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Council passes library agreement

■ The amended agreement resolves the thorny issue of liability insurance.

By Eric Bowen Staff Writer

With little fanfare or dis-Chelsea Village Council passed the amended district library agreement Dec. 22, bringing Lima and Lyndon townships into the dis-

The final form of the agreement comes nearly a year after it was signed by the original three municipalities and is the result of months of discussion on such sticky issues as liability and representation on the district library board.

What's left to do now is for Sylvan and Dexter townships to sign on to the agreement. Both townships have the measure on the agenda for early January.

The amended agreement resolves the thorny issue of liability insurance Lima and Lyndon asked for as a requirement for their entering the agreement. Both townships wanted to be absolved of responsibility for lawsuits arising from the McKune House's lack of disabled access and for possible pollution on the site, according to a letter from Dexter Township Supervisor Robert Tetens.

When Lima and Lyndon asked for liability insurance, the original three municipalities felt all parties to the agreement should have the same coverage.

To facilitate the legal aspects of getting the insurance, Dexter and Sylvan townships passed a resolution of their intent to withdraw from the



Chelsea Village Council signed an amended district library agreement recently which will allow in Lima and Lyndon townships. The library will remain in the McKune House, though a task force has been set up to examine whether the house will fulfill the long-term space needs of the library.

original agreement at their recent board meetings. Dexter Township Supervisor Robert Tetens said it was necessary to drop out before they could sign a new amended agreement.

"We have to pretend to drop out in order for them to go into another agreement legally," Tetens said, calling the measure a "backward roundabout way of handling it."

Another issue resolved by the amendment is how the different townships and the village will be represented on the district library board. Each municipality will have one appointed representative with two members appointed by the previous board.

Since the original three municipalities already have appointed board members, the agreement worked out a provision so that the board members who are already serving could remain. After their terms are up, the new rules would go into effect.

The amended agreement gives all five townships primary status in the district library. All of the people living in those municipalities fall within the boundaries of the district.

The agreement ensures, however, that some residents

in Dexter and Lyndon townships will not have to pay double for library service in other areas. The district is required to make every effort to allow residents who are not part of Chelsea School District to continue to be served by libraries in Pinckney and Stockbridge without having to pay extra for be housed in the McKune the services.

for approval of a property tax it if needs require it. increase to fund the operations of the library sometime next year. A minimum of 5 mills, or 50 cents on every thousand dollars of taxable property value, must be accepted by a majority of af-

fected voters before Nov. 15, 2000. If the millage is not accepted, the district will disband, and all the assets will return to the village.

Each municipality now pays for the cost from its own coffers, and will continue to do so until the millage is passed. Once a millage is passed, the money will be used only for library costs.

Chelsea Village President Richard Steele said the cost of the library under the new millage could be less than is currently charged by the village. Steele said the village originally charged 2 mills for library usage, but that has been rolled back since it was implemented to more closely approximate costs. He didn't know what the new millage would be.

"The cost depends on the needs of the library," Steele said. "But it is going to be more evenly spread out."

The amended agreement allows for new members in the future, though no other townships have expressed interest right now. If the millage hasn't been passed, each of the five municipalities votes has to accept the new member before it can enter. If the millage has been passed, the library board votes to accept the municipality and the residents of the new township must accept the millage for services.

The library will continue to House building. The library The library will ask voters board has the option of moving

The board formed a task force recently to study the space needs of the library and possible service increases for the community. The task force is in the early phases of plan-

Village buys communication equipment

■ Chelsea Village Council was apparently persuaded to buy the radios after hearing from the various department heads.

By Eric Bowen Staff Writer

Despite the misgivings of Village Manager Jack Myers, the Chelsea Village Council voted to buy nine combination cellular phones and two-way radios, and two base units Dec. 22.

The price quoted each radio at \$199 and \$1,000 per base unit, plus a \$40 monthly service charge. Each phone will have \$100 rebate and will come with a leather case for an additional \$25 each.

The money for the phones will come out of each department's budget. Myers said at the meeting that he liked the radios but that the village is looking at an expensive new phone system for the bank and thought the price was high.

"I'm of a mixed mind," Myers said of the Council's decision to buy the radios. "The cost is high. It seems like a lot of money.'

The phones were proposed to the village at the last Coun-

cil meeting Dec. 9. Myers said then that he would like to try out the phones before recommending their purchase. State Electronics provided units for the village's consideration.

The Council was apparently persuaded to buy the radios after hearing from the various department heads in the village who related their feelings about the radios. Village Clerk Suzanne Morrison asked each official to say how their operations would be affected by the change.

The supervisors said they saw a lot of benefit from the radios. They are private and can be used around most of Michigan. They also combine a cellular phone with a two-way radio, electronic mail and paging so some of the equipment the village pays for now can be eliminated.

The village also reimburses the officials for cellular phone calls made on personal systems. A village-owned system could reduce charges there.

Myers said, however, that the reduction in cost for the system may not be totally realized. Other village employees will stay on the current system, which means that department heads will have to

carry two radios to talk to them. The only item the new radios will eliminate are pagers.

Myers said that the phones would be given to each of the department heads, the village manager, the village engineer, the zoning inspector and a member of the police department. The base units would be housed in the village offices and the police department.

Each phone comes with a high-capacity battery that lasts about 12 to 14 hours and a desktop charger. The base units come with power sources

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Farmer Jack working on design for grocery store

■ Developer is working with the Planning Commission to make the grocery store fit with the village's intention to keep the south corridor a nice entrance to the village.

By Eric Bowen Staff Writer

Gary Yunker, a representative from Wolf Creek Development, asked Chelsea Village Council Dec. 22 to clarify its position on the proposed Farmer Jack grocery store in the south end of town.

Yunker said he was working with the village Planning Commission to build the Farmer Jack in the South Main corridor and asked if the Council would allow a simultaneous development of condominiums to be built along the golf course behind the food store. The additional development was asked for by developer Rene Papo, who owns the property Farmer Jack intends to build on.

Trustee Frank Hammer said the idea of building condos behind the Farmer Jack had been discussed as an option, but would require variances from the Zoning Board of Appeals before it could be allowed. The use of the land in a-joint development would bea legal use of the land as far as the zoning goes, but the condos would have no access to a

road, so they would have to share the entrance to the grocery store. Also, the approximately 1.5 acres would be a non-conforming lot.

Yunker said the condos were not on his agenda, but were talked about as a condition of buying the property. Yunker said his option to buy the property would run out soon and he was renegotiating the purchase.

Yunker said the Farmer Jack would likely use the land in a joint development with Chuck Beck to build an office and retail complex. The small piece of land behind the proposed store could be used as parking.

Although he wasn't ready to submit formal drawings and plans for the project, Yunker did reveal a few of the details of the development. He said he was working with the Planning Commission to make the grocery store fit with the village's intention to keep the south corridor a nice entrance to the village.

One property owner said at the meeting that he would be against the store if it were a

typical "chunk" building. Hammer assured the man that he was against that, as well, and was sure the Planning Commission would not allow that kind of building to be put in the location.

Yunker said Farmer Jack even went so far as to take pictures of downtown Chelsea to try to emulate it in the design.

"We are doing architectural design for the zoning and location," he said. "We are pursuing a streetscape-type design and want to know what the village might want to see on the property."

One problem with the development foreseen by the Council was the possibility that a grocery store might not be allowable under the southcorridor zoning. Hammer said the Council would get clarification from the lawyers so that Farmer Jack could build on the lot without resorting to a zoning change for the area.

Farmer Jack has been looking at the area for six months as a possible location for expansion, Yunker said. He said he hoped to have initial plans for the site submitted to the Planning Commission in early

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—A Trio of Friends—

Emily Schaible, 6, of Chelsea met two new friends at Chelsea State Bank Dec. 20 as part of the bank's 100th anniversary celebra-Chelsea resident Carol tion. A clown entertained children as Chelsea High School orches-Rauschenberger asked if tra students performed for bank customers at the downtown

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Officially, the old 1997 guy will take that ghostly walk up to the big paid holiday in the sky and the new kid will trade his diapers for a business suit and take over operation of the Year. The Village Parents will renew their commitment to enforcing cow ordinances and making no decision on the village offices and the sun will doggedly refuse to rise for another month or so.

So this is a time to take stock of where we have been. to relax and renew for the

and decided to make a district library. Pretty amazing, when you realize that a couple of years ago, the village and townships couldn't even get together to spell library, and now they almost are one. And while we were at it, we kept educating adults while everyone around us gave up on them. Way to go, Chelsea! If we work really hard we might be able to make adults as smart as kids. That would be a real accomplishment. I remember when I was a kid, I knew a lot more than most adults. A lot more than I know today, when I think about it. In fact, if I knew now what I used to know before I didn't know it anymore, I'd definitely be a lot younger than I am today.

And that's how it ought to be. We all ought to do what the year does, ushering out the old and bringing in the new. Every year, 12 o'clock midnight on Dec. 31, everyone just forgets everything they know. Forgets how to be cynical and coming year. Lemme see. We how to cheat and how to hate quit burning books this year and judge others. Forgets to

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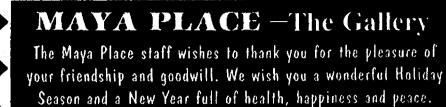
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watch the news so they can see all the bad stuff people do to each other, how the government rips us off and people sue each other for the dumbest things. We could all just start over and decide that for this year, everything was gone make sense. We would say what we mean and let other people get ahead of us sometimes and leave the poor cow alone and generally pretend that we like each other. We could act like everyone lived in places like Chelsea, pretend that everyone has smalltown values and the brilliance of teenagers. Maybe we'd get to like it. Maybe if we did, everyone would have a happy new year, every year, from now until all of the old guys from all the past years get together and put on their pink shades for the big Rose Parade at the end of time. Think about this, OK? And have one.





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Letters to the Editor

Hunting can bring families closer together

Hunters and hunting have changed for the better.

Yes, Mr. Nabozny (letter to The Chelsea Standard Dec. 11), I have seen changes in hunting. We have much better and more accurate rifles, thanks to telescopic sights. We also have a much larger deer herd spread over the entire state, thanks to the changing habitat and the adaptability of deer. The DNR had nothing to do with the deer migrating south, nor could they have stopped it.

I certainly encourage people to take vacations and go hunting or fishing, and it's even better when they take their children with them. These sports not only provide great relaxation but can bring parents and children into closer family relationships. Some of the happiest days of my life were spent fishing and hunting with my father and grandfather. It's too bad that K.L. Simon and L. Nabozny didn't have the same opportunities. They might be a little bit better informed about hunting and hunters.

It is truly unfortunate that

such individuals choose to vilify their neighbors in such a manner. It is even more disgusting to think of the pedestals they have put themselves on so that they in their self righteousness might call us lazy, immoral, uneducated and unenlightened.

Why don't you come down from your lofty positions and go out and meet your neighbors. You may be surprised to find they are pretty decent people.

- Russ Reister

Hunting controls deer population

After reading a couple of letters from Chelsea landown ers, I thought I should also write to clear up some misconceptions concerning deer

We have had our Webster Township farm for almost 50 years. When we moved here, there were no deer in the area. We saw our first deer on our farm in the late '50s. By the mid-1970s, sightings were common and 10 years later, the deer were overpopulated. There was no manipulation or

money given to us by the DNR. The southern Michigan whitetail deer thrive off of farm crops, with hunting and automobiles being the only means of population control. Imagine trying to administer birth control to 2 million deer in a uniform fashion to avoid genetic alteration or serious side effects. This is a common idea among the anti-hunting groups, but it just won't work. Tampering with Mother Nature can be very dangerous once you have made her mad.

I spend a lot of time in the woods and almost all of the deer that I see killed are dead because of automobiles, not hunters. Although there are few exceptions, bunters are not the lazy slobs they are accused of being. Hunting requires patience, practice, countless hours in the woods and lots of hard work. The more time that you spend in the woods, the more you un-



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Beach student places in SEC bee

By Eric Bowen Staff Writer

Loquacious, L-O-Q-U-A-C-I-O-U-S, Loquacious. That's the wordy word that helped put Beach Middle School eighthgrader Emily Havens number three in the Southeastern Conference spelling bee recently.

Havens competed against eighth grade students from seven other schools in the conference. Havens said she enjoys the competition she gets from the other students.

"I thought it was fun," Havens said. "I like to spell in some kind of competition, because we don't get that in English class."

To get to the conference spelling bee Havens first had to take a spelling test in her classroom. Test takers with high enough scores were entered in the school-wide bee a good job and have someone she said. with the top five finishers going to the conference spelling bee in Dexter.

The students competed against others of their grade level. Each was asked to spell a word out loud and was given the option of having it put in a sentence or defined.

To prepare for the spelling bee, Havens studied a list of words that would be used in the competition. She spent four nights learning four pages

Farm facts

Japanese beef imports grew nearly 30 percent over last year's rate, reaching 64,291 metric tons with almost half originating in the Untied States. Sales of chilled beef were higher, according to USDA reports, suggesting that consumer confidence in the safety of imported meat may be strengthening.

Salmon, or anadromic fish, swim upstream every year from the ocean to freshwater stream banks to lay their eggs. As salmon move from saltwater to freshwater, they gain weight as their sea-salty bodies soak up the freshwater. At first, their kidneys can't get rid of salmon's bodies and kidneys are adjusted to the water change and their weight balances out.

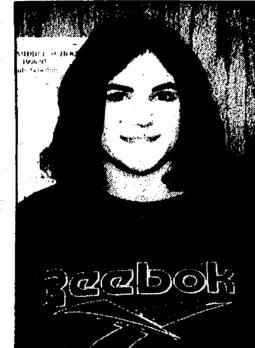
of words on the list. She said she didn't really have a trick to her success, just a lot of memorization

Her second year in the contest, Havens said she has gotten to know some of the other spellers and has developed a rivalry with one.

"You remember people from last year who you had to worry about," Havens said. "I wanted to beat the girl who beat me last year, and she came in lower down the scale." Havens said that she has

not heard of a spelling competition at the high school level, so her spelling career ends with this competition. But she said for the two years she has competed she has gotten a lot of satisfaction.

"The most fun thing is to do



Emily Havens

compliment you, especially from someone who did better."

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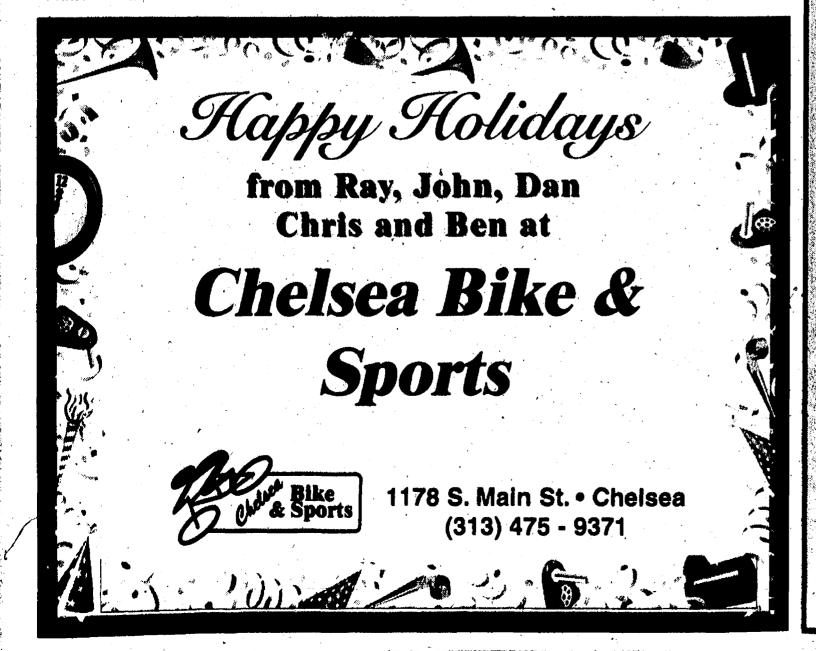


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Village buys communication equipmen

(Continued from Page One) and antennae. All units have a one-year warranty.

The Council's motion also authorized the purchase of chargers that plug into a car's cigarette lighter, though the price is still under negotia-

Trustee Joe Merkel was

Farmer Jack

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Farmer Jack had considered serving the north side of town by building in that area, but. Yunker said the market studies showed the south portion of the village to be better suited Farmer Jack's success.

In other business at the meeting, the Council lifted a stop-work order placed on Village Place Condominiums. The order had been placed to induce the company to increase the height of its detainment

The Council also was concerned that the pond had a smaller exit pipe than originally planned. But Trustee Steve Daut said the county has agreed to the pipe and filtration system so the village has no liability for damage.

Also at the meeting, the Council appointed Village Manager Jack Myers to the post of village assessor so he can officially fill out state



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Electronics with the deal, though trustee Jim Myles made the motion to accept the purchase of the phones Trus-

originally approached by State tee Steve Daut was the lone. holdout against the phones; everyone else voted for the purchase except trustee Richard Rigg, who was absent.

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-Students Bring Swing Set to Bates-

Fifth-graders Cole Hatch, Alex Kapela, Kevin Repine, Steve Cavanaugh and Josh Cebula received a mini-grant from Dexter PTO last year to bring swings to Bates Elementary School. They were on hand Dec. 18 to cut the ribbon and officially open the new playground equipment. The five boys managed the feat after gathering 150 signatures from their schoolmates. They selected the swing set from a catalog and developed a proposal, under the guidance of Jill Adams, to request the mini-grant. All five were students of fourth-grade teacher Stephanie Bell, who allowed them some class time to work on the proposal. The boys are pictured with Bell and Adams.

Sauer Drive to be relocated

■ Dexter Township Board grants Sauer Drive Association variance to move forward.

By Michelle Rogers **Associate Editor**

Dexter Township Board of Trustees has granted a variance from the Private Road Ordinance that will pave the way for the relocation of Sauer Drive.

At a meeting held Dec. 16. it. the Board reduced the 66-foot right-of-way requirement to 40 feet so the Sauer Drive Association can improve the alignment of Sauer Drive with North Lake Road.

The request was brought by local residents concerned over liability issues.

According to a letter dated Aug. 19, 1996, from Yvette Ware, supervisor of traffic and safety engineering for the Washtenaw County Road Commission, residents along Sauer Drive are liable in the event of a vehicle crash or

Members of the association. according to Dexter Township Supervisor Robert Tetens, wanted assurances that a variance would be favorably re-

ceived by the Board before

other unforeseen catastrophe.

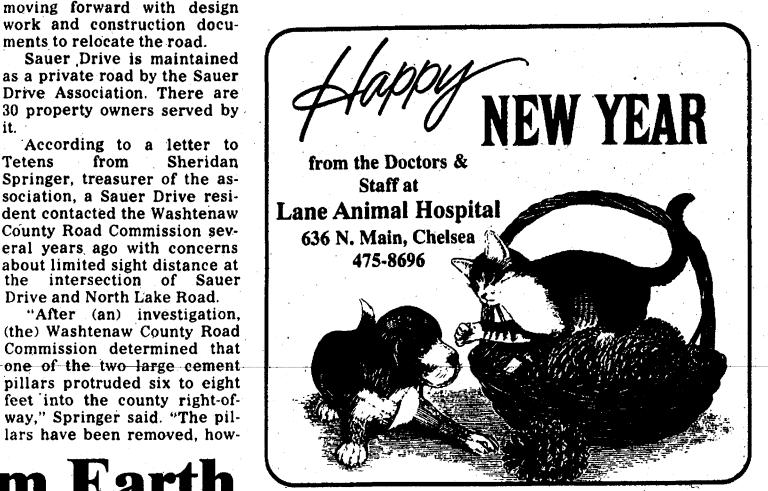
ments to relocate the road. Sauer Drive is maintained as a private road by the Sauer Drive Association. There are 30 property owners served by

According to a letter to from Tetens Sheridan Springer, treasurer of the association, a Sauer Drive resident contacted the Washtenaw County Road Commission several years ago with concerns about limited sight distance at the intersection of Sauer Drive and North Lake Road.

"After (an) investigation. (the) Washtenaw County Road Commission determined that one of the two large cement pillars protruded six to eight feet into the county right-ofway," Springer said. "The pillars have been removed, how-

ever at that time Yvette Ware, an engineer from Washtenaw County, asked that Sauer Drive be raised approximately six feet for a distance of 600 feet or relocated to another existing right-of-way.'

Springer said members of the association voted at their annual meeting to proceed with relocation of the road because raising it appeared difficult to do and would still leave sight distance problems.



Moon 15 billion inches from Earth

Sky watchers contemplating the moon this month may wonder how far away it is. According to University of Michigan astronomer Richard Teske, the moon is 15 billion inches from Earth — give or take an inch.

Mix together the moon, four reflecting mirror arrays on its surface and five Earth-based telescopes firing laser beams and you have a recipe for one of the most accurate scientific experiments ever undertaken.

"Determining the moon's distance to within one inch is an extraordinary accomplishment," Teske said. "These exquisite measurements — a kind of scientific slam-dunk are being used to test Albert Einstein's theory of gravity."

The 'moon-measurement project is an international effort. Mirrors were placed on the moon's Earth-facing hemisphere by three teams of Apollo astronauts and by one of the unmanned Soviet Lunakhod missions. Telescopes used for beaming laser light at the moon are located in Texas, Hawaii, France, Germany and-Australia.

In the experiment, laser radiation launched toward the moon from one of the telescopes on Earth bounces off one of the lunar mirrors and returns to the same telescope about 2.6 seconds later. Scientists determine the moon's distance by measuring as precisely as possible the time it takes laser pulses to make the round trip. Called laser ranging, the technique is equivalent to using radar, Teske explained.

At stake is the dependability of Einstein's theory of gravity as expressed through his complicated equations of relativity. The theory is used to predict the moon's distance from Earth from moment to moment as it orbits our plant once each month. The laser ranging experiment checks out those predictions with actual, accurate observations.

"Right now all is well with Einstein. Relativity's predictions seem to be correct, reinforcing physicists' beliefs that the theory is the best description we have for how nature operates," Teske said. "But there are other theories of gravity that also are being examined by the experiment, and it is still too early to rule them out altogether. Since the laser ranging experiment will go on for a few more years, we might eventually find that one of those theories is preferable to Einstein's. If so, science will have taken a great stride in our understanding of how the universe works."

Keeping track of the moon as it orbits around Earth is tricky, Teske added. In addition to our planet's gravita-

tional pull, the moon is strongly tugged by the sun and weakly attracted by all the planets and even some small asteroids. As a result, it meanders a lot during its monthlong orbit. A further complication is that the moon doesn't simply circle around Earth's center.

"Both Earth and the moon" circle one another around a common point that is located 1,025 miles beneath Earth's surface," Teske said. "As our planet rotates on its axis that point travels through solid rock with the speed of a jet airplane, but with no discernible effect upon us or the Earth."

take into account the fact that the moon's orbit is gradually moving farther and farther away in response to the slowing down of Earth's rotation. The slowing of our rotation is why we insert an extra second into the stream of time almost every year making the last minute of December 31 last for 61 seconds. After many millions of years, the length of the day/night cycle will approach one month.

"Both cycles will finally fall into step in the dim, far future when the Earth will keep the same face toward the moon just as the moon now keeps the same face toward us,"

Gravity experimenters also Teske said. "Perhaps by then nobody will much care whether Albert Einstein was right."



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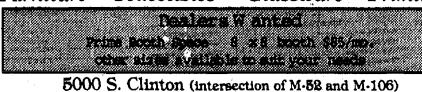
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'Titanic,' 'Scream 2' garner favorable reviews

"Titanic"

Movie Review

By C.J. Nodus Heritage Newspapers

The time-honored tradition of setting a love story against the backdrop of history often can be the stuff of movie legends - "Gone With the Wind." "Casablanca" and now James Cameron's "Titanic."

Make no mistake about the end of the film, the ship sinks, but Cameron's magic in taking us from the present to the past and back again is what makes this an epic film.

He opens the movie with a fascinating dive on the ship in present day and is able to show actual doors, mantles and chandeliers. Then, the transformation to 1912 occurs.

Through the character of Brock Lovett, played by Bill Paxton, all of the resources of the modern technological age are laid at the feet of the great ship. He is attempting to find one of her hidden treasures, a fabulous necklace and discovers a fabulous story.

Cameron also created the character of the aged Rose Calvert. Through her 101-yearfold eyes, the fabled voyage comes to life. She is well played by 87-year-old Gloria Stuart, who starred in dozens of movies from 1930 until 1941, when she retired.

The young Rose is wonderfully played by Kate Winslet. She is sweet and passionate and plays her part well, especially when transformed by Leonardo DiCaprio.

For his own part, as Jack, DiCaprio represents the other side of the tracks. Winning his passage in a poker game, he should never have mingled with the upper class but found the young suicidal Kate as she was about to take the plunge to get away from her smothering fiance, Cal, played by Billy

Jack decides that if she goes, so will he. He convinces her there are things worth living for and that he can help her find them. Thus, a beautiful and rich love story develops, despite their financial differences.

Cameron takes the audience from the state rooms of the rich and famous to steerage effortlessly and richly. Through the relationship of Jack and Rose, there is enough material for an entire film with a life of its own.

Part of this richness is due to an outstanding supporting cast, including Frances Fisher as Rose's mother, Kathy Bates as Molly Brown, Bernard Hill as Capt. E.J. Smith.

Billy Zane as the aforementioned fiance is a wonderful villain. His henchman, Spicer Lovejoy, played by David Warner, is an excellent hatchet

Great casting also trickles through to cameos by Jonathan Hyde, Victor Garber, Danny Nucci and Suzy Amis.

The real star of the film, however, is the ship itself. Cameron had built a life-size replica of the legendary luxury liner as well as a sevenacre, 17-million-gallon water tank in which to sink her.

The computer simulations shown to old Rose at the outset of the film mirror the convulsions that Cameron put his actual creation through, so the audience has a continuous

Curiously, the film is 30 minutes longer than the actual sinking itself but well worth the three hour and 14 minute running time. "Titanic" should at least garner 10 to 15 Oscar nominations and should be seen on the largest screen available.

Rated: PG-13 Grade: A

"Scream 2"

Movie Review

By John Miskelly Heritage Newspapers

Sequels can succeed. Wes Craven has seen to that. Craven's new film, "Scream 2" brought thrills and chills with it to theaters and is bringing in cold, hard cash.

This film had expectations, unlike "Scream." The first one took theaters and moviegoers by storm. The second (in a possible long series) is just as good.

One drawback to "Scream 2" is that with its success, everyone in Hollywood with half an idea will attempt a slasher flick. They'll flood the market and tarnish the better ones.

It will be just like when "Halloween" hit theaters; then came the flood: the "Friday the 13th" series, "Prom Night" ad nauseum and the like.

"Scream 2" brings back the survivors - all of whom were nicked in one way or another in the first one - including Neve Campbell as Sydney, Courtney Cox as Gale Weathers, and David Arquette as Deputy Dewey.

Campbell and Cox could be the next great female action heroes, what with all that machismo they oozed during the final scenes.

The setting is Windsor University somewhere out west.

A movie tracing the real-life drama of Sydney (from the first film) has hit the theaters and someone starts another real body count.

As one ill-fated character points out: in a sequel, the body count must be higher (it is) and the death scenes must be bloodier (they are).

This film manages to intensely poke fun at itself while simultaneously telling a great story, including a plot twist.

The film has, of course, a few improbabilities, but not many and not that glaring. They are noticeable only to the discerning eye.



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One great scene comes when thread tying it all together. the murderer takes the driver's seat of a car Sydney is in. The car crashes and Sydnev and a friend must climb

over the driver (the masked murderer) in order to escape. Rated: R Grade: A-

'Mousehunt"

Movie Review

By C.J. Nodus Heritage Newspapers

It was inevitable that Dream Works Pictures, the new kids on the block in movie-making, would have a flat. It's just surprising it has come so fast in its existence.

"Mousehunt" is one of the worst movies of 1997 if not the decade. It stars Nathan Lane and Lee Evans as Ernie and Lars Smuntz, heirs to the Smuntz String Factory.

From the opening scenes of the dreary funeral in the pouring rain, the arguing between the two brothers that results

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in the dropping of the casket. the flying of the body and its landing in the sewers, this film goes dreadfully wrong.

Slowly and painfully, the film finally gets to the fact that in addition to the string factory, the brothers also inherit a house.

First, brother Ernie (Lane) causes the death of the incumbent mayor in his restaurant on the eve of the mayor's re-election by poisoning him.

Brother Lars (Evans) is then thrown out by his wife, played by the funny Vicki Lewis of "NewsRadio," in a wasted cameo role. The two decide to go check out their house.

The building is a dilapidated old mansion that the two quickly find out is firmly controlled by a mouse. The mayhem, with even less of the mirth, then begins.

After they try "one mean pussy" for entirely too brief a period, they engage an exterminator, pathetically played by Christopher Walken.

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and the neurotic exterminator, the film bounces between "Babe" and "Hellraiser" in its efforts to get the mouse. At times, the movie is truly terrifying for the audience it is

Enter the fact that the house was the last one built by some exotic architect, and the story gets murkier and murkier. It all culminates with a multimillion dollar auction for the house, which is still controlled

looking to attract. by the mouse.

In addition to Lewis, the stellar supporting cast includes Eric Christmas, Michael Jeter and the late William Hickey. Hickey died a few weeks after completing work on the film. For such a fine actor, it is a sad way to close a 40-year career. Rated: PG Grade: D



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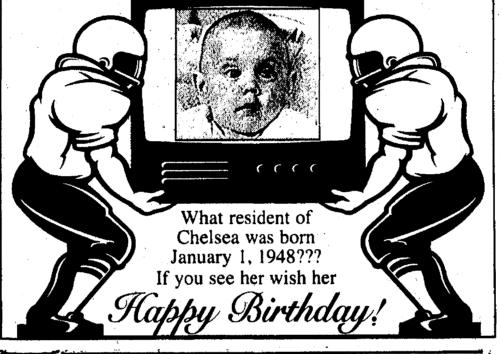
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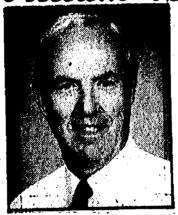
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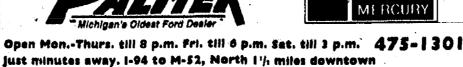
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Monday, Jan. 5 Chelsea Kiwanis Club meets at Chelsea Community Hospital, 6:15 p.m.

McKune Memorial Library Mystery Book Club meets at the library, 7:30 p.m. Lima Township Board meeting at Lima Township Hall, 8 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 6 Rotary Club meets at the Common

Grill, 12:10 p.m. Lions Club meets at Chelsea Com-

munity Hospital, 6:45 p.m. Sylvan Township Board meets at Syl-

van Township Hall, 7 p.m. McKune Memorial Library Board meets at Faith in Action building, 7:30 p.m. Lima Township Zoning Board of Ap-

peals meets at Lima Township Hall, 7:30 Wednesday, Jan. 7

Chelsea-Manchester Chapter No. 108, OES meets at the Masonic Temple, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 8

mission meets at the township hall, 7:30 Chelsea Rod and Gun Club Auxiliary

Lyndon Township Planning Com-

meets at the clubhouse, 7:30 p.m. Dexter American Legion meets at the Dexter Legion Hall, 8 p.m.

Monday, Jan. 12 McKune Memorial Library Brown Bag Book Club meets at the library, 11:45

a.m. Chelsea Kiwanis Club meets at Chelsea Community Hospital, 6:15 p.m.

Chelsea School Board meets in the board room, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 13 Downtown Development Authority meeting in the Village of Chelsea council chambers, 8 a.m.

Chelsea Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors meets at Chelsea Community Hospital, noon.

Rotary Club meets at the Common Grill, 12:10 p.m.

Lyndon Township Board meets at the

township hall, 7:30 p.m. Chelsea Village Council meets at Syl-

van Township Hall, 7:30 p.m. Chelsea Rod and Gun Club meets at clubhouse on Lingage Road, 7:30 n.m.

DEXTER Saturday, Jan. 3

"January Bird Walk" at Hudson Mills Metropark to explore woodlands, fields and river edge for winter birds, 8 a.m. Preregister, 1-800-477-3191 or (734) 426-8211.

"Colors in Winter" a hike at Hudson Mills Metropark, 1 p.m. Pre-register, 1-800-477-3191 or (734) 426-8211. Monday, Jan. 5

Dexter Library Board meets at the Dexter District Library, 7:30 p.m.

Dexter Village Planning Commission meets at First of America Bank, 7:30 p.m. **Dexter Community Schools Board of** Education meets at the Copeland building.

Lima Township Board meeting at Lima Township Hall, 8 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 6 Kiwanis Club of Dexter meets at Shooters, 6:30 p.m.

Lima Township Zoning Board of Appeals meets at Lima Township Hall, 7:30

Wednesday, Jan. 7 Dexter Merchants Association meet at

First of America Bank, 6:30 p.m. **Dexter Families Anonymous Support** Group meets at the Dexter United methodist church, 7:30 p.m. Info. 426-8260. Sunday, Jan. 11

"On Whitetail's Trail" at Hudson Mills Metropark. Short indoor program followed by an outdoor hike. Info., registration, 1-800-477-3191 or (734) 426-8211. 'Wonders of Winter, Inside and

Outside" nature class for families at the Matthaei Botanical Gardens. Cider and donuts., 2-4 p.m. Registration and information, (313) 995-5439. Monday, Jan. 12

Reproductive Health Advisory Committee for Dexter schools meets at Wylie Middle School media room, 7 p.m. Harmony Rebekah Lodge 460 meets

at the Masonic Temple, 7:30 p.m. Webster Township Historical Society

meeting, 7:30 p.m. Dexter Village Council meets at First of America Bank, 8 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 13 Kiwanis Club of Dexter meets at

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Sons of the American Legion meet at the Dexter Legion Home, 8 p.m.

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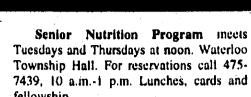
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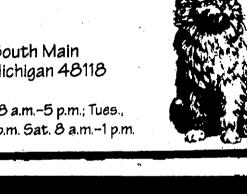
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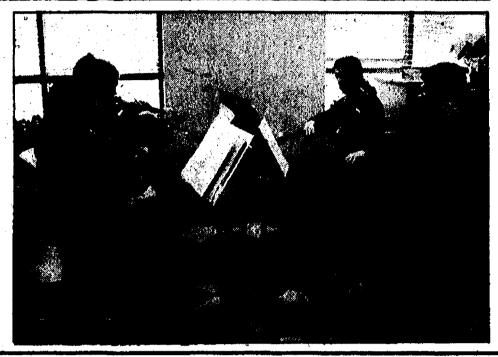
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-Bank Celebration-As part of Chelsea State Bank's 100th anniversary celebration, a clown entertained children and Chelsea High School orchestra students performed for customers at the downtown branch Saturday, Dec. 20. Pictured with Colors the Clown is Amanda Johnson, 3, of Chelsea. The quartet consists of musicians Katie Henry. Corinna Christman, Christine Tracy and Darrel Noye.



Local residents earn degrees

area took the big plunge into science, Jennifer Lynn Jackthe post-college world Dec. 14 son, bachelor of science; Kelly dates. as Eastern Michigan University held its Fall-term commencement ceremony. In all 1,070 undergraduate- and 400 graduate-level students graduated from the college.

Chelsea graduates are Kyle Edward Erickson, bachelor of. science; Linda Marie Loszewski, bachelor of science: Jennifer Ann Petty. magna cum laude bachelor of business administration: and Amy Lynn Wagoner, summa cum laude bachelor of sciénce.

Dexter graduates are Andrea L. Bradbury, bachelor of science; Mindi Colby, bachelor of science, Amy Elizabeth Potter, cum laude bachelor of science; and Harley B. Rider, cum laude bachelor of science.

Grass Lake graduates are Brady Lewis Cook, bachelor of science; Joel Hugh Cook, bachelor of science; and Thainon Patrick Murphy, bachelor of science.

Manchester graduates are Wendy Joy Haeussler, summa cum laude bachelor of science: Duane Gale Hopkins, bachelor of science; Linda Dianne Lamerre, bachelor of science: Catherine J. Roberts, magna cum laude bachelor of fine arts; and Shannon Lee Sa-Iyer, bachelor of science.

Whitmore Lake graduates are Alison Mary Butler, bacheior of fine arts; Robert Terry Dillon, bachelor of science; Lynn Marie Fritz, bachelor of business administration: Peter

Morgan enlists in U.S. Army

Benny D. Morgan has joined the United States Army under the Delayed Entry Program at the U.S. Army Recruiting Station in Adrian.

The program gives young men or women the opportunity to delay enlistment into the Army for up to one year before reporting to basic military training.

The enlistment gives the new soldier the option to learn a new skill, travel and become eligible to receive as much as \$40,000 toward a college education. After completion of basic training, soldiers receive advanced individual training in their career specialty.

Morgan, a 1997 graduate of Manchester High School, will report to Fort Knox, Radcliff, Ky., for basic training Jan. 9.

He is the son of Wanda and Bennie Morgan of Manchester.

Students from around the John Haggerty, bachelor of Kay Kleman, bachelor of fine arts; Douglas Charles Lindsay, cum laude bachelor of science; Daniel Anthony Reason, bachelor of science; Mary Ellen Skrbina, summa cum laude bachelor of business administration: Steven Wayne Vowles, bachelor of science; and Alexis Wing, bachelor of

Michigan State University also announced degree candi-

Chelsea candidates Heather L. Robertson, with honors in medical technology; and Kevin Smith with honors in Mechanical Engineering.

The Dexter candidate is Ashlee Doreen Zylka in supply chain management.

The Gregory candidate is Sharon Marie Veltri in supply chain management.

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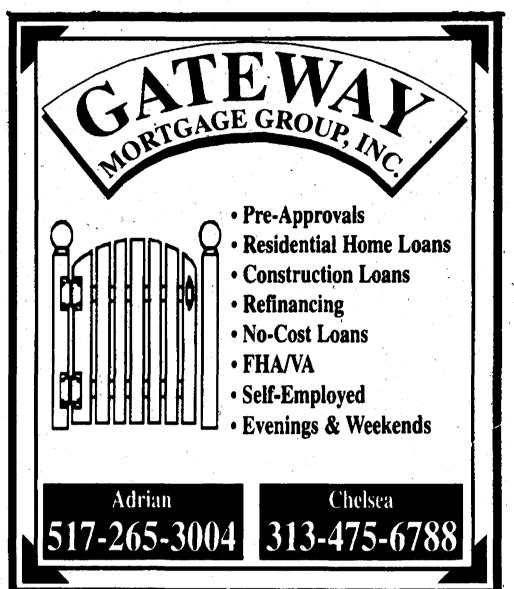
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-Playland Grand Opening-McDonald's Restaurant recently opened its children's playground to the public with a ribbon cutting ceremony. While eager children ran through the structure, Jackie Maveal of Chelsea Area Responding to Teens cut the ribbon and received \$100 for the organization. Pictured are CART members Betsy Ruhlig (left) Trevor Maveal and Jackie Maveal, and McDonald's manager Robb Collier and regional

representative Jerry Olinik.

Local colleges

honor resident

ored several Chelsea resi-

letic letters. Molly Griebe, a

junior at the college and a Chelsea High School graduate,

letered in women's cross country for the third consecutive

year. Case McCalla, also a jun-

ior and a Chelsea grad, lettered a second time in foot-

Kalamazoo College recognized Rebecca J. Flintoft, daughter of Carol and Peter Flintoft of Chelsea, with the Fan E. Sherwood Memorial

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toft was given the prize :...

front of parents, alumni and friends at the Kalamazoo Col-

lege Honors Convocation Oct.

Jeremy Bowers, a sopho-

more in computer science at

Michigan State University, was accepted into the honors col-

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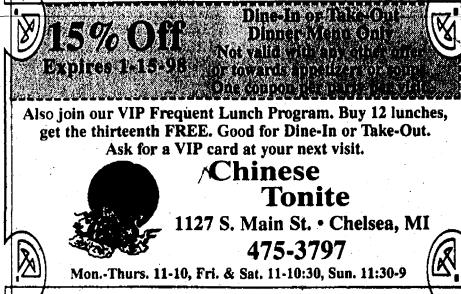
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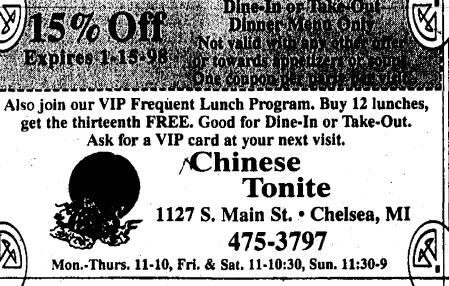
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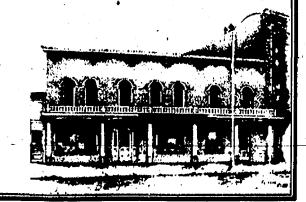
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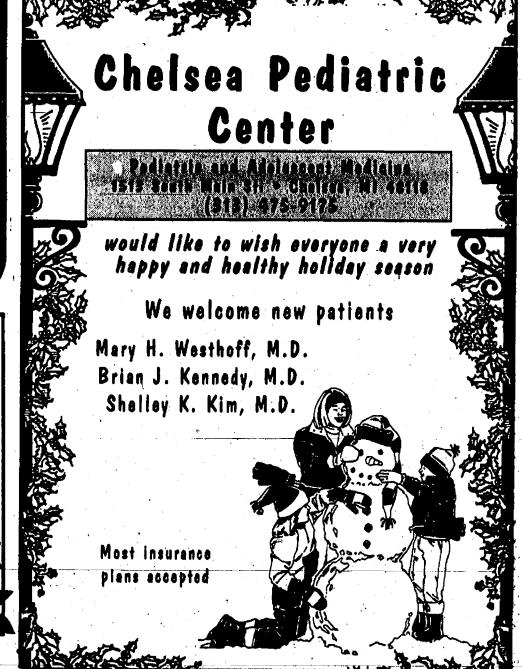
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Chelsea Village Missing Person

A 41-year-old Chelsea man reported his daughter missing from their residence in Village Apartments, 250 Wilkinson St. Chelsea Police located the 13-year-old girl at a trailer on N. Main Street. She left peacefully.

A suspicious incident was reported at a downtown business, Dec. 15. A store owner told Chelsea Police a 23-year-old Hudson man was soliciting donations for the Students Against Drunk Driving chapter. He appeared suspicious because he was not from the high school.

However, upon further investigation police discovered the man works for the American Youth Corps Inc., which has a contract with the local SADD chapter that allows the company to solicit advertising on behalf of SADD. In turn, the company provides folders with SADD slogans and information to the school.

Larceny

Larceny was reported in the 200 block of Buchanan St., Dec. 17. A 40-year-old man told Chelsea Police that he suspects a 45-year-old Chelsea man of stealing two tires and four wheels stored in his garage. The theft occurred between Dec. 9 and Dec. 16, a couple weeks after the suspect expressed an interest in purchasing them from the victim.

The victim told police that the suspect's son, 25, told him he believed his father was guilty of the crime. The stolen property is valued at \$380. Embezzlement

Embezzlement was reported at Pamida Discount Store, 1040 S. Main St., Dec. 22. The store manager told police that she caught a 16-year-old Munith girl, a cashier, allowing her friend to leave the store with merchandise she did not purchase. In a statement solicited by the store, the girl admitted to allowing her friend, a teen from Stock-Tridge, to pick out over \$500 in merchandise and take it. The suspect acted as if she rung up the transaction, however, she did not.
The suspect said in her

statement that she knew it was wrong to do but her friend couldn't afford the items otherwise.

Ingham County Sheriff's Department retrieved the stolen merchandise from the girl in Stockbridge.

The case has been forwarded to the prosecutor's office.

Dexter Township

Domestic Assault

Domestic assault was reported on Westwind Drive near Fleming Road, Dec. 23. A 31-year-old woman told a Washtneaw County Sheriff's deputy that her husband, 26, assaulted her during an argument. The 'woman said her husband returned home after he had been drinking alcohol. She was wrapping presents and an argument ensued.

The woman said she tried to push her husband away and he put her in a head lock and forced her face in the kitchen sink. The woman said she scratched him and he let go. She left for her mother's home and when she returned he had changed the locks, so she called police.

The suspect denies touching his wife. He said they only had a verbal argument.

Scio Township
Felonious Assault
Additional suspect infor-

Kopinski graduates

Was among 22 Michigan-area students who graduated from Adrian College Dec. 12.

Kopinski received a bachelor of arts degree, magna cum laude. He is a 1993 Dexter High School graduate and son of Jan and Daniel Kopinski of

Dexter.

Dr. George Somers, professor of sociology, criminal justice and human services at Adrian College, presented the commencement address. A reception for family and friends followed the ceremiony.

mation has come forward in a felonious assault case reported in the 7300 block of Marshall Road, Oct. 13. A 23-year-old Chicago man threatened at gun point positively identified his assailant, a 29-year-old man.

A deputy faxed six photographs of possible suspects to the victim in Chicago. The victim called and positively identified one of the six as his attacker. A prosecutor is reviewing the case.

Stolen Vehicle

A 1995 Geo Prism was reported stolen from the Jim Bradley car dealership, 3500 Jackson Road, Dec. 19. A

saleswoman told a sheriff's deputy that she allowed a 29-year-old Ann Arbor man to test drive the car after making a photocopy of his driver's license. The man, however, did not return the vehicle, valued at \$9,850.

Police spoke with the suspect's father and later the suspect returned the vehicle. He admitted to being a drug addict and said he was high on Vicodin.

Police noted the suspect is being investigated for his involvement in similar thefts at other area dealerships.

Drunken Driving

A 52-year-old Scio Township man was arrested for operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor on Zeeb Road near I-94, Dec. 19. The man was initially stopped near Banfield's Bar for driving erratically in his 1986 Ford pick-up truck.

'The driver's eyes were bloodshot and watery and his speech was slurred. He admitted to drinking alcohol from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. at a restaurant. A test proved his bloodalcohol level to be .19 percent, which is more than the legal limit to drive.

Lyndon Township Breaking and Entering

Breaking and entering was reported in the 8200 block of Beeman Road, Dec. 22. A 37-year-old woman told police

that someone broke into her home between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. The woman said she arrived home to find the door open and the door jamb damaged. She also discovered over \$1,400 worth of property stolen, including a VCR, two jewelry boxes, jewelry and Christmas gifts.

Neighbor Trouble
Neighbor trouble was reported on Lingane Road near Waterloo Road, Dec. 18. A 36-year-old woman told police that her neighbor, a 45-year-old woman, has been inciting her dog to bark by blowing a whistle. She said the woman also has been leaving notes in

her mailbox.

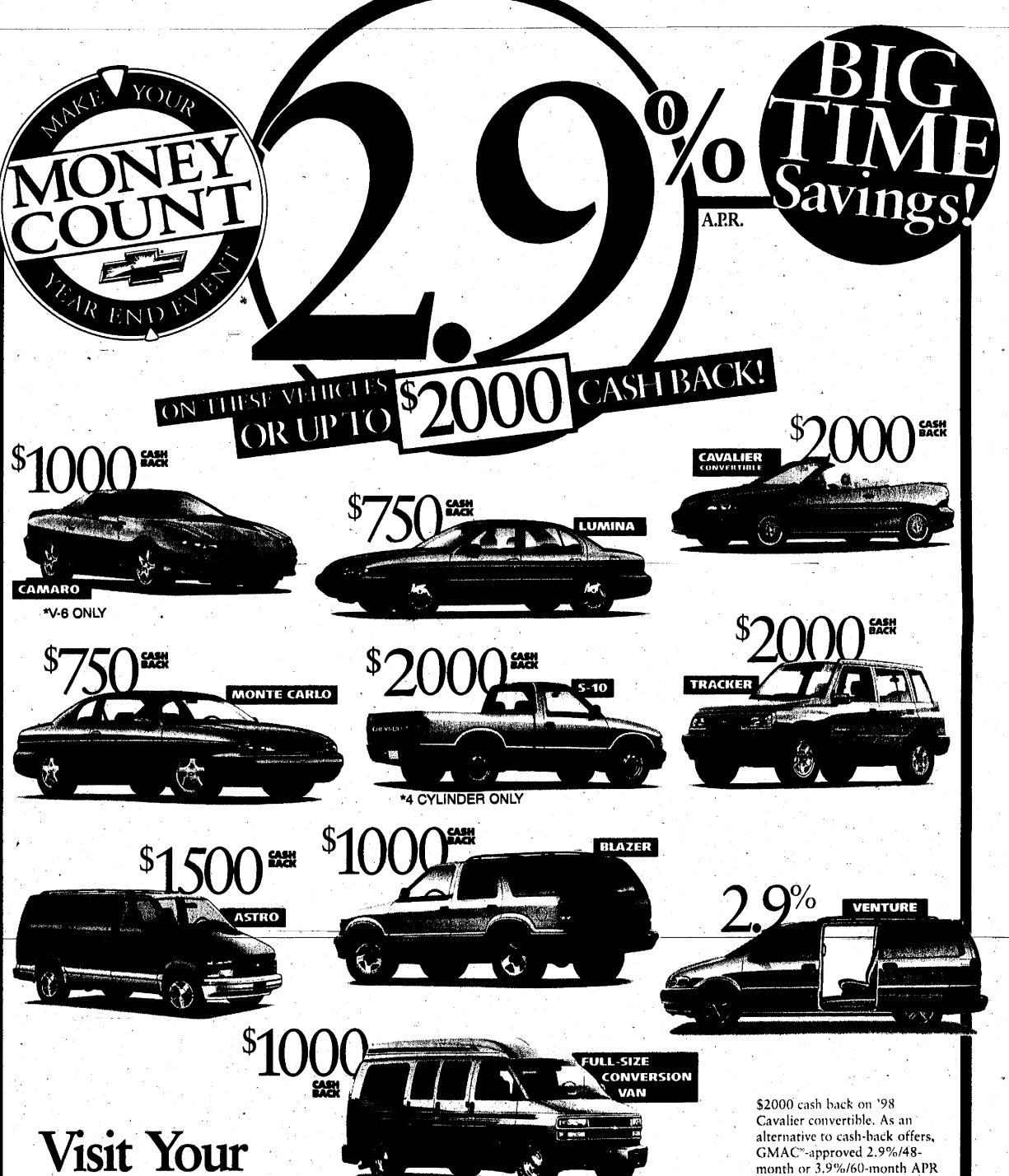
The suspect told police that

she blows the whistle to alert her neighbor when her neighbor's dog gets loose. She said she wrote one note asking the woman to keep her dog at home.

Lima Township Found Property

A shirt belonging to the Washtneaw County Jail was found at Smith's Towing Service, 11453 Jackson Road, Dec. 20. A 20-year-old mechanic turned it into the sheriff's department after finding it in the company's parking lot.

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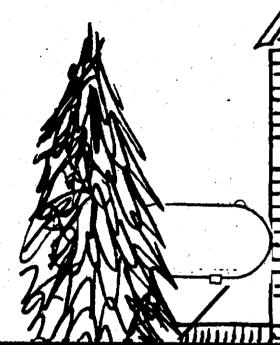
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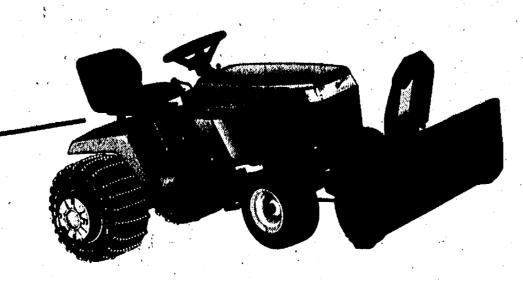
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Chelsea's 1997 year-end review

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2—Talk of a district-wide fire department serving the Dexter and Chelsea area may be heating up but Chelsea Fire Chief Dan Ellenwood predicts it won't become a reality for another couple years. He said it will likely take two years before the governments of the municipalities reach an agreement. Talk of the joint fire effort between Dexter Area and Chelsea Fire Departments has been intensifying since late last summer.

2—Stand for Children, an interfaith service, will be held Sunday, Jan. 19 at St. Mary's Catholic Church on Old US-12. The service will honor the memory of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The service will include readings from Hebrew Scriptures, the Bible and the Qur'an.

2—Cable channel 22 offers television viewers a wealth of information about the community, from local events and restaurant reviews to birth-days, school closings and advice for the lovelorn. The channel has been operating since 1990 under the direction of Alex Weddon, the local channel's founder and operator.

9—Chelsea United Way has reached its 1996-97 fundraising goal of \$107.740.

9—Not many people would feel comfortable riding in a car driven by a robot. However, because of new technology developed at the Chrysler Proving Grounds in Chelsea, many car owners will have a more comfortable ride because of the many miles robots are driving Chrysler vehicles.

9—The Lima Township Board of Trustees will hold a special meeting Monday, Jan 13, at which they are scheduled to appoint a new treasurer for the township.

16-Harold Allen, a longtime Chelsea resident, held a special work session with members of the Chelsea Village Council and the Chelsea Planning Commission Thursday, Jan. 9, to discuss a proposal for a 380-acre parcel of land he owns between Cavanaugh Lake and Sibley Roads. Allen said he wanted to get feedback and opinions from some local and government officials about his plan before proceeding with any formal requests. Allen's plans for the site include a 30-acre mobile home

park, 86 acres for a combination of apartments and condominiums and a 130-acre recreational park area.

16—Whether carpet is a safe choice for flooring in Chelsea's school buildings, or whether installing carpet would be a reckless and unhealthy choice all depends on whose research you choose to believe.

16—McKune Memorial Library officially became a district library on Monday, Jan. 6. The participating municipalities are the Village of Chelsea, Sylvan Township, and the portion of Dexter Township not served by the Dexter District Library.

16—Tentative staff assignments for the Chelsea School District elementary buildings have been made. Lucy Stieber will be the principal at Pierce Lake Elementary School, Sharon Whitmore will remain at North Creek Elementary School and a third principal, yet to be hired, will take the reigns at South Meadows Elementary School.

16—Results of the Michigan Educational Assessment Program test administered to fourth- and seventh-grade students this fall and the retesting for the High School Proficiency Test given to seniors were recently released to the district.

23—The Chelsea Village Council voted 4-2 at its Jan. 14 meeting not to send to the Chelsea Planning Commission a request for annexation into the village for a 156.8-acre parcel between Cavanaugh Lake and Sibley Roads in Sylvan Township. Omnipotent Properties Inc. put forth the request, and Operations Manager Harold Allen had said he wants to put in some apartments and condominiums, a mobile home park and a recreational park on the land.

23—Although the Chelsea Village Council has not yet appointed a Historic District Commission to oversee the Chelsea Historic Preservation District, it looks as if they soon will be ready to do so.

23—The case for using the Clock Tower building as a site for a new village office complex was made Sunday afternoon at the First Congregational Church at a meeting sponsored by the Preservation Chelsea organization.

23—The Lima Township



Members of Chelsea's Center for the Development of the Arts painted a mural opposite the Chelsea Depot.

Board of Trustees voted at its Jan. 9 meeting not to negotiate an agreement with Ernest Bateson on the necessary presubmission requirements and post-permit conditions for a quarry permit for land he owns on Scio Church Road.

30—Teachers who have been in the Chelsea School District for many years, but are ready to move on to other interests in their lives, will now have a new option to help them to do so. The Chelsea Board of Education voted unanimously at its Jan. 27 meeting to offer a voluntary early retirement program to its employees over the course of the next two months.

30—Chelsea Alternative High School announced the first ever graduates of the newly formed school, Michael Auquier, Stephen Cubberly and Shelly Kruger graduated in a dinner ceremony Jan. 15 at the Chelsea Community Hospital dining room.

February . . .

6—A request by Omnipotent Properties Inc. to the Village of Chelsea to annex 143.8 acres of Cavanaugh Lake and Sibley Roads in Sylvan Township will now go to the Chelsea Planning Commission for a study and report. The Chelsea Village Council voted 5-1-1 at its Jan. 28 meeting to send the annexation request on the its next phase in processing.

6—Where to relocate the village offices has been a hot topic in the community for quite some time, and the village still seems far from a consensus. The controversy over the relocation of the offices surfaced again at the Jan. 28 meeting of Chelsea Village Council. It was not on the agenda to discuss the matter of municipal office relocation at that meeting, but Trustee Robert Clark brought up the issue during the time designated for unfinished business. Clark made a motion to eliminate consideration of the Clock Tower building as a new site for village offices, which resulted in a 3-3-1 vote by the council.

6—After a great deal of wrangling over motions made, motions withdrawn and motions denied, the Lima Township Board of Trustees managed to make a few solid decisions at its Feb. 3 meeting.

6—The Village of Chelsea has once again opted to join the Washtenaw Development Council, an organization with a mission of supporting economic development that attracts and retains jobs within the county.

13—In the June 9 school board elections, voters will likely be asked to approve a one-mill sinking fund that would replace the one enhancement mill the district will be losing at the end of the year. But Chelsea School District Superintendent Ed Richardson assured that by approving the mill taxpayers will not experience any increase in what they are paying. If this sinking fund mill is approved,

taxpayers will be paying the exact same number of mills they currently pay.

13-What do you do when you have a group of people with completely different interests and conflicting ideas, but a common problem that needs a solution? Residents of Gene Drive in the village can relate to this scenario, and have been working to reach a compromise that everyone can live with. The condition of the private, little dirt road off of Old US-12 in the village has been a sore spot amongst the people who live there for some time, because they all have very different goals regarding their properties located on it.

13—An arrangement between the Chelsea and Dexter Fire Departments and the Multi-Lakes Sewer Authority has proven to be beneficial for both parties, and consequently, the rest of the community.

20—The Chelsea Village Council rezoned 131.7 acres of property on the east side of the village, along Freer Road in Lima Township, from agriculture designations (A-1 and AG-1) to low-density residential (RS-1) at its Feb. 11 meeting. This new zoning, which passed in a 5-0-1 vote by the council, allows up to four housing units per acre.

20—Raising the revenues for different departments within the village by raising their associated costs for new developers and residents, was a theme of the Feb. 11 meeting of the Chelsea Village Council.

20—The car pool parking lot at the south end of the village, by M-52 near the I-94 ramp, will be a bit safer now. There will soon be a light installed in the lot, and the village council has agreed to foot the estimated \$10-\$20 per

month energy bill.

27—The Chelsea Board of Education adopted a policy for assigning students to the district's buildings at its Feb. 24 meeting. Within the next few years, only the elementary buildings will be affected by this policy, but it is written in such a way that it could be applicable to any building or program.

27—The Chelsea School District is one step closer to implementing the technology plan adopted by the Board of Education in October. The board gave a unanimous nod to the recommendations of Childs Consulting Associates to accept bids for four different categories of the technology bid package.

27—Recent travelers of Freer Road have probably noticed the passageway resembles a lake more than a road in some spots, particularly near the construction site of the new high school. However, according to Assistant Village Manager Bruce Pindzia, the contractors and the village are working on a permanent solution to the problem.

of Trustees postponed action last Tuesday on a fire service billing agreement with Huron Valley Ambulance. HVA has offered on behalf of the township to bill citizens for fire protection and medical first-responder services which is allowable under law.

March . . .

6—Fireworks exploded at the Feb. 25 meeting of the Chelsea Village Council, when the issue of relocation of the village offices was once again brought to the forefront. Village Trustee Robert Clark make his last meeting on the council a memorable one, by lashing out in a personal attack of James Myles, the individual who is looking to take over Clark's seat at the next meeting of the council.

6—The Chelsea District Library Board passed two measures at its Feb. 25 meeting that prohibit residents of Lima and Lyndon Townships from having borrowing privileges from the library.

6-A company seeking to annex into Chelsea Village approximately 143 acres of Sylvan Township farmland to be used for a development condominiums. containing mobile homes, and a recreation park, has filed for chapter 11 bankruptcy. Omnipotent Properties Inc., whose only listed officer is Cory Tremper of Chelsea, filed for bankruptcy Feb. 20. Letters dated Feb. 25 were sent to unsecured creditors by the U.S. Department of Justice.

6—The Village of Chelsea now has an up-to-date historic district ordinance. After a heated public hearing, the village council adopted the ordinance in a 4-3 vote at its Feb. 25 meeting.

13—An architectural and engineering firm estimates that it will cost about \$2.6 million to renovate the Clock Tower building for use as a new village office complex. That figure, which translates \$76.77 per square foot, was estimated by Thompson and Phelen Inc. It was included in a report scheduled to be considered by village council at Tuesday night's meeting.

13—The Pierce Lake Elementary building is one step closer to opening its doors in the fall of 1997: The building now officially has a staff assigned to it. Staffing assignments for all three buildings were finalized March 5.

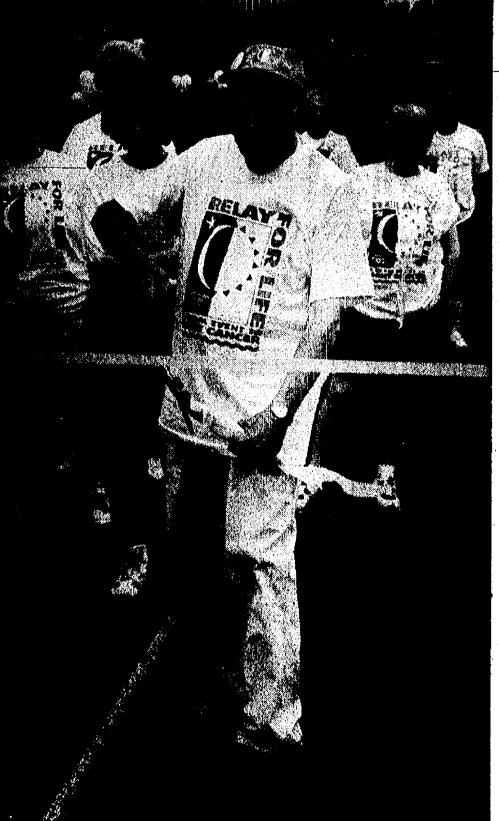
13—Chelsea resident Harold Allen says his proposed development for the west side of Chelsea is still on despite the fact that his company, Omnipotent Properties Inc., has filed for chapter 11 bankruptcy protection.

20—Village of Chelsea residents will feel the sting of inflation when they get their April water bills. The village council voted 7-0 at its March 11 meeting to increase water rates 15 percent, starting next

month.

20—Many Chelsea-area residents, like more than 300,000 people from around the state, found themselves in the dark after last Thursday night's ice storm. Chelsea's electric department estimates that 60 percent of the people in the village, or about 870 households, lost power, along with numerous others in the surrounding townships and outlying areas.

20—A request to rezone 9.69 acres on Dexter-Ann Ar-(Continued on Page 13)



Bill Vermelyen cut the ribbon for the second annual Relay for Life.

The event is held to raise money for cancer research.



Bill Vermelyen, right, was the featured speaker at Chelsea's Memorial Day program.

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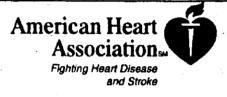
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Every two years, married sellers of principal residences who file joint federal income tax returns will be allowed a \$500,000 exclusion (\$250,000 for singles) from capital gains tax and those who must pay will do so at a tax rate of 20 percent compared to the previous 28 percent. Depreciation recapture will be 25 percent for sales or exchanges and after the year 2000, some properties held for five years or more will qualify for an 18 percent capital gains rate. That's not all-there will be a gradual increase in the estate tax exemption-from \$600,000 to \$1 million, and to \$1.3 million for qualifying small businesses and family farms. This applies to all sales or exchanges occurring after May 6, 1997.

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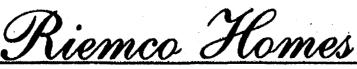


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Chelsea's 1997 year-end review highlights year's events

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bor Road by a developer associated with Chelsea Community Hospital has sparked a heated debate among Dexter officials, residents and business owners.

27—A bypass to the west of town will be in the future of the Chelsea area if local government officials decide to take the advice of the consulting team of Beckett and Raeder Inc. At a public meeting March 20, John Iacoangeli of Beckett and Raeder presented the recommendation that at some point, a bypass to the west of Chelsea be built in order to alleviate the traffic flow on M-52 downtown.

27—A group of citizens from Lyndon Township met at McKune Memorial Library March 17 to discuss their concerns about continuation of library services for the township's residents.

27—Students and staff from Chelsea Alternative High-School reported to the Chelsea Board of Education that the program has been successful and has reached its goal of decreasing the number of dropouts from Chelsea School District.

April . . .

3-Some mixed feelings surfaced Tuesday night, March 25, as the village council took public input on the issue of using the Clock Tower building as a new site for village municipal offices. A few residents questioned the validity of the report that recommends the Clock Tower to house the village offices. But for-themost part, the residents quietly supported the report's conclusion.

3—In a recent Chelsea visit, 8th District U.S. Rep. Debbie Stabenow stressed that to build a better future, in Chelsea and throughout the world, the quality of children's education must be maximized. In promotion of her new education initiatives, the congresswoman visited the Chrysler Proving Grounds on March 26 to talk with engineers about promoting math and science in education, before heading to South Meadows Elementary School, to encourage the children to read.

3—People who want to build, develop, or make changes in Chelsea will now have to shell out a bit more money to get their projects off the ground. Chelsea Village Council voted unanimously March 25 to approve a new fee schedule that is more in line with what it costs the village to process the requests.

10-The Chelsea Planning

Commission has been moving forward with the request by Omnipotent Properties Inc. for the annexation of 143 acres on Cavanaugh Lake Road. The commission, has completed a rough draft report on the property, and members are in the process of revising and adding to that report. Meanwhile, members of Sylvan Township government said they will stand firm on their position that some of the land. which lies to the west of the line they feel should be the boundary of the village, should not be included in the annexation.

10—Residents of Gene Drive may be a bit closer to finding an acceptable solution to the problem of how to improve their road in a fair and feasible way. Joseph Ohren, a facilitator from the Institute for Community and Regional Development, recently reported his findings and recommendations on the dilemma, based on several months of studying the needs and desires of residents and village officials.

10-The Tech. Unlimited Express, which took first place in last August's Chelsea Community Fair Parade, was named Grand Champion in a National Float Building Contest hosted by the Anderson Party Decorating Supplies Company.

10-It appears things have turned around for an Ann Arbor developer who wants to build a medical clinic in **Dexter for Chelsea Community** Hospital. MAVDevelopment returned to the planning commission Monday after revising a previous request that was denied without prejudice because it created spot zoning.

17—Lisa Nickel, a North Creek Elementary teacher, will be the new principal of South Meadows Elementary School this fall. She has been hired to fill the vacancy that will be left by Principal Lucy Stieber at South Meadows when Stieber moves over to the Pierce Lake Elementary building for the 1997-98 school

17—An ongoing oil slick problem on Letts Creek worsened over the weekend, to the point that authorities were able to trace the source, which they believe is Federal Screw Works, a downtown Chelsea industry.

17-Washtenaw Road Commission held a public hearing in Sylvan Township Hall Monday night to determine the necessity of abandoning portions of Lowrey, Ridge, Glazier and Highland Roads in Sylvan Township. Cavanaugh Lake frontage road abandonment and the rebuilding of a new county road through the middle of Dr. Irving Feller's property would affect approximately 30 residents.

17—Persistence and public pressure paid off Monday as **MAVDevelopment** granted a request for rezoning that will ultimately allow a medical clinic across from Mill Creek Middle School in Dexter. Dexter Village Council approved the request, with Village President Phil Arbour voting against it.

24-The annual Chelsea Christmas in April celebration will be taking place this Saturday, April 26, at various sites throughout the Chelsea community. Volunteers will work on repairing seven local homes, doing everything from cutting down trees and cleaning out rain gutters to installing fence posts and hauling away debris.

24 Although the Chelsea Planning Commission seemed

positive about their recommendation on the request by Omnipotent Properties Inc. for the annexation of 156.8 acres on Cavanaugh Lake Road, operations manager Harold Allen said he's fed up with the project, and he has been discussing selling the portion of the land zoned for mobile home use to developer Steve Tracy.

24—Justin Strong, a senior at Chelsea High School, has received an appointment to the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo. He will start his training at the academy this summer and will participate in military training and athletics, as well as conventional academic classroom instruction.

24—After much wrangling, Dexter Township Board of Trustees last week narrowly adopted a resolution supporting Portage Yacht Club owner Tom Ehman in his year-long quest for a dance and entertainment permit. The permit is necessary, according to state law, if entertainment or dancing is to go on legally at the

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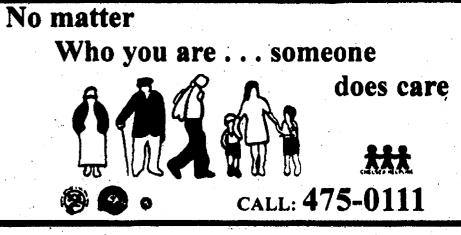
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1-Chelsea Board of Educa-

resignation of Assistant Superintendent Christine Annese at its April 28 meeting.

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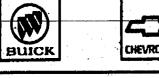
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Chelsea's 1997 year-end review-

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The resignation will go into effect at a date mutually agreeable to both Annese and the school district.

The administrator is finishing her second year in this position for the Chelsea schools, and has primarily been responsible for overseeing the business operations of the district.

"I regret receiving her resignation," said Board of Education President Jane Diesing. "I think she's done a tremendous job for the district."

Annese's husband has taken employment in the Grand Rapids area, and Annese now plans to look for work in that region also. Chelsea Superintendent Ed Richardson said that although Annese's contract extends through June of 1998, he expects that she will find employment in time for the next school year, since many districts are in the process of hir-

1—A lawsuit has been filed against Chelsea Village by a resident dissatisfied with a Zoning Board of Appeals' decision to not grant him a variance from village ordinances.

Jim Machnik, a property owner on Gene Drive, said the village is violating his constitutional right to use his land, and the village has taken away the value of his property.

"They've got me in a position where they won't let me do anything with my land," Machnik said. "I'm asking for the court to grant me a variance from the zoning ordinance or the road ordinance, or (the village) buy my land at a reasonable price, because they've taken away the value of my land."

1—The village is moving forward with closure of the Department of Public Works garage redemption project for an underground storage tank that leaked gasoline byproduct contamination into the ground some time ago.

Chelsea Village Council voted 4-3 at its April 22 meeting to use computer modeling to determine the potential for the chemicals remaining in the ground water at the site to adversely affect the nearby village supply well, as well as the potential for contaminated soil to pose an unacceptable threat to the public,

8—Over four dozen people attended Monday night's Lima Township Board meeting to state their concerns about parts of the township being denied privileges to the Chelsea District Library after

Lima Township, along with Lyndon Township, has declined to join the district. Consequently, township residents will not be able to use McKune Memorial Library after August.

8—Renovations—for—North— Creek Elementary and South Meadows Elementary are scheduled to begin on Monday. June 16, according to Chelsea School District Operations -Manager Ron Livengood.

Livengood said that the \$3 million renovations will make the schools look completely different, both inside and out. "These two schools are going to be totally remodeled when we move back into them," Livengood said. "People aren't even going to recognize them when they're done."

8—A study is close to being completed by Midwestern Consulting, a sub-consultant to Kingscott Associates, to suggest a solution to the waterdrainage problems located on Freer Road just north of Trin-

According to the Chelsea School Board, Granger Construction constructed three water retention basins near

Suzanne C. Morrison

Village Clerk

Freer Road to absorb all the rain water coming from school property.

15—Ten-year-old Zachary Duve died Monday night after his liver failed in the intensive care unit of Mott Children's Hospital. Zac was born with Juenes Syndrome and has been in and out of the hospital his entire life. He received a partial liver transplant from his father, Ted, in January but it never quite adapted to his as doctors had hoped.

15-Chelsea School Board established the criteria for hiring a new assistant superintendent at the school board meeting on Tuesday night.

The board is seeking a replacement for Christine Annese, who is moving to Grand Rapids with her husband. Annese had been primarily responsible for overseeing the business operations in the district.

However, with Annese leaving board members have essentially decided to split her old job into two positions.

"The new assistant superintendent will be in charge of instruction and personnel rather than business operations," said Superintendent Ed Richardson. "But we will also hire a separate director of business operations to perform the duties that Christine was doing."

15—Nearly 250 students from Beach Middle School attended Mill Lake Camp for the annual Sixth Grade Camp.

"It's really an outdoor academic program," said Assistant Principal Stephen Beyer. This year was the 27th consecutive year the camp has been held.

22—Chelsea Industries Inc., a major Chelsea automotive business since 1980, has been

sold to Stonebridge Industries Inc. of Sylvania, Ohio. The sale was completed Monday and is effective immediately. The price was not disclosed.

In a separate transaction. a sales agreement for the building, Chelsea's historic Clock Tower and the adjoining former Rockwell building, has been signed by Ronald Weiser, chief operating officer of McKinley Associates. The transfer is scheduled to take place by July 1. Weiser has indicated he is willing to continue talks aimed at using the Clock Tower building as a home for a new village office complex.

22-The Lyndon Township Board appeared taken by surprise at the turnout for their Tuesday, May 13 meeting, as residents flocked in as quickly as folding chairs could be found.

The 60 or so in attendance, bolstered by a petition signed by 636 registered Lyndon Township voters, were there to show support for the township to become a part of the Chelsea District Library.

22-Chelsea Village Council members voted unanimously last Tuesday night to hire a full-time zoning inspec-

Council selected Jim Drolett, who previously was the village's part-time zoning inspector, to become the first full-time zoning inspector.

29—It appears as if Dexter Township Board will not rescind its contract with a new zoning inspector hired under dubious circumstances earlier this month.

The board learned May 20 it approved a six-month probationary contract with Joyce Johnson of Pinckney as zoning

inspector without knowing Supervisor John Sdao and Tom Ehman, a resident and businessman involved in a zoning dispute with the township, screened all candidates

before the board met them. 29—Bill Vermelyen was the guest-speaker at the annual Chelsea Memorial Day Parade. "I dislike the word the guestspeaker." Vermeylen said during his speech. "I am not a hero, just a good old sailor boy who served our country in time of need."

June . . . 5-Many of Chelsea's business and property owners along South Main Street attended the May 27 meeting of the Village Council to expose the cracks in the village's proposal to construct new sidewalks.

The proposed envisioned sidewalks on the west side of M-52 from the south property line of the Village Place condominium project down to Brown Drive. On the east side of the road, sidewalks were proposed from the Chelsea Pets and Plants property down to the Michigan Department of Transportation car pool lot.

The majority in attendance concurred that not only was the proposal unnecessary in view of the types of businesses that currently exist, but was short-sighted by not taking into account other factors that would make the sidewalks impractical.

5-The May 27 meeting of the Chelsea Village Council got off to a surprise start as Clerk Suzanne Morrison read a prepared statement from Trustee Richard Rigg, tendering his resignation.

However, during a special council meeting on Monday June 2. Rigg rescinded his resignation.

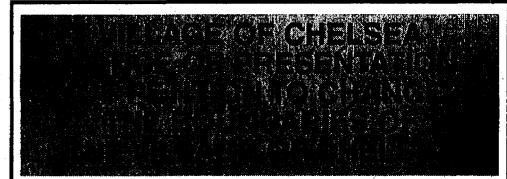
5-Chelsea Board of Education re-opened discussion of the future plans for the current high school building during its last board meeting May

Board members agreed in the past that the building will

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Letters of application are being accepted for 2 positions on the Lyndon Township Zoning Board of Appeals. If interested, please contact Janis Knieper, at 17301 M-52, Chelsea, MI 48118 or phone 313-475-3686. Deadline for submitting letter of application is January 12, 1998.

LYNDON TOWNSHIP BOARD



TAKE NOTICE that the Village Council of the Village of Chelsea has, by resolution, presented a petition to the Board of Commissioners for Washtenaw County to after the boundaries of the Village of Chelsea and to add to the Village of Chelsea the following described property:

BESINNING at a point on the South line of Section 1,T2S, R3E, Sylvan Township, Washtenaw County, Michigan, said point bearing S 87 degrees 24'20" E 717.89 feet from the South ¼ corner of said Section; thence N 00 degrees 50'20"W 231.00 feet; thence N 87 degrees 24' 20" W 66.00 feet; thence along the West line of the East 1/2 of the West ½ of the southeast ¼ of said Section, N 00 degrees 50' 20" W 655.07 feet.Thence along the Westerly line of Highway M-52, S 18 degrees 55'30"E 771.68 feet; thence the Easterly line of land described in Liber 774 of deeds, on Page 34, Washtenaw County Records, S 20 degrees 27' 35"W 175.03 feet; thence along the South line of said Section and along the centerline of Sibley Road, N87 degrees 24' 20"W 110.30 feet to the point of beginning, being part of the East ½ of the West ½ of the southeast ¼ of said Section 1 and containing 2.42 acres of land more or less, subject to the rights of the public over the Northerly 33 feet of Sibley Road. Also subject to other easements and restrictions of record, if any,

Said real estate lies generally North of Sibley Road, East of Werkner Road, and West of M-52. Said Petition shall be presented to the Board of Commissioners for consideration at its meeting to be held on the 21st day of January, 1998, at Washtenaw County Administration Building, 200 N. Main Street, Ann Arbor, Michigan, beginning at 6:45 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the Petition may be heard, and all persons having an interest in said matter shall be heard. Requests to address the Board of Commissioners may be made to the office of the Washtenaw County Clerk, Peggy M. Haines, Clerk, Washtenaw County Courthouse, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48107.

True copies of the petition and resolution are on file at the offices of the Chelsea Village Clerk, 104 E. Middle Street, Chelsea, Michigan, and the Washtenaw County Clerk, Washtenaw County Courthouse, Ann Arbor, Michigan, and mat be inspected between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on regular business days.

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LYNDON TOWNSHIP Janis Knieper, Lyndon Township Clerk

December 24th and Thursday, December 25th in observance of the Christmas Holiday. The offices will also be closed on Wednesday, December 31st and Thursday, January 1st in observance of the New Year's Holiday. The Chelsea Solid Waste Facility (Landfill) will be open Tuesday, December 23rd

Please make note that the Cheisea Village offices will be closed Wednesday,

month during 1998. All meetings are held at the Sylvan Township Hall, 112 W.

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NOTICE

1997 Tax Collection Hours During December

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Lima Township Hall

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Middle Street, Chelsea. Any change in this schedule will be published.

and Friday, December 26th from 12 noon - 4:30 p.m. as well as Saturday, December 27th from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and closed Wednesday and Thursday, December 24th and 25th. The Solid Waste Facility will be open December 30th and January 2nd from 12 noon - 4:30 p.m. as well as Saturday, January 3rd from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and closed Wednesday and Thursday, December 31st and January 1st.

CHELSEA VILLAGE ADMINISTRATION

SYLVANITOWNSHIP MANAMAG GOM MISSION

SUBJECT OF MEETING:

A REZONING REQUEST LOCATED AT 800 FEET EAST OF SYLVAN ROAD ON OLD US-12, ALSO KNOWN AS THE NEW TOWNSHIP HALL SITE, TO CHANGE THE PRESENT ZONING FROM AGRICULTURE TO MU-1 (MUNICIPAL USE) FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW TOWNSHIP HALL.

COMMENCING AT THE WEST 1/4 POST OF SECTION: THENCE NORTH 733 FEET IN THE WEST LINE OF SECTION FOR A PLACE OF BEGINNING: THENCE NORTHEASTERLY 550 FEET IN THE CENTER OF HIGHWAY, THENCE SOUTH 685 FEET: THENCE WEST 525 FEET: THENCE NORTH IN THE WEST LINE OF SECTION TO PLACE OF BEGINNING, BEING A PART OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4, SECTION 22, TOWN 2 SOUTH, RANGE 3 EAST, SYL-VAN TOWNSHIP, WASHTENAW COUNTY, MICHIGAN CONTAINING 7.27 ACRES

OF LAND, MORE OR LESS A COMPLETE COPY OF THE LEGAL DESCRIPTION IS AVAILABLE IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK, 112 W. MIDDLE STREET, MONDAY AND WEDNESDAY **9 AM TO 12 NOON.**

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meeting or public hearing upon 14 days notice to the Sylvan Township Board. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or service should contact the Sylvan Township Board by writing or calling the following: LuAnn S. Koch, Clerk, 112 W. Middle St. Chelsea, MI 48118 - (313) 475-8890.

Written comments may be sent to Bob Lange, Chair, Sylvan Township Planning

Commission, 17212 Carolina Trace, Chelsea, MI 48118.

CHELSEA SNOW OBSTRUCTION SIDEWALK AND STREET OBSTRUCTIONS

An Ordinance prohibiting obstructions on sidewalks, providing for the removal of snow and ice, to prohibit the keeping of animals on the streets, walkways, alleys or common areas of the Village of Chelsea, to provide for the removal of snow and ice by the Village of Chelsea when the abutting owner falls to remove such accumulations, to provide for the collection of costs of such removal, by special assessment, and to provide for the enforcement of the Ordinance and penalties

THE VILLAGE OF CHELSEA ORDAINS:

23.251 Sec. 1 DISPLAY OF GOODS IN FRONT OF BUSINESSES.

That a space not to exceed two (2) feet in width shall be allowed for the display of goods in front of all places of business within the Village of Chelsea, provided, that such use of the space is permitted under the provisions of the Cheisea Village Zoning Ordinance, Ordinance No. 79 (15,000), and any amendments thereto, and further provided that such space shall be used for no other purpose than the display of such goods, wares or merchandise as may be from time to time on sale by the persons owning or occupying such places of business.

23.252 Sec. 2 OBSTRUCTIONS PROHIBITED EXCEPTIONS.

No person shall be permitted to obstruct any side or crosswalk, street, alley or common in the Village, except as provided in Section 1 (23.251) of this Ordinance. (ord. no. 94 eff. June 21, 1985.

23.253 Sec. 3 ICE AND SNOW REMOVAL

If shall be the duty of the owner or occupant of every parcel of real estate within the Village which adjoins a public right of way upon which there has been constructed a public sidewalk, so remove any accommodations, of ice and snow which obstruct the free use of the sidewalk by pedestrians, within 48 hours after the accumulation of such snow or ice.

(ord. no. 94 eff. June 21, 1985)

The following board members were present: President Steele, Village Manager Myers, Clerk Morrison. The following trustees were present: Daut, Cashman, Hammer, Myles, Rigg,

Merkel. Also present was D. Bulson, M. Wriggelsworth, L. Weiker, B. Roberts, G. Davis, S. de Eirath, J. Frank, B. Shepherd, J. Hardcastle, L. Kestenbaum, J. Drolett.

The first order of business was Public Participation and representatives from Nextel Corporation addressed Council regarding digital cellular service. Motion by Hammer, supported by Daut to approve the Consent Agenda with the following changes:

Agenda: Unfinished Business - b) IPP Ordinance Amendment; move b) to c) on published agenda; e) Brown Drive; f) Library; g) Commerce Park Drive. Change: President Steele updated Council regarding a potential pipeline project

and notification of property owners, survey work and other activities on the West side of the Village. To: President Steele updated Council regarding a potential pipeline project and notification of property owners, survey work and other activities to the West of the Village. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

The Police Chief, Zoning Inspector and Electric Department Superintendent Department Heads presented their reports. Fire Chief Ellenwood presented his report for November 1997. Motion by Hammer, supported by Myles to remove from the Table: Ann Arbor

Transportation Authority Agreement. All Ayes. Motion Carried. Motion by Hammer, supported by Rigg to extend the Ann Arbor Transportation Authority Agreement for one year with the understanding that serious efforts be

made to improve ridership. All Ayes. Motion Carried. Agreement Attached as Appendix A. Mr. George Davis, Varnum, Riddering, Schmidt and Howlett addressed the Council regarding the Village of Chelsea Sewer and Industrial Pretreatment

Regulations. Motion by Cashman, supported by Hammer to remove from the Table: Municipal

Building Feasibility Study. All Ayes. Motion Carried. Council discussed a couple of Items regarding the Request For Proposal. There was a general consensus to not include the Fire and Police Departments in the renovation and to include Council Chambers.

The Village President discussed infrastructure concerns with Council, President Steele updated Council regarding Brown Drive, meeting with Michigan Department of Transportation, Sylvan Township and the Washtenaw County Road

items regarding the District Library will be discussed during the next meeting.

Communication from Faist-Morrow expressing concern regarding recent approval of signage on Commerce Park Drive. Trustee Hammer inquired regarding Test Well Sites. Jack Myers updated Council

regarding discussions with Consumers Energy. Motion by Cashman, supported by Rigg to adopt Resolution Re: Amended Personal Property for IFT #97-209. All Ayes. Motion Carried. Resolution Attached As Appendix B.

a Motion by Hammer, supported by Cashman to approve a Quit Claim Deed for Baltic Linc. contingent upon receiving a valid utility easement for same property (Parcel B - 7/17/97). All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Motion by Hammer, supported by Daut to enter into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing Personnel Items. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Hammer, Cashman, Daut, Rigg, Myles, Merkel, Steele. Motion Carried.

Motion by Hammer, supported by Merkel to adjourn Closed Session. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Riggs, Myles, Merkel, Daut, Hammer, Cashman, Steele. Motion Carried.

Council discussed a pending Hotel application for the Commerce Park Drive location and respective fees. Motion by Cashman, supported by Merkel to adjourn the Regular Council

Meeting. Time: 10:21 p.m. All Ayes. Motion Carried. Meeting Adjourned. Suzanne C. Morrison, Village Clerk

Chelsea's 1997 year-end review

(Continued from Page 14)

house central offices for the district, community education offices and other programs like Alternative Education. However, they don't know how much of the building will be used for these programs and how much will be rented out to other businesses.

12-Voters in Chelsea reelected school board members Janet Roberts and Sandra Merkel and passed a one mill sinking-fund millage during Monday's elections.

A total of 1,143 votes were cast in the board elections. Roberts received 437 votes. Merkel got 406, and Brian Koch ended up with 297. There were three write-in votes that were not counted.

12-Math, science and writing skills appear to be improving in the Chelsea School District based on the results of the 1997 High School Proficiency Test, which is a standardized test that measures if a student is proficient, novice or not yet novice in school subjects. The subjects include mathematics, science, reading, writing and communication arts.

"You have to be cautious when you look at these results," said Chelsea School District Curriculum Coordinator Laurie Kotchenruther. "A different class takes these tests every year."

12—Chelsea Board of Education agreed during Monday night's board meeting to push back the start of the next school year by one week.

The beginning of school throughout the Chelsea School District will now fall on Tuesday, Sept. 2, the day after Labor Day.

Superintendent Ed Richardson explained that the schedule switch will allow construction crews more time to work on Chelsea schools, which are receiving major facelifts this summer.

19—With the threat of a recall looming and charges of backdoor politics waged against him, Dexter Township Supervisor John Sdao resigned his post effective June 30 in face of public distrust.

The bomb shell was dropped on Dexter Township Board at its regular meeting, a month after Sdao was accused of backdoor politics by allowing a local businessman involved in a zoning dispute with the township to screen candidates for the zoning inspector post.

19-A conditional resolution to join the Chelsea District Library was unanimously adopted by Lyndon Township June 10 and will now be put before the Chelsea District Library Board.

Acceptance of the agreement would require approval by the majority of the library board and two-thirds of the current participating municipalities of the District Library Agreement.

19—Chelsea resident Sue Starkey is very excited about her new job.

Starkey, 49, has just completed her third week as the executive director of the Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce. She was hired recently to replace Ann Feeney, who is retiring after 10 years of service at the end of June.

"It's been a very exciting and hectic first few weeks," Starkey said.

26-Gloria Mitchell was shocked when she heard the news that she was this year's Chelsea Citizen of the Year.

Monte Howard, Richard Steele, Julie Rutherford and Mitchell's husband, John, were on hand last Thursday at the Staffan-Mitchell Funeral Home as the award was presented to her. She received a dozen roses from Howard and received the key to the village from Village President Richard Steele.

26—Over an hour was spent on the public hearing portion of the Lima Township Planning Commission meeting, June 17, as Newlyn Road residents tried to convince the commission of the old adage that "business and pleasure don't mix."

In this case, the business is DeWolfe Excavators Inc., 8875 Dexter-Chelsea Rd., owned by Steven DeWolfe of the same address. DeWolfe operates under a special-use permit originally granted in 1981, in an area zoned agricultural.

The pleasure is the expectancy of idyllic environment some Newly Road residents say was the reason they moved into the neighborhood. They view DeWolfe's business as a growing impediment to that goal.

26—Work continues on the possible transformation of the Chelsea Fire Department into an area-wide department that would be owned by an authority rather than the village.

The fire board for the Chelsea Fire Department met Monday at station 2 north of town and heard presentations by Dave Sanders of the Southeastern Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) and Chief Jack McArthur of the Dearborn Fire Department. McArthur had been involved in a similar effort in the Dearborn area.

July ... 3—Chelsea Village offices may be relocated to the Chelsea State Bank downtown facilities soon. Village Council agreed on a motion to begin

discussions concerning a lease agreement between the village and the bank during its last meeting Tuesday, June 24.

Trustee Frank Hammer met with officials from Chelsea State Bank at the site and said he was impressed with his visit.

3-Chelsea Village Council heard an update on the Freer Road flooding problems from Assistant Village Manager Bruce Pindzia during the last Village Council meeting on Tuesday, June 24.

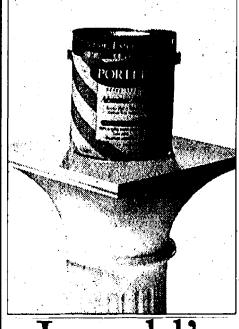
Pindzia told council that he met recently with Chelsea School District Operations Manager Ron Livengood and Washtenaw County Drain Commissioner Janis Bobrin regarding the water problem along what he joked as "Freer Lake."

3-A few Chelsea High School boys and girls attended Boys State and Girls State in order to learn more about -government.

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Amanda Warren, Jaimie Maveal and Sarah Pruess attended Girls State on the campus of Central Michigan University also from June 14-21.

10-Chelsea School Board welcomed five new teachers to the school district, as well as said goodbye to Beach Middle School Assistant Principal Steven Beyer during the

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STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT **COUNTY OF Weshtenaw CLAIMS NOTICE**

Independent Probate FILE NO. Estate of Agnes Helene Miller, deceased. Social Security No.377-09-7964 TO ALL INTERESTED

Your interest in the estate may be barred or The décedent, whose last known address was 1200 Earhart, Ann Arbor, Mi 48105, died June 14, 1996. An instrument dated 10/23/92 has been admitted as the will of the deceased, and one dated 3/11/96, has been admitted as the decedent's First

Codicil. Creditors of the de-ceased are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to the independent personal representatives, Patricia A. Butzin and Linda K. Condash, 49601 Shenandoah, Canton, MI 48187, or to both the independent personal representative and the Washtenaw County pro-bate Court, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48107, within 4

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County Records, on page

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be due on said Mortgage as of November 11, 1997,

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Ringe, deceased. Social Security No. 386-18-4086. TO ALL INTERESTED

PERSONS: p.m. in the probate court-room, Ann Arbor, Michigan,

Judge Kirkendall who lived at 154 E. Middle Street, Chelsea, Michigan and who died November 18, 1997; and requesting also that the will of the deceased dated November

probate. propos dì nersona sentative, or to both the probate court and the (proposed) personal representative within 4 months of the date of publication of this notice. Notice is further given that the estate will hen be assigned to enti-

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division, Township of Ypsilanti, Washtenaw County, Michigan. As recorded in Liber 6, Page 19 of Plats Washlenaw County Re-

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Estate of Helen A.

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December 18, 1997 at 2:00

before Hon. John N. Probate, a hearing was held on the petition of Richard A. Ringe & Gerald H. Ringe requesting that Richard A. Ringe & Gerald H. Ringe be appointed personal representative of Estate of Helen A. Ringe

20, 1997 be admitted to Creditors of the deceased are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to the

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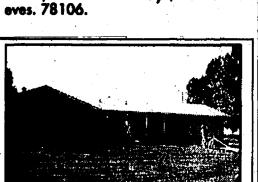


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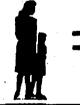
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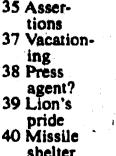
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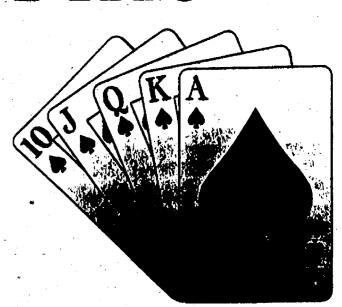
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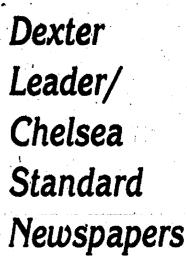
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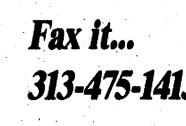
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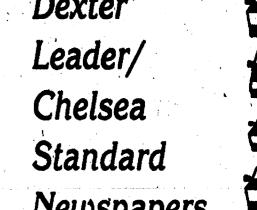


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Bobby D. Toler, Pastor Sunday: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m.; Evening Service, 7 p.m.

Wednesday: Bible Study, 7 p.m. Catholic St. Mary's Catholic Church

14200 Old US-12, Chelsea 475-7561 Rev. Fr. Philip Dupuis, Pastor Saturday: Confessions, 12-1

p.m.; Mass, 6 p.m. Sunday: Mass, 8 and 10 a.m. Weekdays: Mass. 9 a.m.

Church of Christ Church of Christ 13661 Old US-12, East, Chelsea 475-8458

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Church of the Nazarene Church of the Nazarene 805 W. Middle St., Chelsea 475-2526

Jeff Crowder, Pastor Sunday: Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. Worship, 11 a.m. Wednesday: Small groups, 7 p.m. in homes.

<u>Episcopal</u> St Barnabas 20500 Old US-12, Chelsea 475-8818 Rev. Dr. Jerrold Beaumont Sunday: Christian Education, 10 a.m., Services, 10 a.m.

> Free Methodist Chelsea Free Methodist 7665 Werkner Rd.

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475-1391 Mearl Bradley, Senior Pastor Nathan Perkins, Associate Pastor Sunday: Traditional worship, 8:30 a.m. Sunday School, 9:50 a.m. Contemporary worship, 11 a.m. Evening Service, 6 p.m. Wednesday: Mid-week services.

<u>Lutheran</u> Faith Evangelical 9575 North Territorial, Dexter 426-4302 or 426-8442 Rev. Mark Porinsky, Pastor Sunday: Sunday School, 9 a.m. Worship, 10 a.m.

Our Savior Lutheran 1515 S. Main St., Chelsea 475-1404 Rev. Dale Grimm, Pastor Sunday: Heritage Service, 8:15 a.m. Education hour, 9:30 a.m. Celebration Service, 10:30 a.m.

St. Jacob Evangelical 12501 Riethmiller, Grass Lake 🔑 517-522-4187 Rev. Paul Huebner, Pastor Sunday: Sunday School and Bible Class, 9 a.m. Worship, 10:15

Zion Lutheran 3050 S. Fletcher Rd., Chelsea 475-8064 David Hendricks, Pastor Sunday: Sunday school, 9 a.m. Worship, 10:15 a:m.

Methodist Salem Grove United Methodist 3320 Notten Rd. 475-2370 Rev. Jim Paige

First United Methodist 128 Park St., Chelsea 475-8119

Rev. Richard Dake Rev. Rebecca Foote Sunday: Worship, 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. Worship (contemporary format) 5

North Lake United 14111 North Territorial Rd. 475-7569

Rev. Wayne Hawley, Pastor Sunday: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. Worship, 10:30 a.m. Fellowship, 11:30 a.m.

Tuesday: Bible Study, 7:15 p.m. Choir, 8 p.m.

Waterloo Village **United Methodist Church** Washington St., Waterloo Mona Joslyn, Minister Sunday: Sunday school, 9:45 a.m. Worship service, 11 a.m.

> Chelsea Retirement Chapel 805 W. Middle St., Chelsea 475-8633

Rev. J. Gordon Schleicher Sunday: Worship service, 9:30

 ${f Mormon}$ Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints 1330 Freer Rd., Chelsea 475-1778

Non-Denominational Baha'i Faith

705 S. Main St., Chelsea 475-2718 Monday: Devotional meeting, 7

> Chelsea Hospital Ministry 775 S. Main St., Chelsea 475-1311

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Wednesday: 7 p.m. prayer serv-

Mt. Hope Bible Church 12884 Trist Rd., Grass Lake (517) 522-8182 Joseph O'Neill, Pastor Sunday: Sunday School, 10

a.m.; Morning Worship, 10:30 a.m.

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> New Life Christian Center Lima Township Hall 11452 Jackson Rd., Chelsea 475-1147 Erik Hansen, Pastor Sunday: Worship, 11 a.m.

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Mark Porinsky, Pastor Sunday: Sunday School, 9 a.m. Worship 10 a.m.

Peace Lutheran

6105 Jackson Rd., Birchwood Plaza 313-930-2324 Rev. Larry Courson Sunday: Sunday School 9:45 a.m.; Praise, 8:30 a.m.; Worship 11 a.m.

<u>Methodist</u> **Dexter United Methodist** 7643 Huron River, Dexter 426-8480 William Donahue, Pastor

Sunday: Worship, 8:30 and 11 a.m. Church School, 9:45 a.m.

<u>Non-Denominational</u> Dexter Gospel 2253 Baker Rd., Dexter 426-4915

John O'Dell, Pastor Sunday: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.

United Church of Christ St. Andrew's 7610 Ann Arbor St., Dexter 426-8610

Rev. Gary J. Kwiatek Sunday: Worship, 8:30 a.m. Coffee time, 9:30. Worship and Sunday School, 10 a.m.

The Webster Church 5484 Webster Church Rd., Dexter 426-5115

Rev. Dr. John P. Gardner Sunday: Holy Communion, 8:30 a.m. Church School, 9:15 a.m. Worship, 10:30 a.m.

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Age 68, died Thursday, Dec. 18, 1997. She was born on Nov. 21, 1929 in Detroit, daughter of Elmer and Julia Hix. She was the loving and caring mother of her five children Cheryl (Michael) Aldrich, James (Mindy) Cawley, Doreen (Jake) Haist, Lily (Tim) Kittle, Patrick (Karen) Cawley. She also was the loving and caring grandmother of her eight grandchildren. She is also survived by two sisters and one brother.

was celebrated, Monday, Dec. 22, 1997, at 10 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church with the Rev. Fr. Bernard Tyler as Celebrant. Interment followed at St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery. The family received friends Sunday 2-4 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. at the Hosmer-Muehlig Funeral Chapel, where a scripture service was held at 7 p.m. For those who wish, contributions may be made to American Lung Association in memory of Lillian Cawley.

TOM L. JACOBS & Grass Lake

Age 90, died Tuesday, Dec. 23, 1997 in the home of his granddaughter, Tami Houle. He was born on November 23, 1907 in Tiffin, Ohio, the son of Charles and Ella (Nutting) Jacobs.

Mr. Jacobs has lived in the Chelsea area since 1976, moving from Wyandotte.

He married Betty Dorau in 1955, and she preceded him in death on March 9, 1997. Survivors include one daughter, Patricia Koch of Grass Lake; one son, Gary (Carol) Brown of Grass Lake; nine grandchildren, Jeri Harris, Terry Koch, Kathy Kentala, Tami Houle, Randy Koch, Deenan Brown, Kevin Brown, Kristen Brown, and Kraig Brown; and 17 greatgrandchildren. He was preceded in death by one granddaughter, Kelliegh Brown.

Funeral services were held Friday, Dec. 26, at Cole Funeral Chapel, Chelsea, with Rev. Fr. Matthew Weber, S.C. officiating. Burial followed at Mt. Hope Cemetery in Waterloo. Memorial contributions may be made to Healing the Children.

STANLEY J. MONTANGE Chelsea

Age 76, died Dec. 26, 1997 at the Veterans Hospital in Ann Arbor. He was born July 21, 1921 in Hinton, Iowa, the son of Mathew L. and Alma B. (Stebner) Montange. Stan had been a resident of Chelsea for 41 years. Prior to serving in the South Pacific in World War II as a sergeant in the Marine Corps, he worked in the Ann Arbor Post Office. After World War II he was employed at Hoover Ball Bearing for two years and then returned to farming in Iowa. He moved his family to the farm in Chelsea in 1956. Mr. Montange was retired from Chrysler after 26 years of service. From 1964 until 1970 he operated a riding stable. He had volunteered more than 1,000 hours at the VA Hospital. In 1991, 1992, and 1993 Stan participated in the National Veterans Golden Age Olympics, receiving a gold medal in 1992. He was a member of VFW Post #4096 in Chelsea, the DAV, the Herbert J. McKune American Legion Post #31, the Knights of Columbus Council 3092 and the Cardinal O'Hara Assembly, 4th Degree Knights of Columbus and the International Rosary Crusade.

On Dec. 26, 1942 in Ann Arbor he married Mary E. Nicholson and she survives. Also surviving are his children, Ronald and his wife, Nancy Montange of Chelsea, Kathleen Marie Montange of Portland, Ore., Gary L. Montange of Chelsea, and Mark S. Montange of Plano, Texas; eight grandchildren, Matthew, Jeff, Mike, Malia, Jeremy, Eric, Nathan and Dominic; one brother, Lavern Montange, of Kingsley, Iowa; and one sister, Mary Nybery of Mesa, Ariz. He was preceded in death by three daughters, Barbara Jean, Patricia Ann, and Mary Ann; five brothers, Cliff, Mel, Ted, Freeland, and Clay; and two sisters, Viola and Betty.

The funeral mass was held Tuesday, Dec. 30 at 11 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church, with the Rev. Fr. Philip Dupuis officiating. The Vigil and Rosary were held on Monday at the Staffan-Mitchell Funeral Home, with Deacon Richard Shaneyfelt officiating and the Cardinal O'Hara Assembly 4th Degree Knights of Columbus providing their honor guard. Burial with Military Honors provided by the Veterans Honor Guard of Washtenaw County was in Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Chelsea. Expressions of sympathy may be made to Cystic Fibrosis or The Conception Abby in memory of Fr. Dominic, Conception, Mo.

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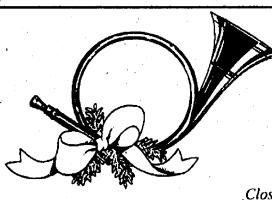
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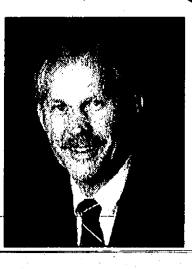
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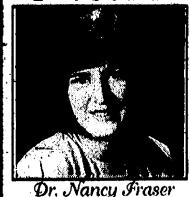


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"Are you an Elvis fan," the person in chatroom asked me. "Well, not exactly, I replied, and proceeded to qualify my answer with recollections of Elvis as I grew up, and my feelings of sympathy toward the man as he grew older, and then died.

I'd never given Elvis so much thought in my life. Since that simple question, I've gained interest in finding out just what sort of Elvis information is available online. I should have guessed that I would encounter more than any one person would ever need to know. It's simply overwhelming!

There are magazines which have enshrined Elvis in his own Web site. Life magazine is one of these, at http://mouth. pathfinder.com/Life/rocknroll/ elvis/elvis.html. The Dallas Morning News Online at http:// www.dallasnews.com/elvis/

has a 20th-year death anniversary "room" as a tribute to the King, which includes a slide show, an original newspaper review of his last Dallas performance and another of his death, as well as pages which remember and commemorate him.

Then there are pages which salute Elvis impersonators, such as "A Thousand Points of Elvis" at http://www.netlink. com/~timelvis/elvis ent.html. This page is an entire collection of links to Elvis impersonators' Web pages, with brief descriptions and the impersonators' names. Some have made it easy to book them for your wedding, a birthday or anniversary, or even conventions. There are also Elvis constumers, such as American Costumes at http:// www.lvcvbermall.com/america n/costumes. html, because, after all, Elvis impersonators need Elvis jumpsuits. Don't well enough to create wallpathey? Even the "Flying ELVI" per for my computer screen from the movie "Honeymoon background.) in Vegas" have a page. It's brief, with a view of the group for your computer? Go to after having jumped from a

plane, and has a page where you can request information on booking their performance. find them · You'll http:/www.flyingelvi.com/.

There are pages put together by loyal fans, who've included photos and memoirs of visits to Graceland. One such site is "Elvis is still #1" at http://www.neosoft.com/~kcder r/elvis/elvis.html. The best way

I found these pages, and so many more Elvis sites, was to use search engines. As usual, I found more sites than I could possibly visit and report on.

However, some of the more interesting, if not downright unusual, were fun to look at. There is the "Friz-Elvis" site http://www.nwlink.com/~

timelvis/showroom.html. Friz-Elvis is a Budgie (parakeet) in a wig, cape, jumpsuit and sunglasses. I couldn't tell if they were truthful in saying that he could sing songs, or if it was merely a tongue-in-cheek list of his tunes. Another unusual site was "Disgraceland: The Home of Tim Elvis" at http:// www.nwlink.com/~timelvis/ind ex.html. However, if you're a loyal Elvis fan, you'd better skip this one, or expect your blood pressure to get "All Shook Up." It is totally irreverent, and left me wondering, "Why?" (Why did I go there? Why is this guy doing this? Why am I writing about it?)

For a more serious look at Elvis, there's the official "Elvis Presley and Graceland Home Pages at http://www. elvis-presley.com/. This site is somewhat commercial, encouraging visitors to actually come to Graceland, but it does offer some text and pictures in its Elvisology Pages, such as a Biography page, a Trivia page, an Elvis On Screen page, and a Gold & Platinum Records page. (I liked the photos here

Want an Elvis screensaver "Super Screensavers" at http:// lesuper.com/screensaver/perfo rmers.html, and you'll find one under "Performers & Musical Artists." Another site with text and pictures is "The Elvis Page," offered by the City of Memphis at http://virtual. union.edu/~biomberb/elvis.ht ml. There is only one page at this URL. It contains very little text, but has a very nice color photograph of Elvis' fi-

nal resting place at Graceland. So the question comes back around: Am I an Elvis fan? I U.S.-12, Chelsea, MI 48118.

guess I really am now. You can't help but admire certain aspects of the man, such as his silky-smooth Southern drawl, his good looks, his love of his mother, his charisma, and, of course, his talent. After all, how can so many millions of fans be mistaken?

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