 great grandchildren; one great great grandchild; her sister, Maurita Kennedy of Tucson, AZ; and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Bud; her son, Samuel at age 19; two brothers; and four sisters. Olive loved her grandchildren and close extended family and was always happy when they visited. The Memorial Service Mass will be 10:30 a.m. Saturday April 2, 2011 at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 9425 Whittaker Rd., Ypsilanti, MI with Father Ed Etrzbischoff, as celebrant. In lieu of flowers, Olive has requested that donations be made to the Smile Train Foundation and they can be given at www.smiletrain.org

Arrangements are being handled by Stark Funeral Service, Ypsilanti, MI, (734) 482-4900. Please sign her guest book at www.starkfuneral.com

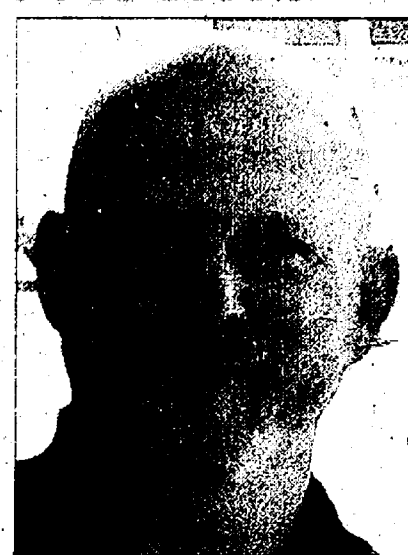
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GREGORY, DAVID L. "BUTCH": passed away on March 15, 2011; at age 73; at Alpena Regional Medical Center from metastatic esophageal cancer. He was born November 28, 1937 in Dexter, Michigan, to the late James Albert and Clara (Cushing) Gregory. Butch lived in Dexter the first 61 years of his life and retired from Detroit Edison after 42 years of service in February 1998. He also worked on his uncle's farm on Gregory Road for many years. After retiring, Butch and his wife retired to Harrisville, Michigan where he enjoyed his 40 acres, hunting, gardening and most of all, his pole barn. He is survived by his wife of 32 years, Sheila (nee Driver); son, Mark (Dawn) Gregory; three grandchildren, Lucas, Ethan and Danielle Gregory, all of Whitefish, Montana; daughter, Cynthia Phillips of Whitmore Lake, Michigan; brother, Larry (Judy) Gregory of Dexter, Michigan; and a sister, Linda (Roger) Munson of Ann Arbor, Michigan; several nieces, nephews and cousins. Butch was a member of the Barton City F.O.E. Aerie #4141, a past member of the Loyal Order of the Moose Lodge 1253 Ann Arbor and a current member of the Sunrise Moose Lodge 2529, Greenbush as well as a member of the National Rifle Association. Cremation has taken place. Per his wishes there will be no Funeral Service or Memorial Service. Expressions of sympathy may be made in Butch's memory to The Boy Scouts of America or Hospice of Michigan. Cremation arrangements were handled by Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln, Michigan.

NOGGLE, FLORENCE VIRGINIA: age 96; of Manchester; passed away at Bortz Health Care on March 23, 2011. Virginia was born on May 31, 1914 to Alvin and Helen (Smith) Brazee. She married Emmett Noggle on June 22, 1940 in Tecumseh and he preceded her in death in 2006. Mrs. Noggle was a dedicated wife, mother and homemaker. Friends and family will miss her delicious cookies, kind heart and wonderful stories. She is survived by her son, David (Jennifer) Noggle of Manchester; grandchildren, Ben Noggle, Rachael Noggle, Jessica Charles, Dana Richards, Rebekah Noggle, Matthew Noggle, Emily Noggle and James Noggle; two great grandchildren; brother, Don Brazee of FL. In addition to her husband, Virginia was preceded in death by her brothers, Neil, Edward and Clare Brazee. In Virginia's honor, memorial donations may be given to Victory Baptist Church. Envelopes will be available at the Borek Jennings Funeral Home, Jenter Chapel Manchester where the family will receive friends on Thursday from 4 to 8 p.m. A Healing Farewell will be on Friday, March 25, 2011 at the funeral home beginning at 1 p.m. with Pastor Fred Slagle officiating. Interment Oak Grove Cemetery. Please sign Virginia's guestbook at www.borekjennings.com or leave a message of comfort for her family by calling 877-231-7900.



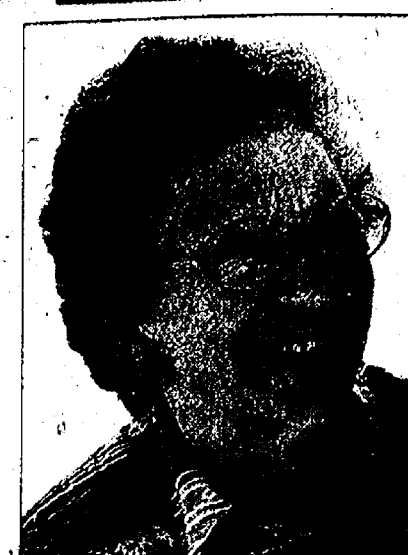
LANGBEHN, JAMES ROBERT "Rob": Manchester, MI; age 42; died unexpectedly Monday, March 21, 2011; at University of Michigan Hospital surrounded by family and loving friends. He was born June 7, 1968 in Ann Arbor, MI, the son of William and Sandra (Nuttie) Langbehn. Rob graduated from Chelsea High School in 1987 and from Ferris State University in 1992 with degrees in graphics and printing management. He worked for BookCrafters in Chelsea, Wuerthner Brothers in Jackson, and Riemco Homes in Chelsea. He was very interested in nature and the outdoors, kayaking, hiking, biking, and all outdoor activities. His love of the outdoors was surpassed only by his love for his family. Survivors include his parents of Chelsea; his son, Noah and daughter, Brooke; his ex-wife and close friend, Deborah Shankleton of Manchester and her family; sister, Tracy (Gene) Langbehn-Weincoff of Pincney; paternal grandmother, Frances Langbehn of Huron, SD; five nieces and nephews; several aunts, uncles, cousins, and close friends. He was preceded in death by his paternal grandfather, Lloyd and maternal grandparents, Ernest "Jack" and Margaret Nuttle and two uncles, Ernest and Christopher Nuttle. Funeral Services will be held Saturday, March 26, 2011 10:30 a.m. at Cole Funeral Chapel, Chelsea with Pastor Peter Hargis officiating. Burial will follow at Washtenaw Memorial Park, Ann Arbor. The family will receive friends Friday 2 to 4 and 6 to 9 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to his children's college fund.

WILSON, HELEN EMILY: 90; died peacefully in her sleep; on March 20, 2011. Born on September 14, 1920 in Dundee to the late George and Birdie (Ciley) Morrison. Helen was united in marriage to the love of her life, George Clair Wilson on July 7, 1951, at Trinity Episcopal Church, Belleville. She received her B.S. from EMU and her M.A. from the U. of M. She retired from a career in teaching that began in 1945 in Oscoda, MI and ended in 1981 in Belleville. Teaching was an important part of Helen's life and her students were her priority each and every school day. Helen was a witty, independent person who enjoyed life with George and her family. She loved to travel and photography was a passion she enjoyed throughout her life. Preceded by brothers, William, Oliver and Henry. Survived by husband, George of 59 years; daughter, Carol (Gary) of Cadillac; and sons, Edward (Beth) of Paw Paw and Richard of Milan; six grandchildren, Jenny, Jessica, Laura, Emily, Lindsey and David. Funeral was held Wednesday, at David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville. In lieu of flowers, donations can be given in the name of Helen Wilson to the Cancer Society, ALS or the American Heart Association. www.davidcbrownfh.com

MULLIGAN, JOSEPH JAMES PERCY: Ann Arbor, MI; passed away at The Residence of Arbor Hospice on Sunday, March 13, 2011. Born July 4, 1923 in Detroit, he was the son of Joseph A. Mulligan and Ellen E. Montague Mulligan Kayes. Jim served in the US Army during World War II, stationed in Europe. He graduated with a BA and MA from Wayne State University. Jim taught a total of 32 years retiring from the Taylor School District in 1986. He is a member of the VFW Graf O'Hara Post, Dexter American Legion, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Ann Arbor Ward, and the Michigan Association of Retired School Personnel. He is survived by his wife, Phyllis; and her children, John (Betty) Given, Cynthia Given, and Stephen Given; and 10 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren. He is also survived by his nephew, Michael (Marc) Mulligan and their children; and his nieces, Kathleen Wylie Stephens and Ricci Mulligan; also numerous cousins and relatives and a host of friends. He was preceded in death by his parents; two sisters, and a brother. A Service was held Wednesday afternoon at Hosmer-Muehlhig Funeral Home in Dexter, Michigan, conducted by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Ann Arbor Ward where Jim served in the priesthood for many years. The VFW Post presented Military Honors at Forest Lawn Cemetery in Dexter. Donations may be made to the church and Arbor Hospice.



POINDEXTER, RAYE NELL: Chelsea, Michigan, formerly of Holmdel, NJ; age 81; died Wednesday, March 16, 2011 in her home near Chelsea, MI. She had been in failing health for more than a year. Raye was born January 8, 1930 in El Centro, California, the daughter of Albert Lee and Ruby Jane (Napier) Brewer. In Raye's career she was an executive secretary, notably in the laboratory of Standard Oil Company of CA, (now Chevron Oil Company), in La Habra, CA and in the Holmdel Board of Education in New Jersey. These were just two of her numerous positions. On September 28, 1959, she married Edward Haviland PoinDEXTER in Santa Ana, CA, and he survives. Other survivors include a son, Bruce Tristan of Chelsea; a daughter, Rosanne Faith Russell of Westminster, CO, and two brothers, Alon Doyle Brewer of Monroe, UT and Albert Lee Brewer, Jr. of El Cajon, CA. Funeral Services were held Monday March 21, 2011 at Cole Funeral Chapel, with Rev. Jeff Crowder officiating. Burial followed at Oak Grove East, Chelsea, MI. The family received friends Sunday.



STEPP, ONAH V.: Chelsea, Michigan; age 82; died Thursday, March 17, 2011; at Chelsea Retirement Community. Onah was born February 19, 1929 in Tuscola, Michigan, the daughter of Edward Beck and Ila (Bolzman) Beck. Onah worked at King-Seely and then Argus until she left to become a full time Mom and Homemaker. After years of volunteering as room mother at her children's elementary school, she went back to work at Lithocrafters, where she eventually worked her way up to planner, retiring in 1989 from what is now known as Sheridan Books. Onah was an avid bowler for many years. After retiring, she took up golfing and eventually joined a team. She enjoyed her weekly outings and continued to golf through her 80th birthday. She also enjoyed reading, walking, and being "Grandma Onah". She is survived by two daughters, Cheryl (Scott) Wonders Johnson of Chelsea, and Katherine (Larry) Miller of Hayden, AL; two grandchildren, Elisabeth Wonders and Geoff Wonders; six step-grandchildren, Jessica (Chuck) Alexander, Scott Johnson II, Cynthia Johnson, Lonnie Miller, Tamara Miller, Joshua Miller; and five great grandchildren, Kylie Leland, Isaac Alexander, Carter Alexander, Matt Jones, and Logan Miller; also surviving are two sisters, Ilda (John) Bassett, and Sharon (Dave Meyer) McClintchey; and two brothers, Kenneth Beck and Howard (Penny) Beck; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by three sisters and five brothers. A Memorial Service was held at Cole Funeral Chapel on Monday, March 21, 2011 with Pastor Tony Dickerson officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to Chelsea Homebound Meals.

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EDWARDS, DR. ELIZA BETH ANN ("BETH"): passed away in Ann Arbor; on March 12, 2011; at 9:30 a.m. Beth was diagnosed with Stage IV pancreatic cancer in February. She was 53 years old. A lifelong resident of MI, Edwards held multiple degrees from the University of MI, including an MS (1981), MBA (1988), and PhD (1992). Beth's life ambition was to be an educator, and at the time of her death, she was a tenured professor of marketing at Eastern Michigan University, where she taught for 19 years. In addition to teaching graduate and undergraduate level courses for EMU, Dr. Edwards also regularly taught courses in Italy. Her research in the areas of compulsive buying, consumer goal-directed behaviors, and consumer ethics has been published in such journals as the Journal of Consumer Psychology, Psychology & Marketing, and Psychology and Health. Beth spoke both Italian and French and loved to sing and travel. She cared deeply about her family and friends, her cats and the education of her students. She was born in Japan, the daughter of John A. Edwards, USAFRet, and Elizabeth Rice Edwards, dec'd. In addition to her fiancé John Vincil, Beth is survived by her father, John A. Edwards, of Myrtle Beach SC; brother, John C. Edwards of Snohomish, WA; and her former husband Carsten Jonat. A Memorial Service will be held at Janowiak Funeral Home, 320 N. Washington Street, Ypsilanti MI, on Saturday, March 19 at 2 p.m. Her ashes will be interred at Sunset Memorial Park in San Antonio TX. Some will be spread at her favorite vacation spot in Gatlinburg, TN.

AUTO

Ford Focuses on American compact car battle

By David Schmidt
Journal Register News Service

Los Angeles — While Ford says the Focus is its most significant global nameplate, I beg to differ.

True, they've sold more than 10 million of them since the car was introduced in 1998. But more than 10 million people have seen the movie Bullitt, and several million more have seen A Man and a Woman, so I'm betting the Mustang nameplate gets that nod. There's a difference between sales figures and emotional appeal in determining significance of a nameplate.

The new 2012 Ford Focus has done well in other countries, where it's already on sale. Developed in Europe, and soon to be sold in more than 120 markets worldwide, we call this size vehicle a compact car. In the rest of the world, it's a C-platform car and very much the mainstream globally.

The Focus sedan has 13.2 cubic feet of trunk space and there's 23.8 cubic feet behind the second seat in the hatchback. So the outside may be compact, but there's still plenty of space for four people and "stuff."

But here it's a compact, and that means that it needs to be priced well and appeal to young people, as well as empty nesters who don't want to spend a lot on a car.

In many cases, I bet if those customers had money, many wouldn't be looking at a compact, or a car costing under \$20,000 in most of its iterations. But cars still need to appeal to them, within that context.

Another percentage of potential Focus customers would still look at a compact. This group has determined what size of car they want, and they don't see why they should spend any more unnecessary money. There's a different set of criteria that appeals to them.

This generation Focus is more attractive than the previous model, and not just because it's new. The lines are sleeker, and flow from front to back smoothly, tying the front and rear designs. The car's attractive, but more importantly, it moves slickly through the air, thanks to a strong "wedge" stance.

If you don't like the wedge appearance, sorry 'bout that, because efficient aerodynamics is becoming essential as fuel efficiency requirements drive design as well as everything else in the automotive world.

Depending on what tires and other features you choose, Focus can have a coefficient of drag as low as 0.295 — almost eight percent better than the previous model. A neat new feature to help aero numbers is the active grille shutter system to block airflow through the cooling system. In addition to aerodynamic improvement at higher speeds, active grille shutters reduce under-hood temperatures at low speeds, increasing thermal efficiency.

Ford also says that their low-friction lubricants as well as a low tension accessory drive belt also help with the car's fuel efficiency.

Then there's Ford Eco Mode, which uses sophisticated software to "watch" how you're driving. Then it lets you know how you're doing, using a "green" leaf on the instrument panel.

When being inexpensive, attractive and safe are most important, 2012 Ford Focus fills the bill perfectly.



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Technological knowhow makes each generation of car safer. Ford says this Focus is 30 percent more rigid than the previous Focus. Computer-aided design and new materials dance together to make a safer passenger space. As cars get stronger, it also means less noise, vibration and harshness. In most cases, the increased stiffness makes for better handling.

That's mostly helped by 55 percent of body being high-strength steel. This is right about the average for cars in this generation. Things like boron steel — really strong steel — in the front beam absorb the initial impact, and energy is directed away from the cabin area by structural elements designed to do just that.

In a bad enough crash, the powertrain cradle decouples from the car and slides underneath the car rather than crashing through the firewall into the passenger space. This safety is structural, so it's standard on all models.

On the launch event, I drove the top-of-the-line Focus Titanium sedan. Its starting price is \$22,270. There are plenty of looks and capability features, although the basic powertrain and suspension are the same for all models. The varying prices between models buys looks and features. Wheels are between 15 and 18 inches, depending on models and options.

The powerplant is a 2.0-liter aluminum four-cylinder engine with twin-variable camshafts to control timing on this direct gasoline injection engine. In this car, the engine generates 160 hp, and 146 lbs-ft of torque. The Focus comes standard with a five-speed manual or you can get an optional six-speed automatic transmission.

When you get into the car, you notice there's perhaps more attention to detail than in many compact cars. Lots of soft-touch materials in places where hands and other parts of the body rest. The look is sophisticated and there's

plenty in the cabin to please passengers and drivers alike.

The most significant interior innovation is SYNC with MyFord Touch. It replaces many of the traditional vehicle buttons, knobs and gauges with presentation on personalized LCD screens and modifiable buttons. This new-generation SYNC system lets you use voice control for vehicle functions, Bluetooth devices, a Wi-Fi hot-

spot, MP3 players and external media.

I was impressed with how well it works—there's obviously been a lot of progress in voice control in the past decade. All these various digital devices hook up easily and efficiently to the system, and are then controlled by it.

These capabilities may not make much difference to those who buy a compact after 30

years of driving cars, but for those who've been driving less than 10, it's seriously valuable. Ford's a bit ahead of the game here, but others are coming on fast. Everything, and I mean everything, sold today must come to the market considering the digital impact. This is the sea-change of the 21st century.

On the road, the car is smooth and comfortable. The electric steering stays consistent as you turn the wheel, and there's enough road feel to make most drivers comfortable. There isn't a lot of pickup with the automatic, although if you keep your foot in it, there aren't many driving tasks you can't accomplish.

So it drives nicely, and that's all it has to do. This is a car for getting people around in their lives. For this car, the destination is absolutely the most important part of the journey.

That isn't because the car lacks capability compared to its competition. It can be as fun to drive if you push it. I pushed the Focus a bit in the hills north of Los Angeles, and I enjoyed it until my driving partner got carsick, but he swears it wasn't my fault.

So the ability to be fun is there. But when being inexpensive, attractive and safe are more important, Ford's Focus fills that bill perfectly.

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Author of 'Martian Summer' to speak at U of M

Andrew Kessler, author of "Martian Summer: Robot Arms, Cowboy Spacemen, and My 90 Days with the Phoenix Mars Mission," will give a talk in the Marian Hatcher Graduate Library Gallery on the campus of the University of Michigan in April.

The author's talk will be followed a question-and-answer session and then a book sale and signing.

The talk is to be held at 5:30 p.m. April 7 at the Hatcher Graduate Library, in the first floor gallery.

The event is free and open to the public.

Kessler, arm-chair astronaut and self-professed winner of "the



space-nerd lottery," gives a warts-and-all look at the Phoenix Mars mission.

The Phoenix Mars Lander mission was to study the history of water and habitability potential in the Martian Arctic's ice-rich

soil; it made the groundbreaking discovery of water and ice on Mars.

Kessler spent three months in mission control of the Phoenix Mars expedition — with 130 top NASA scientists and engineers — during the Mars exploration.

His story is a humorous human drama about modern-day Magellans battling NASA politics and the bizarre world

of daily life in mission control. Kessler was the first "regular guy" ever granted unfettered access to such an event.

Nilton Renno, professor of Atmospheric and Space sciences at the University of Michigan called the book "a candid and precise account of the ups and downs of a space mission."

"It gives the feel of the pressure and excitement at mission

control, showing the human side of science with refreshing honesty."

Kessler is a creative director at HUGE (www.hugeinc.com). He co-produced a program called "Mars: The Quest for Life" on the Discovery Channel and holds a degree in mathematics from the University of California, Berkeley. He lives in Brooklyn, N.Y.

GUEST COLUMN: By Mike Laird

Remember to look for Form SSA-1099 when filing taxes

Millions of taxpayers are busy gathering all the forms and documents they need to file their federal, state and local tax returns. If you receive Social Security benefits, one of those items may be your SSA-1099 from Social Security.

Some people who receive Social Security may have to pay taxes on a portion of their benefits. If you're one of these

individuals, a Social Security Benefit Statement (Form SSA-1099) is an important tax document for you to have.

Social Security mailed the SSA-1099s for tax year 2010 to all beneficiaries in January. If you receive Social Security and need a replacement SSA-1099 for 2010 in order to file a tax return, you can request it online at www.socialsecurity.gov/1099.

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For more information on taxation of Social Security benefits, visit the IRS website

at www.irs.gov.

To request a replacement SSA-1099, visit www.socialsecurity.gov/1099.

Mike Laird is the Social Security district manager in Ann Arbor.

U of M Dance Marathon fundraiser set

More than 1,000 University of Michigan students will participate in a 30-hour Dance Marathon at U of M's Track and Field building March 26 and 27 to raise money for pediatric rehabilitation programs at the C.S. Mott Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor and the William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak.

Dance Marathon at the University of Michigan raises awareness and money to cut costs of individual child rehabilitation programs by more than half.

These programs help improve the quality of life for children with disabilities, including autism, muscular dystrophy and

Crohn's disease.

During the event, now in its 14th year, students from campus individually raise \$300 plus to earn their place at the end-of-the-year marathon.

Since its founding in 1997, DMUM has raised more than \$3 million and has reached tens of thousands of U of M students — so much that U of M's Alumni Association has rated attending a Dance Marathon in the top 10 things to do before graduating, right next to attending a U of M football game.

"Students love dancing and participating in DMUM because they can be creative and ener-

getic while, at the same time, raise money for a good cause and broaden their own network of friends on campus," said Mandi Koons, DMUM public relations coordinator, in a news release.

One of the goals of DMUM is to cultivate relationships between college students and the participating families and their children by hosting a variety of activities throughout the academic school year that enable them to get to know one another on a personal level.

The yearlong efforts pay off at the end of the year when the dancers stand and dance for 30 hours to show their commitment

to the organization and the families DMUM supports.

The marathon is planned by members of DMUM and includes choreographed dance steps that the thousands of DMUM participants are anxious to learn and perform for their friends and families.

"It's really a fun way for the U of M students to celebrate their accomplishments with their families," said Koons.

For more information regarding the Dance Marathon, or to make a tax-deductible donation, visit dmum.org, or make a \$5 donation by texting "DMUM" to 9099.

EMU dance performance set April 2

Eastern Michigan University Department of Music and Dance will host the premiere of the "Take Offs and Landings" Senior Concert Showcase at 4 p.m. April 2 at Pease Auditorium.

"Take Offs and Landings" will feature a wide variety of topics and dance styles, drawing from many dance forms including modern, jazz, tap, ballet and contemporary.

The concert will feature works choreographed by EMU dance majors Bailey Ahles, Lamario Carson,

Emma Grabarczyk, Stephanie Havenstein, Xinran Li, Angela Pizutti, Jessica Stadnik, Jessica Stanley and Valerie Street, culminating their degree program.

"Everyone in the dance program has put in so much time on the concert, both students and faculty," said Havenstein, a senior dance major.

"The concert is really a product of everyone's talents and dedication to dance."

Admission to the concert is free, and seating is on a first come, first served basis.

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WILMINGTON, N.C. (EMUEagles.com) — Despite trailing by 13 points, 37-24, with just 14:26 remaining in the contest, the Eastern Michigan University women's basketball team used a 29-5 run over the next 14:03 to post a 63-54 win, Monday, March 21, over the University of North Carolina-Wilmington in the second round of the Women's National Invitation Tournament here at Trask Coliseum in Wilmington, N.C.
With the win, the Eagles (24-12) advance to the equivalent of the NCAA Tournament's Sweet 16. EMU will now travel to Syracuse, New York to take on the Syracuse University Orange, Thursday, March 24, at 7 p.m. in the Carrier Dome.
The win over UNC-Wilmington also allowed the Eagles to eclipse the program's highest win total for a single season, surpassing the 23 wins in the 2004-05 campaign. The Seahawks, hosting their first-ever post-season game and who had posted a 12-1 home record before Monday's matchup, exit the season with a 24-9 mark.
After falling behind 47-37 with 14:08 left in the contest, senior leader Cassie Schrock connected on a layup to chip away at the deficit, making the score 47-39 with 12:47 to go. Eastern would continue the run, tying the ballgame at 50-50 at the 9:24 mark after Sydney Huntley nailed back-to-back treys and Schrock also put in a deep ball.
Tavelyn James also caught fire, making two unanswered baskets and giving EMU its first lead since holding a slim 17-15 advantage midway through the opening stanza. UNCW's Martha White converted on one of the home team's two field goals during their drought, cutting EMU's lead to two, 54-52.
EMU then scored nine unanswered, highlighted by five Schrock free throws and a Paige Redditt lay-in.
During Eastern's impressive second-half rally, the team shot 13-of-26 from the field (50 percent), while holding UNCW to just 29.2 percent (20-of-54).
The Eagles were led in the game offensively by Schrock who scored 20 points. She also dished out seven assists and grabbed five boards. The back court of James and Huntley combined to score 25 points, while Kristin Thomas led the team with seven rebounds and India Hairston grabbed five boards in 13 minutes of action.
The Eagles led by as many as eight points in the first half, taking a 15-7 lead with 11:13 left in the opening stanza after India Hairston split a pair at the free throw line. After that, the host Seahawks would embark on a 13-2 run to erase the deficit and take a 20-17 advantage. James would tie it with a three-pointer, but the Seahawks kept with it, extending their lead to 36-28 at the break.
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1715 East Forest, Ypsilanti, MI, is holding a Public Hearing at the school on Monday, April 18, at 4:15 p.m., to present the proposed 2011-2012 School Budget to the public. The proposed budget can be inspected in the school offices prior to the meeting during regular school hours. The public is invited to attend.

Published March 24, 2011

FORECLOSURE NOTICE 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 Mark E. Hartmann a/k/a Mark Hartmann, Katrina M. Hartmann a/k/a Katrina Hartmann, Husband and Wife to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Flagstar Bank, FSB, its successors and assigns, Mortgage, dated April 4, 2008 and recorded April 8, 2008 in Liber 4676 Page 269 Washtenaw County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was assigned to: Flagstar Bank, FSB, by assignment dated March 8, 2011 and recorded March 17, 2011 in Liber 4839, Page 160, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Thirty-Seven Thousand Two Hundred Six Dollars and Thirty-Eight Cents (\$137,206.38) including interest 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, Circuit Court of Washtenaw County at 10:00AM on April 21, 2011. Said premises are situated in City of Milan, Washtenaw County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot(s) 14, Thomas Braman's Addition to the Village of Milan, as recorded in Liber 78 of Deeds, Page(s) 224 and 225, Washtenaw County Records. Commonly known as 71 1st St. Milan MI 48160. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later. Dated: 3/24/2011 Flagstar Bank, FSB, Assignee of Mortgagee Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 811 South Blvd. Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248) 844-5123 Our File No: 11-36330 ASAP# 3948557 03/24/2011, 03/31/2011, 04/07/2011, 04/14/2011

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 Gregory K. Williams and Tina M. Williams, husband and wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgage, dated February 27, 2004 and recorded March 8, 2004 in Liber 4369, Page 763, Washtenaw County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Federal National Mortgage Association by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Two Hundred Thirty-One Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy-Eight and 3/100 Dollars (\$231,878.03) including interest at 5.75% 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 Circuit Courthouse Huron Street entrance in Ann Arbor, MI at 10:00 a.m. on MARCH 31, 2011. Said premises are located in the Township of Lyndon, Washtenaw County, Michigan, and are described as: PARCEL 1: A parcel of land in the Northeast 1/4 of Section 31, Town 1 South, Range 3 East, Lyndon Township, Washtenaw County, Michigan, being more particularly described as: Commence at the Southwesterly corner of Lot 1, being also the Northwesterly corner of Lot 2, Winewana Subdivision, for the Place of Beginning; thence North 71 degrees 07 minutes 15 seconds East 235.71 feet; thence North 31 degrees 44 minutes 30 seconds West 69.78 feet; thence North 70 degrees 31 minutes 00 seconds East 235.16 feet to the Southeastery corner of said Lot 1; being also the Northeastery corner of said Lot 2; thence North 26 degrees 50 minutes 00 seconds West along the Easterly line of said Lot 1, a distance of 60.0 feet to the Northeastery corner of said Lot 1; thence South 70 degrees 31 minutes 00 seconds West along the Northerly line of said Lot 1 a distance of 475.57 feet to the Northwesterly corner of said Lot 1; thence South 31 degrees 44 minutes 30 seconds East along the Westerly line of said Lot 1 a distance of 130.00 feet to the Southwesterly corner of said Lot 1 and the Place of Beginning. Being a part of Lots 1 and 2, Winewana Subdivision, as recorded in Liber 23 of Plats, page 40, Washtenaw County Records. PARCEL 2: A parcel of land in the Northeast 1/4 of Section 31, Town 1 South, Range 3 East, Lyndon Township, Washtenaw County, Michigan, being more particularly described as: Commencing at the Northwesterly corner of Lot 2, being also the Southwesterly corner of Lot 1, Winewana Subdivision; for the Place of Beginning; thence North 71 degrees 07 minutes 15 seconds East 235.71 feet; thence North 31 degrees 44 minutes 30 seconds West 69.78 feet; thence North 70 degrees 31 minutes 00 seconds East 235.16 feet to the Northeastery corner of said Lot 2; being also the Southeastery corner of said Lot 1; thence South 26 degrees 50 minutes 00 seconds East along the Easterly line of said Lot 2 a distance of 130.0 feet to the Southeastery corner of said Lot 2; being also the Northeastery corner of said Lot 3, Winewana Subdivision; thence South 71 degrees 07 minutes 15 seconds West along the Southerly line of said Lot 2 a distance of 459.31 feet to the Southwesterly corner of said Lot 2; thence North 31 degrees 44 minutes 30 seconds West along the Westerly line of said Lot 2; a distance of 66.0 feet to the Northwesterly corner of said Lot 2 and to the Place of Beginning. Being a part of Lots 1 and 2, Winewana Subdivision, as recorded in Liber 23 of Plats, page 40, 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 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: March 3, 2011 Orland Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 248-502-1400 File No. 650.1291 ASAP# FNMA3927484 03/03/2011, 03/10/2011, 03/17/2011, 03/24/2011

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IF YOU ARE CURRENTLY IN BANKRUPTCY OR HAVE RECEIVED A DISCHARGE IN BANKRUPTCY AS TO THIS OBLIGATION, THIS COMMUNICATION IS INTENDED FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY AND IS NOT AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT IN VIOLATION OF THE AUTOMATIC STAY OR THE DISCHARGE INJUNCTION. IN SUCH CASE, PLEASE DISREGARD ANY PART OF THIS COMMUNICATION WHICH IS INCONSISTENT WITH THE FOREGOING. OTHERWISE, FEDERAL LAW REQUIRES US TO ADVISE YOU THAT COMMUNICATION FROM OUR OFFICE COULD BE INTERPRETED AS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND THAT ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. IF YOU ARE NOW ON ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY OR HAVE BEEN IN THE PRIOR NINE MONTHS, PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AS YOU MAY BE ENTITLED TO THE BENEFITS OF THE SERVICEMEMBERS' CIVIL RELIEF ACT. THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO SAVE YOUR HOME TO: Arthur Dukes Jr. and Veronica Fischer Dukes 7803 Thornhill Drive Ypsilanti, MI 48197 County: Washtenaw State law requires that you receive the following notice: You have the right to request a meeting with your mortgage holder or mortgage servicer. The person to contact and that has the authority to make agreements for a loan modification with you is: Orland Associates, P.C. Loss Mitigation Department, P.O. Box 6041, Troy, MI 48007-5041, (248) 502-1331. You may contact a housing counselor by visiting the Michigan State Housing Development Authority ("MSHDA") website or by calling MSHDA. The website address and telephone number of MSHDA is: (www.mshda.info/counseling_search), telephone (888) 948-7432, TTY# 1-800-362-4568. If you request a meeting with the servicer's designate within 14 days after the Notice required under MCL 600.3205a(1) is mailed, then foreclosure proceedings will not start until 90 days after the date the Notice was mailed to you. If you and the servicer's designate reach an agreement to modify the 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. You may contact attorney of your choice. If you do not have an attorney, the telephone number for the Michigan State Bar Association's Lawyer Referral Service is 1-800-968-0738. Dated: March 24, 2011 Orland Associates P.C. Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 File Number: 209.6931 ASAP# 3947091 03/24/2011

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 Jonathan D. Travis, a single man, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for First Horizon Home Loan, its successors and/or assigns, Mortgage, dated May 25, 2007 and recorded June 20, 2007 in Liber 4630, Page 765, 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 One Hundred Fifty-Eight Thousand Three Hundred Eighty-Two and 25/100 Dollars (\$158,382.25) 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 Circuit Courthouse Huron Street entrance in Ann Arbor, MI at 10:00 a.m. on APRIL 21, 2011. Said premises are located in the City of Ypsilanti, Washtenaw County, Michigan, and are described as: The land referred to in this document is situated in the City of Ypsilanti, County of Washtenaw, State of Michigan and described as follows: Beginning at the Northwest corner of Lot 12, Assessor's Plat Number 7, thence North 89 degrees 36 minutes 00 seconds East 125.00 feet; thence South 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West 50.00 feet; thence South 89 degrees 36 minutes 00 seconds West 125.00 feet; thence North 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East 50.00 feet to the point of beginning. Part of Lot 12, Assessor's Plat Number 7, as recorded in Liber 9 of Plats, Page 33, 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 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: March 24, 2011 Orland Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 248-502-1400 File No. 426.1809 ASAP# FNMA3946874 03/24/2011, 03/31/2011, 04/07/2011, 04/14/2011

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 Lance Burr Smith and Nancy Riffe Smith, husband and wife, to CitiMortgage, Inc., Mortgagee, dated February 28, 2004 and recorded June 2, 2004 in Liber 4396, Page 94, Washtenaw County Records, Michigan. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand One Hundred Seventy-One and 22/100 Dollars (\$125,171.22) including interest at 5.875% 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 Circuit Courthouse Huron Street entrance in Ann Arbor, MI at 10:00 a.m. on APRIL 7, 2011. Said premises are located in the City of Milan, Washtenaw County, Michigan, and are described as: The East 60 feet of Lot 13, excluding the North 17.22 feet thereof, Doyle's Addition to the Village (now City) of Milan. 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 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: March 10, 2011 Orland Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 248-502-1400 File No. 671.2071 ASAP# FNMA3936895 03/10/2011, 03/17/2011, 03/24/2011, 03/31/2011

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Thursday, March 24, 2011

SRSLY

A coalition with support from Chelsea Community media and the Copple Family Foundation.

SRSLY, a Chelsea coalition against destructive behavior in teens, held its third annual St. Patrick's Day party at the Chelsea District Library. More than 150 people attended, and four youth music groups performed. Sponsors of the event included the Chelsea District Library, Nogginz, Chelsea Family Dentistry, Chelsea Lanes, Arctic Coliseum, Digital Ops and Zou Zou's Café.



Charlotte Prevenost sings for the crowd.

St. Paddy's Party



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Company C, Chelsea High School's show choir, performs outside the Chelsea District Library in unusually warm weather.

Photos by Burrill Strong



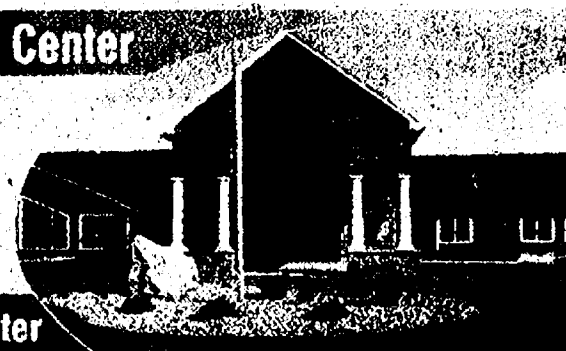
The St. Patrick's Day crowd enjoys the musical styling of Soft Serve Symphony.

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Rebekah Gamble inspects some of the elegant jewelry available for bid this Sunday at the Jewish Community Center of Greater Ann Arbor's 2011 Gala Auction. The event commemorates the center's 25th anniversary, and will honor retiring Executive Director Leslie Bash.

JCC hosts gala auction

By Art Aisner
Special Writer

The Jewish Community Center of Greater Ann Arbor will celebrate two significant milestones at a bi-annual gala auction Sunday.

The community center, located at 2835 Birch Hollow Drive in Ann Arbor, will proudly mark its 25th year in existence serving the community.

The event, scheduled to begin at 6 p.m., also will commemorate the career of Executive Director Leslie Bash, who is retiring after 10 years of leading Ann Arbor and three decades of Jewish communal work in multiple states.

"It's bittersweet, no question," said Bash, 67, in between meetings with staff and volunteers concerned with last-minute details for the center's gala auction, held every two years.

"I've always loved Ann Arbor and it has been a very challenging and rewarding job, but I'm looking forward to enjoying life, enjoying my family and taking care of myself," she said.

And she'll go out in style with a celebration featuring dinner, music, and live and silent bidding on nearly 300 items. The collection ranges from tickets to local museums and events to lavish stays in London, Manhattan, New York and Charlevoix. Not to mention the jewelry, original artwork and autographed University of Michigan athletic apparel.

Dispersed among the items for bid, elements and reminders of the center's history in Ann Arbor also will be on display.

"We wanted a wide variety for people to choose from and be excited about, but this is really a celebration of the 25-year milestone for the JCC and it really shouldn't take a back seat," said Fran Martin, who coordinated the auction and

chaired the event's organizing committee.

Martin said they also won't overlook Bash's influence on the center's growth and development during her tenure, which was marked with unprecedented programming options and smooth stewardship during uncertain financial times.

"She needs to be applauded because she has brought programs here that appeal not just to the Jewish community, but the greater community as well," Martin said. "She's really worked hard to see that the JCC is not an insular or exclusive place — that it's inclusive."

The greatest example is the center's annual Ann Arbor Jewish Film Festival. With consistent sponsors, the five-day festival has for a decade brought award-winning and thought-provoking films, and the people who make them, to the historic Michigan Theater.

The idea to expand the wildly popular annual film festival organized by the Jewish Community Center of Metropolitan Detroit was a natural fit for Bash, who worked with that organization for several years after moving to Michigan in 1991. Bash eventually directed that network's Oak Park facility through a major expansion before the opportunity in Ann Arbor arose.

Originally from the East Coast, Bash said it wasn't a tough sell for her to come to one of Michigan's most vibrant and cultured cities, and steer a community non-profit with strong support and enormous potential.

"Our challenge is really more of meeting the changing needs of the community and try to offer an entry point into the greater Jewish community here," Bash said. "The center is a way to transmit Jewish

values and customs in a way without judgment — to be open enough so that everyone can feel comfortable attending programs or getting a service here.

Bash said she always loved coming to the area when her son, Jeff, attended the University of Michigan while the family lived in Connecticut. He graduated and now lives in Seattle, where he'll be married later this year. She and her husband, Norman, also 67, also have a daughter, Stephanie, who lives in New Jersey with her husband and three children.

Bash said she has targeted April 1 for her final day, but intends to be available for Andrea Rosner-Najer's transition into the executive director role. Rosner-Najer was chosen after a lengthy national search for Bash's successor, and brings more than 20 years of administrative experience with nonprofit organizations to Ann Arbor.

Bash said she's unsure if they will stay in the area permanently, but she and Norman will definitely winter in more tropical climates.

While past auctions have benefited specific causes, such as improvements to the facility or children's playgrounds, proceeds from this year's auction will directly fund programming for the remainder of this year.

Tickets are \$50 per person, and reservations are required. They can be made by e-mailing Rebekah Gamble at rebekahgamble@jccfed.org, or calling the JCC at 971-0990.

More information about the auction is available online at www.jccannarbor.org/about-us/jcc-auction/.

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Prisoner artwork on display at Duderstadt Center Gallery

By Donna Iadipao
Special Writer

It's not simply the largest exhibition of prisoner art in the country. The 16th annual Exhibition of Art by Michigan Prisoners, sponsored by the University of Michigan-based Prison Creative Arts Project, is the largest of its kind in the world, said U of M English professor and PCAP founder Buzz Alexander.

The exhibition runs through April 6 at the Duderstadt Center Gallery on the U of M North Campus at 2281 Bonisteel Boulevard. Alexander, Janie Paul and Jason Write are the curators for this year's exhibition.

"We look for work that has some kind of edge in it, either in terms of content or in terms of drawing skill," Alexander said. "Much of the work is very powerful and rivals work in any gallery."

Last year, approximately 3,970 people came to the exhibit and 422 works were displayed from 36 Michigan prisons. This year, PCAP, which according to its mission statement, is "committed to original work in the arts in Michigan correctional facilities, juvenile facilities, urban high schools, and communities across the state," cut back on the number of works in the annual exhibit by about a quarter because of budgetary constraints.

About 236 artists are scheduled to show their work this year, which was the same amount of artists they had in 2010. Organizers expect more than 4,000 attendees this year.

In his most recent book, "Is William Martinez Not Our Brother? Twenty Years of the Creative Arts Project," Alexander poignantly documents his 20 years with PCAP and devotes an entire chapter on the past 16 years co-curating the exhibit with Paul, his wife and U of M Art and Design professor.

"Apparently, the quality of art, the depth of humanity and the way we articulate the exhibition bring it widespread approval and celebration," wrote Alexander. "I believe, too, that when most people have the opportunity to look closely, they both see the inequalities in mass incarceration and believe that human beings have the right to grow beyond their worst moment."

There are about 50,000 prisoners in the state of Michigan. Roughly 2.4 million Americans are behind bars, which represents about one in every 100 adults. According to the International Centre for Prison Studies, the United States has the largest amount of inmates of any country per 100,000 people at 743. In 1970, about one in 400 people were incarcerated in the United States.

"All the money (made at the exhibit) goes back to them (the artists who are incarcerated), except that the Michigan Department of Corrections takes out 15 percent for the 'Inmate Benefit Funds,' which is money that is then available for prisoner activities. And they take out a 6 percent sales tax."

Last year, 65 percent of the artists sold at least one piece at the exhibit and the total income for the artists was more than \$17,000. Works sell for between \$25 and \$400.

If a prisoner wants to sell a piece of work for \$100, PCAP marks the price up to \$121 so that it covers the 21 percent. The prisoner then gets \$100 and the MDC gets \$21. The \$100 goes into each individual prisoner's account.

"A lot of them actually use it (the money they earn) for art supplies," Alexander said. "There are a lot of indigent artists. They have no money coming in from family and they want to continue doing art. They will use it for art supplies. Some of them will use it to get toiletries or special kinds of foods from the prison store — and some of them will send money home to support family."

The exhibit had its start in 1995 when

Alexander and Paul sent a letter within a 200-mile driving range of Ann Arbor to about 21 prisons.

"We got a great response," Alexander said. "We discovered that there was already great art, as it is throughout the United States, great art happening in the prisons. And we found that out when we drove out to select the work and meet a few of the artists."

Prior to 1996, Alexander had done a smaller exhibit with a Jackie Spring. Spring had gotten in contact with Alexander because she knew he was doing prison work, mainly theater, at that time. So they first organized an exhibit of women artists from Huron Valley Correctional Facility.

"I remember the art wasn't great, but it was art that these women were very excited to show their art and it was in a small room in Rackham with maybe 30 pieces of art," Alexander said.

Paul, who is also an artist, had conducted a workshop in the Western Wayne Correctional Facility prior to Alexander and Paul holding the first Exhibition of Art by Michigan Prisoners in 1996.

Now, there are many returning artists in the exhibition. Alexander said about two-thirds of the artists have been previously in the exhibition.

A letter is sent to prisoners in October every year. They also make a video that has the opening reception of the exhibition from the previous year and features every image in the exhibit to show the incarcerated artists. Sometimes the video is shown in closed-circuit television within the prison or the artists are called out to view it.

"In some cases, it's shown over and over again. And the artists who may be isolated get to see all of the really amazing art, and we know that that has a tremendous influence," Alexander said. "There's one prisoner that told me they have all 15 videos, because we've made one every year."

In recent years, the exhibition has also provided a theme every year. Last year's theme was the Michigan economy. This year, the theme is the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico. There is entire wall at this year's exhibit related to the theme of the oil spill. Two years ago, they had about 15 pieces with a theme related to President Obama's victory at the polls.

"I tend to avoid the term rehabilitation, but I think it (the art) enables them to grow for a number of reasons," Alexander said. "They are working very hard at rendering their lives, emotions, family experiences, incarceration experiences into a work of art, which means they are being reflective. They are thinking, and prisoners aren't often encouraged to think."

People who come to the exhibition write in the gallery book, and Alexander types up everything that has been written in the gallery book each year to give to the artists.

"They gain self-esteem. They know they have skills," Alexander said. "They've worked sometimes with other artists and they are good at working together with people. They probably are better parents when they go home. Most of them go home to children, and half of the children of prisoners in this country go to prison, so there's a chance that that is a positive element as well. So they just become more whole, which is what we are all trying to do is become more whole and complex and compassionate."

This year, the exhibit has received record donations from their patrons, already at more than \$21,000. They also receive donations from the Provost Office, LS&A, English Department, and some small grants, including one from the Kresge Foundation.

Many events and speakers are also occurring during the two weeks of the exhibition, including an "Anthology of Creative Writing by Michigan Prisoners Release Celebration" April 4.

THINGS TO DO: REGIONAL CALENDAR

CHELSEA

Thursday, March 24

■ **Dungeons & Dragons** 4:30 to 8 p.m. Thursday: Chelsea District Library, 221 S. Main St. Free. 475-8732.

Friday, March 25

■ **Lenten Fish Fry** 4 to 8 p.m. Friday: Knights of Columbus, St. Mary Catholic Church, 14200 E. Old US-12. 475-7561.

■ **"A Murder Is Announced"** 7 p.m. Friday: First Congregational Church, 121 E. Middle St. Free, but donations accepted for the church's mission trip. 475-1844.

■ **Community Drum Jam** 8 p.m. Friday: Tree of Life Cultural Arts Studio, 6065 Sibley Road. Free. 433-0697.

Saturday, March 26

■ **Chelsea Chess Club** 3 p.m. Saturday: Wendy's, 1640 Commerce Park. Free. 475-1583.

■ **Chelsea Teddy Bear Co.** 11 a.m., 1 and 3 p.m. Saturday: Group tours. 400 N. Main St., Chelsea. Free. 433-5499.

■ **Green Thumb Series** 2 p.m. Saturday: Garden Mill, 110 S.

Main St., Chelsea. Free. Pre-registration required. 475-3539.

■ **Conservancy Creatures** 2 p.m. Saturday: Eddy Discovery Center, Bush Road. \$2 (families, \$5). Pre-register at 475-3170. \$10 annual vehicle fee.

■ **Live Music at River Gallery** 6 p.m. Saturday: Red Haired Molly, 120 S. Main St. Free. 433-0826.

■ **DJ Skate** 7:15 to 9 p.m. Saturday: Arctic Coliseum, 501 Coliseum Drive. \$5 (age 14 and younger, \$3), \$3 skate rental. 433-4444.

Wednesday, March 30

■ **"Must See Company C"** 5 to 6:30 and 7 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday: Arctic Coliseum Breakaway Restaurant, 501 Coliseum Drive. Free admission. Pay for your own food and drink. Reservations (includes priority seating) requested. 475-7922.

DEXTER

Friday, March 25

■ **Lenten Fish Fry** 4:30 to 8 p.m. Friday: Old St. Patrick's Catholic Church parish hall, 5671 Whitmore Lake Road. \$7.50 (seniors, \$7; ages 5-11, \$6.50; 4 and

younger, free). 662-8141

■ **Fish Fry** 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. Friday: Dexter Knights of Columbus Banquet Hall, 8265 Dexter-Chelsea Road. Dexter: \$10 (ages 5-9, \$5; age 4 and younger, free; drive-through: \$9). 426-5558.

■ **Anne LaCross: Artistica Gallery** 5 to 8 p.m. Friday: wine and cheese event. 3203 Broad St., Dexter. Free. 426-1500. www.wartisticagallery.net.

Saturday, March 26

■ **Draw Doubles** 101 Disc Golf. Noon Saturday: Hudson Mills Metropark Activity Center, 8801 North Territorial Road. \$7 per player and free for spectators. \$5 vehicle entrance fee. 449-4300.

■ **Maple Sugaring** 10 a.m., 11 a.m. and noon Saturday and Sunday: Hudson Mills, 8801 North Territorial Road. \$2. Pre-register at 426-8211. \$5 vehicle fee.

Monday, March 28

■ **Sip-N-Stitch** 7 p.m. Monday: Dexter District Library, 3255 Alpine St. Free. 426-4477.

Wednesday, March 30

■ **Spring Gardening Series** 7 p.m. Wednesday: Dexter District

Library, 3255 Alpine St., Dexter. Free. 426-4477.

SALINE

Thursday, March 24

■ **Thursday Contra Dance** 7 p.m. Thursday: 4531 Concourse Drive. \$7 (students, \$4; age 13 and younger with a parent, free). 408-1018.

Friday, March 25

■ **Fish Fry: Knights of Columbus** 4 to 7 p.m. Friday: St. Andrew's Catholic Church, 910 Austin Drive. \$9 (seniors age 60 and older, \$8; ages 12 and younger, \$5). 944-7790.

■ **"The Sound of Music"** 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday: Saline Area Players. Saline High School, 1300 Campus Parkway. \$15 (age 65 and older, and students through high school, \$12) at Maureen's Designs, 101 S. Ann Arbor St., Dr. Kelly's office, 1020 E. Michigan Ave., salineareaplayers.org, and by phone, 944-4940.

Saturday, March 26

■ **Rummage and Bake Sale: Saline Fiddlers ReStrung**

Fundraiser 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday: Liberty School cafeteria, 7265 Ann Arbor-Saline Road. Free admission.

■ **International Defensive Pistol Association Match** 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday: Tri-County Sportsman's League, 8640 Moon Road, Saline. \$20 per round (\$10 per additional round). 429-9561.

■ **Texas Hold 'Em** 5 p.m. Saturday: American Legion Hall, 320 W. Michigan. \$50. 429-7310.

Tuesday, March 29

■ **New Horizons Band** 6 p.m. Tuesday, 1 p.m. Thursday: Liberty School, 7265 Ann Arbor-Saline Road. Free. 429-1742.

YPSILANTI

Friday, March 25

■ **Chamber Choir and University Choir** 8 p.m. Friday: EMU Peace Auditorium, West Cross at College Place. Free. 487-2255.

Saturday, March 26

■ **Jazz Combos** 2 and 7 p.m., EMU Alexander Recital Hall, Lowell at East Circle Drive. Free.

Call 734-487-2255 for more details.

■ **Annual Comedy Jam** 7 and 9:30 p.m. Saturday: Michigan Firehouse Museum, 110 West Cross St. \$25 and \$35. 547-0663.

■ **Pianist Idil Ulgun** 7 p.m. Saturday: EMU Alexander Recital Hall, Lowell at East Circle Drive. Free. 487-2255.

Sunday, March 27

■ **Children's Puppet Shows** 3:30 p.m. Sunday: Dreamland Theater, 26 N. Washington. \$5 (age 3 and younger, free). 657-2337.

Tuesday, March 29

■ **Spirituality and Recovery from Addiction: Dawn Farm** 7:30 p.m. Tuesday: Free Dawn Farm presentation. St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Education Center, 5305 Elliott Drive. 973-7892.

Wednesday, March 30

■ **"Spelling Bee for Honest Cheaters, Dirty Rotten Spellers, and Mustachioed Heroes"** 7 p.m. Wednesday: Woodruff's, 36 E. Cross St. Spectator tickets \$15 at 826michigan.org. Pre-registration required for teams. 761-3463.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Thursday, March 24

Join the Chelsea Senior Center for **Out to Lunch Brunch** at the Hungry Wolf at 12:30 p.m.

The Dexter District Library will host **Toddler/Preschool Movie and Snacks** and show the movie "The Little Mermaid" at 11 a.m. Bring a pillow, blanket or cuddly friend.

Join the **SRSly Book Blast** at 6 p.m. at the Chelsea District Library. The coalition and the library have teamed up to bring free copies of "Glass" by Ellen Hopkins. Join the group for pizza and share your thoughts about the book.

Come discuss **"Prelude: A Novel about Secrets, Treachery and the Arrival of Peak Oil"** with the author Kurt Cobb at the Chelsea District Library at 7 p.m. The author will

join via Skype and a limited number of copies will be available at the library for brief loans.

Friday, March 25

Get your child ready for literacy with a **Pre-reading Parent Workshop** at 11 a.m. at the Chelsea District Library.

The Chelsea Senior Center's **movie of the week** will be "Waitress" at 12:30 p.m.

The Dexter District Library will host **Model Magic Crafts and Snacks** at 3 p.m. for fifth through 12th grade. Registration required.

Join the **Animanga Club** at the Chelsea District Library at 3:30 p.m. to watch fun anime and snack on pocky.

Saturday, March 26

Learn the **Basics of Microsoft**

Word 2007 at the Chelsea District Library at 10:30 a.m.

Monday, March 28

Destress with Yoga at the Dexter Senior Center at 9:15 a.m.

Paint with Steve Wood at the Chelsea Senior Center at 9:30 a.m.

The Chelsea Senior Center will have a **Travel Open House** at 6:30 p.m. The public is welcome.

The Dexter Senior Center will host a **Travelogue of China** at 1 p.m.

Tuesday, March 29

Join fellow family history gatherers for open research at **Ancestry Aficionados** at 10 a.m. at the Chelsea District Library.

Practice Tai Chi at the

Dexter Senior Center at 10:30 a.m.

The **Alzheimer's Association** will be training volunteers to educate the public about Alzheimer's disease at the Chelsea District Library at noon.

Practice your French at the Dexter Senior Center at noon.

Emily Nease, RD, will have a program about **Special Diets** at the Chelsea Senior Center at 12:30 p.m.

The Chelsea District Library will host **Dungeons & Dragons Weekly Gaming Night** at 4:30 p.m.

SRSly will have its **Youth Steering Committee** at 5:30 at the Chelsea District Library.

Wednesday, March 30

Get your child ready for literacy with a **Pre-reading Parent**

Workshop at 11:30 a.m. at the Chelsea District Library.

Join gamer guru Jessica for **Mad Cow Gaming PRO** at the Chelsea District Library at 3:30 p.m. for a **Guitar Hero** tourney.

Learn about **Microsoft Excel 2007** at the Dexter District Library from 6 to 8 p.m.

The **Monitor Base Ball Club** of Chelsea will hold an informational meeting for prospective members at 7 p.m. at the Chelsea District Library. This club is an 1860s-era baseball team that will play other vintage teams in Michigan. For more information, please contact monitorbcb@chelsea@yahoo.com.

Learn about gardening at the **Spring Gardening Series** at the Dexter District Library at 7 p.m. Master Gardener Melissa Kesterson will discuss the benefits of composting for a healthy garden.

Thursday, March 31

Get your child ready for literacy with a **Pre-reading Parent Workshop** at 11:30 a.m. at the Chelsea District Library.

The Chelsea Senior Center will host a **Tax Assistance** program by appointment.

Join Critic's Corner at the Chelsea District Library at 6:30 p.m. for a **viewing and discussion** of "The Social Network."

Ongoing events

Kate Mulligan from TCF Bank in downtown Dexter will offer **free notary services** at the Dexter Senior Center every second Monday of each month at 11:30 a.m. Please bring a valid ID.

If you don't need anything notarized, stop by and meet Kate and receive a free coin.

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BULLETIN BOARD

"Around Town with Linda"

"Around Town with Linda" will feature Len Niehoff, attorney and pastoral assistant.

"Around Town with Linda" features interviews conducted by the local host Linda Meloche.

The show airs daily on Channel 18 at 7:30 a.m., noon, 6 p.m. and 11 p.m.

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

Previous shows are available to view at McKune Memorial

Library or online at <http://storiesofchelsea.org>.

Sign up e-newsletter

Sign up for The Chelsea Standard and Dexter Leader's e-newsletter to get the latest headlines delivered directly to your e-mail box, as well as breaking news and community alerts. Sign up on the newspaper's home page at www.heritage.com, on the right side of the page.

Dexter Senior Center to hold board election

March will be election time for the Senior Center Board of

Trustees. An election ballot will be included with the center's newsletter, which members are asked to mark and return to the center.

Anyone interested in serving on the board or nominating someone else should contact Director Kim at 426-7737.

Church to perform Agatha Christie's 'A Murder is Announced'

First Congregational Church of Chelsea presents, Agatha Christie's "A Murder is Announced", on 7 p.m. Friday, March 25 and Saturday, March

26. Proceeds from the play will support the church's July mission trip to Nashville, Tenn., to assist with their 2010 flood recovery.

Donations will be accepted, and greatly appreciated. A dessert reception prepared by members of our congregation will immediately follow the performance.

For more information, contact the church at 734-475-1844.

Historical society to commemorate Civil War anniversary

Chelsea Area Historical

Society will be commemorating the 150th anniversary of the start of the Civil War with George Till, 24th Michigan Infantry re-enactor, presenting a special education program 7 p.m. April 11 at the Chelsea Depot.

The era will be brought to life with period costume and equipment demonstrations, while Till discusses the Civil War in the movies, re-enacting and local heroes of the war. The program is free and open to the public.

Lions scholarship applications available

For more than 10 years, the Dexter Lions have given out

over \$45,000 in scholarships to Dexter High School seniors going on to a college.

The scholarship applications for 2011 are now available. They can be picked up at the Dexter High School counseling office or at the Dexter Lions Home page: www.dexterlions.org and click on scholarships to print one.

Scholarships are available for all students no matter what area of study you may be considering. There are three questions to respond to and complete all information on the cover page.

Deadline for returning applications to the counseling office

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www.zionchelsea.org

First United Methodist Church
128 Park Street, Chelsea, MI
734-475-8119
8:30am Daybreak
9:30am Renew
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Look to nature for clues to gardening success

By Mary Jo Frank
Guest Writer

Earthworm activity and when forsythia and lilacs bloom are a few of Mother Nature's signs that can help observant gardeners with their spring gardening, says herbalist Susan Betz.

Betz, who is active in The Herb Society of America, spoke recently to the Chelsea Area Garden Club about how Native Americans used the sun and moon and knowledge of birds, insects, animals and weather to guide their activities.

She writes about phenology, the study of timing of natural events in the plant and animal world, in her new book "Magical Moons & Seasonal Cycles."

"Native Americans were experts at reading the landscape," said Betz of Jonesville, who was the first Master Gardener coordinator for Hillsdale County and education and outreach coordinator for Hillsdale College's Slayton Arboretum. "Their knowledge of nature's calendar helped

ensure their survival. Life revolved around seasonal cycles as they moved from one food source to another. Native Americans kept track of the seasons by assigning descriptive names to each recurring full moon, alluding to notable natural events taking place during that month."

Here are a few examples Betz cited:

January: Wolf Moon or Old Moon refers to winter, when people were likely to hear wolves. This period of cold is necessary for many seeds to sprout, Betz noted.

March: Sugar Moon or Worm Moon indicates how closely Native Americans watched plants and insects, Betz said. In the Northeast, they knew it was time to move to their sugar bush camps to tap maple trees when they saw earthworms become active.

April: Sprouting Grass Moon or Frog Moon heralds the emergence of gray tree frogs and the greening of the earth.

May: Flower Moon, Milk

Moon or Planting Moon. Seeds can be planted when the oak leaves are the size of a mouse ear, Betz said. Native American would welcome spring by using flowering redbud branches to decorate their dwellings. Redbud flowers, which come out before the leaves, have a strong lemon flavor and are delicious when used in cream cheese or pudding, she noted.

Local garden clubs often schedule plant sales in May, Betz said, because it's the ideal time to plant perennials, annuals, herbs and ornamental grasses in many parts of Michigan.

The Chelsea Area Garden Club plant sale will host its plant sale 8:30 a.m. to noon May 14 at 222 S. Main St., the old Palmer Family Ford-Mercury dealership, across from the Chelsea District Library.

While manmade environments vary little across geographic regions, local natural communities retain their own characteristics, according to Betz. Gardeners can learn much from observing and recording

the timing of natural events locally each year.

For example, gardeners have learned that when the lilac is in full flower is a good time to plant squash. Crabgrass germinates when the soil is about 55 degrees Fahrenheit, the temperature that coincides with the blooming of forsythia.

Betz also talked about symbiotic relationships between plants and insects such as the monarch butterfly and milkweed and the spring azure butterfly and the dogwood blossom. She lauded the efforts of gardeners working to bring back native plants and recommended the book "Bringing Nature Home: How Native Plants Sustain Wildlife in Our Gardens" by Douglas Tallamy.

"We need informed people who understand how nature works," said Betz, who encouraged club members to pass on their knowledge and skill to others, especially young people.

Betz suggested a number of citizen science websites for people who are interested in



Photo courtesy of Mary Jo Frank

Herbalist Susan Betz, left, talks with Charlene Harris, Chelsea Area Garden Club program chair, at the club's March meeting. Betz spoke about Magical Moons & Seasonal Cycles. The club meets at noon the second Monday of the month at Chelsea First United Methodist Church.

recording plant and animal life and contributing to research: Plant Watch, www.plantwatch.ca/; The Great Backyard Bird Count/Cornell Lab of Ornithology & Audubon Society, <http://www.birdsource.org/gbbc/get-involved/>; and Earth Trek Project, www.goearthtrek.com.

Mary Jo Frank is a member of the Chelsea Area Garden Club, which meets at noon on the second Monday of each month at Chelsea First United Methodist Church, 128 Park St. For more information, visit <http://chelsea-gardenclub.com/>.

CALENDAR

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counting coupon. This coupon will allow non-account holders to have loose coins counted free of charge at the TCF bank downtown.

Take-Off Pounds Sensibly meets every Wednesday at the Dexter Senior Center at 7720 Dexter-Ann Arbor Road, Dexter. Weigh-in begins at 6:15 p.m. and the meeting starts at 7 p.m.

Prospective members are welcome to attend a meeting for free. Yearly membership is \$26, which includes a subscription to TOPS magazine and weekly dues are only \$1. Meetings include information on various health topics presented by a TOPS member or special speaker. Come join the friendly men and women of TOPS while learning ways to improve your health.

The Dexter Senior Center hosts a 9 a.m. **Pilates class** every Friday for one hour. The cost is \$5 to drop in and the first class is free. You may also purchase a punch card for \$20 and get five visits.

BULLETIN

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is April 20.

If you have any questions, please contact Dexter Lion Scholarship Chairman Terry Walters at 734-474-6914.

FIA seeks donations

Did you know Faith in Action stays open until 7 p.m. on Wednesday evenings to accept donations and provide service? They need clothing for colder weather months and can especially use children's items. Also

Play Euchre at the Dexter Senior Center every Thursday at 9:30 a.m. or Bridge at 11:30 a.m. Games of Scrabble and Mah Jongg are also played at 12:30 p.m. and 1 p.m., respectively.

Swim with Chelsea Senior Center members every Tuesday and Thursday at 9 a.m. at the Comfort Inn.

Learn Bridge at Chelsea Senior Center every Thursday at 10 a.m.

The public is invited to **Line Dance Class** held every Thursday at 10 a.m. at Chelsea Senior Center.

Share Computer knowledge at Chelsea Senior Center's **Computer Club** every Thursday at 10 a.m.

Chelsea Area **Bridge** meets on Thursday at 12:15 p.m. at Chelsea Senior Center.

Enjoy **Knit and Crochet tips** at Chelsea Senior Center each Thursday at 12:30 p.m.

Chelsea Senior Center offers "A Matter of Balance: Fall Prevention" Thursdays. Call

always useful are household items such as bedding, dishes and other housewares.

Faith in Action has served the emergency needs of Chelsea and Dexter for 30 years, focusing on food, utility shut off prevention, eviction prevention, and clothing needs. Call 475-3305 with questions. Faith in Action is open Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

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

475-9242 for information.

Play Bingo each Monday and Friday at 9 a.m. at Chelsea Senior Center.

Wood Carvers meet at 10 a.m. at Chelsea Senior Center on Fridays.

Exercise with Enhance

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From left-to-right Marjorie Kim, Chaplain Cathy Rafferty, and Russell Smith of the Chelsea Retirement Center, walkers in the October, 2010 CROP Hunger Walk, receiving the Golden Sneaker Award for their fundraising efforts.

Walk raises nearly \$30K

CROP walk raised funds to fight hunger

Each year the Chelsea/Dexter CROP Hunger Walk gives the Golden Sneaker Award to the organization that raised the most money per walker. Last week, the Chelsea Retirement Center once again

received this award for raising an average of \$2,074 per walker during last fall's walk. They had also won this award the previous year. In total, the Chelsea/Dexter CROP Walk raised \$28,830, collected by 11 organizations for the 2010 Walk. About 15 percent of this amount will go to the local helping organization Faith in Action. The rest will go to Church World Service or other

charities designated by the contributors. The purpose of the CROP Hunger Walk is to help alleviate hunger and poverty everywhere in the world. Planning for the next Chelsea/Dexter Walk will begin at 7 p.m. April 19 at St. Paul United Church of Christ in Chelsea. For more information, contact the local coordinator at 313-268-6537.

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Sign-up available for CCH summer camp

Program open to kindergarteners through fifth grade

The Chelsea Community Hospital Children's Center is now accepting registrations for its Summer Adventure Program, a day camp for kids who have completed kindergarten through beginning sixth grade. Located at North Creek Elementary School, the camp is open to all community families and includes lunch and snacks, as well as a variety of fun field trips with bus transportation provided by Chelsea School District. Examples include swimming at the local pool, museums, science centers, the zoo, bowling, roller skating, ice skating, blueberry picking, horseback riding, a Mystery Trip, Independence Lake, Oh My Lollis and the library. The camp is open from 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday, to accommodate varying schedules and needs. There are no hidden costs. All activities and food are included in the tuition rate. "Our programs provide a stimulating environment where each child is respected for their unique talents and interests," said Shannon Steinbach, director of the CCH Children's Center. "We truly focus on enhancing the healthy development of the total child, including his or her social, emotional, intellectual and physical development." Specific activities such as arts and crafts, cooking, board games, cards, manipulative toys and outdoor activities are offered on a daily basis. For more information, please call the CCH Children's Center at 734-475-3922 or you may download the registration form at www.cch.org (click on Child Care in the upper right).

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Sounds & Sights kicks off campaign with wine show

Although the opening night of Sounds & Sights on Thursday Nights is months away, organizers of the summer-long event have been busy scheduling performers and fundraising.

Kicking off this year's campaign again is the Spring Wine Show which takes place on Monday, April 18, from 6 to 9 p.m. at The Common Grill restaurant.

Tickets are \$50 per person and are available at the restaurant.

Guests will be treated to wide selection of Chef Craig's tantalizing appetizers and desserts as they sample over 70 wines from various wine vendors.

Wines will also be for sale that evening by the bottle or the case.

All proceeds from the event benefit Sounds & Sights on Thursday Nights and the Sounds & Sights Festival (formerly known as Summer Fest). There will also be a drawing for door prizes at the end of the event.

"As with all nonprofit events, fundraising is an important part of Sounds & Sights," said organizer Craig Common.

"The Spring Wine Show helps us raise money so we can continue to provide outstanding entertainment to the community."

"It's also an opportunity for people to get out and have some fun, while generating excitement for the upcoming season."

Sounds & Sights kicks off its seventh season on June 16 and runs every Thursday until Aug. 25.

Dates for the Sounds & Sights Festival are July 28-30.

"Sounds & Sights has become such a popular community event," Common said. "We have another great line up of performers coming together this year including some dynamic local groups."

"We appreciate the support of the community and volunteers who make this event so

successful."

For more information about the Spring Wine Show, call The Common Grill at 734-475-0470. Sounds & Sights information

can be found at chelseafestivals.com. Sounds & Sights is a program of the Chelsea Center for the Arts.

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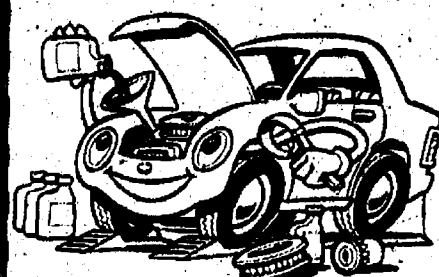
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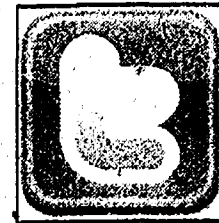
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING LIMA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Monday, April 11, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

At the Lima Township Hall
11452 Jackson Road
A Public Hearing will be held by the Lima Township Board of Trustees to consider the proposed Lima Township Planning Commission Ordinance, an ordinance to confirm the establishment under the Michigan Planning and Enabling Act, Public Act 33 of 2008, MCL 123.3301, et seq., of the Lima Township Planning Commission; provide for the powers, duties and limitations of that Planning Commission; and repeal any ordinance or parts of ordinances of resolutions in conflict with this ordinance. A complete copy of this proposed Ordinance is on file in the Lima Township Office, 12172 Jackson Road. Written comments may be sent to: Arlene Bareis, Clerk, Lima Township, P.O. Box 59, Chelsea, MI 48118. Publish March 24, 2011

DEXTER VILLAGE COUNCIL SYNOPSIS OF ACTION TAKEN AT THE REGULAR MEETING

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2011

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by President Pro-Tem Tell due to the absence of Village President Keough at the Dexter Senior Center located at 7720 Ann Arbor Street in Dexter, Michigan.

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES
Motion Smith; support Semifero to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of February 14, 2011 with corrections
Unanimous voice vote for approval

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
Motion Smith; support Semifero to approve the agenda as presented.
Unanimous voice vote for approval

CONSENT AGENDA
Consideration of: Bills and Payroll in the amount of \$256,463.38
Motion Fisher; support Smith to approve item 1 of the consent agenda.
Unanimous voice vote for approval

OLD BUSINESS-Consideration and Discussion of:
Motion Cousins; support Semifero to support the idea of the Mill Creek Stiff Plan contingent upon modifications necessary to satisfy the permitting requirements.
Ayes: Cousins, Fisher, Smith, Semifero, Tell and Carson Nays: None Absent: Keough
Motion carries

Motion Cousins; support Smith to postpone medical marijuana item for more information.
Ayes: Smith, Semifero, Tell, Carson, Fisher and Cousins Nays: None Absent: Keough
Motion carries

NEW BUSINESS-Consideration of and Discussion of:
Motion Semifero; support Carson to approve the Resolution supporting the Brownfield Plan Amendment for BSI Investments, 2810 Baker Road Brownfield Redevelopment Project.
Ayes: Semifero, Tell, Fisher, Carson, Cousins and Smith Nays: None Absent: Keough
Motion carries

Motion Semifero; support Carson to approve the Scope of Services from JJR for bidding and construction engineering services for Mill Creek Park not to exceed \$65,500.
Ayes: Tell, Carson, Cousins, Smith, Fisher and Semifero Nays: None Absent: Keough
Motion carries

Motion Semifero; support Cousins to approve the Scope of Services from JJR for the Warrior Creek Stadium not to exceed \$12,100.
Ayes: Carson, Cousins, Fisher, Smith, Semifero and Tell Nays: None Absent: Keough
Motion carries

CLOSED SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING LABOR NEGOTIATIONS AND PUTTING AT RISK PROPERTY IN ACCORDANCE WITH MCL 15.253 Sec. 6(c)
Motion Smith; support Semifero to move into closed session at 8:04 PM for the purpose of discussing labor negotiations and potential purchase of property.
Ayes: Cousins, Fisher, Smith, Semifero, Tell, Carson and Keough Nays: None
Motion carries

Motion Smith; support Cousins to leave closed session at 10:00 PM.
Ayes: Smith, Semifero, Tell, Carson, Fisher, Cousins and Keough Nays: None
Motion carries

ADJOURNMENT
Motion Cousins; support Semifero to adjourn at 10:00 PM. Unanimous voice vote for approval

Approved for Filing: March 14, 2011
NOTE: This is a synopsis of the Regular Council Meeting. The minutes in their entirety may be viewed at the Village Office at 8123 Main Street, Dexter MI or online at www.villageofdexter.org

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

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Webster Township Regular Board Meeting March 18, 2011

The Webster Township Board Meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm, by Supervisor John Kingsley on March 18, 2011 at the Township Hall, 5665 Webster Church Road Dexter, MI 48130.

Members present: Supervisor: John Kingsley, Clerk: Mary Dee Heller, Treasurer: Carol Whitney, Trustees: John Westman, Gary Koch, Charles Estleman, Richard Kleinschmidt, Zoning Administrator Pindzia and 6 residents.

Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag
Approve Minutes
Motion Koch second Estleman to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of February 15, 2011. All ayes and carried.

Supervisor Remarks
Approve Agenda
Motion Kleinschmidt second Koch to approve the agenda as presented. All ayes and carried.

PUBLIC HEARING
Supervisor Kingsley opened the Public Hearing at 7:37 p.m.
Supervisor Kingsley closed the Public Hearing at 7:50 pm
Call to Public

Reports
A. Treasurer's Report:
Motion Heller second Koch to accept Treasurer's report and pay bills as presented as well as those anticipated bills received before April 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.

E. Sheriff's Report:
Report received.

F. Zoning Board of Appeals: Next meeting April 12th
Report received.

G. PDR Committee:
Report received.

H. Fire Department:
Report received.

Old Business:
Zoning Ordinance:
Discussion took place.

New Business:
A. Budget FY 2012
Motion Whitney second Estleman to remove the proposed 10% raise for the Information Systems Specialist. Roll call vote. Koch Aye, Kleinschmidt Aye, Estleman Nay, Kingsley Nay, Heller Nay, Whitney Aye, Westman Aye. Motion carries 4-3.

Motion Westman second Estleman to approve the FY 2012 budget as amended. Roll call vote. Westman Aye, Whitney Aye, Heller Aye, Kingsley Nay, Estleman Aye, Kleinschmidt Nay, Koch Nay. Motion carries 4-3.

B. Annual Policy for Township Operations FY 2012
Motion Heller second Kleinschmidt to approve the Annual Policy for Township Operations FY 2012. All Ayes and carried.

C. Resolution to Support Moving Forward With the Process of Forming A Regional Fire Department.
Motion Estleman second Heller to support Resolution 03-11 moving forward with the process of forming a regional fire department. Roll call vote. All ayes and carried.

D. PA 116 Agreements
Motion Kleinschmidt second Koch to approve PA 116 agreement on 60.365 acres of the William & Cherie Nixon Revocable Trust property. All ayes and carried.

Motion Kleinschmidt second Heller to approve PA 116 agreement on 55.24 acres of the William & Cherie Nixon trust property. All ayes and carried.

E. Budget Amendments
Motion Koch second Westman to approve the Budget Amendments as presented for FY 2011. All ayes and carried.

F. Greenbelt Program Expenditures
Motion Westman second Koch to authorize a \$2,000 expenditure for Development Rights on 48.5 acres of Charles Letts property. Roll call vote. All ayes and carried.

G. Budget Policies FY 2012
Motion Heller second Koch to approve the Budget Policies for FY 2012. All ayes and carried.

H. Wage Policies; Appointed Boards FY 2012
Motion Kleinschmidt second Estleman to approve the Wage Policies and Appointed Board wages for FY 2012. All ayes and carried.

Adjourn
Motion Kleinschmidt second Koch to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 9:31 pm. All ayes and carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Dee Heller, Clerk
Webster Township
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LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE
MONDAY, APRIL 4, 2011
For Election Held on Tuesday, May 3, 2011

TO QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF the Townships of Dexter, Lima, Scio and Webster.

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CONTACT YOUR LOCAL CLERK FOR OFFICE HOURS

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WEBSTER TOWNSHIP (Dexter Community Schools; Washtenaw Intermediate School District); Mary Dee Heller, Clerk-Webster Township Hall, 5665 Webster Church Rd., Dexter, MI 48130; 734-426-5103; mheller@wp-webster.mi.us

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The May 3, 2011 Election is being held for the purpose of voting on two full term Dexter Community Schools board member positions, two Dexter Township proposals, and one Washtenaw Intermediate School District proposal (see below for summaries). If you have any questions regarding your voter registration or the upcoming election, please visit www.michigan.gov/vote or contact the County Clerk's Office at 734-222-6730.

PROPOSAL SUMMARIES:

DEXTER TOWNSHIP FIRE MILLAGE PROPOSAL
1.7 MILLS FOR 3 YEARS

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1.5 MILLS FOR 3 YEARS

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9850 MILL FOR 7 YEARS

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LYNDON TOWNSHIP (Chelsea School District; Washtenaw Intermediate School District); Linda Reilly, Clerk-Lyndon Township Hall, 17751 N. Territorial Road, Chelsea, MI 48118; 734-478-2401; clerk-lyndon@wp-lyndon.org

SYLVAN TOWNSHIP (Chelsea School District; Washtenaw Intermediate School District); LuAnn Koch, Clerk-Sylvan Township Hall, 18027 Old U.S. 12, Chelsea, MI 48118; 734-475-8890; lkoch@wp-sylvan.org

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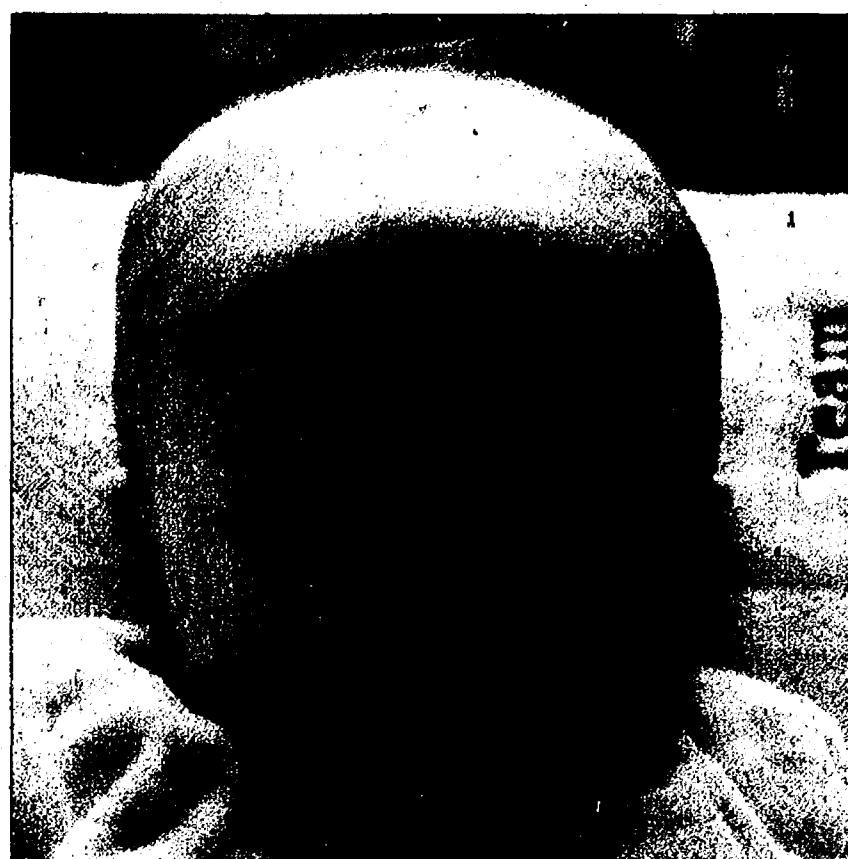
BIRTH

Dominic Frederick Brodeur

Rosemarie (Stralkowski) and Joseph Brodeur of Chelsea are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Dominic Frederick Brodeur.

Dominic was born January 1, 2011, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor and weighed 7 pounds, 11 ounces and was 21 inches long.

Dominic joins his 11-year-old sister, Hanna; Madison, 9; and brother Joseph, 3.



ENGAGEMENT

Booth-McClain

Willa Booth, daughter of Dave and Lynn Booth of Chelsea, and Chad McClain, son of Jim and Cindy McClain of Mt. Pleasant, are engaged and plan to be married August 2013.

The bride-elect is currently attending Northwood University in Midland and will graduate in 2012. She is currently employed by Holiday Inn Midland and Pi's Property Management & Northwood.

The groom-elect is also attending Northwood University in Midland and will graduate in 2012 and is also employed by Holiday Inn Midland and Pi's Property Management.



U of M marketing created

Wagner Design Associates has developed several marketing pieces for the University of Michigan Medical School Office of Research and its Business Development team.

The Ann Arbor-based graphic design firm designed the business development logo, using compass imagery to signify the team's role as collaboration navigators for faculty, and created a pocket folder and flyers that give

a comprehensive view of how the team facilitates interactions between faculty and industry partners.

Wagner also designed complementary pieces for conference use, including a retractable banner, table drape and giveaways. In addition to the work for the business development team, Wagner also enhanced the Office of Research website with new graphic elements.

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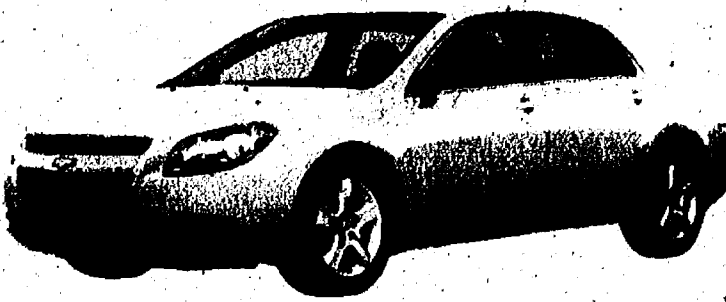
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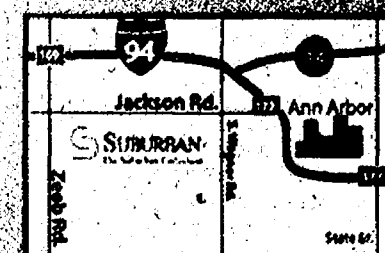
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WHAT'S NEW IN EDUCATION?



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Hot jobs! Which careers offer the best opportunity down the road?

By Sean Dalton
Heritage Media

Dexter High School counselor Kristy Doyle is finding that many of her 400 students are going into the medical field, as well as engineering and other high-paying, high-employment-rate careers.

But what's really important from her perspective is that those students actually want to work in those fields and understand what they're getting into.

"What we want to do is to steer kids toward what they're good at and what they're passionate about," Doyle said.

Dexter uses a computer program called Discover to determine what areas students have aptitudes for, and from there, a choice can be made based on interest and what level of higher education the students wish to pursue.

"We tell kids, 'This is your time to explore,'" Doyle said. "Many of the people who come to me don't know the difference between a nurse assistant and a technician, but just want to work in medicine."

Doyle is happy to guide students, using U.S. Department of Labor data detailing which employment paths pay the most or will grow the most over the next five years. But that projection will be irrelevant in four or five years, and high school students change greatly over several years of higher education.

Linda Gross, associate director of the Career Services Network at Michigan State University, works with freshmen and sophomores to help them determine what they want to do professionally.

"Our approach in working with students is we want to build on their interests and skills, and their values," Gross said.

Some students have specific career fields in mind, but not clear ideas on how to get there.

"That's where we help them," Gross said. "If this is where you think you're heading, let's map out a step-by-step plan to get there."

If parents encourage children to think about internships, volunteer service and leadership

experiences early, the challenges of the job market can greatly diminish, educators say.

Students also can be the first to capitalize on the latest industries springing up seemingly overnight if they are proactive about developing themselves.

"When you think of where social media has come in the past four years, Twitter was new four years ago and now it's being used and is instrumental in the protests in Egypt, for example," Gross said. "We have companies here who are now hiring social media interns, and they have social media marketing directors."

"It's really hard to predict what jobs are being opened at any given time. The best thing that we're telling students to do is be in touch with core skills, know their strengths and know how to make their skills, talent and knowledge relevant."

Today's college students also must know how to articulate what they've done, how they've developed and what value it is to employers because "it doesn't matter what degree you have or what credentials you have," Gross said.

Unless the story of how an individual became a better professional, scholar or person can be conveyed effectively, not much else matters. And if the new college graduate doesn't continue to grow and learn, he or she might find it difficult to remain employed in the current job market.

"Many students, when they come into the university, they think they're going to get their degree and just graduate," Gross said.

Diane O'Donnell, academic specialist at the undergraduate university division at MSU, wrote a pamphlet that since has been turned into a website called "Connecting Majors & Careers."

The information has held up very well over the course of a decade. Since it went online, it is used by thousands of people outside of MSU.

"Basically, the reason why we put together that piece 10 years ago was to respond to students who don't have a concrete idea for the decision-making process in choosing a career," O'Donnell said.

Online resources she



Eastern Michigan University has a reputation for placing graduates in Michigan employment positions, but state officials still are worried about the number of students leaving for cities such as Chicago and Minneapolis for both their employment and living needs.

recommends for students looking for a major include "Humanmetrics: Jung Typology Test," "Career Interests Game" and "Freshman Year Self-Assessment."

The next step is exploring careers. The third Thursdays in November and March, the university hosts "Marathon of Majors," where advisers and other college representatives meet to provide handouts and information to inform students and potential students about the majors available for study.

Other useful websites include MyMajors.com and MyPlan.com.

O'Donnell's online guide also provides information on careers and links to resources such as "O'Net Online," in addition to skill building guides and a checklist of activities that any student can do to help connect his or her major with a career.

She added that the important thing is not to think of a career as "what you're going to do with the rest of your life."

"Most people don't know what they're going to do for the rest of their life," she said. "Nobody knows all of the changes that they're going to go

through, and all of the stages of life."

O'Donnell and her colleagues often refer to the Internet as a prime example of not knowing what's coming around the bend.

"The Internet and the computer changed everything on a global scale, although many kids today don't even think about it," she said. "Thinking of the job is putting the cart before the horse."

The key is to think in the short-term because college is the end of one journey and the beginning of another, as O'Donnell describes it.

Kelley Bishop, executive director of MSU's Career Services Network, said students should get out to networking events because they're a source of something that's becoming increasingly rare — human contact.

"What we do used to be called 'placement' in the old days ... which are pre-Internet," Bishop said.

What was once known as the career placement office once hosted employers, who would come looking for graduates seeking entry-level positions. "Most corporations could

quantify how many engineers and computer science majors they're going to need and come in the fall semester and hire the number of people that they want," Bishop said.

"A company could finish the interview and hiring process by the beginning of the calendar year and start training programs the summer after graduation season in May."

Bishop said a lot of the questions and concerns his office helps students tackle are because employers no longer come to his office as the "gateway" to college graduates, who once were actively sought there.

Career services has, in a sense, had to fill the vacuum created by the new job market, in which students must hunt for employment and be ready to seal the deal when the opportunity presents itself.

"We're through as gatekeepers," Bishop said. "Unless we're perceived as added value, we're not going to be used. In this era, smaller startups can be a lot more visible than they could years ago."

"Our primary role is as translators and connectors."

Bishop said it is important

for students to know the history of careers, so they understand their own roles in the job market of today and tomorrow.

Today, hitting as many career events or job fairs as possible is important because, in Bishop's opinion, the "humanizing effect" of interpersonal contact still is invaluable. He said that's even more crucial now that there often aren't human resources personnel to bring students and employers together.

"In many cases, career events are like reunions that more than 50 percent of company (representatives) attend," Bishop said. "We have a lot of freshman students come to our career fairs to get advice from recruiters who proudly wear their alumni badges around."

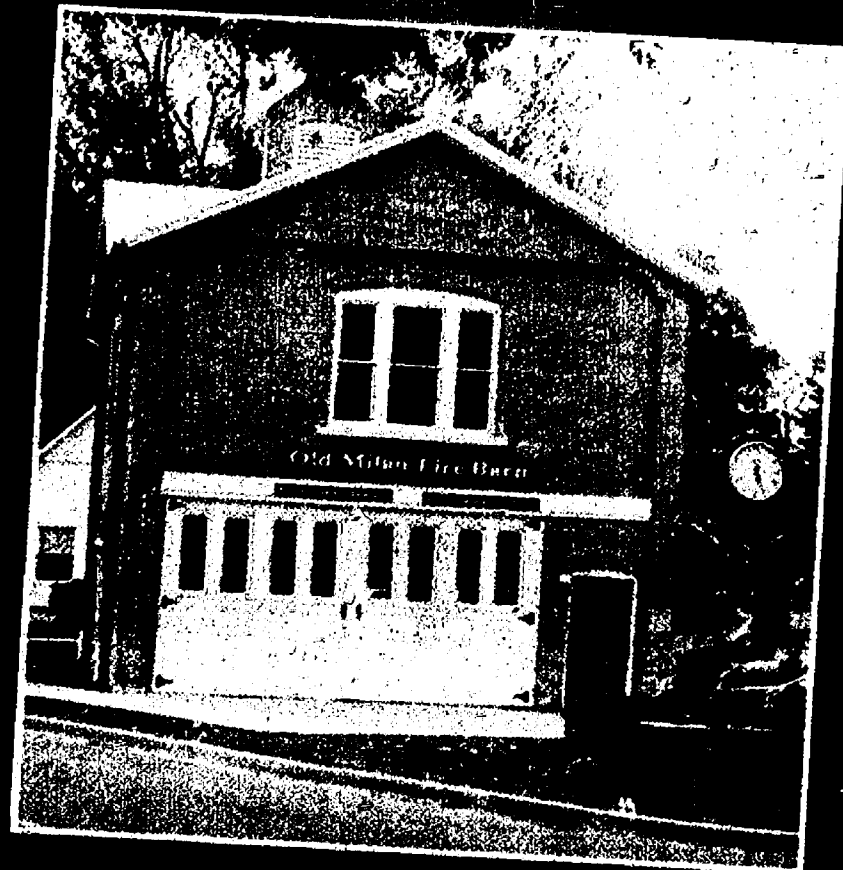
"The recruiters are both there to look for talent and to give everyone advice."

Bishop also recommends speed networking events, where students can have several five-minute speed interviews with prospective employers. He said they always give advice on interview techniques, resume quality or general information

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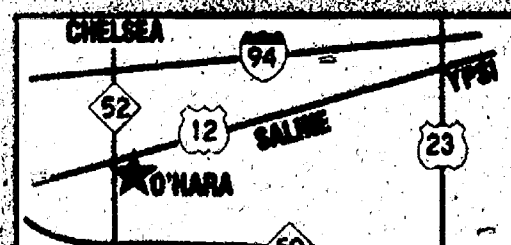
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Behind the numbers Key to graduation rates begin at home

By Jodie Mason
Heritage Media

What happens outside of school hours might have more influence on graduation rates than what happens in the classroom.

According to 2009 studies by the Michigan Center for Educational Performance and Information, the graduation rate in Michigan is 75 percent.

But whether a student graduates from high school in Michigan depends on more than class work and curriculum.

Christine Stead, a member of the Ann Arbor Board of Education, believes home life, the discipline of the student and quality education all are necessary for success.

Current graduation requirements include mathematics, English, science, social studies, physical education, art, a foreign language and online

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studies.

"A big part of education deals with the school district, but it deals with the community, as well," Stead said.

"What kind of expectations you have and what kind of support you have and even what kind of family environment you have (are all factors)."

"If you're raised early with a lot of speaking of complex words and it's expected that you articulate that back, then that is a different kind of family environment than one where education wasn't important," she said. "Graduation rates take

into account all of those factors. There are multiple factors that impact graduation rates."

Stead describes a successful educational experience as being similar to a three-legged stool, as it takes quality educators, a dedicated student and a nurturing home and community.

"They all mix together in many different ways ... and those three legs of the stool are what really supports our education in general, and it's just a good framework model of educational success," she said.

Dexter High School guidance counselor Gerry Holmes shares Stead's opinion that it takes more than completed class work to graduate.

"I think family has a lot to do with it," Holmes said. "Expectations from parents have a big impact on whether a student strives to meet those expectations."

"When I see that parents

don't try to get involved ... and they don't check in to see how their students are doing, or they just let it go, they seem surprised when the student fails."

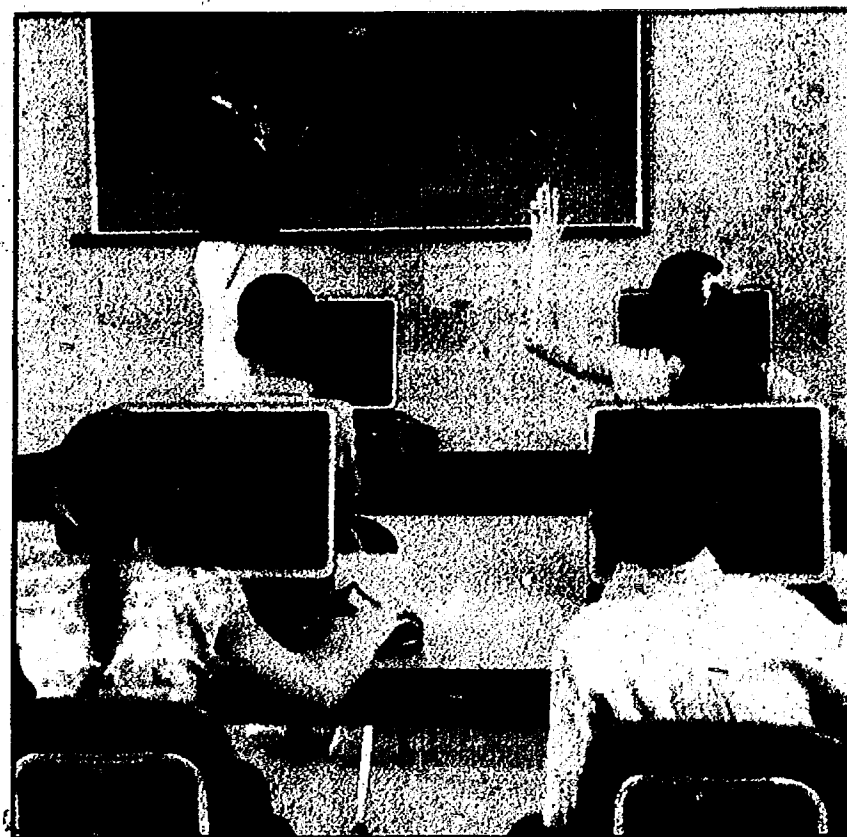
Holmes also cites over-commitment with outside activities, including work and sports, as a reason for failure to meet graduation requirements.

"They've got their car and their job, and before you know it they're too tired to come into school," Holmes said. "I don't think that it's really curricular."

In 2009, Ann Arbor Public Schools reported that 87.69 percent of students graduated, which was higher than the state average. Dexter Community Schools reported 91.95 percent.

"Our graduation rates are fairly high overall, especially in comparison with other schools in the state," Stead said. "But we would like them to be higher."

"Our hope is that everyone graduates. We do allow some



students to graduate in a longer period of time — five years potentially — or achieve a certain set of credits ... because we really want everyone to leave here with a high school diploma."

Added Holmes: "We're blessed with a very good graduation rate here at Dexter High School."

"But I'm deeply concerned

about the rates because even though we have a high percent, there is still that 4, 5 or 6 percent that don't graduate that I'm still not satisfied with. I want everyone to graduate, and I think until you get a 100 percent graduation rate, it should always be a concern."

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Foreign language study important part of curriculum

By Gerald LaVaute
Heritage Media

Educators agree that the study of foreign languages plays an important role in a school's curriculum and that a foreign language is most effectively taught at

taught by two teachers who move among the nine elementary schools in the district.

Benjamin said Taylor schools recently surveyed elementary students and their parents about the program. A total of 91 percent responded that it was very important for students to learn a foreign language in elementary school. Spanish was the top choice among respondents, followed by sign language.

In the sixth grade, Benjamin said, an elective is offered for one semester that exposes the student to six languages — Spanish, French, German, Mandarin Chinese, Hindi and Swahili.

"Students spend a few weeks with each language, and learn a few words or phrases, including greetings, and how to say 'please' and 'thank you,'" Benjamin said.

There are similar programs in the Milan Area Schools, Assistant Supt. Julie Helber said.

In the elementary schools, Spanish is taught for 45 minutes once every six days. In the sixth grade, there is a required course in Spanish that lasts for nine weeks.

Spanish is taught in the middle schools in Taylor and Milan, and language electives are offered at all three high schools, including Belleville High School.

In the absence of constraints such as available teaching staff and budget, Voigt and Helber support an immersion program in which the students would be steeped in all aspects of a foreign language and culture for a period of time, and might continue the program in subsequent grades.

In fact, Van Buren Public Schools conducted an immersion program in Chinese for two years at Tyler Elementary School.

The program began in kindergarten and grew to include first grade.

"The kids learned a lot, and liked it," Voigt said.

The availability of obtaining qualified Chinese language teachers was one issue with respect to continuing the program, and the solution to the issue of "catching up" new students who might have missed two or three previous years of instruction was another issue, Voigt said.

Voigt added that, with the strong focus on literacy in the early grades, there was concern about students needing more time dedicated to developing reading and writing skills.

Helber agrees with Voigt on the desirability of immersion programs, but said that the array of all other academic requirements makes the implementation of an immersion program difficult.

The subject of teaching foreign languages in the schools recently became a key issue for all Michigan schools, as the state Department of Education now requires in its Michigan Merit Curriculum that graduates in the class of 2016 must have earned two credits in a foreign language, or what the education community sometimes calls a "world" language.

The students of whom the two credits will be required now are in the seventh grade. Educators such as Voigt, Helber and Benjamin now are being challenged to develop ways to satisfy the requirement.

Currently, languages where academic credit toward graduation is earned are electives, and the teaching staff in the foreign

language department reflects that.

More foreign language teachers might need to be hired to satisfy the new requirement, in an environment where revenue is decreasing, expense is rising, and the mandatory teaching of a foreign language will compete with other academic requirements also required by the Michigan Merit

Curriculum.

Educators are looking at more foreign language instruction opportunities before high school, particularly in middle school, to help satisfy the criteria outlined by the state.

But the new language requirement raises issues educators will have to address.

Helber expressed a concern

about how students might react if the language requirement is mandatory, particularly if the student has no plans to go to college. But she is optimistic about the change.

"If the language is first taken in middle school, it may whet the students' interest (to take further language courses)," Helber said.



Bea Benjamin, the Taylor School District's school improvement coordinator, stresses the importance of exposure to foreign language and cultures at an early age.



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an early age, even as a student is learning the native language.

Peggy Voigt, curriculum director for Van Buren Public Schools in Belleville, points to an increasingly global society, a sensitivity to and appreciation for other cultures, the increasing need to conduct business globally, and the increasing mobility of people in the 21st century as key reasons for the study of foreign languages.

Bea Benjamin, the Taylor School District's school improvement coordinator, also stresses the importance of exposure to foreign language and cultures at an early age.

"Brain research has shown that young students can develop memory, listening skills and creativity, and that the acquisition of these is more possible at a young age," Benjamin said.

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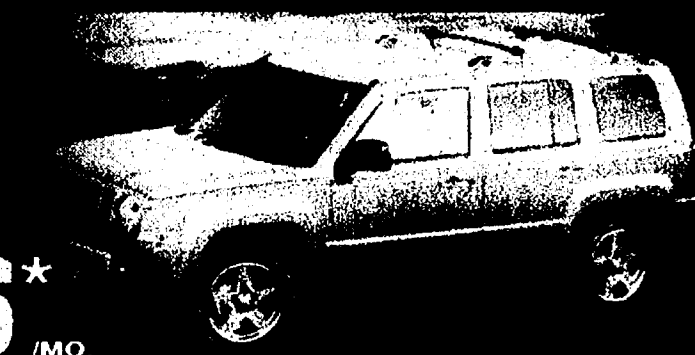


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Learning Green

Environmental education preparing for greener ways of doing business

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“FROM THE ENVIRONMENTAL STANDPOINT, IT'S ABOUT CAPTURING THE ENERGY OF A NATURAL RESOURCE, AND IT'S IMPORTANT TO MANAGE (THOSE RESOURCES) PROPERLY TO MAKE SURE WE'RE USING THEM MOST EFFECTIVELY, AND ALSO NOT HARMING THE ENVIRONMENT.”

Jeff Wenzinger, a Michigan graduate with a degree in mechanical engineering

The notion that the world must become more environmentally conscientious might no longer be fresh, but the effects of those “green” campaigns are beginning to sprout up everywhere.

One of the most telling areas is education, which must prepare future generations for a greener way of doing business.

“Environmental education” is an extremely broad term that refers to organized efforts to teach people about their natural surroundings and how they can manage their impact on it. Often it's used to refer to efforts made within school systems, such as high schools and universities. As awareness and conversation grows, so do interests in studying and working in those environmental areas.

That interest has led to new programs weeding their way into Michigan curriculums, particularly at the collegiate level. For example, Wayne State University boasts a solid program in alternative energy research, education and outreach. Similarly, higher education institutions such as Wayne State University, Baker College and the University of Michigan are including more electives and program areas that touch on environmental issues.

One of the University of Michigan's newest programs is the Program in the Environment, which started with 50 students in the fall of 2002 and now has nearly

500 enrolled.

Kimberly Smith, program coordinator for the Program in the Environment, said it has seen exponential increases in interest in recent years. Many of its students also are coming from other programs within the university.

“In August 2010, PitE was the fastest growing program in the College of Literature, Science and the Arts,” she said. “This semester, there are over 460 students enrolled in the program and counting.”

“Our minors also come from other colleges and schools across the (Michigan) campus, including but not limited to the College of Engineering, the Ross School of Business, the Ford School of Public Policy and the School of Art and Design.”

The core curriculum of Program in the Environment includes a wide range of natural science, social science and humanistic disciplines, according to the program's website. Students also must complete practical field experience and choose a specialization topic or issue.

Several students in the curriculum feel moved by what Program in the Environment has to offer. These environmental programs are capturing an ideal green vision in the minds of incoming freshmen and sophomores.

Kyle Anderson, an honors student in Program in the Environment and co-president of Environmental Action, chose the program because, like many his age, he wants to make a difference.

“During my freshman year, it seemed like PitE was one of the few programs at

Michigan that offered interdisciplinary course work,” he said. “Growing up in rural Harbor Springs, I have always appreciated the natural environment, and I know that society is facing imminent problems concerning planetary health for today and for future generations. PitE offers a remarkable opportunity to understand and address these problems.”

Multifaceted approach

Katie Thudium, a junior at Michigan and a Program in the Environment major, has similar motivations. Now a peer adviser for the Program in the Environment department, she started as an engineering student and was drawn to the multifaceted approach of the Program in the Environment.

“I initially was enrolled in (Michigan's) engineering program, inquiring about their atmospheric, oceanic and space science engineering,” she said. “I enjoyed the program immensely, but after taking a world politics class, found that I was missing a piece that I was truly interested in. I found that PitE integrated all of the facets of the environment, humans and policies that were most important to me.”

“Studying environmental policy is most important to me because I feel it is something our world greatly lacks. It is a growing field, with new opportunities, research and ideas that caught my eye, and I really felt the passion and interest that drives each and every person involved.”

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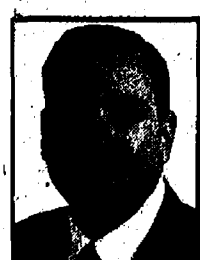
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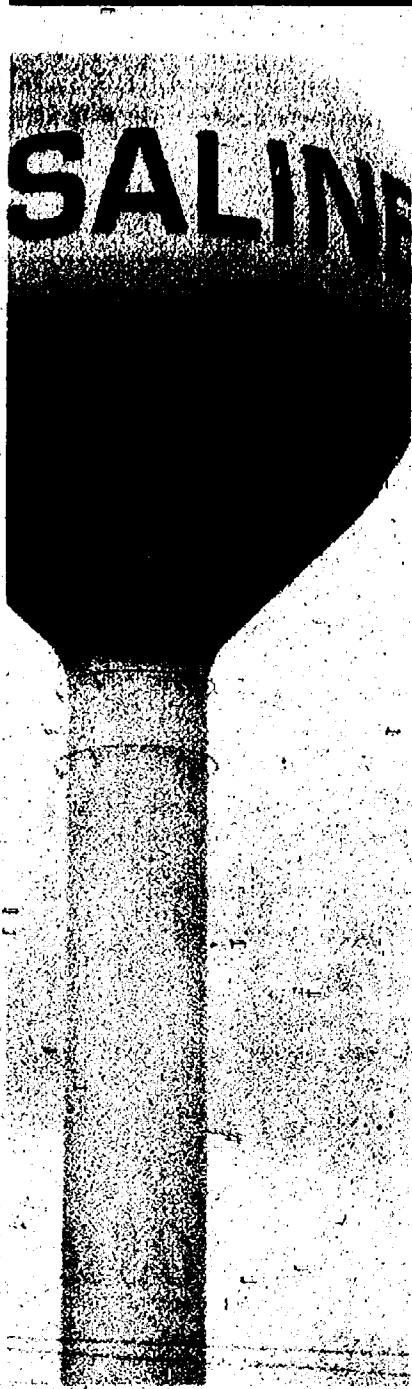
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Changing careers a challenge worth taking

By Dave Merchant
Heritage Media

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The Washtenaw County ETCS Michigan Works! Career Transition Center in Ypsilanti can help people through it.

Jenny Bevins, deputy director of work force development for ETCS, said there are steps people can take when they are out of work and need assistance in getting new jobs.

In recent months, she has seen a lot of people take advantage of what ETCS offers.

"It has been relatively busy at the center," Bevins said. "There are 13 one-hour steps that people can take if they want to in order to help getting a job."

People can come into the

Steps to a successful career transition

Fred Pittman is an outreach worker for disabled veterans who visit the center. He said the six steps to a successful career transition as taught by the center are:

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Potential job-seekers can use computers to watch interviews by other candidates to see what works. They also can be filmed and watch themselves to see how they act when they are asked certain questions.

Such activities can help people improve their presentations to hiring managers, Bevins said.

"Most people who are looking for employment need to take a look at the resource center so they can get an overview of what steps will work for them," she said. "We have career advisers who are on call every day at the center."

Bevins said that the first time

people come into the center they are looking to pay bills and move forward in their careers. However, it is not an unemployment office, she said, but rather a tool for pursuing a new job or a new career.

Gregg Weaver is a veterans' employment specialist for the Michigan Department of Energy, Labor & Economic Growth Bureau of Workforce Transformation. He said a lot

of military personnel returning from Iraq and Afghanistan have used the center's services.

"Our area is a great scholastic community," Weaver said. "You have the universities, skilled trades and other programs."

He works with a lot of veterans leaving the Navy and the Air Force and looking for jobs where they can use their skills.

"Our place is very busy and I

only see veterans," he said. "If they come back and I feel they are qualified to move into the work they are trying to go into, I will call the employers in the area and see if they are interested."

Weaver said ETCS offers six steps to success.

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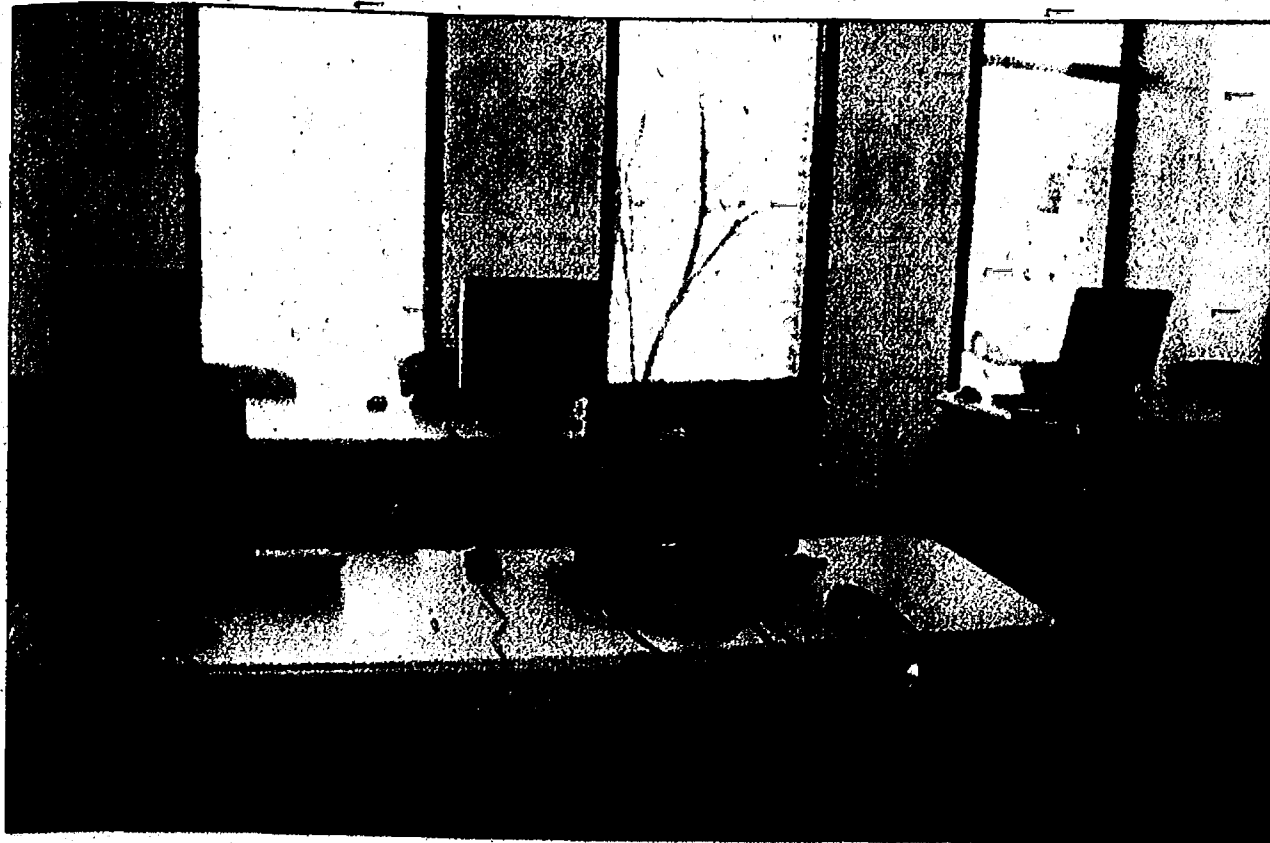
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She said, however, that once unemployed workers get past their misconceptions, they embrace the resources at the center.

There are many computers for people to use to help them find jobs, she said. Job counselors are available by appointment, and if someone walks in, a staff member will take time to talk about careers.

"We get businesses from out of state that ask us to help them screen applicants for jobs in this area," Al-Igoe said. "It's a great help to the employer because it cuts down on their cost and helps them get the best employees for the job(s)."



Gregg Weaver helps veterans seeking jobs through the Michigan Workforce career center in Washtenaw County.

She said networking can happen anywhere, adding that there have been times people who are in the office tell others about jobs they might be interested in.

"One thing people can do — and they might not always think about it — is volunteer or intern for positions," Al-Igoe said. "It helps them get their name out there."

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MOVING Evolving Education FORWARD

Pencil and paper being replaced in local schools

By David Veselenak
Heritage Media

When it comes to cell phones in class, many educators still cringe when they hear someone's ringer go off.

But Liz Kolb sees a different use for the devices, ones she calls "the Swiss Army knife of phones."

The lecturer at the University of Michigan has studied the use of technology in the classroom, and said it's a vital aspect of the learning environment.

"I really see (phones) penetrating classrooms," she said. "When you look at the cell phone, you think, 'What can you do?'"

With features being added almost every year, there are a multitude of items they can be used for, including

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blogging to the Internet using sites such as Google Voice.

Still, she said, the use of tech gear isn't moving fast enough into the classroom.

"We tend to be behind by a few years," Kolb said. "You can look at something basic like moving from bark to slates or slates to paper."

Educators said they couldn't move to paper because students wouldn't learn to write on it.

"What's the purpose?" she said. "Because it's tradition."

Still, several types of gadget goodies are appearing in educational settings across the area.

Next year, Saline High School will launch a pilot course designed to give seniors a sense of an introductory level college course, complete with the large class size and auditorium, Supt. Scot Graden said.

The class will provide the 66 students with a Samsung Galaxy Tablet and will include a service project component. He said the class will morph as the year moves along.

"We're really trying to provide the instruction, but it can start and change," he said. "Do you physically need to go and pick that up?"

Kolb said many school districts across the country still are struggling with allowing students to use gadgets. Only about 10 percent to 15 percent of teachers are embracing new technologies in the classroom, she said.

"There is a movement, but it's a slow move-

ment," Kolb said. "There are still plenty of educators that are skeptical. There's a lot of fear about it because they don't know about it."

The University of Michigan is using technology in the classroom. Five courses this semester are using e-textbooks, a pilot program being tested in one English, two engineering, one urban planning and one special topics class. The books can be read online through a website, or can be downloaded using a specific application to a device such as an iPad or another tablet computer.

Susan Hollar, a librarian at U of M who is overseeing the program, said many courses were selected to best gauge overall usage.

"We wanted to get a wide range of courses because our campus is so large," Hollar said. "An engineer may need different (information) than a grad student in writing."

One problem Hollar has seen with proposed technology advances in the classroom is a common one, and that's cost.

"I think the library and the working group is really exploring efforts to try and keep costs for textbooks down," she said. "We're constantly striving to provide content for our students and be sensitive to cost."

Kolb said costs for schools has resulted in a different philosophy for many districts: BYOT, or bring your own technology.

"Now, some schools are in financial trouble," she said. "They're realizing they can't sustain technology. There's so much."

"Schools are starting to turn to what students have. About 85 percent of our 12- to 17-year-olds have iPod touches. That's a good percentage."

And those kids want to use that technology, and usually do regardless of the rules at school, Kolb said.

"The policies that ban the devices don't work," she said. "The study basically found that students bring their devices anyway. They just keep them in their coat pockets. Now, there's kind of a movement along the lines of, 'If you can't beat them, join them.'"

Graden sees the same argument and is trying to combat the complete ban on electronics.

"The joke is the school is like airplanes — you have to turn off all your electronics when you walk in the building," he said. "That may be the case, but I want them to expose that. If I'm on Facebook all day, I'm not going to get my work done."

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GRADS

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He believes that 2010 Census data will indicate that not much has changed since 2008.

"If we don't build more desirable high-density development, particularly in Ann Arbor, skilled workers are going to continue to leave and companies looking for skilled workers are going to keep passing up Michigan," Glazer said.

"It's way too simplistic to just say that there are no jobs in Michigan."

Working with what you have

Michael Boulus, executive director of the President's Council State Universities of Michigan, said one of his organization's top priorities is turning out more college graduates and keeping them in Michigan.

Having looked at data across Michigan's universities, Boulus said each institution's numbers are relatively high.

"It's a tough number to really get your hands on (in a definitive way)," he said.

Boulus agreed that reviving urban areas in Michigan is a key ingredient that, in his experience, often trumps job opportunities.

More financial support from state government is another piece.

"We're only getting about 20 to 30 percent of state support as it is," he said.

"It's going to take a multifaceted strategy."

Lynn Seville-White, U of M senior assistant director of employee relations, said many college graduates are too easily discouraged by talk of layoffs and closings in the media, as well as parents, aunts and uncles losing jobs.

"They see these things and think they won't be able to find comparable jobs in Michigan,"

Seville-White said. "With a lot of seniors, it shuts them down. We try encouraging them to look earlier and harder."

Addressing Glazer's point about urban development, Seville-White said that while Detroit is revitalizing, universities and the state have to do their parts to encourage college graduates to put themselves in the Michigan job market.

"When I graduated, I wanted to live in an area where the things that I liked were plentiful and I wanted to work in a company where there were folks my age," she said. "These things are especially important when starting your career."

Seville-White meets with fellow career center professionals at the Michigan Education Employer Partnership to discuss trends, benchmarking and coming up with creative ways to make students in Michigan aware of places such as Grand Rapids, Lansing and Ann Arbor.

"I don't know if students are aware of the amenities (in those cities), particularly if they're visiting from other states," she said. "We want to connect students with a good fit, but I wouldn't say that what we have is enough to keep everyone here."

"For example, when Google came to Ann Arbor, many of our students interviewed in Ann Arbor said they wanted to go to Mountainview, Calif., the company's headquarters."

"At that age, people are looking for something different than when they're in their late 20s or 30s. ... Some students go to Chicago because it's simply a challenge."

Amy Cell, senior vice president of talent enhancement for the Michigan Economic Development Corp., only recently graduated from Ann Arbor SPARK, also an economic booster, to MEDC, where she plans to implement SPARK's MichAGAIN campaign on a large scale.

"We have four outreach trips planned this year around the country," Cell said. "We're going to go out and show people why they should come back to Michigan."

Cell believes the turnaround of the auto industry and diversification in the state economy that is just now "starting to flourish" show the need for talent is only going to increase.

"We need access to talent who knows how to do exactly what employers need them to do."

"We just have to aggressively market our opportunities," Cell said. "You don't want to be known as the state where you can get a good education and just that."

"We were the only state to lose population last year. I know. I'm tackling something that needs to be tackled."

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began using the iPad in her sessions. She helps students build words without going through the rigors of flash cards or typical drilling routines.

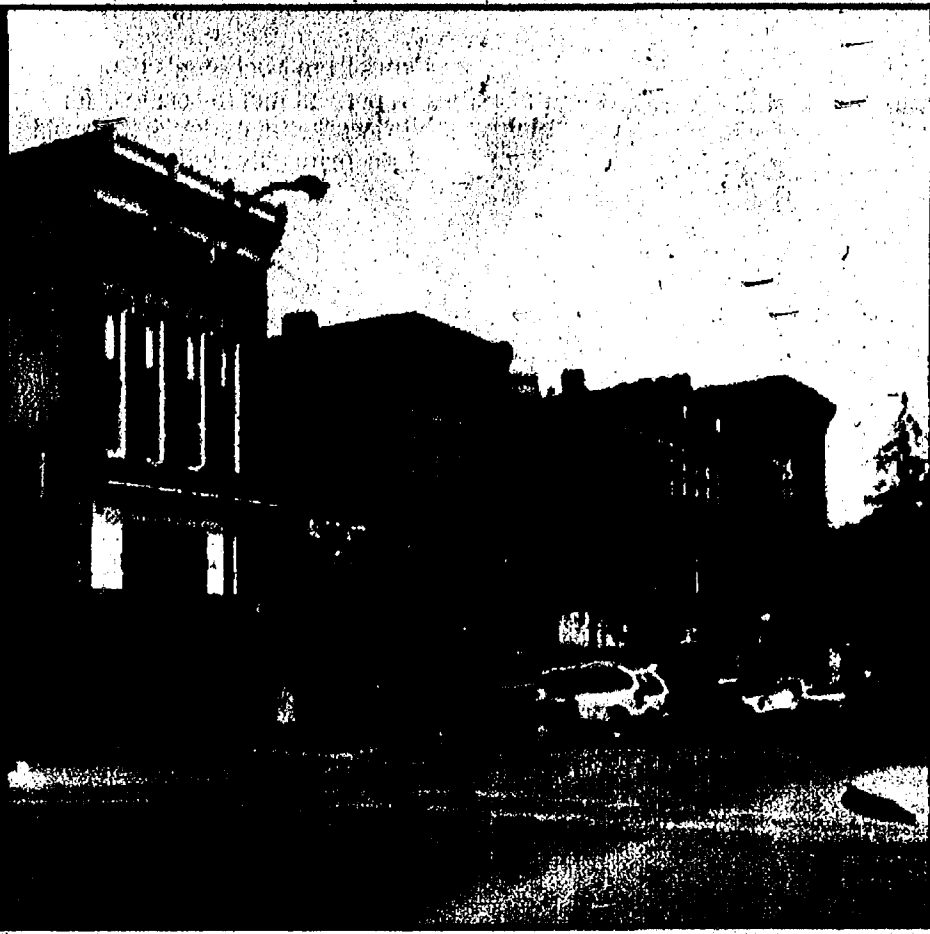
"I had a boy with autism in for the first time with the iPad the other day, and it was the first time that I had his attention the whole lesson,"

Stephens said.

So, even though there might be more academic rigors placed on young-child educators, the goal still seems to be clear as they want to advance their students in every way possible — through academics, social and emotional means — and they want their students to enjoy what they are doing.

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GREEN

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The most interesting thing about environmental education is the length of its reach. It isn't just environmental program students who are leading the way in green work force efforts. Environmental movements are changing how businesses in all genres are operated and is proliferating all levels of the infrastructure.

Jeff Wenzinger, a Michigan graduate, used his degree in mechanical engineering to get a job as a green energy engineer in New York City. He believes that, when it comes to environmental jobs, the opportunities are endless.

"One of the things about energy is it's everywhere in society, so there are a lot of different opportunities to get involved," Wenzinger said. "From the environmental standpoint, it's about capturing the energy of a natural resource, and it's important to manage (those resources) properly to make sure we're using them most effectively, and also not harming the environment."

"A lot of people say you need a technical background to get into energy (positions). It's helpful, but it's not always necessary. We're going to need policy activists and lawyers to help make sure that the rules set up are best for the environment. We're going to need educators to teach students about the

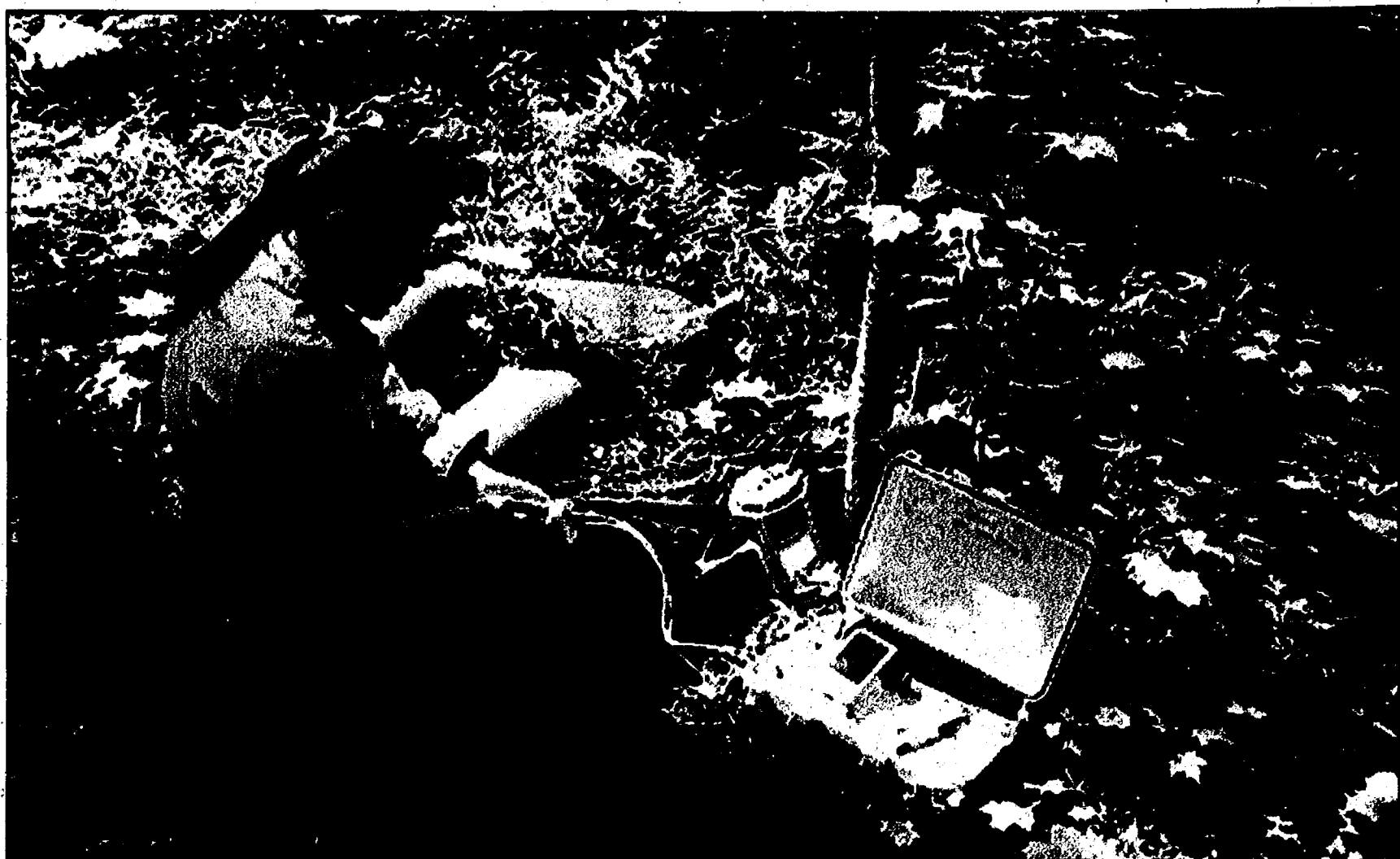
basics of energy, but also more detailed impacts that different jobs can have.

"Architects need to be able to create buildings that are energy efficient," he said. "Software developers will be needed to apply the intelligence of the Internet to the electricity grid — the smart grid — and make it so energy can be redirected back and forth and used efficiently and effectively. There are a lot of opportunities out there. It's a growing field."

Professionals like Wenzinger, now an energy consultant and entrepreneur, are continuing to learn some things, as well. The Earth's environmental imprint and the ability to impact it are topics that energy and environmental workers continue to expand on, making it one of the fastest growing industries in the world.

"Right now, I'm working on a start-up company developing next-generation energy control software in buildings," Wenzinger said. "While the Internet sort of zoomed ahead over the last 10 to 15 years, software that controls the energy systems in buildings has remained sort of untouched. A lot of the same technology that Google or Amazon has come up with that will recommend products or recommend ads ... a lot of those same software ideas can be applied to buildings."

"I'm also teaching some courses in energy efficiency through a few nonprofits and green jobs organizations. That is really interesting because I get to sort



Carley Kratz of Manchester recently was awarded a U.S. Department of Energy fellowship grant. A student at Michigan Technological University, she is working in forest science, and her research focuses on how global warming might impact organisms in the Earth's soil. As a student of environmental education, Kratz hopes her research will give global climate change modelers the tools they need to include microorganisms in simulations.

of illuminate the somewhat invisible role of energy in society. It's there — it's everywhere — but it's not the easiest to see. That's enjoyable for me and it's always awesome to be able to train people in new skills so they can go get a new job."

Environmental education receives the most attention at an academic level in primary

and secondary schools, yet it's also prevalent in broader, public venues. Nonprofit organizations like the Leslie Science and Nature Center, the River Raisin Raptor Center, the Great Lakes office of the National Wildlife Federation, and other Michigan-led nonprofits are leading the way in grass-roots efforts to educate the public.

In a way, environmental education is in its most exciting phase — a phase where the possibilities are endless and the excitement is palpable.

Students like Anderson and Thudium perhaps will one day come up with solutions for agricultural production or renewable energy. Perhaps they will be a part of the work force that

revives Michigan's economy.

More important, however, is that they now have the resources to make those dreams possible, which hasn't always been the case. Given its size, once this generation of students in the green energy boom enters the work force, society could be looking at a changed world in the very near future.

JOBS

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on where to go next.

The social networking site LinkedIn can supplement outings to meet employer representatives as MSU has 400,000 alum-

ni on LinkedIn, Bishop said.

"We've got this incredible set of resources," Bishop said. "It's just a matter of getting students who are not required to use them to realize their value."

—Bishop said he tries to speak in classrooms to explain the services his office provides,

one of which is helping with internships that are becoming a standard part of recruiting.

"Another interesting trend is internship-only recruiting," he said. "These are very competitive, highly organized internship programs that are amazing learning opportunities."

"We have one company, AdLabs, north of Chicago, that does these."

"At the end of the summer, not only have you learned a substantial amount of stuff that people at entry level wouldn't even learn, you get dinner with the CEO, and at the end of the

year 60 percent convert to full-time hires."

Bishop said he sees people every year who miss such opportunities because they're not putting themselves out there or even thinking about getting engaged in networking and interning early on.

Those are the students who, in the experience of Gross, O'Donnell and Bishop, often spend six months to a year working outside of their majors or not at all after graduation.

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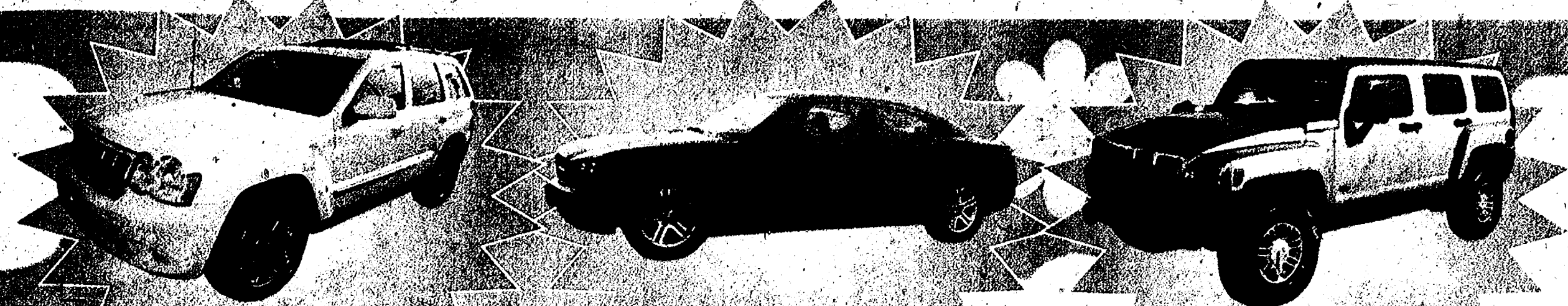
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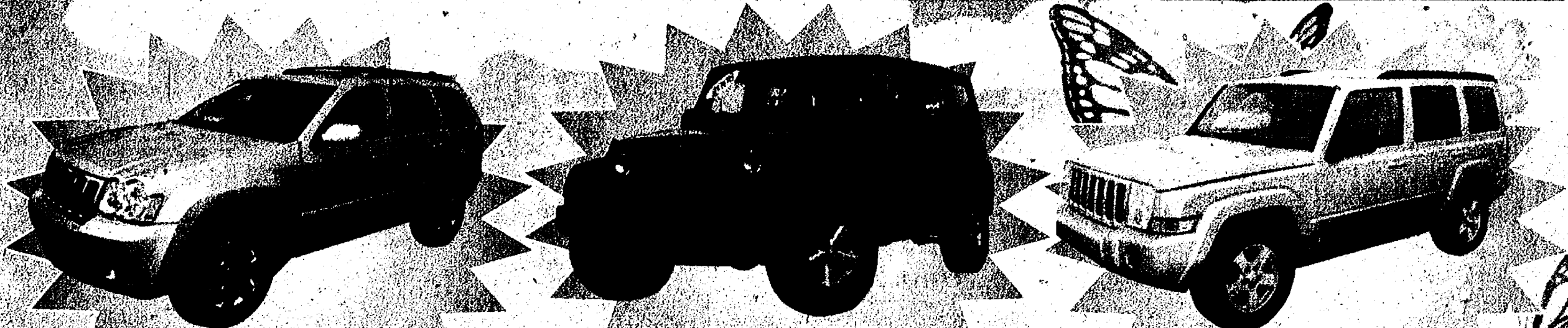
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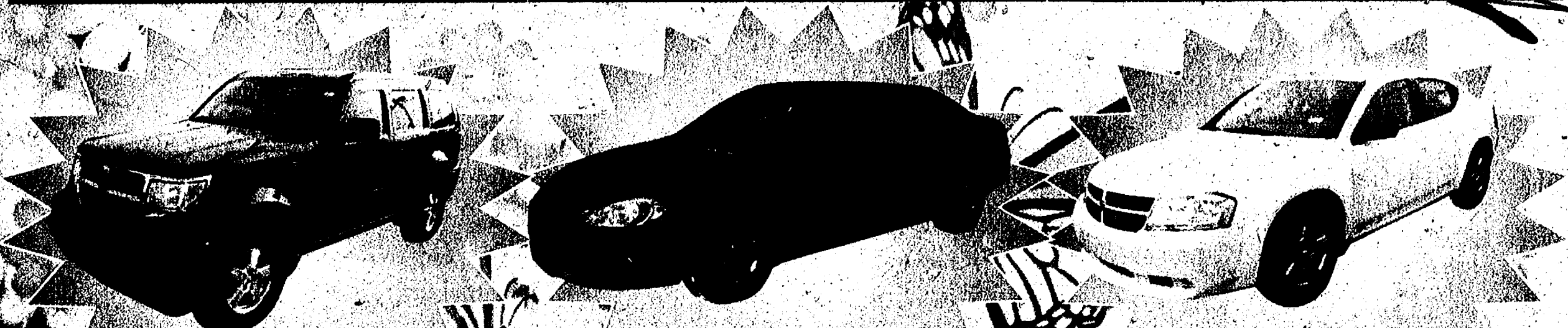
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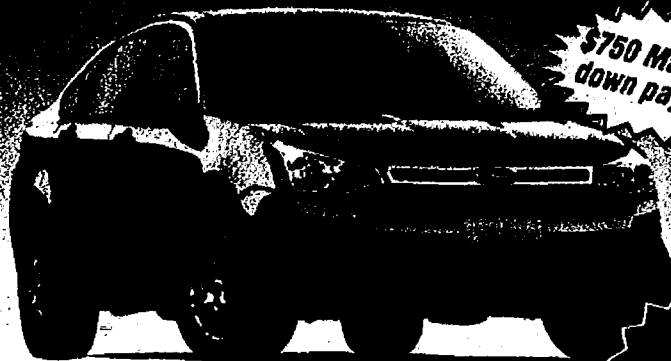
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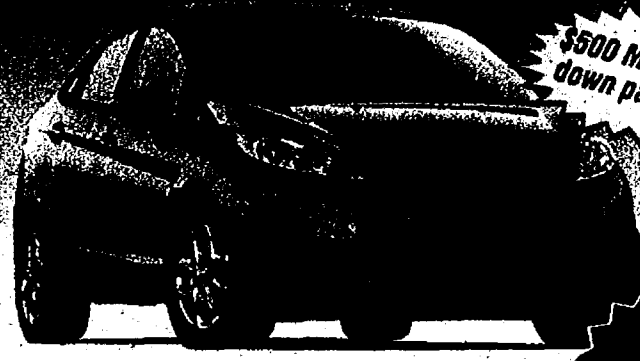
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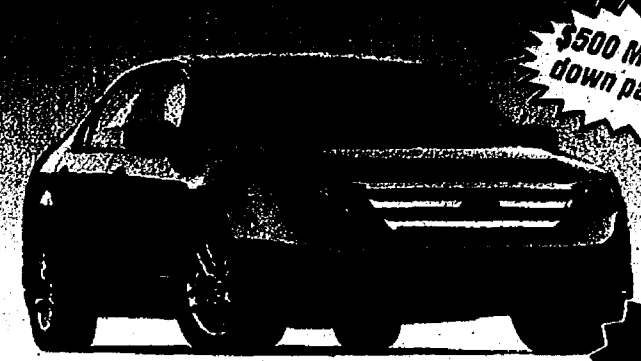
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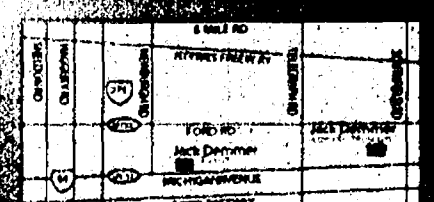
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Bulldogs kick things off against Dexter tomorrow

What: Dexter at Chelsea
When: 6:30 p.m., tomorrow
Where: Chelsea High School (football field)
The Skinny: Anna Rode, Rachel Cooperrider and the Chelsea Bulldogs host rival Dexter tomorrow in a Southeastern Conference girls' soccer opener.
 The Chelsea girls' soccer team kicked things off with a 2-0 win over Battle Creek Lakeview

in a scrimmage last week. Sophomore Hayley Bunten and senior Anna Rode had unassisted goals for the Bulldogs. Senior goalkeeper Michelle Wellman had the shutout.
 Chelsea then tied Grand Ledge 2-2. Rode had both goals in the game for Chelsea with assists by Hayley Dixon and Katelynn Stehlik.
 Chelsea's last game was against Montrose and Chelsea won 3-0. Sophomore goalkeeper Krista Pagliarini held the shutout for the Bulldogs while goals were scored by Rode (unassisted), Cooperrider, assisted by Maddie Perry and Stehlik, assisted by Wellman.



Chelsea High School seniors Patrick Roberts and Emily Shrosbree were recently honored for their academic and athletic accomplishments by Farm Bureau Insurance and the MHSAA.

Roberts, Shrosbree honored

By Terry Jacoby
 Heritage Media

Chelsea's Emily Shrosbree and Patrick Roberts are well known on the athletic fields. But both seniors excel even more inside the classroom.

The MHSAA recently announced an extension of the Farm Bureau Insurance Scholar Athlete program into the recently held district basketball tournament. As a part of this continued effort to support the MHSAA and Michigan's high school athletes, Farm Bureau Insurance (FBI) selected two Chelsea athletes to be the recipients of a special \$250 Scholar Athlete Award.

Shrosbree was chosen and presented her scholarship before a district basketball game on March 7 at Onsted High School. She received a

\$250 award from a local Farm Bureau agent.

Roberts was honored at the Breslin Center during the boys' basketball finals.

Shrosbree, 17, has been the team captain the past two years for the Chelsea varsity golf team. She was named to the 2010 Girls Academic All State Team from the Michigan Interscholastic Golf Coaches Association and received the coaches award this season.

"A 4.0 student, Shrosbree's favorite classes are physics and economics.

"I will be attending the University of Michigan in the fall because it is a big school where I can meet a lot of new people, watch Big Ten sporting events, and get the opportunity to learn under some great professors," she said.

"I really like math and sci-

ence, but I'm not exactly sure of where that will take me. Possibly Pre-Med."

Shrosbree has enjoyed her time at Chelsea High School.

"I have enjoyed all four years at Chelsea High School," she said. "I appreciate all the opportunities I have been given to join clubs and sports teams, and have had some amazing teachers."

Amazing is the perfect word to describe Roberts when it comes to sports, whether it's with a basketball, soccer ball or baseball. Roberts, 18, is a three-time All-Southeastern Conference player in soccer and was All-State honorable mention this past season.

A four-year varsity basketball player, the senior was all-league three times and all-district and all-area.

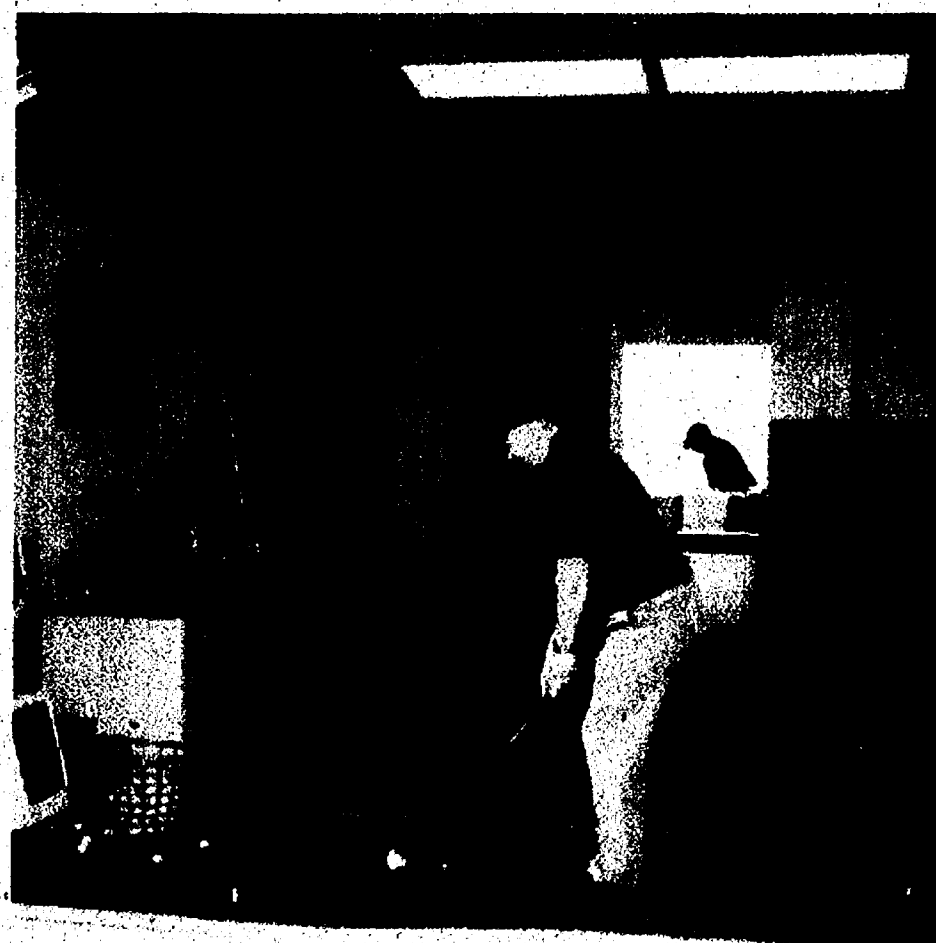
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Indoor champs: Girls

The Chelsea U-11 girls' soccer team was an undefeated 8-0 and league champions at WideWorld Sports in Ann Arbor. Pictured in back: Erin McDonald, Anna Regis, Paige Stacy, Peyton Vandegrift, Katelyn McKinley, Zoe Steigerwald; front row: Gretchen Kuras, Julia VanReesema, Natalie Goffon, Jordan Seitz, Delaney Krause and Mallory Downer (not pictured is Leah Pifer). The team was coached by Mary Seitz, Kerry Krause and Andy McKinley.

Indoor champs: Boys

The Chelsea United U-13 boys' soccer team was 7-1 and league champions at WideWorld Sports in Ann Arbor this winter. Pictured in back: Ian Brinkow, Jordan Haber, Ethan French, Austin Gler, Colin Clark, Nic Arons; front row: Mason Mitchell, Noah VanReesema, Sam Almhiemid, Jordan Smith, Jake Somodi; not pictured Trey Seitz, Graham Kuras, JJ Durcan. The team was coached by Mary Seitz and John Mitchell.



Jim Yuhas is a PGA teaching professional with the Kendall Academy at Miles of Golf in Ypsilanti.

Getting back into the swing

Now is the time for golfers to spring into action

By Terry Jacoby
 Heritage Media

Now is the time to start getting ready for the rapidly approaching golf season. One of the best ways to prepare is to get to the range and start taking lessons.

Jim Yuhas, a PGA teaching professional with the Kendall Academy at Miles of Golf in Ypsilanti, offers a few reasons why lessons will take strokes off your game even before you hit the first tee.

Bad habits over the winter

For a lot of you, the last time you

swung a golf club was probably sometime in October. You typically wait until the golf courses open to grab the clubs and start smacking the little white ball.

In our mind we picture this graceful, well balanced swing that produces this beautiful high draw that lands right on our target.

Then reality sets in and we see somehow over the winter we have developed a nasty slice that doesn't even land in the same area code we are in, let alone on the green. Sound familiar? It happens.

A few lessons now will help keep

you in the fairway and out of the woods.

New clubs

Spring is a great time to buy new clubs. Starting in the middle of February, Miles of Golf will have demo days every weekend until the middle of March. This is an opportunity to try all the new equipment from the industries top manufacturers. If you fit into this category, a lesson is

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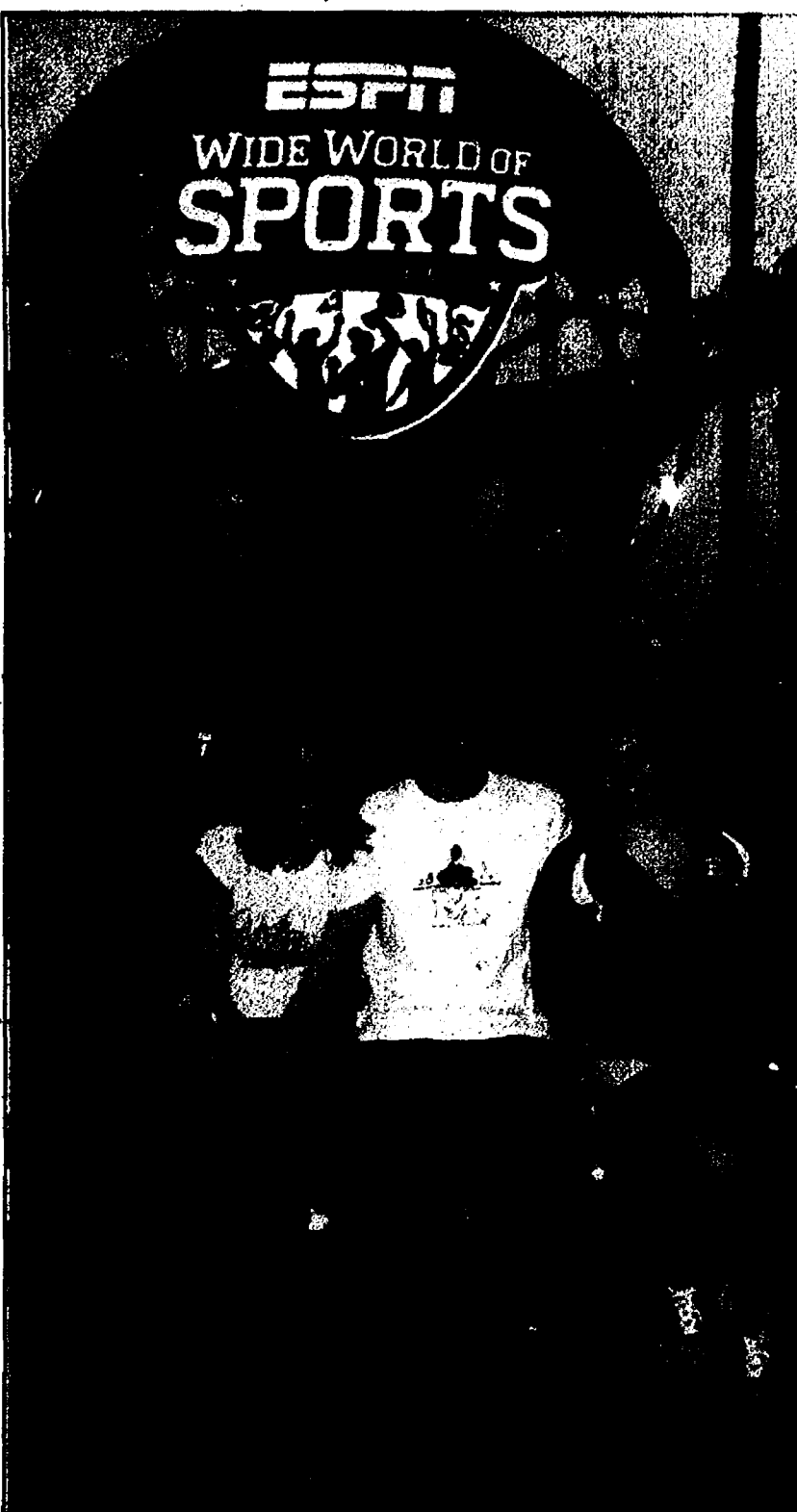
Saline senior Haley Williams, University of Michigan junior Nathan Magyar and WCC freshman Conner Potter and Saline first-grader Isabella Strozski competed at Disney's Wide World of Sports on Feb. 18-20 as part of an International Championship called Twirl Mania.

Nathan and Conner competed in the Gold Showcase and open competition and the Collegiate Classic. Nathan won a second in the Men's Gold. He also made the top 10 finals in the Collegiate Classic. He performed with the nation's best collegiate twirlers while also entertaining the crowd at EPCOT on Feb. 20.

Nathan was eighth in this

Collegiate Classic competition.

Conner Potter's best placing was 8th in Advanced solo and Advanced 2-baton. Conner participated in the GOLD by invitation due to her placements at national competition this past July. Haley Williams won a 3rd in Adv. 2-baton, HS solo, 6th in HS classic, and 3rd in the Advanced Miss Twirl Mania Pageant. And 7-year-old Isabella won 3rd in Beginner Best Appearing and Beginner Basic, 1st in Photogenic, 4th in freestyle, and 2nd in the Beginner Twirl Mania Pageant. The twirlers enjoyed the opportunity to perform at this prestigious competition and hope to return next year.



ABOVE: Haley Williams, Nathan Magyar, and Conner Potter pose at the Wide World of Sports Complex. LEFT: Isabella Strozski, a Saline first-grader competed in Orlando.

Longtime golf pro McAuliffe joins Kendall Academy

Two of the Michigan PGA's top award-winners for 2010 are joining forces at Kendall Academy in Ann Arbor.

Longtime head pro Frank McAuliffe, the 2010 Golf Professional of the Year, is joining the acclaimed instructional team of Kendall Academy headed by Dave Kendall, the 2010 Horton Smith Award recipient.

After 29 years at Ann Arbor Country Club, McAuliffe is excited about continuing his passion and commitment for golf and teaching at Kendall Academy.

"To be able to continue what I love to do - teach and coach golf - is a tremendous opportunity," said McAuliffe, a 16-year veteran as the boys' golf coach for Dexter High School as well as the new men's and women's golf coach for Marygrove College in Detroit.

"Knowing Dave for a long time and realizing what a top-notch facility Kendall Academy at Miles of Golf represents, I couldn't be more thrilled," said McAuliffe.

"Kendall Academy is known for its great teachers who really care about their students and I'm honored to be joining the team."

"Having someone of Frank's stature and experience be a part of Kendall Academy is a huge plus for all involved and most especially for area golfers," said Kendall, a two-time Michigan PGA Teacher of the Year. "In the Michigan Section where he serves on the Board of Directors, Frank is widely respected not only as a golf professional and player but also as an outstanding teacher and coach."

Born in Monroe, Mich., McAuliffe's golf roots go back to Monroe Country Club where he caddied, played golf and learned the game. After attending Monroe Community College and playing competitively there, he took a job in the bag room at Tam O' Shanter CC in July 1977 under the eye of the esteemed golf



Longtime head pro Frank McAuliffe was the 2010 Golf Professional of the Year.

professional Warren Orlick, the 1961 National PGA Golf Professional of the Year. The following spring McAuliffe moved up as an assistant pro in the golf shop where he worked alongside Michigan Golf Hall of Famer Orlick. After a year at Tam O' Shanter, McAuliffe spent two years as an assistant at West Shore G & CC before becoming the head golf pro at Ann Arbor in 1982.

While at Ann Arbor CC, McAuliffe was lauded for exemplary membership service while also giving back to the PGA Section via numerous leadership positions and to the local community in his coaching and volunteer stints.

"I want to thank the membership of Ann Arbor CC for its support and kindness shown to not only me but my entire family over those many years," said McAuliffe. "I will always be indebted to the club for giving me my first head golf professional start."

Finally, golfers and prospective students shouldn't be surprised to see McAuliffe sitting in on a lesson given by one of his eight Kendall Academy colleagues. "I want to watch and observe Dave as well as Paul Haase (the 2008 PGA Teacher of the Year) give lessons. I respect them a great deal and I know they can help me become a better teacher. In this game, you never stop learning."

Despite loss, future is bright for U-M

Listen. I know you're upset and I know a lot of you are probably inconsolable right now. I know it hurts. I saw it too. I watched Saturday as the University of Michigan basketball team lost a painfully close game to Duke.

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alive, close the game and cut the lead to just a field goal.

Down two points with just seconds left in the game, the Wolverines put the ball into the hands of Darius Morris, who drove the lane and put up a floater.

The ball went up, and then clanged unceremoniously off the heel of the rim. Michigan lost and was denied a spot in the Sweet 16.

But you already knew all that.

Michigan's loss on Saturday was the latest kick in the stomach for UM basketball fans.

It was the kind of close-but-no-cigar moment that has the Wolverine faithful starting to feel like fans of the Chicago Cubs.

But at least the Cubs fans have Old Style and Wrigleyville.

Michigan basketball fans seem to have



Michigan's Darius Morris.

nothing but disappointment these days.

But I'm here to let you all in on a little secret. You shouldn't be upset.

Think about it.

A Michigan team with a mediocre conference record and a roster full of underclassmen played arguably the best collegiate basketball program ever and almost came away with a win. Oh yeah, they also played the game in Duke's backyard.

You want to be mad about that?

Yeah, I know it's tough to swallow when you lose a game that close, but let's be honest; Michigan had no business in that game.

Not yet anyway.

I know, Michigan kept the score close and played an amazing game, so it's tough to argue that they shouldn't have been there.

But this team is young. This team raw and this team just wasn't ready yet.

Michigan overachieved this season.

Fans shouldn't be upset about this

game.

If anything, they should be heartened. Michigan basketball is back, and it's way ahead of schedule.

The Wolverines made the tournament and completely embarrassed Tennessee in the first round.

Michigan stomped on the Volunteers, winning that game by 30.

That was the first step. The Wolverines did what they had to do. They made the tournament and won a game.

If nothing else, that would have been enough to validate the efforts of this young team. That would have been enough to give this team an argument for the validation it has so sorely sought after in recent years.

That would have been enough.

But the Wolverines added to that.

The Wolverines played No. 1 seeded Duke right to the buzzer.

Does it hurt to lose?

Definitely.

But fans should not be upset about this loss.

Well, they shouldn't be upset for long. It's like tripping and falling on your face, but once you're on the ground you find a \$20 bill.

It hurts for a second, but when you start thinking about your good fortune, the pain subsides pretty quickly.

And Michigan has lots to look forward to.

With a core of players returning, the Wolverines should be even better next season.

This year the team overachieved and almost shocked a powerhouse.

Next season, the team will be back with more talent and higher expectations.

So, when the pain of this latest kick in the stomach wears off, get excited.

Because the team that missed a Sweet 16 berth by a missed shot at the buzzer is going to be back next season.

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The first thing I look at is the basics: grip, stance and posture. Even the most accomplished

player can get a little out of whack with a four month layoff. If the basics are fine, then it's time to look at the swing. Many times I see players in the spring swinging way too hard. When they start the season swinging at 100 percent by June their swing is a wreck, so we will work on swing mechanics and tempo.

For most, this will carry them until the weather breaks and we can get outside and work on the short game. Once again I will look at the player's setup for chipping, pitching, bunker play and putting. If we are on the right track with the basics of the short game, then we will work on some drills to improve impact, ball flight and distance control.

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Vintage base ball team hosts meeting

"Striker to the line!" Or in modern terms "Batter up!" Vintage base ball will be played this summer in Chelsea as the town welcomes the newly resurrected Monitor Base Ball Club of Chelsea.

For those of you wondering what vintage base ball is, who were the Monitors and why is "base ball" spelled with two words instead of one, come on out this summer and check out the team when they begin their season in May.

Vintage base ball is an amateur recreational sport in which teams play base ball by the rules of the 1860's.

Team Co-Captain Brian "Waterlogged" Thomas says: "We play other teams from all over Michigan who play by the same rules. Our schedule

this season has teams from Northville, Midland, Royal Oak and Rochester coming to Chelsea to play matches against the hometown Monitors. What makes our sport unique is that we don't use gloves, we use a hand-stitched hard ball and we adhere to gentlemanly rules of play."

The Monitor Base Ball Club has been formed with the gracious support of the Chelsea Area Historical Society, which recently opened its new museum at 20650 W. Old US-12, next to Thompson's Pizzeria. The museum is open Saturdays from 11-3, and whose exhibits feature many photos and artifacts from the town's history.

With the assistance of the Historical Society, the Co-Captains have been actively

researching the history of base ball in Chelsea during the 19th Century. They have unearthed several newspaper clippings that detail the 'Monitor' club of Chelsea soundly defeating local clubs, including the 'Dexter boys.' They also hope to get word out to local residents who may be in possession of further historical evidence, in the form of photos or articles, that enrich the history of the nation's pastime in Chelsea.

A prospective members meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on March 30 at the Chelsea District Library. This is a non-library sponsored event, and is open to the public. For further information, e-mail monitorbbclubchelsea@yahoo.com.

JV basketball

The Chelsea junior varsity basketball team finished the season dropping two of three, but playing better at times.

The Bulldogs knocked off Monroe 59-52. Luke Hollandsworth had 25 points, Zach Rabbitt had 14 and Logan Brown nine for Chelsea.

The Bulldogs lost 59-51 to Lincoln. Hollandsworth had 28 points and Rabbitt had 11 points.

Dexter beat Chelsea 42-20 in the season finale. Hollandsworth had 12 points and Rabbitt seven.

"We played really well at times during the last four weeks of the season," coach Mark Scheese said. "We had some big wins over Skyline and Pioneer, and averaged a 21 point loss to Adrian with a win the second time we played."

"The players were a great group of guys with a lot of heart and determination. They were an extremely fun group to coach."

Wrestling

The Beach Middle School wrestling team defeated Adrian last week to complete the season.

Winning for the Bulldogs were Ryan Easley, Morgan

Briefly

Waggoner, Jacob Grob, J.J. Duncan, Scott Moore, Ty Nelson, Kolya Ulisse, Ben Whitesall, Alonzo Taylor and Zach Bennett.

"Good season guys," said coach Corey Knight. "Thanks for putting in the time and hard work for the past three months."

The team was smaller in numbers than in past years, but the kids worked hard to become better every day.

"Our goal is to not only produce better wrestlers, but better people when the season ends," Knight said. "Everyone on the team has at least two wins and they all have at least two losses. We have some outstanding leaders in this group and I am looking forward to watching them become great role models in the future."

Members of the team included Tristan Koch, J.J. Duncan, Kolya Ulisse, Peter Kosek, Jacob Grob, Matt Kimball, Graham Kuras, Kyle Trembley, Noah Manly, Dar Downer, Dominic Triveline, Alonzo Taylor, Ben Whitesall, Zach Nennett, Scott Moore, Paul Heck, Evan Hafley, Ty Nelson, Ryan Easley, Tim Johnson, Morgan Waggoner, Grant Ortbring, Jacob Gaken.

Mikal Nelson and Quinton Clark also been helped the team as sixth graders.

The wrestling team went down to Tecumseh recently and won eight out of 22 matches. Winning for the Bulldogs were JJ Duncan (on his birthday!), Zach Bennett, Scott Moore, Kolya Ulisse, Matt Kimball, Ben Whitesall, Alonzo Taylor and Tim Johnson.

"The team has shown great improvement from the start of the season in January," Knight said. "They all still have a long way to go, but Coach French and I are very proud of the time and effort this group is putting in. They are laying a nice foundation to build upon for the future of their athletic careers."

The wrestling team won 10 out of 18 matches in a win last month over Ypsilanti. Winning for the Bulldogs were Matt Kimball, Graham Kuras, Dominic Triveline, Evan Hafley, Paul Heck, Ryan Easley, Tim Johnson, Ben Whitesall, Morgan Waggoner and Alonzo Taylor.

The wrestling team faced a tough Monroe team last month, winning seven out of 21 matches. Winning for the Bulldogs were JJ Duncan, Tristan Koch, Ty Nelson, Zach Bennett, Kolya Ulisse, Ryan Easley and Grant Ortbring.

Running strong



The Chelsea 4x800 relay team of Erica Steuwe (left to right), Danielle Dahl, Jessi Battaglia and Elaine Johnson placed sixth in the state at last week's MTS Championship track meet at Eastern Michigan University.

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He's also a talented baseball player and was a starter for the Bulldogs last season and was named to the all-area team last season.

Coach Wayne Welton is expecting big things from Roberts this spring.

But like Shrosbree, Roberts hits more home runs in the classroom. He has a 3.9 grade-point average and his favorite classes are math and chemistry.

"I am considering chemical engineering at Miami University (Ohio) or biochemistry at Indiana University," he said.

"My future goals are to go to medical school and become a doctor."

And he too has enjoyed his four years at Chelsea High School.

"Chelsea High School has surrounded me with excellent peers, dedicated coaches and caring teachers which have given me the tools to succeed at the next level," he said.

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Squirt Champions!



Chelsea's Squirt 1 hockey team won the finals in overtime, 4-3, at Joe Louis Arena on March 13. The team featured goalie (down in front) Garrett Neugebauer; front row: (L-R) Will McFate, Piper Keranen, Logan Schmitt, Tyler Trasko, Connor Stotnick, Alex Sanford, Luke Coogan, Cole Zimmer; second row: Tyler Severson, Omar Ibrahim, Andrew Babcock, Simon Gensterblum, Chris Hoyer, Joe McFate, Cooper Mattson, Ben O'Brien, Adam Berlinger, back row: coaches John Hoyer, Jared Katz, Jerry Traskos, Jamie Schmitt and Bob Schmitt.

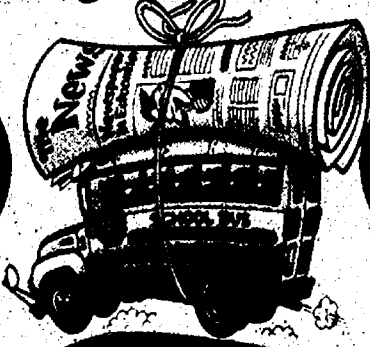


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Area swimmers excel at state swimming championships



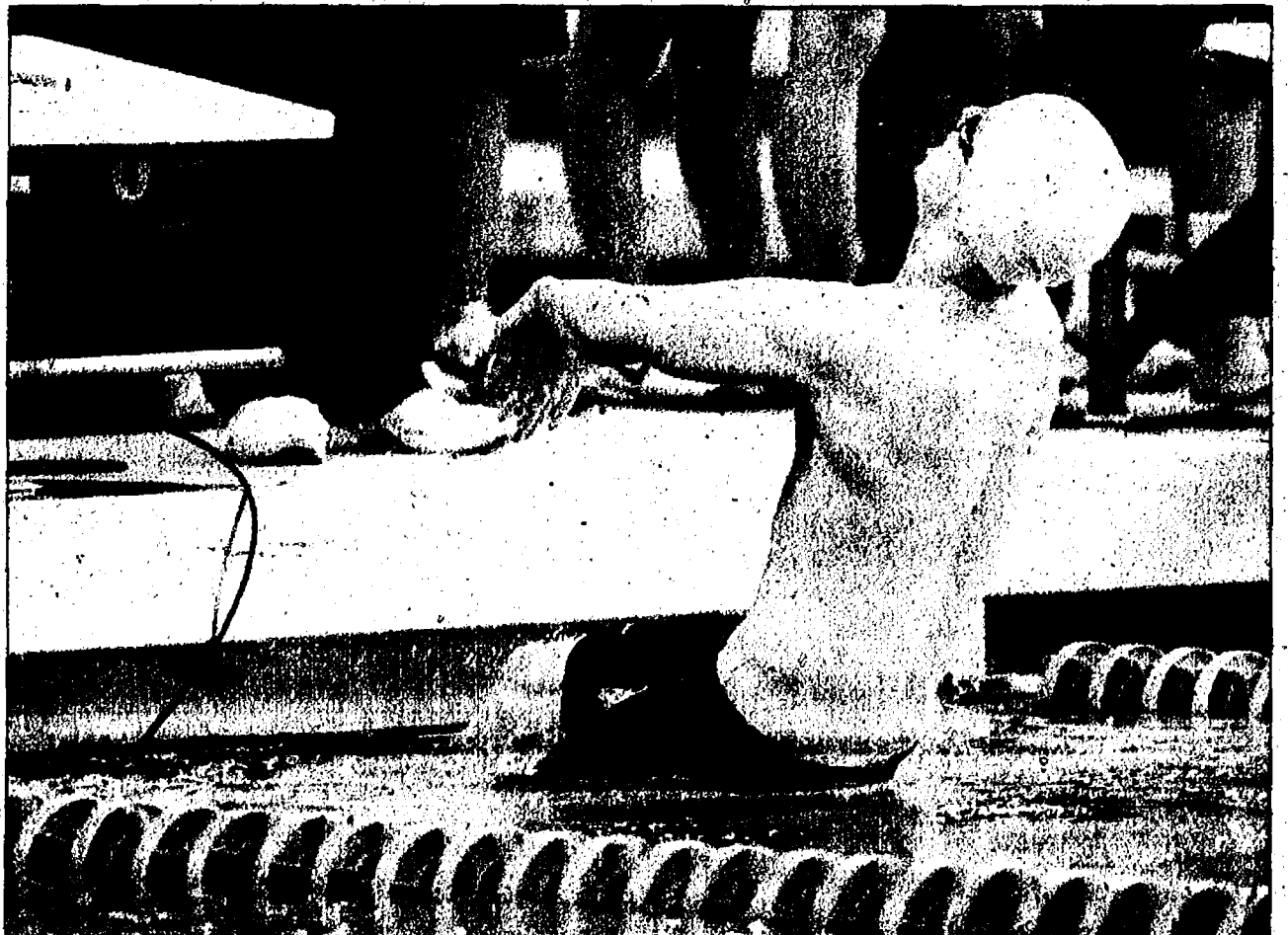
Chelsea coach Dave Jolly congratulates his relay team at the Division III meet.



The Hornets dive into the pool to celebrate their state title.



The Dexter swim team during the Division II finals.



Josh Ehrman leads the Saline medley relay team.

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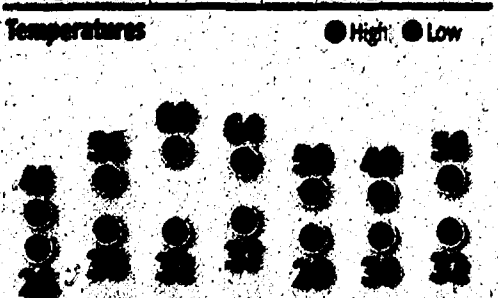
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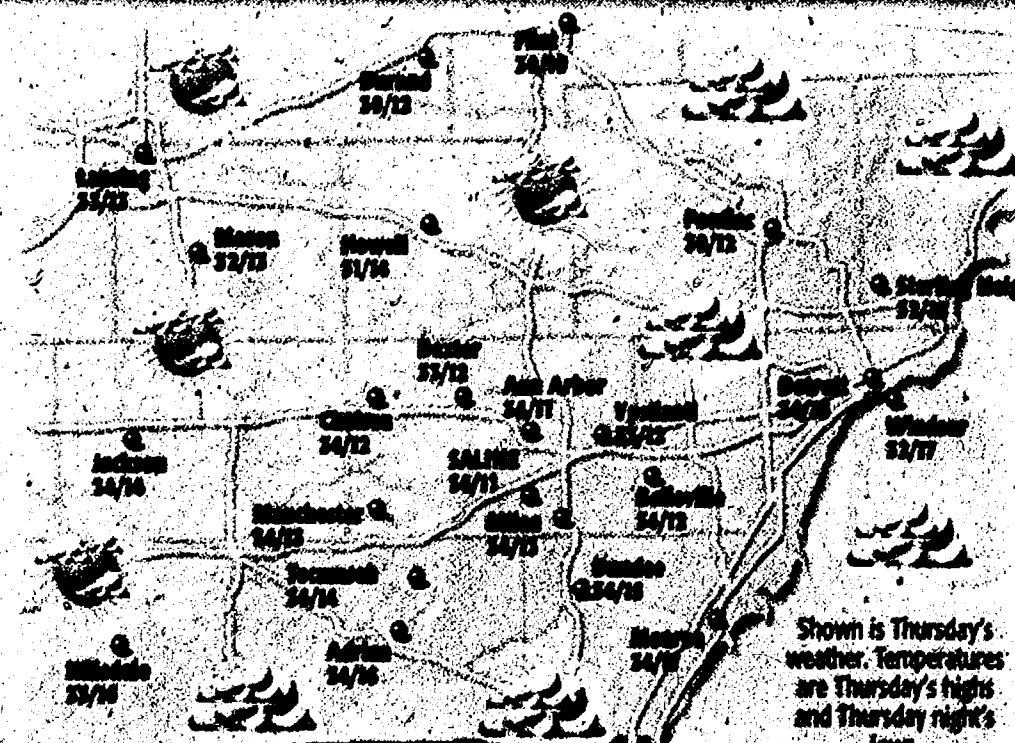
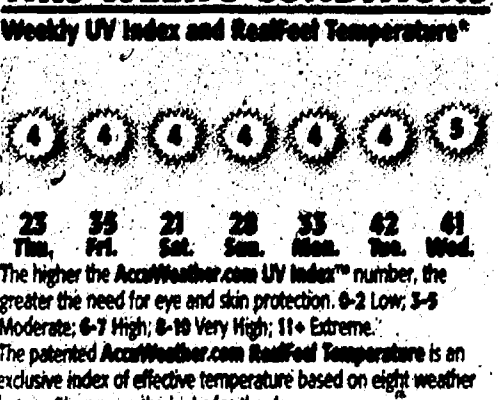
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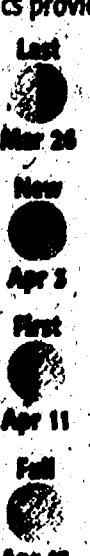
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Thursday	7:32 a.m.	7:51 p.m.
Friday	7:31 a.m.	7:52 p.m.
Saturday	7:29 a.m.	7:54 p.m.
Sunday	7:27 a.m.	7:55 p.m.
Monday	7:25 a.m.	7:56 p.m.
Tuesday	7:24 a.m.	7:57 p.m.
Wednesday	7:22 a.m.	7:58 p.m.

The Moon	Rise	Set
Thursday	1:13 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
Friday	2:14 a.m.	11:26 a.m.
Saturday	3:05 a.m.	12:27 p.m.
Sunday	3:48 a.m.	1:29 p.m.
Monday	4:23 a.m.	2:33 p.m.
Tuesday	4:53 a.m.	3:33 p.m.
Wednesday	5:19 a.m.	4:34 p.m.



RIVER LEVELS

As of 7 a.m. Monday	Flood stage	Current stage
Deer Creek		3.03 ft
Dearborn Heights		
Huron River		36 ft
Ann Arbor		14.17 ft
Maletts Creek		
Ann Arbor		3.91 ft
Mill Creek		
Dexter	12 ft	9.15 ft
River Raisin		
Manchester		4.09 ft

LAKE LEVELS

Lake	Normal	Current
Lake Erie	580.11 ft	571.48 ft
Lake St. Clair	575 ft	573.64 ft

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.	City	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
Adrian	34/16/w	37/20/c	33/17/p	City	34/16/w	37/20/c	33/17/p
Ann Arbor	34/16/p	34/17/p	32/14/p	Marquette	28/11/p	29/14/p	32/15/p
Battle Creek	35/16/p	36/20/c	33/15/p	Midland	28/8/p	28/14/p	28/13/p
Bay City	28/8/p	27/14/p	28/13/p	Muskegon	31/15/p	34/21/p	33/16/p
Detroit	34/16/p	34/20/p	32/18/p	Pontiac	30/12/p	28/17/p	30/16/p
Flint	30/10/p	29/16/p	33/14/p	Port Huron	28/10/p	29/16/p	28/16/p
Grand Rapids	33/15/p	33/20/p	34/19/p	Saginaw	28/8/p	27/14/p	28/13/p
Kalamazoo	33/17/p	37/21/c	35/15/p	South St. Marie	23/2/p	24/6/p	26/9/s
Lansing	33/13/p	31/18/p	32/14/p	Sturgis	35/19/p	37/22/c	34/15/s
Livonia	32/17/p	33/20/p	32/19/p	Traverse City	27/7/p	27/14/p	28/12/p
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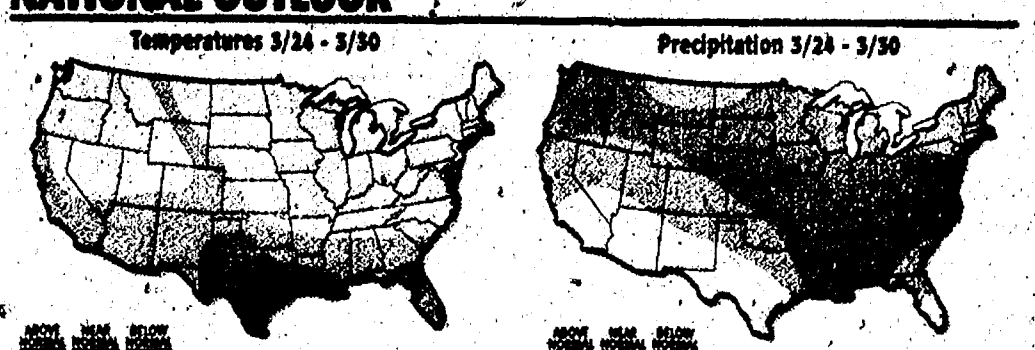
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Athens	63/50/p	69/52/s	69/53/s	City	63/50/p	69/52/s	69/53/s
Berlin	57/38/c	50/32/r	41/22/p	Montreal	36/19/s	33/14/s	35/15/p
Buenos Aires	73/57/s	73/64/r	77/52/r	Moscow	34/16/s	32/19/p	27/16/s
Cairo	67/54/p	69/49/p	73/53/s	Paris	64/47/s	64/49/s	63/34/s
Calgary	31/21/c	34/23/c	40/26/s	Rio de Janeiro	86/75/s	88/76/s	90/76/s
Hong Kong	70/58/p	71/61/p	67/57/c	Rome	65/44/s	64/45/p	61/48/s
Jerusalem	53/41/r	51/40/p	58/41/s	Seoul	44/25/p	46/27/p	46/26/s
Johannesburg	83/58/s	78/56/r	75/55/r	Singapore	83/77/s	86/77/s	84/76/s
London	89/59/p	61/41/p	57/41/p	Sydney	62/61/s	79/59/p	77/59/p
Mexico City	82/48/s	79/47/s	79/49/s	Tokyo	53/40/s	53/42/c	50/38/s
				Warsaw	46/35/s	43/34/c	39/16/p

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.	City	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
Atlanta	73/43/s	68/51/s	75/58/c	City	63/50/p	69/52/s	69/53/s
Boston	39/30/s	38/27/p	38/28/s	Miami	83/67/s	84/64/s	82/66/s
Chicago	37/25/p	40/28/c	37/20/s	Minneapolis	31/20/p	35/21/s	33/17/c
Cincinnati	46/26/p	49/35/c	47/28/r	New Orleans	78/58/s	78/60/s	82/66/p
Cleveland	32/18/p	31/23/p	33/21/s	New York City	48/28/c	40/26/s	42/32/p
Dallas	62/62/s	79/61/p	84/54/p	Orlando	85/82/s	84/80/p	85/83/s
Danver	63/23/p	63/27/r	64/28/p	Philadelphia	43/31/c	43/31/s	42/34/s
Honolulu	83/71/s	83/70/s	82/69/s	Phoenix	75/52/s	76/54/s	78/56/s
Houston	84/62/s	81/69/p	82/64/p	Pittsburgh	37/18/c	37/25/p	42/26/s
Kansas City	52/37/s	55/40/p	52/31/r	St. Louis	47/33/p	53/48/c	52/52/r
Las Vegas	63/49/s	66/49/p	71/50/s	San Francisco	56/46/r	58/48/s	59/47/r
Los Angeles	62/50/p	62/48/c	64/50/p	Seattle	53/40/c	51/42/c	54/42/r
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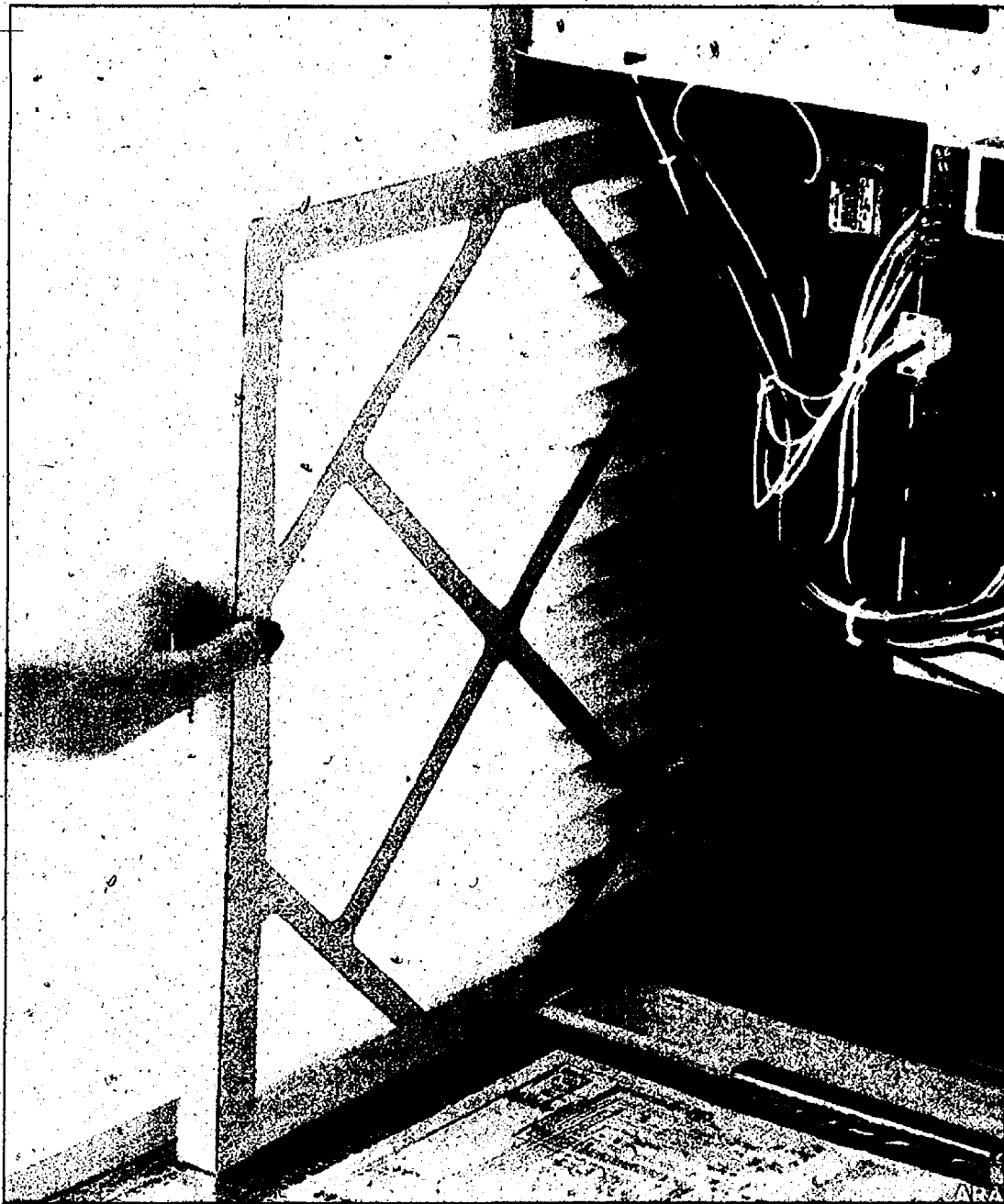
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How to tackle your home cooling repairs for warmer months



Cleaning or changing your furnace filter each month will help extend the life of your furnace and may help save on heating and cooling energy costs.

Homeowners are looking forward to warmer weather after heavy snow and freezing rain took a toll on homes and businesses across the U.S. during the winter. Harsh weather even made its mark on typically warm climates in the southeastern part of the country, which experienced some of the coldest temperatures on record.

The coming of spring is revealing a list of post-winter home repairs that need to be made. After being stuck inside for the past few months, getting outside now to assess home damage and tackle initial projects will help you get a jump-start on the season.

Begin with weekend projects that alleviate water damage, such as clearing out gutters and downspouts. Look at the roofing and siding of your home, and repair any broken or missing shingles or panels. These projects allow you to dust off your

toolkit, organize your garage and make a list of what needs to be done in the coming months to improve the stability and comfort of your home.

This is also a good time of year to make sure your home's heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) system is functioning properly and at its most efficient rate. While most HVAC maintenance requires the help of a professional contractor, American Standard Heating & Air Conditioning offers a few simple things homeowners can manage this time of year.

- Check the furnace filter. Cleaning or changing your furnace filter each month will help extend the life of your furnace and may help save on heating and cooling energy costs.

- Clean air ducts. Remove air ducts and return-air grille plates, and thoroughly clean with a rag, scrubbing brush or vacuum to prevent any irritants or dust from

making their way into your home's air.

- Inspect the outdoor air conditioning unit. Remove leaves, grass, dirt and other debris that may have built up around your outdoor air conditioning unit or heat pump to ensure nothing is obstructing the air flow.

- Listen for strange noises. Simply listening for loud or unfamiliar noises is good protocol for evaluating bigger issues that may be plaguing your home comfort system.

Easy troubleshooting tips for a variety of system problems are also available in American Standard Heating & Air Conditioning's Symptom Checker guide, found online at www.americanstandardair.com.

If you have an old HVAC system, or you are simply wondering how well your current system is performing, take the time to schedule a routine maintenance checkup with an HVAC professional. He or she can advise you on ways to improve the safety and comfort of your home, and make sure your HVAC system is operating properly.

With these new improvements, your home will be looking and feeling as fresh as spring, and your cabin fever will be a thing of the past.

Additionally, ask your local dealer about what you can do to maintain greater control over energy costs and environmental impact, especially on hot days ahead. To locate an independent American Standard Heating & Air Conditioning dealer near you, visit www.americanstandardair.com.

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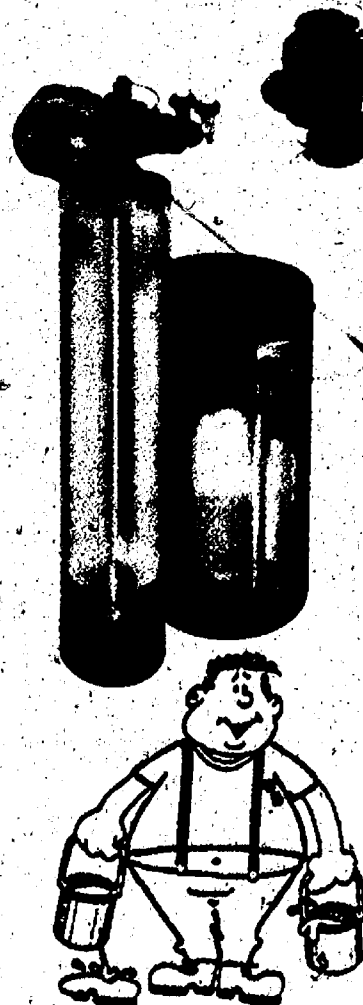
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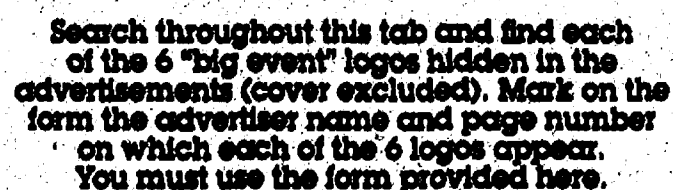
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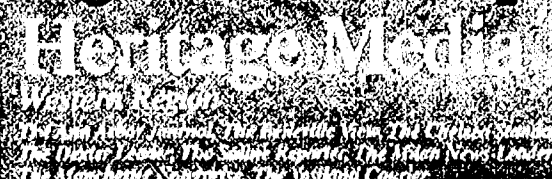
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As some may already know, Dance Alliance was purchased in 2004 by local, well-known dancers and choreographers, Adam Clark and Lisa Darby Clark. Their dance stories both began at the young age of three. They have spent the last several decades doing all of the things that dancers do to prepare themselves for a lifetime commitment to dance and this industry.

Adam and Lisa didn't cross paths until they were 15, which is where the story truly begins. The two began training and performing together at a studio in Howell, where they were also part of a youth dance company, Performing Arts Dance Theater, which was co-created by Lisa's mother, Jean Darby, and a couple of other "dance moms."

Performing Arts Dance Theater and Dance Alliance Repertory Company — the in-residence youth company of Dance Alliance in Saline — performed joint concerts together. The couple spent the remainder of high school training and teaching together until they parted ways to continue their dance educations in different cities.

Adam moved to Chicago, where he began training with the world-renowned Gus Giordano Dance Center/ Gus Giordano Jazz Dance Chicago and, shortly after, set in motion his

professional dancing and teaching career.

Lisa continued her studies in Washtenaw County with the acclaimed dance faculty at the University of Michigan and also began her venture into the professional world of performing and instructing.

Adam returned to Michigan to dance with the Ann Arbor based jazz company, Jazz Dance Theatre. He later became artistic director in 1993. This is where the two reunited for a lifetime commitment both personally and professionally.

Adam and Lisa were married in August 1994. For about 12 years, they taught seven days a week and spent many hours on the road commuting from Ann Arbor to teach at the many studios and universities where they were on faculty. They instructed in Lansing at Michigan State University, Ypsilanti at Eastern Michigan University, as well as Howell, Brighton, Fenton, Livonia, Ann Arbor and, of course, Saline.

Lisa joined the Dance Alliance faculty in 1994 and Adam in 2000. At that time, they became artistic directors of Dance Alliance Repertory Company. They have since taken their years of professional experiences and molded Dance Alliance and DARC into much more than just a dance studio and dance company.

The students, families, company members and faculty are truly like extended family. These two have spent a lifetime preparing to bring the best of the best to their own studio and their students. They are always striving to bring amazing choreography, the most comprehensive instruction, and simply provide the best environment for dance that the area has to offer.

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As the parents of two boys, Gabe and Brendan, Adam and Lisa understand the importance of finding the most quality instruction, at a fair and competitive price, whatever the activity may be. Dance Alliance is proud to offer quality classes for the recreational dancer through the pre-professional/professional from exceptional instructors.

This season, in celebration of their eighth year of ownership, the studio offers many money saving coupons for new and returning students at Dance Alliance. The studio will have those same offers for the 2011-2012 dance season, as well as several new offers. In addition, Dance Alliance tuition and its other fees will remain at the same competitive prices they have maintained for the last seven years.

Dance Alliance holds several weeks of summer workshops, camps and classes for all ages and abilities. It is a great time to prepare for the upcoming season and to have new dancers become familiar with the studio and staff. This is also the time when Adam and Lisa conduct auditions and four weeks of rehearsals for DARC in preparation for the upcoming season.

Late spring and summer are the ideal time to get your students pre-registered for all of the fall classes at Dance Alliance,

they said. The studio will take new students and registration until it is time to begin ordering costumes for the Spring Concert.

In late August, the studio holds its annual "Nutcracker" auditions, which begin rehearsals promptly in September for the "Nutcracker" performance in December. In the fall, the studio and company participate in a variety of local events and performances, their favorite being the Saline Holiday Parade.

Throughout the season, dancers are busy perfecting their craft and having a great time with their friends and instructors.

Every season DARC prepares for its March Annual Benefit Concert, as well as for the conventions, competitions, auditions and performances they participate in during the year. The culmination of the season for Dance Alliance is the annual Spring Concert. This weekend of four shows is quite amazing and most memorable for all involved, the Clarks said.

For more information about Dance Alliance or to be added to the mailing list, call 429-9599 or email studio@dancealliancesaline.com. You can also check the Dance Alliance web site at www.dancealliancesaline.com for current updates on events, look at class schedules, read staff biographies and client testimonials, contact the studio via e-mail and much more. The Clarks also welcome anyone interested in Dance Alliance to witness their product first hand at the studio or any of their performances throughout the year.



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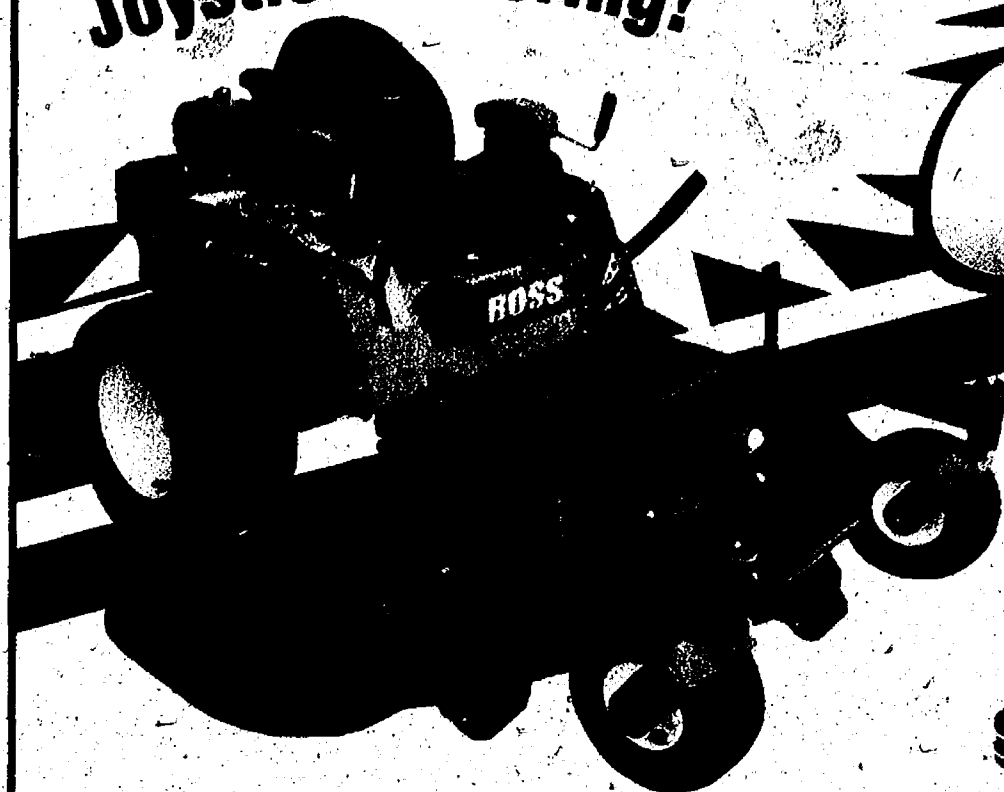


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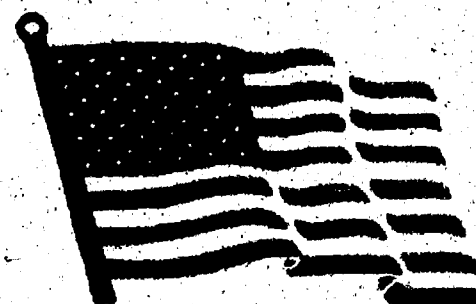


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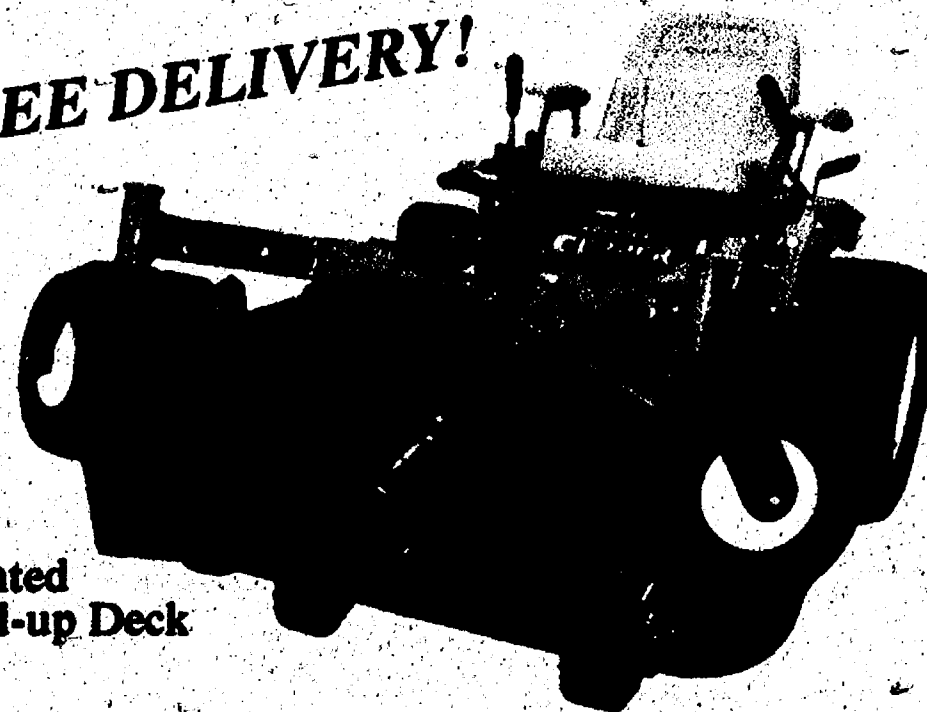
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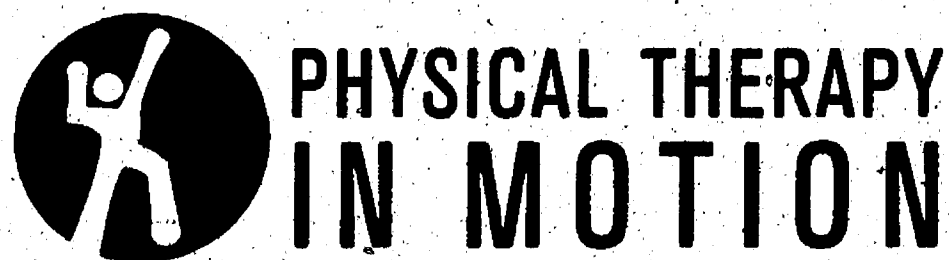
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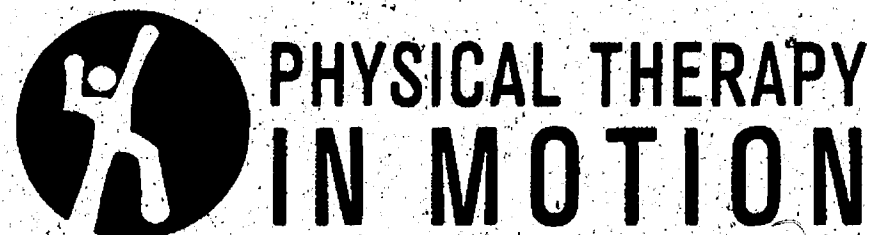


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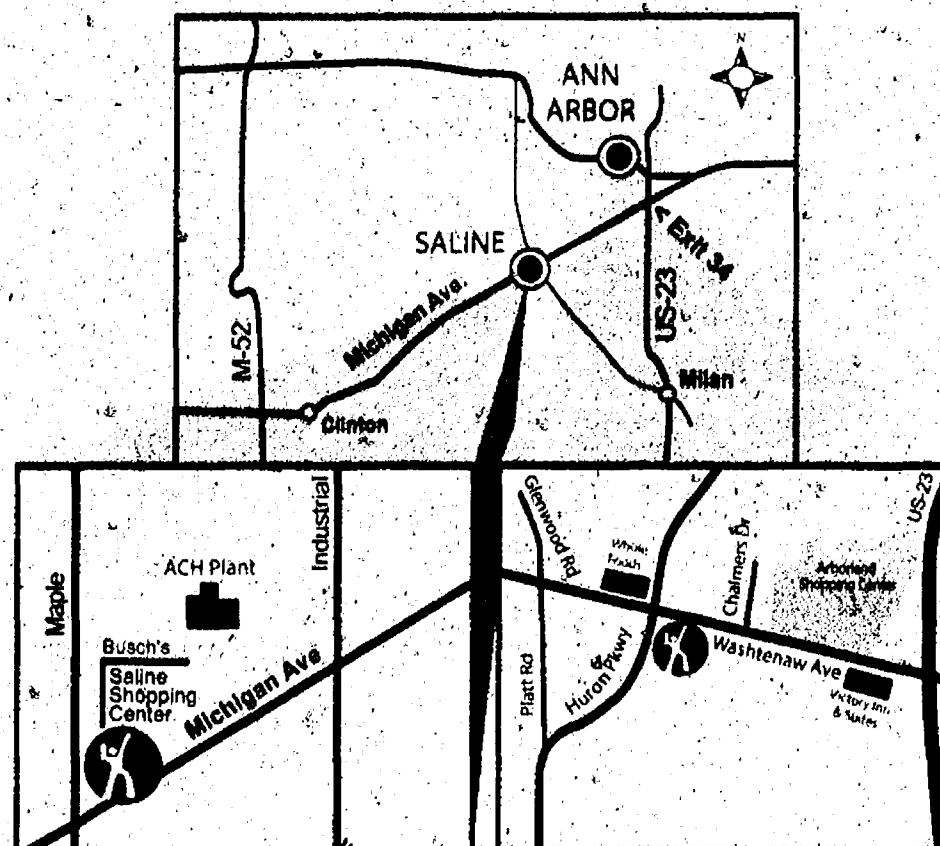


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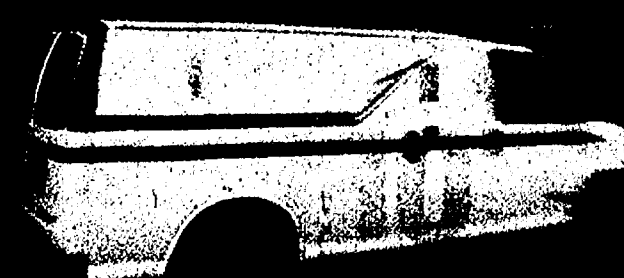
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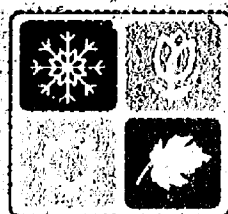
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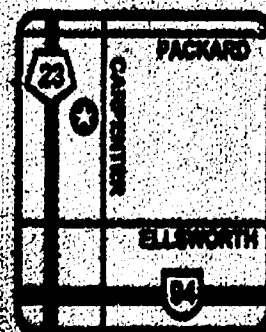
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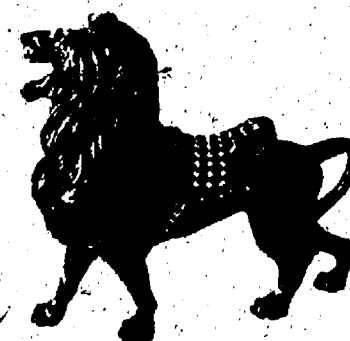
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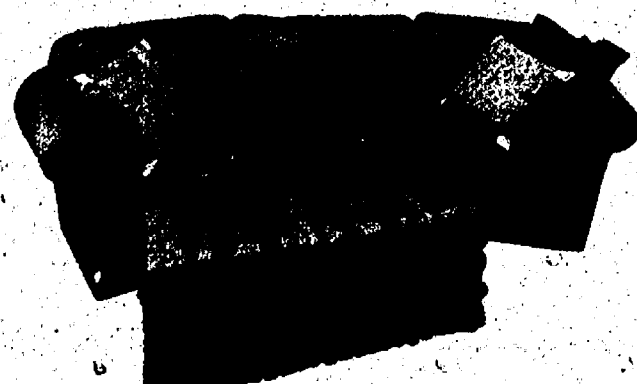
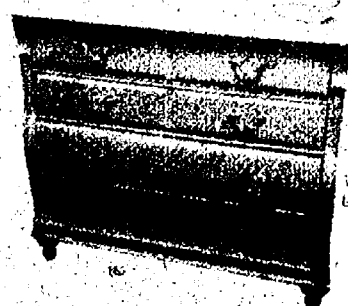
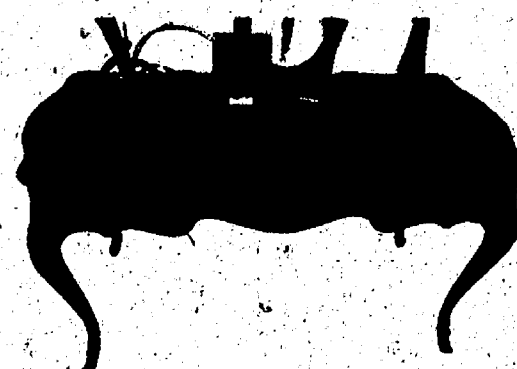
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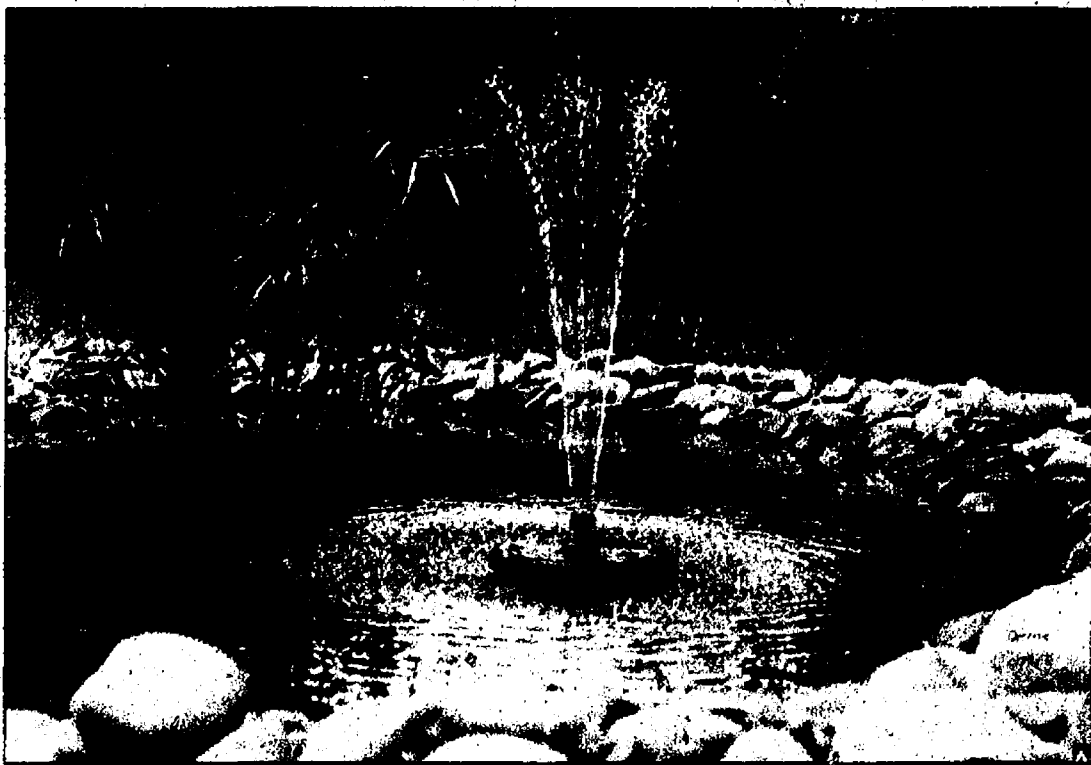
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Location, regional climate, community restrictions, the architecture of your home and the purpose of your pond will all affect your pond-building project.

Pondering a pond?

Creating a water feature is not as difficult as you may think

Vibrantly colored flowers, lush grass and stone pathways are wonderful accents for any backyard. But to truly elevate a backyard to the status of "garden," few features make a bigger splash than a pond.

Ponds can create a focal point, serve as a restful oasis and add the soothing sound of water to an outdoor space. Many homeowners may shy away from building one, thinking it will be too difficult to do themselves and too costly to hire a professional to build. Yet creating a backyard pond doesn't have to be difficult if you prepare properly and use pond supplies that are intended to make the job manageable for most do-it-yourselfers.

"The key effort behind building a pond begins before you ever put a shovel to the ground," says Doug Ward of TotalPond, makers of high-quality pond supplies and

water pumps. "Choosing the right spot for your pond, and planning carefully for how it will look, will help you achieve results that you can be proud of."

Ward offers homeowners some advice for planning, preparing and creating their own backyard pond:

Go big

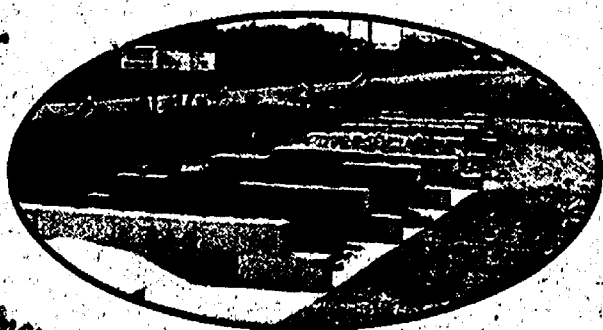
For your first effort, you might think you should keep it simple, but playing it safe may not ultimately lead to optimum results. "The number one complaint we hear from homeowners is that, while they love the pond they have, they wish they had built something bigger," Ward says.

The size, shape and features of your pond need be limited only by your

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Imagination, available space and budget. Your water feature can be a small pool of water with a simple fountain pump or a multi-level extravaganza of pools and waterfalls. Your design can be classic, contemporary, organic or a style that's completely new — what you end up with will depend on your tastes. In fact, you don't even have to dig a hole if you don't want to. It's possible to create an above-ground pond using pavestones and a liner.

TotalPond provides kits and supplies that make pond-building well within the abilities of most do-it-yourselfers. The company groups products into four easy steps to help you determine what is needed to create your water feature. Pro-grade quality pumps — including waterfall pumps — feature UV bulbs inside that kill bacteria, providing extra algae-fighting help to keep the pond cleaner. You can even incorporate a nice spray and night illumination by selecting an advanced multi-purpose product such as the Pond Boss that pumps, purifies with a UV sterilizer, provides a spray and features LED lights. This product ensures the pond is oxygenated and crystal clear by reducing bacteria and micro-organisms with minimal maintenance. Go to www.totalpond.com for more product information.

Stay practical

Let your imagination run wild within reason. Don't forget that your location, regional climate, community restrictions, the architecture of your home and the purpose of your pond will all affect your pond-building project.

When choosing a spot in your landscape for your pond, keep these factors in mind:

- Draw a map of your property so that you have a visual of its overall look — and how a pond will fit in with the rest of your landscape.

- Your pond is a living eco-system. If you'll be adding water plants, most need at least four hours of sun per day, so you'll need to choose a spot that gets plenty of sun.

- Avoid placing your pond near trees or plants with invasive root systems. Roots can grow under the pond liner and cause damage. And if it's under trees, falling leaves could block the filter and pump, and decomposing leaves are actually toxic to fish.

Designing and building pointers

Now that you know where you'll place your pond it's time to think about what



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it will look like, and to get down to the business of building it. Keep in mind that how you'll use the pond, where it's located and your lifestyle will all affect the design.

If you plan to have fish in your pond, you need to adjust the depth accordingly; goldfish are usually OK in shallow water but koi will need a deeper pond. If the ground in your area of the country freezes in winter, you'll want to make your pond at least 18-inches deep to protect it. If you live in a densely populated area or have small children, you will need to build a fence into your design for safety's sake.

Before you begin digging, check your community's bylaws and find out if any city ordinances govern pond-building. Also, be sure to contact your local utilities by calling 811 to ensure you don't risk hitting any utility lines while digging.

With planning, the right products and a little elbow grease, you can create a water feature in your landscape — and turn your backyard into a garden that you'll enjoy for years to come.

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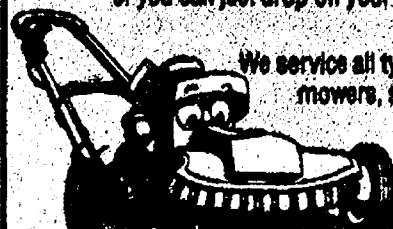
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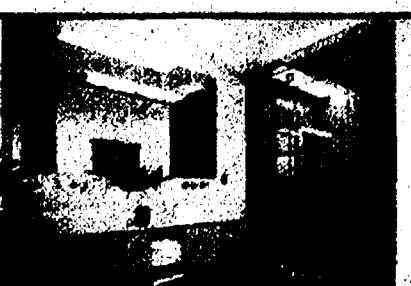
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Cast-iron comeback

Time-honored fixture material gets modern design treatments

A skillet hidden away in a cabinet, or some other small piece of cookware — that's about all the cast iron you'll find in most modern homes. In the early 1900s, iron was a material of choice not just for cookware, but for many other essential items throughout the house: A skillet on the stovetop, sinks and bathtubs, and fences that decorated and defined the front yard. Even some buildings were made of iron. But as lighter, rust-resistant materials became available, iron fell by the wayside as a material in homes.

Fast forward to today, and a new generation of design-savvy homeowners is rediscovering the beauty, durability and usefulness of cast iron in kitchens and bathrooms. A handful of enterprising manufacturers are reinventing the look, design and appeal of cast iron.

If the concept of cast iron in kitchen and bath fixtures is new to you, consider the material's advantages:

- **Durable.** Enameled cast iron is especially durable, combining the longevity and dent-resistance of cast iron with the rust-proof beauty of enamel.

- **Customizable.** Cast-iron sinks and bathtubs add instant elegance to a space. And with more than 20 colors to choose from, it's easy to create a customized look to reflect personal style.

- **Eco-friendly.** Some cast-iron products, like those made by bath design pioneer Kohler, have a "green" side. Kohler manufactures its cast iron from 83 percent recycled materials.

These three cast-iron fixtures have regained popularity — and reclaimed cast iron's reputation as a material of choice — in American homes:

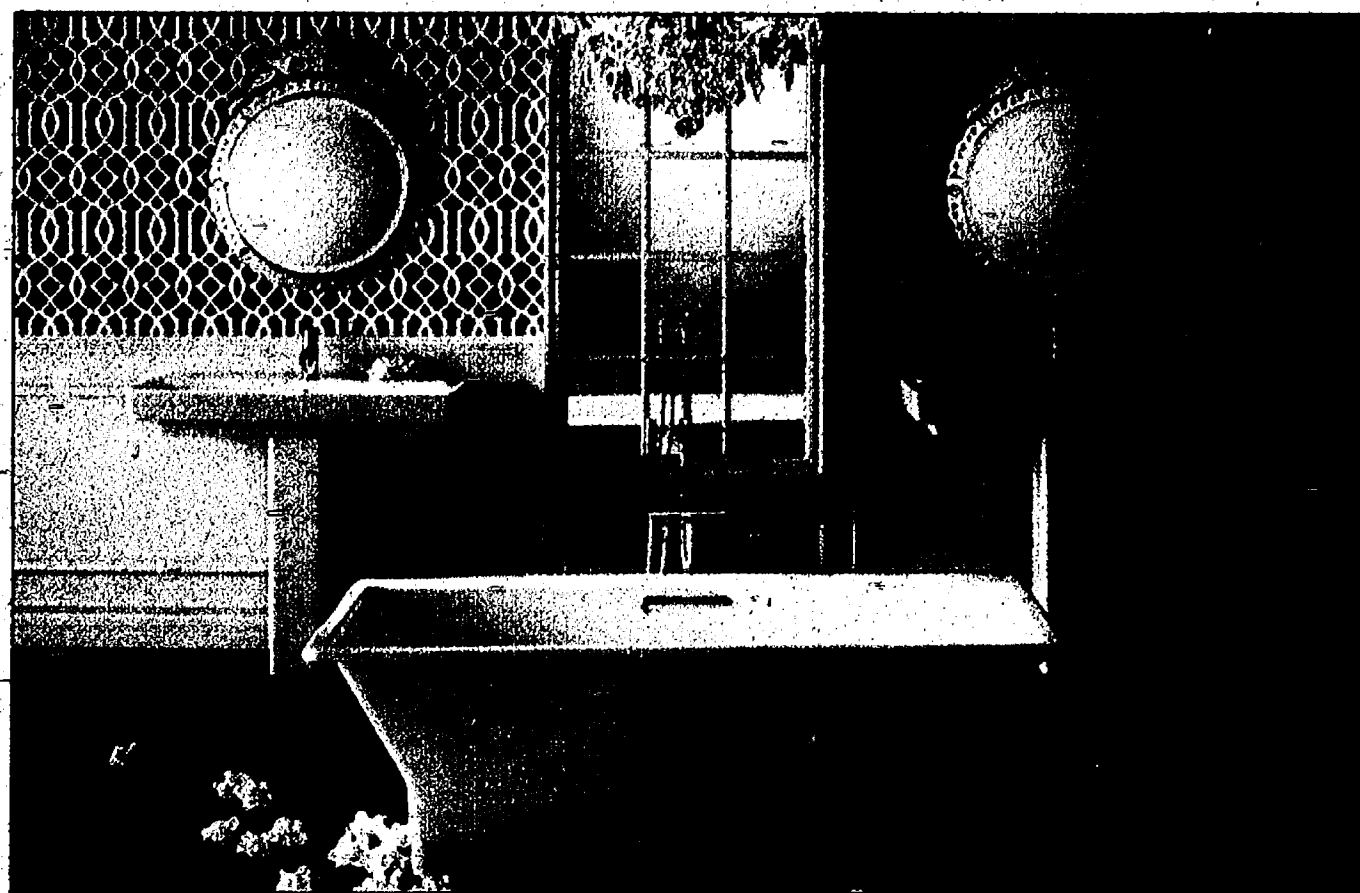
Kitchen sinks

The kitchen sink plays host to a handful of hardworking activities in the heart of the home — whether it's cleaning up from holiday feasts or serving as a baby bathing spot.

Today's Kohler's Lawnfield and Wheatland cast iron kitchen sinks emphasize design with an ideal balance between form and function at an attractive price. Single-basin sinks reflect historical design, and double basin cast iron sinks offer a modern convenience. You'll find a variety of color choices, as well as under-counter and self-rimming options.

Bathroom sinks

Whether it's the focal point in a petite powder room or coupled in a master suite's double vanity, bathroom sinks have a tall bill to fill — homeowners require good looks and durability, which today's enameled cast-iron bathroom



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sinks can provide.

Enameling technology makes it possible to have a cast-iron sink in an array of vibrant new colors beyond your grandparents' classic white claw-foot tub. Kohler's Tides bathroom sink comes in over 20 colors, and its self-rimming design makes it easy to install. With a cost well below \$200, it's price-competitive with sinks constructed from acrylic or fiberglass.

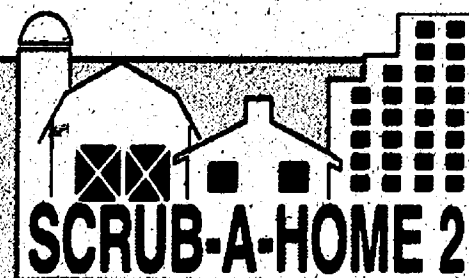
Bathtubs

The first cast-iron baths were free-standing models — a design so ubiquitous that many Americans still associate it with cast iron. When Kohler introduced the built-in bathtub in the early 1900s, the style quickly became the design of choice for American homeowners and remains the most popular style today.

Now, you can find cast iron bathtubs that offer the convenience and functionality of the built-in style, along with the elegance and durability of enameled cast iron. For those who crave design variety, drop in/undermount and freestanding styles are also available in cast iron. You can even find styles that offer massaging water jets and bubbles.

You may fondly recall your grandparents' cast iron, but modern design and a vibrant array of colors have today's homeowners falling in love with cast iron's durability and convenience all over again and enjoying it for years to come — just as other homeowners have before them.

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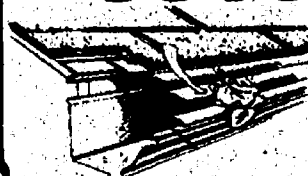
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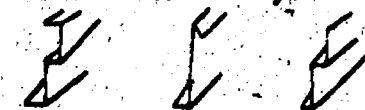
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Instructor: Pam Bennett

Friday, May 6, 2:30-3:30 p.m.

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Chelsea Wellness Center Classes

- **Gentle Yoga - Michelle Massey**

Gentle yoga class for all levels focusing on breath, relaxation, and yoga postures.

Mondays

Session 1: May 2-June 27, (no class on 5/30) 4:30-5:30 p.m. or 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Fees: \$56, \$50 (\$55+), *Members \$39

Registration required

Session 2: July 11-Aug. 15, 4:30-5:30 p.m. or 5:30-6:30 p.m.

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- **Tai Chi - Greg Knollmeyer**

Ancient mind/body discipline to help strengthen and improve balance.

Tuesdays

Session 1: May 3-June 21, 4:30-5:30 LAR

Fees: \$80, \$72 (\$55+), *Members \$56

Session 2: July 12-Aug. 16, 4:30-5:30 LAR

Fees: \$60, \$54 (\$55+), *Members \$42

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- **Aquacize with Arthritis - Stacy Sheets**
Warm water exercise class.

Wednesdays, 12-1 p.m.

Session 1: May 4-June 22

Fees: \$56, \$50 (\$55+), *Members free but registration is required

Session 2: July 13-Aug. 17

Fees: \$48, \$38 (\$55+), *Members free but registration is required

- **Line Dancing - Susan Bauer**

Fun line dance routines to upbeat music.

Tuesdays, 1-2 p.m.

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Fees: \$54, \$49 (\$55+), *Members free, no registration required

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Mondays, 6:30-8 p.m.

April 4, 11, 18, and May 2

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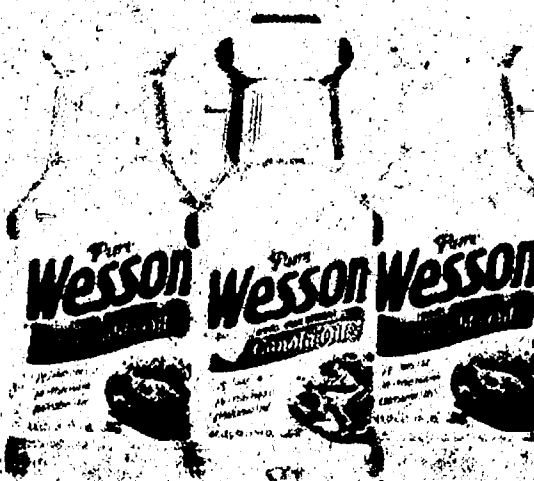
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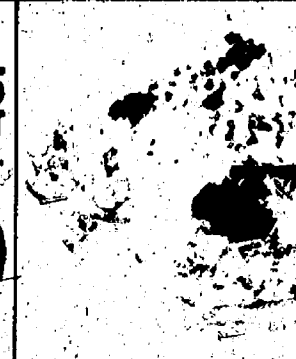
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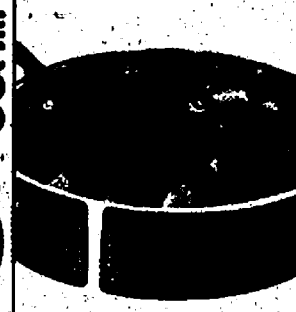
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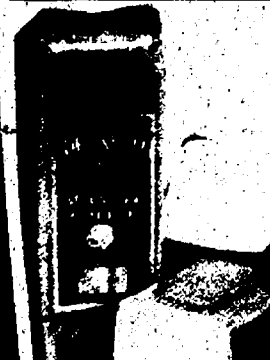
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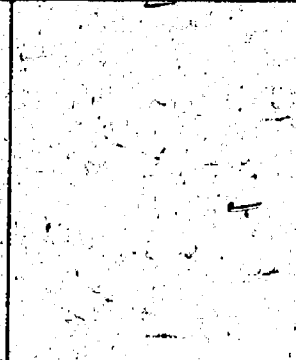
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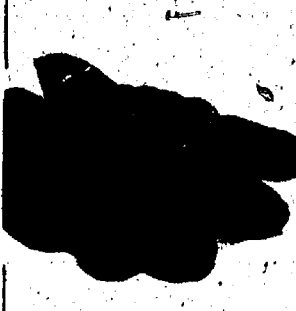
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ESTATES WINE**
750 ml
Selected Varieties
(plus tax)

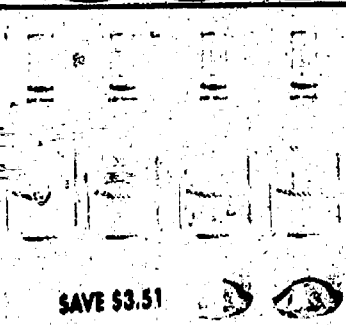
\$6⁸⁸



SAVE \$3.61

**CAVIT ITALIAN
WINE**
750 ml
Selected Varieties
(plus tax)

\$7⁸⁸



SAVE \$3.51

**TANQUERAY
GIN**
750 ml
(plus tax)

\$19⁹⁷



THE ONE
& ONLY
TANQUERAY
& TONIC!

Where
Liquor
Is
Sold!

**BACARDI
RUMS**
750 ml
Selected Varieties
(plus tax)

\$11⁹⁵

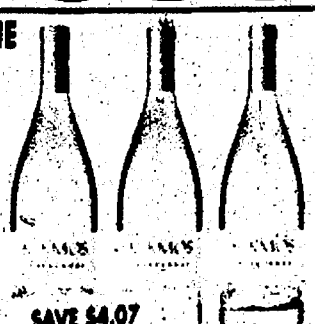


NEW LOW
RETAIL
PRICE!

Where
Liquor
Is
Sold!

**ALAMOS ARGENTINE
WINE**
750 ml
Selected Varieties
(plus tax)

\$8⁸⁸



SAVE \$4.07

**BLACKSTONE &
RAVENS WOOD
PREMIUM WINE**
750 ml
Selected Varieties
(plus tax)

\$8⁸⁸



SAVE \$3.51

**CAPTAIN MORGAN
SPICED RUM**
1750 ml
(plus tax)

\$26⁹⁹



Where
Liquor
Is
Sold!

**ABSOLUT
VODKA**
1750 ml
(plus tax)

\$36⁹⁵



NEW LOW
PRICE!

Where
Liquor
Is
Sold!

THE BREWERY

**BELLS CRAFT
BEER**
6 Pack 12 oz. Bottles
Selected Varieties
(plus tax & deposit)

\$7⁸⁸



SAVE \$1.51

**KILLIAN'S
IRISH RED
BEER**
20 Pack 12 oz. Bottles
(plus tax & deposit)

\$13⁸⁸



SAVE \$2.11

**GUINNESS
BEER**
12 Pack 12 oz. Bottles
(plus tax & deposit)

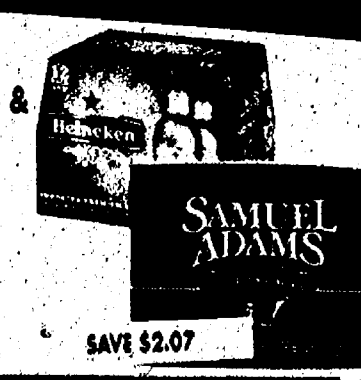
\$13⁸⁸



SAVE \$1.67

**SAMUEL ADAMS &
HEINEKEN BEER**
12 Pack 12 oz. Bottles
(plus tax & deposit)

\$12⁸⁸



SAVE \$2.07

**KEYSTONE &
MILWAUKEE'S BEST
BEER**
12 Pack 12 oz. Cans
(plus tax & deposit)

\$5⁸⁸



SAVE \$1.37

**COORS & MILLER
BONUS PACKS**
20 Pk. 12 oz. Bottles
Selected Varieties
(plus tax & deposit)

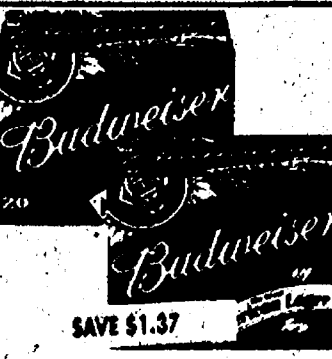
\$12⁸⁸



SAVE \$1.49

**BUDWEISER,
BUD LIGHT &
BUD SELECT 55
BONUS PACKS**
20 Pk. 12 oz. Bottles
(plus tax & deposit)

\$12⁸⁸



SAVE \$1.37

**MILLER HIGH LIFE
BEER**
24 Pack 12 oz. Bottles
(plus tax & deposit)

\$11⁸⁸

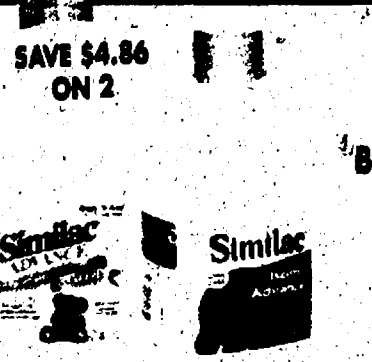



SAVE \$1.07

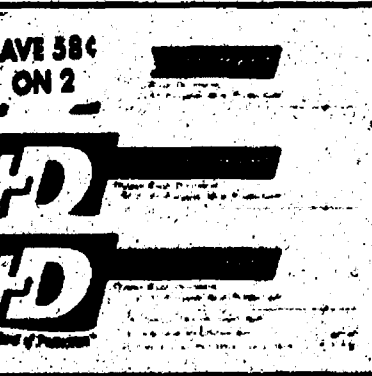
BABY CARE SPECIALS

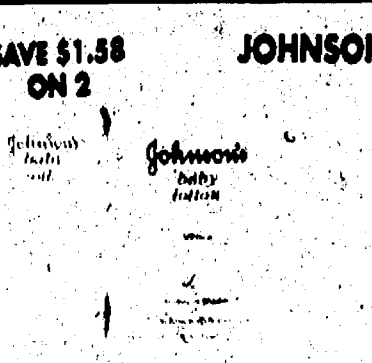
SAVE 15¢

GERBER 2ND FOODS BABY FOOD
 2 Pack
 Selected Varieties
\$1.00

SAVE \$4.86 ON 2

ISOMIL ADVANCE RTF & SIMILAC SENS RICE BABY FORMULA
 32 oz.
2/\$8

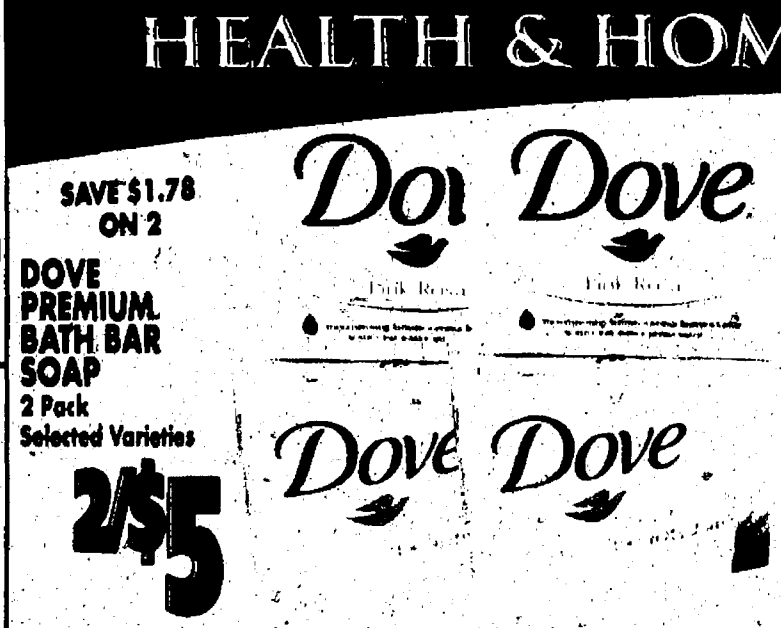
SAVE \$1.50 ON 2

HUGGIES NC BABY WIPES
 72 ct.
 Selected Varieties
2/\$5

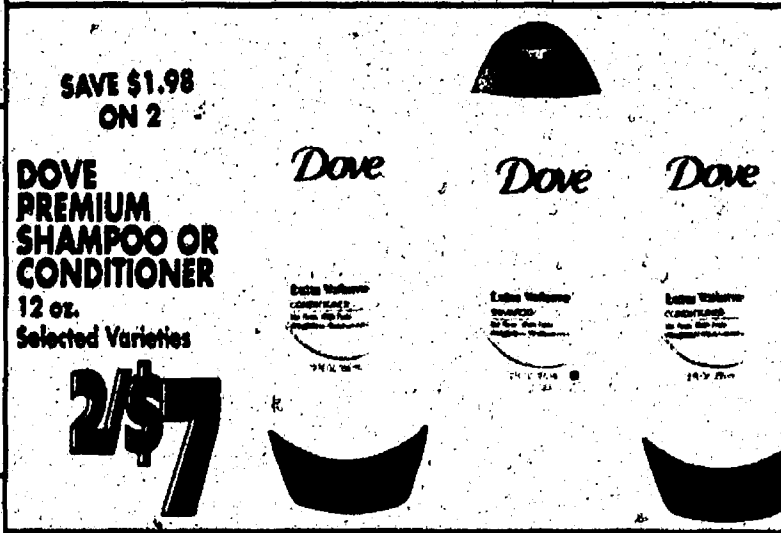
SAVE 58¢ ON 2

A&D OINTMENTS
 1.5 oz.
 Selected Varieties
2/\$5

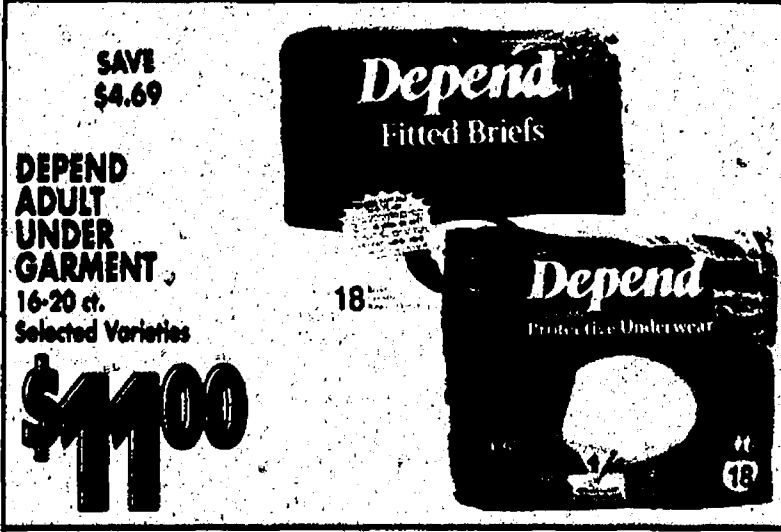
SAVE \$1.58 ON 2

JOHNSON & JOHNSON BUBBLE BATH, BABY WASH & LOTION
 15 oz.
2/\$6

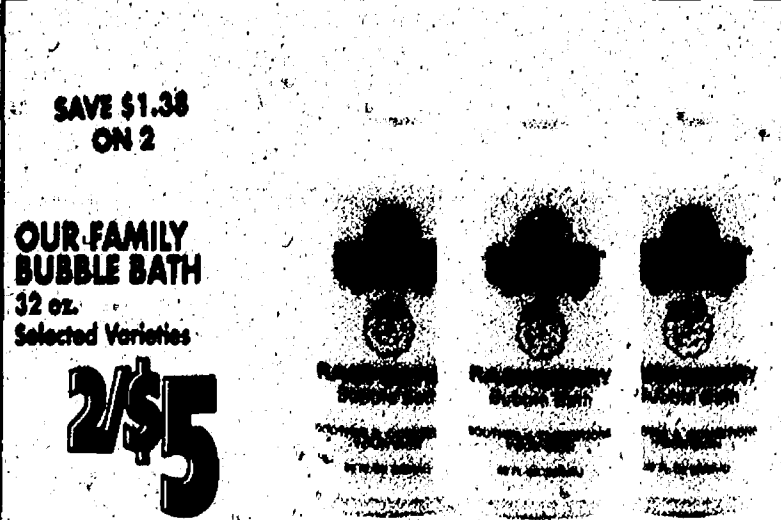
SAVE 75¢

OUR FAMILY DIAPERS
 19-36 ct.
 Selected Varieties
\$6.00

SAVE \$1.78 ON 2

DOVE PREMIUM BATH BAR SOAP
 2 Pack
 Selected Varieties
2/\$5

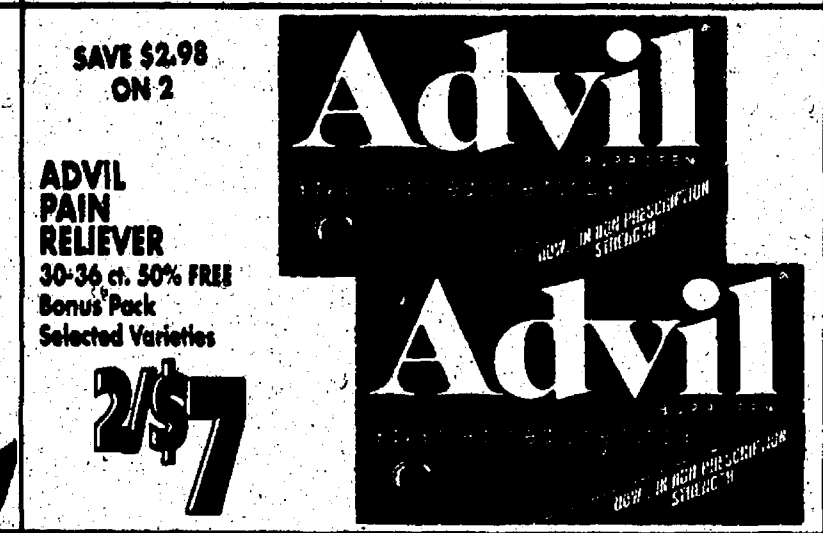
SAVE \$1.98 ON 2

DOVE PREMIUM SHAMPOO OR CONDITIONER
 12 oz.
 Selected Varieties
2/\$7

SAVE \$4.69

DEPEND ADULT UNDERGARMENT
 16-20 ct.
 Selected Varieties
\$11.00

SAVE \$1.38 ON 2

OUR FAMILY BUBBLE BATH
 32 oz.
 Selected Varieties
2/\$5

SAVE \$1.18 ON 2

DOVE OR DEGREE DEODORANT
 2.6-3 oz.
 Selected Varieties
2/\$5

SAVE \$2.98 ON 2

ADVIL PAIN RELIEVER
 30-36 ct. 50% FREE Bonus Pack
 Selected Varieties
2/\$7

SAVE \$1.50 ON 2

KLEENEX FACIAL TISSUE
 75-200 ct.
 Selected Varieties
2/\$3

SAVE \$4.98 ON 2

SCOTT EXTRA SOFT BATH TISSUE
 12 Pack Roll
2/\$10

HOME & HEALTH CARE SAVINGS

READI
FOAM CUPS,
PLATES &
BOWLS

15-45 ct.
Selected Varieties

\$1.00



SAVE
35¢

AJAX
PREMIUM
DISH SOAP
16 oz.
Selected Varieties

\$1.00



FRISKIES
CAT FOOD
5.5 oz.
Selected Varieties

5/\$2



SAVE UP TO 80¢ on 5

PURINA
INDOOR &
CAT CHOW
16 lb. Bag

\$12.00



SAVE UP TO \$3.49

SAVE \$2.00
ON 4

GLADE
SOLID
AIR
FRESHENERS
6 oz.
Selected Varieties

4/\$3



SAVE \$6.50
ON 2

SCOTT
BATH TISSUE
6 Pack Mega Rolls

2/\$10



SAVE \$1.30
ON 2

ARM &
HAMMER
DRYER SHEETS
100 ct.
Selected Varieties

2/\$5



SAVE \$3.66
ON 2

XTRA
2X
LAUNDRY
DETERGENT
75 oz.
Selected Varieties

2/\$3



SKIPPY BRAND
DOG FOOD
13.2 oz. Can
Selected Varieties

2/\$1



SAVE UP TO 20¢ on 2

KIBBLES N BITS
PREMIUM
DOG FOOD
16-17.6 lb. Bag
Selected Varieties

\$12.00



SAVE UP TO \$2.93

SAVE 58¢
ON 2

OUR FAMILY
STORAGE &
FREEZER BAGS
30-50 ct.
Selected Varieties

2/\$4



SAVE \$2.92
ON 2

OUR FAMILY
GARBAGE & KITCHEN
TRASH BAGS
20-80 ct. Value Pack
Selected Varieties

2/\$9



PURINA
DOG CHOW
Complete & Balanced
34 lb. Bag Value Size

\$19.00



SAVE UP TO \$2.93

PET CARE SAVINGS!

BAKERY SPECIALS

	Fresh Baked CRACKED WHEAT BREAD 16 oz. \$1.39
	Fresh Baked PETITE KAISER ROLLS 12 ct. \$1.89
	CAKE DONUTS 12 ct., Selected Varieties \$4.79
	Fresh Baked MINI BRAIDED STRUDELS 3 ct. Selected Varieties \$1.89
	GOURMET TARTS 16 - 21 oz., Selected Varieties \$5.49
	BILL KNAPP'S CHOCOLATE CAKE 27 oz. \$9.49

MARCH MADNESS SALE		
 Sweet! SAVE \$2.01 Tropical Golden PINEAPPLE \$1.98 EA.	 SAVE \$2.00 DOLE CLASSIC SALAD MIX OR COLE SLAW 12-14 oz. Bag 98¢ EA.	
 SAVE \$1.11 Red Ripe ON THE VINE TOMATOES \$1.88 LB.	 SAVE 61¢ Fresh BROCCOLI CROWNS \$1.38 LB.	
 SAVE \$1.21 Snow White CAULIFLOWER \$1.78 EA.	 SAVE \$1.98 MARZETTI'S VEGGIE DIP 12-15 oz. 2/\$5	 SAVE 61¢ DOLE BABY CARROTS 1 lb. Bag 98¢ EA.
 SAVE 61¢ Red, Golden, Braeburn, Fuji, Gala or Granny Smith Premium APPLES 98¢ LB.	 SAVE 61¢ Flavorful BARTLETT OR GOLDEN BOSC PEARS 98¢ LB.	 SAVE 61¢ FRESH FLORAL DEPT. May not be exactly as illustrated CRAZY DAISY BOUQUET \$5.99 EA.

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