# NEWS BRIEF

#### Library to hold planning session

The Chelsea District Library will hold a planning session, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 16, in the boardroom at the Washington Street Education Center.

The public is invited to attend the community plan-Ining session and meet with the library architects and planners about the development of the corner of Orchard and Main streets.

#### Grief help offered Fat Chelsea Hospital

Chelsea Community Hospital will offer an evening Cof conversation for parents trying to help their children cope with the recent deaths of three high school students ein a traffic accident.

The booklet, "What Parents "Need to Know: Help for Parents of Grieving and "Traumatized Children," will be the basis of the discussion.

Facilitators will be Lori Hale. Virginia Koster and Judy Gentz. The program will be held

from 7 to 8 p.m. Tuesday and Dec. 11 in the atrium of the White Oak Inn on the hospital's campus.

The free program is open to the public. Registration is limited to 16. Call 475-4030 to register.

#### Speaker featured at local church

Daniel Harley will be the special speaker at Covenant Church from 10:30 to 11:30 "a.m. Sunday.

The church is at the corner of Old U.S.-12 and Freer Road, across from Pierce Lake Elementary School.

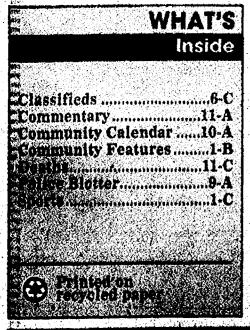
#### Daniels to speak at CMU ceremony

Actor Jeff Daniels will be a commencement speaker at Central Michigan University Dec. 16, when 2,500 students will receive degrees during three ceremonies in Rose Arena.

Daniels, a professional stage and film actor for more than 20 years, attended CMU in the 1970s, studying English and theater.

He left CMU a year early to launch his acting career on the New York stage.

Daniels will receive an honorary doctor of fine arts degree.



## Farewell to Firefighter 53

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## Chelsea community mourns the loss of popular local man

Chelsea firefighter Mike Spears laid to rest.

By Sheila Pursglove Staff Writer

Even the heavens wept. Mike Spears, dressed in the firefighter's uniform he wore so proudly, was laid to rest in Oak Grove Cemetery on a cold November morning, as snow-

flakes fell softly on his coffin. The funeral service for Spears, who died Nov. 16 of injuries suffered in a Nov. 8 accident at the Daimler-Chrysler Proving Grounds, was held Nov. 20 at St. Mary Catholic Church.

A long funeral procession wound through the streets of Chelsea, as Spears took his last ride through the village, following the Chelsea Fire Department tower truck that was his special responsibility.

Police motorcycles, their lights flashing, led the long funeral procession, followed by the tower truck swathed in black bunting.

Firefighters from Henrietta, Scio, Pittsfield, Putman, Unadilla and Leoni townships; Ypsilanti Township and city; Hamburg, Northfield, Belleville, Riverview, Saline, Sault

emergency medical service personnel from Huron Valley Ambulance and Stockbridge Ambulance; and officers from the Chelsea Police Department and police reserves, took part in the service and procession.

The nearly two-mile line of vehicles wound past the Chelsea fire station, where the station bell tolled every five seconds to call Firefighter 53 home.

At the gravesite, where two flag-draped ladder trucks were set up, members of the Ann Arbor Fire Department provided an honor guard by the casket and read a poem about the death of a firefighter.

Firefighters' pagers went off in unison, calling Mike Spears for the last time.

Spears had been a popular member of the Fire Department for the past 12 years, since starting as an Explorer Scout at the age of 16.

The son of Mike and Anita

Spears, the 28-year-old firefighter was a 1991 graduate of on Nov. 8. Chelsea High School. He had been employed at the DaimlerChrysler Proving

Grounds for about six years. starting as a guard then moving to grounds maintenance.

Spears suffered a fractured Ste. Marie, Clinton, Dexter and skull and severe brain trauma Manchester fire departments; after falling from the back of a came in about the accident. He his guitar.



The Chelsea Rock stands in mute testament to the loss of Mike "Spike" Spears, Firefighter, 53.

truck at the Proving Grounds and fellow firefighter Shane

died at the University of Michigan Medical Center, surrounded by family and friends eight-day vigil. who had kept vigil.

Cliff Blackford, a longtime

Keezer accompanied Sheri After a week in a coma, he Spears to the U of M hospital to be with her husband, and stayed by her side through the

Blackford remembers his buddy as a fan of singer Garth family friend, had been on call Brooks and a man who loved at the fire hall when the call country music and tinkered on

Several Garth Brooks songs were played at the funeral, including "The Dance," sung by members of the 1997 wedding party who had sung the sam song three years ago to cel brate "Spike" and Sheri's wed-

"His aunt and uncle, Ginger See SPEARS -- Page 3-A

## Architect presents ideas for new library

Orchard Street residents hand in petition.

By Sheila Pursglove Staff Writer

A group of Orchard Street residents turned in a petition with more than 100 signatures at the Nov. 21 meeting of the Chelsea District Library Board.

The petition expressed their concern over the library's purchase of property at 121 Orchard St., and further plans for the house. These include whether it will be demolished, sold to the Downtown Development Authority, or used as a parking lot or a driveway emptying onto Orchard Street.

The petition is on the agenda for the Dec. 19 board meeting.

To reduce the costs of the residents' Freedom of Information Act request for records related to the purchase of the property, Library Director Metta Lansdale invited the group to make an appointment to view documents at a mutually agreeable time, rather than have the library make copies and deliver them,

Both library board members and the residents' group were enthusiastic at the preliminary ideas presented for the site by architect Jim Mumby.

Mumby presented three scenarios, two of which were based on guidelines given to him by the library board's building committee, and a third that he believes is a more viable option from the standpoint of functional design and long-lasting use.

All three ideas presented showed a footprint for a 24,000-square-foot building. One would allow for a slightly larger building, up to 27,000 square feet, but it was shown at 24,000 square feet.

Initial ideas include adjacent service areas, utilization of two floors and incorporating the McKune House into the design.

Mumby discussed several aspects of each design, including how each plan would function; how it works as a piece of architecture; where the main entrance would be; handicap accessibility, grading and difficulties of matching up the McKune House to a new addition; possibilities for future expan-

sion, library service and planning; and conformation to current library standards.

A cost analysis will be provided at a later date. Some of the service difficulties center around match ing up levels between the old building and the new: putting in stairs, ramps and elevators; having adequate space for employees to move materials around; and staffing and supervision of the facility.

Mumby gave the board an option for an entirely new, construction, providing the most efficient use of the site available, and not requiring the use of any property other than the McKune House and the lot next to McKune at the corner of Orchard and Main. That option also provides for the most efficient use of space for the library's construction dollar.

"A new building would function better as a library, but that remains to be proven as the schemes devel op," Mumby said.

He believes Chelsea residents have an opportunity to create a new legacy, a new piece of community his-

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Craig Common's new book, "The Common Grill Cookbook," was launched at a gala party at the restaurant Nov. 20. Common donated \$3,000, part of the proceeds from ticket sales, to the Chelsea Center for the Development of the Arts. Here, Steve Hinz (left), director of the CCDA, Joins Sleeping Bear Press Publisher Brian Lewis, Craig Common and Sleeping Bear Press publicist Beth Flintoft in admiring the

## Cookbook launched to glowing reviews

■ Gala event raises \$3,000 for the CCDA.

By Sheila Pursglove

Chef Craig Common's new venture, "The Common Grill Cookbook" - currently the No. 1 selling cookbook in the Midwest - was launched with fanfare at a recent gala book- signing party at the famous restaurant.

Snow and sleet didn't deter the 200 guests - some from as far away as Toledo, Lansing, Grand Rapids, Kalamazoo, Detroit and Florida - who sampled hors d'oeuvres and desserts found in the book.

Partygoers lined up at the Nov. 20 event to get their own copy of the cookbook, signed by the maestro himself. More than 200

copies were distributed during the evening, as guests snapped up extra copies for holiday gifts:

Writer's cramp aside, Common was a genial and convivial host welcoming his guests and mingling with the partygoers.

"To me, this is what entertains ing is about - making people feel comfortable and at home, Common told the assemble

Flashbulbs popped as mene bers of the media from around the state recorded the event including WDIV television whose truck took up a block out side the restaurant.

WJR personalities Foster Brown and Joe Gagnon. The Appliance Doctor, joined the fun, doing interviews and send See COOKBOOK - Page 2-1



Local resident helps adolescents find way

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Chelsea hoopsters out of tourney

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Local woman Hollywood celeb

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United Way Donation

Bob Milbrodt (left), treasurer of the Chelsea United Way, hands a check to Michaelene Pawlak, director of the Chelsea Area Transportation System. The money represents funding that Chelsea United Way provides to CATS each year.

## **COOKBOOK**

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Ting updates back to their sta-Lion. Gagnon is another Sleep-"ing Bear Press protege, with his new book flying off the shelves in local bookstores.

If guests thought they were seeing double, it wasn't the wine — Common's twin brother. Keith, was there to cheer his sibling's latest venture. Aso attending were Common's mother, sister, aunts, uncles and nephews and a host of close

"Eighteen months ago, when this whole process started to come together, I would have thought you were crazy to say that I would have my own cookbook one day," Common said.

"Now that I've finally done it, I have to say I am so proud and glad."

Common thanked the many people who helped bring his dreams to fruition.

keeps me on track when I'm running off in all directions,"

## "Above all, my wife, Donna,

STRAIGHT FACTS

A story in the Nov. 9 edition of the Chelsea Standard about a police murder investigation in Lyndon Township should have said that the man arrested was Richard Temple.

An obituary in the Nov. 22 edition of the newspaper incorrectly identified Mr. Elmer S. Kiel of Chelsea as Imer S. Kiel.

A story on exotic birds in the Nov. 22 edition of the newspaper incorrectly identified Michael

Kelley as David Kelley.

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he said.

A highlight of the evening was a donation of \$3,000 to Steve Hinz and Norma Huschke from the Chelsea Center for the Development of the Arts. The money was part of the proceeds of the sale of tickets to the affair.

Common's daughter, Rachel, has taken private voice instruction from Lisa Hinz-Johnson for several years.

"Rachel has thrived as a musician and as a person under Lisa's direction and teaching," Hinz said.

"We are so grateful for the generous donation from Craig and Donna. I for one am. pleased to call Chelsea home and couldn't think of a better place to be a teaching artist.'

The \$3,000 gift will enable the CCDA to continue to support the work of its staff at the center, as well as maintenance on the building itself, Hinz said.

"We need to continue to offer our programs at affordable rates for everyone in our community," Hinz said. "This gift will also make our scholarship

program for families in need possible and available for more people."

Sleeping Bear Press Publisher Brian Lewis paid tribute to those who contributed to the success of the book.

Representatives from Borders Books and Little Professor were at the party.

"Borders Books loves the book and wants to start distributing it nationwide." Lewis said.

"It is one of, if not the bestselling book in Ann Arbor and southeast Michigan at the moment, just in time for the holiday cooking season."

Little Professor in Ann Arbor, Borders and Kitchen Port both have sold out of the book multiple times, Lewis

Sleeping Bear Press is enjoying further success with its latest children's offering, "A Wish to be a Christmas Tree," by Colleen Monroe, currently the No. 1 Christmas book at Borders Books throughout the United States.

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## Planners discuss new developments

By Kent Ashton Walton Special Writer

Three developments caught the ear of Chelsea Village plan-

ning commissioners Nov. 21. The first item, concerning the final site plan for the Chelsea Ridge site condominium development, located east of Belser Estates, was tabled until the

commission's next meeting. The second item of business concerned a preliminary site plan for the proposed rebuilding and modifications at McDonald's restaurant, 1535 S. Main St. Discussion centered on the new building's appearance, which will reflect the traditional red, white and yellow color scheme. Also discussed were increased parking spaces, handicapped accessibility, curbing and land-

scaping. The plan was approved contingent upon the commission's suggested improvements and modifications.

Commissioners discussed extensively a preliminary site plan for the proposed Orchard condominium development west of Wilkinson Street and north of Old US-12.

Planner Carl Schmuit Jr. indicated that there were several problems with phase 1, including the fact that the design was "not conducive to a pedestrianfriendly environment."

In the discussion, difficulties were aired relating to street parking, proposed parking spaces, and their relationship to sidewalks and footpaths.

Schmult and Commissioner Kathy Carter, along with others, were concerned that the design, which has garages facing the street, would not reflect the village's character, which requires unimpeded sidewalks for pedestrian circulation.

Chairman Chris Rode addressed problems with overall layout and mobility. Commissioner George Kinzer emphasized that

the layout may not be safe for pedestrians.

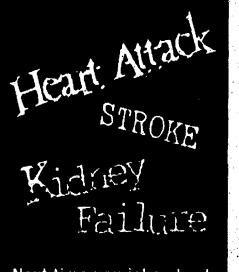
A motion to deny the Orchard Grove condominium development plan was proposed by Commissioner Dan Parkansky and seconded by Kinzer.

The motion passed with an option for Sutton Development to provide further design proposais.

In other business, planners discussed new developments proposed east of the village on newly annexed land. Plans call for a proposed 400-home development that would represent a 0.5 percent increase in the village population.

Increased traffic, especially along Freer and Dexter-Chelsea roads, was one major consequence of the project.

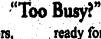
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When Baboushka finished her housework, she began thinking about what the Wise Men had said about the baby Jesus. She decided she really did want to join them on their search. She packed some gifts for Jesus and set out. But she couldn't find the path the Wise Men had taken, so she wandered from town to town asking if anyone had seen them. She never did find Jesus - and all because she had been too busy.

We're entering a very busy seaon now, as we prepare for the holidays. We're busy in our personal lives, getting our houses

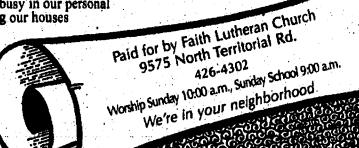
ping things up at work so we can take some time off, or at least be ready to close out the calendar year. We will also be busy at church, decorating, holding special Advent services, and preparing our children for their part in our Christmas Eve ser-

But the whole point of this season is to seek Jesus. We do that through His Word, then, like Baboushka, we run the risk of never finding Him.

Please join us on Sunday mornings, 10:00 a.m. and for any of our three special "Advent" services the next three Wednesday evenings (December 6, 13, and 20) at 7:30 p.m., as we prepare to celebrate His birth at Christmas.

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"We're sufficiently skilled that we can give you a 100-year piece of architecture, with the right materials and the right sensitivity," Mumby said, "We will design a building to fit the "fabric of this community."

His concept allows for expansion and a front entrance from . Main Street.

"' "At 24,000 square feet we have a workable building and "keep the collections intact," Mumby said. "If we reduce the size to 20,000 square feet, you 'will have to reduce the collections across the board, and the "staff area, receiving area, local history, story time and Friends of the Library areas will all suffer cuts.

"This design has great functionality as a library, and we can still utilize some of the ornamentation from the original McKune House."

Mumby stressed that the plans are preliminary.

"The next phase will be an adjacency diagram and a bubble diagram," he said. The library board adopted a

resolution authorizing Mumby to design a library plan around 24,000 square feet. It will be the basis for pre-

sentation to the community during a session from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 16 in the boardroom of the Washington Street Education Center, when threedimensional models will be available.

Mumby and Howard Deardorff, planner for the Downtown Development Authority, will host the event and present building and site possibilities for comment by the community.

"The board would be irresponsible if they did not examine all reasonable options, and they are doing so," Lansdale said. "If the community weighs in, we will have the very best product possible.

"The board is gathering information from the architect and will weigh that against the wishes of the people who come to the session, the constraints provided by the property available, and the board's priority of providing excellent library service."-

water and had to walk into town in his waders to get another set of keys made."

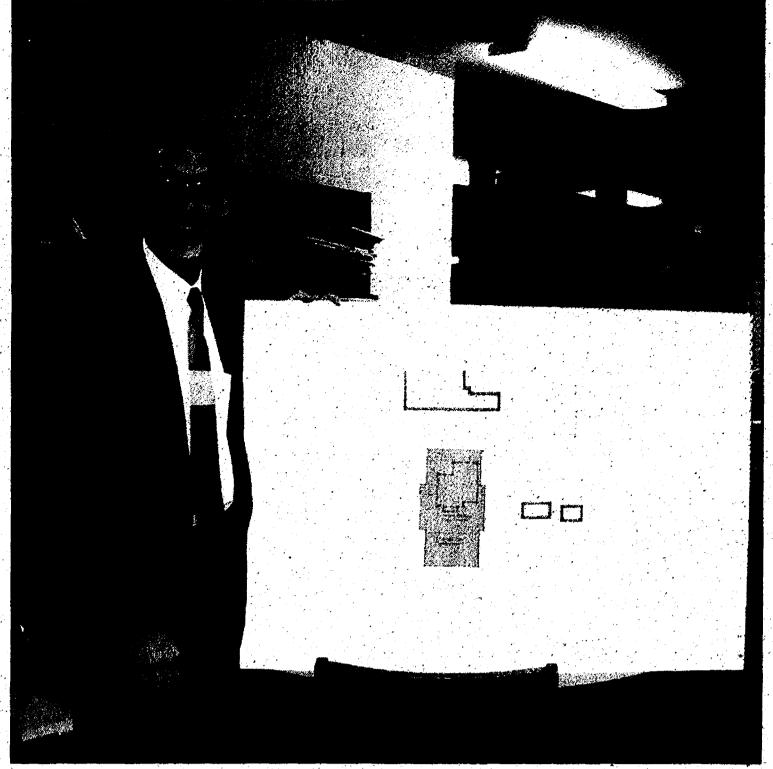
Spears also was a huge fan of NASCAR racing. "He was a Jeff Gordon fan to the bone," Blackford said. "If he wasn't down at the Michigan

International Speedway, you'd find him in front of the TV watching the races." Donations have been pouring in for the Chelsea Fireman's

Association, Ducks Unlimited

and Local 1284. In September, Spears was a member of the team of firefighters who went to the Firefighters Memorial in Roscommon to place a wreath for fallen firefighters.

Next year, his name will be among the fallen.



Architect Jim Mumby presented three suggested scenarios for a new Chelsea District Library to the Library Board's Nov. 21 meeting. Here, he shows one of those 'footprint' ideas.

## SPEARS

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and Walt Bergey, owned a karaoke business, and Spike loved singing at the Wolverine," Blackford said.

Blackford also remembers his surprise one time at seeing "a CD of bagpipe music in "Spears' truck.

" "I thought it must belong to someone else," Blackford said. "I hadn't realized he loved the sound of the bagpipes."

A lone bagpiper, playing 'Amazing Grace," was part of the funeral ceremonies, leading the pallbearers from the church.

Spears — a big bear of a man who went by the nickname "Jelly Belly" in his younger days — was popular with children and was a special friend to Steven Bauer and Samantha

He loved the family's Labrador dogs. Maggy and Millie, and the cocker spaniel, Chloe.

According to Blackford and fellow firefighter Mike Ellenwood, one of Spears' favorite activities was the annual October duck hunt, when a group of about a dozen firefighters, police officers and EMS personnel would head up to the Upper Peninsula for a week of hunting and camaraderie.

"Spike was an avid duck hunter, although not without his misadventures," Blackford said. "One time in Newberry, he dropped his car keys in the

## Holiday craft show set for Saline

By Connie Makled Heritage Newspapers

In the family's studio loft. \*local resident Trudi Cooper inspects her latest glass creation as it sits glowing in her at the November 11 show.

She and her husband, Eric, work with a unique type of glass to create "wearable art," a craft they have perfected over the last year after working with stained glass for more than 15

The couple will have a booth at the craft show at Saline Middle School from 8 a.m. to 4

p.m. Dec. 2. The Coopers work with a glass product called "Dichroic Glass," which NASA scientists invented for use in space helmets.

"We discovered the glass during a trip to Seattle last summer and fell in love with it," said Cooper. "It's made with 70 layers of lithium, magnesium and titanium, a real 'space age' materi-

Their work-table is covered with glass material which the couple uses to create their art. The small kilns are working covertime as they prepare the earings, necklaces, brooches, and bracelets for the December

"The glass is beautiful because it splits the light spectrum and looks different depending on the direction of the light," said Cooper. "We combine dif-ferent colored glass together to make multiple designs. Each piece is unique, the kind of art that elevates the spirit. It's beauty for its own sake."

The Coopers are just one of the 230 exhibitors at the upcoming craft show. Cheryl Hoeft, director of the event, expects to repeat the success she enjoyed

"After being sequestered in the studio for days at a time, it will be a nice break to get out to the show," said Cooper.

ed crafters who will be on hand include Gail Fuehrer of Saline, who also works with glass.

Valerie Lalinsky and Shelly Lim are sisters who graduated

The Saline Middle School will be transformed into a spectacle of crafts lining the walls of the cafeteria, gymnasium, and hall-

"Anyone from the area who comes to the show from 1-3 p.m. is eligible for a free raffle where indoor and outdoor Christmas decorations will be given away," Hoeft said. "We want to encourage locals to come during those times. We'll have another raffle as well with about 235 prizes."

Other new features this year

Some of the other local talent-

from Saline High School. Valerie makes American Girl clothing while Shelly, who now lives in Belleville, makes polar fleece hats. Kathy Fosdick and Mary Jones will return to sell their crafts. Kathy works with polymer clay to make angels, Santas and a variety of other figurines. Mary Jones quilts wall hangings and sews cross-stitch holiday themes.

are a package pick-up, where customers can take the shuttle back to their car and drive back to the school to pick up all their



Trudi Cooper is one of 230 crafters in the spotlight this Saturday at Saline Middle School.

packages; and a rest area, where shoppers can relax and have a beverage and enjoy a cookie.

"We started out with 66 crafters at the Middle School to raise money for the Future

Homemakers of America," said Hoeft. "It moved to the High School three years later, sponsored by Community Education. Now the FHA has a new name. 'Future Leaders."

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Palmer Family Ford's annual Toys for Tots and Teens campaign began recently and will run through Dec. 13. Laura Goderis (left), winner of a television during last year's campaign, is shown here with organizer Suzie Palmer Weber.

## School board hears audit

Budget presentation by accountant from Yeo & Yeo.

By Sheila Pursglove Staff Writer

Mark Perry, a certified public brief presentation on the gives us." Chelsea School District's audit at the Nov. 13 school board meet-

"Every school district is required to have an audit each financial year," school Superintendent Ed Richardson said.

This is a snapshot statement of where the district stood at midnight of June 30, 2000."

The materials were prepared by Jim Novak, executive director of business and operations for the school district.

"We met with our accountants on Oct. 30 to go over the audit and review recommendations," Richardson said.

"Most of our revenue is tied to

The district's revenue was \$22.09 million and expenses were \$21.785, a difference of about \$312,000. The general fund balance June 30 was \$3.21 mil-

The special revenue balance, for food and athletic programs. is \$61,300, and the debt service, for bonds and borrowed money. is \$1.06 million.

The trust and agency account, school buildings.

for student activities and scholarships, is \$90,150.

The \$21.775 million in the general fund is the cost to operate the district.

The fund balance on July 1, accountant for Yeo & Yeo, gave a how much the state of Michigan 1999, at the start of the 1999-2000 fiscal year, was \$2.9 million. On June 30 of this year the fund balance was \$3.21 million.

"The disclaimer on this is that of those funds, \$68,547 is in an account solely for adult education, leaving \$3,146,452 as school expenditure," Richardson said.

Yeo & Yeo recommended a strengthening of internal controls for the student activity fund, due to the large number of

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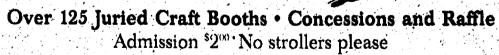
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## Toy campaign kicks off

■ Annual event for needy kids runs until Dec. 18.

Palmer Family Ford's 12th annual Toys for Tots and Teens campaign has kicked off for the holiday season.

The annual event, providing an opportunity to give toys to needy children in the area, runs through Dec. 18.

Toys can be dropped off at the dealership in downtown Chelsea during regular business

A pickup truck in the main showroom is the primary dropoff site for the toys.

"It's not uncommon for the program to collect several pickup loads of toys, which are then distributed through Faith In Action," said organizer Suzie Palmer Weber, who heads up the campaign.

Weber and her husband, Biff, own the dealership,

Toys received late last year were put into the truck to kick off this year's campaign.

"The success of this program comes through the support of the Chelsea schools," Weber said. "To see classrooms of children come bearing gifts for other children is quite inspira-

tional." Local real estate agents also donate lots of toys every year, she said.

Palmer Family Ford will send a truck to pick up packages from any business that would like to participate. Call Weber at 475-1301 to schedule a pickup time.

## Sixth-grader stars in Christmas classic

Casey Sullens, a sixth-grader at Beach Middle School has landed the prestigious role of Amahl for the upcoming Dexter Community Players production of the Christmas classic "Amahl and the Night Visitors," by Gian-Carlo Menotti.

It will be presented at Copeland Auditorium in Dexter. The shows will begin at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and at 2 p.m. Sunday.

Sullens sang her first solo when she was in the first grade. She took to the variety show stage to sing Patsy Clines' "I'll Go Walkin." Following her premiere, she was featured as the national anthem singer for two national softball World Series games and for the opening cere-

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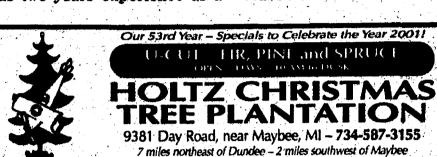
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Sullens also is involved in many other local activities. She has two years experience as a

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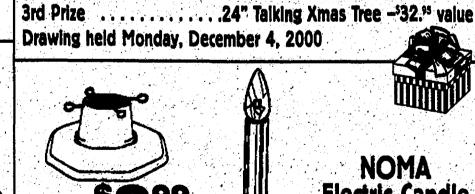
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## College Homecoming Queen

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"We appreciate the Toyota USA Foundation's commitment to provide funding for this exciting initiative."

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## Quartet to perform

The Congdon Quartet, a string quartet based in Chelsea, will perform 3 p.m. Sunday as part of the annual Festival of Lights in Chelsea.

The string quartet calls the beautiful and historic Chelsea Depot its performance home. And historic it is. The Chelsea Depot, built in 1880, no longer serves railroad passengers. Nonetheless, the depot, with its wooden interior, soaring ceiling and massive windows, is a stunning venue for this new quartet. Both the sound quality and the ambiance have been described as radiant.

This concert is the second in a series by the Congdon Quartet this season. The program will include Pachelbel's "Canon and Gigue," Haydn's "Quartet in D minor," Op 76, No.1 and Borodin's "Quartet No. 2 in D Major."

To enrich the classical experience, the musical intervals will include brief discussions about the composers, the pieces and their historical context. And in the European tradition, refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the concert.

The ticket cost is \$12.50 for adults, \$10 for senior citizens and \$5 for children. Tickets may be purchased in downtown Chelsea at Zou Zou's Coffee Shop at 101 N. Main St. and the Art and Soule Gallery at 123 S. Main St.

The Cheisea Depot is located off Main Street on Jackson Street. The facility is wheelchair accessible and parking is located in the adjacent village parking lots or on any village

street. For more information about the Congdon Quartet, call 433-1622 or

e-mail congdonquartet@att.net. For more information about the festival of lights, call the Cheisea Chamber of Commerce at 475-1145.

## Experts share tree decorating tips

By Lisa Vidaurri Heritage Newspapers

Did you ever wonder why those beautiful Christmas trees in store windows, magazines and floor displays looked so much different than your tree at home? Why they reached out and made you stop and stare, ohhh and ahhh at their dazzling glimmer?

There is a trick (or two) of the trade in decorating Christmas trees and Minn.-based Midwest of Cannon Falls, a leader in the giftware industry, is willing to reveal some of their top secrets to you. With 13 showrooms across the United States and one in Hong Kong, these experts have holiday trimming down to a science.

1. SELECTING A TREE

Remember it will have a visual impact and be the focal point of your room throughout the holiday season. The size of your tree will partially be determined by how much space you have in your room, but also keep in mind these factors to enhance showing off your ornament collection. The more branch tips on the tree, the more ornaments you can hang.

If you want an informal look, choose a tree with long needles and upswept branches. For a formal appearance, select a tree with short needles and horizontal or downswept branches. If you are purchasing an artificial tree you should take storage into consideration and choose a tree that allows you to store it with the lights attached.

2. LIGHTING THE TREE

A general rule of thumb is to use one strand of lights per foot of tree. Of course the simplest way is to purchase a pre-lit tree that is hinged for easy storage. But if you are starting from scratch, remember the lights should be strung throughout the tree, not stretched over the tips of the branches. Tuck your lights around the trunk, weave them in and out of the length of the branches to give the tree depth. Keeping the amount of lights uniform throughout the tree is important.

3. ADDING GARLAND There are several ways to place garland on a tree. The most traditional is to swag your garland, beginning on the bottom, at the back of the tree. Swag the garland from tip to tip, using 12-inch to 20-inch swags, de-

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each tip. The swags should become smaller as you go up the tree. Other styles are to double swag the garland with one row falling lower than the other or to spiral the garland at an angle on the tree.

There are also many types of garland to choose from. Midwest of Cannon Falls suggests everything from traditional berry or gold leaf garland to elegant Vintage blown glass beads and stretches your imagination with designs of fish, sporting equipment or gumball garland.

4. USING FILLER Filling the spaces inside the tree creates an enchanting look from the inside out. You can use ornaments, ribbon, garland, fruit, toys, mirrors, small gifts, cards or pinecones, whatever fits your theme.

5. THEMING YOUR TREE

It is important to choose a dominant subject or color for your tree. Most trees look best with a balance of texture, shape, size and color but this should be tied together with one element being dominant.

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6. DESIGN

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The key is to keep your theme in a basic motif - outdoors and nature, angelic and romantic, folk art and handcrafted. Western and Southwest, antique glass and heirlooms, nostalgic and family.

7. HANGING ORNAMENTS First determine how many ornaments you will need for the size of your tree.

Be sure ornaments are suspended and hang freely so they are not touching other branches. Shiny finishes should be hung

before matte or soft finishes. and bright colors before muted: colors. Each size, shape, texture: and color should be distributed over the entire tree. Larger ornaments should be placed on the lower part of the tree for bai ance.

For dramatic effects you cancluster several ornaments, com? bining different colors, sizes or shapes in one bunch, bound together with ribbon or a bow. These can be placed symmetric cally throughout the tree or joined and placed as a swag spi raling the tree.

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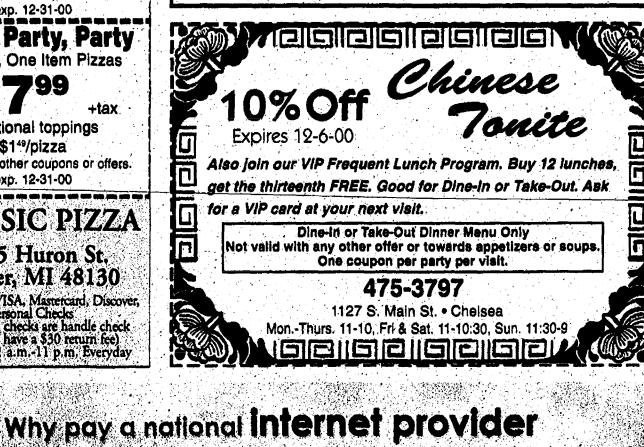
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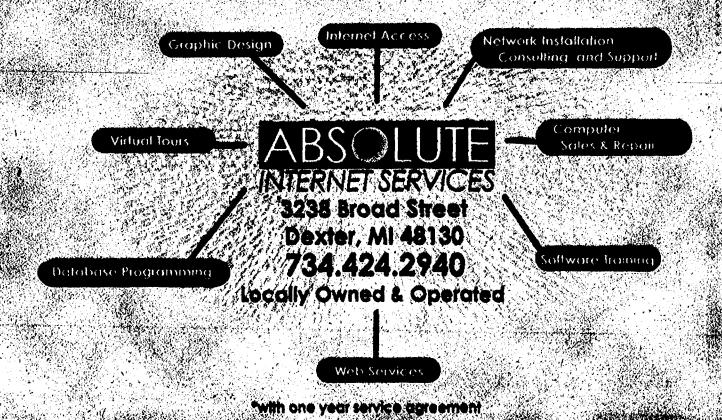
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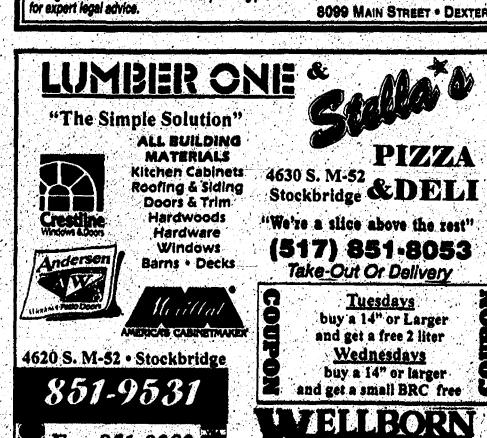
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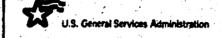
## Relay for life meeting

The 2001 Western Washtenaw Area Relay for Life effort has a meeting scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Monday at Chelsea Community Hospital in Private Dining

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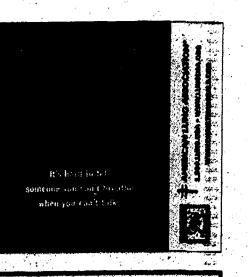
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Chelsea residents to receive academic honors are Domingo and Jordan Wolterson.

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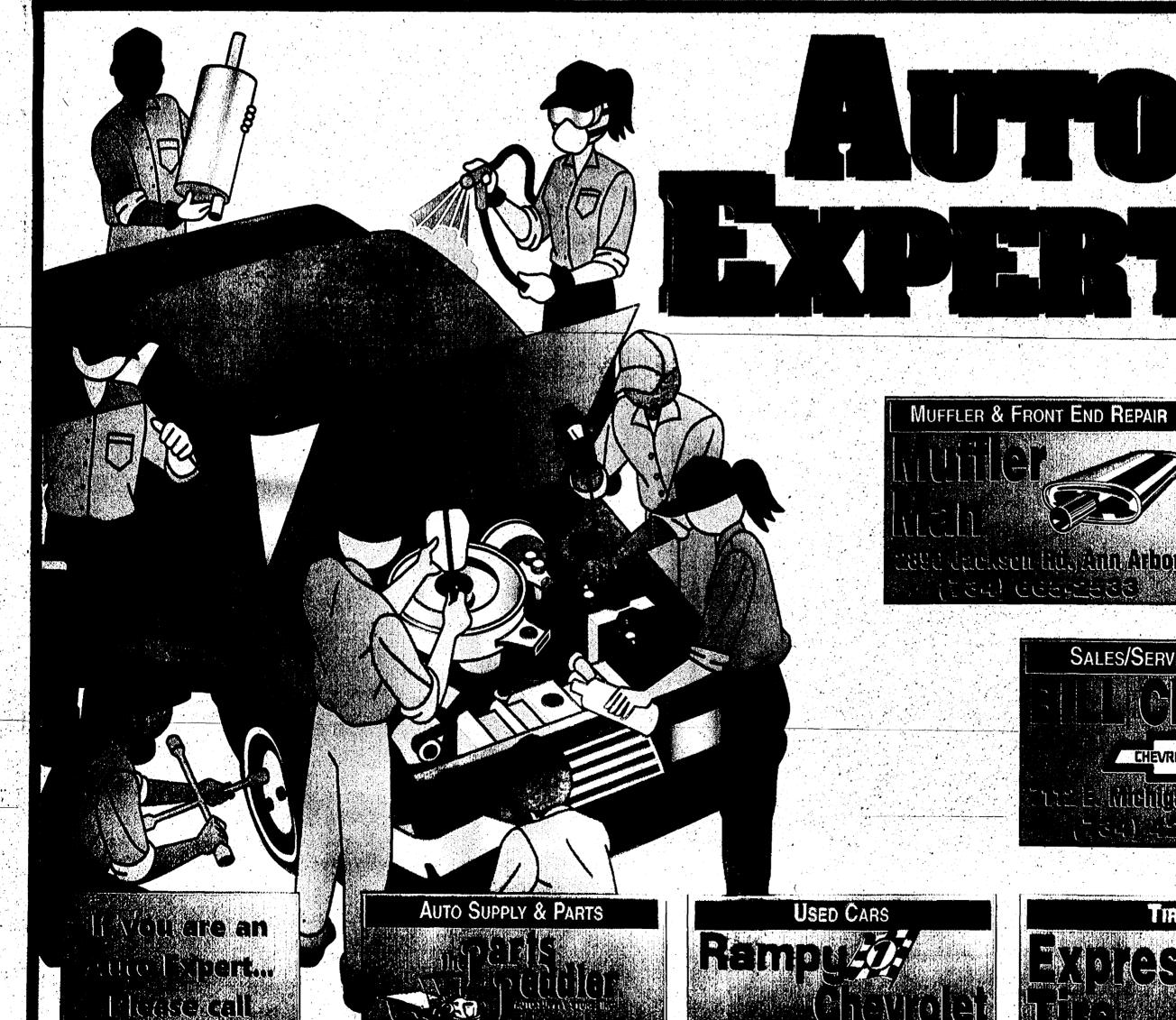




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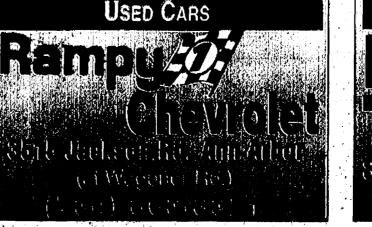


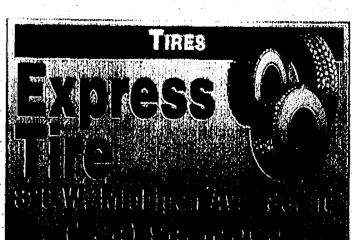
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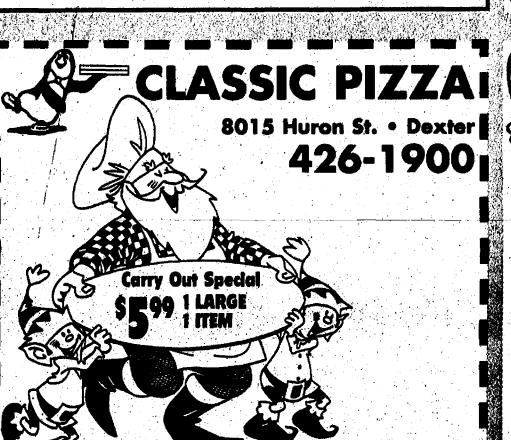


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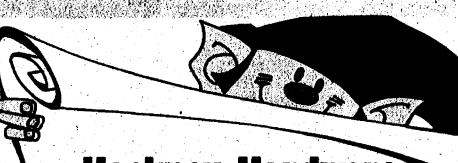
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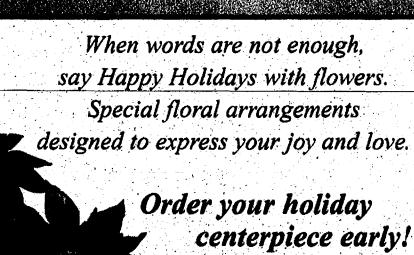
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**Future fifth-graders** 

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## Drivers should use caution in winter

Safe driving and winter weather can go hand in hand if drivers observe caution as they grapple with winter's tough weather ahead.

The Michigan Department of Transportation and the Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning advise motorists to put safety first when traveling Michigan highways this winter.

"Safety continues to be the top priority in our winter maintenance efforts," said State Transportation Director Jim DeSana. "We will be assembling our resources to keep the state's highway system clear of snow and ice in the coming months. We're depending on the motoring public to do its part and assist us in doing ours."

Maintenance crews are pre-

pared for winter's worst. MDOT expects to spend approximately \$60 million on winter maintenance this year, more than a quarter of its total maintenance budget. Through direct and contract forces. MDOT can mobilize hundreds of snowplows within minutes of an approaching storm.

"The current warm weather we're having can lull us into complacency," said Office of Highway Safety Planning Director Betty Mercer. "We must remember to use our safe driving habits to keep the state's highways safe and to be prepared for the inevitable blankets of snow and ice we contend with each year."

While MDOT is doing all it

can to keep people moving safely this winter, it and Office of Highway Safety Planning remind motorists to:

•Be cautious of bridges because they can be icy when the approaching pavement is clear and dry

•Always wear your safety belt and be sure children are properly buckled up

. Slow down when visibility is low or when road conditions

are snowy or icy Keep a safe space between your vehicle and snowplows

 Accelerate and brake slowly and avoid abrupt steering maneuvers, especially when merging or changing lanes:

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## Couple realizes dreams with daycare center

By Connie Makled Heritage Newspapers

Jane and Dave Horning of Dexter have realized a dream

They have completely renovated a house at 7394 Dexter-Ann Arbor Road and turned it into a daycare center they call Morning Star Child Care.

In September of last year, the couple came across the home and immediately saw the possibilities.

\_ Jane Horning has a master's degree in early childcare from Nova Southeastern University in Ft. Lauderdale and her husband is a familiar face in the community, serving as a priest at St. James' Episcopal Church in Dexter.

After Horning worked as a consultant and director devel-

oping several child-care facilities, including two under the auspices of the Lutheran Social Services called KidZone, she was ready to branch out on her

Sons Luke and Adam have been a big help during renovations, and Horning said that the church congregation also offered support during the pro-

"Throughout the construction phase of Morning Star, Dave and I were extremely grateful to have the support of our extended family and the members of St. James' Episcopal Church," Horning said.

"Many individuals generously volunteered time and labor to help us pass the seemingly endless list of licensing and zoning requirements necessary to younger children. open."

The daycare facility offers a full- and half-day preschool program. It also has a "pre-K experience" class for children 3 to 5 years old. School-age care is available for children 5 to 12 years old before and after school, Morning Star Child Care also offers a summer camp.

"The center uses Emergent curriculum based on collaboration between the children and their teacher, utilizing educational-based play," Horning said.

"We have mixed-age grouping of students, where young children can learn from watching and listening to the older children, and the older ones learn leadership skills and demonstrate their knowledge to the

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"We also emphasize family here," she said. "We're small enough so that the siblings can spend part of the day here. A child can start from the age of 1 and continue with us until they are 12. We're a home away from home.

"The children at Morning Star participate in a weekly music class. They are developing an appreciation for music through learning new songs, playing their homemade drums, and dancing with ribbons. Classical music is often played at rest time."

In addition, children who have parental permission are learning about Adam and Eve, Moses, Noah in the weekly bible

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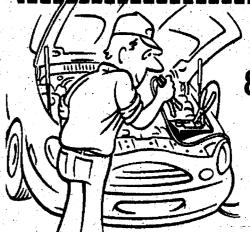
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## **POLICE BLOTTER**

#### Lima Township Larceny

Police were called Nov. 24 to the Clark Gas station, 2 S. Fletcher Road, to investigate a larceny from an employee's vehicle.

"The 18-year-old gas station employee told police his Hewlett Packard computer printer, his backpack with a number of schoolbooks and a personal check were missing from his car.

He told officers that the check had been cashed at a nearby bank. Arrest

A 911 caller contacted police at about 3:30 a.m. Nov. 16 to report a vehicle traveling the wrong way near I-94 and Pierce Road.

While en route, police were advised that the vehicle had spun out near M-52 and I-94.

Police followed the 1990 light blue Mazda 626 for approximately a mile and observed the vehicle cross the yellow line several times. It also was traveling well under the posted 70-mph speed

Police pulled over the 31-yearold Ypsilanti driver and arrest-'ed him for driving while under the influence of alcohol. Breaking/entering

A home in the 2500 block of Wylie Road was broken into between Oct. 16 and Nov. 3.

A neighbor had been watching The home while the homeowner was away on an extended vaca-

The neighbor told police that around noon Oct. 31 he arrived home for lunch and noticed a Jull-sized, white work van pulling out of his neighbor's driyeway. He said he noticed a large rack on top of the van, but told police he was unable to see the driver or the license plate.

The neighbor said he is unsure if the van could have been involved with the break-

There was no report of anything damaged or missing from

## Sylvan Township Emotional disturbance

Police were called in the early evening Nov. 21 to the St. Louis Home for Boys, 16195 Old US-12, to help break up a fight between a resident and a supervisor.
When police arrived, the

supervisor was struggling with a 20-year-old male resident on the floor. The supervisor said he did not feel safe with the resident staying in the group home, and requested that he be taken for psychiatric evaluation.

Police took the man to the University of Michigan Medical center's psychiatric emergency

#### **Dexter Township** Police obstruction

A Dexter man was arrested at about 1 p.m. Nov. 18 after driving the wrong way on Waterloo Road near Tanglewood Trail and then struggling with a police officer.

The officer said the incident began when he was eastbound on Waterloo Road and noticed a white panel van traveling west near the 90-degree curve at Tanglewood Trail. The officer approached the curve and noticed the van cross the center of the road and enter the patrol car's path. The officer veered off the road to avoid a head-on col-

The 43-year-old van driver told police that he thought he was on the wrong road. While the officer called for backup, the driver got out of his vehicle and was out of sight of the officer.

He was advised to return to his car, but he did not comply. He struggled with officers once they found him and then was arrested for obstructing an offi-

#### Webster Township

Fire Police were called around 10 a.m. Nov. 9 to the 7800 block of Huron River Drive to assist with a vehicle fire.

When they arrived, a 1971 red Ford stake truck parked under a three-sided roofed structure was engulfed in flames. Fire had spread onto the back wall and roof of the structure.

No one was inside the truck or the structure.

The owner said he started the truck at about 10 a.m. and that it was "sounding rough." He then pushed down on the accelerator a couple of times. He got out of the truck and noticed that the ground under the engine was on fire. He ran to the house and called 911.

The owner said the truck was worth approximately \$5,000. Damage to the structure was estimated at \$1,000.

#### Scio Township Fraud

Police are investigating a credit card fraud complaint that was reported Nov. 16 after a 62year-old woman's purse was stolen from a photography store in downtown Ann Arbor.

The woman contacted police and her credit card company. The company froze her account, but told her someone already had made purchases with her

The woman contacted the merchants where the card was used: Sun and Snow Sports, 3990 Jackson Road, and Clark Gas Station, 3535 Jackson Road.

The thief charged more than \$1,100 worth of merchandise at the sporting goods store and an undisclosed amount at the gas station.

Larceny Twelve silver Elvis Zippo lighters were taken from a display case at about 1 a.m. Nov. 19 at the Travel America Truck Stop, 200 Baker Road.

The truck stop manager saidthe lighter display case was locked at 1 a.m. and at about 3 a.m. he noticed the display open

and lighters missing. He said he did not notice any-

one near the case, but was away from the case while he was cleaning.

The lighters are valued at more than \$400.

A cashier at the Pilot Travel Center, 195 Baker Road, called police at 11 a.m. Nov. 12 when a woman pumped more than \$7 worth of gas in her four-door Buick and drove away.

The cashier said the vehicle pulled up to pump 10 and started pumping gas. The driver did not come inside to pay nor pay at the pump.

The woman left the gas station, drove south on Baker Road and turned east on Jackson Road. No license plate information was obtained. Fire

Police were called at 10 p.m. Nov. 20 to A2 Auto Shop, on 745 South Wagner Road to assist with a fire.

A 56-year-old man, who stays in a trailer at the rear of the business, called police when he saw smoke coming from a Chevy Geo parked next to the building.

Police contacted the shop's owner and manager, a 49-yearold Dexter resident. He said a barrel heater, a device for heating a compound that seals cracks on vehicles, was located in the rear of the building. Police believe the heater may have overheated and caused the fire.

Assault and battery Police are investigating a fight at the Ann Arbor Saturn dealer-

ship, 500 Auto Mall Drive The assistant service manager,

33, told police that a man in his 20s came in to dispute a repair bill at about 5 p.m. Nov. 16.

The man insisted on getting a refund, and hit the assistant

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manager, cutting his mouth and face. The assistant manager fell to the floor and the man kicked him. Two witnesses pulled the man off the assistant manager, and the man left in a 1991 black four-door Saturn.

#### **Dexter Village**

Police responded to a car in a ditch at 11 p.m. Nov. 10 on Dexter Pinckney Road near Sarah Drive. An officer noticed the driver, a 22-year-old Pinckney resident, walking south on Dexter Pinckney Road. The man had a bloody face and seemed disoriented. The officer could smell alcohol on the man's breath.

The man said he had a few beers at a bowling center and felt he was all right to drive. He had veered off the road and into the ditch.

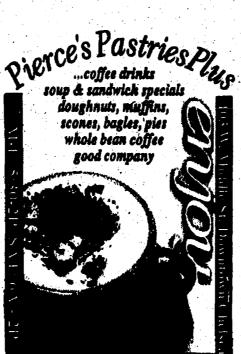
The man was taken to McPherson Hospital for blood tests. He was arrested and taken to the Washtenaw County Jail.

#### Chelsea Village Domestic violence

A 34-year-old woman was picked up by a passer-by Nov. 16 in downtown Chelsea after her boyfriend pushed her out of a moving car.

The woman was scheduled to testify in a pending domestic violence case against the man, but said she did not want to testify and left the court building.

The two later took a drive and stopped at a store in Stockbridge to buy vodka.



man pushed the woman out of the car. He went back to pick her up and apologized.

She was treated for abrasions at Chelsea Community Hospital and released. She told police she did not want to press charges against her boyfriend

They began to argue and the Police contacted Safe House. a shelter for victims of domestic violence.

> (Compiled by Staff Writer Will Keeler based on reports filed with Chelsea police and the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department.)

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## **COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

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Fri.-Sun. Dec. 1-3

Holiday Greens Marketplace, wreaths & garlands for sale, Chelsea First United Methodist Church. 6:30-9 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Saturday and 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Sunday. Saturday, Dec. 2

Free Snowmobile Classes spon-, sored by Chelsea American Legion, 9 a.m. Legion Hall on Ridge Road at Cavanaugh Lake. (734) 475-7212.

Pierce's Pastries Plus, 103 W. Middle St., "Mornings, Mochas & 'Melodies," featuring live folk and acoustic music 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturdays. This week's Entertainment is Laurel Federbush. 475-6081.

Monday, Dec. 4

2001 Western Washtenaw Area Relay for Life Committee 6:30 p.m. Chelsea Community Hospital, Dining Room A.

Wednesday, Dec. 6 ChelseaCare Home Health Flu Clinic, Silver Maples Retirement Center 9 a.m.-noon, \$10, or ChelseaCare will bill Medicare/Medicaid beneficiaries. Adults only.

Thursday, Dec. 7 Flu Clinic Polly's Market 9

a.m. to noon. Adults only. Sunday, Dec. 10

AAU Girls Basketball Tryouts, "14-, 15- and 16-year-olds, 6 p.m. Beach Middle School. Call Art Finger, 475-8792 or Brian Koch. 475-3353.

#### CHELSEA MISCELLANEOUS **Thursday**

Cheisea American Legion Herbert J. McKune Post 31 meets at 8 p.m. the first Thursday of the month. Call Pat Merkel, 475-1824.

Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce board of directors meets the third Thursday of each month. Call 475-1145.

Chelsea Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors meets the first Thursday of each month Call Bob Pierce, 475-6081, or the

chamber office, 475-1145.
Chelsea First United Methodist
Church monthly dinner is
served from 5 to 7 p.m. the second Thursday of the month at

Grams Hall, 128 Park St. Call 475-8119.

Little Professor Reading Group for adults meets at 11:30 a.m. every other Thursday. Call 433-

Senior Nutrition Program meets at noon Thursdays, Waterloo Township Hall. Call 475-7439 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Lunches, cards fellowship.

Friday Chelsea Arbor Treatment Center offers a new Nicotine Anonymous meeting noon to 1 p.m. Fridays in the Community Room, 900 Victor's Way, Suite 310, Ann Arbor Call 930-0201. Saturday .

Christian Film Ministries offers a free family oriented film at 7 p.m. the second Saturday of the month, Chelsea Community Hospital, Woodland Room B. Call 433-0902.

Sunday The Parkinson Education and Support Group of Washtenaw County meets 1:30 to 4 p.m. the second Sunday of the month. Call 741-9209 or 1-800-852-9781.

Chelsea Area Garden Club meets 12:30 p.m. the second Monday of the month, First United Methodist Church, 128 Park St. Summer and holiday meetings may vary. For information, call Jennifer Kundak, publicity chairwoman, 475-2424, or

e-mail jak@mich.com
Chelsea Kiwanis Club meets at
6:15 p.m. every Monday at
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Overeaters Anonymous meets 7:30 p.m. Mondays at First United Methodist Church. Tuesday

Chelsea Amateur Radio Club (rptr: 145.45) meets at 7 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of the month at Key Bank, 1478 Chelsea-Manchester Road. Holiday season meetings may vary. Call Jeff Cowall (N8KPA), 475-2424 or e-

mail jcowall@fame.com. Chelsea District Library Board meets at 7 p.m. the third Tuesday of the month in the Washington Street Education Center meet-

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

Chelsea Rotary Club meets at 12:30 p.m. every Tuesday at the Common Grill. Euchre Party is 7 p.m. every

Tuesday at the Chelsea Senior Citizen Center in the Faith in Action building. Call 475-9242.

Commission meets at 8 p.m. the third Tuesday of the month.

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

Wednesday Chelsea Community Hospital offers sanchin-ryu self-defense/karate classes, now through Dec. 20. Children's ses-sion (K-6) runs 6 to 7 p.m. with the adult and family session 7 to 9 p.m. Call 475-4103.

Chelsea Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4076 meets at 7:30 p.m. the second Wednesday of every month. Call LeRoy Fulcher, 475-

Friends of Chelsea District Library meet the first Wednesday of the month, 7:30 p.m., Chelsea District Library, 500 E. Washington St. Call Tom Gerstenlauer at 475-7500 or Jennifer Kundak at 475-2424.

Grief Support Group is for people who have experienced the death of a loved one, offered as a community service by the Chelsea Retirement Community. Me-etings 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. Wed-nesdays. Call 475-8633 for loca-

Club meets at 7 p.m. the second Wednesday of the month at the Chelsea Depot on Jackson Street. Call Helen Brown, 1-517-522-

Chelsea Senior Nutrition Program meets at the Senior Center. To reserve lunch, call Arlene Larson a day ahead at 475-0160. Faith in Action House Com-

munity Center is open daily and

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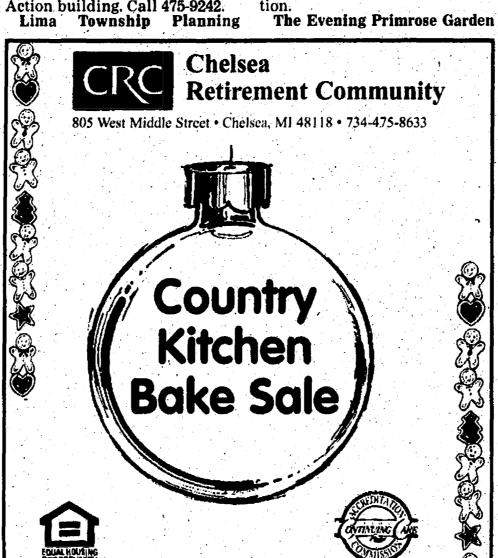
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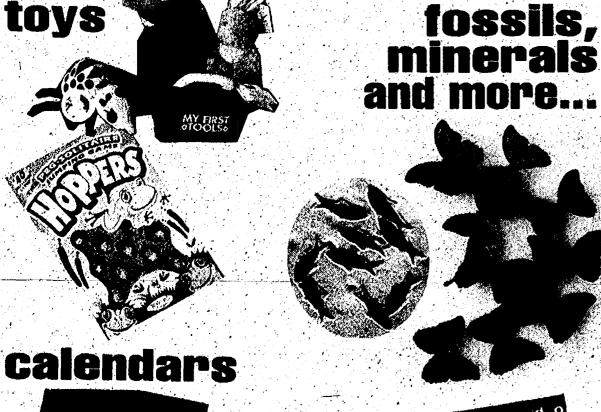


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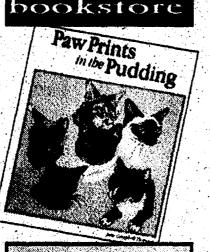
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Friday, December 8, 5-7 pm Flutist Lynne Tenbusch entertains Flute melodies for the enjoyment of shoppers.

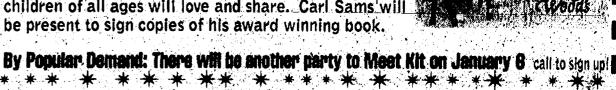
Friday, December 8, 7 pm William Carlos Williams visits Dead Poet's Society Poetry night this month features the poetry of William Carlos Williams followed by Open Mike for local poets. Bring your favorite WCW poem to read or just sit back and enjoy owner

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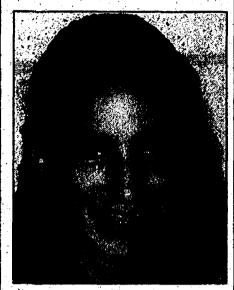
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# Street

By Erin Dronen

"What were you most thankful for at Thanksgiving?"



"I was most thankful for the time off school and the good food. And that it started the Christmas shopping season at the mall."

> Jessi Katz **Sharon Township**



"I'm thankful for my mom adopting me."

Erica Sprinkle Sylvan Township



'I'm thankful for my family and that I have a place to live and have such good friends."

Colleen Shanks Lyndon Township



"My family." Aaron Connell Lima Township



"I'd have to say, my fami-

Ryan Montgomery

Washtenaw County

## One person's junk is another's history



HOME FRONT

Our house looks fairly organized now. The vinyl siding is all up and looking great and all the windows on the three visible sides have been stripped and repainted. There's one, back by the deck, that needs to be replaced. I'll get around to it.

Inside the house we've stopped piling laundry on the spare table on the sun porch. Now we mostly pile it on the treadmill, which no one uses much anyway.

The dining room is almost finished. The new oak flooring is completely finished and we have just some painting and a

few feet of moulding left to do. The power tools, big bags of dog food, and pots and potting soil are all gone. Hauled out. too, were the 1968 Camaro fend-

ers, which we had turned upside down and used as a repository for the dog food.

After four years of sanding and hammering, my son finally reassembled the Camaro. Things are probably just about as good as they're going to get until we buy a smaller house and are forced to part with some of our junk.

Our garage, however, leaves me feeling uneasy. I drive by when the neighbors have their garage doors open and they actually have a car parked in there; some of them have two. And still they have room left over!

In theory, ours is a two-car garage. In practice it can hold a small car and a wheelbarrow. The rest of the space is occupied by various items, some quite large.

I took a flashlight and set out to do an inventory. Although we have lights (four of them) in the garage, boxes are stacked so high they don't cast much light.

After a half-day of inventorytaking, I found the following: a matched washer and dryer. My daughter bought them at a moving sale and we stored them while her house was built. That

was several years ago and she discovered that they ran on 220 volts of electrical power.

She bought new ones, so we piled stuff on them. The pile now includes partially used bags of fertilizer, broken flower pots, potting soil, a handle-less shovel, two boxes of obsolete electronic parts and two pairs of pruning shears, whose usefulness is debatable since someone used them to cut electrical wires and fused the blades.

My inventory included a tree. even though I haven't yet found it. I know it's there. I distinctly remember having the hard maple tree ripped into boards for some furniture I was going to build.

My son and I stacked the boards real neatly with lots of air space all around so they would dry evenly and not warp. That was around 1980, I think, because there's two boxes of homemade pickles labeled 1981 piled up just about where the tree ought to be.

I'll bet those boards are really dry by now. Also on the same pile are boxes labeled melamine dinnerware, plastic glasses and Dino soap. Some of the boxes aren't labeled. I assume they're mystery boxes.

I didn't find the old roto-tiller. I remember it like it was vesterday when the tiller died and I had to put it in the wheelbarrow. At the time we figured it was cheaper to buy a new one than have the old one repaired. So there it sits.

Quite frankly, I've gotten used to having it sit there, kind of makes efficient use of the available space. Besides. I never really got around to buying a new one.

I always hated spending an entire spring day trying to get the balky thing started. I now hire someone to till the garden.

There are blue plastic barrels and brown fiberboard drums full of all kinds of stuff. They kind of bridge the gap between the boxes and the camping trail-

We don't use it anymore, so we put it up on its side and piled more boxes on top.

Also, there's the shower door and the frame from when we redid the bathroom years ago up there. Since the name on the trailer is Sea-Nymph, it somehow seemed appropriate to put the shower doors there in keeping with the nautical theme.

parking strips that go bump to contact him.

when you've pulled far enough into the garage. We just judge it by the crinkle of the blue plastic barrels. If you don't hear them, then you can't close the garage door.

It's important to be careful and not crunch the barrels too much: it might loosen the shower doors and they'd fall on the car. We can't park a full-sized car in the garage; we'd never shut the doors.

Cleaning up and removing all these things would be just too much. They weren't good enough to keep, but they certainly were too good to throw away. It's a family dilemma. Besides, the only way I could clean up the garage would be to build another one just for stor-

I have to admit one thing. I've stopped making fun of all those people who still have their Christmas lights up in July and have cars jacked up on blocks in their back yards.

Semi-retired free-lance photographer Ron Wheeler enjoys woodworking, gardening and traveling. We don't need those plastic Send e-mail to rwhot@hotmail.com

## Sin and syntax

## Today's teenagers have their own strange language

By Kay Quick Heritage Newspapers

When I was in Canada a couple of weeks ago I bought The Toronto Star. I love newspapers from foreign countries - notthat Canada is very foreign and usually I find something that has to do with my interest in language.

What I found in The Star is less about what I think of as proper language, than rather about slang, or what we might call "slanguage." I read a long article about present slang by Sam Grewel, a journalist.

This was about new words, mostly used by teen-agers. Now, I don't know if American teens use the same slang that Canadian teens do, probably

because I don't spend much time with the young. Not that I wouldn't like to, but the teenagers I know best, my grandchildren, are all far away.

Perhaps you who read the following list accept, or at least understand, these words and phrases. I can only say that all of them are new to me.

The following were described as "Street Talk." Facheezie: definitely true.

Ill. sick, bomb, phat: synonyms for good. 411: what's the gossip?

Burbulating: relaxing. Skrill: money. Phat skrill: to make lots of

money. Fly girl: party girl. Whoody: close friend.

Cougar: an attractive, flirtatious older woman.

Sperm donor: a father who's

never around.



Cheater: a girl who looks pretty from a distance, but not up

Sweet cheater: a pretty girl. Model: someone who's fake or

too skinny.

parents or other older people who don't understand technology — just call me Mrs. Flintstone!

Now this is a sentence that the hip (is it all right to use "hip" to mean "with it," or is that too oldfashioned?) writer of the article I read says that he heard from a group of boys — well, he said "guys," not boys — "modulating at the cube." That means "relaxing at the mall."

"Yeah, I wuzz ganked by my tenda. My dogs are in my grate now 24/7, buggin all over me." This is what he says it means: the fellow's girlfriend (tenda) broke up with him (ganked him) and now his buddies (dogs) are in his face (grate) constantly

Flintstones: a term to describe (24/7) because they're upset (buggin) about it.

Please, dear readers, if you know teen-agers, get them to read this and let me know. Is this kind of slanguage common only in Canada or do Michigan teens talk like this?

It occurs to me, though, that they may not want to let you know the kind of slang terms that they use because then they couldn't conceal things from you if you should hear them talking to their friends.

Or, perhaps, they think that you're such a Flintstone that you couldn't possibly understand anyway.

Kay Quick, a retired teacher, is a regular columnist for The Guardian Newspaper in Monroe.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Library board has nothing to hide

In a recent letter to the editor several residents of Orchard Street asked what the library. has to hide regarding their purchase of 121 Orchard St. The answer is "nothing."

There are differences between federal and state Freedom of Information Act guidelines: apparently they were unaware that the library operates under state guidelines and that the library follows the letter of the law.

It is clear they have an interest in the expansion plans of the library. The Chelsea District Library Board takes the concerns of all community members seriously and would like to take this opportunity to encourage participation in the library planning session from: 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Dec. 16 in the board meeting room at the Washington Street Education

Our building expansion plans have been ongoing since 1997 and we are at the stage where the services, look and feel of our building will be refined. It is our sincere hope that all community residents attend for some part of this planning session with our architect.

Hoping to see you there. Metta Lansdale Chelsea District Library Director

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young age. "Why?" will be asked more times than we can Nothing seems like it will

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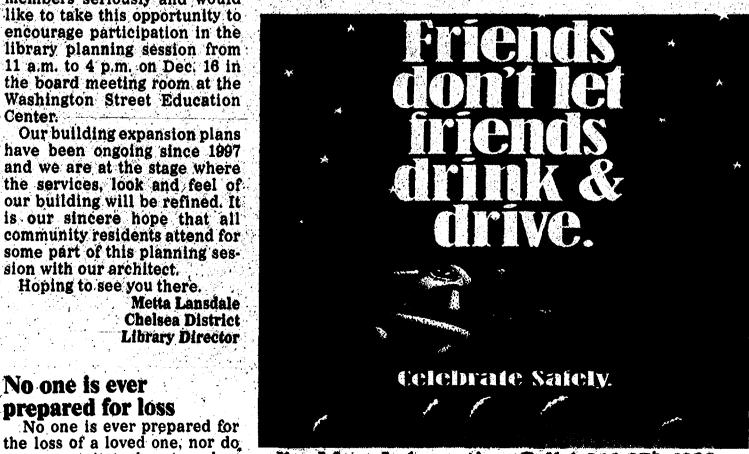
At some point we need to believe that peace will settle in. However, we may find it. Whether it be that we trust that our loved one now has become our special guardian angel, or maybe in just trying to believe in our hearts that they are in a more beautiful place than we could ever imagine.

This can only come with time and it will not be easy. But believe that after the anger and pain subside — for it never fully goes away — comes the peace. The letting go is truly

the pain. My prayers go out to the family and friends of Tia Schiller, Amanda Martin and Jennifer Young. This is all I have to give, but please remember that you are not alone even though it

may truly feel that way at times. Allow your loved ones to be there for you, for shutting them out only brings more pain, These words come from experience and from knowing how lonely that choice can turn out to be. We do what we have to, to get through, but the wrong choice only adds to the pain.

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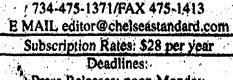
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## New study looks at back pain

As the population ages, it's more important than ever to get to the root of the aches and pains that come with getting older.

Recognizing that, University of Michigan researchers have documented for the first time the effects of chronic back pain on older people. The results show that older people can suffer substantial physical impairment and disability because of back pain.

That research was recently presented at the American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation annual assembly in San Francisco by Dr. Andrew Haig, U of M associate professor of physical medicine and rehabilitation, and medical director of the U of M Spine Program.

"Research on spinal disorders that are common in the elderly, such as spinal stenosis, focuses largely on the treatment, not the patient population, their pain, disability or quality of life," Haig said. "We've found that older sufferers' healthrelated quality of life is greatly decreased when compared to the U.S. population as a whole."

In the study, funded by the Michigan Rehabilitation Engineering Research Center of the National Institute for Disability and Rehabilitation Research, researchers took 32 patients between the ages of 57 and 92 with significant back pain through a geriatric variation of the U of M Spine Program's standard back assessment.

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It includes a multidisciplinary, one-stop visit with a team of experts in everything from psychology to physical therapy. After meeting with the patient, the team comes up with an individualized plan for treatment.

Data from the 32 older patients — average age of 71.4 and 75 percent female - were compared to data collected from 429 adults who also underwent a standard back assessment. The results showed the older people had a great amount of disability.

Only 5 percent of the study participants could make their own bed. Nearly 97 percent needed assistance when climbing stairs and 65 percent needed help to dress their lower extremities.

The study also showed that older people who have this fairly significant disability appear to be less depressed than the younger back pain sufferers. They seem to have less fear of pain, Haig said, and fewer of them are psychologically dysfunctional compared to younger people.

"And we have the general impression that the older people had less need to perform physically than the younger people," he said. "Older people's lives could be more flexible."

But their ability to adopt to pain can mean that they suffer more than they need to.

They can get worse functionally before anybody makes a big deal out of it," Haig said. "Nobody does anything about it

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until it begins to affect their basic survival skills."

This research suggests that. because of the complexity of factors that relate to older people's quality of life, a multidisciplinary assessment - like the U of M Spine Program's — is necessary to optimize care of older back pain sufferers.

"You must look beyond the disease to try to rehabilitate the disabilities caused by the disease," Haig said. "A lot of people assume that what's wrong with you dictates what you can do. That's not true. We know that people with the same problems can do different things. If there's not a cure, they need to look for rehabilitation.'

Elderly back pain can be caused by a variety of factors. Often a diagnosis can't be

"Many of these patients have arthritis of the spine. There may be many diagnoses, but there may not be a good treatment source," Haig said. "Many older people are not candidates for surgery and most older people are left with the fact that they must deal with it."

That means that when surgical measures or medications aren't options, older sufferers need to ask their doctors how they can be rehabilitated to circumvent the problem and plan a course to a better quality of life, Haig said.w

A new U of M program, the Senior Restoration Program, aims to help rehabilitate older sufferers. Nearly 50 patients already are a part of the program. An upcoming study will document the success of those back pain sufferers.

"If they have back pain, they need to understand what to be afraid of and what not to be afraid of," Haig said. "They need to become physically active and make sure they are coping well emotionally. They need to make sure they are able to do things."

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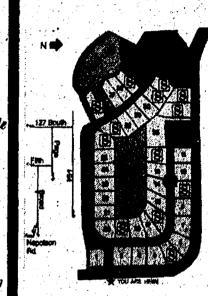
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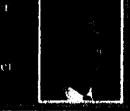
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## Local resident helps adolescents on their journey

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Groven; an individual and himly therapist for the past 20 ears has had a practice in the usea area for the past three years with clients from Chel-Lea, Dexter and Manchester. te was previously based in

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**Having taught elementary** iddi and received certificaon as a school social worker, m especially interested in the toblems facing young people our changing society," she

Grogan is a facilitator of Rites of Passage," programs developed to help young people successfully move forward into adulthood.

Young people need strucure to be able to explore their tientity,": Grogan says, "This ncludes learning more about family and community history gories and values, and identify,

ng heroes as role models The Rites of Passage model



transition between childhood and adulthood."

Grogan suggests a mentor perhaps an aunt, uncle or close family friend — can help kids along during their growing allows for a safe and bealthy pains and prepare them for

responsible adulthood.

While living in Italy, Mexico and Japan, Grogan was Impressed by the importance of Rites of Passage ceremonies in these cultures.

"When I lived in Texas, I par-

ticipated in Quincineros ceremonies, for Mexican-American girls turning 15." she says

"A while ago, a friend asked me to help her design a special ceremony for her daughter. who was turning 18. We invited

other women friends who shared stories of their own adolescence, touching on aspects of our lives that elicited sad-

ness, anger, pride and joy." The women then presented the teen-ager with small, symbolic gifts representing the strengths they saw in her. The girl shared her hopes and fears about moving into adolescence.

"Songs and good food were also part of this special event," Grogan says.

Participants in a Rites of Passage program explore the special needs of their society, helped by adult mentors who assist the young people in identifying their own personal strengths and struggles.

"We use creative activities art, music and storytelling — as an outlet for expressing hopes and concerns," Grogan says.

The program, which includes a service project, culminates in some sort of celebration, a recognition by peers, family and the community.

A few years ago, Grogan had a surprise phone call from a young college student, a former client.

me because of a history of gang violence," Grogan says. "I asked him to imagine talking to some strong role models. He chose two of his uncles and political leader Martin Luther

By using them as role models, this boy was able to break away from the past and move on to better things, an accomplishment his parents marked with a celebration party," she says.

Grogan remembers times during her own adolescence when an adult mentor would have made a difference.

"I needed someone to help articulate some of the feelings that were too difficult to share, even with parents or close friends," she says.

As a child, Grogan cherished hearing stories of her mother's childhood in Ann Arbor, and of visits to a family farm near Dexter and a cabin on Cavanaugh Lake, near Cheisea. 🚕

Her own heroine and role model is abolitionist Sojourner Truth, who fought to emancipate slaves.

"I visited her grave in Battle Creek some years ago. I felt

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## Local woman Hollywood celeb

Ry Michelle Rogers

This local woman graced the stage of Miss America as a contestant and was known as the queen of TV commercials during the late 1960s.

She had bit parts in a handful of movies and was friends with rock'n' roll legend Elvis Presley. But around town she is better known for her work with baton

twirlers and beauty queen hopefuls. Rita Wilson Howard moved to Chelsea from England in the late 1970s and later launched

the Chelsea Baton Corp. Howard was born in Chicago the middle child and only daughter of Blonda and Thomas Wilson. At the time, World War II was under way and her father was stationed in the Windy City as an Army airplane mechanic.

The family later returned to Humboldt, Tenn., a town of some 10,000 people located near Jackson, where Howard's talent in baton and singing was nurtured.

Howard became a drum major in fourth grade, continuing with it through college. She started her own twirling school at the age of 14 and trained all of the twirlers at her high school.

Howard describes Bill Day,

the Humboldt High School band director, as a drill sergeant but said the discipline he shared helped her grow as a twirler.

"Many people inspired me, but he taught me discipline from a very young age," Howard says. During the last game of her senior year, Howard received. special recognition when Day arranged to have 57 college band directors in the audience

to watch his rising star perform. "I gave one of the top performances of · life," Howard says.

As a result. she was offered 55 full scholarships to college. Howard wanted to go to the University of Tennessee in Knoxville but was offered the head majorette slot and not the featured twirler position she wanted.

"That wasn't good enough for me," she recalls. "I had to be the top. So that eliminated the University of Tennessee."

Instead, Howard decided to enroll at the University of Mississippi, which at the time had the No. 1 football team in the country. Coming from a family gung-ho about the sport and knowing the University of Mississippi had turned out two Miss America winners, the decision was easy for Howard.

By accepting the university's offer, Howard turned down a full ride to McNese State College in Louisiana that included a car for her to drive and three complimentary airplane tickets home a year.

"It was like a football scholarship. They offered me everything," she recalls.

> "But Ole Miss was the place to go." Howard had dreams of becoming

an ophthalmologist, a career encouraged by her hometown eye doctor, Erving Fielderman. An industrious student and young businesswoman at heart, Howard opened a competitive twirling school to earn extra

"So what extra time I had there I was teaching," she says. In 1961, between her sopho-

spending money at school.

more and junior years of college, Howard entered the Miss Tennessee beauty pageant and won. It was the third time she had entered. She grabbed second runner-up her first year and mad the top 10 her second year.

With the title came responsibilities. Howard became the official ambassador of the state and had to take a year off from school to make all of the engagements.

Howard earned \$40,000 that year in paid appearances. She earned \$50 for every charity appearance and \$100 for every business appearance, including ribbon cuttings.

During her reigning year, Howard, who had never traveled much, visited 48 states and saw Canada, Mexico and Jamaica.

"This was really an education," she says. "I really loved that year

because it literally changed my life and opened my eyes up to the fact there really is a big world out there." That same year, Howard represented Tennessee at the Miss

America pageant. But after making appearances in New York where it was damp and cool, and then traveling to Atlantic City, where it was 105 degrees, she became ill.

"I got tonsillitis and laryngitis really bad," Howard recalls.

down the long stage with a rash from a triple dose of penicillin

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The pageant hopeful walked Rita Wilson Howard is well known around the Chelsea and Dexter area for her contributions to the community. What's not so well known is her celebrity status. Howard is pictured on her deck with one of the three subdivisions her husband developed in the background.

## **GROGAN**

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very close to her, and asked if she would help me get started," Grogan says.

"Soon after that I met people in the African-American community who shared what they were doing in their churches."

In one church, after three years of study and service, young people journey to Africa and participate in a Rite of Passage with young village men in Namibia.

Grogan, who grew up in Detroit and Orchard Lake, enjoys painting and hiking, and is also a published author, playwright and poet.

She has just completed two books that describe passage experiences within the context of a fictional story.

"As Strong as the Wind, As Deep as a Canyon" was written to appeal to girls aged 9 through 14. "Percy and the Knight Riders, A Re-telling of the Grail Quest" is for youth ages 11 through 16.

The Heartlande Theatre Company featured her short play, "Wish Upon a Star" as part of their 1999 Play by Play performance season.

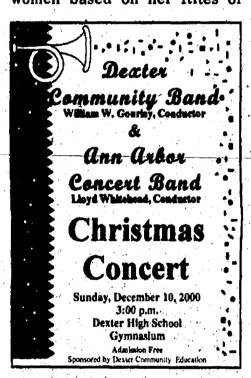
Her poem, "The Rapture," won a first place award in the Chelsea Poetry Competition 2000.

Grogan enjoys attending poetry readings at Little Professor Book Store, hiking with county park naturalist Matt Heumann, and being a member of the Tamarack Green Party of West Washtenaw.

"I'm an unofficial member of the Saturday morning Mocha and Melodies group at Pierce's Pastries," she says.

"I also hope to work more closely with Chelsea Area Responding to Teens."

In the New Year, Grogan hopes to initiate "Celebrating Changes," a group for girls and women based on her Rites of





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Passage research.

"The group will discuss developmental issues for women and provide opportunities for sharing stories and creative activities," Grogan says.

Her goal is to collaborate with other healing professionals in responding to the special needs of youth in the community.

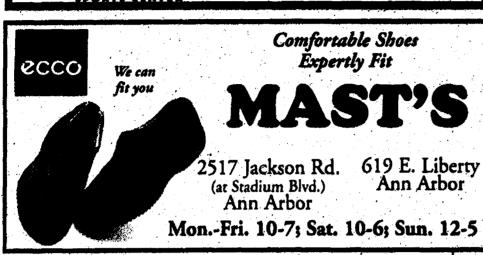
Among these are Lorin Kum-

mer, director of the Art Quest program at the Chelsea Center for the Development of the Arts; Dr. Patrick Munson, co-founder of Wildheart, a nature awareness and survival program; Bronwen Gates, botanist, healer and creator of flower essences; and Kent Walton, philosopher, psychologist and writer.

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programs which will challenge and inspire young (people) and adults alike," Grogan says.

Last March, Grogan co-sponsored the Global Art Project with Kummer, the Chelsea Tree of Life collage that was exchanged with the community of Columbine, Colo.

"We wanted to provide people with an opportunity to share their hopes for our community as we move together into the 21st Century," she says.





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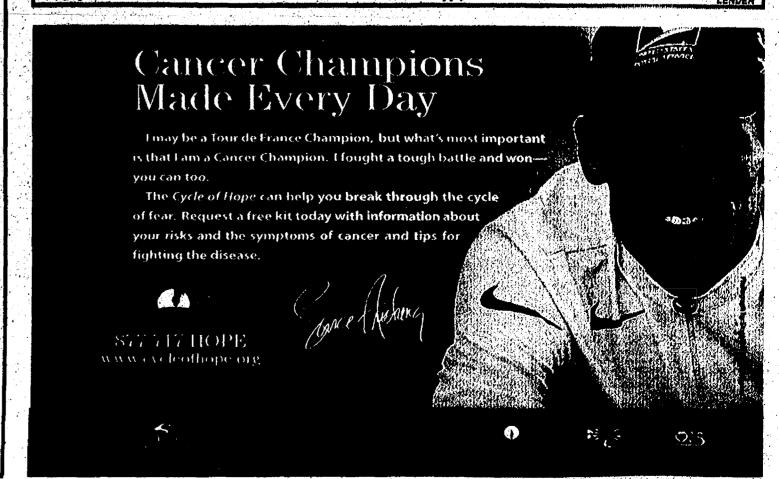


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## HOWARD

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"It's too bad because I hardly

remember the Miss America pageant," she says.

Despite her health problems, Howard grabbed 10th place. And she quickly bounced back, earning the 1962 Miss Dixie title, which at the time was the third top pageant in the United States. "It was one of those times

everything worked and I won everything," she says.

In all, she has captured 105 beauty pageant titles, winning 88 first-place crowns. Her first was as an infant, when she was named "The Future Miss Chicago" in a baby contest sponsored by The Chicago Tribune.

Howard returned to the University of Mississippi in the fall of 1962, the same year James Meredith, the first African American to enroll in a Southern university, arrived on cam-

"The school was a war zone," Howard says. "The students didn't care. It was people coming up, frankly, with no education, causing the problem."

As a result, her father took her out of school. Her story was told in the Memphis newspaper under the headline "Miss Tennessee Leaves Ole Miss."

Two days after returning to Humboldt, Howard received a surprising phone call. The producer of "Gypsy" had seen the article and her photograph and Twondered if she could sing and whether she had done any work in theater.

The producer told her that Sandra Church, the female lead in the production, was pregnant and they needed a replacement.

Since Howard had served as Lee Remick's baton twirling double in "A Face in the Crowd" at age 15 and had experience in TV working as the hostess for Wink Martindale's "Dance" Party" her senior year of high school, she was considered talented enough for the role.

In three days, Howard learned the music and dance steps for "Gypsy" and hit the road.

When the production closed in December, Howard decided to call Broadway producer David Merrick. He had judged her at the Miss America pageant and asked her to give him a call if she ever decided to go into the-

Merrick recommended Howard enroll at Northwestern University to study theater. It was January 1963 and mid-semester, but that didn't deter Howard. She called the president of the university and was accepted.

Moving to Chicago was a big change for Howard, who had spent most of her time in the South. That winter it was 22 degrees below zero and she didn't have a winter coat.

The rules were different, too. She could now wear blue jeans and didn't have to wear a girdle and stockings, which was required at Ole Miss.

During her two years at Northwestern, Howard had the lead in many plays. When she graduated, she wrote to Merrick and asked her what she should do. He invited her to New York City and set up an audition with a casting director.

Howard was told she needed more polish before making a career out of acting and singing, so Merrick helped her get into the Actors Studio, where stars Marilyn Monroe, Paul Newman and Marlon Brando had studied.

Howard worked hard, studying ballet four hours a day, and jazz, opera and vocal lessons, each an hour a day.

Then Howard got another surprising telephone call. Elvis Presley, who she beat once in a talent competition when they were teen-agers, wanted to know if she would be interested in doing a movie with him.

Presley made arrangements to fly Howard out to Hollywood to audition for the 1966 film "Spin Out." Although she didn't get the lead, Howard was offered a bit . the jet-set world and I didn't like part as a dancer.

Howard took a liking to Hollywood and decided to stay. She got an agent and started going on auditions. She landed many small roles, and appeared with Dean Martin in "Texas" Across the River" and Jerry Lewis in "Way, Way Out" in 1966.

Howard was considering going back to New York when she ran into Martindale on Hollywood Boulevard. They went to lunch and he suggested she try her hand at TV commercials.

Martindale introduced Howard to his agent, who sent her on an audition for a cigarette commercial. Company officials were looking for a wholesome-looking young woman with a western accent. Howard read for the casting director and a company representative and, to her surprise, was offered a contract on the spot.

For the next year, Howard was known as the "Bull Durham girl." She sang all of their jingles and appeared in their commercials.

Over the next few years, Howard appeared in hundreds of TV commercials, from Folger's coffee to Ajax dish washing liquid. In 1966, she was named the top commercial actress in Hollywood.

In 1968, Howard married her business manager, John Tigeritte, who was 30 years her senior. They moved to London when she

was cast with Vincent Price in a Dracula film. The part was taken away, however, when she couldn't get the go-ahead from higherups in England, who preferred

an English actress. During the next three years of her marriage. Howard lived the fine life. She had dinner with Grace Kelly and Prince Rainier of Monaco, as well as other celebrities and high rollers. But something was missing in her life,

"It was really shallow and I felt unchallenged," Howard says. "The values I had grown up with in the South didn't exist in

So in 1971, after just three years of marriage, Howard decided to call it quits. She was 31 years old.

Unsure about what to do with her life, Howard decided to spend some time with a friend from England. They went skiing in Austria and that's where Howard met her second husband, Peter.

"I saw this gorgeous blond Englishman and I went head over heels," she says.

"It was love at first sight and we married within three months. "He is the most exciting man

I've ever known, still to this day, and I adore him," she says. The couple marked 28 years of marriage this year. They have

three grown sons, all Dexter High school graduates. Son Peter is now an industrial designer in Chicago, Doug is a trained kinesiologist and works in industrial design with his older brother, and Winston is a junior at Arizona State University studying broadcast journal-

Howard and her husband, a gas analysis specialist, moved to the area from England in 1978 during the Energy Crisis. They initially settled in Chelsea, where Howard started the Chelsea Baton Corp, which she ran for eight years. During that time, she trained 57 national

champions. One memorable experience was when she took her students to Disney World during the late 1980s to perform "Baton on Broadway." The group raised money in the community to pay for the trip.

Since the age of 18, Howard has judged twirlers for the National Baton Twirling Association. She has also trained beauty contest hopefuls over the years. One of her most notable students was Chelsea's Laurie Honbaum. In all, she has helped train nine Miss Tennessee winners and two Miss Michigan.

In 1995, Howard helped to launch the Miss Washtenaw County pageant with Chelsea resident Laura Bloomensaat. During the last five years Howard has been involved with the program, Miss Washtenaw has had at least one contestant a year make it in the top 10 of the Miss Michigan contest and has produced two Miss Michigan winners.

The Howards moved to Scio Township in 1984, when Peter Howard decided he wanted to go into farming like his father. The couple bought the 220-acre Delhi Farms, one of the oldest working farms in Washtenaw County.

The family lived in the farmhouse, the second oldest home in the county, and raised cattle for eight years before the taxes got to be too much for them.

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He also developed an instrument for NASA that can deter-

mine the fitness level of astronauts.

Now with their sons grown and living out of state, the Howards have decided to start a new chapter in their life. They have sold their home and are preparing to relocate to Rita Howard's hometown.

The couple has bought a home in Humboldt with a mother-inlaw suite for her mother and a laboratory for Peter. They've also purchased a 54-foot Berchtram convertible yacht and plan to spend five months of the year sailing the Caribbean.

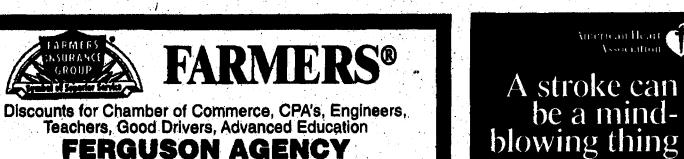
"We don't know if we will like it or not, but we'll try it." Howard says. "It sounds fun and exciting.

"We're not the type of move to Florida and relax," she says. "We have to have action in our lives."

In her spare time, Howard enjoys doing crossword puzzles. The only quirky thing about her. she says, is that she used to be so organized that she knew the exact number of canned goods in her cupboard.

"Children has changed that over the years," she says.



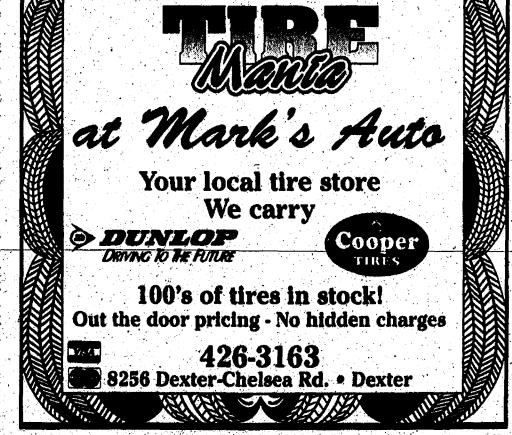


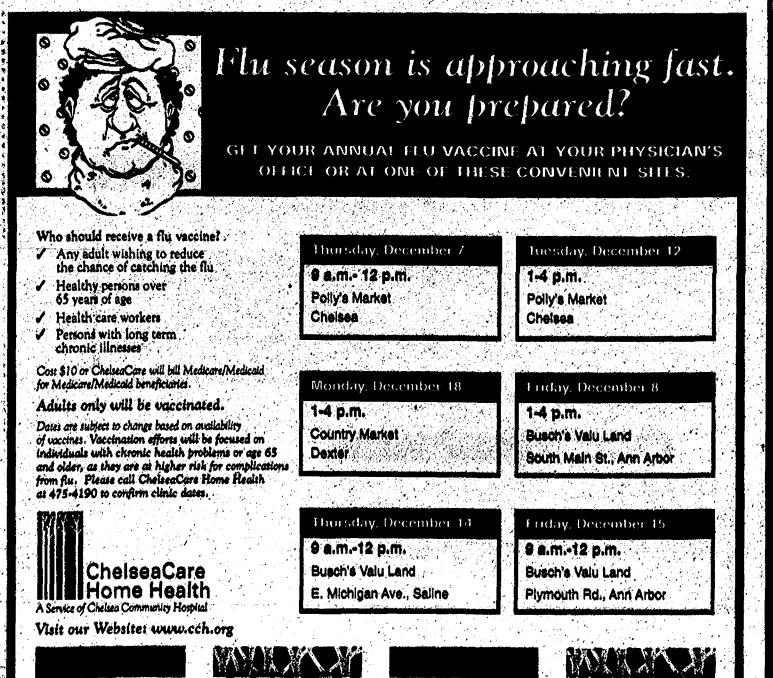


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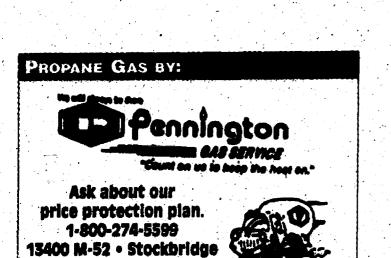
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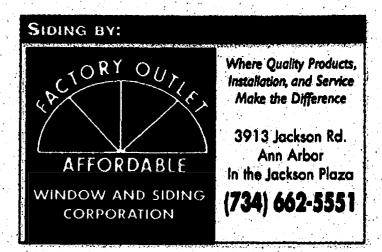


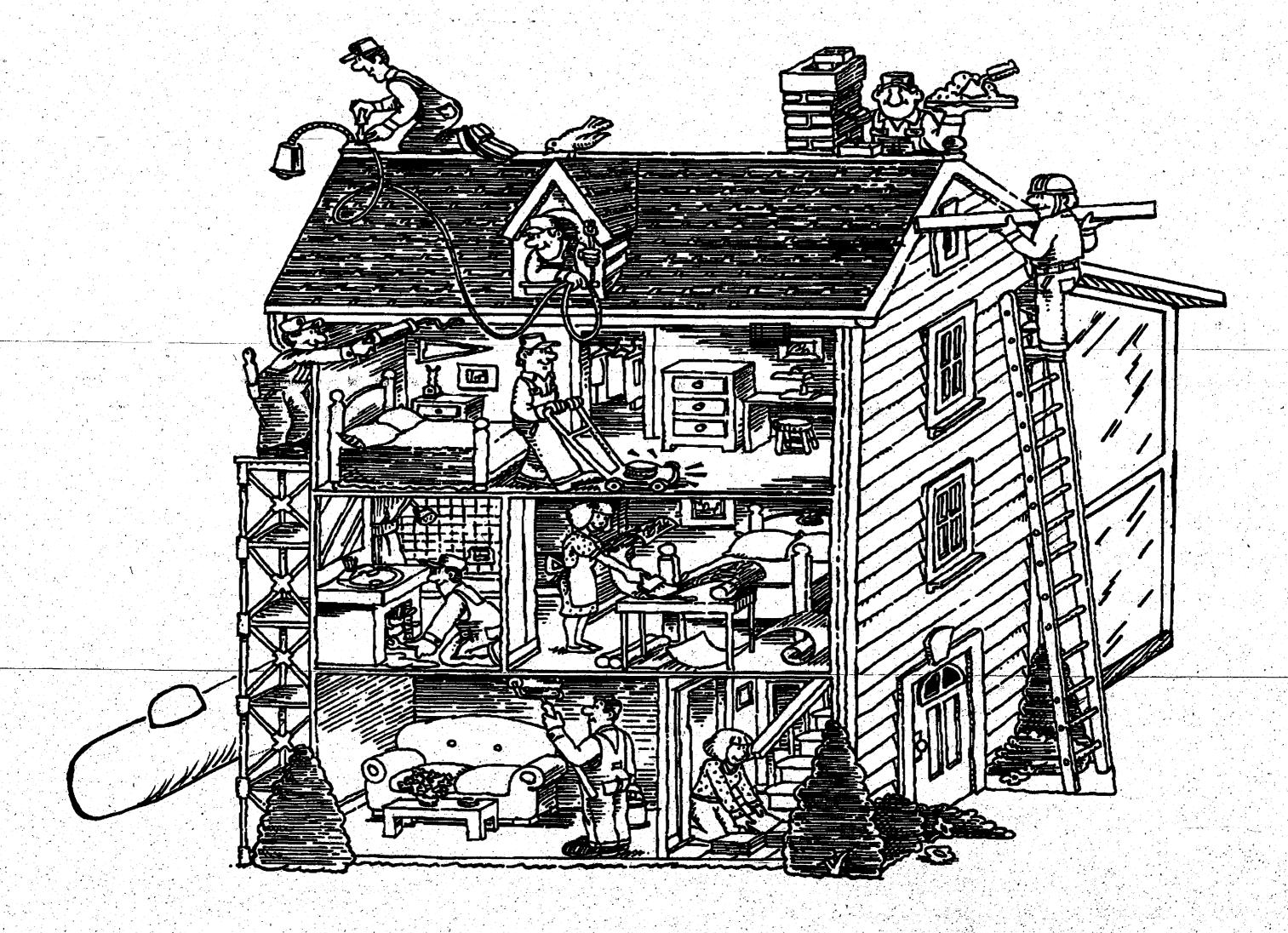








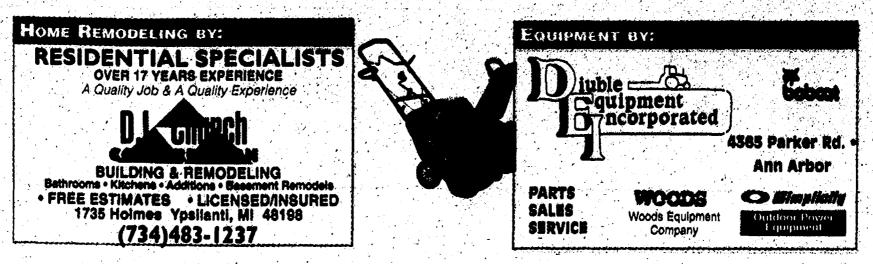


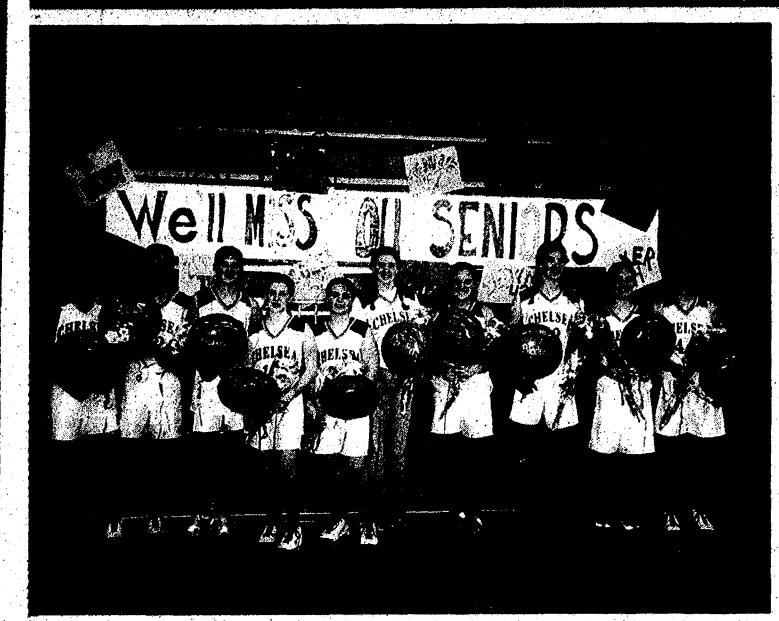












The Chelsea senior girls' basketball players helped lead the Bulldogs to a district championship this season. Senior members are Lindsey Baker (left), Caitlin Deis, Michelle Dettling, Betsy Ruhlig, Tara Koch, Sally Compton, Jennie Diesing, Caitlin Biedron, Jessie Cole and Josie Wells.

## Dawgs out of tourney

**By Don Richter** Staff Writer

The Chelsea girls' basketball team bowed out of the state tournament last week, falling 61-54 to Detroit Catholic League hower Dearborn Divine Child.

The well-played regional semifinal saw the Bulldogs (20-4) come back from a 10-point halftime deficit to take a 2-point

lead with 6:00 left in the game. But a 12-0 Falcon run to end the fourth quarter sealed Chelsea's fate and ended its season.

According to Chelsea Coach Todd Blomquist, Divine Child's pressure defense wore down his squad.

"Divine Child plays very hard and forces you into mistakes," he said.

The Bulldogs played the Falcons nose-to-nose throughout most of the game, but just didn't have enough at the end to overtake Divine Child.

"We played very well," Blomquist said. "We just had two stretches, one in the second quarter and one in the fourth

quarter, that hurt us." Senior post player Michelle Dettling led the Chelsea attack, scoring 18 points and hauling

down eight rebounds. Junior guard Stephanie Crews added 17 points and five assists, and sophomore forward Ali

Mann had 10 points and nine boards for the Dawgs. The Falcons (17-7) were led by All-State senior guard Maria Jilian, who pumped in a game-

high 23 points. Prior to last week's regional hattle, Chelsea captured a district crown, defeating county

elval Dexter, 50-27 The Bulldogs withstood early ggressiveness from the Dreadhaughts and led 10-3 after one buarter and 24-11 at the half.

Chelsea continued to increase ts advantage in the second half,

leading 39-15 at the end of the third quarter.

was paced by Crews with 12 points and five assists, and Dettling with 10 points and six and executed on offense." rebounds.

Lindsey Baker added six points each for Chelsea.

Dexter was led by junior forward Anne Keinath, who netted nine points, and senior Amanda Shirk and sophomore Shannon Kennedy, who scored six each.

"The girls capped a very difficult week with a great win and a

district championship," Blomquist said. "We knew Dexter The balanced Bulldog attack would come out and play hard, especially defensively. We handled their pressure very well

According to Blomquist, who Seniors Betsy Ruhlig and concluded his first season with the Bulldogs, this year's team has been a joy to be around.

"I am extremely proud of what this group of girls has accomplished this year," he said. "They are fantastic kids who worked extremely hard. I could not have dreamed of a better first year."

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Tankers compete in finals

**By Don Richter** Staff Writer

The Chelsea girls' swimming and diving team finished 13th overall at the 2000 B-C-D state finals held at Holland's Aquatic Center Nov. 17 through 18.

Winning the state championship was perennial power East Grand Rapids, who successfully defended its 1999 title by scoring 252 points.

Dexter placed second with 201 points.

Chelsea finished strong with 31 points.

According to Bulldog coach John Crispin, Chelsea came up a little short of reaching its goal of a top 10 finish, but despite the setback, the future still appears bright.

"We're a young team," he said. "Of the 12 athletes who swam. nine are either ninth- or 10thgraders.

"We learned a lot this year.

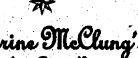


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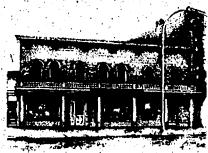
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Leading the way for the Bulldogs in Holland was Alise Augustine, who set a new varsity record in the 100 breaststroke (1:08.17), placing third overall and gaining All-State honors.

Finishing eighth for Chelsea was Katrina Moffett in the 500 freestyle with a new varsity record (5:20.76).

The 200-medley relay team, buoyed by the return of senior captain Ashley Augustine who led off the relay with an excellent backstroke leg, won the consolation heat (1:55.07).

Chelsea qualified 10 individe ual swimmers and all threa relays for this season's finals.

Qualifying for the 200 freestyle were Chris Broshar, Daniele Hughes, Kayla Hack and Moffett In the 200 IM, Rebecca

Armstrong qualified and in the 100 freestyle; Jennifer Minnick, Jessica Bassett, Hack and Hughes all competed. The 500 freestyle had Moffett

and Broshar while Armstrong competed in the 100 backstroke. Alise Augustine, Sarah

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The Chelsea women's team includes, front row. Jill Orzechowski (left), Melissa Sprague, Ginny Ralph and **Delore Rae** Pickell. Back row, Sarah Borden (left), Erin Gray. Christina Klune, Ashley Fix and Margaret McKenzie.

The Chelsea junior team includes, front row. Melissa Palinkas (left), Jamie Stillion, **Barb Peacock** and Andrew Howard. Back row, Ray Stillion (left), Mike Hand. Brian Borden, . Harold Stillion and Leroy Bronson.



## **SWIM**

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Mannville and Julie Mida all qualified for the 100 breastkroke.

Though Chelsea had hoped for Better results, the Buildogs, According to Crispin, had other Things on their mind in Holland. A week earlier, Chelsea lost three female high school students in a car accident. The Anree were part of a group com-Ing home from the Bulldogs' state football playoff game at.

Farmington Hills Harrison. "To succeed at this level we had to be well rested and highly focused," he said. "With the tragedy and the subsequent observances of the last few days. just don't think the girls had the chance to properly prepare Themselves for a swim meet.

"Instead, all week long they had the more important task of taking care of each other and their classmates.

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be proud of is freshman Kelsev Benton. Benton epitomizes the strong youth movement prevalent throughout the Bulldog program.

Though not qualifying for the state meet, Benton trimmed 1.2 seconds off her 100 backstroke time to earn a much-sought after varsity letter.

A week before this season's state meet, Benton competed in the always-tough Southeastern Conference meet at Ann Arbor Pioneer where she placed 16th.

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Staff Writer Chelsea High School students in Nancy Cooper and Sandra Dunn's classrooms participated

in the 2000 Michigan Special Olympics Poly Hockey tournament in Lansing, Nov. 17 through

More than 72 teams competed, with Chelsea fielding senior, junior and female squads. Each of the local teams won

medals. the female division, In Chelsea defeated the Caro

Highlanders, 4-3. Melissa Sprague was the high scorer with two goals. Sarah Borden and Erin Gray added

one goal apiece. In the finals, Chelsea fell to

Farmington 9-2 to earn a

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each scored goals. In the junior competition, Chelsea beat the Mason Bulldogs, 9-2.

Ray Stillion, Michael Hand and Harold Stillion each scored two goals. Melissa Palinkas, Leroy Bronson and Harold Stillion each added one goal.

In the finals, Chelsea defeated Farmington 9-3 to win a Division I gold medal.

Leading Chelsea was Hand with a season-high four goals. Ray Stillion added two goals while Palinkas, Bronson and Harold Stillion chipped in with a goal apiece.

Chelsea beat the Southgate Titans, 5-3.

tournament was a skills compe-Winning medals for Chelsea in

In the senior tournament,

that event were Kevin Casady, Curtis Warren, Ryan Farmer, Chris Madouse and Chanelle Foster.

in sudden death overtime, 6-5.

Eric Wilson scored the win-

ning goal in the first minute of

the extra session. For the game,

Wilson scored four goals.

With the hard-earned victory,

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Krausman added two goals.



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The Champion Level 5 team 'took third place overall while 'the Level 6 squad finished second. Both teams achieved their highest overall scores of the sea-'son.

In Level 5, Brittany Psychas finished first all-around in the 9to Il-year-old category for Champion. Christina Coffman finished first in the all-around in the 7- to 8-year-old group.

In Level 6, Ashley Newvine "placed first in the vault and floor while Alex Miller was first on floor.

In Level 5, first-place finishes were achieved by Rebecca Pape on floor and Christina Coffman. in the vault, bars and beam in the 7- to 8-year-old division.

Psychas finished first in the vault in the 9- to 11-year-old

Other gymnasts in Level 5 earning medals were Emily Black, Ellissa Black, Mary Cebula, Cassie Coffman, Mari Couasnon, Carly Dalton, Camille Hanks, Kristine Hintz, Chelsea Larsen, Cassie Vincke and Sarah Gilley.

In Level 6, Lisa Hoeft, Rachel Marks and Marissa Garza all earned medals.

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## Hoopsters begin year

By Don Richter Staff Writer

Last week the Chelsea eighthgrade boys' basketball team defeated Ypsilanti Lincoln 24-16 and fell to Saline, 24-18.

Versus Lincoln, the Buildogs were led by J.R. Engelbert with six points; Alex Rabbit with five; Steve Crews, Terry Arnold, Dan Keilman, Jason Lawrence, Alec Penix and P.J. Sawicki with two each and Alex Guenther with

Against Saline, Chelsea led 14-12 at the half, but failed to score in the third quarter. The lack of

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The Saline Buzz girls' 15 and younger basketball club will be conducting tryouts 1:30 to 4 p.m. Sunday at Saline High School. There is a \$17 tryout fee that covers the required AAU mem-

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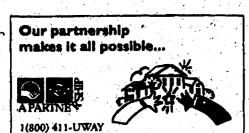
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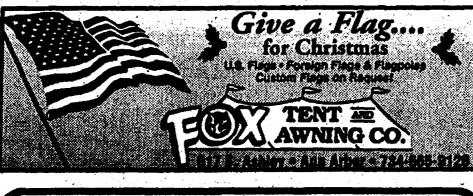
scoring eight points. Taft Richardson, Eric Mathis, Keilman, Penix and Guenther each added two points.

"All considered, we seem to be off to a fairly good start for this early in the season," Chelsea Coach Jim Tallman said. "Our offense seems to be lacking at this point, but I'm hoping to see that improve as we make our way into the weeks before Christmas."





Members of the Champion Gymnastics Level 6 squad pose with their trophy after competing in the Sand Cassell Classic. Team members are, front row, Marissa Garza (left) and Rachel Marks. Second row, Ashley Newvine (left) and Alexandra Miller, Back row, Lisa Hoeft.



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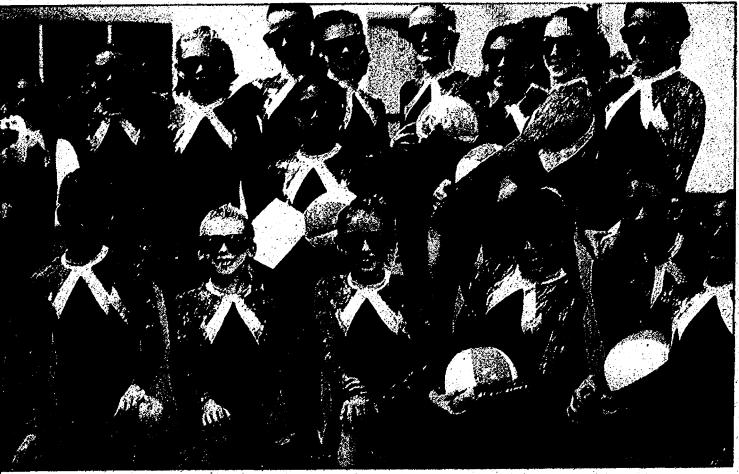


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Members of the Champion Gymnastics Level 5 team pose for a shot after competing at the Sand Cassell Classic. Members are, front row, Eleanor Stewart (left), Rebecca Pape, Christina Coffman, Ellissa Black, Mari Couasnon and Cassie Coffman. Middle row, Emily Black. Back row, Brittany Psychas (left), Carly Patton, Cassie Vincke, Camille Hanks, Rachel Pape, Kristine Hintz, Mary Cebula, Chelsea Larsen and

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## DEXTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

MEETING NOTICE DEXTER TOWNSHIP HALL. 6880 DEXTER-PINCKNEY RD. DEXTER. MI

AGENDA:

1) Proposed Zoning Ordinance - Article 17.05,C 2) RR/AG/OSC

DEXTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
John Gillespie, Chairman

## LIMA TOWNSHIP NOTICE TO RESIDENTS

Applications are now being accepted for the LIMA TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION Interested parties should submit a Resume to Arlene R. Bareis, Lima Township Clerk P.O. Box 59; Chelsea, MI 48118 No later than DECEMBER 20, 2000

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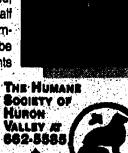
## LOVING HOMES NEEDED

Gibson - Log Number 64859 Gibson is a 55 ib Border Collie mix who got lost He's about a year old, and he came to us stray October 18th. If you know who Gibson's family is, please let them know he's here-he'd love to go home! If he looks like a good fit for your family, come meet him. If his family doesn't come, he'll need a new place to call home....

Stretch - Log Number 64608 Stretch arrived stray October 8th, and we are losing hope that his family will find him here. This neutered male Chesapeake Retriever is waiting for a new family to notice his many qualities, and give him another chance at a home. He is about 4 years old and 72 pounds. Stretch is looking for a family that understands and appreciates his breed characteristics. Could that family be yours?

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#### SYLVAN TOWNSHIP **ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS** PUBLIC HEARING

Wednesday, December 6, 2000, 7:30 P.M. Sylvan Township Hall, 18027 Old US-12, Chelsea, MI 48118

A variance application has been received for a non-conforming lot and side yard set back to remodel house, remove existing garage and built new garage at 211 Glazier Road, Chelsea, Ml.

Written comments may be sent to Linda Hahn, Secretary, Zoning Board of Appeals, 20232 Scio Church Rd., Cheisea, MI 48118.

This notice is posted in compliance with PA 267 of 1976 as amended (Open Meetings Act), MCLA 41.72a(2) (3) and the American With Disabilities Act (ADA). The Sylvan Township board will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting or public hearing upon 14 days notice to the Sylvan Township Board.

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A copy of this notice is on file at the office of the Clerk, SYLVAN TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

LuAnn S. Koch, Clerk

## VILLAGE OF CHELSEA NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO VILLAGE OF CHELSEA **ZONING ORDINANCE**

Notice is hereby given that the Chelsea Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing, as the statute in such case provides, for amendment of the Chelsea Village Zoning Ordinance (Ordinance No. 79). The requested change would revise the Zoning Map from Sylvan Township AG to MU-1 in the area described as: TAX CODE #06-01-310-005

A 24.56 acre parcel of land located between Werkner Road and M-52 North of Sibley Road

The aforesaid hearing will be held in the Board Room, Washington Street Education Center, 500 Washington St., Chelsea, Michigan on TUESDAY. DECEM-BER 19, 2000 AT 7:30 p.m.

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

Persons requiring reasonable accommodations to disabilities in order that the hearing be accessible to them, are requested to notify the 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 Chris Rode, Chairman

### VILLAGE OF CHELSEA NOTICE TO **VILLAGE RESIDENTS** ICE AND SNOW REMOVAL

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#### LYNDON TOWNSHIP **RESIDENTS - NOTICE** PUBLIC HEARING

Tuesday, December 5, 2000 at 7:00 p.m. at Lyndon Township Hall, 17751 N. Territorial Road, Chelsea, MI

1. An application for a Variance from the Private Road Ordinance by Janice: Rector, 12355 Roepke Court, Gregory, MI 48137 (parcel #05-04-400-025), To build a pole barn.

2. Board may consider other matters as deemed necessary. Written comments may be sent to Lyndon Township Clerk, Janis Knieper, 17751

N. Territorial Road, Chelsea, MI 48118: The Lyndon Township Board will provide, if time after the request allows, necessary and reasonable auxiliary aids or services to individuals with disabilities at the

public hearing. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Lyndon Township Board by writing or calling: Janis Knieper, Clerk, 17751 N. Territorial Road, Chelsea, MI 48118 or phone 313-475-2401:

A copy of this notice is on file in the office of the clerk. LYNDON TOWNSHIP

Janis Knieper, Lyndon Township Clerk

VILLAGE OF CHELSEA

DRINKING WATER REVOLVING FUND PROGRAM SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT REGARDING \$6,110,000 VILLAGE OF CHELSEA, COUNTY OF WASHTENAW, STATE OF MICHIGAN 2000 WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM REVENUE BOND (JUNIOR LIEN) (GENERAL OBLIGATION LIMITED TAX) (THE "BOND")

\_, 2000, among the Village of This Agreement is made as of Chelsea, County of Washtenaw, State of Michigan (the "Issuer"), the Michigan Municipal Bond Authority (the "Authority"), and the State of Michigan acting through the Department of Environmental Quality (the "DEQ"), in consideration for the purchase of the above-captioned Bond by the Authority. This Agreement shall be in addition to any other contractual undertaking by the Issuer contained in the Ordinance or Resolution authorizing the Bond (the "Resolution").

The Authority has been created and empowered under 1985 PA 227, as amended ("Act 227") to purchase obligations from Governmental Units within the State of Michigan such as the Issuer. Pursuant to the terms of the Resolution, the Issuer intends to issue its Bond and undertake a Project as described in Exhibit B attached to this Supplemental Agreement (the "Project"), which Project is a public water supply project, as defined in Part 54, Safe Drinking Water Assistance of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, Act 451 of the Public Acts of 1994 ("Part 54"). In order to provide assistance to the Issuer to finance the Project, the Authority has agreed to purchase the Bond upon certain conditions including receipt by the Authority of an order of approval (the "Order") issued by DEQ pursuant to the provisions of Part 54. All words and terms defined in Act 227 or Part 54 and not otherwise defined in this Agreement shall have the meanings as defined in those Acts. In consideration of these premises and their mutual agreements, the Issuer, the

Authority, and DEQ agree as follows: Section 1. General Representations. The Issuer represents and warrants to, and

agrees with, the Authority and DEQ, as of the date hereof as follows: a. The Issuer is duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Michigan and is authorized by the provisions of the Constitution and the laws of the

State of Michigan to issue the Bond.

b. The Issuer has full legal right, power and authority to (i) sell and deliver the Bond to the Authority as provided in this Agreement and the Resolution, and (ii) execute this Agreement, and to consummate all transactions contemplated by this Agreement, the Bond, the Resolution, and any and all other agreements relating thereto. The Issuer has duly authorized and approved the execution and delivery of this Agreement, the performance by the Issuer of its obligations contained in this Agreement, and this Agreement is a valid, legally binding action of the Issuer, enforceable in accordance with the terms thereof except as enforceability may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium and other similar laws affecting the rights of creditors generally, and by principles of equity if equitable

c. The Resolution has been duly adopted by the Issuer, acting through its governing body, is in full force and effect as of the date hereof, is a contract with the Authority as the holder of the Bond and is a valid, legally binding action of the Issuer, enforceable in accordance with the terms thereof except as enforceability may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium and other similar laws. affecting the rights of creditors generally, and by principles of equity if equitable remedies are sought.

d. When delivered to the Authority and paid for in accordance with the terms of the Resolution, the Bond (i) will have been duly authorized, executed, issued and delivered by the Issuer, (ii) will constitute a valid, legally binding obligation of the Issuer enforceable in accordance with its terms, and (iii) will not, when taken together with all other obligations of the Issuer, exceed or violate any constitutional, char-

e. The information submitted to the Authority and the DEQ in connection with the purchase of the Bond by the Authority is as of the date hereof true, accurate and complete and does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact and does not omit to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements made, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading.

f. Except as may have been disclosed in writing to the Authority and DEQ before the date hereof and as set forth in Exhibit D hereto, if applicable, the Issuer has not been served with any litigation (and to the knowledge of the Issuer no litigation has been commenced or is threatened) against the Issuer, in any court (I) to restrain or enjoin the sale, execution or delivery by the Issuer of the Bond, (ii) in any manner questioning the authority of the issuer to issue, or the issuance or validity of, the Bond or any other indebtedness of the Issuer, (III) questioning the constitutionality of any statute, or the validity of any proceedings, authorizing the issuance of the Bond, (iv) questioning the validity or enforceability of the Resolution, (v) to secure a lien on any and all revenues, taxes, fees, or other moneys, securities, funds and property pledged in the Resolution that are a source of payments on the Bond and which would materially impair the ability of the Issuer to repay the Bond, or (vi) which might in any material respect adversely affect the transactions contemplated in this Agreement herein; and no right of any member of the governing body of the issuer to his or her office is being contested.

g. The execution and delivery of this Agreement by the issuer, and the fulfillment of the terms and conditions of, and the carrying out of the transactions contemplated by the Resolution and this Agreement do not and will not conflict with or constitute on the part of the issuer a breach of, or a default under any existing law (including, without limitation, the Michigan Constitution), any court or administrative regulation, decree or order or any agreement, indenture, mortgage, obligation, lease or other instrument to which the Issuer is subject or by which it is bound and which breach or default would materially affect the validity or binding effect of the Bond or the ability of the Issuer to pay the principal of and the interest on the Bond, or result In a default or lien on any assets of the Issuer. No event has occurred or is continuing which with the lapse of time or the giving of notice, or both, would constitute a default by the Issuer under the Resolution or this Agreement.

h. No consent or approval of, or registration or declaration with, or permit from, any federal, state or other governmental body of instrumentality, is or was required in connection with enactment by the issuer of the Resolution, issuance of the Bond, or execution and delivery by the Issuer of this Agreement which has not already been obtained, except as may be required under blue sky or securities laws of any state (as to which no representation or warranty is given) nor is any further election or referendum of voters required in connection therewith which has not already been held and certified and all applicable referendum periods have expired.

Proceeds of the Bond will be applied (i) to the financing of the Project or a portion thereof as set forth in the Resolution or (ii) to reimburse the Issuer for a portion of the cost of the Project which was incurred in anticipation of Bond proceeds and which is eligible for reimbursement in accordance with Treasury Regulation 1.150-2. The Issuer will expend the proceeds of each disbursement of the Bond for the governmental purpose for which the Bond was issued within five banking days of receipt. Proceeds of the Bond shall not be used to refund (as defined in Treasury) on 1.150-1(d)) other outstanding obligations without the prior written consent of the Authority.

I. The attached Exhibit A is a summary of the estimated cost of the Project, which the issuer certifies is a reasonable and accurate estimate.

Section 2. General Covenants. The Issuer also represents, warrants and covenants to the DEQ and Authority as follows:

a. Rates and charges for the services of the Project will be established, levied of collected in an amount sufficient to pay the expenses of administration, operation and maintenance of the Project and to pay the principal and interest requirements on all bonds payable from revenues of the Project, including the Bond.

b. The Issuer agrees that the Project shall proceed in a timely fashion and will exercise its best efforts to complete the Project in accordance with the estimated Project schedule as set forth in its application and to provide from fiscal resources. all moneys in excess of Bond proceeds necessary to complete the Project.

c. The Issuer will not voluntarily sell, lease, abandon, dispose of or transfer its title to the Project or any part thereof, including lands and interest in lands, by sale, mortgage, lease or other encumbrances, without an effective assignment of obligations and the prior written approval of the Authority and the DEQ.

d. To the extent permitted by law, the Issuer shall take all actions within its control and shall not fall to take any action as may be necessary to maintain the exclusion of interest on the Bond from gross income for federal income tax purposes. including but not limited to, actions relating to the rebate of arbitrage earnings and the expenditure and investment of Bond proceeds and moneys deemed to be Bond

e. The Issuer will take no action which would cause the Bond to be a private activity bond pursuant to Section 141(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"). The Issuer will make no use of Bond proceeds which would make the Bond federally guaranteed as provided in Section 149(b) of the Code. The Issuer will keep records of the expenditure and investment of Bond proceeds as required under the Code and the regulations thereunder.

f. The Issuer will operate and maintain the Project in good repair, working order

g. The Issuer will maintain complete books and records relating to the construction, operation and financial affairs of the Project in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) and generally accepted government auditing standards (GAGAS). At the conclusion of the Project or upon notification by DEQ. the Issuer will submit a final Project cost summary with necessary supporting documentation as required by DEQ. The Issuer will include in its contracts for the Project notice that the contractors and any subcontractors may be subject to financial audit as part of an overall Project audit and requirements that the contractors and subcontractors shall comply with generally accepted auditing standards.

h. The Issuer will mail a copy of its annual audit(s) to both the Local Audit and Finance Division of the Michigan Department of Treasury and the Authority. In addition, the Issuer agrees to provide the Authority in a timely manner with all information and documents regarding the Issuer that the Authority or its bond underwriters need to meet any Securities and Exchange Commission regulation, any industry standard or other federal or state regulation which imposes a disclosure requirement or continuing disclosure requirement relating to any Authority bond issue which was used or is needed to provide monies to the fund used to purchase the Bond or relating to any other Authority bond Issue which was used by the Authority to purchase an obligation of the Issuer. In furtherance of the above the Issuer also agrees that upon the request of the Authority it will promptly execute and deliver a continuing disclosure undertaking in form and substance determined by the Authority to be necessary or desirable to assist the Authority or its underwriters in complying with Rule 15c2-12 promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission.

i. The Issuer will maintain and carry insurance on all physical properties of the Project, of the kinds and in the amounts normally carried by municipalities engaged in the operation of similar systems. All moneys received for losses under any such insurance policies shall be applied to the replacement and restoration of the property damaged or destroyed or for repayment of the Bond.

j. The Issuer will notify the DEQ and the Authority within 30 days of the occurrence of any event which, in the judgment of the Issuer, will cause a material adverse change in the financial condition of the Project, or, if the Issuer has knowledge, of the system of which the Project is a part or which affects the prospects for timely

k. The Issuer agrees to comply with the disadvantaged business participation provisions of Executive Order 11625 (October 13, 1971) and Executive Order 12138 (May 18, 1979) whereby the Issuer will report on its efforts to utilize Minority Business Enterprises (MBEs) and Women's Business Enterprises (WBEs) on the forms, and in the manner, prescribed by the DEQ. I. The Issuer has the legal, managerial, institutional, technical and financial capa-

bility to build, operate and maintain the Project. m. The Issuer has, or will have prior to the start of construction, all applicable

state and federal permits required for construction of the Project and will comply with the conditions set forth in such permits. n. No undisclosed fact or event, or pending litigation, will materially or adversely affect the Project, the prospects for its completion, or the Issuer's ability to make

timely repayments on the Bond.

o. The Issuer will, upon request, provide the DEQ and the Authority with access to the physical plant of the Project and all operational or financial records of the Project, and the Issuer will require similar authorizations from all contractors, consultants, or agents with which the Issuer negotiates an agreement.

p. All pertinent records shall be retained and available to DEQ and the Authority for a minimum of 3 years after actual initiation of the operation of the Project and i litigation, a claim, an appeal, or an audit is begun before the end of the 3 year period, records shall be retained and available until the 3 years have passed or until the action is completed and resolved, whichever is longer.

q. If the Project is segmented as provided in Section 5406 of Part 54, the Issuer agrees that the remaining segments shall be completed with or without additional financial assistance from the Drinking Water Revolving Fund.

r. If the Project involves construction or property acquisition in a special flood hazard area, the Issuer agrees to comply with the flood insurance purchase requirements of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (Pub.L. 93-234) whereby the Issuer will purchase flood insurance in conformance with the National Flood Insurance Program (42 U.S.C. section 4001-4128).

s. The Issuer will comply with the procurement prohibitions of Section 306 of the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1970 (42 U.S.C. section 7606) and Section 508 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act Amendments of 1972 (33 U.S.C. section 1368), as implemented by Executive Order 11738 (September 10, 1973) whereby the Issuer certifies that goods, services, and materials for the Project will not be procured from a supplier on the List of Violating Facilities published by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

t. The Issuer agrees to comply with the anti-discrimination provisions of Section 602, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. section 2000d). Section 13 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act Amendments of 1972 (Pub.L. 92-500), Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. section 794), and Section 303, Title III of the Age Disorimination Act of 1975 (42 U.S.C. section 6102) whereby the Issuer will not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, handicap, or age in any activity related to the Project.

u. If the Project involves the acquisition of an interest in real property or the displacement of any person, business, or farm operation, the Issuer agrees to comply with the land acquisition and relocation assistance requirements of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Properties Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. section 4801 et seq.) whereby the Issuer will follow procedures set forth in 49 CFR Part 24. In addition, the Issuer shall provide written evidence that the land acquired for the Project was, or is to be, acquired from a willing seller at fair market

v. The Issuer agrees to comply with the Hatch Act (5 U.S.C. section 1501 et seg.) whereby the Issuer will ensure that employees whose principal employment activities are funded in whole or in part with moneys from the Drinking Water Revolving Fund comply with the prohibitions set forth in 5 CFR Part 151:

w. The Issuer agrees to construct and operate the Project in compliance with all other applicable state and federal laws, executive orders, regulations, policies, and procedures and the covenants, assurances and certifications contained in its application for financial assistance relating to the Project. Also the Issuer will comply with all applicable requirements of all other states and federal laws, executive orders, poli-

cles, and regulations governing the program pursuant to which the Order was issued.

x. The Issuer agrees to comply with the equal employment opportunity provisions of Executive Order 11246 (September 24, 1965), as amended by Executive Order 11275 (October 13, 1967).

y. If historic or archeological artifacts or remains are discovered during Project construction, the Issuer agrees to immediately contact the State Historic Preservation Officer and the DEQ. The Issuer further agrees to discontinue work in the vicinity of the discovery until the State Historic Preservation Officer has determined the general limits and potential significance of the site. If human remains are discovered during Project construction, the Issuer agrees to immediately contact the

z. The Issuer will provide written notification to the DEQ identifying the actual Initiation of operation of the Project within 30 days of its occurrence. The actual initiation is the date when the Project becomes capable of operation for the purposes for which it was planned, designed and built.

aa. The Issuer certifies that the Project is not primarily to accommodate future levelopment or primarily for fire protection.

Section 3. Further Covenants. The Issuer agrees to the covenants, if any, set forth in Exhibit C attached to this Agreement.

Section 4. Statutory Compliance of Project. Based on the information supplied to DEQ by the Issuer, DEQ hereby certifies that the Project complies with the statutory requirements established by Part 54 for a project eligible for assistance.

Section 5. Advancement of Funds to Issuer. Upon receipt by the DEQ from the Issuer of a Disbursement Request in the form to be provided by DEQ, the DEQ shall, after processing such Disbursement Request, notify the Authority of the amount of the Disbursement Request. The Authority shall withdraw from the Drinking Water Revolving Fund established pursuant to Act 227 moneys necessary to purchase principal installments of the Bond from the Issuer in the amount processed by DEQ.

In the event the Issuer receives disbursements for costs which, either at the time of final disbursement or at the submission of final Project cost documentation, are determined by the DEQ to be ineligible for financing from the Fund, the Issuer agrees to repay the Fund all such amounts. The DEQ shall notify the Issuer in writing of any and all such ineligible costs (the "Repayment Amount"). The Issuer agrees to repay the Authority the Repayment Amount within 30 days following the receipt of written notice from the DEQ (the "Repayment Date"). If such amount is not received by the Authority by the Repayment Date, the Issuer agrees that the Repayment Amount shall bear interest (the "Additional interest") from the Repayment Date to the date of payment at a rate equal to the rate of interest then earned by the common cash fund of the State of Michigan on its short term (30 day) investments or such other rate as shall be determined by resolution of the Board of the Authority but in no event in excess of the maximum rate of interest permitted by law and as set forth in the notice from DEQ to the Issuer. The Additional Interest shall continue to accrue until the Authority has been fully reimbursed for the Repayment Amount. Upon receipt by the Authority of the Repayment Amount the Authority shall prepare a new payment schedule for the Bond which shall be effective upon receipt by the Issuer.

Section 6. Termination of Assistance. In the event DEQ issues an order under Section 5413 or 5414 of Part 54 recommending that assistance to the Issuer be terminated for the Project, the Authority shall cease to advance funds to the Issuer pursuant to Section 5 of this Agreement. Any termination of assistance under this Agreement shall not excuse or otherwise affect the Issuer's obligation to repay principal installments of the Bond previously disbursed to the Issuer or interest or premiums due thereon. If as a result of termination of assistance, less than the principal amount of assistance approved by the DEQ is disbursed, the Authority shall prepare a new payment schedule, which maintains the existing level of principal installments but shortens the term of the Bond, which schedule shall be effective upon receipt by the Issuer. Any termination of assistance under this Agreement shall not relieve the issuer of any requirements that may exist under state or federal law to

Section 7. Breach of Agreement. In regard to Section 1 through 3 of this Agreement, if any of the representations or warranties are untrue, or if the issuer shall fall to perform or comply with any of the covenants of these Sections, it shall be a material breach of this Agreement.

No failure by the Authority or DEQ to insist upon strict performance of any covenant, warranty or representation in these Sections, nor any failure on the part of the Authority or DEQ to declare a breach, shall constitute a walver of any such breach or a relinquishment for the future of the right to insist upon and to enforce by any appropriate legal remedy strict compliance with all of the covenants, warranties or representations, or of the right to exercise any such right or remedies, if any breach of the Issuer continues or is repeated.

Upon any such breach in addition to any other legal remedy the DEQ or Authority may have, the DEQ can provide written notice to the Authority of such breach and the Authority shall cease to advance funds to the Issuer pursuant to Section 5 of this Agreement. Any termination of assistance under this Agreement shall not excuse or otherwise affect the Issuer's obligation to repay principal installments of the Bond previously disbursed to the issuer plus interest and premiums due thereon. If as a result of termination of assistance, less than the principal amount of assistance approved by the DEQ is disbursed, the Authority shall prepare a new payment schedule, which maintains the existing level of principal installments but shortens the term of the Bond, which schedule shall be effective upon receipt by the Issuer. Any termination of assistance under this Agreement shall not relieve the Issuer of any regulrements that may exist under state or federal law to construct the Project.

Section 8. Applicable Law and Nonassignability. This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Michigan. This Agreement shall not be assigned by the issuer.

Section 9. Severability. If any clause, provision or section of this Agreement be ruled invalid or unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction, the invalidity or unenforceability of such clause, provision or section shall not affect any of the remaining clauses, provisions or sections.

Section 10. Execution of Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in several counterparts each of which shall be regarded as an original and all of which shall constitute one and the same document.

VILLAGE OF CHELSEA County of Washtenaw State of Michigan (the "issuer")

MICHIGAN MUNICIPAL BOND AUTHORITY (the "Authority"

Its Authorized Officer DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN (the "DEQ")

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CONLIN, P.C. Peter C. Flintoft, P13531 P.O. Box 187

In the matter of RICH ARD O. LEE, DECEASED TO ALL INTERESTED A hearing was held on November 14, 2000, in the probate courtroom, Ann

on the Application for Informal Probate requesting Elizabeth R. Lee be appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Richard R. Lee, who lived at 276 Cedar Lake, Chelsea, Michigan 48118, and who died June 24, 2000. Creditors of the deceased are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to the Personal Representative, Elizabeth R. Lee, 276 Cedar Lake, Chelsea, Michigan 48118 or to both the personal representative and the Washtenaw County Probate Court, PO Box 8645, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48107, within 4 months of the date of pub-

Notice is further given that the estate will be thereafter assigned and distributed to the persons Elizabeth R. Lee Petitioner 276 Cedar Lake Chelsea, MI 48118

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's
Revocable Trust
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TO ALL CREDITORS: NOTICE TO CREDI-TORS: The decedent and settlor, Grace Van Liere, SSN 336-30-8966, who lived at Riverview of Ann Arbor, died October 12 2000. There is no Persona Representative of the decedent's estate to whom letters of administration have been issued and this notice is given by the Trustee of the Grace Van Liere Trust under agreement dated May 20, 1986, pursuant to MCL 700.7504. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the decedent and her Trust will be forever barred unless presented to NATIONAL CITY BANK OF MICHIGAN/ILLINOIS, named Trustee, or by com mencing a proceeding in Probate Court, Ann Arbor, Michigan, 49107-8645, within four (4) months after

this notice. Date: November 20, 2000 Attn: Karla L. Ter Haar,

Vice President P.O. Box 21007 Lansing, MI 48909-1007 Telephone (517) 334-5297 AMAIN J. Bossenbrook (P11032) Hosler & Bossenbrook, P.C. P.O. Box 1296

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22nd CIRCUIT COURT Washtenaw County Courthouse 101 E. Huron, Ann Arbor, MI 48107 (734) 944-2613 CASE NO. 00-887-CH Judge Donald E. Shelton Defendant:

Plaintiff: a Michigan corporation

Attorney for Plaintiff: Joseph L. Zande (P57645) PO. Box 4010

East Lansing, MI 48826 (517) 377-1373

To Sarah Harrison, Jerald L. Moorehead, Jack Campbell and Bernice Campbell

1. You are being sued by plaintiff in this court to quiet title to certain real estate in this County. You must file court at the court address above on or before four weeks after the last date of publication. If you fall to do so, a default judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint filed in this case. 2. A copy of this order shall be published once a week in the Dexter Leader newspaper for three consecutive weeks, and proof of publication shall be filed in this court.

3. A copy of this order shall be sent to the defendants at the last known address by registered mail, return receipt requested, before the last publication and the affidavit of mailing shall be filed with this court.

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Judge Donald E. Shelton

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STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT WASHTENAW COUNTY

deceased son of Joseph

CIRCUIT COURT FAMILY DIVISION **PUBLICATION NOTICE** In the matter of LEO-NARD G. JUERGENS TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS including: Unknown children and lineal descendants of Del-phane (Dorothy) Lambert, Deceased Sister, whose names and addresses are unknown; and Unknown child and lineal descendants of Gerald Juergens.

and Dorothy Juergens, de-ceased Brother and Sisterthe date of publication of in-law, whose names and addresses are unknown National City Bank of Michigan/Illinois Trustee and whose interest(s) in the matter may be barred or affected by the following: The decedent, Leonard G. Juergens, who lived at 337 Elm Street, Chelsea, Michigan 48118, died October 2, 2000. An application for Informal probate. tion for informal probate was illed by Mariene Staggs, 260 Highlake Ave., Ann Arbor, MI 48103, requesting that she be appointed personal repre-sentative of the Estate, and

requesting also the will of the deceased dated Janu-ary 17, 1979 be admitted to probate. On November 20, 2000, the Washienaw County Probate Court, 101 E. Huron St., P.O. Box 8845, Ann Arbor, MI 48107 granted informal probate Jerald L. Morehead, appointed Mariene Staggs Jack Campbell Bernice Campbell as Personal Representa-

> Will to probate.
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November 22, 2000

Mariene Staggs
Petitioner
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Ann Arbor, MI 48103
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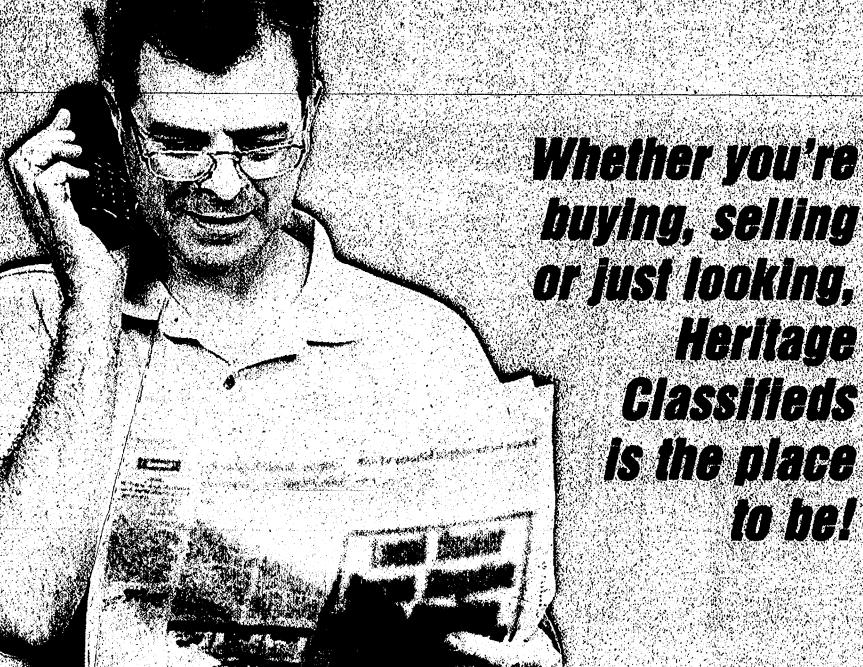
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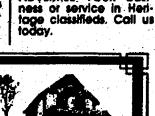
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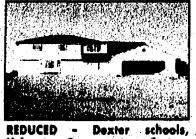


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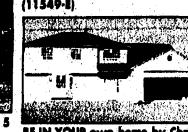


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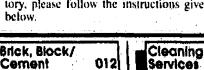
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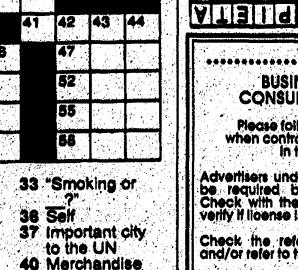
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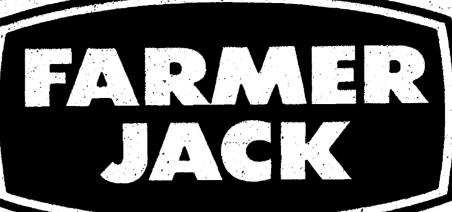
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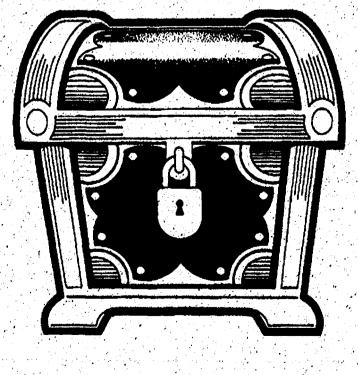
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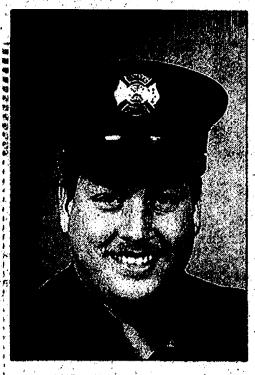
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MICHAEL R. SPEARS Chelsea

Michael R. Spears, 28, died Thursday, Nov. 16, 2000, at University of Michigan Medical center of injuries suffered in an accident.

He was born May 17, 1972, in Ann Arbor, the son of Michael and Anita (Martin) Spears.

Mr. Spears was employed at Chrysler Proving Grounds and graduated from Chelsea High School in 1991. He was a firefighter with the Chelsea Area Fire Authority and began his career in firefighting at age 16 as an Explorer Scout.

He loved duck hunting and the outdoors and was a member of Ducks Unlimited. He loved NASCAR, green tractors, singing and karaoke. He was a member of UAW Local 1284.

Mr. Spears married Sheri S. Stephens in Chelsea on Sept. 20, 1997, and she survives.

Also surviving are his parents, Chelsea residents, his sister, Jayma (Daniel) Allen of Chelsea; his maternal grandmother, Madeline Martin, and his paternal grandfather, Tom Spears, both of Chelsea; his motherand father-in-law. Melvin R. and Billie M. Stephens of Chelsea: his brothers-in-law, Greg (Gail) Stephens of Saline and their son Jeremy (Kelly) Stephens; Gary (Melinda) Stephens of Albion and their children. Shane and Justin Stephens; and several aunts, uncles and cousins. He is also survived by a cial friends Samantha Bies and Steven Bauer. He is missed by his dogs, Millie, Maggy and Chloe.

Mr. Spears was very special to many, many friends. He was preceded in death by his maternal grandfather, Clyde Martin, and his paternal grandmother, Margaret A. Spears.

Funeral services were held on Monday, Nov. 20, at St. Mary Catholic Church with Rev. David Tramel of Christ Apostolic Church, Albion, assisted by Deacon Richard Shaneyfelt. Funeral arrangements were handled by Staffan-Mitchell Funeral Home, Expressions of sympathy can be made to the Chelsea Fireman's Association, Ducks Unlimited or Local 1284.

CECIL A. GETZFRID Chelsea

Formerly of Largo, Fla.

Cecil Getzfrid, age 93, died Sunday, Nov. 19, 2000, at Chelsea Community Hospital. She was born September 10, 1907 in Newman Grove, Neb, the daughter of George A, and Ellen (Nordgren) Schumadeke.

Mrs. Getzfrid had been a resident of Silver Maples Retirement Center for 11 months, coming from Largo, Fla. She had lived in Largo for 20 years, moved there from Detroit in 1977. She was an active member of First United Methodist Church in Largo, the UMW of the church and the Wesley Bible Sunday school class. She was an avid reader and enjoyed crocheting.

Mrs. Getzfrid had traveled all over the world. She was married on Jan. 17, 1928, to Julius Jacob Getzfrid. He preceded her in death on Sept. 23,

Surviving are her children, Duane Getzfrid of Northville, Patricia (Darryl) Albright of Ann Arbor and to Ellen (Douglas) Hincker of Plymouth; seven grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a daughter, Larol Ann Welch; a brother, George; and a sister, Laverne Rimbach.

Memorial services were held at Silver Maples. Private interment was at Roseland Memorial Park, Berkley. Arrangements were handled by Staffan-Mitchell Funeral Home, Chelsea. Expressions of sympathy can be made to First United Methodist Church of Largo.

#### RUTH MAE KRICK HOLLAND Ann Arbor, Michigan

Ruth Mae Krick Holland, formerly of Hazelton and Weatherly, Pa., age 93, died holding her daughter's hand, Friday, Nov. 17, 2000, at Towsley Village at the Chelsea Retirement Community.

Mrs. Holland was born Aug. 1, 1907, in Hazelton, Pa., to George Daniel and Elizabeth Paisley Krick. She was the 11th child and only daughter of George Krick. After graduating from Hazelton High School, she attended Ursinus College in Collegeville, Pa., for two

On Sept. 1, 1928, she married the Rev. Charles Frederick Holland, who was the pastor at Zion Lutheran

Church, Weatherly, for 10 years. He died in 1989.

Mrs. Holland's survivors include two sons, Charles Leroy (Shirley) Holland and Carl Byron (Susan) Holland; and a daughter, Ruth Elizabeth (Alfred) Beeton. Other survivors are her grandchildren, Sheila (Charles) Johnson, Brian (Trisha) Holland, Diane (Scott) Nyquist, Margaret Holland, Renee Holland, Andrew Holland, Jonathan (Kathleen) Beeton and Daniel Beeton; nine great-grandchildren; and a cousin, Margaret Richardson of Hazelton, Pa.

Mrs. Holland was blessed with beauty, grace and a gentle, compassionate nature. Her lovely smile was accentuated by her warm, twinkly blue eyes, which hinted at her sometimes mischievous sense of humor. Her role of supportive wife and nurturing mother expanded to that of head of the household and advocate for her children when her husband served as a Navy chaplain in the Pacific during World War II and the Korean War.

She was an accomplished seamstress and cook. She loved flowers, animals, gardening and playing the piano. Her spirit was never more magnificent than in her 15-year battle with Alzheimer's disease. Her last years were greatly enriched by her devoted caregivers at the Chelsea Retirement Community, who truly became extended family members for both Ruth and her daughter.

Burial was Nov. 21, in Springtown Pa., beside her husband Charles. Memorial contributions can be made to the Chelsea Retirement Community, 805 W. Middle St., Chelsea, MI 48118, or to the Humane Society of Huron Valley, 3100 Cherry Hill Road, Ann Arbor, MI 48105. Arrangements were handled by Staffan-Mitchell Funeral Home, Chelsea.

ROSS E. PACKER Gregory

Formerly of Ann Arbor

Ross E. Packer, age 83, died Thursday, Nov. 23, 2000, at Arbor Hospice. He was born June 7, 1917. in Williamston, the son of Ernest and Ginny (Eaton) Packer. Mr. Packer six years, coming from Lewiston, where he had lived since 1987. Prior to retirement and moving to Lewiston, he had resided in Ann Arbor for 38 years. He was retired from Ford Motor Co.'s Sheldon Road Plant and had formerly worked at King-Sealy in Ann Arbor. At age 16 he went to the Civilian Conservation Corps Camp. Ross always looked forward to Nov. 15. He loved deer and turkey hunting and snowmobiling.

However, he lived for and loved his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Marian (Schiller), whom he married at Zion Lutheran Church, Rogers Corners, on June 2, 1942. Also surviving are his son Gary R. Packer of Livonia; his daughter Donna (Charles) Gates of Milan; three grandchildren, Terry (Toni) Lucas of Chelsea, Jody (William) Roe of Westland and Kristin Packer of Ann Arbor; five great- grandchildren, Michael, Justin, McKenna and Cross Lucas and Shelby Jesse; two brothers Earl Packer and Donald (Jean) Packer, both of Fowlerville; two sisters, Georgia Shehan of Brighton and Jean (Louis) Robinson of Marshall; a favorite brother-in-law, Harold Adams of Chelsea; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by three sisters, Helen Dyer, Marjorie Adams and Florence Worden: and two brothers, Ernest and John Packer.

Funeral services were held Nov. 26 at Faith Lutheran Church, Dexter, with the Rev. Mark R. Porinsky officiating. Burial was at Arborcrest Cemetery, Ann Arbor. The family received friends at Staffan-Mitchell Funeral Home. Expressions of sympathy can be made to Faith Lutheran Church or Arbor Hospice.

MARY LOUISE BROWN

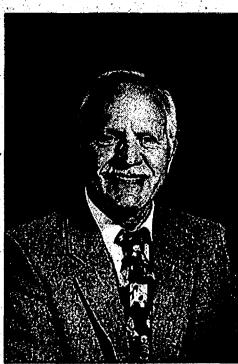
Formerly of Ann Arbor.

Mary Louise Brown, age 87, died peacefully Monday, Nov. 27, 2000, at her home with her family by her side. She was born June 12, 1913, in Joliet, Ill., the daughter of Moroni E. and Sadie (Farreil) Duckworth.

Mrs. Brown was a member of Bethlehem United Church of Christ in Ann Arbor, and also was a life member and past matron of Order of the Eastern Star, Chapter 73, in Belleville. Mrs. Brown retired in 1976 after 25 years with Deering Insurance Agency, Belleville.

She married August W. Buchau on Dec. 31, 1930, and he preceded her in death on Jan. 23, 1963. She married Harold Brown on June 24, 1966, and he survives. Other survivors include her daughter Joan (James) Hoffmeyer of Chelsea; and her son Richard A. (Claudette) Buchau of West Chazy, N.Y.; one stepdaughter, Mary E. Stevens of Manchester; three stepsons, Douglas C. Brown of Ann Arbor, William (Sue) Brown of Mason and Stephen J. Brown of Ann Arbor; and six grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, 12 step-grandchildren, 17 step-great-grandchildren and two step-greatgreat-grandchildren.

reat-grandchildren. Funeral services were held Nov. 29 at Cole Funeral Chapel, Chelsea, with the Rev. Richard Dake officiating. Burial was at Hillside Cemetery, Belleville. The family received friends from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday. Memorial contributions can be made to a charity of choice.



ROBERT J. BURNS Dexter

Robert J. Burns, 66, died Nov. 18, 2000. He is survived by his wife, Angela, of 42 years; five daughters, Kathryn of Florida, Laura of Virginia, Cindy of California, Becky of California and Heather of Virginia; and a sister, Marie Dunseath of Florida.

Mr. Burns was an educator with Dexter Community Schools for 31 years, and served as a principal for five years, from 1969 to 1974. Since then, he had been teaching and coached several sports, including middle school girls' basketball and boys' track, along with high-school girls' volleyball.

Prior to working in Dexter, Mr. Burns served as principal in both Homer, from 1967 through 1969, and Bloomingdale, from 1965 through 1967. He served in the U.S. Army from 1955 through 1958, and retired from the U.S. Air Force Reserve as a Senior Master Sergeant after 20 years of service.

A funeral Mass was held at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Dexter on Nov. 22, with the Rev. Brendan Walsh presiding. Cremation followed the service.

Visitation was at the Hosmer-Muehlig Funeral Chapel in Dexter and at St. Joseph Catholic Church, with a wake service that evening.

Memorial contributions may be directed to Dexter Education Foundation.

RALPH "PETE" HELGREN Claxton, Ga.

Raiph Julius "Pete" Helgren, 82, formerly of Savannah, Ga., died on May 1, 2000, in Evans Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Helgren, a longtime resident of Dexter, was born in Nessen City. He retired from American Cyanamid, Savannah Division, as a mechanic.

Surviving are his wife, Alice; children, Terry and Mary Jo Helgren of Holland, and Lorri and Dale Alday of Claxton; his brother, Wayne, of Barefoot Bay, Fla.; four grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews, including Bruce and Jerry Forshee of Dexter.

Funeral arrangements were made by Sipple Mortuary. Memorials may be made to any local hospice.

MARY JANE ALLWARD
Ann Arbor

Mary Jane Allward, 78, died of cancer in her home Nov. 18, 2000, in the company of her loving husband and four sons. She was born June 2, 1922, in Denyer, the only child of Albert Levi Kallstrom of Laporte, Minn., and Reathel Temple of Cripple Creek, Colo., and grand-daughter of Klaus (Anderson) and Mary Kallstrom of Sweden and William and Blanch (Domm) Temple of Joplin, Mo. She moved to Ypsilanti at age 17 and graduated from Ypsilanti High School in 1940.

Mrs. Allward married Dean Winston Allward at the Martha Mary Chapel in Willow Run on April 12, 1942, and they lived in Ypsilanti, Chelsea and Ann Arbor for 58 years. They have been residents of Brooksville, Fla., for more than 20 years, and have spent the summers in Michigan.

Mrs. Allward is survived by her husband and four sons, Dennis Dean of Ferguson, Mo., the Rev. Gary Anthony of Burton, Lance Jeffrey of Commerce Township and Kirk Alan of Ypsilanti; and seven grandchildren.

Mrs. Allward's life was encompassed by her devotion to Dean, her family and friends. She enjoyed many creative endeavors, including painting and drawing, as well as collecting antique's. She also enjoyed many retired years of travel and camping.

Mrs. Allward was a founding member of Forty Diners and long-time member of the First United Methodist Church of Ypsilanti.

The funeral service was held

Nov. 22 at Stark Funeral Service with the Rev. Peter Harris and the Rev. Gary Allward co-officiating. Burial followed, in Highland Cemetery. Contributions may be made to McAuley Cancer Care Center or Hospice of Washtenaw.

KATHLEEN "KAY" SHOTKA

Kathleen "Kay" Shotka died at the Arbor Hospice Residence on Wednesday, Nov. 22, 2000.

She was married to Harold Shotka in Wayne, Mich., and moved to Dexter in 1972. He preceded her in death in March 1980.

Mrs. Shotka is survived by a son, Edward (Louise) Reed of Pinckney; two grandchildren, Adam Reed and Tracy Reed; three brothers, James (Mary) Kelly of Westland, Lawrence (Nancy) Kelly of Dearborn Heights and Carl (Myrna) Kelly of Alpena; a sister, Irene Horton of Dearborn Heights; a sister-in-law, Marge Murdock of Dexter; and several nieces and nephews including Jo Radtke of Dexter and Kathy Schepke of Hubbard Lake.

Mrs. Shotka was preceded in death by her parents and a son, Greg, in 1978.

She was a member of the Dexter American Legion Auxiliary and was an avid golfer.

Funeral services were held Nov. 27 at St. Andrew's United Church of Christ in Dexter, with the Rev. Gary Kwiatek officiating. Interment was at Forest Lawn Cemetery. Funeral arrangements were handled by Hosmer-Muehlig Funeral Chapel of Dexter.

At Mrs. Shotka's request, in place of flowers memorial contributions can be directed to Hospice of Washtenaw.

ALICE C. HAND Chelsea

Alice C. Hand, 88, died Monday, Nov. 27, 2000, at Chelsea Retirement Community. She was born on Aug 29, 1912, in Freedom Township, the daughter of Fred and Anna Haab.

Mrs. Hand was a member of St. Paul United Church of Christ. She owned and operated the Inverness Inn for 21 years. Alice lived in Florida for 10 years before moving back to the Chelsea area in 1994.

She married Stanley Carl Hand in Ann Arbor on Sept. 2, 1942, and he preceded her on April 1, 1994. Survivors include a son, John (Lynette) of Chelsea; four grandchildren, Mark of Chicago, Melissa of Comstock Park, Matt of Grand Rapids and Mike of Chelsea; and one brother, Edwin Haab of Lewiston. She was preceded in death by a brother, Laurence; a sister, Lydia Finkbeiner; and a son, Stanley Frederick Hand.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. tomorrow at Cole Funeral Chapel, Chelsea, with the Rev. William Utke officiating. Burial will follow at Oak Grove Cemetery, Chelsea, The family will receive friends from 2 to 5 and 8 to 8 p.m. today. Memorial contributions can be made to St. Paul United Church of Christ.

WATHENA MAY MILLER

Dexter
Wathena May Miller, 84, died peacefully, Nov. 19, 2000, in her home. She was born on Nov. 17, 1916, in Webb City, Miss., the daughter of Jesse Oliver and Dawney Fifine (Box) Burk.

Mrs. Miller lived in Plymouth from 1948 until 1990 when she moved to Dexter. She enjoyed her family and traveling to visit relatives.

Mrs. Miller retired from Sears after 19 years. She married Frank Miller in Armada on Aug. 1, 1938, and he survives. Other survivors include seven daughters. Wathena. Jane (Walt) Ferris of Livonia, Dawney (Earl) Menary of N. Adams, Suzanne (Hobart) Thaxton of Canton, Nancy (Robert) Comstock of Whitewater, Wis., Virgina Cruzen of Princeton, Ky., Kathy (Paul) Bourget of Dexter and Deborah (Tim) Hults of Addison; one son, Douglas (Janet) of North Bend, Wash; one sister, Dorothy (Vincent) Seog of Livonia: 17 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Nov. 22 at Cole Funeral Chapel in Chelsea with the Rev. Carl Leth officiating, Burial followed at Oak Grove Cemetery in Chelsea.

Memorial contributions may be made to Arbor Hospice or the Hospice of your choice.

KENNETH C. BUCHOLZ Pinckney

Kenneth C. Bucholz, 64, died suddenly Monday, Nov. 20, 2000, at Hurley Medical Center in Flint. Mr. Bucholz was born on Dec. 20, 1938, in Ann Arbor, the son of Russell and Margaret (Otto) Bucholz. He served in the Navy on the USS Essex in Korea. He is retired from the University of Michigan as a steamfitter.

Mr. Bucholz volunteered his time as a hunter safety instructor in Livingston County. He was a member of Local 190 Plumbers and Pipefitters, the Musicians Union, Hamburg Flyers, the American Legion and the Hamburg Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Mr. Bucholz is survived by his wife, Debra; children, Dawn (Tim) Clark, Mark A. (Susanna) Bucholz and Claudette (Mike) Kindy; six grandchildren, Mark, Matthew, Kyle, Molly, Sarah and Lynsey; a brother, Neil Bucholz; and a sister, Gertrude Lawrence. He was preceded in death by a brother,

Richard Bucholz, and a sister, Dorothy Westenfeld.

Services were held Nov. 24 at Muehlig Funeral Chapel, with the Rev. Thomas E. Waller presiding. The family received visitors until the time of service. Interment was at Washtenong Memorial Park.

CARL A. JOHNSON

Pinckney

Carl A. Johnson, 72, died Monday, Nov. 27, 2000, at McPherson Hospital in Howell. He was born March 19, 1929, in Dexter, the son of George and Rose (Gregory) Johnson. Mr. Johnson had lived in Pinckney for 28 years and was retired from Detroit Edison. He enjoyed deer hunting, horseback riding and collecting baseball cards. He is survived by his wife Ruth J. Alber, whom he married in Manchester on Aug. 31, 1971.

Also surviving are his six step-children Jock (Sharon) Crawford of Dexter, Glenn (Jane) Wilkerson of Grass Lake, Cheryl Wilkerson and her friend Steve Woldt of Pinckney, Pastor Tim (Cherie) Wilkerson of Flushing, Kim Wilkerson of Pinckney and Terry (Amy) Wilkerson of Grass Lake; nine step-grandchildren; and a brother, George Johnson of Rose City. He was preceded in death by a sister and a brother.

Private family graveside services were held at Mount Hope Cemetery, Waterloo. Expressions of sympathy can be made to the American Lung Association. Arrangements were handled by Staffan-Mitchell Funeral Home, Chelsea.

ELMER S. KIEL Chelsea

Elmer S. Kiel, 77, died Nov. 16, 2000, in Ann Arbor. He was born on May 25, 1923, in Detroit, the son of Elmer E. and Irene M. (Schumacher) Kiel.

Mr. Kiel has lived in Chelsea since 1952 and was a member of Chelsea First United Methodist Church and the Chelsea Kiwanis Club.

Mr. Kiel retired from Chrysler Proving Grounds in 1989 after 39 years of service, and had the honor of supervising the pace car at the 1987 Indianapolis 500. In addition, he had the opportunity to oversee

and dedicate the Chelsea and Arizona Chrysler Proving Grounds, as well as many other projects.

Mr. Kiel served in the Army during World War II. On Aug. 16, 1947, he married Patricia McCulloch in Romeo. She preceded him in death on June 6, 1996.

Survivors include one son, Richard L. (Mary) Kiel of Chelsea; one grandson, Scott Kiel of Chelsea; two brothers, Robert (Delores) of Hillman and Ron (Nancy) of Ahn Arbor; and two sisters, Elaine Hagen of Utica and Ethel Schwartz of Utica. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Terry Lee Kiel; and one granddaughter, Nicole Kiel.

Funeral services were held Nov.19 at First United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Richard Dake and the Rev. Jennifer Williams officiating. Burial followed at Oak Grove Cemetery in Chelsea.

The family received friends at Cole Funeral Chapel Friday and Saturday, and at the church Sunday.

Memorial contributions can be

made to Silver Maples Retirement Community.

NELLIE V. MARSHALL Dexter

Nellie Marshall, 92, died Nov. 18, 2000, at Heartland Health Care Center of Ann Arbor. She was born in Homer on Feb. 1, 1908, to William and Alice Warson Smith. She was preceded in death by her husband, George Edward Marshall; a daughter, Marilyn Shelhart: and a grandson, Wade Shelhart. She was a member of St. James Episcopal Church in Dexter.

Mrs. Marshall is survived by two sons, John (Lois) Ritchie of Dexter and Richard Ritchie of Dexter; two daughters, Virginia (Frank) Rabidou of Jaffrey, N.H., and Mary (Mike) Mead of Cincinnati, Ohio. Also surviving are 11 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild. Several other loving relatives also survive.

Visitation was held on Nov. 20 at Hosmer-Muehlig Funeral Chapel in Dexter. Funeral services were held Nov. 21, with the Rev. David Horning officiating. Burial was at Forest Hill Cemetery, Dexter. Memorial contributions are suggested to St. James Episcopal Church in Dexter.

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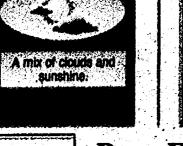
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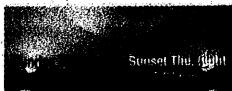
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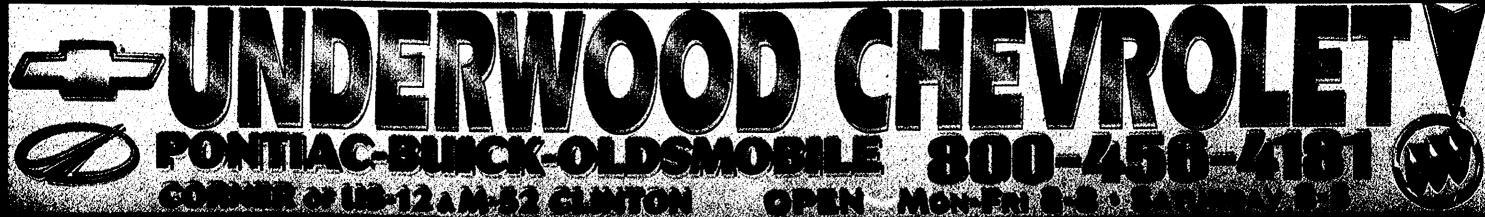
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#### Festivities include tree-lighting, visits from Santa Claus and live crèche.

Downtown Chelsea will be decked out in holiday finery for the 13th annual Festival of Lights, a weekend long celebration, Dec. 1-3.

The McKune House lot, at the corner of Main St. and Orchard St., will be the site of the tree lighting ceremony that kicks off the festival at 6:30 p.m., Dec.

Santa Claus will appear during the ceremony, and the UAW Hall will be the site of Santa's Workshop, kid's crafts and free photos, from 6-8:30 p.m.

A live crèche tableau, with costumed characters and animals, will be on view next to the McKune House between 7 and 8:30 p.m.

Main Street will be festooned with festive window displays of period costumes and gingerbread houses, and various merchant events.

The First Congregational Church is the scene of several activities throughout the evening including cookie decorating, hayrides and hot chocolate. At 7:30 p.m., members of the Youth Dance Theatre will perform a vignette from "The Nutcracker,"

Woodcarver Marlene Dusbiber will be at The Village Shoppe between 7 and 9

The evening winds up with a community singalong at the Chelsea Depot, when the winners of the House Decorating Contest will be announced.

p.m., to demonstrate traditional folk art woodcarving.

On Saturday, the streets of Chelsea will resound with live music, with plenty of holiday shopping on tap and showings at artist's studios, all between 9 a.m. and

The Washington Street Education Center will host Santa's Workshop Craft Show, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

At Pierce's Pastries Plus, jolly old St. Nick will tell wonderful stories of a traditional German Christmas. at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

The Jolly Old Elf will also appear at the Chelsea Center for the Development of the Arts between I and 4 p.m. The CCDA is also the site of the Yule Tree Gala, with a festive display of beautifully decorated. Christmas trees for sale, donated by Arend's Tree Farm. Entertainment will be provided throughout the day by the Chelsea Children's Choir, CCDA students, and the Common Chords Bell Choir who will perform at 2 p.m. Unique gifts and artwork from area artists will be available at the Artist Shoppe, and refreshments will be available all afternoon. Activities are set to run from noon to 5 p.m. For more information, call the CCDA at 433-2787.

Art galleries, gift shops and clothing stores will all be decorated for the holidays, and gingerbread houses, made by local area residents, will be displayed throughout downtown stores.

On Sunday, Darwin's Stained Glass and Antique Slot Machines will host their 7th annual Holiday Open House from noon to 5 p.m.

Harpist Laurel Federbush will perform seasonal music from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 pm., at Pierce's Pastries.

The Congdon Street Quartet will round out a perfect holiday weekend with a 3 p.m. performance of works by Borodin and Haydn at

the Chelsea Depot, located on jackson Street. For information, call 475-1145 or visit the Chelsea Chamber of Commerce on-line at www.chelseaweb.com.

The Congdon Quartet, a string quartet based in Chelsea, will perform Sunday, Dec. 3 at 3 p.m. as part of the annual Festival of Lights in Chelsea.

The string quartet calls the beautiful and historic Chelsea Depot its "performance home.

And historic it is. The Chelsea Depot, built in 1842, no longer serves railroad passengers. Nonetheless, the depot, with its wooden interior, soaring ceiling and massive windows, is a stunning venue for this new quartet. Both the sound quality and the ambiance can be described as radiant.

This concert is the second in a series by the Congdon Quartet this season. The program will include Pachelbel's "Canon and Gigue," Haydn's "Quartet in D minor, Op 76, No. I" and Borodin's "Quartet No. 2 in D Major."

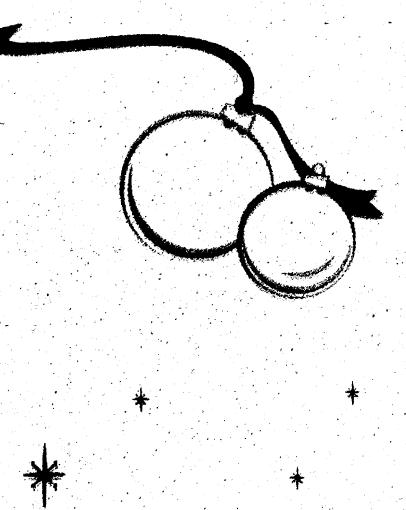
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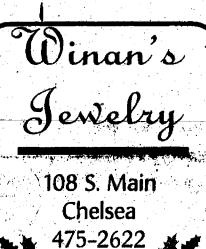
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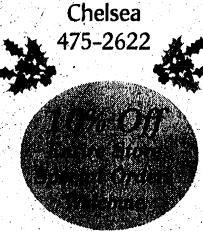
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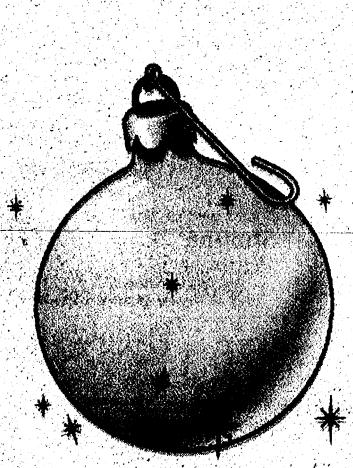
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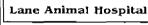
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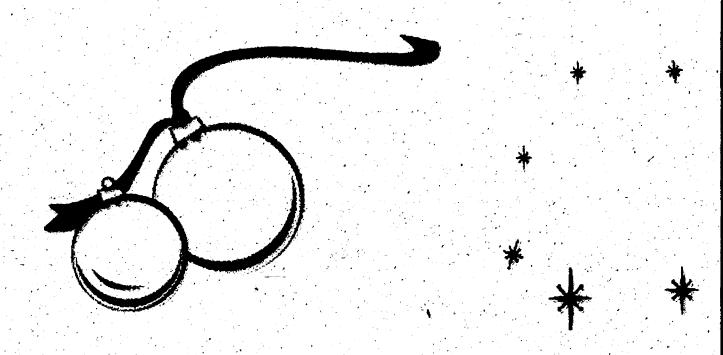
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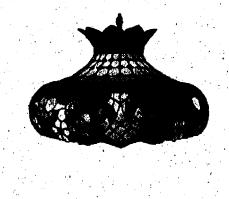
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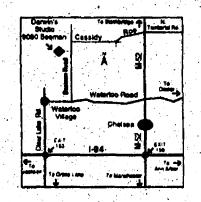
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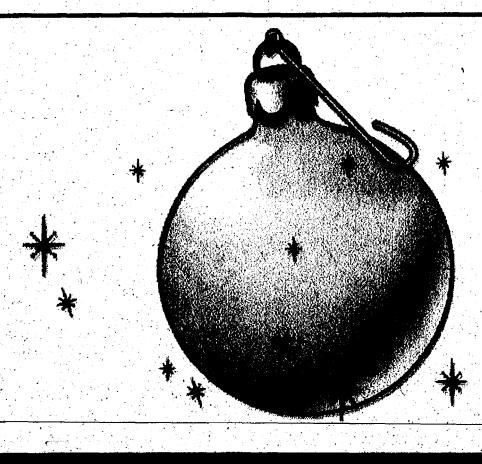
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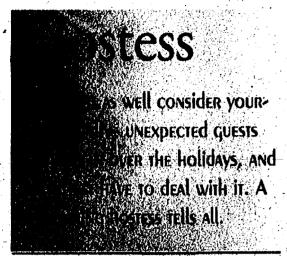


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#### Entertaining Holiday



By Kimberley Evans Rudd

rapkins. When it comes right down to it, it's all about napkins. The holiday season is upon us, and at some point during the 12 days of Christmas, seven days of Hanukkah and Kwanzaa, and the singular eve of New Year's, someone is going to drop in on your home - your family - and expect to be entertained. Big time.

At that moment, you will become an Accidental Hostess. (Pardon my gender favoring here, but let's face it, guys: You may be there when it happens, but when a surprise guest rings the doorbell, your eyeballs go rolling right to the lady of the house. Hosts R not Us, is what I hear you collectively saying. True or not?)

I am here to tell you that when that moment comes - when the fate of hospitality horror befalls you and you experience Accidental Hostessing, succeeding in the role is not about having good wine or frozen hors d'oeuvres on hand. It is not about having ample music or funny kids in the house (though they are great helpers). It's about napkins.

Have a little food? Put it on a small napkin – bingo! Overwhelm your sudden guests with food aplen-

Got a careless guest on your freshly cleaned-for-the-holidays carpet? Anticipate spills by handing the guest six napkins for each half-glass of beverage.

Had enough of the guests and want them to vacate immediately? De-stress and vent by stuffing a wad of napkins into your mouth, then screaming. They can't hear you from the kitchen, believe me.

OK, now that you understand that napkins are the essential weapon in your home-entertainment arsenal this holiday season, let's cover some other must-haves:

MUSIC

Let's revisit the music issue. With good tunes, you can soothe savage, dessert-craving beasts.

I once hosted a very impromptu New Year's Eve party. My husband

and I had about two days to shop for refreshments, clean the house, call the friends and shovel a path in the snow to the door. I spent three hours in the grocery store battling other last-minute shoppers for cheese and Cool Whip; he was at the stereo system, making cassette tapes of music. I ran to the liquor store for wine and champagne and came back happy to have emerged with gin and wine coolers; he stood snapping his fingers to music that conjured good memories from the year nearly gone. I stood in my closer for 93 minutes, wondering what to wear; he emerged from headphones with nine hours of personalized music compilations. At Accidental Hostess the end of the party, our two dozen guests didn't eat half of what I prepared, didn't notice what I was wearing (it was a gold sweater) and got giddy on wine coolers - but had boogied 'til the cows came home. They left saying it was the best dance party they'd been to in years. Chock one up for good music.

**PATIENCE** 

Well, you can't buy it in the stores (unless you count tranquilizers, which I do not), but patience is a critical product to have in the house these days. When the unexpected hostess tenure begins, I am usually easy-going and easy-flowing. I'm happy to have the company; it enhances my family-centered holiday period. Yet, I can't deny that my rigidity means an interruption in my routine can push my poor-patience button. If guests stick around too long, if their kids are behaving badly, if they keep asking me to get them things when I'd really rather be waited on, my temperature can get as hot as a crackling fire.

Once, during a holiday party, a visiting cousin got a little too joyous and dropped a prized champagne... flute, a gift from my wedding years earlier. I don't remember how badly I handled it - I mean, it was just a glass, for goodness' sake - but I must have been horrid. Shortly after The Great Dropping, my cousin sent a replacement set. And our relationship has been champagne-chilled ever since. I wish I could have bought patience back then; today, it will be at the top of my list each party season.

STOCKPILES. Those of us who are experienced Accidental Hostesses no longer call ourselves that. An accident is defined as an unforeseen occurrence; at this stage of my entertaining life, I am



Don't let drop-in guests make you too exhausted to enjoy the holiday season. Hand them a napkin and a nibble, and they'll be good to go.

always preparing for the sudden visitor. On occasion, I even hope for the impromptu gathering. Why? Because it gives me an opportunity to access my growing stockpile of party goods.

Good hostesses always have extrapaper plates, plasticwear and napkins (see, there they are again). Other goodies are pretzels, microwave popcorn, rice, powdered fruit-drink mix, dry pancake mix and syrup, peppermint candies, Jell-O with fast-set directions, cornmeal, frozen hash browns, extra children's bathing suits, an inflatable air mattress, cans of tuna packed in water, toddler toys, water paints and the printed takeout menus of every restaurant within a 2-mile radius.

**AMBIENCE** 

People who are prone to becoming Accidental Hostesses generally know who they are - the fun-loving people with great houses, recipe cards, a bar set-up, ample parking outside of their homes and nearby convenience stores. (Urban dwellers who live in congested neighborhoods with nonexistent parking yet close-by grocery stores are, conversely, the least likely Accidental Hostesses.) People come to see you because they like you and your environment. You always have something good to

serve. Your mind is open to discussions of all kinds - even politics and religion. The rooms of your home are portable enough to allow someone to move the coffee table to dance, rearrange the chairs for a board game or crash on the den couch to wait out the night. If this is you, GREAT. Keep up the good work. You're like the flame that draws moths, you can't keep people away unless you move, close your mind and lose the number to the neighborhood pizza joint.

Having been an Accidental Hostess for the past decade or so, I think it's high time I cross the road and become an Accidental Guest. Dropping in on someone this holiday season means that I'm likely to be fed, feted, gifted and thanked for "visiting" - as if I had been invited! And if I keep each of my visits to what my Mom calls "popcorn calls"short and sweet, don't even remove my boots or coat - I can visit enough hostesses to get more tips for my millennium edition of Tips for the Accidental Hostess. Stay tuned and see you on the guest circuit!

Kimberley Evans Rudd is a Chicago writer whose basement is stuffed with party favors, too much gift wrapping and extra cans of pork 'n' beans ... just in case.

# Party

lawdown on celebrations recessful seasonal parties, Hits and cozy dinners.

BY BEY BENNETT

hether it's a reunion. of lifelong friends, a get-together for the real millennial New Year's Eve or just the cousins coming over for

Thanksgiving dinner, you can give a fabulous party. We'll tell you what's hot. Even if this is your first bash, you can avoid a meltdown. But first, you need a plan.

You have to figure out what the deal is," says Lora Brody, a Bostonbased cookbook author. "Is the party business entertaining or social? Are you going to invite children or grandparents or both? I hate payback parties. They're a terrible idea. People look around and see guests they don't know or see people whom they invited to dinner.

Decide why you are having a party. Is it to celebrate a milestone? You don't need a theme, but knowing why you're giving a party will help you decide whom to invite. You want guests to have something in common, so, for example, Brody wouldn't invite a seminary student to a dinner with a sexually flambovant friend. But she's not interested in a table full of people in the same business either. Aim for a mix of guests who will provide lively conversation, not shop talk. Some theme parties can be icebreakers,



but many others are clunkers.

"I think themes are stupid, Brody says. "But I once had a joke party. It was a great, great party, and it was a payback party. You have to be very, very careful with a theme party. For my 30th anniversary, I had a prom party. I hadn't been to my own prom, and I always wanted to be prom queen. I got a dress from Vera Wang and had a barbecue

#### 3 KINDS OF PARTYGIVERS

You have to know what you're capable of handling. There are three kinds of party-givers, says Brody, author of The Entertaining Survival Guide: A Handbook for the Hesitant Host (William Morrow & Co., 1994):

• No. 1 does it all the time; it's a lot of work, but life won't stop if she has a party.

 No. 2 is crazed, terrified and never does it.

 No. 3 gets a stomachache, does it and survives.

So what do you do if you're a three, or worse yet, a two? "The best advice I'd offer is to get invited somewhere special," says Bob Sloan, who writes mysteries and cookbooks, including Dad's Own Cookbook (Workman, 1993.) If you haven't been invited somewhere special, Sloan has a few other suggestions.

'If you're not used to entertaining, do what you can," Sloan says. "Don't feel you have to make everything. Experienced cooks wise up very quickly. They don't have to be responsible for everything. Buy the bread or dessert. Focus on what you can make.'

The New Yorker advises against throwing a cocktail party. Cocktail parties were originally designed for people who left work at 5 p.m. Now people work later. If you invite guests over for cocktails, they'll expect dinner. Sloan recommends dinner parties instead. Your guest list will determine your menu. If you have more guests than you have seating for, serve foods that don't require knives and forks, such as skewered shrimp with hot-and-sour sauce or miniature roast beef.

You or your guests may want to have children at a party. After all, you rarely get to see the little darlings. But children don't really want to be with adults, Sloan says. Kids will eat in 80 seconds, then they'll look for other things to do. If you have no space where kids can do their own thing, don't invite them.'

As for what to feed children: "Don't do a cold-turkey elevation of kids' palates," Sloan says. "Kids will only eat franks in blankets. There's no reason to give them anything

#### P.S., THEY WON'T EVEN NOTICE

You know your menu, your guest list and your style. Now you're about to wow your family and friends with your knockout decor. Don't bother.

"Really, only the first two people who walk into a party notice everything," Sloan says. "After that, people just notice each other. If your intention is to dazzle everyone with your [floral or other] creations, invite them over one at a time. If your intention is to please people, put your money into better wine or



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BY BEV BENNETT

Rather than fight the crowds at yet another trendy restaurant, you've decided to invite everyone to your home for a festive meal. What were you thinking?

This is the truffle-and-puff-pastry crowd, and you're going to cook? How can you ever compete with foie gras with shiitake mushrooms in a caramelized Sauternes wine-and-shallot broth, or quail with a foie grascornbread stuffing?

Wait. Don't duck out now. You'll be relieved to know that the hottest chefs face some of the same challenges you do when they entertain at home. Jean Alberti, chef at San Francisco's Kokkari, a Mediterranean restaurant that's

winning rave reviews, prefers to have everything organized well in advance. His style, which reflects his French upbringing, is more formal.

Janos Wilder, owner/chef of Janos, the award-winning restaurant in Tucson, Ariz., prefers a casual, Southwestern, outdoor approach. But neither chef thinks entertaining should be a competition.

"My friends are in the restaurant business as well," Alberti says. "What

we're looking for is a night out. We don't try to impress each other at all. My wife Anna and I cook together when we entertain. We have a good time and drink some good wines. Although I cook on a large scale in the restaurant, I like cooking on a small scale at home."

Alberti and Anna divide the duties. She is in charge of table settings. "This is very important to Anna," Alberti says. "She uses good crystal and fine china. It's a good time to take things out of the cabinet and put them on the table."

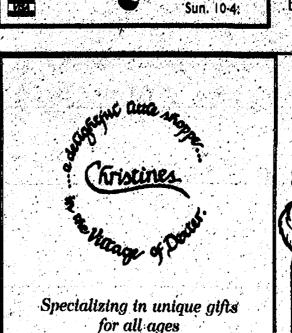
He handles the invitations and plans the meal. "I'm so busy that I have to plan dinners three or four weeks in advance. I have a group of five or six chef friends who also arrange their schedules so we can get together." Alberti says.

The Bay Area can get pretty chilly by midfall. For Alberti, that means a menufeaturing game.

"My friends would like something more than a bird," he says, "so saddle of venison would be fine. I cook it on the bone, roasting it with a cognac glaze.







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Then I make a sauce with the drippings from the roasting pan. I debone and slice the venison on a platter. I might roast chestnuts, squash or potatoes'with the venison and add them to the platter."

Alberti gets his vegetables from farmers' markets and bread from a local bakery. Why spend precious weekend leisure time slaving away in the kitchen? "I also make a simple dessert, such as. poached pears with rice pudding," says Alberti, who declares that only pastry chefs do any baking. "Chefs don't have time to do pastries, which are a different beast."

In Tucson where the weather is relatively mild through the fall, Wilder prefers the ease of outdoor cooking. Like the rest of us, Wilder doesn't want to spend the entire day cooking for family and friends. So he emphasizes foods from his garden, such as tomatoes and basil. Then he centers the meal around the grill, which tends to get quite a

workout nine months out of the year,

"Our meals are pretty simple,"

Wilder says. "We're like many families.

My wife prepares dishes from the garden, and I grill. Rebecca [my wife] will prepare tomatoes, basil and mozzarella with some terrific balsamic vinegar and olive oil, or fresh green beans or grilled eggplant. I do the entrée. I'll marinate fish, meat or chicken and cook it on the grill. That's the centerpiece of the meal."

As a Southwesterner, Wilder always has plenty of beans, fresh salsa and flour tortillas available. He and Rebecca may serve quesadilla appetizers and watermelon margaritas. As for dessert, he prefers simple sweets, such as fruit shortcakes, frozen yogurt or mango pies.

The Southwest provides a couple of advantages for Wilder: "Decor isn't important to me in home entertaining. My yard is filled with cactus, and with a backdrop like that you don't have to think about much more. Also, I don't have to cook in advance. I want to spend less time inside. So I put the food on the grill when everyone is ready to eat."

In San Francisco, Alberti does just the opposite. He chooses a menu he can

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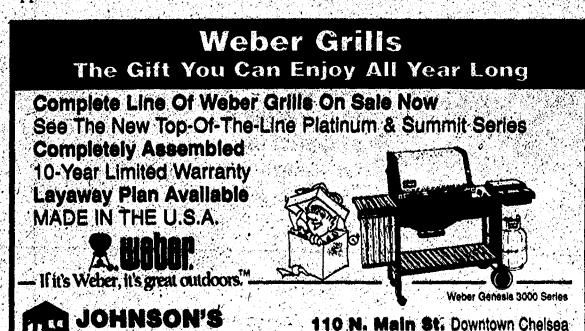
Don't be fooled: Just because chefs are masters of fancy food doesn't mean they go for that at home. Simplicity is the key to successful entertaining, they insist.

cook in advance, and he does cooking demonstrations to show people how they can, too.

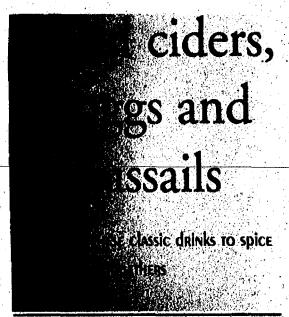
Alberti also makes the rice pudding ahead of time. When it's time for dessert, he can spoon out the pudding and fruit in minutes. "When you invite people over, timing is important," he says. "You don't want them to wait 30 minutes between courses. You don't want to hop up and leave the table for 15 minutes in the middle of conversation. You want to design a menu that allows you to spend as much time as possible with your guests."

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BY BEV BENNETT

I f you're about to show your home to a potential buyer, your real estate agent may suggest simmering some apple cider and spices. The combination fills the house with an appealing fragrance. You can use the same trick when you entertain. Entice your guests with the sweet scent of mulled wine, hot apple cider, glogg or a wassail bowl.

"Nothing makes a house smell more wonderful than when it's filled with the aroma of spices and mulled wine," says Sharon Tyler Herbst, who along with her husband, Ron, co-authored The Ultimate A-to-Z Bar Guide (Broadway Books, 1998). And you

don't even need alcohol to get your guests in the holiday spirit. The combination of warm apple cider and cinnamon is an equally potent icebreaker.

"There's such an emphasis on wellness and nourishment that people are looking for a thirst quencher, not a way of getting blasted, when they drink at parties," says Brandt, author of Drinks Without Alcohol (Workman Publishing, 1999). Classic spiced drinks have several advantages at a contemporary party:

• You don't have to tend the bar. Put out a punch bowl and cups, and let guests help themselves.

• You can make most mulled drinks several hours in advance. For alcoholic drinks, make the base ahead of time, and add the liquor at the last minute.

 You can make one punch for children and adults. If your grown-up guests want a little kick, top off their servings with a splash of brandy.

• You can dust off your favorite mugs or teacups. Don't worry about matching glasses. The more colors and shapes the better.



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Mulled drinks look great in punch bowls, Brandt says. If you're not sure the glass is heatproof, test it before the party. Never pour hot beverages into a cold bowl. If necessary, rinse the bowl with hot water to warm it. Pour in two cups of water that is the same temperature as the drink you'll serve. If the glass looks like it's undergoing any stress, pour out the water immediately. Save your heirloom punch bowl for cold drinks.

Reserve vintage wines for dinner. For mulled wine, use a jug wine such as Gallo Hearty Burgundy, Herbst says. As soon as you fill your punch bowl, start preparing another batch in a slow cooker or on the stovetop. You'll always be ready to serve more. Don't simmer alcohol or fruit juice in an aluminum or cast-iron pot. The metals may turn the drink an unappealing color and flavor. When

you boil a spirit, you destroy most, but possibly not all, of the alcohol. Avoid serving "cooked" alcohol to children or those who prefer to abstain.



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- 1 quart grape juice
- 1 quart cranberry juice cocktail
- 4 whole cloves
- 1 cinnamon stick
- 3 whole allspice
- 1/2 cup packed brown sugar
- 1/3 cup granulated sugar

Combine ingredients in a slow cooker or medium-sized saucepan. Simmer until sugar dissolves. Strain and serve in mugs. Makes 16 (1/2 cup) servings.

### **MULLED WINE**

2 bottles dry red wine 1/2 cup packed brown sugar

- 12 whole cloves
- 4 cinnamon sticks
- Peel of 1 large orange, cut into long

Peel of 1 large lemon, cut into long

2 cups ruby port 2 cups brandy

Combine all ingredients except port and brandy in large, nonaluminum pot. Bring to a simmer, stirring occasionally. Reduce heat to low. Simmer 10 minutes. Add port and brandy. Heat to steaming but do not boil. Pour into large, heatproof bowl. Ladle into mugs or heatproof punch cups, adding some spice and citrus strips to each serving. Makes about 14 (6ounce) servings.

To prepare in advance, follow the steps but don't add the brandy. When ready to serve, reheat and add brandy.

#### PILGRIM'S CIDER

2 cups water

1/2 cup packed dark brown sugar

- 1 teaspoon grated orange zest
- 1 teaspoon corlander seeds
- 1 teaspoon ground allspice
- 1/4 teaspoon grated nutmeg
- 2 whole cloves
- 4 cinnamon sticks
- 1/3 cup fresh lemon juice
- 2 quarts apple cider

Combine all ingredients, except lemon juice and apple cider, in large pot. Bring to a simmer, Strain into a punch bowl. Stir in lemon juice and cider. Makes about 20 (1/2 cup) serv-

12 riny tart apples (see note) 4 (12-ounce) bottles of ale 3/4 cup packed brown sugar Juice and peel of 1 large orange Juice and peel of 1 large lemon

allspice.

1/2 teaspoon each: ground ginger and cloves

1 cup brandy

Place apples on ungreased cookie oven for 30 minutes. Remove from

In a large nonaluminum pot, mix 2 bottles of ale along with the sugar, spices, orange juice and peel, and lemon juice and peel. Bring to boil over medium heat, stirring occasionally. Reduce heat to low; simmer 20 minutes. Add remaining 2 bottles ale, sherry and brandy. Heat to steaming,

ings.

#### WASSAIL

1 teaspoon each: ground nutmeg,

and cinnamon

2 cups sweet sherry

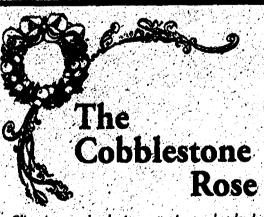
sheet. Bake in preheated 350-degree oven and set aside.

but do not boil.

Pour into large, heatproof bowl. Add baked apples. Ladle into mugs or heatproof punch cups, adding an apple to each serving. Makes 12 (6ounce) servings.

Note: If you can't find tiny tart apples, cut 3 small Granny Smith apples into quarters; follow recipe.

Source: Mulled Wine, The Ultimate A-to-Z Bar Guide; Wassail, adapted from The Ultimate A-to-Z Bar Guide; Pilgrim's Cider and Hot Spiced Grape Juice, Drinks Without Alcohol.



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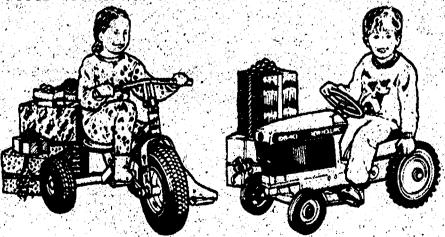


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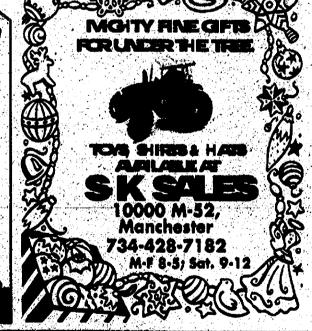
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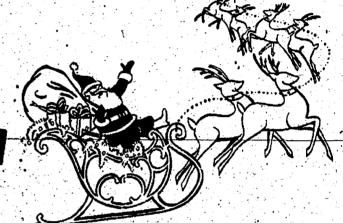
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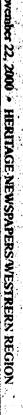
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By Lisa Bertagnoli

hile you might have to dust and vacuum after each holiday party or dinner, there's no need to constantly fuss with floral decorations. With a little imagination and time, you can create centerpieces, wreaths and porch decorations that last from Turkey Day to New Year's Day with only a few minor tweaks. We asked some floral designers to share their ideas for flexible holiday floral arrangements.

#### START WITH FAVORITES

Indoors or outdoors, wreaths and swigs remain perennial holiday

Start with a base of shiny lemon leaf or boxwood, then garnish with pine or cedar, says Gary Brewer, the floral product director at Garden Ridge, a Houston-based home-decorcompany. Seal hardy greenery with Dresden Clear Glaze, a spray found at floral or craft shops.

Southern dwellers should experiment with magnolia, which dries well, or bay leaves, says designer Larry Anhorn of FloraStyle in San Diego.

Top the base of greens with holiday decorations, for fall and Thanksgiving, intertwine with bittersweet and tresh mums, which will last about seven days. For Christmas, replace the mums with amaryllis, paperwhites or other forced-bulb flowers. For Hanukkah, use white pompoms and narcissus with a touch of silver ribbon or tiny silver balls grouped in clusters. Flowers and ribbons in jewel tones such as purple, gold, yellow and orange work beautifully for Kwanzaa.

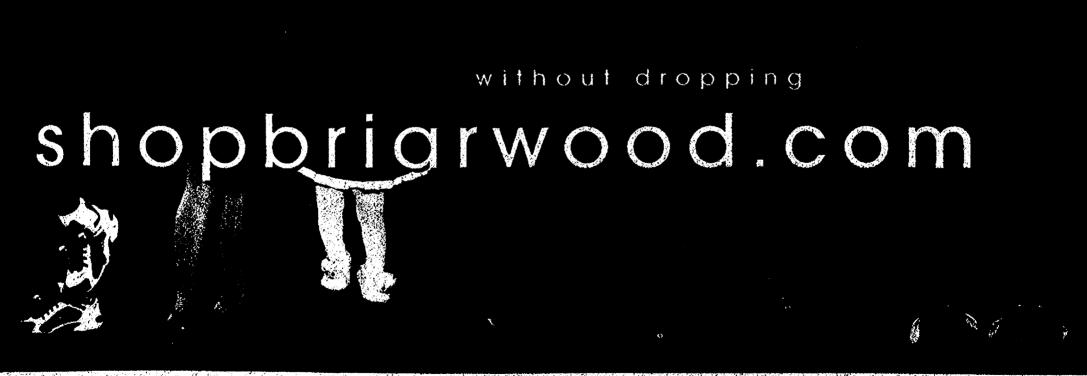
#### GET CENTERED

Greens also work well as centerpieces. Fashion a table runner from cedar, princess and Norfolk pine, says Paul Miller of Gerald Stevens, a floral retailer in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. Festoon the runner with Granny Smith apples and shell-on nuts (painted gold, if you wish) for Thanksgiving. Finish with tapers in a mix of metallic candlesticks.

As the season progresses, change the candle colors to match the holiday. Replace the apples and nuts with berried holly or red velvet ribbon, or even oranges and lemons. Nestle dreidels among the leaves for a Hanukkah table.

For the craft-minded, Brewer suggests waxing fruit for a holiday





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wreath. Sturdy, thick-skinned fruits such as oranges, lemons, grapefruit, limes, apples, cherries, hard pears and unripe avocados take well to waxing. First, insert the pick, wire or whatever you'll use to affix the fruit to the wreath or swag. Then, melt white paraffin in a double boiler - not the microwavel Line the countertop with wax paper. Dip fruit in the hot wax. Let the excess drip off, then repeat. Dry on wax paper. The fruit will last four to five weeks and will deter animals from taking a bite.

#### TAP YOUR FLOWER POWER

A simple grouping of candles and flowers forms a timeless centerpiece.

Robin Scullin of Proflowers.com, an Internet floral retailer, is a big fan of roses for the holidays. For Thanksgiving, she suggests a clear vase of peach, gold or terra-cottatoned roses next to a bowl of fruit. To make scents, add a few clovespiked oranges to the fruit bowl.

Come Christmas or Hanukkah, replace the fruit bowl with greens, and fill the vase with white roses. Silver candlesticks with white candles finish the arrangement. For an even simpler decoration, mix a single stem in a bud vase with a variety of candles. Again, change the candle and flower colors to match the holiday. Try green for New Year's - mums, bells of Ireland and green orchids should fit the bill.

Paperwhites, amaryllis and narcissus also work well in a centerpiece. Such bulbs come on the market right after Thanksgiving and are easy to grow in either soil or water. "Kids love to watch them grow," Scullin

Scullin also likes potted cyclamen - the scented, colorful houseplant as the floral focal point for a centerpiece. Group three or four together, and use a combination of red and green for a holiday feel.



Herb "trees" and topiary work well inside and, in warmer climates, outside, Scullin says. Rosemary or thyme trees can be decorated with fresh flowers - mums for Thanksgiving and roses for Christmas, They also can be festooned with tiny Italian lights. During and after the holidays, use sprigs from the tree to flavor soups and stews. Remember, the tree is a live herb, so water and care for it as you would a houseplant.

Topiary plants, which resemble a big ball on top of a stick, also take to seasonal

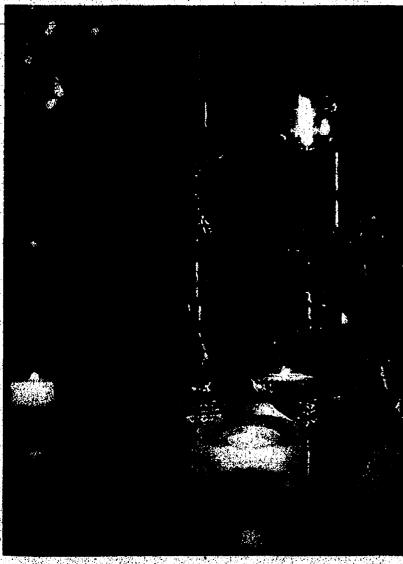
decorations, Anhorn says. For fall, place the topiary in a terra-cotta container and tuck dried leaves, rosemary or thyme between the leaves. Or tie sheaves of wheat to the stem to give it a harvest look. Change the container to a metallic one for Christmas, and decorate with ribbons, pinecones or cinnamon sticks.

For a more traditional look, Scullin suggests a 2-foot-high cypress

tree in a boxwood container. A cypress tree can double as a Christmas tree for an elderly person or an apartment dweller. Batteryoperated lights and tiny silver or gold balls add the finishing touch. r

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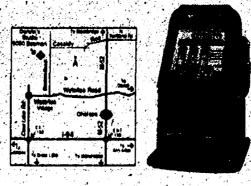




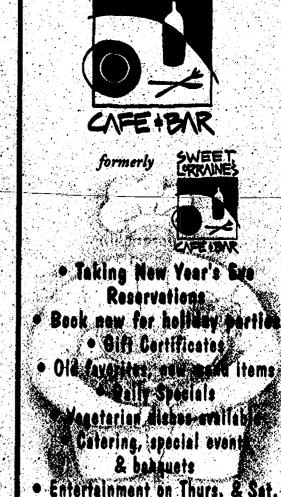
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# Oh, Christmas tree!

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Did you ever examine these exquisite trees for ideas, and when you tried them at home it just didn't look the same?

There is a trick (or two) in the Christmas-tree decorating trade. and Minnesota-based Midwest of Cannon Falls reveals some top secrets to you.

With 13 showrooms across the U.S. and one in Hong Kong, these experts have holiday trimming down to a science.

#### 1. SELECTING A TREE

Remember the tree you choose will have a visual impact and be the focal point of your room throughout the holiday season.

Tree size should be determined partly by how much space you have in your room, but also keep in mind these factors to enhance showing off your ornament collec-

•The more branch tips on the tree, the more ornaments you can

olf you want an informal look, choose a tree with long needles and upswept branches.

•For a formal appearance, select a tree with short needles and horizontal or downswept

•If you are purchasing an artificial tree, you should take storage into consideration and choose a tree that allows you to store it with the lights attached.

#### 2. LIGHTING THE TREE

A general guideline for adding lights to a tree is to use one strand per foot of tree. Of course, the simplest way is to purchase a pre-lit tree that is hinged for easy stor-

But if you are starting from scratch, remember the lights should be strung throughout the tree, not stretched over the tips of the branches. Tuck your lights around the trunk, weave them in and out of the length of the branches to give the tree depth.

Keeping the amount of lights



uniform throughout the tree is important.

#### 3. ADDING GARLAND

There are several ways to place garland on a tree. The most traditional is to swag the garland. beginning on the bottom at the back of the tree.

Swag the garland from tip to tip, using 12-inch to 20-inch swags, depending on the width of the tree. Then twist the garland on each tip.

The swags should become smaller as you go up the tree. Other styles are to double swag the garland with one row falling lower. than the other or to spiral the garland at an angle on the tree.

There also are many types of garland to choose from. Midwest of Cannon Falls suggests everything from traditional berry or gold leaf garland to elegant vintage-blown glass beads. You could stretch your imagination with designs of fish, sporting equipment or gumball garland.

#### 4. USING FILLER

Filling the spaces inside the tree creates an enchanting look from the inside out. This is the step that many household tree decorators don't know about.

Filling inside spaces adds interest and complements the overall mood of the tree. You can use ornaments, ribbon, garland, fruit, toys, mirrors, small gifts, cards or pine cones, whatever fits your theme.

#### 5. THEMING YOUR TREE

To make a strong statement, it is important to choose a dominant subject or color for your tree. Most trees look best with a balance of texture, shape, size and color but this should be tied together with one element being dominant.

For example, if your existing ornament collection has no theme, you can create one by introducing a significant quantity of one color or shape.

#### 6. Design

Repetition establishes design and can help create the theme of your tree. Using different shapes in the same color or repeating the same texture in different colors also works.

Midwest of Cannon Falls makes 

choosing ornaments easy by categorizing their products into themes that can mix and match with each other. You could blend the antique look of Christmas' past with the nostalgic toys of Santa and friends or the elegant oldworld sporting look of Stag's Head Inn and Pine Tree Lodge.

The key is to keep your theme in a basic motif — outdoors and nature, angelic and romantic, folk art and handcrafted, Western and Southwest, antique glass and heirlooms, nostalgic and family.

#### 7. DARE TO BE DIFFERENT

One reason display trees grab our attention is because they dare to be different.

Midwest of Cannon Falls has used actual wooden chairs, footballs and sports equipment, garden rakes with vegetables, bouquets of dried flowers and fancy hats blended in to the branches of their trees.

Adding bold new ideas makes the tree fun, and it is certain to create conversation.

If you want to decorate your tree with ornaments your children have made throughout the year, be imaginative by adding stuffed animals with Christmas ribbon, train sets, favorite storybooks and rocking horses.

Fill in with ornaments that complement your children's interests. Make the entire tree your children's story with their personal belongings. They'll love it!

Another interesting way to highlight favorite or heirloom ornaments is to use motion.

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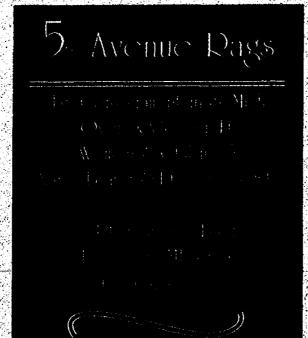


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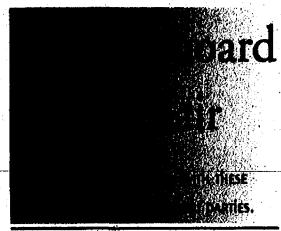
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#### BY BEV BENNETT

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And no doubt you'd like to enjoy some of your favorite foods as well,

You can minimize your cooking – and be a bountiful hostess – if you stock a holiday cupboard. Choose convenience mixes, condiments, seasonings and food products that will add a festive flourish to your cooking.

For example, if you have dried blueberries you can turn ordinary breakfast fare into a New England feast. Sprinkle the dried berries into pancake or scone batter or mix with granola. It just takes a minute, and you'll feel equal to Martha you-know-

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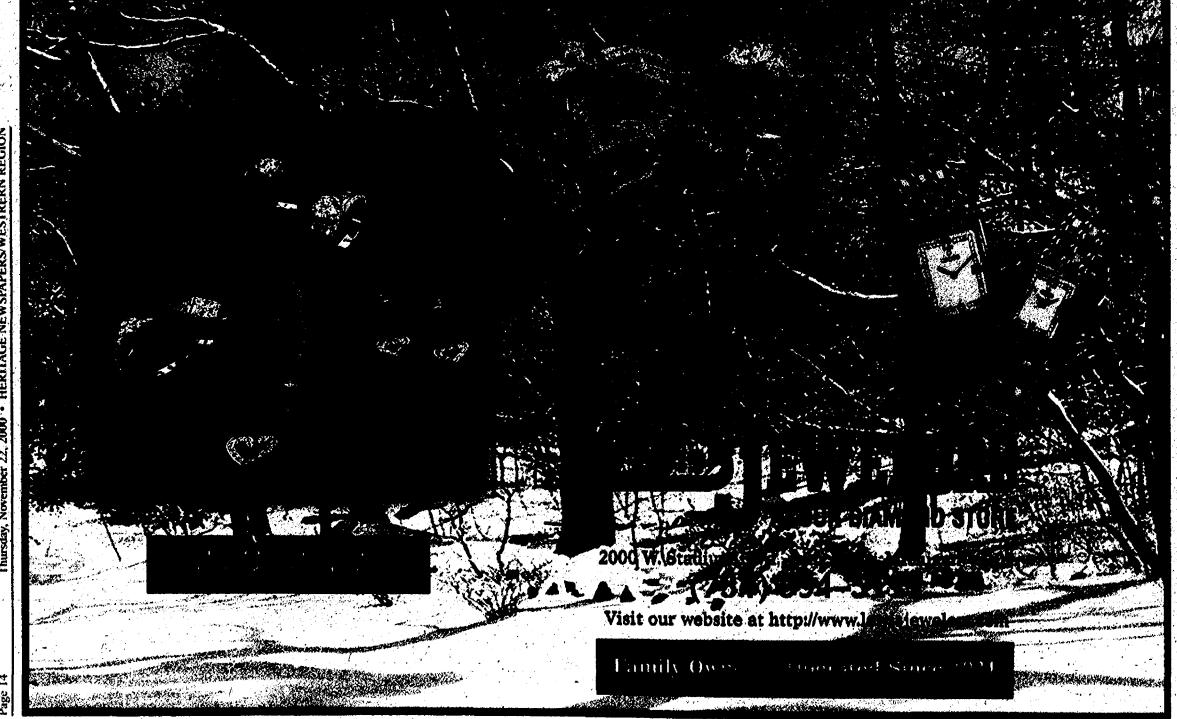
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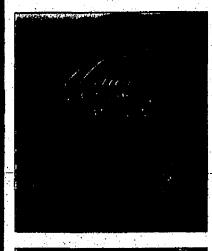
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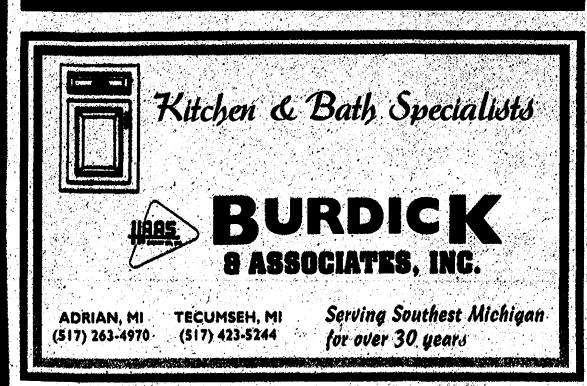
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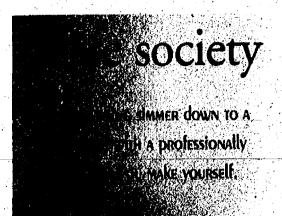
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By PAIGE BOWIE

hen soft-drink company exec Karla Cameron first learned that friends were flying in from out of state, she decided to invite a few other couples for a dinner party. After preparing a festive meal and setting out her best china, she realized an important element was missing.

There was no coffee.

Neither Cameron nor her husband were regular coffee drinkers, and her guests would surely expect to be served the obligatory after-dinner java. Buying some instant at the corner store would have been easy enough, but that didn't seem appropriate after all the care she'd put into the rest of the meal.

"I didn't want to serve an ordinary cup of Maxwell House," recalls Cameron of Redondo Beach, Calif. "So I ran out to Starbucks and got their coffee of the day, some kind of

Jamaican blend."

The popularity of Starbucks and other trendy coffee shops has raised the bar on the quality of coffee your guests expect. But you don't have to dash to pricey coffeehouses to serve up quality blends. Exotic, aromatic and elegant coffees can be prepared right at home.

"I think instant coffee just tastes horrid," says Paul Langosch of Chevy Chase, Md. Langosch got spoiled by quaint sidewalk cafes while touring Europe as a jazz musician, and he's been hooked on gourmet coffees ever since. Now, he takes his own coffee



on the road.

For a shortcut, you can always serve Starbucks' Christmas Blend, the combination of beans from around the world that the Seattle coffee giant sells only during the holidays. But don't be afraid to make up your own version. Exotic coffee beans are getting more popular and can be found at most gourmet groceries or specialty shops. Freshly ground coffee is always tastier, and in today's global economy you can find beans from Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean right at the corner store.

"If you can grind your own coffee before you serve it, the aroma will heighten the experience," says Bobby Weisman, owner of Bobby Weisman Caterers in Los Angeles.

Even ordinary coffees can be made special with the right additives. "Try flavored creamers," Weisman says. "They come in all kinds – nonfat, regular, dairy, nondairy. Try hazelnut, chocolate raspberry, vanilla bean."

Other creative additives include liqueurs, jams and jellies, hot chocolate, hot fruit juices, food extracts and flavored syrups. For something really different, pour your coffee through a flavored filter. Believe it or not, there is such a thing, made by BrewMate of Wilmington, Del. If you can't find their filters at the store, order at Brewmate.com. Flavored filters come in hazelnut cream, vanilla nut, amaretto, Irish cream, chocolate raspberry and French vanilla. There's also an unflavored version for filtering impurities that cause bitterness.

And tea drinkers, don't despair. Tea filters come in raspberry, peach, lemon and tropical fruit. Another trick for jazzing up your coffee is to melt treats in the cup. Consider hard candy, white or dark chocolate drops, or a small piece of mint. And during the holidays, cinnamon sticks are especially popular. Dipping a plastic spoon in melted chocolate for a tasty stirrer also gives a cup of joe a festive flair.

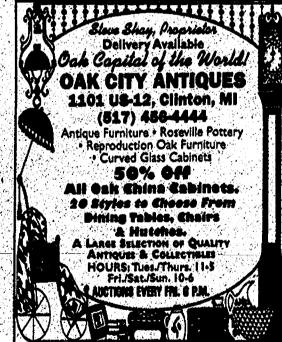
Toppings can make a big difference, too. You can't lose with whipped cream, of course, but don't

be afraid to experiment. Try marshmallows or a scoop of ice cream covered with chocolate-sundae sprinkles, or skip the ice cream and just use the sundae sprinkles.

As you're trying your hand at such intriguing combinations, don't forget that the key ingredient is coffee, says. Art Ginsburg, better known as Mr. Food. "You have to use the proper strengths," says the author of A Mr. Food Christmas (William Morrow, 1999) and other cookbooks. "If the coffee's too weak, no matter how good the other ingredients are, it's just not going to taste good."

For too many people, coffee is an afterthought. That's a terrible mistake, Ginsburg says. "First impression is everything, and if you start off the meal with bad coffee, you're really lowering expectations for what's ahead," he says. "And later, good coffee rounds off the whole evening. It gives a sense of quality to everything else.

"There's nothing worse than serving a wonderful meal and then ending it on a flat note."









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## Mat, drink and be wary

DON'T LET SEASONAL TEMPTATIONS THREATEN your commitment to eat night and stick jo your timess routine. Here's help.

By Laura Gatland

ne of the toughest challenges to a person's willpower is holiday parties where the focus tends toward eating richer foods and drinking alcohol. The best tactic is to eat lower-fat foods during the day to compensate for a bit of indulging in the evening. Once you arrive at a party, belly up: to the bar, and have a big glass of water. Then case out the whole place, and see what's there.

"One expectation I often get people to hold onto is between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day, stay the weight you are," says Althea Zanecosky, a Philadelphia dietitian. "It's not what you do between Thanksgiving and New Year's - it's what you do between

New Year's and Thanksgiving that

"Save your calories for the really wonderful holiday treats that you only get once a year. Save one [alcoholic drink for later; in the meantime, nurse sparkling water."

Adding physical activities during the season is an excellent way to. maintain healthy goals and combat the stress of the frenetic season.

"As you get busy with parties and planning and shopping, it's a good point to keep up your exercise because it's so critical to your health and weight management," says Julie Scheier, R.D., a clinical nutrition manager at Northwestern Memorial Hospital in Chicago.

Holiday activities burn calories, too. Cleaning the house for a party burns 300 to 400 calories an hour. "Shopping can burn 400 calories an hour, if you're really walking around hauling your packages," Zanecosky

Another strategy is to incorporate healthful foods, such as fruits and vegetables, into holiday meals, to avoid that overstuffed feeling. Although the selection of fresh produce is more limited during colder months, winter grapes are a good addition to meals. Apples, oranges and pineapple dipped in chocolate

fondue add a healthy twist to desserts. Even frozen berries are a healthy accompaniment to meals or desserts.

When preparing meals or baking treats, try modifying recipes with lower-fat ingredients if it doesn't sacrifice the taste. For example, add broth instead of margarine to make stuffing but serves traditional gravy to drizzle over turkey. Or bake sweet potatoes with a little applesauce and brown sugar, rather than coating the dish in butter. Modify desserts by using fat-free or low-fat whipped cream and ice cream.

'Sometimes it's good just to eat something that you want because if you don't, you can fixate on what you want," Scheier says. "Sometimes it's a good idea not to modify your family recipes or your favorite foods because [no one] will be satisfied doing that."

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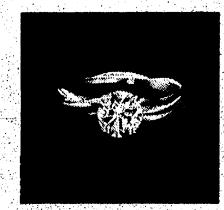
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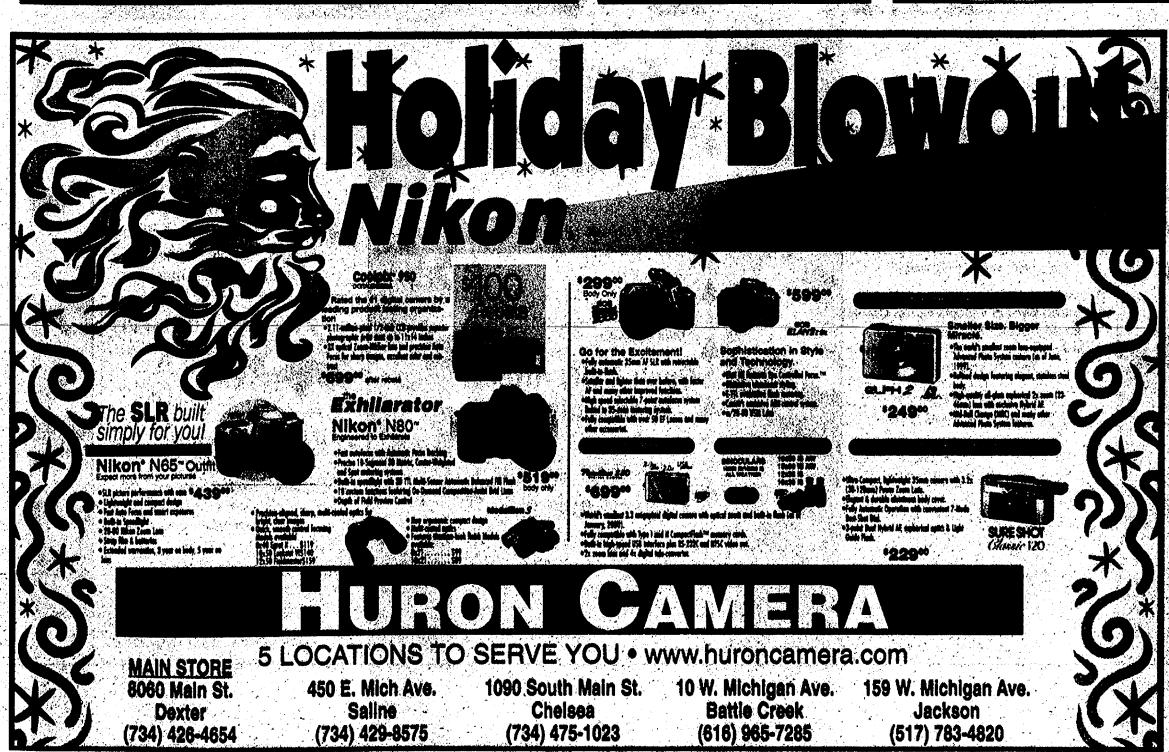
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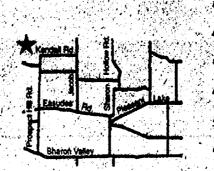
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