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Council moves ahead with bond proposal

■ Trustees split on costs, timing for ballot.

By Jim Silver

Staff Writer

The Dec. 28 Village Council meeting centered on plans for the village's future plans that may bring a new home to village offices, but could evict other municipal departments.

Despite internal debate on several issues, the council moved ahead on language for a village hall bond proposal in

the March elections.

The subject cropped up time and again throughout the meeting, despite an issue-heavy agenda.

Tom Begres, involved in the Chelsea Area Fire Authority, expressed concern for the existing proposal, particularly for the future of the police department, during public participation.

"The village's 911 system went down during a summer storm," Begres said.

"Now that we have contingency plans installed in the police station, we are discussing a bond that would move the police out," he added, citing a report

from Village Electric Department Superintendent Robert Shepherd that backup generators had been installed for municipal buildings.

Discussions of village hall plans also tinged reports from council representatives to other committees, with Jim Myles reporting that the DDA adopted a resolution not to move ahead with any discussions of alternate plans. Council trustees adopted a similar resolution at the Dec. 14 meeting.

Rob MacLeod reported that he raised the issue of that council resolution at the Dec. 21 Chelsea District Library Board

meeting, responding to a request the board had received to discuss a shared library-municipal building.

The next official step toward construction was an official review of construction bids. Scott McElrath, architect for the present plans, presented three bids to the trustees, one of which council discarded as not being properly submitted.

The two remaining bids came from Carl Engineers in Jackson, bidding \$1,359,691 in costs to complete the project, and J.C. Beal Construction, Inc., of Ann Arbor.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Village police stress snow, ice rules

While the village finds itself momentarily between snowfalls, the Chelsea Police Department emphasized that, according to local ordinances, property owners or occupants are responsible for snow and ice removal on their property.

Sidewalks must be cleared of snow or ice within 48 hours of a storm. Failure to do so would lead to the removal of the snow or ice by a village employee. In that case, the property owner can be issued a ticket, which would carry a penalty of the removal cost plus either 10 percent of that cost or \$50, whichever is greater.

In addition, village ordinances prohibit clearing snow or ice from a sidewalk to a road. Anyone doing so can be found guilty of a misdemeanor, and subjected to additional fines.

Opera theater set to perform in Chelsea

The Ann Arbor Opera Theater has announced plans for a concert at the First United Methodist Church of Chelsea on Jan. 16. The concert, titled "With a Song in My Heart," will include a variety of French, German, English and Italian songs, both sacred and secular. The performance is free, although donations will be accepted. The performance begins at 4 p.m.

Ann Arbor Opera Theater is a non-profit organization established to nurture developing artists in a professional setting. The group will also be presenting "Facets of Love," a performance of love songs and arias, over the Valentine's Day weekend in Ann Arbor. The show will cost \$25 a ticket, or two for \$40. For more information about the show, or about the group, call (734) 332-9063.

Education series set

The Washtenaw County Community Partnership announced plans for an education series on teen drug use, for parents and teens. The first session, "How to Know," was presented on Jan. 4, and will repeat on Feb. 1. The second session, "What to Do," will be presented Jan. 11 and Feb. 8. Call (734) 484-6020 for more details.

WHAT'S Inside

Chelsea District Library Board members fleshed out the details of a request for a discussion of a shared library-village facility at their Dec. 21 meeting, with a fuller discussion of the source of the request, and an official response from Chelsea Village Council.

Boxes of Books



Students at North Creek Elementary School collected good-condition books from their homes to send to Princeville Elementary School in Tarboro, N.C. The school collected 10 boxes of books for the school. Chelsea Rotary Club is financing the shipping costs for the boxes, which should arrive in North Carolina before students return to school after the holidays. Pictured above are Rotary Club President Alex Weddon, and library helpers Steven Ackermann, Emma Cook, Katy Martin, Anna Megdell, Caitlin Wolf, Samantha Minzey, Taryn Zyburt, Robin Olinyk, Trevor Hughes, David Case, Evan Carpenter and Rosa Lancioni.

Library board hears discussion of request

■ Village Council trustees provide details of request, council plans.

By Jim Silver

Staff Writer

Chelsea District Library Board members fleshed out the details of a request for a discussion of a shared library-village facility at their Dec. 21 meeting, with a fuller discussion of the source of the request, and an official response from Chelsea Village Council.

The request, for a work session between the library board, the council and the DDA, came to the board at its Dec. 6 meeting, and was represented as originating with the Village Council.

At that meeting, board members initially expressed surprise at the request following

council movement on plans for a municipal building. They ultimately delayed action until a representative from council was present at the meeting.

At the Dec. 21 meeting, Village Trustee Rob MacLeod notified the library board of a resolution at the Dec. 14 council meeting not to move officially on any alternate plans for a village hall. The resolution delays any discussion until the resolution of a bond proposal in the March 7 election.

He stressed that the shared-facility discussion originated with Trustee Frank Hammer and DDA member Mark Heydlauff, not in official discussions by either the council or the DDA.

Hammer also attended the meeting to claim responsibility for the initial request, stressing that the request originated not in a council vote, but in private discussions he had with DDA

members Ann Feeney and Heydlauff.

Library Director Metta Lansdale reported that the board members were at a loss, as the request, though no longer purporting to be from council, still stood. Board President Lynn Fox asked that the request be included on the agenda for Jan. 18, the board's first meeting in 2000.

In a Jan. 4 interview, Hammer elaborated on the genesis of the idea. He said that, during a council work session on the present municipal building plan, there was concern that, should a bond issue not pass in the election, there was no other plan in the works.

He said that he took that concern to Heydlauff, questioning the possibility of sharing handicapped access with a library building. Heydlauff and Feeney subsequently took a request to discuss the issue to

the library board.

While Hammer acknowledged the council resolution not to move on alternate plans, he reiterated his interest in pursuing other options as a private citizen, stressing the need for a contingency plan in case a bond issue fails.

The library board also decided to move ahead with a plan to work with Howard Dierdorf and the DDA to get community input on renovations to the McKune building. The board further adopted a resolution declaring its intention ultimately to move the library back into the McKune building.

Hammer pointed out that, should a bond issue fail in the March election, a visioning session between the DDA, library board and village council could be easily arranged.

Village OKs area building authority

■ Area contractors, township zoning officer air concerns for and against.

By Jim Silver

Staff Writer

The village hall issue had to take a back seat for a time at the Dec. 28 Chelsea Village Council meeting as trustees discussed a proposed building authority to cover the village and Sylvan, Lyndon, Lima and Dexter townships.

One point of discussion was the possible tax burden posed by such an authority. However, Lyndon Township Zoning Ordinance Officer George Coacht and Village Trustee Brian Cashman pointed out that the authority would only collect inspection fees, and would not fund itself through taxes.

Area developers Brian Koch and Keith Hume expressed reservations about an authority. Hume questioned whether recent area development is higher than should be expected for the future, and raised the specter of liability issues.

Koch pointed out that some environmental inspections would still need to go through the county Department of Environment and Infrastructure, and said that a separate area authority would simply unnecessarily duplicate the process.

This prompted discussion by council of whether the village could assume responsibilities for erosion control inspections, further lessening county involvement.

Warren Porath, also a local contractor, said that he was excited about the possibility of such an authority, urging council to move ahead.

Council discussion centered on the need for an authority. Trustee Frank Hammer turned to Chelsea Lumber employee Fred Mills, who was at the meeting.

Mills said that problems with the county building inspections were a theme he heard from large and small land developers alike.

Ultimately, the council voted 6 to 1 to move ahead with the townships on authority formation, committing \$8,300 to further steps toward an authority. Under the present proposal, the money committed by the village, as with township monies, is due to be repaid once the authority has collected sufficient fees for an operating budget.

Bush finds niche in education and on the gridiron

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Hollerman and Haab bring healing on four legs

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Manchester priest starts magazine

By Shawn Lawrence

Associate Editor

The inaugural edition of Faith magazine, edited by Manchester priest Rev. Charles Irvin, is fresh off the presses.

The publication is being mailed to 80,000 Catholic households in the Diocese of Lansing, free of charge.

Faith magazine has an accompanying Web site that Irvin said is being used to complement the magazine.

The project has been in the works for about six months, and now that the initial publication is out, Irvin said he is extremely pleased with the response. The diocese has funded the project for three years, at which point Irvin and others will assess the impact the magazine has and decide if they should continue it.

Irvin said the project began with an idea from Bishop Carl Mengeling, who wanted to begin publishing a newspaper tailored to reporting events of spiritual and societal significance. Irvin, who has been writing a column for about 30 years, was approached by Mengeling to help him launch the project.

Irvin said that as the discussion proceeded, the news-

paper idea was scrapped in favor of the magazine medium with the accompanying website. Irvin said he believes the magazine format would allow the freedom to publish more in-depth articles in keeping with the Church's mission.

"We asked ourselves, 'Do we just want to present the news, or do we want to reach into people's souls,'" Irvin said.

Another reason for the magazine/website format, Irvin said, was to be able to target a specific segment of the population.

"We decided we wanted to reach a target audience of people whose religious participation was marginal, people whose faith was in need of strengthening," Irvin said. "We're trying to reach the X and Y generation and we wanted to use a modern medium of communication."

Irvin said the articles in Faith magazine are personal experience stories of everyday people who have had their lives touched by faith.

"We're not arguing any cases in this magazine," he said. "We're not a position advocacy magazine. We're hoping to build up the faith of people who come into contact with

the magazine or the website."

The magazine was mailed out every Catholic family in the diocese, but is targeted at younger readers and especially those who have not attended church in recent years.

Irvin said statistics say the overall trend in recent years has been a declining church attendance.

Irvin said that the creation of Faith magazine is partially in response to this, and also in response to what he sees as a growing phenomenon he describes as "disconnection."

"The American culture is a culture of the disconnect," he said. "People disconnect their spirituality from their religion, they disconnect their faith from their worship. Look how (President) Clinton disconnected his private life from his public life."

"Only 25-percent of households in this country have mom, dad and the kids living in the same house. That means the other 75-percent of households are fractured with people living in disconnected households."

Irvin said Faith magazine is an effort to acknowledge the state of things in society, and to reach out to people who may not feel a sense of belong-

ing.

"We're saying that faith is a committed relationship," he said. "In faith, one belongs."

Irvin said the entire project has been an uplifting experience for him.

"Every problem we have encountered so far has been swiftly swept aside," he said. "I didn't have to do much recruiting for the staff, they just sort of surfaced. This whole thing has happened by a series of coincidences, and coincidences are God's vain attempts to remain anonymous."

Bishop Mengeling and others involved in Faith magazine have opted not to allow advertising in the publication.

"That will be a vigorously debated question over the next three years," Irvin said. "But the priests and the bishop didn't want our faith response to be mingled with advertising. If our circulation numbers go up, the opportunity to advertise will be represented to us, but I would rather not see ads in it."

The magazine is being mailed free to any interested parties. For a subscription or for more information about Faith magazine, call (517) 342-2595 or visit the website at www.FAITHmag.com.



Holiday Friends

Brownie Troop No. 810 got together before Christmas for some holiday fun, baking cookies, making snowman gifts for their families, and exchanging secret Santa presents. Pictured above, front, are Anna Herter and Julie Beaumont; second row, Megan Hardcastle, Julianna Ameel; back, from left, Kate Menge, Lacy Goderis, Lindsey Rinderle, Melanie Burchett, Alexis Schlaff and Julia Casell.

Girl Scouts present renovation award

Girls from at least four Chelsea Girl Scout Troops gathered Nov. 18 to present a certificate of appreciation and other offerings of thanks to Chelsea Lumber.

Chelsea Lumber is working collaboratively with Girl Scouts Huron Valley Council (GSHV) and other organizations to build a shower house facility in a remote area of a GSHVC camp, Camp Linden. Chelsea Lumber has provided lumber and windows at discounted prices for the facility, a substantial contribution.

The Meadows area, located in a far corner of the camp property, is used for horseback riding programs. Girl Scouts and their counselors camp in platform tents. Currently, there's no running water and only pit latrines on the site. It's about a 35 minute walk to the main camp where shower and restroom facilities are available. Collaborators are working to provide a 24-by-

100 foot building with showers and toilets.

Concrete work is complete. Major carpentry efforts have taken place this fall. Volunteer crews of framing carpenters and supporting workers met at the camp to construct and raise the frames for the walls. The next step is installing the roof.

Many of Michigan's major construction trades unions are donating their services as well as materials to help build the shower house. Overall project coordination is being provided by the Michigan Chapter of the Associated General Contractors of America. Clark Construction Co., Lansing, is providing project supervision and, in cooperation with the Michigan Chapter AGC, a summer work student to help manage the work.

The Girl Scout Huron Valley Council Headquarters at (734) 971-8800 or (800) 497-2688 if you are able to help.

BOND

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bidding \$1,531,000.

Both bids were returned to McElrath for review, with council requesting his recommendations as soon as possible. McElrath, in turn, commended all bidders for preparing their bids in a short time.

The council then turned its attention to language for a bond proposal. The highest bid received was used as a base bid, requiring the bond language to request money not to exceed \$1,531 million. McElrath pointed out that he commonly budgets for 15-percent cost overruns, which raised the bond request to \$1.78 million.

Trustee Brian Cashman reiterated concerns he had expressed in an earlier discussion, that the council might be endangering the passage of a bond proposal by rushing to a March ballot.

He questioned whether so many issues would be unresolved by the bond that the mind of the public would be clouded, leading to a vote opposing a bond.

Cashman pointed out that the discussions of a new village hall have not included any consideration of a future site for the police department.

Ultimately, the issue came to a vote, passing 4 to 3, with Myles, MacLeod, Carol Rauschenberger and Janice Ortbring voting for the bond estimate, and Steele, Cashman and Frank Hammer voting against.

Myles pointed out that the \$1.78 million estimate was

intentionally set as a high figure, and that, in all likelihood, the actual bond would be for less money.

The language of the proposal, and the ballot, sets money as "not to exceed \$1.78 million." Village Manager Jack Myers noted that the language of the bond was phrased expressly to allow council flexibility in a bond issue.

Trustees debated inclusion in a bond estimate of earlier expenses, which, when originally passed, included language indicating they were contingent upon passage of a municipal building bond. Costs from four studies for earlier plans totaling more than \$21,000, as well as a survey leading to the plans under consideration, come to over \$100,000.

Ortbring asked where the money to fund the studies had come from. Myers said they came from the village's general fund.

Ortbring said that, since money came from the general fund, and was then refunded through a bond issue, then taxpayers were being asked to pay the costs twice, plus interest charged on the bond.

She recommended that, rather than asking village taxpayers for more money by including costs in a bond estimate, the village writes off the costs.

Hammer replied that, since the original general fund payments were made under the assumption that they would be repaid by a bond, voters would only be taxed for them, as bond money would simply repay the

general fund.

Ortbring pointed out that such issues will not be resolved before the council awards the project to one of the bidders, but she reiterated her opposition to inclusion of the previous \$21,000 when that time comes.

Following the vote, Myles addressed concern for the police department, saying that the Lincoln-Poley survey, which had included plans for shared village-police facilities, was stopped before it was completed.

He continued that he was pleased to be able to bring the plans to a public vote, which he said was further than plans had progressed in the past.

Cashman replied that his concerns lay less in the actual future for the police department, but in the possibility that council members were rushing the public to judgment on the

issue. He also expressed concern that the council was wasting votes and support on a bond proposal that would not pass.

Rauschenberger expressed concern for the number of taxes that a police station proposal would presently levy on village taxpayers. She pointed out that, according to a recent study, Chelsea is the highest-taxed village in Washtenaw County.

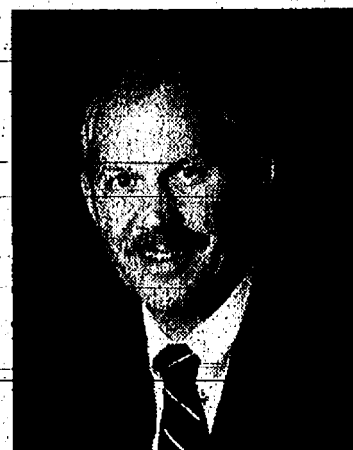
After the meeting, Begres cited Rauschenberger's concerns, pointing out that there were a number of upcoming tax proposals that village taxpayers can expect to see. He said that, while he understands the need for a new village hall, he hopes that any plan will maximize the value of any money spent.

President Steele ended discussion at the Dec. 28 meeting by urging voters to review the plans for the present site before the March 8 election.

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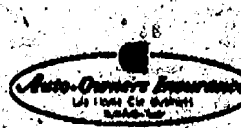
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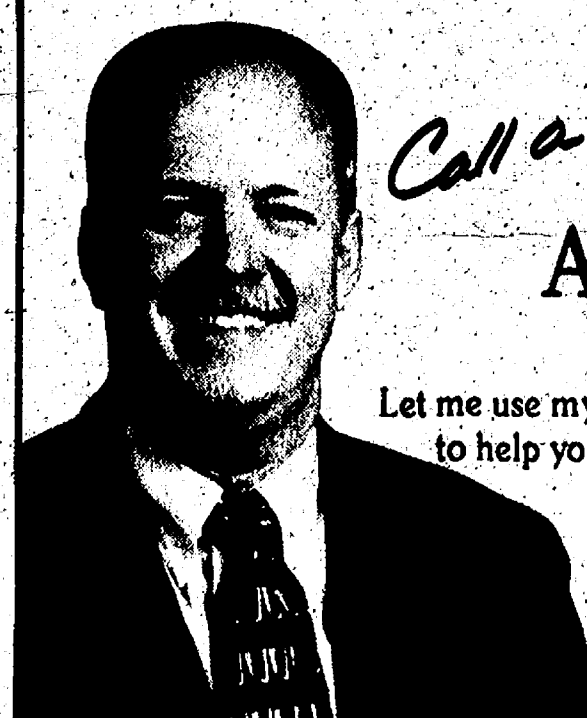
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Daniels' comedy boosts Gem Theatre attendance

With the popularity of Jeff Daniels' comedy Escanaba in da Moonlight and the resurgence of the Century Club building, the Gem Theatre has enjoyed its most successful year to date. Now equipped with two theatres, a fine-dining restaurant and a spacious banquet facility, the Gem Theatre and Century Club building has been transformed into downtown Detroit's one-stop venue for a complete evening of entertainment.

Since the Gem Theatre and Century Club building was transported from Woodward Avenue to the corner of Madison Avenue and Brush Street in November of 1997, the historic complex has undergone a painstaking yet rewarding restoration process. In April 1998, the Century Club building reopened with a production of Forbidden Hollywood in the new Century Theatre. This past June, the Forbes family completed the restoration by opening the Century Club dining room and banquet facility.

Jeff Daniels' hit comedy Escanaba in da Moonlight has broken sales records at the Gem Theatre since its opening on Sept. 15. Over 30,000 people have attended this show about five Yoopers in a deer camp, and 15,000 more have purchased tickets to upcoming performances. The overwhelming response has compelled the show's producers to extend Escanaba through March 26.

Set in a hunting camp in

Michigan's Upper Peninsula, Escanaba in da Moonlight is a tumultuous tall tale about the Soady family on their annual pilgrimage to shoot a prize-winning buck. Family patriarch Albert Soady and youngest son Remnar have always been excellent hunters; Reuben Soady, however, must erase his embarrassing status as Escanaba's "Buckless Yooper" before he goes down in history as the oldest Soady never to have "bagged" a buck. Escanaba in da Moon-

light explores the UP's tale-telling tradition, revealing the rituals and superstitions surrounding deer hunting north of the mighty Mackinac Bridge. Playwright Jeff Daniels weaves witty one-liners, eccentric characters and outrageous situations into this super "Yooper" laugh-fest.

Tickets for Escanaba in da Moonlight are available at the Gem and Century Theatre box office (313) 963-9800, through TicketMaster phone centers

(248) 6450666, TicketMaster.com, and all TicketMaster outlets including Hudson's and Repeat the Beat. Groups of 15 or more may purchase discount tickets through the Group Sales Department at (313) 962-2913. Convenient theater and dinner packages are available at the adjoining Century Club Restaurant, which features live jazz Thursday through Saturday. Visit the Gem Theatre on-line at www.gemtheatre.com.

State police to close posts, consolidate in Sylvan hall

By Shawn Lawrence
Heritage Newspapers

The Manchester and Chelsea offices of the Michigan State Police are closing and moving to Sylvan Township in a consolidation effort.

The Manchester detachment has been open since 1994.

State Police Post 26 Commander Beth Moranty said that despite the consolidation, state police protection will not be diminished in the eight-township region of western Washtenaw County.

"We're still going to cover the same eight townships on the west side of the county," she said. "It will be a more efficient use of the troopers because they will be centrally located."

The eight-township region Moranty is referring to includes Bridgewater, Dexter, Freedom, Lima, Lyndon, Manchester, Sharon and Sylvan.

Sylvan Township Supervisor Jerry Dresselhouse said that the Sylvan Township Board first proposed the idea to the state police after their new township facility opened in May of last year.

"We just moved into a new hall and we knew they were housed in the fire station in Chelsea," Dresselhouse said. "Our board discussed it one day and said maybe they would be better served at the new hall."

"I think it's a benefit for all concerned," he said. "They have an office they can work out of that is centrally located in the area they serve with ready access to the freeways. It probably is going to enhance their ability to provide their services."

Dresselhouse said the move comes at no increased cost to Sylvan Township.

No final date for the move has been set yet, but Moranty said that the furniture is on order for the new office, and she expects the move will take place in the "very near future."

Moranty said that the Sylvan Township office, located at 18027 Old US-12, has more room and is a newer facility.

"In Manchester and Chelsea, the detachments are fairly old and crowded," she said. "It's a good move as far as the work area, as well as being a more central location."

In Manchester, the state police currently share space with the Washtenaw County Sheriff's department in the village offices. In Sylvan Township, the state police will have their own office space.

Moranty said that the state police currently have two troopers assigned to the day shift in the Manchester and Chelsea offices. In addition to those two officers, an additional three to five troopers may be on the road

in the eight-township region at any time.

She said that the level of police protection and the number of troopers assigned to the area will remain the same after the move to Sylvan.

The state police are primarily charged with patrolling the freeways, and Moranty said the new location will provide them quicker access to I-94.

"The state police are a full-service police agency," Moranty said. "In Washtenaw County, we do have primary responsibility for the freeway system, but we also provide police services to areas that are not incorporated and do not have their own police departments."

Moranty said the decision to move to Sylvan has been in the works for several months now, and the state police have been meeting with township supervisors to discuss the possibility.

She said that the supervisors in the eight townships were in agreement with the proposal.

"Certainly we're not dissatisfied with Manchester or Chelsea and the hospitality that has been afforded to us out there," she said. "This move is strictly a more efficient way to do business. It's right off the freeway where we have a lot of responsibility. (The move) is predicated on efficient use of our resources."



Back Home

The Steinhauser name has long been known in the Chelsea area. The family's proud tradition includes several CHS graduates and a reputation for community service. The name also is well known in insurance circles, as principals in the Professional Insurance Associates group, a well-established full-service agency in Wayne. Beginning this year, the family has moved a portion of the business "back home" to Chelsea and will operate a branch office in the Sylvan Building. An open house is slated for Jan. 14 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. to give residents a chance to look over the new offices and say hello. Pictured above are Matthew, Gerald, Philip and David Steinhauser. All will work out of the Chelsea location.

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CHOOSING THE PERFECT PET

By: Dr. Heidi Morgan, DVM

Now that you have answered the basic question listed in the previous article, it is time to go get your pet, right?? WRONG!! More research is definitely needed! The purpose of the original questions was to help you to decide the species and size of the pet that best suits you and your lifestyle. Now you need to figure out not only what breed you want, but also what is required to care for them. There are many resources available. These include libraries, bookstores, pet supply stores, breeders, trainers, humane societies, the Internet and last, but certainly not least, your local veterinarian—Westarbor Animal Hospital. Books and articles can provide quite a bit of information. However, personal communication with trainers, humane societies, breeders and veterinarians can provide more rounded information. Trainers and reputable breeders can often give you information on the various traits of the breed and species you are looking at. Veterinarians can often give you information on common afflictions affecting particular your chosen pet. They can also give you an idea of how much it will cost to responsibly care for your new family member. By combining all this information, one can get a good picture of the requirements, stereotypical behaviors (e.g. cairn terriers tend to dig because they are bred to), trainability, and also the approximate cost of owning the pet. The more research you do before obtaining a pet, the better prepared you will be to care properly for the animal.

Is Your Christmas Over?

Dear Friends and Neighbors,
There are still Christians celebrating Christmas today, January 6, a day when we "western" Christians celebrate "Epiphany," which commemorates Jesus appearing to the wise men.

But for most of us, Christmas is over for another year. We're back at work, school, and our normal day-to-day responsibilities.

For many of us, especially when we reach adulthood, Christmas is, at best, a very short lull in the responsibilities, problems, and heartaches of this life. These things don't go away, though we may forget about them for a few days during our holiday celebration.

Really, though, it's only the outward part of Christmas that's short-lived. The real Christmas remains in effect year-round, the knowledge that "unto us a Child is born, unto us

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Additions to Winter 2000 Brochure:

Page 9: Easter Basket Class dates are March 28 & April 4

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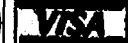
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Austin awarded scholarship

Vanderbilt University's Blair School of Music has awarded Liana Jean Austin the Wilda T. and William H. Moennig Scholarship. She is the daughter of Laura and James Austin of Chelsea.

A summa cum laude graduate of Chelsea High School, Austin is a freshman at Vanderbilt majoring in violin performance. She played violin first chair in the Michigan Youth Symphony and was a member of the Wasabi Piano Trio. Austin participated on the high school advanced placement physics club, soccer team and newspaper. She served as a volunteer at the

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Groundwater crucial to environment, economy

Public consumption is Michigan's largest use of groundwater. All Michigan counties except Bay and Wayne have communities supplied by municipal groundwater wells.

Almost half of the state's residents depend on groundwater for their drinking water. Wildlife, including deer, fish, ducks, mink and otter also depend on fresh and abundant water supplies for their sustenance and habitat.

Watering holes used by many animals may actually be groundwater discharge areas. Discharge areas are especially important in periods of drought, as they help to prevent surface waters from going dry.

The economy of our state is also dependent on groundwater supplies. Business, industry, agriculture and tourism all require high-quality water for sustainable economic development. Product processing, cooling systems and irrigation are just a few uses of groundwater. Tourism, including both hunting and fishing industries, demands high-quality groundwater since it replenishes the streams, rivers and lakes that vacationers enjoy.

The health and welfare of the ecosystem, residents and the economy of Michigan are also dependent on high-quality groundwater supplies. It is projected that the Great Lakes region's reliance on groundwater will increase with continued population shifts, development pressures, and demands of a water-dependent economy. Current use and future demand for groundwater require that communities take active roles in protecting their groundwater resource.

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Sierra Club files suit to block funding for DNR

The Sierra Club is filing suit in federal court that may block Michigan's Department of Natural Resources from receiving \$6 to \$7 million a year in wildlife funds.

These are taxes paid by hunters that are returned to the states for wildlife enhancement.

The Michigan Chapter of the Sierra Club contends these programs result in mismanagement of state forestland, due to clear cutting of aspen.

Wildlife managers and foresters consider the clear cuts essential to maintain the aspen species. If not clear cut, aspen dies out and is replaced by species not as beneficial to deer, ruffed grouse and some other wildlife. Michigan's aspen acreage has been dwindling for decades.

With car/deer accidents and crop damage at high levels, the Sierra Club questions the need to create habitat to produce more deer. It favors al-

lowing the state's forests to revert to their pre-logging status, which was predominately pine and hardwoods, having minimal value to deer.

We have enough forestland in Michigan to have an abundance of both aspen and old growth.

What is overlooked in this conflict is the DNR's already grossly decimated ability to professionally manage wildlife and state forestlands, due to sharp reductions in field staff. Because politicians are withholding millions of hunters' license dollars, the DNR wildlife division's field staff has been sliced in half, or more, in some areas.

This means biologists are not available for on-the-ground evaluation of timber cutting and other habitat projects. Slashing another \$6 to \$7 million a year would mean even less professional oversight of our natural resources.

A typical example is the

former Jordan River State Forest, in Charlevoix and Antrim counties.

Before downsizing state government became politically vogue, the 80,000-acre Jordan River State Forest had a staff of up to nine, or one person for every 8,888 acres. Today the 375,000-acre Gaylord Forest area, which absorbed the former Jordan River unit and now reaches to Cheboygan, has a staff of 17, or one person for every 20,588 acres.

The sprawling Jordan River headquarters complex in Boyne City is abandoned and shuttered.

Pressure has about quadrupled on our forests, and their vastly diminished staff, since the 1970s. Foresters and wildlife managers concede they lack the time and dollars to provide the stewardship that once nurtured Michigan's proud conservation legacy.

FARM BUREAU FUN FACTS

When is a plant not a plant? When it's a euglena. A long time ago, biologists thought there were just two kinds of living things on Earth — plants and animals. It seems obvious — plants stayed in one place and used the energy of the sun to make their own food. Animals usually moved around and fed by eating other things. Then things got complicated. Biologists began studying molds and mushrooms and discovered they get their food by absorbing other living things — or once-living things. Then there's the one-celled pond critter called the euglena. In sunlight, it makes its own food — just like a plant does. But in the dark, it uses two whip-like tails to move around and eats dead stuff

floating in the water. So are they plants or animals? Or something else? Today, biologists classify living-into five categories: monerans (one-celled life forms without a nucleus, or "control center"), protists (one-celled life form with a nucleus), fungi (like

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New moles on skin not always cause for concern



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Question: I recently noticed a mole on my hand that I don't remember having a few years ago. Could a new mole like this be cancerous? When should a skin spot prompt a trip to the doctor?

Answer: Non-cancerous skin growths are far more common than skin cancers. That means, from a statistical point of view, it is most likely that you have a non-cancerous growth. How-

ever, since skin cancers can be deadly, I strongly recommend that any mole or other skin spot that worries you be evaluated by a physician.

A visual inspection and a careful patient history are often sufficient for a well-trained physician to make a diagnosis. It is frequently necessary, however, to remove at least a portion of the lesion to obtain a specimen that can be studied under the microscope. From this study, your doctor can determine precisely the type of growth and if further treatment is warranted.

One important clue in telling when a spot — what we doctors call a lesion — might need further study is its history, that is, how it developed and how it has changed over the last few months. Most non-cancerous growths have a

smooth border where they join normal-appearing skin and are symmetrical in shape. Their coloration is "uniform" across the lesion, and the growth is so slow that it is hard to say that they are growing — they just weren't there a year or two ago.

The most common form of skin cancer, and also the most prevalent cancer in humans, is basal cell carcinoma. These raised, "waxy-appearing" skin growths usually develop on the head, neck, hands and trunk — the areas that get exposed to the sun. They develop a "rolled" border with an open, unhealing sore in the center. Over a course of years, if left untreated, the cancer slowly gets larger. The Skin Cancer Foundation predicts more than 500,000 cases of basal cell cancer nationally this year.

The next most common skin cancer — squamous cell — will affect 100,000 people this year, predominantly those over 60. These growths are reddish or pink and appear as raised, irregularly shaped, scaly or ulcerated nodules. Often found on areas like the lips, face, mouth, hands and ears, they may appear as a new growth or inside of an existing pre-cancerous skin lesion. Old scars or areas of chronic skin infection are also common sites. Left untreated, squamous cell cancer can spread to other parts of the body — a process called metastasis — and can cause new cancerous growth in other organs or tissues.

These two types of skin cancer are very curable and recovery is almost certain, if

treatment is begun when the growth is small. However, failure to treat these common skin cancers can lead to serious problems. In fact, about 2,000 people will die of untreated basal or squamous cell cancers this year.

The deadliest of all skin cancers is melanoma. While it is still the rarest type, it has become increasingly common because of the popularity of the "sun-tanned" look. Exposure to the sun is a known risk factor.

A melanoma, in its early stages, is a multicolored growth with a cobblestone-like surface that may be confused with a common mole. It is usually multicolored including black, brown, blue, red, or even with areas of almost no pigment at all. The border

between colors is usually indistinct. As the melanoma enlarges, it becomes raised above the surface of the skin, and this is quite serious. Melanoma that penetrates less than .75 mm (about 1/32 of an inch) is usually cured by simple removal. Deeper growth often indicates that metastasis has occurred, and a cure is less likely. Yes, people regularly die from untreated melanoma! So if your skin lesion has any of the features of melanoma, please go see your family doctor or a dermatologist immediately.

"Family Medicine" is a weekly column. To submit questions, write to John C. Wolf, D.O., Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine, Grosvenor Hall, Athens, Ohio 45701.



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Haist marries in Lithuania

Alvyta Kazlauskaitė, daughter of Vytautas and Alina Kazlauskai of Vilnius, Lithuania, and Jeffrey Haist, son of Kenneth and Barbara Haist of Chelsea, were married Sept. 25 in Vilnius with the Rev. Rick Holladay and the Rev. Irmantas Pinkoraitis officiating.

Maid of honor was Beatrice Soroko of Vilnius. Best man was Andre Skok of Moscow.

Receptions were held in Vilnius and in Chelsea. The couple honeymooned in Rodos, Greece.

The bride is a 1993 graduate of the University of Language and Business. The groom is a 1987 graduate of the University of Michigan. Both are employed with Campus Crusade for Christ. They will reside in Vilnius.



Schlenderer, Brewer wed

Linda S. Schlenderer, daughter of Judith and Charles Schlenderer of Chelsea, and Jason E. Brewer, son of Kenneth and Pamela Brewer of Ypsilanti and the late Bonnie Dillon, were married July 31, 1999, at Bethlehem United Church of Christ in Ann Arbor, with the Rev. Kenyon Edwards officiating.

Bridesmaids were Sally Walker Davies of Houston, Sheri Judkins of Ann Arbor, Barbara Schlenderer of Dexter, sister-in-law of the bride, and Sarah Colton of Ann Arbor. Groomsmen were Charles

H. Schlenderer III of Dexter, brother of the bride, Richard Judkins of Ann Arbor, Jamison D. Brewer of Brighton, brother of the groom, and Jpaul Dixon of Ann Arbor.

Jeffrey J. Colton II of Ann Arbor was an usher, and Megan and Jessica Schlenderer of Dexter, nieces of the bride, were flower girls.

A reception was held, following the ceremony, at the Barton Hills Country Club. The couple took a fly-fishing honeymoon in Banff, Alberta, Canada. They reside in Dexter.



Babcock, Etzel marry

Shari Babcock, daughter of Samuel and JoAnne Babcock of Port Austin, and Jeffrey Etzel, son of William and Joyce Etzel of Dexter, were married Oct. 2 at Bad Axe First United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Robert Garrett officiating.

were Bob Stackhouse of Ann Arbor and Mark Schempp of Valencia, Calif.

A reception was held following the ceremony at the Pointe Aux Barques Clubhouse in Port Austin. The couple honeymooned in Nassau, and will reside in Bad Axe. The groom is a junior high guidance counselor at Bad Axe Public Schools. The bride is a speech therapist at the Huron Intermediate School District.

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Cheslek, Howard marry

Jessica L. Cheslek, daughter of Camella and James A. Cheslek of Valparaiso, Ind., and Peter D. Howard, son of Charles P. and Rita W. Howard of Ann Arbor, were married Nov. 6, 1999, at United Methodist Church in Dexter, with the Rev. William Donahue of Dexter and the Rev. Hugh Balfour, uncle of the groom, of England, officiating.

Honor attendants were Lanna Cheslek of Chicago, sister of the bride, and Doug Howard of Ann Arbor, brother of the groom. Other bridal at-

tendants were Erika Cheslek of Valparaiso, sister of the bride, and Stephanie Waugh of Valparaiso. The groom's attendants were Winston Howard of Tempe, Ariz., brother of the groom, and Matthew Dolitzky of Dexter.

A reception was held in the home of the groom's parents on West Delhi Road in Ann Arbor. The couple will honeymoon in England, and reside in Greenwood, Miss. The groom is a 1992 graduate of Dexter High School, and both the bride and groom are graduates of the Kendall College of Art and Design in Grand Rapids.



MARRIED: Linda I. Barc and Mark J. Seavold exchanged wedding vows on Oct. 24, 1999, aboard the Renaissance ship *The R-One*, with Captain Dimitri Flokus officiating. A family reception was held Dec. 18 at the Edgewood Country Club in Commerce Township.

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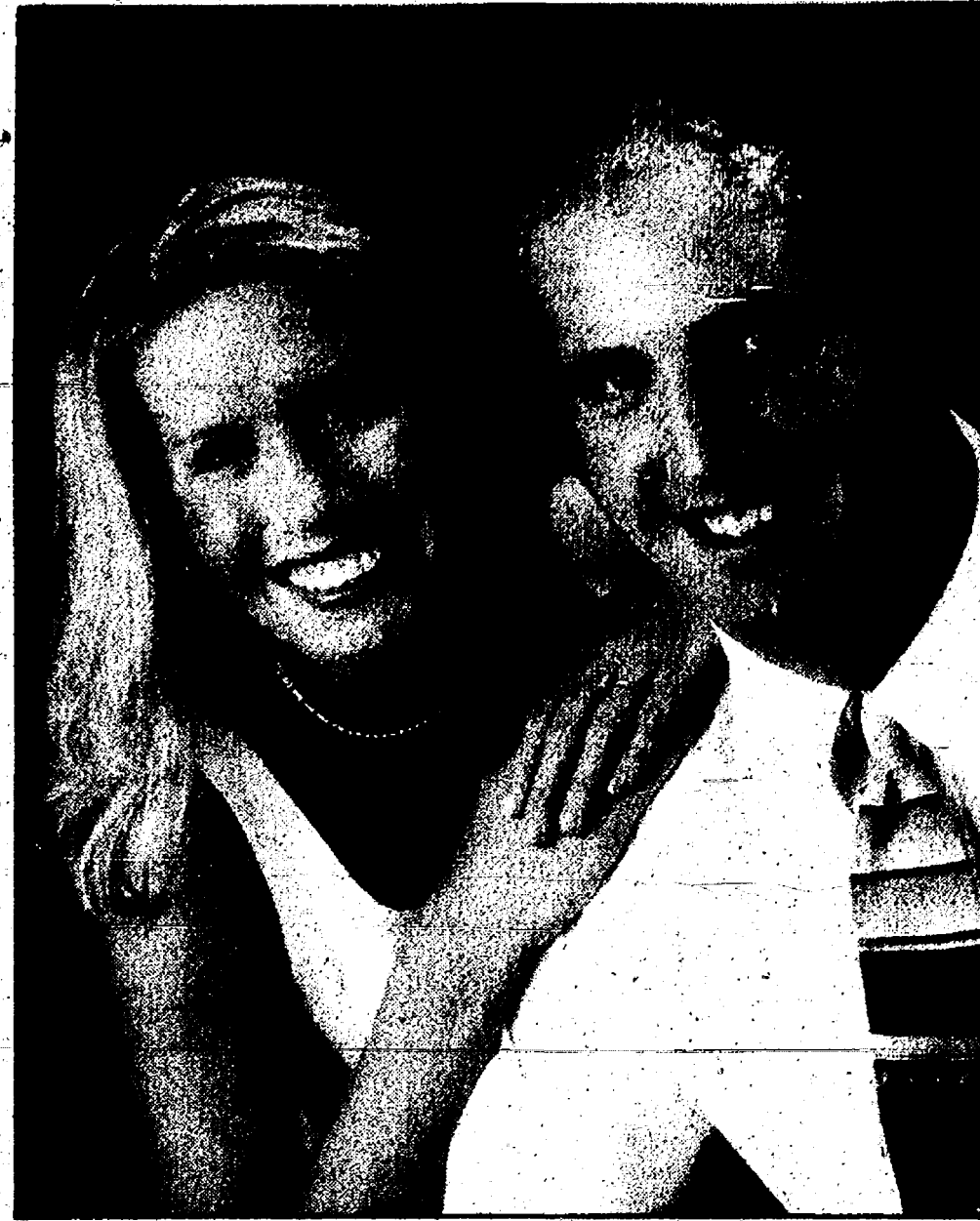
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ENGAGED: Sarah L. Cooper, daughter of Gerald and Susan Cooper of Jackson, and Steven R. Riddle, son of Earl and Sandra Riddle of Chelsea, have set a May 6 wedding. The future bride is a 1994 graduate of Columbia Central High School and a 1998 graduate of Baker College of Jackson. She is currently employed as an administrative assistant at Foote Hospital. The future groom is a 1992 graduate of Chelsea High School, and is currently employed as a manager at Parts Poddler in Dexter.

Petersmark, Wetzel united

Lori A. Wetzel, daughter of Norm and Sally Wetzel of Chelsea, and John W. Petersmark, son of William and Julie Petersmark of Waterford, were married July 10, at St. Mary Catholic Church, with the Rev. David Mastrangelo, S.J., officiating.

Maid of honor was Lissa Hamrick of Chicago. Bridesmaids were Krista (Johnson) Jarvey of Belleville, Michele (Hollo) Almasy of Dublin, Ohio; Teri Moore of Canton; Kirsten Berntson of Wasilla, Alaska; and Jennifer Taylor of Rochester.

Best man was Michael Petersmark of Lansing, brother of the groom. Groomsmen

were Brad Gray of Oak Park; Mike Hassett of Southfield; George Petersmark of Sterling Heights; Chuck Eyrleth of Denver; and Andy Wetzel of Ann Arbor.

Ushers were Todd Vanbuskirk and Daryl Wetzel of Pinckney. Flower girls were Randilyn and Jamie Angell of Naperville, Ill., cousins of the bride. Special music was provided by Bekah Knight, soloist, and Katherine Henry, violinist.

A reception was held following the ceremony at Crown Plaza Hotel in Ann Arbor. The couple honeymooned in Cancun, Mexico, and reside in Keego Harbor.

BIRTHS

A son, Colin Patrick, born Dec. 7 to Sara and Brian Shaughnessy of Clarkston. Maternal grandparents are Tom and Vicki Keranen of Dexter, and Michael Dunaj of Madison Heights. Paternal grandparents are Terry and Patricia Shaughnessy of Wixom. Great-grandparents include Doris Chase of Rochester Hills, Lucille McGee of Wixom and Mary Shaughnessy of Ignacio, Colo.

A son, Caleb Isaac, born Dec. 8 to Chasta and Brian AtLee of Marion, Ohio. Maternal grandparents are Harlen and Linda Roberts of Marion. Paternal grandparents are Cyrus and Rowena AtLee of Chelsea. Great-grandparents include Megan AtLee of Gladwin; Donna Beebe of Coloma; Harlen and Janet Roberts; Gene Hartley of Richwood, Ohio; and Kathy Hartley of Tiffin, Ohio. The baby's sibling is Wesley.

A daughter, Ayla Skye Raye-Leonard, born Oct. 9 to Helen (H.K.) Leonard and Greg Raye of Chelsea. Maternal grandparents are Helen M. and Walter Leonard, former publishers of *The Chelsea Standard* and *The Dexter Leader*, of Chelsea. Paternal grandparents are the late Mary Ellen and Martin Raye. Siblings include a brother, Dylan, and a sister, Olivia.

A son, Kirby Cecil, born Nov. 5 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ypsilanti to Debbie and Todd Hubbard of Chelsea. Maternal grandparents are Rita and Mort Dunlop of Southfield. Paternal grandparents are Nan and Don Hubbard of Dearborn. Great-grandparent is Mildred Dunlop of Northville. Siblings include Gwen and Marty.

A daughter, Brianna Victoria, born Dec. 27 at the University of Michigan Hospital to Kristine A. and Roger L. Loucks of Jackson. Maternal grandparents are Michael and Pamela Lisznyai of Jackson. Paternal grandparents are Roger W. Loucks Jr. of Jackson and Beverly J. Holly of Munith. Great-great-grandmother

CEF announces grants

The Chelsea Education Foundation is pleased to announce its annual grants for 1999. This CEF program allows community members to submit proposals for funding worthwhile educational projects in the Chelsea area.

This year, the CEF granted \$20,000 to 29 different individuals or groups representing all five public schools, as well as organizations supporting preschoolers and senior citizens.

Some of the programs receiving grants this year include: Grandparents as Tutors,

Everyone Reads at the Beach, CHS Sculpture for the Commons, Educator training for the Parents as Teachers program, Elementary Writing Mentors and Immigration Education at BMS.

These grants are made possible by the generous donations of members of the community. The CEF supports education for all ages in Chelsea.

For more information, contact the CEF at (734) 475-0469, P.O. Box 295, Chelsea, MI 48118, or on the Web at <http://comnet.org/cef>.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

CHELSEA

Friday, Jan. 7

Chelsea Hoops 16 year old girls basketball tryouts at Pierce Lake gym at 8 p.m. Contact Brian Koch (734) 475-3553 with questions.

Sunday, Jan. 9

Parkinson Education and Support Group will meet at 1:30 p.m. at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Education Center. Wear comfortable clothing. Questions call 734-741-9209.

Monday, Jan. 10

Mystery Book Club will hold its first year 2000 meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the Chelsea District Library's new location. The meeting will be in the library meeting room at the media center at the Washington Street Education Center. New members and guests are always welcome. For more info call the Chelsea District Library (734) 475-8732.

Tuesday, Jan. 11

Arbor Hospice Grief Support Groups Tuesdays from 7-8:30 p.m. Please refer to the "Other" section of the calendar for details.

Lima Township special meeting 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 13

Monthly Community Dinner at the Chelsea First United Methodist Church from 5-7 p.m. This month is a German dinner.

CHELSEA

MISCELLANEOUS

Canceled Event

Alzheimer's Assoc. Family Caregiver Support Group in Chelsea, will be canceled until May 2000. Contact the Alzheimer's Assoc. at 800-337-3827 or (734) 677-3081 for additional info or other support group times and locations.

Thursday

Chelsea American Legion, Herbert J. McKune Post 31 will be meeting on the first Thursday of the month, starting at 8 p.m. Any questions call Pat Merkel (734) 475-1824.

Chelsea Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors meets on the first Thursday of each month. Info, Bill Stewart (734) 475-1515, or Marcia White, (734) 475-6368.

Little Professor Reading Group for adults meets every other Thursday at 11:30 a.m. Call with questions, (734) 433-2665.

Senior Nutrition Program meets Thursdays at noon in the Waterloo Township Hall. For reservations call (734) 475-7439, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Lunches, cards and fellowship.

Sunday

The Parkinson Education and Support Group of Washtenaw County meets on the second Sunday of the month from 1:30-4 p.m. Questions call (734) 741-9209 or 1-800-852-9781.

Monday

Chelsea Area Garden Club meets every second Monday of the month at the First United Methodist Church, 128 Park St. at 12:30 p.m. Summer and holiday season meetings may vary. Information: Christine Forsch, president, (734) 475-4273, or Jennifer Kundak, publicity chair, (734) 475-2424 or jak@mich.com.

Chelsea Kiwanis Club meets every Monday at Chelsea Community Hospital, 8:15 p.m.

Domestic Violence Project Safe House Support Group meets every Monday at Chelsea Community

Hospital, Behavioral Health Services building, 6:30-8 p.m. Info, (734) 426-0369.

Lima Township Board meets the first Monday of the month at 8 p.m.

Mystery Book Club meets regularly at 7:30 p.m. at the library's new location on the second Monday of the month.

Overeaters Anonymous meets Mondays at First United Methodist Church, Chelsea, 7:30 p.m. Info, (734) 475-4264.

Tuesday

Chelsea Amateur Radio Club (prtr: 145.45) meets every fourth Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m., at Key Bank, 1478 Chelsea Manchester Road (next to Chelsea Lumber). Summer and holiday season meetings may vary. Information: Jeff Cowall (N8KPA), (734) 475-2424 or jcowall@fame.com

Chelsea District Library Board meets the third Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m., White Oaks Inn at Chelsea Hospital.

Chelsea Lions Club meets the first and third Tuesday at Chelsea Community Hospital, 6:45 p.m.

Chelsea Rotary Club meets every Tuesday at the Common Grill, 12:30 p.m.

Lima Township Planning Commission meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 8 p.m.

Senior Nutrition Program meets Tuesdays at noon in the Waterloo Township Hall. For reservations call (734) 475-7439, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Lunches, cards and fellowship.

Wednesday

New Beginnings, a grief support group for people experiencing the loss of a loved one. Offered as a community service by the Chelsea Retirement Community, meetings are on Wednesdays in the Crippen building, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Info., Kearney Kirkby, (734) 475-2868.

OTHER

Chelsea Senior Nutrition Program at the Senior Center. To reserve lunch, call Arlene Larson a day ahead at (734) 475-0160.

Chelsea Together. For more information, call weekdays (734) 475-4030, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., or (734) 475-5935, 6-9 p.m.

Faith in Action House Community Center, open daily. Provides free services to those in need. Services include food, clothing, financial help, advocacy and many other forms of assistance. Need friendly help? Only winter clothing will be accepted. Call from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., (734) 475-3305.

Home Meal Service, Chelsea Meals served daily to elderly or disabled. Cost per meal, \$3.25 with milk, \$3 without milk, for those able to pay. Interested parties call Mary at (734) 475-9494 or Faith in Action at (734) 475-3305.

Parent to Parent Program in-home, friendly, visiting support system for families with children. Call (734) 475-3305.

DEXTER

MISCELLANEOUS

Thursday

Dexter Rotary Club meets at Cousins Heritage Inn every Thursday at 7:30 a.m.

Village of Dexter Downtown Development Authority meets the second Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at National City Bank.

Monday

Dexter PTO meets every fourth Monday of the month (except for

December) at 7 p.m. in the media center at Mill Creek Middle School.

Tuesday

Dexter Kiwanis Club meets at Cousins Heritage Inn the first and third Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m.

Dexter Township Planning Commission meets on the first and fourth Tuesday of each month in the Dexter Township Hall at 7:30 p.m.

New Beginnings, a support group dealing with death and divorce, meets Tuesdays at St. James Episcopal Church, Dexter, at 5:30 p.m. Call Faye Wisely, (734) 426-8931 or the church, (734) 426-8247 for information.

Dexter Touchdown Club meets on the first Tuesday of each month in the Dexter High School library at 7 p.m. All supporters of Dexter football, grades 7-12 are welcome. Contact Pat Little, (734) 426-3991.

Smokers Anonymous meets Tuesdays at St. James Episcopal Church, Dexter, 7:30-8:30 p.m. Call (734) 426-8696.

The Village of Dexter Parks Commission meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month at National City Bank, 7 p.m.

Wednesday

Dexter Jaycees are looking for young adults ages 21-39 to join their club. Meetings are the second Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. at National City Bank, Dexter Info., (734) 426-1080.

Parents For Safety is a non-profit organization dedicated to safety issues within the schools and the village or Dexter. Meetings are open to the public every third Wednesday of the month in the Mill Creek Middle School media center at 7:30 p.m. For more information please call Rhonda Hall at (734) 426-2883.

OTHER

Alcoholics Anonymous meets at St. Joseph Parish Hall in Dexter Tuesdays at 8 p.m. and Thursdays at 7:30 p.m.

Ann Arbor Garden Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday Jan. 12, in Room 125 at Matthai Botanical Gardens. The meeting is open to the public. For more information call (734) 662-7211.

Arbor Hospice Grief Support Group New Pathways, a 6-8 week support group for adults who are

experiencing grief due to the death of a loved one. They will meet Tuesdays in Ann Arbor at the Arbor Hospice Residence, 2366 Oak Valley Drive from 7-8:30 p.m., or on Thursdays 10:30 a.m. to noon, starting Jan. 11 through March 2.

Arbor Hospice Grief Support Group for adults grieving the death of a parent will meet Tuesdays 7-8:30 p.m. Jan. 11 through Feb. 29 at the Arbor Hospice Residence.

Dexter-Chelsea Right to Life meets the third Monday each month at 7 p.m. in the Mary Room at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 3540 Dover St., Dexter. Info., Anne Young, (734) 426-5010.

Dexter Family Service, contact Pat Burnett, (734) 449-2149, Marian Burgett, (734) 426-2196, Shawn Detling, (734) 426-4343 or Judy Wheeler, (734) 426-2160.

Dexter Senior Nutrition Program delivers meals M-F to elderly homebound. Serves lunch M-F at Dexter Senior Center, Copeland building. To reserve a lunch, call 24 hrs. ahead, Cindy White, (734) 426-5397.

Play-N-Chat, a home-based group for moms and their children under 5 years old, meets Wednesdays and Fridays. For place and times call Jackie Esch, (734) 426-5437.

Princeton Review will be holding free practice, full-length DAT, GMAT, GRE, LSAT and MCAT tests on Saturday, Jan. 22. The tests will start at 9 a.m. and finish about 1 p.m. They will be held at the Princeton Review, 1220 South University, Suite 209, Ann Arbor. Students must call the Princeton Review at (734) 663-2163 to register for the test.

Teens Using Drugs is a free, two-part series on identifying and helping teens harmfully involved with alcohol and other drugs. Part 1-How to Know: Tuesday, Jan. 4 or Feb. 1, 7:30-9 p.m. Part 2-What to Do: Tuesday, Jan. 11 or Feb. 8, 7:30-9 p.m. St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in the Exhibition Room, first floor, Education Center, 5305 Elliott Dr. For info call (734) 973-7893.

Volunteers Needed M-F from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. to deliver mid-day meals to senior citizens in the Dexter area. For info, call Cindy at the Dexter Senior Nutrition Center (734) 426-5397.

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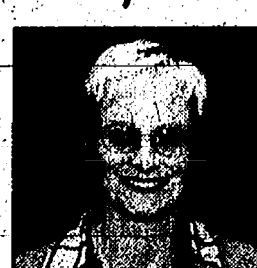
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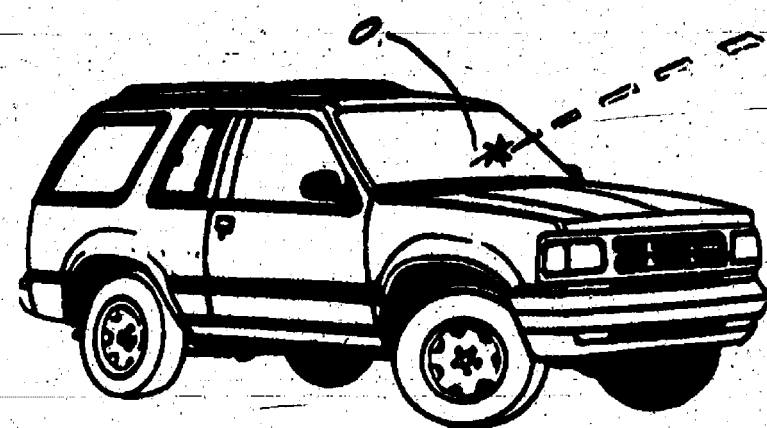
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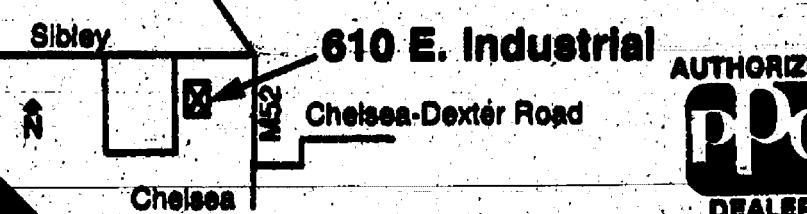
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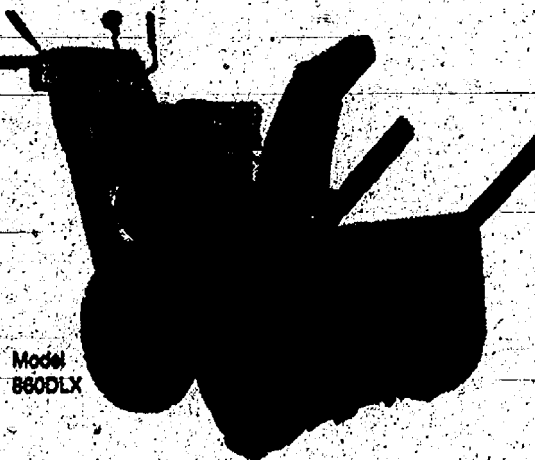
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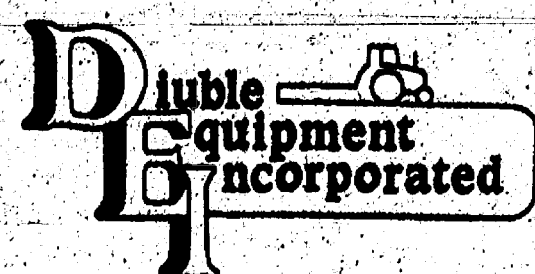
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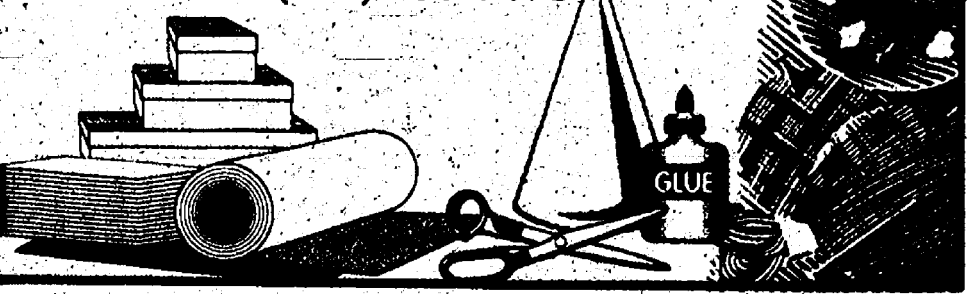
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Dexter Village

Drunken Driving

A 20-year-old Dexter woman was arrested for operating a vehicle while under the influence of alcohol on Ann Arbor Street near Kensington Street Jan. 1. She was initially stopped for driving erratically. The woman admitted that she had been drinking earlier. She said she considered calling a taxi cab but thought she could make it home without any problems. The woman was given a breath test. The test showed she had a .16 blood-alcohol level, which is more than the legal limit to drive.

The passenger, a 20-year-old Dexter woman, was given a breath test as well. She had a .15 percent blood-alcohol level and was cited as a minor in possession of alcohol.

Dexter Township

Possession of Heroin

A 26-year-old Chelsea man was arrested on Webb's Landing Dec. 31 for possession of heroin. He was a passenger in a vehicle initially stopped on a traffic violation. While interviewing the suspect about the identity of one of the passengers, the deputy noticed a bulge in the suspect's pocket. He was asked to remove whatever he had in his pocket. The man took out a wooden box that contained suspected narcotics.

Police confiscated hypodermic needles, a silver spoon and a crack pipe from a 26-year-old female passenger in the vehicle.

The suspect was arrested for possession of suspected heroin and the driver was cited for failing to signal a turn. The female passenger was cited for not wearing a seatbelt.

Animal Cruelty

A 49-year-old township man was arrested at his home on McKinley Drive Dec. 24 for shooting a neighbor's dog. The man said the dog came on his property and started eating his cat's food. He said he tried to scare it off and it growled at him, showing its teeth. The man said he was concerned for his family so he went inside and got a gun. He said he fired shots in the air to scare it off.

The man's neighbors said they let the dog out and heard shots fired. Their dog then came limping back to the house. Later a veterinarian told them that the dog's leg would have to be amputated.

The suspect was arrested after it was discovered the dog was severely injured.

Scio Township

Assault and Battery

A 39-year-old woman called police after she was allegedly assaulted by a group of juveniles in Scio Farms Estates, 6655 Jackson Road, Dec. 22. The woman said her son was ice skating on a frozen pond in the trailer park and came home crying. She said he was having an asthma attack and had a red mark on his chest.

The woman said her son told her that a 15-year-old boy hit him in the chest because he was on the ice without a hockey stick. The woman said she was mad so she went to the pond to confront the suspect. She said the suspect called her a name and pushed her to the ground.

The woman appeared uncooperative to police. She refused to give any additional information or allow her son to be interviewed. The deputy collected the names of the witnesses and their written

statements that were turned into management at the trailer park.

The case is considered closed unless the woman decides to cooperate.

Attempted Suicide

Attempted suicide was reported in Scio Farms Estates, 6655 Jackson Road, Dec. 23. A 39-year-old man told police that his 21-year-old girlfriend took an overdose of prescription medication because she thinks he doesn't love her anymore.

The woman was taken by ambulance to the University of Michigan Hospital. She reportedly took a mixture of six different types of medication combined with several beers.

The victim's boyfriend said she had attempted suicide about three weeks earlier but he didn't make a police report. He took her to the hospital himself.

Warrant Arrest

Jeremiah J. Roy, 20, of Scio Township was arrested on Jackson Road near Baker Road Dec. 23. Roy was initially stopped on a traffic violation. A computer check revealed that he was wanted on a bench warrant for violating probation. He was taken to the Ann Arbor Police Department.

Criminal Sexual Conduct

Criminal sexual conduct was reported in Eagle Pointe apartments Dec. 23. A 16-year-old girl told police that her stepfather has touched her inappropriately.

The case was turned over to two detectives and no other information was provided other than she was taken to the University of Michigan Hospital.

Domestic Assault

Domestic assault was reported in the township Dec. 25. A 25-year-old woman told police that she and her husband argued on Christmas Eve. The next morning, as she was feeding their baby, the woman said her husband grabbed a cereal box and flung cereal all over the kitchen and living room. She said he turned over furniture, so she fled with the baby to a bedroom. The woman said her husband came after her and grabbed her by the neck.

The victim said her husband continued to throw things around the living room and was pacing back and forth. When he grabbed the baby from her arms, the woman said she called for help.

The suspect denied harming his wife. He said he was tired of her walking around the house in the nude and they argued. He said she grabbed his neck and scratched his arm.

The suspect was arrested on suspicion of domestic violence and his wife was given information about Safe House, a shelter for victims of domestic violence.

Drunken Driving

A 41-year-old Dexter man was arrested for operating a vehicle while under the influence of alcohol on Jackson Road near Staebler Road Sept. 29. Police initially made contact with the suspect during a traffic crash. The man admitted that he had been drinking prior to the crash.

The driver was taken by ambulance to the University of Michigan Hospital. A preliminary breath test showed he had a .15 percent blood-alcohol level. A blood sample was drawn for further testing.

Larceny

Larceny was reported in the

2500 block of W. Delhi Road Dec. 27. A 44-year-old woman told police that she suspects two women of stealing her wedding band and diamond anniversary ring. The jewelry is valued at \$3,900. The suspects were at her home installing blinds.

The suspects denied stealing the rings. They said the woman mentioned that she was going to have a dinner party speculating there may be other suspects.

Larceny was reported at Jim Bradley Pontiac, 3500 Jackson Road, Dec. 27. A sales manager told police that someone stole a front bumper off a 2000 Pontiac Grand Am. The theft occurred between Dec. 25 and Dec. 27. Damage to a window is estimated at \$250. The bumper is valued at \$550.

Property Damage

Malicious destruction of property was reported at Pilot truck stop, 195 Baker Road, Dec. 27. A manager at the truck stop told police that a calling card machine was damaged. Damage occurred between 2:30 a.m. and 3:30 a.m. Damage is estimated at \$20.

Malicious destruction of property was reported at Auto Strasse LTD BMW dealership, 585 Auto Mall Drive, Dec. 27. The sales manager told police that sometime during the night someone broke two showroom windows. Damage is estimated at \$2,000.

Possession of Marijuana

Possession of marijuana was reported on Jackson Road Jan. 1. A 51-year-old Ann Arbor man was arrested after he was stopped near Parkland Plaza on a traffic violation. While talking to the suspect, the deputy noticed a marijuana cigarette near the arm rest on the driver's side of the vehicle. A search of the vehicle turned up four partially smoked joints, as well as rolling papers.

Assault and Battery

Assault and battery was reported at Sheridan Books, 100 N. Staebler Road, Dec. 28. A 29-year-old Chelsea man suffered a cut on his lower lip and was taken to Chelsea Community Hospital after a fight at the book manufacturer. The suspect, 34, said he hit the victim because he didn't like his tone of voice. He declined to give additional information until speaking with an attorney.

Webster Township

Accidental Damage

A 36-year-old Whitmore Lake woman reported accidental damage at a home in the 7000 block of Webster Church Road Jan. 1. The woman said there was a hole in the west exterior wall from a stray bullet. The bullet went through a shower door and wall. Damage is estimated at \$400. The incident occurred between 8:30 p.m. Dec. 29 and noon Jan. 1.

Sylvan Township

Warrant Arrest

Stephen J. Suliman, 38, of Belleville was arrested and transferred into the custody of a county sheriff's deputy on Clear Lake Road near I-94 Dec. 26. A Jackson County Sheriff's deputy initially arrested Suliman. A computer

check revealed that the Friend of the Court wanted him on a bench warrant.

Lima Township

Criminal Sexual Conduct

Criminal sexual conduct was reported at a local business Dec. 23. A 28-year-old Chelsea woman told police that her boss touched her breasts twice and commented on them Dec. 14. Three days later, she said he patted her buttocks and made a comment.

The victim said she delayed in reporting the crime because she was upset. The suspect, 56, is a family friend she has known for 10 years.

Another employee interviewed by police said that the suspect sometimes pinches the arms of female employees in a playful manner. However, she said she has never heard of an incident of him touching an employee inappropriately.

The suspect denied the allegations and said the victim may be leveling the charges out of spite. He said she was recently taken off the schedule for poor performance. He added that she could be trying to get a financial settlement from him.

Warrant Arrest

Ricky L. Rose, 39, of Detroit was arrested on Jerusalem Road near Haist Road Dec. 27. He was questioned during a criminal investigation. A computer check revealed Rose was wanted on a bench warrant for failing to appear in court on charges of driving with a suspended license.

Drunken Driving

A 39-year-old Detroit man was arrested on Jerusalem Road near Haist Road Dec. 27. Police were initially dispatched to a crash and a witness identified the man as the driver of the other vehicle involved. As the deputy approached the suspect's vehicle, the suspect drove off. A police chase ended with the suspect driving his vehicle

into a ditch, where he got stuck.

The suspect smelled of alcohol and had bloodshot eyes. He staggered as he stood and admitted to drinking alcohol. The investigating officer noted that the man was unaware that he had run off the road and urinated in his pants.

A breath test revealed the man had a .19 percent blood-alcohol level, which is more than the legal limit to drive. He was taken to jail and his truck was impounded.

Lyndon Township

Found Property

The owner of Vogel's Party Store turned in a wallet that a customer had left. The wallet belonged to a 52-year-old Ypsilanti woman.

Bridgewater Township

Child Abuse

Child abuse was reported in the Dec. 26. A 10-year-old boy told a sheriff's deputy that his father grabbed him and dragged him into the kitchen after an altercation over a video game.

The boy said his father told him to stop playing the game three times but he did not. The boy said his father took the game away from him. He threw a pair of shoes at his father and then his father dragged him into the kitchen. The boy said his father threw a compact disc player on the floor and broke it. The boy said he jumped on his father's back and his father pulled him over his shoulder and held him.

The suspect told police that his son punched him in the groin after he took away his video game. When he went upstairs to gather up the boy's toys, he said his son threw a pair of shoes at him and one struck his leg.

The suspect said he dragged the boy into the kitchen to put his coat and shoes on to take him to a family member's house. He said he accidentally dropped the CD player. His

son then jumped on his back. He said he tried to hold the boy away with one arm extended.

The suspect's three children stayed with a relative that night and the Department of Social Services was contacted about the incident.

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DETECTING OTHER DISEASES

When you go to your dentist for periodic checkups to maintain the health of your teeth and gums, he will also be on the lookout for other signs of health problems. Your mouth often acts as the "laboratory of the body," revealing early signs of systemic disease long before symptoms prompt you to seek help.

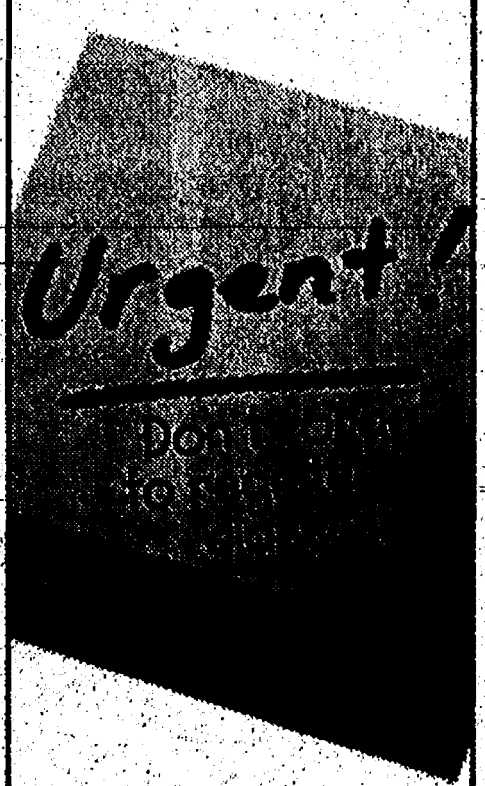
Early detection of any disease is important in preventing serious consequences. Cancer is a good example. For instance, swollen, pale, and bleeding gums may be an early sign of leukemia. Widening of the connective tissues around teeth may indicate bone cancer or scleroderma, a disease in which the connective tissues or surfaces of internal organs harden.

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Internet stocks hold opportunities, risks

By Michael Ceaser

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Q: Although I have a portfolio of mutual funds, I am interested in making some of my own investment choices and buying individual stocks. The Internet stocks are especially appealing to me.

A: I understand that a company's price-to-earnings ratio can be a good indicator of its attractiveness as an investment. Would this be a good tool for evaluating Internet stocks?

A: Buying individual stocks can be an interesting and financially rewarding pastime for those who are willing to expend the time and effort to do the research necessary to find the best investment opportunities.

Professional money managers have access to extensive research departments that tend to give them the edge over individual investors.

Nevertheless, individual investors can still use some of the basic analytical tools such as examining price-to-earnings ratios to make sound investment choices when evaluating "traditional" companies.

The Internet stocks, for the most part, are anything but "traditional."

Probably one of the most widely used tools to evaluate a company's stock is the price-

to-earnings ratio or P/E. The ratio is arrived at by dividing the price per share by the earnings per share for a 12-month period.

When looking for stocks that might be attractive investments, analysts often look for stocks that have a P/E ratio that is less than the market's.

In this case, the Standard and Poor's 500 Index generally represents "the market." Some portfolio managers suggest that the best bargains are in companies whose P/E multiple is half that of the overall market.

The P/E should also be considered in terms of a stock's industry group. Some industries have relatively low P/Es while others, such as technology companies tend to have higher P/Es.

Generally, astute investors look for companies with P/Es that are both lower than the market and their industry average.

As almost everyone is aware, many of the Internet stocks have literally exploded in value over the last few years, corresponding with the growth of the Internet. For many of these stocks, almost none of the historical rules regarding investment analysis seem to apply.

Many studies have been

done showing that the unexpected public has bid up the prices on some of these companies for no other reason than the euphoria that seems to accompany any firm with a ".com" after its name.

In some cases, existing companies have simply changed their names to include a ".com" suffix and have subsequently seen their stock increase dramatically in price!

Many of the Internet stocks have little or no earnings, so the P/E ratio is of little help in evaluating the investment potential for them. Investors who try to value Internet stocks by many of the traditional techniques may find only frustration because they are so new and therefore don't seem to fit into the traditional pattern.

One of the best examples of this is the Internet bookseller, Amazon.com. This company has not yet shown a profit but the value of its stock is approximately \$26 billion, more than many of the largest traditional companies.

At first glance it seems absurd that a "bookseller," online or not, could be valued that high. But it would be a mistake to characterize Amazon as just a seller of books. Instead this company has become a symbol of the world's

changing behavior caused by the Internet revolution.

Because of this, many analysts believe that Amazon is so highly valued simply because of its strategic position in the new frontier called the Internet, not simply because it sells books.

Whether its valuation is justified or not, only time will tell. In the meantime, major corporations are spending hundreds of millions of dollars to take advantage of the business potential offered by the Internet.

Once these corporate giants make their presence known, many of the smaller companies will find themselves unable to compete. Some will be forced to merge, while others will simply go out of business.

Some proponents of Internet investing point to the performance of indices of Internet stocks as proof of the investment potential.

However, these indices are constantly changing and are subject to something called "survivor" bias. As companies merge or go out of business, they disappear from the index. Thus the index is only left with the survivors, creating a misleading or, at the very least, an incomplete picture of the industry's performance.

As the Internet develops, investors will be confronted with innumerable investment choices, many of which will appear to be guaranteed ways to "get rich quick."

There will undoubtedly be great opportunities, but these will be accompanied by equally great risks. Many Internet stocks are now down 30 to 50 percent from their peaks.

If you choose to enter this market, do so only with money that you consider your high risk capital.

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Richardson earns leadership award

Pat Richardson, who has served as a teacher, coach and administrator in the Grass Lake school system for 13 years, has been named the recipient of the 2000 Women In Sports Leadership Award by the representative Council of the Michigan High School Athletic Association.

Each year the Representative Council considers the achievements of women coaches, officials and athletic administrators affiliated with the MHSAA who show exemplary leadership capabilities and positive contributions to athletics. The award will be presented during a luncheon at the 2000 Women In Sports Leadership Conference on Feb. 7, in Lansing.

Richardson arrived at Grass Lake in 1986 as the school's athletic administrator and cross country/track and field coach. Her boys' cross country teams have claimed MHSAA Lower Peninsula Class D titles on five occasions, and finished in the runner-up spot once; and her girls' team has finished second on one occasion.

Her boys' and girls' track and field teams have each finished second in the MHSAA Finals on one occasion.

On the statewide running scene, Richardson has served as secretary and president of the Michigan Interscholastic Track Coaches Association. She has also been honored twice by that organization at its Coach of the Year. She has also been part of the local organization committee which saw the MHSAA Lower Peninsula Cross Country Finals adopt the tournament city concept used so successfully in other sport, bringing the event to Michigan Speedway in Brooklyn. That event is now the single largest gathering of coaches and student-athletes the MHSAA conducts all year long.

Locally, Richardson has worked with the Grass Lake Athletic Booster Club to have a new track surface installed at the school. An active runner, she has participated in marathons and triathlons. She has earned degrees from Adrian College and Siena Heights

College.

"Pat Richardson's contributions as a teacher, coach, and administrator have gained her the respect of her peers in the track community, the Grass Lake community which she has served so well for so long, and of school administrators statewide," said John E. "Jack" Roberts, executive director of the MHSAA. "We're pleased to honor her as this year's recipient of the Women In Sports Leadership Award."

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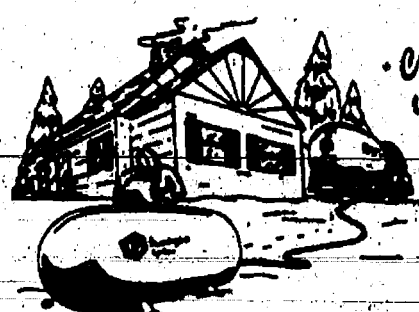
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Street Talk

By Corinna Christman

Did Y2K live up to your expectations?



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Kevin Henderson
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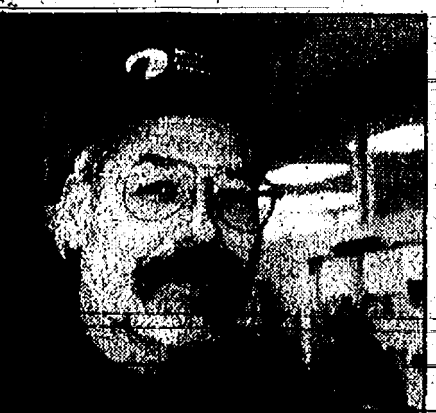
"No. It was all just media hype and nothing to worry about."

Mike Bielski
Lyndon Township



"I think that everything went the way I expected — nothing would happen. Our country is run well, there have been no problems with the last presidency, with ATMs or computers, and nothing should change because the year changed."

Wendy Burkhardt
Sylvan Township



"It sure did because I didn't expect anything to happen, although I may have experienced a problem with it today."

Guy Laraway Jr.
Stockbridge Township



"I thought that we might have some power go out, but nothing happened."

Susan Gavell
Sylvan Township



"I unplugged my computer and nothing happened. Everything went great."

Breon Lott
Sylvan Township

Watershed council gears up for spring



JOAN MARTIN
ADOPT-A-STREAM
COORDINATOR
HURON RIVER
WATERSHED COUNCIL

RIVER NOTES

(With apologies to Robert Frost.)
I'm going down to watch the river flow.
I want to see what's living there this fall,
And how the water nourishes us all.
I won't be gone long. — You come too.

For the past nine years I've been working with hundreds of volunteers to protect the Huron River. During this time we've seen fascinating crea-

tures and learned many ways to improve our environment. I am delighted to have the opportunity to share some of these with you in this monthly column.

Our river work is part of the Adopt-A-Stream Program run by the Huron River Watershed Council. In this Program, adults, with their families and friends, participate in events throughout the Huron River system, including Mill Creek and its tributaries.

We work in small teams on various projects from the headwaters in Oakland County to sites near Lake Erie.

Twice a year, we count the variety of small creatures living in the bottom of the various stream sites. The creatures are remarkable! For instance, some of them manage to build houses, while others construct fine silk nets in which they catch their supper.

The variety of the creatures in this aquatic population tells us about the health of the stream. Many of them are very sensitive to creek conditions, playing a role like the canary in the mine. The sensitive ones will be in a high quality creek but they can't live in a degraded location.

Many people work on other projects such as "reading the river," including its bed, banks, and flow patterns; or "searching for the winter stoneflies," which walk upstream on the snow in pursuit of romance. (More on this later.)

Some of the volunteers have taken steps to protect their creek.

A couple of years ago, a team of folks in Chelsea rescued Letts Creek from a devastating oil drip. They went to Vet's Park to collect a sample of creek creatures but were

dismayed to find that the population had died under an oil slick. After a few phone calls, staff from the Department of Environmental Quality worked Saturday afternoon and night to contain the suffocating ooze and track down its source.

You are just in time to participate in the annual "Winter Stonefly Search" on Saturday, Jan. 8. You will be astonished at how much activity occurs in the streams at this frozen time of year!

Winter stoneflies avoid hungry fish and destructive storm runoff by doing all their active living in the winter. They hibernate deep in the bottom of the stream during the most of the year, emerging in late November to eat and grow underwater. In February, they become winged adults and leave the water to mate.

Although they have wings,

the Allocapnid stonefly cannot fly and we occasionally see them walking upstream on the snow.

Finding the stoneflies is more than fun, it is important because their presence tells us about the quality of the creek. They are usually abundant unless the water is polluted.

Therefore, we know a stream site needs further study when we don't find them. Since they are abundant, the monitoring team doesn't spend much time at the stream site, and you don't have to go into the water.

Thus, this is a good activity for you if you want to see what people do in the Adopt-A-Stream Program. Call me, quickly, at 769-5971 if you are interested in joining us.

"We won't be gone long. — You come too."

Baby's birth brings morning interruption



TIM FISCHER

LETTERS FROM AFRICA

It was a beautiful morning. The sun had been out for only

a couple of hours so the living-in-an-oven-on-broil effect had not yet set in. Only a handful of villagers had stopped me along my ritual morning stumble from my hut to outhouse for the five minute exchange of greetings which is a rough equivalent to "hi."

I strolled casually through the village to my office in the infirmary to work on a questionnaire about health awareness. As I approached the in-

firmary I was met by the village nurse who told me to hurry because a woman was about to give birth.

My first thoughts were to flee. I thought I could turn and run and then later explain that I did not understand what he said. Although, after six months of working together, he knows me better than that. I think it was curiosity more than anything that brought me into the delivery room.

I was terrified. I thought I would faint or throw up. In the end it was simple vanity that kept me in the room handing gauze and pliers-type things to the nurse and measuring the baby's head and length. I didn't want to look like a whimp in front of the village.

Anyway, I think that it was probably more uncomfortable for the woman than it was for me.

Once the baby was out and

entered into the big official ledger and the loose ends tied up, the mother's family came to clean the bed and floors and such. The mother walked home and I stared at my questionnaire and thought about how my day had been dramatically changed; indeed, how the mother's day had been dramatically changed; or more significantly, how it was just the beginning of a rather amazing series of days for the baby.

Road warriors hit Nicaragua

By Ryan Wagner and Dan Koengeter

After three months, 14 days and over 6,500 miles, we are finally in Managua, Nicaragua staying with the Peace Corps for Christmas and the New Year.

While in Guatemala we stayed with a Peace Corps volunteer for two weeks in a small village west of Guatemala City called San Jose Poaquil. There we helped construct green houses for a local elementary school which will provide students with fresh vegetables in the future.

ROAD WARRIORS

The town of Poaquil, however, was quite unique since the people continue to speak their native Indian language (called Catechal) and wear very colorful traditional dress.

From Guatemala, we visited the Copan Ruins in Copan, Honduras. We then continued onward to Tela, Honduras, which is next to the Caribbean Coast. There we stayed with a family for five days and enjoyed the beach and sun.

Continuing south, we trav-

eled 150 miles down a dirt road to Campamento, Honduras. This was no Trunk Road. At one point the mud was so deep that a bull-dozer had to assist trucks and cars through the bog.

Fortunately, our bikes were able to forge through the mud.

After two weeks in Honduras we drove to Managua, Nicaragua where we are currently staying until Jan. 4.

Have a safe New Year.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Why the government involvement?

I would like to raise these questions to the people of Chelsea. Does the government need to be in the business of designing buildings? Are they architects and experts in the design of buildings? And most importantly do they have any appreciation for the added cost that they could impose on new or remodeled building changes. And, sadly, do they really care?

You might wonder if it matters to you if you're not a business owner. I believe it should. One of two things can occur if building restrictions are too rigid. The first is that business and services can be driven away from Chelsea, which you might like to see located in the village. This might be because of unnecessary building costs or just plain frustration at getting a

site plan approved. Businesses do have specific needs and requirements for the buildings they intend to use. Secondly, in the long term, who pays for these added costs to commercial building and remodel projects? Of course it's the customers and clients of the business that are here or would like to come to Chelsea. That would be you, the people of Chelsea.

The important thing in all this is to get involved, don't let a vocal few make decisions that affect your lives. Having tabled the proposed gateway and zoning text changes on Dec. 14, 1999, the village council will consider them again on January 11, 2000. You may or may not agree with me, but the important thing is that you come and express an opinion. Government should be for the good of all people, not to satisfy the agenda of a vocal few.

Woody Lantis

New century occasion for thoughts



DIRK FISCHBACH
EDITOR

PERSPECTIVES

I can remember as a young child wondering what the world would be like when the year 2000 arrived. I can recall thinking about how old I would be, how old my parents would be, and how different the world would be.

To me, the year 2000 was definite landmark. A date that would divide my life into two segments.

Now, as we sit on the dawn of a new century I hope that my early ponderings were correct.

I can only hope that as a people we can begin to apply the knowledge learned through the hard lessons of the 100 years just passed. Even though I am an optimist I have my doubts.

When I hear politicians on the national scale debating picaresque details of patchwork programs when fundamental paradigm changes are needed I get depressed. It's clear to me that in Washington the desire for business as usual is stronger than the belief that real change is needed.

This sentiment is echoed

through the halls of the state capitol as well.

That's because right now times are good.

In times of prosperity, it takes vision to be able to see and come to grips with the underlying problems that threaten our way of life — and possibly our future on this planet. And it takes courage to talk about them in the public arena.

Jimmy Carter learned the hard way that too much truth can be damaging to long-term political health. (He also learned that an inability to make a decision and stick to it is not good either.)

Yet if one takes an honest inventory of critical world-wide resources, it's clear that the time for rhetoric is over. As the pre-eminent nation of the industrialized world, we need to take the lead in addressing problems that affect not only ourselves, but the entire global community.

We need actual leadership. Sadly, the current two-party system, with its horse-race mentality and emphasis on campaign fundraising is not up to the task. Candidates with a lifetime of favors to repay and special interest baggage from a career in politics are not likely to bite the hands that fed them when tough decisions are needed. The upstart Reform Party, mixed in demagoguery, also looks woefully unsuited to the mission at hand.

But, maybe this is not as bad as it seems at first blush.

Since modern politics seems to be predicated on responding to the instant poll and saying (if not actually doing) the right things (which is actually a void of leadership), the collective wisdom of the people might actually carry the day.

This places a heavy, but reasonable, expectation on the people.

In this coming century, it is imperative that we arm ourselves with the best information we can find, and seek out that which challenges, rather than reinforces, pre-existing beliefs. Little intellectual growth takes place within the comfort zone of cliché opinions. A willingness to be challenged by new thinking is the beginning of true knowledge.

Once acquired, such knowledge should be put to work.

Get involved in government at whatever level is practical. Remember, too, that some of the most immediate and important impacts can be made at the local level — and many commissions and boards need good volunteers.

Now is the time for all good men (and women) to come to the aid of their country — and their planet.

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Smoking on the rise among U.S. teens

The president of the American Heart Association today called attention to two alarming trends in tobacco use: Smoking is on the increase among U.S. teens and smoking-related deaths around the globe are expected to triple in the coming century.

"Anyone who sees these statistics should be very concerned," says American Heart Association President Dr. Lynn Smaha, referring to data included in the 2000 Heart and Stroke Statistical Update, an annual report recently released.

Already, smoking is blamed for about 1 in 5 deaths from cardiovascular diseases,

Smaha says. An estimated 430,700 Americans die each year from smoking-related illnesses.

"Smoking costs U.S. residents an estimated \$130 billion annually in medical care. This includes costs related to smoking during pregnancy, which has been associated with low birth weight babies. Other costs include lost workdays, lost productivity from early death and disability, and the costs of fires caused by smoking," he says.

The World Health Organization reports that global mortality from tobacco use is projected to rise from 3 million deaths per year in 1990 to 10

million a year by 2025. "That's an alarming trend that should get the world's attention," Smaha says.

According to the World Health Organization, the risk of coronary heart disease decreases by 50 percent in the year after a smoker quits the habit and within 15 years, an ex-smoker's relative risk of dying from heart disease approaches that of a longtime non-smoker.

"Smoking is a risk factor that people can control. Therefore it's a logical place to focus our attention in our efforts to reduce deaths from heart disease and stroke in the coming century," Smaha says.

Of particular concern is the rise in cigarette smoking among teen-agers. An estimated 4.1 million U.S. adolescents ages 12 to 17 are smokers.

During 1988-1996, there was a 30 percent increase in the number of U.S. teens ages 12 to 17 who took up the smoking habit. The number of these teenagers smoking on a daily basis increased by 50 percent.

"That means that each day more than 6,000 young people try a cigarette for the first time and more than 3,000 become daily smokers," Smaha says. "If those trends continue, about 5 million of these teen-

agers will eventually die from a smoking-related disease."

"These trends are particularly worrisome because about 80 percent of adult tobacco users began their habit before they turned 18," Smaha says.

In addition, an estimated 43 percent of U.S. children under the age of 12 are exposed to environmental tobacco smoke in the home. In 1996, an estimated 15 million children and adolescents under age 18 were exposed to environmental tobacco smoke in the home, the report says.

In a survey of U.S. non-smoking, working adults age 17 and over, nearly 48 percent reported being exposed to tobacco smoke either at home or on the job. The report adds that "the risk of death from coronary heart disease increases by up to 30 percent among those exposed to environmental tobacco smoke at home or at work."

For over two decades, the American Heart Association has worked to advance policies and regulations that support clean indoor air.

Income tax refunds waiting for residents

Still waiting for your 1998 federal tax refund?

The Internal Revenue Service is looking for 1,762 Michigan taxpayers whose refund checks were returned by the U.S. Postal Service.

"These checks total more than \$1 million," said District Director Arlene Kay. "Generally, they were undeliverable because of incorrect names and addresses or because taxpayers moved and did not notify the IRS of their new address."

If you are due a refund and have not received it, call the IRS toll-free assistance line at (800) 829-1040. Help is available 24-hours a day, seven days a week.

"The best way to ensure that your check is delivered, and to guard against loss of theft, is to have the refund deposited directly to your bank

account," Kay said. "Last year, over 23.5 million taxpayers across the country chose the direct-deposit option. It's as simple as filling in two extra lines on the tax forms."

If you have moved since filing your last return, the IRS urges you to file Form 8822, "Change of Address." You may obtain this form by calling (800) 829-3676, or by downloading it from the IRS Web site, www.irs.gov.

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The power of paws-itive thinking

Canine visitors lift spirits of area care facilities

By Marsha Johnson Chartrand
Staff Writer

The holidays are over and the gray January days are here. It's a difficult time of the year to be in a retirement home, assisted-living facility or a hospice residence.

When visitors arrive, it is always a welcome reprieve from the long days. When the visitors bring a pet, it adds an extra bit of sunshine to the otherwise gray winter landscape.

And when the pets are dressed in costume, the elderly and ill alike are enlivened and eager to welcome this special and colorful diversion in their long days.

Dianne Haab of Freedom Township and Gail Holleran of Dexter enjoy bringing their pets to visit senior citizens and those confined to special care facilities.

Holleran says that her golden lab, Rusty, loves to visit.

"As soon as we walked through the door he was dragging me down the hall," she says with a laugh. "I hardly had time to get his costume on."

During the week between Christmas and New Year, Holleran and Haab had their three dogs dressed as angels, and made a hit at the Saline Evangelical Home with residents there.

Holleran says she has enjoyed visiting retirement homes and special-care facilities with Rusty for quite a while, and she started making costumes for him about a year ago. Teaming up with Haab seems to be a match made in heaven — especially when the dogs are dressed as angels.

Holleran took Rusty to Arbor Hospice residence shortly before Christmas, dressed as Santa Claus. The retail she puts into each costume shows that this is a hobby she thoroughly enjoys.

Haab's two pets — Taffy, a shepherd mix, and Snickers, a sheltie — enjoyed the visit as well. A regular visitor at the Saline Home, Haab often brings Taffy and Snickers along with her, even without their costumes.

"Snickers brings a lot of smiles," Haab says.

A small, affectionate dog who will sit on a lap or on a bed, 8-year-old Snickers seems to be a natural, both at visiting and at wearing a costume.

"At Halloween, Gail made her a princess costume, complete with a tutu," says Haab. "She was prancing around and posing — she even acted like a princess."

"She acts like she has been waiting her whole life to do this," Haab says.

The Halloween garb made for a fun-filled visit at Silver Maples, delighting the residents.

"It's really something, what the dogs do to people," Haab notes. "It takes time (to make the visits) but people really appreciate it."

Of course, a generous supply of Milk Bones does make the visiting time go more smoothly. Rusty and Taffy are still getting used to each other and need those additional incentives for good behavior.

Clara Gale, of Ann Arbor, says she always enjoys seeing Haab and the dogs, who visit about every 10 days, in Saline. She eagerly welcomed Snickers and the larger dogs into her room, as well as the human guests.

The staff at Saline Evangelical Home also enjoys the pet visitors.

Exclamations of, "The angels have arrived," or "Angel puppies," greeted the dogs in each hallway.

Even those residents who seemed somewhat unresponsive at first, were often captivated by the appearance of the dogs. As they walk down the hallway with their owners, faces light up and hands reach out to pet the dogs.

"A few weeks ago I was here and a lady I knew could hardly speak, reached out to pet Snickers; she looked up and said to me, 'I love dogs,'" Haab says. "It was so heartwarming — that's what is so rewarding about this."

Studies have shown that pet visits to nursing homes and other care facilities can really lift spirits and actually improve people's overall health.

"It's the power of empathy," says Dr. Michael Fox, a veterinarian. "We see healing both at the physical as well as in an opening of the heart. It's astounding; we don't have an explanation yet."

Both Haab and Holleran have noticed that the atmosphere changes dramatically when the dogs come to visit.

"It can be very touching — it brings tears to your eyes sometimes," says Holleran. In addition to her initial visit to the Saline Home, Holleran is a regular visitor at Silver Maples in Chelsea, and the Arbor Hospice residence and Whitehall Convalescent facility in Ann Arbor.

The dogs found an especially warm welcome. In the room of one Evangelical Home resident.

"My, aren't we adorable today," came a voice from inside room C-9.



Diane Haab brings Taffy, a German Shepherd mix, and Snickers, a Sheltie, to brighten the day of Silver Maples residents.

Lucy Buss, originally from Manchester, is in her mid-50s and is now confined to her bed with Multiple Sclerosis. She keeps a box of Milk-Bones handy for the animal visits and particularly enjoys having Haab come with Snickers, who promptly jumps up on the bed to join her friend.

"Last time she came, she couldn't visit because I had Shadow with me. There was a lot of barking going on that day," explains Buss. "Shadow belongs to Angela, the activities director here. Shadow thinks she owns the place, and I love to have her visit me."

"I get a lot of comments on my Milk Bones," adds Buss. "One new aide asked me what I was doing with them. I think he figured I was going to eat them myself."

Buss maintains ties to family and friends all around the area by way of a phone beside her bed and a circle-calling plan.

"My mom is one of 10 in her family, and my dad had nine in his family. It's called, if you want a relative, look in the phone book," she says.

But personal visits are always welcome and when the visitor brings a pet, chances are that she'll provide a special treat.

There may be no guarantees that the human visitors will get a snack, but the canine friends will not be disappointed.

And neither will Lucy

Brad Bush finds satisfaction in Chelsea classroom, on gridiron

By Michelle Rogers
Associate Editor

Although his father was a teacher, Brad Bush never gave serious consideration to the profession until after he volunteered at an alternative high school during college.

"It never dawned on me that was what I'd do with my life," Bush says. "But once I got into teaching, I found that I enjoyed it."

This past fall, Bush marked three years as a social studies teacher at Chelsea High School. He started his career in 1993 at East Kentwood High School in Grand Rapids, where he also served as offensive coordinator for the varsity football team. It was the head football coach job and prospect of living closer to family that lured him to Chelsea in 1997.

An Ypsilanti native, Bush grew up on the gridiron. He was a star quarterback at Ypsilanti High School and was recruited to play for Cornell University. He earned a bachelor's degree in history and political science in 1992.

Bush got the teaching bug while a student at Cornell. As part of a class, he volunteered at an alternative high school and enjoyed interacting with the students. Since the university didn't offer education classes, Bush spent the next year at Eastern Michigan University and earned his teaching certificate in 1993.

His father was an elementary school teacher but Bush found his niche at the high school. He combined his passion for athletics and history by becoming certified to teach social studies and physical education. The

prospect of coaching, of course, was a major draw to the profession.

When he was first hired in Chelsea, Bush only taught history classes. Since then, he has added advanced fitness. But Bush says it doesn't matter what he teaches, he just enjoys the interaction with students.

"It's not what subject, it's teaching that I enjoy," he says.

Bush describes his teaching style as a combination of many different techniques. He says he likes to keep it topical and is always looking for ways to spice up his presentation.

"Each time I teach something I try to make it fresh and new for me and the kids. It's important not to become stale," he says.

To keep classes interesting, Bush says he allows students to select their research topics and work in groups.

"We do a lot of things outside the book that relate to the subject at hand and they report back," he says.

It's at the high school where Bush says he feels most comfortable. He can't imagine teaching at another level.

"I like the maturity of the kids and the fact that they are close to being adults," he says.

"In terms of coaching, I always aspired to being a head varsity coach and to do that, I think, it makes sense to be in the high school."

It was at Kentwood High School where Bush did his student teaching. He was hired full time the following semester. Bush says it was his former high school coach, Bill Giarmo, who convinced him to take the job in

Grand Rapids. Giarmo was athletic director there at the time.

Bush names Giarmo and former high school coach Pat Dignan, who is now an assistant football coach in Chelsea, as his early role models. Bush recruited Dignan after taking the job here three years ago.

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"They had a huge impact on me working with kids," Bush says about his former coaches. "I always thought they were great role models."

"They had a great rapport with kids. They were demanding in and out of the classroom yet approachable with problems and issues."

Bush says his approach with students and athletes is much the same.

"I'd like to think students see me as someone who is professional, works hard in the classroom and is fair," he says.

Bush has found teaching to be a rewarding career but one difficult to measure success by. He says he gets the most satisfaction watching students gain maturity and grow intellectually.

What Bush looks forward to in his career is developing the advanced fitness class into a better program. The class has been traditionally male-dominated but Bush has been encouraging more girls, particularly athletes, to take it. The class focuses on fitness and athletic conditioning.

"Right now that's my biggest focus — making that into a great program," he says.

Bush calls Chelsea his new home and says he can't see himself leaving the area. He and his wife, Laura, live at North Lake with their two children, 3-year-old Janie and 16-month-old Jack.

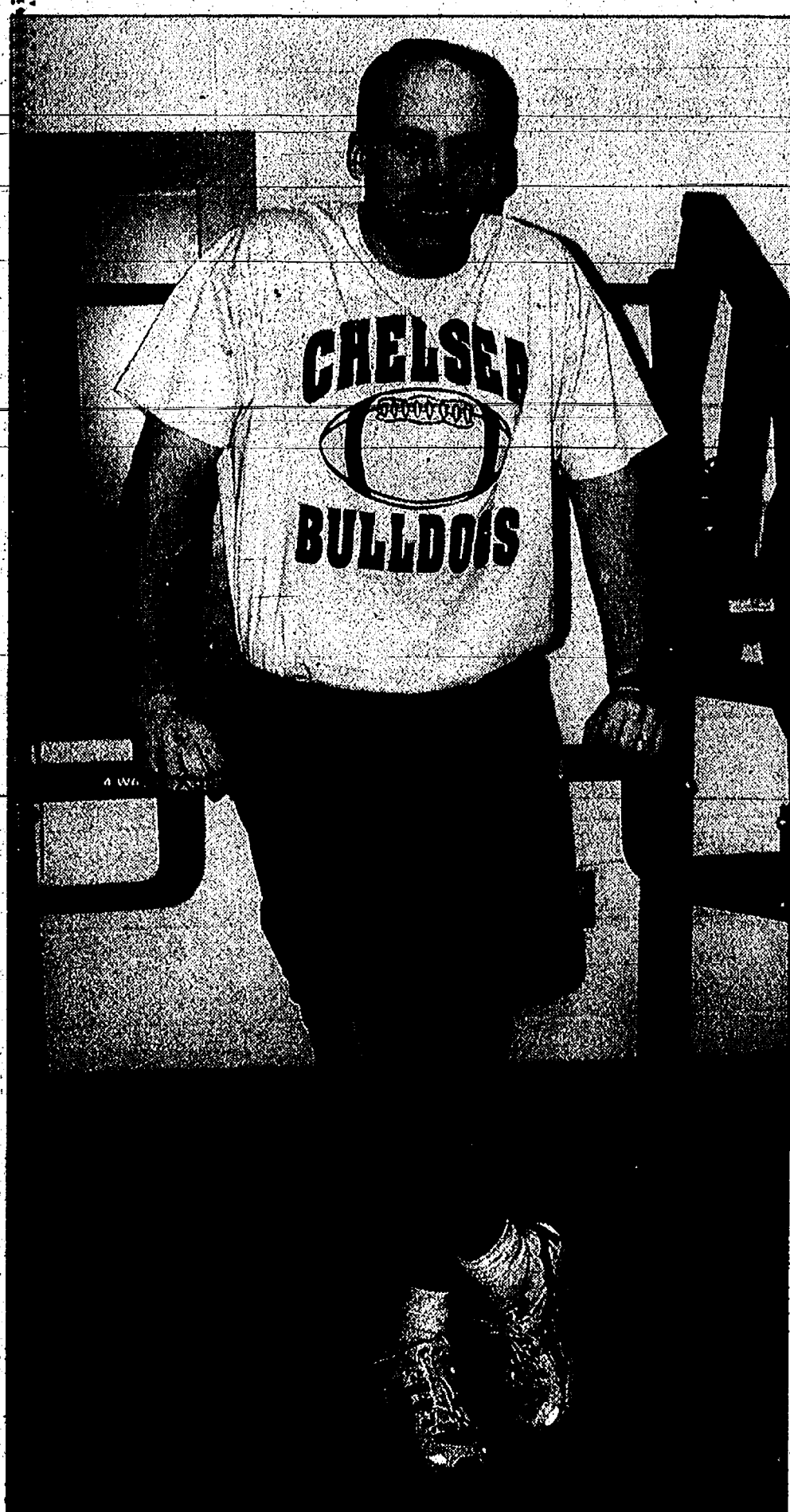
"I am not sure what it would take for me to leave," he says. "I live here with my family and we feel like we are part of the community."

Bush says the school district is unusual in that the community, school staff and administration are supportive of teachers. Sometimes, he says, students don't realize how well off they are as far as the caliber of teachers in Chelsea and top-notch facilities.

When he is not in the classroom or weight room, Bush keeps busy on the gridiron as head varsity football coach. He also conducts four football camps during the summer in addition to weight training, supervising summer passing leagues and attending coaches meetings.

In his spare time, Bush enjoys playing basketball and golf.

"But most of my time is spent with my family or here at the school," he says. "I really don't have vacation or time for much else, but I really wouldn't have it any other way."



Chelsea High School teacher Brad Bush started his career in Grand Rapids. The head football coach job and the prospect of living closer to family lured him to Chelsea. This past fall, Bush marked three years as a history teacher at Chelsea High.

Cagers advance to tourney final

Finding new life on the offensive boards, the varsity Bulldogs bounded past Fowlerville 67-48 in the first round of the Chelsea Holiday Tournament last week. The momentum carried them deep into Friday's final round game before they bowed to Milford 67-62.

In the Fowlerville contest, Alan Bairley hit for 14 points and grabbed seven rebounds to lead the Bulldogs. Tony Scheffler was a dominant force on the glass, ripping down 11 rebounds to go with 12 points. Sean Davis also connected for a dozen points, including a pair of triples. Ben Myers hit double-digits with 10 points while Joe Tripodi

scored eight. Nick Price had five rebounds, while Jeff Kolodica had a pair of blocked shots and two assists.

Overall, Chelsea shot just 33 percent from the floor, but outrebounced the Gladiators 46-22 on the evening.

In the final round matchup, Davis came out smoking and led the squad with 26 points. He was perfect from the foul line with an eight-for-eight showing. He also grabbed seven rebounds and dished out two assists. Scheffler also had a big game, scoring 19 points while grabbing five rebounds and handing out three feeds. Bairley scored 11 points and swept the glass for six caroms.

In the end, though, the Mil-

ford squad found the scoring when it was needed to put the game away.

Milford didn't put up as many shots as the 'Dogs, but they made them count, hitting 49 percent from the floor to Chelsea's 38 percent.

Jeff Kolodica and Nick Price played strong games inside, grabbing five and four rebounds, respectively.

The team will travel to Dexter Tuesday before returning home for a key league matchup with Tecumseh Friday.

Junior varsity action will tipoff at 6 p.m. with the varsity game following.



Financing the Fun

Fundraising makes it possible for Boy Scout Troop 425 to participate in camping trips, advancement weekends, summer camp and other character-developing activities. Without the efforts of fundraising coordinators Daniel Turluck, Chris Livengood and Bill Kelley, above from left, the troop would not be able to take part in these exciting activities. With the support of the community, the trio last year raised \$7,300.

JV squad strong before break

A well-deserved rest is on tap for the JV Bulldogs who have posted a 4-2 record in early season action. The squad won a pair of games over the holidays before falling to a tough Willow Run crew Friday.

The team opened the three-game stand with an 80-54 win at Lincoln, utilizing the double-digit scoring of Eddie McClendon (16), Dan Mueller (14) and Jake Freeman (12) to down the Railsplitters.

Andy Smith added nine,

Chris Kinashuk pitched in with eight, Kent Reames hit for six, and James Ballas, Nick Gadbury, Tim Bentley and Kevin Riddle combined for 15.

The team also cruised to a comfortable victory over Fowlerville in the opening round of the Chelsea Holiday Tournament, downing the Gladiators 61-41.

Freeman led the charge with 16 points and Reames knocked down 12. Bentley and Gadbury each pumped in eight, while Kinashuk and

McClendon hit for four apiece.

In the tourney final, however, the Flyers of Willow Run prevailed in overtime, 63-51. Freeman (18) and Bentley (10) paced the Bulldogs. Ballas added eight and McClendon tallied for seven.

"I thought we played well in the first six games," said coach Scheese, summarizing the season to date. "Our only two losses have come in overtime games."

The team will face the Dreadnaughts in Dexter next Tuesday.

Funds available for Lakes projects

The Department of Environmental Quality recently announced another round of funding for Great Lakes research projects through the Michigan Great Lakes Protection Fund. The deadline for submitting preliminary proposals is Jan. 20.

The Michigan Great Lakes Protection Fund provides permanent financial support for research and demonstration projects to improve and protect the quality of the Great Lakes. It is administered by the DEQ's Office of the Great Lakes.

The fund is part of the regional Great Lakes Protection Fund established by the eight Great Lakes governors with contributions from each state.

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Grants totaling about \$2 million are scheduled to be awarded in May 2000.

Under the Michigan Great Lakes Protection Fund, the Office of the Great Lakes director is responsible for overall administration of the program. It also has an 8-member technical advisory board responsible for making grant award recommendations to the DEQ director, who must approve the grants before their submittal to the Legislature.

"This is a competitive grant process complete with peer reviews and advisory board approval," said G. Tracy Mehan, director of the Office of the Great Lakes. "This rigorous process is designed to yield high-quality work to the

benefit of the Great Lakes ecosystem."

This year, for the first time, applicants can submit proposals electronically, which should greatly facilitate the application process.

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Western Washtenaw Republicans help needy

Local Republicans collect canned food for Faith in Action in Chelsea

The Western Washtenaw Republicans recently celebrated the holidays together by completing their canned food drive for Faith in Action during the month of December. The group meets on the second Saturday of the month at the Wolverine Restaurant in Chelsea at 9 a.m.

The next meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 8. Special guests will be Washtenaw County Clerk Peggy Haines and Bret Jackson from the Michigan Republican Party.

The topic of discussion will be the process of becoming a precinct delegate for the 2000 elections.



The Western Washtenaw Republicans conducted a canned food drive for Faith in Action during December. Shown with the food collected are, from left, County Commissioner Joe Yekulis, Warren McArthur, Sam Coomes, Nancy Lewis, Barbara Alseth, Dean Alseth, Jane Lumm, Margaret Sias, Bob Guysky, Diane Storters, Richard Steele, Fred VanZee, Bill Storters, Billie Schneider, Jay Hopkins, Herman Koenn and Albert Ruhlig.

Better Business Bureau offers advice

It's been a mild winter so far, but have you considered how you will remove the snow that is bound to fall before winter ends? Perhaps your plan is to leave the shovel in the garage this year and hire a snow-removal contractor instead. Before you do, the Better Business Bureau recommends the following tips:

- Get several estimates. Prices can vary widely and are usually based on the amount of work, which takes into account the layout of the property, the size of the area to be cleared, and whether the customer, in addition to plowing, requests shoveling or snow blowing to remove excess

snow from other areas. Remember, the least expensive service is not always the best service.

- Ask the contractor about additional charges and price options. Besides the quoted price, there are sometimes additional charges during large storms. After the snow reaches a certain depth, some snow removal contractors charge by the inch, so you'll want to find out how the company calculates the size of the snowfall. Some companies offer a fixed price for an entire season, regardless of the amount of snow.

- Make sure you know what services you're getting. Find

out exactly what's included in the estimate. Are the walks and steps included? What about the cost of sand and salt? Will the company clear only after the storm, or during the snowfall as well? If the company has to come back, is there an additional charge?

- Ask for references and check them out with the Better Business Bureau for a business reliability report on the contractor you're planning to use.

- Do not settle on an agreement over the telephone. The contractor should provide you with a written agreement. A representative of the company should come out to examine

your property and make notes about the service requested and potential obstacles. Before you sign the agreement, ask who will be responsible for damages, such as cracked driveways or broken gates. Ask if the contractor is insured or bonded. Also, find out how you can terminate the agreement if necessary.

Your exceptions should be realistic. Keep in mind that a snow storm makes traveling difficult for you and the contractor. During major snowfalls, workers are required to use more caution when plowing and traveling, therefore it may take longer for the contractor to reach you and to do contracted work.



Hunter's Prize

Tom Mesnard, a 1990 Chelsea High School graduate, bagged two 10-point bucks with a bow and arrow north of Chelsea. The first was on Nov. 5 and second on Dec. 26. Mesnard resides in Manchester.

Garden Club to meet

The Chelsea Evening Primrose Garden Club will be meeting at the Chelsea Train Depot on Jan. 12 at 7 p.m. The Depot is located at 125 Jackson. The group will be sharing seed

and bulb catalogs in preparation for the coming garden season. Guests are welcome.

For more information contact Jo Bach at 734-475-9534.

Park Lyndon on MDNR project list

The Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Board has recommended 32 natural resource protection and outdoor recreation projects for funding, including the construction of state and local trails, the creation and expansion of local parks, and the purchase of lands along the Great Lakes and Michigan's inland waters and in Michigan's wildlife areas.

An expansion of Park Lyndon at \$787,500 is among those approved.

Total funding recommended for the projects is \$14.1 million. If approved by the Legislature, 28 cities, villages, townships and counties will receive \$10.2 million for local land acquisition and recreation development projects. An

additional \$3.9 million will go to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for four state outdoor recreation projects.

The 28 local government projects are of two types.

Land acquisition grants totaling \$6.7 million were recommended for 12 Michigan communities to acquire land for new public parks and natural areas and/or to expand existing parks. The acquisitions will preserve unique natural features and provide natural resource-based hunting. Included in the board recommendations are local acquisitions in 12 counties in both the upper and lower peninsulas.

Local development project grants totaling \$3.8 million were recommended for 16

communities to develop facilities that will enhance public outdoor recreation. These include public waterfront parks, non-motorized trails and riverwalks, fishing and boating areas and other major park improvements in communities around the state.

If the recommendations of the board are approved by the Legislature, the DNR will receive a total of \$3.9 million for various acquisition projects to add lands to the state forests, state game, and wildlife areas, and the state trails network that will enhance hunting, fishing, and camping and increase public access to Michigan's natural resources.

The trust fund has been in place since 1976. It provides

financial assistance to local governments and the DNR to purchase lands for outdoor recreation and the protection of natural resources and open space. It also assists in the appropriate development of land for public outdoor recreation. The trust fund is supported by annual revenues from the development of state-owned oil and gas resources. The board's recommendations will be submitted to the Legislature for appropriation of funds.

This group of projects represents the second of two MNRTF funding cycles in 1999. There will also be two funding cycles in 2000, with application deadlines to the DNR of April 1 and Sept. 1.

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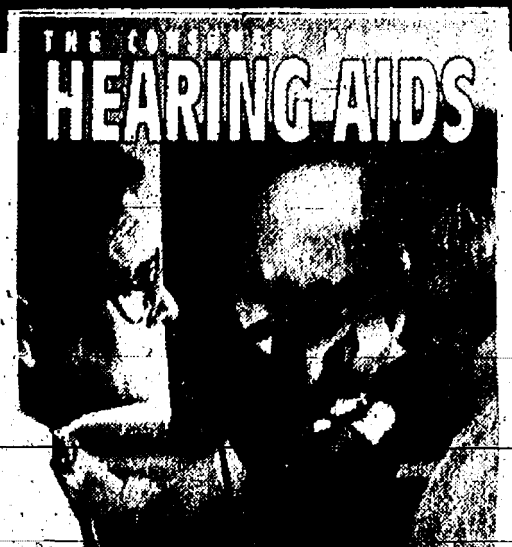
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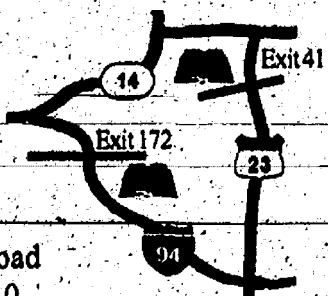
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Worship, 10:30 a.m.

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Church Secretaries: We need
information about your next
week's activities by Friday.
Thank you.

DEATHS

MARCELLA "SALLY" CATHERINE PETERSON
Grass Lake
Age 81, died Sunday, Jan. 2,
2000, in her home. She was born
on March 19, 1918, in Jackson, the
daughter of Victor M. and Leona
(Smith) Schultz.

Sally was a member of the Sa-
lem Grove United Methodist
Church, the Michigan Steam En-
gine and Threshers Club and a
founding member of Charlton
Park Antique Engine Club.

On June 1, 1940, she married
Clifford H. Peterson at Salem
Grove Church, and he survives.
Other survivors include three
brothers, Alfred Schultz of Fla.,
Donald Schultz of Fla., Richard
Schultz of Hudson; three sisters,
Marie Boone of Hudson, Phyllis
Boyston of Hudson, Thelma
Jacobs of Clayton; and several
nieces and nephews. She was
preceded in death by three brothers,
Robert, Kenneth and Victor.

Funeral services were held
Wednesday, Jan. 5, at Cole Fu-
neral Chapel, Chelsea, with the
Rev. Daniel W. Harris officiating.
Burial was at Mt. Hope Cemetery,
Waterloo, Michigan. The family
received friends Monday and
Tuesday. Memorial contributions
may be made to Salem Grove
United Methodist Church.

DORRIS G. TIFFT
Chelsea
Age 96, a longtime resident of
Vista Grande Villa, passed away
on Dec. 27, 1999. She had been a
resident of West Palmer Avenue
for many years. Her husband,
Howard Francis Tift, preceded
her in death just before his 75th
birthday, Feb. 2, 1974. They were
winter residents in Bradenton,
Fla. for many happy years.

Dorris was an artist who was
very proud of her art work and
displayed it whenever she could.
She had many pictures at the
Vista Grand Villa in the hallway
and in her apartment. She had
won ribbons at the Jackson
County Fair. Sam Butcher, a one-
time Jackson resident, called her
his inspiration. Butcher is the
founder of the "Precious Mo-
ments" Company. For a show in
Jackson several years ago he sent
a limo to pick up Dorris and he
introduced her as the person who
inspired him in his art. He re-
membered her always drawing
pictures on the board. She taught
at the East Jackson School for
several years, then moved to
McCulloch School where she re-
tired.

Dorris had two children, Bar-
bara Jean and James Howard.
Barbara passed away in 1986 and
had six sons, most of whom still
live in the Jackson area. James
lives in Chelsea, he has three sons
and one daughter. Altogether
Dorris had 11 grandchildren. Most
are now married and brought her
many great-grandchildren. She
has two sisters-in-law who live at
the far corners of the country, one
in Florida and one in California.

Dorris had attended Western
Michigan University and Albion
College where she met her hus-
band, Howard Francis Tift. She
received her teaching degree and
later went on to get her master's
degree at the then-Michigan Nor-
mal Teacher's College, now called
Eastern Michigan University. She
was a member of the First Congre-
gational Church for many years and
she always enjoyed the visits of
the minister, Carl Benes. She had
such an infectious smile, she was
loved by all who had contact with
her. Our family will miss her very
much.

Services were held at the
Wetherby Funeral Home, Monday,

Jan. 3, 2000, with the Rev. Alvin
Elliott officiating. Visitation was
Saturday, Jan. 1 and Sunday, Jan.
2. Interment took place in the
Riverside Cemetery in Albion,
Michigan.

CRAIG MACHNIK
Ypsilanti, formerly of Chelsea

Age 38, passed away Dec. 27,
1999, after a long struggle with
diabetes. He was born Oct. 24,
1961, the son of Arthur and Lola
(Gullett) Machnik, who preceded
him in death.

Craig was a longtime resident
of Chelsea and an employee of
School Tech, Inc. in Ann Arbor.
Surviving are his sisters Gail
(Gleg) Stephens and Denise (Tom)
Messard; his brothers Arthur
Machnik Jr. and Alan (Nyla) Mach-
nik; and two nieces, three neph-
ews and many aunts, uncles and
cousins.

Funeral services were held
Thursday, Dec. 30 at the Staffan-
Mitchell Funeral Home, Chelsea.
The family received friends at the
funeral home the evening of Wed-
nesday, Dec. 29. Memorial contri-
butions may be made to Mott's
Children's Hospital.

HAROLD L. GROSS
Dexter

Age 85, died Monday, Dec. 27,
following a lengthy illness. He was
born June 28, 1914, in Dexter, the
son of Adolph and Esther (Lesser)
Gross. On Dec. 9, 1939, he married
Hazel Winkle in Delta, Ohio.

Harold was a lifelong resident
of Dexter, where he worked the
family farm. He retired from the
University of Michigan. After re-
tirement, he continued with some
farming and remained active with
St. Andrew's Church of Christ. He
also was a member of Washtenaw
Farm Bureau, the Masons and Zal
Gaz Grotto. He served as a mem-
ber of the Chelsea Fair Board and
the Lima Township Board.

He always had a smile on his
face, and was always willing to
lend a helping hand. He will be
greatly missed by all who knew
him and loved him.

He is survived by his children
Harold F. (Donna) Gross of Al-
pena, Lawton (Virginia) Gross of
Dexter, Timothy (Nancy) Gross of
Dexter, Deborah Gross Staph of
Dexter, as well as two stepsons,
Robert (Sandra) Knickerbocker of
Dexter and Lewis Knickerbocker
of Ann Arbor. He is also survived
by 13 grandchildren, 13 great-
grandchildren and sister Dorothy
Leverett of Dexter.

He was preceded in death by
his wife Hazel, his daughter Be-
verly Gross Hirth, his parents Ad-
olph and Esther Gross, and a
brother Carl Gross.

Visitation was at Hosmer-
Muehlhig Funeral Chapel in Dexter
on Wednesday, Dec. 29 and
Thursday, Dec. 30. Services were
held on Friday, Dec. 31, 1999, from
St. Andrew's United Church of
Christ, with visitation until time of
service. The family has requested
that donations in Mr. Gross' name
be made to Hospice of Washtenaw,
The Alzheimer's Association or
St. Andrew's Church.

REV. M. JOHN PALMER
Grass Lake

Age 75, died unexpectedly
Tuesday, Dec. 28, 1999, at his
home. He was born Dec. 23, 1924,
in Battle Creek, the only son of
John J. and Evelyn Brandimore
Case Palmer. He had been a resi-
dent of Grass Lake since August
1999.

The Rev. Palmer retired from the
West Michigan Conference of the
United Methodist Church as an
ordained elder. He was pres-

ently serving the Westside UMC in
Ann Arbor. He attended Spring
Arbor College and graduated from
Northern Baptist Theological
Seminary and received instruc-
tion from Garrett Evangelical
Seminary. From 1996-97 he served
the First United Methodist
Church in Ypsilanti. During his
career he had served churches in
Indiana, Jonesville-Alton, Pen-
water, Lansing, Bronson and
Dyersburg, Tenn.

He was a veteran of World War
II serving in the U.S. Coast Guard.
He was married to Carol Liechty
Palmer who was the mother of his
children. In 1982 he married
Johnnie K. (Hawkes) who is an
ordained deacon in the Detroit
UM conference and is presently
serving as Minister of Christian
Education at First United Meth-
odist Church in Chelsea. Also sur-
viving are his son Mark E. Palmer
of Ft. Wayne, Ind.; his daughter
Lynn R. (Klaus) Ernst of Pettis-
ville, Ohio; three grandchildren,
Sasha M. Ernst, Kris W. Ernst and
Devon S. Ernst; two stepchildren
Johnnie A. Langston of Hillsdale
and John Hutchinson of Quincy,
and stepgrandson Drew Langston.

A memorial service was held
Wednesday, Jan. 5, 2000 from the
Westside United Methodist
Church, Ann Arbor. The family
received friends at the church
until the hour of service. Mem-
orial contributions may be made to
The Russian Initiative for the de-
velopment and renewal of the
United Methodist Church in Rus-
sia, c/o Westside United Methodist
Church. Private burial will be in
Maple Lawn Cemetery, Boyne
City. Arrangements by the Staffan-
Mitchell Funeral Home, Chelsea.

AMANDA M. HORNING
Chelsea

Age 88, died Sunday, Jan. 2,
2000, at Cedar Knoll Care Center
in Grass Lake. She was born on
May 1, 1911, in Manchester, the
daughter of William and Emma
(Schlicht) Buss.

Amanda was a member of Zion
Lutheran Church and Ladies Aid
of Zion. She was a former member
of Roger Corners Farm Bureau,
Freedom Township Extension
Group, and Local Ladies Sewing
Group (sewing for charities).

On June 4, 1938, she married
Edwin G. Horning in Manchester,
and he preceded her in death on
Feb. 1, 1992. She is survived by
her son and daughter-in-law, Dale
and Gaele Horning of Chelsea;
her daughter and son-in-law Mary
Ann and Terry Maurer of Gray-
ling; one brother, Erwin Buss of
Adrian; two sisters, Martha Else-
man of Chelsea, Ella Kemmer of
Manchester; three grandchildren,
Laurie (Tom) Shelton, Stephen
(Nicole) Maurer, Karin Maurer;
two great-grandchildren, Trevor
Mansfield and Brianna Maurer;
and many nieces, nephews and
cousins. She was also preceded in
death by two sisters, Anna Miller
and Lillian Washburn; and three
brothers, Fred, John and George.

Funeral services were held
Wednesday, Jan. 5 at Zion Lu-
theran Church, Rogers Corners,
with the Rev. David A. Hendricks
officiating. Burial followed at
Zion Lutheran Cemetery. The fam-
ily received friends at the Cole
Funeral Chapel Tuesday. Mem-
orial contributions may be made to
Zion Lutheran Church, Chelsea.

CARL G. QUIGLEY
Chelsea

Age 45, died Dec. 31, 1999, at his
home. Funeral services are
pending at press time. For more
information call Staffan-Mitchell
Funeral Home at 475-1444.

Shakespeare fest sets tour

There isn't a tour bus,
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action-packed shows designed
to get the attention of middle
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which features Michigan
Shakespeare Festival actors
doing short scenes from vari-
ous plays. The show is totally
self-contained and requires no
special lighting or sound; all
production elements appear
from a trunk that the actors
carry with them. The presenta-
tion, aimed at seventh to 12th
graders, can play in an auditor-
ium, gym or assembly hall.
The project is made possible
with the support of the United
Arts Council of Calhoun County
and is a program of the Mich-
igan Council for the Arts and
Cultural Affairs.

The troupe is touring in Feb-
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vations as soon as possible. For
details and fee schedules, call
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The program is led by the
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Dream." Co-authored by Mich-
igan Shakespeare Festival's
Artistic Director John Neville-
Andrews, Playground Shake-
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dents in Washington, D.C.,
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Andrews. "I am especially grate-
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port. It demonstrates not only

a keen interest in getting the
benefits of Shakespeare out to
young people, but also a con-
fidence in the Michigan
Shakespeare Festival's ability
to present quality presenta-
tions that will serve the needs
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drama."

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Silhouette proves to be luxurious minivan

By Gary Gosselin

Heritage Newspapers

Although the Oldsmobile Silhouette wasn't quite immortalized by the line "This is the Cadillac of minivans," in the Hollywood mobster comedy "Get Shorty," I'm sure the cameo helped the vehicle in some way.

I had heard that the van actually sold better after the movie, especially in California, although I also heard that Olds wasn't enamored with the idea of a mobster, even a funny one, calling its minivan a Cadillac.

All that confusion aside, I kept coming back to that phrase in my own head.

As I looked around at the Silhouette Premier edition tested, I thought "Yes, this is probably close to what Cadillac might do if it ever decided to put a minivan on the market."

And, considering it's another General Motors product, they probably would use this van for a template. But don't expect a Caddy minivan any time soon.

This minivan had it all, leather seats, power windows (including remote rear vent power windows), power locks, remote entry, power sliding rear passenger door, automatic

leveling and even a rear pop-down television screen hooked up to a VCR.

With two kids, I'm seriously considering a minivan, but at \$32,000, it won't be this one, although if I had the money, this would be one of the front-runners.

The dual rear sliding doors have a lot of appeal, especially with two kids, no stretching over one kid and/or car seat to get at the other — easy access.

And the power sliding passenger-side door can be a lifesaver if you have a squirming 6-month-old in your arms.

The vehicle tested came with front and second row buckets with a bench seat in the back. This configuration can seat six very comfortably, and if needed, a seventh could squeeze in the third seat.

Who says you need an 11 miles per gallon behemoth sport utility vehicle to fit a lot of people.

And by the way, the Silhouette got about 21.5 miles per gallon and had traction control, which in my estimation is nearly as good as those four-wheel-drive SUVs in 99 percent of driving situations.

Seats were all comfortable, and there are plenty of cup holders for all passengers.

There are head phone plug-

ins and volume controls for most of the rear passengers, so they can watch a video and you can listen to your favorite "old fogey" classic rock station at the same time — these features come in especially handy if you're into spending "quality time" vacations driving through the countryside.

Silhouette's styling won't win any creativity awards, but neither will any other minivan any time soon. An advantage of the Silhouette is the deep-tinted rear windows and no visible pillar midway back between the second and third sets of windows.

The combination gives the rear end a more streamlined and clean look that complements the deeply raked front end and body side molding.

The rear door lifts up to expose enough space (with the seats in place) for a week's groceries for four or a couple of golf bags. Plus there's a 12-volt outlet back there if you need to say, plug in a hotplate at a tailgate party.

The ride was quite nice, and although someone told me they had rattles and noises in their Montana (sister to the Silhouette), I never heard a peep. Maybe they worked those bugs out since.

The cabin is well insulated

from exterior noise, and that combined with rather solid footing provided a secure and reassuring ride.

Driver instrumentation is pretty standard with large analog speedometer and tachometer and smaller fuel and temperature gauges.

But, located in the ceiling is a digital information center that gives outside temperature, average fuel consumption and miles to empty. The information center is a nice touch.

There are a couple of cubbyholes built into the center console, as is the VCR, radio and heating and cooling.

The AM/FM/CD/cassette stereo sounded pretty good in this large minivan, and I imagine you could get pretty good sound out of the TV/VCR set-up as well — probably better than at home.

On the road, the 3.4-liter V6 works quite well and will push you back a little if you floor it — for merging reasons of course.

The engine produces a respectable 180 horsepower and 210 foot-pounds of torque, which gives the best of both worlds — sufficient power and not a gas-guzzler.

Overall, the Silhouette provides a well-rounded package

that easily competes with others in the luxury minivan market. And if you don't care for the beefy looks of a sport utility vehicle, the Silhouette is probably comparably priced and cheaper to operate.

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AS TESTED: \$32,260

TYPE: Front-engine

minivan

ENGINE: 3.7-liter V-6 with

180 horsepower matched to a four speed automatic transmission.

MILEAGE: 19 mpg city, 28

mpg highway

TOP SPEED: NA

LENGTH: 201.4 inches

WHEELBASE: 120 inches

CURB WT.: 3,948 pounds

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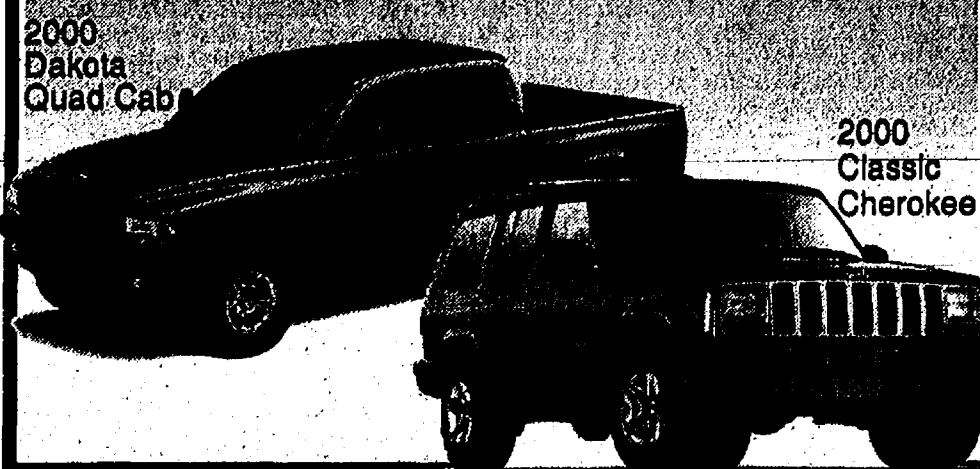
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2000 Dakota Quad Cab

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Van-truck combos show promise

By Gary Gosselin

Heritage Newspapers

Are they trucks, are they cars or are they something in between? The "they" of course, are the Pontiac Aztek and DaimlerChrysler PT Cruiser.

Just show-stopping concept vehicles less than a year ago at the 1999 North American International Auto Show in Detroit, these two vehicles will make their debut as production vehicles next year as 2001 models.

Although Pontiac PR types won't say the Aztek will hit the road next year, there was a flier in the most recent Pontiac magazine touting the new Aztek for 2001 to be released next year.

Looking almost cartoon-like in its bright yellow covering, the Aztek should appeal to the under-30 crowd with its prominent bullet-shaped nose with large split front grille and dual air scoops in the hood.

The stance of the Aztek really projects power with its elongated front end, sharp surfaces, front to rear integrated roof rack built into its semi-circular roofline and hatchback-like rear end.

The Aztek will offer seating for four, with rear fold-down captain's chairs, a dual hatch back, tailgate configuration in back, titanium-colored (shiny) accents throughout the cabin.

The motorcycle-like instrument cluster sports the Pontiac red-faced gauges backed by a titanium (silver) dash area and accentuated by a silver and yellow steering wheel. Also look for a head-up liquid crystal display information center.

There's traction control, a 200-horsepower 3.4-liter V-6 engine, a 10 speaker stereo and amenities like grab-and-go saddlebag storage bags, and removable rear seats for 105 cubic feet of storage space.

PT Cruiser also has a bold, bullet-like front fascia and an even larger front grille that actually extends below the bumper.

The four wheel wells are flared as to almost look balloon-like and there's a lip running along its length, looking like running boards. The entire effect is quite pleasing.

The PT (Personal Transportation), believe it or not, is actually built on the little Neon platform, and will start with a small 2.4-liter four-cylinder engine that should actually pump out about 160 to 175 horses (just a guess).

Surprisingly (or not), the instrument cluster is very similar to the Aztek with a motorcycle-like cluster, touches of silver (metal) throughout and just an overall modern look.

The PT Cruiser also has storage space in the back, and the rear seats fold down for a cavernous amount of storage space.

DEXTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

WILL MEET TUESDAY, JANUARY 25, 2000

AT 7:30 P.M.

AT DEXTER TOWNSHIP HALL,

6880 DEXTER-PINCKNEY RD., DEXTER, MI. 48130

AGENDA:

- 1) Re-Zone Request - Roland and Elizabeth Burton, From AG to RR
- 2) Re-Zone Request - Tanglewood Trail from RR to CU
- 3) Preliminary Site Condo - Island Lake Rd. Guenther

DEXTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

John Gillespie, Chairman

VILLAGE OF CHELSEA NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN APPROVAL

An application has been filed by RON COOK of CHELSEA RIDGE L.L.C. for Preliminary Site Plan approval of a proposed SITE CONDOMINIUM DEVELOPMENT on the following described parcel of land:

TAX CODE: #07-07-130-001

24.76 acres immediately east of Bolser Estates

The application for Preliminary Site Plan Approval will be considered by the Chelsea Planning Commission on Tuesday, JANUARY 18, 2000 at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room, Washington Street Education Center, 500 Washington Street, Chelsea, MI.

Signed, written comments, concerning the application will be accepted prior to the Planning Commission meeting, and will be read at the meeting. Comments should be addressed to the Chelsea Planning Commission, 305 S. MAIN ST. STE. 100, Chelsea, Michigan 48118.

A public hearing on the site plan will be held, if requested in writing by any property owner or occupant within three hundred (300) feet of the boundary of the property being considered.

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

CHELSEA VILLAGE PLANNING COMMISSION

Kathy Carter, Chair

VILLAGE OF CHELSEA NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN APPROVAL

An application has been filed by KENNETH BRANDT of CHELSEA ARCTIC COLISEUM for Preliminary Site Plan approval of a proposed INDOOR ICE SKATING ARENA on the following described parcel of land:

TAX CODE: #08-13-381-001

Behind the Chelsea Lumber Company

The application for Preliminary Site Plan Approval will be considered by the Chelsea Planning Commission on Tuesday, JANUARY 18, 2000 at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room, Washington Street Education Center, 500 Washington Street, Chelsea, MI.

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CHELSEA VILLAGE PLANNING COMMISSION

Kathy Carter, Chair

VILLAGE OF CHELSEA NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED SPECIAL LAND USE AND AMENDED FINAL SITE PLAN

An application has been filed by Bill Weber of Palmer Family Motors for a Special Land Use of a proposed expansion to the truck lot on the following described parcel of land:

Tax Code #08-13-150-006 and #080-13-150-007

(A.K.A. 1194 S. Main Street, Chelsea, Michigan)

The application for Special Land Use and Site Plan approval will be considered by the Chelsea Planning Commission on Tuesday, January 18, 2000 at 7:30 o'clock p.m. in the Washington Street Education Center Board Room, 500 Washington Street, Chelsea, Michigan.

Signed, written comments, concerning the application will be accepted prior to the Planning Commission meeting, and will be read at the meeting. Comments should be addressed to the Chelsea Village Planning Commission, 305 S. Main Street, Suite 100, Chelsea, Michigan 48118.

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

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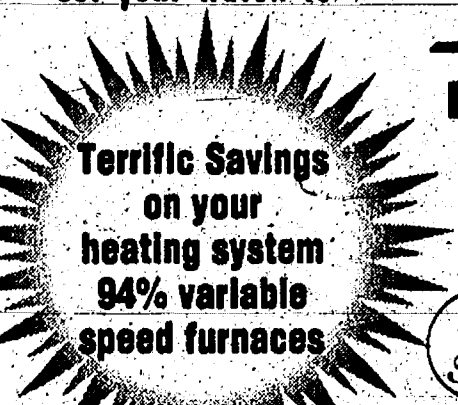
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THE TOWNSHIP OF DEXTER ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. GRANT TERM. The TOWNSHIP OF DEXTER, WASHTENAW COUNTY, MICHIGAN, hereby grants to the Consumers Energy Company, a Michigan corporation, its successors and assigns, hereinafter called the "Grantee," the right, power and authority to lay, maintain and operate gas mains, pipes and services on, along, across and under the highways, streets, alleys, bridges, waterways, and other public places, and to do a local gas business in the TOWNSHIP OF DEXTER, WASHTENAW COUNTY, MICHIGAN, for a period of 5 years.

SECTION 2. CONSIDERATION. In consideration of the rights, power and authority hereby granted, said Grantee shall faithfully perform all things required by the terms hereof.

SECTION 3. CONDITIONS. No highway, street, alley, bridge, waterway or other public place used by said Grantee shall be obstructed longer than necessary during the work of construction or repair, and shall be restored to the same order and condition as when said work was commenced. All of Grantee's pipes and mains shall be so placed in the highways and other public places as not to unnecessarily interfere with the use thereof for highway purposes.

SECTION 4. HOLD HARMLESS. Said Grantee shall at all times keep and save the Township free and harmless from all loss, costs and expense to which it may be subject by reason of the negligent construction and maintenance of the structures and equipment hereby authorized. In case any action is commenced against the Township on account of the permission herein given, said Grantee shall, upon notice, defend the Township and save it free and harmless from all loss, cost and damage arising out of such negligent construction and maintenance.

SECTION 5. EXTENSIONS. Said Grantee shall construct and extend its gas distribution system within said Township, and shall furnish gas to applicants residing therein in accordance with applicable laws, rules and regulations.

SECTION 6. FRANCHISE NOT EXCLUSIVE. The rights, power and authority herein granted, are not exclusive. Either manufactured or natural gas may be furnished hereunder.

SECTION 7. RATES. Said Grantee shall be entitled to charge the inhabitants of said Township for gas furnished therein, the rates as approved by the Michigan Public Service Commission, to which Commission or its successors authority and jurisdiction to fix and regulate gas rates and rules regulating such service in said Township, are hereby granted for the term of this franchise. Such rates and rules shall be subject to review and change at any time upon petition therefor being made by either said Township, acting by its Township Board, or by said Grantee.

SECTION 8. REVOCATION. The franchise granted by this ordinance is subject to revocation upon sixty (60) days written notice by the party desiring such revocation.

SECTION 9. MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION JURISDICTION. Said Grantee shall, as to all other conditions and elements of service not herein fixed, be and remain subject to the reasonable rules and regulations of the Michigan Public Service Commission or its successors, applicable to gas service in said Township.

SECTION 10. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall take effect upon the day after the date of publication thereof; provided, however, it shall cease and be of no effect after thirty days from its adoption unless within said period the Grantee shall accept the same in writing filed with the Township Clerk. Upon acceptance and publication, hereof, this ordinance shall constitute a contract between said Township and said Grantee.

We certify that the foregoing Franchise Ordinance was duly enacted by the Township Board of the TOWNSHIP OF DEXTER, WASHTENAW COUNTY, MICHIGAN, on the 21st day of December, 1999.

Robert L. Tetens, Township Supervisor

Attest:
William Eisenbeiser, Township Clerk

WEBSTER TOWNSHIP

REGULAR BOARD MEETING - DECEMBER 21, 1999

Webster Township Board Meeting Called to order at 7:30 by Sup. Fisher. Present: Fisher, Baldus, Kleinschmidt, Fink, Zoning Chairman Jim Ross, Planning Chairman John Kingsley, David Calhoun and nine residents.

Supervisors Remark: Janis Keogh resigned as treasurer Dec. 20, 1999 offer name of David Calhoun to fill her term of office. Motion Kleinschmidt support Baldus to appoint David Calhoun to unexpired term of Janis Keogh Treasurer. Carried.

November 16, 1999 minutes approved as read. Nov. 17, Dec. 15, 1999 Planning Commission minutes reviewed. Ag and Open Space Forum Meeting scheduled Feb. 19, 2000, ten to three at Webster-Township Hall.

Motion Fink support Kleinschmidt to approve Agenda with one change being Township Board go to close session with Attorney Representing the Darmik Lawsuit before starting with old business. Roll call vote. All ayes and carried.

Township Board Meeting back in session at 8:40.

OLD BUSINESS:

A) Contract for sheriff patrol
Grant money not available before Feb. Three deputies have applied, board interviewed two, the third scheduled at a later date.

B) Recycling

Board received notification we could receive additional \$4,000.00 for waste paper container. Offered \$2,000.00 additional support from county as well as an additional \$1,000.00 for site improvement if we want it. Cost from Recycle Ann Arbor increased from \$200.00 to \$300.00.

Motion Baldus support Kleinschmidt to continue through March with Recycle Ann Arbor. Roll call, all ayes and carried.

C) Moratorium

Special meeting January 3, 2000 with Planning Consultant for further review.

D) Conversion financial records to Fund Balance

Training to be in the spring. Setup of accounts in continuing with support of consultant.

E) Darmik Lawsuit

Supervisor stated that the closed session was an update by the Attorney on the status of discussion with Darmik. No decisions were made.

Motion Fink support Calhoun to Amend agenda and add item F) GIS Mapping, carried.

F) GIS Mapping

Mariah Howell presented the status of the townships current capability and showed example. She also outlined current plans for continuing the development of our capabilities.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Resident informed us of Land Ethics Meeting to be held Jan. 4, 2000 at the Dexter Township Hall at 7:30. Planning Commission members will be informed.

A) Special Use Permit - Hidden Woods

Planning Commission recommended the Preliminary Site Plan and Special Use Permit be granted contingent upon

1. Plan revision to include a walking path through the wooded area.

2. Plan revision to show open space play area.

3. Approval by Planning Commission and Township Attorney of the Hidden Woods Master Deed and Bylaws.

4. Maximum of 20 lots

5. Minimum Contiguous Open Space Acres of which at least six acres is woods.

6. No lot less than .75 acres

7. Availability of Road Easement shall not be limited for future use by the Developer or any current or future Home Owners Association and such use shall be determined by the Township Board.

Hidden Woods Master Deed and Bylaws

Motion Fink support Calhoun move Preliminary Site Plan and Special Use Permit be approved by Planning Comm. Recommendations along with hand written notes by Supervisor. Carried.

B) Reappointment of ZBA Members

Motion Fink support Kleinschmidt to reappoint Jennifer Simonds and Don Buchanan to three year term on ZBA. Carried.

C) Reappointment of Planning Commission Members

Motion Kleinschmidt support Baldus to reappoint John Kingsley and Geraldine Calhoun to three year term on Planning Commission. Carried.

D) Change Penalties for Zoning Ordinance Violation to Civil Infraction

Motion Fink support Calhoun to direct Attorney to prepare proper language. Carried.

E) Revision to Webster Township Schedule of Fees

Motion Calhoun support Kleinschmidt to table fee schedule for January meeting for proper language. Carried.

10) Zoning Inspectors report

Issued 10 permits, 17 address's and 10 property inspections.

11) Parks and Recreation Report

Committee met once this month. Peter Pollack to present sketches for Jan. 25, 2000 meeting.

12) Treasurers Report

Motion Fink support Baldus to accept Treasurers Report and pay bills as presented. Carried.

13) Correspondence

Motion Fink support Baldus to table request from county to purchase new voting devices to Jan. meeting. Carried.

14) Audience Participation

15) Motion Calhoun support Fink meeting adjourn at 10:30. Carried.

Respectfully submitted

Wana M. Baldus

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING SPECIAL MEETING LIMA TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION TUESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2000, 7:30 P.M. LIMA TOWNSHIP HALL, 11452 JACKSON ROAD CHELSEA, MICHIGAN 48118

APPLICATION #99-014. A public hearing will be held to consider an application for a special land use permit. This property is located at the southeast corner of Jackson Road and Steinbach Road and is part of NW 1/4 section 24, Lima Township.

PARCEL #G 07-24-200-012. Application filed by Landscape Solutions Holdings, LLC — Steven & Lynn Digiseppe.

A complete copy of this proposal is on file in the office of the Lima Township Clerk and the Lima Township Office.

Written comments may be sent to:

GREGORY MCKENZIE, CHAIRMAN
LIMA TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
P.O. Box 59
Chelsea, MI 48118

VILLAGE OF CHELSEA NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED SPECIAL LAND USE

An application has been filed by JAMES AND KIMBERLY MYLES of 118 E. MIDDLE STREET, CHELSEA, for a Special Land Use Permit for a proposed INHOTEL TO ALLOW FOR THE SLEEPING OF OVERNIGHT GUESTS AND HOSTING RECEPTIONS AND MEETINGS on the following described parcel of land:

Tax Code: #06-12-183-007
118 E. Middle Street
Chelsea, Michigan

The application for a Special Land Use Permit will be considered by the Chelsea Planning Commission on TUESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2000 AT 7:30 P.M. in the BOARD ROOM, WASHINGTON STREET EDUCATION CENTER, 500 WASHINGTON STREET, CHELSEA, MI.

Signed, written comments, concerning the application will be accepted prior to the Planning Commission meeting, and will be read at the meeting. Comments should be addressed to the Chelsea Village Planning Commission, 305 S. Main Street, Suite 100, Chelsea, MI 48118.

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

CHELSEA VILLAGE PLANNING COMMISSION
Kathy Carter, Chair

VILLAGE OF CHELSEA

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING - TUES. DECEMBER 14, 1999

Present: President Steele, Clerk Zatorski, Village Manager Myers
Trustees Present: Hammer, MacLeod, Myles, Rauschenberger (arrived at 8:10 p.m.)

Trustees Absent: Ortring, Cashman

Others Present: G. Burkhardt, J. Bridges, T. Lundquist, D. Diesing, D. Kolander, A. Stoll, R. Harok, B. Ingram, M. Harris, D. Lane, L. Lantis, W. Lantis, D. Kaminsky, C. Bridges, J. Layher, T. Wagenmaker, B. Shepherd, J. Lax, S. Kanten, R. Kinsey, D. Alseih, W. Bolt, A. Yousef, S. Kennedy, K. Kennedy, E. GreenLeaf, J. Merkel, K. Carter, J. Drolett, P. Kolea.

President Steele called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Motion by Trustee Hammer, seconded by Trustee Myles to approve the Consent Agenda with the following change to the regular meeting minutes of the Council on Tuesday, November 23, 1999:

Page 3, Paragraph 5 — should read Motion by Trustee Hammer, seconded by Trustee Rauschenberger that the Village is not in the position to make a decision on water and sewer services due to the current situation with the wells and due to the need to purchase land for the sewage plant and, thus, the Village cannot at this time provide such services to Sylvan Township.

4 Ayes, 0 Nay, 3 Absent. Motion carried.

Motion by Trustee Hammer, seconded by Trustee Myles to approve the Regular Agenda with the following changes:

Unfinished Business: Add Select a District Library Board Representative

Other New Business: Schedule a Special Council Meeting for December 28, 1999

Discussion of Regional Planning

Discussion of Ballot Language

4 Ayes, 0 Nay, 3 Absent. Motion carried.

President Steele said that because a Protest Petition had been filed and because all members of the Council were not present, Agenda Items K. 1. and K. 2., would be tabled.

D. Kaminsky said that the District Library would be closed beginning Friday, December 17, 1999 in order to move to its new location at the Washington Street Education Center. He said the library will reopen on January 3, 2000.

P. DeLoof, as representative of people affected by Text Change Ordinance No. 79NNNN and the Zoning Map Change, spoke in opposition to those items on the agenda. He said that there are legal issues regarding the Gateway Overlay Zoning District regarding spot zoning, condemnation issues, and landscaping issues which would result in the diminishing of property values. He said that the language was subjective and thus hard to administer and requested that the Council have the ordinance reviewed by legal counsel before any further action is taken.

J. Lax, as representative of people who would be most significantly affected by Text Change Ordinance No. 79NNNN and the Zoning Map Change, spoke in opposition to those items on the agenda. He said that he felt that the ordinance was directed at a small portion of the village only and stated that the language was vague and would give the Planning Commission unlimited discretion as to what would and would not be allowed within this part of town. He joined P. DeLoof in suggesting that the ordinance be given to the Village attorney for review.

Trustee Hammer said that the Fire Authority would be meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Sylvan Township Hall on December 15, 1999 to finalize the legal documents required to have the Fire Authority ask for reimbursement from insurance companies for personal injury accidents.

B. Shepherd reported that most of the generators had been installed as backup in case there were electrical delivery problems the first of the year. Trustee Myles asked if the generators that had been installed had been tested on full load. B. Shepherd said that at this time they had not.

D. Rosenreiter said that the generators had received minimum testing but that full load testing would be done before the end of the year.

J. Drolett said that there was an opening on the Planning Commission and they were seeking a person to fill that position. President Steele asked J. Drolett to explain where the Commission was in the process for filling the vacancy. He said that a name was submitted a month ago and that person had not yet heard from the Planning Commission. J. Drolett said that he did not think that the Commission had reached the stage of interviewing people interested in becoming members of the Planning Commission.

*** amended at the Dec. 28, 1999 Council meeting.

Motion by Trustee Hammer, seconded by Trustee Myles to remove from the table the Report from Midwest Environmental Consultant Phase I and II Environmental Assessment Report. 5 Ayes, 0 Nay, 2 Absent. Motion carried.

W. Bolt reviewed the Phase I and II Environmental Assessment Report.

Motion by Trustee Hammer, seconded by Trustee Myles that the Phase I and II Environmental Assessment Report submitted by Midwest Environmental Consultants be accepted. 5 Ayes, 0 Nay, 2 Absent. Motion carried.

Motion by Trustee Hammer, seconded by Trustee MacLeod that Midwest Environmental Consultants be authorized to proceed. 5 Ayes, 0 Nay, 2 Absent. Motion carried.

Motion by Trustee Hammer, seconded by Trustee Myles that the moratorium on new construction be lifted and that builders be given the right to submit building plans to the Planning Commission with the understanding that the Village still does not have a production well nor have they purchased property for such a well. He further moved that the builders be provided with that information in writing and that they sign a document acknowledging receipt of that information. 3 Ayes (Trustees Hammer and Myles and President Steele), 2 Nays (Trustees Rauschenberger and MacLeod), 2 Absent. Motion carried.

Motion by Trustee Hammer, seconded by Trustee Myles that the Police and Fire Committee Proposal be removed from the table. 5 Ayes, 0 Nay, 2 Absent. Motion carried.

Motion by Trustee Myles, seconded by Trustee Hammer that the Police and Fire Committee Proposal be tabled until the January 11, 2000, meeting of the Council. 5 Ayes, 0 Nay, 2 Absent. Motion carried.

Motion by Trustee Myles, seconded by Trustee Hammer that the Council accept the Resolution and Acceptance Agreement transferring the Cable T.V. franchise from Media One to AT&T. 5 Ayes, 0 Nay, 2 Absent. Motion carried.

P. Kolea, of the Department of Environmental Quality reviewed the Michigan Drinking Water Revolving Fund (DWRF) final fiscal year 2000 project priority. He explained that nine of the submitted 29 projects had been funded and of those nine only three were new projects. Chelsea's request for project funding had been prioritized as number 13 and thus would not be funded for the year 2000. He said that in the unlikely event that one or more funded projects dropped out, Chelsea might be considered for funding. He suggested that Chelsea continue to apply for DWRF funding.

J. Myers reviewed the request of the committee investigating the formation of a local building code authority for \$300.00 from each of their respective units of government to begin the development of an interlocal agreement and to begin advertising for a Building Official to operate the new department out of the Sylvan Township Hall. Discussion followed regarding the difficulty of getting a building inspector out of Ann Arbor to do inspections in a timely manner.

Motion by Trustee Hammer, seconded by Trustee MacLeod that the request \$300.00 from the Building Code Authority investigating committee be tabled until the next meeting of the Council. 5 Ayes, 0 Nay, 2 Absent. Motion carried.

LIMA TOWNSHIP SPECIAL MEETING NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON Tuesday, January 11, 2000, 7:30 P.M. Lima Township Hall, 11452 Jackson Road, Chelsea, MI 48118

APPLICATION #99-010. A Public Hearing will be held to consider an application for a special land use permit for a dog kennel. This property is located at 10415 E. Hershey Lane and is part of SW 1/4 Section 23, Lima Township. Parcel #G 07-23-300-004. Application filed by Marcia Kennedy.

A complete copy of this proposal is on file in the office of the Lima Township Clerk and the Lima Township office.

Written comments may be sent to:

Gregory McKenzie, Chairman
Lima Township Planning Commission
P.O. Box 59
Chelsea, MI 48118

VILLAGE OF CHELSEA DISTRICT LIBRARY MINUTES OF DECEMBER 6, 1999

Trustees in attendance: Kathy Sprawka, Vice President; Nancy Paul, Secretary; Bill Lynn Fox, President; Kathy Sprawka, Vice President; Nancy Paul, Secretary; Bill Personke, Treasurer; Jan. Dobner, Dan Kaminsky, Dick Lee, Nancy Schumann. Staff: Mona Lansdale. Guests in attendance: Lee Draugelis, Linda Ballard, Jim Silver.

Public Relations Committee (K. Sprawka, N. Paul) Move publicity and web site update.

Fund raising Committee (D. Lee, L. Fox) will begin its work again in January. DDA (D. Lee) Howard Dearoff proposal to the DDA regarding library building and parking impact on downtown was discussed.

Action Items
Capital Budget - MOVED by J. Dohner and Seconded by D. Lee to approve the Capital Budget as presented. PASSED Unanimously.

Lease Agreement for Washington St. Educational Center
MOVED by K. Sprawka and Seconded by N. Schumann to approve the terms of the Lease. PASSED Unanimously.

Line Item for Rent and Approval of Initial Payment - MOVED by N. Paul and Seconded by B. Personke to approve a new line item for Rent and an initial payment of \$11,131.25. PASSED Unanimously.

Joint Work Session of Village Council and Library Board - MOVED by N. Schumann and Seconded by J. Dohner to request that the Village Council send their representative to a Library Board meeting to further explain the request for a joint work session. PASSED. D. Kaminsky abstained; all seven others voted affirmative.

Discussion Items
Resolution for Future Plans and Use of McKune House

Meeting Frequency
Publication of Minutes in the Chelsea Standard

Public Comment and Parking Lot
Village needs to address the Library Board in an appropriate manner, through their appointees and on Village letterhead.

Adjournment - at 9:50 p.m.

G. Burkhardt, President of McNamee, Porter and Seeley reviewed Phases I and II of the Engineering Services Proposal for DWRF Water System Improvements.

Motion by Trustee Hammer, seconded by Trustee Myles that the Village proceed with Phase I of the Engineering Services Proposal from McNamee, Porter and Seeley, at a dollar limit of \$50,000, with the acceptance of Phase II to be determined at the time that the Phase I report is received and that proceeding with Phase II be contingent on insuring that the Village has a proper well site and that aerial photos of the area are completed. Roll Call: 5 Ayes (Trustees Hammer, MacLeod, Myles, Rauschenberger and President Steele), 0 Nays, 2 Absent. Motion carried.

Motion by Trustee Hammer, seconded by Trustee MacLeod that D. Kaminsky be appointed by the Council as a member of the Board of Directors of the District Library. 5 Ayes, 0 Nay, 2 Absent. Motion carried.

Due to the fact that so many people had requested time to comment on the Text Change Ordinance No. 79NNNN and the Zoning Map Change, President Steele asked for comments from those still present.

J. Bridges said that he had been unaware of these zoning changes and he felt that businesses should have been consulted regarding the changes.

K. Carter explained the process involved in making these changes and in the setup of the Master Plan.

A. Yousef said that he had been unaware of the Gateway Overlay Zoning District until 5:00 p.m. that evening.

E. GreenLeaf said that he had been unable to attend the planning stages of the meetings and felt that input from the affected business owners had not been taken into consideration.

D. Diesing said that he just wanted to reiterate what many of the business owners had said earlier about their input and the fact that they should have been included earlier in the process.

Trustee Hammer said that when a subgroup of the Planning Commission had worked on the preliminary portions of the South Area Plan so that it could be applied to Farmer Jacks, information had been sent to all of the business owners after each of the meetings.

R. Harok said she felt that the Pierce sisters had not been treated fairly. T. Lunquist, appearing as a representative of Our Savior Lutheran Church said that it was not only the business owners who were affected, but also the churches and he felt they all should have been consulted earlier in the process.

Motion by Trustee Hammer, seconded by Trustee Myles that the Text Change Ordinance No. 79NNNN (to amend Zoning Ordinance 79 and to Adopt Gateway Overlay Zoning District, Commercial Design Standards, and amend Landscaping Requirements & Site Plan Requirements) be tabled until the January 11, 2000, meeting of the Council, at which time a representative from the Strader Group should be present to answer questions. 5 Ayes, 0 Nay, 2 Absent. Motion carried.

Motion by Trustee Hammer, seconded by Trustee Myles that the Zoning Map Change be tabled until the January 11, 2000, meeting of the Council. 5 Ayes, 0 Nay, 2 Absent. Motion carried.

J. Myers reviewed the Sewer Debt Service Unlimited Bond. He explained that when he prepares the tax rate request in May, 2000, he will reduce the mills from 1.85 to .90. This will utilize \$53,000 each year for the remainder of the debt service, thus enabling the Council to give a tax decrease to Village residents of .95 mills.

At the request of President Steele, a letter from John and Jackie Frank regarding the Text Change Ordinance No. 79NNNN and the Zoning Map Change was read into the record by the Clerk.

Motion by Trustee Hammer, seconded by Trustee Rauschenberger that the request for change in parking on Washington Street be denied based on the letter from Police Chief McDougall.

Motion by Trustee Myles, seconded by Trustee Hammer to adopt Zoning Text Amendment (RSA District) Ordinance No. 790000. 5 Ayes, 0 Nay, 2 Absent. Motion carried.

Motion by Trustee Hammer, seconded by Trustee Rauschenberger that a refund be given to Centax Alm Construction Company on the R.E.J. payment for the Dementia Center project due to the fact that the number of beds had been reduced from 120 to 92. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Trustee Hammer, seconded by Trustee Myles that the Chelsea-Lumber Yard zoning be changed from Sylvan Township General Commercial to Village C-2.5 Ayes, 0 Nay, 2 Absent. Motion carried.

Motion by Trustee Rauschenberger, seconded by Trustee Hammer that the property at 118 E. Middle Street, owned by J. and K. Myles, be rezoned from RS2 to C-2. 4 Ayes, 0 Nay, 2 Absent. (J. Myles removed himself from the vote). Motion carried.

Motion by Trustee Hammer, seconded by Trustee Rauschenberger, that items 9 through 12 on the agenda be tabled until the next meeting of the Council because representatives were not present. 5 Ayes, 0 Nay, 2 Absent. Motion carried.

Motion by Trustee Myles, seconded by Trustee MacLeod that consideration of any other option for Village Offices be suspended until the current renovation of the Municipal Building has been fully explored. 3 Ayes (Trustees Myles, Rauschenberger and MacLeod), 2 Nays (Trustee Hammer and President Steele), 2 Absent. Motion carried.

Motion by Trustee Hammer, seconded by Trustee Myles, that the Ballot language approval for Bonding for Renovation of the Municipal Building be tabled until the next meeting of the Council. 5 Ayes, 0 Nay, 2 Absent. Motion carried.

Motion by Trustee Hammer, seconded by Trustee Myles, that the 1976 O'Brien Jetter owned by the Village be sold to the highest bidder. 5 Ayes, 0 Nay, 2 Absent. Motion carried.

J. Myers gave an update on the Village's Y2K preparedness. He said that discussions will be held with the Police Department, Fire Department and Utilities Departments and that staff would be on duty January 1, 2000, to handle any emergencies.

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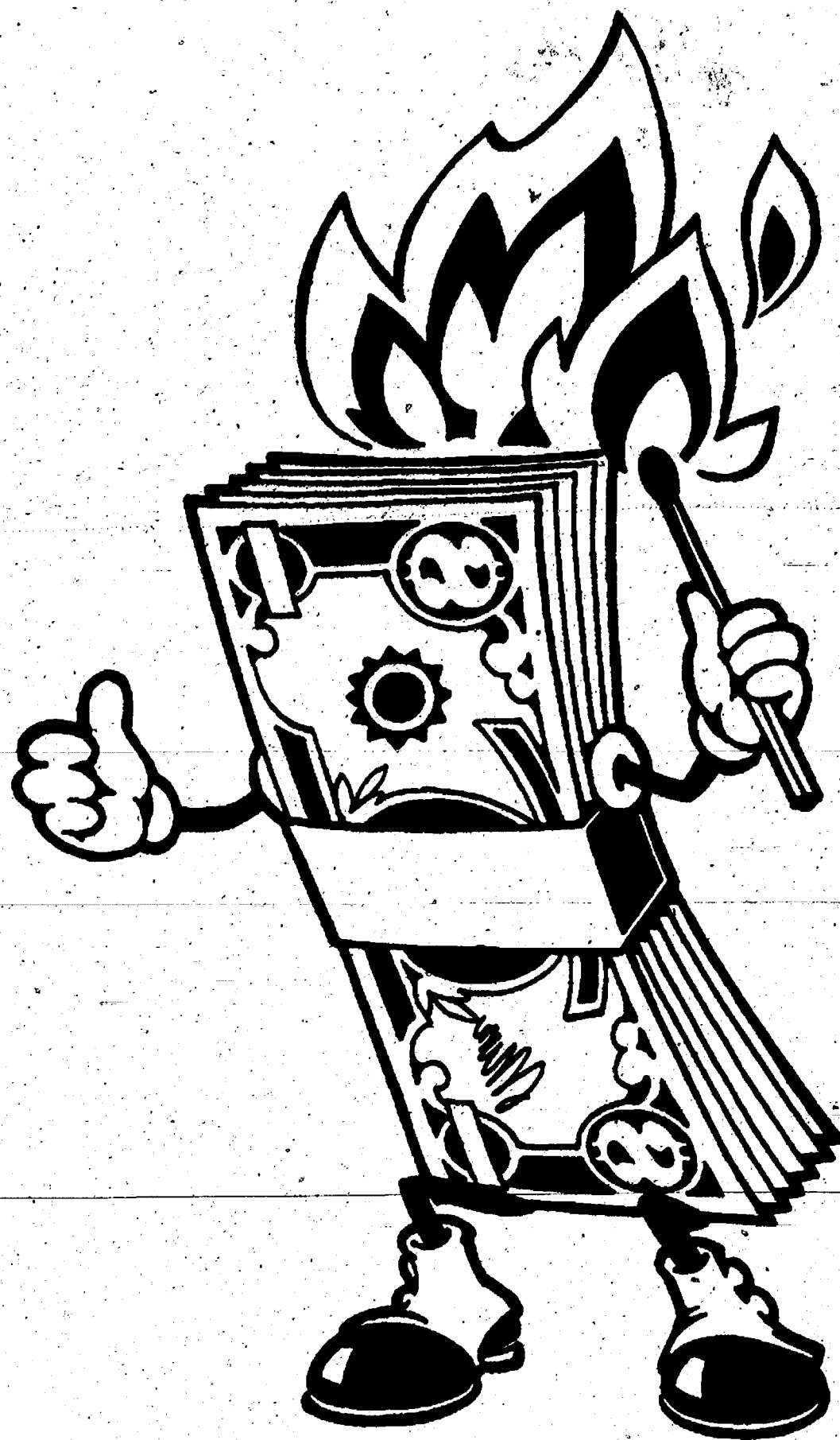
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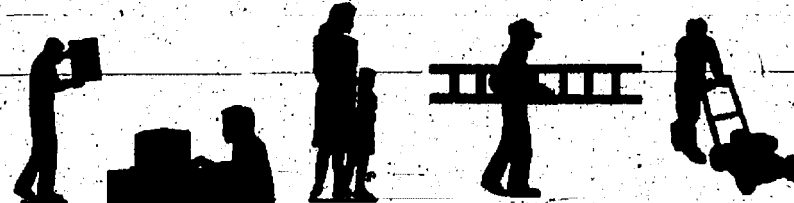
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1 Potato's eye

4 Winning

9 Compre-

hend

12 Doctrine

13 With

45-Down,

help

14 Eventual

aves

15 Ship staffer

17 Pinch

18 High

pinnacle

19 Hawk

21 Those with

run-on

sentences?

24 Small

combo

25 Despot

Amin

26 Wet

wiggler

28 Emulates

Willy Loman

31 Mr. Griffin

33 Bottom line

35 "My Heart Will

Go On" singer

36 Fundamental

38 Household

appliance,

for short

40 Swelled

head

41 The O'Hara

estate

43 Hardly

spacious

46 Shakespeare

play

47 Lennon's lady

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48 "Caught ya!"

49 They're riding

and hiding

54 Word of

denial

55 Re ebb and

flow

56 Coop

comment

57 Go blue?

58 Rumble

reminders

59 Fancy suit

DOWN

1 Crib

2 World power

3 License

bureau (Abbr.)

4 "Earth in the

Balance"

author

5 Funeral

transport

6 Otolaryn-

gology (Abbr.)

7 Take

as one's own

8 They "go first"

9 One in

the pole

position?

10 Mr. Hyde's

specialty

11 Recording

16 Dweller

(Suffix)

20 Conked out

21 Owl's perch

22 Notion

23 Captain's

aid

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misspelling

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symbol

30 Reception

woe

32 Centrifuge

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34 Legendary

racehorse

37 Summits

39 Ear paths

42 Upper story

44 Wield a

paddle

45 See

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46 Sea dog's

greeting

50 Haram room

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squad, briefly

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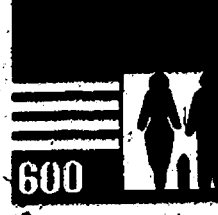
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Deer zones called into question by TB cases

Two deer outside of Michigan's TB-quarantined zone are being classified "highly-suspect" for the respiratory disease, creating great uncertainty whether Michigan will be able to zone, or what the boundaries between infected and TB-free might be.

A TB-suspect deer in north-west Antrim County, about 40 miles outside of the current TB-quarantined zone, and another deer in northeast Mecosta County, about 75 miles southwest of the TB-zone, both had visible gross lesions and tested TB-positive on an acid-staining test and a DNA probe, according to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). Tissue samples from both animals are now being cultured at the National Animal Disease Center in Ames, Iowa. Results are expected in early January.

"We highly suspect the deer will culture TB-positive," said Dale Rabe of the DNR Wildlife Division about the Mecosta deer.

In addition, three TB-suspect deer have been identified outside of the infected area, but within the surveillance (buffer) area of the quaran-

tinued zone, Rabe explained.

According to Kevin Kirk, Michigan Department of Agriculture animal health liaison, the TB-infected/surveillance zone boundaries — currently defined as north of M-55 and east of I-75 — may have to be redrawn if the hunter-harvested deer are confirmed TB-positive.

"If they come back positive, we will draw a 10-mile radius around them and try to get a handle on where dairy and livestock operations are and who owns them," Kirk said. "If they're positive, we will begin livestock testing in that 10-mile radius."

The yet-to-be-signed Memorandum of Understanding between the U.S. Department of Agriculture and MDA, currently says that if a TB-positive deer is confirmed outside of the quarantined zone, the zone boundaries must be redrawn. However, MDA Director Dan Wyant says he's not in any hurry to do that.

"We need to talk with USDA and rethink what that means (if the Mecosta deer is confirmed TB-positive)," he said. "With the Antrim deer, we were prepared to do that (redraw the lines), but this Mecosta deer

changes that. We need better information. We're not going to make a knee-jerk reaction and we're not changing the lines until we have some good information."

This year, about 500 deer were tested from Antrim County and 60 were taken from Mecosta County. The DNR has tested more than 16,000 deer statewide. To date, the Antrim and Mecosta deer are the only animals outside of the quarantined zone to test positive on the acid-staining test.

If Michigan loses its TB-free status entirely, the state stands to lose millions, as many states accepting Michigan cattle will now mandate testing and some may simply choose not to buy. Agriculture is Michigan's second largest industry, behind manufacturing. The cost to the producer in additional labor, testing and lost production and market share is expected to mount to \$27 million annually, according to a Michigan State University study.

"As long as free-ranging deer continue to harbor bovine tuberculosis, the threat to Michigan's livestock industry remains," said Ron Nelson,

Michigan Farm Bureau legislative counsel. "We cannot afford to control this disease. We must eradicate it."

The possibility of having TB-positive deer outside of the infected zone creates an even greater need for a statewide feeding and baiting ban, which is believed to be a source of disease transmission, Nelson said.

"While we fully understand the serious economic issue for producers of deer feed and bait," Nelson said, "recent USDA testing has shown that the disease is transmittable for several days on many different types of deer bait and feed. That's of major concern for all of us."

Michigan is the only state in the nation to have free-ranging deer harboring TB.

Bovine TB was first discovered in the free-ranging deer herd in 1994. Since then, more than 250 deer have tested TB-positive. Also, four TB-positive cattle herds and one captive deer herd have been depopulated and the disease has been detected in raccoons, coyotes and a bear.

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supports complete reimbursement for testing, lost production and indemnification.

"We need to get farmers, hunters, DNR and MDA at the table to come up with some new ideas that will lead to eradication of this disease," Nelson said. "We need to be looking at more disease control permits and other means for reducing the deer population in diseased areas."

If the quarantined zone is expanded, the area will be subject to some new and additional regulations under the pending Memorandum of Understanding.

"If it becomes necessary, we would hope that the line would be reasonable, be distinguishable with landmarks — such as a road or river — and that livestock concentrations and free-ranging deer populations in certain areas would be considered," Nelson said.

In a Movement Restricted Zone (quarantined area), state-mandated TB-testing, certificates of movement and annual TB-testing for dairy cattle are required.

"It's important to note that the state should pay for all

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Gigi's Flowers was chosen to decorate one of the special Christmas Trees at the Domino's Farms holiday light show this year, giving owner Gigi Batsakis a chance to show her creative flair. The tree was a highlight of the indoor portion of the show, attracting numerous comments and calls to the flower shop. Batsakis traveled to Birch Run to gather ideas and supplies for the tree and then spent about six hours completing the actual decoration. Not surprisingly, she used a flower theme called "garden fantasy" in her display, and let her love of lavender show.

USDA approves meat radiation

The U.S. Department of Agriculture recently approved irradiation of raw beef, pork and lamb to help control the spread of deadly bacteria in unprocessed meat products.

According to USDA Secretary Dan Glickman, the process can eliminate E. coli, and significantly reduce levels of other pathogens, including listeria, Salmonella and campylobacter.

During irradiation, meat is subjected to low-level doses of gamma rays or electron beams, killing bacteria while not altering the taste of the product.

Treated products, including processed raw meat products like sausage, will be required to carry the "radura" emblem, the international symbol of irradiation, as well as a statement that the product was treated by the process.

A number of commodities around the world, including spices, produce and poultry, have been irradiated and the method has proven to be a very effective process for improving food safety.

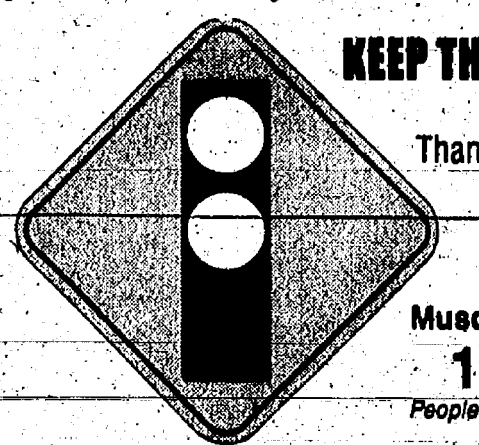
Irradiation is an electronic, cold pasteurization for meat. "The adoption of this procedure will be driven by consumer opinion," said Ernie Birchmeier, Michigan Farm Bureau livestock and dairy specialist.

For many years, pasteurization of milk, through heating, has eliminated bacteria from milk. For the first time, a new technology is offering those same safeguards for meat.

"While this is a very promising procedure that may help prevent food-borne illnesses, it should not replace good handling, storage and preparation of meat," Birchmeier said. "Irradiation can be an additional safeguard to the already tightly monitored food system."

Cost of implementing the procedure is expected to result in a 5- to 10-cent-per-pound increase for consumers.

"We currently have the safest food supply in the world, and irradiation helps to enhance that level of safety," Birchmeier said.



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