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CHELSEA VILLAGE

Council hires new manager Michael Steklac to take the reins March 1

By Sheila Pursglove
Associate Editor

The search is over. Chelsea Village Council voted unanimously in a special meeting Feb. 18 to hire Michael Steklac as village manager.

He starts March 1 with an annual salary of \$68,000.

"Thank God for small favors," Trustee Charles Ritter said Friday. "Now, if we could only get things sorted on a police chief."

Steklac, 44, is the fourth administrator candidate to

receive the offer. Two turned it down and council rescinded its offer to another.

The full-time post has been vacant since Jack Myers stepped down June 10 to take a similar position in Stockbridge.

Village Administrative Assistant Barb Fredette has been serving as interim manager since Dec. 12.

Steklac said he came across an article in The Chelsea Standard in late November about the difficulties the village was having finding a new manager. He contacted Village President



Michael Steklac

Richard Steele, sent his resume and was called for an interview Dec. 12.

"I felt I would be a good match for Chelsea," Steklac said Monday. "I have a strong background in all aspects of municipal management and a good knowledge of Michigan law. I have skills in planning and zoning, budgeting, capital improvement planning and implementation, economic development and community outreach."

"I like that Chelsea is a growing community. However, growth needs to be managed with sound planning."

During a visit in late
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MEET MICHAEL STEKLAC

- Age: 44
- Native of Chicago area
- Grew up in Mount Prospect, Ill.
- Attended Northern Illinois University in Dekalb, Ill.
- Graduated in 1982 with bachelor's degree in public administration.
- Married for 16 years to Tereya, who is in her final semester of nursing school.
- Two daughters, Katy, 13, and Marybeth, 10.
- Interests: computers, technology, study of local history. A die-hard Chicago Cubs fan.
- Professional Experience
- City administrator of Gering, Neb., April 2001 through December 2003.
- City manager of Keego Harbor, February 1997 through April 2001.
- Labor relations consultant, City of Gibraltar, September through November 1998.

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CHELSEA VILLAGE

Cityhood vote set March 8 15 candidates running for Chelsea office

By Sheila Pursglove
Associate Editor

In just 11 days, Chelsea may face its biggest change since Elisha and James Congdon settled the area in 1834.

On March 8, Chelsea voters will be asked to approve a city charter, and elect a mayor and six city council members.

If the city charter is not approved, the current form of village government will continue. As a result, voters also will be

casting ballots in a regular village election for a village president and three trustees.

Candidates may run for the village and city seats simultaneously.

Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. March 8 at the Washington Street Education Center, 500 Washington St., in Chelsea.

For more information or an absentee ballot, call Village Clerk Terri Burtch at 475-1771. The village offices are located at 305 S. Main St. in Chelsea.

To view a copy of an upcoming ballot,

visit the village offices or call Burtch for one to be mailed.

A candidate forum will be held 6:30 p.m. March 4 at the Washington Street Education Center.

CITY CHARTER

Voters will find the new city charter — published in its entirety in the Feb. 12 edition of The Chelsea Standard — on the ballot for approval.

Chelsea residents recently received a four-page flier from the City Committee outlining the benefits of city status.

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CHELSEA SCHOOLS

Board approves bond on ballot

District residents
would vote on issue
June 14

By Sheila Pursglove
Associate Editor

Rusty furnaces, leaky roofs and broken boilers were the focus of Monday's Board of Education meeting.

Trustees voted unanimously to ask voters to approve a bond issue for up to \$29 million. The final amount will be set after the state reviews a bond application.

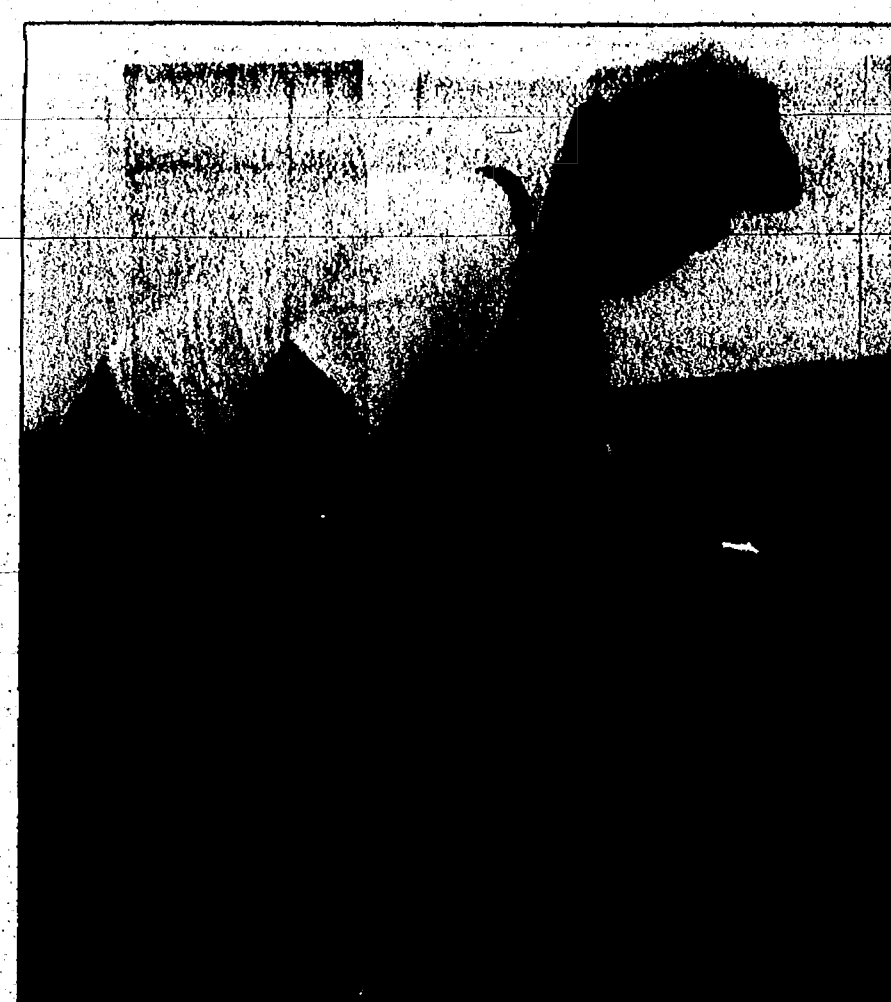
The millage will be on the ballot June 14 as part of the

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Dave Killips, superintendent of Chelsea schools, points to photos of aging mechanical structures in the district. School officials hope voters will approve a bond issue in June to pay for school improvements.

Photo courtesy of Scott Wooster



File photo
Harold Trinkle, a Lima Township farmer well known throughout the Chelsea and Dexter communities, died Thursday.

LIMA TOWNSHIP

Community mourns local farmer, official

Harold Trinkle served
on the Lima Township
Board for many years

By Rita Fischer
Special Writer

Lima Township farmer Harold Trinkle, well known throughout the Chelsea and Dexter communities, died Thursday at the age of 78.

Family and friends remembered him at a funeral service Tuesday at St. Andrew's United Church of Christ in Dexter, where he had been a lifelong member and served on the church board.

Trinkle was laid to rest at St. Andrew's Cemetery.

A widower, he is survived by four children; 10 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

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BRIEFLY...

■ **Spring craft show slated for March 13:** The Chelsea Spring Craft Show is set from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 13 at the Washington Street Education Center, 500 Washington St., in Chelsea.

The show will feature 100 juried craft and folk art artisans.

Admission will be \$2 for adults, with children younger than 12 admitted for free.

■ **High school class of 1959 to hold reunion:** The Chelsea High School Class of 1959 will hold a

meeting to plan the 45th reunion 7:30 p.m. Monday at the Wolverine Restaurant on the corner of M-52 and Old US-12.

For information, call Pat Merkel, 475-1824.

■ **Detroit Lions players to play in Chelsea:** The Chelsea High School Students Against Destructive Decisions group has arranged a basketball game between school staff and members of the Detroit Lions football team 7 p.m. March 20 in the school gym.

Detroit Lions' players will sign autographs at half time, and there will be a raffle of autographed Lions' merchandise.

■ **Library to host technology classes:** The Chelsea District Library will host an introduction to the spreadsheet program Excel from 9 to 11 a.m. March 2, 9 and 16.

A second set of classes will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. March 4, 11 and 18.

To register call Ron Andrews at 475-8732.

■ **Library presents Tom Hodgson, a singer, storyteller and naturalist:** The Chelsea District Library will host Tom Hodgson 1 p.m. March 20 as part of the Winter Family Reading Program. He will entertain families and children with stories and songs celebrating the great outdoors. No registration is required.

MANAGER

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December, Steklac had in-depth conversations with Trustee Jim Myles and Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce Director Bob Pierce. He said the talks made him feel comfortable that Chelsea was the right community for him professionally and personally.

"We're looking forward to him grabbing the reins," Myles said Friday.

Steklac's wife, Teresa, and daughters, 13-year-old Katy and 10-year-old Marybeth, will stay in Gering, Neb. — where Steklac was city manager until he resigned in late December — until the end of the school year before joining him in Chelsea.

"It's an odd coincidence, but Chelsea and Gering share the same bulldog mascot and the same blue-and-gold school colors," Steklac said.

The Chicago native had hoped to start Jan. 25 but said that Village Council had had some "procedural issues" they first had to resolve.

So concerned was Steklac about articles in The Chelsea Standard about alleged secret meetings and discussions, that he e-mailed Steele and the council to say he did not want his candidacy to be clouded by any real or perceived violations of the state's Michigan Open Meetings Act.

Trustee Dale Schumann said the personnel committee — on which he serves with Steele and Trustee

CONTRACT DETAILS

- Start date: March 1
- Salary: \$68,000
- Length of contract: Three years, then continuing in three-year periods
- Termination/Severance: Six months salary
- Resignation: Six months notice
- Performance review: Review and evaluation at least

- annually. First six months from starting date.
- Automobile: Use of village-leased automobile. When lease expires, council will consider car allowance or leased vehicle.
- Vacation: Fifteen days paid vacation annually.
- Moving expenses: \$6,000.

Howard Holmes — was "hamstrung" by the other four members of council.

"It's good we finally have a village manager," Schumann said Friday. "It's too bad that there was a delay, as council could have had Michael on board as early as January with basically the same contract."

A day after the council's unanimous vote to hire him, Steklac canceled interviews with a city in Oklahoma and a county in Kansas.

Steklac has already drawn up a list of challenges awaiting him, including cityhood. In fact, he may have one of the shortest village manager tenures on record. If voters give cityhood the green light March 8, Steklac will find himself city manager of Chelsea by March 9.

Other challenges he named included filling the police chief position; resolution of the BookCrafters building that was purchased for a new municipal facility; the budget; and long- and short-term strategies to meet needs in a cost-effective manner.

"I will be establishing relationships with neighboring

townships and municipalities to find ways that we might cooperate inter-governmentally while still preserving our communities' identities," he said.

Holmes said that Steklac's sound background in municipal management and key characteristics would enable him to settle in and have an immediate impact on Chelsea's needs.

"He is well-versed in technology and has a tendency to work hands-on when and where needed," Holmes said.

"After such a weary journey that has had its share of road bumps, we are very happy indeed to have Mike



Chicago native Michael Steklac will start as Chelsea's new village manager March 1. His wife, Teresa, and daughters, Katy, 13, and Marybeth, 10, will stay in Nebraska until the end of the school year.

on board," he said.

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STEKLAC

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- Assistant city manager of Riverview, August 1991 through August 1996.
- Assistant to the city manager April 1991 through August 1991. Acting city manager, September 1990 through April 1991.

Assistant to the city manager October 1988 through September 1990.

- Assistant to village manager of Mount Prospect, Ill., September 1987 through October 1988. Research assistant February 1986 through September 1987. Administrative intern October 1984 through February 1986.

TRINKLE

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As owner of Harold Trinkle & Sons, Trinkle supplied hay, straw and feed corn to local farmers.

"He was a hard worker and was always active," Trinkle's nephew, Ron Diuble, said Monday. "He worked many years selling and buying hay."

Diuble said that Trinkle treated the hired hands, who often lived at his farmhouse, as family.

Trinkle was active in the agriculture business as the past president of the Michigan Farm Bureau, former member of the Michigan Milk Producers and a member of the Chelsea Fair Board.

"Harold always bought at the livestock auction and always had a booth in the merchants' barn," Fair Board President Ken McCalla said Monday.

Dale Lesser served on the board of the Farm Bureau with Trinkle.

"Harold was very dedicated to the Farm Bureau," he said. "He dedicated his time and efforts, and did a lot with agriculture."

"He enjoyed doing anything that he did. He was a very special guy."

Lloyd Grau, who served alongside Trinkle on the Chelsea Community Fair Board, said that Trinkle was involved a long time with the fair.

"Everyone bought hay from him at one time," Grau said. "He always worked hard to make the fair a success."

"He always made time for everything and was serious about what he did."

Trinkle, a member of the Dexter Masons for 50 years, was active on the Chelsea

and Dexter fire boards, and was a former Lima Township Board trustee.

Lima Township Supervisor Ken Unterbrink said Tuesday that Trinkle always had the township's interests at heart and acted in its best interests.

The Rev. Gary Kwiatek of St. Andrew's United Church of Christ said Monday that Trinkle was one of the pillars of the church. He recalled their first meeting when Kwiatek was hired as pastor.

"He was very outgoing and came up to talk to me," Kwiatek said. "He slapped me on the back and talked to me like a good old boy. He made me feel comfortable and at ease when I was a candidate for the church."

Kwiatek attributed the success of the church's sauerkraut dinners to Trinkle.

"He would buy so many tickets to give away to his friends and family that we had to put a limit on how many people could pur-

chase," Kwiatek said. "That was just the kind of guy he was."

— Associate Editor Sheila Pursglove also contributed to this article.

STRAIGHT FACTS

The article "Trustee opposes fire budget" in the Jan. 29 edition should have said that if the Chelsea Area Fire Authority's budget was supported by a millage instead of the general fund, 1.34 mills would be needed to support this year's \$612,000 budget. The amount is 0.09 mills higher than what it would have equated to in 1999.

No matter how hard we try to avoid mistakes, sometimes they happen anyway. When that occurs, we rely on our readers to let us know about them. So, please help. To request a correction, e-mail Editor Michelle Rogers at editor@chelseastandard.com or call 475-1371.

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CHELSEA

District library nearing bond vote

Election set May 4 for Chelsea School District voters

By Michael Rybka
Special Writer

The Chelsea District Library Board is preparing to ask voters in May to support a bond issue to renovate the McKune House and is hoping to begin construction next spring.

If all goes according to plan, Chelsea residents could see the library move back into its old digs on Main Street by May 2006.

The board was given a detailed breakdown of costs at its meeting Feb. 17.

Neal Morton, project manager for O'Neal Construction, said if the bond issue passes May 4, construction would begin in the spring of 2005 and continue until late May 2006.

The library plans to ask Chelsea School District prop-

erty owners to pay 0.75 mills for 20 years to renovate the McKune House and build an attached 18,000-square-foot facility at an estimated cost of \$9.2 million.

If approved, the owner of a house valued at \$200,000 and assessed at half would pay \$75 per year.

The proposal is based on \$1 million or more being donated by private sources.

Issues concerning the purchase of land from the Chelsea Downtown Development Authority regarding parking have not been worked out yet, Morton said.

Larry Hill, chief estimator for O'Neal Construction, said the real wild card is estimating the cost of the McKune House renovation, which has increased since estimates were made in 1999.

The latest figures show that some \$5 million will go toward new construction. About \$907,000 will be needed to make the building functional. This excludes, for the

most part, the cost of linking the old structure to the new one.

The breakdown includes \$156,000 given to the Downtown Development Authority for its portion of the purchase of the Staffan Mitchell funeral home.

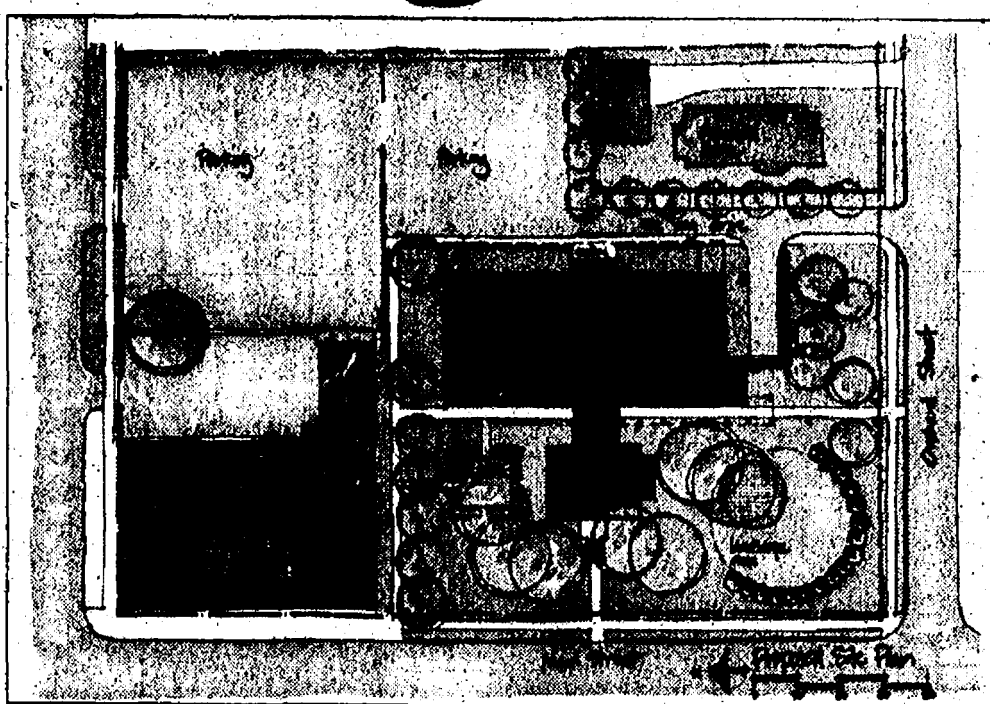
The cost of site acquisition and development would come to about \$1.06 million.

In addition to work on the new addition's footprint, the estimate also includes the purchase and demolition of a home on Orchard Street and construction of new foundations to accommodate moving another home.

It also includes contracting fees, consultant fees, new water connections and a water detention system.

Turning to smaller details, Hill said the new library would have a "snow-melt" sidewalk that works on a system similar to heated anti-freeze going through pipes.

Library Director Metta Lansdale said that increases in costs will be offset by



Plans call for expanded and renovated McKune House on Main Street. The library would return to the building in May 2006.

reducing the library's opening day collection. Lansdale said the original \$395,000 that was to be spent has been reduced to \$156,628.

Trustee Gregory DeGraff seemed surprised at the announcement. Lansdale downplayed the reduction by saying the library has been accumulating material since 1999, when an earlier capital

improvement proposal was defeated at the polls, but a higher operating millage was approved.

Mumby estimated the library shelves to be 80 percent full on opening day.

"No new library opens

with their shelves full," he said. "You only have one chance to build while you have many opportunities to order materials."

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DEXTER TOWNSHIP

Comments sought on millage

Public meeting set 7 p.m. Monday at Dexter Township Hall

By Lisa Allmendinger
Special Writer

The Dexter Township Board held the first of two town hall meetings last week to get feedback from residents on a possible public safety millage.

Fewer than a dozen people attended the meeting, which was planned by the Dexter Township Board to explain its need for a public safety millage.

The township's five-year, 1-mill fire levy has expired and there isn't enough money available in the general fund to cover fire protection, said Township Clerk Harley Rider.

Treasurer Julie Knight said there is a \$129,800 deficit in the fire fund, while the township's police fund is \$558,000 in the black.

Rider said because ballot language was very specific, the township cannot use any of the police fund money for fire protection.

The board is considering

whether to repeal its 2-mill police millage and instead asking voters to approve a 3-mill public safety millage. It's expected to generate more than \$800,000 a year for police and fire.

Resident Bill Gajewski expressed concern that if the township repealed the police millage in favor of a public safety millage, the township could be left with nothing because the police millage passed by such a narrow margin.

Resident Tom Ehman said that if someone calls the fire department, most people have a homeowners' insurance policy that pays up to \$500 of the fire cost.

"It seems ridiculous that we don't go after the insurance companies," he said.

Rider said the collection might be a problem since more than half of the funds are medical emergencies and not for fires.

In addition, a mechanism would have to be set up to collect from the insurance companies, he said.

Rider planned to crunch more numbers to see if the board could cover the combined costs with a slightly smaller millage.

"Since fire (millage) is expiring, combine them and roll them and it will be up to the board to manage the fund," said resident Jim Knight, who is married to the township treasurer. "This is a pretty well-run township. You haven't asked for tax money."

For a home valued at \$200,000 and assessed at half, 1 mill equates to \$100 in taxes per year, and 3 mills would total \$300 per year.

In comparison, Rider said, a year of basic cable costs

residents about \$500, while a year of garbage collection costs between \$120 and \$250.

"How much is public safety worth to residents?" he asked.

The board is leaning toward a public safety millage but plans to gather more comments. Another meeting will be held 7 p.m. Monday at the Dexter Township Hall, 6880 Dexter-Pinckney Road.

Lisa Allmendinger is a freelance writer. She can be reached at 433-1052 or yankee@izzy.net.

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VOTE

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The charter is also available for viewing online at www.chelsea.mi.us.

If voters give cityhood the green light, Chelsea will become the fifth city in Washtenaw County, joining Ann Arbor, Saline, Ypsilanti and Milan.

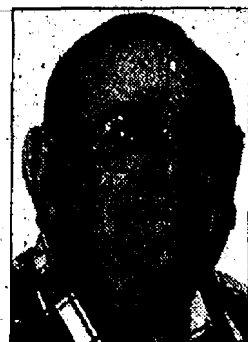
IF THE CITY CHARTER IS APPROVED:

Chelsea will need a mayor and six City Council members. Mayoral candidates are Charles Ritter, Ann Feeney and Marvin Carlson.

CHARLES RITTER

Village Trustee Charles Ritter hopes to be Chelsea's first mayor. He also is running for village president should Chelsea remain a village.

Currently serving a second term as village trustee, Ritter has been involved in local politics for more than 50 years.



Charles Ritter

A former U.S. Army officer and retired manufacturer's representative, Ritter has lived in Chelsea since 1939 and served as village president from 1980 to 1981.

He has served on the Chelsea Historical Commission, Chelsea Recreation Council, Chelsea Area Fire Authority, Planning Commission, Water Commission and Washtenaw County Waste Commission.

Ritter said that Chelsea needs strong leadership.

"I think we're in the same sort of position now that we were in back in 1980 when I was elected," he said. "There's too much going on that the ordinary citizen doesn't know about."

"It's time someone got in there to straighten it out, just as I did in 1980. I believe I'm capable of straightening it out, and I can devote myself to it full time — you can't leave the village at 7:30 a.m. and come back at 6 p.m. and know what's going on."

Ritter backs Acting Police Chief Scott Sumner to replace retired Police Chief Lenard McDougall, an issue that has caused dissension among council.

Ritter said tax structures must be carefully monitored at all times "so we don't get a bunch of taxes."

"Taxpayers shouldn't be expected to pick up all the shortfalls that come along," he said.

Ritter also is keen on new technology such as the high-tech meter reading system.

"I was the only one who went to Ohio to check it out," he said. "The whole reading and billing job is done in eight hours. It will save in the neighborhood of \$80,000 to \$90,000 a year."

Ritter wants council session stored on videotape. "That way, if there's a question, we can look back," he said.

"We need people who will work for the village — or the city — of Chelsea, not people with personal policies or their own interests," he said. "The residents should come first."

ANN FEENEY

Ann Feeney, 69, a member of the original City Study

Committee since its inception 12 years ago, moved to Chelsea in 1972 from Detroit.

Her first organizational involvement was with the Chelsea Area Historical Society. She was chair of the Chelsea Community Foundation for two years and still serves on the Foundation Committee. She also serves as secretary of the Chelsea Area Transportation System board of directors.

Feeney has been involved with Chelsea's Downtown Development Authority since 1985 and served as executive director since August 1998.

"I have been a quasi participant in village government for almost 20 years," she said. "The DDA is located in the village office, which has allowed me to see the workings of the village very closely."

"The village is in transition. It's a good time to jump in and get more directly involved in setting policy for the new city."

Feeney said she is confident the charter will pass because it's "very good" for the community.

"I did not file for village president because I did not wish to cast even a shadow of a doubt on the vital importance of voters approving the city charter and moving Chelsea to a new level of governance," she said.

Feeney said the first challenge will be to welcome the new city manager and give him all the support needed to successfully manage the business of city government.

"The major challenge of all local elected officials is to be active planners, setting priorities," she said. "Infrastructure improvements are a continuing issue. Looking forward technologically is essential, as was done with the new meter reading system and the new well and water softening system."

"With Chelsea as the heart of the western Washtenaw community, it's important to keep lines of communication and cooperation open with the townships."

MARVIN CARLSON

Marvin Carlson has served as vice chairman of the Lima Township Planning Commission, and as a board member of the Chelsea Historic District.

The 58-year-old Detroit native, who worked as a planner in Detroit and Ann Arbor and in private real estate investment, said the most pressing challenge is growth and effective management.

People are drawn to Chelsea by the school system, and historic commercial and residential core, he said.

"As we continue to add more and more large-scale development to Chelsea's periphery, that very appeal which attracts so many begins to erode," he said.

Carlson said Chelsea would lose its uniqueness and charm to become another



Ann Feeney

in a long line of ho-hum suburbs that dot the landscape of Southeast Michigan.

Carlson said his experience as a professional city planner and planning commissioner, and from confronting issues from "the other side of the table," gives him a unique perspective.

He said developers should provide dedicated parkland within their developments, residents should not be expected to subsidize the developer's needed water and sewer services, and the developer should provide the improvements necessary to carry extra traffic.

Carlson who with his wife, Susan, runs Sugarbush Farm on Dexter-Chelsea Road, said rural scenes are important to the social fabric and special identity of Chelsea. But the reality, he said, is that Chelsea sits astride the path of development pushing out from Ann Arbor along the I-94 corridor.

"The biggest challenge for the next mayor of Chelsea is to channel that pressure into positive, creative additions to our basic small-town fabric," he said.

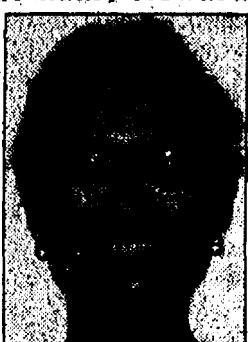
The community could achieve this, he said, by adopting strategies to encourage efforts like those at the Clock Tower complex. Carlson was part of a similar effort in Ann Arbor.

"We can forge a new alliance with business and government to protect what we have here in Chelsea and add to its character rather than bring it down to some nondescript byway on the road to nowhere," he said.

City Council Candidates

CHERI ALBERTSON

Albertson, who served on the City Charter Commission, is putting her name forward as a candidate for the new City Council and for a second run at Village Council. A clinical social workers,



Cheri Albertson

Albertson, 47, has lived in Chelsea for 22 years.

Albertson said that passage of the Chelsea city charter is imperative for the overall well being of the community.

"It not only is the product of many years of committed effort but also concern and caring for this community," she said.

"It provides the means within which Chelsea can operate and manage its governance far into the future, with assurance that decisions that affect Chelsea, from the simple to the profound, will remain within the hands of Chelsea and not townships nor solely the state."

Albertson said her commitment has been, and continues to be, a representative voice for the citizens of Chelsea while balancing best interests that include a

— ON THE BALLOT —

MARCH 8 ELECTION

CITY CHARTER

Yes or No
If the city charter passes, the new city of Chelsea will need a mayor and six trustees for City Council.

CANDIDATES

MAYOR
Marvin Carlson
Ann Feeney
Charles Ritter

SIX TRUSTEES FOR CITY COUNCIL

Cheri Albertson
James Bollinger
Walter Bolt
Frank Hammer
Jason Lindauer

Cindy MacFarlan

Joseph Merkel
Jim Myles
Harry "Jack" Myers
Robert Ponte
Kim Soule-Broekhuizen
Richard Steele

If the city charter does not pass, Chelsea's Village government will continue. The position of village president and three trustee positions are open. Candidates may run simultaneously in both the village and city election.

CANDIDATES

VILLAGE PRESIDENT
Frank Hammer
Charles Ritter

THREE TRUSTEES FOR VILLAGE COUNCIL

Cheri Albertson
James Bollinger
Jason Lindauer
Joseph Merkel
Robert Ponte

A candidate forum is set for 6:30 p.m. March 4 at the Washington Street Education Center, 500 Washington St.

Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. March 8 at the Washington Street Education Center.

For more information, call Village Clerk Terri Burtch at 475-1771.

healthy and vibrant business and cultural district.

"We have begun important work," she said. "My hope is to continue in order to bring our community forward in partnership with all citizens."

JAMES BOLLINGER

James Bollinger, whose family's roots go deep in Chelsea, is taking a run at both Village Council and City Council.

Bollinger, 43, was born and raised in Chelsea and is a graduate of Chelsea High School. He helps operate the family-owned business, Bollinger Sanitation & Excavating Inc.

A member of the Chelsea Community Fair Board and a manager of the fair, Bollinger is also on the board of directors of the Chelsea Rod & Gun Club, and co-chair of Chelsea White Trails.

"After 43 years of living in

this great community, I feel it's time to get involved," he said.

"I would like to help the community head in the right direction for the betterment of the citizens living in Chelsea."

Bollinger said the move to becoming a city is Chelsea's best course of action and that taxes will not be raised to implement this change.

"This change will allow us more control and greater input with the state on changes that impact our community," he said.

A city government would allow Chelsea to separate elections from township to city elections, he said.

"As a city, we will be able to forge alliances with the surrounding townships to work together for the benefit of all residents," he said. "And our group would like to help manage city growth while maintaining the values that make us Chelsea."

Bollinger would like to see a capable city manager at the helm, and also see a police chief hired who understands the workings of the community.

A member of the village's

Building Advisory Committee, Bollinger said the need for a municipal facility is a critical issue for the community.

WALTER BOLT

Walter Bolt, 35, was appointed to the Chelsea Village Planning Commission in 2002 and has served as its secretary since 2003.

Director of Hydrogeologic

Services with The Mannik & Smith Group Inc. in Dearborn, Bolt and his wife, Amy, have lived in Chelsea with their three sons for five years.

Bolt has attended classes in planning, land use, zoning and traffic management sponsored by the Michigan Municipal League and the Michigan Department of Transportation.

"Becoming a city will provide Chelsea with greater autonomy to shape our future, and allow for equal

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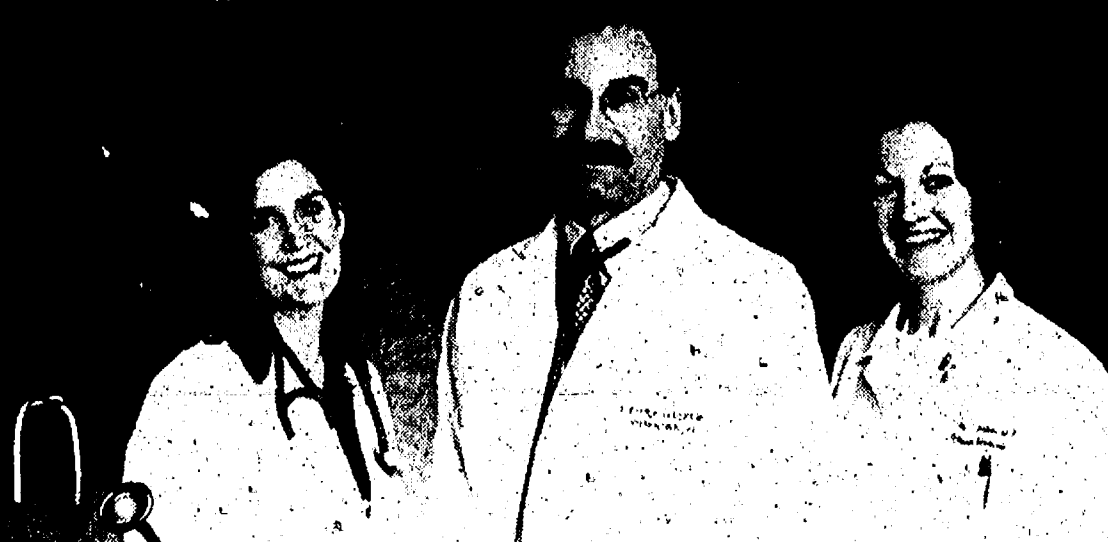
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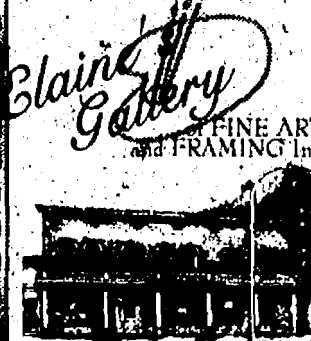
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DEXTER TOWNSHIP

Owner charged with arson

Local businessman
faces felony charges in
restaurant fire.

By Scott Hagen
Staff Writer

A local businessman who vowed to rebuild his restaurant may not have that opportunity.

Pete Holzer, owner of Countryside Catering and Restaurant in Dexter Township, is facing two felony charges of arson and insurance fraud stemming from a blaze at the restaurant last November.

The building, located at North Territorial and Dexter Townhall roads, sustained heavy fire and smoke damage.

Washtenaw County Sher-

iff's Cmdr. Dave Egeler said Tuesday that a two-count felony warrant has been issued for Holzer's arrest.

At the time of the fire, Egeler said the state fire marshal determined arson was the cause.

Egeler did not divulge specifics of the investigation or what evidence led detectives to Holzer, but praised deputies from the sheriff's substation in Dexter for a quick response that furthered the investigation.

"Credit the original investigating deputies with paying great attention to detail, in particular Cpl. Mark Mesko, with regards to where the fire was burning, how it looked, and also paying attention to initial statements made by the owner as he was being notified regarding the fire," Egeler said.

"The deputy observed

some inconsistencies in statements. Coupled with the fact that it was an intentionally set fire and based on other evidence we developed, the prosecutor's office issued the warrant."

Holzer told The Dexter Leader and The Chelsea Standard in November that he had stopped by the restaurant in the early morning hours of the day the building caught fire, and said he followed his usual routine of closing the restaurant before leaving.

He also said that he was at a catering job at the Washtenaw County Road Commission when he received word of the fire, and said that he planned to rebuild.

Staff Writer Scott Hagen can be reached at 475-1371 or shagen@heritage.com.

BOND

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regular school election.

Operations Director Ron Livengood said older portions of several buildings are in need of updates to mechanical systems, roofs, doors and windows systems.

About \$24 million would be earmarked for the improvements, as well as upgrades to parking lots, bleachers, locker rooms, and for purchasing furniture, laboratory equipment, musical instruments and security systems.

The remainder would be used to buy school buses and upgrade technology equipment, freeing between \$600,000 and \$700,000 in the general fund and allowing the district to reduce budget cuts in the 2004-05 school year, Superintendent Dave Killips said.

Without the bond issue, teacher layoffs are possible, he said, leading to increased class sizes and elimination of some middle and high school courses.

Approval of the bond could reduce the 1-mill levy used

for repairs and capital improvements.

The board will meet March 15 to approve the preliminary qualification application and will adopt a resolution April 19.

Teresa Zigman, executive director of business and operations for the Chelsea School District, said Tuesday the district is taking a proactive approach.

The bond issue would not raise the existing annual

homeowners' tax levy of 7 mills — about \$700 annually on a \$200,000 home with a state equalized value of \$100,000. It would not extend the payoff date of 2025, the original date of payoff with the \$45 million 1995 bond issue for new schools and building improvements.

However, if the new bond is approved, the 7-mill levy would not begin to decrease until 2010 or 2011, instead of 2006.

CHELSEA SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL CALENDAR



Feb. 26 - 5:30 PM - Volleyball - Home
Feb. 27 - 5:30 PM - Basketball - Home
Feb. 28 - 7:00 PM - Hockey
Mar. 2 - 3:15 PM - North Creek Elementary PTO Meeting
Mar. 2 - 4:00 PM - Basketball - Home
LOOKING AHEAD
Mar. 4 - 7:30 PM - 7-12 Orchestra Concert - CHS
Mar. 8 - 7:00 PM - Board of Education Meeting - South Meadows
Mar. 9 - No School for Students - Professional Development Day for Teachers
Mar. 9 - 7:30 PM - 7-8 Band & Choir Concert - CHS
Mar. 22 - 7:00 PM - Board of Education Meeting
Mar. 24 - 5:00-8:15 PM - Parent/Teacher Conferences District-wide
Mar. 25 - 1/2 Day for Students; Elementary Parent/Teacher Conferences 12:30-3:45 PM Secondary Teachers - Professional Development - 12:30-3:45 PM; 5:00-8:15 PM - Parent/Teacher Conferences - District wide
Mar. 26 - 1/2 Day for Students and Teachers
April 5 - 9 - Spring Break
May 31 - No School for Students and Teachers - Memorial Day
June 8 - Last Day of School for Students
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Castle Building

Four-year-olds Madison Delacy (left), Austin Graham and Seth Greenfield build a wooden castle. The children attend Generations Together in Dexter.

STATE

New Michigan law updates process for notary public

Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land recently applauded a new law that updates and streamlines Michigan's notary public process.

House Bill 4938, signed into law as Public Act 238 of 2003, marks the first comprehensive revision of the notary statutes since they were enacted in 1846.

Making the notary process more contemporary was among Land's first-year goals, she said in a news release. She worked with lawmakers and county clerks to move legislation forward. HB 4938 is sponsored by state Rep. Shelley Taub, R-Bloomfield Hills.

"Bringing greater clarity and efficiency to this process benefits customers at all levels," Land said.

Notaries public serve a vital role in a democracy, Taub said.

"They are entrusted with significant responsibilities, and citizens depend on them for a variety of services. The process for appointing and regulating them must be as concise and effective as possible," she said.

A notary public is someone

who is legally authorized to witness signatures and administer oaths.

The new law:

- Creates the Michigan Notary Public Act.

- Extends the length of new appointments by an additional two years, resulting in less data-entry work for the state.

- Streamlines the application and appointment process. For example, commissions will now be mailed to applicants upon appointment, rather than going through a two-step process of identification and filing at the county clerk level.

- Establishes monthly reporting between county clerks and the Secretary of State.

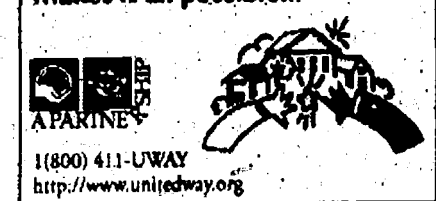
- Allows for use of electronic signatures already on file with the Department of State for future online processing.

- Clarifies rules, responsibilities and restrictions.

- Establishes a statewide appointment, which eliminates the need to reapply when moving within the state.

- Creates new notary crimes, including sanctions for the notary's employer.

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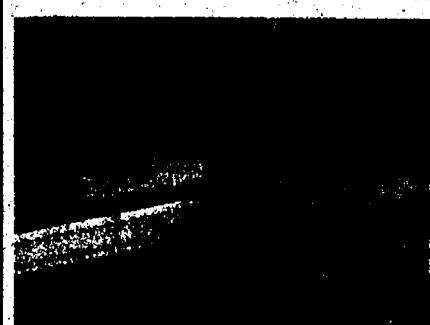
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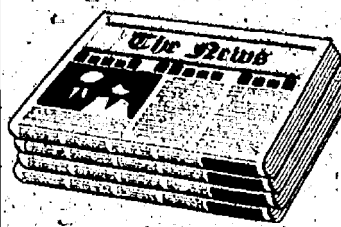


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POLICE BLOTTER

Lima Township

Disorderly Conduct
Michigan State Police troopers responded to a complaint of disorderly conduct Feb. 18 at a home in the 13000 block of Trinkle Road.

A 35-year-old Gregory man said he was verbally attacked while working for an auto recovery service and checking on a trailer that he was to repossess. After checking the trailer, he determined it was not the one he was looking for.

A 60-year-old woman at the home reportedly yelled at him while he tried to explain the misunderstanding.

According to a police report, the woman worked herself into a panic and had to be taken to Chelsea Community Hospital.

Lyndon Township

Car Crash

Troopers responded to a hit-and-run crash Feb. 13 involving a stolen vehicle in the 6000 block of Stoffer Road.

Troopers arrived to find that a 16-year-old Chelsea boy, who does not have a driver's license, had taken his mother's car without permission, picked up his friend and crashed the vehicle twice.

The boys attempted to flee

from the scene, but crashed. They left again and eluded police detection for approximately three hours.

Police later arrested the boys at a farmhouse on Lehman Road near M-52. One was released to his mother and another was taken to juvenile detention since his mother was in poor health and could not care for him.

The driver faces charges of unlawful use of a motor vehicle, resisting arrest, obstructing justice, failing to stop at a scene of crash, reckless driving and operating without a license.

Scio Township

Property Damage

A 46-year-old woman reported that her mailbox was destroyed Feb. 18 at her home in the 5000 block of Marshall Road.

The woman said that on Halloween 2003, someone stole her mailbox, among others on Marshall Road.

On Feb. 11, she said her mailbox was knocked off its post, possibly by a snowplow.

When she returned from work Feb. 18, she noticed the mailbox and post torn away from the ground. Damage is estimated at \$70.

Property Damage

A 25-year-old Chelsea man reported property damage

Feb. 16 to a construction site at 911 Eagle Road.

The site superintendent said four windows, valued at \$4,000, had been vandalized with yellow spray paint.

Employees at Ann Arbor Acura, 540 Auto Mall Drive, reported damage to four vehicles Feb. 9.

An employee said she arrived for work and found the damaged vehicles.

A manager said everything was fine when he left the business Feb. 8, and that he found nothing out of order when he searched the premises after noticing the damage.

Harassment

A 49-year-old Ypsilanti woman told police that her husband harassed her Feb. 13 while she was at work at the Pilot Travel Center, 195

Baker Road.

The woman, who is divorcing her 43-year-old husband, said she parked at the business a few minutes before her 11 p.m. shift. Her husband reportedly drove there and knocked on her car window, and yelled at her about their children.

The man told deputies that he was angry because his wife was supposed to make plans to see their daughters the next day, but that she had not yet contacted him.

Deputies informed the man that a trespassing notice had been issued and that he was not allowed to return to the Pilot Travel Center.

Police advised the woman on how to get a personal protection order through the court.

Drug Possession

Deputies responded to a

shoplifting complaint at Meijer, 5645 Jackson Road, Feb. 14 and found the suspect in possession of marijuana.

Store security officers saw the suspect open a package of tire lights and drop them in his back pocket. He selected two more items and paid for them, according to a report. Store detectives then confronted him and asked him to wait until police arrived.

While searching the suspect, deputies found marijuana in his jacket. He was arrested and taken to jail.

The case has been turned over to the prosecutor for

review. The man faces charges of possession of marijuana and retail fraud for the tire lights, which are valued at \$12.

Stolen Vehicle

The Subaru dealership, 4255 Jackson Road, was broken into and a car was stolen Feb. 14.

A passer-by noticed a rear window had been broken out and called the sheriff's department. A 2001 Subaru station wagon was taken.

Deputies later received information that the car was in the 4000 block of Eagle Pointe Drive, at the Eagle

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VOTE

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footing with the surrounding townships," he said.

Bolt said traffic flow in Chelsea can be improved by interconnecting existing street infrastructure and establishing truck routes to improve traffic flow, neighborhood safety, and maintaining pedestrian-friendly streets.

Bolt said that access and use of parks should be pedestrian-friendly and improved by linking them with the community.

"This can be done with a network of continuous sidewalks and paths," he said.

"For example, walking or pushing a stroller to Veterans Park or Timber Town forces you on to the shoulder of M-52, which is not safe or pedestrian-friendly."

Bolt said the new city should manage growth along with redevelopment of property in keeping with the historic charm of Chelsea and well integrated into the community.

"A good example of this is the redevelopment of the Clock Tower," he said.

The new city will face many challenges, as it moves forward, he said, among them learning to work with a new charter, new council, new manager, new chief of police, and new head of the electric department.

"All of these changes will translate into increased responsibilities and expectations from our citizenry and require improved teamwork between our council and staff," he said.

FRANK HAMMER

Frank Hammer previously served six terms on the Village Council. He is running for City Council, and also for village president should Chelsea remain a village.

Hammer, 58, has served on the Recycling Committee and, as chairman, initiated recycling in the village.

He served on the Western Washtenaw Recycling Authority board and was Chelsea's representative at the initiation of the WWRA.

He served on the solid waste committee and as chairman led the village to create the Chelsea transfer station.

A senior staff scientist for Underwriters Laboratories, Hammer also owns a business that subcontracts with the Chelsea Airporter transportation service. He and his wife, Elizabeth, and four children, have called Chelsea home for 22 years.

Hammer said Chelsea needs a new municipal building with a police headquarters, and needs many of its surface streets repaired.

"These two items could be costly, and a major challenge is to complete these projects without financial jeopardy to Chelsea and without additional taxation on its citizenry," he said.

The previous manager had innovative ways of receiving grants and finding funding—activities that should be initiated again, he said.

Hammer said the property purchased for a municipal headquarters is not structurally sound enough to add a second floor.

"With the size of that building, logic says we can efficiently use it for our purposes without dramatic cash infusions to make some fanciful city building," he said.

"Additionally, Chelsea has some very fine workers and administrators. Another challenge will be to eliminate the current micromanagement of our employees and permit them to do the job in the efficient and timely manner that they have demonstrated in the past."

JASON LINDAUER

Jason Lindauer, who has appeared before council on civic matters, has decided to try out for a seat on both Village and City Council. At 43, he has spent his life in Chelsea, except for five years in Ann Arbor.

Lindauer and his four sib-

lings grew up on the family farm at the corner of I-94 and Fletcher Road.

"The lessons of both work and commitment were learned from our parents and grandparents there," he said.

A 1978 graduate of Chelsea High School, a 1983 graduate of Adrian College, Lindauer said he's been a Bulldog all his life.

Since 1985 he has been a senior financial adviser with the investment firm of Merrill, Lynch, Pierce Fenner & Smith in Ann Arbor, and was named as a vice president in 1993.

Lindauer and his wife, Amy, live in Chelsea with their four children. They have volunteered in Chelsea schools, and Lindauer has coached youth football and baseball.

"We have wonderful, supportive neighbors whom we count as our dearest and closest friends in all our years here, and we dearly love the community and all that it affords us as a family," Lindauer said.

"We are also ever mindful of the responsibility that comes with the many great aspects of life in Chelsea, though."

Lindauer is active at the county level on some church and charity boards, and has served on boards at Chelsea First United Methodist Church.

"I feel that the issues that have faced Chelsea in the past, face the community now and will face our children in the future, can and must be addressed in an environment of mutual respect and with the consensus of our fellow members of local government and of our citizens," Lindauer said.

CINDY MacFARLAN

Cindy MacFarlan won her seat on Chelsea Village Council last year, a position she will hold until next March if Chelsea continues as a general law village.

The Ferndale native, who moved to Chelsea three years ago with her husband and three children, is running for the new City Council.

A former facility and systems analyst and project manager, MacFarlan serves on the village's Building Advisory Board and is a board member for the Chelsea Area Fire Authority and the Chelsea Area Transportation System boards.

The key issue, she said, is accountability.

"Every municipality must use best-practice methods to guarantee the consistent, efficient and effective utilization of public funds," she said.

"It is critical that we identify and monitor cost of services, and incorporate a process of continual improvement through benchmarking to guarantee value and quality."

The new water plant was built without incorporating the original design criteria or an alternative cost-effective discharge method, she said.

"Hundreds of thousands of gallons of water are added daily to our wastewater plant by our water plant, increasing the load on that system and diminishing our sewage processing capacity," she said.

"The bond money has been spent, the plant is not complete, and the proposed annual budget projected for the water plant exceeds \$900,000, with double-digit water rate increases proposed annually."

Traffic circulation flow is another concern, she said.

"Dewey connects us to Dexter-Chelsea Road via McKinley, so 'Do-we' turn on Dewey? Yes we do, along with all the other parents coming from the north, but a left-hand turn lane is not a solution," she said.

Dexter-Chelsea Road leads to Freer Road, a main connector to Old US-12 and I-94 that also services four school sites and a large subdivision, she said.

"Where was the planning and where is the planning as we approach adding another 352 homes on Dexter-Chelsea Road?"

MacFarlan said the issues need immediate action if Chelsea is to move from reactive to proactive governance.

"I have always believed in seeking out the truth, identifying problems and working cooperatively with diligence and determination to find solutions," she said.

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"Being a non-native, some saw my positions on certain issues as a threat and radical," he said. "There are towns all around this country that took control and protected their uniqueness while maintaining growth and prosperity. There are towns that didn't and the consequences showed it."

Myles said he refuses to allow Chelsea to fall victim to poor vision and planning.

"Going back to the way it was by waiting and reacting won't work," he said. "Common sense tells you to take charge, plan and determine your future."

ROBERT PONTE

Attorney Robert Ponte, running for Village and City Council, has called Chelsea home for 30 years. He and his wife, Pam, have two sons at Chelsea High School and three married children.

The 55-year-old Michigan native has volunteered in the Huron River Watershed Council's stream monitoring program for several years. He also attended

Robert Ponte classes sponsored by the Huron River Watershed Council regarding governmental land-use policies.

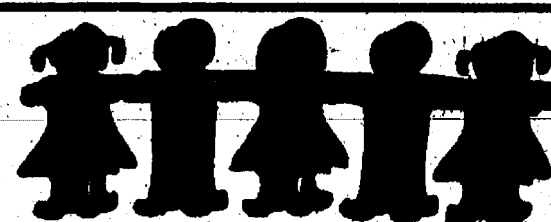
Last fall, he joined the Committee for Chelsea Parks, a Michigan nonprofit corporation promoting park uses for residents.

Ponte would like to see open space and parks included in development agreements, and for developers to study traffic and roadway impacts.

He also would like to see the footbridge at Veterans Park replaced, the park connected to the community with a sidewalk, and the development of a recreational path along Letts Creek.

"We should make Chelsea governance friendly and welcoming, and always provide openness in decision-making processes to encourage public participation," he said.

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lic awareness and participation," he said.

Ponte, who would like to see a new city hall and police station built, said the council should inform taxpayers of all costs associated with growth.

"Contractors should be held accountable for on-time completion and adherence to professional standards," he said.

A plan should be developed to improve the circulation of traffic within the village limits, including reduction of truck traffic on M-52, and improvements on Freer Road to provide safe access to schools, he said.

Ponte said Chelsea should find and maintain common ground with neighboring townships and "work proactively to develop strong relationships and open communication that will foster trust."

KIM SOULE-BROEKHUIZEN

City Council candidate Kim Soule-Broekhuizen said a great deal has changed in a neighborhood around the village since she and her husband, Scott, moved to town in 1994.

"Some of it good, some of it not so good, and some of it I see as a future burden for the taxpayer," she said.

Soule-Broekhuizen said that as a city voters would have the right to referendum and could petition to remove, change or introduce a new ordinance.

"The taxpayers can have the final say in how their community is developed and how their tax dollars are spent," she said.

Soule-Broekhuizen ran an art gallery in Chelsea. The 40-year-old mother of two volunteers in Chelsea schools and community programs, and has served on the Chelsea Village Planning Commission for 3 1/2 years. She said it is crucial to bring zoning and ordinances in line with a development plan, and for updates.

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THE VILLAGE ELECTION

If the city charter is not approved, the current form of village government in Chelsea will continue.

As a result, voters will cast ballots in a regular village election for a village president and three village trustees.

Traffic circulation is a major challenge, she said, and a professional traffic engineer should devise a logical and decisive street layout to prevent gridlock.

Soule-Broekhuizen said that before any major real estate purchases are made with citizen tax dollars, a reputable, qualified structural engineering firm should be contracted.

"We should be aware of the costs and impacts up front," she said.

Affordable housing is an issue to many people, she said. She would like to see time and effort spent analyzing and determining what type of job market Chelsea and the surrounding townships are planning.

Soule-Broekhuizen said the new city needs an action plan decided on by Chelsea residents and business owners, "and we need to stick to it," she said.

"The public should be invited to any meetings on development planning for Chelsea. Everyone who wants to have a voice should be heard and their opinions should not fall on deaf ears."

Village President

Ritter and Hammer are vying for the village president's seat.

There are three two-year trustee terms are up for grabs. Albertson, Ponte, Lindauer, Bollinger and Market are also

RICHARD STEELE

Richard Steele, coming to the end of his seventh term as Chelsea Village president, is running for a spot on the City Council.

"I'm running for a city office because I believe that city government under this charter is more responsive to the needs of the community than the general law village charter," he said.

Steele, who has served as village president for 14 years, said he cannot continue to make the time commitment for Chelsea's highest office.

"My desire and energy to serve the Chelsea community have not changed," he said.

"I feel I can best serve the citizens as a City Council member, to work responsibly with the mayor and other council, and to bring changes that benefit the residential and business community."

The 58-year-old Chelsea native was elected a village trustee in 1983 and president

putting their names forward for Village Council.

Albertson is trying for a second term on the Village Council. Trustees Howard Holmes and Dale Schumann, reaching the end of their two-year terms, are not running again.

in 1990. He was honored as Citizen of the Year in 1999.

An employee of St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Superior Township, he and his wife, Margaret, have three children, and four grandchildren.

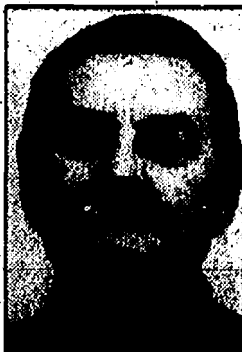
Steele said a priority is the significant reduction in state shared revenues that affects Chelsea's revenue budget.

Another pressing issue is to hire a new police chief.

"My opinion is that we have an acting police chief who is capable and should be promoted to chief," he said.

Steele said that plans on the Buchanan Street property that was purchased for a municipal and police facility should be finalized with cost estimates and submitted to the voters.

"There are also issues with the water plant's discharge permit and the impact at the wastewater treatment plant that will need to be addressed with recommendations from our engineers," he said.



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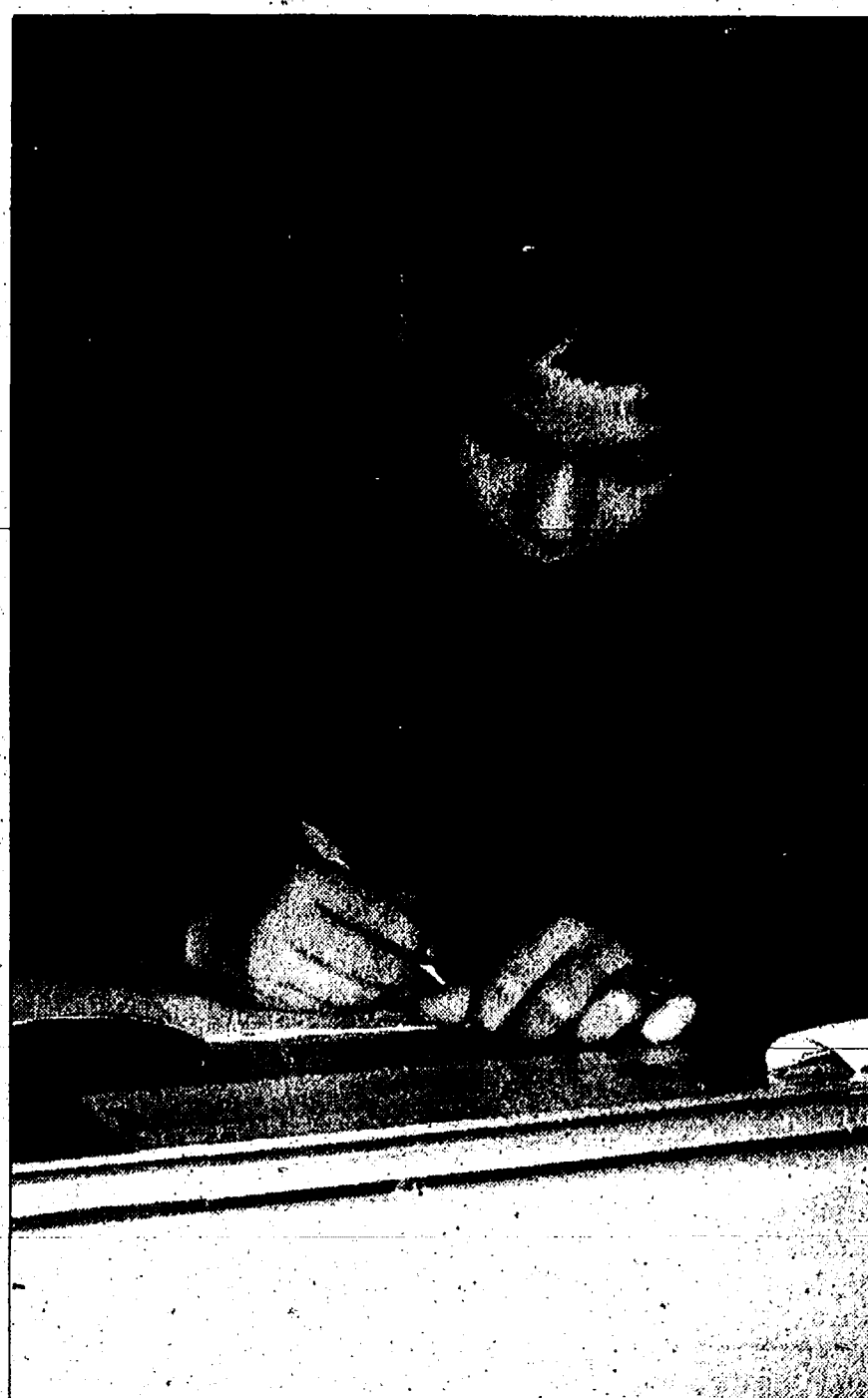


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Journalist

Jacob Baldwin, a fourth-grade pupil at Pierce Lake Elementary School, writes in his journal during a recent class.

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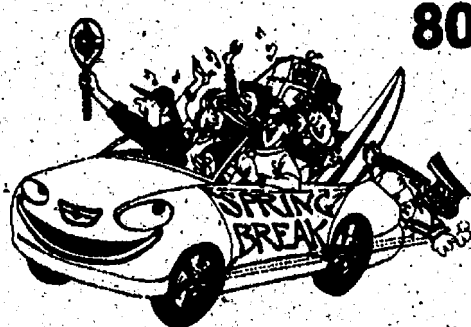
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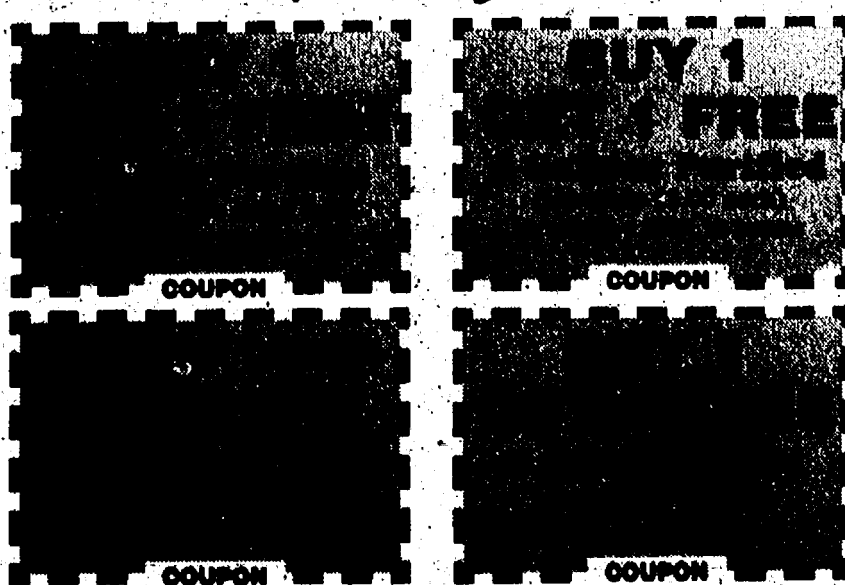
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Vet Net to help identify animal-related diseases

A coalition of state, university and industry officials recently announced the creation of the Michigan Emergency Veterinary Network, or "Vet Net," as part of Michigan's homeland security efforts in animal health and protection.

Michigan's Vet Net, one of the first such programs in the nation and made possible by federal homeland security dollars and funding from Michigan State University College of Veterinary Medicine, is a comprehensive education and training program. It's geared toward the state's nearly 3,600 licensed veterinarians to enhance their awareness, preparedness and response to animal disease-related emergencies.

The program was recently unveiled at the annual Michigan Veterinary Conference.

It will include two main components: a general education series for all veterinarians and an in-depth

emergency preparedness training program for those who sign up to serve in the "corps."

This volunteer corps will be a group of private veterinary practitioners from across Michigan trained to identify and handle a wide variety of animal diseases that will help supplement state and federal veterinarian/agency efforts and further ensure the health and safety of the state's livestock and domestic animals.

Michigan Department of Agriculture Director Dan Wyant said the case of bovine spongiform encephalopathy, also known as "mad cow" disease, in Washington state helps showcase the value the program could have in Michigan should such a disease ever be detected in the state.

"In addition to complementing the state's existing food and agriculture security efforts, with "Vet Net," Michigan will have a built-in

support network that will be critical for rapidly distributing information during an animal health emergency like BSE as well as having a team of trained frontline responders who could assist in surveillance and response efforts," Wyant said in a press release.

Vet Net will be implemented in three phases. The first phase will focus on the development and distribution of a resource binder and emergency contact information for all licensed veterinarians in Michigan.

Fact sheets on biosecurity, foreign animal diseases, bioterrorism agents and emerging infectious diseases of concern in Michigan and the United States will be distributed on a quarterly basis.

When all the fact sheets are distributed, veterinarians in Michigan will have a resource binder with information on all diseases in Category A of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's list of possible bioterrorism agents and all diseases on the U.S. Department of Agriculture

High Consequence Livestock Pathogens and Toxins list.

Phase II of the program entails specialized training for Michigan veterinarians. The first training session, to be held in the spring, will focus on the incident command system and biosecurity practices. Veterinarians who complete the initial training session will become certified members of Vet Net corps and will be considered "on call" in case of an animal health emergency in their local or regional Michigan community.

Phase III of Vet Net is ongoing training opportunities for Michigan veterinarians on foreign animal diseases, emerging infectious diseases, bioterrorism agents and emergency response. These training sessions will help the Vet Net corps maintain a high level of preparedness in case of an emergency.

Veterinarians who wish to register for the Vet Net training program may call 1-517-373-1077. For more information about Vet Net, visit www.michigan.gov/emergingdiseases.

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Pointe apartments. Deputies drove to the location and saw three men run from the vehicle. They pursued the suspects and arrested all three.

Chelsea Village

Property Damage

A 20-year-old restaurant employee reported damage to his car Feb. 20.

The man returned to his car after getting off work. He noticed it was scratched and dented. The antenna also was stolen.

The car was parked in the municipal parking lot on Main Street behind the restaurant.

Larceny

A Chelsea woman reported her purse was stolen Feb. 22 while she was working at the First United Methodist Church, 128 Park St.

The woman said she placed the purse in her desk drawer in the lower level of the church. When she returned later, the drawers were open and the purse was gone.

The purse and wallet are valued at \$80, and contained numerous credit cards.

A 17-year-old Chelsea girl reported items were stolen from her vehicle Feb. 21 while the car was parked at the Washington Street Education Center, 500 Washington St.

When she returned an hour later, she said the glove box was open and her personal belongings, including a portable CD player, markers and a CD, were stolen.

The missing items are valued at \$50.

A 55-year-old Dansville man reported several items were stolen from his truck Feb. 20 while it was parked at the Federal Screw Works building in the 100 block of Van Buren Street.

The man returned to his truck after work and found a hammer, power saw, two tape measures and a drill were taken.

Burglary

A 34-year-old Chelsea woman and her 42-year-old husband reported a home invasion Feb. 16 in the 1000 block of Gene Drive.

The husband said that when he arrived home from work he noticed a few items missing. As he walked through the house, he saw drawers ajar and the contents tampered with, a police report said.

The intruder entered the house sometime between 7:15 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., while the couple was working.

Stolen items include a large glass jug containing change, a \$2 bill and an envelope containing some rare coins. Several expensive electronic devices were in the home but were not disturbed.

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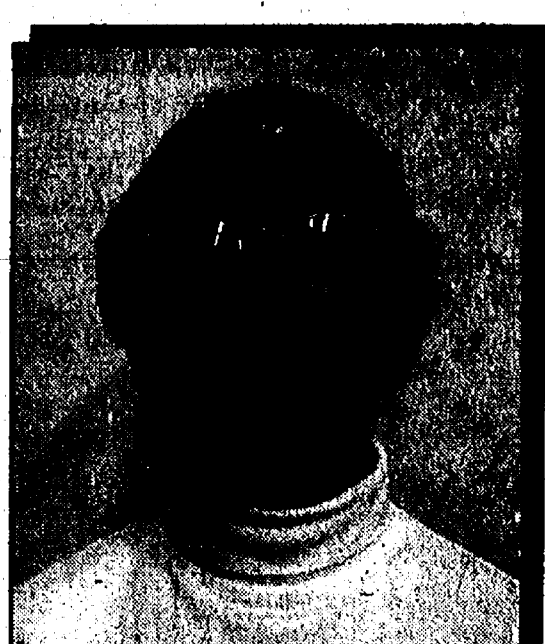


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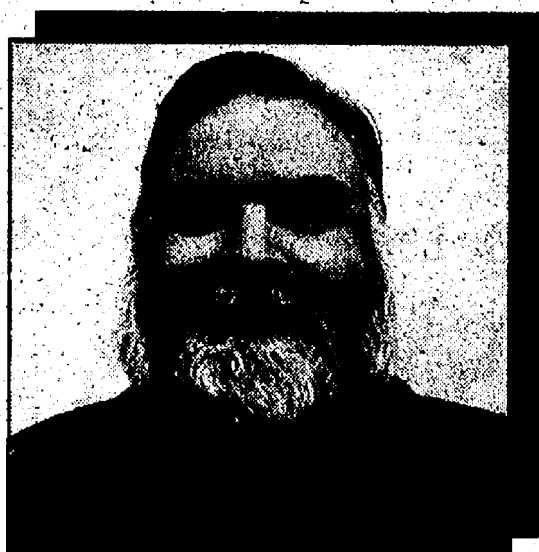
March 8th is the date to elect qualified people to the Council whose only agenda is what is best for the Chelsea area. People who will get along with each other and the other local government entities. People who are responsible and responsive. People who have a history of commitment to our community. People who want to encourage controlled growth for our residents and businesses, so that our community can prosper. *And, people who will make good, timely decisions.*

A group of concerned community leaders are endorsing the following people because they have the experience and desire to ensure stable and responsible government.



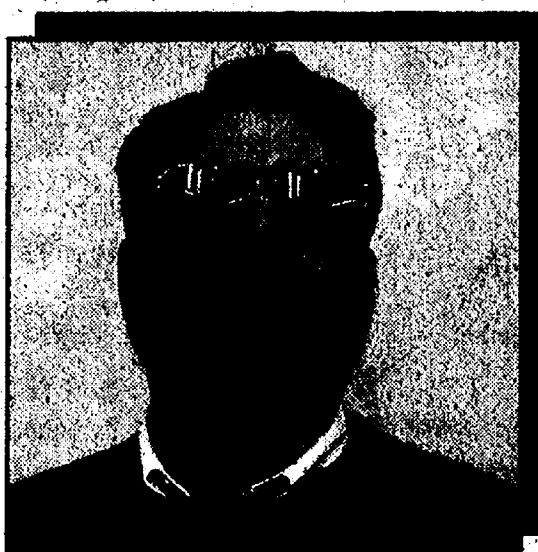
Ann Feeney for Mayor:

Executive Director, Chelsea DDA; Secretary, CATS Board; 14 years on Chelsea School Board of Education; Past Director of Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce; Citizen of the Year.



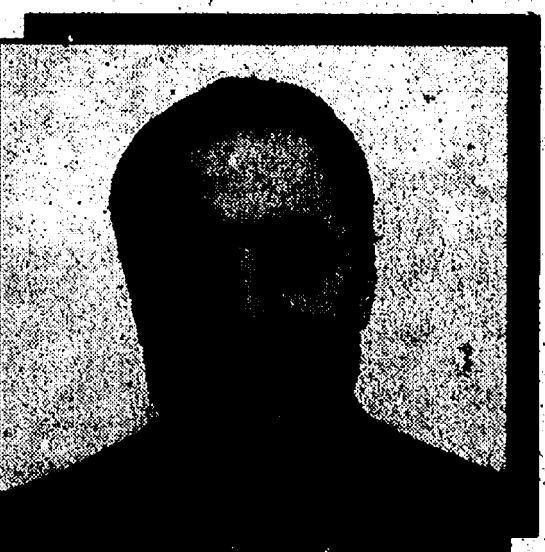
James Bollinger for Council:

Partner in family business in Chelsea 54 years; Chelsea resident 43 years; served as Manager of Chelsea Community Fair and on Board of Directors of Chelsea Rod and Gun Club.



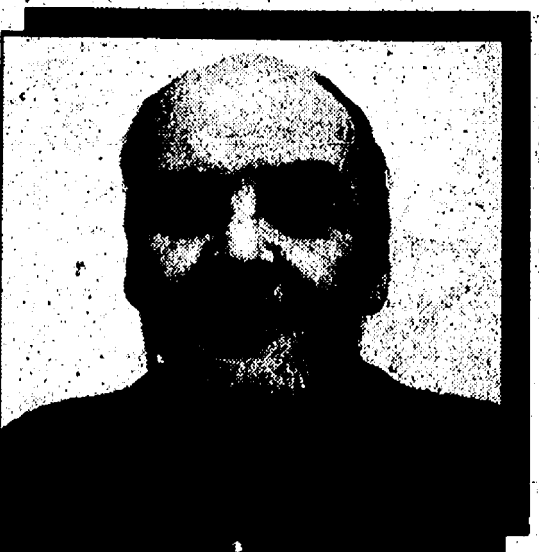
Frank Hammer for Council:

Senior Scientist, Underwriter's Laboratories; Chelsea resident 24 years; Trustee 6 terms; active in initiating recycling Village/VWRA, developing transfer station.



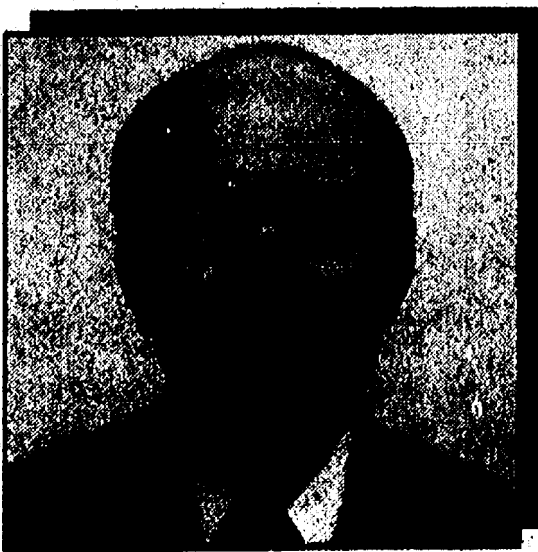
Jason Lindauer for Council:

Financial Advisor and VP, Merrill Lynch; Graduate of Adrian College; third generation Chelsea resident; served on various area Boards; appeared before Council on civic issues.



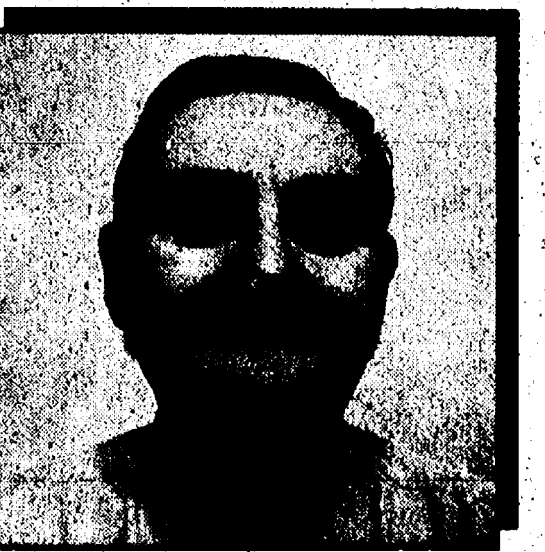
Joseph M. Merkel III for Council:

Chelsea business owner for 36 years; Village Trustee and Chelsea Fair Board, 20 years plus; past Police and Fire Commissioner and Mayor Pro-Tem. Citizen of the Year.



H.L. "Jack" Myers for Council:

Resident of Chelsea for 20 years; experienced municipal manager with 13 years of local experience; unique perspective on local government; knows how to get things done.



Richard Steele for Council:

Village of Chelsea President for 14 years; Village of Chelsea Trustee for seven years; Member of the Charter Commission; employed at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital.

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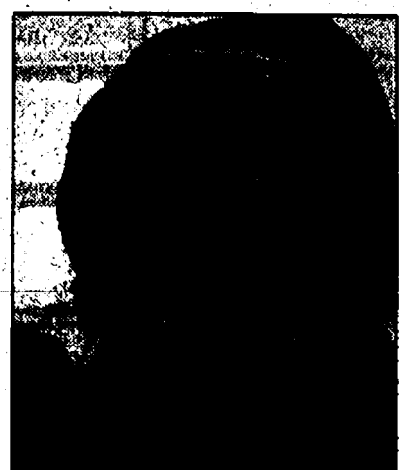
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What's your favorite color?



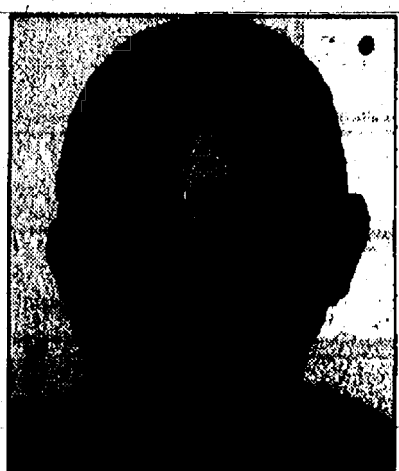
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Maria Elie
Sylvan Township



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Anna Regis
Sylvan Township



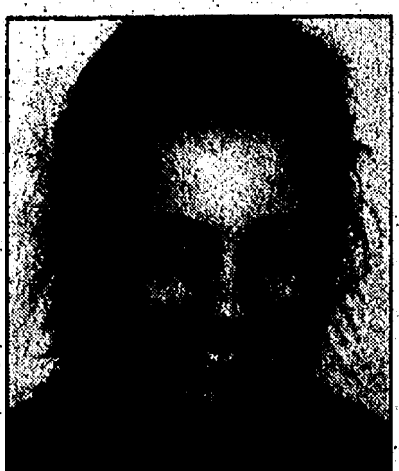
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Christian Clippert
Waterloo Township



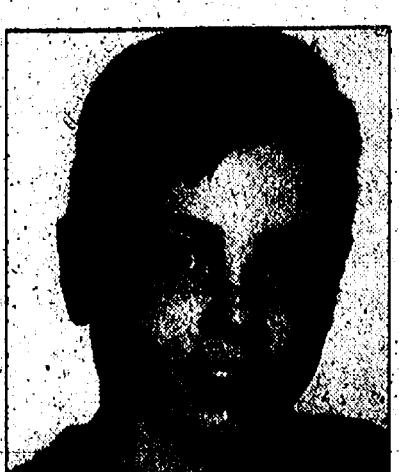
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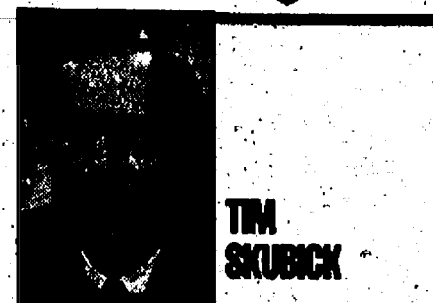
Taylor Pace
Lima Township



"I like the color turquoise. It's really cool and calming when it's mixed together."

Jacob Lochmann
Dexter Township

Why not hold an open primary?



POLITICALLY SPEAKING

It is really spooky how ghosts continue to haunt the political process in this state.

Gov. Jennifer Granholm can't even mutter the phrase "income tax increase" because of the recall ghosts of 1984. Two state senators who voted to raise taxes were bounced out of office and sent to the political graveyard. Even term-limited lawmakers who have no institutional memory remember that.

And in the Michigan Democratic Party the ghost of former Alabama Gov.

George Wallace still hangs over the party's presidential selection process.

In 1972, he won the Michigan primary with a thinly veiled racist anti-busing campaign that attracted lots of GOP crossover voters and a ton of rank-and-file labor Democrats, much to the chagrin of United Auto Workers' leaders.

Wallace's unbelievable win propelled the party into a deep funk. And when it got out of it, a so-called party reform movement produced a Byzantine voting system aimed at restricting who could vote in the future.

The "Democrats only" proviso produced a measly 162,000 folks who bothered to sign a piece of paper declaring themselves to be Democrats in order to pick a nominee in the recent Michigan caucus. The rest of the state yawned on the sidelines. The system is not exactly a shining example of

a participatory democracy.

To make matters worse, the crazy caucus produced an internal party squabble over black voters allegedly being disenfranchised because they couldn't find a polling place in Detroit. A true primary at regular polling places would negate that problem.

Earth to Democrats: It's time to invent a more inclusive process and throw open the doors to every voter in this state.

But the national party says no way. How undemocratic. What a turn off. No wonder most voters stayed home to watch reruns of the Super Bowl halftime show.

What scares the Democrats?

The phobia is that a la the 1972 Wallace upset, non-Democrats will pick the Democratic nominee. My goodness!

If the control freaks in the Michigan Republican Party

are willing to hold an open primary where every resident can participate, why can't the Dems?

Admittedly, crossover voting is a problem. Just ask John Engler and George W. Bush. Four years ago, Bush got the most Republican votes in the state presidential balloting, yet he lost to John McCain because he attracted Independents and some Democrats into his camp.

You heard Engler belly-ache about it but he and his GOP cronies did not form a national commission to revamp the selection process to kick out non-Republicans.

The simple solution is to have both parties hold their votes on the same day.

In recent weeks, Democratic Party poobahs have moved back into the 21st century and hinted it's time for a change. However anything that smacks of an open primary will likely be smacked

down at the national level.

But if the state Dems have any backbone at all, they should tell the national folks to take a hike and allow everyone to play in the next presidential sweepstakes.

The repercussions could be that the national leaders will lock the convention doors, leaving the Michigan delegation outside banging to get in. Could they be that dumb?

The U.S. Democratic Party would not have the audacity to disenfranchise organized labor, the African-American community, not to mention their rising star in the governor's office.

State Dems should call the national party's bluff and just do it. Chuck the caucus and stuff ol' George's ghost in the closet once and for all.

Tim Skubick, host of the "Off the Record" political roundtable show, is a long-time Lansing political observer.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

We should support local businesses

We recently read in The Chelsea Standard about the new stained-glass windows at St. Mary Catholic Church, and we feel that the parishioners have a right to know that they could have saved money and also supported a local business.

Through a series of events, we donated two large stained-glass panels to St. Mary for the bell tower during construction of the Stations of the Cross in front of the church.

Friends who attend St. Mary later asked if we were building the new windows inside the church. We knew nothing about it, but then learned that the job had been given to an out-of-state company without our even having a chance to bid on them.

Bewildered, we called the church, and were told they had "heard" we had gone out of business. If someone had given you a substantial donation, wouldn't you have picked up the phone and checked? Darwin's Stained Glass has been in business for more than 30 years.

Another parishioner said he "heard" we did not build such large windows. Have you seen the window at the First United Methodist Church, directly across from the Purple Rose Theatre? That's just one example of our work, which can be found all over the world.

What's done is done, and we realize mistakes can be made, but we feel that this is just one example of Chelsea business going elsewhere.

Our point is that there is a wealth of talent in this area that is too often untapped. There are services, artisans, and merchants available locally who need to be supported in order for our community to survive and thrive.

If you are on a committee for your church, business, or service group, or just shopping for yourself, please think about local resources first. Check with your chamber of commerce. You may be amazed at what you will find, and you may be pleasantly surprised to learn that it can also be far more economical to do so.

Bill and Marci Darwin
Waterloo Township

Change to city good for Chelsea

For the past 12 years, I have been a part of the Chelsea City Study Committee, the City Committee to proceed with the process, and the elected Chelsea City Charter Commission to write Chelsea's home rule city charter.

It has been an extraordinary experience working with smart, giving, talented people who worked long and hard, overcoming many obstacles, with no motive or agenda other than the good of the community. They will always have my respect and appreciation.

The study made it clear that city government is better for Chelsea. It is stronger and, at the same time, simpler because it eliminates the overlapping governing authority between the townships and village. It eliminates duplicative services and, very importantly, aligns Chelsea's political boundaries with its geographical boundaries. Township leadership does not oppose this initiative.

A helpful, informational brochure has been mailed to village residents and the incorporated areas. If someone was missed, or if you want additional copies, the brochures are available at the Village Offices on the corner of Main and Orchard streets.

I believe that a "yes" vote

on March 8 will secure the current and long-term good of Chelsea.

Jack Merkel
Chelsea Village

President Bush deserves our support

This is a reply to the letter to the editor "Bush's vision of America a nightmare" Feb. 12. The letter writer asked for someone who supported President Bush to explain why.

Some people's vision of America seems to put the sole blame on President Bush and his policies. He couldn't possibly have caused all the problems that some seem to think the country has experienced in just three years.

The economy had started to slip during President Clinton's term and the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, caused more harm to an already troubled economy. I believe President Bush's tax credits have spurred the economy and it is predicted to keep growing.

The letter writer stated that Bush's increases in the budget are for the military, and what makes America strong is not its military but what it has to offer: freedom. We wouldn't have these freedoms if it weren't for a strong military.

Clinton cut our defense budget and dismantled our military, closing bases across the country. When 9/11 hit, Bush had to find the funds to bring our military back to where it should have been. I want a president who is a strong leader and stands by what he believes and what he says. I believe this president has done that.

The letter writer said Bush's vision is grounded in fear. Well, let me see, the World Trade Center was attacked, the USS Cole was attacked and then 9/11. I

believe his vision is right on the mark. The terrorist attacks in 2001 were a wake-up call. For too long those who hate us have been allowed to move freely in our country.

The letter writer doesn't like the Patriot Act because it means more surveillance and greater limits on travel, and civil rights. I think those who died on the airplanes on 9/11 would have had a better chance of survival if the Patriot Act had been in place.

The letter writer said in an ideal America, one can worship in his or her own way and not be killed or shunned. I have never had any problem practicing my religion.

The letter writer said our military separates us from the world. I am thankful for that. I want a strong military to protect America. I want to feel that if needed, we can defend ourselves from any enemy. Thanks to this president, other nations are realizing that the United States will stand up and defend its people, and will not allow acts of terrorism.

The letter writer said that there is a breakdown of separation of church and state. Where exactly is that breakdown? My son cannot acknowledge Christmas in school. Christmas trees are called "holiday trees" now. We have winter concerts, where no Christmas songs are allowed to be sung. They've taken "God" out of the Pledge of Allegiance and are trying to take "In God We Trust" off our money.

As far as civil rights are concerned, thanks to liberalization, criminals have more rights than their victims. The ACLU is protecting the rights of pedophiles who are learning how to molest young boys and get away with it. These are the civil rights I am concerned about.

Obviously, there are different visions of today's America. I think in an ideal world, the letter writer's vision of America would be perfect. But we don't live in an ideal world, and we need a president who can make the difficult decisions that need to be made and stand by them.

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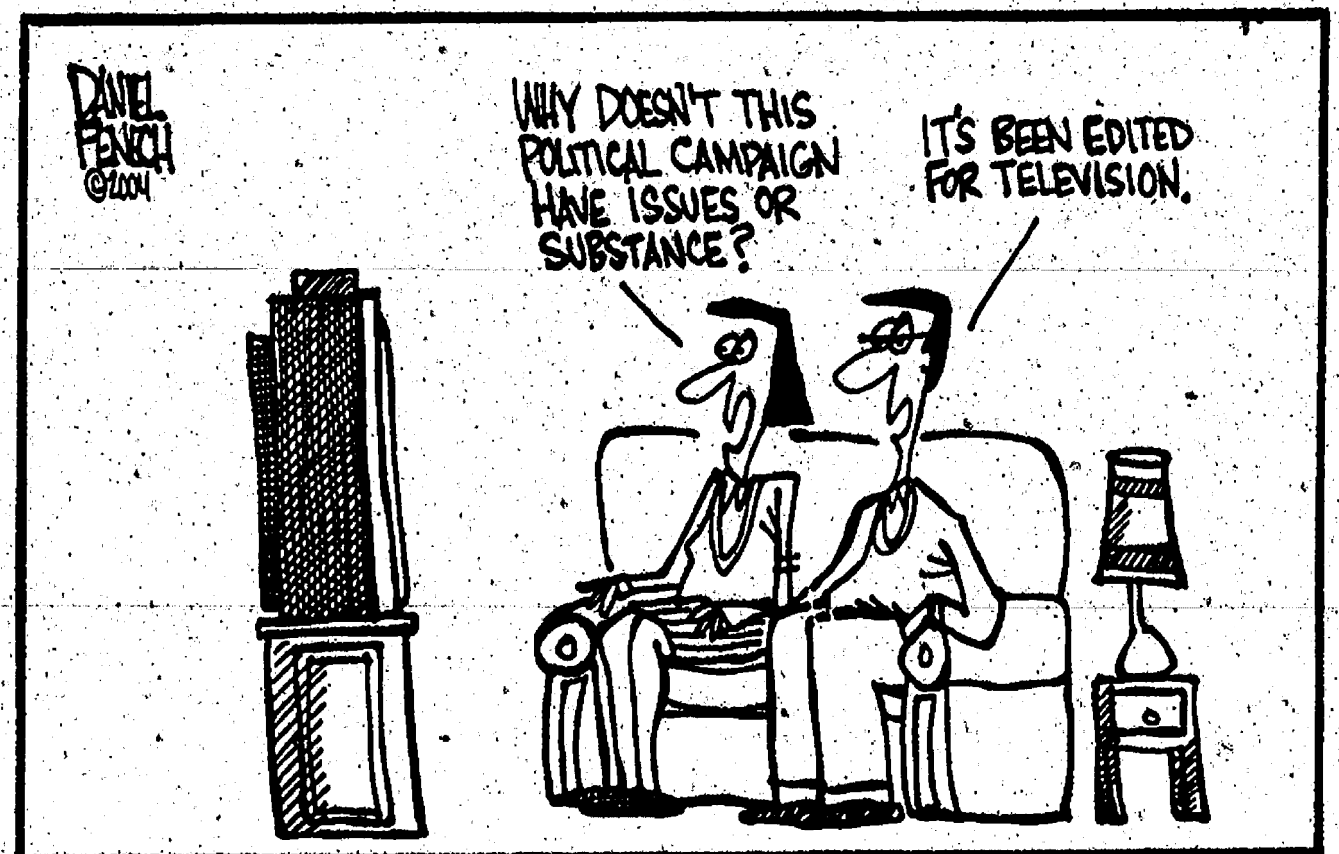
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Though I may not agree with everything this president has done, I think that overall he has done a good job and has emerged as a strong leader, and I will continue to support him.

Maria Vaughan
Gregory

Chelsea hospital staff compassionate

I would like to commend and praise the emergency room staff at Chelsea Community Hospital. On a recent late-night visit to the emergency room with my 8-year-old son, we were treated with the utmost courtesy, respect and professionalism that I have ever experienced in a setting such as that.

We were there for an overnight stay with the stomach flu and we were very well taken care of. Dr. Kaisler talked to me, listened to me, was open about the possibilities, but did so in a compassionate manner.

The nursing staff were compassionate, as well, and spent some time talking to me and assuring me that everything was going to be OK.

When you enter an emergency room with a child, not only do you want the best care, but you search for a compassionate staff and one who can help you understand and make decisions regarding your precious child. Dr. Kaisler and the nursing staff at the Chelsea Community Hospital Emergency Room that night provided me with just that.

Jill Ringlein
Dexter Township

Kerry needs to address real issues

As a progressive liberal who believes in a total revolt against "traditional" Washington politics, I'm not impressed with the Democratic Party's mud slinging of President Bush's National Guard record.

Democratic Party Chairman Terry McAuliffe and presidential hopeful Sen. John Kerry have successfully ruined an entire week of debate in this campaign season.

By dragging out Bush's Vietnam record from a military records vault in Colorado, they've simply wasted our time.

Why did they do it? We already know this guy has skated by with the help of his father his entire life.

What was John Kerry's rationale in bringing this up on the campaign trail, so conservative commentators Bill O'Reilly and Rush Limbaugh could come back and remind the public that he supported Bill Clinton for dodging the draft?

Why not concentrate attack campaigns on the fact that 538 young men and women have unjustifiably died in Iraq.

Kerry is not going to get too many chances against these tricky Republicans. Why not utilize precious time and campaign cash to gain votes instead of slinging more Washington beltway mud. I hope he doesn't turn out to be the "Washington insider" Howard Dean says he is.

McAuliffe's statements make it sound like he doesn't care about parts of the Democratic vote Kerry needs to unseat Bush. If the Democratic Party doesn't get a clear agenda together that includes addressing issues people care about, such as jobs, health care and our young men and women losing their lives in Iraq, it can kiss the next four years goodbye.

If they think independent swing voters, Green Party members and Howard Dean's anti-war supporters — many of whom are college students — are going to come running to their side, they have another thing coming.

If Kerry doesn't present a clear plan that rids the country of Bush's tax cuts for the wealthy, the job hemorrhaging trade agreements of NAFTA and the WTO and balancing the budget in five years, he is never going to be president.

Promising to balance the budget by 2014 is a plan Bush is throwing around, and it's not going to cut it.

If Kerry doesn't start concentrating on real issues and building a broad base of platforms for the party, he is going to scare a lot of Democrats away from the polls who will think a vote for Kerry is a vote for "Bush light."

Chad Livengood
Mount Pleasant

Vote has historical significance for town

Profound events, whether national, local or individual, are rare and, as such, deemed historical as at least one important step that moved a body to a next and usually better level.

March 8 offers the citizens of Chelsea just such an opportunity.

For the past 13 years, a debate has ensued as to whether it would be in the best interest of the community to move from village governance to city. It's an issue that should be and has been handled with much care and concern.

Important to this issue is understanding our community. What better example of intrinsic value than to know that Chelsea is valued far beyond its mere geographical borders.

We are given a rare opportunity. If we view Chelsea as the exquisite jewel it surely is, then it is incumbent upon us all, as the collective stewards of this gift, to put into place those measures that will ensure and protect our treasure.

The quality of life we share within the community has not occurred accidentally or haphazardly. It's the direct result of input, commitment and work.

Such protection however, comes not just in the form of personal concern, it must also come in a manner that is sufficiently formalized in just such a way as the founding fathers of our country also recognized as essential, in the form of a binding Constitution.

The charter of the city of Chelsea is a constitution that will protect our community and provide important autonomy from most state and other local government bodies.

Our taxes will not automatically go up with passage of the charter. Our beautiful community and way of life will not be altered with passage of the charter. What will be different is our ability for self-determination.

There will be no risk of the Michigan Department of Transportation telling Chelsea that Main Street will be widened or Chelsea residential taxes funneled to neighboring townships to pay for their infrastructure, with nothing in return to benefit Chelsea.

We will have the ability for self-rule and the legal means within which to say "no." This is an auspicious and historically significant opportunity.

Cheri Albertson
Chelsea Charter Commission
Chelsea Village

Chelsea has inferior form of government

On June 9, 1992, the Village Council established the Chelsea City Study Committee. The committee was directed to study and research the benefits to be derived from incorporating the village into a home rule city pursuant to Act 279 of 1909.

The committee studied the Home Rule City Act and the General Law Village Act to ascertain the advantages of the organizational structure of city government in contrast to village government.

Charters of newly formed cities were examined together with ordinances, tax records, assessments and election procedures of the village and affected townships. The Michigan Municipal League provided valuable articles and reports pertaining to the broad powers granted to cities and their flexibility to accommodate local needs.

A professional city manager, who had formerly managed a village, addressed the committee. He described the clear-cut operational advantages and broad controls afforded a home rule city compared to the status of a village.

Members of the committee consulted with and received expert advice from the State Boundary Commission and professor Lynn Harvey of Michigan State University.

The committee perceived the transition of Chelsea from a general law village to a home rule city to be an opportunity for Chelsea to adopt the most autonomous and locally controlled form of municipal government permitted under the constitution and the statutes of the state of Michigan.

The committee determined the advantages include, but are not limited to the following:

- All assessing services could be performed by an assessor appointed by and answerable to the city. A board of review would be appointed by and be answerable to the city.

- Incorporation would result in a streamlined form of government, allowing residents to deal with only one government and not two.

- The adoption of a modern home rule charter, tailor made to the needs of the community.

- Assures that state collected locally shared taxes are returned to and used in the area of most dense population.

- Eliminates existing confusion of authority of township to enforce ordinances.

- Eliminates duplicative services.

- Incorporation as a home rule city eliminates the nominal township tax and results in a saving thereof.

- Permits financial flexibility and latitude to accommodate local needs.

- Upon incorporation as a city, joint contractual relations, such as fire protection and disaster control need not be served with a township.

- The state must seek approval of a home rule city in many instances where it would not be required to do so when dealing with a general law village. There is less state interference with home rule cities, and home rule cities have greater influence with the state government than general law villages.

- State law allows home rule cities and townships to enter into negotiated annexations and share in tax revenues generated by such properties.

Becoming a home rule city affords the citizenry an opportunity to establish a modern governmental organization by the adoption of a home rule city charter. The predominant advantage of home rule is that the local citizenry can best address the needs of the community and thereby formulate a government organization that will establish economic efficiency and promote the specific needs of the community.

On Sept. 29, 2001, a petition was filed with the State Boundary Commission asking for the incorporation of territory in Sylvan Township, Lima Townships and Chelsea Village into a home rule city.

On May 10, 2001, the State Boundary Commission held an adjudicative hearing to determine the legal sufficiency of the petition. The petition was determined to be legally sufficient, pursuant to the State Boundary Commission Act and the Home Rule Cities Act.

On Sept. 25, 2001, a public hearing was held in Chelsea Village to receive testimony pursuant to the State Boundary Commission Act.

Before the Boundary Commission can adopt the order approving an incorporation petition, it is required to consider the comprehensive criteria set forth in Section 9 of the Act.

The Boundary Commission determined that the incorporation petition satisfied all of the statutory requirements and on May 9, 2002, recommended that the director of Consumer and Industry Services sign the order approving the incorporation petition.

The Boundary Commission is comprised of three state members appointed by the governor and two local members appointed by the Washtenaw Probate Court. The appointment of members is predicated on their expertise in municipal law, land planning and knowledge of government affairs.

The Boundary Commission's determination of the legal sufficiency of the petition for incorporation was challenged in the State Court of Claims. The Court ruled in favor of the Boundary Commission and dismissed the complaint.

The Chelsea City Charter Commission was elected Jan. 21, 2003 by the qualified electors of the territory to be incorporated, including the village of Chelsea.

The charter incorporates all of the mandatory provisions required by law and those permissible provisions deemed necessary for the promotion of the health, safety, general welfare and economic development of Chelsea.

The Charter Commission met at least two times per week during the 90-day period allotted for the formulation of the charter. Additionally, each member spent hours researching assigned subjects.

The assistant attorney general in charge of municipal affairs reviewed the charter. He is probably the foremost legal expert in Michigan on the law of municipal charters.

The Commission incorporated many of his recommendations into the charter, which enhanced the excellence of the document. Upon completion of the fine-tuning of the charter, the Attorney General's Office transmitted a letter of approval to the governor.

In Michigan, home rule cities are primary forms of government possessing a general grant of rights and powers subject only to certain enumerated restrictions. Villages are a secondary form of government subordinate and inferior to townships.

Chelsea Village is a predominant community in all respects except for its inferior form of government. This inequity can be corrected by voting to adopt the city charter March 8.

Stan Burke
Chelsea Village

Voters should approve charter

Twelve years ago, a committee was formed by action of the Village Council. Their charge was to compare city vs. village status and recommend which structure of government is best suited to serve the needs of the people it represents as we move into the future.

After several months of study, which included discussion with elected township officials, the city manager of Saline and a Michigan State University professor, the committee's report recommended pursuing city status.

"Becoming a home rule city affords the citizens an opportunity to establish a modern governmental organization by the adoption of a city charter. The predominant advantage of home rule is that the local citizens can best address the needs of the community and, thereby, formulate a governmental organization that will best establish economic efficiency and promote the specific needs of the community," the committee stated in a report.

In January 2003, nine citizens were elected to write the city charter. There is a statutory time limit of 90 days to write the charter and, under the guidance of Chairman Jack Merkel, the group worked hard and met often to produce a document that outlines the duties of government, its elected and appointed officials, its powers and limits.

It also sets forth ethical principles for those who serve in government: public trust, independent objective judgment, accountability, democratic leadership and respect. Incorporation as a home rule city and the requisite adoption of a home rule charter guarantees to the progeny of the citizens the highest degree of self-determination and control of their own destiny.

I am honored to serve as a member of the Chelsea City Charter Commission to develop a document for the community with members of this community. I urge residents to vote "yes" for the charter proposal March 8.

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Richard Steele
Chelsea Village

City charter in voters' hands

On March 8, Chelsea registered voters will exercise one of the most fundamental rights of a democracy. They will go to the polls and express their wishes by way of a ballot. In this case, three ballots.

The first ballot will ask the question: "Shall the proposed charter for the city of Chelsea, drafted by the Charter Commission elected Jan. 21, 2003, be adopted? Yes or No?"

A great deal of research has been done to determine the value of Chelsea changing from a village to a city. The City Study Committee agreed there was no down side for village residents.

They would no longer have to pay township taxes. The city will have its own assessor whose records will be available at city offices the full 40 hours per week. All property taxation begins with the assessment, which makes having those decisions made closest to home especially important.

Registered voters need to take some time and study the new charter. If one has not made its way to residents' mailboxes, copies will be available at the Village Offices.

Charter commissioners are available and willing to answer questions.

Ann Feeney
Chelsea Village

Change of status would be good

In the early 1990s, a short time after I retired from the Winans Jewelry business, I was asked to serve on a committee to consider whether Chelsea should remain a village or try to become a city. Since Jeannette and I just wanted to relax and travel, I did not choose to get involved.

I think I felt like most people at the time: "Who cares? Leave things alone. We are doing OK as is." However, since that time, reality has set in. After taking the time to read and learn about the many advantages and benefits of becoming a city, I have changed my mind.

Hopefully, all Chelsea residents will vote "yes" for the charter proposal March 8.

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dents will carefully read the information provided by the Chelsea City Committee and cast a vote in favor of cityhood. It seems to me that it would only be common sense to do so.

I would be remiss not to thank all the members of the Chelsea City Charter Committee for the seemingly endless hours and frustration they must have experienced during the process.

When (hopefully) Chelsea becomes a city, voters must also elect a slate of officials. Looking at the slate of candidates, I see several people who would, I feel, use some common sense in the management of the city.

As voters, I hope you will take the time to read about and think about who would work well together for the benefit of all the residents of Chelsea, and then above all, vote for them.

George Winans
Chelsea Village

New faces needed in local government

A timely word of advice to the voting public of Chelsea: Long before the name-calling and other kindnesses were offered up to the current Village Council for our service to the community, I had elected to step down. My conclusion at the time was that ideally everyone in the village should take a turn at serving the community, either in this or another capacity.

Now, as the next election draws near, we see a number of familiar faces that wish to re-up. Some of these individuals have already served, with greater or lesser success, and with that I wish to leave our gentle voters with a word of caution.

Many may perceive that our current Village Council singularly hatched the myriad of woes that are currently upon us.

In this, you are granting us

more credit than we deserve. Clearly, many of these problems were years in the making, things like developers having their way due to non-sustained zoning revision practices, traffic snarls due to poor planning, emergency services at risk of being lost, ongoing fights with the townships, and budget difficulties also due to poor strategic planning.

One specific example of poor planning is when I was running for council two years ago, the bypass was an election issue as it was being promoted to relieve traffic congestion downtown. As it turns out, Chelsea West Drive, as it was becoming known, would, if completed, do nothing to solve Chelsea's overall traffic flow problems.

The examples are many and, in short, your council has a lackluster record that goes back years, maybe decades.

So before you get too excited about restoring a policy-making body whose former members are making speeches of "past glories," remember that some of these folks have already had an opportunity to serve.

We are still recovering from their efforts. I highly recommend going with the newer faces.

Howard Holmes
Chelsea Village

City status will improve Chelsea

On March 8, the citizens of Chelsea will have the opportunity to vote for the charter establishing Chelsea as a city. There are many reasons why this should succeed.

Most importantly, Chelsea will become an independent entity with control over its own government.

Currently, Chelsea is under three local governments - Lima and Sylvan townships, and the village of Chelsea - because it is located partially in each. As a city, it will withdraw from and no longer be a part of either township. The result may see a reduction in property taxes and, most importantly, a centralized government controlled by citizens of Chelsea.

There are those who fear that the change to the "city" designation will open the door to unlimited growth, a loss of the "village" ambience, and the historical charm that is one of its greatest assets. The character of Chelsea will not change unless the citizens want it.

The fact is, our community is growing and requires centralized control by its leaders, with the input of the citizenry. Some of those growing pains are increased traffic on Main Street, urban sprawl, uncontrolled development and lack of the preservation of Chelsea's historic legacy.

These issues can be dealt with by intelligent planning, which I believe the Chelsea City Charter Commission has provided. The most critical dilemma facing the downtown business district is the growing traffic congestion on Main Street, and alternatives for that are currently being studied.

A simple and convenient solution to bringing outside visitors to downtown Chelsea could be to provide a trolley

bus service on Main Street for outside visitors who park their cars in the lot after exiting I-94. The shuttle would provide a connection between "new town" on the south and "old town," the heart of Chelsea's shopping, dining and cultural establishments.

No additional parking would be needed. Ideally, downtown would be a pedestrian precinct equipped with outdoor amenities such as benches, trees, flowers and outdoor cafes in warm weather.

Controlled growth and intelligent planning will make Chelsea a regional attraction and a thriving small city, with all the appeal of the village that we know and more.

Glen Paulsen
Chelsea Village

WHO'S WATCHING THE CHILDREN?

The Orange County Register thought its readers might like to know about the criminal histories of workers in the state's day-care facilities. After all, the paper's readers were placing their own trust and their children's well-being in the hands of those workers.

But the state of California turned down a series of newspaper Freedom of Information requests to look at those histories, citing the privacy rights of the workers. It also refused access to its data base of offenses and other day-care center violations unless the newspaper paid \$45,000 for the information.

In the end, the Register won its fight for access to documents—which were used to track down the criminals and public court records that revealed their histories. The newspaper also built its own data base from nearly 50,000 pages of inspection and complaint reports in Orange County. These efforts allowed the Register to unveil for the state's parents the uncomfortable truth. Throughout California, thousands of day-care workers had long criminal histories. The results of the data base analysis also showed pervasive problems of mistreatment, neglect, overcrowding and unsafe conditions.

If you lived in Orange County, or any other county with day care, wouldn't you like to know whether the adults your children come in contact with have committed crimes?

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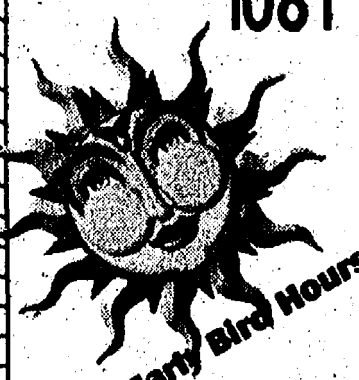
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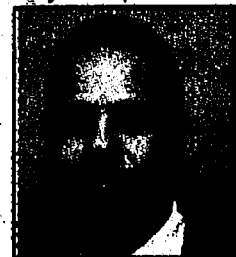
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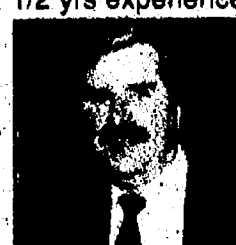
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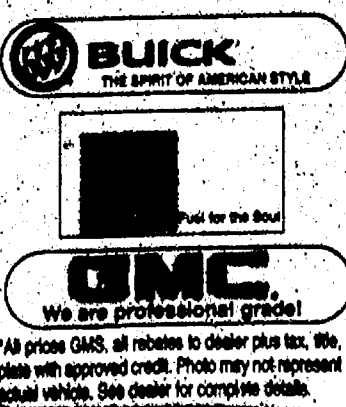
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HIGH: 36°-40° Mostly sunny.	LOW: 14°-18° Mainly clear.	HIGH: 42°-46° Mostly sunny. LOW: 22°-26°	HIGH: 48°-52° Increasing clouds. LOW: 28°-30°	HIGH: 48°-52° Cloudy with the chance of rain. LOW: 32°-36°	HIGH: 46°-50° Mostly cloudy. LOW: 26°-30°



ALMANAC

Statistics for the week ending Feb. 23.

Temperatures:

High for the week 44°

Low for the week 5°

Normal high 35°

Normal low 20°

Average temperature 30.1°

Normal average temperature 27.6°

Precipitation:

Total for the week 0.28"

Total for the month 0.48"

Total for the year 1.27"

Normal for the month 1.64"

% of normal this month 29%

% of normal this year 33%

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise Thursday 7:16 a.m.

Sunset Thu. night 6:21 p.m.

Moonrise Thursday 10:15 a.m.

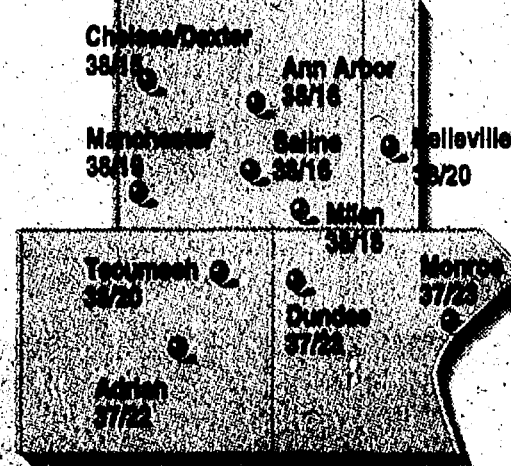
Moonset Thursday 12:11 a.m.

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NATIONAL CITIES

City	Thur.	Fri.	City	Thur.	Fri.	City	Thur.	Fri.
Albany	37/23/s	48/31/s	Buffalo	32/18/s	37/28/s	Denver	60/31/p	61/28/s
Albuquerque	58/35/p	58/30/c	Burlington, IA	48/30/s	49/35/p	Des Moines	47/29/s	48/33/p
Anchorage	31/20/p	30/20/p	Burlington, VT	21/14/s	39/22/p	Duluth	41/19/p	37/21/s
Atlanta	44/32/c	48/36/s	Casper	52/26/p	42/20/c	El Paso	64/44/p	62/40/c
Atlantic City	40/26/c	48/32/s	Cedar Rapids	45/26/p	48/32/p	Fairbanks	18/-2/p	18/-5/c
Austin	60/35/s	64/47/s	Charleston, SC	47/41/c	55/40/p	Fargo	38/23/p	40/20/c
Baltimore	42/24/c	48/28/s	Charleston, WV	48/28/p	51/28/s	Flagstaff	38/24/c	32/20/s
Baton Rouge	60/38/s	68/45/s	Charlotte	38/28/p	48/32/s	Fort Wayne	40/24/s	48/30/s
Billings	52/32/p	49/27/c	Cheyenne	54/28/p	48/25/c	Gary	43/27/s	43/31/s
Birmingham	48/34/c	58/33/s	Chicago	42/28/s	46/32/s	Green Bay	40/22/s	40/27/s
Bismarck	40/24/p	43/21/c	Cincinnati	44/28/s	60/34/s	Indianapolis	48/26/c	47/28/s
Bloomington	48/27/s	50/32/s	Cleveland	37/24/s	45/30/s	Honolulu	82/70/p	80/68/s
Boise	48/35/s	49/30/c	Columbia, MO	48/30/s	58/38/p	Houston	62/40/s	68/48/s
Boston	38/23/s	40/28/s	Columbus, OH	42/25/s	49/32/s	Indianapolis	43/29/s	49/34/s
Brownsville	66/50/s	74/62/s	Dallas	58/39/s	61/49/s	Jackson	38/29/p	40/29/p
			Davenport	42/26/s	48/32/p	Kansas City	51/31/s	55/37/p

LOCAL WEATHER



MICHIGAN CITIES

City	Thur.	Fri.	City	Thur.	Fri.
Ann Arbor	38/18/s	44/24/s	Ann Arbor	38/18/s	44/24/s
Battle Creek	38/22/s	44/30/s	Ann Arbor	38/18/s	44/24/s
Bay City	38/19/s	43/27/s	Ann Arbor	38/18/s	44/24/s
Cadillac	38/25/s	43/31/s	Ann Arbor	38/18/s	44/24/s
Dearborn	38/24/s	44/28/s	Ann Arbor	38/18/s	44/24/s
Detroit	38/22/s	44/28/s	Ann Arbor	38/18/s	44/24/s
Grand Rapids	37/21/s	44/29/s	Ann Arbor	38/18/s	44/24/s
Holland	37/22/s	44/31/s	Ann Arbor	38/18/s	44/24/s
Jackson	38/22/s	44/28/s	Ann Arbor	38/18/s	44/24/s
Kalamazoo	38/22/s	45/29/s	Ann Arbor	38/18/s	44/24/s
Lansing	37/17/s	45/27/s	Ann Arbor	38/18/s	44/24/s
Livonia	38/20/s	44/27/s	Ann Arbor	38/18/s	44/24/s
Midland	38/19/s	43/27/s	Ann Arbor	38/18/s	44/24/s
Monroe	37/23/s	46/29/s	Ann Arbor	38/18/s	44/24/s
Muskegon	38/22/s	43/31/s	Ann Arbor	38/18/s	44/24/s
Port Huron	38/21/s	43/28/s	Ann Arbor	38/18/s	44/24/s
Saginaw	38/19/s	44/27/s	Ann Arbor	38/18/s	44/24/s
Saline	38/16/s	43/24/s	Ann Arbor	38/18/s	44/24/s
Sault Ste. Marie	34/20/s	44/31/s	Ann Arbor	38/18/s	44/24/s
Sturgis	37/24/s	44/30/s	Ann Arbor	38/18/s	44/24/s
Toronto	32/20/s	40/28/s	Ann Arbor	38/18/s	44/24/s
Traverse City	38/19/s	41/25/s	Ann Arbor	38/18/s	44/24/s
Warren	38/25/s	43/29/s	Ann Arbor	38/18/s	44/24/s

Weather (W): s-sunny, p-partially cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, r-rain, t-thunderstorms, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, ice

TRAVEL

Lenawee, Monroe and Washtenaw Counties

A ridge of high pressure over the Great Lakes will result in dry weather Thursday with 10 hours of sunshine. Winds will be east at 7-14 mph.

REAL FEEL TEMPTM

The exclusive AccuWeather RealFeel Temperature measures how the air feels, taking into account all weather factors including temperature, humidity, wind, precipitation and sunshine. Shown is the highest real feel temperature for each day.

Highest Thursday 38°

Highest Friday 42°

Highest Saturday 48°

Highest Sunday 44°

WORLD CITIES

City	Thur.	Fri.	City	Thur.	Fri.
Acapulco	87/70/c	87/72/s	London	38/27/p	37/30/c
Algiers	60/33/c	57/38/p	Madrid	47/27/s	48/28/p
Amsterdam	37/28/s	37/28/c	Manila	37/27/c	36/28/c
Athens	66/55/c	74/52/c	Mexico City	70/44/s	70/44/s
Auckland	66/53/p	61/50/s	Montreal	25/14/p	33/20/p
Bangkok	92/78/s	92/78/p	Nairobi	35/22/c	35/22/c
Barbados	87/68/s	85/68/s	New Delhi	32/24/p	30/24/s
Beijing	43/31/s	57/44/p	Panama	81/76/p	81/76/p
Belarus	74/58/s	76/51/s	Paris	58/23/c	58/23/s
Belgrade	50/48/r	57/37/p	Rio de Janeiro	74/63/t	78/63/t
Berlin	37/24/c	32/23/s	Rome	59/43/c	49/35/s
Bogota	70/52/c	69/52/c	San Juan	88/72/p	88/72/p
Buenos Aires	82/68/s	87/68/p	Santiago	65/53/p	64/48/p
Calgary	38/18/s	37/18/s	Seoul	35/18/p	37/26/p
Cape Town	78/55/s	81/55/s	Singapore	89/74/s	88/73/s
Copenhagen	34/24/s	30/21/s	Stockholm	32/21/s	30/18/s
Dublin	38/25/c	40/27/p	Sydney	73/58/p	73/58/p
Frankfurt	32/22/c	28/18/s	Tehran	61/43/p	61/48/p
Geneva	38/18/s	27/14/s	Tokyo	58/53/s	58/53/s
Hong Kong	68/50/s	67/61/s	Vancouver	51/40/c	49/39/c
Istanbul	60/50/s	60/49/c	Warsaw	34/22/s	34/23/s
Jakarta	82/71/r	82/71/c			
Jerusalem	73/57/p	74/60/p			
Johannesburg	78/57/r	78/57/s			
Karachi	68/62/s	68/61/s			

SOLUNAR TABLE

Four-day forecast indicates peak feeding times for fish and game.

Major Minor Major

Thur: 4:12 a.m. 10:23 a.m. 4:34 p.m. 10:45 p.m.

Fri: 4:50 a.m. 11:31 a.m. 5:23 p.m. 11:34 p.m.

Sat: 5:47 a.m. 11:58 a.m. 6:11 p.m. 12:22 p.m.

Sun: 6:34 a.m. 12:23 a.m. 6:58 p.m. 12:41 p.m.

UV INDEX

Highest Thursday 3

The ultraviolet index is a guide to exposure to the sun. The higher the UV index number, the greater the need for eye and skin protection.

COMMUNITY

Thursday, February 26, 2004

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Hands Across The



German teens enjoy exchange year at Chelsea High School

By Rita Fischer
Special Writer

Tanja Koschwitz heard such great things about an international student exchange program from friends that she decided to try it herself. She and Paula Mueller, an exchange student from Germany, are in the middle of their exchange year at Chelsea High School.

Tanja, who hails from the small village of Hermsdorf, near Dresden in eastern Germany, lives with her parents and 10-year-old sister, Annika. After learning English for six years, she wanted to try out her language skills and see the world, so she set out on an American adventure with the full support of her parents.

"They helped to organize everything, and they came to meetings from my organization," Tanja says of her parents and the Foundation for Foreign Study.

Chelsea residents Michael and Susan Kizer, and their sons, Lucas, Paul and Noah, selected Tanja and is hosting her visit. It's their first experience with an exchange program.

"It's been wonderful,"

Michael Kizer says. "Tanja's truly part of the family. She fits right in, and we've been having a wonderful time."

"She has set the bar pretty high. She reads with the kids and helps them with homework. I call her my adopted German daughter."

An 11th-grader in her hometown, Tanja, who celebrated her 17th birthday in January, is in her senior year at Chelsea High School.

"Chelsea is a neat little community," she says. "I had no problems making connections or building friendships with other students."

Tanja has been very impressed with Chelsea High School.

"It's a relatively new school and everything is very nice," she says.

"I like all of my classes a lot, but I think my favorite is English. One of the main reasons I came was to improve my English, and I think I'm doing pretty good in my English class."

"I also want to learn more about this country and build friendships for a lifetime."

Tanja, who plans to go to college after high school, has found a few differences between her school in Germany and Chelsea High School. In her home country, she can carry backpacks to

class, and students are allowed to eat and drink in classrooms.

Tanja, who particularly enjoys music and art, enjoyed helping to set up the Madrigal Dinner at Christmas. In her native country she plays volleyball, but did not get involved in any sports at Chelsea High School.

The Kizers have tried to fill each weekend with activities, such as trips to Cedar Point, Frankenmuth and Chicago, and skiing at Boyne Highlands. This month, Tanja will head to New York City with the school music program.

"I've barely had a weekend that wasn't full of things to do," she says.

When Tanja gets homesick for the German language, she can hang out with fellow exchange student Paula Mueller.

Paula, who comes from Giessen, a town of about 80,000 in the center of Germany, came to the United States to broaden her horizons, improve her English and meet new people. She is staying with Chelsea residents Lisa and Donald Longpre, who selected her through the Youth for Understanding program.

"My son was involved with



Photos by Rita Fischer

Paula Mueller, a German exchange student from Giessen, is flanked by Lisa and Donald Longpre of Chelsea.

the program when he went to Ireland," Lisa says. "I enjoy having another child around as mine are all gone away now."

Paula is fitting into the family just fine.

"I like that I have siblings here, I like the pets and I like my host parents," Paula says. "I appreciate everything they do for me and that they love me even when times get tough."

Like Tanja, Paula found her parents to be very supportive of her adventure.

"They thought it would be a great experience for me and they supported me very much to make it possible for me to come here," she says.

"But they also miss me very much and call me often."

Paula, who hopes to visit other countries before head-

ing to college and a career, enjoys being in a small town where people know one another.

"That's different in my hometown," she says. "I also like that there is a lot of nature around, and that there are many trees along the side of the road."

The 16-year-old doesn't think much of American bread, which she describes as "soft and white and ugly."

Another observation is that Americans go everywhere by car.

"They never walk," she says. "They always chew gum."

"When they ask 'How are you?' they don't expect an answer. They are crazy about Christmas and put up all these blinking plastic decorations."

Bread and blinking lights notwithstanding, Paula is enjoying her stay.

"It's a great experience to be a foreign student," she says. "I've met many great people and learned a lot of new things."

Chelsea High School Principal Ron Mead says that

while each exchange student has his or her own personality and different students engage in the school program at different levels, it's always a joy to have them.

"They add a lot to classes in discussions because they often bring in a very different perspective," he says.

Mead says foreign students must take U.S. history or U.S. government to learn about American society.

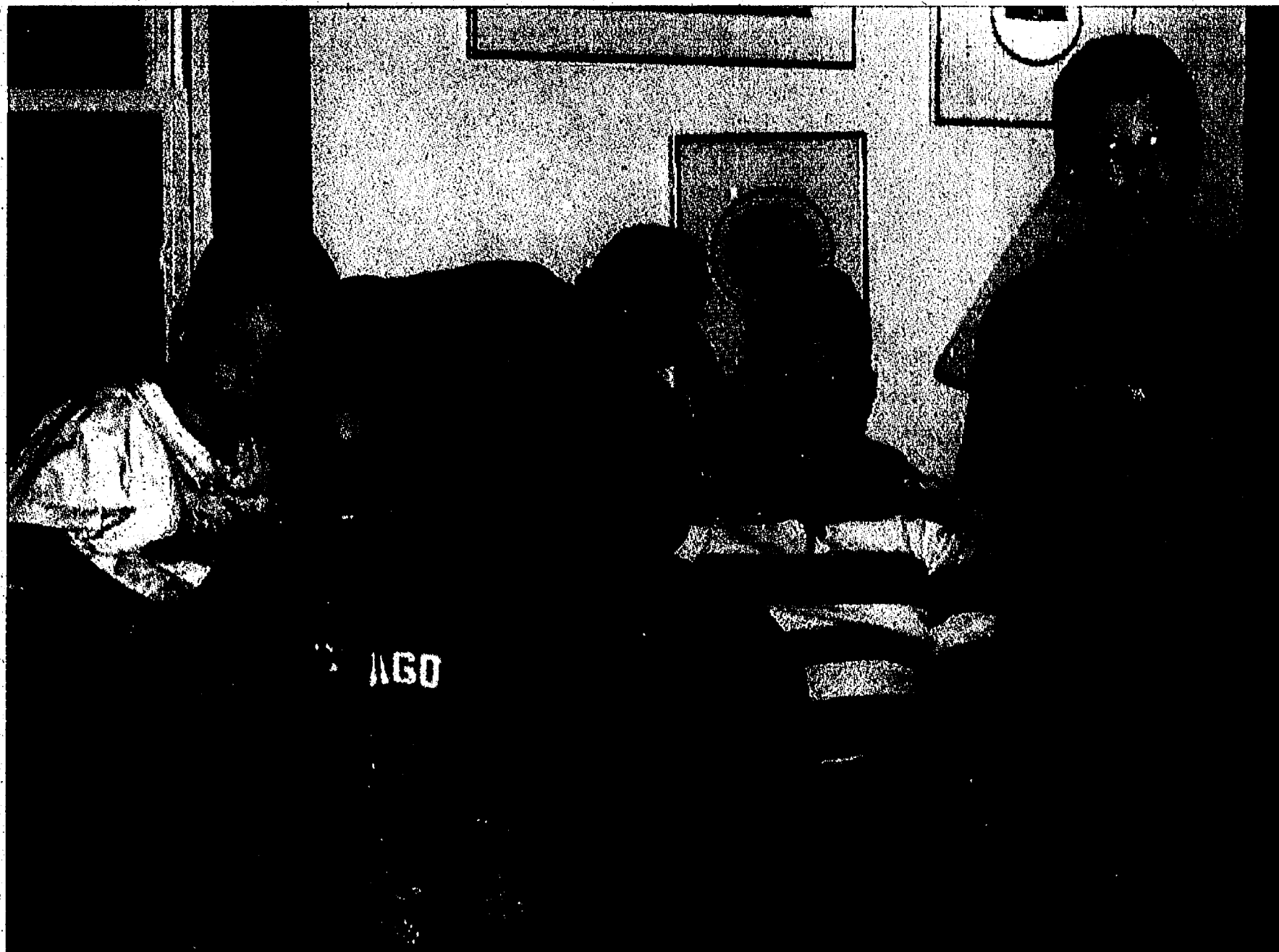
The school takes two or three exchange students each year. Most come as seniors and participate in graduation, receiving an honorary diploma.

Mead notes that European and South American students seem to have the easiest transition.

The two German girls will say farewell to their Chelsea friends in June, when the school year comes to a close.

"I love America," Tanja says. "I will definitely come back again, to visit or maybe stay forever."

— Associate Editor Sheila Pursglove also contributed to this article.



Tanja Koschwitz, who lives in the German town of Hermsdorf, is staying with the Kizer family during her exchange year at Chelsea High School. Her host family includes parents Michael and Susan Kizer and their three sons, Lucas, Paul and Noah.

FACTS ON GERMANY

THE COUNTRY

The Federal Republic of Germany is located in the heart of Europe, linking the west with the east, the north with the south. The most densely populated country in Europe, Germany has been flanked by nine neighboring states since the unification of the two German states in 1990. An integral part of the European Union and NATO, Germany is a partner to the central and eastern European states that are on route to becoming part of a united Europe.

The Federal Republic of Germany covers an area of 357,022 square kilometres. The longest distance from north to south is 876 kilometres, and from west to east, 640 kilometres. There are some 82.6 million people living in Germany; the country boasts a great cultural diversity and special region-specific qualities, charming towns and attractive landscapes.

THE PEOPLE

Some 82.6 million people live in Germany. Some 7.3 million of these citizens do not have their origins in Germany. This corresponds to 8.9 percent of the total population. And this means diversity, a diversity which is contributed to by the migrants living in Germany, the ethnic minorities, the regions and the different states with their traditions and dialects.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

CHELSEA

Thursday, Feb. 26

"Science Wizard" Dave Mastie will perform 7 p.m. at the Chelsea District Library, 500 Washington St. For information, call 475-8732.

Friday, Feb. 27

Preston Woodward Folk Show, 7 to 10 p.m. at Zou Zou's Café, 101 N. Main St., in Chelsea.

Saturday, Feb. 28

Winter Book Sale, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at McKune Memorial Library, 221 S. Main St., in Chelsea. For information, call 475-8732, Ext. 233.

College Planning Workshop, 11 a.m. at the Chelsea library, 500 Washington St. To register, call 475-8732.

Ethnic Buffet from 5 to 10 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church of Chelsea, 128 Park St. For information, call 475-8119.

Pierce's Pastries Plus will present morning Mochas and Melodies 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at 103 W. Middle St. in Chelsea. This week's entertainment is Barefoot Kevin Trio.

Chelsea Musical Celebrations presents Five Guys Named Moe 7 p.m. at First Congregational Church of Chelsea, 121 E. Middle St.

Saturday, Feb. 28 and

Sunday, Feb. 29

Grand reopening of Cranesbill Books, 108 W. Middle St., in Chelsea with book signings, music, refreshments.

Sunday, Feb. 29

Peace Potluck and Movie Night, 5 p.m. at Michigan Friends Center, 7748 Clark Lake Road, in Chelsea. For information, call 475-6191.

Friday, March 3

Citizens United for Chelsea District Library will meet 7 p.m. 14359 Forest Court. Call 475-2341 for information.

Friday, March 5

World Day of Prayer service, 2 p.m. at the Chelsea Retirement Community, 805 W. Middle St. For more information, call 433-9885.

CHELSEA

MISCELLANEOUS

Thursday

Alzheimer's Association Family Caregiver Support Group meets from 2 to 3:30 p.m. the third Thursday of the month at the Chelsea Retirement Community, 805 W. Middle St. Call 1-800-337-3827 for information.

Bingo is held 8:30 p.m. every Thursday at Chelsea American Legion and VFW, 1700 Ridge Road, in Chelsea.

Friends of Chelsea District Library meets 7:30 p.m. the first Thursday of the month at the Chelsea District Library, 500 Washington St. Call 475-2424 for more information.

Senior Nutrition Program meets noon Thursdays for dinner at the Waterloo Township Hall, 8061 Washington St., in Waterloo. For reservations, call 475-7439.

Friday

Al-Anon meets 12:30 p.m. every Friday at Chelsea Community Hospital, 775 S. Main St., in the White Oak Inn. For more information, call 475-1462.

Bingo 8:30 p.m. every Friday night at Chelsea Rod and Gun Club, 7103 Lingane Road, in Chelsea. For more information, call 475-7910.

Saturday

Hope Clinic, a free clinic for people with no health insurance, 9 a.m. to noon on the second Saturday of the month at Faith in Action, 775 S. Main St., in Chelsea. For information, call 475-3305.

Western Washtenaw Republicans meets 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. the second Saturday of the month at

Cleary's Pub, 113 S. Main St. For information, call 475-3874.

German Social Club meets 1 p.m. the last Saturday of the month at Wolverine restaurant, 20480 Old US-12. For information, call Edith Weber 475-1583.

Sunday

Parkinson Education and Support Group meets 1:30 to 4 p.m. the second Sunday of the month. For more information, call 1-800-852-9781.

Monday

Al-Anon meets 7:30 p.m. every Monday at Chelsea Community Hospital, 775 S. Main St. For information, call 475-1462.

Chelsea AA group meetings are held 8:30 p.m. Monday, 8 p.m. Thursday and 7 p.m. Sunday at the Chelsea hospital dining room; and Tuesday at the U.A.W. Hall next to the Chelsea Post Office.

Chelsea Area Garden Club meets noon the second Monday of the month at First United Methodist Church, 128 Park St., in Chelsea. For information, call 475-1493.

Chelsea Kiwanis Club meets at 6:15 p.m. every Monday at Chelsea Community Hospital, 775 S. Main St., in Chelsea. For more information, call 475-5944.

Masonic Lodge 156 of Chelsea meets 7:30 p.m. on the second Monday of the month at 113 W. Middle St. Call 433-1452 for information.

Mystery Book Club meets 7:30 p.m. on the second Monday of the month at the Washington Street Education Center, 500 Washington St., in Chelsea.

Overeaters Anonymous meets Monday 6 to 7 p.m. at the Covenant Church, 50 N. Freer Road, in Chelsea. For information, call 995-1835.

Tuesday

Chelsea District Library Board meets 7 p.m. the third Tuesday of the month at the Washington Street Education Center meeting room, 500 Washington St.

Chelsea Lions Club meets at 6:45 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday of the month at Chelsea Community Hospital, 775 S. Main St., in Chelsea.

Chelsea Rotary Club meets 12:30 p.m. Tuesdays at the Common Grill, 112 S. Main St., in Chelsea.

Eucharist Party 7 p.m. every Tuesday at the Chelsea Senior Citizen Center in the Faith in Action building, 775 S. Main St. For information, call 475-9242.

Grandparents as Parents Program 12:30 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at First United Methodist Church, 128 Park St., in Chelsea. For information, call 712-3625.

Senior Nutrition Program meets noon every Tuesday for dinner at the Waterloo Township Hall, 8061 Washington St., in Waterloo. For information, call 475-7439.

Wednesday

Chelsea Veterans of Foreign

Wars Post 4076, 105 N. Main St., meets 7:30 p.m. the second Wednesday of the month. For information, call 475-1448.

The Evening Primrose Garden Club meets 7 p.m. on the second Wednesday of the month at the Chelsea Depot, 125 Jackson St. For information, call 1-517-522-5859.

DEXTER

Thursday, Feb. 26

Dexter United Methodist Church will present the Asbury College Concert Band and Jazz Ensemble 7:30 p.m., 7643 Huron River Drive, in Dexter. For information, call 426-8480.

Thursday, Feb. 26 through

Sunday, Feb. 29

Dexter High School will present "Damn Yankees" 8 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday at the Center for Performing Arts, 2200 N. Parker Road.

Saturday, Feb. 28

"Leap Into Leap Year" 11 a.m. at Dexter District Library, 8040 Fourth St., featuring reptiles and amphibians. Space is limited. Call 426-4477 for information.

Saturday, Feb. 28 and

Sunday, Feb. 29

Journey to the Sugar Bush guided tour 10 a.m., 11 a.m. and noon. The tour is \$2 per person. Pancake breakfast \$3.50 per person, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Call 426-8211 to pre-register.

Wednesday, March 3

La Leche League will meet from 10 a.m. to noon. For information and location, call 426-5648 or 424-0671.

Friday, March 5

World Day of Prayer 10 a.m. at Webster United Church of Christ, 5484 Webster Church Road, in Dexter. For information, call 426-5103.

Sunday, March 7

The Dexter Community Band will present Blazing Brass concert 3 p.m. in the Center for the Performing Arts, 2200 N. Parker Road. The free concert honors University of Michigan professor emeritus Louis Stout.

DEXTER

MISCELLANEOUS

Thursday

Dexter AA group meets 7:30 p.m. every Thursday at St. Joseph's Parish Hall in the education building, 3470 Dover St., in Dexter.

Dexter American Legion meets 8 p.m. the first Thursday of the month at the American Legion Post, 8225 Dexter-Chelsea Road. For information, call 426-5304.

Dexter Community Band meets from 7 to 9 p.m. every Thursday at the Dexter High School band room, 2200 N. Parker Road. Call 426-2734.

Dexter Historical Society meets 7:30 p.m. the first Thursday of the month at the Dexter Area Museum, 3443 Inverness St.

Dexter Rotary Club meets 7:30 a.m. every Thursday at The

Tuscan House, 7954 Ann Arbor St., in Dexter.

Dexter Downtown Development Authority meets 7:30 p.m. the second Thursday of the month at the Copeland Administration Building, 7714 Ann Arbor St.

Dexter Lions Club meets 6:45 p.m. on the first and third Thursday of the month at DAPCO Industries, 2500 Bishop Circle East. Call 426-8549 for information.

Girlfriends Inc. meets at 6:30 p.m. the second and fourth Thursday of each month to build friendships through meetings and activities. Call 424-3404.

Monday

Dexter Board of Education meets 7 p.m. the second and fourth Monday of the month at Creekside Intermediate School, 2615 Baker Road.

Dexter Village Council meets at 7:30 p.m. the second and fourth Monday of the month at the Dexter Senior Center, 7720 Ann Arbor St.

Dexter Village Zoning Board of Appeals meets 7 p.m. the third Monday of the month at Dexter Senior Center, 7720 Ann Arbor St.

Tuesday

Dexter AA Group meets 8 p.m. every Tuesday at St. Joseph's Parish Hall Education Building, 3470 Dover.

Dexter Kiwanis Club meets 6:30 p.m. the first and third Tuesday of the month at The Tuscan House, 7954 Ann Arbor St.

Dexter Township Planning Commission meets 7:30 p.m. the first and fourth Tuesday of the month at Dexter Township Hall, 6880 Dexter-Pinckney Road.

Dexter Township Zoning Board of Appeals meets 7:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month at Dexter Township Hall, 6880 Dexter-Pinckney Road.

Dexter Village Parks Commission meets 7 p.m. the third Tuesday of the month at Wylie Elementary School, 3060 Kensington St.

Wednesday

Friends of Dexter District Library meets 12:30 p.m. the second Wednesday of the month at the Dexter District Library, 8040 Fourth St.

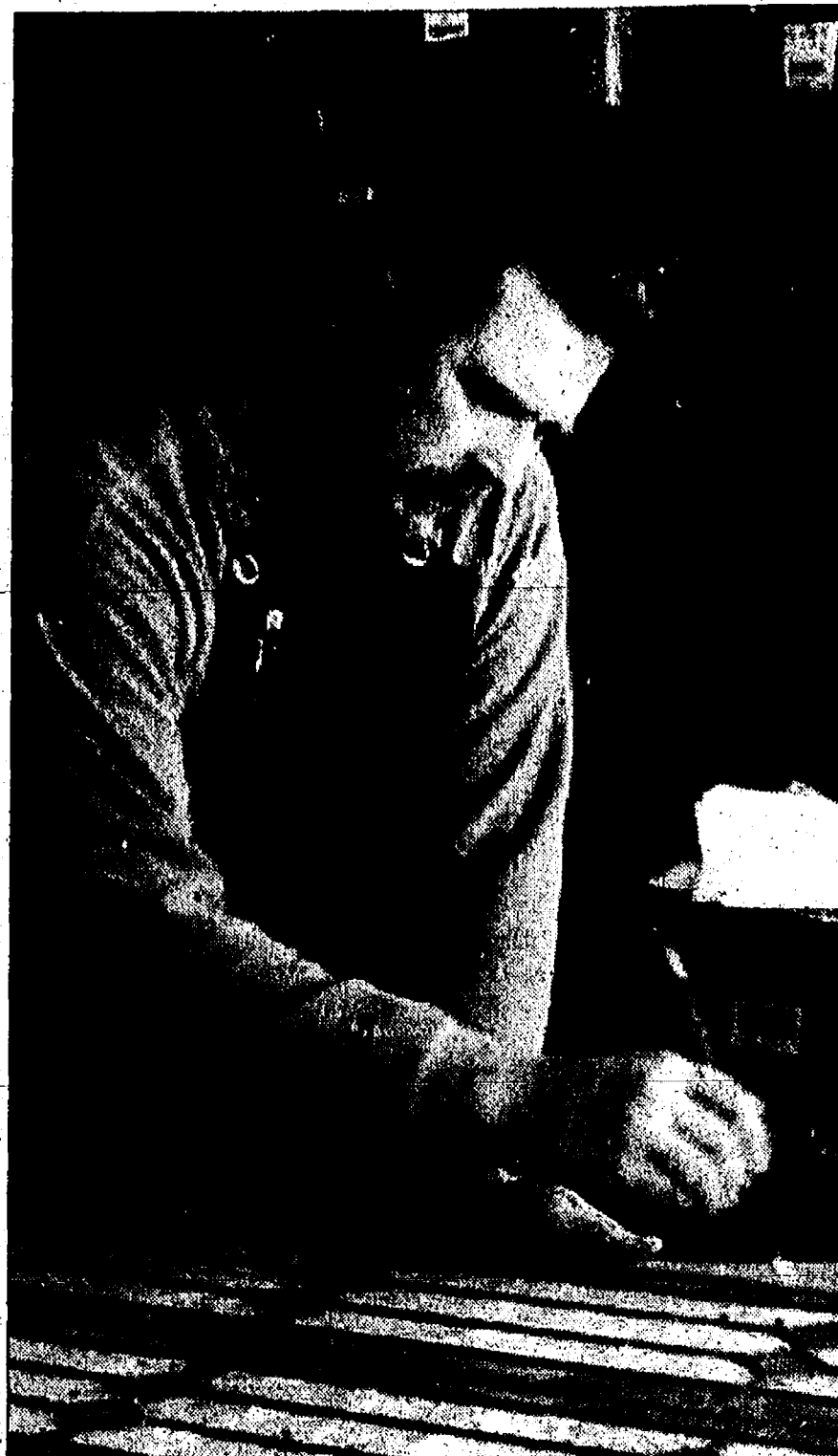


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Artisan

Stained-glass artist Bill Darwin will be among the artisans exhibiting at the Chelsea Spring Craft Show from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 13 at the Washington Street Education Center, 500 Washington St., in Chelsea.

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WEDDINGS & ENGAGEMENTS



Allison Montero, James Randall exchange wedding vows

Allison Montero of Chelsea and James Randall of Grand Rapids were married Sept. 27, 2003, at Chelsea Free Methodist Church. The Rev. Mearl Bradley officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Allen and Jane Montero of Chelsea. The groom is the son of David and Linda Randall of Grand Rapids.

The maid of honor was Marie Southworth of Midland. The bridesmaids were Leslee Parker of Princeton, N.J., and Karie Droge of Grand Rapids.

Emma Bloss and Amanda Bowman, both of Fostoria, were the flower girls.

The ringbearer was Nathaniel Bowman of Fostoria.

Michael Randall of Chapel Hill, N.C. was the best man.

The groom's attendants were Brad Wahr of Clarkston, Aaron Montero of Chelsea, Tim Randall of Grand Rapids, and Dean Hoover of Tecumseh.

A reception was held at Reddeman Farms in Chelsea. The couple honeymooned in Charleston, N.C., and resides in Kentwood.

The bride is a 1998 graduate of Chelsea High School and a 2002 graduate of Central Michigan University. She is employed with Guilford of Maine in Grand Rapids.

The groom is a 1997 graduate of Creston High School and a 2002 graduate of Central Michigan University. He is employed at Alticor in Grand Rapids.



ENGAGED: Sarah Horazdovsky of Kalamazoo, daughter of Michelle and Steve Horazdovsky of Chelsea, and Joshua Miller of Ann Arbor, son of Glenn and Michele Miller of Chelsea, have set an Aug. 7 wedding date. They plan to marry at First United Methodist Church in Chelsea. The future bride is a 2001 graduate of Chelsea High School. She is a student at Kalamazoo Valley Community College and plans to transfer to Wayne State University in the fall to major in nursing. The future groom is a 1999 graduate of Chelsea High School and a 2003 graduate of the University of Michigan. He is employed at the U of M Hospital as a registered nurse in the surgical intensive care unit.



ENGAGED: Shelley Williams and Ryan Christians, both of New Albany, Ind., have set a May 24 wedding date at the MGM Grand Wedding Chapel in Las Vegas. The future bride, the daughter of Tina Luick of Dexter, is a graduate of Chelsea High School and of Indiana University Kelley School of Business. She is employed as a claims specialist for Humana Insurance Co. in Indiana. The future groom, the son of Linda and Fred Christians of Grosse Pointe, graduated from Grosse Pointe South High School and from the University of Michigan. He is a statistician for the U.S. Census Bureau.



ENGAGED: Jill Young and Tim Vollbrecht, both of Columbus, Ohio, have set a May 22 wedding date. The future bride is the daughter of Tim and Judy Young of Oakkosh, Wis. She is a 1997 graduate of Carlton College in Minnesota and a 2001 graduate from Medical College of Wisconsin. She is finishing a three-year residency at Ohio State University and will be practicing medicine in Ann Arbor this summer. The future groom is the son of Anne and John Vollbrecht of Dexter. He is a 1993 graduate of Dexter High School, a 1997 graduate of Lawrence University in Appleton, Wis., and a 2001 graduate of Medical College of Wisconsin. He is finishing a three-year residency in internal medicine at Ohio State University, and will begin a three-year fellowship program at the University of Michigan Hospital in July doing pulmonary/critical care.



ENGAGED: Marnie Taylor, daughter of John and Michal Taylor of Dexter, and Gerry Weldman, son of Linda and Bob Weldman of Grayslake, Ill., are planning a garden wedding service and reception Sept. 4 at the home of the bride's parents. The future bride graduated in 2000 from Kendall College of Art & Design in Grand Rapids with a bachelor's degree in interior architecture. She is employed as the Michigan dealer services manager with the Humanscale Corp. The future groom earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Southern Illinois in 1997. He is employed as a software release engineer with DaimlerChrysler AG Corp.

BIRTHS

A son, Maxwell Frederick, was born Jan. 25 to Kevin and Heather (Wynn) Blakeman of Dexter at University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor. Grandparents are Mike and Angie Wynn of Chelsea and Jim and Kate Blakeman of Ypsilanti. Great-grandparents are Glenys Lance of Dexter and Rose Blakeman of Canton. Maxwell has a sister, Elise, 18 months.

A son, Cameron Scott, was born Sept. 5 to Jeff and Cathy Marshall at St. Mary's Hospital in Reno, Nev. Grandparents are the late Carol Acker of Chelsea, and Joe and the late Dorothy Spinetta. Cameron has a brother, Austin Kain, 11.

A son, Jack Murphy, was

born Jan. 23 to Jay and Jennifer Marshall of Grass Lake at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Superior Township. Grandparents are the late Carol Acker of Chelsea, and Gene and Jean Lewis of Chelsea.

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Creative EXPRESSIONS



Missy Judd works on her art composition in a life drawing class.



Pupils in teacher Bev Yelsik's Art I class at Beach Middle School are completing multi-media compositions, using antique kitchen utensils and keys.

The artwork is titled and finished in an abstract composition.

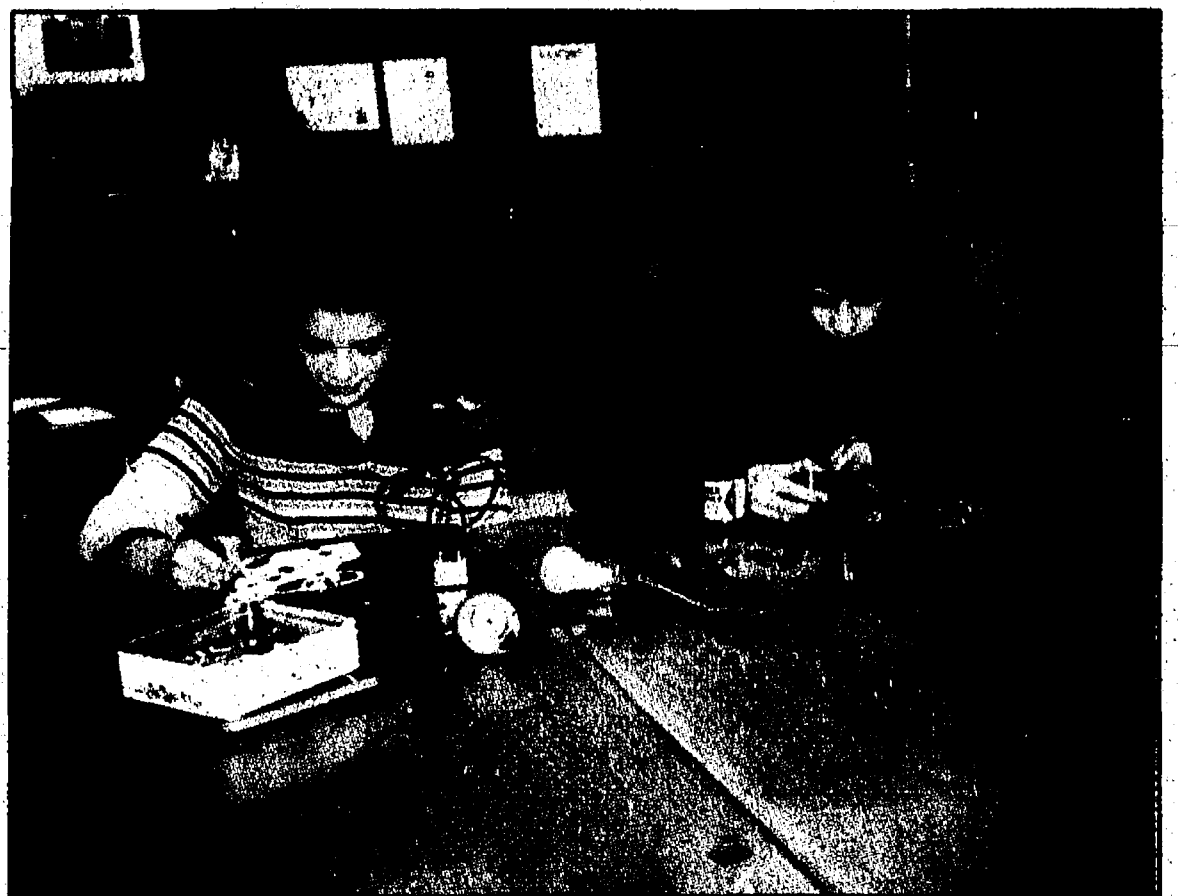
Life drawings using class models have been turned into expressive compositions in the Art II class. Pupils develop a theme or "big idea," create the composition and write a description.

Art I is a one-semester class for seventh- or eighth-graders. Art II may be taken by seventh- or eighth-grade pupils after Art I.

Photos by
Rita Fischer



Samantha Oliver works on a sketch as part of art class in Chelsea schools.



Lauren Cooper and Todd Kruse focus on their multi-media compositions using antique kitchen utensils and keys.



Zac Delor colors in a rhapsody-in-blue drawing of a person.



Beach Middle School art teacher Bev Yelsik helps pupils Trevor Hughes and Matt Glover.

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MICHELLE MITCHELL

REC BEAT

Chelsea Recreation prepares for spring

At Chelsea Recreation, we have been extremely busy planning the spring and summer programs.

Here are some highlights of the upcoming spring and summer season.

Developmental soccer clinics are planned for children in first through sixth grades during the week of March 30. Fliers will be distributed at the schools.

A special clinic for goalies will take place April 15 for children in third through sixth grades. Spring soccer begins April 19. Register before April 10 to ensure your child is placed on a team.

Youth baseball, softball and T-ball season will begin the week of May 24. The deadline for registration is April 30. The season runs through July 15.

A meeting for coaches is scheduled 6 p.m. May 11 at the Washington Street Education Center, 500 Washington St.

An **Opening Day Celebration** is planned June 5 at the town park. All teams will take part in "traditional and nontraditional" picnic games, and enjoy a picnic lunch. Team pictures and individual pictures will take place at the opening-day festivities.

Our camp schedule has also been finalized. During the week of June 14, girls' basketball camp, Future Bulldog Camp, Cartoon Network Tennis Camp (first through fourth grades), tennis camp, and girls' softball camp begins.

During the week of June 21, cheerleading camp, co-ed soccer camp (first through second grade), girls' soccer camp, boys' basketball camp, Cartoon Network Tennis Camp (first through fourth grades) and tennis camp will take place.

During the week of June 28, boys' Bulldog soccer camp, high school volleyball camp, Cartoon Network Tennis Camp (first through fourth grades) and tennis camp will be offered.

Other camps scheduled are Big D Football Camp (July 29 and 30), Wing T Football Camp (July 26 through 28), Middle School Volleyball Camp (July 12 through 16), high school tennis lessons (July 5 through 8) and USTA USA Team Tennis League (mid-June through mid-August).

Visit our Web site, chelsearec.com, for specific information regarding camps.

For teenagers in Chelsea, Teen X-Venture Camp is being offered every Thursday, starting June 10. We will be taking trips to different "x-treme" locations.

On June 10, we will be playing Whirleyball in Ann Arbor. On June 17, we will be going to Van's Skate Park in Novi. On June 24, we will visit Planet Rock in Ann Arbor. On July 1, we will travel to Exotic Sports in Brighton to play paintball. On July 8, we will be traveling to Four Bears Water Park in Shelby Township. On July 15, we will travel to Grand Ledge near Lansing for climbing.

Teen X-Venture Camp is See **SPRING** — Page 3-C

Don Richter
Sports Editor

Chelsea wrestling captured a Division II district championship, defeating county rival Dexter 48-20 Feb. 18.

In the district semifinals, the Bulldogs (15-9) beat Ypsilanti Lincoln 47-18.

In the meet's other semifinal, the host Dreadnaughts disposed of Ypsilanti 37-30.

With its district title, Chelsea advanced to regional competition against defending Division II state champion Mason (22-5) earlier this week.

Also participating at the Mason regional are St. Johns (16-12) and Battle Creek Lakeview (26-7).

In last week's district final, the Bulldogs' Geoff Wonders defeated Dexter's Matt Bastion on a 14-0 major decision at 103.

At 112, Chelsea's Aaron Chiarelli lost a 16-0 technical fall to the Dreadnaughts' Kyle Thompson.

At 119, Marty Kelley earned a victory as Dexter voided. A void is similar to a pin in points awarded. With the void, Chelsea led 10-5 after three matches.

Chris Watt increased the Bulldogs' advantage to 16-5 with a pin of the Dreadnaughts' Anders Fogelman at 125.

Dexter battled back, as Mike Little pinned Fred Dehn in 2:50 at 130. With Little's win, the Dreadnaughts trimmed the lead to 16-11.

Chelsea's Josh Clark defeated Mike Crawford on a 15-1 major decision at 135.

At 140, Cody Schiller pinned Dexter's Joe Spurr in 42 seconds.

With Clark's and Schiller's wins, the Bulldogs upped their lead to 26-11, with seven bouts left.

Stephen Kolokithas kept Chelsea's winning streak going, beating John Powers 12-1 at 145. With the major decision, the Bulldogs led 30-11.

The Dreadnaughts re-

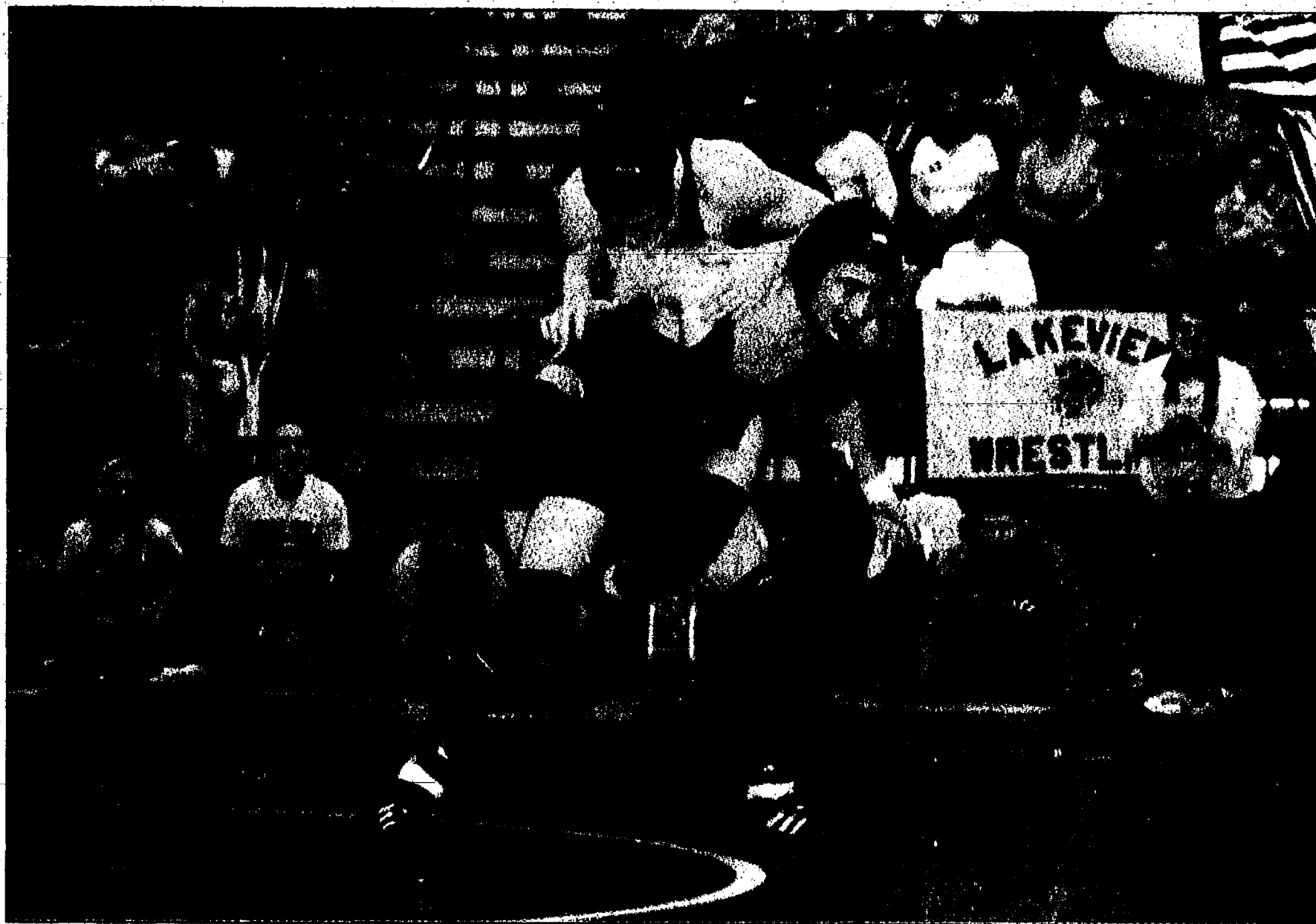


Photo courtesy of Kim Fairley Gills
Chelsea's Matt Robinson hops on the back of his opponent during individual district action last Saturday in Coldwater. He finished 2-2 overall at 152 pounds for the Bulldogs. On Feb. 18, Robinson and his teammates captured a team district title, beating rival Dexter 48-20.

sponded, capturing the next two matches.

Jared Dillon beat Chelsea's Matt Robinson 11-5 at 152.

At 160, A.J. Santoro defeated Bulldog Andy Hurst 14-11.

With Dexter's two straight victories, the Dreads closed the gap to 30-17 with four matches remaining.

Chelsea's Ben Rodgers pinned Eric Gilbertson in 5:25 at 171.

At 189, Ricky Howell bested Bulldog Karl Wint 4-2.

With two matches left, Chelsea led 36-20.

At 215, Bulldog Joel Powers pinned Dan Blethan in 47 seconds.

Brad Hinderer followed Powers with a pin of his own, sticking Dexter's Nate Knapp in 2:42 for the night's final margin.

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Photo by Mary Kumbler
Bulldog Stephen Kolokithas (right) prepares to battle Dexter's John Powers at 145 pounds at last week's team district final.

Tankers sink Huron, Tecumseh

Don Richter
Sports Editor

With the Southeastern Conference meet and the Division II state final fast approaching, the Chelsea boys' swimming and diving team is peaking at the right time.

The Bulldogs enter this weekend's SEC championship on a roll, winners of their last five contests.

With its late season streak, Chelsea (7-6) finished with its 16th consecutive winning record.

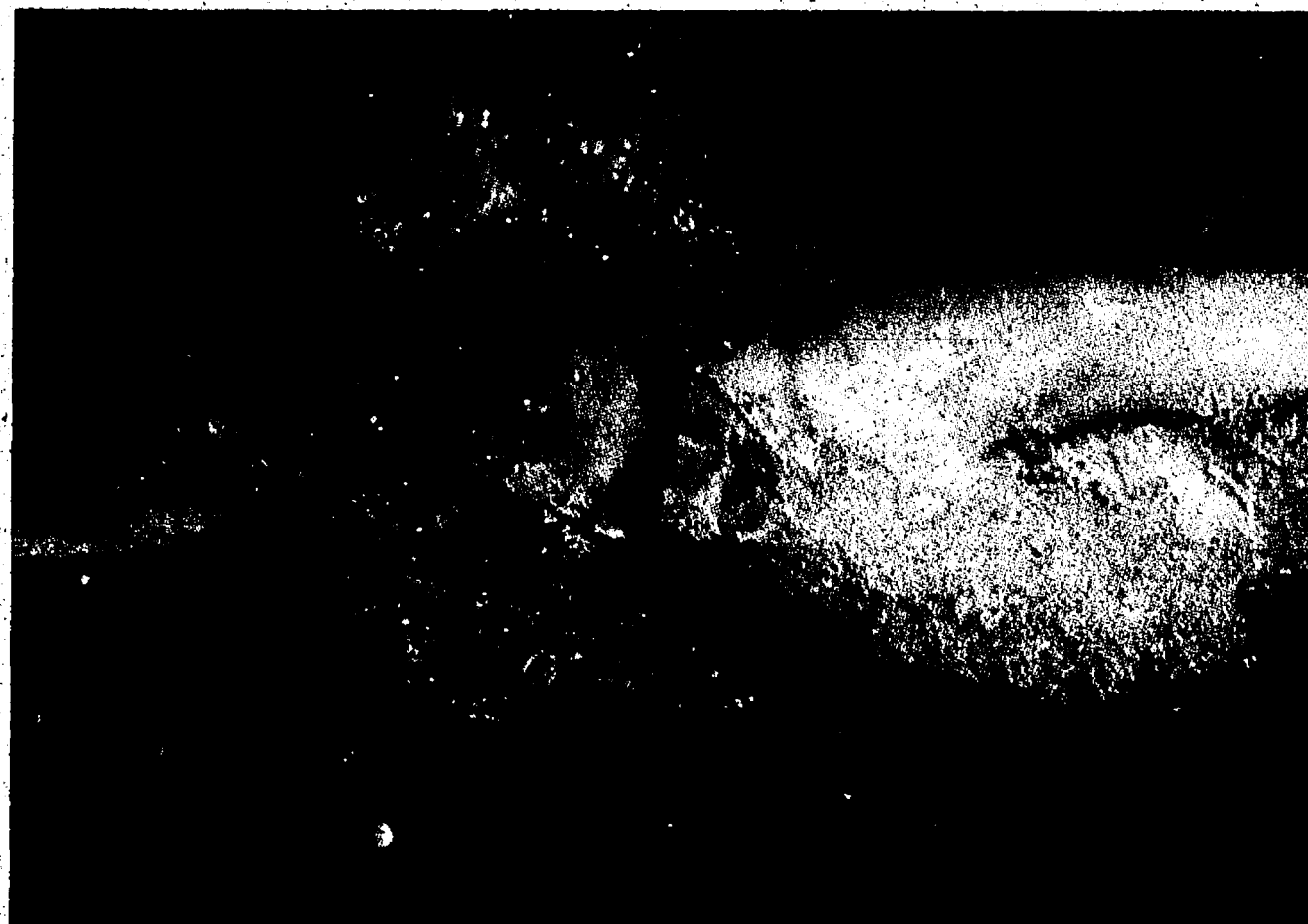
"(We) really pulled together as a team over the past two weeks to finish the season on a 5-0 run," said Chelsea coach Dave Jolly.

Last Friday, the host Bulldogs defeated Ann Arbor Huron 95-91 and Tecumseh 105-81 in a tri-meet.

In the 200 medley relay the Chelsea foursome of Andy Kellogg, Benji Kellogg, Matt Kellogg and Aaron Connell finished second with a time of 1:49.59. Jordan Skidmore, Mitch Cook, Mike Lawrence and Nick Armstrong placed fifth in 2:00.79.

Freshman Rick Kinsey touched second in the 200 freestyle for the Bulldogs with a clocking of 2:01.78. Sophomore Chris Moyle was fourth in 2:06.13, while sophomore Benji Kellogg was fifth in 2:11.64.

In the 200 individual medley, junior Andy Kellogg fin-



Chelsea's Chris Moyle makes waves participating in the 400 freestyle relay, at last week's tri-meet with Ann Arbor Huron and Tecumseh.

ished first with a time of 2:11.27. Senior Matt Kellogg was third in 2:17.90, while sophomore Greg Daniel was eighth in 2:36.65.

Senior Josh Haynes placed third with a clocking of 24.16, while sophomore Andrew Ballow ended up sixth in 25.33 and Armstrong seventh in 25.50 for Chelsea.

In the one-meter diving competition, Bulldog junior Shawn Bergman bested the field, finishing first with 211.90 points. Teammate sophomore Sean Cleary was

third with 179.45 points, while Skidmore was fourth with 161.80 points.

Connell, a senior, touched second in the 100 butterfly with a clocking of 1:01.33. Lawrence, a freshman, was fourth in 1:06.73, while Moyle was sixth in 1:07.28.

Andy Kellogg picked up his second victory of the meet, winning the 100 freestyle in 50.61. Haynes was third in 52.81, while Ballow was fifth in 55.40.

In the 500 freestyle, Matt Kellogg ended up second in

5:21.40, while Kinsey was third in 5:38.42 and Benji Kellogg fourth in 5:42.92.

The Bulldog quartet of Haynes, Moyle, Bergman and Ballow placed third in the 200 freestyle relay with a time of 1:39:24. The group of freshman Bert Kruse, freshman Jake Policht, Kinsey and Connell finished sixth, in 1:46.54.

Armstrong touched third in the 100 backstroke with a clocking of 1:07.68, while Skidmore was fourth in

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Bulldog spikers top Lincoln

Chelsea volleyball defeated Southeastern Conference White Division foe Ypsilanti Lincoln 15-3, 15-6, 11-15, 15-12 last Thursday.

The visiting Bulldogs (34-13-2, 8-1) were led by senior outside hitter Lindsay Tye (5-foot-11), who had 16 kills.

Lindsay Parker added 10 kills, while Megan Kore had 23 assists.

Chelsea participated in the Temperance Bedford Invitational Feb. 14.

The Bulldogs captured the tournament's Silver Division title, defeating Ann Arbor Huron, Farmington and Ida.

Overall for the invitational, Chelsea finished 3-4.

The Bulldogs lost to Monroe, Flint Powers Catholic, Farmington and Plymouth Salem.

On Feb. 12, Chelsea defeated county and Southeastern Conference White Division rival Dexter 11-15, 15-13, 15-6, 15-12.

Tye led the host

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Chelsea falls to Bedford

Don Richter
Sports Editor

The Chelsea boys' basketball team lost to Temperance Bedford 50-41 last Friday.

The visiting Bulldogs (6-11, 2-2) fell behind early, but slowly battled back, whittling the Mules' lead to 43-41 with 1:20 left in the game.

It would be as close as Chelsea would get as Bedford went on a 7-0 run to end the contest.

"We played a good ball game," said Chelsea coach Robin Raymond. "The ball seemed to bounce out for us, and in for them. I think they only missed 11 shots all night."

The Mules (15-3) have a powerful frontline, led by 6-foot-7, 225-pound center Brian Champine, who finished the night with a game-high 18 points.

"We had a tough time containing him," said Raymond, whose tallest player stands 6-4.

For the game, the Mules sizzled from the field, ending the night 20-of-31, including 4-of-6 from beyond the arc, for 65 percent shooting.

In contrast, the Bulldogs were 15-of-46, including 3-of-13 from three-point land, for 33 percent.

On the boards, Chelsea gave a strong effort, out rebounding the taller Bedford squad 18-17, including 10 on the offensive end.

From the free-throw line, the Bulldogs finished 8-of-12 for 67 percent. The Mules were 6-of-13 for 46 percent.

Chelsea committed 10 turnovers, while Bedford had 16.

Seniors forward Brian Kinaschuk and guard George Royce paced the Bulldogs, each scoring 14 points and grabbing two rebounds. Kinaschuk was 1-of-3 from beyond the arc, while Royce was 2-of-5.

Senior forward Jeff Elliott added four points and two steals, while senior Tony Reifel and junior Danny Keilman each had three points. Senior Kyle Kendzicky had two points and senior Joel Hohnke one point for Chelsea. Kendzicky also had five rebounds, while Keilman had four boards.

Chelsea vs. Pioneer
On Feb. 17, the Bulldogs defeated Ann Arbor Pioneer 69-58.

As opposed to its shooting woes against Bedford, Chelsea was dead-on versus the visiting Pioneers.

The Bulldogs finished the night 26-of-44 for 59 percent from the floor. Ann Arbor wasn't too shabby, either, ending up 26-of-48 for 54 percent. From the three-point area, Chelsea was 6-of-12, while the Pioneers were 3-of-10.

"We were able to break their full court press, and had a lot of lay-ups," Raymond said.

For the contest, the Bulldogs had a season-high 22 assists.

Pioneer is one of the area's best teams. Ann Arbor is athletic and powerful, but Chelsea proved too quick and intense for the Pioneers.

"This is a huge win," Raymond said. "We knocked them out of first place (in Southeastern Conference Red Division). Besides

breaking their press, we controlled the game with our defense.

"They're a post-up team. We double-downed on the post all night. The first time we played them, they hurt us inside and on the press. This time, we played a complete ballgame."

Kinaschuk led Chelsea, with 17 points, seven rebounds and six assists. He was 7-of-11 from the field, including 1-of-3 from the three-point line.

Hohnke and Royce each netted 12 points. Both players also mirrored each other from beyond the arc, ending up 2-of-4 on the night. Hohnke also had five assists. Royce (6-1) also tied Kinaschuk for team-high in rebounds with seven.

Elliott and Kendzicky each scored eight points for the Bulldogs. Kendzicky hauled down six boards, while Elliott had three rebounds.

Reifel chipped in five points and four assists, while Keilman had five points and one steal.

Sophomore John Mantel rounded out Chelsea's scoring with two points.

The Bulldogs out rebounded Ann Arbor 28-22, including 19 on the defensive boards.

Chelsea next hosts SEC White Division foe Ypsilanti Lincoln 7 p.m. tomorrow.

On Tuesday, the Bulldogs host Williamston at 7 p.m.

On March 5, Chelsea travels to Tecumseh for a contest at 7 p.m.

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Chelsea Pom



The Chelsea Baton Corps pompon squad performed a dazzling halftime routine at a Bulldog varsity basketball game Feb. 6. Members of the squad include, front row, Courtney Ray (left), Maria Osentoski, Corinne Clouse and Lexi Beth Ray; middle row, Haley Eghotz (left), Sara Allen, Rylee Rosentreter and Anyssa Marsh; back row, Megan Brockett (left), coach Erica Bloomensaat and Naomi Johnson. Those interested in joining the squad may contact Darlene Johnson at 475-8178.

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Bulldogs with 12 kills.

Teammate Brittany Denison added six kills for Chelsea.

The Bulldogs next host

SEC White foe Tecumseh 7 p.m. today.

On Saturday, Chelsea will

participate in the University of Michigan-Dearborn Invitational at 9 a.m.

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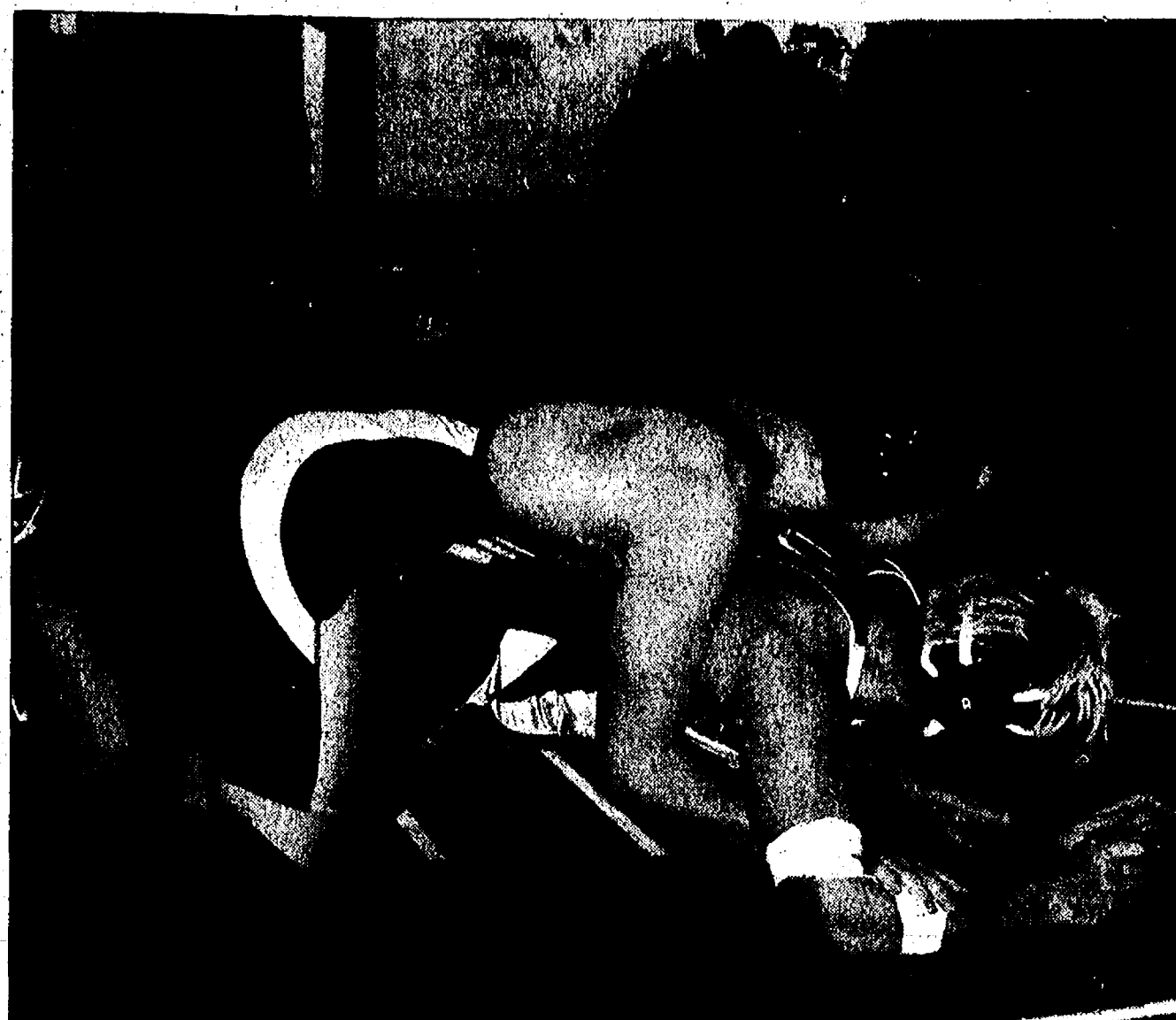
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Chelsea's Dave Bell finished 1-2 overall in the 171-pound weight class at last Saturday's individual district competition in Coldwater.

Bulldogs blank Franklin

Don Richter
Sports Editor

Chelsea hockey exacted a bit of revenge last Saturday, defeating Livonia Franklin 2-0 at the Arctic Coliseum.

A month ago, the Patriots beat the Bulldogs 4-1 at their place.

Last Saturday, Chelsea (10-10-3, 4-2-1) buckled down defensively, stopping a strong Franklin club that had been ranked in the state's top 10 in Division I earlier this season.

"We played well," said Chelsea coach Don Wright. "(Chelsea goaltender) J.R. (Engelbert) played well to get the shutout."

The goose egg was Engelbert's second of the season.

The Bulldogs opened the scoring at 14:38 of the first period as sophomore Eric Cremer turned the light on, off an assist from senior Craig Urwin and junior Brett Common.

In the second period, Chelsea closed out the scoring as Urwin beat the Franklin net minder at 3:44 of the stanza. Recording an assist on the play for the Bulldogs was senior Lee Woodruff and junior Ryan Ford.

Despite being saddled with penalties throughout the second and third periods, the Bulldogs refused to crack. During the second and third periods, Chelsea worked hard, killing off five power-play opportunities for the Patriots.

"J.R. made some real nice saves," Wright said.

On Feb. 18, the Bulldogs lost to Division I No. 6-ranked Ann Arbor Pioneer 3-0.

The host Patriots scored two second-period power play goals, securing their victory.

"I thought we played a real-

ly good game," Wright said. "We had our chances throughout the game, but we had some breakdowns and they capitalized on them. I thought we played right with them, though. I felt very good with our effort."

Sean Thomas began the scoring for Ann Arbor, turning the lamp on at 12:42 of the first period. In the second stanza, Evan Owens and Mike McCoy scored power-play goals for the Patriots to clinch the victory.

McCoy's goal occurred just as the Bulldog penalty was ending.

"We had essentially killed off the penalty, but we got caught in a poor line change, and they got a breakaway goal," Wright said.

Engelbert was in net for Chelsea. Ann Arbor out shot the Bulldogs 24-20 for the game.

Chelsea closes out its regular season hosting Dearborn Heights Crestwood 7 p.m. Saturday. The Bulldogs will be celebrating Senior Night.

On Tuesday, Chelsea's "second season" begins. The Bulldogs open the Division III state regional playoffs, hosting Dearborn Divine Child at 5:30 p.m. The traditionally strong Falcons are ranked No. 3 in the state.

For the past three years, Divine Child has knocked Chelsea out of the state playoffs. Two years ago, the Falcons won the Division III state championship.

Last season, Divine Child beat the Bulldogs in the regional final.

"We're all excited about this (beginning the playoffs)," Wright said. "We've been focused on this the entire season."

For the purpose of improving its chances in the state playoffs, Chelsea played arguably the toughest sched-

ule in the area this year. Out of the Bulldogs' 10 losses this season, eight came against clubs ranked in the state's top 10.

"We've been in every single game, despite the strong opposition," Wright said. "I like that. We want to be playing well heading into regionals."

Fittingly, the Bulldogs are hosting one of the state's toughest regionals, regardless of division. Four of the regional's six teams have been state-ranked this year. And a fifth, Dexter, has been pushing for top 10 honors all season.

"You look at the field, and there are no easy games," Wright said. "Our whole goal this season was to play a tough schedule, helping us prepare for Divine Child."

Entering this year, Chelsea had three goals, said Wright.

"We wanted to win our tournament, which we did," he said. "We wanted to win our league (co-champs with Dexter), which we did. And we want to win regionals. That's what we're striving for. That's what our tough schedule has been all about."

The Bulldogs, ranked in the state's top 10 earlier this season, begin their playoff quest by squaring off against their nemesis No. 3-ranked Divine Child Tuesday at 5:30 p.m.

Also Tuesday, Dexter faces No. 10-ranked Lansing Catholic Central at 8 p.m. On Jan. 10, the Dreadnaughts defeated the Cougars 6-1.

If successful against the Falcons, Chelsea would play New Boston Huron 5:30 p.m. March 4.

The Dexter-Lansing Catholic Central winner will play No. 8-ranked Jackson Lumen Christi 8 p.m. March 4.

The regional championship is 7 p.m. March 6. All games are at the Arctic Coliseum.

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In the district semifinal match, Wonders prevailed on a pin at 103.

At 112, Chiarelli lost a 10-0 decision. Kelley was pinned in 3:55 at 119. Watt pinned his foe in 5:01 at 125 for the Bulldogs.

Dehn won 13-2 at 130 for Chelsea, while Clark pinned his opponent in 1:40 at 135.

Schiller won a hard-fought 10-8 battle against the

Railsplitters' Kyle O'Keefe at 140. Kolokithas earned a 15-0 technical fall at 145, while Robinson decisioned his foe 5-2 at 152.

At 160, Hurst won 12-7, while Rodgers lost a close 3-2 decision to Brian Sirois at 171. At 189, Wint won on a 18-0 technical fall.

At 215, Powers pinned his opponent in 1:34, while Hinderer lost an 8-2 decision at heavyweight to close out the match.

Last Saturday, Chelsea participated in the Division II

individual district meet in Coldwater.

"It's one of the toughest districts," said Chelsea coach Kerry Kargel. "It wasn't easy at all."

Advancing to regionals for the Bulldogs were Wint at 189 and Powers at 215. To qualify for regionals, a wrestler had to finish in the top four of his weight class. Both Wint and Powers placed third.

The individual regional meet is 10 a.m. Saturday at Middleville Thornapple-Kellogg

also will be offered during the summer.

Chelsea Recreation adult softball leagues will be back in full swing. The softball league begins May 10. Monday and Wednesday evenings will be co-ed leagues, while Tuesday evenings will be reserved for the women's softball league. New in 2004, "Just for Fun" co-ed softball league will be offered on Friday nights.

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Michelle Mitchell is director of Chelsea Recreation. She can be reached at 475-1112.

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offered to teens in seventh through 10th grades.

Also on tap, adult sand volleyball will take place on Wednesday evenings at Timber Town starting June 9.

Chelsea Recreation's tennis leagues will begin May 11. Women's doubles league will take place on Tuesday evenings. Men's doubles league will take place on Monday evenings. Mixed doubles league will take place on Sunday evenings and begin June 6. Adult tennis lessons and stroke clinics

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Chelsea's Mitch Cook gulps air while competing in the 100 breaststroke last week, during the Bulldogs' tri-meet with Ann Arbor Huron and Tecumseh.

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1:07.89 and Daniel fifth in 1:09.25.

In the 100 breaststroke, Cook, a freshman, placed fourth in 1:13.70 for Chelsea. Connell was sixth in 1:18.00, while sophomore Nat Christman was seventh in 1:18.42.

In the 400 freestyle relay, the Bulldog team of Matt Kellogg, Andy Kellogg, Haynes and Moyle finished second in 3:27.77. Benji Kellogg, Ballow, Kinsey and Armstrong ended up fourth in 3:51.24.

On Feb. 17, Chelsea defeated South Lyon 109.50-75.50 and Fenton 144.39 in a tri-meet hosted by the Bulldogs.

Benji Kellogg, Skidmore, Connell and Haynes bested the field in the 200 medley relay with a clocking of 1:55.11. Daniel, Cook,

Lawrence and Bergman placed second in 2:02.17.

Matt Kellogg was second in the 200 freestyle in 1:53.91, while Kinsey was fifth in 2:02.99.

Andy Kellogg placed first in the 200 individual medley with a time of 2:07.65, while Connell was fourth in 2:27.14 and Armstrong sixth in 2:29.19.

In the 50 freestyle, Haynes touched first in 24.25, while Ballow was third in 25.00 and Bergman sixth in 26.22.

In the one-meter diving event, Bergman finished first with a score of 226.15 points. Cleary was third with 169.55 points, while Skidmore was fourth with 147.60.

Connell ended up second in the 100 butterfly with a clocking of 1:02.81, while Lawrence was third in 1:07.39 and Moyle fourth in 1:07.42.

Andy Kellogg placed first in the 100 freestyle in 50.12, while Ballow was fifth in

56.30 and Policht eighth in 1:01.53.

Matt Kellogg finished second in the 500 freestyle, with a time of 5:25.58, while Kinsey was fifth in 5:43.62 and Benji Kellogg sixth in 5:44.04.

The combo of Andy Kellogg, Matt Kellogg, Ballow and Haynes touched second in the 200 freestyle relay with a clocking of 1:36.36. Armstrong, Connell, Bergman and Kinsey were third in 1:44.52.

Armstrong bested the field in the 100 backstroke in 1:07.82, while Daniel was second in 1:09.65.

Benji Kellogg finished first in the 100 breaststroke with a clocking of 1:14.22, while Cook was second in 1:15.07 and Christman fourth in 1:18.51.

In the 400 freestyle relay, the Bulldog foursome of Matt Kellogg, Andy Kellogg, Moyle and Haynes placed second in 3:33.61. Benji Kellogg, Kinsey, Ballow and Armstrong ended up third in 3:52.19.

Chelsea next participates in the SEC meet at Ann Arbor Pioneer tomorrow and Saturday.

The Division II state final is March 12 and 13 at Eastern Michigan University.

Herter sets bowling record

Austin Herter set a youth bowling record for a series Feb. 7 at Chelsea Lanes during the Saturday Morning Youth League.

A freshman at Chelsea High School, Herter bowled scratch games of 259, 224 and 256 for a record total of 739.

Herter, also a member of the Bulldog golf team, broke

the previous record of 714 set five years ago by Matt Milazzo, now coaching the University of Michigan bowling club squad.

Herter, who started bowling as a 3-year-old, also holds the youth record for high game, with a 290 set Nov. 22, 2003. His goal is to bowl a perfect 300 game someday.

Besides bowling in the youth league, Herter also is a member of the Bulldogs bowling club team. He's the anchor bowler for the squad.

Herter will next bowl in a Pro-Am Tournament in Taylor March 13. The event includes bowling three games against three different professional bowlers.

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Chelsea State Bank	33	23
Thompson's Pizzeria	31	25
Chuck Elkins Excavating	18	38
Rathbouns BBB	16	40
High Game: Donna Dault, 215		
High Series: Jody Wenk, 531		

CHELSEA SUBURBAN - 2-18-04

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Vogel's Party Store	93	61
Chelsea Lanes	90	64
Schulz Enterprises	78	76
R.G. Scrappens	77	77
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High Series: Beth Salyer, 576		

FRIDAY'S FRIENDS - 2-20-04

Chelsea Lanes	48	29
The Holy Rollers	48	29
Jackson Road Rollers	47	30
The Wizards	47	30
The Wizard's & Papes	42	35
MTF Secretariat	41	36
The Rolling Stones	39	38
The Dead Heads	39	38
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Great Balls of Fire	31	46
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High Game: Shannon Warren, 208; Kevin Warren, 255		
High Series: Dawn Weatherwax, 509; Kevin Warren, 625		

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Alley Cats	37	12
Pais	34	15
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Sugar Loaders	20	29
Go Getters	14	35
Kaglers	13	36
Squares	13	36
High Game: Joann Clouse, 197		
Ron Kapolyka, 227		
High Series: Joann Clouse, 528; Charlie Stapish, 617		

YOUTH MIXED LEAGUE - 2-21-04

Crazy Eight	108	53
Lucky 7	100.5	60.5
Red Wings	93	68
Unleashed	89	72
Wicket Rydz	87	74
We Are Family	84	77
Gutter Dusters	75	86
Slackers	71.5	89.5
Double Digz	44	96
Vacant Team	0	140
High Game: Austin Herter, 244; Bailey Pichan, 178		
High Series: Austin Herter, 652; Bailey Pichan, 505		

JUNIOR HOUSE - 2-22-04

Red Division	167	103
Chelsea Lanes	151.5	118.5
Associated Drywall	143.5	125.5
La Jolla Shoppe	139.5	130.5
Curtis Building Co.	105	165
Seltz's Tavern	98	172
White Division	165.5	104.5
Cleary's Pub	159.5	110.5
Mark IV Lounge	137.5	132.5
Romine's Roofing	135	135
Microwave Communications	132.5	137.5
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Chelsea Greenhouse

Blue Division	126.5	143.5
Hemst Construction	145.5	124.5
3D Sales and Service	137.5	132.5
Norm's Body Shop	126	127
CFM	120.5	134.5
Deleon V	118	152
Steel's Heating & Cooling	102.5	167.5
High Game: J. Navin, 297		
High Series: J. Navin, 745		

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Bye Bye Pins	58	33
Family Circus	58	33
Yours Up	57	34
S & M	53	38
Ghost	51	40
Empty Threats	51	40
M & M's	50	41
Team 16	48	43
The Honeymoon is Over	47	44
Gutter Dusters	44	47
Fourth Gear	43	48
Bombers	42	49
Having Fun	40	51
Flaunt It	39	52
Missy's Misfits	37	54
The Gang	33	58
Team 17	29	62
Our Acting Bones		
High Game: Sue McCalla, 210; Ray Kaiser, 258		
High Series: Sue McCalla, 496; Wayne Cook, 627		

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The Cheese Demons	93	68
Meteorites	91	70
Striker Girls	90	71
Team Victory	88	73
Pin Busters	77	84
3's Company	73	88
High Game: Sarah Etzel, 150;		
Chris McCoy, 189		
High Series: Rachel Abel, 323;		
Chris McCoy, 514		

Beach volleyball faces Adrian Drager

Chelsea's Beach Middle School seventh-grade Blue volleyball team lost to Adrian Drager in a five-game marathon 11-0, 3-11, 8-11, 11-5, 10-12 last Thursday.

Pacing the visiting Bulldogs (5-3) was Carolyn Olsen with 13 points, including three aces.

Amy Bokros, Alyson Gines, Victoria Kingsinger and Chelsea Williams each added five points for Beach. Kingsinger had two aces.

Taryn Romine finished with three points, while Ashley Plemens had two points for Chelsea.

Desiree Luker, Michelle Mallory, Robin Stockwell and Hannah Harwood each ended up with one point for the Dawgs.

On Feb. 17, host Beach defeated Ypsilanti Lincoln 11-6, 2-11, 11-5, 12-10.

Olsen led the team with 18 points. She served six points in a row in Game 1, followed by four straight in Game 3 and five consecutive points in Game 4. She also recorded three aces.

Kingsinger ended up with five points, while Harwood had four points.

Gines finished with three points, while Stockwell and Plemens each served two points. Plemens also had one ace.

Cayla Redmond and Audrey Ruzicka each had one point for the Bulldogs.

Beach next travels to Temperance Bedford for a match 4 p.m. today.

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CHELSEA

Investors hope to save ice cream shop

Two local couples purchase store in downtown Chelsea but plan to sell it

By Sheila Pursglove
Associate Editor

Todd Ortring bought a little piece of his past when he and his wife purchased the ice cream parlor in the Sylvan Building last year.

The building, located in the shadow of the Clock Tower, has been home to a hand-dipped ice cream parlor for many years, and has changed names and owners several times in the past decade.

Last summer, the most recent owners decided to close and liquidate the equipment, leaving Chelsea for good.

Ortring and his wife, Janice, along with Bob Pierce and his wife, Nadine Anderson, stepped in at the 11th hour to purchase the business and save it from vanishing.

The couples bought the business and equipment from Nancy Appell, who owned the rights and ran it when it was known as What's the Scoop.

"I don't think anybody wanted to see this business go away," Todd Ortring said. "Chelsea has always had an ice cream shop

downtown."

Ortring said longtime residents probably remember when, before there was an ice cream parlor, the corner drug store used to have fountain ice cream.

"As kids, my best friend growing up, John Houle, and I used to scavenge under couch cushions for change until we had enough to walk up town to get chocolate sundaes," he said.

Ortring said his grandfather owned the drugstore, Burg Drugs, from the 1920s to the 1950s.

"He would trade free ice cream with local farm kids for Indian arrowheads that they would find in the fields," he said. "His collection, now at the Eddy Discovery Center, was one of largest private collections in the world — so you know that a lot of ice cream was dipped."

The store — in its various incarnations, including What's the Scoop and The Big Dipper — specialized in premium hand-dipped ice cream and specialty summer drinks, and has also sold Chicago-style hot dogs.

Its outdoor patio area has been a popular gathering area for local teams, get-togethers and downtown visitors.

"Our intention was to save the business

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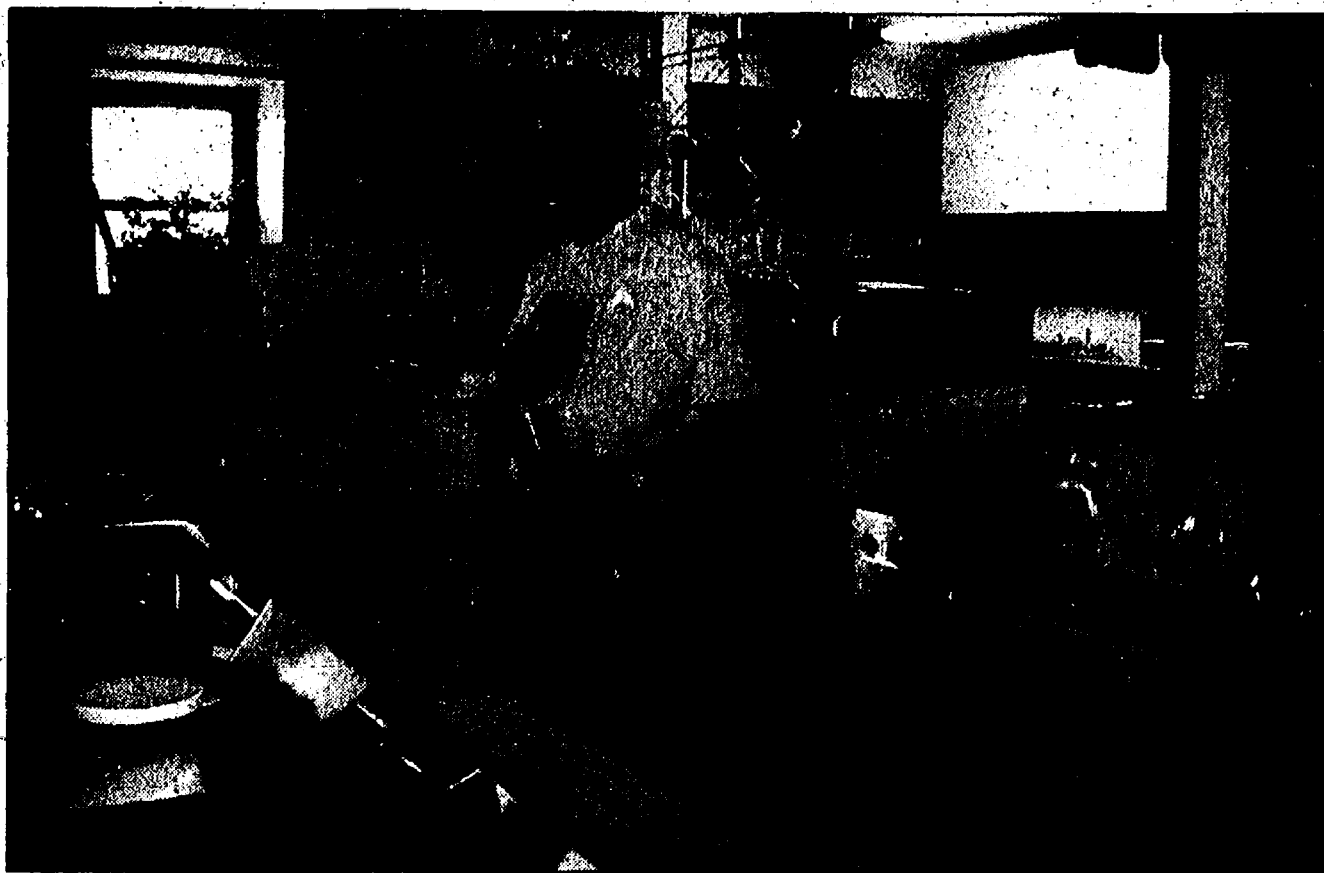


Photo courtesy of Janice Ortring

Todd Ortring, one of the owners of an ice cream shop in the Sylvan Center on Chelsea's Main Street, is pictured in the store. Ortring and his wife, Janice, bought the store along with Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce Director Bob Pierce and his wife, Nadine Anderson, so it could continue to be used as an ice cream parlor in the downtown. They hope to find a buyer.

WASHTENAW COUNTY

Hood receives promotion

United Bank & Trust-Washtenaw has promoted James Hood to assistant vice president of mortgage lending.

Hood joined United Bank & Trust-Washtenaw in April 2001 as a mortgage loan originator. He is responsible for originating, processing and closing mortgage loans.

Hood is an experienced lender who has proven sales abilities with more than eight years of experience in the field of residential lending.

He is a native of Ann Arbor. He earned his undergraduate degree from the University of Michigan and a master's degree in business administration from Eastern Michigan University.



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Arts center has new name, logo

The Chelsea Center for the Development of the Arts has officially changed its name to the Chelsea Center for the Arts.

The name change was a major result of a brand image review prepared by Ann Arbor-based Steam Advertising and Design, said



Ginger Sissom

Ginger Sissom, director of the CCA. "Before, the name was too long, so it was constantly being shortened to a meaningless acronym: CCDA. Today, the name is simple, succinct and easy to remember," Sissom said.

Steam also helped the CCA develop a new logo, as well as a corporate identity system and brochure.

"We're very pleased with the new look, and the



response has been overwhelmingly positive," Sissom said.

The new look soon will appear on all materials, including a Web site, which is in the works.

The nonprofit Chelsea Center for the Arts offers a broad range of classes, recitals, events and lectures in the areas of visual art and music.

Last summer, the center sponsored the Pathway to Renewal project, the mosaic sculpture in Timber Town Park off Sibley Road.

This summer, the center plans to create a large silk sculpture called "In Our Image."

For eight weeks, from June 14 to Aug. 5, the CCA Studio Garage will host drop-in sessions to hand paint silk.

"The over 400 completed pieces will be assembled, along with metal images and pieces of glass, into a hanging sculpture," Sissom said.

Textile artist and weaver Carol Style is the creative director for "In Our Image."

Jean Lash, who has more than 30 years of high school teaching experience, will plan and coordinate studio work and the sculpture installation.

"The theme for the summer is 'In Our Image,' a look at the art we make in our image," Sissom said. "We'll host doll-making classes for youth and adults. Figure drawing for adults and a youth class on famous portraits will also be offered."

The CCA is planning a spring fund-raiser luncheon 11:30 a.m. May 1 at the United Methodist Church, 128 Park St. in Chelsea. The \$25 cost will include lunch and a hand-painted scarf.

High school internships of 90 hours at the center will start in March with most work completed in the summer. Sissom said the center is inviting people to submit artwork in The Center Gallery's "Voices from the Pathway" summer exhibition.

"We're looking for artistic responses to the mosaic pathway in a variety of mediums," she said. For more information, visit the Web site www.chelseacenterforthearts.org.

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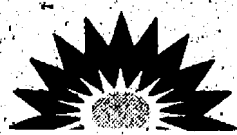
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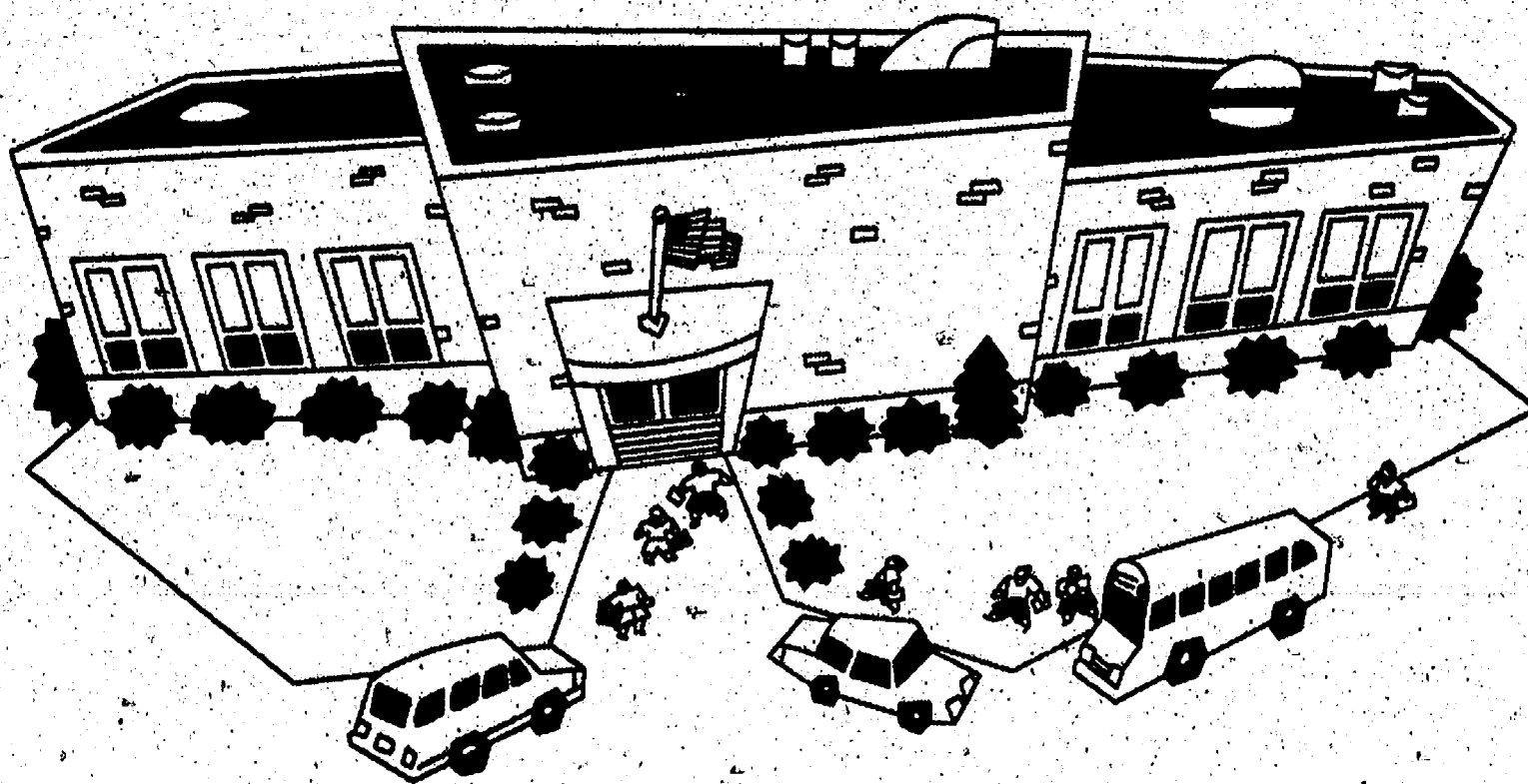
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CHELSEA

Chamber's annual event a success

Two local businesses receive awards

By Sheila Pursglove
Associate Editor

Teamwork was the theme of the Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce annual meeting Feb. 11 at the Chelsea Comfort Inn and Conference Center.

About 80 members and guests enjoyed music from the Chelsea House Orchestra before Bob Pierce, executive director of the chamber, gave a speech on the state of the chamber.

Pierce's theme was teamwork and effective partnering with members, local government and community leaders. Pierce highlighted the efforts of the chamber to work with the community and local government leaders to develop a unified economic strategy.

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Last year's downtown economic summit was the event that launched the chamber program for economic development, and continued by inviting the township supervisors to participate in the chamber's annual planning retreat, Pierce said.

He also identified the partnership with the two visitor and convention bureaus as key in any economic planning for the Chelsea area, and introduced Mary Kerr and Debbie Locke-Daniel from the Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti convention and visitors bureaus, respectively.

"Tourism is a key ingredient in the development of the economic plans for Chelsea," Pierce said.

He cited the teamwork between the Downtown Development Authority and the chamber that has created the Retail Advisory Council as a key achievement in 2003.

"The council is an organization of merchants and professionals who are focused on maintaining and improving Chelsea's already vibrant retail community," he said.

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The teamwork theme continued with keynote speaker Jon Falk, equipment manager for the University of Michigan football team, who entertained the group with humor and personal anecdotes of his life in the Big Ten.

Michael Jackson, owner of Vogel's & Foster's, and Kathleen Griffiths, chief executive officer of Chelsea Community Hospital, were honored with business leadership awards presented by Chamber President Art Dils.



Photo courtesy of the Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce
Chelsea Chamber of Commerce President Art Dils presents business leadership awards at the chamber's Feb. 11 annual meeting. The winners were Michael Jackson, owner of Vogel's & Foster's, and Kathleen Griffiths, chief executive officer of Chelsea Community Hospital.

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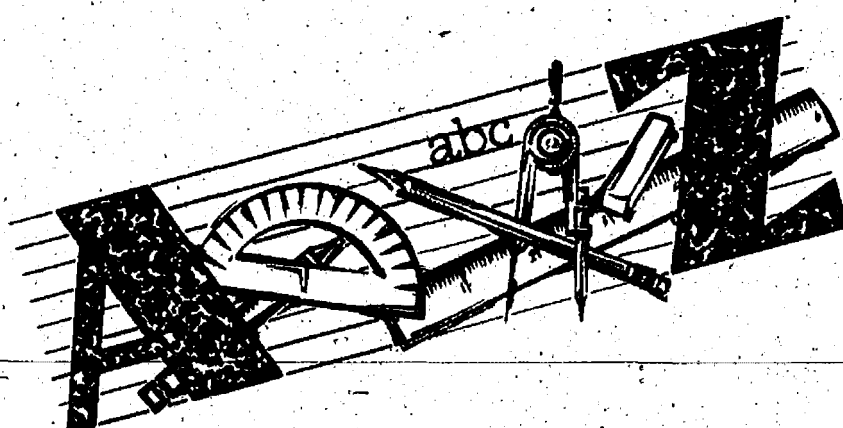
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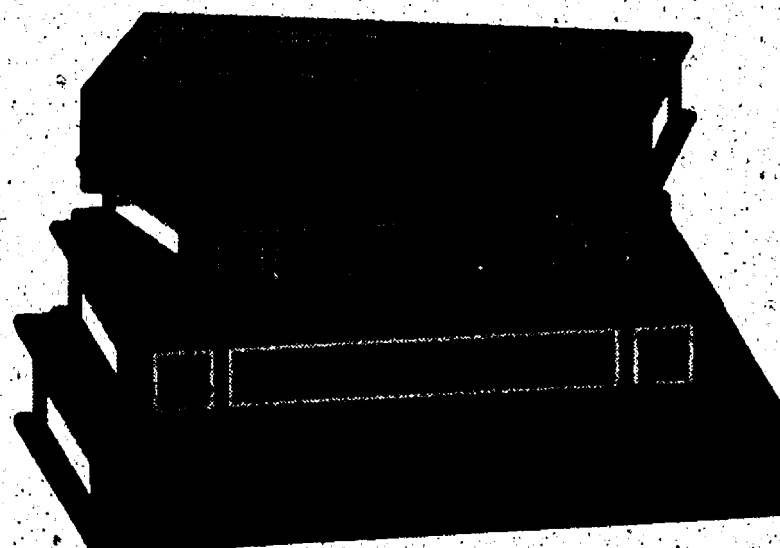
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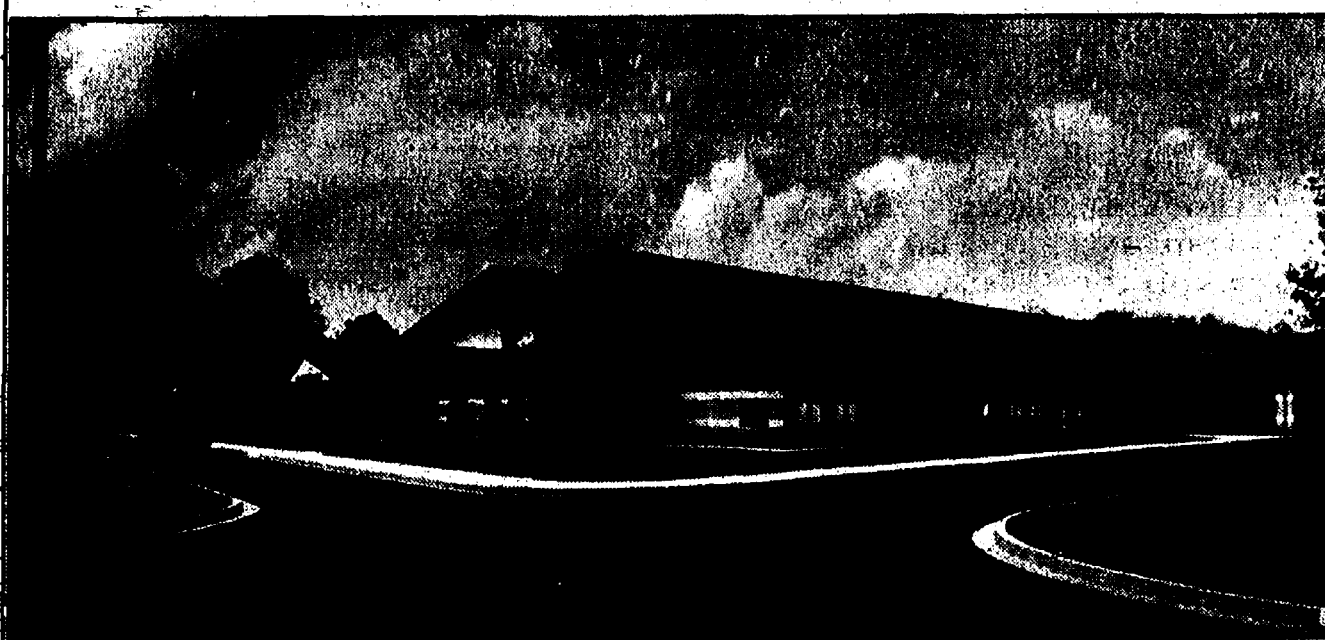
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Council approves special permits for businesses

Argiero's to serve beer, wine at outdoor tables on premises at mall

By Lisa Allmendinger
Special Writer

Argiero's Pasta and Pizza restaurant and Jolly Pumpkin, a new micro brewery planned for the village,

were granted special requests Monday involving liquor licenses.

Argiero's, which already holds a Class C liquor license from the state, was given council approval to serve beer and wine in its outside seating area.

The split vote, 3-2, was preceded by a vigorous debate involving several council members.

Trustees Bob Stacey and Jeff Hall joined Village President John Coy in voting for the license. Trustees Jim Carson and Terry Walters voted against. Trustees Jim Seta and Joe Semifero were not at the meeting.

In May, the council approved a special-use permit that allowed Argiero's, which is located in the Dexter Crossing Shopping

Center, to serve alcohol. However, there were several contingencies attached to the approval. The restaurant was only allowed to serve alcohol until 10 p.m. and there would be a review of the special-use permit in a year.

Carson, who was the lone vote against the permit in May, said he voted against it because the restaurant is located in a family-oriented shopping center, as opposed to the downtown, where Dexter Pub is allowed to serve alcohol in its outdoor seating area.

"I'm not opposed to having him (Michael Argiero) have beer and wine sales inside the restaurant, but I do object to him doing it outdoors," Carson said.

Walters said he was concerned about the impact on people in wheelchairs and using walkers who would have to navigate the sidewalk past the tables.

The outdoor seating area is chained off from the sidewalk with planters, and the

sidewalks are much wider in Dexter Crossing shopping center than they are in the downtown, Village Zoning Administrator Allison Menard said.

Carson complained that the restaurant was not living up to its side of the bargain, leaving out tables at night in violation of a special-use agreement with the village.

"He started out doing it all the time. Then, as the summer wore on, he got sloppy," Carson said.

Menard said that once she was made aware of the situation, she spoke to the owner about abiding by the rules.

"If there is a problem, we'd report it to the liquor license board," she said.

Jolly Pumpkin, to open at 3115 Broad St., also received approval. Action had been postponed at the last council meeting because of concerns over possible odors from the business.

Ron Jeffries, the brew master for the new business, said the smell from the building

would be similar to malted milk balls, coffee or a bakery.

A letter furnished by Jon Carlson of the West Washington Street Associates stated he had opened four breweries in Michigan and had never had a complaint about the smell.

The application for Jolly Pumpkin states the space will be used to brew and distribute beer. Jeffries also plans to sell related items such as T-shirts. He hopes to expand Jolly Pumpkin into a small deli or cafe with possible outdoor seating in the future.

The brewery will operate from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Plans call for three employees.

Jeffries plans to brew high-end beer and sell it in bottles. There will be no consumption on the premises, just retail sales.

"Technically, it's a manufacturing plant, but to me it's an artist's workshop," he said.

Lisa Allmendinger is a freelance writer. She can be reached at yankee@lzy.net.

CHELSEA

Judy Nold named chair of Chelsea hospital board

Judy Nold will serve as chairwoman of the board of trustees for Chelsea Community Hospital.

Nold succeeds Ken Gietzen, executive vice president of Chelsea State Bank, who has served as board chairman for the last two years.

Nold joined the board of trustees in 2001. In 2002, she served as chairwoman of the hospital's newly formed Development Advisory Council, and she remains in that role.

Prior to her retirement in May 2001, Nold was executive vice president at Dobson-

McOmber Agency Inc. in Ann Arbor.

She is a former chair of the Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation, and currently serves on the board of directors of United Bank & Trust, Washtenaw, and as co-chair of Food Gatherers Capital Campaign.

In addition, she has had directorships at Child and Family Service and its successor organization, HelpSource, Ann Arbor YMCA, and Ann Arbor Art Association.

Nold and her husband, Mike, live in Chelsea.



Judy Nold

SHOP

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from leaving town for good," Ortbrink said. "It's been a great part of our downtown retail mix for so long."

"Unfortunately, we're all so busy with other commitments, we don't have time to run the business."

Ortbrink said the foursome hoped to sell it to someone, local if possible, who has the time to run it properly.

"The location is great and, with the addition of new businesses in the downtown and at the Clock Tower complex, the timing is perfect," Ortbrink said.

"And, our family has been one of the biggest customers, so we really want it back."

Many interested buyers have come forward, he said, but an initial purchase agreement fell through at the last minute.

"This is truly a perfect time to open this business again downtown," Pierce said. "The number of phone calls we are getting on a daily basis at the chamber about space availability and

housing availability in this area is amazing."

"Everyone wants to come to Chelsea, and Main Street retail space is at a premium. Everything is there to open the business tomorrow."

A new buyer for the turnkey business would get all the equipment, which has been inspected by a certified technician, along with tables,

chair, umbrellas and accessories.

"This store was so much fun to own and operate," said former owner Nancy Appell. "It was easy to find employees to work there, it was profitable, and good ice cream just makes people happy. The only reason I sold was because my husband was transferred out of state."

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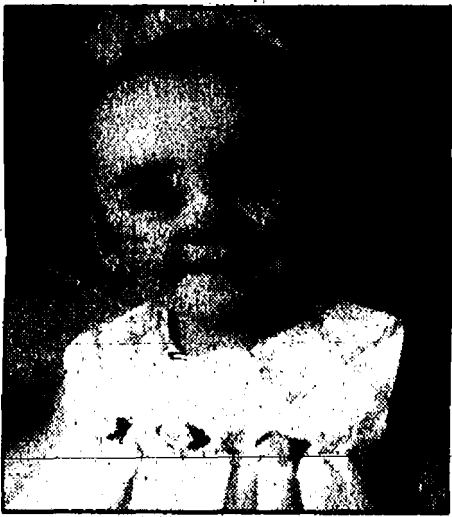
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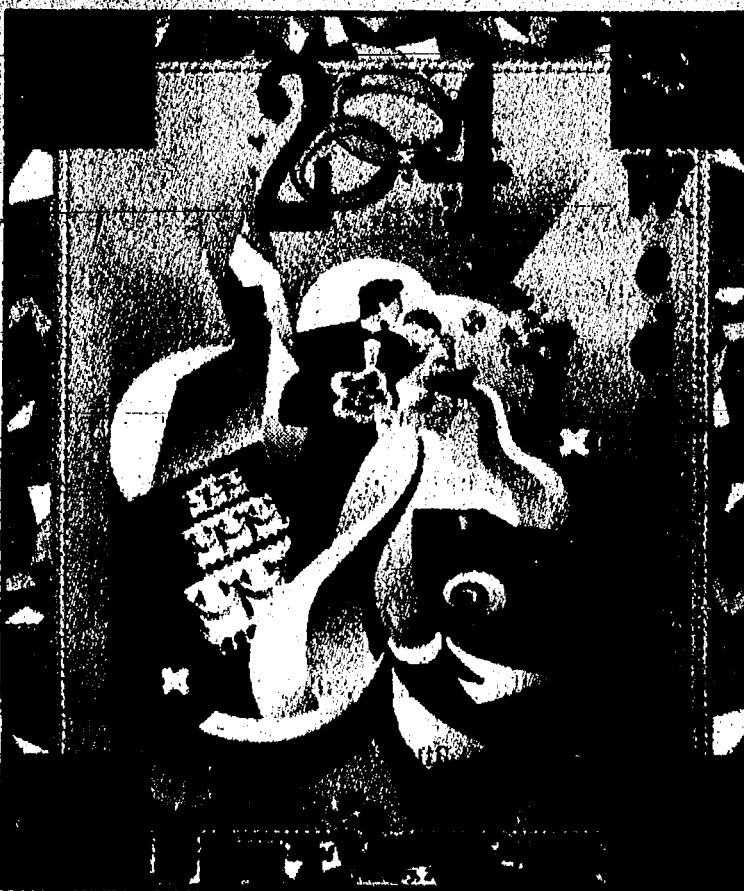
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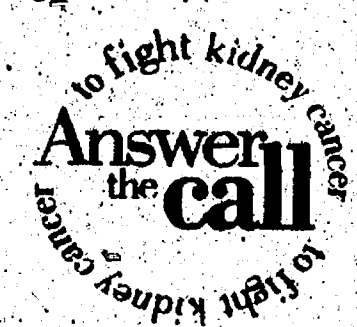
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For easy-to-follow advice on staying healthy, look for “Take It From Ernie.” It’s a new column sponsored by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan with words of wisdom from Hall of Fame broadcaster Ernie Harwell.

Each week, Ernie will highlight simple steps we can all take to improve our health and our quality of life. You’ll find entertaining information on the benefits of walking, the value of using less expensive generic drugs and simple ways to stay healthy and fit. And nobody’s a better example than Ernie himself, Blue Cross Blue Shield’s Health and Fitness Advocate, who makes healthy choices and exercises every day at 86 years of age.

So read “Take It From Ernie,” and as Ernie says, “Take care of your health before it’s lonngggg gone.”

The truth about regular physical activity – at any age.

By Ernie Harwell



While it’s not uncommon for some adults to think they’re either too old or too frail to exercise, nothing could be further from the truth. Regular physical activity brings health benefits and greater well-being at any age.

Regular physical activity helps improve muscle strength, stamina, balance, joint mobility, flexibility, agility, overall physical coordination, metabolism, blood pressure, weight control, even the treatment and prevention of heart disease. It also helps slow bone loss and lowers the risk of developing adult onset diabetes. It even improves your mood.

Of course, I recommend three simple rules for regular physical activity in life’s later innings: Have a physician on your team, take a lot of intentional walks and remember that, as Yogi Berra is fond of saying, “It ain’t over ‘til it’s over.”

And please remember to take care of your health before it’s lonngggg gone!

Ernie Harwell, “the voice of the Detroit Tigers” for more than four decades, retired after 34 years behind a major league microphone. Today, at age 86, Ernie’s days are filled with serving as a health and fitness advocate for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, public appearances, writing, traveling and taking long walks with “Miss Lulu,” his wife of more than 60 years. His latest book, a collection of his baseball columns entitled “Life After Baseball,” is available in bookstores beginning April 2004.



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MYTH: *You can't teach an old dog new tricks.*

FACT: *Research shows that older people can, and do, learn new things - and they learn them well.*

The limits of learning and the pace of learning changes, but research on mental function in old age is encouraging, and fears of age-related loss are often exaggerated. Three key factors predict strong mental function in old age - regular physical activity, a strong social support system, and a belief in one's ability to handle what life has to offer.

MYTH: *The secret to successful aging is to choose your parents wisely.*

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FACT: One third of older people work for pay, one third work as volunteers in churches, hospitals and other organizations, and many others provide much-needed assistance to family members, friends and neighbors. The widespread belief that older people are relatively unproductive in society is wrong and unfair. Our national statistics on productivity, because they focus on paid work, ignore a great deal of productive activity in older people. Millions of older people are ready, willing and able to increase their productivity, both paid and voluntary. It would take three million paid caregivers, working full time, to provide that assistance to sick and disabled people!

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WASHTENAW COUNTY

Drop-off Station awarded contract

Recently, a new contract was approved that guarantees continued funding for the Washtenaw County Drop-Off Station through 2005.

The Drop-Off Station, 2420 S. Industrial Highway, is a resource for all of Washtenaw County residents. Founded in 1971 by Recycle Ann Arbor as a place for residents to bring their recyclables, it moved to its current location in 1997.

Any Washtenaw County resident is welcome to drop off curbside collectibles, as well as hardcover books,

Styrofoam, egg cartons, tires, car batteries, cell phones, small and large appliances, computers and fluorescent light tubes.

By collecting a wide variety of special materials not accepted by curbside recycling programs, the station makes it possible for county residents to recycle almost anything.

Collection of traditional recyclables is free, while a nominal fee is charged to recycle special items. The new contract ensures that drop-off fees will be the same for all county residents. Businesses also may drop off recyclables.

For more information on the Washtenaw County Regional Drop-Off Station, check out Recycle Ann Arbor's Web site at www.recycleannarbor.org.

For more information, contact the Washtenaw County Division of Public Works at 222-6889 or e-mail labadiem@washtenaw.org.

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For more information, visit www.seatguru.com.

CHELSEA

Open house set March 25

Lambs of Our Savior Christian Preschool will hold an open house from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. March 25 at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 1515 S. Main St., in Chelsea.

The annual event offers families an opportunity to meet teachers Laura Murphy, Virginia Watson, Dianne Ballagh and Stacie Deik, and teacher assistants Laura Dake and Jane Kranz.

A typical school day includes gathering time, "chapel chats" with the Rev. Dale Grimm or Director of Children's Ministries Stacie Deik, as well as music, games, language arts, math and science activities, art projects, play time, and indoor and outdoor play.

The children also go on field trips, have seasonal celebrations and host guests visitors.

Parental involvement includes transportation for field trips, providing snacks and participation at parties.

The nonprofit children's ministry at Our Savior

Lutheran Church, or "Little Lambs" as it's known in the community, has been in operation since 1995.

For more information, call the preschool at 475-7338.

VILLAGE OF CHELSEA NOTICE TO RESIDENTS

Due to the rising cost of trash disposal, the Village of Chelsea has raised the cost of the "orange bags" to \$2.50 per bag effective March 1, 2004. The bags may be purchased at the Village Offices, Chelsea Village Hardware, Chelsea Pharmacy and Aco Hardware. Trash must be placed at the curb by 7:00 a.m. each Tuesday and must be placed in the Village "orange bags" and secured before collection will occur. Thank you.

VILLAGE OF CHELSEA
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Webster Township Planning Commission Notice of Public Hearing

To be held on March 17, 2004 at 7:30 PM at the Webster Township Hall at 5665 Webster Church Rd., Dexter, Michigan

Agenda: Revision of the Webster Township Zoning Ordinance Section 5.25 Planning and Development Regulations for Mobile Home Parks

Those with disabilities must notify the Township Clerk no less than seven days prior to the meeting, so that accommodations may be furnished to satisfy their disability and allow for meaningful attendance.

Written comments may be made in advance at the above address.

John Kingsley, Chairman

DEXTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING NOTICE

TUESDAY, MARCH 2, 2004 AT 7:30 P.M. AT
DEXTER TOWNSHIP HALL
6880 DEXTER-PINCKNEY RD., DEXTER, MI 48130

AGENDA

- 1) "Action Plan" regarding Transportation Planning
- 2) Work Session

John Shea, Chairman

WEBSTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW

The Webster Township Board of Review will meet on Tuesday, March 2, 2004 at 11:00 AM to review the Assessment Roll for Webster Township. Appeals and conferences with taxpayers will be heard on Monday, March 8, 2004, 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. and Tuesday, March 9, 2004, 3:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. All meetings will be held at the Township Hall, 5665 Webster Church Rd., Dexter, MI, 48130. The Webster Township Board of Review will accept letters of protest or on a first come/first serve basis.

Dean F. Fisher, Secretary
Webster Township Board of Review

Posted: 2/19/04

Notice of Public Hearing Village of Dexter Zoning Board of Appeals

Pursuant to Michigan Public Act 207 of 1921, as amended, notice is hereby given that the Dexter Village Zoning Board of Appeals will reopen the public hearing at 7:00 p.m., Monday, March 15, 2004 at the Senior Center, 7720 Ann Arbor Street, Dexter, Michigan, for the purpose of hearing public comment regarding the following variance application:

1) The applicant Norfolk Development Corporation, 6360 Jackson Road, Suite F, Ann Arbor, Michigan, is requesting a variance from Section 3.06(A)2, to allow a sale trailer for the Eaton Court Condominium Project to be placed on MAV Development's Vacant Property, Tax ID HD-08-05-300-025. Section 3.06(A)2 states that temporary buildings shall be permitted only when the intended use is in conjunction with a construction project.

Information regarding the application is available for public inspection at the Village Offices, 8123 Main Street, Dexter, weekdays between 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. or by phone at (734) 426-8303 Ext. 2. Written comments regarding this project should be submitted to the Village Zoning Office, and must be received no later than 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 9, 2004. Sign language interpreter, or other assistance, is provided upon request to the Clerk, at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting. Minutes of all meetings are available at Village Hall.

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Please call Sharon Raschke at (734) 424-4107 for specifications or to set up an appointment to inspect the cars.

SYLVAN TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF A BUDGET HEARING

The Sylvan Township Board will hold a public hearing on the proposed township budget for the fiscal year 2004-05 at Sylvan Township Hall, 18027 Old US 12, Chelsea, Michigan on March 2, 2004 at 7:05PM.

THE PROPERTY TAX MILLAGE RATE PROPOSED BELIEVED TO SUPPORT THE PROPOSED BUDGET WILL BE A SUBJECT OF THIS HEARING.

A copy of the budget is available for public inspection at the Township Hall, 18027 Old US 12.

This notice is posted in compliance with PA 267 of 1976 as amended (Open Meetings Act), MCLA 41-72a (2) (3) and the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA).

The Sylvan Township board will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audit tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting upon 10 days notice to the Sylvan Township Board.

Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Sylvan Township Board by writing or calling the following:

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The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

The notice is posted in compliance with PA 267, of 1976 as amended (Open Meetings Act), and the Americans with Disabilities Act.

The Lima Township Board will provide necessary and reasonable aids to individuals with disabilities at the meeting upon 7 days notice to the Township Board. Note: Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Lima Township Board by writing or calling Arlene Bareis, P.O. Box 59, Chelsea, MI 48118, phone 734-475-2246.

Arlene R. Bareis, Clerk

VILLAGE OF DEXTER ANNUAL ELECTION

THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE VILLAGE OF DEXTER, PRECINCTS No. 1 and 2, COUNTY OF WASHTENAW, STATE OF MICHIGAN

Please take notice, that the Village Annual Election will be held Monday, March 8, 2004, at the Dexter Community Pool Lobby, Wylie Middle School, 3080 Kensington Street, within said Village, for the purpose of voting for the election of the following officers, viz:

- 1 Village President
- 1 Village Clerk
- 3 Trustees - Regular Term

Polls of said election will be open at 7 o'clock a.m. and will remain open until 8 o'clock p.m. of said day of election.

Donna L. Fisher
Village Clerk

VILLAGE OF CHELSEA ELECTION NOTICE TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF CHELSEA VILLAGE, WASHTENAW COUNTY, MICHIGAN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT AN ELECTION

will be held in said governmental unit on

MONDAY, MARCH 8, 2004

From 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING VILLAGE OFFICERS:

- One (1) Village President
- Three (3) Village Trustees

FOR THE PURPOSE OF VOTING ON THE FOLLOWING PROPOSALS:

Shall the proposed Charter for the City of Chelsea, drafted by the Charter Commission Elected on January 21, 2003 be adopted?

() Yes
() No

FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING CITY OFFICERS:

- One (1) City Mayor
- Six (6) City Council Members

POLLING PLACES ARE LOCATED AS FOLLOWS and all are accessible by handicapped: Washington Street Education Center, 500 Washing-

LIMA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW

Notice is hereby given to all persons liable to assessment for taxes in the Township of Lima that the Assessment Roll of said Township as prepared by Marci Betts, Township Assessor, will be reviewed by the Board of Review on Tuesday, March 2, 2004, at 1:00 P.M. at the

LIMA TOWNSHIP HALL
11452 JACKSON ROAD
CHELSEA, MI 48118

Appeals and conferences with taxpayers will be heard on:
Monday, March 08, 2004 from 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon
Monday, March 08, 2004 from 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.
Wednesday, March 10, 2004 from 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon
Thursday, March 11, 2004 from 9:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.

A resident taxpayer may file his or her protest with the Board of Review by letter without an appearance by the taxpayer or his or her agent. A letter must be received by the first day of the Board of Review. (Monday, March 08, 2004).

The Lima Township Board of Review will hear appeals by appointment. Taxpayers or their agents may set the appointment by calling the Township Hall at (734) 475-2246, Monday, Wednesday or Thursday from 9:00 A.M. to 12 noon. Please call prior to March 08, 2004. **DO NOT** leave appointment request on the answering machine at the Township Hall.

TENTATIVE FACTORS:

AGRICULTURE	(101)	47.88	1.0447
COMMERCIAL	(201)	48.74	1.0697
INDUSTRIAL	(301)	44.41	1.1258
RESIDENTIAL	(401)	47.93	1.0431
DEVELOPMENT	(601)	42.00	1.1904
PERSONAL PROPERTY		50.00	1.0000

Kenneth Unterbrink
Lima Township Supervisor

Webster Township Regular Board Meeting February 17, 2004

Webster Township Board Meeting called to order at 7:40 by Sup. Fisher. Present: Fisher, Baldus, Calhoun, Fink, Kingsley, Attorney Mark Reading and approximately eighty people.

The meeting opened with the Pledge to the Flag.

Supervisor's Remarks:

Motion Kingsley support Fink to approve agendas as presented. Carried.
Schafer Development/Nixon Re-Zoning Application was presented followed by a Prearranged Citizens presentation.
The township Board and Attorney Reading had a lengthy discussion and the following Resolution was adopted:
Resolution to deny Re-Zoning Application Submitted by Schafer Development L.L.C. and William C. Nixon and Charlie L. Nixon was moved by Kingsley supported by Fink, discussion. We need to establish "if fees not paid", all eyes to deny, no absences, no objections and carried. Copy Attached.

Ten minutes recess.

Motion Kingsley support Fink to approve the minutes of Jan. 20, 2004. Carried.
Motion Calhoun support Baldus to accept Treasurer's report and pay bills as presented as well as anticipated bills received before the March Meeting. Roll call vote, all eyes and carried.

Webster Township Planning Commission Report received.

Parks and Recreation Report received.

Zoning Inspector Report.

Three permits were issued and five permits inspected.

Sheriff's Report received.

OLD BUSINESS:

Items A and B, Budget amendment tabled.

A special workshop meeting for the budget will be held before the March Meeting. The language for both the Headlee Override and Public Safety Millage to be on the August ballot will be prepared by Attorney Reading.

Phase II Storm Water Permit letter to be sent.

PDR Ordinance, Enco-Keller Violation and Historical Society

Restrooms still tabled.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Comm. Joe Yekula gave a brief report on his tenure as County Commissioner and commended the Township Board for a job well done.

NEW BUSINESS:

Walsh Farms Private Road: Motion Calhoun supported by Kingsley to conditionally approve with consulting engineer favorable review of \$2,000.00 in Escrow for review and inspection. Carried.

Motion Baldus support Calhoun meeting adjourn at 10:05 p.m. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Wana M. Baldus, Clerk

DEXTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to all persons liable to assessment for taxes in the township of Dexter that the assessment Roll of said Township as prepared by Larry Merte, Township assessor, will be reviewed by the Board of Review on Tuesday, March 2, 2004, at 5:00 p.m. at

Dexter Township Hall,
6860 Dexter-Pinkney Rd.
Dexter, MI. 48130.

Appeals and conferences with taxpayers will be heard on:
Wednesday, March 10, 2004 - from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Thursday, March 11, 2004 - from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

A resident taxpayer may file his or her protest with the Board of Review by letter without an appearance by the taxpayer of his or her agent. A letter must be received by the first day of the Board of review. (Wednesday, March 10, 2004)

The Dexter Township Board of Review will hear appeals by appointment. Taxpayers or their agents may set the appointment by calling the Township Hall at (734) 426-3767, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. **DO NOT** leave appointment request on the answering machine at the township Hall.

Patricia Kelly,
Dexter Township Supervisor

SYLVAN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW

Notice is hereby given to all persons liable to assessment for taxes in the TOWNSHIP OF SYLVAN

County of Washtenaw, State of Michigan

That the Assessment Roll of said Township will be reviewed by the Board of Review on March 2, 2004 at 9:00 am.

SYLVAN TOWNSHIP HALL

18027 Old US 12, Chelsea, Michigan

Appeals and conferences with taxpayers will be heard on:

MONDAY, MARCH 8, 2004
from 9-12 noon and 1-4 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10, 2004
from 1-5 p.m. and 6-9 p.m.

and additional days if determined necessary by the Board of Review

STARTING RATIOS FOR 2004 ARE:

44.04	Agriculture	1.1353
47.38	Commercial	1.0553
44.70	Industrial	1.1185
47.00	Residential	1.0638
37.80	Developmental	1.3227

The Sylvan Township Board of Review will hear appeals by letter or appointment. Appointments may be made by calling 475-8580 on Mondays or Wednesdays 9:00 AM - 12 Noon, or contacting the Assessor, CHARLES BURGESS, SUPERVISOR

Dated: February 12, 19 and 26, 2004

VILLAGE OF CHELSEA PLANNING COMMISSION

The Chelsea Planning Commission will meet the third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. during 2004. All meetings will be held at the Washington Street Education Center, 500 Washington Street, Chelsea. The Planning Commission work sessions will meet the 1st Tuesday of each month as needed at 7:00 p.m. and are held in the Chelsea Village Offices.

Any change in this schedule or meeting place will be published or posted.
CHELSEA VILLAGE PLANNING COMMISSION
Chris Rode, Chair

LYNDON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW NOTICE OF MEETING

Notice is hereby given to all persons liable to assessment for taxes in the TOWNSHIP OF LYNDON

County of Washtenaw, State of Michigan

That the Assessment Roll of said Township will be reviewed by the Board of Review on

Tuesday, March 2, 2004 at 5:00 p.m.

LYNDON TOWNSHIP HALL

17751 N. Territorial Road, Chelsea, MI 48118

734-475-2401

Appeals and conferences with taxpayers will be heard BY APPOINTMENT

MONDAY, MARCH 8, 2004

2:00 P.M.-5:00 P.M. and 6:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10, 2004

9:00 A.M. to 12 Noon and 1:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.

A taxpayer may file his or her protest with the Board of Review by letter without an appearance by the taxpayer or his or her agent. A letter must be received by the first day of the Board of Review (March 8, 2004).

The Lyndon Township Board of Review will hear appeals BY APPOINTMENT. Taxpayers or their agents may set the appointment by calling the Township Hall at (734) 475-2401 on Tuesday, March 2, Thursday, March 4, or Friday, March 5, between 9 A.M. and 12 Noon. Please call by Noon on Friday, March 5, 2004 for an appointment. **DO NOT** leave appointment requests on the answering machine at the Township Hall.

Such Assessment Roll as reviewed and approved by said Board of Review will be the Assessment Roll of Lyndon Township for the year 2004.

Tentative Ratios and Factors

Class	Ratio	Factor
Agricultural	28.74	1.6812
Commercial	45.19	1.1064
Industrial	49.02	1.0199
Residential	48.67	1.0273
Personal Property	50.00	1.0000

This notice is posted in compliance with the PA 267 of 1976 as amended MCL 441 72a (2)(3) and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

The Lyndon Township Board will provide, if time after the request allows, 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 individual with disabilities at the meeting or public hearing. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Lyndon Township Board by writing or calling Lynda Rellly, Clerk, 17751 N. Territorial Road, Chelsea, MI 48118 or phone 734-475-2401.

A copy of this notice is on file in the office of the clerk.
MARYANN NOAH
Lyndon Township Supervisor

CHELSEA DISTRICT LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES ANNUAL MEETING

TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2004 — 7:00 P.M.

Meeting location: Chelsea District Library Meeting Room

Trustees in Attendance Jan Dohner, Vice President; Greg DeGraff, Secretary; Karen Dixon, Treasurer; Lynn Fox, Trustee; Kate McAuliffe, Trustee, Colleen Verge, Trustee and Matta Lansdale, Director

Absent with Notice: Kathy Sprawka, President

Welcome and Call to Order:

J. Dohner called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Agenda Review and Additions:

No additions to the agenda

Compulsory Segments:

Minutes

Several corrections to the December 2003 meeting minutes were noted by the Trustees. MOTION made by G. DeGraff to accept the December

18, 2003 minutes, with corrections. SECONDED by K. McAuliffe. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION made by L. Fox to approve and accept the January 7, 2004 meeting minutes. SECONDED by C. Verge. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Approval of Checks

MOTION by G. DeGraff, SECONDED by K. Dixon to approve the list of checks. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Director's Report

M. Lansdale informed the Trustees that the library currently has a total of 56 registered volunteers. She also reported that One World One Family hosted author, Malba Beals, and that the event was a great success. Approximately 250 people attended. This was a collaboration between OVVOF, the Library and Cranesbill Books.

L. Fox commended the staff on donating their time and energy to the One World One Family program.

C. Verge commended she was very happy that C. Gutekunst is weeding the library's collection.

Public Comment:

None

Building Planning Update:

Project Planning Overview

Jim Mumbly, Architect, together with Neal Morton, Project Manager, and Larry Hill, Chief Estimator, informed the Trustees that they have been validating their work together in a team effort along with Designer Alyce Riemenschneider to establish a project budget. Neil Morton presented a Project Schedule. Larry Hill stated that he would have an initial project cost estimate for the Board at its February 17th, 2004 meeting. L. Fox asked J. Mumbly if the set schedule was reasonable and could be met. He responded that it was aggressive, but achievable. Trustees agreed it would be good for the DDA to receive the Project Schedule. The Board requested that the Director schedule a special working session for the Board on Tuesday, March 2, 2004 for the purpose of reviewing cost estimates, bond language and other matters related to the building project.

Discussion Items:

PR Committee Reconsideration

L. Fox proposed a resolution to disband the Public Relations Committee. The Trustees discussed the role of the PR Committee, noting how the roles of various committees have changed and evolved as the library has grown. MOTION by L. Fox to make this item an action item. SECONDED by K. Dixon, and after discussion, MOTION FAILED.

As much of the discussion focused on oversight of material related to the bond election, the Director agreed to report to the Board, in February, on a proposed election information schedule. In doing so, the Director will contact the Library's election communications consultant.

Break for 15 minutes.

Action Items:

Brokerage Account

M. Lansdale informed the Board that if donations to the library were received in the form of bonds or securities, they would need to be turned into cash; thereby, requiring the assistance of a brokerage firm.

MOTION by L. Fox, SECONDED by K. Dixon to authorize the opening of a brokerage account with the Edward Jones office in Chelsea, on the terms set out in the forms submitted by the Broker. Upon discussion, G. DeGraff MOVED, SECONDED by K. McAuliffe to amend the motion to eliminate references in the forms to the Library incurring debt. The AMENDMENT PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. Upon calling the question, the MOTION, AS AMENDED, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Policy # 550: Finance

Policy #108: Paid Holidays

Policy # 422: Display and Solicitation

MOTION G. DeGraff, SECONDED L. Fox to combine for consideration, the three policies into one motion: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. MOTION G. DeGraff, SECONDED K. Dixon to approve the three policies as presented. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Rosebud Foundation Grant Acceptance

The Director informed the Board that the Library would be insured under the CATS policy as "additional insured", and she would need direction to accept the grant. MOTION C. Verge, SECONDED K. McAuliffe to authorize the Director to accept the Rosebud Grant in the amount of \$ 5,250.00. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Annual Meeting Action:

Officers for 2004

K. McAuliffe presented a slate of Officers for the Chelsea District

Library Board of Trustees as follows: Kathy Sprawka, President, Jan

Dohner, Vice President, Greg DeGraff, Secretary, Karen-Dixon, Treasurer.

MOTION G. DeGraff, SECONDED K. Auliffe that slate of Officers be accepted as a whole. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Committee Assignments

General discussion of desired committee assignments. K. McAuliffe accepted membership into the Finance Committee. J. Dohner asked that action on the PR Committee be tabled.

After discussion of committee charges, MOTION L. Fox, SECONDED K. Dixon to charge the Building Committee as follows: to monitor the building project and develop procedures for Phase II. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

There being no further discussion, MOTION L. Fox, SECONDED K. McAuliffe to accept 2004 Committee Assignments as amended. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. Updated Committee List attached with minutes.

Calendar of Meetings

M. Lansdale praised the Board for their faithful attendance at Board and Committee meetings. She requested the Board accept the Calendar of Meetings as set forth. MOTION L. Fox, SECONDED K. Dixon to accept the Calendar of Meetings. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Calendar of Hours and Holidays

M. Lansdale requested the Board to accept the Calendar of Hours and Holidays with the amendment of adding January 1, 2005. MOTION K. McAuliffe, SECONDED by G. DeGraff to accept the Calendar of Hours and Holidays with the addition of January 1, 2005. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Public Comment:

No Public comment.

Reports:

DDA

L. Fox reported the DDA did not have a quorum at their last meeting but she was able to update them on library progress and the building project.

Policy Committee

G. DeGraff noted that the Policy Meeting will meet on February 3, 2004.

Nominating Committee

K. McAuliffe stated there were no reports.

Personnel Committee

G. DeGraff noted that the Director's contract had been finalized.

Friends of the Library

G. DeGraff invited Board members and staff to the Staff Appreciation Dinner to be held by the Friends of the Chelsea District Library on January 30, 2004. He also informed the Board that the Friends intend to hold a Music at McKune this summer during Summer Fest. He also passed along a plea for new officers, mentioning that he will be leaving the Friends board, due to term limitations.

Public Relations Committee

No meetings to report.

Finance Committee

No meetings to report.

Parking Lot:

J. Dohner reminded the Board of the Retreat to be held on Saturday, January 31, 2004.

Adjourn:

Being no further business, MOTION L. Fox, SECONDED K. McAuliffe to adjourn. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Minutes recorded by Mia Gale

Submitted by:

Gregory P. DeGraff, Secretary

Date

Chelsea District Library Board

2004 Committee Assignments

Building Committee -

Lynn Fox (Chair), Karen Dixon, Lella Dragulis, Jim Myles, Phil Boham

Monitor the building project and develop procedures for phase II.

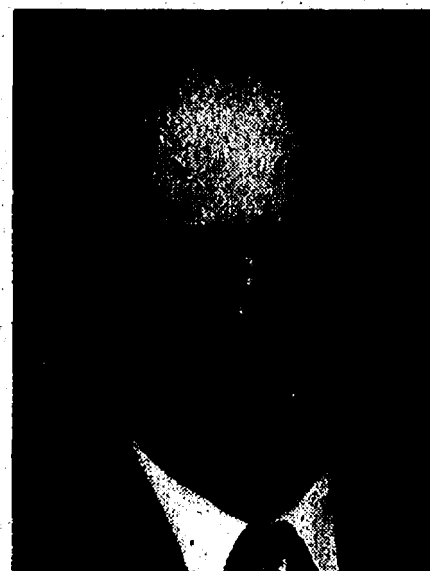


Photo courtesy of Jolene Everard

Sales Wizards

The top popcorn salespeople in Chelsea's Cub Scout Pack 435 were honored at a Feb. 7 Blue and Gold Banquet. Each boy had sales of more than \$1,000. In front are Eric Gordon (left), Luke Heumann and Robby Everard. Behind is Kevin Burchett.

DEATHS



HAROLD W. TRINKLE
Dexter

Harold W. Trinkle, 78, died Feb. 19, 2004. He was born June 6, 1925, in Dexter the son of Wilbert and Hilda (Bauer) Trinkle. On June 10, 1944, he married Lois Parker, and she preceded him in death in 1997.

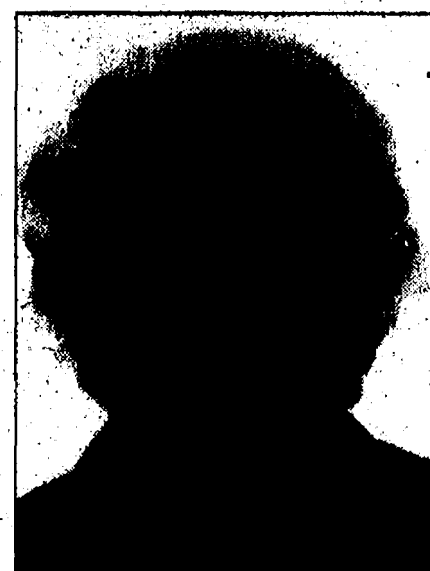
Mr. Trinkle was a farmer, and lived in the area all of his life, owning the business well-known as Harold Trinkle & Sons. He was active in the agriculture business as past president of the Michigan Farm Bureau, former member of the Michigan Milk Producers and a member of the Chelsea Fair Board.

Mr. Trinkle was a member of St. Andrew's United Church of Christ in Dexter, and was a member of the church board. He was active in the Chelsea and Dexter fire authority boards, and was a former Lima Township Board trustee. He was also a Dexter Mason for 50 years.

Mr. Trinkle is survived by his four children, Steven (Carol) Trinkle of Dexter, Douglas (Penny) Trinkle of Dexter, Dennis (Jeanne) Trinkle of Chelsea and Kathy (Dan) Grau of Chelsea; 10 grandchildren, Tammie (Kevin) Christian, Rita (Jeff) Messman, Amy (Steve) Tezek, Anthony (Julie) Trinkle, Michael Trinkle, Brian (Elisha) Trinkle, Chad (Carrie) Trinkle, Julie Trinkle, Cindy Grau and Jeff Grau; and eight great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his sister-in-law, Pat Trinkle of Pinckney.

A funeral was held Tuesday at St. Andrew's United Church of Christ in Dexter. The Rev. Gary Kwiatek officiated. Burial was at St. Andrew's Cemetery in Dexter.

The family received friends at the Staffan-Mitchell Funeral Home in Chelsea. Memorial contributions may be given to St. Andrew's Church of Christ Building Memorial Fund, the Saline Evangelical Home or the Chelsea and Dexter fire authority.



OLGA MCCORMICK
Dunedin, Fla.

Formerly of Gregory

Olga McCormick, 92, of Dunedin, Fla., formerly of Gregory, died Feb. 22,

2004, at her residence in Dunedin. She was born Feb. 7, 1912, in Runcorn, Cheshire, England, the daughter of Paul and Eva (Capper) Worrall.

Mrs. McCormick graduated from Western Michigan University in 1934, and was an elementary school teacher.

Survivors include her husband, George McCormick, of 63 years; two sons, Steven and Warren McCormick, both of Gregory; one daughter, Marcia McCormick of Gregory; two grandchildren, Charles Nimitz and Melissa Wiodkowski; a sister, Patricia Morfitt; two nieces, Claudia and Rebecca Morfitt; and a nephew, Paul Morfitt.

A funeral will be held 1 p.m. Saturday at Cole Funeral Chapel in Chelsea. Burial will follow at North Lake Cemetery in Chelsea.

The family will receive friends from noon until the time of service.

Heritage Newspapers -Western Region

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SUNDAY:
Holy Communion 8:00 a.m.
Church School, 9:15 a.m.
Worship, 10:30 a.m.

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475-8119

Sunday Worship
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Sunday School
9:45 a.m.

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The Rev. Barbara Lewis-Lakin

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SUNDAY SERVICES

Traditional 8:30 a.m.

Praise 11:00 a.m.

Education Hour 9:45 a.m.

Pastor Larry Courson

(734) 424-0899

e-mail: peace@lutheran@cuca.edu

Chelsea Church of Christ

13861 East Old US-12
Chelsea, MI 48118

(734) 475-8458

Brandon Coats, Preacher

Sunday School 9:30 am

Sunday Morning Service 10:30 am

Sunday Evening Service 6 pm

Wednesday Bible Class 7 p.m.

St. Andrew's United Church of Christ

7610 Ann Arbor St.
Dexter, Michigan

734-426-8610

Rev. Gary Kwiatek, Pastor

Church Services

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WORSHIP SERVICES

Communion 8:30 AM-Chapel

Traditions 9:00 am

Contemporary 10:30 am

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Chelsea Christian Fellowship

337 Wilkinson St.

Chelsea, MI

475-8305

John Dambacher, Pastor

Sunday School 9:00 a.m.

Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m.

Wed. Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH

4030 Kalmbach Rd.

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10 am Sunday School

11 am Morning Service

6 pm Evening Service

Wednesday Mid-week Service

Pastor Jack T. Story

Call 734-433-1356 for details.

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SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

8:00 am & 9:30 am

11:00 am Contemporary Service

Education Time: 9:15 am

Sunday School 9:30 am

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St. Barnabas Episcopal Church

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Sunday School

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Chelsea, MI

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

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9:00 am Sunday School for all ages

9:00 and 10:45 am Worship Services

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St. Paul United Church of Christ

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Chelsea

Karen Schulte, Pastor

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CHELSEA-DEXTER

World Day of Prayer ceremonies set March 5

Christians in more than 170 countries around the world are set to observe World Day of Prayer March 5.

The Religious Life Committee at Chelsea Retirement Community will host a service 2 p.m. at the Chelsea Retirement Community chapel, 805 West Middle St.

The service is open to everyone. Retirement community residents will serve as greeters and hostesses, with refreshments following the service. All facilities are handicapped accessible.

Using the 2004 theme "In Faith Women Shape the Future," Helen Hokenson of Adrian, a former state president of Michigan

Church Women United, is scheduled to be the guest speaker.

Another service will be held 10 a.m. at Webster United Church of Christ, 5484 Webster Church Road, in Dexter.

The International Movement of Church Women United has sponsored World Day of Prayer annually since 1941.

Church Women United is an ecumenical movement reaching 25 million women.

Organized into more than 1,200 local and state units working for peace and justice, it's a recognized United Nations non-governmental organization.

Women and men representing Protestant, Catholic and Orthodox churches in the Chelsea are expected to participate in the service, which was written this year by the women of Panama.

The offerings received on World Day of Prayer support the ongoing work of Church Women United. Portions of the offering are designated toward women's projects, both internationally and in America.

For more information, call the national office of Church Women United at 1-800-298-5551.



Photo courtesy of Laura Murphy

Bible Story

Children at Lambs of Our Savior Christian Preschool recently heard the Bible story of how Jesus washed his disciples' feet to show his love and care for them. The Rev. Dale Grimm washes the feet of Natalie Maloney, as Ross Smyth, Hanna Mawhinney, Daniel Humphries, Gus Rickelmann and Emilie Poe look on.

WASHTENAW COUNTY

Disabilities conference set

The fifth annual Transition and Leadership Conference, designed to help young adult students with disabilities take charge of their lives, will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. March 10 at the Morris Lawrence Building at Washtenaw Community College.

Admission is \$10 and includes materials, keynote speaker, refreshments, lunch and door prizes.

Titled "Paving My Own Path," the conference is for students with disabilities who are 14 years or older. It is also open to the students' family members, educators and others who are interested.

"The goal is to reach as many students as possible with information on employment, housing, recreation, empowerment, finance and support," said Gary Stelzer, transition specialist at Washtenaw Intermediate School District.

Conference attendees may choose from a variety of small-group sessions. In addition, participants will

hear keynote speaker Daniel Wilkins, owner of Nth Degree. Wilkins will help participants explore their deeper, more human levels that afford greater potential for growth, change, friendship and contribution.

Along with the workshops, participants will get information from different agencies and programs that are available to help young adults make the transition from school to adult life.

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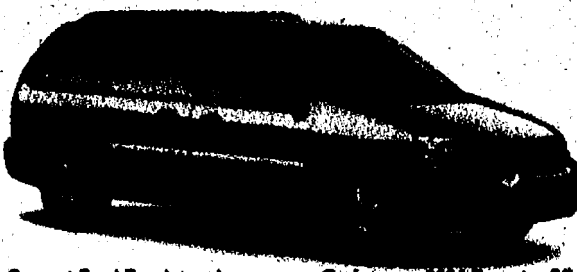
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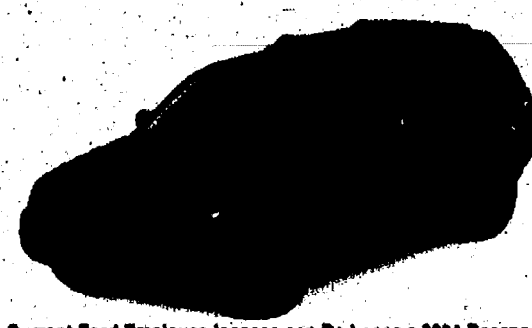


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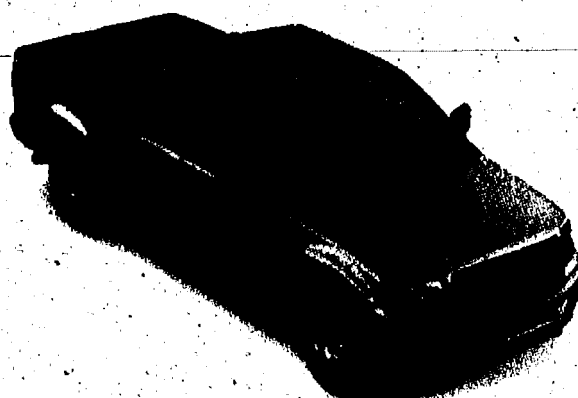


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 3. A copy of the Summons and Complaint shall be sent by first class mail to Defendant Wanda Veal at 3271 Alpine Street, Dexter, Michigan; at 3321 Central Street, Dexter, Michigan; and, at 6655 Jackson Road #140, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48103.
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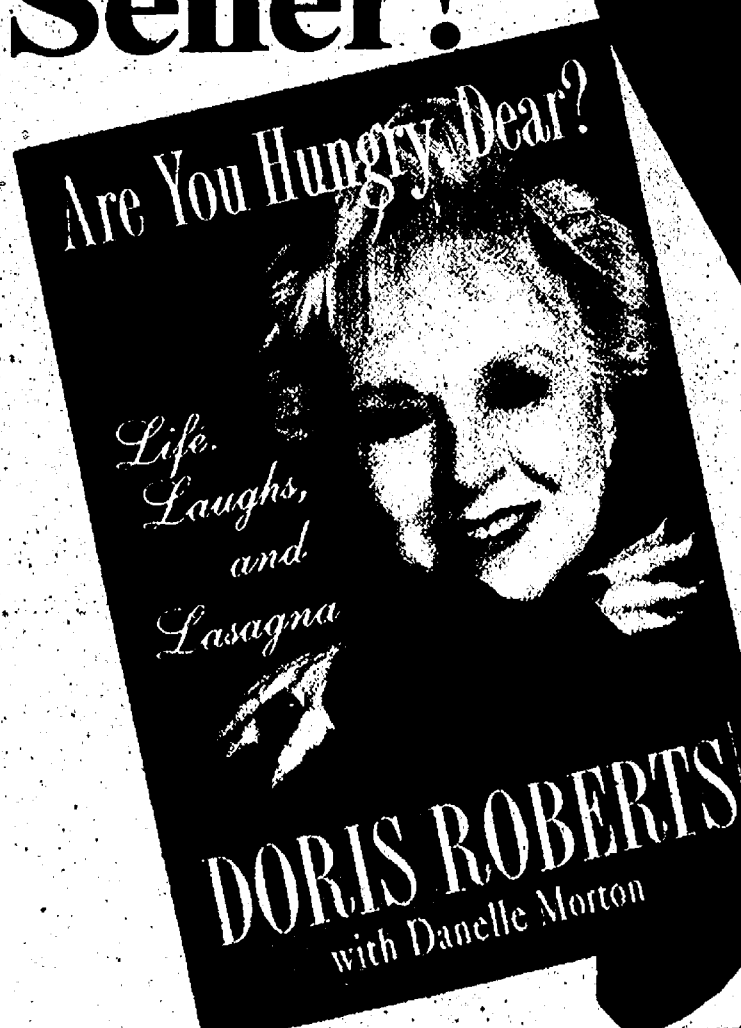
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Lily Tomlin

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We've learned that female celebrities pretty much *can* have it all. Just ask Doris Roberts who plays Marie, the meddlesome mother-in-law in the long-running hit *"Everybody Loves Raymond"* and the stories in the

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Carrie Young
Executive Editor

'Strictly Us Older Gals' Issue

Forget what you've heard about women pretty much not being able to have it all.

In this New Year 2004 issue called our annual *"Strictly Us Older Girls"* newspaper we've learned through top-notch celebrities that they pretty much *can* have it all.

They just need to be well organized and have focus, and special concentration to all areas of work at home, at work, and other areas.

Let's look at multi-faceted, and talented Doris Roberts, best known for her role as the meddlesome mother-in-law in the long-running smash hit *"Everybody Loves Raymond"* for whom she won three Emmys.

DORIS ROBERTS: Among all her other projects you'll read about in this issue, T.V., T.V. Movie of the Week, film, Broadway, and writing a recent autobiography:

"Are you Hungry, Dear?"

Keeping Up with the Jones Girl.

That is the still-glamorous and best remembered mother on the hit T.V. show *"The Partridge Family."*

Although she has a history of knowing stars personally like Judy Garland, Gene Kelly and Fred Astaire, she enjoyed *"The Partridge Family."*

She, whose husband was the late Jack Cassidy, was left working with her real-life stepson, teen idol David Cassidy, a.k.a. (character role) Keith Partridge.

"It's good to talk to David now, in hindsight about his meteoric rise to fame. It seemed only natural with everything coming at him all at once that he felt on over-load.

"Thank God he is sober and is married to a good woman today," says Shirley.

Since 1974, she's been married to T.V. comic Marty Ingels, now a highly successful agent.

"Family comes first," Shirley Mae Jones told CONQUEST.

"Yet I'm very proud of the musicals. I'm gratified that they'll be around long after we're all gone.

"I'm still doing concerts and singing engagements. And I'm flattered that people come up to me and really from the heart will say, 'You've inspired me through my life.'

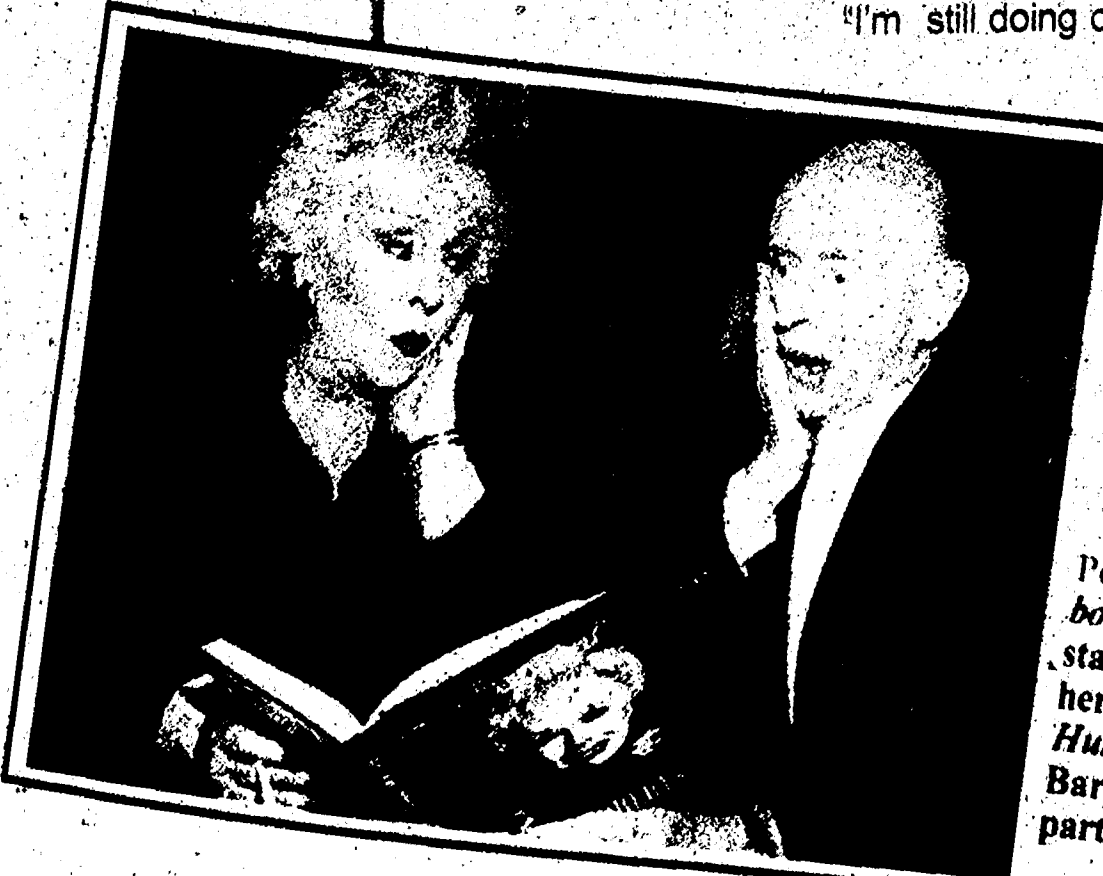
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DORIS ROBERTS in "EVERYBODY LOVES RAYMOND"

Something's shocking Peter Boyle as his *"Everybody Loves Raymond"* co-star Doris Roberts debuts her memoir — *"Are You Hungry, Dear?"* — at a Barnes & Noble book party in Manhattan!

LAINIE KAZAN in "MY BIG FAT GREEK WEDDING"

Star of *"My Big Fat Greek Wedding"* "I seem to have become Hollywood's universal earth mom. About the only actor whose mom I haven't played is Whoopi Goldberg," says Lainie Kazan.





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"I get very teary-eyed about it."

"I seem to have become Hollywood's universal earth mom. I love being a mom on-screen, and I love being a mom in real life."

— Lainie Kazan

COMEBACK KID

Lainie Kazan's surprise hit movie *"My Big Fat Greek Wedding,"* has launched a BIG comeback for the lovely leading lady.

"I seem to have become Hollywood's universal earth mom," said a grateful Lainie.

"About the only actor whose mom I haven't played is Whoopi Goldberg's."

Lainie concedes: "I love being a mom on-screen, and I love being a mom in real life."

And so . . .

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My best to you,
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Executive Editor



SHIRLEY JONES
of the
PARTRIDGE
FAMILY

"I enjoyed doing the show. It was a lot of hard work, but I was happy to see David (her stepson who played Keith Partridge) every day. We were able to spend quality time together and emotionally try to help with his fast rise to mega-stardom — looking back in hindsight."



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You may be wondering what has happened with Debbie Boone since then. Well, she married **Gabriel Ferrer**, the son of **Jose Ferrer** and **Rosemary Clooney**, and they had four beautiful kids, a boy and three girls. To her everlasting credit, she subjugated career concerns to a higher priority — being an exceptional wife and mother. Over the last 20 years, though she has continued

to make some appearances and some recordings, she voluntarily made all of that secondary to raising her family.

Did I say I was proud of her? That's an understatement.

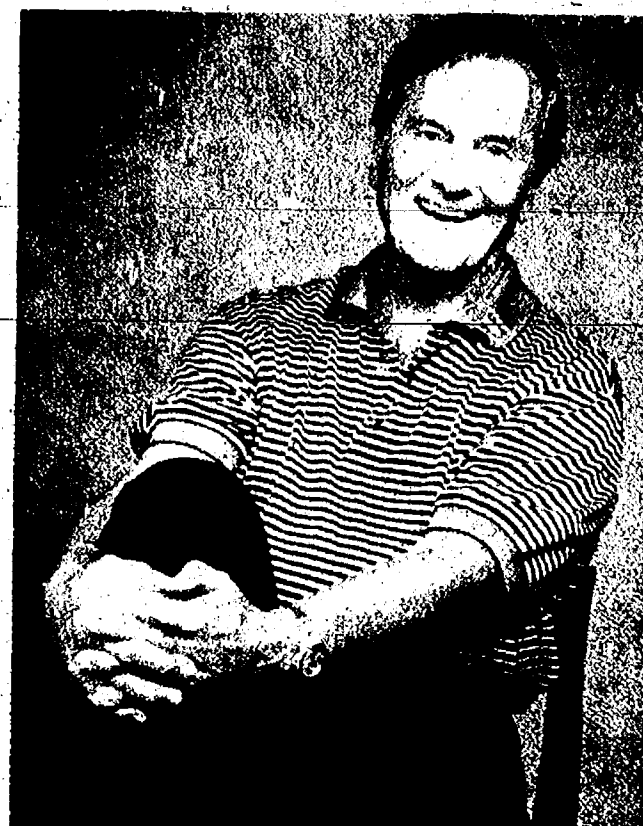
At last, she's preparing to do some more recording, and she sings like an angel and looks like one of her own daughters. And it has occurred to me that a few million people who remember her earlier recordings might like to have another chance at

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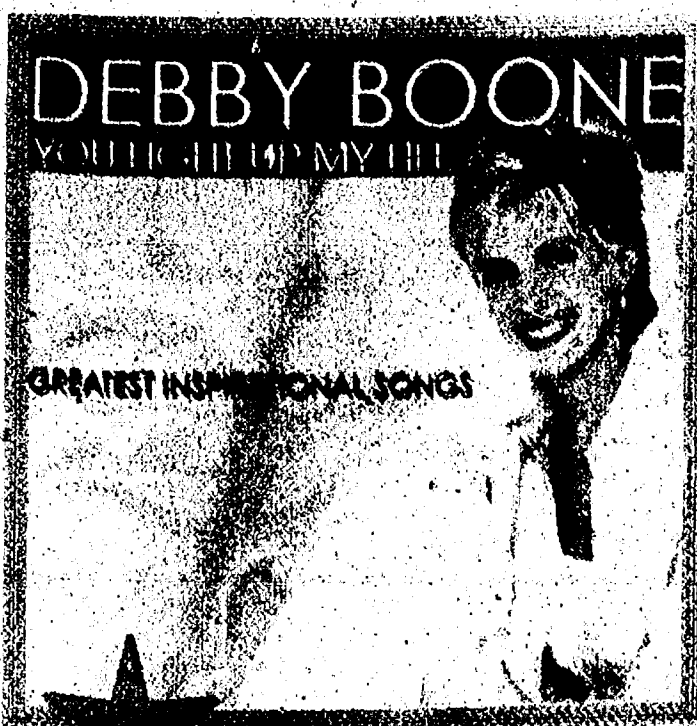
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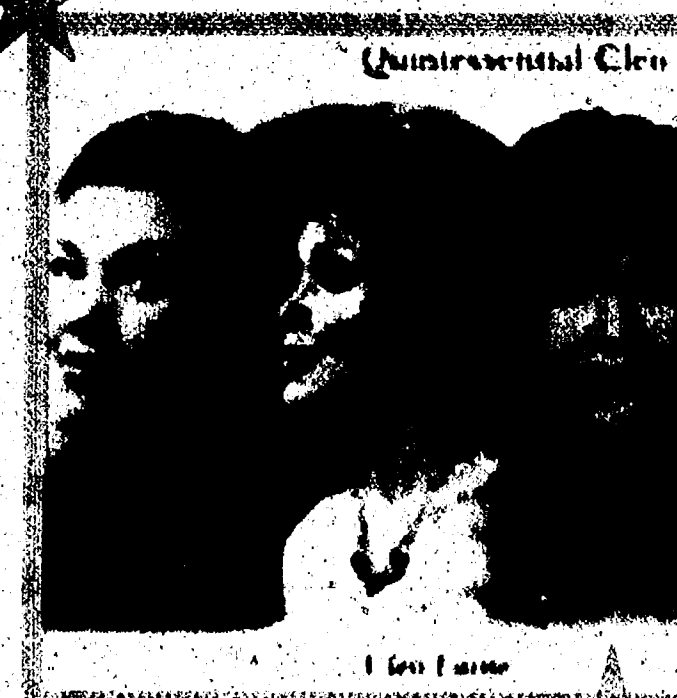
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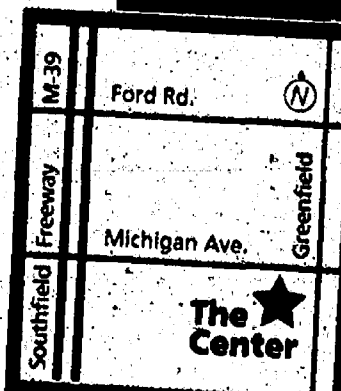
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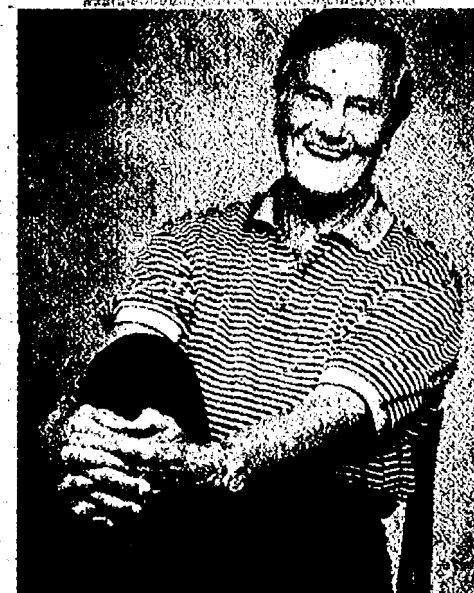
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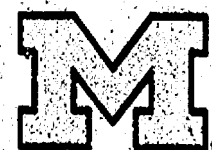
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Lainie Kazan:

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By Hal Drucker
Special Writer

It was Monday, and one of the most talented, versatile and hottest people in show business sang for me and me alone. How would I explain it to my wife?

Fast forward to Tuesday, when Lainie Kazan, fresh from the carryover of "My Big Fat Greek Wedding" (and a hip replacement) grabbed an audience of 900 in the palm of her hand (geriatrics all) at famed Kaufmann Concert Hall of the 92nd Street Y. Among her chestnuts were Gershwin's "Embraceable You," Berlin's "I Got Lost in His Arms" and songs of

unrequited love. She was unsparing in her energy and lavish vocalizing. The canes and walkers from the enthralled assemblage beat a syncopated cadence to such up-tempo numbers as Sophie Tucker's "Some of these Days" rendered in Red Hot Mama style.

All right now, back to Monday, when Kazan warmed up her pipes and intoned to this solitary observer an affectionate air from our callow youth.

"Cream of Wheat is so good to eat.

That we have it every day.

It makes us strong as we sing this song.

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Jefferson together started out as Archie Bunker's next-door neighbor in the smash-hit sitcom "All in The Family" but spinned off with "The Jeffersons."

Isabel Sanford has had many acting roles in her career, but nothing left a fonder impression in the hearts of TV viewers than that of long-suffering Louise Jefferson. Her husband



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And it makes us shout 'HOORAY!'

Not exactly "*Melancholy Baby*", but I had the chills. For it brought me back to those glory days of yesteryear . . . when children's radio prevailed on weekend mornings.

Lainie Levine (born May 15, 1942) and sister Judy listened attentively to "*Let's Pretend*" on the Philco radio tucked in a corner of the family living room in the Flatbush section of Brooklyn, a couple of pop flies from Ebbet's Field, then home of the Dodgers where her Daddy Ben used to take her on off days from scouring the morning line of The Daily Racing Form. "He was a bookie. It was very unusual. We weren't allowed to talk about it."

Around the corner was the Patio Cinema, where the two sisters would catch the double features. ("My favorite movie growing up, was "*The Wizard of Oz*."")

"Oh, I've been singing and dancing since I was a teeny girl of three," she said. "I had my first public performance (a variety show from my dance school) at the Brooklyn Academy of Music, when I was 4½ years old. I tap-danced and sang to "*I'll be down to get you in a taxi, honey*" (aka '*Darktown Strutters' Ball*')."

Shades of Baby June and

A scene from
the hit movie
"*My Big Fat
Greek
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Barbra
Streisand

Louise, I thought, recalling that Kazan had played the doting stage mother of June Havoc and Gypsy Rose Lee, "*Mama Rose*" in a regional production of "*Gypsy*."

Was your mother a Mama Rose-type? I asked.

"Definitely," she said with a laugh, "but a gentle Mama Rose-type."

"Mother always said, 'I never pushed you darling!'"

Like another Brooklyn-born singer and actress-to-be, Barbra Streisand, Lainie attended Erasmus Hall High School. "I knew her a little bit." There are many fanciful tales of how Lainie came to understudy Streisand in the title role of the musical "*Funny Girl*" in 1964, based on the career of the

"They heard me sing, and I was offered the job of one of the friends of Fanny Brice, as well as understudy to Barbra. I was there, waiting for Barbra for a year and a half to get sick. When it finally happened I went on twice in one day. That's how it all began."

— Lainie Kazan

Ziegfeld comedian Fanny Brice. The Julie Styne/Bob Merrill score includes the show-stopping "*Don't Rain On My Parade*." Here's the real deal. "I was in an Oldsmobile

industrial show dancing for choreographer Carol Haney. I was working with Bill Lavorgna, Judy Garland's drummer at the time when Luther Henderson, a big dance arranger, persuaded me to put together some music. I auditioned for a little club called The Living Room. Ray Stark (Fanny Brice's son-in-law and producer of "*Funny Girl*") brought in the famous director Garson Kanin. They heard me sing, and I was offered the job of one of the friends of Fanny Brice, as well as understudy to Barbra. I was there, waiting for Barbra for a year and a half to get sick. When it finally happened I went on twice in one day. That's how it all began."

Kazan became the chanteuse of her native New York, with nightclub stints and guest appearances on just about every TV variety and talk show, appearing a record 26 times on The Dean Martin Show. "Dean was the warmest, most generous and probably the funniest man living, and a very playful man. He was a great friend to me."

Fast forward to Kazan's next big break. In 1983, she signed to portray Belle Steinberg Carlota, the Jewish mother of Benjy Stone, (Mark Linn-Baker), junior writer for "*The King Kaiser Show*," a Sid Caesar-inspired comedian, performed by Joseph Bologna. Peter O'Toole plays Alan Swann, the womanizing, hard-drinking, unreliable movie star who is booked to appear on the show (read: Erroll Flynn). It falls to Linn-Baker to be Swann's keeper for the week to

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ensure his appearance on the telecast. Naturally, he brings Swann back to his home for dinner, and naturally, Kazan kvells over him. All goes well until Swann, panicking at the discovery that King Kaiser's show will be telecast live and not on film, walks out just before airtime. Shamed by Benjy into honoring his commitment, Swann makes a spectacular, dare-devil entrance in the manner of Douglas Fairbanks that in my view, is one of the most uproariously funny scenes in film-dom.

"In film, you're small and intimate; in theater you've got to expand it for the people in the last row of the theater. That's a very interesting process and a difficult one at that," says Kazan, who had received a Golden Globe nomination for the movie version, received a Tony Award nomination for Best Featured

Actress in a Musical called "My Favorite Year."

There followed a succession of parts on

**My final question:
"Who would you like
to see play you?"**

**She smiled, paused
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said, "Catherine
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TV, too numerous to recount in the space accorded us. My own favorite, was Kazan's recurring Emmy-winning role of Howie

Mandel's mother Mrs. Fiscus on the extraordinary series, "S. Elsewhere," with a remarkable acting company that included William Daniels, Norman Lloyd, Ed Flanders and Denzel Washington.

My final question: "Who would you like to see play you?"

She smiled, paused and with a twinkle said, "Catherine Zeta-Jones. It's all according to what year she plays me."

When and if that happens, it would doubtless be a favorite year.

Hal Drucker (hdrucker-@aol.com) is a member of The Drama Desk and the Outer Critics Circle and the co-author of the book: "From the Desk



In a recent SRO performance, Lainie wows an enraptured 60+ audience at the 92nd Street Y.

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Shirley Jones posed for *Paris Magazine* in 1955.



Though her mother Marjorie named her after a certain curly-haired mopet from the *"Good Ship Lollipop,"* you'd get a raised eyebrow from a bartender if you asked for a "Shirley Jones" in an old-fashioned glass and you definitely won't come across a Shirley Jones doll on eBay.

By Hal Drucker

In the annals of filmdom, you will not find a simpler, less exotic, more self-effacing name than Shirley Jones. Can you imagine a Danielle Darrieux or Anna Maria Alberghetti playing Laurey Williams or Julie Jordan? On the other hand can you imagine a Shirley Mae Jones playing the vengeful prostitute Lulu Baines and garnering an Oscar in the process?

William B. Jones emigrated from Wales at the turn of the last century and settled in Smithton, in rural western Pennsylvania on the banks of the Youghiogheny River. He knew that he needed a distinctive moniker to keep ahead of the rest of the Jones of Smithton, Pennsylvania and to sell more beer from his

Jones Brewery which employed, according to granddaughter Shirley, practically the whole town of 812 people.

"Although the Welsh are known to be singers," she continued, "nobody in my family that I know of had musical talent."

— Shirley Jones

"Grandfather also owned the Jones Hotel," she said, "bartended there and did the cooking.

Conveniently, an African-American who played the banjo used to come into the bar with an English bulldog by the name of Stoney. My grandfather adored this man, his music and his dog. When the man died he left the dog to William B. From that time on, they called my granddad "Stoney," and they're still selling Stoney's Beer to the locals.

"Although the Welsh are known to be singers," she continued, "nobody in my family that I know of had musical talent. It was a gift that was given to me at a very early age. I'd been singing since I was six years old in my church choir, Lion's Club affairs, local luncheons all kinds of things. It wasn't Beverly Hills, but Paul and Marjorie Jones were the rich people on the block. You didn't think about those things then. Living in a small

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town, you knew everybody. Growing up I saw everything that Judy Garland did, everything that Gene Kelly did, everything that Fred Astaire did. We had a little movie house which had movies only on weekends. The very first musical that Gene Kelly did, *For Me and My Girl* with Judy Garland, was a 'biggie' for me. I loved the Nelson Eddy/Jeanette McDonald musicals and got to know Jeanette later in life. Being an only child, all my friends were like sisters and brothers to me. I still have very close friends whom I've

known since the third grade. We had a tiny school with two grades in a room. I have to tell

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"South Huntington High School had just 300 students. My first stage role in school was a courtroom drama in which I played the murderess. My father would take me once a week when I was 12 for professional voice lessons some 30 miles away in Pittsburgh. He felt I should definitely go into Grand Opera, as did my singing teacher Ralph Lewando. At 15 and 16 years old I was doing arias."

— Shirley Jones

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Answering an ad that ran in *Smithton Daily*, for applicants for the *Miss Pittsburgh Beauty Pageant*, Shirley at 17, beat out two score aspirants for the Miss Pittsburgh of 1952 crown, which led to an invitation to sing with the *Pittsburgh Civic Light Opera Company*, where she performed in Kurt Weill's *"Lady in the Dark."* From there she received a scholarship to the Pittsburgh Playhouse.

"That was my proving ground. Because my voice was coloratura soprano, I was doing such light opera as *'The Vagabond King'* and *'Rose Marie,'* the Jeanette McDonald roles. Years later at a fund-raising function in Hollywood I was eager to meet Jeanette. The four of us, Jeanette and her husband Gene Raymond, and my first husband Jack Cassidy and I went to the theater together and became fast friends. When I was pregnant with my first son, Shaun, she said 'why don't you come down to Palm Springs for the weekend? You can relax and enjoy the pool.' Unlike her movie persona, she was a really funny gal. She loved Jack because he had that Irish humor. And of course I was just enthralled with her. I wanted to know all her stories about making her musicals and how Nelson Eddy was in real life. Her answer was he was just as 'stodgy' in person as he is on the screen and 'awful to work with.' Fortunately for me — from Gordon MacRae, to Burt Lancaster to Robert Preston — they were all genuine good guys. As for Frank Sinatra, who was almost my leading man, I can't say."

Like a character from Gregory La Cava's *"Stage Door,"* in 1951, young Shirley, staked to \$160 from her dad, set out to "conquer Broadway." Implausibly she did just that, handpicked by Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein themselves for a role as a nurse in a revival of their *"South Pacific."* She fared so well that she was tapped to understudy Isabel Bigley as the lead in R&H's *"Me and Juliet,"* whose score I regard as among their best, and was later chosen for the touring company of the musical. While on the road, the composer and lyricist arranged

for her to interrupt her tour to fly to Hollywood to screen test for the most coveted movie role since Scarlet O'Hara, that of

the *"I Can't Say No"* girl, Ado Annie.

"Just some feminine jealousy," she recalled. "Gloria had been in movies for some time and

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— Shirley Jones



Shirley Jones in "The Music Man."

Laurey in *"Oklahoma!"* opposite Gordon MacRae as Curley. It was 1955, and the entire shooting went smoothly, save for some abortive attempts of upstaging on the part of veteran actress Gloria Grahame who played

I was the new kid on the block getting all the *Isn't she wonderful's*. Her nose was out of joint and so she was not happy with me."

Well, the producers were happy enough with her and the concomitant box office

receipts to sign Jones up for *"Carousel"* which went into production the following year. To hedge their bets, they signed Frank Sinatra (not Gordon MacRae) for the role of Billy Bigelow opposite Shirley Jones' Julie Jordan. Sinatra was a *"hot commodity,"* with an Oscar in hand for his role as Magglo in *"From Here to Eternity."*

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Then the improbable happened. In 1960, the trade papers said that Piper Laurie was up for the key role of Lulu Baines in *"Elmer Gantry"* based on the Sinclair Lewis novel. What the papers didn't say was that Burt Lancaster, who was to play the title role of the evangelist, and was co-producer of the film, saw some-

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Everybody Loves
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Doris Roberts

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By Carrie Young & Joe Prigun

If it's true that "*Everybody Loves Raymond*," then actress Doris Roberts — Ray Romano's TV mom for seven seasons — is one of the reasons.

Wouldn't you agree? And late last year T.V. viewers got to see a dramatic side to Doris!

Viewed on the Hallmark Channel, Doris is among a powerhouse cast of actresses — including Oscar-winner Louise Fletcher and Emmy-winner Dana Delany — who teamed up in an original two-hour drama called:

"A TIME TO REMEMBER"

Doris and I had a pleasant phone conversation from her Manhattan digs to talk about the movie and about life with and without Raymond.

In the film, Roberts — who has four Emmys of her own — plays a wealthy, proud WASP matriarch in the early stages of and Alzheimers and secretly dreading it.

She described to me a powerful scene in which she's torn between wanting to hold and cuddle her daughter.

Doris Roberts Talks About "*Everybody Loves Raymond*" and the Movie Portraying Her Dramatic Side Talking About Humor and Tears in the Varying Stages of Alzheimer's Disease

ghter's (played by Delany) infant and afraid she might endanger the baby by dropping it.

"It's some of the best work I've ever done," Doris beamed.

She also has a TV movie in the can for CBS called "*Raising Waylan*," a romantic comedy shot in New Zealand.



Doris first started acting in kindergarten at age five.

"I remember my line," she recalled, "Hi, Patrick Potato! This is my cousin, Mrs. tomato. I got laughs and applause, and I knew that's what I wanted to do."

Doris' parents divorced when she was a child, her father marrying seven times in all. She grew up in the Bronx and Manhattan and dropped out of college to study at the Neighborhood Playhouse.

For more than 40 years, Doris worked on Broadway, in films and on T.V. then, in 1996, she achieved "overnight stardom" when she beat out 100 women for the mother in "*Everybody Loves Raymond*."

Does she think the series can go on forever?

"I'm signed for nine years," said Doris, "and CBS wants 10. But the producer and Ray think that after this year, we're done."

"I think they're wrong."

Doris has a dedicated fan following that includes grown women who want to know how they can handle their own mothers who are becoming difficult.

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Playing that mother who's smothering — but her Emmy Award-winning role is just Doris Roberts' latest incarnation. In this delightful and candid memoir, Doris goes back to reveal everything:

From a fascinating and intense childhood in the Bronx to how she got her start in the closed-door world of Broadway to the choices she made that built a career and plunged her into a tough but satisfying life, moving from stage (cast of the *Red Hot Lovers*) to screen (*A New Leaf*) to television (*Remington Steele*) and back again.

Doris is thoroughly honest about her own life, about motherhood, and about working both in and out of the spotlight. She shares the lessons she learned in two marriages — one to the great love of her life and the struggles and triumphs of raising a son on her own.

By Carrie Young & Joe Prigun

Doris is warm, she's real, and she's funny. Every page of her book sparkles with her personality, her opinions, and her perspective on everything from ambition to audition to aging.

And then there's Doris' passion for food — each chapter of the book is spiked with a wonderful recipe, chosen from the many she has collected over her life.

From her mother's pot roast with ginger snaps to the perfect lasagna.

"Are you Hungry Dear" may be Doris' signature line on "*Everybody Loves Raymond*" but it's also an open question to all of us.

Dip into this book and you'll catch a little of Doris' wit, style and zest for life both in and out of the kitchen.

DORIS ROBERTS was raised in the Bronx and has worked as an actress in theater, films, and television. Her career has spanned 50 years, and

she has won numerous awards, including three Emmys.

Come on, let's take a quick sneak peak:

"Life with Raymond"

"Marie and Me"

"When fans come up to me on the street to hug me these days, I'm not sure that they love me, or my television alter ego, Marie Barone."

"The popularity of the show proves that '*Everybody Loves Raymond*,' but I know that just as many of them love Marie, the woman who has come to personify everything we adore and dread about family."

"Marie clearly loves her family with all her heart, worries about them more than she should, and would do anything to keep them fed, happy, and safe. The problem is that her version of what's good for them differs in a lot of ways from what most of them want for themselves."

"In this way, she is like me — like every

mother, in fact.

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"I know a lot about being a meddlesome mom. Not only have I played that role all my life off screen. In fact, I've played mother to dozens as an actor. And the list continues..."

"I Owe It All to My Fans"

"Everybody wants to be appreciated for what they do. If you're a mother and you make a fantastic dinner for your family, you wish that they'd compliment you before bolting from the table and rushing off to the Internet, or the television, or the telephone."

"If you're the provider for the family, many times your efforts go unacknowledged, too."

"Rare is the day when the other

The cast of "*Everybody Loves Raymond*."



members of the household spontaneously cheer your daily slug to the job that keeps the whole home operation going.

You'd probably faint into a chair if one of your children took you aside and said: 'Thank you for creating such a safe and secure environment for me to grow up in.' You'd assume that the next thing out of their mouth would be:

"And by the way, 'can I have twenty bucks?'"

"Each week I enter millions of people's homes, and as a result I get a lot of reinforcement. Not all of it comes across as all that positive, of course."

"Partly because of who I am, partly because of the characters I've played, people are not in awe of me."

"They don't stand back when they see me and whisper to their friends behind a cupped hand the way fans probably do if they see Lauren Bacall or Johnny Carson."

"Nor do they try to act nonchalant, as if the sophisticated way to respond to the presence of a celebrity is to pretend that they themselves are celebrities, and they're way too

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Doris Roberts and Peter Boyle (Frank of "*Everybody Loves Raymond*"), take a peak inside her new book "*Are You Hungry Dear?*"

SHE'S THE 'IRREPRESSIBLE' STAR OF "EVERYBODY LOVES RAYMOND"

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cool to get excited in the presence of one.

"I am everybody's mother, neighbor, and best friend.

"This lack of separation is mostly fine with me. I don't travel with bodyguards, like Jennifer Aniston or Tom Cruise. I love it when I look up and see a fan coming toward me.

"They always greet me with looks of unconflicted joy on their faces, as if seeing me was pure delight.

"I should get such treatment from everyone in my life!

"Everybody, it seems, wants to give me a hug. I like hugs.

"People want to have their picture taken with me to prove to their friends that they saw me.

"Everyone should have such complaints, right? I love the fact that I make people laugh and that they see traits of their own mothers in me."

"Still Kickin'"

"You've heard six-year-old kids say things like, 'My mom is *really* old. She's 30.'

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"Everyday of our lives we edge closer and closer to 90, but that doesn't mean we are old. It means you're young enough to worry about being old.

"That's why older people look wise — they're finished worrying — sort of. Most everything's happened and they're still here.

"Now that I'm in my 70s, I've got a much different perspective on age.

"I'm at the peak of my career, at the height of my earned income. When my grandchildren say '*I rock*' they're not talking about a chair.

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Karl Malden

Dear Ms. Young:
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Can't help you much with photos, don't have many. Sending you what might be useful.

I'm sure American Express has many shots of me. You may write to them. They may be helpful.

My best to you,
Karl Malden

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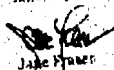
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Isabel Sanford has had many acting roles in her career, but nothing left a fonder impression in the hearts of TV viewers than that of long-suffering Louise Jefferson. Her husband George

Jefferson together started out as Archie Bunker's next-door neighbor in the smash-hit sitcom "All In The Family" but splined off with "The Jeffersons."



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Shirley Jones:

Keeping Up With The Jones Girl

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thing in Shirley Jones' previous chaste-like screen roles that convinced him to offer her the part.

"Richard Brooks was the director, wrote the screenplay and was co-producer with Burt

mentor. And I went on to do another film for him with Jean Simmons whom he married after they met on the set of *Elmer Gantry*. He wrote a film for her '*The Happy Ending*,' and he hired me to play opposite Lloyd Bridges in that movie."

"Shirley, I want to apologize. Not only are you going to be great in this film, but I predict you're going to win an academy award."

**— Richard Brooks
of Shirley's work
in a film he directed**

on the film," she said. "He didn't want me in the movie. Burt fought with Brooks for me to get the role and won out. Brooks wasn't very happy, because the very first day, in one of the hardest scenes I had to do — that takes place in the house of prostitution — he didn't give me a single bit of direction. I went home, cried all night and said he hates me, he's going to fire me. I didn't work the next day. Well after seeing what I had done in the rushes, he phoned me and said, 'Shirley, I want to apologize. Not only are you going to be great in this film, but I predict you're going to win an academy award.' [she was indeed accorded an Academy Award as Best Supporting Actress of 1960.] From then on he was my

Despite the success of *Gantry*, try as she might, Jones was unable to shake that prim, sanitized good-girl image. In 1962, she was cast as Marian the Librarian, in the movie version of Meredith Wilson's "*The Music Man*," opposite Robert Preston, who reprised his Broadway role as Professor Harold Hill.

"That whole movie was a joy for me, other than being pregnant with Patrick. (It was a problem some of the time with costume fittings, etc.) Preston was so wonderful. Having done it for so many performances (it had run for at least a year and a half), you would think that somebody who would come to California from Broadway would say, we did it this way.



Shirley Jones as Mrs. Partridge of "*The Partridge Family*."

He did none of that; it was as if he was doing it for the first time. Bob was just coming into

I say that about Jack [Cassidy] who also died too young. Everything Jack did, he was the

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critic's darling. Jack was in a show, he got the reviews. Especially '*She Loves Me*.' Any time

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**butter or margarine
herbs to taste
salt and pepper
8-10 skewers**

On each skewer, alternate cubes of beef, pork and chicken until skewers are filled. Dip entire skewer(s) into egg and cracker meal till completely covered. Brown skewers in pan (in butter or margarine) till brown on all sides. Place in covered casserole with herbs of your preference. Salt and pepper and dot with butter. Bake at 300 degrees for about 1 hour and 45 minutes. Baste a few times, uncover, and bake about ½ hour more.

Serve with rice or buttered noodles.

NUTRITION PER SERVING: Calories 487, fat 25 grams.

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it plays, I run to see it, I just adore the show. Fortunately, we did one thing together on Broadway, '*Maggie Flynn*.' That score is so beautiful. Jack was incredible in it — played a clown. A song that Vic Damone recorded from that show '*Why Can't I Walk Away*,' I can't get it out of my head."

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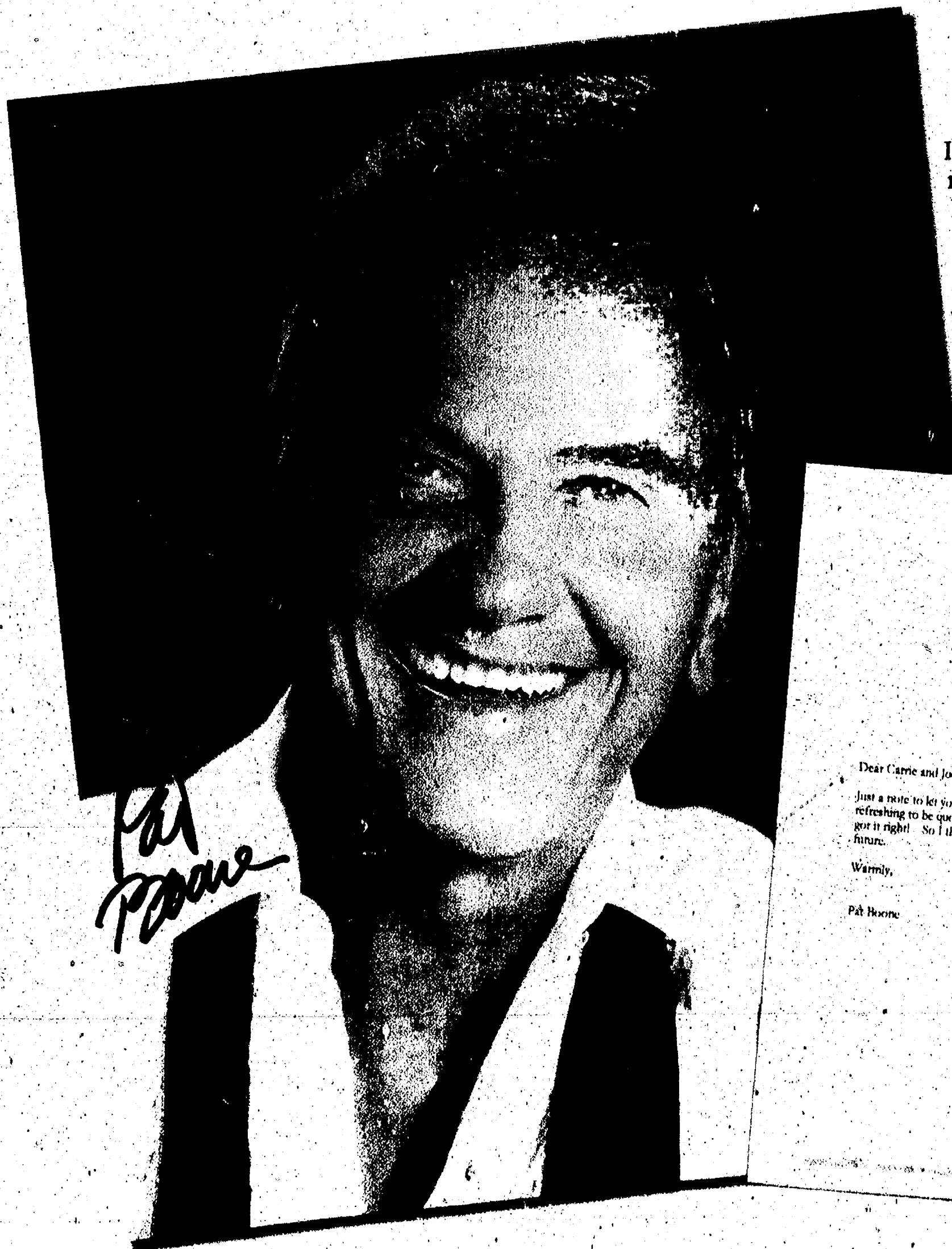
In 1974 she married Marty Ingels, a television comedian, later to become a highly suc-

cessful agent. In between tours with Shirley in such shows as A.R. Gurney's two character play "*Love Letters*," Ingels writes, teaches acting classes and occasionally indulges his first love — stand-up comedy.

"Family is number one for me," Shirley Mae Jones told me, with a slight catch in her voice. "Yet, I'm very proud of the things I've done in this business. As for the musicals, I'm very gratified that they'll be around long after we're all gone. I'm still doing concerts and singing engagements. And I'm flattered that people come up to me and really from the heart will say, 'you've inspired me all my life,' or 'I appreciate your body of work,' or even 'you really helped me through my life.' I get very teary-eyed about it."

"I suppose it happens to everybody when you get to be a certain age. I remember sitting next to Fred Astaire at a testimonial banquet in his honor and I was saying how wonderful he was. Whereupon, he turned to me and said, 'Listen sweetheart, when you get to be 70, you get all kinds of dinners.'"

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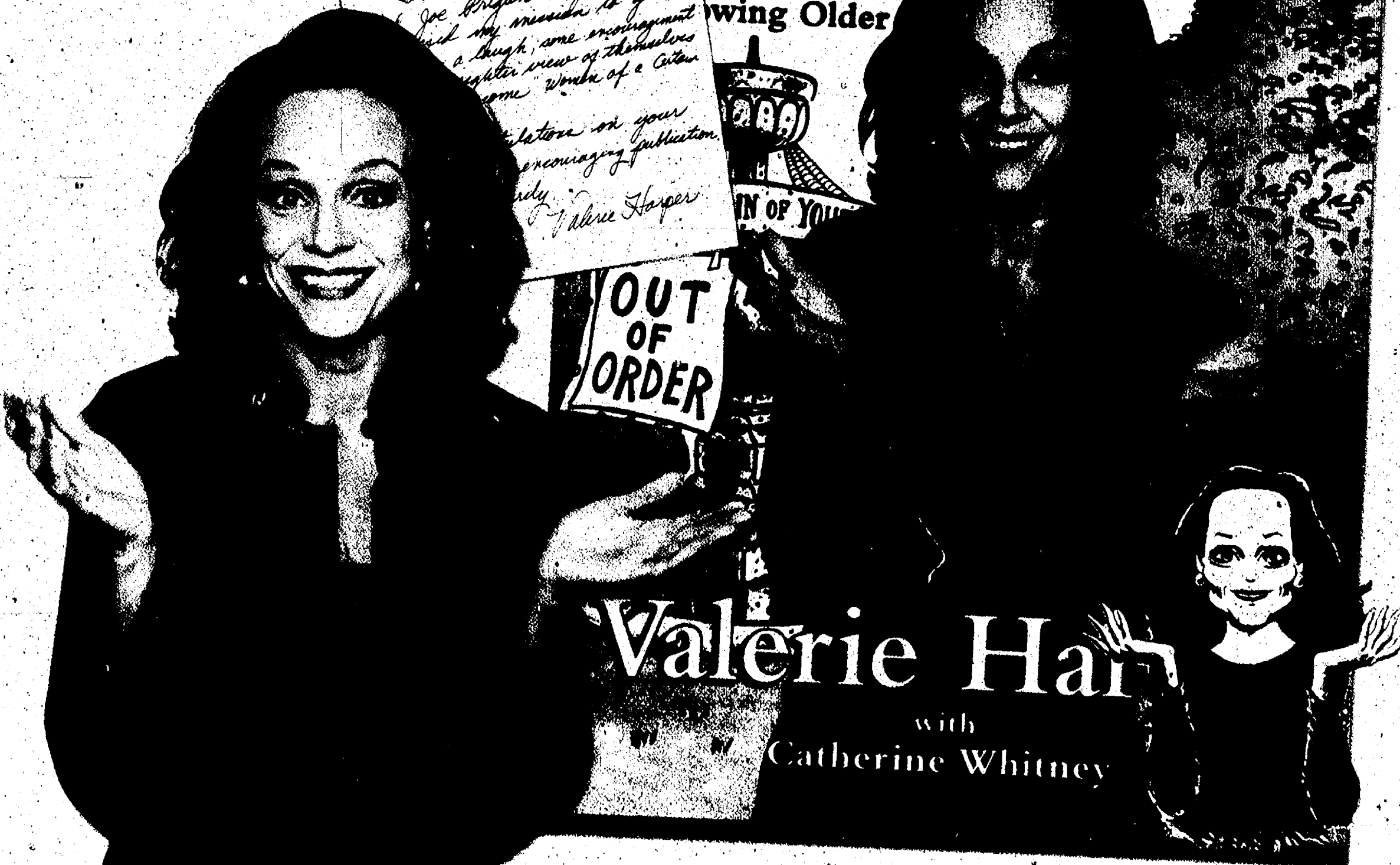
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Gave The Beatles A Run For Their Money . . .



The Partridge's Tour Bus.

By Carrie Young & Joe Prigun

Well, who *didn't* have a "Partridge Family" lunchbox? in the 70's?

Actually, I didn't. Much to my chagrin. But years later I did wind up with one as a much-coveted Christmas gift.

I wonder as I am fast approaching 50

what the monetary value it might have, but the sentimental value is of greatest worth to me.

SPACEAGE:

"After the regular series ended in 1974, there was a cartoon space-age 'Jetsons' version of the Partridge Family that was aired

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on ABC from 1974 to 1975...

"After the regular series ended," Shirley explained to CONQUEST, "this cartoon version called *The Partridge Family, 2200, A.D.* had other voices besides Shirley, including the voices of David, Danny, Brian and Suzanne did their voice-over work for their characters."

According to Shirley, "The original show premiered on September 25, 1970 and ran until August of 1974."

Shirley told CONQUEST: "I enjoyed doing the show. It was a lot of hard work, but I was happy to see David (Keith Partridge) every day."

"We were able to spend quality time together and emotionally try to help with his fast rise to mega-stardom. It was overwhelming for someone so young, and so fast. Of course, it would change his life."

With the onset of the T.V. show came "*The Official Partridge Family Magazine*."

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The first issue hit the stands in December of 1970, recalled Shirley, followed quickly by the second issue that went on sale on January 19, of 1971.

"We had a wonderful fan club," assures Shirley, who still has the "very old" sound file of each cast member recording a brief "HELLO" on these fan club records."

This is a sample of what Shirley said, laughing, "it's still a hoot to hear."

"The old plastic is a mess, so don't expect greatness," Shirley laughed. "There are lots of 'pops and crackling' sounds to add to the nostalgia!"

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Lainie Kazan **BIG FAT** Week Comeback

A Surprise Hit Movie —
And Her Nightclub Career
is Booming!



Lainie Kazan (left) plays the role of mother Maria Porrtokalos with Nia Vardalos (right) as Toula Portokalos in the hit movie "My Big Fat Greek Wedding."

By Carrie Young & Joe Prigun
Surprise movie hit "My Big Fat Greek Wedding" has launched a BIG comeback for lovely Lainie Kazan.

(This story was written before the cancellation of the T.V. sitcom version of the smash-hit movie.)

Despite the film's huge success, CBS nearly cast its sitcom version of the movie without the legendary singer-actress.

"The network had actually cast other

actors to play the family," Lainie told CONQUEST last year in a special interview.

"They hired another actress in the pilot to play Maria, the brides' mother. But when the movie reached \$100 million at the box office, CBS decided *maybe* the original cast had something to do with its success and they should stick with us.

"So they scrapped the pilot, Lainie smiled, "and hired the film's original cast for the series.

"John Corbett, who played Ian Miller, is the only actor in the original cast who will not be in the series."

"My Big Fat Greek Wedding" was last year's huge unexpected hit.

An independent production — backed by Tom Hanks and his wife — captured the public's imagination and remained in theaters for months.

It grossed (at the time of this interview) \$230 million and focused the national spotlight on its talented cast of character actors.

"I've played a lot of mothers in my day," said the dynamic Lainie Kazan. "And you'll soon see me as Ben Affleck's mom in the Jennifer Lopez movie 'Gigli' and as Virginia Madsen's mom in 'Returning Lily' on Lifetime.

"I seem to have become Hollywood's universal earth mom.

"About the only actor whose mom I haven't played is Whoopi Goldberg's!

"I love being a mom on-screen, and I love being a mom in real life.

"My own daughter Jennifer just gave me the most wonderful granddaughter, Isabella Blue.

"My ship has come in and I'm loving

every second of it."

Lainie's singing is also very much in



An earlier shot of Lainie Kazan.

demand.

"My nightclub career is booming again," the exuberant star shared with CONQUEST.

"I've been playing the MGM Grand in Vegas with Regis Philbin. I've opened at the Hilton in Atlantic City and back to Vegas at the Suncoast."

"Suddenly people are calling and asking for my old jazz albums that are no longer in release.

"Life just doesn't get any better!"

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luck charm. Carol has been fortunate enough to have many good luck charms in her life, but not one when her daughter Carrie Hamilton died of cancer.

On September 11, 1967, "The Carol Burnett Show" debuted with guest Jim Nabors ('Gomer Pyle'). A star was born. Also, because of the show's initial success, Burnett had Jim Nabors as her guest for every season opener thereafter as a good



Jefferson together started out as Archie Bunker's next-door neighbor in the smash-hit sitcom "All In The Family" but spinned off with "The Jeffersons."

Isabel Sanford has had many acting roles in her career, but nothing left a fonder impression in the hearts of TV viewers than that of long-suffering Louise Jefferson. Her husband George



In "Legally Blonde 2," Bob Newhart (shown with Reese Witherspoon) plays Sid Fort, Washington's most politically-savvy doorman.

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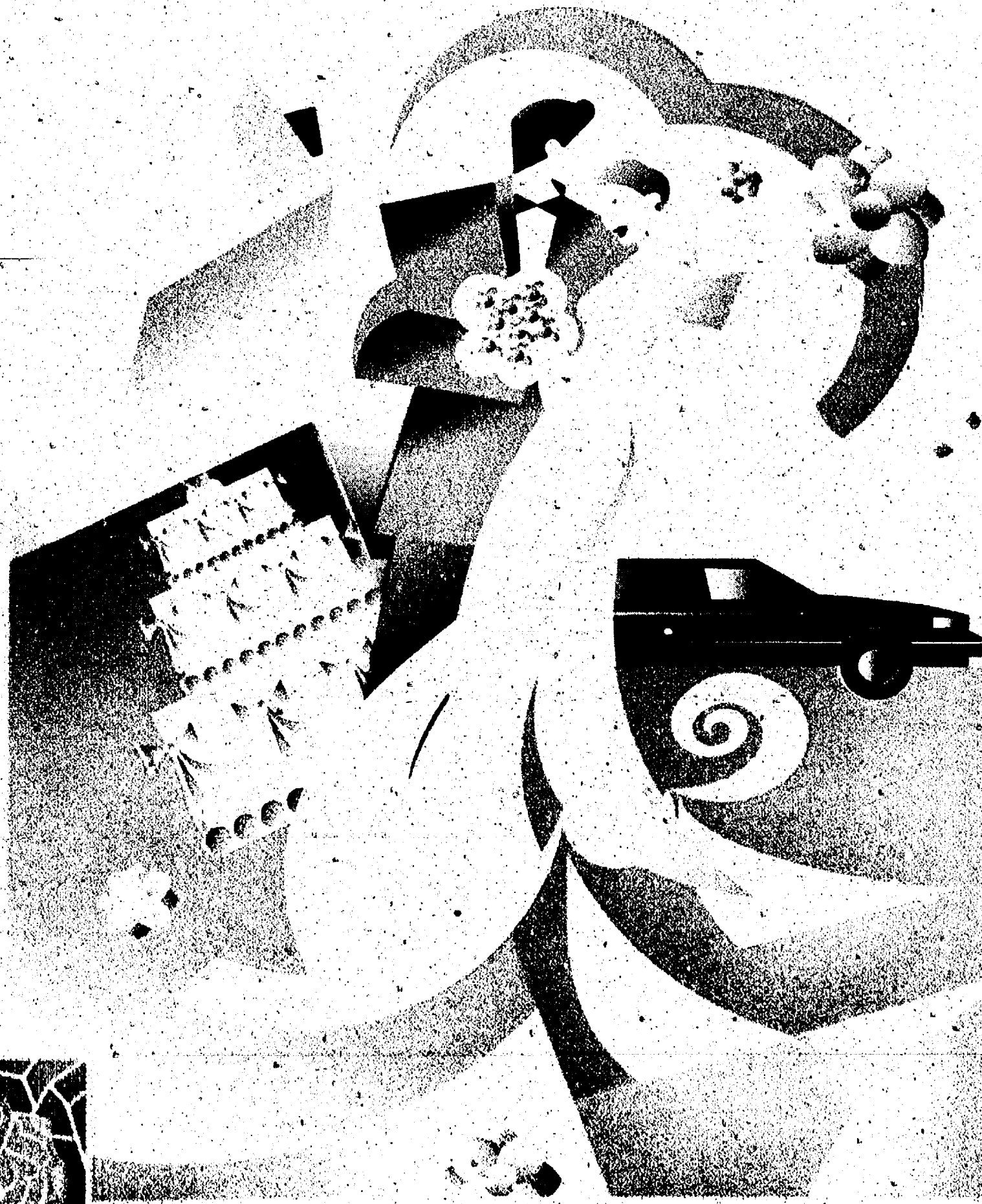
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Uncovering the veiled truth

Though it's merely a piece of sheer white lace, a veil can make a bride feel and look like she is truly getting married.

Veils date back to ancient Greeks and Romans, who used them to fend off evil spirits and demons. They thought the evil spirits would not be

able to get to the person behind the veil, hence preserving her for her husband. The fabric became popular in the late eighteenth century in America. One of George Washington's aides saw Nellie, Washington's daughter, sitting by a lace-curtained window and was stunned by her beauty. She recreated the scene at her wedding by making a veil of white lace. And the color of the veil, white, is related to the color of the wedding gown, which represents the purity of the bride.

A veil can be whatever you want it to be, from simple and understated to extravagant and detailed. It can be any length, from below the wedding train to grazing the elbow. It can be plain or decorated with items like pearls, lace or gems.

Whatever you choose, make sure the veil doesn't compete with your dress. A fancy veil will be too much for a detailed gown. But you can dress up a plain dress with a lacy veil.

When trying on veils, do your hair and makeup the way you'll wear it on the big day if you can, to get the full

effect of the veil. Then, stand in front of a full-length mirror to see the veil from all angles. A veil may look flattering in the front but may not complement the back of your dress.

Don't forget to take a walk around the house a few times in your veil, especially if yours will be long. You'll look like a princess no matter what kind of veil you wear. But no one wants to ruin their walk down the aisle by tripping on their veil.

It's up to you whether you want to wear a veil. If you don't, you can often opt for a more modern head covering like a tiara, barrette or other headpiece. (Check with your officiant to make sure it's okay to not wear a veil). Just be sure that you will feel

like a bride on the big day, whether you are wearing a veil or not.

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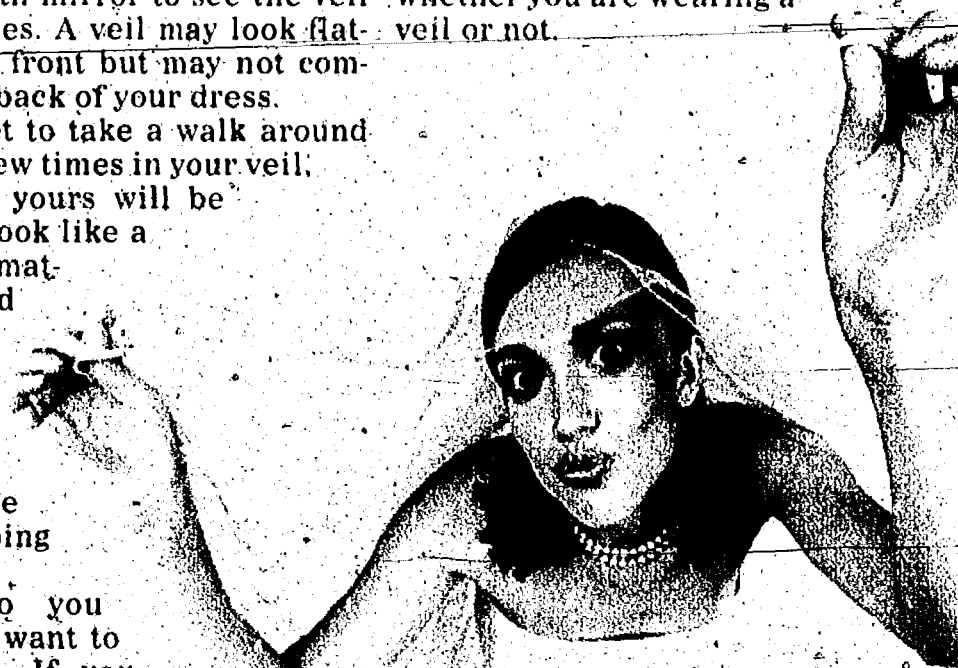
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- mantilla: Spanish-inspired and edged with lace
- elbow: hits at the elbow
- flyaway: accentuates the back and just hits the shoulder
- ballerina: hits between the knee and ankle



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Fairy tales come true... Create your dream wedding

As a bride and groom, you want your wedding to be perfect. From the ceremony to the reception, you'll need to consider all the details. Whether a garden reception, an ultra-formal ceremony or a wedding/honeymoon combination, each wedding shares common characteristics upon which a couple must agree.

Once you've agreed to tie the knot, the days up until your wedding will be a whirlwind of activity. By knowing what tasks you should tackle now and which are better reserved for later, you'll have plenty of time to plan the wedding of your dreams.

This basic checklist can get you started on your way to a beautiful wedding day.

- **Set the date** — As soon as possible after getting engaged, you should select a wedding date and decide on the type of wedding you would like to have. From a traditional ceremony in a church to a surprise wedding, where guests are invited to a "party" that turns out to be a wedding, you can personalize the event and plan a wedding that reflects your lifestyles and interests.

- **Reserve a location** — Reserve the church or location of the ceremony soon after setting the date to ensure you can get married on the day you've chosen. Then, you need to reserve a reception location. Most party houses and reception halls have party planners and catering directors who can assist you in planning your dream wedding.

- **Select a photographer** — Every photographer has a different style. You should choose one who will accommodate your wishes, like taking the types and number of shots you want, attending both the ceremony and reception, and offering the album design you would like. The photographer's personality is very important — you will be spending an entire day with this person, so you should choose someone who will make you feel comfortable.

- **Book reception entertainment** — Select a band or disc jockey who will cater to everyone at the reception — both the younger and older generations. The musical selections should be diverse, and requests from the guests should be taken.

- **Arrange wedding transportation** — Whether it's a Rolls Royce, stretch limo, horse and buggy, or double decker bus, you should plan for transportation to and from the ceremony and to the reception for yourself and your attendants. Make reservations early, especially if you want a white car.

- **Order dresses** — Shopping for a wedding dress, headpiece and bridesmaid dresses is one of the most fun parts of the planning process. Choose a wedding dress that reflects your style and personality — and makes you look beautiful. When considering dresses for your attendants, you should opt for a style that complements your dress, as well as the women in your party.

- **Choose a florist** — Flowers can add an elegant touch to the wedding day, and every florist has a unique style. Select one whose arrangements you like and who can offer helpful, creative ideas about bouquets, corsages and centerpieces.

- **Decide on a bakery** — Select a bakery based on the varieties of the cakes offered and the look of previous work. Ask for a taste of the different types of cake offered, and check if the bakery will be able to create the design that you want.

- **Select formalwear** — Whether it's a basic tuxedo or a top hat and tail coat, formalwear completes the look of the wedding party. Select a formal-

wear provider who offers the style you want, has a variety of sizes available to fit all of the male attendants, and offers a large selection of bow ties and cummerbunds or vests.

- **Order invitations** — Invitations come in many different styles, so you will have a number of books to look through. Decide on a design that best suits the wedding, based on its for-

mality, the time of day and the wedding colors. A stationery professional can help them with this decision.

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A lifetime choice: Selecting cookware that lasts

(MS) — Deciding on your partner for life was probably an easy decision. All the decisions leading up to the big day, however, might be more difficult. From wedding-cake flavors to invitation styles, couples on the path to the big day face innumerable choices.

One significant choice is what type of cookware to choose when register-

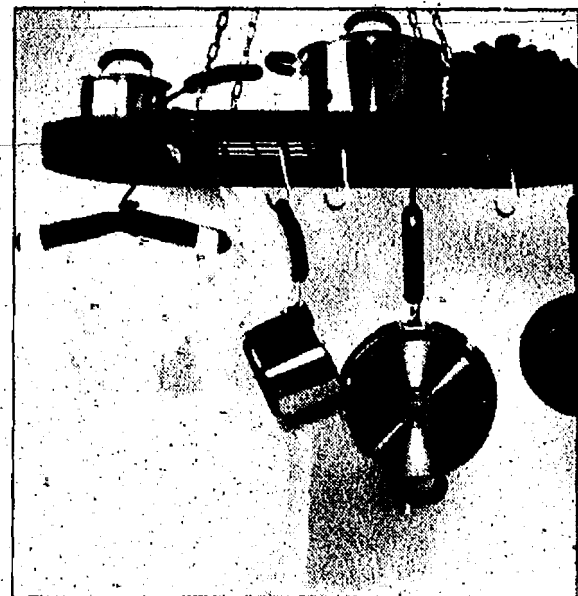
ing. Too often, couples head to the stores without enough information to decide on cookware — both style and material. But most cookware pieces will last years and will be used more frequently than virtually any other item on a registry. That's why it pays to take time to understand cookware options, especially since it can be a

significant investment.

First and foremost, 85 percent of the world's cookware sales comes from three types of materials: stainless steel, aluminum and hard-anodized aluminum. It is important to compare like materials to like materials as they each have unique properties. In addition, take care to note lid material, nonstick coating, if used, and other features.

STAINLESS STEEL

Stainless steel looks and works great. It is shiny, resistant to dents and dings, non-reactive with foods such as tomato sauce, and is dishwasher safe. However, it is not a good heat conductor. To make a stainless steel pan conduct heat effectively, it is combined with another conductive metal like copper or aluminum by attaching a disc to the bottom of the pan or by combining layers of stainless steel with aluminum or copper to make a clad pan. One way to ensure that you're choosing a quality pan is to look for a thick disc that spreads to the edges of the pan, which will eliminate a ring of burnt food in the bottom, remove hot spots and improve heat distribution.



Before making your wedding registry, take time to understand all the cookware options that are out there.

Several top cookware suppliers have focused on advanced features in stainless steel cookware. Circulon Steel features a durable stainless steel exterior and a thick aluminum base that ensures even heating. The cookware's unique Total Ti Titanium Composite Hi-Low Food Release System combines three features in the cookware: a hi-low wave pattern on the interior, a tough titanium composite and a highly advanced nonstick formula. Circulon Steel retails from \$20 to \$100 for open stock pieces, and \$150 to \$280 for cookware sets.

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Bridal jewelry spotlight

Platinum lets couples tie the knot with elegance and style

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Because of its purity, platinum — found in only a handful of places around the world — doesn't fade or tarnish. It remains what it has always been: a symbol for all things eternal. Platinum's rich, white lustre allows it to reflect the radiance of diamonds and gemstones. These qualities make it an ideal choice for engagement and wedding rings, commitment ceremonies, vow renewals and milestone anniversaries — any occasion to celebrate true love.

"The word platinum evokes elegance, purity and romance," says jewelry designer Neil Lane, who designed Kate Hudson and Reese Witherspoon's platinum wedding rings. "It's the greatest complement to a special day."

Other style-savvy celebrities who have helped establish platinum wedding rings as a major trend include Russell Crowe and Danielle Spencer, and Adam Sandler and Jackie Titone.

Rocker Melissa Etheridge and Tammy Lynn Michaels exchanged platinum commitment rings designed by Rafinity, and singer Marc Anthony and his wife Dayanara Muniz said "I do" again in platinum.

"WHITE-HOT" PLATINUM TRENDS

This year's trends in bridal jewelry are definitely bold and colorful, as colored gemstones continue to gain popularity. Think platinum rings with large white or fancy-colored diamonds. For example, the latest engagement rings from Beaudry feature fancy yellow and pink diamonds, while John Buechner's bands incorporate cognac diamonds and multicolored sapphires.

Several of the hottest ring styles reflect the individuality of today's brides: from sleek and modern, to vintage-inspired and handcarved. Like Lachey and Simpson, an increasing number of couples are even working directly with jewelers to create one-

of-a-kind, personalized pieces. "Jessica and I designed our rings together with the help of Harvey Carl, a designer in Los Angeles," says Lachey.

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2004 Bridal Attire

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From the Jim Hjelm Couture Collection, at left, this light-ivory silk duchess satin full A-line gown features a sash that ties in the back and glitters with opulence. The bodice and bottom of the sash have matching embroidery and are adorned with Swarovski crystals for a dramatic effect. At right, Jim Hjelm's papaya satin A-line gown with an appealing curved neckline combines classic finesse with contemporary flair. The candle-light satin sash with detachable train and feminine flower detail creates a soft silhouette.



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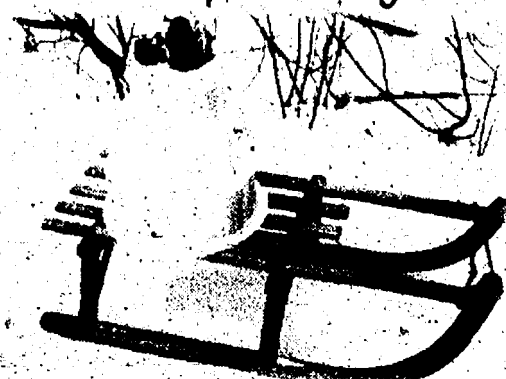
Wedding day beauty

Simplicity, elegance at the forefront of bridal beauty trends

In the world of bridal fashion, trends shift as often and as quickly as many brides-to-be change their minds during any given day. However, one thing is certain. Opting for more simple styles for wedding dresses, this year's brides are straying from the extrava-

gant princess-themed gowns and galas of seasons past, focusing instead on simple design accents and feminine detailing. They're also choosing a makeup look that's in line with the fashion. Here's a closer look at what's happening:

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THE BLUSHING BRIDE

For the classic blushing bride, Cover Girl makeup expert B.J. Gillian advises keeping makeup simple, starting with a water-based solid emulsion compact foundation like CG Smoothers AquaSmooth. The foundation, which retails for \$8.50, transforms from a solid into a liquid with body heat contact and dries to a powder which provides a light, lasting finish. "AquaSmooth provides a perfect canvas for your soft bridal look," says Gillian. "It gives skin a fresh, healthy glow that looks natural and lasts."

According to Gillian, the makeup accents on eyes and lips should not overwhelm but complement the material and floral accents that a bride

chooses. He suggests using makeup that will wear well throughout the day without requiring reapplication.

"For a radiant face, a touch of blush can make all the difference," Gillian says. "Try a powder formula, like Cover Girl Cheekers Blush, which lasts longer than cream blushes that also have the tendency to cause shine."

Tears on the big day are almost inevitable, so eye makeup should be chosen carefully. A gel-based eye shadow like CG Smoothers EyeSlicks Gel Eyecolor is probably the best bet because of its smudge-proof quality, says Gillian. To add definition to eyes, line the top and bottom lids with CG Smoothers Eyeliner in a dark, natural color like Espresso to make eyes stand out in a natural way.

Lush lashes are also a must, and it's easy to get the perfect look without the smudge and smear of traditional mascara. "Cover Girl Multiplying Waterproof Mascara in Black x2 gives you double the lash look and holds up during any tears of joy," Gillian says.



This season's brides are opting for a look of natural beauty for their big day.

ICING ON THE CAKE

From the moment you hear "you may kiss the bride" to the honeymoon, the bride and groom won't be able to keep their lips apart. But how to make the lipstick stay on? Gillian recommends Cover Girl Outlast Pearls Lipcolor because the lipcolor will stay put even through eating, drinking and kissing.

"In terms of shades, it's best for a bride to choose a medium pink or brown-based shade like Cover Girl Outlast Pearls Lipcolor in Everbloom," says Gillian.

To find more beauty tips and seasonal trend information, visit www.COVERGIRL.com.

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Your friend comes over to tell you he finally proposed to his girlfriend. Then he pops the question to you. "I'd like you to be a groomsman." Refrain from wrinkling your face in disgust or confusion. Here's the lowdown on how you'll help out your buddy.

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ALUMINUM

Aluminum is a terrific heat conductor, but it is a soft material that can dent easily and may react with acidic foods. However, aluminum cookware heats evenly across the bottom and up the walls — hence, many restaurant kitchens use thick aluminum cookware because of its heat conduction properties and low costs. Generally, the thicker the aluminum cookware, the better the heat distribution and cooking performance.

Farberware Millennium Soft Touch Colors combines the benefits of aluminum cookware with fashion colors. The nonstick cookware features a shiny, porcelain exterior coating in red, blue and black, to coordinate with most kitchens. The pans' stainless steel handles are covered in coordinating silicone grips that are heat resistant and provide a cushioned,

secure grip. A 10-piece set retails for \$130.

HARD-ANODIZED ALUMINUM

Hard-anodized aluminum cookware is one of the fastest growing and most popular types of materials, even though many people don't quite understand the construction. Hard-anodized aluminum cookware is plain aluminum cookware that has been processed in a series of chemical baths charged with an electric current. The result is a material that has the same superior heat conductivity as aluminum but is non-reactive with foods and twice as hard as stainless steel.

Circulon Classic is the most established line of nonstick, hard-anodized cookware on the market and features a patented Hi-Low groove system designed to protect the nonstick coating. It features stay-cool handles and durable stainless steel lids for one of the most functional lines of cookware on the market. Circulon Classic carries retail prices from \$20 to \$100 for individual items and \$200 to \$300 for sets.

NONSTICK COOKWARE

Nonstick cookware has made dramatic improvements in quality and

durability since it was introduced 30 years ago. When shopping for nonstick cookware, look first at the type of pan surface on which the coating is applied. Because they are harder and more durable, hard-anodized aluminum nonstick pans or stainless steel nonstick pans will last longer than plain aluminum pans. Second, look at the thickness of the pan. The thicker the pan, the better the heat distribution that over time will protect the nonstick coating. Remember to com-

pare like materials to each other, too.

With more than 80 percent of cookware sold being nonstick, there are choices in virtually every material for a nonstick option. Circulon, for example, is the only cookware with a nonstick system that has received a U.S. patent. Circulon Steel also features a premiere nonstick coating, as does Farberware Millennium Soft Touch Colors.

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their seats, perhaps. Guests will approach you with questions such as the restroom location. You may escort a bridesmaid down the aisle. And of course, you'll pose for photos.

The reception: You'll be introduced to all the guests, perhaps with the bridesmaid you escorted down the aisle. You'll dance with the bridesmaids or single female guests.

The getaway car: You'll decorate the honeymoon getaway car with streamers, soap, shaving cream or plastic soda bottles. Pop a romantic musical mix into the tape player for their enjoyment. And check to make sure the newlyweds' luggage is stashed in the trunk.



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Create a successful party with lively entertainment

The wedding day is one of the most exciting and memorable days in a couple's life. The bride and groom want everything from the gown to the flowers to the food served at the reception to be perfect. Most of all, they want the memories of the big day to be special.

The entertainment provided at the wedding reception is critical in determining the success of the event. The

choice of music for the reception can make or break the entire party. Regardless of whether you use a band or disc jockey, lively music and a personable bandleader or DJ can help build a mood and play songs that can get the guests dancing.

Hiring the right band or DJ for your wedding can be confusing. Asking good questions, knowing the right

answers and getting all guarantees in writing will ensure the selection of reliable, reputable vendors. The following questions and answers, courtesy of Modern Bride magazine, can help you hire the best musicians for the reception.

1. Can I determine the quality of a band's performance by listening to a tape or viewing its video? If you like the sound on the tape and/or the way the band delivers on video, inquire about where you can see the group play at a showcase, an actual wedding or some other place where it is booked.

2. How can I be certain that the band I book will be the one at my wedding? It is essential to get the name of the band in writing on your contract.

3. Does the orchestra have liability insurance? A reputable company will maintain such coverage. Most reception facilities require that the orchestra furnish them with a certificate of insurance.

4. Does the band take breaks? Most bands take a 15-minute break after a 45-minute set. Taped music can be arranged during the breaks or continuous music (at an extra charge) can be planned.

5. Are there additional charges for traveling time, playing during cocktails and overtime? Probably. Ask about that at your initial meeting, and be sure that those charges are clearly stated in your contract and understood before you sign it.

6. Is there a surcharge or sales tax? There is no sales tax on musical services, but there may be some surcharges (i.e. payroll, transportation). Be sure to ask.

7. Does the band have an extensive song list with selections that appeal to a wide range of guests? A good band will be able to play a range of music that spans the decades, from big band to Top 40 to Motown hits, as well as ethnic pieces.



8. Will the band members wear appropriate attire? Unless otherwise noted, and depending on the formality of the wedding, members should wear black tie.

9. Is there a way I can be sure the amplification will not be deafening? Tell the bandleader or DJ of your concern, so if this is not a place where the group has played before, he or she can check out the location to prepare ahead for any acoustical challenges that must be addressed to keep the decibels under control.

10. Does the bandleader or DJ act as master of ceremonies and coordinate the sequence of events at the reception, and if so, should I meet with him about this before the wedding? The master of ceremonies is usually the bandleader or DJ, and you absolutely should have an in-person meeting to talk over the reception events.



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Champagne adds sparkle to your wedding day

Champagne is the most romantic of wines, and it's a time-honored tradition to toast the new bride and groom with a shimmering glass of champagne or sparkling wine.

Wedding planners offer the following tips for selecting and serving just the right bubbly for your special day:

- Figure on one bottle of sparkling wine for every six to eight guests.

- Have the tables set with tulip-shaped glasses or champagne flutes. The wide, shallow glass so often seen at weddings is the worst choice for sparkling wines. A tall, slender glass allows the fine bubbles to rise without disappearing too quickly.

- Consider a California sparkler. These native wines have made great strides in recent years, and wine connoisseurs say the quality of many California sparkling wines is equal to their French counterparts from the famous Champagne region. (Only sparkling wines made in Champagne can be called "champagne," so California wines with bubbles are called "sparkling wines.")

Many of the California wineries are owned by French houses. One of the best is Roederer Estate, the California sibling of the centuries-old firm of Champagne Louis Roederer, makers of the famous Cristal champagne. The Roederer Estate Brut is more affordable than real champagne, but many critics believe it's just as good.

- If budget is a concern, consider a "two-tier" system — buy several cases of a lower-priced sparkler for the

majority of your guests and a few special bottles for the wedding party.

- Want to really make a statement? Don't reserve the sparkling wine for just the toast. Instead, serve sparkling wine throughout the entire meal and enhance the festive mood of your special occasion.

"The French have long known that champagnes and sparkling wines are perfect partners for a wide range of foods," says Roederer Estate winemaker Arnaud Weyrich. Today's adventurous chefs serve sparkling wines with everything from light fish and poultry dishes

with cream sauces to spicy ethnic foods. Ask your caterer for menu suggestions.



Champagne and sparkling wines let your wedding day shine.

- Consider champagne or sparkling wine as gifts for the bridal party and anyone else who helped smooth the way for a perfect wedding day. A bottle of champagne and a champagne bucket will let them relive the happiness of your wedding with their own special someone.

- Give special guests — mom and dad, grandma, and your favorite cousin — corks from champagne popped for the occasion. Mark the corks "Sarah and Mike's Wedding," with the date, for a wonderful wedding memento.

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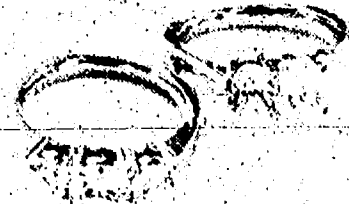
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ments, including inset filigree, weaving and engraving of initials or wedding dates by designers like Martin Katz, Neil Lane and Jack Kelége are also in the spotlight this year.

More contemporary styles include tension set platinum bands from Steven Kretchmer in which the stone appears to be floating, as well as platinum stackables with a variety of pavé fancy-colored diamonds. The three stone engagement ring has officially become a classic among new brides, as showcased in collections by A. Jaffe and Kwiat. The six prong and bezel setting from Martin Flyer also remains a favorite.

"Something old" becomes "something new" as today's brides take the traditional idea to a new level, perhaps using a stone from their grandmother's wedding ring and resetting it in platinum to fit their individual style. Finishes like high-shined mixed with brushed or hammered platinum complete the cutting-edge look.

Chunky platinum rings with classic designs in matte and alternative fin-

ishes from designers like Tacori continue to be popular among men, as are combinations such as rubber and platinum designs from Chris Correia. Channel set or pavé with diamonds, sapphires and rubies are also popular among stylish grooms.

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Beyond engagement and wedding rings, platinum necklaces, cufflinks, earrings, pendants, bracelets, tiaras, barrettes, combs and hairpins for the bride and bridal party designed by Martin Katz and Neil Lane are at the forefront of style this year. New designs run the gamut from platinum hearts, initials and religious symbols, to nature-inspired, art-deco and antique-inspired jewelry. Also hot this season are chandelier earrings with pearls or colored gemstones set in platinum. Grooms are selecting brushed or shiny platinum cufflinks mixed with diamonds or engraved with their initials.

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