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INSIDE... A New Bill for Health Care

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House Passes Obama's Health Care Reform on Sunday Night

By Jim Akans

The margin was fairly narrow...seven votes, but after months of debate, waffling and posturing, HR 1203, a beaten-down version of President Obama's initial health care proposal, passed on Sunday night in the House of Representatives by a vote of 219 in favor and 212 against.

"Is this the single most important step we that have taken on health care since Medicare? ...Absolutely," President Obama proclaimed shortly before vote. "Is this most important piece of domestic legislation in terms of giving a break to hard working middle class families out there, since Medicare? ...Absolutely. Is this a vast improvement over the status quo? ...Absolutely."

So when the President signed the health care reform legislation on Tuesday, did the American public have a clear understanding of how this bill will affect their health care coverage and pocketbook? ...Absolutely not.

We do know that the Congressional Budget Office recently estimated the cost of the plan at \$920 billion over the next ten years, and potentially it could reduce the Federal deficit by as much as \$1.3 trillion over next 20 years. It is also anticipated to expand coverage to some 32 million Americans who are currently uninsured...and that sounds like a good thing.

However, by 2014, the bill also mandates that everyone must purchase health insurance.

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This participant is about to test the waters at the annual St Patricks Carnival weekend "Slush Cup" at Boyne Mountain this past Sunday.



DDA - Main Street Good for 15 Years

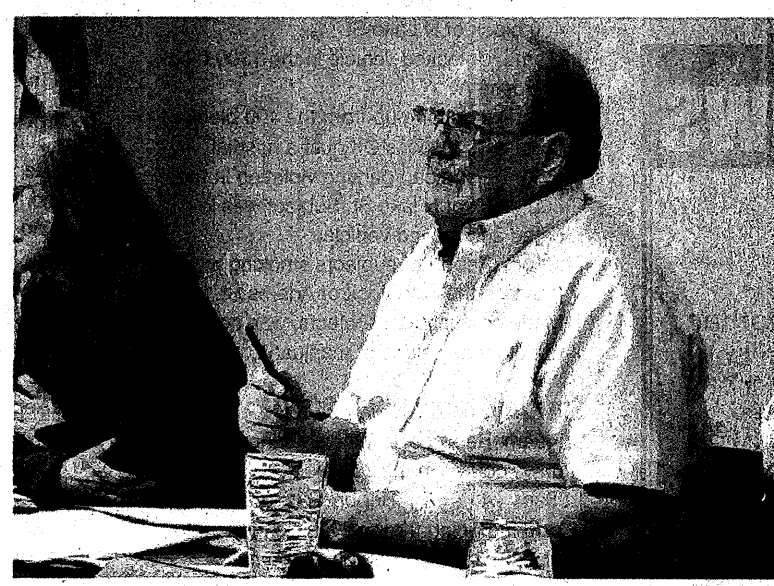
By B. J. Conley

BOYNE CITY — It took many discussions, public hearings, work sessions and compromise, but the city renewed the Downtown Development Authority and its Main Street Program.

The DDA is a program allowed by the state Legislature that permits a municipality to direct a portion of tax revenues to a designated downtown area for improvements to infrastructure, parks, storefronts and other projects.

The renewal time frame is 15 years and the base is \$75,000 for 2010. Director of the Main Street Program, Hugh Conklin, said the tax increment financing through the DDA and Main Street Program brought more than \$2 million in grants to the community.

The City Hall auditorium was filled with citizens and those members of the audience who spoke acknowledged the many accomplishments by the DDA-Main Street program, but some had concerns about the amount of funding allocated to downtown for another 15 years.



City commissioner Mike Cummings listens to an audience member during the meeting of Boyne City commissioners on Tuesday, March 9. The commission reviewed DDA/Main Street Program renewal.

"I'd like to see a five-year plan," resident Don Ward said. "With this economy, we don't know what is going to happen in two years or five years."

City commissioner Mike Cummings disagreed with the DDA plans to fund some of the privately owned Wolverine Dilworth Hotel's restoration.

"As far as setting funds aside in the DDA for the future, I think that

BACK ON TRACK

Reconstruction of BC-Charlevoix Road resumes May 3rd.

By B. J. Conley

The long wait appears to be over.

The Boyne City-Charlevoix Road reconstruction will likely begin on May 3, for the portion of the road from Nelson Road to Sumner Road, just outside of Horton Bay.

"I wish we could do more, but it's a start," said Pat Harmon, the Charlevoix County Road Commission manager. The distance for the first phase of the road reconstruction is 2.80 miles.

The board of the road commission




PAT HARMON

TRAVEL

Spring Break!

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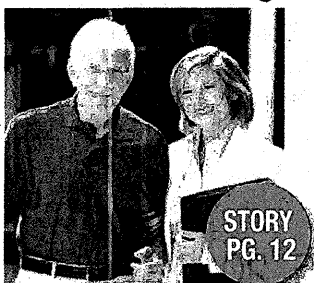


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Cost of Caring

Caregiving tips for Baby Boomers: 5 Tips for decreasing the cost of caring for elderly parents.

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Thursday High 41, low 20 NW wind 17mph	Friday High 39, low 28 E wind 5mph	Saturday High 49, low 33 SSW wind 7mph	Sunday High 46, low 27 ENE wind 6mph	Monday High 44, low 29 NNE wind 11mph

*** snowfall totals ***

Charlevoix Season totals last year through 2/28/09 - 137.6" Season total this year through 3/9/10 - 74.3"	Petoskey Season totals last year through 2/28/09 - 119.9" Season total this year through 3/9/10 - 83.3"
Ellsworth Season totals last year through 2/28/09 - 157.3" Season total this year through 3/9/10 - 79.2"	Gaylord Season totals last year through 2/28/09 - 163.0" Season total this year through 3/9/10 - 78.5"

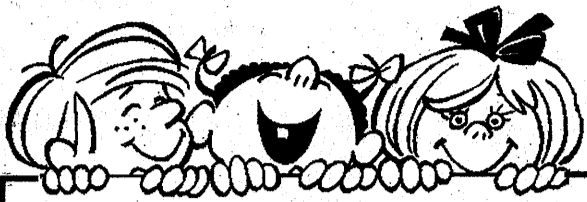
The Snowfall totals for last year are for the season through the end of the Month. Totals for this year are through the date indicated.

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LOCAL NEWS

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Concord Boyne hosts Kindergarten Roundup

BOYNE CITY – Concord Academy Boyne, a tuition-free public Charter school, is holding its Kindergarten Roundup on Tuesday, April 20.

School administrators ask parents to take this opportunity to visit the school, have their child individually tested, and meet with the teacher. Concord Academy Boyne is committed to excellence with small class sizes. The school offers education in conjunction

with the fine arts. Elementary students, K-4, learn music through the Orff method which helps students develop their natural sense of rhythm and melody through speech, movement and instrument playing. This method helps students use both sides of their brain to achieve their optimal potential.

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BC-Charlevoix Rd.

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met Monday, March 22 to review the bids and approve the May 3 reconstruction date. The road commission requires that the project be completed by July 30. The board of county commissioners meets to review the project with Harmon on Wednesday, March 24.

The tireless efforts of residents and public interest groups have resulted in the project's commencement of road improvements.

Two bids came in for the project, both of which were under the road commission engineer's estimate. A bid of \$874,394.06 was received from Payne & Dolan of Gaylord. The other bid was from Reith-Riley of Petoskey for \$935,808.70.

Harmon said the road commission board will also likely take action on the Peninsula Road this year. Bids will be opened on April 2 in Lansing, Harmon said.

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Boyne City Police Dept. Incident Report

Tuesday, March 16, 2010

2:50am Checked business in the 200 block of S Lake St. Lights were on but building was secure.
 7:29am Citation issued for improper passing/lane use on Lake St near Water St
 4:20pm Responded to the 300 block of E Division for a civil dispute over loan.
 8:25pm Responded to civil dispute in the 500 block of N Lake St.
 9:26pm Responded to residential alarm in the 400 block of Front St. All OK

Wednesday, March 17, 2010

2:47pm Report of wallet stolen from vehicle while parked in the 200 block of N Lake St
 4:24pm Received driving and noise complaint in the vicinity of Collings and Jefferson Streets.

Thursday, March 18, 2010

12:00am 2 males arrested for MIP in the 300 block of E Division St
 4:22am Report of loud music coming from car in the 900 block of Second St.
 6:04am Responded to civil dispute over property in the 600 block of Adams St
 9:48am Officer responded for civil standby in the 600 block of Adams St
 10:11am Investigating complaint of CSC 4th degree
 11:49am VIN inspection of motorcycle
 4:25pm Retail fraud complaint from the 100 block of E Water St. 11 year old suspect located.
 6:35pm Unlock in the 300 block of E Division St
 9:00pm Assisted other agencies with search warrant.
 9:56pm Removed cone from roadway in the 500 block of N Park St

Friday, March 19, 2010

2:09pm Officer responded to the 300 block of Silver St for property damage report
 6:19pm Report of vehicle with an improper plate parked in the 400 block of N Lake St. Plate was valid.
 7:37pm Report of several girls lying in the road in the 400 block of E Lincoln. Were gone on arrival.
 10:51pm Assisted Sheriff Dept with OWI stop at Lake and State Streets.

Saturday, March 20, 2010

12:12am Lodge stray dog at shelter
 11:00am Attempted to locate subject for East Jordan PD in the 600 block of W Court St
 11:15am 2 unlocks in the 300 block of E Division St
 4:30pm Parking complaint reported in the 400 block of N Lake St
 9:21pm Unlocked vehicle in the 1300 block of Boyne Av
 10:14pm 911 hang up from the 400 block of E Main St. All was OK, just a misdial
 10:56pm Handicap parking violation in the 400 block of N Lake St. Subject was located and moved vehicle
 11:04pm Report of subjects smoking marijuana on the 600 block of Adams St. Made contact with subjects, was not able to detect any signs of marijuana.

Sunday, March 21, 2010

12:49am Report of female entering house unwelcomed in the 200 block of Vogel St.
 1:08am Report of male in dark clothing going through vehicle in the 700 block of Line St. Unable to locate.
 11:05am Female calling from the 600 block of Lewis concerned about welfare of a child.
 12:55pm Responded to alarm in the 800 block of S Park St. All OK.
 3:10pm Skateboarders making ramps in parking lot at Peninsula Beach.
 5:30pm Female calling from the 700 block of Wenonah because subject would not leave her residence. Left when she called 911.
 7:34pm Report of trailer hitch missing from

POLICE BEAT

the 800 block of N Lake St
 10:42pm Dog missing from the 100 block of E Main St St. Located and returned to owner.

Monday, March 22, 2010

12:23pm Call from the 100 block of Boyne Av concerned for welfare of a child.
 1:53pm Salvage vehicle inspection
 5:14pm Report of water leaking from manhole cover at Jefferson and Bailey Streets.
 8:30pm Arrested female for OWI on N Lake St

East Jordan Police Dept. Incident Report

March 12, 2010

10:06 – Keys locked in vehicle in parking lot of Library, vehicle unlocked
 17:15 – Report of subjects burning brush at residence on Mill St, advised subjects of Ordinance and they put it out
 17:25 – Traffic stop on Fifth St near Nicholls ST for defective brake light
 17:44 – Traffic stop on State St near Maple St for defective brake light
 18:40 – Parking Violation on Main St near Garfield St
 19:04 – Out on PR at High School for District basketball game
 20:00 – Suspicious vehicle in front of business on S Lake St
 20:15 – Traffic stop on State ST near City Limits for excessive speed
 20:45 – Traffic stop on Bridge St near Water St for driving w/o headlights

March 13, 2010

02:21 – Report of barking dog at residence on Division St near Seventh St
 12:20 – 911 hang up from payphone at Glen's, checked and all was okay
 12:55 – Littering complaint at residence on Esterly St near Fifth St
 17:01 – Assist citizen at PD w/child exchange
 17:09 – Keys locked in vehicle on Main St near Esterly St, vehicle unlocked
 17:14 – Suspicious situation on Griffin Rd
 17:25 – Report of stray dog RAL in area of Maple St near State St, UTL
 21:11 – Report of dog RAL in area of State St near Manning Dr, subjects were going to take it to Shelter

March 14, 2010

03:30 – Report of disturbance on Third St near Williams St
 07:50 – Subject requested extra patrol in area of Utility Ln for dirt bikes racing around
 09:10 – Traffic stop on Water St near City Limits for excessive speed
 13:50 – Report of subjects burning on Circle Dr
 16:26 – Driving Violation on Echo St near Water St
 16:28 – Traffic stop on Mill St near Main St for defective brake light
 17:05 – Subject arrested on warrants
 20:57 – Report of threats being made over telephone
 21:00 – Indecent exposure on Main St near Esterly St

March 15, 2010

11:52 – Minor in possession of tobacco at High School
 12:01 – Report of dog RAL in area of Wilson St near State St
 16:20 – Subject requested Rotary Skate Park be unlocked
 16:43 – Traffic stop on Water St near City Limits for excessive speed
 19:40 – Family dispute at residence on Water St, matter resolved
 21:55 – Found open door at bldg on Main St

March 16, 2010

00:40 – Assisted CXSH w/ traffic stop on Water St near City Limits
 01:31 – Found open door on Main St.
 02:50 – Found open door at business on Main St
 10:40 – Suspicious situation on Main St near Esterly St

15:01 – Did civil stand by at residence on Maple St near Circle Dr
 17:40 – Request for extra patrol in area of Elm St and Ash St for vehicle that exceeded speed limit
 20:08 – Traffic stop on Water St near City Limits for excessive speed

March 17, 2010

04:50 – Suspicious vehicle on Division St near Olson St
 08:59 – Civil stand at residence on Division St near Olson St
 12:55 – Assisted EMS at residence on Manning Dr
 13:37 – Assist CXSH on N M-66 near Lord Rd
 13:47 – Report of loud music coming from Manning Dr,
 15:53 – Report of loud music coming from area of Manning Dr/Park Dr
 19:05 – Report of incorrigible juvenile on State St
 20:08 – Report of subjects burning on Echo St

March 18, 2010

01:18 – 911 hang up from residence on Vance St
 04:34 – Report of disturbance at residence on S Lake St
 08:33 – Report of retail fraud at business on Water St
 10:37 – Assist CXSH at PD
 11:09 – Issued gun permit to subject at PD
 11:10 – Issued gun permit to subject at PD
 11:30 – Assist C XSH w/traffic stop on Water St near Elizabeth St
 15:15 – Report of vehicle passing school bus on Maple St near Bennett St
 19:20 – Subjects trespassing at Family Dollar
 20:30 – Lock Rotary Skate Park
 20:45 – Lock Community Park

Charlevoix County Sheriff's Department

March 15-21, 2010

COMPLAINT	NUMBER HANDLED
911 Hang Up Call	7
Abandoned Vehicle	1
Alarm	8
Animal Complaint	25
Assault	5
Assist Motorist	3
Assist Other Agency	8
Attempt to Locate	2
Breaking & Entering	2
Car/Deer Accident	10
Citations Issued	14
Civil Complaint	2
Disturbance	1
Domestic Dispute	1
Fraud	6
Health & Safety	2
Hit & Run	2
Juvenile	3
Larceny	3
Lockout	8
Malicious Destruction of Property	3
Noise Complaint	1
Paper Service	12
Private Property Accident	1
Property Check	11
Property Damage Accident	2
Road Hazard	10
Suspicious Situation	4
Traffic Stop	57
Trespassing	3
Violation of a Controlled Substance Act	6
Assist Citizen	4
Intoxicated Person	1
Annoyance	2
Threat	1

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY RECORDS MARCH 25, 2010

DISTRICT COURT

The following cases were recently decided in the 90th District Court for the County of Charlevoix:

Justin John Russell, 35, Charlevoix. Driving without security. Sentenced to pay \$365 in fines and costs.

Jacob I. Aglow, 21, Charlevoix. Driving without security. Sentenced to pay \$200 in fines and costs.
 Peter John Lyons, 65, Boyne

City. Driving while impaired. Sentenced to pay \$980 in fines and costs and to 41 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, 10 days of community service work and one year on probation.

David Matthew Lashuay, 31, Waters. Larceny. Sentenced to pay \$850 in fines and costs and to 365 days in jail with credit for 87 days, 228 days held in abeyance and 18 months on probation.

Purl Jacob Leazier, 40, Boyne City. Driving while impaired. Sentenced to pay \$1,480 in fines

and costs and to 93 days in jail with credit for 21 days, serve nine days, 53 days held in abeyance, 30 days on electronic monitor, 10 days of community service work and one year on probation.

Joshua David Gardner, 25, Boyne City. Stalking. Sentenced to pay \$750 in fines and costs and to 365 days in jail with credit for two days, serve seven days, 341 days held in abeyance, 15 days of community service work and one year on probation.

Suann Renee Hefflinger, 43, Port Clinton Ohio. Domestic vio-

lence. Sentenced to pay \$1,000 in fines and costs and to 93 days in jail with credit for one day, 92 days held in abeyance and one year on probation.

David Matthew Lashuay, 31, Waters. Larceny. Sentenced to pay \$850 in fines and costs and to serve 365 days in jail with credit for 87 days, 228 days held in abeyance and 18 months on probation.

John Allen Napier, 43, Boyne City. Driving without license on person. Sentenced pay \$200 in fines and costs.

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TRAVEL

SPRINGBREAK in Michigan

By Jim Akans

Maybe it's a visit to a time-tested destination, such as Greenfield Village, Frankenmuth, or the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Library and Museum. Or how about lesser known but equally fascinating spots such as the Air Zoo in Kalamazoo, The Antique Toy and Firehouse Museum in Bay City, or the Ann Arbor Hands-On Science Museum? Perhaps a quaint bed & breakfast experience or a leisurely stay at resort featuring fabulous restaurants, swimming and spa facilities fits your fancy?

Spring Break is upon us, but before packing up the family and spending a lot of hard earned cash making a hectic, whirlwind trek to a tropical target (and praying for good weather), why not take a look at the thousands of great opportunities that await right here at home, in our wonderful state of Michigan.

"Pure Michigan's" official travel and tourism web site (www.michigan.org) offers information regarding a huge number of ways to enjoy our fascinating home state, including links to bed & breakfasts, historic inns, outdoor recreational venues, and exciting places to visit. It's easy to explore a host of Spring Break options based on your desired city target or area of interest, and the hundreds of possibilities presented in every category are simply astounding.

"This is a great time to explore Michigan," states Nancy Cain, AAA Michigan spokesperson. "Winter is finally winding down but we don't have the crowds of the summer season to contend with yet. It is also the time of year where many resorts and

hotels are offering special rates. We have been seeing a trend where families are traveling together with their friends, which not only allows them to share the fun, they can also consolidate on some of their travel expenses."

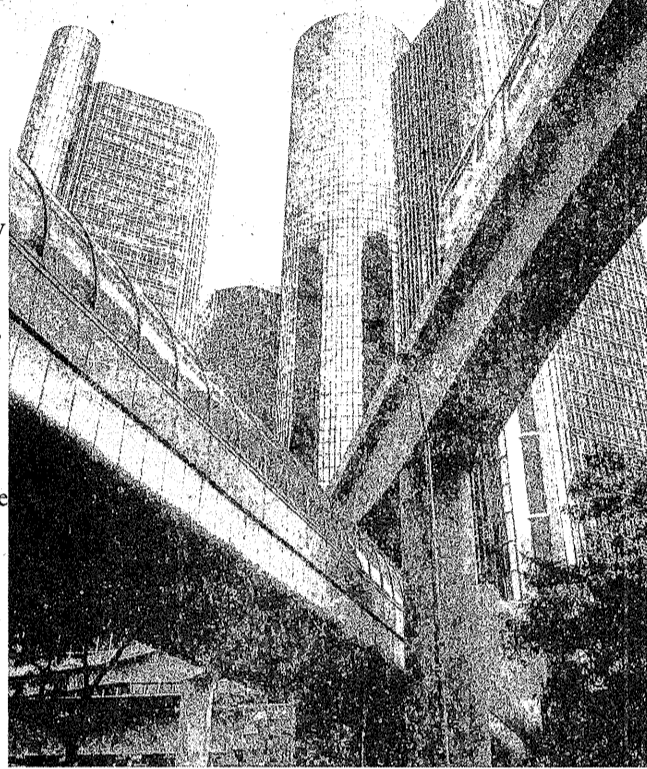
In addition to offering insightful information about Michigan travel destinations, the AAA web site (www.aaa.com) provides handy road construction and gas pricing updates. You don't have to be a AAA member to find lots of information on the site about the state, places to go, as well as a look at our history.

Another way to check up on the status of Michigan gasoline prices is to visit www.michiganprices.com, part of the over 200 live gasoline price-tracking websites in the Gas Buddy network. The good news for Spring Break road warriors is that Patrick DeHaan, GasBuddy.com Senior Petroleum Analyst, doesn't see much change in fuel prices coming before summer.

"While in my opinion oil prices are still overvalued," observes Patrick DeHaan, "we will most likely only see a slight rise to about \$3 per gallon by Memorial Day and the next real concern will be in July or August when the hurricane season hits." He adds that plenty of spare refining capacity and lower gasoline demand than in years prior should keep gasoline prices from rising to record highs.

That's good, because the many wonderful entertainment and cultural options available right here in Michigan only increase as spring and summer ig-

Why Not Enjoy Exciting Cultural, Recreational and Leisure Opportunities While Supporting Our State Economy



nite with a plethora of festivals around the state.

"Local festivals are a great way to experience the flavor of Michigan communities," notes AAA's Nancy Cain. "It's also fun to just go out shopping for the weekend or visit one of the many casinos in our state. There is so much to do, it isn't necessary to hop on a plane this Spring Break. It's easy to have fun and keep your money right here in Michigan."

DDA

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\$400,000, but the Main Street board decreased the amount.

Commissioner Ron Grunch said if the hotel is removed from DDA-Main Street funding, the developers who want to restore it would miss out on grant opportunities.

The Wolverine Dilworth Hotel is on the National Register of Historic Places. It was built in 1911.

On a motion, city commissioners adopted renewal for the DDA-Main Street Program for another 15 years.

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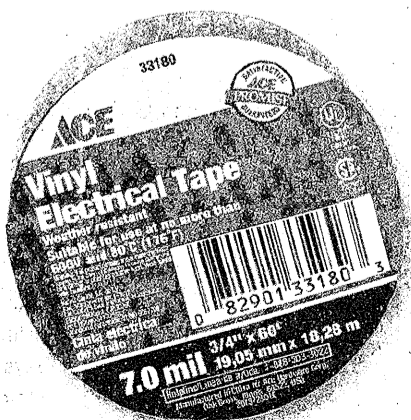
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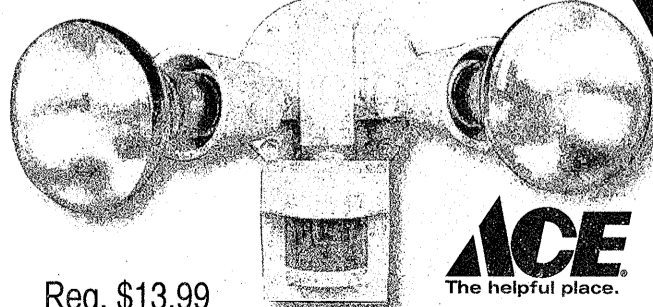
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Don't Miss "Oklahoma" at Boyne City Performing Arts Center

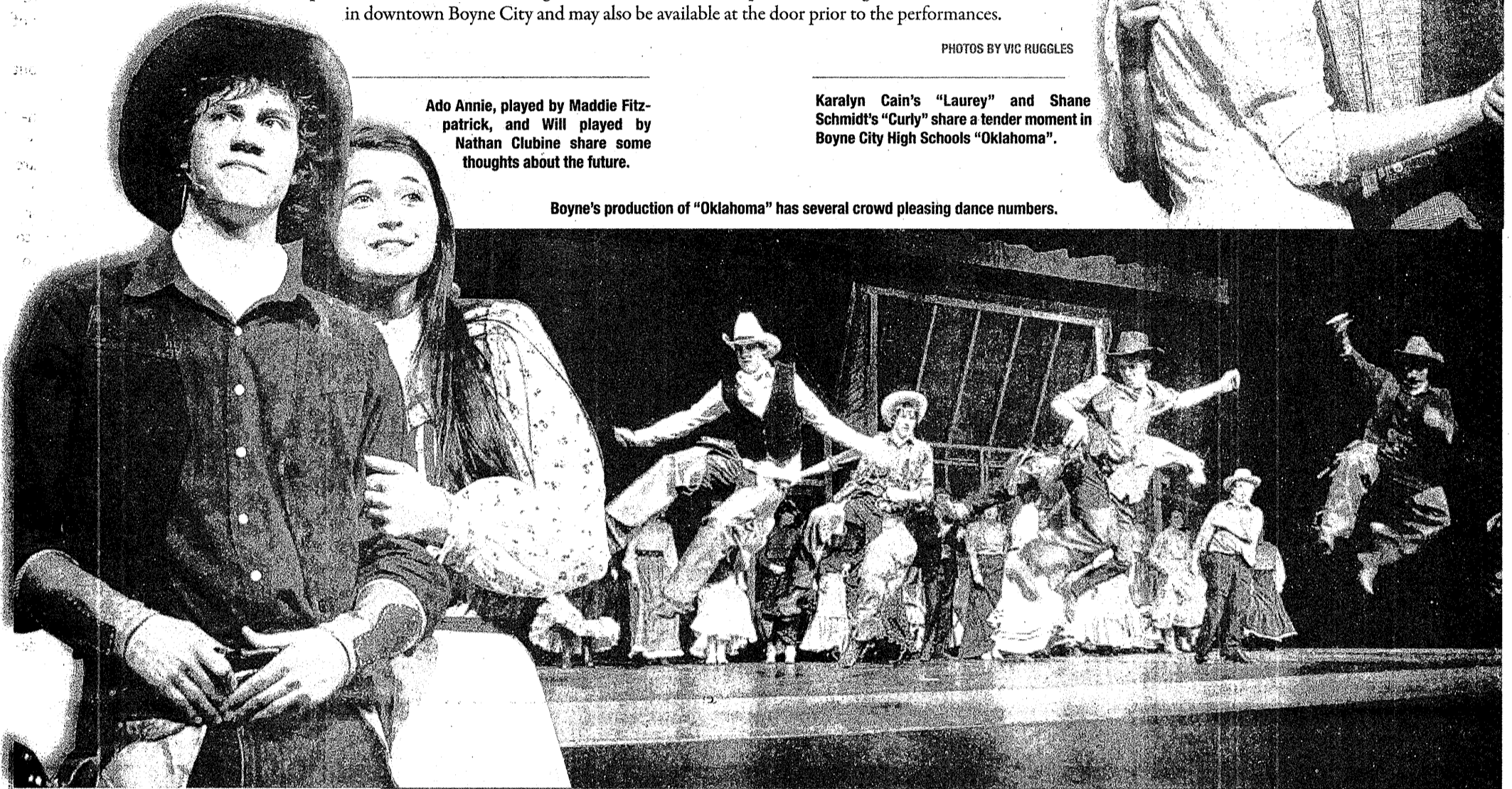
The Boyne City High School Drama Department is putting a fresh new look on a classic Americana musical; Oklahoma. Opening to rave reviews last weekend, two additional shows will take place at the Performing Arts Center on March 26th and 27th starting at 7 pm. Tickets, which are \$5 for regular admission and \$10 for preferred seating, are available at Local Flavor in downtown Boyne City and may also be available at the door prior to the performances.

PHOTOS BY VIC RUGGLES

Ado Annie, played by Maddie Fitzpatrick, and Will played by Nathan Clubine share some thoughts about the future.

Karalyn Cain's "Laurey" and Shane Schmidt's "Curly" share a tender moment in Boyne City High Schools "Oklahoma".

Boyne's production of "Oklahoma" has several crowd pleasing dance numbers.



EAST JORDAN

Students Present

"A Little Shop of Horrors"

at East Jordan Community Auditorium

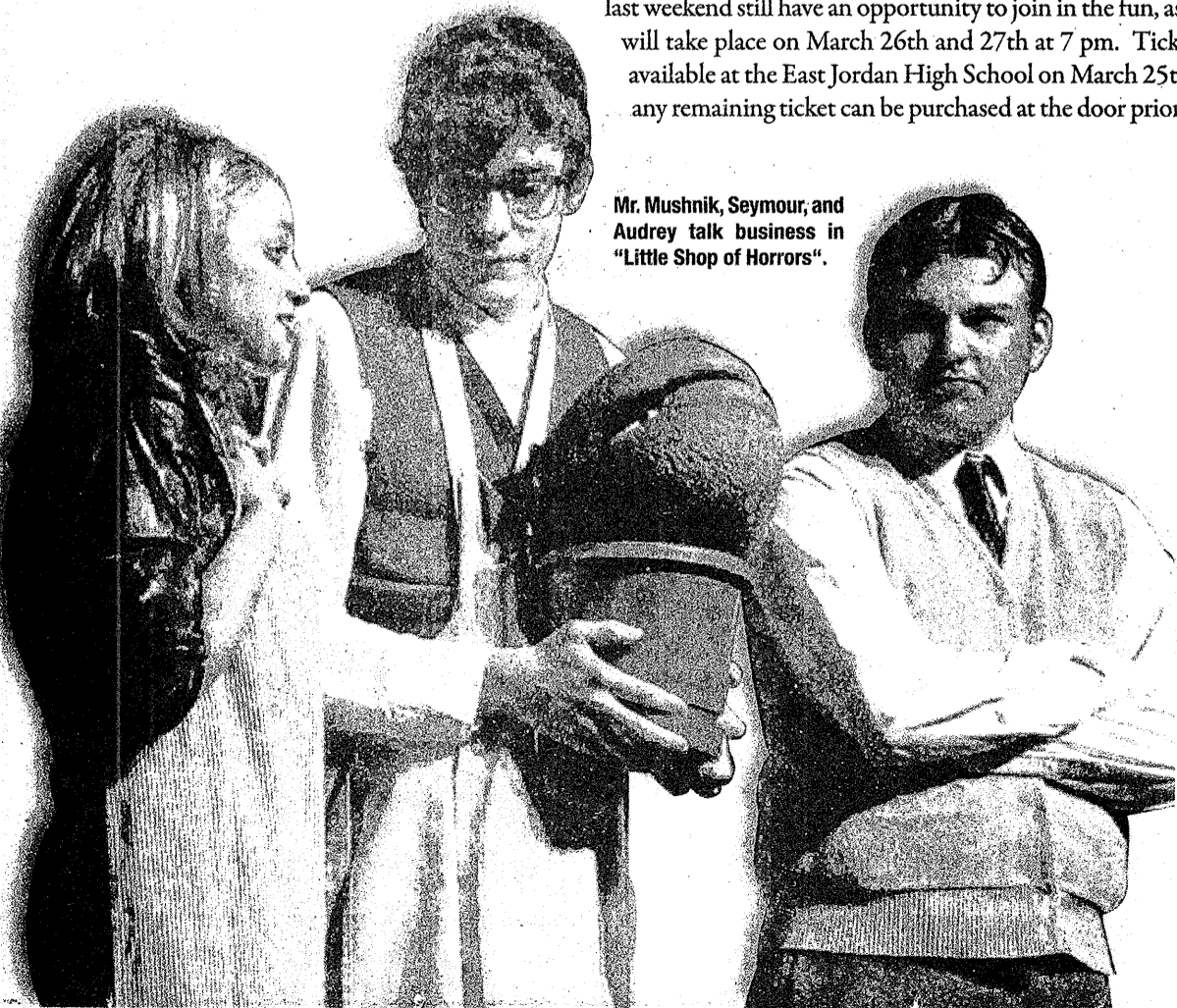
East Jordan senior, Josh Rathbun (Seymour Krelborn), holds a very unusual variety of Venus Flytrap in a scene from "Little Shop of Horrors".



"A Little Shop of Horrors" enjoyed a terrific opening weekend on March 19th and 20th at the East Jordan High School Community Auditorium. Those who missed the student's presentation of this modern classic last weekend still have an opportunity to join in the fun, as encore performances will take place on March 26th and 27th at 7 pm. Tickets are \$3 and will be available at the East Jordan High School on March 25th from 4 to 7 pm, and any remaining ticket can be purchased at the door prior to each performance.

PHOTOS BY VIC RUGGLES

Mr. Mushnik, Seymour, and Audrey talk business in "Little Shop of Horrors".



Ethically challenged Orin Scrivello, D.D.S., played by Mathew Bourdo demonstrates one of his favorite if somewhat antiquated tools in a scene from "Little Shop of Horrors".



LOCAL NEWS

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A Truck Driver is running for Allen's seat in State Senate

Conservative activist Randy Bishop has announced he will seek the Republican Party nomination to succeed term-limited Senator Jason Allen in the eight-county 37th Senate District.

Bishop, known by many within conservative circles as "Trucker Randy," is running on a common-sense platform of limited government and transforming Michigan's economy to bring new businesses and those jobs to the main streets across Northern and Upper Michigan.

To help create jobs, Bishop would replace the state's personal income tax

and most of the business taxes with the Michigan FairTax (<http://mifairtax.org>). He would also make Michigan competitive with 25 other states by passing Right-to-Work laws.

"We need to take on the unions in this state and become a Right-to-Work state," said Bishop. "We need lesser government involvement in our lives, new businesses and companies providing more jobs to compete for our labor, which will create jobs at higher wages and benefits. The people of our State need more money in their pockets."

Bishop also supports limiting the Legislature to part-time operating status and reducing the salaries of state elected officials and administration appointees. Bishop said he decided to run because many people came up to him and told him, "We want you to run, it's time we send a common sense Truck Driver to Lansing!"

The 37th Senate District covers Antrim, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Chippewa, Emmet, Grand Traverse, Mackinac and Presque Isle counties. The primary election is August 3.

WORD ON THE STREET

by Mitch MacKay

OF HUMAN BONDAGE The Prison Dilemma

Charlevoix County Commissioners voted unanimously to send a recommendation to Lansing that prison sentences not be shortened by good time behavior allowance, with primary logic being that persons involved directly in conviction and sentencing would not be consulted when shortening of prison time is deliberated. In other words the judge, prosecutor and victims have no say in this resolution.

That's a valid presentiment since the persons deciding the leniency for prisoners do not necessarily have the background information as to severity of crimes other than that which is stated on conviction records; they have only behavioral statistics to judge by. In the totalitarian environment of prison, compliance with regulations is usually accomplished by strict enforcement, sometimes even barbaric treatment, inasmuch as to infer that most prisoners would rather have some amenities than none and therefore toe the line in enfilade formation, thereby disguising true motives and proclivities.

Well meaning antagonists of freeing prisoners earlier than the Truth in Sentencing guidelines proscribe, i.e. minimal sentencing time served before parole possibility, may not take into consideration the rest of the story of actual crime, the investigation, the arrest, interrogation, witness identification, testimonies, evidence and evidence gathering procedures, police reports, evidentiary hearings, pre-trial proceedings, prosecutorial piling on of charges, judicial inclination and error, police manipulation and withholding of evidence, and any other influential means and tactics that have recently come to light in the plethora of wrongful convictions and railroading of defendants through the system for sake of closing cases and clearing the dockets. Most of these persons decrying early re-

lease do not know the whole story and resist awareness of it, perhaps also disregarding the financial burden for all of us.

House of Representatives Bills 4497 and 4499 seek to alleviate overcrowding and overspending on prisons while following the increasing sentiment that non-violent offenders need not be corralled with the real bad guys. Essentially the economy has brought this impasse to the surface that we all may analyze it. Proactive Tough On Crime protagonists naturally utilize the more sensational cases as their verification rhetoric but clearly, if one studies the statistics, many crimes are of the slippery slope kind in which persons are caught in sting operations of various types and fall into the vacuum of mandatory sentencing laws based upon point systems that do not consider individual cases but have sought to homogenize penitence.

Police State as epithet has been heard nationwide for several decades as the jails and prisons overflowed. But it's economy that will surrogate as moral and ethical compass. We've been supporting prisons when we can't afford to pay for education. As above so below, we can't afford to pay for universal health care but we pay for two wars and 700 military installations worldwide, bail out financial institutions, auto manufacturers, and reward military industrialists with contracts for weaponry and transportation.

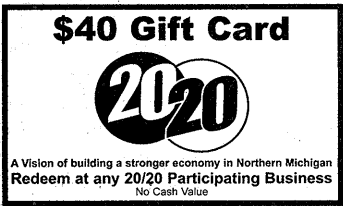
The accent is upon militarism in either case, whether local or global, that is, control and elitist thinking. This is the fulcrum inherent in this debate, that of socio-political stratification. Proponents of lightening up on the heavy-handed approach may display some naivety or overly compassionate liberalism just as the inverse coterie may observe dispassionate conservatism. The balance, nonetheless, is being adjusted by the preponderant leverage of economics. None can deny the exigency of this. In the Michigan economy it is hardly surprising to see which ideology is winning.

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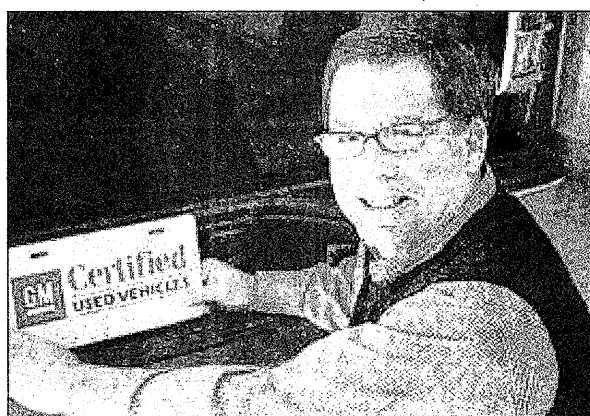


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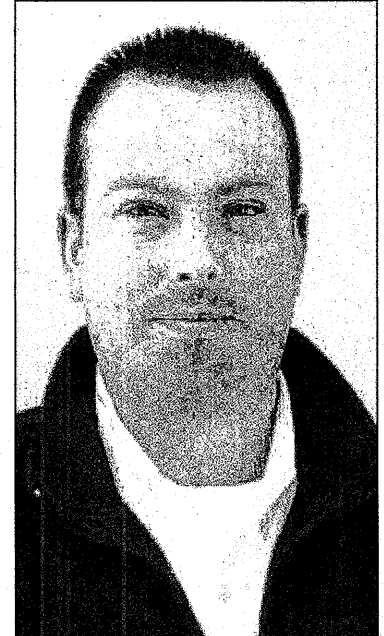
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NEWS IN BRIEF

EAST JORDAN

Community Wide Forum

The city of East Jordan invites the community to share your ideas about goals for the city. A citywide forum will be held March 24 at the Civic Center. Your input is needed, food will be provided. Let's discuss together the goals for the city of East Jordan.

BOYNE CITY

Starting a Business

Classes are held monthly by the Northern Lakes Economic Alliance. The next class will be held at 6 p.m. March 24 at the Boyne District Library. The fee is \$20 and you must pre-register by calling 582-6482 or emailing info@northernlakes.net. NLEA and its partners also offer a number of business training workshops.

EAST JORDAN

Students perform Little Shop of Horrors

Little Shop of Horrors will be performed on March 26, 27 at 7:00 p.m. and March 21 at 3:00 p.m. in the Community Auditorium at East Jordan High School. Tickets are \$3.00 each. Pre-sale tickets will be available at E.J.H.S. on March 13 from 11am - 1pm. They will also be on sale March 15-18 and March 22-25 from 4-7 p.m. at the high school. Any remaining tickets will be sold at the door.

BOYNE CITY

Oklahoma

Attend the Boyne City High School Spring Musical "Oklahoma" at the Performing Arts Center, March 26-27 (new dates) at 7pm

EAST JORDAN

Get Your Green Road Sign

East Jordan Middle School and High School Girl Scout Troop #100364 is teaming up with the East Jordan Ambulance and East Jordan

Fire Department to get the green 911 signs up. For more information contact Connie Roberts at 536-7195.

ELLSWORTH

Fish on Friday at the Front Porch

The Front Porch Café will be hosting a Fish Dinner on Friday, March 26 from 5 to 7pm. Baked Fish, Slow, Red-Skinned Potatoes, Vegetable Medley a Beverage and Dessert will be offered by free will donation. Proceeds go toward paying off the mortgage so that The Front Porch may continue its mission to feed community; body and soul. The Front Porch is a non-profit community café located at 9235 Main Street in Ellsworth. For more information, call 231-588-2000 or go to www.frontporchellsworth.org.

EAST JORDAN

Maple Syrup Festival

Saturday, March 27, 10 am-3 pm- 8TH ANNUAL MAPLE SYRUP FESTIVAL. Join us at the Wagbo Farm for our annual family event to celebrate Maple Syrup! Pancake breakfast served all day with real Wagbo Maple Syrup and locally produced sausage and bacon. Music, sleigh rides out to the sugar bush, syrup tasting, pancake flipping contests and more plus view maple syrup being made in our sugar shack! All food and activities are included for one price! Cost \$10 of adults, \$5 for children, \$28 for a family, 3 and under are free. No pre-registration required. For more info, call 231-536-0333, or visit <http://WagboPeaceCenter.blogspot.com>.

BOYNE CITY

New European bistro will be named Santé

"As-yet-unnamed" no longer! Magnum Hospitality is thrilled to "toast" the name of their European-themed bistro, Santé, scheduled to open in late May or early June at the One Water project in downtown Boyne City. According to Magnum's

website, "The thrill comes from finally having the naming process over - this was tougher than naming any of our children! "À votre santé!" translates from the French to "To your health!", and is commonly shortened to "à la votre!" or "Santé!". It is used in similar fashion to our "Cheers!", the German "Prost!", Spanish "Salud!", or Italian "Salute!" Whether it is a special occasion or the celebration of another day, Santé! will be the place to raise a glass in appreciation of good friends, family, health and life. The new café will feature artisan pizzas baked in a wood-fired oven and classic fare from all of Europe..... Santé!

CHARLEVOIX

Blood Drive

There will be an American Red Cross Blood Drive at Charlevoix Area Hospital on Tuesday, March 30, 2010 from 10am until 4pm. Every two seconds someone in America needs blood, but only five percent of the eligible U.S. population donates blood in any given year. And, there is no substitute for human blood. The Red Cross collects nearly half (45 percent) of the nation's blood supply, providing more than 14 million blood products to some 3,000 hospitals nationwide. Making a donation is quick and easy—taking about an hour—and a single blood donation can help up to three people. To be eligible to donate blood, an individual needs to be at least 17 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds and be in general good health. Please call Kathy Jacobsen RN today to schedule your appointment at 231-547-8906.

CHARLEVOIX

Hospital plans blood drive

There will be an American Red Cross Blood Drive at Charlevoix Area Hospital on Tuesday, March 30 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Making a donation is quick and easy, taking about an hour, and a single blood donation can help up to three people. To be eligible to donate blood, an individual

needs to be at least 17 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds and be in general good health. Call Kathy Jacobsen RN to schedule your appointment at 547-8906.

STATEWIDE

Scholarship Opportunity!

Michigan Retailers Association has launched its scholarship competition for the 2010-11 school year. While the exact number of scholarships has not yet been set, it is expected to award at least 30 \$1000 scholarships. The awards are not based on financial need. To be eligible, the student or his/her parent must be employed at a business that is a member of the Michigan Retailers Association. To learn more about this opportunity, students may call the Michigan Retailers Association at 800-366-3699. Applications must be requested by March 15 and submitted by April 1.

BOYNE CITY

Easter Egg Hunt

Double up on an Easter Egg Hunt April 3 & 4. Young State Park is hosting a hunt April 3 that starts at 11am for children ages 1-10. Enjoy a bon fire as well as hot cocoa and cookies. Easter Sunday children can head to Veteran's Park at 2 pm for an Easter Egg Hunt.

CHARLEVOIX

Chamber Scholarship Opportunity!

Attention all 2010 High School Graduates! The Charlevoix Chamber of Commerce will be awarding a 2010 Charlevoix area graduate a \$500 scholarship. Applications must be received no later than April 1, 2010 at 5pm. For more information, contact the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce at manager@charlevoix.org or 231-547-2101.

CHARLEVOIX

Varicose Vein Screening

There will be a free varicose vein screening by Dr. Marc Lame on April 15 from 4-7pm at the Charlevoix Surgeons Office at 14695 Park Ave in Charlevoix, Michigan. Please call 231-547-2812 to schedule an appointment

BOYNE FALLS

Chefs Challenge

3rd annual Chefs Challenge at Boyne Mountain, April 23-25 is now accepting unique Michigan products and the opportunity for local chefs to bring home the "Chefs Challenge" bragging rights. If you would like to participate with a booth or to enjoy the show visit www.chefs-challenge.com

EAST JORDAN

Roller Skating

Enjoy roller skating at the Harvest Barn Church - Noon-3pm - 3-18 year old \$5.00 every Saturday until April 10, 2010

BOYNE FALLS

Char-Em Poverty Reduction Initiative

If your business looking for qualified workers to fill job openings? You'll find them at the job fair as part of an Opportunity Conference on April 23, at Boyne Mountain Civic Center, Boyne Falls. If you are interested in being part of the job fair from 12-1:30pm on April 23, please contact Jim Rummer at 231-547-9947. There is a \$25 registration fee for your business booth. The Char-Em Poverty Reduction Initiative sponsors the Opportunity Conference. For more information about the conference, visit char-empri.org.

BOYNE CITY

Dental clinic offices coming to One Water Street

A statewide dental services organization, Michigan Community Dental Clinics, Inc. has announced its commitment to occupy the entire second floor of the new One Water commercial business space currently under development in downtown Boyne City. Occupancy is expected in late June or early July. Phase I of the One Water project, which is an undertaking of Catt Development, will include a selection of small retail shops along with Magnum Hospitality's new restaurant, Santé, which will have a European Bistro theme. In addition there will be a state-of-the-art 24-slip marina, operated this year by the Boyne City Municipal Marina. Phase II of the development, scheduled to break ground in the fall of this year, will round out the new marina district of Boyne City with a 37-room hotel that will include 17 beautifully appointed condominium suites overlooking Lake Charlevoix. Michigan Community Dental Clinics, a 501(c)3 not-for-profit dental services corporation, operates 17 public health dental clinics statewide, serving people on Medicaid and low-income uninsured individuals at reduced rates. MCDC facilitates the development of dental facilities for local health departments, and operates the clinics on their behalf. With a total staff of over 160, which includes 46 dentists, 28 dental hygienists, and over 80 auxiliary staff, Michigan Community Dental Clinics served more than 50,000 individuals in 2009. The administrative staff in Boyne will number about 20 in July, and will grow over time with continued growth of the clinic network. The organization expects to add three new clinics to its network in 2010.

ELLSWORTH

Pig Roast Seeks Volunteers

This year Ellsworth celebrates its 30th Annual Pig Roast June 17 through 20. The Pig Roast is the town's annual celebration of food, family and fun. Most events are offered free or at low cost and a delicious roast pork lunch is available at a bargain price. The continued success of the event reflects the excellent support it receives from sponsors and volunteers. The 2010 Pig Roast Committee is now seeking volunteers and sponsors for this year's event. You can give of your time for a couple of hours, or donate a homemade dessert. You can be a

brochure or event sponsor. Whatever you are able to give is always most welcome. Please contact Alana Haley at 231-588-6391 or alanahaley@yahoo.com to volunteer or to find out about sponsorship opportunities.

EAST JORDAN

Sno-Mobilers Club Breakfast

Enjoy breakfast every Sunday morning from 7am - Noon, Mt Bliss Rd. Sponsored by the East Jordan Sno-Mobilers Club

NORTHERN MICHIGAN

20/20 Project Kicks Off

Northern Michigan residents can begin to turn the economy around by registering for the 20/20 Project. The initiative is a commitment to support local, independently owned businesses and local non-profit organizations. Registration is free. To jump start the program, Northern Michigan residents can purchase a \$40 gift card for half price (\$20) to be used at participating merchants. Use the registration form inside this paper or e-mail Dave Baragrey at Office@Charlevoix-CountyNews.com.

ELLSWORTH

A Night with Chef Pete Peterson

The House on the Hill Bed and Breakfast Inn proudly presents a night with Chef Pete Peterson (of Tapawingo Restaurant) Saturday, April 17th, 2010 Check in is at 3:00 pm Dinner served at 7:00pm Total package price: \$250 per room (double occupancy). Includes: One night lodging at HOH (for two) Four course dinner (for two) Three course breakfast on Sunday (for two) For one night only, we will bring back the tastes of Tapawingo Make your reservations by calling HOH (231) 588-6304 <http://www.thehouseonthehill.com/location:9661+Lake+Street,+Ellsworth,+MI+49729>

CHARLEVOIX

Freedom From Smoking Clinic

Charlevoix Area Hospital along with the American Lung Association wants to help you quit smoking. If you have reached the point where you are ready to be free from smoking this program will provide support, guidance and advice to help you reach your goal. This 8 session, 7-week program, conducted at Charlevoix Area Hospital beginning April 19 and ending June 7, 2010. Classes will be held on Mondays (excluding Memorial Day) from 5-6 pm in classroom B. There is no charge for this program. Let this be YOUR year to be Free From Smoking. Call 231-547-8672 or send an e-mail to mhines@cah.org and register today.

BOYNE CITY

Tribute to Benny Goodman

The Performing Arts Center presents the Harry Goldson Sextet 100th Anniversary Tribute to Benny Goodman at 7:30 P.M. Saturday, April 24. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$6 for students and seniors age 65 and up - available at the door, Local Flavor, Country Now & Then/Up the Lazy River, and the Boyne Area Chamber office. Credit card orders are accepted at the Chamber. The Performing Arts Center is located at Boyne City High School at 1035 Boyne Avenue. Coming on June 12 is The Young Americans annual performance.

CHARLEVOIX


Saturday Family Story Time

Story Time Kickoff Event at the Charlevoix Public Library. Can't make it on Thursday mornings? Try a Story Time on a Saturday morning. Every 2nd Saturday of the month. Families are invited. Guest Laura Pershin Raynor. Laura is a visiting storyteller from Ann Arbor, Michigan. She is a much loved Children's Librarian at the Ann Arbor District Library.

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AVOID CRUISING WITH A BRUISING

A Few Motorcycling Tips for Staying Out of Harm's Way

By Jim Akans

Whether an avid, seasoned rider or a beginner longing to experience the excitement and open-road freedom unique to the motorcycling experience, a firm understanding of some basic safety tips is essential to the prospect of a long, healthy lifetime of two-wheel journeys.

The Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF), an international developer of comprehensive, research-based, rider education and training systems, promotes five primary messages;

- Get trained and licensed.
- Wear protective gear.
- Ride unimpaired by alcohol or drugs.
- Ride within your skill limits.
- Be a lifelong learner by regularly taking refresher rider courses.

MSF also offers many tips for a safer riding experience. The organization's web site (www.msff.org) includes several links featuring free information for rider safety as well as suggestions for helping car or truck drivers in responsibly sharing the roadway with their two-wheeled neighbors.

Visibility is crucial to a motorcyclist's survival. That includes taking steps to assist other motorists in seeing the rider, such as wearing bright



or light colored clothing and/or using reflective strips or decals on the bike and rider, as well as regularly checking mechanical items such as headlights, brake and tail-lights to make sure they are fully functional.

Defensive riding techniques are pro-active measures every driver should employ, regardless of the number of wheels they are riding on. The enhanced maneuverability of a motorcycle versus an automobile offers the motorcyclist a defensive advantage over their four-wheel counterparts, providing the rider understands and can utilize the capabilities of their machine, is on top of their riding skills, and continually monitors road conditions and other potential hazards. MFS promotes a SEE strategy; Search, Evaluate and Execute to increase time and space safety margins.

Protective clothing offers the rider defense against the weather and greatly enhances their protection from sustaining severe injuries

should a mishap occur. A quality, DOT (Department of Transportation) approved helmet, clothing made of leather or other heavy, durable material, over the ankle boots, and gloves are some of the basic riding attire.

Keeping the motorcycle in top mechanical condition, either by having it regularly serviced at a reputable dealer or, for home mechanics, giving the machine a good "once over" a couple of times a month during the riding season, will not only reduce the likelihood of a mechanical breakdown, it will keep a malfunctioning machine out of the riding safety picture.

May is Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month, but safe riders understand that cycling safety starts when their bike is first fired up after a long winter's rest, and continues everyday of the season until the first snow of winter forces them to put their cherished, two-wheeled companion back in storage.

Bipartisan Group Announces Public Transit Plan

LANSING – A bipartisan group of Senate and House lawmakers today unveiled legislation to encourage public-transit-oriented development in Michigan.

The Transit Revitalization and Investment Act (TRAIN) would allow existing economic tools in state law to be used for public transit. The package offers incentives to create walkable, high-density communities, with mixed-use development concentrated around the transit hub.

Sen. Jason Allen, who chairs the Senate Commerce and Tourism Committee, said the TRAIN reforms could play a pivotal role in restoring Michigan's economy.

"It's important that we make wise investments and build toward a more prosperous future," said Allen, R-Traverse City. "For several years, I've had the opportunity to visit cities throughout Michigan and it's important that we revitalize these areas. Mass transit is a key component in any downtown development strategy and this sensible package offers many worthwhile concepts to help us reach that laudable goal."

A number of public transit projects are underway in many communities and this legislative package would help them while encouraging other areas to use public transit to create jobs and spur additional development.

"Transit is an economic engine that supports job creation and smart development," said state Rep. Marie Donigan, D-Royal Oak, a member of the House Transportation Committee. "Transit is also an excellent investment in that it returns at least \$4 in private investment for every dollar spent. Unfortunately, Michigan is lagging far behind other states in transportation and we're paying for it."

Donigan said transit plans are being developed across the state, and land use policies and economic development efforts must be aligned to support them.

"Transit-oriented development will invigorate our communities and get Michigan moving again," Donigan said.

Thanks to the TRAIN package, municipalities could create special authorities to redevelop areas. Once established, these authorities could establish a tax increment finance plan, levy a special assessment, and issue revenue bonds and notes.

Sen. Gilda Jacobs, D-Huntington Woods, said the innovative plan has the potential to help urban areas throughout Michigan.

"This package will allow our communities to be more creative in the ways they fund public transit and can serve as an excellent job creation and job development tool for municipalities of any size," Jacobs said.

Rep. Wayne Schmidt, R-Traverse City, said TRAIN has enormous potential and will help cities and towns across the state as they devise long-term strategies during the ever-changing economy of the 21st century.

"This is another set of tools to create job growth for both urban and rural communities, by including public transit in their planning," Schmidt said.

Short Sales

If you are considering a short sale on your property, you have likely heard all of the horror stories about how long they take, how difficult the banks are to deal with, and just how HARD it is to make them happen, period. Unfortunately, much of that is true, as the banks are streamlining their process for short sales. This is the exact reason you deserve, in fact you

NEED, more than one person who will make this transaction as smooth as possible for you. You need Mike Stark and Sara Schroeder! Neither of them are new to foreclosures or real estate, and both are committed to showing you a level of expertise that you may have believed impossible. Despite the fact that both are successful Realtors and each own their own com-

pany, they have chosen to partner in order to offer homeowners, like yourself, the unprecedented opportunity to work with not just one - but TWO - experts in an effort that affords you the greatest odds off selling your home by using a short sale.

Mike Stark, of Stark Realty, has been involved in the real estate "world" for over 25 years. He started with investment and residential properties, and has specialized in foreclosures for over 5 years. In those 5 years, he has consistently been one of the leaders of the local Realtor Association, with millions of dollars in sales each year and typically leads all Realtors in the area with the number of transactions that he successfully closes each year. Mike has a lot of experience and strengths that are invaluable while attempting to sell your home with a short sale: he knows how banks think, and he knows how buyers think. He can "talk the talk" to a lender - and that strength alone often determines the agent who is successful with closing a short sale - versus the ones who are only successful at attempting them. Mike is well known as a deal-maker and one of the best negotiators around.

Sara Schroeder, owner of Blue Water Realty, has also been specializing in foreclosures and bank-

sale was. She is considered to be well educated on the foreclosure market and an easy person to

work with whether you are an agent, a homebuyer, or a home seller. Sara brings a wealth of experience to her practice as not only a real estate agent, but also as a Registered Nurse and a member of the United States Army. She is well-versed

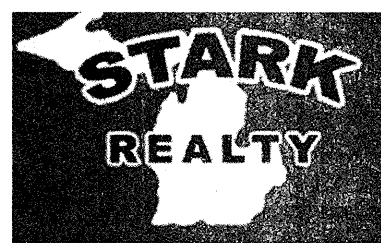
in both working and negotiating with Asset Managers and Lenders, and enjoys the challenge of seeing a short sale transaction from start to finish.

Mike and Sara are working together because they want to bring you the best option available for selling a home that is upside down in value. This is the case where the sum is greater than the parts of the equation and you, the client, will benefit greatest from their decision to work together on this endeavor. We know that there are many agents out there promising to be the best at getting you out of your home with a successful short sale but if you want a team of agents contact us.

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owned real estate for over 10 years. In fact, she was one of the first Brokers in the area to complete Broker Price Opinions, and was also successful in negotiating one of the first short sales back in 2002 - long before most people even knew what a short

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DAVE Says



Dave Ramsey

(don't do it for the gas mileage)

Dear Dave,

Is it worth the trouble to sell my old car now and buy a hybrid or another car that gets better gas mileage? I'm getting mixed advice from my friends on this issue.

Ted
Dear Ted,

Hybrids are a really big deal now, aren't they? Lots of people want to get rid of their \$10,000 cars and buy these \$25,000 cars so they can save on gas. Let's take a closer look at this.

So, you're going to spend \$15,000 extra to save on gas. Did you ever think about how long it will take to get your money back? Let's say you go from averaging 15 miles per gallon to 25 miles per gallon, and you drive 100 miles each week. That will save you about \$10 a week at recent, average gas prices. That means it would take almost 29 years to get your money back in this deal. Does this make sense to you? It sure doesn't to me!

Listen, I'm all about saving money on gas. But people have lost their minds if they think it makes sense to go \$15,000 into debt—or spend \$15,000 cash—to save \$10 a week on this kind of deal. The truth is that a lot of people who do this kind of thing aren't as worried about the environment or saving gas as they are about having that "I'm cool in a hybrid" feeling.

Hybrids are a really new technology and that means they're going to improve rapidly. You don't want to buy a first generation hybrid and then have to go through the pain of trying to sell the thing five years from now. Talk about something that's going to go down in value like a rock!

Now, if you're driving an \$8,000 car that absolutely drinks gas, and you want to sell it and buy some little \$8,000 gas sipper, I'm fine with that. But don't use the gas argument to rationalize buying an expensive new car or even spending a dime more on a different car. Make a lateral move, or better yet a move down in price, and you'll save money from day one!

— Dave

(is there a recommended vacation percentage?)

Dear Dave,

Should you skip vacations when you're getting out of debt? Also, once you're debt-free, is there a rule as to what percentage of your income you should use on vacations?

Carl
Dear Carl,

I think you should put vacations on hold while you're trying to get out of debt. My family and I didn't go on vacation for nearly 10 years while we were getting out of debt. Why? Because we had work to do! We had bills to pay and kids to feed. That's just the way it goes sometimes.

I'm not sure that there's a specific percentage involved on vacation spending. It definitely shouldn't damage your financial foundation, or put you back into debt once you've worked your way out. You don't touch your emergency fund to go on vacation, and you don't stop funding your retirement or saving money so the kids can go to college. You just save up, and pay cash!

In most cases, this kind of plan will almost force your vacation spending to be a reasonable percentage of your income.

— Dave

* For more financial help, please visit daveramsey.com.

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BOYNE CITY Wine tasting

Boyne Country Provisions and Red Mesa Grill are teaming up to sponsor Seasonal Wine Tastings on the second Thursday of each month, from 6 to 8 p.m. and continuing through winter and spring. The tastings will be held on the "back porch" at Red Mesa Grill, 117 Water St., and featuring four wines, one beer and an appetizer buffet for \$10. Ed Brehm, the sommelier from Boyne Country Provisions, will conduct the tastings.

EAST JORDAN

Used Furniture needed Crossroads Ecumenical Resale Shop now has space for large quantities of furniture in good, serviceable condition. The need is great for couches, chairs, beds, dressers, tables, etc. Additional space recently made available to us for larger items will help to increase our sales, which in turn will benefit programs for those in need in our community. Please think of us when you have gently used furniture to donate. Tax deductible receipts are provided. To schedule a donation appointment, please call Crossroads at 231-536-7606.

CHARLEVOIX

April Fashion show

The Charlevoix Area Hospital cancer support group, "The Circle of Strength" is planning its annual Fashion Show from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 24 at the Charlevoix Public Library from 2 to 4 p.m. Donations will be accepted at the door. Proceeds will benefit access to cancer care in the area. Light fare will include hors d'oeuvres by Esperance and chocolate by Kilwin's.

BOYNE CITY

Expo Set for April 29

The Boyne Area Chamber will host its second annual Business Expo and Taste of Boyne from 3 to 7 p.m. Thursday, April 29, at the former Carter's store on M-75 South. This event attracted a crowd of 1,000 people to visit 70 exhibitors last year. To reserve a space contact the chamber at 231-582-6222.

MICHIGAN

Is your business ready for the Smoke-Free Air Law?

On May 1, Michigan residents and visitors will be protected from exposure to secondhand tobacco smoke in all restaurants, bars and workplaces (including hotels and motels), when the Dr. Ron Davis Smoke-free Air Law takes effect. Visit Michigan's Smoke-Free Air Law website for the most up-to-date information about the law, ex-

emptions allowed, frequently asked questions, tools for businesses to prepare for the law, and tobacco dependence treatment information for citizens. If you have questions about the law, you can visit the Health Department of Northwest Michigan's website or call the Tobacco Reduction Coalition Coordinator at 231-347-5832.

PETOSKEY

GO GRANTS Announced

Connecting Women in Business (CWIB), a niche group of the Petoskey Regional Chamber of Commerce, is proud to announce the launch of its GO Grants for Girls. GO Grants, or Girls Outreach Grants, will reach out to young girls in our area who have an idea and passion to try something new. Grants will range from \$100 to \$500, and can be used as resources in any field of endeavor. The purpose of the grants is to provide small grants to girls in grades 6 to 10 in the Char-Em ISD service area of Charlevoix, Emmet and northern Antrim counties. The grants will allow the applicant to pursue a special interest gain or improve a skill, participate in an outdoor experience and more. CWIB encourages applications that will be challenging to the applicant. Girls will be required to work with an adult mentor—a relative outside of the immediate family, teacher, youth pastor, social worker, etc.—who will help them fill out and submit the application, and will work with the girl to help her achieve her dream. The mentor will also work with each girl to submit her final report on her completed activity and what it meant to her. The ideal applicants are girls who have not received awards for outstanding achievements. CWIB is seeking girls who do not ordinarily apply for awards, but instead under-represented girls who need more support to realize their potential. Girls need to clearly state their financial need, as well as describe a special interest that will spark their imagination, creativity, or follow a dream that they may not imagine possible. The Go Grant Application and background information is available on the Chambers website at <http://chamber.petoskey.com/cwib-161/> or at the Chamber office. Applications must be postmarked by April 1, 2010. For more information, contact Kathy Bardins at 231-487-1188, kbardins@winternet.com, or Lisa Hoyt at 231-347-4150, lisa@petoskey.com.

NORTHERN MICHIGAN Text Your Ad - \$25 a month

Utilizing new cutting edge technology businesses can now send text ads, coupons, photos and more to their customer's mobile device. Monthly fees are just \$25. For detailed information, e-Mail Dave I at Office@CharlevoixCountyNews.com.

NORTHERN MICHIGAN Create a Water Resource Improvement Authority (WRIA)

PA 94 of 2008 allows any city, village or township to create a WRIA around an inland lake. The WRIA may use its funds, including tax increment financing, to enhance water quality, water dependent natural resources, and access to an inland lake. The tool can be used to eliminate aquatic nuisance species (no chemical treatment allowed), replace failing on-site disposal systems with sewer systems, provide storm water systems to service ex-

and meet new friends. We have many volunteer opportunities in Charlevoix County. For more information call Sally Pickering, RSVP Project Director, at 231-347-3211, ext. 29.

CHARLEVOIX Fit-4-Life

If you are among the 25 million Americans that are overweight or obese, your risks for death and disability are significantly higher. You are most likely coping with ongoing pain, fatigue, difficulty moving, sleep deprivation or other obstacles to a vibrant, healthy life. Each year that passes without you taking charge of your health is an opportunity missed—an opportunity to feel good, enjoy greater energy, and feel less stressed. The good news is that if you are committed to making positive changes in your lifestyle, Charlevoix Area Hospital's Fit-4-Life program can teach you how to reclaim your health and vitality. This 6-month program can help you turn your life around with the help of experts in the fields of nutrition, physical therapy, and nursing. Charlevoix Area Hospital's Fit-4-Life Program will empower you with the tools you'll need to embrace wellness including an individually tailored exercise program and eating real food. To learn more about this program you are invited to attend an informational presentation of the program, open to the public, on May 4 from 6pm - 6:30pm in the Charlevoix Area Hospital Solarium. Please feel free to call Kathy Jacobsen, RN at 231-547-8906 if you have any questions.

isting infrastructure, and provide a project that aids in access to an inland lake. A WRIA may not be created or expanded after December 31, 2011. Get the MEDC's Fact Sheet. Contact Sheri at 231-582-6482 or sheri@northernlakes.net with questions.

MICHIGAN

Smoke Free Air Law

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ELLSWORTH

Great Lakes Timber Show

In honor of its 30th Anniversary, The Ellsworth Pig Roast is bringing back crowd favorite, the Great Lakes Timber Show on Saturday, June 19. The show gives a humorous twist to the very colorful and exciting events that have evolved from the logging industry of the 1800's and features chainsaw carving, axe throwing, wood chopping, one and two-man crosscut sawing, modified chain sawing, log rolling and loads of good, clean family fun. You can see the show several times throughout the day by donation; times to be announced. For more information on the Great Lakes Timber Show go to www.laughsandlures.com. For more information on the Ellsworth Pig Roast contact Alana Haley at 231-588-6391.

BOYNE CITY

SOBO Arts Festival

FIRST ANNUAL SOBO Arts Festival is being planned for June 25-26 in Boyne City's SOBO (South Boyne) Arts District. Events will include a juried art fair coordinated by the Boyne Arts Collective, entertainment, demonstrations and workshops of various arts fields, and a food and wine-tasting event, at 220 Lake Street. Contact Festival Director Jerry Douglas at (231) 459-4023.

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FOCUS ON THE FAMILY

with Dr. James Dobson

Pick your battles with your teenagers wisely

QUESTION: When discussing adolescence, why do you focus your comments on parents? It's the kids who do crazy things.

DR. DOBSON: I'm particularly concerned about idealistic and perfectionist moms and dads who are determined to make their adolescent perform and achieve and measure up to the highest standard. In so doing, they rock a boat that is already threatened by the rapids. Perhaps another child could handle the additional turbulence, but the unsteady kid—the one who lacks common sense for a while and may even lean toward irrational behavior—could capsize if you're not careful. Don't unsettle his boat any more than you must!

I'm reminded of a waitress who recognized me when I came into the restaurant where she worked. She was not busy that day and wanted to talk about her twelve-year-old daughter. As a single mother, she had gone through severe struggles with the girl, whom she identified as being very strong willed.

"We have fought tooth and nail for this entire year," she said. "It has been awful! We argue nearly every night, and most of our fights are over the same issue."

I asked her what had caused the conflict, and she replied, "My daughter is still a little girl, but she wants to shave her legs. I feel she's too young to be doing that, and she becomes so angry that she won't even talk to me. This has been the worst year of our lives together."

I looked at the waitress and said, "Lady, buy your daughter a razor!"

That twelve-year-old girl was paddling into a time of life that would rock her canoe good and hard. As a single parent, Mom would soon be trying to keep this rebellious kid from getting into drugs, alcohol, sex and pregnancy, early marriage, school failure, and the possibility of running away. Truly, there would be many ravenous alligators in her river within a year or two. In that setting, it seemed unwise to make a big deal over what was essentially a nonissue. While I agreed with the mother that adolescence should not be ushered in prematurely, there were higher goals than maintaining a proper developmental timetable.

I have seen other parents fight similar battles over nonessentials, such as the purchase of a first bra for a flat-chested preadolescent girl. For goodness' sake! If she

wants it that badly, she probably needs it for social reasons. Run, don't walk, to the nearest department store, and buy her a bra. The objective, as Charles and Andy Stanley wrote, is to keep your kids on your team. Don't throw away your friendship over behavior that has no great moral significance. There will be plenty of real issues that require you to stand like a rock. Save your big guns for those crucial confrontations.

Let me make it very clear, again, that this advice is not relevant to every teenager. The compliant kid who is doing wonderfully in school, has great friends, is disciplined in his conduct and loves his parents is not nearly so delicate. Perhaps his parents can urge him to reach even higher standards in his achievements and lifestyle.

My concern, however, is for that youngster who could go over the falls. He is intensely angry at home and is being influenced by a carload of crummy friends. Be very careful with him. Pick and choose what is worth fighting for, and settle for something less than perfection on issues that don't really matter. Just get him through it!

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NORTHERN LAKES CONFERENCE

Boys, girls All-Conference basketball teams named

NORTHERN LAKES ALL-CONFERENCE

2010 BOYS BASKETBALL

First Team
 Josh Puroll, Boyne Falls
 Jared Danbert, Ellsworth
 Nate Peterson, Ellsworth
 Jordan Muma, Ellsworth
 Nate Cook, Harbor Light
 Collin Hewitt, Harbor Light
 Adam Alexander, Mackinaw City
 Jeremy Brush, Wolverine
 Alex VandenHoek, Wolverine
 Josh Brush, Wolverine

Second Team

Thomas Williams, Alanson
 Wilby Gates, Alba
 Jared Mathers, Boyne Falls
 Reggie Fiel, Boyne Falls
 Andrew Fila, Harbor Light
 David Doucette, Harbor Light
 Filippo Mannino, Vanderbilt
 Travis Ormsbee, Vanderbilt
 Jeremy Egas, Wolverine

2010 GIRLS BASKETBALL

First Team
 Katie Biang, Alanson
 Taylor Roberts, Alba
 Kristen Matelski, Boyne Falls
 Katie Fraser, Boyne Falls
 Jalyn Ingalls, Ellsworth
 Emily Veenstra, Ellsworth
 Ashley Dominac, Harbor Light
 Logan Kleinhenz, Harbor Light
 Samantha Jones, Vanderbilt
 Kristina Drayton, Vanderbilt

Second Team

Sarah Mathew, Alanson
 Jade Kiogima, Alanson
 Maria LaLone, Alba
 Tianna Windish, Alba
 Emily Matelski, Boyne Falls
 Haley Drenth, Ellsworth
 Kaila Schutte, Harbor Light
 Courtney Walls, Mackinaw City
 Sammy Miller, Wolverine
 Ajae Whittaker, Wolverine

Puroll of Boyne Falls joins Danbert, Peterson and Muma of Ellsworth as first-team picks on boys roster;

Lancers, Loggers each place 2 on first team on girls roster

By Mike Dunn

The Northern Lakes All-Conference boys and girls basketball teams were announced earlier this week, with few surprises.

In boys basketball, three Ellsworth players — seniors Jared Danbert and Nate Peterson and junior Jordan Muma — were chosen for the first-team roster while Boyne Falls' sophomore forward Josh Puroll also made the grade. Also representing the Loggers on the second team were Jared Mathers and Reggie Fiel.

In the girls' roster, Jalyn Ingalls and Emily Veenstra of Ellsworth and Kristen Matelski and Katie Fraser of Boyne Falls earned first-team recognition. Haley Drenth of the Lancers and Emily Matelski of the Loggers were second-team picks.

The versatile Danbert was a four-year starter in the backcourt for coach Tex Drenth after coming to the varsity as an eighth-grader and Peterson was a three-year starter in the paint. Muma, the Lancers' little stick of dynamite, was a dual threat with long-range assaults on the iron and speedy penetrations to the hole. The trio combined to help Ellsworth post a 17-6 mark this season, including a tense victory over a very strong Bellaire squad in the district semifinals.

The 6-foot-4 Puroll, equally at home handling the ball and playing down low, averaged 22 points as the Loggers posted a 12-9 log. Fiel patrolled the perimeter while Mathers made his mark draining jumpers and grabbing rebounds.

On the girls' side, Ingalls and Veenstra, a 6-foot-2 sophomore center, were a powerful force inside for the Lancers, who finished with a 17-5 record, and Drenth, also a sophomore, was an accomplished ball handler and steady point producer. Ingalls, the only senior for Ellsworth this season, compiled stat sheets that featured steals, assists and rebounds as well as points.

Kristen and Emily Matelski and Fraser helped Boyne Falls (7-14) make big strides this season and plays competitively against tough league opponents this season. The Loggers jumped from three wins to seven wins while developing their young talent. Fraser is a senior while Kristen is a sophomore and Emily, who played the point, is just an eighth-grader.



Jared Danbert



Josh Puroll



Jordan Muma



Nate Peterson

sports briefs...

Grayling cage fights set for April 9

GRAYLING — The annual Battle at the 45th Parallel mixed-martial arts event will be held on April 9-10 at the Grayling Ramada Inn. The popular two-day event includes a cage fight card on Friday, April 9, and an open karate tournament on Saturday.

The Battle at the 45th cage fight card features many top MMA battlers. Doors open at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$25.

The karate event on Saturday begins at 10 a.m. and is an open martial arts tournament featuring forms, weapons, sparring and breaking. Pre-registration for the tourney is \$40 before April 1 and \$50 at the door. There are black belt and underbelt divisions and age groups in each category.

For information about the MMA cage fights or the martial arts tournament, contact the Ramada Inn at (989) 348-7611 or (800) 348-7611. The Battle at the 45th is sponsored by Master and World Champion Zack Burns and New World Karate.

Former Tiger slugger Northrup at card show

GAYLORD — Former Detroit Tigers slugger outfielder Jim Northrup, a member of the 1968 World Series champions and the man who got the key hit in Game Seven against Bob Gibson of St. Louis, will be the featured guest at a sports card show Sunday, April 11, at the Eagles Hall in Gaylord.

Northrup will be signing autographs at the show from noon-2 p.m. and the show will last from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Gaylord native Kurt David, who wrote the book "From Glory Days"

featuring Northrup and other Detroit athletes, will also appear at the card show.

Those who purchase David's book for \$20 will receive autographs from David and Northrup in addition to one other memento item signed by Northrup. Northrup's autograph alone on a memento item will cost \$5.

There will be more than 30 dealer's tables at the show. For more information, contact Steve Kowal at (248) 543-9810 or visit www.scificards.com/gaylord.htm.

Announcing upcoming events

The Charlevoix County News offers readers a forum for announcing upcoming events. Send information about upcoming basketball tournaments, fundraising events, hockey tournaments, wrestling tournaments, youth events, etc. and the News will get the word out in Sports Briefs.

Include the date, time, location, registration fee and contact information (phone number, e-mail address and/or Web site) and send to sports@charlevoix-countynews.com or via fax at (888) 240-5499.

Reporting scores

The Charlevoix County News is interested in reporting boys and girls basketball results, wrestling and bowling results (or any other sporting event) for Boyne City, Boyne Falls, Charlevoix, East Jordan and Ellsworth. Coaches, please send any information you wish to have in the paper via e-mail to sports@charlevoix-countynews.com or by fax at (888) 240-5499. Or call Mike at (989) 370-0605.



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The 2009-10 team includes, front row from left, Kayla Campbell, Rainy McCune, Tess McNitt and Tiff Pollaski; back row: manager Moriah Holm, Maddie Clark, Ellen Brandell, Holley Carson, Paige Poindexter, Shelby Balch, manager Lindsey Graham and coach Cindy McCune.

PERFECT SEASON

The East Jordan eighth-grade girls basketball team strived for perfection and achieved it this season, posting an unblemished 10-0 record. Coach Cindy McCune credited team unity as one of the keys to victory for the tenacious Red Devils. "This is a great bunch of kids who were committed to working toward the goal of an undefeated season right from the start," McCune said. "The girls stayed focused and worked hard. Everyone stepped up in various ways in every game and that made for very good team consistency."

LOCAL SPORTS

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DNRE REPORT

Lake trout caught in T.C. West Bay

Good steelhead fishing expected in Manistee River

Now that ice fishing is over and the walleye and pike season is closed on the inland waters, boat anglers are starting to fish along the Great Lakes for trout.

Traverse City

Lake trout have been caught in the West Bay. The launches are open, however the docks may not be in.

Boardman River

Is still producing some steelhead. Betsie River - Fishing has started to heat up. Those wading are fishing just below the Homestead Dam and catching steelhead on yarn, streamers and flies. High water levels all the down to Betsie Lake.

Lake Cadillac

Has black or discolored ice that is not safe ice. Shoreline ice is going fast. Anglers are encouraged to stay off the ice.

Higgins Lake

Anglers need to stay off any remaining ice. There are large pres-

sure cracks and the ice is no longer safe. There is open water along the shoreline so anglers could try fishing in shallow waters only.

Houghton Lake

Still has ice, however it is not safe ice. Anglers are encouraged to stay off the lake. Fishing is pretty much on hold until the ice is gone.

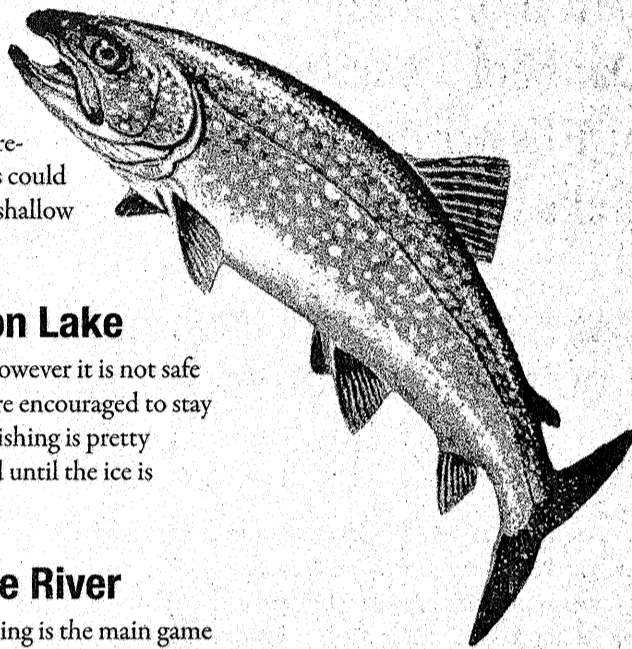
Manistee River

Steelhead fishing is the main game now. The rivers are high and muddy at the moment, but as they drop and clear, fishing will be very good. Fresh steelhead are moving in daily. Anglers are catching steelhead and a few brown trout up at Tippy Dam and downstream of

Bear Creek.

Mullet Lake

A few perch were caught in Pigeon Bay, however ice conditions have deteriorated quickly.



Trevor Price

Trevor Price takes first - qualifies for USASA Nationals

Trevor Price, age 17 qualified for USASA Nationals and will be representing Michigan as he travels to Copper Mountain, Colorado in April.

Trevor finished the season first in the skier half pipe division of USASA Middle Earth Region and first nationally within the USASA organization. He also qualified for Nationals in the Skier Slope Style Division.

Trevor attends Boyne City High School where he will graduate in June and is a player on their baseball team. He is sponsored by Volk and Marker and rides as a skier for USASA Middle Earth Region. Trevor skis at Boyne Mountain and Orsego Club Resorts.

SPRING WILDFIRE SEASON IS HERE

While snow melting is a welcome change from winter, another seasonal change that warm spring temperatures bring is the threat of wildfires. The Department of Natural Resources and Environment reminds Michigan citizens that dead grass and leaves become exposed after warm temperatures melt the snow, and can easily ignite fields and forests.

Paul Kollmeyer, DNRE fire prevention specialist, points out several things that contribute to early spring's increased wildfire risk.

"Dead grass quickly dries out becoming flammable and people do not realize there can be wildfire danger even when nights are cool and snow piles linger in the shade. The hazard begins when homeowners start spring cleanup chores by burning yard waste," Kollmeyer said. "To eliminate the risk of starting a wildfire or irritating your neighbors with nuisance smoke, consider chipping or mulching your natural debris instead of burning; it's safe and cleaner."

Setting fire to leaf piles requires more than just a

rake and a match. Careful planning is required, starting with a mandatory burn permit. Persons planning to burn brush or yard debris living in the Upper Peninsula and Northern Lower Michigan are required to check online at www.michigan.gov/burnpermit to see if burning is allowed in their location. A toll free number, (866) 922-2876, can also be used to check burn permit status for those without computers in both regions. Either way will give the user information about local burning conditions and regulations. In Southern Michigan burn permit information and details on regulations are available from the local fire department and township offices.

Kollmeyer said that DNRE recommends persons plan to burn on days when strong winds are not forecasted. Fire control precautions need to be in place as well which include staying with your fire at all times while burning, and having garden tools and a charged hose ready when it is time to put the fire out or douse unexpected flare ups.

"Persons burning yard debris or brush are responsible for their fire," Kollmeyer said. "Fire suppression costs and any damages resulting from the fire can be charged if the fire escapes and you are found negligent."

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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- Take ___ from me; 5- Assembly rooms; 10- Poor actors; 14- When said three times, a 1970 war movie; 15- Staggering; 16- Off-Broadway theater award; 17- Latin love; 18- Simpleton; 19- Baseball team; 20- Having ten feet; 22- Elderly person; 24- Colorful carp; 25- Slangy assent; 26- Satisfies; 29- Downcast; 32- Pertaining to the moon; 36- A shivering fit - often a precursor to malaria; 37- Although; 39- Aladdin's monkey; 40- One recording the past; 43- Class; 44- Places of contest; 45- Hawaiian native dance; 46- Attack on all sides; 48- Hi-___ monitor; 49- Veronica of "Hill Street Blues"; 50- Large body of water; 52- Play on words; 53- Labored breathing; 57- Infant sleeping garment; 61- Hindu princess; 62- Fishhook line; 64- Make ___ for it; 65- Ashtabula's lake; 66- Get the better of; 67- Room in a casa; 68- Obtains; 69- Ward off; 70- Dissolve;

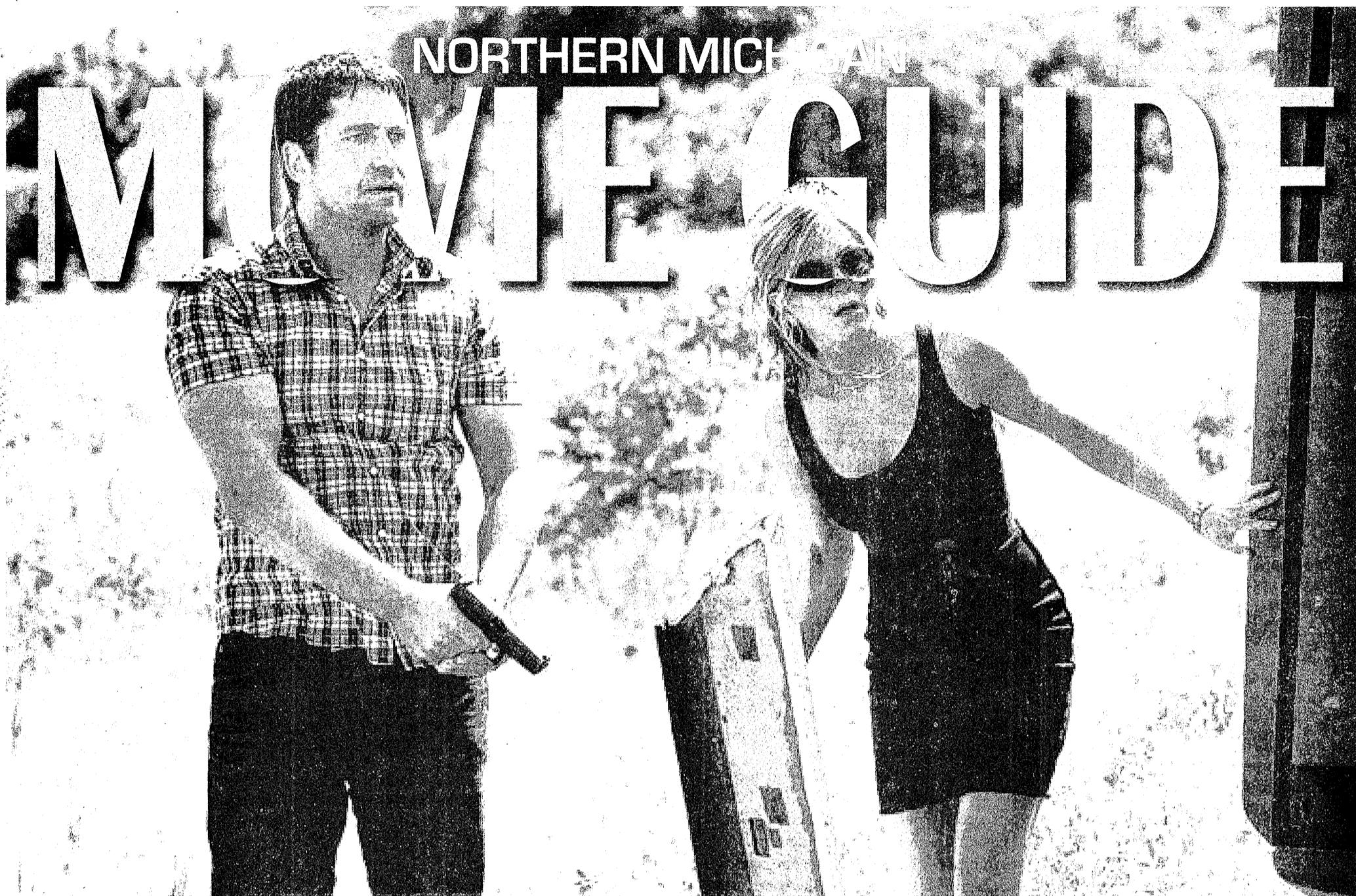
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Jason Sudekis
RUNNING TIME: 1 hr. 50 min.
RATED: PG13

MOVIE REVIEW

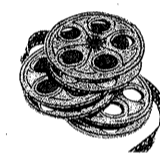
By Jim Akans

Sometimes a movie is just meant to be a movie. Take the case of *The Bounty Hunter*. There isn't an underlying philosophical, political, ecological or theological point being made here. This is just a plain ole easy-on-the-eye all-American romantic comedy with a bit of action and suspense thrown in. Its ambition is solely to allow audiences to sit back and relax, munch on some tasty popcorn, enjoy the scenery and pitch out a laugh every once

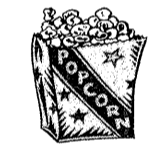
in a while. The loosely scripted plot for *The Bounty Hunter* follows the lives of ex-husband and wife, Milo (played by Gerard Butler) and Nicole (Jennifer Aniston) during a very eventful 4th of July weekend. It seems Nicole has missed a court appearance and a bench warrant has been issued for her arrest. It also just so happens that Milo, in a depressed funk after his divorce from Nicole, left his job on the New York police force and is now a bounty hunter...and his current assignment is to apprehend Nicole by the end of the weekend. Yes, it does sound a bit far-fetched. But if implausible situations on the big screen are not your cup o' tea, you not may want to put *The Bounty Hunter* on your must see list. Improbability is an underlying theme here, as Milo and Nicole manage to find themselves in all kinds of unlikely situations in a relatively short period of time. The result is that a slice from every film genre; romance, comedy, suspense, drama, espionage and action, coming together in this tolerably short, one-hour and fifty minute presentation. After the show, my wife pointed out many simi-

larities between the script for *The Bounty Hunter* and the premise behind author Janet Evanovich's novel; *One for the Money*. In the book, roles are reversed as the bounty hunter is a women pursuing a male target with the help of a detective who was once her boyfriend, but the New Jersey setting and the tone of the characters are quite akin to this film. Speaking of characters, actor Jason Sudekis portrayal Stewart, Nicole's office admirer, was a highlight of the movie for me. Though Nicole is "out of his league," Stewart relentlessly pursues her throughout the film, landing in some definite "wrong place, wrong time" situations. *The Bounty Hunter* is rated PG-13, but it is quite tame in that respect, earning the upgrade from PG for a reason unapparent to me. This is probably a very good "date-night" film, though it seems to lean toward the "chick-flick" side of the equation. Still, *The Bounty Hunter* is easy on the eyes, has a soundtrack that resurrects the Jerry Reed classic "She got the goldmine...I got the shaft," and perhaps best of all; doesn't have a message to bear down on the audience other than...relax and enjoy the show.

WHICH DID YOU PREFER?



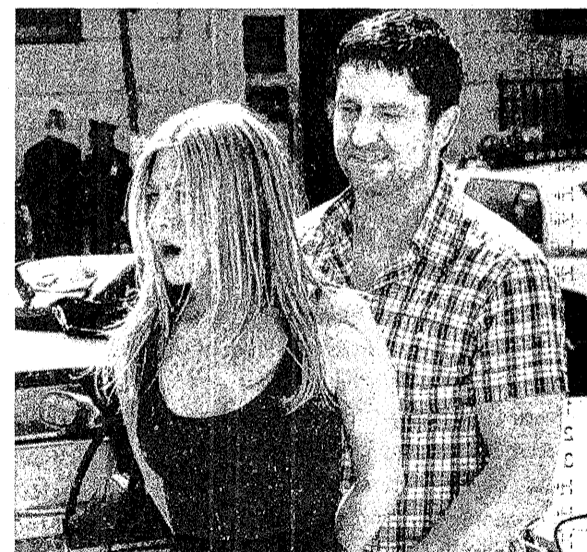
Movie;
75%



Popcorn;
25%

EXIT COMMENTS:

- "An all around good movie,"
Jamie - Gaylord
- "Good soundtrack...like Gerard Butler,"
Nadine - Elmira
- "Thought it was quite witty,"
Julia - Onaway
- "Well written...and Gerard is good to look at,"
Julie & Jackie - Atlanta
- "Hilarious...liked the actors,"
Barry & Jenny - Grayling



AREA MOVIE LISTINGS March 26 - April 1

Gaylord Cinema West

Shutter Island - R
Starring: Leonardo DiCaprio, Mark Ruffalo
FRI-THUR 6:45, 9:15
MON-TUES-WED 6:45
SAT-SUN 1:45, 4:15, 6:45, 9:15

The Bounty Hunter- PG13
Starring: Jennifer Aniston, Gerard Butler
FRI-THUR 7:00, 9:00
MON-TUES-WED 7:00
SAT-SUN 2:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:00

Diary of a Wimpy Kid- PG
Starring: Zachary Gordon, Steve Zahn
FRI-THUR 7:00, 9:00
MON-TUES-WED 7:00
SAT-SUN 2:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:00

Green Zone - R
Starring: Matt Damon, Jason Isaacs
FRI-THUR 7:00, 9:15
MON-TUES-WED 7:00
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How to Train Your Dragon - PG
Starring: Voices of Gerard Butler, Jonah Hill
FRI-THUR 7:00, 9:00
MON-TUES-WED 7:00
SAT-SUN 2:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:00

Alice in Wonderland- PG
Starring: Johnny Depp
FRI-THUR 7:00, 9:00
MON-TUES-WED 7:00
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Kingston Theatre,

The Bounty Hunter- PG13
Starring: Jennifer Aniston, Gerard Butler
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Petoskey Cinema,

She's Out of my League- R
Starring: Jay Baruchel, Alice Eve
FRI 5:00, 7:00, 9:00 MON-TUES-WED 7:00, 9:00
SAT-SUN-THUR 12:00, 2:00, 5:00, 7:00, 9:00

Shutter Island- R
Starring: Michelle Williams, Leonardo DiCaprio
FRI 9:00 MON-TUES 9:00
SAT-SUN 2:00, 9:00

Green Zone - R
Starring: Matt Damon, Jason Isaacs
FRI 5:00, 7:00 MON-TUES 7:00
SAT-SUN 12:00, 5:00, 7:00

Hot Tub Time Machine - R
Starring: John Cusack, Clark Duke
FRI 5:00, 7:00, 9:00 MON-TUES-WED 7:00, 9:00
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Repo Man- R
Starring: Jude Law, Forest Whitaker
FRI 5:00, 7:00, 9:00 MON-TUES-WED 7:00, 9:00
SAT-SUN-THUR 12:00, 2:00, 5:00, 7:00, 9:00

The Last Song - PG
Starring: Miley Cyrus
WED 7:00, 9:00
THUR 12:00, 2:00, 5:00, 7:00, 9:00

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How to Train Your Dragon - PG
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Nightly at 7:00

She's Out of my League- R
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HEALTH AND WELLNESS

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Health Care Bill

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ance or potentially face a \$695 annual fine, and employers with more than fifty employees must provide health insurance or pay a fine of up to \$3,000 per worker annually (excluding the first 30 employees).

There will be exceptions, subsidies and tax credits available to help pay for premiums for individuals earning up to four times FDL, as well as tax credits for small businesses with ten or fewer employees, but opponents don't like this part of the bill at all.

Six months after the bill is enacted, young adults may be able to stay on their parents insurance policy until age 26, and insurance companies cannot deny coverage to children based on pre-existing conditions, nor can they deny coverage for pre-existing conditions to anyone starting in 2014. This is undoubtedly a good thing, other than the possibility it could drive up insurance premiums for policy holders without pre-existing medical conditions.

And just who will be paying for the new plan?

Well, starting in 2013 there will be an expansion of the Medicare Payroll Tax for individuals earning over \$200,000 and couples earning over \$250,000 a year, a new three-point-eight percent tax on unearned income such as dividends and interest. Beginning in 2018, insurance companies will pay a forty percent excise tax on high-end, or "Cadillac," insurance plans. There are also \$500 billion in Medicare cuts over the next ten years, oh, and there will be a ten percent excise tax on indoor tanning services (where did that come from?).

Some other highlights in the next few years:

Establishment of state-based health insurance exchanges where uninsured and self-employed people can buy insurance, with subsidies available for individuals and families with income between 133 and 400 percent of Federal Poverty Level (FPL is currently \$22,050 for a family of four).

A gradual elimination of the Medicare "donut hole" for prescription drugs by 2020.

Other Medicaid changes; States must expand Medicaid to include childless adults by 2014 and also expand Medicaid to encompass those with incomes up to 133 percent of FPL.

Abortion funding is a powder keg issues that President Obama attempted to diffuse by issuing an executive order shortly before the House vote entitled "Ensuring Enforcement and Implementation of Abortion Restrictions in the Patient Protection and Affordability Care Act." The executive order prohibits the use of federal funds for elective abortions, establishes a separation of federal subsidies from private money when consumers buy health plans that cover abortions, and provides a clarification that the new health care laws legally protect hospitals, doctors and other providers that object to providing abortions as a matter of conscience. Potential loopholes in this executive order continue to dominate the health care debate.

There will certainly be a lot more haggling over issues surrounding HR 1203 ahead, a case in point is the attorney generals in several states that have stated their intentions to sue to block the bill based on constitutional grounds, and the senators who are firing up their ink pens in anticipation for amendments to the bill.

Yet, in the shadow of the long list of United States Presidents who have promoted the establishment of a national health care program over the past century, does America now have a national health care program for the first time in our history? Absolutely.

CAREGIVING TIPS FOR BOOMERS:

5 Tips for Decreasing the Cost of Caring for Elderly Parents

By: Vicki Rackner MD

Over 30 million Baby Boomers provide countless hours of assistance to elderly parents at no charge. It is estimated that, using average hourly wages, the total amount of this uncompensated care is comparable to the entire Medicare budget. For the estimated 7 million Boomers who provide long distance care, actual out of pocket expenses amount to almost \$5,000 per month. For caregivers who have, or are considering leaving the workforce to care for an ailing parent, the costs are even greater over \$650,000 in forfeited salaries, benefits and pensions.

This stark economic reality shows only one dimension of the price caregivers pay for this act of love.

Caregivers pay with losses that extend well beyond their bank accounts. They often forego the activities that bring joy and richness to their lives, like meeting friends for dinner, or going out to the movies or taking family vacations. They pay with their time, the loss of professional opportunities and the erosion of personal relationships that result in isolation.

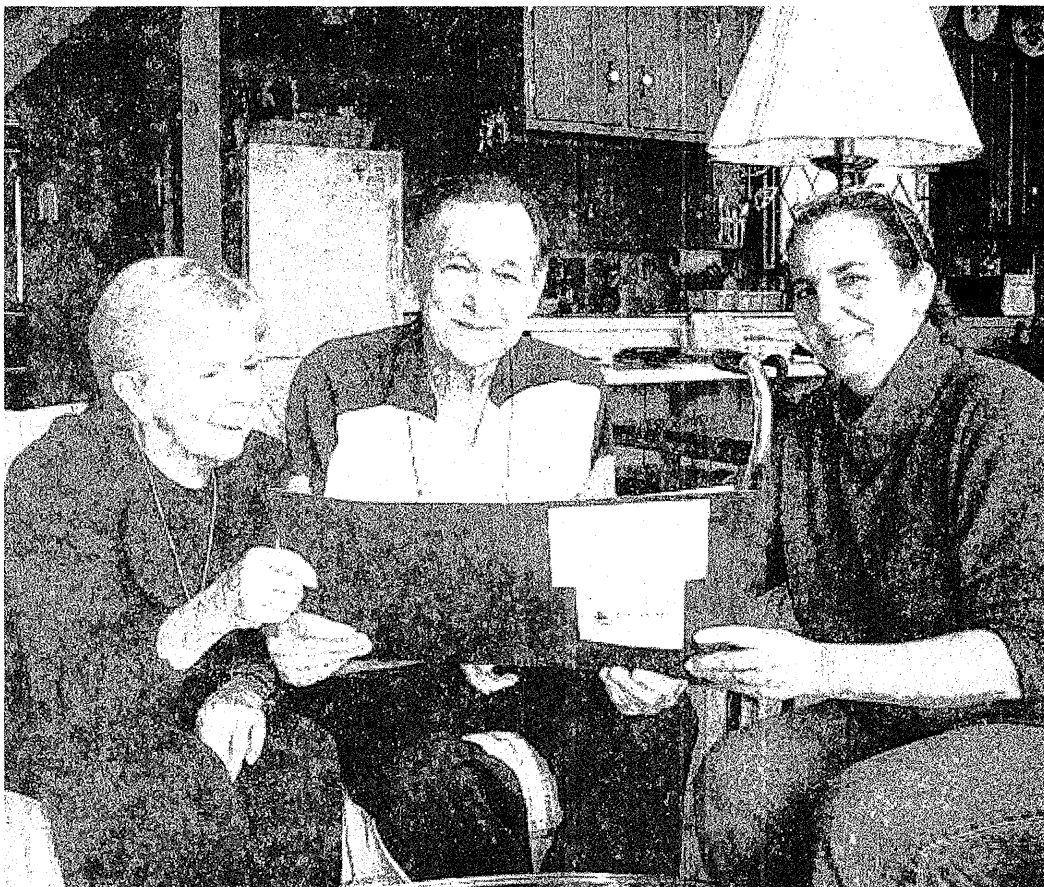
Sometimes, otherwise healthy loved ones need a short dose of care as they recover from an acute medical episode like a broken leg. Usually loved ones are on a path of steady decline with cascading assistance needs. Some caregivers sacrifice large chunks of their own lives as they help their parents and other family members and friends peacefully make their transitions. Caregivers can pay with their own health and well-being. In fact, we have evidence that some caregivers pay for their acts of care with their very lives.

You can decrease the personal and economic costs of caregiving. This means proactive planning rather than reactive responding. Planning saves money. You know this as you reflect upon your experiences of going to the grocery store with and without a shopping list. Planning also minimizes personal wear and tear and decreases stress. You will feel much better when you know your options and develop back-up plans before you jump into a challenging project.

5 Tips to Decrease the Cost of Caregiving:

1. Begin the conversation today. We have tremendous cultural resistance to the recognition of aging, disability and death. Just as the first few steps uphill are the hardest, so too you may meet the greatest resistance simply starting the conversation about their possible need for care. Say today, Mom and Dad, it would be great if you lived forever, but the discovery for the fountain of youth is nowhere on the horizon. What thoughts and plans do you have about enjoying your golden years?"

2. Create a plan. Talk with your parents about their ideal plan if they are no longer able to care for themselves. Then, start to work toward that proactively. Investigate long-term care insurance. Draw up the appropriate legal documents. Find out who would make medical choices if they were not able to make them on their own, along



Coral and Homer Sington, who receive home health care services from the Health Department of Northwest Michigan, review safety tips with Jill Stephenson, their home health care aide.

with some guiding principles for the choices.

You can anticipate and limit parental resistance by saying, Mom and Dad, I just got back from the lawyer's office signing my will and durable medical power of attorney. I've asked Mitch to make my medical choices if I cannot make them myself. Just so you know, if I were in vegetative state, I wouldn't want to be maintained on a machine. You probably already planned ahead too, right?

3. Use personal and community resources. Make caregiving a family job to which each member contributes. Even children can make grandma's life special with drawings and phone calls. Identify services that make your job as a caregiver easier. If you and your parents live in the same community, check with friends and neighbors and local organizations to learn about services and resources that will make your job easier. You say, Mom has just moved in with us, and she wants to find a card game with the girls. Do you know of any senior centers that have social events? How about transportation?

We're a mobile society and millions of caregivers live more than an hour away from their parents. Executive William Gillis learned from his own personal experience how challenging it is to identify community resources from afar. As he was carving the path that ultimately led his on-line portfolio management service, he became the caregiver for his father. Talk about mixed emotions! Professionally, he was introducing a service that let millions manage their investments with one click of a computer mouse. Personally, he was investing untold hours just to find one bit of information to help his dad.

As with so many innovators, he used his personal and professional experience to launch Parent Care (www.parents-care.com), a service that he wished would have made his life as a caregiver-at-a-distance easier.

4. Gather cost-savings tips. This might mean something as simple as ordering generic medication or regularly inquiring about senior discounts. But, most cost savings opportunities aren't as obvious. Mr. Gillis found, for example, that some states will pay for phones for hearing, visually or mobility limited seniors or fund home safety improvements. He said, "We've invested heavily to locate time and money saving resources that most would have difficulty finding. I made it a personal mission to help other caregivers avoid some of the costs and frustration I encountered. You don't have to re-invent the wheel. Tap into the resources others have collected."

5. Take care of yourself. You will be able to provide the best care as a caregiver when you're at your best. Get good nutrition, enough sleep and regular exercise. Manage your stress and do a little something every day to nurture your soul. Understand that you are at increased risk for anxiety, depression, and weakening your immune system. Talk to your doctor if you see worrisome signs such as problems sleeping, changes in appetite or loss of interest in activities you enjoy.

Despite the costs, most caregivers say that they received much more than they gave. Most say they would do it again, and many do.

Sometimes the question is not the personal cost of caregiving; it's the value that you bring to the lives of others that matter at the end. What personal cost are you willing to pay for the privilege of helping those who welcomed you into the world to enjoy their golden years and travel the road of illness with love and dignity?

Science Won in "Vaccine Court"

COURT RULES VACCINE PRESERVATIVE DOES NOT CAUSE AUTISM

Despite well-publicized concerns about the safety of childhood immunization, there is no scientific evidence that vaccines or vaccine additives cause autism, says Joshua Meyerson, MD, Medical Director for the Health Department of Northwest Michigan. And now the "vaccine court," which ruled 13 months ago that the measles-mumps-rubella vaccine (MMR) does not cause autism, dismissed claims that thimerosal, a preservative used in some vaccines, caused the neurological disorder.

"Science won in court again this time," Meyerson said. "There have been literally hundreds

of rigorous scientific studies of the suspected link between vaccines and autism. All of them reach the same conclusion: vaccines do not cause autism. It is time to stop investing limited resources studying non-existent links to autism and find out what really does cause it."

Meyerson said the development of vaccines to prevent communicable diseases like measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) or tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis (Tdap), among other serious illnesses, is a modern day miracle.

"Vaccines are a victim of their own success," he said. "Most of us are too young to remember a time when babies dying from communicable diseases were not an uncommon occurrence. That can make us underestimate how important vaccines are for the health of children, families, and communities."

Meyerson is sympathetic with parents who

have concerns about the safety of vaccines.

"There is a lot of unfounded negative press about vaccines. It can be very scary for parents to hear horror stories about the risks of vaccine. We encourage parents to do just a little research at reliable sources like the Centers for Disease Control website. Then discuss your concerns with your children's health care provider. Ask questions. The best parents are well-informed parents."

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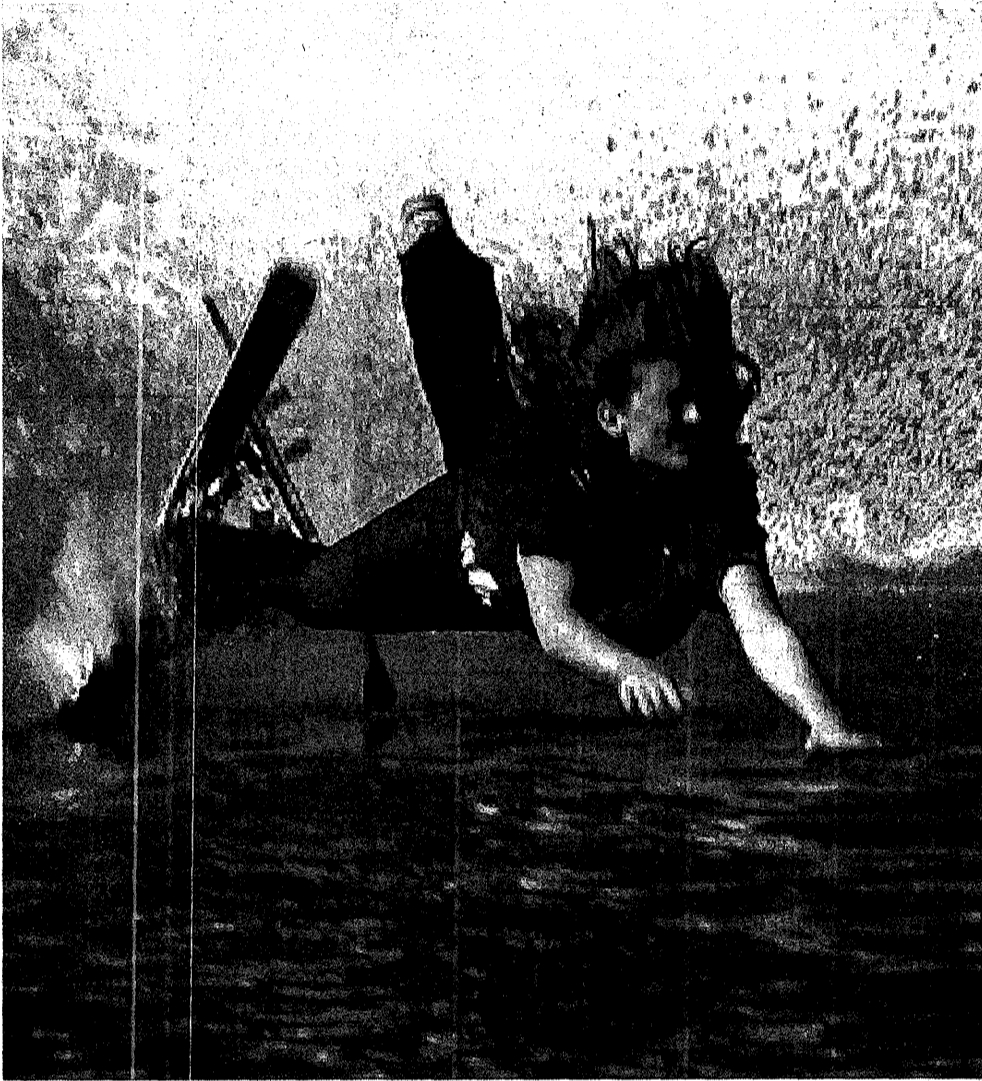
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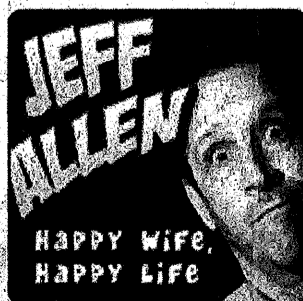
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