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CHELSEA

Downtown stores struggle with economy

Holiday season critical for merchants

By Steve Ricci
Staff Writer

For many downtown Chelsea businesses, Christmas season is make-or-break time for their annual bottom line.

And this year, local economic leaders hoped the expanded Chelsea Hometown Holiday and Light Parade would serve as a boost for local retailers and restaurants that are dealing with a still-shaky economy.

So, did it work? Based on comments this week from several downtown business owners, the results are mixed.

Bob Pierce, executive director of the Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce, emphasized last week how important this time of year is for Chelsea's businesses.

"It's critical for almost any small retailer to have a successful Christmas shopping season," Pierce said.

"They can earn up to 40 to 50 percent of their annual revenues during this period."

Pierce said downtown businesses have seen "modest" improvements in sales since water main and storm drain reconstruction work took place along Main Street during the summers of 2002 and 2003.

"Recovery is evident, but certainly it's not going gangbusters in Chelsea," Pierce said. "Consumers are still in a wait-and-see mode. They're very careful with their dollars."

Pierce said although discretionary spending among local consumers is still down, shoppers are beginning to buy a few more luxury items, whereas shopping for necessities predominated during the pit of the latest recession.

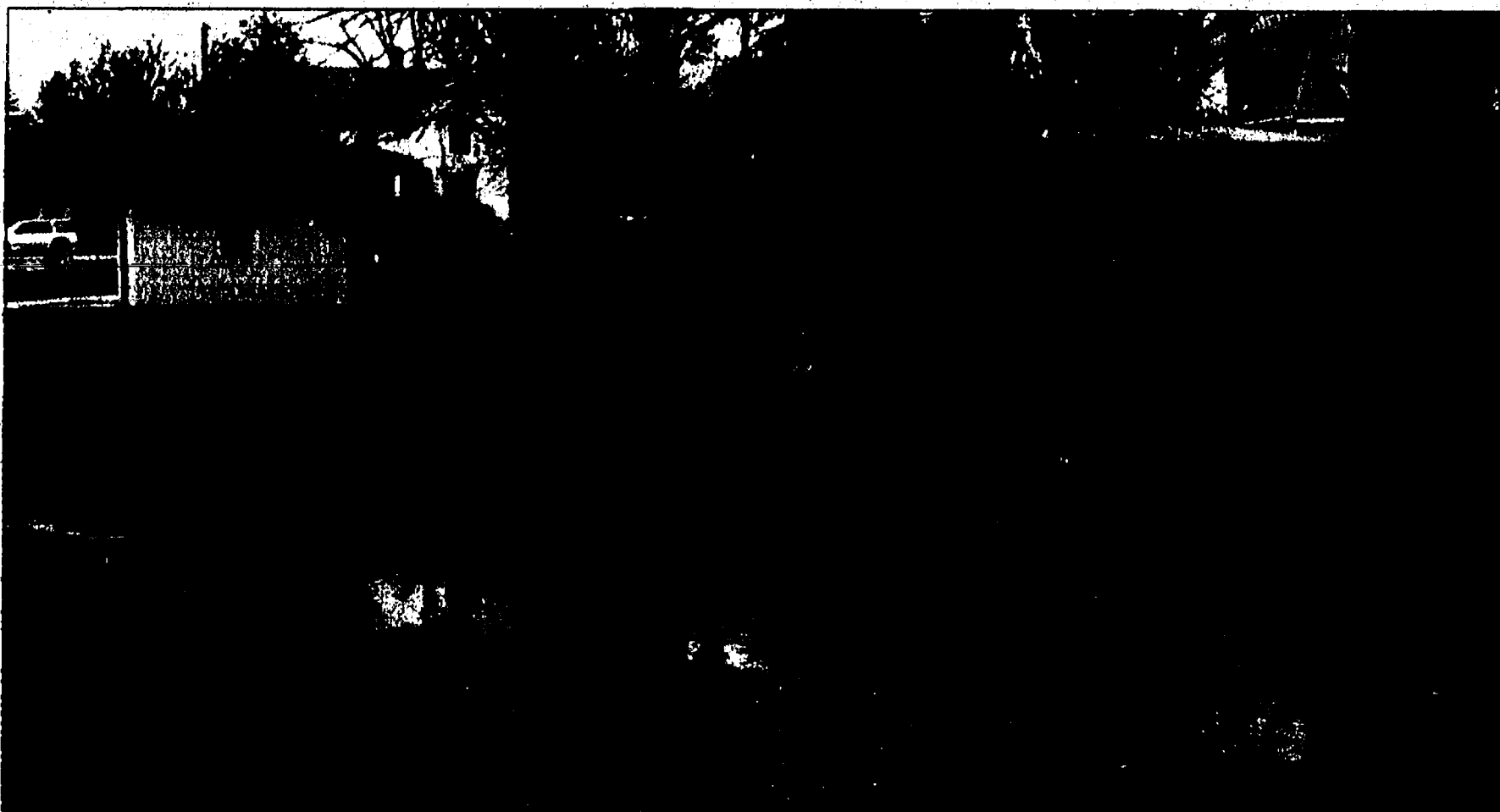
In Michigan, the overall economy is lagging behind most of the rest of the nation, Pierce said.

"From our vantage point, the economy isn't doing as well as

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Michael Jackson, owner of Vogel's & Foster's Inc., helps Manchester resident Karen Kozar pick out new slippers for Kozar's mother, who lives in Florida. Downtown business owners reported mixed results for Christmas sales this week, in the wake of last weekend's Chelsea Hometown Holiday and Light Parade.



The Rotary Club of Chelsea, together with the city and the Chelsea Community Foundation, is currently working on a project to build a new pedestrian bridge near M-52 and Sibley Road, crossing Letts Creek into Veterans Park. Pictured above is the site where a pedestrian bridge used to span the creek. Because of insurance liability, the city removed the bridge in 2003.

CHELSEA

Rotary Club partners with city to rebuild Veterans Park bridge

New bridge will replace original structure removed in 2003

By Steve Ricci
Staff Writer

If all goes as planned, the Chelsea Rotary Club — with the help of the city and the Chelsea Community Foundation — will build a new pedestrian bridge at Veterans Park by next

summer.

In 2003, the city removed a dilapidated, approximately 50-year-old pedestrian bridge spanning Letts Creek and leading into the park, near the corner of M-52 and Sibley Road.

Without the bridge, bikers and walkers are forced to travel close to traffic on Sibley Road and M-52 to reach the park, which jeopardizes park visitors' safety, officials say.

Jim Duncan, president of the Chelsea Rotary Club, said Friday that the effort

to build a new bridge at the site is the sort of large-scale, local project the club is seeking to commemorate the Rotary International's 100th anniversary.

Mayor Ann Feeney suggested the project to the club, Duncan said.

According to the Rotary Club and the city, construction of a new pedestrian bridge would cost between \$20,000 and \$28,000.

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CHELSEA

Master plan revised for area growth

Non-motorized and motorized transit plans scrutinized

By Steve Ricci
Staff Writer

The Chelsea Planning Commission is scrutinizing the latest rendition of the city's master plan, which was originally approved in 2000.

The process involves a piecemeal approach to amending the document, with the most attention given to the city's motorized and non-motorized transportation plans, as well as site-specific planning issues.

Although master plans are usually updated every five to 10 years, the Planning Commission is examining the plan now in response to increasing pressures from development, and also to remedy deficiencies in the 2000 plan.

As required by law, the Planning Commission must submit any changes in the master plan to neighboring municipalities for review, and must hold public hearings to address any amendments.

Through Planning Commission liaisons, the Chelsea City Council is kept abreast of the changes, and has the authority to approve or deny them.

Chris Rode, chairman of the Planning Commission, said Monday that efforts are being made to protect pedestrian-mobility routes throughout the city, especially in the face of large-scale housing developers looking to build in Chelsea.

The Planning Commission is also trying to lay out models for parks and recreational areas.

"That's clearly a priority of the Planning Commission, and for the citizens who've come to our meetings," Rode said. "When the master plan was updated in 2000, the parks and recreation section was left too vague and unfortunately it didn't cover enough depth."

Part of the process would call for construction of more sidewalks throughout the city, Rode said.

Rode stressed, however, that whatever changes are made, the Planning Commission is amending — not updating — the master plan.

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■ **Gerome Kamrowski Exhibition extended at River Gallery:** Due to positive public response, the memorial retrospective for Gerome Kamrowski has been extended through Dec. 23 at River Gallery, 120 S. Main St. in Chelsea.

The exhibit features paintings, mosaics, beaded beasts and sculpture works dated from 1940

to 2003.

For more information, contact River Gallery at 433-0826.

■ **Two choirs to merge for Chelsea Church Christmas concert:** The Chelsea First United Methodist Church Chancel Choir and the Ann Arbor American Chorale of Sacred Music will combine for a Christmas concert at 4 p.m. Dec. 12 at the Chelsea Church, 128 Park St. in

Chelsea.

The main work will be "Gloria" by Antonio Vivaldi. Other Christmas anthems, and a Christmas carol sing-a-long with the church congregation and the choir will also be featured.

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promoted from the White House," he said. "We've seen some improvements since Sept. 11, 2001, but there's still lots of room for improvement remaining."

Pierce said he hopes to change shoppers' attitudes that strip malls offer the best bargains, and redirect those people to shopping in Chelsea.

He said the time saved by not driving to neighboring cities is valuable.

"You can save time," Pierce said. "That can make up for any cost difference."

Overall, Pierce said he

hopes last weekend's Hometown Holiday and Light Parade has a rebound effect, even if it didn't immediately improve foot traffic at local businesses.

"Sales may not be made that day," Pierce said, "but when people see our warm community atmosphere, they will come back here to shop next time."

Michael Jackson, owner of Vogel's & Foster's Inc., said the Hometown Holiday festivities helped perk up last weekend's business after a slow start to the holiday season.

For Jackson, this is a crucial time of year — and business hasn't significantly bounced back since declin-

ing with the Main Street road construction, he said.

"In my business, the profitability of the year is determined by the last month," Jackson said. "Typically, the last couple of weeks leading up to Christmas are the biggest."

Jackson said online shopping has impacted the store's sales more and more every year.

However, the number of people who shop at malls in favor of his store has stayed about the same, he said.

At Bulldog Computer Repair, owner Matt Minard said Tuesday that business has picked up slightly this year, compared to last year's holiday season.

December sales make up about 15 percent of Minard's annual revenue.

Minard said he doubts the Hometown Holiday event caused the change.

Instead, many customers — such as students working on school projects — seek computer repairs this time of year, he said, when vacations provide a bit more time for such errands.

Lynn Faist, co-owner of The Village Shoppe, said overall holiday sales at the store were about the same as last year, which is "OK, but not great," she said.

Faist said she expects Internet shopping will draw more customers away from the store in the future,

although she remains optimistic about this season's sales.

Many of the companies that supply inventory to The Village Shoppe now offer their products for sale online, Faist said, although even those vendors have scaled back.

"The vendors aren't coming out with as many new products, which affects our buying," Faist said. "The economy is finally trickling down to our manufacturers."

Mark Heydlauff, manager of Heydlauff's Appliance and electronics, said the store

doesn't see the big Christmas sales peaks it did in years past. Now, sales remain steady throughout the year, he said.

Heydlauff said Internet shopping has actually helped his business, by helping customers become better educated about the appliances they're looking to buy.

Teri Price, manager of Dayspring Gifts, and Curtis Geough, owner of La Jolla Fine Jewelry, both said the Hometown Holiday helped boost last weekend's foot traffic and sales at their stores.

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Updating the plan would indicate a more sweeping revision of the document, he said.

Chelsea Planning and Zoning Administrator Jim Drolett said Monday that the city currently faces difficult vehicular transportation problems.

Foremost is finding ways to move city traffic southbound to Interstate 94 without using Freer Road, Drolett said.

A preferred location for such a route would start at Dexter-Chelsea Road near the Norfolk Southern Railroad tracks and wind south through approximately 100 acres of property formerly owned by Dwayne Downers, then run east to Fletcher Road, Drolett said.

Various developers already have bought most of that land, but the property doesn't extend all the way to Fletcher Road.

Someone would have to buy the missing link and then obtain an easement to build the road, Drolett said.

The Planning Commission also is considering closing some of the smaller railroad crossings within the city and opening up new crossings.

Drolett said that enhancing pedestrian routes also

would be a priority.

"The Planning Commission would like to make sure there are ways to get around town without jumping into a car," Drolett said.

Rode said the Planning Commission is especially concerned with making sure any new developments tie in well with those already in existence.

As an example, the Planning Commission stipulated that the Heritage Pointe subdivision have numerous "stub roads" incorporated into its layout to provide access points to adjacent streets, as well as any new development that might be constructed to the east.

That property to the east would be located in Lima Township, but Rode said the city stays in communication with such neighboring municipalities to ensure everyone is "on the same page."

Rode said traffic plans are complicated by the fact that two major east-west corridors near Chelsea — I-94 and the Norfolk Southern tracks — are naturally resistant to construction of new crossings.

"That really limits the number of options you can create to go north and south," Rode said.

The so-called Chelsea West Drive — a proposed

western-route bypass encompassing both Chelsea and Sylvan Township — has been discussed for years, but little progress has been made toward its realization.

"Chelsea West Drive is really all our problem, if options are that limited," Rode said.

Constructing other crossings of I-94 or the railroad tracks would cost millions of dollars, Rode said, which makes the prospect unattractive to all involved.

"Clearly, developers won't swallow that expense, and clearly our little city budget doesn't have money for that," he said.

"It's not like we can turn Wilkinson Street into another major north-south road because it would have to cross both I-94 and the railroad,"

Bypass issues aside, Rode said the Planning Commission is working to ensure that subdivisions remain

interconnected by roads — a scenario that poorly-designed communities don't enjoy.

"We want all the growth to be built on grid-like streets that communicate with one another," Rode said.

"We're trying to avoid situations where you would have to drive a mile to get from one subdivision to the next."

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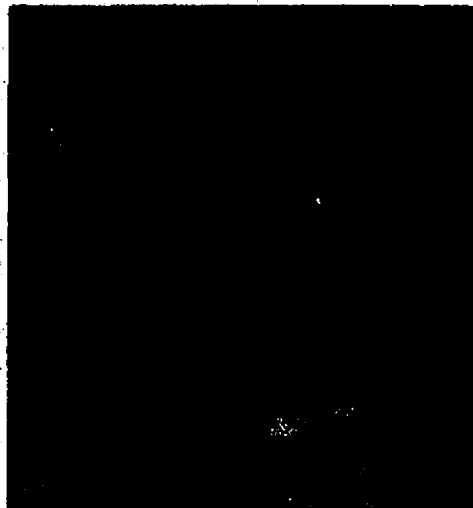
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DEXTER TOWNSHIP

Township wins appeal on gas station issue

Court rules planning officials had right to deny proposed development

By Maria Sprow
Staff Writer

The third time may just be a charm for Dexter Township resident Jennifer Bensinger.

Last Thursday marked the third time Bensinger has won her case for not wanting a gas station to go in at the southwest corner of Dexter-Pinckney and North Territorial roads, next to her home.

She's hoping it will be the last time she'll have to win.

"What we have learned from the court system is that the courts like to support the local government," Bensinger said. "In this case, the township has won all the way up the line."

It's been five years since Bensinger, with a group of residents called Dexter Neighbors, began a legal fight against the proposed development, which they said would harm the area's water supply if allowed.

"We were just ecstatic," Bensinger said of the courtroom victory, adding that the group spent approximately \$85,000 on the legal battle.

"It's everything to a lot of people out here. We've tried as hard as possible to include as many people in the township as possible. We didn't want it to be a victory of a few people," she added.

First, they had to appeal a Planning Commission decision to allow the gas station. The group found themselves an expert and pled its case successfully in front of the Zoning Board of Appeals.

But when the landowner and developer, Nabil Salamey, sued the township, the group continued to raise funds for Washtenaw County Circuit Court costs.

More neighbors stepped up to donate time and money. The group made up a newsletter, which it mailed to members of the community, and spent money researching people who could testify on their behalf.

When the circuit court ruled that the township was right in its decision not to allow the gas station, the case was moved to the Michigan Court of Appeals.

The next step, if Salamey chooses to take it, would be to ask the Michigan Supreme Court to hear the case.

It's unknown still if Salamey will choose to take that route. He was given 21 days to decide.

"We don't know at this point. It's not simply a matter of appealing, we would have to ask the Supreme Court to hear the case," said Salamey's lawyer, Jonathan Gerisch.

Gerisch said his client was disappointed by the decision.

"It has a very serious effect on him, certainly financially," he said, adding that he found some fault in the opinion because it cited non-pollution factors as reasons why the township could have chosen not to allow the gas station.

"That convenience store

would have had an impact on the traffic, it would have had an impact on the adjoining residences," Gerisch said.

Since the land is zoned for commercial uses, the Planning Commission approved the proposed store despite those side effects.

Gerisch added that his client has considered other options, rather than continuing forward with the gas station appeal.

Those options could include selling the land or submitting what would be a fourth application for a development at that intersection — one that would not include a gas station.

Either way, that corner will be developed sometime in the future, Dexter Township Supervisor Pat Kelly said.

"It could be a strip mall," Kelly said. "It's possible the neighbors could hate what does go there a whole lot more than they would have hated a gas station."

But she added that the

neighbors did not protest the gas station because of traffic concerns, but because of its environmental impact.

They were worried that the gas station would contaminate the area's drinking water, as well as the Huron River, since a creek running into the river resides nearby.

"We didn't deny it because we didn't want a gas station on the corner," Kelly said. "We denied it because it wasn't safe to have a gas station on that spot."

Bensinger said she understands the corner most likely will be developed, but said the group is still working on ensuring development is environmentally friendly.

"We are concerned, but Dexter Neighbors is not foolish enough not to realize that things have to change," she said.

Since the corner in question is a natural feature with a wet-dry recharge area for the water supply, Bensinger said she would like to see the

commercial district moved to another location.

In his quest to develop the 12 acres of land he owns on the corner, Salamey submitted four different site-plan applications.

The first one included a gas station, convenience store, fast-food restaurant and car wash. It was denied on the basis that the development was too intense for the rural nature of the area, noise and traffic would increase, and the environment could be negatively affected. In a second application, the same four uses were proposed, but in more limited terms. It was denied again.

In a third application, Salamey sought to build just a gas station and a convenience store, on the premise that the land had a layer of clay in its

soil that would protect the water supply from contamination. That application was approved, but then denied because no clay layer existed.

A fourth application, which had an alternative solution to the clay layer, was approved by the Planning Commission, 4-3. That was when Dexter Neighbors became involved, claiming they hadn't had the opportunity to voice their concerns with the project.

"We knew that somebody was going to sue us," said Planning Commission Chair John Shea. "That's the nature of the business in these very high-tension cases."

He added that he feels the court of appeals decision reaffirms the planning commission's effort to correctly rule on the issue.

"It reaffirms that the town-

ship bodies that are entrusted with making these decisions are doing the right thing," he said. "It means we are doing our job."

But he said he would not be surprised if the plaintiff continued to appeal his case.

"They have come this far, and I would be surprised if they didn't try," Shea said.

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CHELSEA

CCA to hold holiday concerts

The Chelsea Center for the Arts is offering two holiday concerts this weekend.

The first is an encore performance by the CCA's adult community choir, which is led by Jeff Crowder. The concert, which will begin 2 p.m. Saturday at the Chelsea Retirement Community Chapel, is free to the public. A similar concert was held Tuesday at Silver Maples retirement community.

The second is a sing-a-long with the CCA's adult Cello Choir. The choir, which began meeting this fall and is led by instructor Alison Badger, will perform holiday favorites during the free event. The concert begins 7:30 p.m. Sunday at the CCA.

CHELSEA

Bronze Villa, FLA collect care packages

Business gives patrons gift certificates in exchange for donations

It's the season for giving, and the Bronze Villa tanning salons want to help Chelsea and Jackson get in the spirit.

The salons are offering gift certificates as an incentive for people to join them in creating packages of goodies for those in need during the holidays.

In Chelsea, Bronze Villa is partnering with Faith in Action to collect household and personal items.

"We're collecting paper towels, toothpaste and laundry detergent because people aren't allowed to use food stamps for non-food products, and frequently they don't have the money to buy these items," Karen Boucher, manager of Chelsea's Bronze Villa, said in a press release.

To qualify for a gift certificate, bring at least \$10 worth of new, unused items such as razors, toi-

let paper, sanitary products, shampoo, or other non-food necessities to the Chelsea salon before Dec. 23 — the date Boucher will deliver the items to Faith in Action.

"When you make your donation, you'll receive a certificate for two free visits to the salon. We hope everyone will catch the holiday spirit and give the certificate to a friend," Boucher said.

Bronze Villa is located in Chelsea's Village Plaza Mall, across the hall from the Secretary of State's office, at 1117 S. Main St. Store hours are 8 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, and 11 a.m. to 4

p.m. Sunday. Linda Van Wagoner said the Jackson Bronze Villa has joined with the Aware Shelter to sponsor a toy-and-diaper drive this season.

Gift certificates will be available at all four Jackson Bronze Villa locations for those who donate at least \$10 worth of new, unwrapped toys, suitable for infants or children up to 14-years-old, or diapers.

The main Jackson salon, reachable by calling 1-517-788-4504, is located at 615 N. West Ave., with other salons at 1109 Kenwood Ave., 207 17th St., and 2151 Ferguson St. One customer was concerned

that \$10, or even \$20, wouldn't buy enough items to create a decent size care package. She suggested to Boucher that people could shop at the "dollar" stores to get more items for the same amount of money. Household products, personal items, diapers and other baby products, plus all kinds of toys are sold for \$1 each at such stores.

In Jackson, there is a Dollar General Store on Michigan Avenue and a Dollar Plus on Ganson Ave.

Chelsea has two new stores: Chelsea Dollar Store, 12855 Old US-12, 475-5888, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday.

Dollar Arena, 1171 S. Main

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No matter where you shop or how much you spend, you can help Bronze Villa collect a nice assortment of items to share with Chelsea's Faith in Action and Jackson's Aware Shelter, Boucher said.

"Even though gift certificates are only for those who donate at least \$10 worth of merchandise, you can donate a single item and still know you helped contribute to someone's happiness."

And that's really what this is about. We want to make the holiday season special for those in need," Boucher said.

For more information, call Bronze Villa at 475-5799.

BRIDGE

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The Rotary Club is hoping to raise between \$10,000 and \$15,000 for the project through a Jan. 29 fund-raising "Cash Bash" dinner at the St. Louis Center.

The Rotarians will sell about 200 tickets at \$85 each for the dinner. One ticket will include a dinner for two, as well as a chance to win a \$3,000 raffle award.

Through the city, the club also applied for a \$15,000 challenge grant from the Chelsea Community Foundation for construction of the bridge.

So far, Duncan said the club has received two bids for prefabricated bridges. However, Duncan and Chelsea City Manager Mike Steklac said they also would seek bids for construction of the bridge on-site, which could be cheaper.

However it's constructed, the bridge will measure about 45 feet long and 8 feet wide, Steklac said Tuesday. One of the prefabricated bids called for a steel-frame bridge with hardwood decking.

Duncan said the Chelsea Community Foundation typically doesn't provide money for structural projects, but that in this case, it made an exception because of the safety hazards for pedestrians.

If the Chelsea Community Foundation awards the challenge grant, the Rotary Club would receive it by March, Duncan said.

Because it couldn't afford to pay for it out of its own coffers, the city originally applied for Michigan Department of Transportation grants to fund the project, but Steklac said Tuesday that the city would probably have to wait until 2007 to be awarded the money.

If the bridge is built before then, Steklac said, the city could use the state award to pay for other sidewalk and pathway improvements in the park.

Duncan said that if the Rotary Club doesn't win the challenge grant, it could use some reserve funds to pay for the project.

The project is important for many community members, he added.

"The city has gotten a lot of calls from people concerned about safety who used the old bridge to get in to the park," Duncan said.

Steklac said the city would pay for construction of the bridge's abutment — a concrete foundation that would support the bridge — and also would build sidewalks leading up to the bridge.

That work would amount

to about \$3,000, paid out of the city's general fund, Steklac said.

"We'd certainly make sure there was an appropriate approach to the bridge," he said, adding that the lack of a bridge is hazardous for people walking to Timbertown or the park's ball fields.

"People in the community have expressed concerns about the danger of using the shoulder of M-52 to cross Letts Creek," Steklac said. "It certainly puts them in close proximity to traffic, so it's not the best situation in the world."

"Certainly, lots of citizens have missed (the bridge) since it was taken down, so the quicker we can get it up, the better," Steklac said.

The Chelsea City Council has final authority to approve the bridge design. The Chelsea Planning Commission could provide input for the bridge's design, as well, Steklac said.

At a Nov. 23 meeting, Chelsea City Council Trustee Frank Hammer said a "rustic-looking" bridge would fit in well with the park.

Steklac said the bridge's aesthetics would be similar to the park's existing design.

"Most of the bridges the Rotary Club is looking at are pretty attractive," he said.

If the appropriate funding falls into place, Steklac and Duncan said the bridge is targeted for completion by late spring or early summer 2005.

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POLICE BLOTTER

Dexter Village Missing Property

Approximately 150 instant lottery tickets were discovered missing Nov. 28 from the Clark gas station on Main Street. The lottery tickets, which are sold for \$2 each, no longer carry any value and winning tickets can no longer be cashed.

According to a police report, an employee of the gas station had been refilling the tickets at approximately 11:30 a.m. that day when the station became busy with customers. An hour later, the employee noticed that the lottery tickets were gone. The employee believed it was possible that a customer had accidentally picked up the lottery tickets with his or her purchase.

The Michigan Lottery Commission was contacted immediately.

Larceny
Someone broke into the Dexter Lions Club trailer Nov. 27 and stole cash from the organization's annual Christmas tree sale. The thief escaped with \$100 and a Dewalt cordless 18-volt drill valued at \$100. The person also caused \$50 in damage to the trailer's door, as it had been kicked in to gain entry.

According to a police report, a worker noticed that the trailer's door was ajar on the morning of Nov. 28. All the money had been stolen from the organization's cash box, and part of the door frame was on the floor. The man told police the money box was not locked because the organization had never had any problems with theft before.

The Lions Club Christmas tree sale is an annual fund-raising event. All funds raised benefit local charities, many of which help serve the blind. Deputies have no suspects in the crime.

Deputies are investigating the theft of several shotguns and rifles, which were stolen from a home in the 9000 block of Huron River Drive Nov. 27.

According to a police report, \$3814.83 worth of items — most of which were guns — were stolen from the home.

The victims told police they had gone Christmas

shopping for the afternoon. When they returned, they noticed that someone had tried to force open their front door, which was found bent off its hinges, and had kicked in a garage door that served as an entryway to the home.

Many of the stolen items had been contained inside a locked gun safe that was stolen.

According to the report, the safe included a Remington model 522 Viper 22-caliber semi-automatic 10-shot rifle with a 20-inch barrel; a Remington model 742 semi-automatic 30.06 five-shot rifle with a 24-inch barrel and a Bushnell scope; a Remington 870 pump five-shot shotgun, 12 gauge, with a 20-inch barrel; a Thompson Center Arms Renegade 54-caliber black powder rifle; a Remington 110 12-gauge semi-automatic shotgun; a Ruger single six-shot revolver with a six-inch barrel; a Winchester 10-shot rifle; and two Stevens single shot rifles with 20-inch barrels.

Three savings bonds, totaling \$300, a Dexter High School class ring, a jewelry box with costume jewelry, and a medication kit to treat high blood pressure and diabetes were also stolen.

There were no prints found at the scene, and deputies believe the perpetrator is familiar with the home. The family has two dogs, which would have potentially scared away a stranger but would not have deterred a person who knew they were friendly.

Deputies also said it appears the perpetrator broke into the room and went straight for the safe, and did not spend time searching through any other rooms.

Deputies are investigating the incident. They are hoping some tire tracks found outside the home will lead them to a suspect.

Scio Township Destruction of Property

The Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department is searching for two unidentified people who were responsible for \$1,500 in damage done to a Safety Speed Trailer.

The trailer, which displays vehicles' speeds as they are driven by, was parked at Polo Fields Drive at Birdie Lane

on the night of Dec. 2, when it was found pushed over. A window above the speed display had been shattered and several parts had been bent.

Deputies were able to lift fingerprints from the machine. They think two suspects, most likely adults, were involved. The fingerprints were sent to the Michigan State Police laboratory for identification.

Stolen Vehicle
The Golfside Auto Sales dealership on Jackson Avenue reported that a 1991 dark blue four-door Volvo was stolen from its parking lot Nov. 27.

According to a police report, the car had 171,000 miles on it and was worth \$3,500. It was last seen 10 p.m. Nov. 28 and was reported missing 9:30 a.m. the next day.

Deputies believe the per-

son involved broke into the dealership's key box. They have one suspect in the incident, who is a former employee of the dealership and who is accused of having stolen the Volvo on a previous occasion. The case is still under investigation.

Drunken Driving
A 22-year-old woman was arrested for drunken driving after crashing her vehicle at 9:50 a.m. Dec. 2.

According to a police report, the woman had been seen by a sheriff's deputy driving her vehicle 76 miles per hour down Zeeb Road near Miller Road. The deputy attempted to stop the vehicle, but lost sight of it at Huron River Drive.

The woman told police that she had been upset at the time of the crash and that she was on probation for fleeing

and eluding. The woman was able to pass several sobriety tests, but a preliminary

breath test showed that her blood-alcohol content was at 0.097, which is considered

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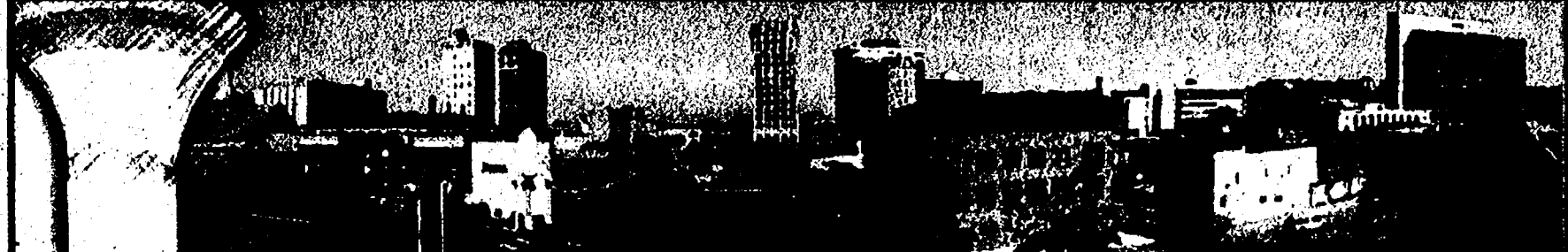
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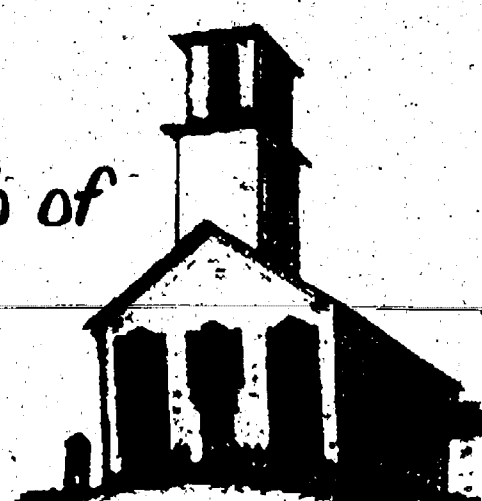
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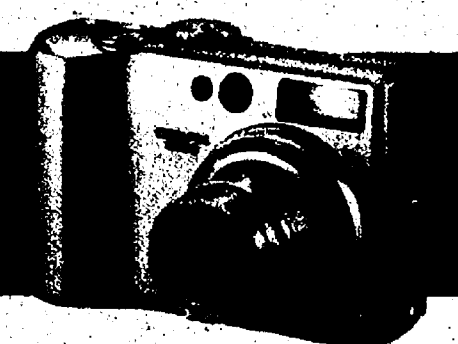
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OTHER VOICES

The future of Chelsea

This open letter seeks to challenge you to dream, to consider, to communicate and to collaborate on the opportunities we share to move our wonderful community forward.

We who are writing this letter have lived in Chelsea most of our adult lives, have enjoyed doing so immensely, found it to be an ideal place to raise our children and now a great community for retirement. We share these dreams and ideas with the thesis that our boundaries are the limits of our imagination.

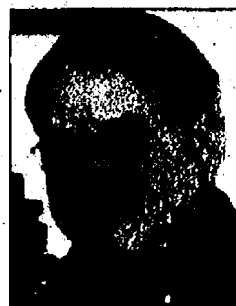
As you take a walk, bicycle, work out on a treadmill or have a few moments and need a change of pace, ask "what if?"

Let's begin with Chelsea Community Hospital, the largest employer in western Washtenaw County. The hospital campus has 120 acres. The largest segment was once a peat bog and has several parcels that cannot support construction.

The hospital has little buildable land, yet it has opportunities to grow and would like to rebuild its medical-surgical beds within the next five years. It has a substantial need for adjacent land and, fortunately, the resources to purchase land if it were available.

Further, Silver Maples of Chelsea Retirement Community, sponsored by the hospital and United Methodist Retirement Communities, has few options to expand to serve our community's needs for independent living apartments and villas for our seniors.

What if the Chelsea School District would elect to sell to the hospital all or part of the property that encompasses the former high school, tennis courts and athletic practice fields? A portion of land and/or appropriate buildings could be retained for possible



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future needs.

However, there is also substantial room for growth on school property south of Pierce Lake Elementary School. Assume that the facilities for Chelsea senior citizens, Washtenaw Community College and the gymnasium would be maintained and/or improved for a new use.

What opportunities would be available to the school district with the proceeds from this property? Let's assume that replacement for the practice fields could be managed, some sale proceeds could replenish the district's rainy-day fund.

The remainder of the proceeds might be utilized to address a community concern — housing that's more affordable, other than manufactured homes... let's say in the \$150,000-200,000 range. Consider the decline in census for Chelsea elementary schools. Simply stated, current data suggests that there are too few young families, including our own offsprings, who are able to afford to purchase or rent housing in the school district.

What if the Chelsea Community Fair Board would make available for purchase to the school district its 50 acres that front Old US-12? Would a thoughtful purchase of these lands permit the fair board to purchase new land in a less congested area, to construct new facilities?

The new land could be developed to include all that is done now, plus, it could become an educational tribute to the farming industry.

Farming, as previous generations knew, is rapidly giving way to housing developments. There could be displays about how farming

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OTHER VOICES

GOP leader tries to box-out Granholm

Who died and made this guy governor?

The Senate GOP leader said he would not run for governor in 2006. But lately he's acting as if he already is and he has commanded the real governor's bully pulpit, to boot.

Amazingly, the front office has done nothing to get it back.

Starting Oct. 15, cagey Sen. Ken Sikkema (R-Grandville) started his machine gun barrage of press releases challenging Gov. Jennifer Granholm on a variety of issues.

She claimed there was a projected \$500 million hole in the state budget; he pooh-poohed that claim, calling it "unrealistic." She took offense at the release and privately called him to gripe about it.

Then when the administration inked a 10 percent raise for beleaguered state workers during three years, Sikkema whacked the governor for not explaining how she would pay for it. It was a cheap shot and one the governor could have easily deflected.

But you heard nary a peep out of her office. She's into the cooperation — not confrontation — mode.

Sikkema obviously is not. Next, when published reports surfaced that indeed there might be a whopping billion dollar state deficit after all, Sikkema conveniently ignored his Oct. 15 release accusing Granholm of scaring folks with an inflated number, and called for an early meeting of state economists to nail down the real figure.

It came off as an act of leadership, which



TIM SKUBICK

the governor had no option but to follow.

Then while she was off in Germany trying to drum up more jobs, Sikkema struck again on the \$200 million deficit in the Detroit school system.

When the local superintendent wanted to borrow more money to keep the wobbly system afloat, Sikkema cried foul.

In stark contrast, the governor meekly suggested she was willing to work with Detroit to find a solution. There was nothing new there.

So on the eve of Thanksgiving, when everyone else was stuffing his or her turkey, Sikkema stuffed the front office for the fifth time in a row.

He, not her, called for a high-level meeting to address the Detroit school mess and invited the governor to attend.

Granholm must have muttered, "Why didn't I think of that?"

Maybe she did, but this administration is often paralyzed regarding Detroit.

For whatever reason there's a reluctance to wade into any Motown mess, which opened the door for Sikkema to walk through again.

So what's really going on? Some time ago, Sikkema was privately told that the governor's gang believed it "had Sikkema all figured out."

For a guy with 20-plus years of Lansing experience to hear that from a bunch with considerably less time in office must have made his day.

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STREET TALK

By Rita Fischer

What is the nicest thing that anyone has ever done for you?



"When I was a kid, our family car went into a ditch somewhere in Maine. There was water in the ditch, and a truck driver stopped and pulled my family from the car."

Alex Martinez
Dexter Township



"I think the nicest thing for me is that my mom got me a PS2. It's what I really wanted."

Zach Johnson
Dexter Township



"I really wanted a CD of punk music. I got it for a gift, and I had really wanted it."

Ryan Farmer
Chelsea



"I am really happy that my foster mom is so nice and found me this really nice school here in Chelsea. The school is a lot of fun."

Heather Hudach
Chelsea

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"WELL, AT LEAST THIS WILL CURE MY DAY-PLANNER OBSESSION."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Township claims are unfounded

The recent article "Townships ask for representation on Road Commission" (Dec. 2, 2004), reflects claims by township officials that the place a person lives — namely, in a township as opposed to a city or village — is critical in determining appointments to two openings on the Washtenaw County Road Commission.

I suppose there's some logic on the surface to claims by township officials that the townships need and deserve more representation on the Road Commission. But, if you think about it for a few extra minutes, claims that living in a township is a prerequisite for these appointments ring hollow.

Don't all residents of Washtenaw County pay the gasoline taxes that fund our roads? Residents of both our townships and cities drive on those roads. Townships themselves are not citizens, voters, or drivers — for this reason they do not have any particular claim for representation on the Road Commission.

This looks like nothing more than a power play by township officials and a typical political fight about patronage, rather than an effort to improve services to township residents.

I hope that our county officials will appoint the most qualified candidates, rather than letting where a candidate lives — or whether township officials support them — become a determining factor in Road Commission appointments.

All residents of the county deserve representation on the county's road commission, and I don't see how where a person lives can legitimately rule out an otherwise qualified individual.

I would certainly be upset if I were deemed undeserving of a county appointment by some city officials because I live in a township

as opposed to a city.

I suspect a lot of the township officials making claims about a special entitlement for their candidates in this case would sing another tune if the tables were turned on them.

Rick McHugh
Dexter Township

Alternative theories are beneficial to learning

Wow, was I ever dismayed after reading the editorial "Creationism is pseudo-science" in the Nov. 24 edition of The Chelsea Standard (also in the Nov. 18 edition of The Dexter Leader).

The article was very inaccurate in its portrayal of creationism and its proponents,

as well as the creation-evolution debate in general.

The article goes so far as to say that, within the scientific community, no debate exists regarding the veracity of evolutionary theory.

This is not so. Debate does exist. Many scientists, both secular and Christian, are abandoning evolution as a model for the origin of life. As modern advances in genetics reveal the incredible volume of information in DNA and the "irreducible complexity" of all life, the bankruptcy of evolution to account for such phenomenon is increasingly exposed.

In fact, there is at least one organization of scientists who have abandoned evolution

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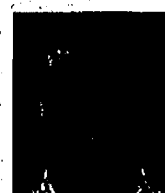
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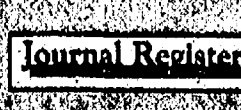
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LETTERS

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tion and have devoted themselves to the theory of intelligent design. The notable thing about these individuals is that they are not even Christian and they are not pursuing a biblical view of intelligent design.

Books are also being published by "reputable" scientists, some who are Christian and some who are not, who are coming to the same conclusion: life could not have evolved from inanimate matter by random chance (where did all the inanimate matter come from anyway?). Darwin's "Black Box" by Michael Behe, and "Evolution: A Theory in Crisis" by Michael Denton are two prominent examples, and neither of these men are biblical creationists.

Another great book is "In Six Days: Why Fifty Scientists Choose to Believe in Creation," edited by John Ashton. The 50 chapters are actually written by 50 different scientists from fields such as astronomy, biochemistry and genetics to hydrometallurgy, meteorology and information science (there are lots more). These are real and "reputable" scientists, nearly all of whom hold doctorates from such prestigious universities as the University of California at Los Angeles, University of Michigan, Rutgers, Tulane, California Institute of Technology and Harvard. There are lots more, some from England, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and Germany.

In fact, it is precisely because of the amazing research and advancements being made by these legitimate and "reputable" scientists that some evolutionists

are feeling threatened and are turning up the rhetoric against creationism.

Their monopoly on origins in the public school system is being challenged and they don't like it. Just look at the language in last week's article: "frightening," "chilling," "power play," "based on emotion," "extremely narrow," "misguided and dangerous," "foisted the ignorance and prejudices," "absolutely laughable," "fraudulent," "disingenuous," "totalitarian dogma."

Talk about demonizing. This is pretty strong language aimed at people most of whom just want equal time and balanced treatment of their view. The creationists that I have read and listened to do not even believe they can prove creation. They believe it is outside the realm of science because the initial act of creation was "unobserved and cannot be repeated."

True science is observable and testable or repeatable. Until then, it is just theory and/or hypothesis. Creationists believe that creationism or intelligent design as a theory addresses the question of origins far more adequately than evolutionary theory, and hence, it should be introduced into the classrooms (along with evolution) as an alternative theory.

There is much more that needs addressing in the article "Creationism is pseudoscience," but time and space do not permit now. Maybe later.

John Dambacher
Chelsea

Gay marriage ban hurts marriage for all of us

On Nov. 2, a majority of the

voters in our state chose to add an amendment to our Michigan Constitution banning all but man-woman unions to be legal marriages.

What was this majority thinking? I was curious and have been asking around. The three main reasons stated by those of you I've asked are:

• "I didn't think about it much at all."

• "If people can marry their same sex then what will stop them from marrying their dog or their cat (some animal or object)."

• "I heard it would diminish the man-woman union of marriage."

First, to those of you that voted "yes" without much thought, you have hurt people you know and love. Your gay postal carrier, your children's gay teachers, your own gay son or yet-to-come-out daughter are people in your life who are hurt by this exclusion.

For future reference, any time something is "OK" for heterosexuals and not "OK" for homosexuals, there is the pain of prejudice and discrimination. You may not have intended this but this is the result.

Second, marriage between other consenting, loving adults was the question asked of us by this proposal. I wouldn't usually respond to this line of thinking, but I heard it a few times. If we are seriously concerning ourselves with reciprocated love, we are talking about humans — man and woman, woman and woman, or man and man.

So, let me ask, did you choose to be a heterosexual or was it a gift from God? Who would choose to horrify their parents with the news? Who would ruin their career

options, want to have a secret life and stay in a "closet" by choosing homosexuality? Who would ask for religious condemnation or risk being beaten just for holding the hands of a loved one in public?

Heterosexual or homosexual, it is no more a choice than your height, race or IQ. God made two natural orientations to our sexuality and only bazaar misinterpretations of the Biblical Lot and Leviticus are ever used to counter this. Christians who are familiar with the teachings of Christ know that he never mentioned any concerns about homosexuality.

Third, if you are honestly worried about diminishing the meaning of marriage, stop me from ever marrying. I have been married twice. I'm a divorced person. We're the ones saying marriage isn't for life. Marriage isn't a lifelong, state-honored union to us. I'm a heterosexual who can legally get married 10 times if I want. What does that say about our state's reverence for the holy bond.

As a society, don't we want to encourage commitment to a loving bond? Don't we all know a loving gay couple? I do, and as a citizen of Michigan, this is my apology. To all the gay people in my life now and in the future, please forgive us for this setback in honoring your relationship inspired by our greatest of gifts from God: love.

Paula Herzog
Chelsea

FUTURE

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methods have changed over the years and of antique tractors and equipment used by many of our ancestors. All of this would preserve the heritage of the past and have a positive influence on those interested in continuing to farm.

Let's assume the Fair Board concurs, how might the school district productively use this property?

A portion could be set aside for yet-to-be-defined school needs; the balance might be used to develop affordable housing with the school district as the developer, either alone or in collaboration with the city of Chelsea. Wouldn't it be nice if teachers, nurses and tradesmen with young families could afford a home in Chelsea?

But how might such an ambitious project be financed? There are several good answers and options.

Very attractive interest rates are available for non-profits and others under certain conditions from Farmers Home Administration, Michigan State Housing Finance Authority and through the sale of variable rate bonds.

The hospital, Silver Maples of Chelsea, The Pines and Village Apartments all utilized low interest funds ranging from 1 to 5 percent.

Let's not forget the downtown, specifically the property on Main Street, north of

the railroad tracks to Sibley Road.

What if the city could encourage an investor to purchase all property that could become available, as well as that which the city now owns on Buchanan Street?

Then, develop a master plan to coordinate with the effort and commitment of McKinley Properties on the Clock Tower property. These plans should be coordinated with Chelsea Milling Co. Could new city offices, police department, youth center, post office and other community needs be addressed?

Please consider that there is very little land available in the city; large developers are buying land around the city as quickly as they can obtain it and even Ann Arbor's greenbelt legislation is pushing development our way. We are asking if there is a better and more productive use of the property we have. The window of opportunity is closing.

Chelsea is a wonderful community. Whatever you may think of the ideas and suggestions put forth in this letter, we believe there are opportunities for continuous improvement.

Our summation borrows from George Bernard Shaw: "Some men look at the world as it is and ask why." We prefer to dream of things that never were and ask, why not?

— Ed Greenleaf and Will Johnson also contributed to this open letter to the Chelsea community.

GOP

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Consequently, when Granholm sticks her chin out, he's not opposed to hitting it just to prove they "haven't figured him out."

In addition, inside Sikke-ma's own caucus, there is some muted grumbling about

him making too many deals without consulting his colleagues first.

Taking on the governor helps him with that crowd, along with boosting his image back home where he might run for Congress someday.

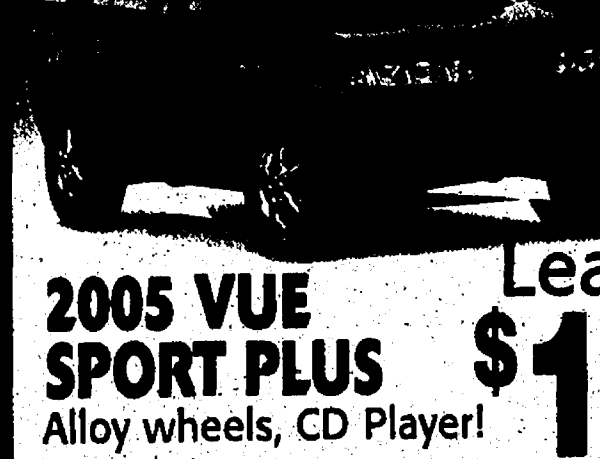
As for the governor, she should be charging him a hefty rental fee for using her bully pulpit.

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PLAY REVIEW

Croswell's 'Seussical' is simply enchanting

When "Seussical, the Musical" opened on Broadway in November 2000, critics snubbed it and the show closed six months later.

This just goes to show you what snobbish New York theater critics know. Clearly, they have hearts three sizes too small or suffered through miserable childhoods.

That's because the "Seussical" now playing at the Croswell Opera House in Adrian is delightful, charming, endearing and ebullient.

With bright, imaginative costumes by Susan Eversden, clever and true-to-Seuss sets by veteran stage-crafter Don Wilson and a talented engaging cast, "Seussical the Musical" is simply enchanting.

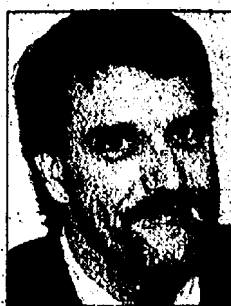
Morphing together several of Dr. Seuss' classic tales, Lynn Aherns and Stephen Flaherty have created a book and score that, while perhaps not offering the most involved plot, celebrate imagination, loyalty, trust and fortitude.

The plot draws primarily from Dr. Seuss' "Horton Hears a Who" and "Horton Hatches an Egg," alternating between Horton's Jungle of Nool and the teeny-tiny world of Who, on which young Who JoJo has gotten into some trouble for an over-active imagination.

When big-hearted Horton the Elephant (played with heart-winning sincerity by Michael Lane) hears a Who cry out for help, he becomes the "biggest blame fool" in the Jungle of Nool when he refuses to abandon his belief that an entire world of Whos exists on a mere speck of dust.

Enough cannot be said of Lane's performance. Dressed in gray sneakers, a gray sweatshirt and a hat with earflaps, Lane exudes pachydermness and is simply outstanding. His voice is smooth and gentle and he captures Horton's sweetness, innocence and resolve with the most beguiling expressions.

On the other side of the innocent scale is Damon Sloan, who puts in an equally stunning performance as the mischief-loving and manipulative Cat in the Hat, who serves as the story's self-appointed narrator. Sloan, who last appeared in "Rumors" at the Croswell, may very well have been born to



BRIAN COX

play the red-and-white, top-hatted Cat. Reminiscent somehow of the actor Tim Curry, Sloan is charismatic, effusive and bubbling with unpredictability. He is all that as the Cat.

While Sloan and Lane deliver near-perfect performances, the show is bolstered even more by strong performances from Joanne Eversden as sweet Gertrude McFuzz, who is angling for Horton's attention, Jonathan Ross Crayne as JoJo, Cindy Eberhardt as Mayzie LaBird, and Terry Suchman as Sour Kangaroo.

There is not a sour voice in the bunch.

As three monkeys, the Wickersham Brothers, played by Jack Burgoon, Garry Palmer, and Jason Yuen, lead a strong ensemble cast that embraces the show's exuberance.

Although Aherns and Flaherty don't really deliver any memorable numbers that continue to play in your head after leaving the theater, the music is fun and provides a range of styles, from the ballad "Alone in the Universe" to the salsa-style "Amazing Mayzie" to the jazzy "How Lucky You Are."

The score is not helped by the show's only weakness, which is that the orchestra tended to overpower the chorus numbers so that it was difficult to hear the lyrics.

Kids familiar with Dr. Seuss's books (and who isn't?) will love this show, expansively directed by Erin Yuen, for its color, its parade of characters and its energy.

Adults, too, quickly enough will find that kid inside who remembers the magical rhythms of Dr. Seuss and his worlds of crazy names and oddly slanting trees.

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LIMA TOWNSHIP

Joint work session sheduled on zoning changes

Resident pleads for public turnout, input at joint planning meeting

By Maria Sprow
Staff Writer

After years of research and months of delays, the Lima Township Board is scheduled to hold its first public work session on proposed zoning ordinance changes.

The meeting, which will be conducted jointly with the Planning Commission, is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Dec. 14.

The Planning Commission approved changes to the zoning ordinance in August following a heated public hearing.

The amendments included decreasing the minimum lot size for agricultural land from 10 acres down to five.

Planning officials said they felt the change would protect the township from developed lawsuits and would allow farmers greater freedom to split up their land.

Many area farmers said they would like to give a portion of their land to family members for personal reasons or to developers for financial reasons, but they did not want to lose a full 10 acres.

Lima Township Supervisor Ken Unterbrink said he believes that change would have a minimal impact on the township, since each home will still be required to have 330 feet of roadside property.

However, opponents of the proposed changes said the change would increase density of the township and take away from the area's rural character, which it wishes to preserve, especially south of Interstate 94.

The Lima Township Board first received the recommendations in October, but the issue was tabled several times for elections, despite the fact that none of board members had a challenger competing for their seats.

Since the August public hearing, in which dozens of township residents came to voice both their dissent and approval of the proposed changes, discussion of the zoning ordinance has quieted down considerably.

The lack of public input is frustrating for resident Bob Spink, who regularly attends board meetings and believes many township residents still have strong opinions about the zoning ordinance.

He is worried those opinions will not be heard by the Township Board members before they have made their decision regarding whether to approve the zoning ordinance or pass it back to the Planning Commission for further study.

"I'm guessing that, seeing as how they have been directing the Planning Commission, the zoning ordinance is pretty close to what they want," Spink said.

During the election campaign, many of the Township Board members said their focus during the next few months would be on updating the zoning ordinance.

During the Aug. 10 public hearing, Trustee Don Laier expressed his approval of

changes; Trustee Greg McKenzie is a member of the Planning Commission, which voted unanimously to pass on the changes to the board.

Others on the board have previously publicly stated that they could not comment on the zoning ordinance because they had not yet had the time to go over it thoroughly.

Regardless of the board's current position on the zoning changes, Spink said he would like to see more residents join him at the work session.

"I think there is a huge lack of awareness," Spink said. "Township Planning Commission meetings and Township Board meetings are not on everyone's calendars."

"I'm worried that we are

getting down to the short strokes on this thing," he said. "I'm worried that when they have their next (regular) meeting, their minds will have been made up, and practically the whole township can stand up there, and it won't make a difference."

Unterbrink said that while the board still has concerns about parts of the zoning ordinance changes, it is in agreement that the new minimal lot size on agricultural land should decrease to five acres.

He added that he believes a majority of the township's residents favor the change.

"I have not heard a big uprising from the public saying they have a problem (with it)," he said. "Most of the calls I get are (from farmers

asking), 'When are you passing the zoning ordinance? We want to look at five-acre parcels.'"

Unterbrink said the board's concerns lie with other issues, such as the number of animals that would be allowed on agricultural land.

But he added that, if residents are truly concerned, a referendum is always an option.

"They always have a say in the issues. They can always come to the board meetings and say their statement in public comment," Unterbrink said. "When the board adopts a zoning ordinance, the public always has the right to referendum."

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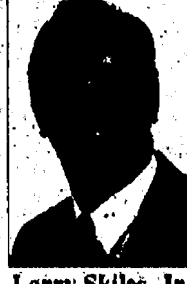
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DEXTER VILLAGE

Dexter youth gets ready for hometown performance

Katie Vontom acts, sings in "Babes in Toyland" production

By Maria Sprow
Staff Writer

"To meet him in." They're just four words. A single line in a script. But for singer Katie Vontom, they are The Four Words.

Her four words. Her line in the Comic Opera Guild's "Babes in Toyland."

The Dexter resident will be the youngest cast member in the musical when the group performs Dec. 18 at the Dexter Center for the Performing Arts.

The guild's play is a family-oriented adaptation of the original 1903 manuscript. It's a favorite of the guild, which has performed the play several times in the past, including 1983, 1987 and 1991.

The group has never performed the play in Dexter,



Katie Vontom

said Thomas Petiet, the guild's managing director.

"This is the first time we are performing in the Dexter Performing Arts Center," he said, adding that he would like to bring many more guild performances into Dexter if given the opportunity. "It's a great theater."

In the guild's version of the Victor Herbert musical, the plot line follows a dream sequence during which a mother is telling her daugh-

ter some Mother Goose nursery rhymes. Her daughter falls asleep, dreaming of Mother Goose Land, where Little Bo. Beep and Mary Quite Contrary and The Old Woman Who Lives In A Shoe all live.

The play follows Mary Quite Contrary, who leaves Mother Goose Land and enters Toy Land. There, with Tom the Piper's Son, the two battle an evil landlord named Barnaby, who finds a way to make almost all the toys in Toy Land turn evil.

The play is well known not just for its characters, but also for its music. Scores include "The March of the Wooden Soldiers" and "Toyland."

The group already has performed the play in Ann Arbor, giving Katie her first taste of what it's like to be in the limelight.

"It's very, very exciting," she said, shyly. "I like it when we make people laugh, and when people have a good time."

Katie's roles in the nursery rhyme-based play include an elf, a sheep, a butterfly and Humpty Dumpty.

Katie said she hopes to someday join in the ranks of her cast mates, some of who are professional singers.

"I really want to become a singer so I decided to try out for this to see if I could actually do it in front of an audience," she said.

Katie admitted that she had never heard of "Babes in Toyland" before she auditioned for the show, but she said she likes the musical now.

The decision to audition had been sort of last minute for her.

Her mother found out about the play the morning of auditions, and she only had a couple hours to decide whether she wanted to go through with them.

She thought about it, and the rest is history.

"A friend that I worked with had e-mailed me about it and I thought, 'Well, we

might as well see if she'll have enough nerve to do it,'" said Katie's mom, Karen Vontom.

Her daughter's nervousness at the auditions was noteworthy, but she still survived, Karen Vontom added. "She had tears in her eyes during the audition, but she nailed it."

Katie said she wasn't the only one nervous at the auditions.

"(The nervousness) definitely showed in all of us," she said.

Whether she's still nervous

or not when she's on-stage, the audience will probably never know. Katie has learned a few tricks of the trade.

Among them: "I don't pay attention to the crowd," she said. "It's just something I choose not to do."

"Babes in Toyland" will be performed at 2 and 8 p.m. Dec. 18 at the Dexter Center for the Performing Arts. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$12 for seniors, and \$9 for students and children. They can be purchased at the door or at area businesses.

DEXTER VILLAGE

Holiday concert set

Three Men and a Tenor to sing at Dexter Performing Arts Center

By Maria Sprow
Staff Writer

Dexter Village resident Chuck Colby plans to entertain local residents Friday with a performance at the Dexter High School Center for the Performing Arts as part of Three Men and a Tenor. The group will take the stage at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are on sale at Dexter Bakery.

And it's not expected to be an ordinary singing performance. The band is proud of its comedic song-based skits, which include a "Fee Fee Fi Fi Fo Fo Fum" introduction tied in to Charlie Brown.

The three men include Colby, Paul Felch of Almont and Mark Styles of Lansing. Lansing resident Glenn Williams is the tenor.

The four met during college 13 years ago when they were all members of the Michigan State University men's glee club. They've been singing together ever since, and traveling as a group for the last decade.

Colby describes the group's performances as having everything from Motown to Elvis, country to Led Zeppelin. The group makes up much of its own music, including several Christmas songs and its Charlie Brown-themed opener.

"The whole idea of our show is that we want everybody to have a good time, to get into it and cut loose," Colby said. "It's not opera, it's not barber shop, it's just fun. We are basically a band without instruments."

Although their lives have moved them each to different locations across the state, members of the band have done what it takes to continue doing what they love.

Since they can't practice together regularly, they schedule practices while traveling. They also set up retreats to make new music, and they often bring family members along when they perform out of state.

After performing in Iowa last Thursday, they left for Minneapolis before returning to Michigan, where they sang in Dearborn, Big Rapids, Coldwater and Lansing.

It's quicker for Colby to list the states the group hasn't played in than the states it has. "We haven't played in Maine or New Hampshire, and we haven't played in Washington state," he said.

One of the group's most memorable tours was in Germany, where they traveled to nine military bases in eight days, singing 23 performances.

This is the group's second performance this year in Dexter. They sang previously for students at Cornerstone, Bates, Creekside and Wylie schools.

As part of tomorrow's performance at the high school, the Three Men and a Tenor will host a workshop for the

school's choir students.

Colby is hoping the workshop will show the students that they can follow through with their musical dreams.

"We are always encouraging students to stay in music, but if music isn't their thing, then just to follow their dreams," he said, estimating that the group has performed in more than 1,500 schools. "We are four guys who get to sing for a living."

"It's a great life."

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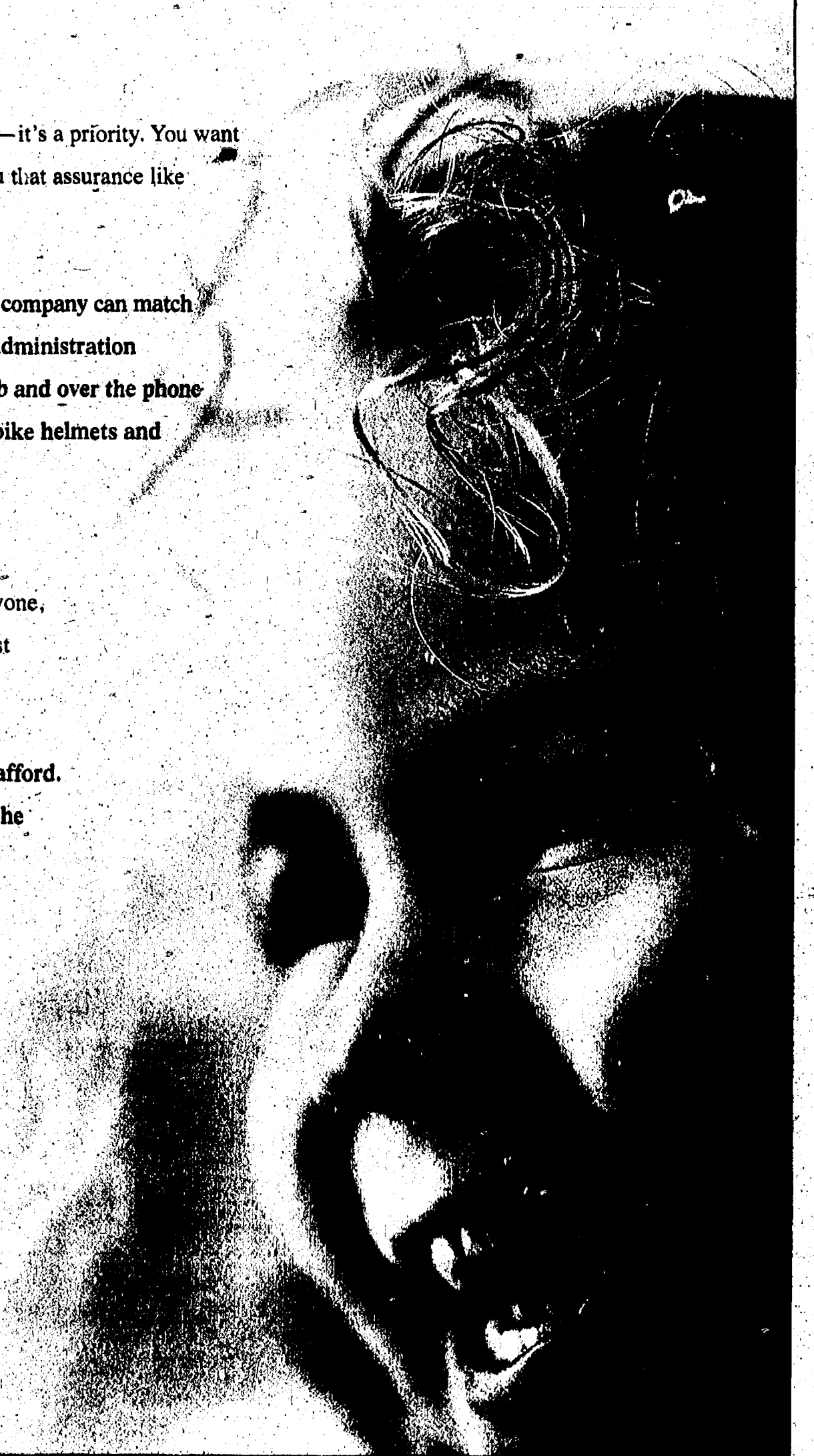


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Aloha!

Chelsea Brownie Girl Scout Troop 1182 held a Hawaiian-themed party. Pictured are Rachel Yordanich, Josie Elordi, Veronica Wolf-Boyle, Sara Reiber, Sabrina Gillman, Erin Koch, Grace Ann Menter, Anneliese Glaubitz, Clare Dettling, Lindsay Smith, Lauren Bass, Abby Morse and Megan Heydlauff. Not pictured are Alison Staelgraeve, Chelsey Swindoll, Jourdan McCue and Melissa Robards.

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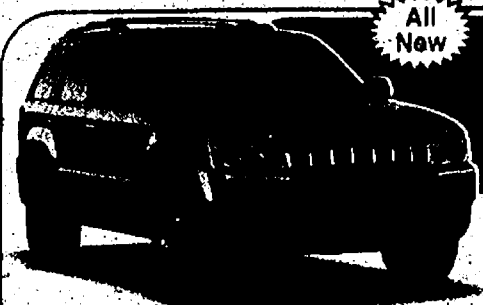
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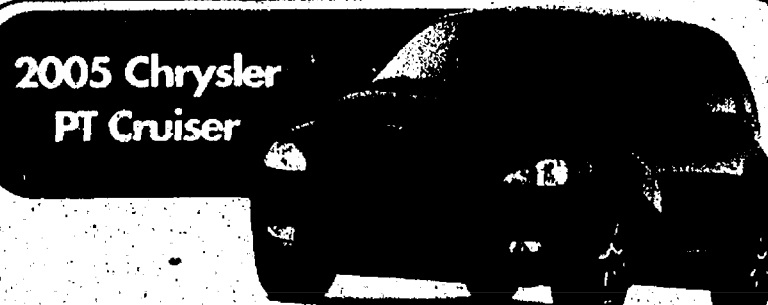
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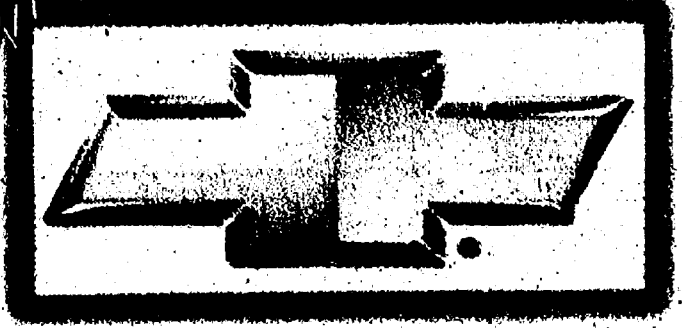
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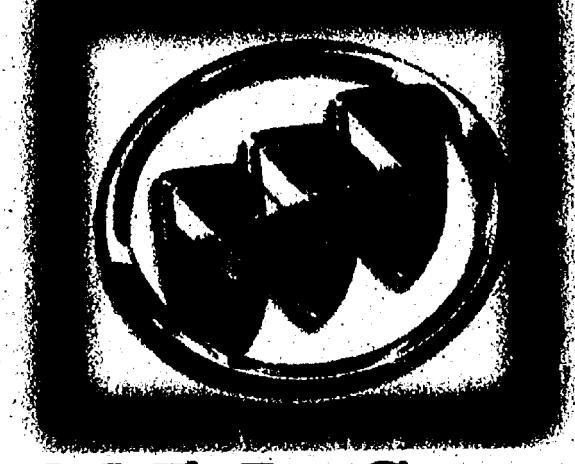
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THURSDAY	THU. NIGHT	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
HIGH: 46°-50° Sun followed by some clouds.	LOW: 34°-38° Mostly cloudy.	HIGH: 40°-44° Rain and snow possible. LOW: 26°-30°	HIGH: 40°-44° A.M. flurries, then clouds and sun. LOW: 24°-28°	HIGH: 34°-38° Cloudy with flurries. LOW: 20°-24°	HIGH: 30°-34° Partly sunny. LOW: 20°-24°

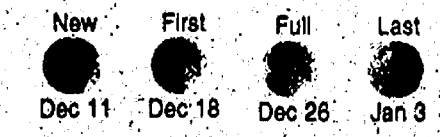


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Statistics for the week ending Dec. 6.
Temperatures:
High for the week 48°
Low for the week 21°
Normal high 50°
Normal low 28°
Average temperature 33.8°
Normal average temperature 32.6°
Precipitation:
Total for the week 0.35"
Total for the month 0.35"
Total for the year 25.17"
Normal for the month 0.60"
% of normal this month 58%
% of normal this year 76%

SUN AND MOON

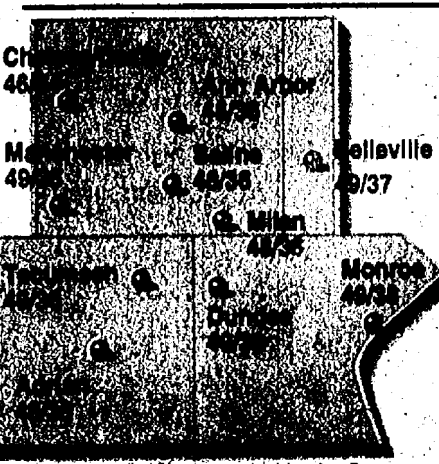
Sunrise Thursday 7:52 a.m.
Sunset Thu. night 5:03 p.m.
Moonrise Thursday 4:56 a.m.
Moonset Thursday 3:06 p.m.



NATIONAL CITIES

City	Thur.	Fri.	City	Thur.	Fri.	City	Thur.	Fri.	City	Thur.	Fri.	City	Thur.	Fri.
Albany	44/33	46/32	Burlington, IA	48/38	45/33	Denver	57/30	56/32	Knockville	58/35	58/37	Orlando	64/48	61/47
Albuquerque	51/33	55/32	Burlington, VT	39/32	43/32	Des Moines	50/30	41/22	Las Vegas	60/42	64/44	Oklahoma City	60/37	59/29
Anchorage	22/12	22/16	Casper	46/30	50/30	Duluth	35/23	28/12	Lexington, KY	57/42	51/35	Omaha	52/28	48/22
Atlanta	60/52	60/42	Cedar Rapids	48/28	50/30	El Paso	62/36	64/34	Lincoln	57/42	51/35	Palm Springs	73/48	77/54
Atlanta	60/52	60/42	Charleston, SC	55/42	60/37	Fargo	35/20	28/18	Little Rock	60/40	57/37	Peoria	52/33	42/23
Baltimore	54/40	52/40	Charlotte, WV	55/42	60/37	Flagstaff	50/25	42/30	Louisville	59/43	53/34	Philadelphia	54/42	52/42
Baton Rouge	73/54	73/45	Charlotte	60/48	58/40	Fort Wayne	50/38	42/28	Madison	49/32	39/22	Phoenix	67/48	73/52
Billings	47/34	48/35	Cheyanne	47/30	54/32	Gary	51/38	42/28	Miami	82/72	82/68	Pittsburgh	50/38	48/30
Birmingham	58/53	62/40	Chicago	48/36	42/30	Green Bay	42/32	38/22	Memphis	68/48	59/37	Portland, ME	44/30	44/33
Bismarck	39/19	39/20	Cincinnati	55/39	48/34	Helena	38/32	48/34	Minneapolis	40/25	32/23	Portland, OR	52/48	54/48
Bloomington	57/40	48/28	Cleveland	51/39	47/36	Honolulu	81/70	80/68	Mobile	75/60	73/48	Providence	49/37	50/39
Boise	50/39	54/35	Columbia, MO	54/40	44/28	Houston	70/49	66/43	Nashville	58/42	52/36	Raleigh	60/48	58/41
Boston	48/38	44/40	Columbus, OH	54/40	46/32	Indianapolis	55/39	43/31	New Orleans	70/48	70/47	Rapid City	50/42	52/28
Brownsville	75/58	79/57	Dallas	68/42	62/38	Juneau	33/32	38/36	New York	50/44	50/40	Reno	58/28	58/26
			Davenport	49/30	39/21	Kansas City	58/33	48/26				Richmond	58/44	59/42

LOCAL WEATHER



MICHIGAN CITIES

City	Thur.	Fri.
Ann Arbor	48/36	42/28
Battle Creek	49/35	42/29
Bay City	49/33	40/27
Goldwater	47/37	43/31
Dearborn	48/38	42/28
Detroit	49/37	44/30
Holland	51/38	44/30
Jackson	48/36	42/28
Kalamazoo	48/35	43/31
Lansing	49/37	44/31
Livonia	48/34	42/28
Midland	49/38	46/32
Monroe	48/37	41/30
Muskegon	48/37	41/30
Pontiac	45/35	40/22
Port Huron	51/30	43/33
Saginaw	48/36	40/27
Sault Ste. Marie	42/21	34/21
Sturgis	48/37	42/28
Toledo	48/36	40/25
Tawas City	46/34	38/29
Ypsilanti	48/36	45/33

TRAVEL

Lanswee, Monroe and Washtenaw Counties will increase on Thursday as a low pressure system approaches the area. Rain and snow are possible Friday as the system moves through.

REAL FEEL TEMPO

The patented RealFeel Temperature is AccuWeather's exclusive index of the effects of temperature, wind, humidity, sunshine, precipitation and elevation on the human body. Shown is the highest real feel temperature for each day.
Highest Thursday 40°
Highest Friday 32°
Highest Saturday 29°
Highest Sunday 22°

SOLUNAR TABLE

Four-day forecast indicates peak feeding times for fish and game.
Major Minor Major Minor
Thurs 8:48 a.m. 2:40 p.m. 10:08 a.m. 2:57 p.m.
Fri: 9:34 a.m. 3:18 a.m. 10:08 p.m. 3:49 p.m.
Sat: 10:32 a.m. 4:18 a.m. 11:18 p.m. 4:47 p.m.
Sun: 11:36 a.m. 5:18 a.m. 12:28 p.m. 5:50 p.m.

UV INDEX

Highest Thursday 11.
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.

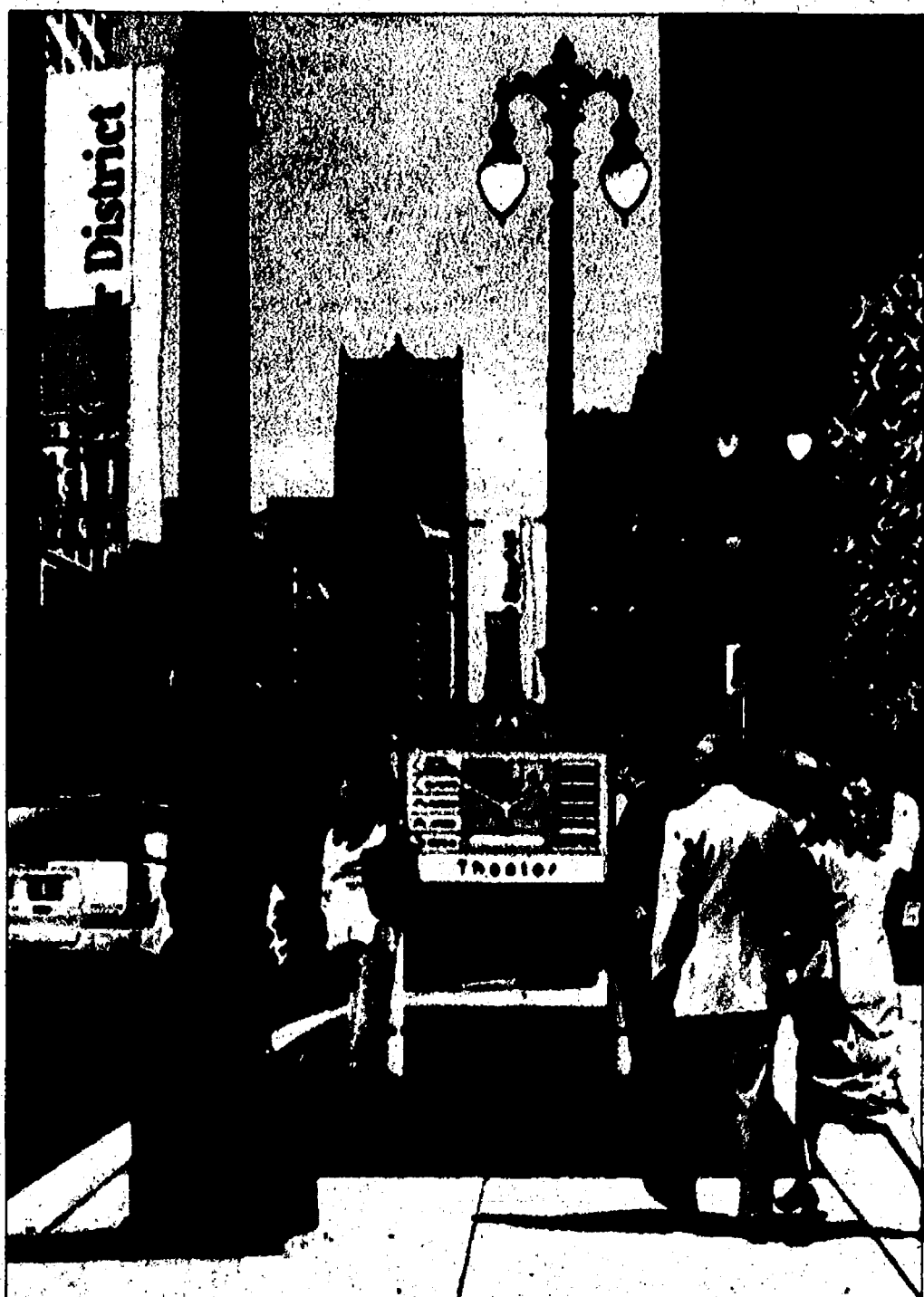
WORLD CITIES

City	Thur.	Fri.	City	Thur.	Fri.	City	Thur.	Fri.
Aspen	60/73	58/44	Kobe	57/28	54/27	Sao Paulo	68/48	68/48
Astoria	60/43	58/44	Lima	77/50	76/50	Seoul	50/35	50/31
Austin	59/48	59/50	London	50/43	50/43	Singapore	87/78	87/78
Athens	59/45	54/41	Manila	87/73	87/73	Stockholm	41/39	49/38
Auckland	64/48	60/45	Medan	84/72	84/72	Sydney	78/61	78/61
Bangkok	84/68	87/73	Montreal	33/22	33/19	Taipei	65/44	65/44
Barbados	87/72	89/72	Monrovia	31/19	28/19	Tokyo	62/52	62/52
Beijing	49/26	45/32	Nairobi	79/52	79/52	Vancouver	48/39	49/40
Berlin	67/52	69/53	New Delhi	86/52	86/52	Warsaw	38/32	45/39
Belgrade	43/29	41/32	Panama	88/75	88/75			
Bogota	44/38	47/42	Paris	48/42	48/39			
Buenos Aires	72/51	69/47	Rio de Janeiro	84/59	82/40			
Calcutta	72/51	69/47	Rome	67/43	67/43			
Calgary	22/11	31/14	San Juan	84/72	84/72			
Cape Town	68/64	71/64	Santiago	68/44	71/47			
Copenhagen	48/44	54/44	Seoul	50/35	50/31			
Dublin	54/48	52/45	Singapore	87/78	87/78			
Frankfurt	48/38	49/40	Stockholm	41/39	49/38			
Geneva	48/42	47/39	Sydney	78/61	78/61			
Hong Kong	67/61	73/58	Tehran	45/34	50/36			
Istanbul	52/37	48/34	Tokyo	62/52	62/52			
Jakarta	68/78	68/78	Tucson	63/43	70/45			
Jerusalem	57/43	58/53	Washington, DC	58/40	54/42			
Johannesburg	70/48	70/48	Wichita	56/35	52/30			
Karachi	93/64	102/76						

COMMUNITY

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Partnered with Parsons Brinckerhoff Associates, Silveri Architects developed a series of downtown district themes for the Detroit Department of Transportation to facilitate a way-finding system for visitors to the city. District themes based on particular color schemes and graphic symbols were incorporated into an overall way-finding system comprised of banners, signage, maps and kiosks.

Photos courtesy of Ken Gutmaker

Gaining Ground

Renowned cottage
expands horizons
for Silveri Architects

By Steve Ricci
Staff Writer

While Chelsea already enjoys a strong reputation for its thriving — and growing — artistic and creative community, its own residents may not realize the extent of the talent that lives right next door.

Take Chelsea architects Marco and Cynthia Silveri, for example. The couple moved to their their Waterloo Road home in Chelsea only two years ago, where they live quietly amidst picturesque woodlands. Their work has already been prominently featured in a new book about vacation homes, released internationally last month.

Shoppers can find the book — titled "The Getaway Home: Discovering Your Home Away from Home," by Dale Mulfinger, published by The Taunton Press Inc. — locally at Cranesbill Books in Chelsea, or through larger outlets like Barnes & Noble and Amazon.com. "The Getaway Home" features 24 recently built recreational abodes from across the continental United States.

Marco Silveri and his wife, Cynthia, are co-owners and co-principals of Ferndale-based Silveri Architects, a building and landscape architectural design firm the couple founded in 1994, when they decided to leave the corporate world of large-firm architecture.

The husband-and-wife team is especially pleased about their inclusion in the book, Marco said last Thursday at their Chelsea home built on two acres —



Marco and Cynthia Silveri at their Waterloo Road home in Chelsea.

which itself is an architectural gem, with no basement and a flat roof. Local architect Bill Weber designed it on speculation.

"Usually, books like that feature homes on the East or West coasts. Midwestern homes are more likely to get into architectural magazines," Marco said. "So, we're proud our cottage was in the book."

The Silveris designed the cottage Marco referred to for Detroiters Kevin and Marilyn Boland at Spider Lake, located about 10 miles southeast of Traverse City.

At the owners' request, the Silveris designed the 2 1/2-story, 1,800-square-foot Boland cottage, set atop a hill that descends to the lake, with a sliver of a footprint — as well as a tall, thin shape and a steeply

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BUILDING ON SUCCESS



The Boland cottage is a year-round vacation home located on a one-acre wooded lakefront parcel on Spider Lake near Traverse City. The two-bedroom cottage has extensive outdoor porches and a second-floor sleeping porch with lake views. Materials include cedar siding and shingles, heartwood pine flooring and Rumford fireplaces of local fieldstone.

Ferndale-based Silveri Architects, co-owned by Chelsea's own husband-and-wife team of Marco and Cynthia Silveri, has built a portfolio of metropolitan Detroit architectural projects that extends far beyond the success of the Boland cottage. The following is a sampling of those projects:

Peterson Playfield Detroit, Michigan

The City of Detroit Recreation Department's largest park project for 2004, Peterson Playfield is a 17-acre park currently undergoing a complete renovation. Designed by Silveri Architects and engineered by Spalding DeDecker Associates, the new work includes ball fields, related equipment and bleachers, a comfort station, a picnic shelter and park furnishings. Construction began in April 2004.

Detroit International Bloomfest Detroit, Michigan

Michigan's largest flower show, the Detroit International Bloomfest showcased the garden designs of private contractors, public agencies and non-profit organizations. The garden surrounding the one-third scale models of the Anna Scripps Whitcomb Conservatory on Belle Isle Park was the focal point of the show. Designed by Cynthia Silveri and installed by Detroit Recreation Department forestry crews, the gardens included a contemporary floral front entry, a lily pond garden and a Japanese nature garden — the setting for a daily tea ceremony. More than 2,600 flowers, ferns, hostas, ornamental grasses, shrubs and trees — grown by Detroit Recreation Department staff at the Belle Isle Greenhouse and Conservatory — were used to create the display.

Marshall Crossing Townhouses Ferndale, Michigan

Marshall Crossing is a group of two and three bedroom condominium units in Ferndale, situated on a narrow parcel of land among primarily 1920s vintage single-family homes. Site design was a careful collaboration between Silveri Architects and a developer working together with the city of Ferndale.

Doane's Landing Park Belleville, Michigan

Situated on Lake Belleville at the entrance to the city from a major expressway, Doane's Landing Park had the potential to be a significant asset to the city of Belleville. However, until it was expanded in a land exchange with a local housing developer in 2000, the park was too small to accommodate any uses. Silveri Architects worked in concert with the city's Downtown Development Authority to design a passive-use park. Produced within the parameters of a tight budget, the park design includes barrier-free walkways from the street to the lake, seawall railing, benches, bicycle racks, park signs, and perennial and flower plantings. The improvements are slated for summer of 2005.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

CHELSEA

Friday, Dec. 10

"Christmas in the Outback," a 1947 film, will be showing 7 p.m. at the Chelsea District Library, 500 Washington St. The event is free. For more information, call 475-8732.

Friday, Dec. 10 through Sunday, Dec. 12

Youth Dance Theatre's "Nutcracker Ballet" will be held 7:30 p.m. on Friday, 2 and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday at the Chelsea High School auditorium, 740 N. Freer Road. For ticket information, call 475-3070.

Saturday, Dec. 11

"It's a Small World: Holidays Around the World" program will be held 11 a.m. at the Chelsea District Library, 500 Washington St. No registration is required. For information, call 475-8732.

Sibling Rivalry will perform from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Pierce's Pastries Plus, 103 W. Middle St., in Chelsea, as part of the Morning Mochas and Melodies program.

"Holiday Craft - Mosaic" event will take place from 10 a.m. to noon at the Chelsea Center for the Arts, 400 Congdon St. Create a mosaic picture frame, votive or other small objects. For more information, call 433-2787.

Sunday, Dec. 12

"In Search of December Green" nature hike will begin 2 p.m. at Park Lyndon South west lot, located on North Territorial Road in Lyndon Township. For more information, call 971-6337.

Holiday Ice Show will take place 5 p.m. at the Arctic Coliseum, 501 Coliseum Drive, in Chelsea. Skaters from the Learn-to-Skate classes and guest skaters will perform to holiday music. Admission is free.

Thursday, Dec. 16

Senior Book Discussion Club will meet 1:30 p.m. at the Chelsea District Library, 500 Washington St. Books under discussion include "Reading Lolita in Tehran" by Azar Nafisi and "A Confederacy of Dunces" by John Kennedy Toole. Books are available for registrants by calling 475-8732.

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.

Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors meets the third Thursday of the month. Call 475-1145.

U.S. Congressman Nick Smith, R-7th District office hours are from 4 to 5 p.m. the second Thursday of the month at 305 S. Main St. Call 1-517-783-4486.

Friends of Chelsea District Library meets on a regular basis. For more information, call Marie Brooks at 475-8732 or Jennifer Kundak at 475-2424.

Senior Book Discussion Club meets 1:30 p.m. the third Thursday of each month at the Chelsea District Library, 500 Washington St. For information, call 475-8732.

Senior Nutrition Program meets noon every Thursday 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 Center Great Room. Call 475-1462.

Bingo is held 6:30 p.m. every Friday night at Chelsea Rod and Gun Club, 7103 Lingane Road, in Chelsea. Call 475-7910.

Mothers of Preschoolers meets 9 a.m. the second Friday of the month October through May at the Chelsea First United Methodist Church, 128 Park St. Free childcare is available on a limited basis. For information, call 475-8119.

Saturday

Hope Clinic, for people with no health insurance, is held 9 a.m. to noon on the second Saturday of the month at Faith In Action, 775 S. Main St. Call 475-3305.

Western Washtenaw Republicans meets from 9 to 11 a.m. the second Saturday of the month at Cleary's Pub, 113 S. Main St. Call 475-3874.

German Social Club meets 1 p.m. the last Saturday of the month at Wolverine restaurant, 20460 Old US-12. Call 475-1583.

Sunday

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

Monday

Al-Anon meets 7:30 p.m. every Monday at Chelsea Community Hospital, 775 S. Main St. 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. Call 475-1493.

Chelsea Kiwanis Club meets 6:15 p.m. every Monday at Chelsea Community Hospital, 775 S. Main St. Call 475-5944.

Chelsea Senior Nutrition Lunch Program has moved to the cafeteria on the campus of the Old Chelsea High School, 500 East Washington St. Open to the public Monday-Friday at noon. To reserve a lunch call at least one day in advance at 475-9242.

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

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

Overeaters Anonymous meets 6 to 7 p.m. every Monday at the Covenant Church, 50 N. Freer

Road. Call 995-1835.

Tuesday

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

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

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

Euche Party is held 7 p.m. every Tuesday at the Chelsea Senior Citizen Center, 512 E. Washington St. Call 475-9242.

Grandparents as Parents program is held 12:30 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at First United Methodist Church, 128 Park St. Call 712-3625.

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

Woman's Club of Chelsea meets 1 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of the month at The Pines, 325 Wilkinson St. Call 475-0467.

Wednesday

Chelsea Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4076, 105 N. Main St., meets 7:30 p.m. the second Wednesday of the month. Call 475-1448.

The Evening Primrose Garden Club meets 7 p.m. the second Wednesday of the month at the Chelsea Depot, 125 Jackson St. For information, call 433-9733.

DEXTER

Saturday, Dec. 11

"Birds of Arizona" program will be held 1 p.m. at Hudson Mills Metropark Activity Center, 8801 North Territorial in Dexter Township. The fee is \$2 per person and registration is required by calling 426-8211.

Dexter Holiday Light Parade will begin 5:30 p.m. and will travel down Main Street past Monument Park. For more information, call 426-0887.

Sunday, Dec. 12

Dexter Community Band Holiday Concert will be held 3 p.m. at Dexter High School Center for the Performing Arts, 2200 N. Parker Road. Admission is free. For more information, call 426-2734.

Sunday, Dec. 12 and Monday, Dec. 13

Eleventh annual Madrigal Dinner will be hosted by the Dexter High School choir students, with dinners starting at 5 and 8 p.m. each evening at the Portage Lake Yacht Club, 8930 Dexter-Pinckney Road, in Dexter Township. For ticket information, call Beth Patterson at 424-4240, ext. 134.

Tuesday, Dec. 14

The Communications Committee will meet with residents who wish to express their hopes, aspirations and/or concerns for the school district from 9 to 10 a.m. in the Bates Elementary cafeteria, 2704 Baker Road, in Dexter. Refreshments will be served.

Thursday, Dec. 16

American Red Cross blood drive will be held from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus, 8285 Dexter-Chelsea Road, in

Dexter. It's open to the public.

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. Call 426-3112.

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., in Dexter.

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

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Hatfield, McCalla set date

Karen Hatfield of Inver Grove Heights, Minn., and Jeffrey McCalla of Inver Grove Heights, Minn., have set a March 5, 2005, wedding at Union Depot in St. Paul, Minn.

The future bride is the daughter of Gene Hatfield of Menomonee, Wis., and Kathleen Fisher of Inver Grove Heights, Minn.

The future groom is the son of Ron McCalla of Celina, Ohio, and Kathy Edwards of Loudon, Tenn. She graduated from Menomonee High School, the University of Wisconsin-



Stout and William Mitchell College of Law, St. Paul, Minn. She is an attorney with Hansen, Dordell, Bradt, Odlaug & Bradt.

He graduated from Dexter High School, Michigan State University and from the University of Minnesota.

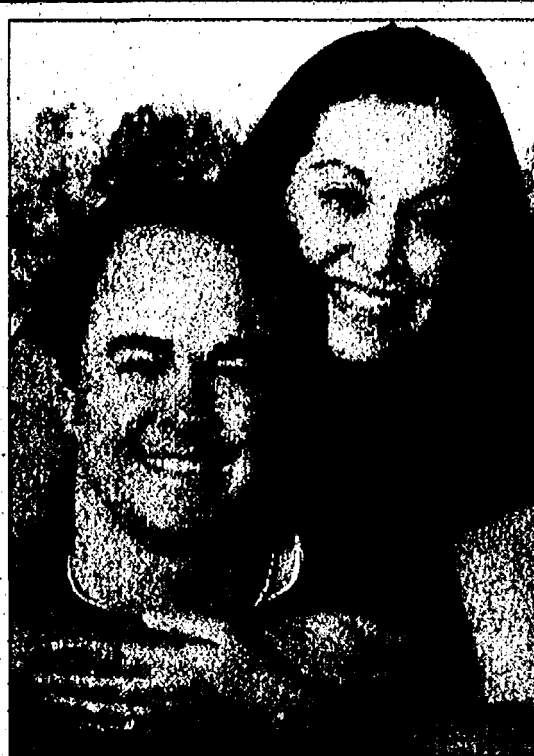
He is a global marketing manager with Nutra-Flo Co.

Acosta, Prentice will wed

Marissa Acosta of Indianapolis, daughter of B. Acosta and Ramon Acosta of Las Cruces, N.M., and John Prentice of Richmond, Ind., son of David and Linda Prentice of Dexter, have set a July 2005 wedding.

The future bride is a 2002 graduate of New Mexico State University and is completing a master's in secondary English education at Indiana University Purdue University in Indianapolis.

The future groom is a 1995 graduate of Dexter High



School and a 2000 graduate of the University of Michigan Engineering School.

He is a mechanical engineer for Behr GMBH in Dayton, Ohio.

DeWitt, Chapman to marry

Angela DeWitt of Southgate, daughter of Wayne and Florence DeWitt of Trenton, and Scott Chapman of Chelsea, son of Larry and Shirley Chapman of Chelsea, have set a Dec. 18 wedding at the First Congregational Church of Chelsea.

The future bride graduated from Trenton High School, Wayne State University with a bachelor's degree and from University of Detroit Mercy with master's and doctorate degrees. She is a clinical psychologist.



The future groom graduated from Chelsea High School and Central Michigan University with a bachelor's degree. He is an account manager for Virtual Engineering.

CALENDAR

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Tuscan House, 7954 Ann Arbor St.

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

Dexter Lions Club meets 6:45 p.m. on the first and third Thursdays at DAPCO Industries, 2500 Bishop Circle East, in Dexter. Call 428-8549.

Girlfriends Inc. is for women of all ages. The group meets 6:30 p.m. the second and fourth Thursdays of the month. Call 424-3404.

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

Dexter District Library Board meets 7:30 p.m. the first Monday of the month at Dexter District Library, 8040 Fourth St., in Dexter.

Dexter Village Council meets 7:30 p.m. the second and fourth

Mondays at the Dexter Senior Center, 7720 Ann Arbor St.

Dexter Village Planning Commission meets 7:30 p.m. the first 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 St.

Dexter Child Study Club meets 7 p.m. the third Tuesday of the month. Call 426-3664.

Dexter Garden Club meets 7 p.m. the third Tuesday of the month at the Dexter Area Museum, 3443 Inverness St. Call 426-2372.

Dexter Kiwanis Club meets 8:30 p.m. the first and third Tuesdays at The Tuscan House, 7954 Ann Arbor St., in Dexter.

Dexter Township Board meets 7 p.m. the third Tuesday of the month at Dexter Township Hall, 6880 Dexter-Pinckney Road.

Dexter Township Planning Commission meets 7:30 p.m. the

first and fourth Tuesdays 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.

Independent Order of Oddfellows meets 7:30 p.m. the third Tuesday of the month at Dexter United Methodist Church, 7643 W. Huron River Drive, in Dexter.

The Washtenaw County Board of Road Commissioners meets 1 p.m. every other Tuesday, 555 N. Zeeb Road, in Scio Township.

ANN ARBOR
Tuesday, Dec. 14

"Teens Using Drugs Part 2: What to Do" free seminar will be held from 7:30 to 9 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month through June at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Education Center, 5305 Elliott Drive, in Superior Township. Call 973-7892.

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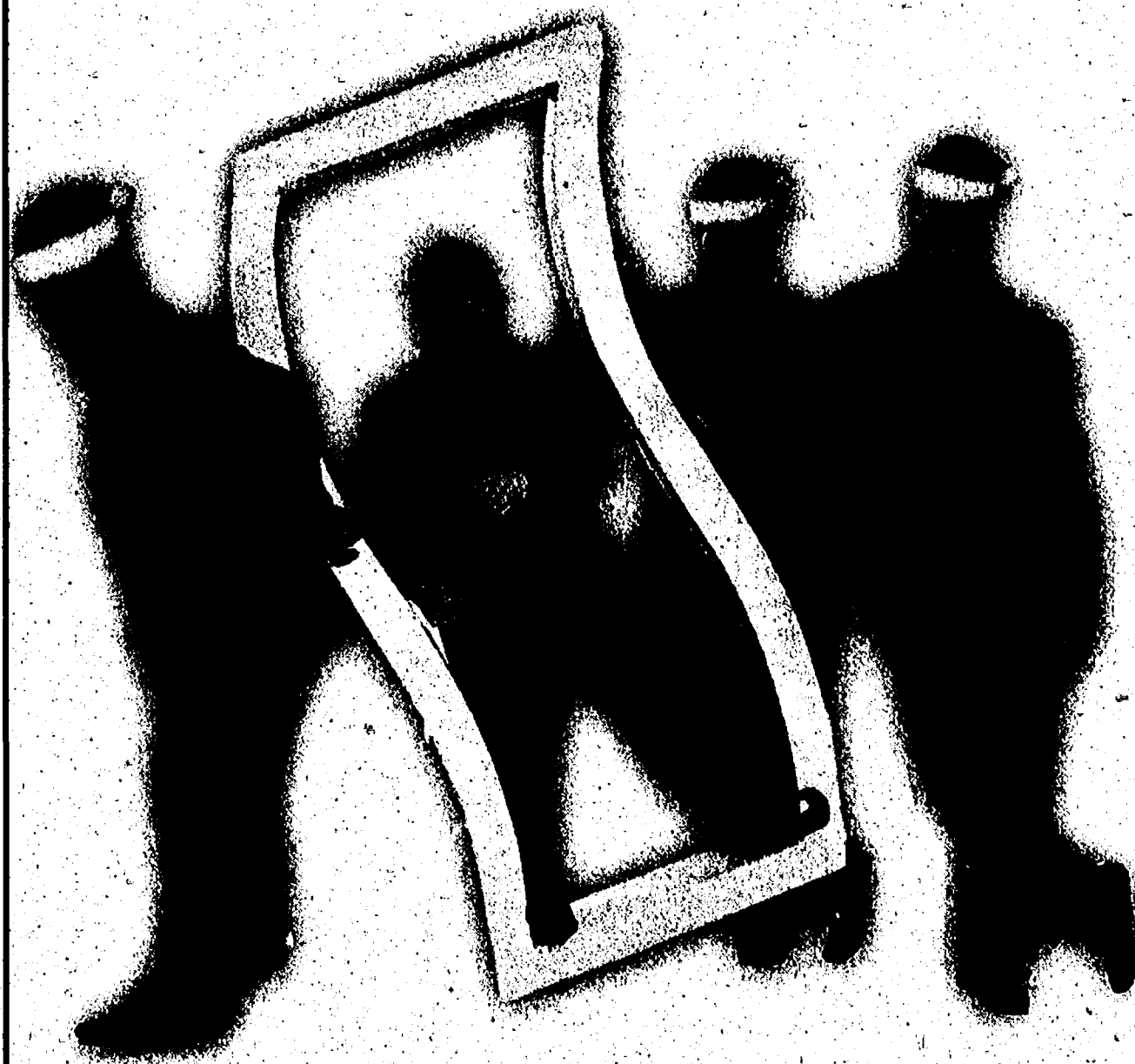
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Contest rules include:

1. Contestants may enter their colored picture at any of our offices in person or by mail: The Saline Reporter/Milan News-Leader, 106 W. Michigan Ave., Saline, 48176; The Chelsea Standard/Dexter Leader, 20750 Old U.S.-12, Chelsea, 48118, The Manchester Enterprise, 109 E. Main St., Manchester, 48158 and The Ypsilanti Courier, 13 W. Michigan Ave. Suite 131, Ypsilanti 48198-0799.
2. Contest is open to area children ages 4-12. Artists ages 4-5, 6-8, and those ages 9-12 will be judged in separate groups. A \$25 cash prize will be awarded to the coloring entry judged best in each group.
3. Coloring must be done by the child, using crayons, paint, felt-tip pens, colored pencils, or any other coloring medium.
4. Each entry form must be completed with contestant's name, age and phone number.
5. **DEADLINE** for entering is Friday, December 24, 2004.
6. Winners will be published in the January 6 editions of the newspapers.
7. Employees of the Heritage Newspapers and their immediate families, and families of the judges are not eligible to enter.



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GROUND

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pitched roof — so that it rises from the heavily-wooded property of pine trees like it's a tall pine itself. They preserved as many of the slender, stately trees on the lot as possible during construction.

The contemporary-looking cottage is decked in light-colored-pine with clear varnish and elongated panes of glass to encourage a bright and airy feel on a lot darkened somewhat by its thick woodlands. The Silveris took pains throughout the building process to keep the cottage as close as possible to the sights and sounds of the forest.

Mulfinger called the Silveris, after viewing their preliminary drawings and model of the Boland cottage on the Internet. He sent a San Francisco photographer to snap pictures of it after he learned the Silveris would build it.

Marco said the book's publishing has already brought calls from more potential cottage customers from across the country, as far away as Oregon. The Silveris might start another project in Kansas — a 2,400-square-foot recreational home with a 1,200-square-foot in-law apartment — in January as a result of the book, he said.

"The book is broadening our horizons, because we mostly work in metro Detroit," Cynthia said. "We'd like to widen our audience."

Before moving to Chelsea, where Cynthia grew up, the Silveris lived in Royal Oak and Lafayette Park in downtown Detroit, where Marco was born and bred. Marco and Cynthia both attended college in Michigan and earned master's degrees in building and landscape architecture, respectively — Marco at Wayne State University and Cynthia at the University of Michigan.

Marco worked for several years with Minoru Yamasaki, who designed the World Trade Center in New York City, while employed at Yamasaki Associates Inc. in Troy.

The couple moved back to Chelsea, where Cynthia's parents still live, for the "open space and fresh air," which is what they got with a home that abuts the Pinkney State Recreation Area. There, they're raising two young girls — Anacarina, 9, and Marisol, 1.

The couple said they're considering erecting an out-building studio adjacent to their home to handle local residential work, while maintaining their Ferndale studio. They said they still enjoy

their Ferndale office, and the fact that it's increasingly surrounded by a burgeoning community of artist studios, art galleries, interior designers, photographers and other architects.

Although they're beginning to work more locally for clients such as the city of Ann Arbor for parkland and Norfolk Development Corp. for townhouses and condominiums, the Silveris remain committed to the Detroit area, where the majority of their clients and projects are. That includes hour-long, one-way commutes to the office.

In Detroit, their smallish firm, which employs two other architects, specializes in design of vacation homes throughout the state, park design for municipalities as well as renovation and addition work for Detroit's older housing stock from the 1920s, much of it in the northern part of the city.

Those projects walk a fine line when aiming to improve and enhance the structures while restoring and retaining their architectural character, Marco said.

"It takes a certain approach to work with the existing houses and not ruin them," Marco said of the firm's projects with older homes. "They can be very easily ruined aesthetically and functionally."

What the firm is known for, which is also the reason for its success, is the Silveris' hands-on approach to projects, Cynthia and Marco said.

"We like our independence, and we like working with clients," Marco said. "We're very hands-on. We're not the kind of firm that has young architects that we hand projects off to."

Instead, the Silveris stay closely involved throughout the lifetime of their projects, getting to know their clients personally. The way they approached the development of the Boland cabin is a case in point.

"We both went up there with surveying equipment, just getting to know the site before we built," Marco said. "We spent lots of time with the owners on their property. We sat on a log by their fire pit and talked."

As construction commenced, the Silveris visited the site frequently, they said.

They stockpiled pine needles from the property, and Cynthia tagged its trees and worked to keep as much native vegetation as possible undisturbed. In the end, they only cut down about three pine trees to make way for the cabin, she said.

"The trees defined the narrow, tall shape of the cabin,"

Marco said. "We didn't want to cut down trees for the view, so we built it high. Our involvement with the site dictated the plans for the cottage."

Other touches included a fireplace made of small boulders from a local quarry, pine floors and knotty pine wainscoting. Once the 35-foot-tall cabin was completed, the Silveris re-seeded the site with the pine needles, so that the new cabin would appear it had stood on the land for a long time.

For all their successes, the Silveris, who don't advertise and rely on word-of-mouth to draw customers, admitted they often deal with fierce competition in their search for business.

"We have to be careful that we have something coming up three or five months down the road," Marco said, adding that Silveri Architects competes against larger architectural firms.

Thanks to a soured economy, the past three years have seen more competition — including the presence for more large-firm bidders — for municipal projects, he said.

So, how do the Silveris stay in the game?

"We get jobs based on sterling recommendations," Marco said. "We develop relationships and trust with project developers and people in the city."

And, while working side-by-side with one's spouse in a career isn't everyone's cup of tea, the Silveris — who obviously spend a lot of time together — said their different job duties help them avoid strife.

"We have a pretty clean division of labor," Cynthia said. "Our roles are pretty well defined."

"We complement each other's work, so we can move seamlessly between the building and the site design," Marco added.

The Silveris said they don't want to make their firm much larger. Five employees in addition to themselves would be the maximum size they would be interested in reaching. In light of the Boland's cottage renown, however, the Silveris said they would welcome to take on projects in other states, no matter how far away, as long as they can visit sites at least several times throughout the development process, while getting to know their clients in person.

Success is about more than skill and competence, after all. The Silveris would be the first to say that forging the right relationships is crucial in the making of any edifice.



Helping Lightly

Anna Varneste, 5, of Chelsea is a member of Daisy Troop 537, volunteering to place milk jugs housing candles all along the eastside of Main Street in Chelsea for the Hometown Holiday celebration Dec. 4 and 5.

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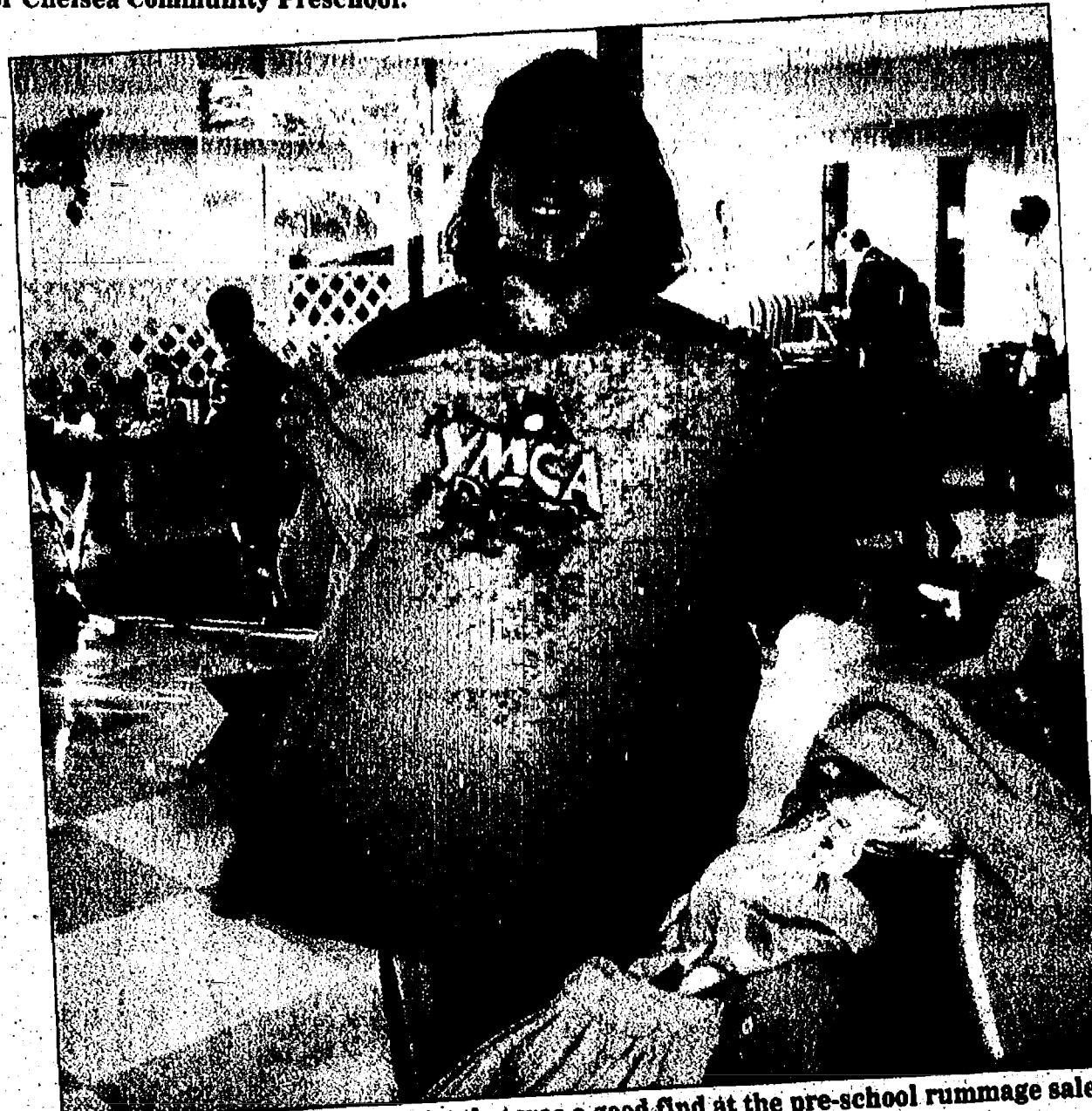
Two Men on the Move moving trucks and Room 115 at the Washington Street Education Center were filled with items donated for Chelsea Community Preschool's rummage sale last month. Organizer Michele Balaka received more than 30 phone calls from local residents willing to donate items to the fund-raiser. The goal was to raise \$1,000 to help purchase an outdoor sand/water station, and the volunteers reached their goal by 10:50 that morning. In all, the group raised \$1,700, mostly on big-ticket furniture items donated by families in Chelsea, Ann Arbor and Grass Lake.



Heather Cooper looks over the books that went for free at the end of the day.



Jim Stedman (left) and his son, MacLain, look over their finds at the rummage sale, a fund-raiser for Chelsea Community Preschool.



Tonia Maynor holds up a T-shirt that was a good find at the pre-school rummage sale.

Jeff Balaka (left) and Louie Glahn haul the last of the boxes into the truck.



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Michele Balaka (left) and Dawn Glahn try out the toys that piled up for the sale. Balaka helped organize the fund-raiser, which brought in \$1,700 for the preschool.

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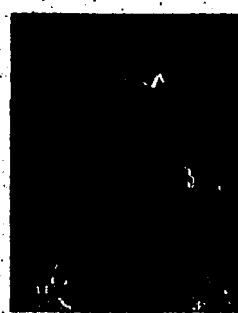
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Thanks for the fall sports season memories

The winter sports season is under way, but before I say goodbye, I'd like to tell the fall campaign, "Thanks, for the memories."

No, I'm not Bob Hope. Far from it. I definitely don't golf with presidents, nor do I trade barbs with Bing Crosby.

But I do cover sports in this area, and this past fall campaign was one to remember.

Numerous teams and athletes had outstanding seasons.

In Dexter, the Dreadnaught boys' cross country team captured its third consecutive state championship. Dreadnaught senior Lex Williams placed fourth overall individually, pacing the squad.

In Chelsea, the Bulldog football team dominated opponents all year. Chelsea finished the regular season 9-0 and ranked No. 1 in Division III. Bulldog senior offensive tackle Nick Toth (6-foot-2, 295) was selected first-team All-State by the Associated Press. The Detroit News and The Detroit Free Press.

Dexter's equestrian team won a state championship this past fall in Midland, adding to its previous nine state titles.

Chelsea's boys' golf team placed sixth in the state. Bulldog senior Brett Common led the team, shooting a two-day 164 (81-83).

The Dreadnaught boys' golf squad tied its crosstown rivals for the SEC White Division championship.

The Chelsea girls' tennis team captured the SEC White Division championship behind MVP singles player Stacia Morrison.

The Dexter girls' cross country team finished third in the state with 211 points. Sophomore Melany Mioduszewski earned All-State honors for the Dreads, crossing the line 30th in 19:11.45.

The Bulldog girls' cross country squad placed sixth in the state with 230 points. Junior Rachel Severin finished fourth overall individually in 18:26. Teammate sophomore Amanda McKenzie was 14th with a clocking of 18:56.80. Both runners earned All-State honors for Chelsea.

The Dexter girls' swimming and diving team finished as Division II state runner-up with 256 points. Senior Hannah Smith, a University of Michigan signee, won the 50 freestyle, in a state record 23.44, and touched first in the 100 backstroke, tying her own state mark with a time of 56.36. For her efforts, Smith was named the Division II Swimmer of the Year.

The Bulldog boys' cross country squad placed ninth in the state with 277 points, behind junior All-State runner Ian Girard, who finished 19th overall in 18:13.15.

The Dreadnaught boys' soccer team had a history-making season, winning its first district championship. Dexter also captured a SEC White Division title, advancing to the Division II state regional semifinals before losing. Senior forward Jesse Fuchs was named third-team All-State.

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Chelsea Junior Taylor Hooper battles for a loose puck in the corner during last week's county tussle against rival Dexter. The Bulldogs dropped their first game of the season, losing to the Dreadnaughts 2-1 in front of a packed house at the Arctic Coliseum Dec. 1.

HOCKEY

Chelsea icers battle Lumen Christi, Dexter

Bulldogs suffer first loss of season last week against rival

By Don Richter
Sports Editor

Last week was an emotionally draining affair for Chelsea hockey.

The Bulldogs (4-1-2) squared off against emerging rival Jackson Lumen Christi and traditional crosstown nemesis Dexter in two hard-fought, hard-hitting ice battles.

Against the host Titans last Saturday, Chelsea earned a 3-3 tie.

The close game on the frozen pond was nothing new for the Bulldogs and Lumen Christi.

"In the last three years, only one game has been decided by more than one goal," said Chelsea coach Don Wright. "It's becoming quite a rivalry. They're great games."

The Titans began the scoring early, turning the light on 32 seconds into the contest as Nick Lefere scored.

Chelsea answered as junior winger Luc Daniels scored unassisted at 4:00 of

the first period, tying the game at 1-1.

At 9:31 of the opening period, sophomore winger Ryan Ford scored shorthanded off an assist from junior center Eric Cremer and sophomore defenseman Travis Amburgey, giving the Bulldogs a 2-1 lead—entering the second stanza.

Lumen Christi tied the game at 2-2 as Jeremy Sauter hit the back of the net at 8:14 of the second period.

Two minutes later, sophomore winger Schyler Williams scored a power play goal, vaulting Chelsea back on top 3-2. Picking up an assist on the play for the Bulldogs was Ford.

In the third period, Sauter scored his second goal of the game at 8:07 for the night's final margin.

Preserving the tie in net for Chelsea was senior goaltender J.R. Engelbert.

Both clubs recorded 17 shots on goal for the contest.

"It was a game where we had our chances to win," Wright said. "We're getting scoring chances, but we need to capitalize on them. We also need to come up with defensive stops. We are, though, limiting other teams' (scoring) chances."



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Bulldog Brad Tyler stretches to reach the puck as a host of Dexter defenders converge on the junior winger late in the third period of last week's game.

On Dec. 1, Chelsea lost to Dexter 2-1 at the Arctic Coliseum.

The defeat was the first loss for the host Bulldogs this season.

"It was the usual good game," Wright said, of

Chelsea's traditionally tough battles against their archrival. "They were able to get the puck in when they had the opportunity, and we didn't. That was the difference."

The Bulldogs scored first as Williams hit the back of

the net — bringing the packed home crowd to its feet — off an assist from Ford and Amburgey at 7:25 of the opening period.

Chelsea entered the second period leading 1-0. But it

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SOCCER

Schwiebert named Bulldog soccer MVP

Kurta, Voicechovski also earn awards for Chelsea kickers

By Don Richter
Sports Editor

The Chelsea boys' soccer team finished the 2004 season with a 7-11-4 overall record. The Bulldogs ended the year third in the Southeastern Conference White Division with a 3-5-2 mark.

"We were very young," said Chelsea coach Chad Scaling. "We started one senior."

Despite having such an inexperienced squad, the Bulldogs played one of the area's most difficult schedules.

"We played five ranked Division I teams and two ranked Division II teams this season," Scaling said. "We played very well against those tough teams. We made great strides this season, and

Chelsea's Ausable Schwiebert was named Bulldog soccer MVP this season. The high-scoring sophomore led Chelsea, with 13 goals and three assists. For his efforts, he was selected third-team All-State.

Photo courtesy of Alice Rawson



built a solid foundation for next season and the seasons to come."

Earning the team's offensive MVP honor and team MVP award was midfielder Ausable Schwiebert. The sophomore sharp shooter led

Chelsea with 13 goals and three assists this year. He was named third team All-State. He also received All-Region, All-District and All-SEC first-team accolades.

Presented the squad's defensive MVP award was

Mark Kurta. The junior defender earned first-team All-District honors this past season for the Bulldogs.

Receiving the Coaches Award was keeper Nikolai Voicechovski. The junior net minder had a goals against

average of 1.36 and a save percentage of 84. He finished with four shutouts, allowing only 30 goals on the season. He made 162 saves. Voicechovski earned first-team All-District and first-team All-SEC honors.

Presented the squad's Most Improved Award was Sean Dzobel. The sophomore midfielder ended the season with one goal and four assists.

Freshman midfielder Mike Sauers was selected first-team All-District and first-team All-SEC for Chelsea. Sauers was second on the team in scoring with four goals and six assists.

Sophomore defender Sam Boyce earned first-team All-District, scoring one goal and recording two assists this year for the Bulldogs.

Sophomore midfielder/defender Cam Wilson earned All-SEC honorable mention accolades, recording one assist this past season.

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BEACH BASKETBALL

Beach edges rival Dexter

Chelsea's Beach Middle School eighth-grade boys' Blue basketball team defeated county rival Dexter 42-39 last Thursday.

"I was very impressed with our effort," said Chelsea coach Jim Tallman. "The guys worked very hard on offense and defense and never gave up. Several times we were down by three and five points, but we just kept fighting back and it eventually paid off."

Leading the Bulldogs (1-7) was Tyler Fischhaber, with 24 points, including 9-of-13 from the free throw line.

Chad Schiller added 12 points, while Kyle Colburn had six points for Beach.

Chelsea finished the contest 13-of-20 from the charity stripe.

On Nov. 30, Beach lost to Saline Gold 41-32. The Bulldogs trailed by three points at halftime.

In the third quarter, however, the once-beaten Saline squad outscored Chelsea 12-1, taking control of the game.

Despite a gallant fourth quarter rally, in which Beach outscored Saline 14-9, the third quarter deficit was too much to overcome.

Fischhaber paced the Bulldogs, with 15 points.

Schiller added 13 points, while Dakota Risner and Colburn each netted two points for Chelsea.

Also, last Thursday, the Beach eighth-grade boys' basketball team lost to Temperance Bedford 46-34.

Mike Lenneman led Chelsea with 18 points. Mike Roberts added 12 points, and William Dark had three points. Mike Stratman had two points for the Bulldogs.

"Over the last four games our team has shown dramatic improvement in all facets of the game," said Chelsea coach Mike Bareis.

On Nov. 30, Beach lost to Adrian 38-36.

Roberts paced the Bulldogs with 15 points. Stratman chipped in nine points, while Lenneman had five points, Dark four points and Mike Cooper and Cameron Girard two points each for Chelsea.

"William Dark played an outstanding second quarter, leading us back from a 10-2 deficit to a 10-10 halftime score," Bareis said. "Mike Stratman played his best game of the year to date. He was a force at both ends of the court."

On Nov. 23, Beach lost to Ypsilanti Lincoln 43-36.

Lenneman led Chelsea, with 16 points, and Roberts had 10 points. Cooper and Girard each netted four points, and Stratman had two points.

"We played with hustle and energy the entire game against a talented Lincoln team," Bareis said.

On Nov. 22, Chelsea lost to Adrian 34-30.

Lenneman scored 21 points, leading Beach. Roberts added seven points, and Travis Johnson had two points for the Bulldogs.

MARTIAL ARTS

Dragons excel at world event

The Dexter Dragons competition team participated in the sixth World Hoi Jeon Moo Sool Games Nov. 20 through 21 in Cancun, Mexico.

The Dexter Dragons is an elite martial arts demonstration team composed of children 9 through 15-years-old from the Dexter and Pinckney areas.

All the students train at the Dexter School of Martial Arts under the tutelage of Master Dean Wainwright.

The Dexter Dragons were invited by the Hoi Jeon Moo Sool Pan American President, Master Marshall Johnson, to represent the United States at the World Games.

Team U.S.A. was represented by 11 students from the Dexter School of Martial Arts, 10 students from North American Tae Kwon Do and Hapkido Academy in Ypsilanti, and 17 students from San Antonio, Texas.

The students participated alongside competitors from countries such as Korea, Spain, Finland, Bahrain, Oman, United Arab Emirates, France, Croatia and Mexico.

Competitors participated in such events as Creative Forms, Self-Defense, Sparring, Sword, Staff, and Team Competitions. Every competitor from the Dexter School of Martial Arts came home with a medal, earning true world-class status.

It was more than just a martial arts tournament for some of the students. Many of the students met kids their own age from other countries and

quickly exchanged e-mails to become pen pals.

Language barriers didn't seem to get in the way. Sign language and laughing always helped get the idea across.

Hoi Jeon Moo Sool is a Korean martial art similar to hapkido. It is a revolving art with three combined principles: to break your opponent's spirit, divert his power, and reroute his path to follow your own. Techniques are designed to enable students to confront an attacker and with one revolution, control and defeat him. This martial art has the power of a whirlpool at sea.

The merit of Hoi Jeon Moo

Sool is that men and women, young and old, can learn it easily.

The next World Hoi Jeon Moo Sool competition will take place in Bahrain in 2007.

The Dexter Dragons competition team performs at fund-raisers such as the Humane Society's "Walk & Wag" held annually at the Hudson Mills Metropark and "Relay for Life" in Chelsea.

The Dexter Dragons also perform at local festivals such as Art in the Park in Pinckney and St. Joseph's Summer Fun Festival.

For more information contact Caron Wainwright at 734-424-2752 or visit the Web site www.DexterMartialArts.com.

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Midwest Results Week 12 - Lots of media attention was given to that non defensive struggle between Cincinnati and Cleveland in which the two teams racked up a total of 106 points, the second most points ever scored in an NFL game.

But that total wouldn't even make it onto the radar screen in Week 12 of the POWER POINTS of the Midwest Football Contest where contestants recorded near record scores.

Tops in the region came from Steve Sparling, of Taylorville, Ill., who tallied 131 of the possible 136 points and who takes home the weekly cash bonanza of \$1,000.

Sparling entered the contest through The Breeze Courier newspaper in Taylorville.

Local "came close" in Week 12 were:

Adrian... Teri Shepherd, Onsted (129 points)
Garden City... Rick Swick, Garden City (124 points)
Saline... Stephanie Petee, Ann Arbor (116 points)
Southgate... William Fuller, Lincoln Park (121 points)
Trenton... Brandon Miller, Trenton (129 points)

Heritage Newspapers random drawing winner for Downriver for Week #12 was Bob Betisle, Woodhaven.

Heritage Newspapers random drawing winner for Western Region for Week #12 was Blair Driskell, Saline.

— CHAMPION FLYERS —



The Midwest Financial Flyers defeated the Brampton Battalion 5-1 in the Friendship Tournament championship game last month. Members of the team include, front row, Brandon Harkow (left) and Nicholas Holt; second row, Alex McMann (left), Tyler Manasco, C.J. Cromie, Corey Smith, Domenic Mancinelli, Nolan Lefebvre and Adam Powlus; third row, Billy Rinderle (left), Corey Robertson, Tyler Sensky, Jalen Chatfield, Blake Robertson and Alex Smith; back row, assistant coach Steve Manasco (left), coach Joe Mancinelli and assistant coach Scott Powlus.



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Chelsea keeper Nikolai Voicechovski received the Coaches Award this season after posting four shutouts and a goals against average of 1.36 for the Bulldogs.

MVP

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Rounding out the team scoring was sophomore midfielder Alex Stewart, with two goals and five assists; junior forward Kolton Niesen, with two goals and one assist; junior forward Eric Cremer, with two goals and one assist; and sopho-

more forward Steve Tapping, with two goals and one assist. Sophomore midfielder Reece Hammer added one goal and two assists, while junior midfielder Jamie Laeder had one goal and one assist and junior defender Ian Girard had one goal for Chelsea.

The Bulldogs finished the season scoring 30 goals, and allowing 30 goals.

Chelsea's single-game high for goals scored was six in a 6-1 victory over Milan. The most the Bulldogs gave up in one contest was five in a 5-0 loss to state power Saline.

In the previous three seasons, the Bulldogs had overall records of 12-8-2 in 2003, 16-3-3 in 2002 and 12-4-3 in 2001.

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wouldn't last. The Dreadnaughts (4-0) scored two goals in a span of 1:17, taking the lead for good.

"That was the game," Wright said. "Otherwise, we dominated play."

Dexter senior snipers Lee Hoggard and Kevin Vlazny scored at 6:00 and 7:17 of the second period, respectively, for the Dreadnaughts.

Despite a feverish comeback attempt, Chelsea was unable to regain the lead, as Dexter hunkered down defensively, blanking the Bulldogs in the third period. Chelsea out shot the Dreadnaughts 27-13.

"It was a good win for us," said Dexter coach Mike O'Donohue. "Chelsea really took it to us in the first period. We made several mistakes in our end, which resulted in Chelsea scoring opportunities."

"We settled down in the second period and capitalized on a couple of scoring opportunities. All of the guys played smart defensively in the third, and for the most part, we kept Chelsea's scorers bottled up."

Wright said Dexter played



Chelsea senior defenseman Danny Bingel swings the puck out of harm's way against Dexter last week.

Photo courtesy of Alice Rawson

well.

"They did a good job of capitalizing when they had their chances," he said. "We need to score when we have opportunities, and we need to prevent breakdowns in our own zone."

O'Donohue said Chelsea is a strong team.

"I'm certain they'll be well prepared and looking for the rematch later in the season (Jan. 22, 7 p.m. at Veterans

Arena)," he said. "We've got a lot of young players who had their first experience of a Dexter-Chelsea game in front of a packed house. I think that's great for the kids on both teams. And it's great for high school hockey."

Chelsea next hosts always-tough Plymouth Canton Saturday at 7 p.m.

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MEMORIES

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The Chelsea girls' basketball team finished the season strong, winning two out of its last four regular-season games. A highlight was the Bulldogs' 34-32 victory over SEC White Division champion Tecumseh. Chelsea junior swing player Emily Woodruff received All-SEC first-team accolades.

Dexter football concluded its season with a 3-6 overall record, defeating Hartland in its season-ending Homecoming contest, 26-18. Junior quarterback Jeff Ziegler (6-6, 200) set a school

record, passing for 1,649 yards. He earned All-State honorable mention.

The Bulldog boys' soccer team finished 7-11-4 overall this past season. Chelsea had one of the area's toughest schedules, playing five state-ranked Division I clubs and two state-ranked Division II squads.

The Dreadnaught girls' basketball team placed second in the SEC White Division and captured a district title before falling to Detroit Renaissance in the Class B state regional semifinals.

The Bulldog girls' swimming and diving squad placed sixth in the state with 134 points. Chelsea senior

standout Kara Stiles finished third in the 200 individual medley and third in the 100 freestyle, leading the Bulldogs.

The Dexter girls' tennis team finished 13th in the state. The Dreadnaughts ended up second in the SEC White Division.

The Dexter boys' water polo team concluded its third season this past fall. A highlight of the year was the Dreadnaughts' 3-2 state district victory over Capital.

What a season. Let's hope the winter campaign is as exciting and memorable.

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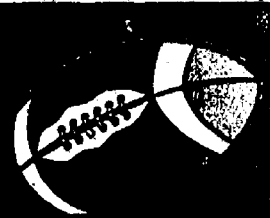
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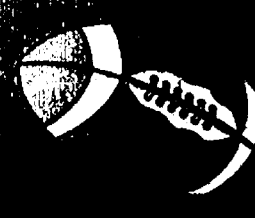
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Select a winner from each of the week's games, listed below. Select in descending order of your CONFIDENCE in your choices. Win points at left for each correct selection toward possible total of 136 points. See complete rules below. You must be at least 8 (eight) years old to enter. To enter, clip along dotted line, then place game entry in POWER POINTS container at cosponsor's retail outlet(s). Entrants must list name, address and phone number below.

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TIEBREAKER 2 ☐ Total offensive yards (both teams) in this game.

THIS WEEK'S GAMES

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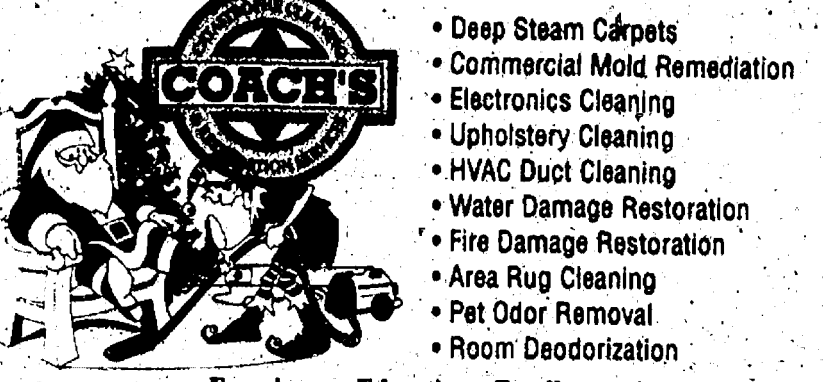
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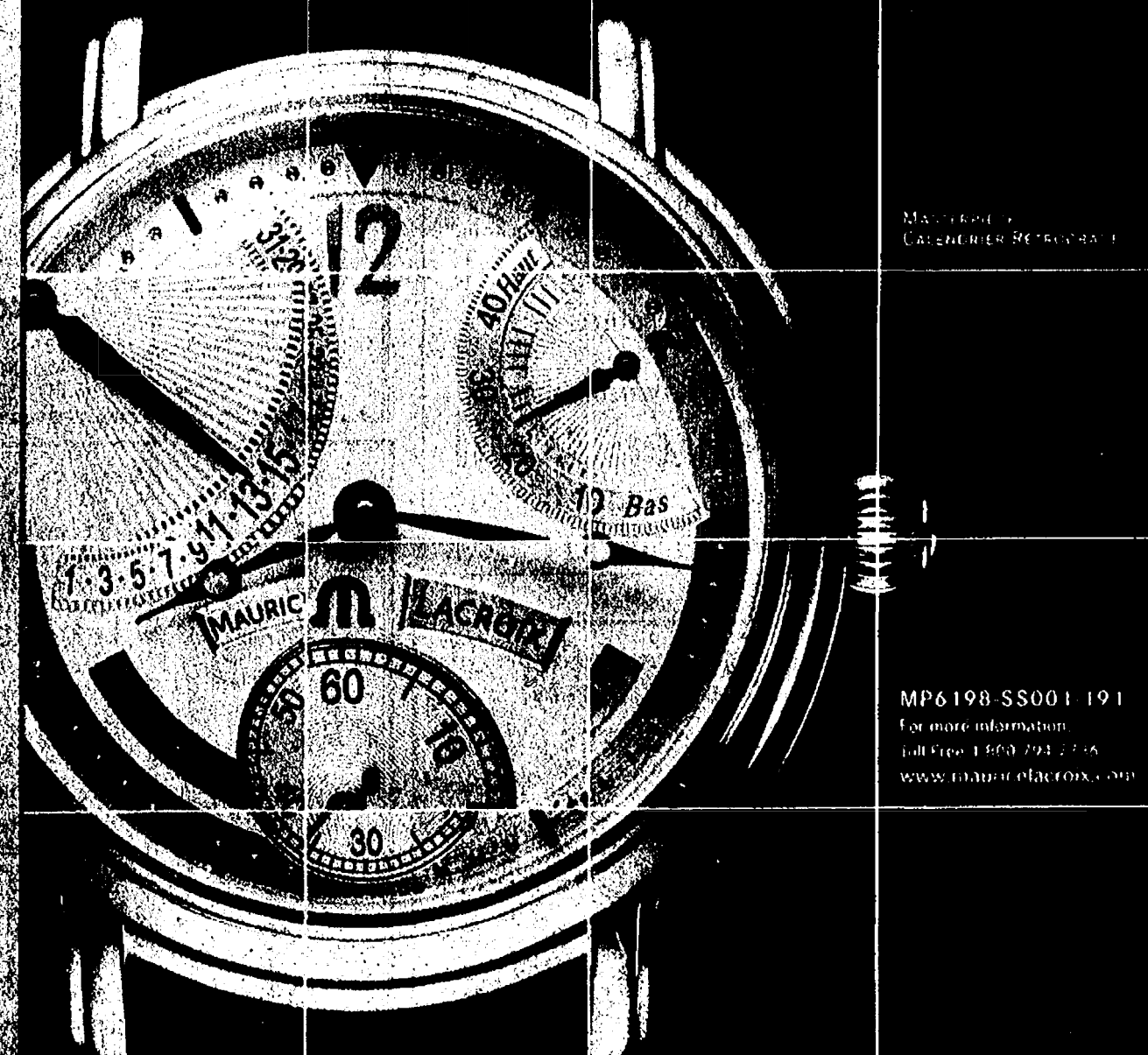
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BUSINESS

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Local company helps burn victims

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The Chelsea Teddy Bear Co. is conducting a fund-raiser at its six retail stores to help send children who are victims of serious burns to burn camp next summer.

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Recovery from a burn injury is a lifelong journey. The University of Michigan Trauma Burn Center sends children who were treated at the center for burn injuries to Burn Camp.

This special week is specifically designed for children between the ages of 8 and 17 who have survived devastating burn

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The Chelsea Teddy Bear Co. says it understands the importance for children and teens to be with other kids who have experienced similar injuries, painful rehabilitation and social consequences. They can share their emotions and stories in a safe, nurturing and fun environment. That is why the Chelsea Teddy Bear Co. is proud to partic-

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CHELSEA

Philanthropists start helper club

The Chelsea Teddy Bear Co. is expanding its kids helping kids program, called The Helper Club, to malls throughout the metro-Detroit area.

The company hopes to deliver thousands of teddy bears to emergency rooms at hospitals in the region within the next three weeks.

The bears are given to children who have been traumatized by injuries as they arrive to emergency rooms across the Detroit metro area. Emergency room staff use the teddy bears to help build a bond of trust with the child, and to help relieve some of the fear and confusion children may be experiencing.

The program began last December when a third-grader from Chelsea, Nate Miller, 8, and his sisters, Laney, 5, and Tori, 3, conceived of the idea to donate money to help sick people in the hospital.

The children raised \$295 by gathering their own change and recycling pop cans. Together, they placed the money in a small jewelry box and sent the box along with a card that read: "Dear hospital workers, we hope you can use this money to help the sick people. Happy holidays. The Helper Club

(Nate, Laney and Tori Miller)." Becky Pazkowski, director of marketing and development at Chelsea Community Hospital, shared the Miller children's gesture with Bob Turner, owner of the Chelsea Teddy Bear Co.

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Stylists from In Chelsea Hair Design are receiving advanced training in cutting and hair color technique and trends. Antoine Greige is a world-renowned stylist who won the prestigious world cup award in Germany last year.

Greige owns two salons in Windsor, Ontario, and an advanced training school, which has trained more than 100 first-place winners from North America, Japan and Germany. He has demonstrated his talent as a trend-setting platform artist performing all over Canada, the United States, Japan, Germany, China and Italy.

His talent and sensitivity to international beauty trends and concerns have made him one of the best contemporary stylists to emerge in recent years, according to a press release.

Greige's work has been featured in some of the world's most recognized hair and fashion magazines, including American Salon, Hair Now, Modern Salon, Alto Peinado and Set 'n Style. Stylists from In Chelsea Hair Design, including David Lange, Cindy Triveline, Leah Forner and Nici Forner, received personal hands-on training at their salon on Middle Street Aug. 20 and 31. Nici Forner assisted Antoine during a photo shoot in Windsor Sept. 26.

They will continue to train under Greige. Some of the stylists have plans to travel to

CHELSEA

Club tours Purple Rose

The Woman's Club of Chelsea enjoyed a fun afternoon Oct. 27 at the Purple Rose Theatre Co. and the hospitality of Linda Cole at her home.

The group took the guided tour of the theater where they heard the detail of the former facility and how the new addition has improved the workplace, as well as enlarging the audience seating capacity.

The ladies met apprentices who are learning the theater business, all part of the Purple Rose's goal of helping aspiring young actors, technicians and writers.

The play, "The Mystery of Irma Vep," is a comedy cleverly performed by two actors.

The Nov. 23 meeting featured a "pantry sale" at The Pines.

White House Financial filling niche

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14010 Jerusalem Road
Suite 100
Chelsea, MI 48118

Type of business: Financial consulting and investment advisory services.

Year established and number of years in business: Established in 2001, but owner Cyril White has been in the business for 10 years. Before founding White House, he worked for Merrill Lynch & Co.

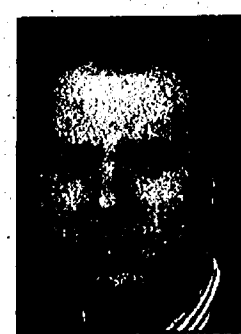
Ownership: Cyril White, 38, resides on a 26-acre horse farm in Lima Township with his wife, Leslie, and daughters, 10-year-old Regan, 8-year-old Sasha and 4-year-old Nina.

Educational background: Bachelor's degree in engineering physics from the University of Michigan in 1991 and master's degree in business administration and finance from the University of Chicago in 1996. White is a registered financial consultant, with a certified struc-

ture settlement consultant designation from the University of Notre Dame and registered investment adviser.

Number of Employees: 4
Q: What makes your business unique?

A: We have deep experience in helping a diverse range of individuals and families to simplify their lives and achieve their financial goals. In addition, we have the unique ability to bring



Cyril White

the sophistication, knowledge and experience of working on Wall Street to our clients in the Chelsea area.

Q: Why did you choose the Dexter or Chelsea area for your business?

A: We live here.
Q: Describe your business philosophy.

A: Take care of our existing clients first, maintain contact with all of our clients on a regular basis and go above and beyond to help our clients in any way, even if it is

not related to finance or investments.

Q: What is the most enjoyable part of owning and operating your own business?

A: The ability to define your own destiny and focus all your efforts and capital on helping clients.

Q: What are your business-related goals for the next five years?

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In mid-October, a sidewalk was laid from St. Joseph Hall to the main building at St. Louis Center, 16195 Old US-12 in Sylvan Township. Parents of the facility's residents worked to get materials, labor and cash donations in excess of \$30,000 to make the dream a reality.

SYLVAN TOWNSHIP

Center gets sidewalks

A group of parents, inspired by Steve and Danae Rumble, rallied together recently to make life a little better for the residents of St. Louis Center, 16195 Old US-12 in Chelsea.

In mid-October, a sidewalk was laid from St. Joseph Hall to the main building at St. Louis Center. The parents of the facility's residents

worked to get materials, labor and cash donations in excess of \$30,000 to make the dream of a sidewalk a reality. The sidewalk is designated as Travis' Trail, after the Rumble's son Travis, who is a St. Louis Center resident.

Before the sidewalk was installed, residents had challenges walking on rough terrain to the St. Louis Center.

There were safety concerns related to slipping in the snow and occasionally wandering close to the road. The sidewalk is a safe distance from the road and will be easy for staff to keep clear of snow and ice.

St. Louis Center is a residential facility for adults and children with developmental disabilities.

CHELSEA

Winter story time set

The Dexter District Library will celebrate the first day of winter with a very special "Winter Storytime" 11 a.m. Dec 21.

The program will begin with Youth Services Librarian Cathy Jurich reading several holiday and winter picture books along with related songs, flannel board stories and fingerplays. Following the story time, children will be invited to participate in a winter craft. The program will be

approximately an hour long and limited to ages 3 and older. Registration is required in person or by calling the library at 426-4477. Dexter District Library is located at 8040 Fourth St. in Dexter. For more information, call the library at 426-4477.

Subscriptions, Call Toll Free:
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WEBSTER TOWNSHIP 5665 WEBSTER CHURCH RD DEXTER, MI 48130

The Webster Township Board of Review will meet on Tuesday, December 14, 2004 at 2:00 PM to correct "Mutual Mistakes of Fact" and "Clerical Errors". The meeting will be held at the Township Hall, 5665 Webster Church Rd, Dexter, MI 48130.

Dean F. Fisher, Secretary
Webster Township Board of Review

Posted: December 12/02/04
Publish: December 9, 2004

SYLVAN TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE BOOK REVISION

15.400 Article 30.0
LC - LOCAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT
15.403 Sec. 30.03.SPECIAL USES
INSERT NEW SUBSECTION "C":
C. Contractor's establishment, including storage of equipment and materials, but not including any retail sales on the site, subject to the following conditions:
1. The minimum required front and corner side yards shall be 75 feet.
2. The minimum required side and rear yards shall be 75 feet.
3. A transition strip at least 25 feet wide shall be provided along a side or rear lot line that abuts land in a residential zoning district. The transition strip shall be in addition to the required yard.
4. Storage of equipment and materials shall not be permitted in a transition strip or any required yard.
5. Outdoor storage areas shall be screened from view from a public road by a decorative masonry wall, berm, and/or landscape strips.
(Amended 11-09-04 and effective 11-09-04)
Publish: December 9, 2004

LIMA TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING

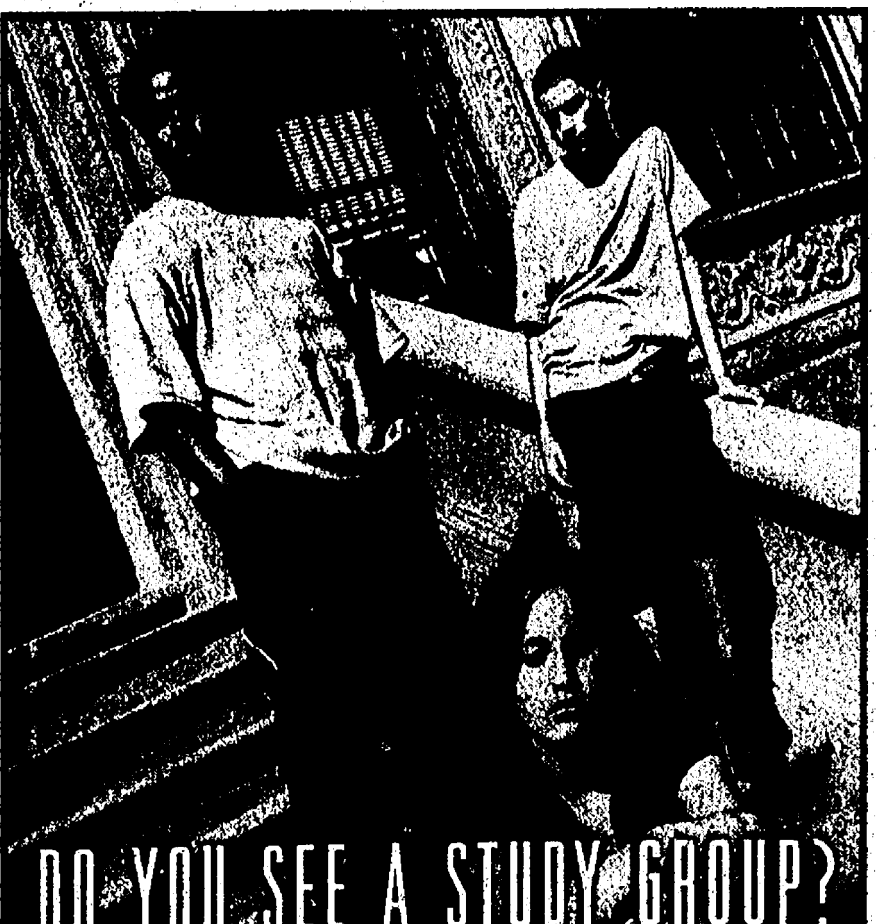
The regular meeting of the Lima Township Board was called to order at 8:10 p.m. and opened with the Pledge to the Flag. Present were Supervisor Unterbrink, Clerk Bareis, Treasurer Havens, Trustees Laier and McKenzie and Zoning Administrator Wesolowski. Also present several residents and guests.
Motion by McKenzie supported by Laier to amend the agenda by adding under new business Iridium Properties rezoning request, Carlisle/Wortman annual gift to charity in the name of Lima Township, under correspondence notification of Dexter Area Fire Department notice of intent to change by-laws. Carried.
Motion by Laier supported by Havens to approve the minutes of the November 1, 2004 meeting. Carried.
The treasurer's report was received.
The zoning administrator issued 1 permit for a house, 1 agricultural addition, 1 pole barn, one commercial use, and one temporary trailer where there was a house fire.
Motion by McKenzie supported by Laier to table, for more information, the Middle Huron Cooperative Agreement for Reduction of Phosphorous Loading to Middle Huron Watershed, also obtain information from the municipalities involved, and remove from the agenda. Carried.
Motion by Havens supported by Laier to table the proposed zoning ordinance and set a work session for December 14, at 7:30 p.m. to review the new language. Carried.
Motion by McKenzie supported by Havens to take no action non the proposed joint plan on transportation resolution, and continue to support the past resolution. Ayes: Havens, McKenzie, Bareis, Laier, Nays: Unterbrink, Carried.
Motion by McKenzie supported by Laier to withdraw the motion regarding a resolution regarding non-conforming private roads and table to the January meeting. Carried.
Motion by McKenzie supported by Laier to accept with regrets the resignation of Andrew Adrian and thank him for his years of service to Chelsea Area Fire Authority. Carried.
Motion by McKenzie supported by Laier to adopt resolution #2004-08, Resolution Regarding Industrial Facility Tax (IFT) Application Fees for Industrial Facility Exemption Certificates.
Ayes: McKenzie, Laier, Bareis, Havens and Unterbrink. Nays: None. Absent: None.
Motion by McKenzie supported by Laier to set a public hearing to expand Industrial Development District #1 for MACDEE, Inc. per their legal description, for January 10, 2005 at 8:00 p.m., contingent upon their application being received by December 2, 2004. Carried.
Motion by McKenzie supported by Laier to set a public hearing for 8:00 p.m. or immediately following the public hearing on January 10, 2005, to expand the Industrial Development District #1 for MACDEE, Inc. to hear the tax abatement request filed by MACDEE, Inc. Carried.
Motion by Bareis supported by Laier to approve the appointment of Pat Spade, Archie Bradbury and Marlene Consiglio to the Board of Review, terms to expire December 31, 2006. Carried.
Motion by Bareis supported by McKenzie to approve the appointment of Don Laier as alternate to the Zoning Board of Appeals, term expiring December 31, 2007. Carried.
Motion by McKenzie supported by Laier to approve the appointment of Richard Bareis as alternate to the Chelsea Area Construction Agency term expiring December 31, 2007. Carried.
Motion by Laier supported by Bareis to approve the appointment of Greg McKenzie as township board representative to the planning commission. Carried.
Motion by McKenzie supported by Laier to approve the appointment of Ken Unterbrink as alternate to the Chelsea Area Fire Authority term expiring December 31, 2007. Carried.
Motion by Laier supported by Bareis to approve the appointment of Nanette Havens to WWRA and WCSWC term expiring December 31, 2006. Carried.
Motion by McKenzie supported by Laier to approve appointment of Ken Unterbrink and Nanette Havens as alternate to Huron River Watershed Council, and Ken Unterbrink and Arlene Bareis as alternate to Washtenaw MTA, and Ken Unterbrink and Paul Frisinger as alternate to Chelsea Area Planning Team, and Ken Unterbrink and Tom Borton as alternate to SEMCOG, and Arlene Bareis and Ken Unterbrink as alternate to Washtenaw County Brownfield Redevelopment, and Ken Unterbrink and Don Laier as alternate to the Sylvan Township Water and Sewer Authority and Ken Unterbrink and Greg McKenzie as alternate to Chelsea Area Traffic Committee, and Arlene Bareis to CATS/Wave, terms expiring December 31, 2006. Carried.
Motion by Laier supported by McKenzie to change the schedule of the Lima Township Board Meetings for 2005 to the second Monday of the month with meeting dates as noted. Carried.
Motion by Laier supported by Havens that Lima Township allocate not more than \$1000 for expenses for board members attending the 52nd annual MTA Educational Conference. Carried.
Motion by Havens supported by Laier to respond to Carlisle/Wortman correspondence, regarding annual donations, and recommend the 2004 donation in the name of Lima Township be to Chelsea Senior Citizens. Carried.
Motion by Bareis supported by Laier to table the rezoning request by Iridium Properties to January 10, 2005 to make a rezoning decision. Carried.
Motion by McKenzie supported by Laier to pay the bills as adjusted. Carried.
Notification was received from Dexter Area Fire Department Chair, Harley Rider, of the intent to change by-laws at the February 17, 2005 meeting.
Motion by Laier supported by Havens to adjourn at 11:10 p.m. Carried.
Respectfully submitted,
Arlene R. Bareis, Clerk
Publish: December 9, 2004

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CITY OF CHELSEA REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2004 WASHINGTON STREET EDUCATION CENTER

Roll Call
Present: Mayor Feeney, City Manager Steklac, Clerk Burtch
Council Members Present: Hammer, Lindauer, Bollinger, Albertson and Merkel
Absent: Council Member Myles
Others Present: Jim Drolett, Sue Lackey, Jayden Sweeny, Tim Sweeny, Evan Copeland, John Copeland, Dayle Wright
Mayor Feeney called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.
MOVED Hammer SECONDED Bollinger to approve minutes and bills. All Ayes. Motion Carried.
MOVED Hammer SECONDED Lindauer to approve regular agenda. All Ayes. Motion Carried.
MOVED Hammer SECONDED Lindauer to approve the MERS Resolution for Benefit Program "E" for the City's retired personnel. All Ayes. Motion Carried.
MOVED Bollinger SECONDED Hammer to approve Resolution authorizing the division of a platted lot within the City, known as Lot 10, Block 1, James M. Congdon's Addition. All Ayes. Motion Carried.
MOVED Albertson SECONDED Merkel to rezone Tax Parcel ID# 06-06-01-300-007 from Sylvan Township LC to City C-2 by adopting Ordinance # 79 TTTT. All Ayes. Motion Carried.
Wednesday November 17th at 7:00, closed session to discuss the City Manager's Review and open session to discuss the 425 Draft Agreement with Lima Township.
MOVED Merkel SECONDED Lindauer to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. All Ayes. Motion Carried.
Approved: November 23, 2004 with corrections.
NOTE: This is only a synopsis of the Regular Council Meeting. The minutes in their entirety may be viewed at the Clerk's Office at 305 S. Main St., Chelsea, MI or online at www.city-chelsea.org
Respectfully submitted,
Teresa Burtch, City Clerk
Publish: December 9, 2004



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SYLVAN TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING WAS HELD NOVEMBER 9, 2004 AT 7 P.M. AT THE SYLVAN TOWNSHIP HALL 18027 OLD US 12, CHELSEA, MI 48118

The following board members were present: Supervisor Heller, Clerk Koch, Treasurer Grau, Trustees Merkel and Lesser.
Also present: Jessica Eisenman, Washtenaw County Dept. P&E, David Brooks, David Solo, Scott Cooper, Don Schoenberg, Kurt Koseck, Michael Williams, Bob Lange, Tom Bareis.
There was no public participation.
Jessica Eisenman from the Washtenaw County Department of Planning and Environment was present to update the Board on the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Grant for the County.
Zoning Inspector Lange reported 6 permits were issued in October.
Reports:
Trustee Merkel reported on the Planning Commission meeting and the upcoming CAC meeting on November 23rd.
Trustee Lesser reported on an upcoming CAFA meeting November 11, 2004.
Treasurer Grau reported on the MTA Chapter dinner.
Clerk Koch thanked Heller and Lesser for their many years of community service to the Township and the community and welcomed the two new members of the board.
Supervisor Heller reported on the upcoming CAPT meeting.
No old business.
New business:
Motion by Lesser, seconded by Grau to appoint Don Schoenberg to the Board of Review to fill Mary Bareis' term. Carried.
Motion by Koch, seconded by Lesser to approve the Text Change as presented and by a recommendation of the Planning Commission. Carried.
Motion by Merkel, seconded by Lesser to adjourn.
LuAnn S. Koch
Sylvan Township Clerk
Publish: December 9, 2004

DEXTER TOWNSHIP MEETING NOTICE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS WILL MEET ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2004 AT 7:30 P.M. AT THE TOWNSHIP HALL 6880 DEXTER PINCKNEY RD., DEXTER, MI 48130

AGENDA
1)
04-14-400-018
04-ZBA-581
Faith Lutheran Church
9575 North Territorial Road
Applicant requests relief from:
Section 22.04.A.16. To allow a 52.5 square foot sign (16 square foot permitted). Also to allow the sign to be 5'3" tall, where 4' is permitted.
And to recognize the following existing non-conformities:
All non-conformities were recognized in January of 2004.
To allow for the removal of a 63 square foot sign, and to construct a 52.5 square foot sign. Sign is requested to be 5'3" tall. A variance was granted in 1973 for the sign that exists today.
(Request to be tabled until the January 2005 Meeting).
2)
04-24-300-007
04-ZBA-584
Huron Creek Party Store (All Damsaz)
6100 Dexter - Pinckney Road
(Request to be tabled until the April 2005 Meeting)
3)
04-01-108-018
04-ZBA-599
Richard Naylor/Greg Koepf
9818 Portage Lake Ave
Applicant requests relief from:
Section 18.23.A to allow a 21' setback from new garage to Portage Lake Ave. (50' Req. and presently only 7.9' from existing home to Portage Lake Ave.)
Section 12.02.E.3.b. To allow a 5' Setback on both the North and South side of new home to property line.
Section 12.02.E.4 to allow a 32.15 % Lot coverage, where 25% is allowed. (Presently 31%)
And to recognize the following existing non-conformities:
Lot less than one acre.
Lot less than 150' wide.
To allow for the removal of the existing home and shed. To construct a new 20' x 21'6" garage attached to a 28' x 41' two story home.
4)
04-18-210-008
04-ZBA-600
Robert Rock/Eugene McKee
13953 Gilbert Drive
Applicant requests relief from:
Section 18.23.B to allow a 19'9" setback from the edge of North Lake to the new deck.
Section 12.02.E.3.c. To allow a 13'7" setback from rear property line to new deck.
Section 12.02.E.3.b. To allow a 1'8" setback on the East Side and a 2' setback on the West Side from property line to side of new deck.
And to recognize the following existing non-conformities:
36'4" from the existing garage to Gilbert Drive.
25'7" from enclosed porch to North Lake
4' from existing garage and existing home, to East Side property line.
Lot less than one acre.
Lot less than 150' wide.
To allow for the construction of a 6' x 32'6" deck located on the water-side of the existing residence.
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DEATHS

KATHERINE ELLENWOOD DOERR

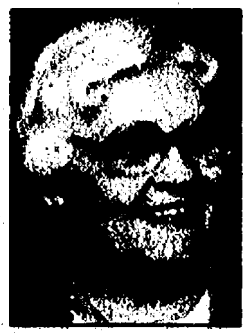
Alma
Formerly of Chelsea

Katherine Ellenwood Doerr, 86 of Alma, died Dec. 4, 2004, at the Masonic Health Care Center in Alma. She was born on Feb. 20, 1918, in Yeager, Ky, the daughter of Maynard and Gracie (Bartley) Case.

Mrs. Ellenwood had lived in the Masonic Home for the past nine years. She moved to Chelsea in 1942, coming from Little Creek, Ky. She was a lifelong member of the Order of the Eastern Star and a member of the Chelsea First

United Methodist Church.

She married Vernon Rowe in 1932, and he preceded her in death in 1942. She married Wesley Ellenwood on Jan. 29, 1949, and he preceded her in death on Sept. 5, 1969. She married Arthur Sandstrom on July 1, 1979, and he preceded her in death on March 10, 1981. She then married Les Doerr on Jan. 7, 1982, and he preceded her in



death on Oct. 28, 1993.

Survivors include three sons, Gary Ellenwood of McMillan, Don (Alice) Rowe of Arizona and Terry (Veronica) Ellenwood of Lake; six grandchildren, Katrina Rowe, Matt Ellenwood, Justin, Braida, Wesley, and Markieta Ellenwood; many brothers and sisters; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Christine Rowe, a grandson, Mike Rowe, and several brothers and sisters.

Funeral services were held Dec. 7 at Cole Funeral Chapel in Chelsea, with the Rev. Joy Barrett

Burial followed at Oak Grove Cemetery in Chelsea.

The family received friends Monday and Tuesday.

Memorial contributions may be made to Order of the Eastern Star.

LARRY BIRGY

Chelsea

Larry Birgy, 71 and of Chelsea, died Nov. 30, 2004, at Chelsea Community Hospital after a long battle with prostate cancer. He was born Oct. 16, 1933, in Fife Lake, the son of Wilbert and Nettie (Battenfield) Birgy.

Mr. Birgy served in Korea

the U.S. Army. He retired from the U.S. Postal Service in Ann Arbor after 30 years of dedicated service.

He was a member of the Chelsea Rod and Gun Club. He coached baseball in the Ann Arbor leagues for many years and he was an avid University of Michigan fan.

Mr. Birgy married Joan Peters in Fife Lake on July 24, 1954, and she survives. Other survivors include three sons, Stephen (Virginia) of Arizona, Michael of Ann Arbor and Mark (Suzanne) of Chelsea; one daughter, Diane (Melvin "Rick") Moore of Jackson;

eight grandchildren; and dear friends David and Virginia Rank.

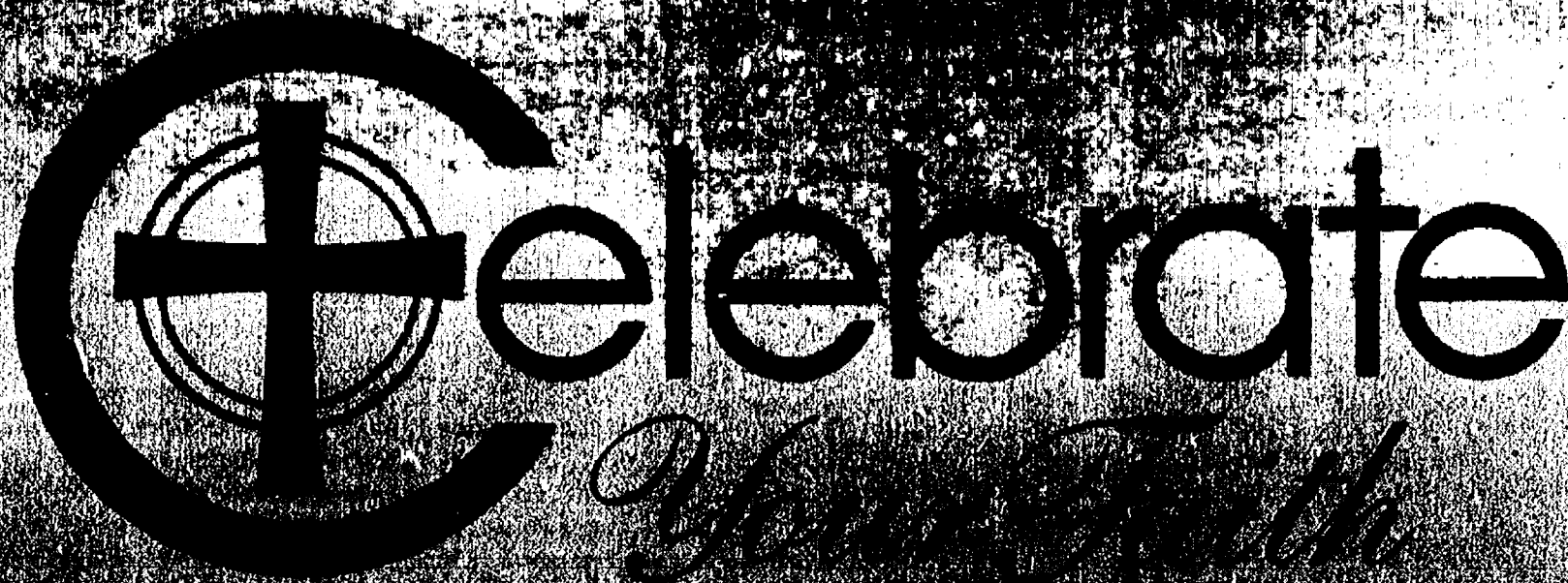
He was preceded in death by his sister, Ardith, and brother, William.

A celebration of Mr. Birgy's life will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday at the Chelsea Rod and Gun Club.

The Chelsea Rod and Gun Club is located at 7103 Lingane Road in Chelsea.

Arrangements were made by Cole Funeral Chapel in Chelsea.

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When local residents see Boy Scouts selling popcorn, Christmas wreaths and flowers, or see them washing cars or working at the fair with members of the Kiwanis Club, those Scouts are learning the value of earning a dollar.

So what are they doing with the proceeds?

This year, Boy Scout Troop 425 was again called on by Faith in Action to help make Thanksgiving a little brighter for area families in need.

For the past several years, local Scouts have raised money at a car wash to ensure no one goes hungry in the community during the Thanksgiving holiday.

It all starts with Scouting for Food each spring in which all of the area's Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Ventures collect food items to fill the shelves and replenish the reserves at Faith in Action, the area's local food bank.

This is done as part of Scouting's national Good Turn program. Many of the items collected will be used year-round.

A couple years ago, the troop decided that it needed to do something more. Scouts approached Faith in Action to see where they could help. As it turned out, one of the local restaurants, which had supplied turkeys for a number of years, went out of business and

things were looking bleak. That year, Troop 425, with help from Polly's, supplied 40 turkeys, 40 dozen eggs and 40 dozen pounds of butter for the holiday baskets.

This year, Faith in Action's Nadine Shaneyfelt issued her wish list and Troop 425 went shopping.

After Faith in Action secured most of the turkeys from individuals and employees of Chelsea Community Hospital who chose to donate their holiday birds, the troop brought in fresh bread, butter, eggs, mushroom soup, onion toppings, mini-marshmallows and pumpkin pies to feed 48 families.

On Monday, several Scouts joined their leaders and parents in drop-

ping off and sorting foods for this year's feast.

"We received a gift card from the local Meijer's and special pricing from Polly's, which has generously helped us in the past to make sure that this happens," said Jack Long, committee chairman for the troop.

"With the donation and the \$400 raised by the Scouts, more than \$500 worth of fresh food products was brought to the tables."

"It's important for our Scouts to follow the leads of the Chelsea Kiwanis and the Chelsea Area United Way who support us, and take an active role in providing assistance in needed areas within

our community."

As part of the troop's Christmas party, they will collect hats, gloves and mittens for kids and donate them to Faith in Action.

Once the last package is delivered, Faith in Action's volunteers will have dinner with their own families, and then turn their attention to Christmas.

So, if you receive an extra turkey or ham this season, and want to put it to good use, consider giving it to Faith in Action. The organization will help make some families' Christmas brighter.

Those interested in more information about the troop may visit the Web site www.t425.org.

DEATHS

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MILDRED LANTIS

Grass Lake

Mildred Caroline Lantis, 88, of Grass Lake died peacefully on Dec. 3, 2004.

Her parents were Homer and Lela Parks of Waterloo. She was preceded in death by her husband, Ardell Lantis, of 59 years and her son, LaVern.

She is survived by LaVern's wife, Shirley, her son, Kaywood (Lois) Lantis, and daughter, Lynette (Gary) Monnell; brothers, Donald, Robert and Richard have preceded her in death and surviving are sisters Gladys, Catherine, Helen, Dorothy, Mary and brother, John.

She had eight grandchildren, Sherie Elia, Steve Lantis, Mike Lantis, Tom Lantis, Craig Monnell, Kurt Lantis, Julie Gunn and Jim Lantis. She also had 18 great-grandchildren.

She enjoyed a lifelong membership in the United Methodist Church, attending through the years at North Waterloo Methodist, Mount Hope Methodist and Munith Methodist churches.

Mrs. Lantis was an 80-year member of the Waterloo Needlework Club, as she remembered attending and participating at club meetings at a very early age. She was also a member of Jackson County Peace Society.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Jackson and Oskawville at 1 Jackson Square, Jackson, MI 49201, or Munith United Methodist Church at 122 N. Main St., Munith, MI 49259.

A memorial service will be scheduled at a later date. Sign Mrs. Lantis' guest book at sherwoodfh.com.

DOUGLAS KENNEDY

Manchester

Douglas Kennedy, 86, of Manchester died Dec. 2, 2004. He was born March 31, 1918, in Plymouth the son of Fred and Edith (Bench) Kennedy.

Mr. Kennedy moved to Chelsea in 1926 and lived in the Chelsea-Manchester area the remainder of his life. He was a longtime farmer on M-52 who retired and continued to work at R.D. Kleinschmidt in Manchester until his death.

He was a member of the Sharon United Methodist Church and served on their board of trustees for many years.

On Aug. 22, 1953, he married Irene (Wahl) (Hartmann) and she survives. Also surviving are their three children, Nancy Flint (Joe Turk), Richard (Nicolette) Kennedy and Karen (Randall) Bennett; eight grandchildren, Robert (Lisa) Hartmann, Cheryl (Dorin) Smith, Heather (Steve) Feldkamp, Eric (Angela) Flint, Jason Flint, Audrey Bennett, Lindsey and Ashley Kennedy; two step-grandsons, Justin and Kevin Turk; six great-grandchildren, Zachary and Zoe Hartmann, Jessica and Bradley Feldkamp, Chase Flint, baby Smith, as well

as many other close family members and special friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, son, James Hartmann, and two brothers, William and Chester Kennedy.

Mr. Kennedy loved life, family, nature and fixing anything that moved or made noise. He had patience and guidance for all who knew him, both old and young.

Visitation will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. Saturday and from 2 p.m. and 6 to 9 p.m. Sunday at Staffan-Mitchell Funeral Home in Chelsea.

A celebration of his life will be held 11 a.m. Monday at Sharon United Methodist Church, corner of M-52 and Pleasant Lake Road, in Manchester with the Rev. Carter Garrigues-Cortelyou officiating. Burial will take place at Rows Corner Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Sharon United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 543, Manchester, MI 48158.

JULIA MARY MEYER

Chelsea

Julia Mary Meyer, 92, of Chelsea died Dec. 3, 2004, at Whitehall Healthcare Center in Ann Arbor where she had been a resident for two years.

Mrs. Meyer was barely 5 feet tall, a small woman with big emotions, boundless energy and a beautiful soprano voice. She began singing as a toddler and continued throughout her life, even when Alzheimer's disease had invaded her brain and robbed her of mobility.

Her father, Chester Sampson, was a Baptist minister, and Mrs. Meyer sang with her sister, Catherine, at his tent revival meetings throughout the northeast.

She graduated from Lincoln High School in Ferndale and attended Blackburn College and Aurora College in Illinois. In Mendota, Ill., she met a tall, handsome man who was to be the love of her life. She married Edward Meyer June 22, 1934.

Their five children, Judith (Smith), Susan, Edward, John and Carol (Hill), survive.

Living in Ferndale and later Royal Oak, Mrs. Meyer continued to develop her musical talent. She studied voice with Daniel Prothero and became a choir director at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Royal Oak. She built the music ministry in that new church, and at one time directed five choirs there.

She and her husband also were active members of the Royal Oak Civic Theater. In 1960, they moved to Waterford Township where she became the choir director of Ascension Lutheran Church. Julia's husband died in 1974.

With typical resilience, she decided to move to Venice, Fla., to be near her sister, Catherine, and enjoy the warm weather. She lived there 15 years, where she began a church choir in the Bay Indies Church and also acted in and was musical director for several productions of the Venice Theater.

She also found a friend and companion, Al Zielke, whom she married, even though he was not

well. He died in 1987.

In 1989, she decided it was time to be nearer her family and moved to an apartment close to Judith, north of Chelsea. She joined the Covenant Church, where, to no one's surprise, she started a small choir.

In her 80s, and accompanied by her friend, Marge Wiedmeyer, she often sang for the "old folks" at the Chelsea Retirement Community, and for Whitehall Center, where she would ultimately be a patient.

Mrs. Meyer loved babies, and her children obliged, providing her with an ever-increasing supply: 13 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren (five of whom were born this year).

Interment was Dec. 4 at White Chapel Cemetery in Troy. A memorial celebration of her life will be held Dec. 18 at the Covenant Church, 50 Freer Road, Chelsea.

Memorial contributions may be made to Covenant Church. Arrangements were made by Staffan-Mitchell Funeral Home.

ALVIN REINHARDT

Gregory

Formerly of Chelsea

Alvin Reinhardt, 90, of Gregory died Dec. 5, 2004, at Fairfax Manor in Ypsilanti.

He was born Feb. 6, 1914, in Detroit, the son of Edward and Clara (Mester) Reinhardt. He was a resident of Chelsea for many years before moving to New Mexico in 1979 and returning to Chelsea in 1994.

He retired from the Chrysler Proving Grounds in Chelsea in 1974 and was a former member of the First Congregational Church of Chelsea. He was a 60-year and life member of Olive Lodge 156 of Chelsea and lifelong member of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite Valley of Detroit.

He had also worked for Chelsea Lumber Co. and had farmed.

Mr. Reinhardt traveled the continental United States and Europe. He loved to do paint-by-number paintings and gave most of them away. Mr. Reinhardt was a member of Boy Scouts of America for more than 45 years both in Michigan — Troop 476 of Chelsea — and New Mexico.

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We all have different journeys, Different paths along the way, We are all meant to learn some things, But never meant to stay.

Our destination is a place, Far greater than we know, For some the journey's quicker, For some the journey's slow.

But when the journey finally ends, We'll claim a great reward, And find an everlasting peace, Together with the Lord.

We would like to thank our family, friends, and community for their love, support and prayers this past year.

Carole, Katelyn and Daniel

Beaver, which is one of Scouting's highest awards. In addition, he was also a member of the Order of the Arrow.

Mr. Reinhardt was married on Dec. 10, 1941, to Rosemary Bollinger, and she preceded him in death in 1974. He was also preceded in death by his second wife, Donna Hague, in 1982 and by two grandchildren, Maria Renee Reinhardt, in 1989 and Mark Anthony Reinhardt, in 1972.

Surviving are his two sons, Kenneth (Karen) Reinhardt and Malcolm Reinhardt, both of Gregory; four grandchildren Jerry (Carol) Reinhardt of Bellvue, Colo., Bridgette (Tim) Landini of Grass Lake, Michael (Rachel) Steinaway of Pinckney and Matthew Steinaway of Trumansburg, N.Y.; and three great-grandchildren, Kenneth, Megean and Taylor Steinaway.

Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. Friday at the Staffan-Mitchell Funeral Home, with the Rev. Barbara Wright of the First Congregational Church officiating.

The family received friends Wednesday and will receive friends 2 to 5 p.m. today and 7 to 9 p.m. with the Masonic service at 7:30 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Oak Grove Cemetery in Chelsea. Expressions of sympathy may be made to the Boy Scouts of America, Great Sauk Council.

J. "DAVE" DAVID ELKINS

Pleasanton, Calif.

Formerly of Chelsea

J. "Dave" David Elkins, 89, died Nov. 24, 2004, after a yearlong battle with cancer. He was born in Farmington, graduated from Chelsea High School and was previously employed by Dana Corp.

Mr. Elkins was a Chelsea volunteer firefighter. He and his family moved to California in 1970.

He is survived by his partner, "J.J." Johnston; son Jeffrey Elkins;

daughter Karen Miller, and four grandchildren, Cory, Ryan, Jacob, and Chelsea Bartlett; ex-wife and friend, Marilyn Elkins of Livermore, Calif.

Services were held Nov. 30 at Callaghan Mortuary in Livermore, Calif., with burial at San Joaquin National Cemetery in Gustine, Calif.

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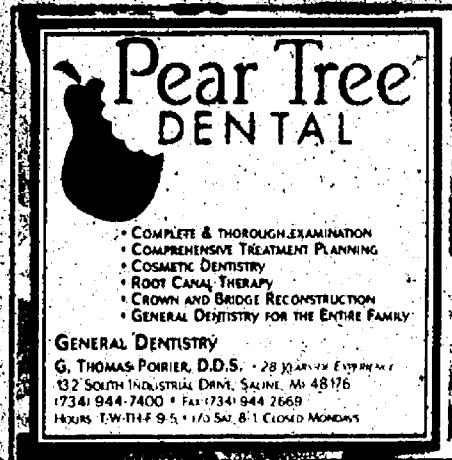


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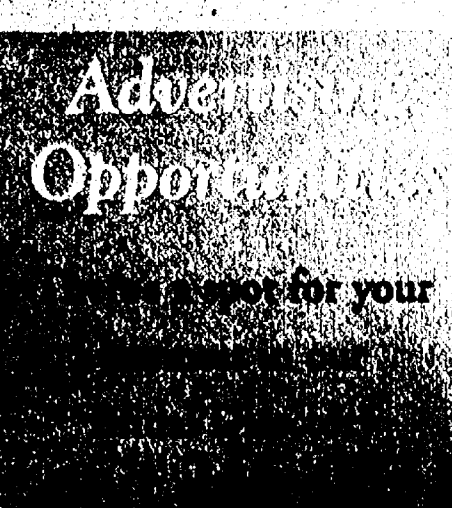
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He knew that you would never get well on earth again.
He saw the road was getting rough and the hills were hard to climb.
So he closed your weary eyelids, and whispered "Peace be Thine."
It broke our hearts to lose you, but you didn't go alone.
For part of us went with you the day God called you home.

Love, Virginia, The Freyre Family and the Gerstlér Family.

Giving Spirit

Terry Walters, president of the Dexter Lions Club and a member of the Village Council, presents a check to Cpl. Rick Boham of the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office to help support the annual Shop With a Cop program. This is the third annual Shop With a Cop, during which the area's low-income youth are treated to dinner and allowed to go gift shopping at Meijer with deputies from the Dexter substation. This year's program will buy hand-picked gifts for more than 50 children and their families. Donations for the program will be accepted until Tuesday at the Dexter substation.



DEXTER VILLAGE

Band performance set for Sunday

The Dexter Community Band will present its holiday concert 3 p.m. Sunday at the Center for Performing Arts at Dexter High School. The free concert will be under the direction of William Gourley.

The concert will begin with "A Rhapsody on Christmas Carols" by Claude Smith, followed by a favorite for the season, "Parade of the Wooden Soldiers" by Leon Jessel, and "Variants on a Mediaeval Tune" by Norman Delo Joio.

"Stars and Stripes for Christmas" will provide a bit of whimsy as it combines the music of John Philip Sousa and several Christmas carols. A narrated feature "Twas the Night Before Christmas" by Newell Long is another seasonal favorite.

"The Eight Candles," a prayer and dance for Hanukkah by Steve Reisteter, will entertain with challenging melodic and rhythmic patterns. Maintaining the band's tradition, the concert will con-

clude with Leroy Anderson's "Sleigh Ride" and James Ployhar's "Christmas Sing-a-Long."

The Dexter Community Band's next concert will be Feb. 27. The band includes members from many surrounding towns and is supported by Dexter Community Education.

Rehearsals are 7 p.m. Thursday nights in the Dexter High School band room. Prospective members are encouraged to join the group.

DEXTER VILLAGE

Pooh stories set at library

The Dexter District Library will host the Wild Swan Theater's "A Honey Pot of Pooh Stories" this Saturday at 11 a.m.

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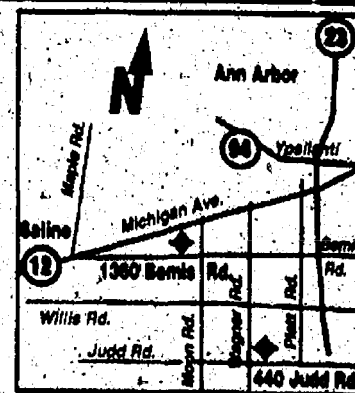
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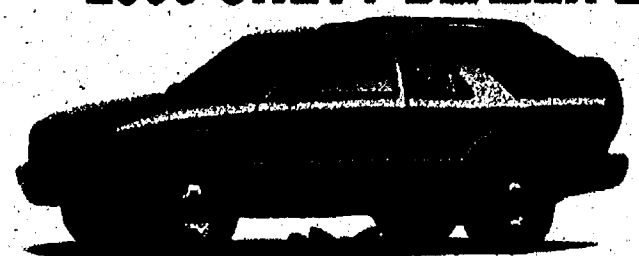
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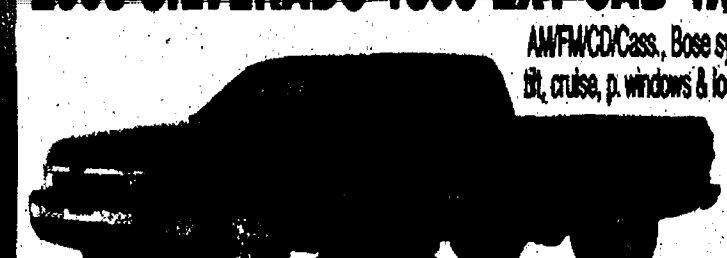
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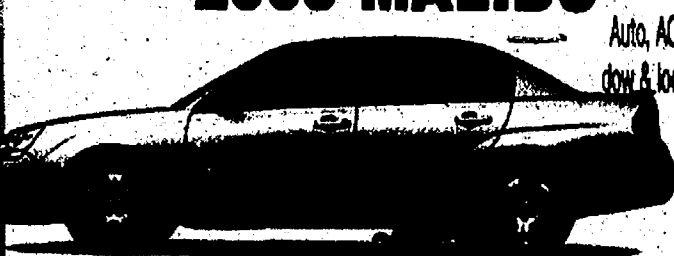
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